

PROCEEDINGS

THE
GRAND LODGE

OF
NORTH CAROLINA



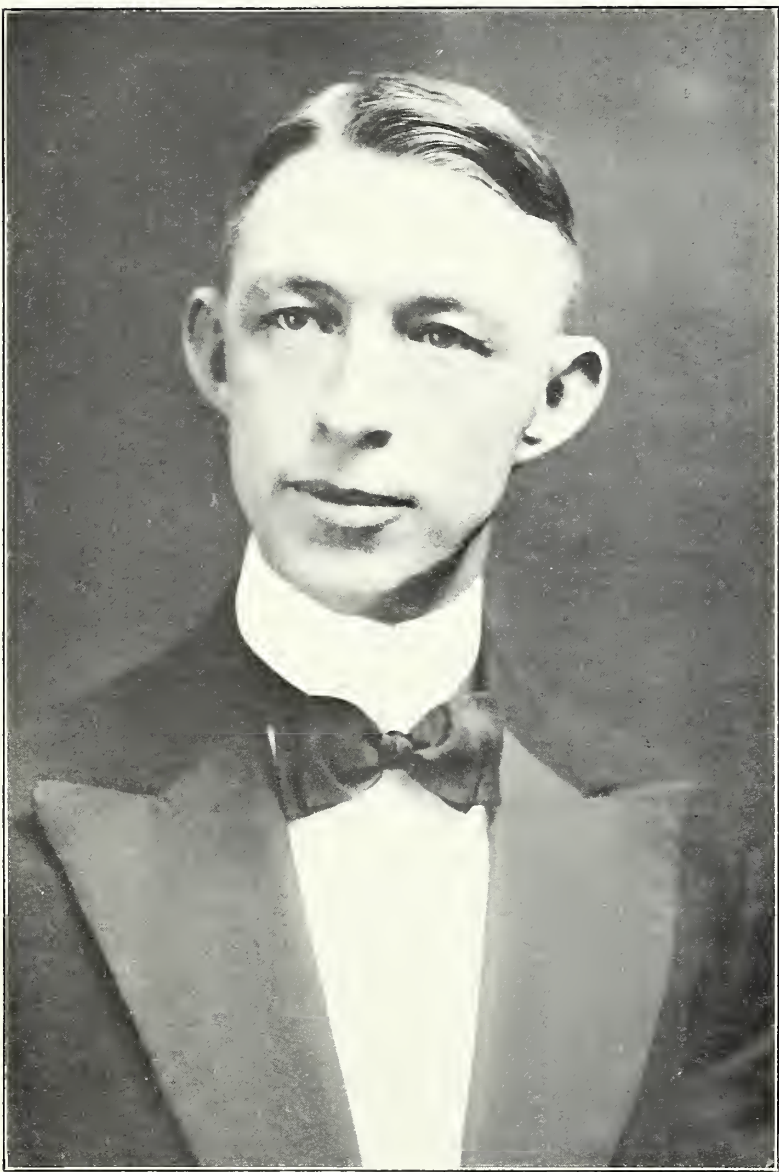
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CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN, Grand Master

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Grand Officers

A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1787 TO 1916, INCLUSIVE, AND DATES WHEN ELECTED.

Samuel Johnston -----1787	Alfred Martin -----1857, 1858
Richard Caswell -----1788	Lewis S. Williams ---1859, 1860
Samuel Johnston 1789, 1790, 1791	W. G. Hill -----1861
William R. Davie 1792, 1793,	E. F. Watson -----1862, 1863
1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798	John McCormick -----1864
William Polk ---1799, 1800, 1801	E. J. Reade -----1865, 1866
John Louis Taylor ---1802,	R. W. Best -----1867
1803, 1804	Robert B. Vance ---1868, 1869
John Hall -----1805, 1806, 1807	Charles C. Clark ---1870, 1871
Benjamin Smith 1808, 1809, 1810	John Nichols -----1872, 1873
Robert Williams 1811, 1812, 1813	George W. Blount ---1874, 1875
John Louis Taylor ---1814,	Horace H. Munson ---1876, 1877
1815, 1816	William R. Cox ---1878, 1879
Calvin Jones ---1817, 1818, 1819	Henry F. Grainger ---1880, 1881
John A. Cameron ---1820, 1821	Robert Bingham 1882, 1883, 1884
James Strudwick Smith---1822	Fabius H. Busbee ---1885, 1886
Robert Strange -----1823, 1824	C. H. Robinson -----1887, 1888
H. G. Burton -----1825, 1826	Samuel H. Smith ---1889, 1890
L. D. Wilson ---1827, 1828, 1829	Hezekiah A. Gudger 1891, 1892
R. D. Speight, Jr. ---1830, 1831	John W. Cotten ---1893, 1894
S. J. Baker -----1832	Francis M. Moye ---1895, 1896
S. F. Patterson -----1833, 1834	Walter E. Moore ---1897, 1898
L. H. Martseller ---1835, 1836	Richard J. Noble -----1899
D. W. Stone ---1837, 1838, 1839	B. S. Royster -----1900, 1901
S. J. Baker -----1840	H. I. Clark -----1902, 1903
D. L. Crenshaw -----1841	W. S. Liddell -----1904, 1905
J. H. Wheeler -----1842, 1843	Francis D. Winston 1906, 1907
P. W. Fanning 1844, 1845, 1846	Samuel M. Gattis ---1908, 1909
William F. Collins 1847,	Richard N. Hackett 1910, 1911
1848, 1849	W. B. McKoy -----1912
A. T. Jerkins ---1850, 1851, 1852	F. M. Winchester -----1913
Clement H. Jordan 1853, 1854	Jno. T. Alderman -----1914
P. A. Holt -----1855, 1856	F. P. Hobgood, Jr. -----1915
A. B. Andrews, Jr. -----1916	

LIST OF THE GRAND OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE
 GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR
 COMMENCING JANUARY, A. L., 5917.

ELECTED OFFICERS

M.W. CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN	-----	<i>Grand Master</i>
	Wilmington, N. C.	
R.W. GEORGE S. NORFLEET	-----	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
	Winston-Salem, N. C.	
R.W. HENRY A. GRADY	-----	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
	Clinton, N. C.	
R.W. JAMES C. BRASWELL	-----	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
	Whitakers, N. C.	
R.W. LEO. D. HEARTT	-----	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
	Raleigh, N. C.	
R.W. WILLIAM W. WILLSON	-----	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
	Raleigh, N. C.	

APPOINTED OFFICERS

RT. REV. A. D. MCCLURE, D.D.	-----	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
	Wilmington, N. C.	
REV. B. W. SPILLMAN	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	Kinston, N. C.	
REV. J. H. KELLAR	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	China Grove, N. C.	
REV. J. E. UNDERWOOD	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	Raleigh, N. C.	
REV. C. W. ROBINSON	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	North Wilkesboro, N. C.	
REV. A. H. STUBBS	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	Asheville, N. C.	
REV. CHARLES A. ASHBY	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	Raleigh, N. C.	
REV. A. O. MOORE	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
	Warsaw, N. C.	
W. R. F. EDWARDS	-----	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
	Crumpler, R. F. D., No. 1, N. C.	
GOV. THOMAS WALTER BICKETT	-----	<i>Grand Orator</i>
	Raleigh, N. C.	
W. J. BAILEY OWEN	-----	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>
	Henderson, N. C.	
W. JAS. H. WEBB	-----	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>
	Hillsboro, N. C.	
W. H. M. POTEAT	-----	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
	Wake Forest, N. C.	

W. J. LEGRAND EVERETT	-----	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
		Rockingham, N. C.
W. CHAS. B. NEWCOMBE	-----	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
		Wilmington, N. C.
W. E. B. LEWIS	-----	<i>Grand Steward</i>
		Kinston, N. C.
W. DR. J. M. TURNER	-----	<i>Grand Steward</i>
		North Wilkesboro, N. C.
W. R. H. BRADLEY	-----	<i>Grand Tiler</i>
		Raleigh, N. C.
W. MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD	---	<i>Grand Historian</i>
		Raleigh, N. C.
W. C. T. MCCLENAGHAN	---	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary</i>
		Raleigh, N. C.
W. R. H. BRADLEY	-----	<i>Grand Librarian</i>
		Raleigh, N. C.
W. T. R. ROBERTSON	-----	<i>Grand Auditor</i>
		Raleigh, N. C.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

F. M. WINCHESTER, P.G.M.	-----	1918
JOHN NICHOLS, P.G.M.	-----	1919
S. M. GATTIS, P.G.M.	-----	1921
JOHN W. COTTEN, P.G.M.	-----	1920
B. S. ROYSTER, P.G.M.	-----	1922

GRAND CUSTODIANS

J. E. CAMERON, (1918)	-----	Kinston, N. C.
LEON CASH, (1919)	-----	Winston-Salem, N. C.
S. N. BOYCE, (1920)	-----	Gastonia, N. C.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

J. W. ALFORD	-----	Morehead City, N. C.
W. W. HOLLAND	-----	Charles, N. C.
J. L. NELSON	-----	Marshall, N. C.
J. W. PATTON	-----	Greensboro, N. C.
J. W. ROWELL	-----	Waxhaw, N. C.
W. C. WICKER	-----	Elon College, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES

JURISPRUDENCE

Walter Clark, John Nichols, P.G.M., H. A. Gudger, P.G.
M., S. M. Gattis, P.G.M., B. S. Royster, P.G.M., W.

B. McKoy, P.G.M., R. N. Hackett, P.G.M., R. C. Dunn, P.M., F. W. Kenny, P.M., W. H. S. Burgwyn, P.M., J. Edward Allen, P.M., B. F. Hall, P.M., R. B. Dunn, P.M., Knox W. Henry, P.M.

BY-LAWS

F. M. Holley, W. J. Brogden, R. C. Dunn.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Marshall DeLancey Haywood.

APPEALS

John Thames, J. S. Spurgeon, R. T. Willson, J. H. Mitchell, Harry T. Patterson, O. W. Spencer, J. H. Anderson, R. E. Cox.

FINANCE

A. J. Harris, A. B. Andrews, Jr., A. E. Glenn, H. E. Thompson, Thos. H. Webb, F. H. McCulloch.

ORPHAN ASYLUM

Geo. S. Norfleet, R. J. Noble, J. W. Cotten, C. M. Vanstory, S. E. McNeely, J. LeGrand Everett, D. M. Buck, John Sprunt Hill, J. P. Pillsbury, H. Allen Huggins.

MASONIC TEMPLE

A. B. Andrews, Jr., S. M. Gattis, F. D. Winston, W. S. Liddell, S. H. Smith, John W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, B. S. Royster, J. S. Carr, A. J. Harris, J. D. Elliott, John S. Cunningham, R. N. Hackett, W. W. Willson.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

B. W. Barnett, W. G. Meadows, Fred G. Rose, F. M. Wooten.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS, NO. 1

R. F. Edwards, W. W. Holland, J. W. Alford.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS, NO. 2

J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, J. W. Rowell, J. L. Nelson.

NECROLOGY

Leon Cash, R. C. Dunn, S. R. Dunn, R. Williams.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R. B. Nicholls, Eric Norden, Dr. P. D. Sinclair, R. A. Campbell.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES, NO. 1

J. W. Jones, Barnes Daniel, John A. Daughtery, B. F. Davis.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES, NO. 2

Geo. P. Burgwyn, A. A. Wright, H. M. Fagon, C. O. Abernathy, J. H. King.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

J. J. Phoenix, J. E. Cameron, F. D. Winston, R. N. Hackett, E. L. Davis, R. E. Currence, W. R. Hoey, M. C. S. Noble.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, NO. 1

J. P. D. Withrow, Z. T. Yarboro, J. W. Flinn, J. S. Burch, T. J. W. Crowder, S. O. MaGuire.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, NO. 2

H. H. Tait, J. K. Hall, H. F. Turner, T. J. Covington.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, NO. 3

Walter E. Edgerton, C. E. Taylor, James Laing, J. D. Watson.

CREDENTIALS

A. S. Holden, D. F. Betts, U. M. Gilliken.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MARK GRAVE OF PAST GRAND MASTER SMITH

Eric Norden, W. B. McKoy, E. S. Martin.

CARRY FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER EASTERN STAR

J. W. Patton, J. J. Phoenix, J. Edward Allen.

DIRECTORS

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM

T. A. Green (1918), A. B. Andrews, Jr., (1919), J. Bailey Owen (1920), B. S. Royster (1921), John W. Cotten (1922).

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

C. M. Vanstory (1918), F. M. Winchester (1919), M. C. S. Noble (1919), William Anderson (1920), A. S. Holden (1920), F. W. Kenny (1921), J. J. Phoenix (1921), R. H. Sikes (1921), J. E. Latham (1922).

PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in its one hundred and thirtieth annual communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 16, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR.	-----	<i>Grand Master</i>
R. W. CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN	-----	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. W. GEO. S. NORFLEET	-----	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
R. W. HENRY A. GRADY	-----	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
R. W. LEO. D. HEARTT	-----	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
R. W. WILLIAM W. WILLSON	-----	<i>Acting Grand Secretary</i>

APPOINTED OFFICERS

W. J. H. KELLER	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
W. B. E. STANFIELD	-----	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
W. R. F. EDWARDS	-----	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
W. J. C. BRASWELL	-----	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>
W. J. BAILEY OWEN	-----	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>
W. JAS. H. WEBB	-----	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
W. H. M. POTEAT	-----	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
W. J. LEGRAND EVERETT	-----	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
W. R. C. DUNN	-----	<i>as Grand Steward</i>
W. STANLEY WINBORN	-----	<i>as Grand Steward</i>
W. R. H. BRADLEY	-----	<i>Grand Tiler</i>
W. MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD	-----	<i>Grand Historian</i>
W. T. R. ROBERTSON	-----	<i>Grand Auditor</i>

GRAND CUSTODIANS

J. E. CAMERON, <i>Chairman</i>	-----	<i>Kinston, N. C.</i>
LEON CASH	-----	<i>Winston-Salem, N. C.</i>
S. N. BOYCE	-----	<i>Gastonia, N. C.</i>

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

J. W. PATTON	Greensboro, N. C.
W. C. WICKER	Elon College, N. C.
J. W. ALFORD	Morehead City, N. C.
J. W. ROWELL	Waxhaw, N. C.
W. W. HOLLAND	Charles, N. C.
J. L. NELSON	Marshall, N. C.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

John Nichols, P.G.M.; John W. Cotten, P.G.M.; Walter E. Moore, P.G.M.; Richard J. Noble, P.G.M.; B. S. Royster, P.G.M.; H. I. Clark, P.G.M.; W. S. Liddell, P.G.M.; Francis D. Winston, P.G.M.; Samuel M. Gattis, P.G.M.; Richard N. Hackett, P.G.M.; and W. B. McKoy, P.G.M.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

District No. 1	J. W. JONES	South Mills, N. C.
District No. 4	W. H. S. BURGWYN	Woodland, N. C.
District No. 5	JOHN H. CHEEK	Ayden, N. C.
District No. 10	C. B. NEWCOMB	Wilmington, N. C.
District No. 12	J. LEGRAND EVERETT	Rockingham, N. C.
District No. 15	C. T. McCLENAGHAN	Raleigh, N. C.
District No. 17	DR. M. M. SALIBA	Wilson, N. C.
District No. 19	J. EDWARD ALLEN	Warrenton, N. C.
District No. 22	A. J. ELLINGTON	Reidsville, N. C.
District No. 26	R. W. LEMMOND	Monroe, N. C.
District No. 29	W. L. GILBERT	Statesville, N. C.
District No. 30	LEON CASH	Winston-Salem, N. C.
District No. 34	R. F. EDWARDS	Crumpler, N. C.
District No. 35	JAMES W. HORTON	Vilas, N. C.
District No. 37	J. F. ROBERTS	Shelby, N. C.
District No. 38	C. M. DOYLE	Brevard, N. C.
District No. 39	C. F. WOOD	Asheville, N. C.
District No. 40	J. M. PETERSON	Spruce Pine, N. C.
District No. 41	C. A. CLARK	Marshall, N. C.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Alabama	S. M. Gattis
British Columbia	H. I. Clark
Canada	W. W. Willson
Delaware	W. A. Withers

Florida	R. N. Hackett
Idaho	Walter Clark
Illinois	Leo. D. Heartt
Indiana	W. B. McKoy
Maine	A. S. Holden
Maryland	Marshall DeL. Haywood
Minnesota	F. D. Winston
Missouri	W. E. Moore
New Brunswick	R. L. Brown
New Zealand	F. P. Hobgood, Sr.
North Dakota	J. C. Braswell
Oklahoma	U. L. Spence
Oregon	John W. Cotten
Ohio	R. H. Bradley
Prince Edward Island	Sol. Gallert
Queensland	Geo. S. Norfleet
Scotland	Wm. R. Smith
South Dakota	A. B. Andrews, Jr.
Sweden	Eric Norden
Vermont	C. T. McClenaghan
West Virginia	B. S. Royster
Wisconsin	Richard J. Noble

Bro. A. S. Holden, from the Committee on Credentials, presented a report. On motion, the reading of it was dispensed with, and it was recommitted with instruction to record the names of the representatives as they presented themselves.

CREDENTIALS

St. John's	No. 1	H. Allen Huggins, W. M., Fred G. Rose, J. W., A. S. Holden, proxy for S. W.
Royal White Hart	No. 2	R. C. Dunn, proxy for officers.
St. John's	No. 3	John H. Parker, W. M., H. T. Paterson, S. W.
St. John's	No. 4	R. E. Cox, W. M., S. R. Dunn, proxy for S. W., Robt. B. Dunn, proxy for J. W.
Charity	No. 5	P. T. Perry, proxy for officers.
Unanimity	No. 7	W. S. Harney, proxy for W. M. and S. W., W. S. Sumnule, J. W.
Phoenix	No. 8	H. S. Averitt, W. M., John H. Anderson, proxy for S. W., E. J. Carson, proxy for J. W.
Johnston-Caswell	No. 10	Walter E. Edgerton, representative.

American George	No. 17	Stanley Winborne, W. M., R. C. Nicholson, S. W.
Phalanx	No. 31	W. S. Creights, W. M., H. C. Alexander, proxy for J. W.
Hiram	No. 40	C. A. Eury, W. M., J. H. Griffith, proxy for S. W., W. C. Lyon, J. W.
Liberty	No. 45	J. M. Privette, proxy for officers and A. G. Hendren.
Hall	No. 53	M. L. Burgess, W. M.
King Solomon	No. 56	Geo. Pollock Burgwyn, W. M.
Concord	No. 58	J. W. Martin, W. M., J. A. Weddell and J. W. Cotten, proxies for S. W. and J. W.
Perseverance	No. 59	T. W. Snell, S. W.
Kilwinning	No. 64	E. K. Dunlap, J. W., H. P. Taylor, proxy for W. M.
Eagle	No. 71	S. Strudwick, W. M., Jas. H. Webb, proxy for J. W.
Widow's Son	No. 75	R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers.
Greensboro	No. 76	W. L. Abbott, W. M., E. R. Ford, S. W., W. L. Abbott, proxy for J. W.
Sharon	No. 78	Wyatt L. Brown, proxy for officers.
Zion	No. 81	T. Brock, W. M.
LaFayette	No. 83	E. M. Koonce, proxy for S. W. and J. W., F. W. Hargett, proxy for W. M., E. M. Koonce, proxy for D. D. G. M. Geo. A. Hurst, 8th District.
Fellowship	No. 84	J. D. Underwood, S. W.
Skewarkey	No. 90	W. C. Manning, W. M.
Western Star	No. 91	Soloman Gallert, proxy for officers.
Joseph Warren	No. 92	H. E. Thompson, proxy for officers.
Neuse	No. 97	E. T. Beddingfield, W. M., B. C. Bullock, S. W.
Fulton	No. 99	E. M. Cauble, proxy for W. M. and J. W., O. C. Herrington, S. W.
Columbus	No. 102	G. J. Griffin, S. W.
Orr	No. 104	Jas. H. Harris, proxy for officers.
Perquimans	No. 106	R. E. Brim, proxy for officers.
Belmont	No. 108	T. W. Smith, W. M.
Wayne	No. 112	Jno. A. Daughtry, W. M., U. M. Gillikin, S. W., B. K. Ward, J. W.
Person	No. 113	R. A. Spence, W. M.
St. Albans'	No. 114	Frank Gough, proxy for J. W., B. H. Stancel, W. M., M. W. Floyd, S. W.
Holly Springs	No. 115	A. J. Holt, proxy for W. M.
Mount Lebanon	No. 117	Barnes Daniel, proxy for W. M. and S. W., R. A. Mitchell, J. W.
Mount Hermon	No. 118	R. E. Currence, W. M., Curtis Bynum, S. W., C. F. Wood, proxy for J. W.
Franklinton	No. 123	G. R. Moye, W. M., S. C. Ford and B. A. White, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Mill Creek	No. 125	R. R. West, S. W., Wm. Hill, proxy for W. M. and J. W.

Blackmer	No. 127	J. C. Poe, proxy for officers.
Hanks	No. 128	Dr. John Thames, proxy for officers.
Radiance	No. 132	J. E. Debnam, proxy for W. M., J. T. Hughes, J. W.
Mocksville	No. 134	P. T. Wilson, proxy for officers.
Leaksville	No. 136	W. F. Cates, W. M.
Lincoln	No. 137	Thos. C. Abernethy, W. M.
King Solomon	No. 138	H. Patterson, proxy for officers.
Mount Vernon	No. 143	M. M. Fox, proxy for officers.
Palmyra	No. 147	Eugene T. Lee, W. M.
Adoniram	No. 149	W. E. Yancey, W. M., C. B. Wilkin- son and J. S. Watkins, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Chalmers	No. 151	E. L. Cole, S. W.
Scotch-Ireland	No. 154	W. F. Thompson, W. M., C. R. Wood, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
White Stone	No. 155	W. T. Clark, S. W.
Knap of Reeds	No. 158	Coran Tilley, W. M.
Yadkin	No. 162	H. C. Butler, proxy for officers.
Deep River	No. 164	A. A. Lambe, proxy for officers.
Archer	No. 165	V. R. Turley, W. M., J. T. Barnes, J. W.
Winston	No. 167	R. B. Shore, proxy for officers.
Blackmer	No. 170	C. F. Wood, proxy for officers.
Coleraine	No. 171	C. B. Morris, proxy for officers.
George Washington	No. 174	W. J. Willson, W. M., D. J. Willson, S. W., J. T. Farrell, J. W.
Polloksville	No. 175	N. A. White, J. W.
Mecklenburg	No. 176	C. L. Irvin, S. W., proxy for W. M. and and J. W.
Carthage	No. 181	J. W. Patton, proxy for officers.
Sandy Creek	No. 185	B. B. Edgerton, W. M.
Central Cross	No. 187	R. L. Harris, W. M., W. H. Delbridge, proxy for S. W., G. G. Powell, J. W.
Granite	No. 191	Bennett Nooe, Jr., W. M., W. S. Penn, S. W., J. N. Wilder, J. W.
Mount Olivet	No. 195	L. O. Sugg and T. H. Tyson, proxy for officers.
Cary	No. 198	T. H. Taylor, J. W., E. P. Barham, proxy for W. M., A. J. Temple- ton, proxy for S. W.
Cleveland	No. 202	W. R. Hoey, W. M., J. D. Lineberger, S. W., W. J. Roberts, J. W.
Roanoke	No. 203	W. T. Shaw, proxy or officers.
Long Creek	No. 205	W. I. Abernethy, proxy for officers.
Mingo	No. 206	D. M. Williford, proxy for J. W., S. D. Hawley, W. M., D. F. Blue, S. W.
Randleman	No. 209	M. M. Fox, proxy for officers.
Eno	No. 210	W. R. Lyon and Z. A. Rochelle, proxy for W. M. and S. W., Myers Sackle, J. W.
Catawba Valley	No. 217	Isaac M. Taylor, proxy for officers.
William G. Hill	No. 218	W. L. Beasley, J. W., J. P. Pillsbury, S. W.
Wilson	No. 226	W. W. Holland, proxy for officers.

McCormick -----	No. 228--	R. E. Marks, W. M., J. L. Burgess, proxy for S. W.
Corinthian -----	No. 230--	J. E. Goff, W. M., G. R. Horne, S. W., C. W. Cooper, proxy for J. W.
Anchor -----	No. 234--	S. Leslie Watts, W. M.
Mystic Tie -----	No. 237--	H. H. Tate, proxy for officers.
Atlantic -----	No. 238--	W. D. Cox, J. W. and proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Rountree -----	No. 243--	J. E. Cameron, W. M.
Monroe -----	No. 244--	C. D. Roberts, J. W., W. C. Wolfe and P. H. Johnson, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Catawba -----	No. 248--	J. Y. Killiam, S. W., W. B. Gaither, W. M.
Pythagoras -----	No. 249--	E. H. Cramer, proxy for officers.
Lee -----	No. 253--	A. M. Mathews, W. M., A. C. Payne, S. W.
Oaks -----	No. 255--	J. O. Corbett, proxy for officers.
Kenly -----	No. 257--	C. E. Howell, W. M., G. W. Watson, proxy for S. W.
Harnett -----	No. 258--	D. M. Spencer, proxy for officers.
Waynesville -----	No. 259--	J. M. Queen, W. M., T. G. Miller, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Excelsior -----	No. 261--	Jas. L. DeLaney, W. M., B. S. Look, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Hibriten -----	No. 262--	J. W. C. McCall, W. M.
Gaston -----	No. 263--	J. R. Durham, proxy for officers.
Farmington -----	No. 265--	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
Durbin -----	No. 266--	H. S. Averitt, proxy for officers.
Dunn's Rock -----	No. 267--	C. M. Doyle, W. M., D. D. G. M.
Unaka -----	No. 268--	Walter E. Moore, P. G. M., represent- ative.
Bingham -----	No. 272--	W. T. Riggs, W. M., W. S. Crawford, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Watauga -----	No. 273--	D. J. Cottrell, W. M., T. Bingham, proxy for J. W., W. R. Gragg, S. W.
Green Level -----	No. 277--	J. B. Mills, S. W., J. C. Kelly, J. W., E. T. Mills, proxy for W. M.
Wake Forest -----	No. 282--	H. M. Poteat, W. M.
Eureka -----	No. 283--	Rev. J. H. Keller, W. M.
Greenville -----	No. 284--	Richard Williams, W. M.
Cedar Rock -----	No. 286--	T. W. Slater and A. L. Daniel, proxy for W. M. and S. W., T. P. Dean, proxy for J. W.
Salem -----	No. 289--	S. C. Whitehart, W. M., H. M. Bran- don, proxy for S. W., C. R. Fogle, J. W.
French Broad ---	No. 292--	J. L. Nelson, proxy for officers.
Vance -----	No. 293--	E. W. Bonney, proxy for officers.
Atlantic -----	No. 294--	Dr. E. H. Jones, W. M., T. R. Benson, S. W.
Lillington -----	No. 302--	John T. Johnson, W. M.
Pleasant Hill -----	No. 304--	Geo. L. Smith, W. M.
Laurinburg -----	No. 305--	C. E. Muse, W. M., J. T. Myers, proxy for J. W.

Galatia -----	No. 306--	G. A. Niven, proxy for W. M. and S. W., E. Alexander, proxy for J. W.
Patterson -----	No. 307--	J. L. Lyler, W. M.
Randolph -----	No. 309--	J. T. Norris and C. C. Broughton, proxy for officers.
Hatcher -----	No. 310--	D. L. Flowers, W. M.
King Solomon ---	No. 313--	Robert Monroe, W. M.
New Lebanon ---	No. 314--	J. W. Jones, W. M., W. A. Foster, proxy for S. W., E. B. Grainger, proxy for J. W.
Eureka -----	No. 317--	E. R. Spence, W. M., Dr. J. B. Griggs, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Wilmington ----	No. 319--	Eric Norden, proxy for J. W., F. H. McCullough, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
White Hill -----	No. 321--	W. B. Parham, proxy for officers.
Mattamuskeet --	No. 328--	J. D. Watson, proxy for officers.
Bayboro -----	No. 331--	W. D. Alfred, W. M., C. M. Bobbitt, proxy for S. W.
Ionic -----	No. 337--	E. O. Young, proxy for officers.
Fair View -----	No. 339--	H. T. Fulton, W. M.
Harmony -----	No. 340--	T. A. Davis, W. M., J. S. Sasser, J. W.
Hickory -----	No. 343--	A. G. Kirkpatrick, proxy for officers.
Numa F. Reid ---	No. 344--	H. E. Field, proxy for J. W., S. F. Wall, W. M., M. R. Lynch, S. W.
Stanley -----	No. 348--	Thos. H. Webb, proxy for officers.
Moravian -----	No. 353--	B. A. Ferguson, W. M., T. J. Eller, S. W., J. L. Pearson, J. W.
Mount Vernon ---	No. 359--	R. L. Woodard, W. M., W. A. Perry and Calvin Mills, proxies for S. W. and J. W.
Snow -----	No. 363--	Jas. W. Horton, W. M.
Craighead -----	No. 366--	L. B. Yanden proxy for officers.
Gastonia -----	No. 369--	F. A. Costner, proxy for officers.
Mars Hill -----	No. 370--	H. M. Fagan, W. M.
Campbell -----	No. 374--	C. L. Clark, W. M.
State Line -----	No. 375--	J. L. Herndon, S. W.
Life Boat -----	No. 376--	J. D. Melver, proxy for S. W.
Youngsville ----	No. 377--	W. L. Eddinger, proxy for W. M. and J. W., W. T. Moss, S. W.
Seaboard -----	No. 378--	A. J. Crowder, proxy for officers.
Coharie -----	No. 379--	F. O. Carter, J. W.
Reidsville -----	No. 384--	B. Frank Davis and A. J. Ellington proxies for officers.
Mooresboro -----	No. 388--	D. C. Wright, W. M.
Copeland -----	No. 390--	H. T. Moore, W. M.
Tally Ho -----	No. 393--	J. A. Brinkley, W. M., F. M. Thomasson, S. W.
Cape Fear -----	No. 394--	Nathan Ledwell, S. W.
Orient -----	No. 395--	E. L. Davis, W. M.
Oxford -----	No. 396--	B. K. Lassiter, proxy for W. M., B. W. Parham, S. W., F. M. Pinnix, proxy for J. W.
Centre -----	No. 398--	M. F. Roberts, S. W.
Conoho -----	No. 399--	B. L. Long, proxy for W. M. and J. W., V. R. Taylor, S. W.

Siler City -----	No. 403--	M. M. Fox and A. A. Lambe, proxies for officers.
Ocean -----	No. 405--	J. W. Alford, W. M.
Ivy -----	No. 406--	J. L. Nelson, proxy for officers.
Liberty Grove ---	No. 407--	J. C. Wallace, proxy for officers.
University -----	No. 408--	L. A. Williams, S. W., M. C. S. Noble, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Rockville -----	No. 411--	W. R. Roberson, proxy for officers.
Henry F. Grainger	No. 412--	A. J. Harris, P. M., proxy for officers.
Louisburg -----	No. 413--	T. W. Watson, W. M., S. A. Newell, proxy for S. W.
New Hope -----	No. 415--	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Maxton -----	No. 417--	J. B. Sellars, W. M., Rory McNair, S. W.
Potecasi -----	No. 418--	C. G. Brown, W. M., J. W. Wheeler, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Greenwood -----	No. 419--	C. C. McClellan, proxy for officers.
Sparta -----	No. 423--	R. A. Doughton, proxy for officers.
Oconee -----	No. 427--	K. E. Bennett, proxy for officers.
Sea Side -----	No. 429--	E. M. Koonce, proxy for officers.
Rockyford -----	No. 430--	W. H. Wolfe, W. M., J. H. Isaacs, S. W., A. H. Wolfe, proxy for J. W.
Relief -----	No. 431--	Ezra Parker, S. W., J. Greenthal, J. W., W. D. Boone, proxy for W. M.
West Bend -----	No. 434--	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
Star -----	No. 437--	J. J. Burns, proxy for officers.
Clingman -----	No. 440--	T. F. Callaway, proxy for officers.
Roper -----	No. 443--	T. R. Hassell, W. M.
Marietta -----	No. 444--	J. G. Whitehead, W. M.
Biltmore -----	No. 446--	F. W. Kenny, proxy for S. W. and J. W., R. L. Cook, W. M.
Enfield -----	No. 447--	C. Highsmith, W. M., W. T. Clement, S. W., E. L. Whitehead, J. W.
Grifton -----	No. 452--	C. T. Gaskins, W. M.
Elkin -----	No. 454--	S. A. McGuire, W. M., J. F. Hendren, proxy for S. W.
Pineville -----	No. 455--	John Thom, proxy for officers.
Rusk -----	No. 456--	A. P. Whitaker, W. M.
Dillsboro -----	No. 459--	C. Z. Candler, W. M.
Matthews -----	No. 461--	L. B. Yandell, proxy for officers.
South Fork -----	No. 462--	S. N. Boyce, proxy for officers.
Currituck -----	No. 463--	T. J. Taylor, W. M.
Gulf -----	No. 465--	Dr. John Thames, proxy for officers.
King Hiram -----	No. 466--	J. W. Cogdell, proxy for officers.
Healing Springs--	No. 467--	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Sanford -----	No. 469--	S. R. Hoyle, proxy for S. W., C. L. Williams, W. M., H. E. Spence, S. W.
Scotland Neck ---	No. 470--	A. B. White, J. W., A. D. Morgan, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Grassy Knob ----	No. 471--	J. M. Prevatt, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Sonoma -----	No. 472--	E. D. Wells, J. W.
Lexington -----	No. 473--	C. T. McClenaghan, proxy for officers.
Grimesland -----	No. 475--	J. C. Galloway, W. M., J. L. Williams, S. W.

Eagle Springs ---	No. 477--	W. T. Lewis, proxy for officers.
Four Oaks -----	No. 478--	Geo. W. Adams, W. M.
Rainbow -----	No. 479--	W. H. Broughton, W. M., W. R. Reel, S. W., G. T. Bennett, proxy for J. W.
Spring Hope -----	No. 481--	Moses Lamm, S. W., G. E. Lamm, J. W.
Saluda -----	No. 482--	W. W. Holland, proxy for officers.
Trap Hill -----	No. 483--	J. C. Wallace, proxy for officers.
Lawndale -----	No. 486--	J. W. Lee, W. M., B. C. Hicks, S. W.
Statesville -----	No. 487--	W. L. Gilbert, D. D. G. M., proxy for officers.
Rich Square -----	No. 488--	J. W. Weaver, J. W., Dr. M. Bolton, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Linville -----	No. 489--	E. C. Robbins, S. W.
Hominy -----	No. 491--	Curtis Bynum, proxy for officers.
John A. Graves--	No. 494--	Z. T. Yarborough, W. M.
Rockingham -----	No. 495--	J. LeGrand Everett, proxy for W. M. and J. W., Bruce Benton, S. W.
Royal Hart -----	No. 497--	F. A. Fetter, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Ayden -----	No. 498--	J. H. Cheek, W. M., D. D. G. M. T. R. Allen, J. W.
Creedmoor -----	No. 499--	J. L. Peed, proxy for W. M. and J. W., O. E. Wheelous, S. W.
Raleigh -----	No. 500--	L. D. Womble, W. M., W. D. Briggs, S. W., A. W. White, J. W.
Luke McGlaughan	No. 504--	J. H. Copeland, W. M.
Cherryville -----	No. 505--	D. P. Dellinger, W. M.
Roberdel -----	No. 507--	J. LeGrand Everett, proxy for officers.
Belhaven -----	No. 509--	W. B. Tooty, W. M., H. B. Williams, J. W.
Lone Hickory ---	No. 512--	Dr. Chas. G. Bryant, proxy for officers.
Sylva -----	No. 513--	Geo. W. Sutton, proxy for officers.
Whetstone -----	No. 515--	F. G. Whitney, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Aulander -----	No. 516--	W. R. Howard and W. M. Parker, proxies for officers.
Farmville -----	No. 517--	Paul E. Jones, W. M., Jesse Gay, Jr., S. W., J. B. Moore, Jr., J. W.
Widow's Son -----	No. 519--	A. E. Abers, W. M.
Fairfield -----	No. 520--	P. E. Swindell, W. M., J. C. Burns, S. W.
Wanchese -----	No. 521--	C. W. Pugh, proxy for officers.
Warsaw -----	No. 522--	J. E. Williams, W. M.
Winterville -----	No. 523--	E. W. Braxton, W. M., B. D. Forrest and R. T. Cox, proxies for S. W. and J. W.
Pendleton -----	No. 524--	Henry W. Maddrey, proxy for W. M.
Rodgers -----	No. 525--	J. J. Kemp, proxy for W. M. and J. W., W. V. Lee, S. W.
Lucama -----	No. 527--	Jesse B. Ferrall, proxy for officers.
Ashpole -----	No. 528--	B. E. Stanfield, proxy for officers.
Joppa -----	No. 530--	L. B. Yandell, W. M., A. Bomboy and C. F. Alexander, proxies for S. W. and J. W.
Hamlet -----	No. 532--	M. W. Nash, proxy for W. M.

Ottolay -----	No. 533--	R. E. Currence, proxy for officers.
Hollis -----	No. 535--	J. P. D. Withrow, proxy for officers.
Boardman -----	No. 536--	C. B. Newcomb, D. D. G. M., proxy for officers.
State Road -----	No. 540--	J. M. Broughton, Jr., proxy for officers.
Parkton -----	No. 541--	A. A. Wright, S. W.
Corinthian -----	No. 542--	E. J. Powell, W. M., C. F. Southerland, and A. D. Connor, proxy for S. W.
Spencer -----	No. 543--	D. Fulk, W. M., J. W. Payne, S. W., M. D. Stewart, J. W.
Carolina -----	No. 546--	Senator J. D. Gregg, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Maysville -----	No. 547--	A. C. Foscue, S. W., C. M. Mattox, proxy for W. M.
Elon -----	No. 549--	J. W. Ingle, W. M.
Revolution -----	No. 552--	H. A. Barnes, W. M., proxy for officers.
Zephyr -----	No. 553--	J. F. Haymore, W. M.
Vesper -----	No. 554--	J. M. Peterson, W. M., D. D. G. M.
Neill S. Stuart ---	No. 556--	T. H. Webb, proxy for officers.
Oak Grove -----	No. 557--	J. M. Cater, W. M.
Sulphur Springs ---	No. 560--	Geo. S. Norfleet, proxy for officers.
Swannanoa -----	No. 561--	J. Wetzel, proxy for officers.
Waxhaw -----	No. 562--	J. C. Wolfe, proxy for officers.
Wendell -----	No. 565--	F. E. Hester, proxy for officers.
Ronda -----	No. 566--	W. H. Church, proxy for officers.
Wentworth -----	No. 567--	B. Frank Davis and A. J. Ellington, proxy for officers.
Doric -----	No. 568--	A. D. Brooks, W. M., N. F. Rowe, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Mount Pleasant--	No. 569--	L. F. Warren, J. W., J. F. Stott, S. W.
Bynum -----	No. 574--	Ben H. Hackney, W. M.
St. Timothy -----	No. 575--	G. W. Smith, J. W.
Andrew Jackson--	No. 576--	W. B. Strachan, W. M.
Meadow Branch--	No. 578--	S. W. Hinson, proxy for officers.
Lilesville -----	No. 582--	Edwin Wall, J. W.
Ionic -----	No. 583--	E. D. Avery, W. M.
Apex -----	No. 584--	L. J. Sears, proxy for officers.
Roseboro -----	No. 585--	Jesse H. Harris and J. H. Hollingsworth, proxies for officers.
Bethel -----	No. 589--	R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers.
Maiden -----	No. 592--	A. W. Setzer, W. M.
Stony Point -----	No. 593--	W. W. Holland, proxy for officers.
Helton -----	No. 594--	Ambrose Clark, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Wallace -----	No. 595--	R. G. Scott, J. W.
Waccamaw -----	No. 596--	C. B. Newcomb, D. D. G. M., proxy for officers.
Queen City -----	No. 602--	G. T. Matthews, Jr., S. W., H. S. Corey, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Laurelbranch ---	No. 603--	R. F. Edwards, proxy for W. M. and S. W.

Vaughan -----	No. 604--	W. H. Wright, S. W., A. L. Pope, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Skyuka -----	No. 605--	C. M. Doyle, proxy for officers.
River Side -----	No. 606--	A. G. Loftin, proxy for officers.
Chadbourn -----	No. 607--	John H. Land, W. M.
Grandview -----	No. 608--	W. T. Ueltchi, representative.
Zebulon -----	No. 609--	R. B. Nichols, W. M.
Glendon -----	No. 610--	A. J. Jones, W. M., M. E. Street and C. R. Neal, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
South River -----	No. 611--	J. H. Hollingsworth, proxy for officers.
Atkinson -----	No. 612--	Jas. W. Flynn, W. M.
Home -----	No. 613--	D. A. Powell, W. M., R. L. Eatman, J. W.
Sunrise -----	No. 615--	S. J. Bridges, J. W., J. W. Andrews, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
St. Patrick's -----	No. 617--	Oscar Eason, W. M.
Little River -----	No. 620--	J. B. Creech, W. M.
Bonlee -----	No. 621--	B. H. Waddell, W. M., W. B. Cheek and C. E. Kinnaman, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Coats -----	No. 622--	H. A. Turlington and B. L. Langdon, proxies for officers.
John H. Mills ---	No. 624--	E. N. Williams, W. M., W. G. Winn, Jr., S. W., R. L. Stokes, proxy for J. W.
Woodsdale -----	No. 625--	T. J. Covington, proxy for officers.
Belmont -----	No. 627--	W. T. Hall, J. W.
Perfection -----	No. 628--	Howard Watson, J. W.
Walnut Cove -----	No. 629--	T. J. Carrington, proxy for officers.
Norlina -----	No. 630--	J. Edward Allen, D. D. G. M., proxy for officers.
Seven Springs --	No. 631--	Jas. W. Parks and Paul Outlaw, proxies for officers.
Unionville -----	No. 632--	W. B. Long, proxy for officers.
Bailey -----	No. 633--	J. S. Fulghum, proxy for officers.

Grand Master's Address

The Grand Master delivered the following address, which was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

To-day we are gathered together in the 130th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, to recount our gains and losses, ascertain whether Masonry has progressed or retrogressed, locate, and in future avoid, our mistakes, and deliberate together what is best for Freemasonry.

One year ago you elected me as Grand Master, intrusting to me the care and custody of the destinies of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the year 1916. Faithfully have I tried to look at all matters with an eye singled to the good of Freemasonry, the betterment of our fellow men and advance of this world in which we live. Never has there been a day in which the affairs of our great Fraternity have not been many times in my thoughts. If in any way your servant has succeeded, it has been, not because of his own exertions, but because each night, as the darkness followed the day, and the time for rest comes to a man so that he may prepare for the work of the coming day, on bended knee have I implored the blessing of Almighty God upon this Grand Lodge, its officers, and the Masons of North Carolina, implored His blessing upon their work for the good of our State, the uplift of humanity, and that He would bless this great order in all of its works to that end.

The past year has been one in which the active Masons throughout the State have worked unceasingly and to advantage for the Craft. In many places the local Lodge is stronger and in better condition than it was a year ago. These results are due largely, if not entirely, to the energetic and unceasing work of those faithful Masons who have many years upheld the reputation and honor of our Fraternity. They have been aided by the younger members, more recently initiated, who, becoming trained in the arts and teachings of Freemasonry, are worthy co-laborers and successors to the active workers of a generation ago.

At this writing (December 28, 1916,) it looks like the increase in membership over a year ago will be about one thousand, which is a gain of about four per cent.

While the gain is not as great as it might have been, yet there is the genuine satisfaction of knowing that those coming into the Masonic Fraternity are well chosen and selected from their fellow men, trained in the arts and teaching of Freemasonry, and that they will become Free Masons in deed and thought as well as in name.

NECROLOGY

Official notice has been received of the following deaths of past and present Grand Officers of other Grand Lodges:

Arkansas—

Antonio B. Grace, Grand Master 1905, died December 2, 1915.

Colorado—

Zachariah X. Synder, Grand Chaplain, died November, 1915.

Connecticut—

Asa P. Fitch, Grand Master 1905, died March 29, 1916.

Stanly B. Bosworth, Grand Treasurer, died April 29, 1916.

Delaware—

Virginus V. Harrison, Grand Master 1894, and Grand Secretary since 1907, died December 28, 1915.

R. Henry Young, Grand Master 1904, died November 15, 1915.

Florida—

Enos Wasgate, Grand Master 1876, died March 5, 1915.

Georgia—

William A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary since 1897, died February 9, 1916.

Idaho—

Rev. Jonas Warren Brown, Grand Master 1869, and Grand Chaplain, died September 15, 1916.

Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary since 1898, died April 6, 1916.

Illinois—

Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master 1909, died November 1, 1916.

William Hayes Scott, Grand Master 1881, died December 30, 1915.

Indiana—

Edwin H. Wolfe, Grand Inspector, died August 17, 1916.

Sydney W. Douglas, Grand Master 1893, died January 10, 1916.

Daniel McDonald, Grand Master 1875, died January 9, 1916.

William M. Shaver, Grand Master 1897, died July 6, 1916.

Michigan—

William T. Mitchell, Grand Master 1865, died February 6, 1916, aged 99 years.

Lucien E. Wood, Grand Master 1900, died June 5, 1916.

Nebraska—

William A. DeBoard, Grand Master 1908, died May 17, 1916.

Nova Scotia—

Theodore A. Cossman, Grand Master 1900, died April 28, 1916.

Pennsylvania—

George Washington Kendrick, Jr., Grand Master 1906, died February 26, 1916.

South Carolina—

Rev. William Pinkney Smith, Grand Chaplain since 1905, died April 23, 1916.

Tennessee—

Caswell A. Goodloe, Grand Master 1887, died July 12, 1916.

John T. Williamson, Grand Master 1889, died December 10, 1915.

Texas—

Benjamin F. Frymier, Grand Master 1893, died December 4, 1915.

Vermont—

Marsh O. Perkins, Grand Master 1874, died February 10, 1916.

West Virginia—

Robert White, Grand Master 1874, died December 12, 1915.

George Hatch, Grand Master 1903, died April 27, 1916.

Wyoming—

Harry C. Snyder, Junior Grand Warden, died November 23, 1916.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared.

Among those who have died during the past year the following should be mentioned:

GUSTAV ROSENTHAL

Bro. Gustav Rosenthal, Past Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, who filled the office of Grand Secretary by appointment in 1892, upon the death of Grand Secretary Donald W. Bain, died at his home in Raleigh on June 23, 1916.

Brother Rosenthal is probably best remembered by the Craft for his services in connection with the Oxford

Orphan Asylum, of which he was Director for nearly 27 years, and of whose board he was Secretary at the time of his death.

JOHN C. DREWRY

To-day, as we meet together, the Grand Secretary's station is vacant. John C. Drewry, the efficient Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge for twenty-two years past, died October 2, 1916, at his home in this city after an illness of many months. The great service he rendered the Grand Lodge of North Carolina during the twenty-two years of his term as Grand Secretary speaks for itself in the material growth that has come to the Fraternity in our State. Twenty-two years ago there were less than 10,000 Masons, the appropriation to the Oxford Orphan Asylum was \$2,500, there was no Home for aged Masons, there was no Masonic Temple owned by the Grand Lodge, Masonry was weak numerically, and weaker in influence. What has been the effect of his influence and inspiration upon the Craft in bettering it for good cannot be described in words.

In the Spring of 1915 his health began to fail him, and while his friends and family became apprehensive, yet none suspected that he was the victim of an incurable disease. In October, 1915, the surgeon's knife was applied to relieve him, but it was only temporary. He returned to his home, and was in Raleigh during the session of the Grand Lodge in January, 1916. Forbidden by his physician to do any work, or to undertake any excitement, he felt impelled, as he said, to do his duty by the Grand Lodge, and at the Wednesday morning session he came in the hall, and in a few words of appreciation expressed his love for the Fraternity, his gratitude to God for permitting him to meet with the Fraternity again, and the hope that he might be restored to health and give additional years of usefulness to the service of the Grand Lodge, God, and his fellow man. Those of us who were present will not soon forget that sight, his inspiring presence, his genial words, and the cheering response of the Grand Lodge. As his health did not improve, he returned to Baltimore in April, where the surgeons learned that it was too late to effect anything permanent, and the relief he secured was temporary. Like a brave man and a Christian, he bore his trouble, the last six months being confined to bed, the end coming peaceably on October 2nd.

He was buried on October 4th, from Christ Church, Raleigh, of which he was many years a vestryman, and where for over twenty-five years he had been a communicant. Practically every officer of the Grand Lodge was present at the special communication on that day, at which the Masonic burial services were conducted under its auspices.

"Farewell, friend and Brother, we leave thee in the hands of a God who has done all things wisely and well!"

The Grand Lodge has set aside the hour of 11 o'clock at Wednesday's morning's session as an hour at which a memorial tribute will be paid to the memory of our deceased Brother.

DREWRY MEMORIAL GRAND SECRETARY FUND

In his will Grand Secretary John C. Drewry remembered this Grand Lodge in a most substantial way, leaving it the sum of \$10,000 in trust, to be known as "The Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund." The bequest is in this language and reads as follows:

"ITEM XI. I give and bequeath to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in trust, to be set aside by the Grand Lodge and known as the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund. I appoint, as a Board of Trustees of this Fund, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, and their successors in office, and two additional discreet Master Masons, residents of the City of Raleigh, to be elected by the Grand Lodge, who shall act with the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, and their successors in office, as Trustees, to manage and invest the above named Fund. The Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company shall be the custodian of all funds and securities left the Grand Lodge under this trust. It is my desire and I direct that these five Trustees and their successors in office shall manage and control this fund and keep it constantly invested as far as possible, until the Fund and its accumulations or additions amount to Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars or more. This donation in trust of \$10,000.00 and its accumulations may be supplemented or increased at any time by additions to the Fund from the Grand Lodge Treasury or other sources. When this trust fund and its accumulations and additions in the hands of the Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company amount to \$20,000.00 or more, then it is my desire and I direct that the Trustees of this Fund shall keep the same in-



JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary, 1895-1916

Died October 2, 1916

tact and well and safely invested, and that the proceeds or income from this Fund shall be used by the Grand Lodge toward paying the salary of the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge or the expenses of that office; or, if more than sufficient to do this, the balance of the income, if any, shall be used to increase the principal of the Trust Fund. I direct that the said sum of \$10,000.00 be set aside by my Executor, The Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company, to be invested by the Board of Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund with the assistance of my Trustee hereinafter named, the said investments and securities to be held by the custodians of the Fund. The said sum of \$10,000.00 not to be available until after the Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund have qualified and organized under the terms and conditions of this WILL. The Trustees of said Fund being officers of the Grand Lodge or otherwise residents of Raleigh, I desire that they serve the Grand Lodge in this capacity without compensation, and direct that no expense for said services be paid out of this Fund either to the Trustees of this Fund, or to the Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company. Said Trustees shall make an annual report to the Grand Lodge as to the manner in which they have performed the duties of said trust, and such report to be accompanied by a statement from the Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company in regard to the securities in their hands. It is my will and desire that the Grand Lodge shall at its first annual communication after my death elect as the two additional Trustees and residents of Raleigh to compose said Board of Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, my highly esteemed and much beloved Brethren (if they be then living), A. B. Andrews, Jr., and C. B. Barbee, two honest, discreet business men in whom I have the utmost confidence, who shall serve during their lives, and at their death or resignation their successors to be chosen by the Grand Lodge.

"The gift or bequest to the Grand Lodge in trust shall not be paid until after the other specific gifts and bequests in this WILL are satisfied."

He, in his will, created trust funds for the benefit of Mrs. Drewry, his son John C. Drewry, Jr., and his grandson John G. Hanes, Jr., which provided that the bequest to the last two should not take effect or vest title in them, unless they reached the age of 35 years or died before that time leaving issue surviving them, and in the event of the death of each of them, he further provided in Item 20 that, in such contingency, the bequest to the Grand Lodge would be materially increased, Item 20 reading in part as follows:

"Should both, John C. Drewry, Jr., and James G. Hanes, Jr., die without leaving surviving issue, it is my will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, the additional sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to augment the Fund to be used for similar purposes as the gift theretofore made to them.

"The remainder of my estate, which shall then remain, shall be divided among my heirs at law, according to law."

I recommend that the Grand Lodge pass a resolution accepting this fund under the conditions named, and that it proceed with the election of trustees as directed in the will of Brother Drewry.

This is a most generous bequest, and is a perpetual memorial of the great love that our deceased Brother had for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which will last long after we of the present generation have passed away.

DECISIONS

1. The Master alone passed on the proficiency of a candidate for advancement or raising. Proficiency is a requisite to receiving the degree, and the candidate not having opportunity to receive instruction, by reason of absence, does not dispense with this requisite.

2. A candidate is elected to receive the three degrees of Masonry; however, if any Brother should request it, the Lodge may take another ballot previous to conferring either degree. Regulation 119. Under this regulation ballot may be called for when the candidate presents himself for the Entered Apprentice degree.

3. A Lodge having deadlocked in an election for Master, 25 ballots being taken with no avail, it was proper for the Lodge, in the discretion of the Master, to proceed with the election of other officers, which only required a majority vote, instead of indefinitely balloting on an office that required two-thirds to elect.

4. Where officers are not elected at the communication preceding St. John the Baptist Day, as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, it requires a dispensation from the Grand Master to hold an election.

5. A Fellow Craft removes to a neighboring town, and his home Lodge by majority vote requests the Lodge in the neighboring town to confer the Master Mason degree. A Brother in conversation with the Secretary, ob-

jects to that course. He made no objection in open Lodge, though present afterwards. Held that the objection to the receiving of a degree provided for in the Masonic Code must be in open Lodge, or, in very exceptional cases, possibly may be made direct to the Master. An objection filed verbally with the Secretary is not sufficient.

6. Request for degrees to be conferred in Lodges outside of this State should, under Grand Lodge ruling, pass through the office of the Grand Master of this State; who will forward it to the Lodge to whom it is addressed. This is for the protection of all concerned, as each Grand Master knows his own Lodges and is in fraternal communication with every other Grand Lodge. It is a protection to the Craft against imposition by clandestine Masons.

7. A man paralyzed more than 30 years ago, since which time he has been unable to walk without crutches and has very little use of his legs, is ineligible to Masonry.

8. It is fundamental in Masonic trials that a party shall not only be apprised of the charge against him, but that he shall have reasonable time in which to prepare his defense to meet such charges after being apprised of them through a copy of the charges and specifications.

9. An intending petitioner had lost his thumb just below the first knuckle but, in the opinion of the Master, was able to give the grips without much trouble, was held eligible to the degrees under Section 111, page 50. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

10. A Lodge proceeded to ballot on a petition, and before the ballot was closed, one Brother announced he had made a mistake, whereupon the Master ordered the ballot spread again. The new ballot not being clear, the Master, in order to make no mistake, ordered a second ballot (as he thought he had a right). Held that the first attempt at a ballot, never having been closed or acted upon, was no ballot, hence in accordance with the Code the Master had the right to order a second ballot to see there was no mistake.

11. An intending petitioner, who had moved to North Carolina more than a year previously, exclusively traveling the State of North Carolina as a representative of a commercial house, maintained headquarters for mail at the place where the Lodge is located, although spending from two to three weeks at other places, yet returns to

that place from time to time and spends his leisure time there, is a resident of that place for 12 months within the meaning of the Masonic Code.

12. A Mason was dropped for nonpayment of dues by a Lodge which has since become dormant. Held he cannot be reinstated by the Lodge which succeeded to its territorial jurisdiction, but must apply to the Grand Secretary's office in the manner prescribed for members of dormant Lodges obtaining dimitts and for reinstatement.

13. One who has lost his left arm below the elbow is ineligible to the degrees. Decisions 493, 494, and 497 of Masonic Digest.

14. A member, rejected in A Lodge more than three years ago, recently petitioned and was elected in B Lodge, there being two Lodges in the city. No objection was made by A Lodge to B Lodge receiving the petition. Held that, as perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidate is abolished, that the jurisdiction of A Lodge on the rejected candidate was exclusive for one year, but after that B Lodge had concurrent jurisdiction with it, over any material residing in a city, including such rejected material of A Lodge.

14. a. A Master has the right to appoint a committee to investigate a matter of disturbance between two Brethren. It is not only within his power to do so, but he should do everything to promote peace and harmony within the Craft, especially within his own Lodge.

15. When a candidate is raised in a Lodge different from the one in which he is elected, he should sign the By-Laws of the Lodge in which he petitioned and was elected to the degrees of Masonry. Where it is impracticable for the Brother to personally sign the By-Laws, owing to great distance of the Lodge where he received the degrees from where the Lodge is located, it is proper for him to signify in writing his assent to the By-Laws, either by signing a printed copy of the same, or by writing a letter to the Secretary noting his assent. Masonic Digest, No. 582.

16. A Mason made in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and petitioning a North Carolina Lodge for affiliation can be healed as provided in Regulations 149 and 150 of the Masonic Code.

17. Regulation 151, forbidding healing any degree conferred in a clandestine Lodge, does not apply to the foregoing as the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is not a clandestine Lodge, though it has not been recognized by our Grand Lodge.

18. The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico by the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, to which the intending affiliate belonged, is very persuasive, but not controlling as each Grand Lodge decides such questions for itself.

19. The standard of the Stevenson work as the authorized work of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is the standard as approved by and confided in the Board of Custodians and orally taught by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants throughout the State.

20. It is the duty of a Master of a Lodge to take up any cipher work known or used within his jurisdiction and destroy the same. If the Brother refuses to surrender it, he is subject to charges for failing to comply with the Grand Lodge edict.

21. Where Lodge dues are payable at the end of the year, it is required that after the year commences that a Brother applying for a dimit shall pay such dues that have accrued, accordingly as the dues are payable annually, semi-annually or monthly.

22. The assessment on members of Lodges are forbidden by North Carolina Masonic Digest, 528. A Lodge should provide for its expenses out of the dues imposed on the membership, and not by assessments.

23. Masonic emblems should not be used for advertisement. Therefore a Brother running a passenger automobile for hire, which in standing on the street carries a sign "For Hire" should not use a square and compass emblem on his machine. It is otherwise in the case of a private machine not used for hire.

24. A dimit takes effect from the time it is ordered granted. When a dimit is ordered and delivered by the Secretary to the Brother, he is then a non-affiliate Mason, and can only re-connect himself with the Lodge issuing the dimit or any other Lodge by petitioning the Lodge as a non-affiliate.

25. A Worshipful Master dying in office should be classed as a Past Master after the expiration of the

term for which he was elected. Therefore a Lodge could with propriety present his widow with his Past Master's jewel.

26. A petitioner who has lost his left arm is ineligible to the degrees of Masonry.

27. The degrees may be conferred on not exceeding five candidates at the same communication (Regulation 53), and the Grand Master has no power to issue a dispensation varying this edict.

28. The provision of Section 92, sub-section 2, providing for the Treasurer to give bond is mandatory. Regulation 27 on page 85 provides that for failure to give bond, when required by the Lodge, that the Lodge may declare the office of Secretary or Treasurer vacant.

29. A person of illegitimate birth, if otherwise qualified, is eligible to the degrees of Freemasonry. The Masonic order looks to a man's moral character and not his antecedents, and only requires he must be a man of good character and standing in the community.

“Honor and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part, there the honor lies.”

30. A Lodge can change or amend its By-Laws, including the By-Law regulating its meeting, as it sees fit, in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Lodge law, therefore a Lodge has the right, upon complying with the Code, to change its meeting date as its membership sees fit, and no further consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master is necessary.

31. Masons who took dimitts to form a new Lodge, the dispensation for which was refused, have to petition the Lodge in which they formerly held their membership just like any other non-affiliate.

Had the Brethren applied for and obtained a conditional dimit for the purpose of joining the proposed Lodge under dispensation, it would have been otherwise.

32. Petitioners for a new Lodge must live within the jurisdiction of the proposed new Lodge, in counting up the required number necessary to grant a petition.

33. A petitioner who has attended a college in this State continuously for two years acquires a Masonic residence at that place, hence upon removal to another place in this State, the Lodge in that place can, by getting

the Lodge in the college town to waive jurisdiction over the party, receive his petition for the degrees.

34. In the absence of a Master the Senior Warden has all the authority of the Master, including the calling of special communications of the Lodge, and the transaction of any other business.

35. A Brother who was dismembered for nonpayment of dues three years ago has to petition his Lodge for membership the same as a non-affiliate.

36. A Master can invite a Brother from another jurisdiction (in this instance a former Grand Lecturer of a sister Grand Lodge) to confer work, and it would be entirely proper for the Brother to give the lecture as taught in his State, as he is unfamiliar with our lecture. In this instance the candidate was the son of the non-resident Mason invited. Such invitations should be only occasionally extended, and not regularly done so as to interfere with the Stevenson work taught by our Grand Lecturers.

37. The Master has no right to remove a Senior or Junior Warden for non-attendance on Lodge meetings or failure to show interest. An installed officer may, with the consent of the Grand Master, resign, and may be suspended for nonpayment of dues (Master alone excepted).

38. A ballot on the advancement of a candidate can only be demanded in open Lodge, usually when the candidate presents himself for advancement.

39. Where a member asks for a ballot on the advancement of a candidate which the Master orders, and then the Brother asking for the ballot requests permission to retire before the ballot is spread, it is solely within the province of the Master, in his discretion, to permit a Brother to retire, and he is the sole judge of the same.

40. A petitioner, otherwise eligible, whose work keeps him most of the time in the District of Columbia, but still maintains a voting and tax paying residence at a place in this State, can petition the Lodge at such place for the degrees.

41. Where a Mason is expelled or indefinitely suspended, he has no right to wear a Masonic emblem. The effect of suspension for a definite time is to deprive him of all the rights and privileges of Masonry, save the right to petition for a restoration or good standing. Public

Laws 1915, Chapter 252, makes it a misdemeanor for any person who fraudulently or wilfully wears a badge or button of any secret organization.

42. A Brother lodging an objection with a Master to a Fellow Craft being raised, can do so privately, and it does not have to be made in open Lodge. Reasons against the Fellow Craft being advanced for causes supposed to have been committed seven years may be a valid reason for a Brother objecting to a Fellow Craft being raised.

43. Constitution 125 provides that when a petitioner has been rejected for advancement or membership, he can not be balloted on for the same in less than three months from the time of such rejection. Regulation 2 provides that no petition for advancement is required unless previously rejected.

44. The objection filed with the Master to a candidate being advanced holds only until the next regular communication of the Lodge, when the Brother objecting is afforded an opportunity to demand a ballot. An objection filed with the Master prevents the degree being conferred at a special communication before the regular communication. If a ballot be not demanded at the regular communication, then the Master would have the right to proceed to advance the candidate.

45. A Lodge may or may not, as it sees fit, require an affiliation fee from those affiliated.

46. Where a Lodge raised funds by appeal to other Lodges, for the relief of two distressed sisters of Master Masons, it was proper for the funds to be turned over to the Treasurer, and disbursed to the beneficiaries by order of the Lodge as their necessities may require.

47. A Lodge proceeding to remove its hall under Regulation 227, notified the membership that it would be taken up at the meeting on March 3rd, which failed to be held for lack of quorum, owing to the extremely bad weather. It would be entirely proper to take up this matter at the next stated communication on March 17th, and not be necessary to proceed anew in the matter by giving additional notice.

48. A Lodge may issue postal card notice of its meetings on which it contains the following language: "The degree of Master Mason will be conferred on the following Brethren A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H." In making

this ruling I am aware of No. 542 on page 125 of the Masonic Digest that "the names of candidates whose applications are to be balloted upon should not be printed in the Lodge notices sent to the members." The former ruling in 1902 applied to petitioners for the degrees who were for election, while the ruling in the present case is to Fellow Crafts for advancement who have previously been elected.

49. A Lodge has no right to receive the petition of an Entered Apprentice, dimitted as such from a Lodge in another State which issues dimits to Entered Apprentices. Our law does not issue or recognize such dimits. For such a member to receive the degrees in a North Carolina Lodge the same must be requested by the Lodge, which elected him to the degrees.

50. It is proper for a Lodge in Charlotte, by resolution, to vote that 15 per cent. of its income will be devoted to paying off the debt on the Masonic Temple, which is a \$90,000 investment devoted exclusively to Masonry. A Lodge makes its By-Laws and can amend them in the manner provided by the Code.

51. A Lodge in its By-Laws cannot provide that a member whose dues are in arrears for one year shall not be allowed to vote. It is the privilege of every member of a Lodge in good standing to vote on all questions, the humblest member having voice equal with the Master, hence this ruling. A Lodge can only deprive a member of voting by suspending him for nonpayment of dues in accordance with the Masonic Code.

It is recommended to all Lodges that they make their dues payable annually in advance, in preference to being paid at the end of the year.

52. Any installed officer (the Master alone excepted) may, with the permission of the Grand Master, and the consent of the Lodge, resign his office, and the Grand Master may grant a dispensation to hold an election to fill the office, and to fill any other vacancies that may occur by reason of the filling of such office.

53. A Master can, with the consent of the Grand Master and the request of the Lodge over which he was elected to preside, be installed in a Lodge distant from the Lodge from which he was elected to preside. Hence a Brother who was a surgeon in the First North Carolina Regiment in camp at Camp Glenn could be in-

stalled in the Lodge at Morehead City, or any other nearby point, when requested by the Lodge over which he was elected to preside, though it was 300 miles distant.

54. Under the Grand Lodge By-Law a Lodge pays \$1.00 *per capita* on each Master Mason on its roll on October 31st, and also pays \$1.00 for each initiate during the year preceding. The fact that the initiate is raised that year and counted on the roll of Master Masons does not relieve the Lodge from paying \$1.00 initiation.

55. The Grand Master has the authority (Constitution 24, sub-section 9) to arrest the charter of any Lodge, when he is convinced that the interest of Masonry requires it, notifying the Lodge to answer at the next succeeding communication of the Grand Lodge, which body can in its discretion restore the charter.

56. Where a white male person over 21 years of age resided for more than one year at the town of A, he acquires a Masonic residence there, which is not lost upon his removal to B until he has resided in the town of B for one year. If before the year had elapsed he desired to petition the Lodge in the town of B, it was necessary for the Lodge at B to secure the Lodge at A to waive its jurisdiction in order for it to entertain the petition.

57. The Assistant Grand Lecturers are commissioned under Section 207 by the Grand Master. The Grand Master's commission, unless the Grand Lodge directs differently, only lasts during his term of office, unless sooner revoked.

58. Where a candidate has been elected to the degrees and forfeits his initiation fee by refusing to be initiated, the Lodge may, in its discretion, refund him the fee if it so desires.

59. The Grand Lodge By-Laws prevail over the By-Laws of a local Lodge. Therefore a local By-Law enacted many years ago, providing that any member whose dues are unpaid for two years shall stand excluded is superseded by Grand Lodge By-Law. Delinquencies in dues must be provided for in accordance with the Grand Lodge By-Law.

60. Regulation 202 recommends that Lodges should, as far as practicable, own their own halls, and not jointly with other bodies. The use of Lodge rooms for other than Masonic purposes must be left to the Lodges themselves. Some uses may be advantageous, and others de-

structive, hence, until the Grand Lodge lays down a ruling, it is within the province of the Lodge to permit its hall to be used for political speaking. The use of the Lodge room, however, on such occasions, is not recommended.

61. The North Carolina Masonic Digest is a collection of decisions, rules and edicts, as from time to time issued by Grand Masters or the Grand Lodge, which are binding on the Lodges until reversed. Many sections of new Code of 1915 have reversed the Digest, but outside of that it is in full force and effect.

62. A party lives in the town of A long enough to acquire a Masonic residence. He then marries a lady in the town of B and removes to that place, where he has lived for eight months, and desires to apply for the degrees of Freemasonry. Held that, under Section 112 of the Constitution, the consent of the Lodge at A must be obtained.

This is different from the case 431 A, as reported in the Masonic Digest, as there the party regularly lived six months in one place and then removed to the other and resided six months, hence he could claim either, which is not the case in this instance.

63. There is no time limit on which an Entered Apprentice has to apply for the Fellow Craft degree, but he owes it to himself and to the Lodge to receive necessary instruction in order that he may proceed. A ballot can be called on an elected candidate when he presents himself for passing or raising, this being provided for in Section 119.

64. The provision for continuous membership in Section 138 of the Constitution and for provision dimit in 182 are to accomplish substantially the same purpose. Section 182 does not limit Section 138, but applies the same to instances of formation of Lodges U. D.

65. Its object is to provide for continuous membership in the event of a Mason moving his residence.

66. In construing the Constitution 124, headed "Favorable Ballot" the words, "If for initiation", in line five should be read as though they were "If for the degrees."

67. Under the provisions of the Grand Lodge law, Section 134 and following, a member has a right to demand a dimit if there are no charges pending against

him, and his indebtedness to the Lodge is fully paid. Indebtedness to a Masonic Temple Company, being a separate body from the Lodge, is not indebtedness due to a Lodge within the meaning of indebtedness preventing the obtaining of a dimit.

68. A Lodge in an incorporated city has jurisdiction over the entire area within the city limits, and the enlargement of the city limits would enlarge the area of the Lodge located in the city at the expense of a Lodge located outside of the city.

69. It is the duty of a Lodge to pay its debts, and if a Lodge continues derelict in the payment of its debts, when it is financially able to do so, it may be cause for the Grand Master to arrest the charter. The internal management of a Lodge is largely with the Lodge, in its discretion, and the Grand Master cannot interfere with such, except in case of abuse of such discretion by the Lodge. Hence, a Grand Master cannot issue instructions to a Secretary of a Lodge as to what course to pursue under given circumstances.

70. It is the duty of a Lodge to meet its bills just like an individual, and, if the Lodge dues are not sufficient to pay outstanding bills, they should be raised, which can be done by amending its By-Laws from a majority vote. It is a wrong to Masonry for Lodges to charge so little dues that their treasury would be cramped, and they unable to properly carry out their work as a Lodge. If the treasury has the money, it is the duty of the Lodge to vote the money out in payment of a bill, and if the membership persistently refuses to do so, it would give ground for arrest of charter.

71. In the Spring of 1915 the Master and two Wardens, for the benefit of the Lodge, signed a note to pay for a Grand Lecturer, and at the conclusion of the Lecturer's engagement the Lodge ordered the money reimbursed to the Master and Wardens out of the first money which came into the treasury after certain payments which have since been made. The Secretary has refused to sign the order for the amount advanced the Lecturer. The old Treasurer wishes to pay the debt, and the new Treasurer requests the turning over to him of the money on hand.

72. It is the duty of the Treasurer to account to his successor for all moneys in his hands, for which warrants

have not been drawn by the Secretary to pay out, therefore the money should be delivered to the successor Treasurer.

It is the duty of the Secretary to draw any warrant for which the Lodge has issued the order, for he, like other officers, is amenable to the By-Laws of the Lodge. Otherwise, he may be proceeded against by the Lodge.

It is the duty of the Lodge to pay its debts, and not to accept a service or benefit for which it agrees to compensate without paying money for the same. A refusal to do so is good ground for a Grand Master to arrest a charter of a Lodge so acting.

73. The action of the Grand Lodge on an appeal, in setting aside the action of its subordinate Lodge which expelled Masons, nullifies the trial as though they had never been suspended or expelled. Therefore, they are not restored Masons, but they stand simply as members of the subordinate Lodge with charges pending against them.

74. A Lodge member has a right to object to the admission of a visiting Brother, but a member has not the right to demand that a visiting Mason, then sitting in the Lodge, be excluded or expelled therefrom. It is the privilege of a member to object to the admission of a visiting Brother, but if the member is late and the visiting Brother has been admitted to a session of the Lodge, the visitor cannot be compelled to withdraw at the request of the member.

DISCIPLINE

During the past year, your Grand Master found it necessary to arrest the charter of one Lodge, because of the action of that Lodge in dealing with a member charged with a crime against Masonry and morality. The entire matter is before you for such action as you see fit. The object of punishment is not to inflict hardships upon one who may err, as it is to be a lesson and a warning to others not to follow in his footsteps. Had the Lodge whose charter was arrested imposed a punishment on the Brother convicted of a crime, which punishment was adequate to the same, no action would have been taken. However, for a serious Masonic and moral crime, which amply justified expulsion, a definite suspension of ninety days was thought inadequate, and hence this action was taken.

Acting under the resolution of the Grand Lodge at the 1916 communication to appoint not exceeding seven Associate Grand Chaplains, there were, in addition to Grand Chaplain, appointments made as follows:

GRAND CHAPLAIN

Right Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, Protestant Episcopal Church, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Wilmington, N. C.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CHAPLAINS

Rev. George M. Duke, Moderator of Tar River Baptist Association, Past Master (five terms) of Sandy Creek Lodge, No. 185, of Maplesville, N. C.

Rev. L. M. Chaffin, Pastor of Fayetteville Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Past Master of Johnston-Caswell Lodge, No. 10, and Bynum Lodge, No. 574, residing at Fayetteville, N. C.

Rev. R. R. Swope, D. D., Rector of All Souls' Protestant Episcopal Church, Past Master of Biltmore Lodge, No. 466, Biltmore, N. C.

Rev. B. R. Lacy, Jr., Pastor of Willow Springs Presbyterian Church, a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, England, and a member of Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, residing at Willow Springs, N. C.

Rev. J. H. Kellar, Pastor of Mt. Zion and St. Paul's Reformed Churches, Past Master of Eureka Lodge, No. 283, China Grove, N. C.

Rev. T. F. Deitz, Pastor of Baptist Church at Andrews, Past Master of Oconee Lodge, No. 427, residing at Andrews, N. C.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield, Pastor of Fairmont Methodist Episcopal Church South, Past Master of Fairmont Lodge, No. 528, Fairmont, N. C.

The recognition of the Masonic and Christian work by these Brethren has meant a great deal to the Craft. In all but one instance, each Associate Grand Chaplain has been Master of his Lodge, and it is fitting that to such workers come these positions.

While this recognition is a splendid one during the length of its appointment, yet could the Grand Lodge not go further and make this, not only one of honor, but such that will be of practical value to the ministers of the Gospel, who finding out the great worth of our Order,

have advanced its interest in their communities, and have zealously worked as its presiding officer.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Grand Lodge adopt a resolution providing that all ministers of the Gospel who are appointed Grand Chaplain or Associate Grand Chaplain, shall hereafter be placed on the mileage roll and be paid a mileage of five cents one way to the annual session of the Grand Lodge. It will mean a great deal to the Grand Lodge to have present, taking part in its deliberations, these Brethren, and for that reason this recommendation is made.

WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

On February 21st and 22nd, it was my privilege, as your Grand Master, to attend the sessions of the Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., at which were gathered representative Masons from practically every jurisdiction in the United States. As heretofore explained, the object of this association is to erect in the City of Alexandria a memorial to George Washington, "The Man and the Mason," which will be in keeping with the high character of the man.

It is planned by this association to erect a Memorial Masonic Temple, in which to house the Washington relics now owned by Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, of which he was Worshipful Master, which Lodge in 1792, Bro. George Washington, then President of the United States, acting as Worshipful Master, laid the corner stone of the National Capitol at Washington. That building is planned to cost \$250,000, and it is proposed to have an endowment fund of \$100,000, which with the rentals received from the local bodies in Alexandria, will perpetually maintain this memorial in a way that will be befitting to a memorial to the Father of our Country, who was for seven years General in command of its armies which freed America, for eight years President of the United States and never felt it beneath his dignity to level himself with his fellow Masons.

At present over \$100,000 has been subscribed by various Grand Lodges, Masons, and other Masonic bodies grand and subordinate, of which \$50,000 has been paid in cash. During the past year the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States subscribed \$5,000 payable in five installments of \$1,000 each. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina

also has subscribed \$500, similar to the action taken by our Grand Lodge last January.

When one considers that there are practically a million and a half Masons in the United States, it will be seen that this memorial, which is nation-wide in its scope, will represent the investment of about 25 cents per Mason, which surely is not an extravagant one. It is hoped that later the finances of our Grand Lodge will permit a very material increase of our subscription of last year.

DAVIE PLATE

The first public Masonic procession ever held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, so far as research has shown, was the Masonic procession at Chapel Hill on Saturday, October 12, 1793, when Grand Master William R. Davie, laid with Masonic honors the corner stone of the Old East Building, the first of the buildings erected for the then newly established University of North Carolina. He described it in a letter dated October 30th, as follows:

"On the twelfth instant, the Commissioners, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the University of this State, met at Chapel Hill for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the present building and disposing of the lots in the village. A large number of the Brethren of the Masonic Order from Hillsborough, Chatham, Granville and Warren attended to assist at the ceremony of placing the corner stone; and the procession for this purpose moved from Mr. Patterson's at twelve o'clock in the following order: The Masonic Brethren in their usual order of procession; the Honorable Judge Macay and other public officers; then followed the gentlemen of the vicinity. On approaching the south end of the building, the Masons opened to the right and left, and the Commissioners, etc., passed through and took their place. The Masonic procession then moved on round the foundation of the building and halted, with their usual ceremonies, opposite the southeast corner, where William Richardson Davie, Grand Master of the Fraternity, etc., in this State, assisted by two Masters of Lodges and four other officers, laid the corner stone, enclosing a plate to commemorate the transaction."

During the dark days of the University, 1865 to 1875, the corner stone was despoiled and its contents removed. Recently Thomas B. Foust, Class of 1903, of the University of North Carolina, who conducted a brass foundry in Clarksville, Tenn., had his attention directed by a

workman to the strange lettering on a brass plate. The name, William Richardson Davie, at once attracted his attention, and he had the plate cleaned, which disclosed the lettering, and then showed the same to Rev. A. R. Shaw, D. D., a graduate of the Class of 1882, Professor of Biblical History in the Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee.

Doctor Shaw wrote the following letter to the editor of the *Charlotte Observer* which appeared in his paper of Tuesday, October 24th.

"To the Editor of the Observer:

"A few days ago, a gentleman found in rubbish here in Clarksville, Tenn., a brass plate which may prove of historical interest to citizens of North Carolina.

"I am mailing you a copy of the inscription found on both sides of the plate. The plate itself is one-eighth of an inch in thickness, five and a quarter inches in width, and seven and one-half inches in length.

(Signed) "REV. A. R. SHAW,

"Clarksville, Tenn., Sept. 28."

"On one side of the plate:

*"Hunc Lapidem
Honorariss Curatoribus hujus aca-
demiae nec non
Fratribus Masonicis Hillsboria aliun-
deque Rite presentibus
Gulielmus R. Davie, equestris prae-
fectus Carolinaeque Septentri-
onalis Arche-Architicus
Anno Lucis 7593, Salutis 1793
Americanae Liberatae 18 mo. and 12
mo die Octobris,
Multo Cum Ordine
LOCAVIT
Sit Aere Peremuris."*

"On the other side of the plate:

*"The
Right Worshipful
William Richardson Davie
Grand Master
of*

*The most Ancient and Honorable Fra-
ternity of Free Masons, in the
State of North Carolina; one*

of the Trustees of the
University of the
said State
and a Commissioner of the same
Assisted by
The other Commissioners, and the
Brethren of the Eagle and In-
dependence Lodges
on the 12th day of October
In the year of Masonry 5793
and in the 18th year of American
Independence, laid the cor-
nerstone of this edifice.
R. Huntington, Sculp."

Upon reading Doctor Shaw's letter, it as once occurred to me that this was the plate deposited by Grand Master William R. Davie, which was very generously forwarded to me by these gentlemen with the request that I (the present Grand Master of North Carolina, as the successor of Grand Master William R. Davie), would return the plate to the University of North Carolina, which was publicly presented to the University of North Carolina on October 12, 1916, 123 years after its deposit.

Hereto is attached an account of this presentation as appeared in the *University of North Carolina Alumni Review* for November, 1916.

"THE PRESENTATION OF THE PLATE

"Grand Master Andrews Presents the University Plate from the Corner Stone of the Old East Building.

"A most interesting part of the exercises of the University Day was the presentation to the University by A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, a member of the Class of 1893, and Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, of the plate from the corner stone of the Old East Building. This plate, it is thought, was taken from the corner stone between the years 1865 and 1875, and its whereabouts remained unknown until it was recovered late in September by Thomas B. Foust, of the Class of 1903, proprietor of the Clarksville Foundry and Machine Works, Clarksville, Tenn. An article in the *Charlotte Observer* by Dr. A. R. Shaw, of the Class of 1884, a member of the faculty of the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, in reference to the plate, its manner of discovery and singular inscription caught the attention of Grand Master Andrews. He recognized this as the long-lost plate and at once

got in communication with Doctor Shaw and through him with Mr. Foust. Mr. Foust telegraphed President Graham, stating that the plate was being sent to Mr. Andrews for presentation to the University. The plate is of bronze, one-eighth of an inch in thickness, five and a quarter inches wide and seven and a half inches long.

“LETTER OF T. B. FOUST, '03

“‘Mr. Foust in a letter to President Graham makes known the following facts concerning its recovery:

“‘Some days ago the foreman in my foundry stopped me as I was passing through and said, “Here is a plate that looks like it might be valuable and I think I will keep it.” He was using it to hold against the smooth surface of a mold to assist in finishing with his moulder’s trowel.

“‘As he handed it to me the name of William R. Davie caught my eye and, after a little further examination, for it was so dirty and tarnished that it was almost illegible, I saw that it must be linked with the history of the dear old University and at once carried it to the laboratory of the Red River Furnace Co., where we cleaned it sufficiently to make it entirely legible.

“‘The plate came into my possession along with a lot of scrap brass which was bought from one of the local junk dealers, and was intended for melting into various brass castings. From what source it came into the possession of the junk dealer I have been unable to learn, as he advises me that he has no recollection of having noticed the same; and it is passing strange that it should have fallen into my hands when it had come so near to the melting pot.

“‘This was shown to some of the professors at the Southwestern Presbyterian University of this city, and Doctor Shaw, who had also attended the University of North Carolina, sent a notice of the same to the *Charlotte Observer*, hoping to get further evidence to establish its connection with the University.

“‘I shall endeavor to gain some information regarding the manner in which it came into the hands of the junk dealer and trace its history as far as possible.

“‘I have always felt my indebtedness to the foresight and wisdom of the pioneers who laid the foundation of our great University, and wish it God Speed through the years to come and ever increasing usefulness to the State and Nation.’”

“REMARKS OF A. B. ANDREWS, JR., '93

“In presenting the plate to the University, Grand Master Andrews spoke as follows:

“One hundred and twenty-three years ago the corner stone of the first building of the University of North Carolina was laid by a comparatively small number of men. Deprived of early educational advantages, practically all of them had been largely, if not entirely, educated in the study school of the seven years War of American Independence. Their leader was General William R. Davie, fortunately for him and North Carolina, a graduate of Princeton College. That was a time when “young men dreamed dreams, and old men saw visions.” The young men dreamed dreams of an institution that to the youth of following generations would furnish an education, the opportunity for which they had been denied. The old men saw the vision of the usefulness of such an institution to the State and Nation, how it would elevate its people, benefit and brighten their lives.

“Just as to-day the most striking outward observance of this anniversary, is the academic procession, so was the procession at that time. There were no faculty or students to compose an academic procession, but, instead, the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, led by its Grand Master, William R. Davie (one of the Trustees of the University, and a commissioner to locate its site), publicly assembled under a large poplar tree, and marched in procession, after which the corner stone of the Old East Building was laid with Masonic ceremonies in the North East corner. A letter of General Davie's, describing the occurrences of that day, written scarcely two weeks afterwards, contains the statement that William Richardson Davie, as Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity, assisted by two Masters of Lodges and four other officers, in the presence of a large number of Brethren of the Masonic Order from Hillsborough, Chatham, Granville and Warren Counties, laid the corner stone “enclosing a plate to commemorate the transaction.”

“In the dark days of the University, 1865 to 1875, the corner stone was spoiled and its contents removed.

“The small brass plate before me contains this inscription in English.

“The Right Worshipful
William Richardson Davie
Grand Master of

The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity
Of Free Masons, in the State of North Carolina,
One of the Trustees of the University
of the said State,
And a Commissioner of the Same
Assisted By
The Other Commissioners, and the Brethren

HUNC LAPIDEM

*Honorariis Curatoribus Sulgus Academicæ,
nec non*

FRATRIBUS MASONICIS HILLSBOROÏA aliundeque

RITE presentibus,

GUILLIEMUS R DAVIE, equitatus prefectus,

Carolinæque Septentrionalis ARCHE-ARCHITECTUS

Anno Luce 1793^o Solut^o 1793^o,

AMERICANÆ LIBERTATIS 13^{mo}

Id^{mo} 12^{mo} die Octobris

MUITO CUM ORDINE

LOCAVIT.

SIT ERRE PERENNITUS.

THE

Right Worshipful

WILLIAM RICHARDSON DAVIE,
GRAND MASTER

OF

the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

of Free and Accepted Masons, in the State of NORTH CAROLINA:

and of the TRUSTEES of the UNIVERSITY

of the Said STATE,

AND A COMMISSIONER of the same,

ASSISTED BY

the COMISSONERS and the BRETHREN

of the High and Intermediate Lodges,

of the State of North

Carolina, on the 12th day of October,

in the Year of our Lord 1849,

did meet at the 13th Street, in the City of Independence,

to LAID THE CORNER STONE

OF THE EDIFICE

THE DAVIE PLATE—English Inscription

of the Eagle and Independence Lodges,
On the 12th day of October
In the Year of Masonry 5793
And in the 18th Year of American Independence
Laid the corner stone
of this edifice
R. Huntington, Sculp."

"On the other side is the same inscription in Latin.

"This brass plate was found by Mr. Thomas B. Foust, Class of 1903, who is now conducting a foundry in Clarksville, Tenn., where the plate was rescued from the junk pile by a workman attracted by its strange lettering. The magic name of William Richardson Davie at once attracted the attention of Mr. Foust, who had the plate cleaned. This plainly disclosed the lettering, and at the joint request of Mr. Foust and Rev. A. R. Shaw, D. D., Class of 1884, I am here to present this plate to you.

"As a member of the Class of 1893, graduated one hundred years after the event University Day commemorates, and as present Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, filling that position, which was so adorned and dignified, as well as ably occupied, by Grand Master William Richardson Davie, Soldier, Member of the Convention that framed the Constitution of the United States, Governor and Patron of this University, who laid its corner stone one hundred and twenty-three years ago to-day, it is my high privilege and sincere pleasure, President Graham, to return this plate to your keeping for the great University of North Carolina, whose property it is, and in whose safe-keeping and custody we trust it may hereafter ever remain."

HISTORIC DOUBTS

Some may doubt the authenticity of this plate, and whether or not it has been identified as the plate held by Grand Master Davie, the plate taken 50 years ago from the corner stone of the University's first building. It must be frankly stated that there is no record of the laying of this corner stone upon the manuscript minutes of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which are intact from 1787 to past 1800. There is the record on the minutes of April 14, 1798, of the laying of the corner stone of the South Building, at which Grand Master William R. Davie again presided.

The reason for this is obvious, when one considers that it was the act of the Grand Master, he exercising the function then usually exercised by the subordinate Lodge

of laying a corner stone, and did not call the Grand Lodge for this purpose, hence no record on their minutes.

In just the same way, the laying of the corner stone of the Capitol of the United States at Washington by Bro. George Washington, then President of the United States, acting as Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, is not recorded on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It was a Masonic occasion strictly, but it was under the auspices of the local Lodge and not under the auspices of the Grand Lodge.

The inscription on the plate, the recitals of Independence Lodge, No. 12, at Pittsboro, and Eagle Lodge, No. 19, at Hillsboro, are both corroborated by the letter of Grand Master William R. Davie, which was preserved certainly until as late as 1855, when it was reprinted in the *University Magazine*. The manuscript minutes of the Superior Court of Law and Equity at Hillsboro after the fall term of 1793 will show the presence on the bench of Judge Spruce Mackay, (whom it may well here be noted, while not a Freemason, was the law preceptor of another great American Freemason, afterwards Grand Master of Tennessee and President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, who read law under Judge Spruce Mackay at Salisbury between 1788 and 1790).

These facts remove any doubts as to the authenticity or identity of this plate.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Special communications of the Grand Lodge have been held as follows:

April 15, 1916, at Durham, N. C., to lay the corner stone of the new United States Post Office and court house.

April 20, 1916, at Charlotte, N. C., to lay the corner stone of the new United States post office and court house.

June 24, 1916, at Oxford, to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day.

October 4, 1916, at Raleigh, to conduct Masonic burial of our late Grand Secretary, Bro. John C. Drewry.

November 30, 1916, at South Mills, N. C., to lay the corner stone of the Newland Methodist Episcopal Church South, of that place.

Owing to the Grand Master having to attend the triennial conclave of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, of which he was one of the

officers, at Los Angeles, Cal., on June 20th, 21st, and 22nd, it was impossible for your Grand Master to attend the St. John Day's exercises at Oxford, which occasion was ably presided over by Deputy Grand Master Claude L. Pridgen, who was Acting Grand Master. Likewise, it was impossible for the Grand Master to attend the laying of the corner stone at South Mills, N. C., on November 30th, and that was presided over by Worshipful Bro. J. W. Jones, of New Lebanon Lodge, No. 314, of South Mills.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I have commissioned Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges upon request of their Grand Masters as follows:

MISSOURI—G. W. Walker, Cape Girardeau, Mo., near the Grand Lodge of Missouri, September 20th.

OKLAHOMA—J. Angus Gillis, P.G.M., Frederick, Okla., near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, August 30th.

I have recommended and received commissions for the following Grand Representatives near our own Grand Lodge, whose appointments were in line with the recommendation made a year ago that these positions should be given to active Masons, representative men in their community, who have not otherwise received Grand Lodge recognition.

SCOTLAND

William R. Smith, Past Master of Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, Raleigh, N. C., chemist and dyer of the Caraleigh Cotton Mills, and an active Masonic worker in all of its branches, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rev. C. M. Richards, D.D., Master of Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 176, of Davidson, N. C. Worshipful Brother Richards, who is a native of South Carolina, is Professor of Biblical and Sacred History in Davidson College, and Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at that place.

TENNESSEE

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, Past Master of Laurinburg Lodge, No. 305, now residing at Louisburg, N. C. Worshipful Brother Wilson is Conference Agent of the Metho-

dist Episcopal Church South, a graduate of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, and a zealous Mason.

All of these appointments were to fill vacancies either original or caused by death. It is recommended to succeeding Grand Masters that the same careful selection of Grand Representatives be made in the future.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW LODGES

Dispensations to form new Lodges have been granted as follows:

January 24, 1916, to Unionville Lodge, at Unionville, in Union County.

March 2, 1916, to Bailey Lodge, at Bailey, in Nash County.

March 16, 1916, to Seven Springs Lodge, at Seven Springs, in Wayne County.

December 18, 1916, to Norlina Lodge, at Norlina, in Warren County.

There were several other dispensations requested to form Lodges, all of which were refused, as in every instance it was not thought to the advantage of Masonry for a Lodge to be established, which did not have before it a future that insured for it success and growth. In some instances, petitions had been signed by Brethren residing outside of the area of the proposed new Lodge. In others, there was not sufficient population to support a Lodge, and, in others, it was not thought advantageous to Masonry to attempt to weaken already established Lodges.

Under date of March 22, 1916, the following letter was written to the petitioners for a Lodge at Boomer, in Wilkes County, N. C., which petition was refused:

PROPOSED LODGE AT BOOMER, N. C.

"Dear Sir and Brother:

"I have given careful consideration to the request of yourself and other Brethren dated March 3, 1916, enclosing check for \$10.00 for dispensation, in which you request a dispensation for the formation of the 17th Masonic Lodge in Wilkes County, which I find I have to refuse for the following reasons:

"Wilkes County in 1910 had a population of 30,282 (including 2,591 negroes) and therefore the 16 Lodges represented one Lodge for each 1,892 of population, and, allowing one voter for each five of white population, it would give at present one Lodge

for each 356 voters, which is very slightly in excess of the proportion provided by the State for a voting precinct. Eleven out of the 16 Lodges in Wilkes have been established within the past 20 years, while, from 1890 to 1910, the population of the county increased only 7,607. In the past 20 years the Grand Lodge has established about 210 Lodges, of which 11 were established in Wilkes County, which has approximately one and one-half per cent. of the population of the State. It looks like there were ample Lodge facilities in the county. In 1910, the number of white males of voting age in the State of North Carolina was 354,315, while the number of affiliated Masons was 19,118, or one affiliated Mason for each 18½ white males of voting age. In 1916, the affiliated Masons aggregated 25,000, which is one Mason for each 14 males of voting age, using the 1910 census as stated above.

"The returns of 15 Lodges (Mt. Pisgah Lodge, No. 623, made no report) show 616 affiliated Masons in Wilkes County, which is one Mason for each nine and a fraction white males of a voting age, using the 1910 census figures. If Mt. Pisgah Lodge had made its returns, the proportion would have been lower.

"Experienced Masons state that a successful Lodge does not number among its membership exceeding 10 per cent. of the white males of voting age living within its jurisdiction.

"I understand that the proposed Lodge area comprises practically Boomer township, which, in 1910, had a population of 931. In 1910, one vote was cast in Wilkes County for each 6.3 of population and on that basis the voting population of Boomer township was 148. The Congressional election in 1914 showed that 143 votes were cast for Congress, which was approximately the voting strength of that township. With such a limited number of voters the chances are decidedly against the Lodge ever reaching a membership of 40, much less becoming a strong Lodge.

"Of the Lodges now in Wilkes County, Liberty Lodge at Wilkesboro has a membership of 65 (six of whom propose to dimit to the new Lodge), the Lodge at North Wilkesboro has 70 members, Clingman Lodge 50, Trap Hill Lodge 53, and Sulphur Springs Lodge 65 members. Seven Lodges have a membership under 35, while Moravian Lodge, No. 353, has a membership of even 35, seven of whom propose to dimit to form this Lodge, leaving it only 28. Moravian Lodge, No. 353, chartered in 1878, is only four and one-half or five miles from Boomer, the proposed location, which Lodge last year only raised two members, while two withdrew and one died, is certainly close enough to take care of the material applying for the degrees of Masonry.

"Of the 13 signers to the petition, I understand that one lives in North Wilkesboro, one at Moravian Falls (where Moravian

Lodge, No. 353 is located), in Moravian Falls Township, and another at Ferguson in Elk township, which is across the Yadkin River from the proposed Lodge. Petitioners for a Lodge must (under Section 181 of the Constitution) be residents of the jurisdiction of the proposed new Lodge, which section further provides that the consent of (all) the Lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected by the new Lodge, if established, must be obtained. This requirement cannot be waived by the Grand Master. However, if that requirement had been complied with, the petition would have been refused for the above reasons.

"Regretting that I cannot grant the petition to you and the Brethren, I am

"Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,

"Grand Master."

"Papers returned."

MASONIC RELIEF

During the past year the Special Charity Committee approved 14 applications of appeals by Lodges to the Lodges of the State for help to individual Masons, their wives or dependents. On November 30th a letter was sent to each of the 14 Lodges requesting a statement of the amount contributed for that relief and the names of the Lodges contributing. To date five out of the 15 have answered, which shows that these appeals only realize an average of \$200 to \$225 for each case. Apparently this relief is costing the Masons of North Carolina about \$3,500 annually. The question then arises whether each Lodge is contributing its share; and is the proration divided on an equal basis between the Masons of North Carolina?

I regret to say my investigation shows that such is not the case, and that scarcely more than one-third of the Lodges of North Carolina seem to answer these appeals. Practically two-thirds of the Lodges are letting the third bear this expense.

An analysis of the five appeals that made report to me is as follows:

Snow Lodge, No. 363.—This Lodge issued the following appeal:

"This appeal is made in behalf of our worthy Brother, M. T. Harmon, whose wife has been an invalid for 20 years, and the

medical treatment for her has been very heavy. Brother Harmon also has a demented child, which requires very close attention.

"The two together require nearly all of Brother Harmon's time, so he is not able to earn a living.

"A very heavy debt has accumulated upon him and he can't possibly pay it without much help.

"We have helped him and will continue to do so, but he stands in greater need than we are able to supply. Hence this appeal.

"Will you answer this appeal and aid this work, Brother?"

This appeal was issued February 24, 1916, and under date of November 9th, the Secretary reported that 188 Lodges (out of the 442) had contributed the sum of \$218.90. Five Lodges contributed 50 cents each, 152 each contributed \$1.00, two Lodges \$1.50 each, 17 Lodges \$2.00 each, five Lodges \$2.50 each, one Lodge \$3.00, one Lodge \$5.00, while five Lodges contributed odd sums varying from 95 cents to \$2.25.

Red Springs Lodge, No. 501.—This Lodge in April issued the following appeal:

"We appeal to you in behalf of Bro. R. F. Curry, a worthy Master Mason, a charter member of Red Springs Lodge, No. 501, and still a member in good and regular standing.

"Brother Curry is over 70 years old and is now, and has been for several years, an invalid and is now in destitute circumstances. He has a little home here in town which is encumbered to the extent of its value, he has an aged sister, two years his senior, dependent on him and the public for support. The sister is trying to nurse and take care of the Brother, which leaves them without any means of support.

"The neighbors are helping them and our Lodge has helped and is still helping to the extent of our ability.

"Brethren, this is a worthy cause and any assistance you may see fit to render will be highly appreciated by Brother Curry as well as by our Lodge."

Up to October 31, 180 Lodges (out of the 442 in the State) contributed to this appeal the sum of \$217.17. Of that, five Lodges contributed 50 cents each, 142 \$1.00 each, 19 \$2.00 each, three \$2.50 each, one \$3.00, three \$5.00 each, while five Lodges contributed odd sums varying from 47 cents to \$5.35.

It is but just to say that two of the \$5.00 contributions came from Masonic Board of Relief in the cities of

Wilmington and Charlotte where there are three Lodges in each place.

Scotch-Ireland Lodge, No. 154.—This Lodge on March 27th issued this appeal:

"We make this appeal in behalf of Bro. J. C. Foard, a member of our Lodge, but now living in Lexington, Ky. Brother Foard contracted tuberculosis in June of last year and up to December tried to do some work, but since then has been in a helpless condition. He has a wife and one child dependent upon him and absolutely no means of support.

"Brother Foard has been working for wages and has not accumulated any of this world's goods.

"We have helped Brother Foard and shall continue to help him, but as he is in a helpless condition we are unable to give him the help needed. Therefore, we ask our sister Lodges to contribute to the relief of a distressed Brother in this his hour of need."

One hundred and seven-four Lodges out of the 442 contributed to this appeal \$227.47, the report being made on December 18th. Of this four Lodges contributed 50 cents each, 139 \$1.00 each, 14 \$2.00 each, three \$2.50 each, one \$3.00, two \$5.00 each, Scotch-Ireland Lodge itself contributed \$20.00, while the eight Lodges contributed odd amounts varying from 60 cents to \$5.35.

Lilesville Lodge, No. 282.—This Lodge, on March 2nd, issued an appeal in behalf of the sisters of Bro. E. V. Dabbs, deceased.

In the report made November 15th, they advised that 162 Lodges had contributed to this appeal the sum of \$203.03. Of this four Lodges contributed \$5.00 each, one \$3.00, two Lodges contributed \$1.50 each, 17 \$2.00 each, 127 Lodges \$1.00, four Lodges 50 cents, while three others contributed odd amounts varying from \$1.20 to \$2.28.

Elkin Lodge, No. 454.—On September 1st, Elkin Lodge, No. 454, issued this appeal:

"This is our first formal appeal and is made in behalf of Bro. J. S. Bell, a member of Elkin Lodge, No. 454, who has been a Master Mason for many years.

"The flood of July 15th, surrounded Brother Bell's dwelling and did much damage to his house and furniture, the water reaching his dwelling.

"He is 64 years old, in poor health and has a large family, mostly girls. Brother Bell cannot do any manual labor and is in need of much more assistance than our Lodge is able to con-

tribute. Several years ago Elkin Lodge made Brother Bell an honorary member. Our Lodge has always responded liberally to any appeal the membership may make in behalf of a Brother."

Under date of October 31st, the Lodge made report that 67 Lodges had contributed to this fund an aggregate of \$91.98. Of this, 46 Lodges contributed \$1.00 each, two \$1.50 each, 11 \$2.00 each, four \$2.50 each, one \$10, one 50 cents, one 48 cents.

Of course, in the six weeks time, the Lodges that usually contribute to this fund had not contributed; hence, the report of Elkin Lodge, No. 454, is incomplete for that reason.

As stated above, out of the 14 appeals approved by the Charity Committee, for which statements were asked as to the amount of their receipts, only five, namely Red Springs Lodge, No. 501; Scotch-Ireland Lodge, No. 154; Snow Lodge, No. 163; Lilesville Lodge, No. 582; and Elkin Lodge, No. 454, made report. Upon examining the list of Lodges that contributed to these appeals, it will be found that each appeal is answered by practically the same Lodges each time. In one appeal 180 out of the 442 Lodges responded, which is the greatest number of Lodges contributing to any appeal. This shows that less than 40 per cent of the Lodges are responding to these appeals. Then it means that the Lodges that do respond are bearing the burden of the other Lodges. An examination of the list of Lodges and the amount they contribute will show that many of the Lodges, and some of them prosperous Lodges, as well as a great number of the weaker Lodges, do not contribute anything to these appeals. In some instances it will be found that the Lodges in the same county with the Lodge making the appeal do not respond to the appeal of the neighboring Lodge in their community.

Another phase of this question is, that these 15 appeals represent approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500 contributed in 1916 by North Carolina Masons out of their generosity. However, it is due the generous and liberal Masons that this Grand Lodge should provide some means of auditing the contributions, and seeing that the money is properly disbursed for the beneficiaries by the local Lodge. Furthermore, without any disparagement to the efficient work of the Special Charity Committee, the Grand Lodge should be better posted as to the worthiness [G.L.-4]

and need of each individual case, and the fact that the local Lodge has done its proportionate share of this relief.

It is regretted that the other 10 Lodges who have issued appeals have not sent in a similar statement of their receipts, the names of Lodges contributing and the amounts of same so that the Grand Lodge could have all the facts before it, in deciding what is best to be done in this matter.

However, from information which has come to this office, it is thought that the greater number of Masonic Lodges do not contribute, and that the Lodges contributing to these four cases are practically all the Lodges that contribute to these appeals. Is that right? Does that appeal to the practical Masons as an even distribution of the burdens of Masonic relief? Look at the list of Lodges; in it will be seen Lodges which are here represented by active and zealous Masons, whom we believe are uninformed as to this condition. As a means of bringing this question directly before the Grand Lodge it is recommended that the Grand Lodge abolish the right of appealing to Lodges, except in exceptional instances with the Grand Master's approval, and that all cases of Masonic relief, which are now handled by these appeals, be cared for by an additional *per capita* tax of 15 cents. This will distribute the burden evenly, where it belongs, and will be far less expensive to the Lodges who now answer these appeals.

LODGES CONTRIBUTING

NAME OF LODGE AND POST OFFICE	NOS. OF LODGES MAKING APPEALS			
	501	154	363	582
St. John's, No. 1, Wilmington -----				
Royal White Hart, No. 2, Halifax -----				
St. John's, No. 3, New Bern -----				
St. John's, No. 4, Kinston -----	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Charity, No. 5, Windsor -----				
Unanimity, No. 7, Edenton -----		1.00	1.00	1.00
Phoenix, No. 8, Fayetteville -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Johnston-Caswell, No. 10, Warrenton --				
American George, No. 17, Murfreesboro	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte -----				
Stokes, No. 32, Concord -----	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
Davie, No. 39, Kelford -----	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Hiram, No. 40, Raleigh -----	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Liberty, No. 45, Wilkesboro -----			
Hall, No. 53, Indian Town -----	\$1.00	1.00	1.00
King Solomon, No. 56, Jackson -----			
Concord, No. 59, Tarboro -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Perseverance, No. 59, Plymouth -----	1.00		1.00
Kilwinning, No. 64, Wadesboro -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Eagle, No. 71, Hillsboro -----			
Golden Fleece, No. 74, Milton -----			
Widow's Son, No. 75, Camden C. H.	1.00	1.00	1.00
Greensboro, No. 76, Greensboro -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sharon, No. 78, Greenville -----	1.00	2.00	2.00
Zion, No. 81, Trenton -----			
LaFayette, No. 83, Jacksonville -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fellowship, No. 84, Smithfield -----			
Morning Star, No. 85, Nashville -----			
Skewarkey, No. 90, Williamston -----		5.00	
Western Star, No. 91, Rutherfordton ..			1.00
Joseph Warren, No. 92, Moyton -----	1.75	1.00	1.00
Jerusalem, No. 95, Hookerton -----		1.00	1.00
Neuse, No. 97, Milbrook -----			1.00
Hiram, No. 98, Clinton -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fulton No. 99, Salisbury -----			
Warren, No. 101, Kenansville -----			
Columbus, No. 102, Pittsboro -----			
Orr, No. 104, Washington -----			
Perquimans, No. 106, Hertford -----	2.00	2.00	2.00
Belmont, No. 108, Faison -----			
Franklin, No. 109, Beaufort -----			
Wayne, No. 112, Goldsboro -----			
Person, No. 113, Roxboro -----			
St. Albans, No. 114, Lumberton -----	2.00	1.00	1.00
Holly Springs, No. 115, Holly Springs ..	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mount Lebanon, No. 117, Wilson -----		2.00	
Mount Hermon, No. 118, Asheville ---			1.00
Franklinton, No. 123, Franklinton ----			1.00
Mill Creek, No. 125, Newton Grove	1.00	1.00	
Gatesville, No. 126, Gatesville -----			
Blackmer, No. 127, Mount Gilead -----			1.00
Hanks, No. 128, Franklinville -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Dan River, No. 129, Madison -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Radiance, No. 132, Snow Hill -----	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mocksville, No. 134, Mocksville -----	1.20	1.00	1.20
Leaksville, No. 136, Leaksville -----			

Lincoln, No. 137, Lincolnton -----		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
King Solomon, No. 138, Burgaw -----	\$2.00	2.00		2.00
Carolina, No. 141, Anonsville -----				
Mount Vernon, No. 143, Ore Hill ----				
Junaluska, No. 145, Franklin -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cherokee, No. 146, Murphy -----				
Palmyra, No. 147, Dunn -----	2.50	2.50	1.00	2.50
Adoniram, No. 149, Virgilina, Va., R.F.D.				
Pee Dee, No. 150, Norwood -----		1.00		
Chalmers, No. 151, Carbondon -----	1.00			
Scotch-Ireland, No. 154, Cleveland ----	1.00	20.00	1.00	1.00
White Stone, No. 155, Wakefield -----				
Rolesville, No. 156, Rolesville -----				
Mount Pleasant, No. 157, Rogers' Store	1.00			
Knap of Reeds, No. 158, Knap of Reeds			1.00	
Yadkin, No. 162, Yadkinville -----	1.00		3.00	
Deep River, No. 164, Coleridge -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Archer, No. 165, Clayton, R.F.D. 2-----				
Winston, No. 167, Winston -----	3.00	3.00	1.00	3.00
Blackmer, No. 170, Weaverville -----	.50	.50		
Coleraine, No. 171, Coleraine -----				
Buffalo, No. 172, Jonesboro -----				
George Washington, No. 174, Elm Grove		1.00	1.00	1.00
Pollocksville, No. 175, Pollocksville ----				
Mecklenburg, No. 176, Davidson -----				
Siloam, No. 178, Harrell's Store -----				
Carthage, No. 181, Carthage -----				
Sandy Creek, No. 185, Louisburg, R. F.D. 6 -----			1.00	1.00
Pine Forest, No. 186, Broadway, R.F.D. 2				
Central Cross, No. 187, Spring Hope, R.F.D. -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Balfour, No. 188, Ashboro -----				
Fair Bluff, No. 190, Fair Bluff -----				
Granite, No. 191, Clayton -----				
Burnsville, No. 192, Burnsville -----				
Mount Olivet, No. 195, Erect -----				
Cary, No. 198, Cary -----				
Cleveland, No. 202, Shelby -----				
Roanoke, No. 203, Weldon -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Berea, No. 204, Oxford, R.F.D. -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Long Creek, No. 205, Huntersville, R.F.D.		1.00	1.00	1.00
Mingo, No. 206, Dunn, R.F.D. 1 -----				
Lebanon, No. 207, Whiteville -----				

Mount Olive, No. 208, Mount Olive---	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Randleman, No. 209, Randleman -----				
Eno, No. 210, Durham -----				
Thomasville, No. 214, Thomasville ----				
Catawba Valley, No. 217, Morganton ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
William G. Hill, No. 218, Raleigh -----	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50
Jefferson, No. 219, Jefferson -----				
County Line, No. 224, Coal Spring ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Wilson, No. 226, Olin -----			1.00	2.00
Jonesville, No. 227, Jonesville -----			1.00	
McCormick, No. 228, Broadway -----	1.00	1.00		1.00
Henderson, No. 229, Henderson -----	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Corinthian, No. 230, Rocky Mount, ---				
William T. Bain, No. 231, Garner, R.F.D.			1.00	1.00
Lenoir, No. 233, La Grange -----				
Anchor, No. 234, Auburn -----				
Mystic Tie, No. 237, Marion -----				
Atlantic, No. 238, Moyock -----		1.00		1.00
Wiccacon, No. 240, Harrellsville -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rountree, No. 243, Grifton (Pitt) -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Monroe, No. 244, Monroe -----	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Catawba, No. 248, Newton -----	1.00	1.00		
Pythagoras, No. 249, Southport -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Shiloh, No. 250, Stovall -----				
Rockford, No. 251, Rockford -----				
Lily Valley, No. 252, Sunbury -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Lee, No. 253, Taylorsville -----	2.00	2.00		
Oaks, No. 255, Saxapahaw -----				
Kenly, No. 257, Kenly -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Harnett, No. 258, Chalybeate Springs--				
Waynesville, No. 259, Waynesville ----				
Excelsior, No. 261, Charlotte -----				
Hibriten, No. 262, Lenoir -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Gaston, No. 263, Dallas -----	1.00	1.00		
Farmington, No. 265, Farmington ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Durbin, No. 266, Stedman -----				
Dunn's Rock, No. 267, Brevard -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Unaka, No. 268, Webster -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Tobasco, No. 271, Gibsonville -----				
Bingham, No. 272, Mebane -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Watauga, No. 273, Boone -----		1.00	2.50	1.00
Beaver Dam, No. 276, Marshville-----				
Green Level, No. 277, Apex, R.F.D. 1--				
Rehoboth, No 279, Rose Hill -----	1.00		1.00	

Wake Forest, No. 282, Wake Forest ---			\$1.00	\$1.00
Eureka, No. 283, China Grove -----	\$1.00	\$1.00	1.00	1.00
Greenville, No. 284, Greenville -----				
Flat Creek, No. 285, Flat Creek -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Cedar Rock, No. 286, Louisburg, R.F.D. 4		1.00	1.00	
Salem, No. 289, Winston-Salem -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
French Broad, No. 292, Marshall -----			1.00	1.00
Vance, No. 293, Weaverville R.F.D. --				
Atlantic, No. 294, Swanquarter -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Stonewall, No. 296, Robersonville -----	1.00	1.00		
Toisnot, No. 298, Elm City -----	1.00	1.00		
Hunting Creek, No. 299, Jennings, R.F.D.				
Clay, No. 301, Hayesville -----		1.00		
Lillington, No. 302, Lillington -----				
Evergreen, No. 303, Spout Springs ---				
Pleasant Hill, No. 304, Pink Hill -----	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Laurinburg, No. 305, Laurinburg -----				
Galatia, No. 306, Raeford -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Patterson, No. 307, Mount Pleasant ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Randolph, No. 309, Troy -----				
Hatcher, No. 310, Sims -----	1.00	1.00		1.00
Notla, No. 312, Culberson -----				
King Solomon, No. 313, Lumber Bridge				
New Lebanon, No. 314, South Mills ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Eureka, No. 317, Elizabeth City -----			2.00	2.00
Wilmington, No. 319, Wilmington-----				5.00
Selma, No. 320, Selma -----				1.00
White Hill, No. 321, Sanford, R.F.D.--		1.00	1.00	1.00
Granite, No. 322, Mount Airy -----				
Falling Creek, No. 325, Grantham ---				
Winton, No. 327, Winton -----		1.00		1.00
Mattamuskeet, No. 328, Middleton ---				
Bayboro, No. 331, Bayboro -----			1.00	1.00
Rowland, No. 335, Rowland -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ionic, No. 337, Kittrell -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fair View, No. 339, King's Mountain--				
Harmony, No. 340, Pikeville -----				
Rock Spring, No. 341, Denver -----				
Hickory, No. 343, Hickory -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Numa F. Reid, No. 344, High Point ---			2.50	
Mount Mourne, No. 347, Mooresville ---				
Stanly, No. 348, Albemarle -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Durham, No. 352, Durham -----	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Moravian, No. 353, Moravian Falls ----				
Dellaplane, No. 355, Dellaplane -----				
Fallston, No. 356, Fallston -----				
Bakersville, No. 357, Bakersville -----				
East La Porte, No. 358, East La Porte				
Mount Vernon, No. 359, Mount Vernon				
Snow, No. 363, Sugar Grave -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Craighead, No. 366, Huntersville -----				
Gastonia, No. 369, Gastonia -----				
Mars Hill, No. 370, Mars Hill -----		1.00	1.00	
Bethel, No. 372, Morven -----		1.00	1.00	1.00
Elk, No. 373, Todd -----				
Campbell, No. 374, Troutman -----	1.00	1.00		
State Line, No. 375, Grover -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Life Boat, No. 376, Merry Oaks -----				
Youngsville, No. 377, Youngsville ----				
Seaboard, No. 378, Seaboard -----				
Coharie, No. 379, Salemburg -----				
Granville, No. 380, Youngsville, R. 2--				
Forest City, No. 381, Forest City ---	1.00		1.00	1.00
Shawnee, No. 382, Long Island -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Reidsville, No. 384, Reidsville -----	1.00	1.00		2.00
Scottsville, No. 385, Furches -----				
Pigeon River, No. 386, Canton -----	1.00	1.00		
Kedron, No. 387, Hendersonville -----				
Mooresboro, No. 388, Mooresboro -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Temperance, No. 389, Vanceboro -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Copeland, No. 390, Copeland -----				
Lebanon, No. 391, Hope Mills -----		1.00		
White Rock, No. 392, Dew Drop -----	2.00		2.00	
Tally Ho, No. 393, Stem -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Cape Fear, No. 394, Little River Academy	1.00			
Orient, No. 395, Wilmington -----				
Oxford, No. 396, Oxford -----	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Bald Creek, No. 397, Swiss -----				
Centre, No. 398, Jupiter -----	1.00	1.90		
Conoho, No. 399, Hamilton -----				
Joppa, No. 401, Old Fort -----				
Dobson, No. 402, Dobson -----				
Siler City, No. 403, Siler City -----				
Farmer, No. 404, Denton -----	1.00		1.00	
Ocean, No. 405, Morehead City -----				
Ivy, No. 406, Ivy -----				

Liberty Grove, No. 407, N. Wilkesboro	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
University, No. 408, Chapel Hill	1.00			
Bula, No. 409, Burlington		1.00	1.00	1.00
Rockville, No. 411, Stanhope	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Henry F. Grainger, No. 412, Dabney				
Louisburg, No. 413, Louisburg				
New Hope, No. 415, Purlear	1.00	.50	1.00	.50
Bellview, No. 416, Cobbs				
Maxton, No. 417, Maxton	5.35	5.35	1.00	1.00
Potecasi, No. 418, Potecasi	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Greenwood, No. 419, Godwin				
Harmon, No. 420, Courtney				
Boonville, No. 421, Boonville				
Sparta, No. 423, Sparta	1.00		1.00	1.00
Baltimore, No. 424, Tracadia	1.00	1.00		
Eastern Star, No. 425, Green Mountain	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Montgomery, No. 426, Ranger				
Oconee, No. 427, Bryson City	1.00	2.00		
Stokesdale, No. 428, Stokesdale	1.00	1.00		
Sea Side, No. 429, Swansboro	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rockyford, No. 430, Kapps Mills				
Relief, No. 431, Benson			1.00	1.00
King's Creek, No. 432, Piney Creek				
Vanceboro, No. 433, Vanceboro	2.00		1.00	
West Bend, No. 434, Lewisville, R. 1				
Blue Ridge, No. 435, Highlands				
Star, No. 437, Star	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Marble Springs, No. 439, Marble	1.00		1.00	
Clingman, No. 440, Ronda, R. 2	1.00	1.00		
Pleasant Mount, No. 441, Abshers	.50			.50
Roper, No. 443, Roper				2.00
Marietta, No. 444, Ramseur	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Biltmore, No. 446, Biltmore	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Enfield, No. 447, Enfield	1.00	1.00		
Lone Oak, No. 449, Robbinsville	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Polenta, No. 450, Garner, R.F.D.			1.00	
Ashler, No. 451, Stony Fork	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Grifton, No. 452, Grifton				
Clyde, No. 453, Clyde				
Elkin, No. 454, Elkin				
Pineville, No. 455, Pineville				
Rusk, No. 456, Rusk			1.50	1.00
Grapevine, No. 457, Grapevine	1.00	1.00		

Blowing Rock, No. 458, Blowing Rock	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Dillsboro, No. 459, Dillsboro	-----			
Henrietta, No. 460, Henrietta	-----		2.00	
Matthews, No. 461, Matthews	----- 2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
South Fork, No. 462, McAdenville	---			
Currituck, No. 463, Coinjock	-----			
Boiling Springs, No. 464, Boiling Springs	.50	1.00	.50	
Gulf, No. 465, Gulf	-----	1.00	1.00	1.00
King Hiram, No. 466, Hope Mills, R. 2				
Healing Springs, No. 467, Crumpler	--- 1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sanford, No. 469, Sanford	-----			
Scotland Neck, No. 470, Scotland Neck			1.00	1.00
Grassy Knob, No. 471, Osbornville	--- 1.00	1.00		1.00
Sonoma, No. 472, Sonoma	-----			
Lexington, No. 473, Lexington	----- 1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
St. Paul's, No. 474, St. Paul's	----- 2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Grimesland, No. 475, Grimesland	----- 1.00	1.00		
Big Lick, No. 476, Big Lick	-----			
Eagle Springs, No. 477, Eagle Springs	1.00		1.00	1.00
Four Oaks, No. 478, Four Oaks	-----			
Rainbow, No. 479, Arapahoe	-----			
Mill Creek, No. 480, Beasley	-----		1.00	.50
Spring Hope, No. 481, Spring Hope	---			
Saluda, No. 482, Saluda	-----			
Trap Hill, No. 483, Trap Hill	-----			
Southern Pines, No. 484, Southern Pines				
Brasstown, No. 485, Brasstown	-----			
Lawndale, No. 486, Lawndale	----- 1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Statesville, No. 487, Statesville	----- 2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00
Rich Square, No. 488, Rich Square	--- 1.00	1.00	.50	
Linville, No. 489, Montezuma	----- 1.00	1.00	2.00	
Buggaboo, No. 490, Dimette	-----			1.00
Hominy, No. 491, Candler	-----		1.00	
Thomas M. Holt, No. 492, Graham	----			
Pilot, No. 493, Pilot Mountain	-----		1.00	
John A. Graves, No. 494, Yanceyville	--	1.00		
Rockingham, No. 495, Rockingham	--- 2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Mooreville, No. 496, Mooreville	--- 1.00			
Royal Hart, No. 497, Littleton	----- 2.00			
Ayden, No. 498, Ayden	-----			
Creedmoor, No. 499, Creedmoor	----- 1.00		1.00	1.00
Raleigh, No. 500, Raleigh	----- 1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Red Springs, No. 501, Red Springs	---	1.00	1.00	1.00

Cookville, No. 502, Henry -----		\$1.00		
Buie's Creek, No. 503, Buie's Creek ---				
Luke McGlaughan, No. 504, Ahoskie ---				
Cherryville, No. 505, Cherryville -----	\$1.00		1.00	
Unaka, No. 506, Unaka -----	1.00			\$1.00
Roberdel, No. 507, Roberdel -----				
Lattimore, No. 508, Lattimore -----				
Belhaven, No. 509, Belhaven -----	1.00	\$1.00	1.00	2.00
Caroleen, No. 510, Caroleen -----	1.00			
Barnardsville, No. 511, Barnardsville --				
Lone Hickory, No. 512, Yadkinville ---		1.00		
Sylva, No. 513, Sylva, R.F.D. -----		1.00		
Scotland, No. 514, Gibson -----				
Whetstone, No. 515, Bessemer City ---				
Aulander, No. 516, Aulander -----				
Farmville, No. 517, Farmville -----	1.00			1.00
Shoal Creek, No. 518, Postell -----		1.00	1.00	
Widow's Son, No. 519, Roanoke Rapids			1.00	
Fairfield, No. 520, Fairfield -----				
Wanchese, No. 521, Wanchese -----				2.00
Warsaw, No. 522, Warsaw -----				
Winterville, No. 523, Winterville -----				
Pendleton, No. 524, Pendleton -----	2.50	2.50		
Rodgers, No. 525, Middlesex -----	1.00	1.00		1.00
Lucama, No. 527, Lucama -----				
Ashpole, No. 528, Fairmont -----	1.00	1.00	1.50	2.00
Andrews, No. 529, Andrews -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Joppa, No. 530, Dilworth, Charlotte ---				
Ellenboro, No. 531, Ellenboro -----				
Hamlet, No. 532, Hamlet -----	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ottolay, No. 533, Fairview -----			1.00	
Camp Call, No. 534, Camp Call -----				
Hollis, No. 535, Hollis -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Boardman, No. 536, Boardman -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sharon, No. 537, Sharon -----	1.00		.50	1.00
Williams, No. 538, Cornelius -----			1.00	1.00
Caswell, No. 539, Tony -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
State Road, No. 540, State Road -----	.50	.50	.50	.50
Parkton, No. 541, Parkton -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Corinthian, No. 542, Greensboro -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Spencer, No. 543, Spencer -----			1.00	1.00
Mount Holly, No. 544, Mount Holly --	1.00			
Shelmerdine, No. 545, Shelmerdine ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Carolina, No. 546, Liberty -----				
Maysville, No. 547, Maysville -----	1.00	1.00		

Bee Log, No. 548, Bee Log -----				\$1.00
Elon, No. 549, Elon College -----				
Roman Eagle, No. 550, Aberdeen -----				
Glenville, No. 551, Glenville -----				
Revolution, No. 552, Greensboro -----	\$1.00	\$1.00	1.00	\$1.00
Zephyr, No. 553, Rusk, R.F.D. 1 -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Vesper, No. 554, Spruce Pine -----				
Elise, No. 555, Hemp -----				
Neil S. Stuart, No. 556, Duke -----				
Oak Grove, No. 557, Cycle -----				
Ararat, No. 558, Ararat -----				
Grassy Branch, No. 559, Terrell -----				
Sulphur Springs, No. 560, Mulberry ---		.50	.50	
Swannanoa, No. 561, Swannanoa -----				
Waxhaw, No. 562, Waxhaw -----	1.00	1.00	2.24	2.28
Tabor, No. 563, Tabor -----				
Richlands, No. 564, Richlands -----		2.20	1.00	1.00
Wendell, No. 565, Wendell -----				1.00
Ronda, No. 566, Ronda -----				
Wentworth, No. 567, Wentworth -----			1.00	
Doric, No. 568, New Bern -----		2.00	5.00	2.00
Mount Pleasant, No. 569, Bailey -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Roaring River, No. 570, Roaring River			1.00	
Snow Creek, No. 571, Statesville, R. 5				
Cliffside, No. 572, Cliffside -----				
Mount Pleasant, No. 573, Champion ---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Bynum, No. 574, Bynum -----	1.00			
St. Timothy, No. 575, Marshville, R. 5			1.00	1.50
Andrew Jackson, No. 576, Salisbury--	5.00	5.00		5.00
Biscoe, No. 577, Biscoe, -----	2.00		1.00	
Meadow Branch, No. 578, Wingate ----				
Casar, No. 579, Casar -----	1.00			1.00
Summit, No. 580, Summit -----	1.00		1.00	
Macclesfield, No. 581, Macclesfield ---	1.00	1.00		
Lilesville, No. 582, Lilesville -----	1.00	.60	1.35	
Ionic, No. 583, Cove City -----				
Apex, No. 584, Apex -----	1.00		1.00	1.00
Roseboro, No. 585, Roseboro -----				
David Bell, No. 587, Whitakers -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Evening Star, No. 588, Bunn -----	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.00
Bethel, No. 589, Bethel -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Lowell, No. 590, Lowell -----		1.00		
Maiden, No. 592, Maiden -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Stony Point, No. 593, Stony Pooint ---				
Helton, No. 594, Sturgill -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Wallace, No. 595, Wallace -----	\$1.00		\$1.00	\$1.00
Waccamaw, No. 596, Bolton -----		\$1.00		
Gulledge Memorial, No. 597, Deep Creek				
Cranberry, No. 598, Elk Park -----			1.00	1.00
Roaring Gap, No. 599, Roaring Gap ---				
Rockwell, No. 600, Ruffin -----	1.00			1.00
Minneapolis, No. 601, Minneapolis -----				
Queen City, No. 602, Rocky Mount ---	2.00	2.00	2.00	
Laurelbranch, No. 603, Laurelbranch ---				
Vaughan, No. 604, Vaughan -----				
Skyuka, No. 605, Tryon -----				
River Side, No. 606, Catawba -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Chadbourn, No. 607, Chadbourn -----				
Grandview, No. 608, Grandview -----				
Zebulon, No. 609, Zebulon -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Glendon, No. 610, Glendon -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
South River, No. 611, Autryville -----				
Atkinson, No. 612, Atkinson -----				
Home, No. 613, Fremont -----	1.00			1.00
Fuquay, No. 614, Fuquay Springs -----				
Sunrise, No. 615, Sunrise School House				1.00
Round Peak, No. 616, Round Peak ---				
St. Patrick, No. 617, Princeton -----	.47		.95	
Midland, No. 618, Midland -----				
Castalia, No. 619, Castalia -----	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Little River, No. 620, Atkinson Mill ---				
Bonlee, No. 621, Bonlee -----			1.00	1.00
Coats, No. 622, Coats -----				
Mt. Pisgah, No. 623, Dockery -----		1.85		
John H. Mills, No. 624, Epsom -----				
Woodsdale, No. 625, Woodsdale -----				
Cannon Memorial, No. 626, Kannapolis	1.00	1.00		
Belmont, No. 627, Belmont -----				
Perfection, No. 628, Kenly -----				
Walnut Cove, No. 629, Walnut Cove ---				

As it is at present, the Grand Master has no say in these cases of relief, although it raised the amount in excess of a tax of 12½ cents on each Mason which, being paid by less than half the Masons, means an average of 25 cents or more on the Masons contributing.

The other ten appeals which were approved by the committee are as follows:

Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, appeal in behalf of Bro. W. D. Ray, approved April 3rd.

Oconee Lodge, No. 427, appeal in behalf of Bro. W. J. Miller, approved June 10th.

Toisnot Lodge, No. 298, appeal in behalf of Bro. A. A. Haynes, approved June 12th.

Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355, appeal in behalf of Bro. Eli Johnson, approved September 2nd.

Roaring Gap Lodge, No. 599, appeal in behalf of Bro. C. T. Blackburn, approved October 28th.

Scottsville Lodge, No. 385, appeal in behalf of Bro. C. L. Upchurch, approved September 2nd.

Youngsville Lodge, No. 377, appeal in behalf of Bro. O. N. Blanks, approved August 14th.

Sulphur Springs Lodge, No. 560, appeal in behalf of Bro. J. A. Root, approved October 14th.

State Road Lodge, No. 540, appeal in behalf of Bro. A. R. Joyce, approved November 13th.

Elkin Lodge, No. 454, appeal in behalf of Bro. J. S. Bell, approved September 8th, of which partial report was made, showing collections down to October 31st.

It is noticeable that, out of the 14 appeals, four of them are by Lodges who apparently have contributed nothing to the appeals of other Lodges as shown by the reports made by the four Lodges which are tabulated. Four Lodges, Nos. 363, 154, 501, and 592 seem to have contributed to all appeals that were made. No. 540 contributed to three out of the four appeals.

Nos. 298 and 427 contributed to two out of the four appeals, and No. 560 contributed the sum of 50 cents to each of two appeals. Nos. 157 and 454 contributed to one appeal each, while four others, Nos. 355, 377, 385, and 599 did not contribute to any of the four appeals tabulated.

It may be that the tabulation of the entire contributions to all of these 14 appeals would present this matter differently, but, with the limited information before us, one can only act on such as is accurately stated, as to the case of the returns made by the four Lodges of the contributions received by them.

OCONEE LODGE, NO. 427

Since writing the above, Oconee Lodge, No. 427, has sent in the list of Lodges contributing to this appeal which aggregates \$158.50. The Secretary writes the following letter:

"I am enclosing a list showing amount with number or name of each Lodge that responded to the appeal made by Oconee Lodge, No. 427, for relief of Bro. W. J. Miller and to be frank we are surprised at so many Lodges not responding. We have never failed to respond to every appeal made to us.

"We want to thank all the several Lodges who did respond to this appeal, assuring them of the fact that we will never deviate in the least from our past record. Thanking you and your Secretary for your action in this matter, and with best wishes for a prosperous year, I am

"Faithfully yours,

"W. M. WILSON,

"Master."

The Lodges contributing were as follows:

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7	\$ 1.00
Ramseur Lodge, No. 243	1.00
China Grove Lodge	1.00
Boone Lodge	1.00
Oxford Lodge, No. 396	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157	1.00
Dunn's Rock Lodge, No. 267	1.00
Perseverance Lodge, No. 69	1.00
Mt. Harmon Lodge	1.00
Sulphur Springs Lodge, No. 560	.50
Swan Quarter Lodge	1.00
Revolution Lodge, No. 552	1.00
Lodge No. 486	2.00
Lodge No. 437	1.00
Lodge No. 248	1.00
Lodge No. 529	1.00
Lodge No. 244	2.50
Lodge No. 40	1.00
Lodge No. 289	2.00
Lodge No. 227	1.00
Lodge No. 426	1.00
Clyde Lodge	2.00
Rich Square Lodge	1.00
Stokes Lodge	2.00
Lodge No. 132	1.00
Lodge No. 451	1.00
Lodge No. 263	2.00
Lodge No. 411	1.00
Lodge No. 553	1.00
Raleigh Lodge, No. 500	2.00

Lodge No. 344 -----	\$ 1.00
Lodge No. 352 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 4 -----	1.00
Winston Lodge -----	1.00
Lodge No. 3 -----	2.00
Lodge No. 505 -----	1.00
Maxton Lodge -----	1.00
Lodge No. 257 -----	2.00
Lodge No. 39 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 567 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 85 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 461 -----	4.50
Rowland Lodge -----	1.00
Winton Lodge -----	1.00
Newbern Lodge -----	1.00
Lodge No. 302 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 217 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 255 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 444 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 304 -----	1.00
King Solomon Lodge -----	2.00
Scotland Neck Lodge -----	1.00
Lodge No. 134 -----	1.00
Red Springs Lodge -----	1.00
Lodge No. 248 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 208 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 257 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 137 -----	2.00
Lodge No. 540 -----	.50
Marlborough Lodge -----	1.00
Lodge No. 513 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 471 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 203 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 8 -----	2.00
Lodge No. 75 -----	1.00
Canton Lodge -----	1.00
Statesville Lodge -----	2.00
Lodge No. 253 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 228 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 381 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 509 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 516 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 143 -----	1.00
Lodge No. 418 -----	1.00
Marble Lodge -----	1.00

Lodge No. 83	-----	\$ 1.00
Lodge No. 115	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 428	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 147	-----	2.50
Lodge No. 542	-----	1.00
Wilson Lodge	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 407	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 480	-----	.50
Lodge No. 459	-----	5.00
Lodge No. 58	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 536	-----	1.00
Cherryville Lodge	-----	1.00
Wadesboro Lodge	-----	1.00
Charlotte Lodge	-----	5.00
Lodge No. 332	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 268	-----	1.00
Mars Hill Lodge	-----	1.00
Franklin Lodge	-----	2.00
Lodge No. 97	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 486	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 230	-----	2.00
Lodge No. 489	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 22	-----	1.00
Shelby Lodge	-----	2.00
Weaverville Lodge	-----	.50
Lodge No. 490	-----	1.00
Lenoir Lodge	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 123	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 331	-----	1.00
Elm City Lodge	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 464	-----	.50
Lodge No. 158	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 408	-----	2.00
Lodge No. 541	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 372	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 447	-----	2.50
Hope Mills Lodge	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 282	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 305	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 285	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 249	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 433	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 353	-----	1.00
Lodge No. 83	-----	1.00
Sunbury Lodge	-----	1.00

Hollis Lodge	\$ 1.00
Shoal Creek Lodge	1.00
Maiden Lodge	1.00
Greenville Lodge	1.00
Clinton Lodge	1.00
Grimesland Lodge	1.00
Lodge No. 91	1.00
Lodge No. 474	1.00
Lodge No. 158	1.00

\$158.50

It is regretted that these figures did not reach me in time to be incorporated into tabulated statement above.

If the Grand Lodge does not take account at this annual communication abolishing these appeals and substituting a *per capita* tax to be distributed by a Central Board, then I would recommend that it require each Lodge to furnish the information which was requested, and that this subject be fully investigated, so that injustice may not be done to the destitute Masons who appeal for aid, or to the generous Masons who have responded to these appeals.

SIZE OF LODGES

An examination of the returns for the year ending October 13, 1915, which were compiled and printed in the Proceedings for 1916, show the following statistics as to size of Lodges:

Under 25	67
Between 26 and 50	177
Between 51 and 75	96
Between 76 and 100	53
Between 101 and 125	23
Between 126 and 150	8
Between 151 and 175	4
Between 201 and 250	2
Between 251 and 300	4
Over 301	2
Lodges failing to make report	5
Total	442

The eight largest Lodges a year ago comprised a tenth of the membership of the Grand Lodge, they being as follows:

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte -----	391
Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, Asheville -----	387
Winston Lodge, No. 167, Winston-Salem -----	275
Durham Lodge, No. 352, Durham -----	271
William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, Raleigh -----	258
Excelsior Lodge, No. 261, Charlotte -----	251
Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, Gastonia -----	237
St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington -----	236
Total -----	2,506

While the average membership of the 442 Lodges was that year 57, if the above eight Lodges be deducted the average membership would be only 52.

These figures seem to me very convincing that we should endeavor in the future to build up the existing Lodges, rather than to increase the present number of Lodges.

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM

This institution which cares for 375 children is still doing the great and noble work, under the direction of its valuable Superintendent, Bro. R. L. Brown, which has characterized it for many years. Until one has visited the institution, seen its happy family, composed of the 375 children who are under its protecting arm and without whose aid they would be helpless in this world, with no hope of present sustenance and no promise of the future bringing anything better. No person, much less a Mason, can visit this institution without becoming himself proud of the Masonic Fraternity and what it is there doing. Recently a Brother who had taken the five children of a neighbor (and three of them were so young they entered the Baby Cottage) stated that when he considered what *pro rata* of his Masonic dues went for the support of this institution, that it made him feel like a millionaire, if the rest of his dues could go proportionately towards bettering mankind.

When we consider that the main building of this institution was built more than sixty years ago to be used as a college for youth approaching manhood, and not as an orphan asylum for helpless children, as well as the

fact that the cottages have now been completed for nearly 25 years, it will occur to any one that there is need of immediate action towards rebuilding a good part of these buildings. The main three-story building does not contain fire walls within it, and is heated by stoves. The fire escape is an exposed one, and not the fire stairs as the Insurance Department now recommends for all schools and mill buildings.

I bespeak for the directors of this institution that the Grand Lodge give heed to the appeal they make.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

This institution, under the guidance of Bro. John J. Phoenix and the other enthusiastic Brethren of Greensboro, continues to grow in usefulness and success. It is now caring for 30 guests, and other applications are pending.

During the past year they have paid \$2,000 on the mortgage debt, due to the generosity of the Masons subscribing towards the same, which reduced the debt down to \$5,000. These able Brethren are now planning to erect two wings to the building, which will practically double its capacity, the estimated cost being \$20,000, of which sum they have \$8,500 in pledges, on which \$3,500 cash has been paid.

With the increase in the number of aged Masons and their dependents cared for, there will be no increase in the general expense of management, and when these are accommodated this institution will be doing an even greater work of usefulness than it is now when it is blessing and brightening the lives of these 30 aged Masons and their dependents.

MASONIC TEMPLE

The affairs of the Masonic Temple have assumed a regular routine which call for no comment now, as the able committee to whom the Grand Lodge intrusted the planning, financing and construction of that building, still continues to exercise the same watchful supervision. They will make full report of their doings, which I believe the Grand Lodge will find satisfactory and endorse whatever action they may have taken in regard to this valuable property.

GRAND MASTER

During the past year there have come frequent invitations to the Grand Master to visit Masonic gatherings in different parts of the State, and practically every day comes a letter on Masonic business demanding time and attention. A great many of these invitations had to be declined, owing to business engagements of every-day life preventing leaving home. It is not fair to the Fraternity that they do not have their Grand Master at some of their Masonic gatherings, for, while it is impossible for a Grand Master to visit each one of the 442 Lodges, yet he can and should visit some of the large Lodges, and each year attend a number of the district meetings. However, Masonry is not intended to interfere with a man's ordinary business affairs, which the Entered Apprentice lecture tells us are on no occasion to be neglected.

Therefore, as my term is now at a close, I recommend to the Grand Lodge that they take into consideration the idea of paying the succeeding Grand Masters a salary of \$1,000.00, in return for which they could expect to claim at least a fourth of his time, whether it be in visiting Lodges, Masonic gatherings or in attending to the work of the Grand Lodge at his home, as then he would be getting the equivalent for the work which the Grand Lodge would be requiring of him.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Heretofore the Grand Secretary's office has been wherever the Grand Secretary happened to have the place of business at which he conducted his private affairs. The offices now occupied by Brother Drewry in the Masonic Temple have been vacated, and the present quarters seem considerably larger than the Grand Lodge will require, and besides would be a considerable expense to the Grand Lodge to rent.

It is therefore recommended that the Masonic Temple Committee provide for such rearrangements or removal of the Grand Secretary's office and the Grand Lodge library as may be approved by the Grand Master, and that the Grand Lodge pay for such rearranging or re-assigned quarters the regular rent like any other tenant in the Masonic Temple.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SALARIES OF THE GRAND LODGE

In the revision of the Masonic Code three years ago, the salary provisions of the officers and appointees of the Grand Lodge were placed in the Constitution, which now seems best to be provided for by regulation. Therefore, it is recommended that all provision for salaries and compensation allowed to Grand Officers or appointees, as set out in Sections 64 to 78, inclusive, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be repealed, and that these matters be provided for by regulation instead of in the Consitution.

AUDITOR

It is recommended that Section 43 of the Constitution providing for Auditor be repealed, and that provision for that work be provided for by regulation. In this connection, it is the wish of a number of the Brethren that the auditing in future should be by some certified public accountant under contract, instead of by some member who may have a knowledge of bookkeeping.

OTHER APPOINTIVE OFFICES

In the same way, it is recommended that the words "Grand Historian, Auditor, and Grand Librarian," be stricken from Section 5 on page 25 in dividing the officers composing the Grand Lodge. They have no Masonic function in a Lodge to perform in a Grand Lodge, and their work is entirely while the Grand Lodge is not in session. The Grand Librarian should be under the Grand Secretary, as in the library should be kept the old returns of the Lodges to the Grand Lodge. Similarly, provision for an Assistant Grand Secretary ought to be cut out of Sections 34 and 37. This provision dates back 40 years ago, when the Assistant's duty was to help the Grand Secretary twice each year, once in mailing the Proceedings, and again in receiving the money from the representatives of Lodges at the Grand Lodge. Originally, the Assistant Grand Secretary was paid an annual salary of \$50, which about 15 years ago was increased to \$150 per year, and, since then the Grand Lodge has provided a card index clerk at a salary of \$600 per year, and also allows another clerk at another salary of \$600 per year, making \$1,200 now disbursed to provide for all the year

round assistance to the Grand Secretary, there is no need of the office of Assistant Grand Secretary.

BUSINESS OF GRAND LODGE

In the opinion of many Brethren the business affairs of the Grand Lodge, which now collects annually \$28,000 in dues, should be reorganized. It owns the Masonic Temple building, which annually collect \$12,000 in rents, also owns the Oxford Orphan Asylum, property worth \$200,000 caring for 375 children, and is largely interested in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, which is an investment of \$45,000, caring for 30 aged people.

If there is a reorganization, all the more apparent will be the recommendation above for making the salaries and compensation of officers and appointees of the Grand Lodge a matter of regulation, instead of tying them up in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. It is therefore recommended that the Grand Lodge appoint a committee of competent Brethren to look into this question, recommend what is best for the interest of the Grand Lodge, and indicate what steps should be taken or changes made in the present Grand Lodge law in order to carry out that recommendation.

ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES

Section 140 of the Constitution prescribes the annual dues to be paid to the Grand Lodge, and Section 145 provides what the returns to the Grand Lodge shall contain. It seems that these provisions could better be cared for by regulation than by a provision in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Furthermore, Section 145, in requiring the returns from Lodges, makes no distinction between those suspended for nonpayment of dues and those suspended for crimes against Masonry and morality. It does seem that a man who permits his dues to remain unpaid and is suspended for nonpayment of dues ought not to be classed with a Mason suspended for an offense against morality and Masonry, which may involve turpitude and crime, hence the old form of return showing those suspended for nonpayment of dues and those suspended for cause should be re-enacted.

COMMON LAW OF MASONRY

In these days when there is so much enacting of laws by Congress and State Legislatures, it is not unnatural that the similar idea has grown up in Masonry. If one will examine the ancient Constitutions, he will find a great deal that is fundamental in Masonry, and on those fundamentals practically all the Masonic law can be built up by the rulings of the Grand Master, which in turn are reviewed by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and then by the approval of the Grand Lodge enacted as controlling in their principles. It does seem that very often we have too much law, as the detailed enumeration of methods and courses leaves nothing to the common-sense of a Mason to work out. Of course, fundamental provisions have to be laid down clearly and unequivocally, but the details arising out of those fundamentals should be provided for by decisions of the Grand Master, on which edicts of the Grand Lodge could be based, as they will adjust themselves to the times and the people for which they are made, and not be burdensome or irksome to a growing Fraternity holding to the landmarks of Masonry. Only last year did the Grand Lodge reverse a ruling as to the number of candidates that could be obligated at one and the same time, as the prior ruling had been found utterly unsuited to the needs of Lodges in towns exceeding 15,000 inhabitants.

FINANCIAL

It is recommended that the Grand Lodge direct the Finance Committee, in preparing the budget for the coming year, to include such a sum of money as will care for the smaller items of expense of the Grand Lodge. As it is, the present method of handling the Grand Lodge finances is for the Grand Secretary to approve a bill and then it goes to the Grand Treasurer for payment. Last year there were nine checks drawn by the Grand Treasurer for amounts less than \$5.00. It is unnecessary to burden the Grand Treasurer with the paying of such small items as this, and, if a contingent fund were provided for the Grand Secretary's office, all bills against the Grand Lodge for less than \$25.00 could be paid out of this amount, which would be reported in detail to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary then only have to draw checks for substantial amounts.

Furthermore, the plan of paying the expense of the Grand Lodge, such as the mileage of the District Deputies and expense of the Grand Officers and Custodians and Lecturers, could likewise be taken care of by a pay roll sheet, which, when signed by the Brethren, would be a receipt for the same.

CONCLUSION

The Masonic year has now drawn to a close, and in this address your Grand Master has endeavored to touch on some of the points of interest during the past year. Particularly has he tried to serve the Grand Lodge in season and out of season, with an eye singled to its good, and never for the personal gain of any one Brother over another. If any mistakes have been made, and doubtless there were many, they have been mistakes of the head and not of the heart, for all of us are liable to err, and no one is infallible in his judgment.

There have been plans and ideas, which, if carried out, would have meant a great deal to Masonry, but, unfortunately, matters over which your Grand Master had no control, such as sickness in his family, and other causes which need not be mentioned, prevented the carrying out of these ideas. If any good has been accomplished during the past year, he is well paid for the efforts given to the work of the Grand Lodge. If any success has been attained, it has been due to the faithful Masonic workers, toiling in season and out of season in their several communities, without reward or hope of reward save the approval of their own conscience in having done what they thought was their duty—to these faithful Brethren is due any credit for what has been done. Particularly should be mentioned the faithful District Deputies, who have exercised a guiding care over their districts, inspiring the membership with high ideals and a zeal for Masonry which has not heretofore been equaled.

Furthermore Brethren, let us remember that we are God's creatures, placed here in this world to do our duty, and let us, therefore, do all we can to live as becomes Masons, to contribute to the relief of worthy distress, whether of the Fraternity or not, and to give our aid to bless and benefit the communities in which we live, so the world at large may see the good effects of our great Fraternity.

ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS,
Grand Master.

Deputy Grand Master's Address

The Deputy Grand Master delivered an address as acting Grand Master, which was read and referred to the Board of General Purposes, and in which the following tribute was paid by him to our departed Grand Secretary, R. W. John C. Drewry:

In conclusion, Brethren, I must say that I feel that I would abase the name of Brotherhood if I should fail at this time to give additional notice of our great loss this year, and to pay my humble tribute to our departed Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry. Therefore, I ask but a moment more of your time that I may break the alabaster box of memory and pour the oil of love over the virtues of our departed friend and Brother.

For years before I claimed his personal friendship, I was strongly attracted to him as I observed him in his civic life and his Masonic duties, sometimes hard pressed by those who should have been his friends, sometimes tried beyond the temptations of the average man, sometimes heartsick over shattered ideals. He never wavered in his chosen line of action which was based upon those great principles that he had learned from the Order he so much loved. After I had gained his highly prized friendship and confidence and knew more of the inmost soul of the man, I loved him the more.

I saw the great heart as tender as a woman's, the will as firm as steel, the busy life as pure as a child's. On one occasion when he had been done a great wrong and I had hastened to write him expressing my indignation, as tender as a woman's came the reply: "It does hurt, doctor. No one knows how badly it hurt, but we must not forget our duty to keep our passions within due bounds and try and forgive them, for they know not what they do."

There spoke the man and the Mason that he was. Many of you here will remember how, year after year, he arose at his station and repeated again and again that he would rather be Grand Secretary of this Grand Body than Governor of North Carolina; you recall how he said that the great throb of his heart was love for his fellow man; you will recall the prayer he breathed that he might in another year be enabled to do more for the uplift of his race.

In his last fleeting moments, when he should have treasured the rapidly failing strength left in him, he insisted on spending a part of several days, necessary on account of his weakness, to complete that tender communication which went out to the Craft, bearing his last message of love. When the clock of life struck twelve, and the messenger came from the Supreme Grand Master with the summons for him to report to the Grand Lodge Above; when the working tools of life fell from his nerveless grasp, and we folded the quiet hands and tenderly placed him in yon narrow bed, as though from the Great Beyond, came still another message, which shall be read to you here, bearing the same substantial love for you and for Masonry, that he ever exhibited while with us.

He was my friend in civic life, and he was ever a faithful and a thoughtful friend. He was my Brother in Masonry, and as a Brother I always found him kind and true.

May he rest in peace until he is raised to a more sublime degree in that Grand Lodge to which he has been called. While we mourn his absence here, and pay loving tribute to his memory, let us remember his virtues and imitate his splendid example. With his memory in mind, may we be constrained in our daily lives to pray as he did.

"If any little love of mine may make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine may make a friend the fleeter,
If any lift of mine may ease the burden of another,
God give me love and care and strength to help my toiling Brother."

Faithfully yours,

C. L. PRIDGEN,

Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

Grand Treasurer's Report

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Leo. D. Heartt, presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Report of Leo. D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Nort Carolina, for the year 1916:

RECEIPTS

Amount received from Grand Secretary:	
Grand Lodge Dues -----	\$27,176 30
Charter and dispensation -----	150 00
Defunct Lodges -----	43 35
Members of defunct Lodges, sale Codes, etc. -----	162 12
Rebecca Baird bequest -----	100 00
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	\$27,631 77
Received from Masonic Temple Construction Co. inter- est on note, Moore legacy -----	
	60 00
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Total receipts -----	\$27,691 77
Balance on hand from last report -----	1,292 54
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	\$28,984 31

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DISBURSEMENTS

Jan. 19	By amount paid E. M. Blackburn, D.D.G.M.---	\$ 7 40
	By amount paid John P. Fulke, D.D.G.M.---	6 90
	By amount paid J. B. Carpenter, D.D.G.M.---	12 80
	By amount paid W. C. Wicker, A.G.L.-----	8 60
20	By amount paid R. F. Edwards, G.L. -----	22 50
	By amount paid J. W. Patton, A.G.L.-----	12 50
	By amount paid W. W. Holland, A.G.L.-----	21 00
	By amount paid J. W. Rowell, A.G.L. -----	22 50
	By amount paid J. W. Alford, A.G.L.-----	16 50
	By amount paid J. M. Peterson, D.D.G.M.----	13 10
	By amount paid C. A. Clark, D.D.G.M.-----	15 15
	By amount paid J. H. Williams, D.D.G.M.----	3 75
	By amount paid J. LeGrand Everett, D.D.G.M.	5 15
	By amount paid J. F. Roberts, D.D.G.M.-----	10 50
	By amount paid F. W. Kenny, D.D.G.M.-----	13 50
	By amount paid W. B. McKoy, P.G.M. -----	8 25

Jan. 20	By amount paid B. S. Royster, P.G.M. -----	\$ 2 90
	By amount paid H. A. Gudger, P.G.M. -----	11 00
	By amount paid R. N. Hackett, P.G.M. -----	20 25
	By amount paid R. J. Noble, P.G.M. -----	5 00
	By amount paid S. M. Gattis, P.G.M. -----	2 00
	By amount paid H. I. Clark, P.G.M. -----	6 40
	By amount paid J. E. Cameron, Custodian ---	16 25
	By amount paid Leon Cash, Custodian -----	16 87
	By amount paid C. L. Pridgen, S.G.W. -----	17 60
	By amount paid H. M. Poteat, G.P. -----	8 75
	By amount paid Geo. S. Norfleet, S.G.W. -----	12 00
	By amount paid Henry A. Grady, J.G.W. ----	9 35
	By amount paid Milton Clark, G.C. -----	6 50
	By amount paid A. S. Holden, Cred. Com. ---	10 00
	By amount paid H. R. Dowell, Cred. Com. ---	10 00
	By amount paid D. F. Betts, Cred. Com. -----	10 00
22	By amount paid G. M. Spence, Supt. Bldg. ---	36 50
	By amount paid W. S. Liddell, P.G.M. -----	7 80
	By amount paid G. M. Spence, Supt. Bldg. ---	2 00
24	By amount paid J. T. Alderman, P.G.M. -----	2 20
27	By amount paid F. P. Hobgood, G.M. -----	25 00
Feb. 1	By amount paid Jno. C. Drewry, G.S. off. exp.	88 94
	By amount paid Mitchell Printing Co., off. exp.	4 25
	By amount paid James E. Thiem, off. exp. ----	5 30
	By amount paid H. Mahler's Sons, P.M. jewel	25 00
	By amount paid Chas. K. Cook Co., for souvenirs -----	162 63
	By amount paid F. M. Winchester, P.G.M. appropriation -----	200 00
8	By amount paid S. N. Boyce, Custodian -----	19 85
15	By amount paid Knox W. Henry, D.D.G.M. ---	7 80
Mch. 2	By amount paid D. A. Guffy, Sec'y, County Line Lodge, No. 224, appropriation -----	65 00
	By amount paid R. N. Hackett, P.G.M., Grand Representative -----	18 50
7	By amount paid Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co. -----	22 50
9	By amount paid Jno. W. Cotten, P.G.M., G.L. Meeting, 1916 -----	4 40
10	By amount paid Dennis & Baird, engraving testimonial -----	50 00
18	By amount paid F. A. Watson, frame for same	5 00
27	By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S. -----	50 00
	By amount paid N. C. Sanatorium -----	107 00
30	By amount paid R. H. Bradley, G.T. -----	20 77

Apr. 5	By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum ----\$	17 50
18	By amount paid S. M. Gattis, P.G.M., meeting Board General Purposes -----	3 50
	By amount paid Jno. W. Cotten, P.G.M., meet- ing Board General Purposes -----	7 70
20	By amount paid B. S. Royster, P.G.M., meet- ing Board General Purposes -----	9 50
June 9	By amount paid Grand Seceretary's office, sending Proceedings -----	89 34
10	By amount paid Grand Treasurer -----	100 00
12	By amount paid Jos. C. Ellington, walnut frame -----	6 50
	By amount paid E. M. Uzzell, printing, Grand Secretary's office -----	9 50
	By amount paid W. M. Coble, portrait Grand Master Alderman -----	15 00
	By amount paid Commercial Printing Co., printing Grand Sec'y office 50,000 cards	37 50
	By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum print- ing Proceedings, etc. -----	802 65
July 1	By amount paid C. L. Pridgen, D.G.M., exp. self and Grand Orator at Oxford -----	26 55
	By amount paid W. T. Ueltschi, expense G. Rosenthal, P.G.S. -----	27 20
5	By amount paid Raleigh Floral Co. design (Rosenthal) P.G.S. -----	10 00
	By amount paid Grand Treasurer -----	100 00
12	By amount paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler--	12 15
28	By amount paid Leon Cash, Custodian exp. July meeting -----	20 75
Aug. 18	By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S.-----	50 00
25	By amount paid W. W. Willson, special D.G.M.	14 50
Sep. 2	By amount paid Edwards & Broughton Print- ing Company -----	60 65
16	By amount paid Mont R. Haynes, upholstering Grand Lodge furniture -----	4 75
Oct. 4	By amount paid J. E. Cameron, exp Custodian Morehead City -----	14 25
	By amount paid S. M. Gattis, exp. extra meet- ing Grand Lodge -----	2 00
	By amount paid C. L. Pridgen, D.G.M., exp. Acting Grand Master -----	10 00
	By amount paid C. L. Pridgen, exp. attending special meeting -----	9 55

Oct. 4	By amount paid Jno. W. Cotten, P.G.M., exp. attending special meeting -----	\$ 7 00
	By amount paid R. J. Noble, P.G.M., exp. attending special meeting -----	2 40
	By amount paid W. S. Liddell, P.G.M., exp. extra meeting -----	7 90
	By amount paid H. A. Grady, G.J.W., exp. extra meeting -----	8 00
	By amount paid Leon Cash, G.S.W., exp. extra meeting -----	8 50
	By amount paid J. C. Braswell, G.S.D., exp. extra meeting -----	1 40
	By amount paid H. M. Poteat, G.S.B., exp. extra meeting -----	1 50
	By amount paid J. LeGrand Everett, G.P., exp. extra meeting -----	5 00
	By amount paid R. F. Edwards, G.L., exp. extra meeting -----	5 00
12	By amount paid W. B. McKoy, P.G.M., exp. extra meeting -----	7 20
13	By amount paid R. H. Bradley, G.T., exp. extra meeting -----	18 25
	By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, interest on Moore legacy -----	60 00
21	By amount paid Grand Secretary's office, account postage -----	75 00
	By amount paid Masonic Relief Ass'n. U. S. and Canada -----	125 44
Nov. 6	By amount paid Hiram Lodge, G.L. appropriation, special appropriation to widow -----	100 00
Nov. 14	By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, printing -----	45 25
	By amount paid Commercial Printing Co., 1,000 labels -----	2 50
	By amount paid The Tar Heel Co., ins. Grand Lodge property -----	15 00
	By amount paid Postal Telegraph Cable Co., Grand Secretary's funeral -----	12 18
	By amount paid The Western Union Cable Co., Grand Secretary's funeral -----	18 19
	By amount paid Carolina Power & Light Co., cars, Grand Secretary's funeral -----	20 00
	By amount paid Raleigh Floral Co., flowers, Grand Secretary's funeral -----	25 00

Dec.	5	By amount paid Grand Secretary's office, postage account -----	\$ 50 00
		By amount paid Masonic Temple Construction Co., Grand Lodge appropriation -----	7,500 00
	6	By amount paid J. W. Alford, A.G.L., visiting Pamlico Lodge -----	5 50
	18	By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S., bal.	50 00
	28	By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S., office expense -----	36 03
		By amount paid Masonic Temple Construction Co., rent -----	300 00
		By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum ----	18 75
		By amount paid Bastian Bros. Co., souvenirs	105 00
		By amount paid Masonic Eastern Star Home, Grand Lodge appropriation -----	3,000 00
	29	By amount paid The Elwood Myers Co., souvenirs -----	66 19
		By amount paid Jno. C. Drewry, G.S., stenographer to October 1 -----	450 00
		By amount paid Jno. C. Drewry, G.S., card index clerk -----	450 00
		By amount paid Jno. C. Drewry, G.S., to Oct. 1	900 00
		By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S., to bal. stenographer -----	150 00
		By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S., to balance card index clerk -----	150 00
		By amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S., salary	300 00
		By amount paid Jno. C. Drewry, correspondence, postage, and office exp. -----	241 99
	30	By amount paid M. DeL. Haywood, Chairman Correspondence Committee -----	150 00
		By amount paid T. R. Robertson, Auditor ---	100 00
		By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, for Baird bequest -----	100 00
1917			
Jan.	5	By amount paid Mitchell Printing Co.-----	9 75
		By amount paid Misses Reid and Willson ---	2 65
		By amount paid E. M. Uzzell -----	1 25
		By amount paid Edwards & Broughton Printing Company -----	9 75
		By amount paid Boylan-Pearce Co. -----	58 25
		By amount paid James E. Thiem -----	47 00
		By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, amt. appropriated -----	5,000 00

Jan.	5	By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, Baby branch -----	\$ 2,500 00
	6	By amount paid T. R. Robertson, Auditor exp.	12 50
	8	By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, printing memorial -----	40 00
	11	By amount paid R. H. Bradley, G. Lib. -----	50 00
	15	By amount paid Bessie H. Parham, clerk G.M.	120 00
		By amount paid Masonic and Eastern Star Home -----	500 00
		By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum----	500 00
		By amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum----	500 00
Total disbursements -----			\$26,801 77
Balance -----			2,182 54

\$28,984 31

Respectfully submitted,

LEO. D. HEARTT,

Grand Treasurer.

Grand Secretary's Report

The following report of Bro. William W. Willson, Acting Grand Secretary, was presented, read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Through the illness and death of R. W. Bro. John C. Drewry, the duty has devolved upon me to make what would have been his 22nd annual report as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

ILLNESS AND DEATH OF GRAND SECRETARY DREWRY

In the early summer of 1915, the illness, which terminated the earthly existence of Brother Drewry, made its appearance. At first, it was not thought to be of serious nature, and it was expected that rest and recreation would restore him to permanent health. Acting upon the advice of his physicians, in July he took a vacation and went to a sanitarium, hoping to return and take up his work on the first of September.

Finding that an operation would be necessary, he returned home the latter part of October and remained about a week, arranging his affairs to go to Baltimore for the operation. The operation was thought to be successful, for, though weak and feeble, he was able to attend the Grand Lodge last year, and on Wednesday morning addressed this body.

At that time he was led to believe that his recovery would be rapid, and he stated in his 1916 report that he expected to resume the duties of his office within 60 days. He believed he would be able to do this, but it was denied him, as he was only permitted to enter his office twice after October, 1915, and then only for about one hour each time.

Early after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge last year, he went to Florida with the hope of building up his strength, but his hope and our wishes did not materialize. A second operation became necessary, after which he grew gradually weaker until October 2, 1916, when he passed quietly away.

His last thought was for the institution he loved so well; and we think that only his great love for Masonry could have enabled him, while languishing on his death

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bed, to keep the Grim Monster in abeyance and dictate his last loving message to the Craft, which was sent out under the date of September 7th, less than 30 days before he left us, and which is here reproduced:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA
A. F. & A. M.

“RALEIGH, N. C., September 7, 1916.

“MY DEAR BRETHREN:—Within the past twelve months, during which time I have undergone two serious operations, I have had much time for serious reflection and meditation. During that time my love and admiration for Masonry has constantly grown and strengthened.

“I have taken many careful surveys of the Masonic field in North Carolina, and in my mental wanderings I have visited every Lodge in the State, and I have talked to you Brethren from a heart overflowing with love springing from the great desire and zeal that possessed my soul to be of some service to you. I have spoken to you of peace and brotherly love—that peace which the world cannot give and cannot take away, for the Good Book tells us ‘To be spiritually minded is life and peace.’ I have dwelt upon the beauties of brotherly love. What a blessed thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. In the words of the Psalmist: ‘It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.’

“I love a Masonic Lodge, because it is one place where we all can meet upon a level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square. Every Masonic Lodge should be a fountain of love and inspiration where its members can go and drink freely of those splendid virtues so beautifully taught by Masonry. I trust that you Brethren are striving to do everything you can to make your Lodge the power for good that it should be in your community.

"Masonry has grown in numbers in North Carolina, and has also grown in works, but let us redouble our efforts in the future to do more good work and have a keener love for our fellow man than we ever had in the past. I said 22 years ago, when you elected me your Grand Secretary, that I would not die satisfied until I saw 25,000 true and good Masons in North Carolina. I have lived to see the realization of that hope, but there are 25,000 more good men in North Carolina who ought to be in our ranks and doing good work as members of our noble Order. We can attract them by our own correct living and upright bearing in our everyday walk before them.

"God bless you, one and all, and bring you to a full realization of just what you should do, and give you grace and power to do it in order to secure your own happiness and peace, and the comfort and joy of those about you.

"Sincerely and fraternally yours,

"John C. Drewry.

"Grand Secretary."

It affords me great pleasure to say that nearly all of the Lodges have made their reports for the year 1916.

NEW LODGES

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

January 24, 1916, Unionville Lodge, at Unionville, in Union County.

March 2, 1916, Bailey Lodge, at Bailey, in Nash County.

March 16, 1916, Seven Springs Lodge, at Seven Springs, in Wayne County.

December 18, 1916, Norlina Lodge, at Norlina, in Warren County.

No charters have been restored during the year.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED

Stoneville Lodge, No. 197, at Stoneville, in Rockingham County, 17 members, March 27, 1916.

Black Creek Lodge, No. 330, at Black Creek, in Wilson County, 22 members, May 1, 1916.

Pamlico Lodge, No. 300, at Aurora, in Beaufort County, 18 members, October 11, 1916.

Mount Mourne Lodge, No. 347, at Mooresville, in Iredell County; 15 members, December 30, 1916.

A number of the members of Pamlico Lodge, No. 300, and Black Creek, No. 330, since the surrender of the charters of their Lodges, have paid the dues charged against them, have taken Grand Lodge dimits, and have connected themselves with other Lodges. I presume a number of the members of Stoneville Lodge, No. 197, and Mount Mourne, No. 347, will do likewise, as soon as their Post Office addresses can be ascertained, and they are written to in regard to the matter by the Grand Secretary.

In addition to the funds received from Black Creek Lodge, No. 330, Masonic Temple Construction Company Second Mortgage Bond, No. 402, was sent in and is undisposed of.

CHARTER ARRESTED

The charter of Jonesville Lodge, No. 227, was arrested by the Grand Master during the year. This Lodge has made complete and correct returns for the year 1916, and paid their per *capita tax*. Under instructions from the Grand Master, no receipt was issued them.

DELINQUENT LODGES

Reports for the Masonic year ending October 31, 1915, have been obtained from all the Lodges except three: Golden Fleece, No. 74, at Milton, N. C., and Warren Lodge, No. 101, at Kenansville, N. C. These two Lodges have not made reports in several years. Minneapolis Lodge, No. 601, is the other Lodge not making reports for the year 1915. Neither has this Lodge made its report for the year 1914. Unsuccessful efforts have been made to have these Lodges send in their returns. The Secretary of Minneapolis Lodge, No. 601, remitted \$108.00 without any report, for which a receipt on account was sent him.

All balances due by Lodges making returns for the year 1915 have been collected during the year except from three.

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS

Number of Lodges in the jurisdiction -----	437
Number of Lodges under dispensation -----	4
Number of Lodges that have made returns to date---	418
Number of Master Masons at last report -----	25,030
Number initiated -----	1,713
Number passed -----	1,468
Number raised -----	1,448
Number admitted -----	460
Number reinstated -----	125
Number in Lodges under dispensation (estimated)--	60
Total -----	27,123
Number expelled -----	21
Number suspended -----	289
Number withdrawn -----	498
Number died -----	335
Number in Lodges surrendering charters -----	70
	1,213
Number of Master Masons, October 31, 1916---	25,910

REVENUE

Receipts to January 1, 1917, from all sources	\$27,631 77
From Lodge dues -----	\$27,176 30
Charter and dispensation fees, less Grand Secretary's fees -----	150 00
From bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Baird -----	100 00
From Bro. A. J. Ellington, D.D.G.M., money in treasury of Stoneville Lodge, No. 197 -----	27 57
From Bro. Barnes Daniels, W.M., money in treasury of Black Creek Lodge, No. 330 -----	15 78
Collected dues from members of dead Lodges -----	69 47
Sale of Codes and Proceedings -----	92 65
Paid Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt -----	\$27,631 77

In accordance with the usual custom pursued by Brother Drewry, I bring forward the receipts and membership this year and compare them with the receipts and membership 22 years ago when he was elected Grand Secretary, which gives the growth of Masonry in North Carolina during that time.

In the year 1895 the receipts from all sources of the Grand Lodge were \$4,779.50. The total receipts for the present year, as shown above, are \$27,631.77, which is an increase in receipts of about 560 per cent.

In the year 1895 the number of Masons in the State in good standing was 9,842. We now have a membership of 25,910, which shows the increase in revenue and numerical strength during the past 22 years, and, consequently, our increase in power and influence for good.

APPEALS FOR AID

A number of letters was received during the year from Lodges throughout the State who had received appeals for aid in behalf of members of other Lodges, inquiring as to their regularity. In all cases, except one, they were regular and had received the approval of the Grand Lodge Committee on Charity, but, being printed locally, of course did not bear the imprint of the Grand Lodge seal or the Grand Secretary's signature. I would suggest to the Lodges that in the future that they have their appeals for aid printed at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, where the seal of the Grand Lodge and the facsimile signature of the Grand Secretary will be placed upon them. Not having these when printed locally, I believe, causes many of the Lodges to fail to make response.

CARD INDEX

This great work started by Grand Secretary Drewry is now about three-fourths completed. It has already proven its value in many ways; not only to the Grand Lodge, but to the subordinate Lodges also. Under present conditions surrounding the office, it can be completed by the time this Grand Lodge convenes in annual communication in 1918.

DATES OF PAYMENT OF DUES BY LODGES

Following this report and in compliance with the recommendation heretofore made by the Finance Com-

mittee, I am reporting the dates of payment of dues by the several Lodges.

In conclusion, permit me to express my deep appreciation to the Brethren throughout this jurisdiction for the courtesy and assistance extended me in the performance of the duties of this office for the past 17 months.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. WILLSON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES WITH DATE OF PAYMENT OF PER CAPITA TAX

Oct.	28	St. John's, No. 1	\$ 294 00
		Enfield, No. 447	95 00
	30	Southern Pines, No. 484	67 00
		Joseph Warren, No. 92	58 00
	31	Cherryville, No. 505	92 00
		Sunrise, No. 615	23 00
Nov.	1	Belmont, No. 108	51 00
		Carthage, No. 181	54 00
		Anchor, No. 234	16 00
		Mt. Lebanon, No. 117	105 00
	2	Roberdel, No. 507	24 00
		Phoenix, No. 8	120 00
		Campbell, No. 374	35 00
	3	Phalanx, No. 31	460 00
		Mt. Pleasant, No. 569	34 00
	6	Rountree, No. 243	44 00
		Chadbourn, No. 607	34 00
	7	Catawba Valley, No. 217	58 00
	8	St. Timothy, No. 575	49 00
		Hibriten, No. 262	161 00
		Vance, No. 293	62 00
	10	Glendon, No. 610	28 00
		Mecklenburg, No. 176	36 00
		Glenville, No. 555	65 00
		Ivy, No. 406	46 00
		Mt. Hermon, No. 118	423 00
	11	Orr, No. 104	140 00
		Excelsior, No. 261	303 00
	13	Neuse, No. 97	40 00
		State Road, No. 540	30 00
		McCormick, No. 228	46 00
		St. John's, No. 3	101 00
	14	Mill Creek, No. 125	50 00

Nov.	14	King Solomon, No. 138 -----	\$ 43 00
		Mt. Vernon,* No. 143 -----	29 00
		Matthews, No. 461 -----	66 00
		Lily Valley, No. 252 -----	25 00
	15	Pleasant Hill, No. 304 -----	63 00
		LaFayette, No. 83 -----	73 00
		Williams, No. 538 -----	59 00
		Unaka, No. 268 -----	41 00
	16	Jerusalem, No. 95 -----	44 00
		Wm. G. Hill, No. 218 -----	313 00
		Central Cross, No. 187 -----	71 00
	17	Evergreen, No. 303 -----	20 00
	18	Davie, No. 39 -----	45 00
		Long Creek, No. 205 -----	38 00
		Gaston, No. 263 -----	72 00
		White Rock, No. 392 -----	88 00
	20	Wilmington, No. 319 -----	94 00
		Skewarkee, No. 90 -----	81 00
		David Bell, No. 587 -----	18 00
		Sharon, No. 78 -----	59 00
		Vaughan, No. 604 -----	20 00
		Caroleen, No. 510 -----	51 00
	21	Raeford, No. 306 -----	65 00
		Hiram, No. 40 -----	133 00
		Evening Star, No. 588 -----	35 00
		Oxford, No. 396 -----	115 00
		Creedmoor, No. 499 -----	81 00
		Reidsville, No. 384 -----	73 00
		Biltmore, No. 446 -----	44 00
	22	Grapevine, No. 457 -----	56 00
		Summit, No. 580 -----	29 00
		Copeland, No. 390 -----	66 00
		Roaring Gap, No. 599 -----	37 00
		Western Star, No. 91 -----	77 00
	23	Lone Hickory, No. 512 -----	43 00
		Lexington, No. 473 -----	124 00
		Roanoke, No. 203 -----	70 00
		New Lebanon, No. 314 -----	45 00
		Queen City, No. 602 -----	82 00
		Stokes, No. 32 -----	155 00
		Lilesville, No. 582 -----	31 00
		Grimesland, No. 475 -----	77 00
	24	Toisnot, No. 298 -----	43 00
		Fair Bluff, No. 190 -----	36 00
		Lucama, No. 527 -----	46 00

Nov. 24	Skyuka, No. 605 -----	\$ 19 00
	Atlantic, No. 294 -----	43 00
	Rockingham, No. 495 -----	79 00
	Craighead, No. 366 -----	57 00
	Catawba, No. 248 -----	81 00
	Cranberry, No. 598 -----	65 00
	Eureka, No. 283 -----	77 00
	Stanly, No. 348 -----	111 00
	Oaks, No. 255 -----	39 00
	Wayne, No. 112 -----	94 00
	Spencer, No. 543 -----	134 00
	Lebanon, No. 391 -----	54 00
	Chalmers, No. 151 -----	20 00
	Red Springs, No. 501 -----	94 00
	Andrews, No. 529 -----	66 00
	Rodgers, No. 525 -----	61 00
	Knap of Reeds, No. 158 -----	45 00
	Stonewall, No. 296 -----	81 00
	Seaboard, No. 378 -----	43 00
	Boonville, No. 421 -----	31 00
25	Hall, No. 53 -----	56 00
	St. John's, No. 4 -----	189 00
	Fair View, No. 339 -----	55 00
	Eno, No. 210 -----	113 00
	Morning Star, No. 85 -----	69 00
	Lincoln, No. 137 -----	100 00
	County Line, No. 224 -----	25 00
	Farmington, No. 265 -----	43 00
	New Hope, No. 415 -----	38 00
	Wendell, No. 565 -----	52 00
	Dunn's Rock, No. 267 -----	121 00
	Henderson, No. 229 -----	126 00
	Ocean, No. 405 -----	58 00
	Hamlet, No. 532 -----	74 00
	Orient, No. 395 -----	136 00
	Hanks, No. 128 -----	43 00
	Boardman, No. 536 -----	34 00
27	Eastern Star, No. 425 -----	93 00
	Monroe, No. 244 -----	170 00
	Scotch-Ireland, No. 154 -----	37 00
	Forest City, No. 381 -----	59 00
	Cookville, No. 502 -----	57 00
	Neil S. Stewart, No. 556 -----	37 00
	Wanchese, No. 521 -----	68 00
	Hatcher, No. 310 -----	39 00

Nov. 27	Maxton, No. 417 -----	\$ 78 00
	Casar, No. 579 -----	18 00
	Notla, No. 312 -----	47 00
	Mount Vernon, No. 359 -----	46 00
	Castalia, No. 619 -----	34 00
	Moravian, No. 353 -----	44 00
28	Healing Spring, No. 467 -----	52 00
	Wiccacon, No. 240 -----	38 00
	Fairmont, No. 528 -----	95 00
	State Line, No. 375 -----	50 00
	Cary, No. 198 -----	29 00
	Rockville, No. 411 -----	23 00
	Ellenboro, No. 531 -----	35 00
	Sulphur Springs, No. 560 -----	68 00
	Randleman, No. 209 -----	27 00
	Snow, No. 363 -----	125 00
	Cedar Rock, No. 286 -----	47 00
	White Hill, No. 321 -----	23 00
	Atlantic, No. 238 -----	29 00
	Mt. Pleasant, No. 573 -----	50 00
	Laurel Branch, No. 603 -----	28 00
	Durham, No. 352 -----	274 00
29	Scotland, No. 514 -----	44 00
	Elkin, No. 454 -----	73 00
	Green Level, No. 277 -----	42 00
	Unaka, No. 506 -----	81 00
	Brasstown, No. 485 -----	34 00
	Camp Call, No. 534 -----	32 00
	Baltimore, No. 424 -----	33 00
	Mooreboro, No. 388 -----	73 00
	Geo. Washington, No. 174 -----	81 00
	Waxhaw, No. 562 -----	59 00
	Center, No. 398 -----	41 00
	Boiling Springs, No. 464 -----	50 00
	Hunting Creek, No. 299 -----	26 00
	Holly Springs, No. 115 -----	29 00
	Maiden, No. 592 -----	42 00
	Traphill, No. 483 -----	53 00
	Marble Spring, No. 439 -----	54 00
	Wake Forest, No. 282 -----	76 00
	Bee Log, No. 548 -----	92 00
	Raleigh, No. 500 -----	127 00
	Vesper, No. 554 -----	83 00
	St. Paul's, No. 474 -----	68 00
	Siloam, No. 178 -----	26 00

Nov.	29	Johnston-Caswell, No. 10	\$ 65 00
		Pilot, No. 493	77 00
		Granville, No. 380	41 00
		Atkinson, No. 612	42 00
		Pigeon River, No. 386	132 00
		Perseverance, No. 59	63 00
		Ionic, No. 337	25 00
		Lowell, No. 590	43 00
		Elon, No. 549	28 00
		Rehoboth, No. 279	27 00
		Rowland, No. 335	73 00
		Ararat, No. 558	55 00
		Ayden, No. 498	76 00
		Cannon Memorial, No. 626	47 00
		Walnut Cove, No. 629	51 00
		Bonlee, No. 621	26 00
		Vanceboro, No. 433	57 00
		Lawndale, No. 486	47 00
		Roaring River, No. 570	37 00
30		Blackmer, No. 127	43 00
		Harnett, No. 258	25 00
		Leaksville, No. 136	74 00
		Sylva, No. 513	43 00
		Liberty Grove, No. 407	78 00
		Doric, No. 568	100 00
		Statesville, No. 487	106 00
		Shiloh, No. 250	13 00
		Wallace, No. 595	39 00
		South River, No. 611	19 00
		Stony Point, No. 593	43 00
		Watauga, No. 273	78 00
		Cliffside, No. 572	28 00
		Grassy Knob, No. 471	66 00
		Greensboro, No. 76	213 00
		Fulton, No. 99	193 00
		Linville, No. 489	82 00
		Shawnee, No. 382	25 00
		Mt. Pleasant, No. 157	45 00
		Parkton, No. 541	50 00
		Roper, No. 443	47 00
		River Side, No. 606	52 00
		Fallston, No. 356	33 00
		Gastonia, No. 369	264 00
		Mount Olive, No. 208	47 00
Dec.	1	Polenta, No. 450	26 00

Dec.	1	Palmyra, No. 147 -----	\$ 117 00
		Rich Square, No. 488 -----	43 00
		Dellaplane, No. 355 -----	26 00
		Marietta, No. 44 -----	79 00
		Cleveland, No. 202 -----	150 00
		Cape Fear, No. 394 -----	35 00
		Randolph, No. 309 -----	84 00
	2	White Stone, No. 155 -----	22 00
		Temperance, No. 389 -----	35 00
		Bellview, No. 416 -----	23 00
		St. Albans, No. 114 -----	132 00
		Rainbow, No. 479 -----	17 00
		Sandy Creek, No. 185 -----	73 00
		Bethel, No. 372 -----	46 00
		Laurinburg, No. 305 -----	92 00
		Sonoma, No. 472 -----	64 00
	4	King Solomon, No. 56 -----	75 00
		East La Porte, No. 358 -----	77 00
		Tally Ho, No. 393 -----	66 00
	5	Beaver Dam, No. 276 -----	54 00
		Tobasco, No. 271 -----	41 00
		Berea, No. 204 -----	33 00
		Winton, No. 327 -----	40 00
		Montgomery, No. 426 -----	53 00
	6	Thomasville, No. 214 -----	118 00
		Flat Creek, No. 285 -----	45 00
		Kenly, No. 257 -----	54 00
		Clingman, No. 440 -----	53 00
		Belhaven, No. 509 -----	55 00
	7	Corinthian, No. 542 -----	178 00
		Lebanon, No. 207 -----	80 00
		Greenville, No. 284 -----	89 00
		Zion, No. 81 -----	55 00
		Jefferson, No. 219 -----	49 00
		West Bend, No. 434 -----	10 00
		Franklin, No. 109 -----	102 00
		Joppa, No. 530 -----	198 00
		Junaluska, No. 145 -----	83 00
	8	Revolution, No. 552 -----	82 00
	9	Stokesdale, No. 428 -----	38 00
		Oconee, No. 427 -----	121 00
		Hominy, No. 491 -----	35 00
		Star, No. 437 -----	25 00
		Gulledge Memorial, No. 587 -----	46 00
		University, No. 408 -----	94 00

Dec.	9	Zebulon, No. 609 -----	\$ 41 00
		Hickory, No. 343 -----	156 00
		Bethel, No. 589 -----	57 00
		Kilwinning, No. 64 -----	107 00
	11	Grandview, No. 608 -----	35 00
		Widow's Son, No. 75 -----	33 00
		St. Patrick's, No. 617 -----	26 00
		Little River, No. 620 -----	25 00
		Pee Dee, No. 150 -----	25 00
		Carolina, No. 141 -----	25 00
		Potecasi No. 418 -----	89 00
		Mocksville, No. 134 -----	88 00
	12	Grassy Branch, No. 559 -----	14 00
		Rock Spring, No. 341 -----	50 00
		Winston, No. 167 -----	324 00
		Adoniram, No. 149 -----	29 00
		Kedron, No. 387 -----	115 00
	13	Coleraine, No. 171 -----	40 00
		Clay, No. 301 -----	63 00
		Fairfield, No. 520 -----	21 00
		Mill Creek, No. 480 -----	43 00
	14	Ionic, No. 583 -----	24 00
		Widow's Son, No. 519 -----	85 00
		Biscoe, No. 577 -----	35 00
		Coharie, No. 379 -----	34 00
		Apex, No. 584 -----	29 00
	15	Eagle, No. 71 -----	71 00
		Warsaw, No. 522 -----	62 00
		Harmony, No. 340 -----	68 00
		Mt. Pleasant, No. 441 -----	29 00
	16	Scotland Neck, No. 470 -----	68 00
		Maysville, No. 547 -----	33 00
		Columbus, No. 102 -----	34 00
		Whetstone, No. 515 -----	48 00
		Buggaboo, No. 490 -----	31 00
		Lattimore, No. 508 -----	40 00
		Bingham, No. 272 -----	91 00
		Royal White Hart, No. 2 -----	43 00
		Zephyr, No. 553 -----	51 00
		Mt. Olivet, No. 195 -----	21 00
		Richland, No. 564 -----	37 00
		Yadkin, No. 162 -----	34 00
	18	Fuquay, No. 614 -----	25 00
		Deep River, No. 164 -----	34 00
		Henry F. Grainger, No. 412 -----	40 00

Dec.	18	Gatesville, No. 126 -----	\$ 52 00
		Sharon, No. 537 -----	30 00
		Rockyford, No. 430 -----	32 00
		Youngsville, No. 377 -----	75 00
	19	Wm. T. Bain, No. 231 -----	26 00
		French Broad, No. 292 -----	103 00
	20	Royal Hart, No. 497 -----	60 00
		Oak Grove, No. 557 -----	44 00
		Ronda, No. 566 -----	32 00
		Andrew Jackson, No. 576 -----	84 00
		Meadow Branch, No. 578 -----	41 00
	21	Life Boat, No. 376 -----	27 00
		Sanford, No. 469 -----	109 00
	22	Harmon, No. 420 -----	19 00
		Caswell, No. 539 -----	56 00
		Rockwell, No. 600 -----	18 00
	23	Mystic Tie, No. 237 -----	93 00
	26	Siler City, No. 403 -----	50 00
		Eureka, No. 317 -----	165 00
		Dan River, No. 129 -----	64 00
		Bayboro, No. 331 -----	42 00
		Swannanoa, No. 561 -----	50 00
	27	Pendleton, No. 524 -----	53 00
		Unanimity, No. 7 -----	84 00
		Numa F. Reid, No. 344 -----	143 00
	28	Perquimans, No. 106 -----	89 00
		John H. Mills, No. 624 -----	39 00
		Bald Creek, No. 397 -----	128 00
	29	Sea Side, No. 429 -----	54 00
		Home, No. 613 -----	42 00
		Patterson, No. 307 -----	40 00
	30	Gulf No. 465 -----	26 00
		Granite, No. 322 -----	114 00
		John A. Graves, No. 494 -----	44 00
		Elk, No. 373 -----	35 00
		Woodsdale, No. 625 -----	21 00
Jan.	1	Rockford, No. 251 -----	31 00
		Luke McGlaughan, No. 504 -----	56 00
		Fellowship, No. 84 -----	88 00
		King's Creek, No. 432 -----	74 00
		Dillsboro, No. 459 -----	35 00
		Liberty, No. 45 -----	53 00
		Perfection, No. 628 -----	35 00
		Pythagoras, No. 249 -----	84 00
	2	Saluda, No. 482 -----	53 00

Jan.	3	Relief, No. 431 -----	\$ 54 00
		Bynum, No. 574 -----	23 00
	4	Blackmer, No. 170 -----	69 00
		Big Lick, No. 476 -----	87 00
		Greenwood, No. 419 -----	38 00
	5	Charity, No. 5 -----	100 00
		Ottolay, No. 533 -----	39 00
		Lone Oak, No. 449 -----	109 00
		Waccamaw, No. 596 -----	38 00
		Roseboro, No. 585 -----	29 00
		Selma, No. 320 -----	82 00
	6	American George, No. 17 -----	39 00
		Radiance, No. 132 -----	37 00
		Concord, No. 58 -----	81 00
	8	Dubbin, No. 266 -----	26 00
		Macclesfield, No. 581 -----	32 00
	9	Roman Eagle, No. 550 -----	28 00
		Four Oaks, No. 478 -----	31 00
		Wilson, No. 226 -----	43 00
		Grifton, No. 452 -----	50 00
		Ashler, No. 451 -----	56 00
		King Solomon, No. 313 -----	35 00
		Midland, No. 618 -----	42 00
		Shoal Creek, No. 518 -----	50 00
		Corinthian, No. 230 -----	131 00
	10	Round Peak, No. 616 -----	31 00
		Conoho, No. 399 -----	43 00
		Elise, No. 555 -----	35 00
		Winterville, No. 523 -----	72 00
		Helton, No. 594 -----	75 00
	11	Mingo, No. 206 -----	50 00
		Mt. Pisgah, No. 623 -----	23 00
		Rusk, No. 456 -----	65 00
	12	Franklinton, No. 123 -----	85 00
		Lee, No. 253 -----	99 00
		Louisburg, No. 413 -----	92 00
		Henrietta, No. 460 -----	64 00
	13	Mooreville, No. 496 -----	62 00
		Sparta, No. 423 -----	64 00
		Coats, No. 622 -----	16 00
		Falling Creek, No. 325 -----	34 00
		Farmville, No. 517 -----	66 00
		Granite, No. 191 -----	35 00
		Spring Hope, No. 481 -----	62 00
	15	Dobson, No. 402 -----	27 00

Jan.	15	Clyde, No. 453 -----	124 00
		Thos. M. Holt, No. 492 -----	39 00
		Wentworth, No. 567 -----	18 00
		Polloksville, No. 175 -----	31 00
		Waynesville, No. 259 -----	116 00
		Currituck, No. 463 -----	57 00
		Hollis, No. 535 -----	44 00
		Belmont, No. 627 -----	36 00
		South Fork, No. 462 -----	43 00
	17	Carolina, No. 146 -----	38 00
		Mattamuskeet, No. 328 -----	28 00
		Archer, No. 165 -----	52 00
		Rolesville, No. 156 -----	31 00
		Eagle Springs, No. 477 -----	66 00
		Salem, No. 289 -----	162 00

(For dates of payment by Lodges paying since date last given on above list, see abstract of returns by subordinate Lodges by districts.)

The following Lodges have made returns for the year 1916, but are being held for remittances or corrections.

Person, No. 113, at Roxboro.
 Cherokee, No. 146, at Murphy.
 Buffalo, No. 172, at Jonesboro.
 Pine Forest, No. 186, at Broadway, Route 2.
 Burnsville, No. 192, at Burnsville.
 Lillington, No. 302, at Lillington.
 Mars Hill, No. 370, at Mars Hill.
 Scottsville, No. 385, at Furches.
 Joppa, No. 401, at Old Fort.
 Bula, No. 409, at Burlington.
 Blue Ridge, No. 435, at Highlands.
 Pineville, No. 455, at Pineville.
 Blowing Rock, No. 458, at Blowing Rock.
 Buies Creek, No. 503, at Buies Creek.
 Barnardsville, No. 511, at Barnardsville.
 Mount Holly, No. 544, at Mount Holly.
 Shelmerdine, No. 545, at Shelmerdine.
 Tabor, No. 563, at Tabor.
 Snow Creek, No. 571, at Statesville, Route 5.
 King Hiram, No. 466, at King Hiram.

Grand Orator's Address

The Grand Orator, Hon. F. C. Harding, was introduced by the Grand Master and delivered his annual address.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I desire to make acknowledgment of my gratitude for the honor which the Grand Master has conferred upon me, and to express my appreciation of the courtly manner in which he has presented me to you.

It has been said that time, in its relentless flight, changes the destiny of all men and the customs of all nations, but, however rapid the flight of ages may have been, and however great the changes which it has wrought, there is yet one institution which the flight of thirty centuries has left to us unchanged and unmolested, and that institution is our own Ancient, Free and Accepted Institution of Masonry.

In the long, long ago, when time was young, and nature was awaking from its first romantic dream of sensuous love, a happy union was consummated between the two great factors that have since bound heaven and earth together: the one, Divine in its scope, the Fatherhood of God; the other, universal in its humanity, the Brotherhood of Man; and from this happy union there has been a new birth among the institutions of the world, and Masonry is its product. Hence, I come to you to-night with a theme that has long grown old in song and in story, and yet a theme as new and as modern as the day in which we live.

Three questions present themselves, not only to the Brethren within the sacred precincts of our secret Fraternity, but to intelligent men everywhere. These questions are:

First: Whence came Masonry?

Second: What is it?

Third: What is it doing?

The first great question: Whence came Masonry? has to do with time, and takes large account of its duration. Paraphrasing the poetic sentiment, I would say, Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight, and answer this question for us to-night! The answer takes us [G.L.-7]

backward through the long corridors of time into the dim vista of the past, and plunges us into an unending sea of myth and legendary lore of long ago.

We are justly proud of our Anglo-Saxon American manhood. "Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land?'" We are justly proud of our civic institutions and our political government, and point with pride to their basic foundations, the Common Law of England, that aggregate of unwritten precedent and usage based on equity and righteousness, reaching back to the period in the past beyond which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. And yet the Common Law of Old England, honored and revered for its antiquity, is but a newborn babe, clothed in its first swaddling raiment, compared to this ancient Masonic institution of ours.

There was a time, not so many years ago, when it was thought that Masonry had its origin co-incident with the building of King Solomon's Temple, but, in recent years, "with light added to the coming light," we have traced, not its origin, but its existence, back a thousand years; yea, three thousand years beyond the building of the temple. Not many years ago, through the good offices and influence of Commodore Vanderbilt, an ancient Egyptian monument, known as Cleopatra's Needle, was presented by France to the United States Government. This ancient Egyptian shaft of hieroglyphics has been taken from Egypt's sandy soil and, through the channels of Sunny France, has been transported to America and has been re-erected, and now stands in Central Park in New York City. In the process of taking down this Egyptian shaft for removal, it was discovered that its foundations had been laid by Masonic hands. Some three years ago, I had the privilege, as well as the pleasure, of inspecting this most wonderful piece of Masonic evidence.

I could not resist the impulse to tip my hat to the ancient stone giant, and stand in the shadow of its towering shaft with uncovered head and view it with reverence, because I knew its form and its figure had passed under the hand of a Craftsman who had learned his Masonic lesson well. Whence then came Masonry?

Whence then came Masonry?

From out a period dating back thirty centuries beyond the beginning of the Christian era, it existed during

the childhood of the race, when man carved from blocks of flint his rude weapons of defense.

The sacred temples of India, over whose corners and cornices cling and creep the trailing vines; the statues of Memnon, silent and speechless as the Sphinx; the sanctuaries of the Persian and the Aztec, where burned the holy flames; the sculptured image of Venus, chilled and chiseled in the untarnished marble, are all mute memories of this Ancient Order of ours.

It flourished when Athens was the cradle of learning and the versatile Greek uttered in the Pantheon the masterpieces of human language which you and I reverence to-day.

It flourished when the proud and haughty Romans razed Corinth in ruins, and bowed to Cleopatra, Queen of the Nile.

It flourished when the sturdy Germans invaded Britain and contended with the Angle and the Saxon, then laying deep the very foundations of our civilization, and hung in the heavens of the future our star of liberty.

On their Masonic Altars smouldered the fires of wisdom, truth, and justice during the long and dismal night of the Dark Ages, with only the initiated to kindle and feed the consecrated flames. They preserved in cipher and hieroglyphics, carved in stone and clay, the records of antiquity, and transmitted from generation to generation the jewels of progress with which we garner our homes and minds to-day. These are the evidences of the antiquity of our Order, and I believe it stood sponsor for, and was the sole witness to, the contract when God made His covenant with Abraham, by which the Church of God was established on Earth.

The second question: What is Masonry? This has to do with its origin, and is shrouded in mystery and in doubt.

Masonry has not always been as it is to-day, with its well-regulated Lodges, its beautiful ritual and its Grand Jurisdictions. It had its origin in the consciousness in the mind of man of the power of the Master builder and man's God-given genius for construction.

Masonry had its existence first as operative Masonry, and had its origin in man's constructive genius; and its achievement is seen in every great constructive work of the world: in the building of the Pyramids, the plac-

ing of the Sphinx on the banks of the Nile; and at will called into existence the sacred temples of the Persian and the Hindoo; and later produced that splendid architectural achievement which will continue to make Greece and Rome renowned through all time to come.

Operative Masonry, though long since passed into speculative Masonry, has by no means ceased to have its effect wherever man's constructive genius appears in this modern day of ours. Three times it has exemplified itself by spanning with sinews of steel the watery abyss which flows between two great cities of the North, New York and the City of Brooklyn. Again it exemplified itself in the construction of the Panama Canal, and, for a year and this very night, down by the Norfolk Southern's meandering way, the rock quarry at Neverson, which, for a million years, has been sleeping in the process of its silent growth beneath North Carolina's sun-kissed soil, is being transformed by man's constructive genius, and transported by the power of steam and wheel and placed down by the Broad Atlantic's billowy dash to stay back the waves which God Almighty has been sending against the sand-ribbed coast of the American Continent. This, and similar achievements, may trace their success back to the Ancient Order of Operative Masonry.

But, alas! The original Brotherhood of Operative Masons was struck a deadly blow by the coming of the Dark Ages, and eventually fell into decay; and it looked as though it might disappear forever. But some of its members, realizing that as an operative institution it had no longer reason for existence, determined to continue it as a speculative society for the purpose of promoting the practice of moral, fraternal, and charitable principles, which had characterized the old organization.

About 1610, there appeared anonymously a little book which created great excitement throughout Europe. It was entitled, "The Discovery of the Honorable Order of the Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross," and was dedicated to all the scholars and magnates of Europe. It commenced with a dialogue between the seven sages of Greece and other worthies of antiquity, on the best method of accomplishing a general reform in those evil times. The suggestion of Seneca is adopted as most feasible, namely, a secret confederacy of wise philanthropists, who shall labor everywhere in unison for this desirable end. The disciples of this Order call upon the

learned and the devout men of Europe, and they expressly assert that they contemplate no political movement in opposition to the reigning powers that be; their sole aim being to diminish sorrow, to relieve suffering, and to build up their fellow man in body and in soul.

It is thought by some that this was the bridge by which Masonry passed from an operative to a speculative institution, and yet this remains in doubt; but, whatever the ways and means may have been, certain it is that the transition from operative to speculative Masonry has been made, and the Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry is to-day a gentleman's institution, coming from every walk in life, around whose altars the Christian and the Hebrew, the Jew and Moslem, the Brahman, and the followers of Confucius and Zoroaster may assemble as Brethren and unite in one prayer to the one God who exists above the god of Baal; and Masonry, in its strength, its breadth, and its beauty, leaves each of its initiates and its votaries to look for the foundation of his faith and hope to the written scriptures of his own religion. This is Masonry.

I need not dwell upon the third question: What is Masonry doing? For this is known of men and Masons far and wide. The answer must be lived rather than described in order to be effective. And may the life of every Mason be an open book from which the outside world may read the answer to, What is Masonry doing? And may it ever be said of Masonry everywhere, that it has caused no tears to fall from the eyes of the widow and the orphan, save only the tears of gratitude.

My Brethren, it is, indeed, an inspiration to stand face to face with representative Masons from every nook and corner of the Old North State, and, standing here to-night, I realize what the poet meant when he said:

"Oh! The East is East and the West is West,
And never the twain shall meet,
Until they stand together at God's great
Judgment seat.

"But there's neither East nor West,
Nor border, nor breed, nor birth,
When two strong men stand face to face,
Though they come from the ends of the Earth."

May each of you join me to-night in singing within our hearts with the poet who said:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O My Soul,
As the swift seasons roll.
Let each new temple nobler than the last,
Have for thee a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

Finally, Brethren, let the principles of Masonry so sustain you through life that, when your weary feet shall have come to the end of your toilsome journey, and from your nerveless grasp shall drop forever the working tools of life, and your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne, may it be your portion to hear from Him, who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Past Grand Master Hackett moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended by the Grand Lodge to Brother Harding for his splendid and magnificent address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be printed in the Proceedings and the *Orphans' Friend*. Every member of the Grand Lodge, in voting for the motion, arose to his feet, and it was unanimously carried.

Past Grand Master B. S. Royster presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, which was read and referred to the Oxford Orphan Asylum Committee.

Report of the Board of Directors

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

For more than forty years this Institution has wrought mightily for destitute children, providing not only for their bodily needs, but training them for the duties and responsibilities of life. It has not been able to reach in a full measure the ideals of its founders, yet, it has made great progress towards this end.

There were on our rolls at the close of the fiscal year 375 children, which included 34 in the "Baby Cottage".

We regret to report that during the past year there were six cases of typhoid fever among the children, two of whom died. No expense or labor was spared in the medical attention and nursing of those who were afflicted. We feel fully warranted in saying that there was no local condition on the premises of the Institution which produced this sickness. Our capable and devoted physician, Dr. T. L. Booth, used every energy of his being to locate the cause of the trouble and, with the assistance of Doctor Rankin, of the State Health Department, it was discovered that typhoid germs were brought to our family by what is termed in medical parlance "a carrier" in the person of a little girl, who came to us before the first case developed. A separation of this child from the others, and having her properly treated, arrested the spread of the disease.

For further information with respect to the health of the children and general sanitary conditions of the premises of the Institution, we refer you to the report of our physician.

The work of the school in every department has been most satisfactory and we invite your attention to the report of the Lady Supervisor for details with respect to this work.

In accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, we have had the insurance covering the property of the Institution revised, and the same is now written under what is known as "a schedule". We were able to obtain a considerable reduction in the rates, heretofore charged. Under this plan of placing the insurance we are now carrying nearly double the amount of insurance heretofore carried, and

by reason of the reduction in the rates this increased amount of insurance is costing practically the same per annum as heretofore paid. This increase in the amount of insurance on your property very nearly protects it against loss in case of fire, and we are pleased to report that in our opinion this feature of the Institution is now in first-class condition. The insurance premiums are now paid from our general fund and not by the Grand Lodge, as heretofore.

We found it to be absolutely necessary to make certain improvements and repairs to meet the needs of the printing office, laundry, and farm, and to preserve the buildings from damage and decay. Your attention was called in our last report to the necessity of making these improvements and repairs, and for this purpose we asked a special appropriation of \$4,600.00, which, to our regret, the Grand Lodge found itself unable to make. We believed then the best interest of the Institution demanded that this work be done, and that you would approve our action in this respect. Acting upon our best judgment, we have authorized the work and we have borrowed the sum of \$4,855.00, to meet the expense. This debt is due to the National Bank of Granville, of Oxford, and we ask that some provision be made for its payment. As a result of these permanent improvements and repairs the printing office and the laundry have been enlarged and made more convenient for the work of these departments: the old range, which was worn out, and dangerous, has been replaced by a new and better one; much needed storage facilities have been provided for the farm; and the buildings have been protected and preserved.

Our Singing Class is still dear to the hearts of the brethren in all sections of the State, and substantial returns from the concerts is the best evidence of the appreciation of our friends. The gross receipts from these concerts were \$13,772.75, from which there should be deducted expenses of \$2,895.79, leaving net receipts of \$10,877.05.

An examination of the report of our Treasurer will show that the farm, printing office, shoe shop, and wood working shop, have all yielded very gratifying profits during the year. We have a real pride in these departments and we wish that every member of the Grand Lodge could make a personal inspection of each of them.

The Orphans' Friend has enjoyed a wider circula-



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tion than ever before, yet it has not reached as many of the brethren as it should. We commend this valuable publication to every Mason in the State.

The cost per capita for maintenance and school expenses during the past year was \$119.50, an increase over last year, which has been occasioned by the advances in prices of all clothing material, wearing apparel, food products and fuel.

Our "Baby Cottage" expenses for the year amounted to more than \$5,000.00 and we sincerely believe this to be the very best investment that your Institution has ever made.

We ask for the regular annual appropriation of \$5,000.00; an appropriation of \$2,500.00 for the "Baby Cottage", and a special appropriation of \$4,855.00 to repay the money borrowed for permanent improvements and repairs.

We are pleased to report that all the officers, teachers and employees of the Institution have given their best to the work. We commend them for their fidelity and efficiency.

During the year we have been advised of several legacies to the Asylum: under the will of Mr. Albert Kornegay of Goldsboro, we will receive, at the death of his mother, property, which is estimated by persons acquainted with values, to be worth about \$20,000.00; under the will of Mr. E. P. Hubbard, of Halifax County, we will receive \$1,000.00; and under the will of Mr. M. H. Bizzell, of Wayne County, there is a legacy to the Asylum of \$1,000.00. We hope to be able to collect the last named legacies at an early date.

Since our last report the Institution has sustained a distinct loss in the death of Mr. G. Rosenthal, who for many years served on the Board of Directors. Mr. Rosenthal always manifested a lively interest in every department of our work, and his devotion to the children under our care is worthy of emulation.

Our board adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of this faithful officer and loyal supporter of everything pertaining to the betterment of the condition of the unfortunate children under our charge.

We desire to enlist the most hearty coöperation and loyal support of every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction in the great work being done at your Institution.

"We have never done as holy a work as when we have taken a fatherless and motherless little one by the hand and led it through the temptations and the pitfalls of the world to a noble manhood and womanhood."

Sometimes the world in its hurry and selfishness forgets to be sympathetic and distress is too frequently unrelieved.

"If philanthropy is divine, we must double its quantity and tenderness. The one duty of life is to lessen every vice and enlarge every virtue."

Here, at Oxford Orphan Asylum, we have a golden opportunity—let us be faithful to our trust.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ANDREWS, W. G. M.,
Chairman Ex-Officio.

JOHN W. COTTEN,

T. A. GREEN,

E. F. LOVELL,

J. BAILEY OWEN,

DRED PEACOCK,

R. L. FLOWERS,

B. S. ROYSTER, *Directors.*

Report of Superintendent

To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—Forty-four years in the life of this great Institution have passed into history. The influences for the moral and physical betterment of humanity set in motion will ever go on, widening and deepening. God only knows what the value of these will be in the coming years. We do hope and pray that the faithful and intelligent effort of the teachers and officers connected with this work, during the past year, will be rewarded by being used as a means of great good to the children under our care.

We have many blessings for which we are profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father, and wish humbly thus to acknowledge our dependence upon Him.

We have also been through some sad experiences. Sickness and death have again entered our fold, and we lost two of our children with typhoid fever, Bertha King, aged 12 years, and Hillary Atwell, aged 18 years; and a little earlier in the year we lost little Ralph Wise with

membranous croup. No effort or expense was spared to give the sick all the attention necessary, and we have a clear conscience that we did the very best we could for their comfort and restoration, as well as for the suppression of the spread of the diseases. For details in regard to the health of the children, I beg to refer you to the report of Dr. T. L. Booth, which is herewith submitted, also the report of Dr. T. T. Frazier, in regard to dental work for them.

This year we have received notice of a legacy left us by Mr. E. P. Hubbard of Halifax, N. C., which is thought to amount to about \$1,000.00.

Also a legacy by Mr. M. H. Bizzell for \$1,000.00 of Wayne County.

We have also notice of legacy of property located in Goldsboro, N. C., by Mr. A. U. Kornegay, estimated to be worth from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. This property will not be available to the Institution during the life of the donor's mother. This legacy comes from one who was not a Mason, and was given because of his estimate of the good your Institution was doing for the orphans of North Carolina. Right here I would like to take this opportunity of calling the attention of those who are blessed with this world's goods to the fact that this Institution is one of the very best causes to which legacies can be left. In its forty-four years of service it has not received anything like the fair proportion of these remembrances it should have had and which it is in sore need of. May these words sink into some fertile soil and bear much fruit in the future.

The cottage and school work for this year has been most satisfactory. I wish to commend all our teachers and matrons for their fidelity and conscientious work. Miss N. N. Bemis will give in her report, which accompanies this one, a detailed account of these departments.

I hardly know whether to say our financial condition is satisfactory or not. We have been able to meet all expense of maintaining the children, which was \$2,079.94 greater this year than last, and, in addition, we have paid out \$925.46 for insurance, which has always been paid out of the *Grand Lodge treasury until this year*. We have also paid for repairs and minor improvements \$6,345.16 and for permanent improvements the sum of \$7,271.49. These items of repair and improvement were

considerably larger than usual this year, and we found it necessary to make a loan in Bank, upon the advice of the Executive Committee, of \$4,855.00 to pay all outstanding bills for material and labor at the end of the year. All other bills had already been paid. While we have done more work of this kind on the property this year than usual, it had become absolutely necessary for safety, as well as convenience, as I tried to impress in my last year's report. And now that the work is done, I do not see how the laundry building stood and did not collapse. The timbers were in a deplorable condition.

The cost of provisions and every article which goes into the education and maintenance of children continues to advance at such an alarming rate, I hardly know what to say for our future financial welfare. One thing is certain, if we do not get more money this year than we got last year, we will not be able to keep out of debt. At the present price of flour alone it will cost us \$2,000.00 more, to feed our children wheat bread, than it did last year, and this is only one of the many items of expense which have been advanced to exorbitant prices in recent months.

Our Printing Office has been much improved by the additional room made there, and the new linotype, embossing and ruling machines, together with other furniture and fixtures, which have been added to it out of the profits of the business, not a cent of which was taken from the General Fund, makes the department one of the best and most up-to-date printing offices in the South, capable of doing almost any kind of high-grade job work which may be desired.

The financial statement of the Printing Office, Wood Shop, Shoe Shop and Farm show a very satisfactory year's work in these departments, and I respectfully refer you to these reports for details, as well as all other financial reports of the Institution, and to the admirably gotten up report of our most efficient Treasurer, Mr. F. P. Bland.

The Singing Class receipts were \$10,877.05, which is the net amount received after all expense is deducted, being about \$500.00 better than last year, and this in spite of the fact the class was cut out of receipts from very important points, on account of the terrible floods in the mountains this summer. I wish to commend the faithful and efficient services of Miss Myrtle Branch, in training

the children, and Mr. L. W. Alderman, for his attention to their comfort and safety, but especially should our thanks go out to the brethren and friends, in the various towns visited, for the great interest they manifested in this department of our work. This class receives the most cordial and efficient support from the brethren wherever it goes, and we are not able to accept all the invitations we receive to visit various places in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BROWN,
Superintendent.

Report of Lady Supervisor

Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent:

MY DEAR SIR:—The past year has been one of change. Two matrons resigned their positions in June on account of ill health, and four teachers did not return in September. Their places have been ably filled.

Since the re-modelling of the laundry in August, the work for the 14 girls who are employed in this department has been made very much lighter.

Thirty pupils are enrolled in the ninth and tenth grades at the present time. Twenty girls and 28 boys from the higher grades have left during the year, some to enter higher schools, others to take positions, and some have returned to their homes.

A student doing creditable work in our tenth grade may now enter the freshman year at the Greensboro Normal College and the junior year at the East Carolina Training School. Three of our June graduates entered the freshman class at the Normal in September, one the junior class at East Carolina, and another from the ninth grade entered the sophomore year. A fifth pupil, whose home is in the western part of the State, entered the Cullowhee Normal. Two boys have attended the Kinston Industrial School.

Five girls who were unable to secure financial aid for a longer school course have entered different hospitals to take training for a nurse. Three girls graduated from the Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, in May.

It is gratifying to note the number of children anxious for an education, who are working their way

through higher schools and are going back year after year to continue their studies. One persevering girl graduated at the Normal in May and is now teaching in Lucama. I say persevering, for the amount of work required of a girl is considerable, and to do it in a satisfactory way takes many hours of the day. Study periods are necessarily shorter, therefore less school work is accomplished, making it impossible to complete the course in four years.

The plan for teachers to visit schools in other towns and cities one day a term has been continued and has proved beneficial. They have also observed in the different classrooms at the Orphanage with most satisfactory results. Many have attended assemblies and Summer Schools during vacation. One teacher took a course at Columbia University this summer. The amount of energy, enthusiasm and inspiration that she brought back has more than repaid the effort, and her experience has been a help to all.

In Drawing, Industrial and Manual Arts we have tried to relate the teaching more and more to the home and the school, and to make the knowledge gained a benefit and an influence in the lives of the children, and in the homes to which many of them return. A child, who has developed the ability to make articles of use which are good in form, proportion and color, has learned something that is of value to himself and to the community in which he lives.

Fifty-five pupils have been enrolled in the Domestic Science classes. The course has been thorough, including the making of breads, cooking of meats and vegetables, and the preparation of simple menus.

The Telegraphy classes have numbered 40 members, and 15 more have taken typewriting. At the present time there are 20 pupils, one girl and 19 boys, with nine in the typewriting class.

Two students have taken positions with the Western Union Company, and two others have secured positions since leaving the Institution.

Cottage work is always interesting. The importance of having thoroughly loyal and consecrated teachers in charge cannot be too strongly emphasized. The sweet, responsive spirit of children under such training

is evident to all. Training "a child in the way he should go" is no easy task.

All honor to the faithful teacher!

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE NICHOLS BEMIS.

Report of Physician

Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent, Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—For the year ending October 31, 1916, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The record of the Institution for the year which has just closed forms a chapter in its medical history which differs widely in some respects from any which has been written for quite a number of years.

That "misfortunes never come singly" is just as true in the experience of institutions as of individuals.

Almost at the beginning of the fiscal year we lost a little boy in the Baby Cottage with membranous croup, Ralph Wise, a bright little fellow four years old.

During the winter there was the usual freedom from sickness of any kind, but with the spring came measles, the first we had had for ten years.

Upon its appearance in the town we at once instituted what we supposed to be a perfect isolation of the Institution. "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft aglee"—so with our quarantine.

A little son of one of the employees came to speak to his father where he was at work, and came in contact with some of our boys. While no one suspected the presence of the disease in this little fellow, though he did not feel right well, the result of the intercourse was 121 cases of measles—120 children and one teacher. We got through with this, however, with no fatalities or serious complications.

Through the watchful care of those in authority, the infection did not reach the Baby Cottage, where I most feared its consequences.

The disorganizing effect of this epidemic of measles was far less than any of like proportions that I have ever known in the Institution.

The dormitories of the Second and Fourth Girls' Cottages were used for the girls and the hospital for the boys. The convalescent boys were taken care of in the First Boys' Cottage, thus relieving the hospital of any undue congestion. In this way the nursing force was reduced to a minimum, and the plan worked well in every way.

During June and half of July we were fairly free from any trouble.

It is a strange and noteworthy coincidence that those years in which we have had measles have always been years of much sickness since I have known the Institution, and this was no exception.

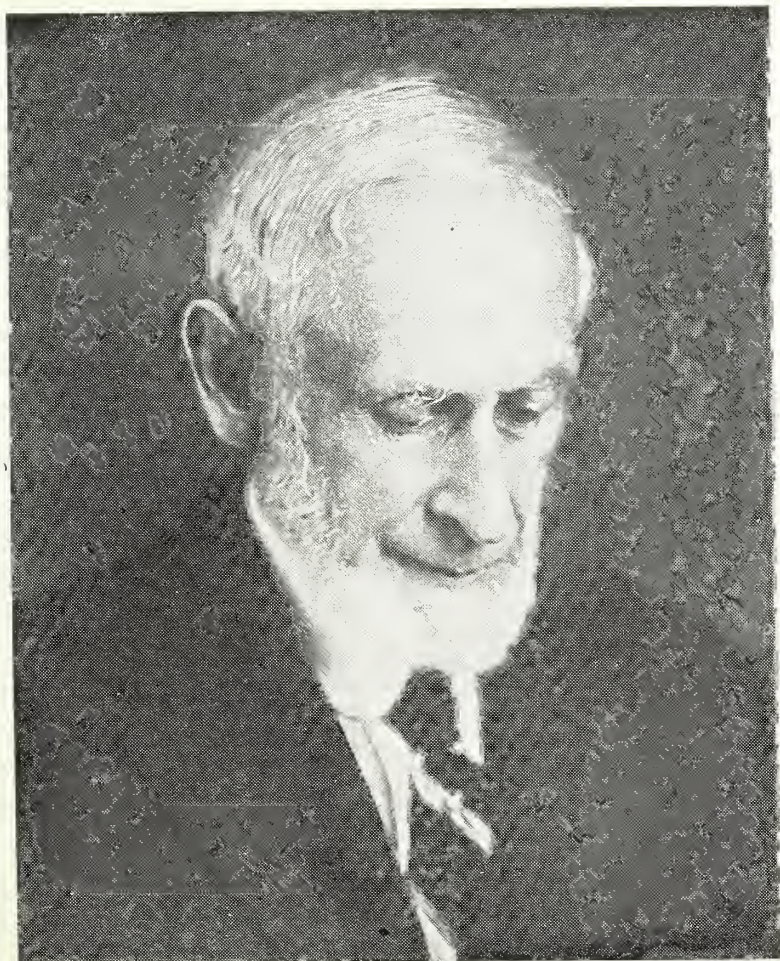
On the 16th of July the first case of typhoid which had occurred in the Institution in ten years made its appearance. From that time until the 4th of August there came a new one every few days until there were ten cases, all of which were supposed to be typhoid; four of these, however, proved to be something else and were soon returned to their cottages, leaving six cases of the most malignant type of typhoid I have seen for many years.

In the meantime I requested the County Health Officer, Dr. B. K. Hays, to inspect with me the premises, in the effort to find the source of the infection. Failing, however, to find any probable source, I called Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secretary State Board of Health, on the 5th of August, and he came the same day and instituted a systematic search for the cause of the trouble. After much painstaking investigation, extending through every department of the Institution, a carrier in the person of a little girl who was a waitress in the dining room, was discovered. She was, of course, removed from that work and there were no more cases.

Of the six, one boy and five girls, two girls died: one, Bertha King, of meningitis, on August 9th, in the 33rd day of her sickness, and the other, Hillery Atwell, after repeated hæmorrhages, and finally perforation, on August 20th in the 35th day of the disease.

As I have stated before, these cases were of a very malignant type—the most so of any I have ever seen in children.

No effort was spared in any detail in the care of these children. Two intelligent, well-trained and conscientious professional nurses were secured early in the



GUSTAV ROSENTHAL

Secretary and Member of the Board of Directors of
the Oxford Orphan Asylum

Died June 23, 1916

sickness and retained as long as there was any need.

Late in the year chicken pox made its appearance in the Baby Cottage. We have no idea from what source this came, but probably from some child who had recently had it when admitted.

This, however, was of no great moment beyond the emphasis it gives to the great difficulty there is in keeping the Institution free from the contagious diseases of childhood from unsuspected sources. In this way we are quite sure mumps came to us just at the close of the year. Two children were brought from a locality where mumps was epidemic. While they did not have it here, it is quite probable they had it just prior to their coming and still retained the germs of the disease. The mother did not mention these facts while here, but wrote them after her return home.

Diphtheria and whooping cough might easily be brought in the same way. There should be a certificate required of some one responsible for children who are to enter the Institution, to the effect that they have not had, or been exposed to any contagious disease within a period of 30 days. Among the inmates of the Baby Cottage there has been less sickness than we might reasonably have expected among children of this age. The absence of intestinal troubles, which are usually so prevalent among children of this age, is notable.

With the single exception mentioned above, there has been no instance of serious sickness in the Baby Cottage. There have been fewer accidents among the children than ordinary, and only one of a serious nature. A little boy, eight years old, fell from a tree and sustained a compound fracture of the forearm about two inches above the wrist joint. The upper fragment of the radius perforated the soft parts and stuck into the ground.

It became necessary to remove several pieces of bone, and finally two inches of the lower end of the radius. This will of course greatly impair the usefulness of his hand. He is still under treatment.

It is a pleasure to recall and record the cordial and loyal support of which I have constantly been the recipient at the hands of the management, and, indeed, everyone in the Institution, and to express my grateful appreciation.

I also desire to express my thanks to Dr. N. C. Daniel for his kindness, both to me and to the children who needed his services during my absence in the summer, and to Dr. W. S. Rankin for his prompt response to my call and the interest he manifested in the location and elimination of the source of typhoid infection.

While it is with sadness that I review the troubles and fatalities of the year, I still feel an humble and sincere thankfulness that we have had no more. Though our mortality this year seems large to us, who are so little accustomed to the ravages of the Dread Destroyer among our wards, when we consider that the three of this year added to the three of the preceding eight years, makes a total of six in nine years, it is still wonderfully small—indeed without precedent so far as I am informed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. BOOTH,
Physician.

Report of Dentist

Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent, Oxford Orphan Asylum:

DEAR SIR:—I beg to submit the following report of services rendered the Orphanage from October 1, 1915, to October 31, 1916:

Number of amalgam and cement fillings inserted	439
Number of teeth treated and filled	2
Number of synthetic porcelain fillings inserted....	15
Number of acolite (cast) fillings inserted	1
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Total number of fillings inserted	457
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Number of teeth extracted (temporary)	137
Number of teeth extracted (permanent)	3
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Total number of teeth extracted	140
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Number of cleanings given the children's teeth---	423

It is with much gratification that I call attention to the fact that not one of the children has lost a perma-

nent tooth during the year. The three permanent teeth above mentioned were extracted on account of an overcrowded arch and for no other reason. I venture to assert that the condition of the teeth of the children at the Orphanage is in 90 per cent better condition than the teeth of the average child in our public schools. I wish to express my appreciation of the hearty coöperation of those in charge of the Orphanage in bringing about this result.

Very respectfully,
T. T. FRAZIER,
Dentist to the Orphanage.

Report of Treasurer

To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:
BRETHREN:—Herewith I beg to submit my annual report as Treasurer of your Institution for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1916.

As heretofore, the General Support Fund, the Printing Office, Woodworking Shop, Investment and Legacy accounts have been kept separate and apart from each other.

Notices of three legacies as noted in the Superintendent's report have been received.

F. P. BLAND,
Treasurer.

Statement 1

Receipts—General Fund

November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916

Appropriation State of North Carolina-----	\$20,000 00	
Appropriation Grand Lodge of Masons, 1915	7,000 00	
Total appropriations -----		\$27,000 00
Contributions Masonic lodges -----	\$ 7,650 91	
Contributions Royal Arch Masons -----	195 00	
Contributions Knights Templar -----	80 00	
Contribution Grand Commandery Knights Templar -----	250 00	
Contribution Carolina Consistory, No. 1----	300 00	
Contribution Oasis Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.---	500 00	
Contributions Order Eastern Star -----	75 50	
Contributions to Baby Cottage (including \$250.00 from Grand Chapter R.A.M.)--	2,276 17	
Contributions general -----	1,634 14	
Contributions, "The Fred G. Schaum Fund," Masonic Brethren and Citizens of Wins- ton-Salem -----	530 00	
Contributed by State Board of Education --	105 80	
Income from property of Daniel children---	82 16	
Income from property of Heath children ---	60 00	
Income from property of Satterwhite children	23 07	
Paid by Mrs. Emma Wise, funeral expenses of son -----	10 00	
Total contributions -----		13,772 75
Singing Class concerts and Masonic picnics visited by Class (net receipts \$10,877.- 05) -----		13,020 63
Sale of refreshments on St. John's Day-----	\$ 667 46	
Sale of meals and provisions -----	173 88	
Sale of old clothing and scraps -----	30 11	
Shoe Shop receipts, custom work -----	1,044 45	
Sale Farm products -----	2,072 70	
Sale fuel to Wood Shop and Printing Office	475 00	
Sale of school books -----	1 97	
Sale of sundries -----	71 51	
Total from several departments (not including Printing Office and Wood Shop) -----		4,537 08
Total receipts (General Fund) November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916 -----		\$58,330 46
Loan to Permanent Improvements Fund repaid -----		1,500 00
Refund of insurance premiums -----		202 07
Balance on deposit November 1, 1915 -----		116 24
		\$60,148 77

Disbursements—General Fund

November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916

For maintenance and school accounts -----	\$48,274 29	
Singing Class expenses -----	2,143 58	
Paid for minor improvements -----	2,680 62	
Paid for repairs -----	3,664 54	
Paid for insurance -----	925 46	
Transferred to Permanent Improvements fund -----	1,500 00	
	<u>\$59,188 49</u>	
Balance on deposit November 1, 1916 -----	960 28	
	<u>\$60,148 77</u>	
As heretofore shown, the total disbursements, maintenance and school accounts, are--	\$48,274 29	
Deduct cash sales from departments as here- tofore shown -----	4,537 08	
	<u>\$43,737 21</u>	
Leaving net maintenance and school accounts -----	\$43,737 21	

The maintenance and school accounts are analyzed as follows:

CLOTHING ACCOUNT

Clothing and sewing room supplies -----	\$ 1,694 57	
Salaries of matrons -----	799 50	
	<u>\$ 2,494 07</u>	
Less sale of old clothing and scraps -----	30 11	
	<u>\$ 2,463 96</u>	

PROVISION ACCOUNT

Provision and kitchen supplies--	\$ 9,604 04	
Salaries matron and baker -----	1,180 00	
	<u>\$10,784 04</u>	
Less sale meals and provisions--	841 34	
	<u>9,942 70</u>	

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

General furniture and fixtures---	\$ 285 10	
Lighting -----	447 12	
Postage -----	238 00	
Telephone rent and tolls -----	109 74	
Sundry supplies, telegrams, etc..	1,515 93	
	<u>\$ 2,595 89</u>	

Salaries as follows:

Superintendent -----	\$ 2,000 00	
Secretary to Board Directors---	300 00	
Half salary Lady Supervisor---	560 00	
Bookkeeper & Treasurer -----	1,400 00	
Baby Cottage Matron -----	600 00	

Carried forward ----- \$ 4,860 00 \$ 2,595 89 \$12,406 66

Brought forward -----	\$ 4,860 00	\$ 2,595 89	\$12,406 66
Baker for extra work -----	120 00		
Singing Class Manager for field work -----	200 00		
Part salary of Shoe Shop manager -----	250 00		
Drayman -----	365 41		
	<u>5,795 41</u>		
	\$ 8,391 30		
Less sundry sales -----	71 51		
	<u>8,319 79</u>		8,319 79
DENTAL ACCOUNT			
Supplies -----	\$ 40 40		
Salary of dentist -----	600 00		
	<u>640 40</u>		640 40
LAUNDRY ACCOUNT			
Supplies -----	\$ 531 25		
Salary of matron -----	400 00		
	<u>931 25</u>		931 25
HOSPITAL ACCOUNT			
Supplies -----	\$ 770 57		
Salary of matron -----	380 00		
Salary of physician -----	516 67		
	<u>1,667 24</u>		1,667 24
FARM AND DAIRY ACCOUNT			
Fertilizer, feed, seed, etc. -----	\$ 7,041 31		
Salaries farmers, dairyman and wages for extra help -----	2,921 06		
	<u>\$ 9,962 37</u>		
Less sale of farm products -----	2,072 70		
	<u>7,889 67</u>		7,889 67
SHOE SHOP ACCOUNT			
Supplies, leather, etc. -----	\$ 1,837 98		
Salary of manager -----	900 00		
	<u>\$ 2,737 98</u>		
Less cash received for custom work -----	1,044 45		
	<u>1,693 53</u>		1,693 53
SCHOOL ACCOUNT			
Books, material, etc. -----	\$ 483 12		
Salaries of teachers and half salary of Lady Supervisor -----	7,354 67		
	<u>\$ 7,837 79</u>		
Less sale of school books -----	1 97		
	<u>7,835 82</u>		7,835 82
FUEL ACCOUNT			
Fuel, sawing and cutting wood --	\$ 2,827 85		
Less sale of fuel -----	475 00		
	<u>2,352 85</u>		
			<u>\$43,737 21</u>

Statement 2

Special Cash Fund

November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916

PRINTING OFFICE ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Subscriptions -----	\$ 7,520 30
Job work -----	9,120 15
Advertisements -----	838 53
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Cash on deposit November 1, 1915 \$17,478 98

1,366 47

Disbursements -----

\$18,845 45

Balance on deposit November 1,
1916 -----

18,805 36

\$ 40 09

WOODWORKING SHOP ACCOUNT

Cash received for work done --- \$17,098 89

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915 1,520 74

\$18,619 63

Disbursements -----

15,673 56

Balance on deposit November 1,
1916 -----

2,946 07

INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS AND LEGACIES

Dividends remitted from Fidelity

Bank Trustee ----- \$ 1,218 00

"Mrs. Sarah J. Gilbert Fund"

Fidelity Bank Trustee ---- 30 00

Dividend Oxford Cotton Mill

Stock ----- 185 00

Annual legacy Mrs. Rebecca

Baird ----- 100 00

Income Mrs. Malvina T. White

legacy ----- 199 50

Interest B. F. Moore legacy (two
years) -----

120 00

Income Masonic Temple Con-
struction bonds -----

14 00

Total receipts from invest-
ments and legacies---

\$ 1,866 50

Carried forward ----- \$ 1,866 50 \$ 2,986 16

Brought forward -----	\$ 1,866 50	\$ 2,986 16
Paid by Grand Lodge 1915 appropriation for erection of Baby Cottage building----	2,000 00	
Transferred from General Fund for Permanent Improvements -----	1,500 00	
Amount borrowed from National Bank of Granville, (interest \$73.90 to be added) for Permanent Improvements--	4,855 00	
Sale of barrels, shingles and old ironer -----	142 70	
Total receipts for Permanent Improvements -----	\$10,364 20	
Balance on deposit November 1, 1915 -----	174 66	
	<u>\$10,538 86</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS
AS FOLLOWS:

Repaid to Wood Shop on Baby Cottage building -----	\$ 1,526 94	
Installing additional bath tub in Baby Cottage -----	107 76	
Cost of Printing Office addition, electric power and steam heating -----	3,260 14	
Remodeling Laundry building, putting in new dry room, mangle and electric power	2,122 55	
Erecting new barn -----	618 47	
Installing new ranges in cook room -----	322 85	
Paid on repainting buildings----	839 72	
	<u>\$ 8,798 43</u>	
Loan repaid to General Fund---	1,500 00	
	<u>\$10,298 43</u>	
Balance on deposit November 1, 1916 -----		240 43
Total special cash on deposit November 1, 1916		<u>\$ 3,226 59</u>

SUMMARY SPECIAL CASH FUND

Total receipts November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916:

Printing Office	\$17,478 98	
Woodworking Shop	17,098 89	
Investment and legacy	1,866 50	
From Grand Lodge on Baby Cottage building account	2,000 00	
Transferred from General Fund for Permanent Improvements	1,500 00	
Borrowed from National Bank Gran- ville for Permanent Improvements	4,855 00	
Sale of old ironer, shingles, etc.	142 70	
		<u>\$44,942 07</u>

Total balance November 1, 1915:

Printing Office	\$ 1,366 47	
Woodworking Shop	1,520 74	
Permanent Improvements account ---	174 66	
		<u>3,061 87</u>
		<u>\$48,003 94</u>

Total disbursements November 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916:

Printing Office	\$18,805 36	
Woodworking Shop	15,673 56	
For Permanent Improvements	8,798 43	
Loan repaid to General Fund	1,500 00	
		<u>\$44,777 35</u>

Total balance November 1, 1916:

Printing Office	\$ 40 09	
Permanent Improvements account ---	240 43	
Woodworking Shop	2,946 07	
		<u>3,226 59</u>
		<u>\$48,003 94</u>

Statement 3

Printing Office

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Cash on deposit November 1, 1916 -----	\$ 40 09	
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> -----	7,520 30	
Job work -----	9,120 15	
Advertisements -----	838 53	
Accounts receivable (Job \$1,945 74, Ad. \$248 79) -----	2,194 53	
Inventory material machinery and stock on hand November 1, 1916 -----	19,207 09	
		<u>\$38,920 69</u>

Dr.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915 -----	\$ 1,366 47	
Accounts receivable last report -----	2,724 81	
Inventory material on hand last report ---	11,995 03	
Expended for paper, machinery, material, etc. -----	12,058 68	
Paid for fuel -----	175 00	
Salary of manager -----	1,516 75	
Other salaries -----	3,991 27	
Paid for extra labor -----	318 60	
Paid for postage -----	745 06	
		<u>\$34,891 67</u>
Profit -----		\$ 4,029 02

Woodworking Shop

Cr.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1916 -----	\$ 2,946 07	
Receipts from sales and work -----	17,098 89	
Accounts receivable -----	1,611 77	
Inventory material on hand -----	6,718 83	
Inventory machinery -----	2,500 00	
		<u>\$30,875 56</u>

Dr.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915 -----	\$ 1,520 74	
Material on hand last report -----	5,648 27	
Machinery on hand last report -----	2,650 00	
Paid for lumber, glass and other supplies ---	8,889 26	
Paid for fuel -----	300 00	
Salary of manager -----	1,000 00	
Paid for other labor -----	5,484 30	
Accounts receivable last report -----	3,627 05	
		<u>\$29,119 62</u>
Profit -----		\$ 1,755 94

Statement 4—Donations in Kind

(ESTIMATED)

Clothing account -----	\$621 77
Provision account -----	192 28
General expense account -----	45 50
Shoe Shop account -----	7 50
Hospital account -----	3 00
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	\$870 05

Statement 5

The effort to figure out the per capita cost of maintaining and educating a child in the Oxford Orphanage is always attended with some degree of uncertainty, owing to the fact that all inventories at the end of the fiscal year are taken into account, and the great difficulty in fixing proper values on the innumerable articles listed. As nearly as can be determined the per capita cost for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1916, is about \$9.95 per month. The enrollment of children averaged 363.

Appendix

Statements showing results of Farming and Shoe Shop operations for the year ending October 31, 1916.

Farm

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Inventory October 31, 1916:		
Feed stuffs, grain, fertilizer, etc. -----	\$ 5,975 01	
Live stock -----	4,773 50	
Truck and garden products -----	936 20	
Tools, wagons and farm implements -----	1,989 70	
Dairy fixtures -----	175 90	
		<u>\$13,850 31</u>
Farm products, etc., furnished Institution:		
14,344 gallons milk -----	\$ 3,367 29	
4,234 lbs. butter -----	1,270 35	
183 gallons cream -----	293 80	
Fruits and vegetables -----	2,172 46	
Pork, veal, etc. -----	808 92	
Board for dray mule and carriage horses ---	360 00	
Hauling and work for Institution -----	385 74	
Corn for meal -----	232 00	
Feed sold in exchange for hauling -----	14 30	
Ice furnished Institution -----	57 12	
		<u>8,961 98</u>
Cash sale of Farm products as before shown		<u>2,072 70</u>
		<u>\$24,884 99</u>

Dr.

Total inventory October 31, 1915 -----	\$11,292 40	
Expended for seed, farm implements, etc.---	7,041 31	
Salaries of farmers, dairyman and wages for extra help -----	2,921 06	
		<u>21,254 77</u>
Gain -----		<u>\$ 3,630 22</u>

Shoe Shop

Cr.

Inventory material on hand October 31, 1916..	\$ 1,682 45	
Receipts from custom work -----	1,044 45	
Repair work and shoes furnished Institution	2,717 20	
		<u>\$ 5,444 10</u>

Dr.

Inventory material on hand last report ---	\$ 1,439 15	
Paid for leather and other supplies -----	1,837 98	
Salary of Manager -----	900 00	
		<u>4,177 13</u>
Gain -----		<u>\$ 1,266 97</u>

Statement showing movement of children to and from the Institution.

	Girls	Boys	Total
Children on roll November 1, 1915-----	176	196	372
Admitted during the year -----	37	46	83
Re-admitted -----	3	2	5
	<hr/> 216	<hr/> 244	<hr/> 460
Went to own people -----	17	29	46
Went to approved foster homes -----	3	5	8
Went to positions -----	6	12	18
Went to school -----	8	2	10
Died -----	2	1	3
	<hr/> 36	<hr/> 49	<hr/> 85
On roll November 1, 1916 -----	180	195	375

Bro. J. J. Phoenix, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home:

Annual Report

of the

SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA

Institution located at Greensboro, North Carolina

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in Raleigh, N. C., January 17, 1917:

BRETHREN:—It is with profound pleasure that I present my annual report covering the operation of your Home for old and indigent Masons, for the year 1916.

The year just closed has been successful from all standpoints. Our financial condition is sound, as will be revealed by a close inspection of the detailed reports attached. The loyal support received from all Masonic Bodies of every degree, and from the Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, has placed our Institution upon a firm and permanent foundation.

GUESTS

At the close of 1915, we had enrolled as guests in our Home, 18 Brothers and 14 Sisters. During the year 1916, we have received the following:

Application, No. 42.—Bro. Thomas J. Pattisall, of Lebanon Lodge, No. 391.

Application, No. 43.—Sister Della W. Crane, by Orient Lodge, No. 395.

Application, No. 44.—Bro. Duncan Dorroch, of Lillington Lodge, No. 382.

Application, No. 45.—Bro. James P. Hobbs, of Eureka Lodge, No. 317.

Application, No. 46.—Bro. William Shroader, by Joppa Lodge, No. 530.

Application, No. 47.—Bro. James P. Harvell, of Mooresville Lodge, No. 496.

Application, No. 48.—Sister Fannie B. Barnett, by Oxford Lodge, No. 396.

Application, No. 49.—Bro. W. W. Ellington, of Greensboro Lodge, No. 76.

Application, No. 50.—Sister Sarah V. Turner, by Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92.

Application, No. 51.—Bro. B. F. Powell, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 261.

Of these applications we received into the Home:

Brother Pattisall, Sister Crane, Brother Dorroch, Brother Hobbs, Brother Shroader, Brother Ellington.

Brother Powell died before his application was acted upon. Brother Harvell decided not to come after his application was accepted. Sister Barnett decided not to enter at the present. We have notified the Lodge, Oxford, No. 396, that we would hold the room assigned to Mrs. Barnett until January 18, 1917, after which date we would give this room to another. Sister Turner has stated she would enter this month.

RECAPITULATION OF APPLICATIONS

Number of applications received to date	51
Number of applications accepted	48
Number of applications rejected	3
Number of guests who have returned to their homes	10
Number of accepted guests not arrived at this date	4
Number of deaths since opening January 12, 1915	3

Number of guests at this date:

Men ----- 18

Ladies ----- 12

----- 30

Number of applicants died while being investigated----- 1

MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

At this session of the Grand Lodge one member of our Board of Directors will be elected to serve for five years in place of Bro. J. E. Latham, of Greensboro, N. C., whose term expires with this meeting.

DEATHS

The Institution was officially opened January 12, 1914, and until this year no death has occurred. And it is with profound sadness that we record the deaths of three Brothers as follows:

February 3, 1916, Bro. John Wesley Pearce. Brother Pearce was born June 9, 1838, and was a member of Sun Rise Lodge, No. 615, A.F. & A.M., of Wake County, N. C. He was a gentleman of refined character and firm religious belief. He fell asleep apparently without any suffering whatever. Services were held in the chapel, conducted by Rev. P. H. Fleming. Beautiful singing was rendered by Mrs. J. W. Patton and Mrs. Louise Fowler. The body was carried to Wake Forest by Bro. H. C. Butler, Assistant Secretary, and turned over to Sun Rise Lodge for burial. Flowers were placed upon the casket by Brother Clymer and family. The Home also sent an official floral design. Interment was in the cemetery of Good Hope Church burying ground. Brother Pearce was one of the two surviving charter members of this Church. Brother Pearce was devoted to Masonry.

April 18, 1916, Bro. Thomas J. Pattisall died after illness of three days. The body was embalmed and, under escort of Brother W. H. Brown, was sent to Hope Mills, N. C. Flowers were placed upon the casket by the Home management, and also Greensboro Chapter, No. 14, Order of Eastern Star.

August 9, 1916, Bro. Duncan Dorrock died Friday, August 8, 1916, of heart failure. The body was embalmed and prepared for burial. Under escort of Bro. H. C. Butler, Assistant Secretary, the body was taken to Lillington, N. C., and delivered to his Lodge, Lillington, No. 305, A.F. & A.M. Flowers were sent by the Institution and also Greensboro Chapter, No. 14, O. E. S.

INSURANCE

The following insurance is now in force:

On buildings -----	\$15,000 00
On furniture -----	2,000 00
On power plant -----	500 00
On officer's bond -----	1,000 00
On barn -----	750 00

ESTIMATED VALUE OF ASSETS

30 acres land -----	\$12,000 00
Buildings -----	30,000 00
Septic tank and power plant -----	1,500 00
Inventories -----	6,078 12
Improvements and notes receivable -----	1,750 00
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	\$51,328 12
Cash on hand -----	4,058 26
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	\$55,386 38

LIABILITIES

Balance due on mortgage -----	\$ 5,000 00
Balance due on real estate -----	1,500 00
Balance due on elevator -----	500 00
Note due bank -----	980 00
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	\$ 7,980 00
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Net value of Institution this date -----	\$47,406 38

MORTGAGE DEBT

We have paid on the principal of our mortgage debt this year \$2,000.00, reducing this obligation to \$5,000.00, with interest paid to November 18, 1916.

ELEVATOR

We are gratified to report that the elevator plant has been completed, and this important addition to our Home is now in operation. This elevator is the gift of the Eastern Stars of North Carolina, and pledges for the entire cost of \$2,000.00 are in hand. Of this amount, \$500.00 was received during 1916, and paid to the builders. The balance was financed by a note for \$980.00, which note will be liquidated as the pledges are paid. The balance of money due on elevator will be held back as guar-

anted. This balance will be paid during 1917, when the management is satisfied the elevator meets all requirements.

FIRE ESCAPES

I again urge upon the Grand Lodge to appropriate funds to properly equip the building with fire escapes. The disastrous fire in the Masonic Home of Kansas reminds us of the importance of properly protecting our guests from danger of fire. A complete outfit for all parts of the building will cost about \$1,000.00.

DAIRY BARN

The Institution needs a sanitary dairy barn and silo. These will cost \$1,000.00.

PER CAPITA COST

The cost of maintenance *per capita* for 1916 is \$12.87 per person per month.

NEW BUILDING

The new building mentioned last year as being so badly needed is about to become an accomplished fact. The Shriners of North Carolina have responded to our appeal for help on this building, and we now have in hand \$10,000.00 in pledges. The building will cost \$20,000.00, and when pledges covering this amount are in, we will finance the project and commence building. As the present building is full we hope that sufficient pledges will be made in 1917 to cover the entire amount necessary. The thanks of this Grand Body is due the Shriners of North Carolina for their magnificent work in our behalf, also to the Scottish Rite Bodies which have likewise joined with the Shriners in this new building. Mr. Ceasar Cone, of Greensboro, has donated \$500.00 to this new building.

LOYALTY OF HIGHER BODIES OF MASONRY

The Institution is under obligations to every Masonic Body of every degree in North Carolina. For not one Masonic Body in our State but has made contributions to this Institution. The various York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies have made large donations. And we thank each and every one of them. Their substantial support

has made the Home a success from the start, and we truly appreciate the Masonic spirit exhibited.

The support received from the individual members of both York and Scottish Rite is also noted and appreciated.

BUDGET FOR 1917

We require for this year:

For maintenance -----	\$6,000 00
For fire escapes and repairs -----	1,000 00
For dairy barn -----	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$8,000 00

GRAND LODGE APPROPRIATION FOR 1917

We respectfully request that this Grand Body appropriate for the above budget for 1917 the sum of \$5,000.00. Of this amount, we will apportion \$3,000.00 on maintenance fund; \$1,000.00 on dairy barn, and \$1,000.00 on fire escapes and repairs to building.

VISITATIONS

We have the honor to record a number of distinguished visitors during 1916. The members of the Masonic Order and Order of the Eastern Star have visited us from time to time, and by their words of encouragement have contributed much to the comfort of our old guests. We hope every member of each order, as they pass this way, will take advantage of the opportunity to call and inspect the Home.

Among the many visitors we make special mention of the following:

June 10 to 15, 1916, visitors to number of 25, members of the Order Eastern Star, on their way home from the Grand Chapter meeting, stopped over and inspected the Institution.

July 21, 1916, the Grand Master of North Carolina A.F. & A.M., Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., made an official visit and dined with the old folks.

July 25, 1916, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star, Sister Nolan Knight, made an official visit and enjoyed supper with the guests.

July 30, 1916, Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, A.F. & A.M., made an official visit in full regalia. Ninety-five members were present, presided over by Rev. Brother Goode, who conducted religious services in the chapel. After services, the Lodge invited the

old guests to join them on the campus in basket dinner. This was much enjoyed. The Lodge requested the privilege of taking up a collection strictly among its members. This request was granted and resulted in the splendid sum of \$119.75 being donated to the maintenance fund. One member of Thomasville Lodge, Bro. T. J. Finch contributed a check for \$100.00. During the visit speeches were made by Bros. M. H. Stone, T. J. Finch, S. Grimes, Doctor Cobb, Brother McCrae, and the Worshipful Master, Brother Harris.

August 31, 1917, the members of the Order Eastern Star, being in session at the fifth district meeting in Greensboro, availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Home. Over 100 came out in autos and street cars and participated in lunch on the campus. The members contributed \$30.00 on this occasion to maintenance fund.

November, 1916, members of Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter of High Point, to the number of 25 Brothers and Sisters, came over accompanied by their Pastor, Doctor Coble, who conducted services in the chapel.

December 13, 1916, Bro. John E. Cameron, Potentate of Oasis Temple, A.A.O.N.M. Shrine of North Carolina, made an official visit and dined with the old guests. Brother Cameron went over the contemplated new building proposition and assured us that the Shriners of North Carolina would, without doubt, construct this addition during 1917.

December 22, 1916, students of the State Normal and Industrial College, numbering 100, visited on this date, conducted unique Christmas ceremonies, and distributed gifts to each guest.

December 25, 1916, Old Saint Nicholas loaded down with gifts from Masonic and Order Eastern Star Bodies of North Carolina arrived. Each old guest was remembered with money and other gifts. Turkeys were also left for Christmas dinner, and large quantities of apples and oranges to last through the holiday period.

THANKS TO GRAND MASTER

I feel under many and lasting obligations to our distinguished Grand Master, Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr. He has impressed me as having a personal interest in every old Brother in our Home, and that he was ready and willing at all times to do everything within his power to help in this work. He made a personal inspection of the plant, visited every guest and investigated the Home in all departments. He has ably assisted me in many matters of administration, and has given valuable advice when requested.

Every member of the official family, and each guest in the Home, wish our Grand Master long life and happiness. I have been especially asked by the old Brothers that they be remembered to him at this meeting.

GRAND AUDITOR

The Grand Auditor of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Robertson, inspected our books in December.

PERSONAL GREETINGS

I cannot close my report without a few words of personal greetings to my co-workers in this important undertaking.

My efforts in behalf of our old and indigent members has met with hearty and substantial coöperation from the entire membership of the Masonic and O. E. S. Fraternities throughout the State.

The members of our Board of Directors have at all times rendered valuable personal services and been ever willing to assist me in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Institution.

Brother Vanstory as Chairman of the Executive Committee has given liberally and promptly of his valuable time. His acquaintance among the Craft, and the fact that he is Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of North Carolina, has added great prestige to his connection with our Home. Brother Vanstory has labored without compensation and given us the benefit of his knowledge of large matters and financial operations. To him I am willing to give the larger part of the credit for the positoin of financial strength we now occupy. He personally visits the Home and goes from room to room and gives comfort and encouragement to our old Brethren.

Brother Clymer and wife are performing a great labor and at many sacrifices. Brother Clymer is a splendid mechanic and has proven his value on many occasions. I hope the Home will be able to continue both Brother Clymer and wife for an indefinite period.

Brother Butler has been of great assistance to me and I thank him for the part he is taking in our Home work.

The nurse, Mrs. Patterson, and Assistant Matron, Miss Thelma Clymer, have both proven to be worthy of our confidence and esteem.

Miss Anna Lee Clymer has also contributed to the comfort of our guests in many personal ways.

To all the balance of our staff I record my thanks for services rendered. To you, my Brethren, representing the subordinate Lodges of North Carolina, I have a heart full of thanks for the noble manner in which you have responded to my feeble efforts. To you the credit is due for the success of this Institution, this Home that so practically demonstrates our fraternal love for these Brothers less fortunate than ourselves. Please carry back to your respective Lodges the warm fraternal greetings and thanks of every old Brother and Sister in the Home, and accept from them the benediction that success attend your every effort, for you deserve to be successful.

JOHN J. PHOENIX,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Past Grand Master Hackett offered a resolution to pay the Past Grand Masters attending this and future annual communications of the Grand Lodge their actual expenses, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Acting Grand Secretary Willson presented the following petition from Anchor Lodge, No. 234, Auburn, N. C., which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

AUBURN, N. C., January 16, 1917.

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.,
Raleigh, N. C.:*

Anchor Lodge, No. 234, Auburn, N. C., respectfully petitions that the Grand Lodge refund to it fifty (\$50.00) dollars, which amount was secured by the Grand Lodge for sale of property of old Anchor Lodge, No. 234, by authority of the Grand Lodge when old charter was surrendered.

Charter having been restored to Anchor Lodge, No. 234, and said Lodge being now in good standing, is the reason for this petition.

S. LESLIE WATTS, W. M.
M. E. POWELL, S. W.
J. G. LANE, J. W.

Bro. A. S. Holden presented the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence: (Action on resolution. See report of Jurisprudence Committee.)

Resolution, To amend Section 133, Constitution, by changing amount as charged for fees, \$15.00 in fourth line to \$25.00.

A. S. HOLDEN.

Standing committees were announced as follows:

Jurisprudence.—Walter Clark, John Nichols, H. A. Gudger, S. M. Gattis, B. S. Royster, W. B. McKoy, H. A. Grady, F. W. Kenny, W. H. S. Burgwyn, W. E. Moore, F. D. Winston, R. C. Dunn.

Committee on By-Laws.—W. S. Creighton, W. L. Abbott, John H. Cheek.

Appeals.—John Thames, J. S. Spurgeon, J. B. Sellers, Chas. Hoertel, Harry T. Patterson, John B. Griggs, T. J. Hendrix, E. B. Lewis.

Foreign Correspondence.—Marshall DeLancey Haywood.

Finance.—A. J. Harris, Thos. H. Webb, D. C. Barnes, R. M. Oates, M. Saliba, S. N. Boyce, W. S. Creighton, H. E. Thompson, P. T. Wilson.

Credentials.—C. T. McClenaghan, A. S. Holden, Horace R. Dowell.

Orphan Asylum.—George S. Norfleet, Dr. R. J. Noble, John W. Cotten, C. M. Vanstory, S. E. McNeely, J. LeGrand Everett, C. F. Wood, D. M. Buck, John Sprunt Hill, J. P. Pillsbury, Frank Gough.

Masonic Temple.—A. B. Andrews, Jr., S. M. Gattis, F. D. Winston, W. S. Liddell, S. H. Smith, John W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, B. S. Royster, J. S. Carr, A. J. Harris, J. D. Elliott, John S. Cunningham.

Special Committee on Charity.—D. F. Betts, J. C. Galloway, C. A. Eury, D. Fulk, B. W. Barnett.

Fraternal Dead.—Leon Cash, B. E. Stanfield, T. H. Webb, W. T. Heckstall, John Lewis, W. H. Wolfe.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 1.—J. W. Kellogg, C. B. Newcomb, W. T. Clement, M. F. Absher, J. B. Sellers, W. L. Freeman, Barnes Daniel.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 2.—S. R. Dunn, Robt. Monroe, P. T. Perry, B. Frank Davis, W. E. Johnson, C. M. Doyle, J. W. Jones, Curtis Bynum, C. A. Eury.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 3.—B. S. Look, W. B. Gaither, J. D. Berry, D. M. Buck, J. L. DeLaney, Ernest Mills, F. T. Snow, W. R. Vaughn.

Unfinished Business.—B. W. Parham, K. E. Bennett, C. G. Bryant, R. E. Currence.

Charters and Dispensations, No. 1.—R. F. Edwards, W. H. Holland, J. W. Alford.

Charters and Dispensations, No. 2.—J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, J. W. Rowell, J. L. Nelson.

Masonic and Eastern Star Home.—J. J. Phoenix, J. E. Cameron, F. D. Winston, M. C. S. Noble, R. N. Hackett, F. W. Kenny, W. E. Johnson.

Past Grand Master Hackett offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina appropriate \$500.00 additional to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association to aid in erecting a memorial temple in honor of George Washington the Mason, at Alexandria, Virginia, this sum to be paid in five annual installments of \$100.00 each.

R. N. HACKETT.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Second Day--Morning Session

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1917.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master, presiding.

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

The Grand Master announced the presence of Most Worshipful James W. Witten, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, in the anteroom, and appointed Past Grand Masters Winston, Clark, Liddell, Hackett, McKoy and Cotten a committee to receive and escort the distinguished Brother into the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Witten was escorted into the Grand Lodge by the committee, and Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston, chairman of the committee, in suitable and appropriate language, introduced Brother Witten to the Grand Lodge and extended to him a cordial welcome. He was then given the Grand Honors and invited to a seat in the East.

Grand Master Andrews presented Grand Master Witten to the Grand Lodge, who, in eloquent and appropriate words, acknowledged the reception accorded him, expressed his appreciation of our Past Grand Master Hobgood for whom he had a high personal regard, and extended to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the greetings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

A delegation from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of North Carolina, consisting of Past Grand Master Winston, Bros. J. J. Phoenix, J. E. Cameron, and J. Edward Allen, appeared before the Grand Lodge, and through their spokesman presented the following resolution adopted by their Grand Chapter:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

At the annual communication of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of North Carolina, held in Asheville, N. C., June 13-15, 1916, the following resolu-

tions presented by Bro. John J. Phoenix, of Greensboro Chapter, No. 14, O.E.S., and of Revolution Lodge, No. 552, were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, It is important and desirable that a close relation be established between the Grand Chapter O.E. S., of North Carolina, and the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A. M., of North Carolina. Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter, O.E.S., of North Carolina, now in annual session, do with fraternal love send the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of North Carolina, our greetings. And to carry out this ceremony, be it further

"Resolved, That a committee of ten members of the O. E. S., of North Carolina, be appointed by our Grand Matron. This committee to be instructed in writing by our Grand Matron, and under our seal, to request the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of North Carolina, to attend our next annual session."

Pursuant of these resolutions, the following committee was appointed to bear a message of fraternal love to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina: Francis D. Winston, J. Edward Allen, C. M. Setzer, John J. Phoenix, Dr. S. H. Lyle, W. H. Woodbury, D. M. Weatherly, J. W. Payne, John P. Bean, J. M. Goode, Rev. J. W. Patton, C. W. Fowler, A. S. Guerard, W. D. Meacham, J. C. Griffin. We perform that duty in the true spirit that prompted the passage of these resolutions and our appointment.

The Order of Eastern Star will hail with joy the coming of the time, which we believe is close at hand, when this noble Grand Lodge will invite the coöperation of the Order of the Eastern Star in its great works of charity to humanity and of making the world better. There is work in plenty for both to do, but the great work of making better men and better women for the State and the Master can be more efficiently and perfectly done when both coöperate.

The Order of the Eastern Star feels that it has already been the means of causing wives and daughters of Master Masons to have a tender feeling for Masonry and for its great works, and they sincerely anticipate the time when every Sister of the Eastern Star will boast of the fact that her male relatives are Masons, and when

every Mason will boast of the fact that his female relatives are members of the Eastern Star.

That is the spirit in which we are sent to you, and in which we ask that you receive this message of fraternal love from your co-workers in the cause of God and humanity.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS D. WINSTON, P.G.M.,
JOHN J. PHOENIX,
J. EDWARD ALLEN, G.P., O.E.S.,
J. W. PATTON,
JAS. W. PAYNE,

Committee.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the following telegram:

WASHINGTON, N. C., January 17, 1917.

W. W. Willson, *Acting Grand Secretary, A.F. & A.M.,
Raleigh, North Carolina:*

Orr Lodge, 104, burned this morning 2 a. m. Read in Grand Lodge.

W. SCOTT FRIZZLE.

On motion it was ordered that a telegram of sympathy be sent to Orr Lodge, No. 104.

Bro. R. F. Edwards, chairman of Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 1, have carefully examined the records and proceedings of the following Lodges under dispensation: Seven Springs Lodge, at Seven Springs, in Wayne County; Norlina Lodge, at Norlina, in Warren County. We recommend that a charter be granted to each of these Lodges. Also recommend that the name of New Hope Lodge, No. 415, be changed to Miller's Creek, retaining original number.

Most respectfully submitted,

R. F. EDWARDS,
W. W. HOLLAND,
J. W. ALFORD,

Committee.

Bro. J. W. Patton, Chairman of Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, your Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submit the following:

We have examined the records and proceedings of the following Lodges under dispensation:

Bailey, at Bailey, N. C., in Nash County, and Unionville, in the County of Union, N. C.

We recommend that a charter be granted to each of these Lodges.

We wish to call attention to an irregularity on the part of some Lodges under dispensation with regard to receiving members by dimit before said Lodges have charters.

Most respectfully submitted,

J. W. PATTON,

J. W. ROWELL,

W. C. WICKER,

Committee.

Past Grand Master F. D. Winston offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

WHEREAS, The grave of Past Grand Master Benjamin Smith is unmarked and its location doubtful, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to locate the grave of Past Grand Master Smith and to mark the same with a suitable stone and that one hundred dollars be appropriated out of the Grand Lodge funds for carrying out this purpose.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON, P.G.M.

On motion of Bro. J. Edward Allen it was ordered by a rising vote that telegrams of sympathy be sent to Past Grand Masters Alderman and Winchester.

Past Grand Master Hackett presented the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee, composed of Past Grand Masters Walter S. Liddell, Samuel H. Smith and Bro. Leon Cash, appointed at the last annual communica-

tion of the Grand Lodge for the purposes of investigating certain matters in Sulphur Springs Lodge, No. 560, be continued and report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

PROVIDED, If one of the committee is unable to attend the meeting at the time called, the other two shall have plenary power to act in the premises.

R. N. HACKETT.

SPECIAL ORDER

The Grand Master announced that the hour had arrived for the memorial services of Right Worshipful John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, deceased.

Past Grand Master R. J. Noble, from the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following:

JOHN COLIN DREWRY, 32°

On July 26, 1860, John C. Drewry was born at Drewryville, in Southampton County, Virginia. His parents were John Drewry, and his wife, Carolina W. Barnes. They were of patriotic, revolutionary stock. His life exemplified their sound morality and excellent teaching. He was a student at the famous Bethel Military Academy, near Warrenton, Va. With the careful preparation of that excellent Institution, he entered the University of Virginia, where he at once took high rank as a student and a man. He graduated from there with honor in 1881. Having read law during his college course, he was later licensed to practice by the Supreme Court of the Old Dominion, and for a few years engaged actively in that profession. However, his mind tended to business, rather than law, and he made insurance his life's work. For nearly 30 years he was connected with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of New Jersey. He moved to Raleigh in 1888 to become its State Agent, and in connection with his office at Raleigh maintained an office in Richmond, Va. He ably and successfully conducted the very large business of that company in these two states. He had other important business connections with manufacturing industries, banks and other financial institutions. His associates in all business strongly relied upon his excellent judgment.

Immediately after locating in Raleigh he became in-

terested in the welfare of his adopted city, and took very active interest in its concerns. In 1892, he was a member of the Board of Aldermen, and was on the Street Committee. To him is due the first real progress made in our capital city in street building, and the present excellent streets and pavements of Raleigh are a monument to his energy and progressive spirit. He took also active interest in the affairs of Wake County. He was a large property holder in both city and county.

In 1902 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Wake County. So entirely satisfactory was his service in that important duty, his constituents later promoted him to the State Senate, where he served during the session of 1907. As a legislator and Senator he was careful of the State's honor and solicitous about its interest. As was to be expected, he gave special attention to insurance legislation. He was for years a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from the metropolitan congressional district, and was a wise and useful party leader. He was an attractive speaker and frequently canvassed Wake and the adjoining counties.

As a marked evidence of his business usefulness, he was elected President of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, which conducts our State Fair, and he was twice elected President of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. His conduct in these important enterprises was of the very highest order and gratifying in beneficial results. In social life he was genial and hospitable; his home was the abode of his friends. He was twice President of the Capital Club, the State's leading social organization.

Brother Drewry was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He frequently represented that influential church in the conventions of the Diocese of North Carolina. His works of charity were abundant; he loved to do good; he forgot not to distribute. The needy found in him an open-handed friend, and the sorrowing found in him a sweet-voiced comforter. He sat often by the bedside of the sick and the dying. His was a life of noble Christian service.

He was married January 22, 1886, to Miss Emmie Mangham, from Georgia. She died in August, 1893. A daughter, Emmie L. Drewry, was born to them. She married Jas. G. Hanes, a successful man of affairs in Winston-Salem, and lived but three years, dying in

March, 1916. On the anniversary of his first marriage, January 22, 1902, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Kittie Mebane Holt Wharton, a daughter of L. Banks Holt, one of the State's ablest manufacturers. Mrs. Drewry and their son, John Colin Drewry, now thirteen years of age, survive him.

His life in Masonry commenced in Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, where he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason May 12, 1890. He was a close student of our unwritten language and mastered it. In less than a year he was elected Junior Warden of his Lodge. A year later he was elected Worshipful Master of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, and served as such three times. Under his wise guidance Wm. G. Hill Lodge greatly prospered in good works and in numbers. At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1895 he was elected Grand Secretary. At each recurring annual Grand Communication he was unanimously re-elected to that office, and served to the end. We cannot convey to North Carolina Masons any clearer idea of his great and useful labors in that high office than they personally have. He was an ideal Grand Secretary, prompt in attendance, courteous in contact with the Brethren, patient to hear complaints, eager to give accurate information, clear in his statements on the record of what was proper to be recorded. He brought the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction into a more compact organization.

His greatest service to Masonry was rendered in connection with building the Masonic Temple. No sacrifice of time or credit was too great for him in that work. Others rendered signal service in connection with it, but on the record it may with truth be written, "John C. Drewry was the father of the Masonic Temple." Its affairs were kept in excellent shape by his able management. As a member of, and Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Masonic Code, his labors were very valuable.

After receiving the degrees in Masonry he advanced in other Masonic lines. He took the York Rite degrees of the Chapter in Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, R.A.M., and the orders of Knighthood were conferred on him in Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, K.T. He reached the principal stations in both bodies and was both Grand High Priest and Grand Commander in 1893. The degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite were communi-

cated to him by Bro. W. S. Liddell, 32d degree, the deputy of J. W. Cartland, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for North Carolina.

We annex to this memorial a history of his Masonic life.

He died October 2, 1916, and was buried from Christ Church in this city. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina concluded the services of his interment with Masonic honors in beautiful Oakwood cemetery. He was a brave citizen; a wise legislator; a successful business man; a fast friend; a loving husband and father; a worthy Master Mason, and humble Christian. We quote from the announcement of his death, made by Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., "His life was an open book; creditable to himself, elevating to his community, loyal to God and religion, admired by his friends, and an example to all." We shall greatly miss his service and his example. He was a man without fear and above reproach, and a Mason in its deepest and truest sense. He loved our ancient institution with all the intensity of his nature.

As an evidence of his love for our Institution and for the Grand Lodge, we refer to this clause taken from his will:

"I give and bequeath to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, the sum of ten thousand dollars in trust to be set aside by the Grand Lodge and known as the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund. I appoint as a Board of Trustees of this fund the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, and their successors in office, and two additional discreet Master Masons, residents of the City of Raleigh, to be elected by the Grand Lodge, who shall act with the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and their successors in office as trustees to manage and invest the above-named fund. The Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company shall be the custodian of all funds and securities left the Grand Lodge under this trust. It is my desire and I direct that these five trustees and their successors in office shall manage and control this fund and keep it constantly invested as far as possible until the fund and its accumulations or additions amount to twenty thousand dollars or more. This donation in trust of ten thousand dollars and its accumulations may be supplemented or increased at any time by addi-

tions to the fund from the Grand Lodge treasury or other sources. When this trust fund and its accumulations and additions in the hands of the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company amount to twenty thousand dollars or more, then it is my desire and I direct that the trustees of this fund shall keep the same intact and well and safely invested and that the proceeds or income from this fund shall be used by the Grand Lodge toward paying the salary of Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge and all expenses of that office; or if more than sufficient to do this the balance of the income, if any, shall be used to increase the principal of the trust fund. I direct that the said sum of ten thousand dollars be set aside by my executor, the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, to be invested by the Board of Trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund with the assistance of my trustees hereinafter named. The said investments and securities to be held by the custodians of the fund, the said sum of ten thousand dollars not to be available until after the trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund have qualified and organized under the terms and conditions of this will. The trustees of said fund being officers of the Grand Lodge, or otherwise residents of Raleigh, I desire that they serve the Grand Lodge in this capacity without compensation, and direct that no expense for said services be paid out of this fund even to the trustees of this fund, or to the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company. Said trustees shall make an annual report to the Grand Lodge as to the manner in which they have performed the duties of said trust, and such report to be accompanied by a statement from the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, in regard to the securities in their hands. It is my will and desire that the Grand Lodge at its first annual communication after my death elect as the two additional trustees and residents of Raleigh to compose said board of trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, my highly esteemed and much-beloved Brethren (if they be then living) A. B. Andrews, Jr., and C. B. Barbee, two honest, discreet business men, in whom I have the utmost confidence, who shall serve during their lives, and at their death or resignation, their successors to be chosen by the Grand Lodge."

We pay this tribute to his memory, and Masons in North Carolina will long and lovingly recall his noble service in our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. WINSTON,

R. J. NOBLE,

JOHN W. COTTEN,

Committee.

Past Grand Master W. B. McKoy, Past Grand Master R. N. Hackett, Dr. J. M. Templeton, Past Grand Master F. D. Winston, Dr. J. C. Braswell, Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., and Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, each in eloquent and feeling language, paid tribute to the excellent virtues of our departed Grand Secretary, expressing their love and admiration for his worth as a man and a Mason and their sense of loss, in words filled with love and deep regret.

At the conclusion of the exercises, on motion of Bro. J. J. Phoenix, the resolutions submitted by the committee were adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Keller, Associate Grand Chaplain, the Brethren who delivered eulogies in the memorial exercises of Right Worshipful John C. Drewry were requested to submit them in writing and file with the Grand Secretary for publication in the Proceedings.

Bro. W. L. Gilbert presented the following resolution relative to district meetings, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Recognizing the fact that the district meetings of the several districts of this Grand Jurisdiction are of vast benefit to the Craft, therefore,

Be it *Resolved*,

First, That each District Deputy Grand Master is hereby urged to hold at least one district meeting in each year.

Second, A subordinate body is hereby created, to be known as a district Lodge whose officers shall be elected as follows:

The District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master. The District Senior Warden, District Junior Warden, District Treasurer, and District Secretary shall be elected by the members of Lodges composing the district. The other officers of the district Lodge shall be appointed by the District Deputy Grand Master. These officers to be the same as now obtain in the subordinate Lodges, with the addition of district to their title. That each district Lodge shall have power to hold regular meetings to discuss any matters that may come before it, and to exemplify the work.

W. L. GILBERT.

Bro. J. Edward Allen submitted the following report from the committee to revise the burial service, which was read and on motion adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

At the annual communication of this Grand Lodge a year ago, a committee to revise the burial service was authorized. Acting upon this authority, Grand Master Andrews appointed a committee composed of Past Grand Master John T. Alderman, Chairman; Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, and myself, to prepare the revised burial service.

But circumstances over which none of us had any control whatsoever have prevented the completion of the work assigned to this committee. Brother Alderman, long one of the most devoted and zealous workers in behalf of this Grand Lodge, was forced by sickness to ask the Grand Master to relieve him of his duties on this committee. General Royster's duties were so greatly augmented, and so much of his time was taken, by the complications arising out of the mobilization of the National Guard, that it was necessary for him, too, to resign from the Committee.

Then the Grand Master authorized me to suggest two associates to be appointed on this committee, and to proceed with the work of preparing a revision of the funeral ceremony. But my closest associate in my profession has been since June 18, 1916, kept out of our work because he is captain of the local military company

now in service, and I have been doing all I could of two men's work.

Therefore, I have been unable to complete the work of revision. I think this work should be done, and done very carefully; and I suggest that a new committee be appointed to present a revision of the burial service at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD ALLEN,

For the Committee.

Report of Grand Auditor

Grand Auditor T. R. Robertson submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1917.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of Bro. W. W. Willson, Acting Grand Secretary, and find that since last report to the Grand Lodge in January, 1916, he has collected, as evidenced by receipt stubs, the following amounts, all of which have been regularly paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per receipts signed by the Grand Treasurer.

From Lodge dues -----	\$27,176 30
From chapters and dispensations -----	150 00
From Rebecca Baird bequest -----	100 00
From A. J. Ellington, Stoneville Lodge -----	27 57
From Black Creek Lodge -----	15 78
Dues members of defunct Lodges -----	69 47
Sale of Codes and Proceedings -----	92 65

\$27,631 77

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of Grand Treasurer Leo D. Heartt for the past fiscal year and find them to be correct in every particular.

The following are receipts and disbursements since the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge:

RECEIPTS

From Grand Secretary	\$27,631 77
Int. on note Masonic Temple Construction Co.	60 00
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	\$27,691 77
Balance on hand last report	1,292 54
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	\$28,984 31

DISBURSEMENTS

As per vouchers on file	\$26,801 77
Balance	2,182 54
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	\$28,984 31

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have carefully examined the books and vouchers of F. P. Bland, Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and beg herewith to submit a condensed report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1916.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS

Receipts from all sources, November 1, 1915,	
to November 1, 1916	\$60,032 53
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915	116 24
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	\$60,148 77

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed as per vouchers on file	\$59,188 49
Balance in Bank November 1, 1916	960 28
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	\$60,148 77

PRINTING OFFICE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS

Receipts from all sources, November 1, 1915,	
to November 1, 1916	\$17,478 98
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915	1,366 47
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	\$18,845 45

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed as per vouchers on file	\$18,805 36
Balance in Bank November 1, 1916	40 09
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	\$18,845 45

WOODWORKING SHOP ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS

Receipts from all sources, November 1, 1915,	
November 1, 1916 -----	\$17,098 89
Balance on deposit November 1, 1915 -----	1,520 74
	<hr/> \$18,619 63

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements as per vouchers on file -----	\$15,673 56
Balance in Bank November 1, 1916 -----	2,946 07
	<hr/> \$18,619 63

INVESTMENTS AND LEGACIES ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS

Receipts from all sources, November 1, 1915,	
to November 1, 1916 -----	\$10,364 20
Balance in bank November 1, 1915 -----	174 66
	<hr/> \$10,538 86

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed for permanent improvements, as	
per vouchers -----	\$ 8,798 43
Loan from General Fund repaid -----	1,500 00
Balance in Bank November 1, 1916 -----	240 43
	<hr/> \$10,538 86

RECAPITULATION—RECEIPTS

General Fund -----	\$60,032 53
Printing Office -----	17,478 98
Woodworking Shop -----	17,098 89
Investments and legacies -----	10,364 20
	<hr/> \$104,974 60
Balance November 1, 1915 -----	3,178 11
	<hr/> \$108,152 71

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund -----	\$59,188 49
Printing Office -----	18,805 36
Woodworking Shop -----	15,673 56
For Permanent Improvements account -----	10,298 43
	<hr/> \$103,965 84
Balance November 1, 1916 -----	4,186 87
	<hr/> \$108,152 71

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and herewith submit my report for the fiscal year.

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS

January 1, 1916, to December 31, 1916, inclusive:

January	\$ 3,118 03
February	875 62
March	2,428 74
April	383 89
May	589 18
June	256 85
July	930 46
August	647 70
September	464 72
October	1,495 93
November	1,460 49
December	4,473 99
Total for 1916	\$17,125 60
Balance January 1, 1916	1 64
	\$17,127 24

Disbursements, January 1 to December 31, 1916:

For maintenance:

Home	\$ 6,178 86
Farm and barn	259 48
Principal of mortgage	2,000 00
Elevator plant	1,554 37
Note American Exchange Bank, 1915	750 00
Accounts payable, 1915	446 76
Printing, postage and stationery	348 14
Notes payable	48 97
Interest	333 02
Equipment:	
Home	337 35
Barn	67 50
Farm	18 57
Gas plant	5 82
Garage	25 82
Improvement grounds	32 38

Electric power line -----	172 22
Insurance -----	73 50
Funeral expenses -----	155 45
Chairman Executive Committee, postage -----	2 50
Secretary and Treasurer, general expense -----	94 53
Directors' expenses -----	15 65
Guests, clothing and medicine -----	148 09
Cash on hand in mainteance fund, American Exchange Bank -----	333 36
Cash on hand in building fund, Textile Bank -----	3,724 90
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	\$17,127 24

Respectfully submitted,
 THOS. R. ROBERTSON,
Grand Auditor.

Brother Yandell presented the greetings of Past Grand Master Winchester to the Grand Lodge. Grand Master Andrews read a communication from Brother Winchester extending greetings to the Grand Lodge.

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

Second Day--Evening Session

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., presiding.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

Bro. Geo. S. Norfleet, Chairman of the Committee on Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted with the exception of that part of it referring to financial matters, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

At the meeting of your Committee on Oxford Orphan Asylum this morning, one chair was vacant and one familiar face was gone forever. Bro. G. Rosenthal, while not a member of our committee, always met with us and gave us the benefit of his abundant knowledge of our Institution and its needs, and we shall greatly miss his good fellowship and wise counsel. His love for the orphan children was indeed beautiful, and would to God that every man in this Grand Lodge had the same interest in the Oxford Orphan Asylum that he did.

We commend the Board of Directors for going ahead and borrowing the necessary money to make urgent repairs on the buildings at Oxford to save them from further depreciation and more costly repairs, and we recommend that a special appropriation of \$4,855.00 be made to pay the debt incurred for making these repairs and improvements.

We ask that the appropriations of last year of \$5,000 to the maintenance fund, and \$2,500 to the maintenance of the Baby Cottage, be continued. In this connection we wish to say that we think the management and Board of Directors have been very considerate in not asking for an increase in appropriations for maintenance this year. By reading the Superintendent's report it is very easy to see that the Institution faces a very grave condition of affairs. It is going to cost considerably more money to take care of the children than it has been costing, and the Institution will be compelled to receive more money from some source in order to meet the great in-

crease in the cost of living. We, therefore, most earnestly wish to impress upon the representatives of the local Lodges that they have a duty to perform in helping more liberally to support the dependent children in our care. We would suggest that a special effort be made to enlist every Lodge in a movement to make a regular monthly contribution to this worthy cause, even though such amount might be small in some cases. Systematic giving is what counts most.

We wish, further, to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to a fact which we believe is not generally understood or appreciated: that is, that at Oxford we have a large plant consisting of 18 brick buildings and 12 frame buildings. Most of these buildings are getting old and are badly needing repairs, and it takes a great deal of money to keep up such a plant. This being the case this property will have to be protected by the funds from this Grand Lodge. It is too much to expect this work to be done out of the amount received for taking care of the children. We, therefore, wish to bring this matter now to the attention of the Grand Lodge that plans may be thought out for raising a permanent income to enable the Institution to take care of this valuable property owned by the Grand Lodge, independently of funds raised for the care of the children.

We again commend to the Masons of North Carolina the *Orphans' Friend* as a source of Masonic information and knowledge and as a revenue producer for the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and we ask that Mrs. Farmer, the energetic and efficient representative of this paper, be given all assistance possible when visiting the various places in the State.

We recommend that the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Superintendent and all others officially connected with our Institution, and to its Singing Class, for the splendid work done during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. NORFLEET,
R. J. NOBLE,
JOHN W. COTTEN,
J. LEGRAND EVERETT,
J. S. SPURGEON,
C. F. WHITE,

Committee.

Past Grand Master Winston, from the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the addresses of the Grand Master and of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master. We recommend that so much of both addresses as relates to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead; so much as relates to Oxford Orphan Asylum be referred to the Orphan Asylum Committee; so much as relates to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, to the Committee on that Institution, and that the decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We approve the recommendation of the Grand Master with regard to the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, and this committee recommends that the Grand Lodge pass the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge accept upon the terms named in his will, the bequest made by Bro. John C. Drewry, and that the Grand Lodge proceed with the election of trustees as directed in the will of Bro. John C. Drewry, and that Bros. A. B. Andrews, Jr., and C. B. Barbee, two honest and discreet business men and Masons, be elected as such trustees, in accordance with the wishes of Brother Drewry.

We note with pleasure that the Washington Masonic Memorial is commanding the attention of all the jurisdictions in America, and that the financial condition of that enterprise is soon to be realized.

We note the very interesting reference to the Davie plate and to the interesting ceremonies of presentation had at the University in connection therewith.

We recommend that the question of salary for Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We congratulate the Grand Master, and also the Deputy Grand Master when acting as such, upon the highly satisfactory condition in which we find all of the affairs of the Grand Lodge under their wise administration. They make the administration of affairs of this

Grand Lodge, by such wise direction, much easier for those who come after them.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
JOHN W. COTTEN,
B. S. ROYSTER,
FRANCIS D. WINSTON,
Committee.

The Grand Master announced that he was in receipt of letters from Grand Masters Louis A. Watres, of Pennsylvania; Charles Barham, of Tennessee; Frank O. Miller, of Georgia; R. A. Cooper, of South Carolina; Thos. J. Shryock, of Maryland; Jas. E. Crane, of Florida; Wm. R. Meakle, of New Jersey; Past Grand Master John W. Vrooman, of New York; Deputy Grand Master W. W. Wannamaker, of South Carolina; Grand Steward B. F. Hall; Bros. Geo. W. Baird, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, of the District of Columbia; and A. M. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General, expressing their regret at their inability to be present.

Acting Grand Secretary Willson read the following telegrams:

WASHINGTON, N. C., January 17, 1917.

W. W. Willson, Acting Grand Secretary, care Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.:

Regret to inform you Orr Lodge burned this morning.

O. M. WINFIELD,
Master.

CAMP STEWART, EL PASO, TEX.,
January 17, 1917.

W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Raleigh, N. C.:

Regret my unavoidable absence. Best wishes for a successful meeting.

B. F. HALL.

The Acting Grand Secretary announced that the following telegrams had been sent in accordance with the order of the Grand Lodge at its morning session:

January 17, 1917.

Mr. O. M. Winfield, W.M., Washington, N. C.:

Grand Lodge extends sympathy for Orr Lodge in loss of its hall by fire.

W. W. WILLSON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

January 17, 1917.

Dr. F. M. Winchester, P.G.M., Charlotte, N. C.:

Grand Lodge of North Carolina unanimously sends regret at your inability to be with us. Extends sympathy and prayers for your restoration to health.

W. W. WILLSON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

January 17, 1917.

*Mr. J. T. Alderman, P.G.M., care Mrs. W. L. Tedder,
Live Oak, Florida:*

Grand Lodge of North Carolina unanimously sends regret at your inability to be with us. Extends sympathy and prayers for your restoration to health.

W. W. WILLSON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

Brother Norfleet, Senior Grand Warden, presented to the Grand Lodge the fraternal greetings of Past Grand Master Samuel H. Smith with his regret at his inability to be present.

On motion of Bro. J. E. Cameron, it was ordered that Brother Norfleet be requested to express to Brother Smith the regret of the Grand Lodge at his unavoidable absence, and to extend to him its love and sympathy, and to present to him in behalf of the Grand Lodge a bouquet of flowers.

Bro. R. C. Dunn submitted the following report from the Jurisprudence Committee, which was read and on motion adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The undersigned Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully submit the following report:

We have carefully considered the rulings made by Grand Master Andrews.

We approve in full the following rulings as they appear in the printed address of Grand Master Andrews: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14-a, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.

Ruling No. 3. "A Lodge having deadlocked in an election for Master, 25 ballots being taken with no avail, it was proper for the Lodge, in the discretion of the Master, to proceed with the election of other officers, which only required a majority vote, instead of indefinitely balloting on an office that required two-thirds to elect." We approve of this ruling with the words, "in the discretion of the Master," stricken out.

Ruling No. 5. "A Fellow Craft removes to a neighboring town, and his home Lodge by majority vote requests the Lodge in the neighboring town to confer the Master Mason degree. A Brother in conversation with the Secretary, objects to that course. He made no objection in open Lodge, though present afterwards. Held that the objection to the receiving of a degree provided for in the Masonic Code must be in open Lodge, or, in very exceptional cases, possibly may be made direct to the Master. An objection filed verbally with the Secretary is not sufficient." We approve of said ruling, with the words, "or in very exceptional cases, possibly may be made direct to the Master," stricken out.

Ruling No. 30. "A Lodge can change or amend its By-laws, including the By-law regulating its meeting, as it sees fit, in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Lodge law, therefore a Lodge has the right, upon complying with the Code, to change its meeting date as its membership sees fit, and no further consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master is necessary." We approve of said ruling with the words, "and no further consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master is necessary," stricken out, and the words, "to be approved as provided in Regulation 41," inserted in lieu thereof.

Ruling No. 33. "A petitioner who has attended a college in this State continuously for two years acquires a Masonic residence at that place, hence upon removal to another place in this State, the Lodge in that place can, by getting the Lodge in the college town to waive

jurisdiction over the party, receive his petition for the degrees." We disapprove this ruling.

Ruling No. 42. "A Brother lodging an objection with a Master to a Fellow Craft being raised, can do so privately, and it does not have to be made in open Lodge. Reasons against the Fellow Craft being advanced for causes supposed to have been committed seven years may be a valid reason for a Brother objecting to a Fellow Craft being raised." We disapprove the ruling contained in the first sentence thereof, and approve the ruling contained in the last sentence.

Ruling No. 73. "The action of the Grand Lodge on an appeal, in setting aside the action of its subordinate Lodge which expelled Masons, nullifies the trial as though they had never been suspended or expelled. Therefore, they are not restored Masons, but they stand simply as members of the subordinate Lodge with charges pending against them." We approve this ruling with the last sentence stricken therefrom.

Ruling No. 74. "A Lodge member has a right to object to the admission of a visiting Brother, but a member has not the right to demand that a visiting Mason, then sitting in the Lodge, be excluded or expelled therefrom. It is the privilege of a member to object to the admission of a visiting Brother, but if the member is late and the visiting Brother has been admitted to a session of the Lodge, the visitor cannot be compelled to withdraw at the request of the member." We approve only that part of said ruling which states, "A Lodge member has a right to object to the admission of a visiting Brother," and refer to Regulation 333, of the Masonic Code.

The Committee recommends that the resolution of Bro. A. S. Holden to amend Section 133 of the Constitution, by changing the minimum amount as charged for fees from \$15.00 to \$25.00, do not pass.

The Committee recommends that the resolution offered by Bro. W. L. Gilbert providing for the creation of a subordinate body to be known as a District Lodge, do not pass.

The Committee recommends that in the future the Grand Master do not report any decisions made by him, unless such decision involves the construction of Masonic law, and unless such decision was made by him upon an appeal as provided by law. The Committee

further recommends that where a decision only requires a citation of existing law or regulation, the same be not reported by the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,
 WALTER CLARK, *Chairman*,
 B. S. ROYSTER,
 W. B. MCKOY,
 H. A. GRADY,
 R. C. DUNN,
 F. W. KENNY,
 W. E. MOORE,
 F. D. WINSTON,
Committee.

Bro. B. S. Royster, submitted the following report of the Masonic Temple Committee, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Temple Committee herewith submits its annual report for the calendar year 1916.

During the year, the Temple affairs were largely a matter of routine, and while we made a slight increase in rent, yet we expect to make a much more substantial one during the coming year.

A statement of our receipts and disbursements is as follows:

RECEIPTS

Cash in Bank	\$ 588 58
Received from sale of poems	2 75
Received from donations on pledge cards..	1 00
Received from outside subscriptions	10 00
Received from sale of old rope	15 00
Received in rents from Temple during the year	12,035 28
Total receipts	\$12,652 61

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out for interest during the year.....	\$ 1,990 20
Paid out for operating the Masonic Temple building, including heat, light, elevator, janitor's services, taxes and other items	5,296 05
Paid out for repairs to building	1,653 31

Paid out for insurance	\$ 669 34
Paid out for expenses, miscellaneous items	2,652 00
Total disbursements	<u>\$12,260 90</u>
Balance in bank	\$ 391 71

LIABILITIES

First mortgage bond indebtedness, due 1916	\$10,000 00
Second mortgage bond indebtedness	30,050 00
Construction Company's notes	8,000 00
Loan of Moore Fund from Grand Treasurer	1,000 00
Total indebtedness January 1, 1917	<u>\$49,050 00</u>

This statement does not include, as heretofore, the \$7,500 payment by the Grand Lodge, which the Temple Committee is carrying in a separate fund in order to carry out its financial plans. In the statement of disbursements is the item of \$2,652.00 paid out for expenses, miscellaneous items, and included in that is \$2,500 paid into the same fund for taking up of these bonds.

The following statement will show the receipts and disbursements by months in regard to operating the Masonic Temple:

MASONIC TEMPLE OPERATING ACCOUNT

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To rent received January, 1916	\$ 1,115 17
To rent received February, 1916	575 00
To rent received March, 1916	872 57
To rent received April, 1916	910 50
To rent received May, 1916	1,047 50
To rent received June, 1916	1,199 50
To rent received July, 1916	868 00
To rent received August, 1916	894 50
To rent received September, 1916	1,373 50
To rent received October, 1916	1,220 50
To rent received November, 1916	836 50
To rent received December, 1916	1,122 04
Total	<u>\$12,035 28</u>

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To operating expenses	January, 1916	-----	\$ 453 01
To operating expenses	February, 1916	-----	425 90
To operating expenses	March, 1916	-----	425 61
To operating expenses	April, 1916	-----	468 08
To operating expenses	May, 1916	-----	380 31
To operating expenses	June, 1916	-----	395 00
To operating expenses	July, 1916	-----	367 09
To operating expenses	August, 1916	-----	517 49
To operating expenses	September, 1916	---	530 94
To operating expenses	October, 1916	-----	476 84
To operating expenses	November, 1916	---	447 31
To operating expenses	December, 1916	---	428 47

Total	-----	\$ 5,296 05
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The total balance sheet for the construction and operation of the Temple from its inception is as follows:

A. P. Andrews, Treasurer	-----	\$ 391 71
Masonic Temple operating account	---	41,772 41
Real estate account	-----	174,275 59
Insurance account	-----	4,220 22
Interest account	-----	31,044 11
Expense account	-----	3,234 58
Repairs to building account	-----	2,159 84

Total	-----	\$257,098 46
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Cash collected on	subscriptions	Grand	
Lodge	-----	\$ 74,000 00	
Cash collected on	Raleigh subscriptions	16,248 63	
Cash collected on	subscriptions outside	17,093 93	
Cash collected	donations	23,790 45	
Cash collected	rents	101,619 03	
Cash collected	bill payable	19,000 00	
Cash collected	Masonic Fair	3,623 08	
Cash collected	sale of poems	353 35	
Cash collected	miscellaneous	145 41	
Cash collected	Masonic Dramatic Associa-		
tion	-----	396 05	
Unclassified accounts	-----	828 53	

Total	-----	\$257,098 46
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A year ago we reported our indebtedness as follows:

First mortgage bond indebtedness, due 1916	\$10,000 00
Second mortgage bond indebtedness	30,050 00
Construction Company's notes	18,000 00
Loan of Moore Fund from Grand Treasurer	1,000 00
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Total indebtedness January 1, 1916	\$49,050 00

In November last, the Executive Committee reached the conclusion that the financial affairs of the Masonic Temple should be refinanced, which was then studied out and, owing to the proposition so vitally affecting the Temple management, they deferred action until the meeting of the full committee, which was held today, and endorsed their action and reported same to you for confirmation.

In 1910, the Grand Lodge appropriated (pages 78-81 and 96-97) \$7,500 annually from its general revenue to the Masonic Temple Committee until the indebtedness on the Temple is fully liquidated. At that time the debt on the newly completed Temple was practically \$124,000, of which \$45,000 of Construction Company's notes was endorsed personally by the individual members. This appropriation was made in order to relieve the individual members of the committee from personal liability on these notes and also to facilitate financing that large debt. Further, the Grand Lodge authorized (page 80) the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to issue notes for these amounts anticipating their payment, and as \$75,000 was estimated as the amount needed, there were executed notes for \$7,500 falling due annually, from December 1, 1910, to December 1, 1919, which were delivered to the Temple Committee, which hypothecated them with the trustee for the banks holding the personally endorsed Construction Company's notes and the other indebtedness. Under this provision the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge has each year had to provide \$7,500 annually, which in 1910 was the equivalent of a *per capita* tax of 38c on the 20,000 members, and in 1916 on the 27,000 members is practically a tax of 29c *per capita*.

The method of financing proposed by the Executive Committee, and unanimously endorsed by the Masonic Temple Committee, provides that the Grand Lodge cease

to annually appropriate the \$7,500 to the Temple, which money can be hereafter used for charity, or for such other purposes as the Grand Lodges desires.

The financial plan proposed is as follows:

1. That the Grand Lodge, instead of taking stock for the four payments of \$7,500 made in 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913, which aggregated \$30,000, shall receive \$30,000 Masonic Temple 4 per cent. second mortgage bonds, which bonds shall have interest coupons attached to them from the date these payments were made, or notes for interest shall be given. \$7,500 of these bonds are already hypothecated to secure existing indebtedness.

2. For the three payments of \$7,500 made in 1914, 1915, and 1916, which aggregate \$22,500 the Grand Lodge shall receive notes bearing interest at 5 per cent. from the date of payment.

3. That the Grand Lodge hereafter discontinue the appropriation of \$7,500 annually to the Masonic Temple Committee.

4. That the Grand Lodge authorize the Masonic Temple Committee, to make all necessary arrangements for borrowing in the name of the Grand Lodge such sum of money not exceeding \$15,000, and hereby directs its Grand Master and Grand Secretary to execute its note or notes, under seal, bearing such rate of interest as may be agreed upon and due at such times and places as may be agreed upon, and also authorize the pledging and hypothecating of all Masonic Temple bonds and notes of the Masonic Temple Construction Company, that may be owned by the Grand Lodge, in order to secure the same.

5. That the Grand Lodge doth hereby approve and ratify the action of the Masonic Temple Committee in changing \$52,500 of the stock of the Masonic Temple Construction Company into \$30,000 of bonds and \$22,500 of notes, and the other acts done by the Masonic Temple Committee and Masonic Temple Construction Company in carrying out the plan of financing heretofore agreed upon.

Since the death of Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, his successor in his business affairs has moved his office to another building, and the rooms formerly occupied by the Grand Secretary's office along with Brother Drewry's office are, we believe, too expensive for the

Grand Lodge to rent in proportion to the way space rents in the building.

We, therefore, recommend that the Masonic Temple Committee provide for a rearrangement or removal of the Grand Secretary's office and the Grand Lodge Library to such other rooms as may be approved by the Grand Master, and that the Grand Lodge pay for such rearrangement or reassigned quarters the regular rent for the same, like any other tenant in the building.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary look after the matter of the collection of the rents from the Masonic Temple and the keeping of its books, under the direction of your Committee.

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
R. J. NOBLE,
B. S. ROYSTER,
W. S. LIDDELL,
ANDREW J. HARRIS,
JOHN W. COTTEN,
FRANCIS D. WINSTON,
Committee.

Bro. B. W. Parham, Chairman of Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg to report that the committee has examined the proceedings of the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge and finds no unfinished business of importance to be considered by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
B. W. PARHAM,
R. E. CURRENCE,
For the Committee.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Sr., offered a resolution looking to the erection of a memorial arch to the first Superintendent and founder of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, Bro. John H. Mills, which was read and referred to the Oxford Orphan Asylum Committee.

Bro. John Thames, Chairman of Committee on Appeals, presented a report, which was read and on motion recommitted.

Bro. L. B. Yandell offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina donate the sum of \$200.00 to Past Grand Master F. M. Winchester as a token of their esteem and wish for him a speedy recovery.

L. B. YANDELL.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz: F. M. Pinnix, F. F. Harding, John G. Allen, A. S. Holden, and W. R. Lyon. The election resulted as follows:

CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN	-----	<i>Grand Master</i>
GEORGE S. NORFLEET	-----	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
HENRY A. GRADY	-----	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
JAMES C. BRASWELL	-----	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
LEO. D. HEARTT	-----	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
WILLIAM W. WILLSON	-----	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

Bro. John W. Cotten was elected to succeed himself as a Director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for a term of five years.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., was elected as a Director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to fill out the unexpired term of Bro. G. Rosenthal.

Bro. J. E. Latham was elected a Director of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for a term of five years to succeed himself.

Bro. R. N. Hackett was elected as Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to succeed himself for a term of three years.

Bros. A. B. Andrews, Jr., and C. B. Barbee were elected trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary Fund.

Bro. John Thames presented the report of the Committee on Appeals, which on motion was adopted.

Bro. R. N. Hackett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee composed of Bros. Leon Cash, George Norfleet, and Walter S. Liddell be appointed to investigate the matter of Jonesville Lodge, No. 227, in regard to the punishment of a Brother for seduction under promise of marriage and report to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

R. N. HACKETT.

On motion of Past Grand Master Gattis the vote by which the report of the Committee on Appeals was adopted was reconsidered, and further consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow morning's session.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Third Day--Morning Session

THURSDAY MORNING, January 18, 1917.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 a. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., presiding.

The proceedings of the evening session of the preceding day were read and approved.

Senior Grand Warden Norfleet offered a resolution providing for the transfer of the property belonging to Stokesburg Lodge, No. 220, now dormant, to Walnut Cove Lodge, No. 629, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Bro. Leon Cash, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, offered the following resolutions which were read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Our life is scarce the twinkle of a star in God's eternal day, and "then cometh the end." It is not possible to rule these words out of our lives; they are perpetually recurring—"Then cometh the end," and the "end" has come for many during the short year just passed. The impressive ceremonies of our Fraternity have been pronounced over their remains, tender and loving hands have laid their bodies in the silent tomb, and the records of their earthly career have been closed with a last fond farewell.

As we meet together in annual communication, our hearts beat quicker with fraternal love and affection towards those who are still reckoned with us, but there falls a shadow for those who are gone; the sense of gladness which comes over us at meeting so many of the old friends who are yet spared to carry forward the work of Masonry is saddened, for death and the dead are with us. Some whom we loved, and whose presence was an inspiration, have gone out through the door, shut for awhile between the seen and the unseen, which shall one day, and soon, open for us who are left, into the shadows:

"Shadows of stillness—shadows of peace—
Shadows of woe—
Into them all, as the dear Lord please,
Silent we go."

THOMAS BRAXTON BAILEY

A plain Master Mason, the leading spirit of the famous Mocksville picnic, died January 25th. His was the presence of a great man, and few came into it but to be impressed with his nobility of character, strength of intellect, and the depth and breadth of his learning.

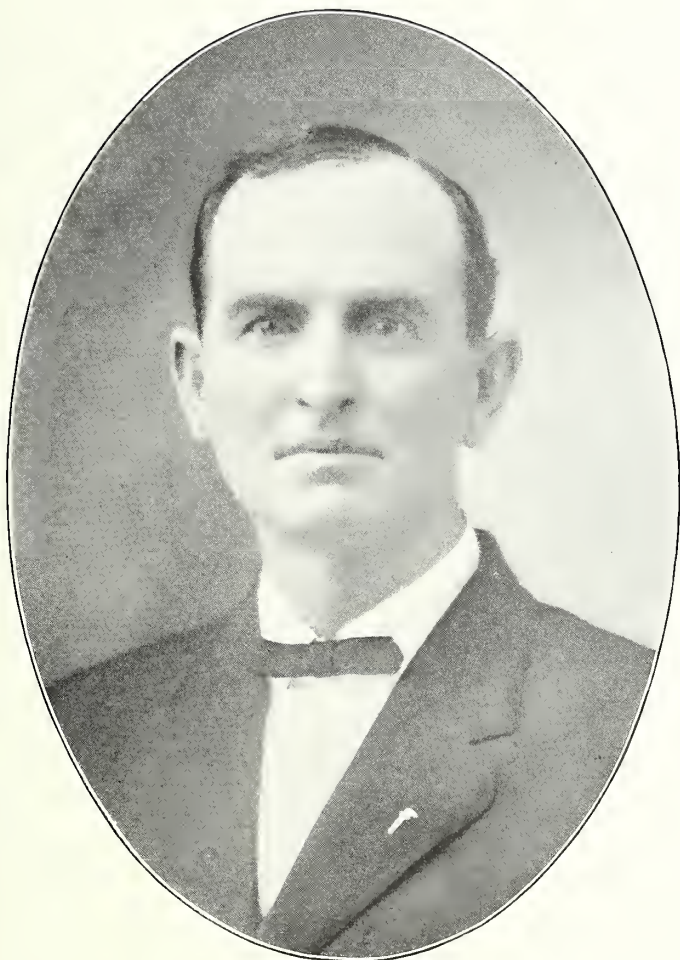
Successful in business, and philanthropic in spirit, he blessed and helped many lives. Bereft of his own children, he became the foster-father of the orphans of North Carolina. We thank a kind Providence for his life and example, so abundant in helpfulness to humanity. His record is an everlasting benefaction which has already borne rich fruit, and will continue to bless increasingly the generations that are to come.

CAPT. NATHAN M. LAWRENCE

March 11, 1916, Capt. Nathan M. Lawrence was called hence. For four years he was Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Captain Lawrence exhibited rare executive ability and unusual foresight, with the result that during his term of office the work at the Institution was brought to such a degree of excellence and success that it still remains a monument to his administrative skill and ability.

With a heritage of refinement emanating from a line of distinguished ancestry, he combined the benign spirit, which made him ever a friend of the unfortunate, an upholder of the weak, and the champion of the right. His profound interest in things religious found a ready outlet in the church work to which he so long and devotedly gave his best. His fraternal attitude toward his brother man found expression in the Masonic activities which brought him in close and intimate touch with its members in the many positions of trust which he occupied in this order.

Peace to his ashes and eternal peace to his soul.



R. E. AUSTIN, D.D.G.M.
Died January 11, 1917

GUSTAV ROSENTHAL

In the death of Bro. Gustav Rosenthal the Oxford Orphanage lost a loyal, sincere, and exceedingly valuable friend. For many years and up to the hour of his death he was Secretary of the Board of Directors of the institution. He had a long-time connection with the Orphanage as its Treasurer, continuing as such until the expanding of the Institution made it necessary for the Treasurer's office to be moved to Oxford.

He was a Past Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, and was recognized throughout North Carolina as a zealous, loyal man and Mason, noted for his unfailing courtesy, good breeding, refinement, excellent traits of character, and general efficiency.

His familiar figure will long be remembered in Grand Lodge councils, and the benediction of his righteous life is a rich heritage to his Brethren.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOHN C. DREWRY

Masonry suffered irreparable loss October 2nd, when it was announced that Right Worshipful John C. Drewry, for 22 years Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, had crossed over the river. Every individual Mason in North Carolina bowed his head in sorrow. On September 7th he had sent to the Craft his last official message, in which he said:

"I have taken many careful surveys of the Masonic field in North Carolina, and in my mental wanderings I have visited every Lodge in the State, and I have talked to you Brethren from a heart overflowing with love springing from the great desire and zeal that possessed my soul to be of some service to you. I have spoken to you of peace and brotherly love; that peace which the world cannot give and cannot take away."

"God bless you one and all and bring you to a full realization of just what you should do, and give you grace and power to do it in order to secure your own happiness and peace, and the comfort and joy of those about you."

After many months of pain and suffering, the angel came and beckoned to him and the strong man bowed himself and passed out through the East Gate into the great unknown, but in the full confidence and strength of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

In him commercial integrity and civic virtues were closely blended, and his private and public life were governed by the principles of a pure manhood, a fixed fidelity to every trust and a discriminating regard for what would best serve his people. To his Masonic Brethren, the passing of his counsel, his aid and cheerful coöperation will be greatly missed. We would also bear this testimony that his good works, in acts of varied service, were entirely without distinction of person. All the best forms of work that foster general improvement and prosperity levied upon his time and strength, and all received an added impulse. He did his work heartily and always with prudence and intelligence, and his death concludes the service of a loyal man and Mason.

R. E. AUSTIN

January 11, 1917, Bro. R. E. Austin, was suddenly ushered into the white hush of a boundless eternity.

Brother Austin was the manager of the Albemarle picnic, the phenomenal success of which, in a large measure, was directly due to his unflagging energy and wise zeal. The supreme confidence of his associates in this work was shown in the fact that he had been elected manager for life. A quiet and tireless worker, his personality marked him out conspicuously and builded around him the love and affection of all those with whom he was brought in contact.

Our hearts are shocked and saddened by the death of this Brother in the full strength of a glorious manhood, who, with unflinching courage, spent his whole life in the performance of duty and deeds of mercy. We who stood nearest to him and knew him best may now speak of his spotless honesty,—the cardinal test of real manhood,—unmarred by the faintest suspicion of a stain. The Christian's faith and hope were his, and he died as one who knew the gates of death are but the portals of immortal life.

The above Brethren were either members of the Grand Lodge, or closely affiliated with the Masonic work of this Grand Body.

In addition to those, more than three hundred other good Masons and true have passed away since the 129th annual communication, and though their spheres of usefulness may have been circumscribed and their deeds of

mercy limited, yet their works do live after them. We would show our appreciation of their virtues, and encourage others to labor and endeavor to deserve like honors.

Then cometh the end—but is it the end? We do not believe their lights are extinguished, tho' their earthly seats may be vacant.

"If the Father designs to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and make it burst from its prison walls, will he leave neglected in the earth the soul of man who was made in the image of his Creator?

"If He stoops to give the rosebush, whose withered blossoms float upon the breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will he withhold the word of hope from the sons of men when the frost of winter comes?

"If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the force of Nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the imperial spirit of man suffer annihilation after it has paid a brief visit, like a royal guest, to this tenement of clay?

"Nay, verily. Let us rather believe that He who in His apparent prodigality wastes not the raindrop, the blade of grass, or the evening's sighing zephyr, but makes them all carry out His eternal plans, has given immortality to the mortal, and gathered to Himself the generous spirit of a friend."

LEON CASH,
B. E. STANFIELD,
T. H. WEBB,
W. T. HECKSTALL,
JOHN LEWIS,
W. H. WOLFE,

Committee.

Acting Grand Secretary Willson read the following telegram and letters:

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 16, 1917.

A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master, Raleigh, N. C.:

Regret that I will not be able to attend Grand Lodge meeting, as I am confined to house with slight attack of grippe. Please notify Yarborough Hotel.

THOS. C. DARST.

WASHINGTON, N. C., January 17, 1917.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Raleigh, N. C.:

Greetings from 140 Masons of Orr Lodge, No. 104.

May God be with you in all your deliberations. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement you. Amen!

Fraternally,

W. SCOTT FRIZZLE.

NASHVILLE, TENN., January 14, 1917.

Most Worshipful Alexander B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.:

DEAR BROTHER ANDREWS:—I am this morning in receipt of your very kind letter of the 12th, making reservations for me.

It is with very keen regret, however, that I now have to advise that I will be unable to come. I have been in bed for the last week with the grippe and the doctor advises that I remain at home until he can get me in better shape.

I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am that I must forego the trip, or how much I appreciate both the invitation and the pains you have taken to insure my comfort.

With sincere best wishes, believe me,

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES BARHAM,

Grand Master.

Bro. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, which was read and ordered printed in the Appendix of the Proceedings.

Bro. Chas. B. Newcomb, Chairman of Committee, No. 1, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, presented the following report, which was read and, on motion, adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of North Carolina:

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

We have examined the returns of Lodges as submitted to us, and find them correct and with dues and fees paid and seal of Lodge properly affixed, except as follows:

Holly Springs, No. 115, no seal affixed; dues and fees paid.
Gatesville, No. 126, no seal affixed; dues and fees paid.
Blackmer, No. 127, no seal affixed, dues and fees paid.
Deep River, No. 164, no seal affixed; dues and fees paid.
William G. Hill, No. 218, no seal affixed; dues and fees paid.
Mystic Tie, No. 237, no seal affixed; dues and fees paid.

We respectfully suggest that Cedar Rock Lodge, No. 286, procure a new seal. The impression upon the returns is very indistinct and is not legible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS B. NEWCOMB,

WILLIAM C. LYON,

Committee.

Bro. S. R. Dunn, Chairman of Committee, No. 2, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and, on motion, adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee, No. 2, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, have examined the returns given us by the Grand Secretary and beg leave to report, that the returns from the following Lodges had no seal affixed. We would recommend that Secretaries be more careful in making returns:

Youngsville, No. 377; Life Boat, No. 376; Grimesland, No. 475.

Grimsland, No. 475, was not signed by Secretary.

We find that West Bend Lodge, No. 454, at Lewisville, N. C., in the 32d district has only ten members and we would recommend that the District Deputy investigate why this Lodge is not growing.

The following Lodges did not report or remit *per capita* tax until November 30, 1916:

West Bend, No. 434; Mooresville, No. 496; Saluda, No. 482; Mill Creek, No. 480; Big Lick, No. 476; Gulf, No. 465; Currituck, No. 463; Rock Spring, No. 341; Clay, No. 301; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Fallston, No. 356; Harmony, No. 340; Patterson, No. 307; King Solomon, No. 313; Eureka, No. 317; Granite, No. 322; Fall-

ing Creek, No. 325; Kedron, No. 387; Bald Creek, No. 397; Clyde, No. 453; Star, No. 437; Kings Creek, No. 432; Sparta, No. 423; Greenwood, No. 419; Center, No. 398; Siler City, No. 403; Dobson, No. 402; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Potecasi, No. 418; Harmon, No. 420; Louisburg, No. 413; Sea Side, No. 429; Relief, No. 431; Ashlar, No. 451; Lone Oak, No. 449; Grifton, No. 432; Four Oaks, No. 478; Elk, No. 373; South Fork, No. 462; East LaPorte, No. 358; Henrietta, No. 460; Dillsboro, No. 459; Pleasant Mount, No. 441; Bellview, No. 416; Conoho, No. 399.

The following Lodges did not report Orphan Asylum Committee:

Sanford, No. 469; East LaPorte, No. 358; Mt. Vernon, No. 359; Elk, No. 373; Campbell, No. 374; State Line, No. 375; Gastonia, No. 369; Mooresboro, No. 388; Conoho, No. 399; Bellview, No. 416; Greenwood, No. 419; Kings Creek, No. 439; Star, No. 437; Mt. Pleasant, No. 441; Biltmore, No. 446; Clyde, No. 453; Dillsboro, No. 459; Matthews, No. 461; Henrietta, No. 460; South Fork, No. 462; Four Oaks, No. 478; Grimesland, No. 475; Life Boat, No. 376.

S. R. DUNN,
ROBT. MONROE,
P. T. PERRY,
J. W. JONES,
C. BYNUM,
C. M. DOYLE,
C. A. EURY,

Committee.

Bro. B. S. Look, Chairman of Committee, No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, presented the following report, which was read and, on motion, adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee, No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submit the following report:

We have examined the returns of the Lodges as submitted to us and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. LOOK,
J. L. DELANEY,
W. B. GAITHER,
J. D. BERRY,
ERNEST MILLS,

Committee present.

Acting Grand Secretary Willson presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which were ordered printed in the Appendix of the Proceedings.

Bro. John Thames, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was first considered and adopted by sections, and then adopted as a whole :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully report as follows :

1. Aulander Lodge, No. 516, tried and indefinitely suspended their Secretary, D. H. Green. After a careful consideration of all the testimony, we find the evidence given in this case insufficient to justify the verdict rendered. The committee, therefore, recommend that the action of the Lodge be set aside, the charges against D. H. Green be dismissed, and he be restored to membership in good standing.

2. Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, on June 8, 1912, tried and indefinitely suspended C. W. Knight. After a thorough investigation and considering all the testimony furnished, we believe the penalty excessive. Being satisfied that Bro. C. W. Knight has made reparation so far as he can and the Lodge has not answered his petition for reinstatement, we recommend that Bro. C. W. Knight be restored to all rights and privileges of Masonry in accordance with Section 177 of the Code.

3. Healing Springs Lodge, No. 467, against J. C. Denny, for un-Masonic conduct in that he was charged with having defrauded a Brother in a business transaction. The Lodge decided according to the evidence, that the Brother was not guilty, therefore acquitted him. Your committee, after considering the evidence furnished them, endorse the decision of this Lodge.

4. Floyd Lippard, a member of Lee Lodge, No. 253, sent up an appeal, but the Lodge failed to furnish this committee with a transcript of the trial. We were, therefore, unable to take any action in this case. We recommend that Lee Lodge be required to furnish a transcript in accordance with the Code and this case be considered

under unfinished business at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

5. Jonesville Lodge, No. 227, whose charter was arrested October 23, 1916, appealed for the restoration of their charter. We, your committee, approve the action of the Grand Master in arresting the charter on the grounds stated in his report. We recommend the matter of the restoration of the charter be referred to the Grand Master for action in his discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THAMES, *Chairman*,
DR. J. S. SPURGEON,
R. T. WILSON,
J. B. SELLERS,
CHARLES HOERTEL,
HARRY T. PATTERSON,
JOHN B. GRIGGS,

Committee.

Bro. Leon Cash submitted the following report from the Board of Custodians, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The summer meeting of the Board of Custodians and Grand Lecturers was called to meet at Morehead City July 15th, but owing to the flood conditions only the Chairman, Secretary and Bro. J. W. Alford were able to reach the place of meeting.

The January meeting was held in the city of Raleigh just previous to this annual communication with a full attendance of both Custodians and Lecturers as follows: J. E. Cameron, Chairman; S. N. Boyce; Leon Cash, Secretary; R. F. Edwards, Grand Lecturer; J. W. Rowell, J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, W. W. Holland, J. W. Alford and J. L. Nelson, Assistants.

The reports of the Lecturers show that 92 Lodges were lectured during the year, and 137 weeks' work was done by the Lecturers.

The increase in the number of Lodges receiving the services of the Lecturers is gratifying, and we note the increase with pleasure.

We sincerely believe one of the greatest forces in Masonry is that exercised by this devoted body of men, and we commend them and their work. We find them all thoroughly proficient, and we respectfully recommend

each and all to the Grand Master to be re-commissioned for work during the ensuing Masonic year.

The Custodians and Grand Lecturers will attend at the Grand Lodge at 10, a. m., Tuesday, preceding the initial session of the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge to conduct a school of instruction for the benefit of the Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CAMERON, *Chairman*,

S. N. BOYCE,

LEON CASH, *Secretary*.

Bro. W. S. Creighton submitted the following report for the Finance Committee, which was read:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report:

We find from the records of the Grand Secretary, that the receipts of the Grand Lodge have been as follows:

From Lodge dues -----	\$27,176 30
From charters and dispensations -----	150 00
From Rebecca Baird bequest -----	100 00
From A. J. Ellington, Stoneville Lodge ---	27 57
From Black Creek Lodge -----	15 78
Dues members of defunct Lodges -----	69 47
Sale of codes and proceedings -----	92 65
	<hr/> \$27,631 77
We estimate that the increase for the year 1917 will be -----	1,368 23
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Making a total of -----	\$29,000 00
Amounts paid on appropriations prior to 1916:	
To Orphan Asylum -----	\$ 500 00
To Baby Cottage -----	500 00
To Eastern Star Home -----	500 00
	<hr/> 1,500 00
Balance on hand as shown by Grand Treas- urer's report -----	2,182 54
	<hr/> \$32,682 54

From which as a basis we have made the following appropriations:

[G.L.-12]

A. ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

January Expenses:

1. Credentials Committee -----	\$ 30 00
2. Grand Lodge Officers' expenses -----	325 00
3. Souvenirs -----	200 00
4. Jewel -----	25 00
5. D. D. G. M. mileage -----	300 00
6. June communication -----	100 00
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	\$ 980 00

B. ANNUAL SALARIES

1. Grand Master's clerk -----	\$ 500 00
2. Grand Secretary -----	1,200 00
3. Assistant Grand Secretary -----	150 00
4. Grand Treasurer -----	200 00
5. Grand Tiler -----	50 00
6. Grand Librarian -----	50 00
7. Foreign Correspondence Report -----	150 00
8. Clerk of Grand Secretary -----	600 00
9. Auditor -----	100 00
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	\$ 3,000 00

C. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. Oxford Orphan Asylum, regular -----	\$ 5,000 00
2. Oxford Orphan Asylum, special to pay amount borrowed -----	4,855 00
3. Oxford Orphan Asylum, special on account of amount not paid on appropriations prior to 1916 -----	500 00
4. Masonic & Eastern Star Home, regular -----	3,000 00
5. Masonic & Eastern Star Home, special on account of amount not paid on appropriation prior to 1916 -----	500 00
6. Masonic & Eastern Star Home for permanent im- provements and repairs, special -----	1,000 00
7. Masonic & Eastern Star Home for dairy, barn and silo -----	1,000 00
8. Baby Branch of the Oxford Asylum at Oxford -----	2,500 00
9. Baby Branch of the Oxford Asylum at Oxford, on account of amount not paid on appropriation prior to 1916 -----	500 00
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	\$18,855 00

D. ANNUAL EXPENSES

1. Masonic Relief Association -----	\$ 150 00
2. Grand Master's Expenses -----	500 00
3. Rent for Grand Secretary's Office -----	300 00
4. Printing Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1917 ---	1,000 00
5. Grand Secretary's Office expenses:	
Postage -----	\$750 00
Stationery -----	50 00
Printing -----	200 00
	<hr/> 1,000 00
6. Custodians -----	350 00
7. Bonds, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer -----	50 00
	<hr/> \$ 3,350 00

E. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. Card Index Clerk -----	\$ 600 00
2. Tuberculosis Fund -----	300 00
3. George Washington Masonic Memorial Association 1916 -----	100 00
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4. Special appropriation for widow of Past Grand Officer contingent upon like amount being paid by local Lodge -----	100 00
5. Miscellaneous -----	500 00
6. Special appropriation P. G. M. contingent upon like amount being paid by local Lodge -----	200 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,900 00

RECAPITULATION

A. Annual communication -----	\$ 980 00
B. Annual salaries -----	3,000 00
C. Annual appropriations -----	18,855 00
D. Annual expenses -----	3,350 00
E. Special appropriations -----	1,900 00
	<hr/> \$28,085 00

We find the following unpaid account from former budgets:

Contribution to Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Va.\$100 00

We concur in the plan of financing adopted by the Temple Committee, which relieves the Grand Lodge of the annual appropriation of \$7,500.00 made for the past

seven years, and concur in their suggestion that the Grand Lodge accept \$30,000.00 in second mortgage four per cent. Masonic Temple bonds, and \$22,500.00 in five per cent. notes for the remainder of the \$52,500.00 paid out by the Grand Lodge for the years 1910 to 1917 inclusive, both bonds and notes to bear interest from the date of payment made by the Grand Lodge of the several sums.

We congratulate the Temple Committee upon their successful management and approve their plan of financing and recommend, that the financial plan of the Masonic Temple be re-arranged as set out in the report of the Masonic Temple Committee, and that the same be approved, and that the Masonic Temple Committee be authorized to borrow such sum of money, not exceeding \$15,000.00, as may be needed to finance the affairs of the Temple. Further, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to execute such note, or notes, in the name of the Grand Lodge, payable at such times and places as the Masonic Temple Committee shall direct, and that all the Masonic Temple bonds and notes, owned by the Grand Lodge shall be hypothecated to secure the same.

We recommend that the Grand Lodge refund such amount of the \$50.00 as was received by the Grand Lodge from Anchor Lodge, No. 234, Auburn, N. C., from the sale of the property of that Lodge.

Your committee does not approve of the resolution of Past Grand Master Hackett to appropriate \$500.00 in addition to the sum already appropriated and not paid to the Washington Memorial, until the Grand Lodge shall be in better shape financially.

We concur in the suggestion of Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston, to mark the grave of Past Grand Master Benjamin Smith, and recommend that the same do pass.

Under the present condition of finances of the Grand Lodge, your committee does not feel that it would be justified in paying the expenses of the Past Grand Masters attending the Grand Lodge in addition to the mileage already paid, and recommend that it do not pass.

With regret your committee is unable to recommend adding a ten cent *per capita* tax, recommended by Grand Master A. B. Andrews for Masonic relief, and until the

Grand Lodge is in better financial shape recommend it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. HARRIS,
THOS. H. WEBB,
W. S. CREIGHTON,
H. E. THOMPSON,
J. N. BOYCE,
P. T. WILSON,

Committee.

Past Grand Master Hackett moved that that part of the report referring to the appropriation to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association be not affirmed, but that the resolution offered by himself, making an additional appropriation of \$500.00, be adopted. After discussion, this motion, upon a vote, failed to pass.

Junior Grand Warden Grady moved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, with the exception of that part of it referring to the expenses of Past Grand Masters. The motion prevailed. The Finance Committee's report, as amended by this motion, was then adopted.

The following resolution offered by Past Grand Master Hackett at the opening session of the first day's proceedings was read and adopted:

Resolved, That, in addition to mileage, Past Grand Masters attending this and future regular annual communications of the Grand Lodge shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer the remainder of their actual expenses.

R. N. HACKETT.

Bro. W. S. Creighton, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and, on motion, adopted:

We, the Finance Committee, recommend that the following be referred to the Grand Master:

Resolved, That any and all property belonging to Stokesburg Lodge, No. 220, be and is hereby transferred to Walnut Cove Lodge, No. 629, subject to the approval

of the Grand Master, after investigation and report by the three principal officers of Walnut Cove Lodge, No. 629.

T. J. COVINGTON,
R. A. HEDGEWEST,
A. E. STRODE.

Approved by District Deputy Grand Master Leon Cash.

ANDREW J. HARRIS,
W. S. CREIGHTON,
THOS. H. WEBB.

Committee.

The following resolution offered by Brother Hobgood was then taken up and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum be authorized and requested to solicit and collect funds for the erection at the entrance to the grounds of a memorial arch to the great founder and first Superintendent, Hon. John H. Mills.

That the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors with the Superintendent, be requested to secure plans and have this arch erected just as soon as the funds shall be available—these funds not to come out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

The hour of installation having arrived, the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master John W. Cotten as Grand Marshal. The following officers were then duly installed by the Grand Master, assisted by Past Grand Master John W. Cotten, as Grand Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICERS

CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN	-----	<i>Grand Master</i>
GEORGE S. NORFLEET	-----	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
HENRY A. GRADY	-----	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
JAMES C. BRASWELL	-----	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
LEO. D. HEARTT	-----	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
WILLIAM W. WILLSON	-----	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

APPOINTED OFFICERS

RT. REV. A. D. MCCLURE, D.D.	-----	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
R. F. EDWARDS	-----	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
J. BAILEY OWEN	-----	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>

JAMES H. WEBB	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>
H. M. POTEAT	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
J. LEGRAND EVERETT	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
CHAS. B. NEWCOMB	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
E. B. LEWIS	<i>Grand Steward</i>
J. M. TURNER	<i>Grand Steward</i>
R. H. BRADLEY	<i>Grand Tiler</i>
MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD	<i>Grand Historian</i>
T. R. ROBERTSON	<i>Grand Auditor</i>

Past Grand Master Hackett in eloquent and eulogistic language presented to our retiring Grand Master, A. B. Andrews, Jr., a Past Grand Master's jewel. Brother Andrews accepted it in eloquent words.

Bro. John J. Phoenix, in behalf of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, thanked the Grand Lodge for its generous appropriation to the institution.

On motion by Brother Grady, it was ordered that the decisions made by the Deputy Grand Master be returned to him, and that he be requested to incorporate them in his report next year as Grand Master.

Bro. Pat King, of Goldsboro, addressed the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

Past Grand Master B. S. Royster as a member of the Board of General Purposes for a term of five years to succeed himself.

Bro. S. N. Boyce as a member of the Board of Custodians for a term of three years to succeed himself.

Bro. R. H. Bradley as Grand Librarian to succeed himself.

Bro. Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, was appointed Grand Orator for the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Committees for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To mark the grave of Past Grand Master Benjamin Smith.—Eric Norden, W. B. McKoy, E. S. Martin.

To convey Fraternal Greetings to the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star.—J. W. Patton, J. J. Phoenix, J. Edward Allen.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence.—Walter Clarke, P.G.M.; John Nichols, P.G.M.; H. A. Gudger, P.G.M.; S. M. Gattis, P.G.M.; B. S. Royster, P.G.M.; W. B. McKoy, P.G.M.; R. N. Hackett, P.G.M.; R. C. Dunn, P.M.; F. W. Kenny, P.M.; W. H. S. Burgwyn, P.M.; J. Edward Allen, P.M.; B. F. Hall, P.M.; R. B. Dunn, P.M.; Knox W. Henry, P.M.

Committee on By-laws.—F. M. Holley, W. J. Brogden, R. C. Dunn.

Appeals.—John Thames, J. S. Spurgeon, R. T. Willson, J. H. Mitchell, Harry T. Patterson, O. W. Spencer, J. H. Anderson, R. E. Cox.

Foreign Correspondence.—Marshall DeLancey Haywood.

Finance.—A. J. Harris, A. B. Andrews, Jr., A. E. Glenn, H. E. Thompson, Thomas H. Webb, F. H. McCulloch.

Orphan Asylum.—George S. Norfleet, R. J. Noble, J. W. Cotten, C. M. Vanstory, S. E. McNeely, J. LeGrand Everett, D. M. Buck, John Sprunt Hill, J. P. Pillsbury, H. Allen Huggins.

Masonic Temple.—A. B. Andrews, Jr., S. M. Gattis, F. D. Winston, W. S. Liddell, S. H. Smith, John W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, B. S. Royster, J. S. Carr, A. J. Harris, J. D. Elliott, John S. Cunningham, R. N. Hackett, W. W. Willson.

Special Committee on Charity.—B. W. Barnett, W. G. Meadows, Fred G. Rose, F. M. Wooten.

Charters and Dispensations, No. 1.—J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, J. W. Rowell, J. L. Nelson.

Charters and Dispensations, No. 2.—R. F. Edwards, W. W. Holland, J. W. Alford.

Necrology.—Leon Cash, R. C. Dunn, S. R. Dunn, R. Williams.

Unfinished Business.—R. B. Nichols, Eric Norden, P. D. Sinclair, R. A. Campbell.

Propositions and Grievances, No. 1.—J. W. Jones, Barnes Daniel, John A. Daughtery, B. F. Davis.

Propositions and Grievances, No. 2.—George P. Burgwyn, A. A. Wright, H. M. Fagan, C. L. Abernathy, J. H. King.

Masonic and Eastern Star Home.—J. J. Phoenix, J. E. Cameron, F. D. Winston, R. N. Hackett, E. L. Davis, R. E. Currence, W. R. Hoey, M. C. S. Noble.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 1.—J. P. D. Withrow, Z. T. Yarboro, J. W. Flynn, J. S. Burch, T. J. W. Crowder, S. O. McGuire.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 2.—H. H. Tate, J. K. Hall, H. F. Turner, T. J. Covington.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 3.—Walter E. Edgerton, C. E. Taylor, James Laing, J. D. Watson.

Credentials.—A. S. Holden, D. F. Betts, U. M. Gilliken.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its business, the proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Keller, as Grand Chaplain.

Claude L. Bridger.

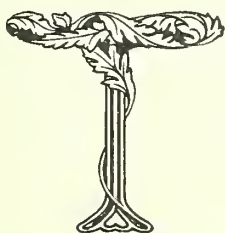
Grand Master.



W. D. Wilson

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS



LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WITH NAMES OF SECRETARIES AND MASTERS, AND THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES, THE MASONIC DISTRICT IN WHICH LODGES ARE SITUATED BEING INDICATED BY NUMBERS IN PARENTHESIS.

No., Name and District	Location	County	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
1 St. John's (10).....	Wilmington . . .	New Hanover	A. S. Holden, Wilmington . . .	H. A. Huggins, Wilmington . . .
2 Royal White Hart (4) . .	Halifax	Halifax	W. F. Coppedge, Halifax . . .	D. T. Millikin, Halifax
3 St. John's (7)	New Bern	Craven	C. Whit Gaskins, New Bern . . .	Jno. H. Parker, New Bern
4 St. John's (6)	Kinston	Lenoir	R. L. Patrick, Kinston	R. E. Cox, Kinston
5 Charity (2)	Windsor	Bertie	J. E. R. Perry, Windsor	G. C. White, Windsor
7 Unanimity (1)	Edenton	Chowan	E. R. Conger, Edenton	J. K. Rea, Edenton
8 Phoenix (14)	Fayetteville . . .	Cumberland . . .	J. H. Anderson, Fayetteville . .	H. S. Averett, Fayetteville
10 Johnston-Caswell (19) . .	Warrenton	Warren	J. G. Ellis, Warrenton	R. O. Rodwell, Warrenton
17 American George (2) . . .	Murfreesboro . . .	Hertford	J. J. Parker, Murfreesboro	Stanley Winborne, Murfreesboro .
31 Phalanx (27)	Charlotte	Mecklenburg . . .	Knox W. Henry, Charlotte	W. S. Creighton, Charlotte
32 Stokes (25)	Concord	Cabarrus	W. G. Caswell, Concord	T. J. Hendrix, Concord
39 Davie (2)	Roxobel	Bertie	R. W. Jilcott, Roxobel	S. J. Gilliken, Roxobel
40 Hiram (15)	Raleigh	Wake	J. H. Buffalo, Raleigh	C. A. Eury, Raleigh
45 Liberty (33)	Wilkesboro	Wilkes	J. C. Mitchell, Wilkesboro	W. S. Pearson, North Wilkesboro .
53 Hall (1)	Indiantown	Currituck	H. M. Cox, Belcross	M. L. Burgess, Old Trap
56 King Solomon (4)	Jackson	Northampton . .	H. H. Grant, Jackson	Geo. P. Burgwyn, Jackson
58 Concord (18)	Tarboro	Edgecombe	J. H. Jacocks, Tarboro	J. W. Martin, Tarboro
59 Perseverance (3)	Plymouth	Washington	J. K. Campbell, Plymouth	Van B. Martin, Plymouth
64 Kilwinning (26)	Wadesboro	Anson	J. Frank Staiuback, Wadesboro . .	W. K. Boggan, Wadesboro
71 Eagle (21)	Hillsboro	Orange	H. L. Parish, Hillsboro	S. Strudwick, Hillsboro
74 Golden Fleece (22)	Milton	Caswell	S. B. Seymour, Camden	M. F. Toxey, Elizabeth City
75 Widow's Son (1)	Camden	Camden	J. C. Pierce, Greensboro	W. L. Abbott, Greensboro
76 Greensboro (23)	Greensboro	Guilford	Wiley Brown, Greenville	F. M. Wooten, Greenville
78 Sharon (5)	Greenville	Pitt	T. A. Windley, Trenton	F. Brock, Trenton
81 Zion (8)	Trenton	Jones	S. S. Ambrose, Jacksonville	C. E. Warn, Jacksonville
83 LaFayette (8)	Jacksonville	Onslow	S. R. Turner, Smithfield	Jas. D. Parker, Smithfield
84 Fellowship (16)	Smithfield	Johnston		

85 Morning Star (17) ...	Nashville	Nash	J. W. Bone, Nashville, Rt. 1	J. W. Bone, Nashville, Rt. 1	J. J. Cockrell, Nashville
90 Skewarkee (18)	Williamston	Martin	A. D. Mizzell, Williamston	A. D. Mizzell, Williamston	W. C. Manning, Williamston
91 Western Star (44)	Rutherfordton	Rutherford	J. B. Carpenter, Rutherfordton	J. B. Carpenter, Rutherfordton	J. D. Hull, Rutherfordton
92 Joseph Warren (17)	Stantonsburg	Wilson	H. E. Thompson, Stantonsburg	H. E. Thompson, Stantonsburg	A. S. Wooten, Stantonsburg
95 Jerusalem (6)	Hookerton	Greene	E. E. Suggs, Hookerton	E. E. Suggs, Hookerton	C. C. Suggs, Snow Hill, R. F. D.
97 Neuse (15)	Millbrook	Wake	E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh, Rt. 1	E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh, Rt. 1	E. T. Beddingfield, Raleigh, Rt. 1
98 Hiram (9)	Clinton	Sampson	J. A. Stewart, Clinton	J. A. Stewart, Clinton	J. B. Barrus, Clinton
99 Fulton (25)	Salisbury	Rowan	H. P. Brandis, Salisbury	H. P. Brandis, Salisbury	W. W. Taylor, Salisbury
101 Warren (9)	Kenansville	Duplin	Geo. H. Brooks, Pittsboro	Geo. H. Brooks, Pittsboro	J. C. Hamlet, Pittsboro
102 Columbus (13)	Pittsboro	Chatham	M. F. McKeel, Jr., Washington	M. F. McKeel, Jr., Washington	J. M. Winfield, Washington
104 Orr (3)	Washington	Beaufort	C. W. Baker, Hertford	C. W. Baker, Hertford	M. B. Walker, Hertford
106 Perquimans (1)	Hertford	Perquimans	Thos. Perrett, Faison	Thos. Perrett, Faison	F. W. Smith, Faison
108 Belmont (9)	Faison	Duplin	Engene Harris, Beaufort	Engene Harris, Beaufort	J. S. Maxwell, Beaufort
109 Franklin (7)	Beaufort	Cartet	A. R. Morgan, Goldsboro	A. R. Morgan, Goldsboro	Geo. A. Daughtery, Goldsboro
112 Wayne (6)	Goldsboro	Wayne	B. K. Long, Roxboro	B. K. Long, Roxboro	J. A. Spencer, Roxboro
113 Person (21)	Roxboro	Person	S. K. Nash, Lumberton	S. K. Nash, Lumberton	H. Stansel, Allenton
114 St. Albans (11)	Lumberton	Robeson	A. J. Holt, Apex, Rt. 5	A. J. Holt, Apex, Rt. 5	I. W. Norris, Holly Springs
115 Holly Springs (15)	Holly Springs	Wake	T. S. Pace, Wilson	T. S. Pace, Wilson	I. N. Daniel, Wilson
117 Mount Lebanon (17)	Wilson	Buncombe	W. F. Randolph, Asheville	W. F. Randolph, Asheville	J. E. Currence, Asheville
118 Mt. Herman (39)	Asheville	Franklin	J. O. Purnell, Franklinton	J. O. Purnell, Franklinton	R. Moye, Franklinton
123 Franklinton (19)	Franklinton	Sampson	L. B. Cotten, Mt. Olive, Rt. 7	L. B. Cotten, Mt. Olive, Rt. 7	C. Warren, Newton Grove
125 Mill Creek (9)	Newton Grove	Fates	W. A. Ellis, Gatesville, Rt. 1	W. A. Ellis, Gatesville, Rt. 1	D. Gating, Roduco
126 Gatesville (2)	Gatesville	Montgomery	M. T. Harris, Mt. Gilead	M. T. Harris, Mt. Gilead	W. H. Parker, Mt. Gilead
127 Blackmer (24)	Mt. Gilead	Randolph	J. T. Buie, Franklinton	J. T. Buie, Franklinton	L. F. Fentress, Franklinton
128 Hanks (24)	Franklinville	Rockingham	G. W. Martin, Madison	G. W. Martin, Madison	J. O. Busick, Madison
129 Dan River (22)	Madison	Greene	J. E. Debnam, Snow Hill	J. E. Debnam, Snow Hill	V. Morrill, Snow Hill
132 Radience (6)	Snow Hill	Davie	W. E. Swain, Mocksville	W. E. Swain, Mocksville	W. I. Leach, Mocksville
134 Mocksville (30)	Mocksville	Rockingham	Geo. F. Kemp, Leaksville	Geo. F. Kemp, Leaksville	W. F. Cates, Spray
136 Leaksville (22)	Leaksville	Lincoln	D. Herbert Miller, Lincoln	D. Herbert Miller, Lincoln	Thos. C. Abernathy, Lincoln
137 Lincoln (28)	Lincolnton	Pender	A. H. Faddison, Burgaw	A. H. Faddison, Burgaw	W. I. Daniel, Burgaw
138 King Solomon (10)	Burgaw	Anson	W. H. Boyce, Ansonville	W. H. Boyce, Ansonville	F. B. Dunlop, Ansonville
141 Carolina (26)	Ansonville	Chatham	C. B. Gorrell, Ore Hill	C. B. Gorrell, Ore Hill	J. M. Gorrell, Ore Hill
143 Mt. Vernon (13)	Ore Hill	Macon	J. P. Dillard, Franklin	J. P. Dillard, Franklin	Dr. S. H. Lyle, Franklin
145 Junaluska (42)	Franklin				

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No., Name and District	Location	County	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
146 Cherokee (43)	Murphy	Cherokee	W. S. Green, Murphy	P. H. Sword, Murphy
147 Palmyra (14)	Dunn	Harnett	R. L. Denning, Dunn	Eugene Lee, Dunn
149 Adoniram (20)	Cornwall	Granville	J. S. Watkins, Virgilina, Va. Rt. 2	W. E. Yancey, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1
150 Pee Dee (25)	Norwood	Stanley	F. A. Skidmore, Norwood	R. L. Green, Norwood
151 Chalmers (13)	Carbonton	Lee	W. E. Paschal, Sanford, Rt. 3	J. P. Gilliam, Sanford, Rt. 3
154 Scotch-Ireland (25)	Cleveland	Rowan	W. W. Roseman, Cleveland	W. F. Thompson, Cleveland
155 White Stone (15)	Wakefield	Wake	E. R. Bunn, Zebulon	J. J. Bridgers, Wakefield
156 Rolesville (15)	Rolesville	Wake	S. D. O'Neal, Neuse	L. B. Young, Wake Forest
157 Mt. Pleasant (16)	Rogers Store	Wake	W. B. Ray, Neuse, Rt. 3	W. A. Bailey, Wake Forest, Rt. 1
158 Knap of Reeds (20)	Bahama	Durham	Pervis Tilley, Bahama	Coran Tilley, Bahama
162 Yadin (32)	Yadinville	Yadin	J. W. Pass, Yadinville	F. R. Harding, Yadinville
164 Deep River (24)	Coleridge	Randolph	R. L. Cayness, Coleridge	H. F. Brown, Ramseur
165 Archer (16)	Clayton	Johnston	A. L. Bailey, Clayton, Rt. 2	V. R. Turley, Wendell, R. F. D.
167 Winston (30)	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	Leon Cash, Winston-Salem	M. C. Johnson, Winston-Salem
170 Blackmer (39)	Weaverville	Buncombe	J. H. Wright, Weaverville	W. B. Weaver, Weaverville
171 Coleraine (2)	Coleraine	Bertie	J. L. Parker, Coleraine	C. R. Brinkley, Coleraine
172 Buffalo (13)	Jonesboro	Lee	L. M. Foushee, Jonesboro	H. A. Tally, Jonesboro
174 George Washington (13)	Bells Bap. Church	Chatham	R. B. Clark, Apex, Rt. 4	W. J. Wilson, Apex, Rt. 4
175 Pollokville (8)	Pollokville	Jones	C. H. Bryan, Pollokville	S. J. Harrison, Trenton, R. F. D.
176 Mecklenburg (27)	Davidson	Mecklenburg	H. G. Torrence, Davidson	F. L. Jackson, Davidson
178 Siloam (9)	Harrell's Store	Sampson	Geo. S. Beatty, Kerr	N. F. Hightsmith, Kerr
181 Carthage (12)	Carthage	Moore	J. O. Mallory, Carthage	Benj. Hurwitz, Carthage
185 Sandy Creek (19)	Laurel	Franklin	A. S. Gupton, Louisville, Rt. 6	B. B. Egerton, Louisville
186 Pine Forest (14)	Broadway, Rt. 2	Harnett	Hugh McLean, Broadway, Rt. 2	J. H. Withers, Broadway, Rt. 1
187 Central Cross (17)	Hunts	Nash	A. H. Edwards, Spring Hope	R. L. Harris, Spring Hope
188 Balfour (24)	Asheboro	Randolph	G. W. Hayworth, Asheboro	R. C. Kelley, Asheboro
190 Fair Bluff (10)	Fair Bluff	Columbus	J. P. Waddell, Fair Bluff	J. B. Waddell, Fair Bluff
191 Granite (16)	Clayton	Johnston	J. M. Hinton, Clayton	Bennett Nooe, Jr., Clayton
192 Burnsville (40)	Burnsville	Yancey	T. M. Baker, Burnsville	A. J. Bennett, Burnsville
195 Mt. Olivet (24)	Erect	Randolph	C. M. Tysor, Erect	W. L. Stutts, Seagrove

198 Cary (15)	Cary	Wake	E. P. Bashaw, Cary	Dr. J. M. Templeton, Cary
202 Cleveland (37)	Shelby	Cleveland	T. J. Babington, Shelby	W. R. Hoey, Shelby
203 Roanoke (4)	Weldon	Halifax	T. F. Anderson, Weldon	J. S. Turner, Weldon
204 Berea (20)	Oxford, Rt. 6	Granville	E. C. Allen, Oxford, Rt. 6	C. G. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 6
205 Long Creek (27)	Long Creek	Mecklenburg	W. Q. Abernathy, Charlotte, Rt. 6	R. F. Vance, Huntersville, Rt. 20
206 Mingo (9)	Mingo Muster Gr.	Sampson	D. M. Williford, Dunn, Rt. 1	S. D. Hawley, Dunn, Rt. 1
207 Lebanon (10)	Whiteville	Columbus	H. C. Moffitt, Whiteville	I. B. Tucker, Whiteville
208 Mount Olive (6)	Mount Olive	Wayne	L. L. Johnson, Mt. Olive	H. M. Cox, Mt. Olive
209 Randleman (24)	Randleman	Randolph	W. F. Matthews, Randleman	A. N. Bulla, Randleman
210 Eno (21)	Durham	Durham	Z. A. Rochelle, Durham	H. L. Smith, Durham
214 Thomasville (23)	Thomasville	Davidson	J. P. Long, Thomasville	T. F. Harris, Thomasville
217 Catawba Valley (36)	Morganton	Burke	L. J. Webber, Morganton	Joseph Kjellander, Morganton
218 Wm. G. Hill (15)	Raleigh	Wake	Jas. C. Birdsong, Raleigh	Jas. Powers, Jr., Raleigh
219 Jefferson (34)	Jefferson	Ashe	Chas. S. Neal, Jefferson	W. E. McNeill, Jefferson
224 County Line (29)	Cool Spring	Iredell	D. A. Guffy, Cleveland, Rt. 2	J. B. Parks, Statesville, Rt. 7
226 Wilson (29)	Olin	Iredell	James A. Weisner, Olin	L. C. Steele, Turnersburg
227 Jonesville (32)*	Jonesville	Yadkin	J. H. Wolfe, Jonesville	J. W. Messick, Jonesville
228 McCormick (13)	Broadway	Lee	H. M. Thomas, Broadway	R. E. Marks, Broadway
229 Henderson (19)	Henderson	Vance	D. C. Absher, Henderson	J. S. Royster, Henderson
230 Corinthian (17)	Rocky Mount	Nash	F. J. W. Crowder, Rocky Mount	Jos. E. Goff, Rocky Mount
231 Wm. T. Bain (15)	Holland's Church	Wake	E. T. Banks, Raleigh, Rt. 3	Otho A. Overby, Raleigh, Rt. 3
233 Lenoir (6)	LaGrange	Lenoir	D. W. Wood, LaGrange	Joseph Kinsey, LaGrange
234 Arhorr (15)	Auburn	Wake	Jno. M. Brett, Auburn	S. Leshie Watts, Auburn
237 Mystic Tie (44)	Marion	McDowell	H. H. Tate, Marion	Dr. P. D. Sinclair, Marion
238 Atlantic (1)	Moyock	Currituck	Dr. Ph. W. Ritter, Moyock	Dr. S. M. Mann, Moyock
240 Wicacaon (2)	Harrellsville	Hertford	J. O. Askew, Jr., Harrellsville	J. D. Lowe, Harrellsville
243 Rountree (6)	near Grifton	Lenoir	C. L. Rountree, Sr., Grifton	J. E. Cameron, Kinston
244 Monroe (26)	Monroe	Union	G. M. Beasley, Monroe	R. H. Wolfe, Monroe
248 Catawba (36)	Newton	Catawba	J. B. Leonard, Newton	W. B. Gathier, Newton
249 Pythagoras (10)	Southport	Brunswick	J. Berg, Southport	C. E. Taylor, Southport
250 Shiloh (20)	Stovall	Granville	L. G. Puckett, Stovall	J. T. Spicer, Stovall
251 Rockford (31)	Rockford	Surry	C. A. Houck, Rockford	Chas. B. Davis, Rockford
252 Lily Valley (2)	Sunbury	Gates	W. B. Riddick, Sunbury	Dr. E. F. Corbell, Sunbury
253 Lee (29)	Taylorsville	Alexander	A. H. Matheson, Taylorsville	A. M. Matheson, Taylorsville

*Charter of Jonesville Lodge, No. 227, under arrest.

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255 Oaks (21)	Saxapahaw	Alamance	Edward W. Mann, Saxapahaw	Walter O. Hackney, Saxapahaw
257 Kenly (16)	Kenly	Johnston	J. R. Naron, Kenly, Rt. 3	C. E. Howell, Kenly, Rt. 4
258 Harnett (14)	Chalybeate Spgs	Harnett	D. M. Spence, Fuquay Springs	A. L. Baughcom, Fuquay Spgs. R. 1
259 Waynesville (41)	Waynesville	Haywood	T. G. Miller, Waynesville	John M. Queen, Waynesville
261 Excelsior (27)	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	B. S. Look, Charlotte	J. L. Delaney, Charlotte
262 Hibriten (36)	Lenoir	Caldwell	S. S. Jennings, Lenoir	J. W. C. McCall, Lenoir
263 Gaston (28)	Dallas	Gaston	J. P. Hoffman, Dallas	Clyde C. Craig, Dallas
265 Farmington (30)	Farmington	Davie	R. C. Brown, Farmington	T. H. Nicholson, Farmington
266 Durbin (14)	Stedman	Cumberland	A. Maxwell, Stedman	L. M. Averette, Stedman
267 Dunn's Rock (38)	Brevard	Transylvania	G. Ward, Brevard	C. M. Doyle, Brevard
268 Unaka (42)	Webster	Jackson	J. L. Broyles, Webster	W. A. Stillwell, Webster
271 Tobasco (23)	Gibsonville	Guilford	L. T. Barber, Gibsonville	A. A. Shepherd, Gibsonville
272 Bingham (21)	Mebane	Alamance	J. Sam Allbright, Mebane	W. T. Riggs, Mebane
273 Watauga (35)	Boone	Watauga	L. L. Critcher, Boone	D. J. Cottrell, Boone
276 Beaver Dam (26)	Marshville	Union	F. C. Broadway, Marshville	L. E. Haggins, Marshville
277 Green Level (15)	Apex, Rt. 1	Wake	M. C. Council, Apex, Rt. 1	T. C. Council, Apex, Rt. 1
279 Rehoboth (9)	Rose Hill	Duplin	I. L. Hawes, Rose Hill	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia
282 Wake Forest (15)	Wake Forest	Wake	F. W. Dickson, Wake Forest	H. M. Poteat, Wake Forest
283 Eureka (25)	China Grove	Rowan	J. E. Correll, China Grove	Rev. J. H. Keller, China Grove
284 Greenville (5)	Greenville	Pitt	L. H. Pender, Greenville	R. Williams, Greenville
285 Flat Creek (13)	Fall Creek Church	Chatham	W. W. Kidd, Highfalls	J. C. Jones, Bear Creek, Rt. 1
286 Cedar Rock (19)	Cedar Rock	Franklin	B. F. Gardner, Castalia, Rt. 1	G. W. Mitchell, Louisville, Rt. 4
289 Salem (30)	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	Frank L. Reid, Winston-Salem	S. C. Whiteheart, Winston-Salem
292 French Broad (41)	Marshall	Madison	Roy F. Ebbs, Marshall	J. P. Miles, Barnard
293 Vance (39)	Stocksville	Buncombe	W. H. Evans, Stocksville	J. O. McElroy, Stocksville
294 Atlantic (3)	Swan Quarter	Hyde	L. H. Swindell, Swan Quarter	Dr. E. H. Joines, Swan Quarter
296 Stonewall (18)	Robersonville	Martin	Thad Rogerson, Stokes	J. M. Edmonson, Everetts
298 Toisnot (17)	Elm City	Wilson	F. W. Winstead, Elm City	Chas. E. Land, Elm City
299 Hunting Creek (29)	Eagle Mills	Iredell	G. B. Henric, Jennings	E. A. Windsor, Jennings
301 Clay (43)	Hayesville	Clay	Ernest D. Penland, Hayesville	J. A. Chambers, Hayesville

302 Lillington (14)	Lillington	Harnett	Marshall T. Spears, Lillington	J. D. Johnson, Lillington
303 Evergreen (14)	Johnsonville	Harnett	H. A. Morrison, Cameron	Rev. J. A. Calligan, Cameron
304 Pleasant Hill (6)	Pink Hill	Lenoir	C. A. Potter, Deep Run	G. L. Smith, Deep Run
305 Laurinburg (11)	Laurinburg	Scotland	H. O. Covington, Laurinburg	C. E. Muse, Laurinburg
306 Raeford (13)	Raeford	Hoke	J. E. Conoly, Raeford	G. W. Cox, Raeford
307 Patterson (25)	Mt. Pleasant	Cabarrus	J. Y. McEarchern, Mt. Pleasant	Jas. L. Lefler, Mt. Pleasant
309 Randolph (24)	Troy	Montgomery	O. J. Blalock, Troy	J. A. Loftin, Troy
310 Hatcher (17)	Sims, Rt. 1	Wilson	W. L. Williamson, Lucama, Rt. 3	D. L. Flowers, Sims, Rt. 1
312 Notla (43)	Culberson	Cherokee	O. C. Shields, Culberson	J. T. R. Hartness, Culberson
313 King Solomon (11)	Lumber Bridge	Robeson	Win. G. Marley, Lumber Bridge	Robt. Monroe, Lumber Bridge
314 New Lebanon (1)	South Mills	Camden	W. I. Halstead, South Mills	J. W. Jones, South Mills
317 Eureka (1)	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	J. H. Snowden, Elizabeth City	E. R. Spence, Elizabeth City
319 Wilmington (10)	Wilmington	New Hanover	Jno. F. Clowe, Wilmington	T. L. Hubbard, Jr., Wilmington
320 Selma (16)	Selma	Johnston	G. H. Wilkinson, Selma	J. D. Edens, Selma
321 White Hill (13)	White Hill	Lee	W. B. Parham, Sanford	J. C. McCoffey, Sanford
322 Granite (31)	Mount Airy	Surry	R. D. Clarke, Mount Airy	James Laing, Mount Airy
325 Falling Creek (6)	Grantham's Store	Wayne	W. P. Hatsell, Goldsboro, Rt. 1	M. E. Cox, Princeton, Rt. 2
327 Winton (2)	Winton	Hertford	A. T. Newsome, Winton	J. A. Northcott, Winton
328 Mattamuskeet (3)	Middletown	Hyde	J. D. Watson, Engelhard	J. G. Weston, Swan Quarter
331 Bayboro (7)	Bayboro	Pamlico	C. M. Babbitt, Bayboro	W. D. Alfred, Bayboro
335 Rowland (11)	Rowland	Robeson	S. S. Smith, Rowland	C. D. Smith, Rowland
337 Ionic (19)	Kittrell	Vance	E. O. Young, Kittrell	T. H. Crudup, Kittrell
339 Fair View (37)	Kings Mountain	Cleveland	W. P. Fulton, Kings Mountain	H. T. Fulton, Kings Mountain
340 Harmony (6)	Pikeville	Wayne	N. B. Berger, Pikeville	T. Aaron Davis, Pikeville
341 Rock Spring (28)	Denver	Lincoln	Dr. C. L. McCaul, Denver	J. W. Little, Denver
343 Hickory (36)	Hickory	Catawba	D. T. Applegate, Hickory	J. W. Shuford, Hickory
344 Numa F. Reid (23)	High Point	Guilford	Percy V. Kirkman, High Point	S. F. Wall, High Point
348 Stanley (25)	Albemarle	Stanly	J. M. Boyett, Albemarle	A. C. Huneycutt, Albemarle
352 Durham (21)	Durham	Durham	J. S. Burch, Durham	W. J. Brogden, Durham
353 Moravian (33)	Moravian Falls	Wilkes	B. C. Price, East Fruitland	B. A. Furgurson, Moravian Falls
355 Dellaplane (33)	Call	Wilkes	B. Benton, Call	Eli Johnson, Roaring River
356 Fallston (37)	Fallston	Cleveland	C. W. Hoyle, Fallston	J. J. Blanton, Fallston
357 Bakersville (40)	Bakersville	Mitchell	Geo. M. Young, Bakersville	W. A. Robinson, Bandana
358 East LaPorte (42)	East LaPorte	Jackson	Milas Parker, Cowarts	Aaron Hooper, Cowarts

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359	Mount Vernon (7)	Oriental	Pamlico	J. W. Britte, Merritt	R. L. Woodward, Pamlico
363	Snow (35)	Sugar Grove	Watauga	J. B. Horton, Vilas	J. W. Horton, Vilas
366	Craighead (27)	Huntersville	Mecklenburg	I. McAlexander, Huntersville	C. L. Howie, Huntersville
369	Gastonia (28)	Gastonia	Gaston	W. Y. Warren, Gastonia	P. W. Garland, Gastonia
270	Mars Hill (41)	Mars Hill	Madison	I. M. Hall, Mars Hill	H. M. Pagan, Marshall, Rt. 3
372	Bethel (26)	Morven	Anson	Pro. A. Liles, Morven	J. E. Johnson, Morven
373	Elk (35)	Todd	Watauga	Dr. W. R. Graham, Todd	J. M. Morphev, Hopkins
374	Campbell (29)	Troutman	Iredell	J. M. Young, Troutman	C. L. Clark, Troutman
375	State Line (37)	Grover	Cleveland	S. R. Anthony, Grover	L. C. Hamrick, Grover
376	Life Boat (13)	Merry Oaks	Chatham	R. J. Yates, Merry Oaks	S. W. Harrington, Corinth
377	Youngsville (19)	Youngsville	Franklin	S. E. Winston, Youngsville	Lee E. Jeffreys, Youngsville
378	Seaboard (4)	Seaboard	Northampton	W. D. Barbee, Seaboard	B. S. Stancell, Seaboard
379	Coharie (9)	Salemberg	Sauapson	Frank D. Parker, Salemberg	A. E. Royal, Salemberg
380	Granville (20)	near Youngsville	Granville	J. E. Davis, Youngsville, Rt. 3	J. R. Davis, Wake Forest, Rt. 5
381	Forest City (44)	Forest City	Rutherford	Festus Bridges, Forest City	Fred Y. Hamrick, Forest City
382	Shawnee (36)	Long Island	Catawba	Cullen Moss, Sherrill's Ford	Joe W. Brown, Long Island
384	Reidsville (22)	Reidsville	Rockingham	A. J. Ellington, Reidsville	E. L. Somers, Reidsville
385	Scottsville (34)	Furches	Alleghany	I. T. Landreth, Furches	W. R. Jones, Furches
386	Pigeon River (41)	Canton	Haywood	J. R. Stephens, Canton	C. A. Hildebrand, Canton
387	Kedron (38)	Hendersonville	Henderson	W. M. Bridges, Hendersonville	T. C. Valentine, Hendersonville
388	Mooreboro (37)	Mooreboro	Cleveland	J. P. McSwain, Mooreboro	D. C. Wright, Mooreboro
389	Temperance (5)	Vanceboro	Pitt	L. A. Edwards, Vanceboro, Rt. 1	J. W. Burney, Grifton
390	Copeland (31)	Copeland	Surry	J. H. Poindexter, Crutchfield, Rt. 1	H. T. Moore, Mt. Airy, Rt. 4
391	Lebanon (14)	Hope Mills	Cumberland	W. T. Newton, Hope Mills, Bx. 127	D. H. Braxton, Hope Mills, Rt. 2
392	White Rock (41)	Capel Hill	Madison	A. J. Shelton, Allantand	Barnett Shelton, White Rock
393	Tally Ho (20)	Stem	Granville	R. S. Green, Stem, Rt. 3	J. A. Brinkley, Stem, Rt. 1
394	Cape Fear (14)	Linden	Cumberland	R. D. Collier, Linden	D. E. Adams, Linden
395	Orient (10)	Wilmington	New Hanover	C. C. Brown, Wilmington	Edward L. Davis, Wilmington
396	Oxford (20)	Oxford	Granville	I. N. Howard, Oxford	T. S. Waller, Oxford
397	Bald Creek (40)	Swiss	Vancey	E. J. Angel, Swiss	S. J. Angel, Swiss

398 Center (39)	Alexander, Rt. 2.	Buncombe	L. L. Roberts, Weaverville	J. B. Hunter, Alexander
399 Conoho (18)	Hamilton	Martin	B. L. Long, Hamilton	W. S. White, Williamston
401 Joppa (44)	Old Fort	McDowell	S. F. Mauney, Old Fort	W. P. Terrell, Old Fort
402 Dobson (31)	Dobson	Surry	J. I. Edmonds, Mt. Airy	Jno. R. Woltz, Dobson
403 Siler City (13)	Siler City	Chatham	J. T. Johnson, Siler City	R. O. Welch, Siler City
404 Farmer (23)	Denton	Davidson	J. M. Daniels, Jr., Denton	J. A. Locke, Denton
405 Ocean (7)	Morehead City	Carteret	G. W. Dill, Morehead City	J. W. Alford, Morehead City
406 Ivy (41)	Paint Fork	Madison	J. H. Brown, Waverly	W. B. Anderson, Paint Fork
407 Liberty Grove (33)	North Wilkesboro	Wilkes	W. P. Kelly, North Wilkesboro	C. P. Walter, North Wilkesboro
408 University (21)	Chapel Hill	Orange	D. T. Moore, Chapel Hill	E. S. Merritt, Chapel Hill
409 Bula (21)	Burlington	Alamance	Chas. V. Sharpe, Burlington	C. F. Neese, Burlington
411 Rockville (17)	Stanhope	Nash	J. O. Brantley, Spring Hope	W. D. Farmer, Bailey
412 Henry F. Grainger (19)	Dabney	Vance	Jas. B. Glover, Stovall	O. H. Parham, Henderson, Rt. 5
413 Louisville (19)	Louisburg	Franklin	B. B. Perry, Louisville	F. W. Watson, Louisville
415 New Hope (33)	Miller's Creek	Wilkes	Jas. T. Nichols, Purlcar	L. B. Pierce, Miller's Creek
416 Bellview (43)	Cobbs	Cherokee	A. M. Hatchett, Murphy, Rt. 2	Jeff Martin, Murphy, Rt. 2
Box 54				
417 Maxton (11)	Maxton	Robeson	W. H. Hasty, Maxton	J. B. Sellers, Maxton
418 Potecasi (4)	Potecasi	Northampton	E. Bruce Lassiter, Potecasi	O. G. Brown, Potecasi
419 Greenwood (14)	Godwin	Cumberland	Hector McIntyre, Godwin	Rasie Jackson, Dunn, R. F. D.
420 Harmon (32)	Courtney	Yadkin	D. I. Reavis, Courtney	C. B. Reavis, Courtney
421 Boonville (32)	Boonville	Yadkin	M. V. Fleming, Boonville	M. L. Woodhouse, Boonville
423 Sparta (34)	Sparta	Alleghany	W. F. Rector, Sparta	J. I. Thompson, Sparta
424 Baltimore (32)	Baltimore	Yadkin	W. W. Macy, Yadkinville, Rt. 2	S. L. Russell, Yadkinville, Rt. 2
425 Eastern Star (40)	Green Mountain	Yancey	S. N. Bailey, Dale	D. C. Bailey, Green Mountain
426 Montgomery (43)	Ranger	Cherokee	A. H. Davidson, Letitia	James E. Graham, Letitia
427 Oconee (42)	Bryson City	Swain	W. A. Gibson, Bryson City	W. M. Wilson, Bryson City
428 Stokesdale (23)	Stokesdale	Gulford	A. B. Bray, Stokesdale	F. C. Preston, Stokesdale
429 Sea Side (8)	Swansboro	Onslow	W. S. Swindell, Jr., Swansboro	F. C. Pittman, Swansboro
430 Rockford (31)	Kappas Mill	Surry	B. H. Douglas, Kappas Mills	Wm. H. Wolfe, Thurmond
431 Relief (16)	Benson	Johnston	W. H. Slocumb, Benson	W. T. Martin, Benson
432 Kings Creek (34)	Piney Creek	Alleghany	J. R. Warden, Piney Creek	C. C. Black, Mo. of Wilson, Va.
433 Vanceboro (7)	Vanceboro	Craven	F. Powell, Vanceboro	W. E. White, Vanceboro
434 West Bend (32)	Lewisville, Rt. 1.	Yadkin	J. R. Hauser, Lewisville, Rt. 1.	J. A. Turner, Lewisville, Rt. 1.

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435 Blue Ridge (42)	Highlands	Macon	J. G. Edwards, Highlands	J. E. Potts, Highlands
437 Star (24)	Star	Montgomery	W. H. James, Star	E. L. Dameron, Star
439 Marble Spring (43)	Marble	Cherokee	W. A. Puett, Marble	J. F. Palmer, Marble
440 Clingman (33)	Ronda, Rt. 2	Wilkes	J. G. Adams, Ronda	N. E. Burchett, Ronda
441 Pleasant Mount (33)	Abshers	Wilkes	J. T. Alexander, Abshers	F. F. Adams, Abshers
443 Roper (3)	Roper	Washington	W. N. Duval, Roper	J. R. Hassell, Roper
444 Marietta (24)	Ramseur	Randolph	J. W. Parks, Ramseur	J. C. Whitehead, Ramseur
446 Biltmore (39)	Biltmore	Buncombe	V. F. Stephens, Biltmore	Robt. L. Crook, Biltmore
447 Enfield (4)	Enfield	Halifax	Geo. R. Bennette, Enfield	C. Highsmith, Enfield
449 Lone Oak (43)	Robbinsville	Graham	P. L. Rice, Cheoah	John B. Brooks, Robbinsville
450 Polenta (16)	Clayton, Rt. 1.	Johnston	F. T. Booker, Clayton, Rt. 1.	E. S. Coats, Willow Springs, R. 1
451 Ashler (35)	Stony Fork	Watauga	Sherman Wellborn, Stony Fork	A. J. Wellborn, Stony Fork
452 Grifton (5)	Grifton	Pitt	W. F. Harding, Grifton	J. T. Gaskins, Grifton
453 Clyde (41)	Clyde	Haywood	J. C. Medford, Clyde	J. K. Hall, Waynesville, Rt. 4.
454 Elkin (31)	Elkin	Surry	M. R. Bailey, Elkin	S. O. McGuire, Elkin
455 Pineville (27)	Pineville	Mecklenburg	W. M. Morrow, Pineville	M. G. Hair, Pineville
456 Rusk (31)	Rusk	Surry	E. B. Draughan, Rusk	A. P. Whitaker, Rusk
457 Grapevine (41)	Grapevine	Madison	R. J. Sams, Marshall	J. J. Bradley, Marshall
458 Blowing Rock (35)	Blowing Rock	Watauga	Jeff D. Brown, Blowing Rock	Geo. M. Sudderth, Blowing Rock
459 Dillsboro (42)	Dillsboro	Jackson	R. F. Jarrett, Dillsboro	J. Z. Candler, Sylva
460 Henrietta (44)	Henrietta	Rutherford	F. D. Quinn, Henrietta	W. L. Hicks, Cliffsides
461 Matthews (27)	Matthews	Mecklenburg	H. A. Naylor, Matthews, Rt. 19.	N. Hood, Matthews
462 South Fork (28)	McAdensville	Gaston	J. W. Rumfelt, Belmont	I. B. Reid, McAdensville
463 Currituck (1)	Coinjock	Currituck	E. W. Ansell, Barco	F. J. Taylor, Currituck
464 Boiling Springs (37)	Boiling Springs	Cleveland	W. C. Hamrick, Boiling Springs	J. M. Goode, Boiling Springs
465 Gulf (13)	Gulf	Chatham	D. E. Murchison, Gulf	F. H. Kennedy, Cumnock
466 King Hiram (14)	King Hiram	Chamberland	J. Alex. Memory, Hope Mills, Rt. 2.	S. C. Kriner, Hope Mills, Rt. 2.
467 Healing Springs (34)	Crumpler	Ashe	J. L. Blevins, Crumpler	A. J. Blevins, Grassy Creek
469 Sanford (13)	Sanford	Lee	J. E. Teague, Sanford	J. L. Williams, Sanford
470 Scotland Neck (4)	Scotland Neck	Halifax	L. L. Cherry, Scotland Neck	R. H. Coleman, Scotland Neck

471 Grassy Knob (29)	Osbornville	Iredell	N. M. Felts, Jennings	S. T. Goforth, Jennings
472 Sonoma (41)	Canton, Rt. 2	Haywood	J. F. Long, Canton, Rt. 2	Dr. J. E. Wilson, Canton, Rt. 2
473 Lexington (23)	Lexington	Davidson	L. F. Barr, Lexington	Ed. F. Smith, Lexington
474 St. Paul's (11)	St. Paul's	Robeson	J. C. Lentz, St. Paul's	G. M. D. Howard, St. Paul's
475 Grimesland (5)	Grimesland	Pitt	J. J. Elks, Grimesland	J. C. Galloway, Grimesland
476 Big Lick (25)	Big Lick	Stanly	S. G. Smith, Oakboro, Rt. 2, Bx. 69	Ellis Burris, Oakboro, Rt. 2
477 Eagle Springs (12)	Eagle Springs	Moore	D. C. McKinnon, Biscoe, Rt. 1	Fuller Monroe, Eagle Springs, R. 1
478 Four Oaks (16)	Four Oaks	Johnston	J. W. Keen, Four Oaks	G. W. Adams, Four Oaks
479 Rainbow (7)	Arpahoe	Pamlico	J. W. Brinson, Arpahoe	W. H. Broughton, Janeiro
480 Mill Creek (16)	Mill Creek	Johnston	H. C. Williams, Bentonsville, Rt. 2	J. R. Weaver, Bentonsville, Rt. 1
481 Spring Hope (17)	Spring Hope	Nash	J. D. Bissett, Spring Hope	J. J. Proctor, Spring Hope
482 Saluda (38)	Saluda	Polk	Dr. E. McQ. Salley, Saluda	R. M. Hall, Saluda
483 Traphill (33)	Traphill	Wilkes	El. A. Hanks, Trap Hill	T. S. Bryan, Trap Hill
484 Southern Pines (12)	Southern Pines	Moore	R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines	H. O. Riggan, Southern Pines
485 Brassstown (43)	Brasstown, Rt. 1	Cherokee	J. B. Martin, Brasstown, Rt. 1	J. R. Standbridge, Brasstown, R. 1
486 Lawndale (37)	Lawndale	Cleveland	W. B. Denton, Lawndale	J. W. Lee, Lawndale
487 Statesville (29)	Statesville	Iredell	E. M. Sentman, Statesville	R. A. Campbell, Statesville
488 Rich Square (4)	Rich Square	Northampton	J. C. Bolton, Rich Square	M. B. Williams, Rich Square
489 Linville (35)	Montezuma	Avery	H. S. Calvert, Newland	J. L. Banner, Montezuma
490 Buggaboo (33)	Dimmette	Wilkes	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River, Rt. 1	J. D. McCann, Austin
491 Hominy (39)	Candler	Buncombe	J. C. Byrd, Candler	J. A. Penland, Candler
492 Thos. M. Holt (21)	Graham	Alamance	J. S. Cook, Graham	J. Harvey White, Graham
493 Pilot (31)	Pilot Mountain	Surry	J. P. Fulk, Pilot Mountain	O. N. Swanson, Pilot Mountain
494 John A. Graves (22)	Yanceyville	Caswell	E. F. Upchurch, Yanceyville	Z. T. Yarbrough, McIver
495 Rockingham (12)	Rockingham	Richmond	R. L. Johnson, Rockingham	W. N. Everett, Jr., Rockingham
496 Mooresville (29)	Mooresville	Iredell	W. M. Freeze, Mooresville	F. B. Smith, Mooresville
497 Royal Hart (4)	Littleton	Halifax	J. L. Skinner, Littleton	Wm. Farber, Littleton
498 Ayden (5)	Ayden	Pitt	S. A. Jenkins, Ayden	Jno. H. Cheek, Ayden
499 Creedmoor (20)	Creedmoor	Granville	E. K. Morris, Creedmoor	I. F. Fuller, Creedmoor
500 Raleigh (15)	Raleigh	Wake	D. F. Betts, Raleigh	L. D. Womble, Jr., Raleigh
501 Red Springs (11)	Red Springs	Robeson	L. M. Cook, Red Springs	F. K. Watson, Red Springs
502 Cookville (36)	near Henry	Catawba	D. C. Upton, Henry	Jerry Hayle, Henry
503 Buie's Creek (14)	Buie's Creek	Harnett	F. A. Stewart, Lillington, Rt. 1	J. R. Mitchell, Buie's Creek
504 Luke McLaughan (2)	Ahoshkie	Hertford	A. T. Willoughby, Ahoshkie	J. H. Copeland, Ahoshkie

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505 Cherryville (28)	Cherryville	Gaston	W. D. Gates, Cherryville	D. P. Dellinger, Cherryville
506 Unaka (43)	Unaka	Cherokee	J. P. Hampton, Unaka	H. E. Borton, Unaka
507 Roberdel (12)	Roberdel	Richmond	W. T. Wicker, Roberdel	H. P. Bolton, Roberdel
508 Lattimore (37)	Lattimore	Cleveland	H. C. Cabaniss, Lattimore	T. P. Gold, Lattimore
509 Belhaven (3)	Belhaven	Beaufort	H. M. Stearn, Belhaven	W. B. Tooley, Belhaven
510 Caroleen (44)	Caroleen	Rutherford	G. W. Matheny, Caroleen	W. W. Poole, Caroleen
511 Barnardsville (39)	Barnardsville	Buncombe	D. S. McKinney, Rockview	Harley Burleson, Dillingham
512 Lone Hickory (32)	Yadkinville, rfd	Yadkin	Dr. Chas. G. Bryant, Yadkinville	W. D. Reavis, Cana
513 Sylva (42)	Sylva	Jackson	J. S. Calhoun, Sylva	M. H. Morris, Sylva
514 Scotland (11)	Gibson	Scotland	W. N. McKenzie, Gibson	Willis Gibson, Gibson
515 Wetstone (28)	Bessemer City	Gaston	T. R. Simpson, Bessemer City	C. E. Whitney, Bessemer City
516 Aulander (2)	Aulander	Bertie	H. L. Early, Aulander	J. L. Harrington, Aulander
517 Farmville (5)	Farmville	Pitt	R. R. Bailey, Walstonburg	Paul E. Jones, Farmville
518 Shoal Creek (43)	Postell	Cherokee	J. H. Suit, Postell	J. W. Stiles, Postell
519 Widow's Son (4)	Roanoke Rapids	Halifax	W. D. Bass, Roanoke Rapids	A. E. Akers, Roanoke Rapids
520 Fairfield (3)	Fairfield	Hyde	D. H. Carter, Fairfield	P. E. Swindell, Fairfield
521 Wanchese (1)	Wanchese	Dare	C. W. Pugh, Wanchese	W. S. Baum, Wanchese
522 Warsaw (9)	Warsaw	Duplin	R. W. Blackmore, Warsaw	A. O. Moore, Warsaw
523 Winterville (5)	Winterville	Pitt	J. F. Harrington, Winterville	E. W. Braxton, Winterville
524 Pendleton (4)	Pendleton	Northampton	J. B. Stephenson, Severn	W. J. Beale, Pendleton
525 Rodgers (17)	Middlesex	Nash	J. J. Kemp, Middlesex	R. H. Ferrell, Middlesex
527 Lucama (17)	Lucama	Wilson	Wiley Lamm, Lucama	Dr. D. H. Reed, Gloucester
528 Fairmont (11)	Fairmont	Robeson	E. W. Floyd, Fairmont	J. D. McLean, Fairmont
529 Andrews (43)	Andrews	Cherokee	A. J. Phillips, Andrews	P. L. Robinson, Andrews
530 Joppa (27)	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	Chas. F. Alexander, Charlotte	P. B. Yandell, Charlotte
531 Ellenboro (44)	Ellenboro	Rutherford	S. A. Padgett, Ellenboro	H. F. Turner, Ellenboro
532 Hamlet (12)	Hamlet	Richmond	F. L. Pickett, Hamlet	H. P. Austin, Hamlet
533 Ottolay (39)	Fairview	Buncombe	S. J. Merrill, Fairview	Dr. C. M. McCracken, Fairview
534 Camp Call (37)	Shelby, Rt. 5	Cleveland	W. E. White, Lattimore, Rt. 1	J. I. S. Mauney, Shelby, Rt. 5
535 Hollis (44)	Hollis	Rutherford	L. C. Price, Hollis	J. E. Davis, Ellenboro, Rt. 3

536 Boardman (10)	Boardman	Columbus	F. A. Dodge, Boardman	Q. C. Fields, Boardman
537 Sharon (37)	Shelby	Cleveland	J. A. Smith, Shelby, Rt. 2	L. A. Smith, Shelby, Rt. 3
538 Williams	Cornelius	Mecklenburg	A. F. Torrence, Cornelius	Dr. G. L. Withers, Davidson, R. 25
539 Caswell (22)	Corbett	Caswell	Willie H. Warren, Hightowers	J. S. Roscoe, Union Ridge, Rt. 1
540 State Road	State Road	Surry	J. T. H. Calloway, State Road	J. F. Burcham, State Road
541 Parkton (11)	Parkton	Robeson	W. L. Stanton, Parkton	J. D. McCall, Parkton
542 Corinthian (23)	Greensboro	Guilford	B. H. Taylor, Greensboro	E. J. Powell, Greensboro
543 Spencer (25)	Spencer	Rowan	J. E. Connell, Spencer	D. Fulk, Spencer
544 Mount Holly (28)	Mount Holly	Gaston	T. M. McCoy, Mt. Holly	J. W. Holland, Mt. Holly
545 Shelmerdine (3)	Shelmerdine	Pitt	H. E. Smith, Chicod	E. A. Standley, Grimesland
546 Carolina (24)	Liberty	Randolph	S. C. Frazier, Liberty	Dr. F. A. Sheppard, Liberty
547 Maysville (8)	Maysville	Jones	E. H. Bell, Maysville	I. N. Sanders, Maysville
548 Bee Log (40)	Bee Log	Yancey	O. B. Hensley, Ramsaytown	W. A. Peek, Ramsaytown
549 Elon (21)	Elon College	Alamance	J. C. McAdams, Elon College	J. W. Ingle, Elon College
550 Roman Eagle (12)	Aberdeen	Moore	J. McN. Johnson, Aberdeen	E. T. McKeithan, Aberdeen
551 Glenville (42)	Glenville	Jackson	T. L. Jamison, Glenville	Lawrence McGuire, Horton
552 Revolution (23)	Greensboro	Gulford	J. T. Carruthers, Greensboro	H. A. Barnes, Denim
553 Zephyr (31)	Zephyr	Surry	W. T. Snow, Rusk	J. F. Haymore, Dobson, Rt. 1
554 Vesper (40)	Spruce Pine	Mitchell	A. D. McCullough, Spruce Pine	J. M. Peterson, Spruce Pine
555 Elise (12)	Hemp	Moore	Hugh M. Shields, Hemp	N. J. Carter, Hemp
556 Neil S. Stewart (14)	Duke	Harnett	D. L. Butt, Duke	O. R. Simpson, Duke
557 Oak Grove (32)	Cycle	Yadkin	T. L. Pardew, Cycle	J. M. Grater, Cycle
558 Ararat (31)	Ararat	Surry	R. C. Samuel, Ararat	F. W. Bryant, Ararat
559 Grassy Branch (36)	Terrell	Catawba	H. E. Gabriel, Terrell	W. E. Wilson, Sherrill's Ford
560 Sulphur Springs (33)	Mulberry	Wilkes	D. C. Sebastian, Hayes	M. F. Alsher, Mulberry
561 Swannanoa (39)	Swannanoa	Buncombe	D. W. Harrison, Swannanoa	L. E. Reighard, Swannanoa
562 Waxhaw (26)	Waxhaw	Union	G. L. Nisbet, Waxhaw	A. Williams, Waxhaw
563 Taber (10)	Taber	Columbus	D. A. Humphrey, Taber	D. J. Hughes, Taber
564 Richlands (8)	Richlands	Onslow	Jno. R. Shaw, Richlands	A. F. Barbee, Richlands
565 Wendell (15)	Wendell	Wako	J. P. Allen, Wendell	M. C. Todd, Wendell
566 Ronda (33)	Ronda	Wilkes	E. D. Byrd, Ronda	J. A. Poplin, Ronda
567 Wentworth (22)	Wentworth	Rockingham	Ira R. Humphreys, Reidsville	Chas. O. McMichael, Wentworth
568 Dorie (7)	New Bern	Craven	N. F. Rowe, New Bern, Box 404	A. D. Brooks, New Bern
569 Mount Pleasant (17)	Mount Pleasant	Nash	K. W. Winstead, Bailey	R. C. Glover, Bailey

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570 Roaring River (33) . . .	Roaring River . . .	Wilkes . . .	C. H. Greenwood, Roaring River . . .	J. O. Blackburn, Roaring River
571 Snow Creek (29)	Statesville, Rt. 5 . . .	Iredell . . .	T. M. Marshall, Statesville, Rt. 5 . .	J. L. White, Taylorsville, Star Rt.
572 Cliffside (44)	Cliffside	Rutherford .	G. M. Watson, Cliffside	C. L. Sloop, Cliffside
573 Mount Pleasant (33) . .	Champion	Wilkes . . .	B. F. Huffman, Pulear	R. L. Proffit, Goshen
574 Bynum (13)	Bynum	Chatham . .	J. C. Blake, Riggsbee	Dr. Ben H. Hackney, Bynum . . .
575 St. Timothy (26)	Marshville, Rt. 5 . . .	Union . . .	H. B. Edwards, Marshville, Rt. 5 . .	S. O. Thomas, Marshville, Rt. 5
576 Andrew Jackson (25) . .	Salisbury	Rowan . . .	C. E. Weinbrunn, Salisbury	W. B. Strachan, Salisbury . . .
577 Biscoe (24)	Biscoe	Montgomery	D. M. Hunsucker, Biscoe	C. E. Kellam, Biscoe
578 Meadow Branch (26) . .	Wingate	Union . . .	C. W. Baucum, Wingate	L. J. Watson, Wingate, Rt. 1 . .
579 Casar (37)	Casar	Cleveland .	C. M. Peeler, Casar	P. A. White, Casar, Rt. 1
580 Summit (33)	Summit	Wilkes . . .	Wm. M. Lee, Summit	A. G. Beshears, Summit
581 Macclesfield (18)	Macclesfield	Edgecombe .	W. E. Cobb, Pinetop	W. W. Eagle, Macclesfield
582 Lilesville (26)	Lilesville	Anson . . .	J. A. Dabbs, Lilesville	J. E. Kerr, Lilesville
583 Ionic (7)	Cove City	Craven . . .	J. S. Robinson, Cove City	E. D. Avery, Cove City
584 Apex (15)	Apex	Wake . . .	S. T. Bennett, Apex	J. F. Mills, Apex
585 Roseboro (9)	Roseboro	Sampson . .	B. L. Butler, Roseboro	J. M. Hall, Roseboro
587 David Bell (18)	Whitakers	Edgecombe .	A. R. Taylor, Whitakers	B. A. Strickland, Whitakers . . .
588 Evening Star (19)	Bunn	Franklin . .	E. P. Carneal, Bunn	Dr. B. C. Johnson, Bunn
589 Bethel (5)	Bethel	Pitt	M. K. Blount, Bethel	T. H. Barnhill, Bethel
590 Lowell (28)	Lowell	Gastou . . .	G. Frank Hovis, Lowell	J. L. Robinson, Lowell
592 Maiden (36)	Maiden	Catawba . .	G. Lee Harbinson, Maiden	A. W. Setzer, Maiden
593 Stony Point (29)	Stony Point	Alexander .	A. L. Watts, Stony Point	R. S. Moore, Stony Point
594 Helton (34)	Sturgills	Ashe	M. F. Kerby, Sturgills	J. M. Ballou, Grassy Creek . . .
595 Wallace (9)	Wallace	Duplin . . .	J. S. Cavenaugh, Wallace	John B. Boney, Wallace
596 Waccamaw (10)	Bolton	Columbus .	J. W. Dale, Bolton	John Innes, Bolton
597 Gullledge Memorial (26) .	Deep Creek	Anson . . .	M. E. Lowery, Wadesboro, Rt. 2 . .	Dr. J. E. Hart, Wadesboro, Rt. 2
598 Cranberry (35)	Cranberry	Avery	S. D. Nester, Cranberry	A. B. Greer, Cranberry
599 Roaring Gap (33)	Thurmond	Wilkes . . .	G. A. Norman, Thurmond	W. G. Simmons, Thurmond . . .
600 Rockwell (22)	Ruffin	Rockingham	E. L. Wright, Ruffin	Dr. C. R. Wharton, Ruffin
601 Minneapolis (35)	Minneapolis	Avery		

602 Queen City (18)	Rocky Mount	Nash	John P. Koch, Rocky Mount	P. R. Tucker, Rocky Mount
603 Laurelbranch (34)	Laurelbranch	Alleghany	F. W. Royal, Elk Spur	G. L. Hanks, Laurelbranch
604 Vaughan (19)	Vaughan	Warren	A. L. Pope, Vaughan	W. H. Fishel, Vaughan
605 Skyuka (38)	Tryon	Polk	E. E. Missildine, Tryon	Rev. H. N. Bowne, Tryon
606 River Side (36)	Catawba	Catawba	F. E. Booth, Catawba	W. B. Walker, Catawba
607 Chadbourne (10)	Chadbourne	Columbus	P. R. Horne, Chadbourne	J. H. Land, Chadbourne
608 Grandview (43)	Grandview	Cherokee	H. L. Mulkey, Grandview	S. C. Gentry, Grandview
609 Zebulon (15)	Zebulon	Wake	J. F. O'Neal, Zebulon	R. B. Nichols, Zebulon
610 Glendon (12)	Glendon	Moore	J. F. Gilliam, Glendon	A. J. Jones, Glendon
611 South River (9)	Autryville	Sampson	J. L. Autry, Autryville	L. L. Vinson, Autryville
612 Atkinson (10)	Atkinson	Pender	W. H. Lewis, Atkinson	Jas. W. Flynn, Atkinson
613 Home (6)	Fremont	Wayne	U. D. Koonce, Fremont	D. A. Powell, Fremont
614 Fuquay (15)	Fuquay Springs	Wake	J. D. Lee, Fuquay Springs	V. E. Wells, Fuquay Springs
615 Sunrise (15)	Sun Rise Se. H.	Wake	J. W. Andrews, Youngsville, Rt. 3	S. G. Mangum, Wake Forest, R. 5
616 Round Peak (31)	Round Peak	Surry	B. F. Jarrell, Round Peak	C. P. Stewart, Round Peak
617 St. Patrick's (16)	Princeton	Johnston	W. T. Edwards, Princeton	Dr. Oscar Eason, Princeton
618 Midland (25)	Midland	Cabarrus	R. A. Brooks, Midland	B. W. Brooks, Midland
619 Castalia (17)	Castalia	Nash	J. S. Brown, Castalia	W. B. Williams, Castalia
620 Little River (16)	Atkinson Mill	Johnston	J. Willard O'Neal, Selma, Rt. 2	Jesse B. Creech, Kenly, R.F.D.
621 Bonlee (13)	Bonlee	Chatham	W. J. Tally, Bonlee	B. H. Waddell, Bonlee
622 Coats (14)	Coats	Harnett	C. D. Stewart, Coats	N. T. Patterson, Coats
623 Mount Pisgah (33)	Dockery	Wilkes	C. W. Pruitt, Chuckle	R. M. Waddell, Zebra
624 John H. Mills (19)	Epsom	Vance	R. L. Stokes, Henderson	E. N. Williams, Louisburg
625 Woodsdale (21)	Woodsdale	Person	J. W. Montague, Woodsdale	A. C. Gentry, Denuiston, Va.
626 Cannon Memorial (25)	Kannapolis	Cabarrus	W. B. Weaver, Kannapolis	Jno. H. Rutledge, Kannapolis
627 Belmont (28)	Belmont	Gaston	C. P. Lineberger, Belmont	C. H. Sloan, Belmont
628 Perfection (16)	Kenly	Johnston	L. Z. Woodard, Kenly	Jesse Watson, Kenly
629 Walnut Cove (30)	Walnut Cove	Stokes	T. J. Covington, Walnut Cove	W. R. Wheeler, Walnut Cove
630 Norlina (19)	Norlina	Warren	C. L. Jennett, Norlina	J. B. Haymore, Norlina
631 Seven Springs (6)	Seven Springs	Wayne	D. C. Potter, Seven Springs	R. G. Maxwell, Seven Springs
632 Unionville (26)	Unionville	Union	T. L. Price, Unionville	G. B. Hoigle, Indian Trail
633 Bailey (17)	Bailey	Nash	J. W. Christian, Bailey	Geo. V. Batman, Bailey

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Name of Lodge	No.	Name of Lodge	No.
ALAMANCE (21)		BRUNSWICK (10)	
Oaks -----	255	Pythagoras -----	249
Bingham -----	272		
Bula -----	409	BUNCOMBE (39)	
Thomas M. Holt -----	492	Mount Herman -----	118
Elon -----	549	Blackmer -----	170
		Vance -----	293
ALEXANDER (29)		Center -----	398
Lee -----	253	Biltmore -----	446
Stony Point -----	593	Hominy -----	491
		Barnardsville -----	511
ALLEGHANY (34)		Ottolay -----	533
Sparta -----	423	Swannanoa -----	561
Kings Creek -----	432		
Laurel Branch -----	603	BURKE (36)	
		Catawba Valley -----	217
ANSON (26)		CABARRUS (25)	
Kilwinning -----	64	Stokes -----	32
Carolina -----	141	Patterson -----	307
Bethel -----	372	Midland -----	618
Lilesville -----	582	Cannon Memorial -----	626
Gulledge Memorial -----	597		
		CALDWELL (36)	
ASHE (34)		Hibriten -----	262
Jefferson -----	219		
Scottsville -----	385	CAMDEN (1)	
Healing Spring -----	467	Widow's Son -----	75
Helton -----	594	New Lebanon -----	314
AVERY (35)		CARTERET (7)	
Linville -----	489	Franklin -----	109
Cranberry -----	598	Ocean -----	405
Minneapolis -----	601		
		CASWELL (22)	
BEAUFORT (3)		Golden Fleece -----	74
Orr -----	104	John A. Graves -----	494
Belhaven -----	509	Caswell -----	539
BERTIE (2)		CATAWBA (36)	
Charity -----	5	Catawba -----	248
Davie -----	39	Hickory -----	343
Coleraine -----	171	Shawnee -----	382
Aulander -----	516	Cookville -----	502
		Grassy Branch -----	559

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CATAWBA—Continued		COLUMBUS (10)	
Maiden -----	592	Fair Bluff -----	190
Riverside -----	606	Lebanon -----	207
		Boardman -----	536
CHATHAM (13)		Tabor -----	563
Columbus -----	102	Waccamaw -----	596
Mount Vernon -----	143	Chadbourn -----	607
George Washington -----	174		
Flat Creek -----	285	CUMBERLAND (14)	
Life Boat -----	376	Phoenix -----	8
Siler City -----	403	Durbin -----	266
Gulf -----	465	Lebanon -----	391
Bynum -----	574	Cape Fear -----	394
Bonlee -----	621	Greenwood -----	419
		King Hiram -----	466
CHEROKEE (43)			
Cherokee -----	146	CURRITUCK (1)	
Notla -----	312	Hall -----	53
Bellview -----	416	Atlantic -----	238
Montgomery -----	426	Currituck -----	463
Marble Spring -----	439		
Brasstown -----	485	CRAVEN (7)	
Unaka -----	506	St. John's -----	3
Shoal Creek -----	518	Vanceboro -----	433
Andrews -----	529	Doric -----	568
Grandview -----	608	Ionic -----	583
CHOWAN (1)		DARE (1)	
Unanimity -----	7	Wanchese -----	521
CLAY (43)		DAVIDSON (23)	
Clay -----	301	Thomasville -----	214
		Farmer -----	404
CLEVELAND (37)		Lexington -----	473
Cleveland -----	202		
Fairview -----	339	DAVIE (30)	
Fallston -----	356	Mocksville -----	134
State Line -----	375	Farmington -----	265
Mooresboro -----	388		
Boiling Springs -----	464	DUPLIN (9)	
Lawndale -----	486	Warren -----	101
Lattimore -----	508	Belmont -----	108
Camp Call -----	534	Rehoboth -----	279
Sharon -----	537	Warsaw -----	522
Casar -----	579	Wallace -----	595

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DURHAM (21)		GREENE (6)	
Eno -----	210	Jerusalem -----	95
Durham -----	352	Radiance -----	132
EDGECOMBE (18)		GUILFORD (23)	
Concord -----	58	Greensboro -----	76
Macclesfield -----	581	Tobasco -----	271
David Bell -----	587	Numa F. Reid -----	344
Queen City -----	602	Stokesdale -----	428
FORSYTH (30)		Corinthian -----	542
Winston -----	167	Revolution -----	552
Salem -----	289	HALIFAX (4)	
FRANKLIN (19)		Royal White Hart -----	2
Franklinton -----	123	Roanoke -----	203
Sandy Creek -----	185	Enfield -----	447
Cedar Rock -----	286	Scotland Neck -----	470
Youngsville -----	377	Royal Hart -----	497
Louisburg -----	413	Widow's Son -----	519
Evening Star -----	588	HARNETT (14)	
GASTON (28)		Palmyra -----	147
Gaston -----	263	Pine Forest -----	186
Gastonia -----	369	Harnett -----	258
South Fork -----	462	Lillington -----	302
Cherryville -----	505	Evergreen -----	303
Whetstone -----	515	Buie's Creek -----	503
Mount Holly -----	544	Neill S. Stewart -----	556
Lowell -----	590	Coats -----	622
Belmont -----	627	HAYWOOD (41)	
GATES (2)		Waynesville -----	259
Gatesville -----	126	Pigeon River -----	386
Lily Valley -----	252	Clyde -----	453
GRAHAM (43)		Sonoma -----	472
Lone Oak -----	449	HENDERSON (38)	
GRANVILLE (20)		Kedron -----	387
Adoniram -----	149	HERTFORD (2)	
Knap of Reeds -----	158	American George -----	17
Berea -----	204	Wiccacon -----	240
Shiloh -----	250	Winton -----	327
Granville -----	380	Luke McGlaughan -----	504
Tally Ho -----	393	HOKE (13)	
Oxford -----	396	Raeford -----	306
Creedmoor -----	499		

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HYDE (3)		LINCOLN (28)	
Atlantic -----	294	Lincoln -----	137
Mattamuskeet -----	328	Rock Springs -----	341
Fairfield -----	520		
IREDELL (29)		MACON (42)	
County Line -----	224	Junaluska -----	145
Wilson -----	226	Blue Ridge -----	435
Hunting Creek -----	299		
Campbell -----	374	MADISON (41)	
Grassy Knob -----	471	French Broad -----	292
Statesville -----	487	Mars Hill -----	370
Mooresville -----	496	White Rock -----	392
Snow Creek -----	571	Ivy -----	406
		Grapevine -----	457
JACKSON (42)		MARTIN (18)	
Unaka -----	268	Skewarkee -----	90
East La Porte -----	358	Stonewall -----	296
Dillsboro -----	459	Conoho -----	399
Sylva -----	513		
Glenville -----	551	M'DOWELL (44)	
JOHNSTON (16)		Mystic Tie -----	237
Fellowship -----	84	Joppa -----	401
Archer -----	165		
Granite -----	191	MECKLENBURG (27)	
Kenly -----	257	Phalanx -----	31
Selma -----	320	Mecklenburg -----	176
Relief -----	431	Long Creek -----	205
Polenta -----	450	Excelsior -----	261
Four Oaks -----	478	Craighead -----	366
Mill Creek -----	480	Pineville -----	455
St. Patrick's -----	617	Matthews -----	461
Little River -----	620	Joppa -----	530
Perfection -----	628	Williams -----	538
JONES (8)		MITCHELL (40)	
Zion -----	81	Bakersville -----	357
Polloksville -----	175	Vesper -----	554
Maysville -----	547		
LEE (13)		MONTGOMERY (24)	
Chalmers -----	151	Blackmer -----	127
Buffalo -----	172	Randolph -----	309
McCormick -----	228	Star -----	437
White Hill -----	321	Biscoe -----	577
Sanford -----	469		
LENOIR (6)		MOORE (12)	
St. John's -----	4	Carthage -----	181
Lenoir -----	233	Eagle Springs -----	477
Rountree -----	243	Southern Pines -----	484
Pleasant Hill -----	304	Roman Eagle -----	550
		Elise -----	555
		Glendon -----	610

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NASH (16)		PERQUIMANS (1)	
Morning Star -----	85	Perquimans -----	106
Central Cross -----	187		
Corinthian -----	230	PITT (5)	
Rockville -----	411	Sharon -----	78
Spring Hope -----	481	Greenville -----	284
Rodgers -----	525	Temperance -----	389
Mount Pleasant -----	569	Grifton -----	452
Castalia -----	619	Grimesland -----	475
Bailey -----	633	Ayden -----	498
		Farmville -----	517
NEW HANOVER (10)		Winterville -----	523
St. John's -----	1	Shelmerdine -----	545
Wilmington -----	319	Bethel -----	589
Orient -----	395		
NORTHAMPTON (4)		POLK (38)	
King Solomon -----	56	Saluda -----	482
Seaboard -----	378	Skyuka -----	605
Potecasi -----	418		
Rich Square -----	488	RANDOLPH (24)	
Pendleton -----	524	Hanks -----	128
		Deep River -----	164
ONSLow (8)		Balfour -----	188
LaFayette -----	83	Mount Olivet -----	195
Seaside -----	429	Randleman -----	209
Richlands -----	564	Marietta -----	444
		Carolina -----	546
ORANGE (21)			
Eagle -----	71	RICHMOND (12)	
University -----	408	Rockingham -----	495
		Roberdel -----	507
PAMLICO (7)		Hamlet -----	532
Bayboro -----	331		
Mount Vernon -----	359	ROBESON (11)	
Rainbow -----	479	St. Alban's -----	114
		King Solomon -----	313
PASQUOTANK (1)		Rowland -----	335
Eureka -----	317	Maxton -----	417
		St. Paul's -----	474
PENDER (10)		Red Springs -----	501
King Solomon -----	138	Fairmont -----	528
Atkinson -----	612	Parkton -----	541
PERSON (21)		ROCKINGHAM (22)	
Person -----	113	Dan River -----	129
Woodsdale -----	625	Leaksville -----	136
		Reidsville -----	384

Name of Lodge	No.	Name of Lodge	No.
ROCKINGHAM—Cont'd		SURRY—Continued	
Wentworth	567	State Road	540
Rockwell	600	Zephyr	553
		Ararat	558
ROWAN (25)		Round Peak	616
Fulton	99		
Scotch-Ireland	154	SWAIN (42)	
Eureka	283	Oconee	427
Spencer	543		
Andrew Jackson	576	TRANSYLVANIA (38)	
		Dunn's Rock	267
RUTHERFORD (44)			
Western Star	91	UNION (26)	
Forest City	381	Monroe	244
Henrietta	460	Beaver Dam	276
Caroleen	510	Waxhaw	562
Ellenboro	531	St. Timothy	575
Hollis	535	Meadow Branch	578
Cliffside	572	Unionville	632
SAMPSON (9)		VANCE (19)	
Hiram	98	Henderson	229
Mill Creek	125	Ionic	337
Siloam	178	Henry F. Grainger	412
Mingo	206	J. H. Mills	624
Coharie	379		
Roseboro	585	WAKE (15)	
South River	611	Hiram	40
		Neuse	97
SCOTLAND (11)		Holly Springs	115
Laurinburg	305	White Stone	155
Scotland	514	Rolesville	156
		Mount Pleasant	157
STANLY (25)		Cary	198
Pee Dee	150	William G. Hill	218
Stanly	348	William T. Bain	231
Big Lick	476	Anchor	234
		Green Level	277
STOKES (30)		Wake Forest	282
Walnut Cove	629	Raleigh	500
		Wendell	565
SURRY (31)		Apex	584
Rockford	251	Zebulon	609
Granite	322	Fuquay	614
Copeland	390	Sunrise	615
Dobson	402		
Rockyford	430	WARREN (19)	
Elkin	454	Johnston-Caswell	10
Rusk	456	Vaughan	604
Pilot	493	Norlina	630

Name of Lodge	No.	Name of Lodge	No.
WASHINGTON (3)		WILKES—Continued	
Perseverance -----	59	Ronda -----	566
Roper -----	443	Roaring River -----	570
		Mount Pleasant -----	573
WATAUGA (35)		Summit -----	580
Watauga -----	273	Roaring Gap -----	599
Snow -----	363	Mt. Pisgah -----	623
Elk -----	373		
Ashlar -----	451	WILSON (17)	
Blowing Rock -----	458	Joseph Warren -----	92
		Mount Lebanon -----	117
WAYNE (6)		Toisnot -----	298
Wayne -----	112	Hatcher -----	310
Mount Olive -----	208	Lucama -----	527
Falling Creek -----	325		
Harmony -----	340	YADKIN (32)	
Home -----	613	Yadkin -----	162
Seven Springs -----	631	Jonesville -----	227
		Harmon -----	420
WILKES (33)		Boonville -----	421
Liberty -----	45	Baltimore -----	424
Moravian -----	353	West Bend -----	434
Dellaplane -----	355	Lone Hickory -----	512
Liberty Grove -----	407	Oak Grove -----	557
New Hope -----	415		
Clingman -----	440	YANCEY (40)	
Pleasant Mount -----	441	Burnsville -----	192
Trap Hill -----	483	Bald Creek -----	397
Bugaboo -----	490	Eastern Star -----	425
Sulphur Springs -----	560	Bee Log -----	548

GRAND LODGES—MONTHS OF MEETINGS, ADDRESSES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LODGE	MONTH	GRAND MASTER	ADDRESS	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	December	Walter Smith	Tuscaloosa	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arizona	February	F. W. Perkins	Flagstaff	Geo. J. Roskrige	Tucson
Arkansas	November	J. S. Keamey	Hot Springs	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
California	October	Francis V. Kessling	San Francisco	John Whicher	San Francisco
Colorado	September	Guy V. Sternberg	Grand Junction	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver
Connecticut	February	L. J. Nickerson	West Cornwall	Geo. A. Kies	Hartford
Delaware	October	S. J. Horn	Wilmington	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington
District of Columbia	December	James W. Witten	Washington	A. W. Johnson	Washington
Florida	January	A. S. York	Live Oak	Wilbur P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	October	Frank O. Miller	Fort Valley	Frank F. Baker	Macon
Idaho	September	John D. Bloomfield	Nampa	Geo. E. Knepper	Boise City
Illinois	October	Ralph H. Wheeler	Chicago	Isaac Gutter	Camp Point
Indiana	May	Harry B. Tuthill	Michigan City	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Iowa	June	Thomas Arthur	Logan	N. R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	February	Charles E. Lobdell	Great Bend	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	October	James N. Saunders	Stanford	Dave Jackson	Louisville
Louisiana	February	B. B. Purser	Amite	John A. Davilla	New Orleans
Maine	May	Waldo Pettingill	Rumford	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland	November	Thos. J. Shryock	Baltimore	George Cook	Baltimore
Massachusetts	December	Melvin M. Johnson	Boston	Fred. W. Hamilton	Boston
Michigan	May	John H. Hawks	Lansing	Lou B. Windsor	Reed City
Minnesota	January	Alfred G. Pinkham	St. Paul	John Fishel	St. Paul
Mississippi	February	G. Frederick Cullens	Wallerville	Frederick G. Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	September	Edward Higbee	Kirkville	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Montana	August	Robert W. Getty	Bonner (Milltown)	C. Hedges Jr.	Helena
Nebraska	June	Andrew H. Viele	Norfolk	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	June	Alfred W. Holmes	Reno	E. D. Vanderlieth	Carson City
New Hampshire	May	Geo. E. Bales	Wilton	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	April	William R. Meakle	Trenton	Isaac Cherry	Trenton

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GRAND LODGES—MONTHS OF MEETINGS, ADDRESSES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LODGE	MONTH	GRAND MASTER	ADDRESS	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
New Mexico	October	Alonzo B. McMillen	Albuquerque	A. A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	May	Thomas Penney		E. M. L. Ehlers	New York
North Carolina	January	Claude L. Fridgen	Wilmington	William W. Willson	Raleigh
North Dakota	June	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo	W. L. Stockwell	Fargo
Ohio	October	Joel C. Clore	Cincinnati	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	February	Samuel W. Hogan	Hugo	Wm. M. Anderson	Oklahoma City
Oregon	June	Will Moore	Pendleton	James F. Robinson	Portland
Pennsylvania	December	Louis A. Watres	Philadelphia	J. A. Perry	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	May	Wilbur A. Scott	Lime Rock	S. Peurose Williams	Providence
South Carolina	December	R. A. Cooper	Laurens	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	June	James Roane	Yankton	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	January	John T. Peeler	Huntingdon	Stith M. Cain	Nashville
Texas	December	Frank O. Jones	Houston	W. B. Pearson	Waco
Utah	January	C. C. Griggs	Eureka	Freeman A. McCarty	Salt Lake City
Vermont	June	H. H. Ross	Burlington	Frank A. Ross	Burlington
Virginia	February	Henry Knox Field	Alexandria	Chas. A. Nesbit	Richmond
Washington	June	George R. Malcolm	Walla Walla	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	November	Charles E. Carrigan	Moundsville	John M. Collins	Charleston
Wisconsin	June	Cyrus S. Stockwell	Neillsville	William W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	December	Herbert J. King	Laramie	Jos. M. Lowndes	Casper

BRITISH COLONIES

Alberta	May	E. T. Bishop	Edmonton	G. McDonald	Calgary, Can.
British Columbia	June	William Astley	Vancouver	W. A. DeWolf-Smith	N. Westminister
Canada	July	Sydney A. Luke	Ottawa	Ralph Leering Gunn	Hamilton, Ont.
Manitoba	June	Henry E. Bletcher	Winnipeg	Jas. A. Ovas	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	April	Hedley V. B. Bridges	Fredericton	J. T. Hart	St. John
Nova Scotia	June	Donald F. Fraser	New Glasgow	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax

Prince Edward I.	June	A. Stirling McKay	Summerside	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown
Quebec	January	Edward A. Evans	Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal
Queensland	June	A. M. Hertzberg	Brisbane	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane
Saskatchewan	June	J. H. Anderson	Saskatoon	W. B. Tate	Regina
FOREIGN GRAND LODGES					
Belgium	September	Emilo De Mezerville	San Jose	M. Rian-Negrot	Brussels, 8 Rue de Persil
Costa Rica	June	Francisco Sanchez Curbelo	Habana	Sergio Carballo R	San Jose
Cuba	December	Duke of Connaught K. G.	London	Carlos G. Charles	Habana
Ireland	June	Earl of Donoughmore K. P.	Sydney	Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.	London
New South Wales	May	William Thompson	Auckland	H. E. Flavelle	Dublin
New Zealand	February	Oliver Nicholson	Manila	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney
Philippine Islands	April	William Hendrickson Taylor	Adelaide	Malcolm Nicol	Auckland
Portugal	April	Col. Robert K. Stewart	Melbourne	Newton O. Comfort	Manila
Scotland	April	Eustace B. Grundy K. O.	Perth	Leopold Augustus Pinto Soares, No. 35, Rua do Gremio Lusitano	Lisbon
South Australia	December	Charles Carty-Salmon	Perth	David Reid	Edinburgh
Sweden	April	C. O. Riley	Perth	Charles R. J. Glover	Adelaide, Flanders Street
Victoria	April	Charles Carty-Salmon	Perth	Charles James Barrow	Melbourne, Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street
West Australia	April	C. O. Riley	Perth	John D. Stevenson	Perth

LIST OF GRAND LODGES NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

1. Grand Orient of France.
2. Two Grand Orientis in Greece.
3. The Grand Orient of Egypt.
4. Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina.
5. Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, two of the same name, and all other Grand Lodges in the Republic of Mexico, of which there are several.
6. The Grand Lodge of Salvador in Central America.
7. All the Grand Orientis of South America.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND LODGE	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA	P. O. ADDRESS
B. M. Hill	Springville	Alabama	S. M. Gattis	Hillsboro
J. B. Baker	Melbourne	Arkansas	J. S. McEachern	Wilmington
F. T. Patterson	Safford	Arizona	F. M. Winchester	Charlotte
Joseph W. Milson	Canon City	*California	William A. Blair	Winston-Salem
Eugene A. Hall	Meriden	Connecticut	W. A. Withers	Raleigh
William L. Crossan	Wilmington	Delaware	C. H. Robinson	Wilmington
Arthur C. Shaw	Washington	District of Columbia	R. N. Hackett	Wilkesboro
Jesse J. Combs	Apopka	Florida	H. J. Lovick	New Bern
Thomas H. Jeffries	Atlanta	Georgia	Walter Clark	Raleigh
F. G. Mock	Mountain Home	Idaho	Leo. D. Heartt	Raleigh
Robert O. Fletcher	LaGrange	Illinois	W. B. McKoy	Wilmington
Mark Storen	Scottsburg	Indiana	M. C. S. Noble	Chapel Hill
Alex A. Sharp	Topeka	*Iowa	W. J. Roberts	Winston-Salem
R. W. Allen	Franklin	Kansas	A. S. Holden	Wilmington
Chas. F. Johnson	Waterville	*Kentucky	M. DeLancey Haywood	Raleigh
Henry W. Rossing	Baltimore	Louisiana	Robert Bingham	Asheville
John W. Rowson	Grand Rapids	Maine	F. D. Winston	Windsor
Alex Fiddes	Jackson	Maryland	W. E. Moore	Webster
Edgar Webster	Oxford	*Massachusetts	R. S. Reinhardt	Lincolnton
Geo. W. Walker	Cape Girardeau	Michigan	I. Frank Tilson	Lincolnton
Stephen P. Wright	Butte	Minnesota	George S. Norfleet	Grapevine
Walter M. Hopewell	Tekamah	Mississippi	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem
Joseph F. Triplett	Joseph	Missouri		
Edward O. Fifield	Nashua	Montana		
		Nebraska		
		Nevada		
		New Hampshire		

Philip F. Botzong	Jersey City	New Jersey	Whitakers
Seth P. Lyman	Anarge Pelham	*New Mexico	Raleigh
James McDonald	Grafton	New York	Carthage
Robert I. Clegg	Cleveland	North Dakota	Tarboro
J. Angus Gillis	Frederick	Ohio	Charlotte
W. T. Williamson	Portland	Oklahoma	Davidson
John P. Sanborn	Newport	*Pennsylvania	Raleigh
Van Smith	Newberry	Rhode Island	Goldshoro
A. E. Van Champ	Higmore	South Carolina	Waynesville
W. S. Fly	San Antonio	South Dakota	Henderson
H. L. Harrington	Ogden	Tennessee	Raleigh
Archie S. Harriman	Middlebury	Texas	Oxford
William F. Bagby	Stevensville	Utah	Selma
Henry L. Kenan	Spokane	Vermont	
Neil Robinson	Charleston	Virginia	
Joseph S. Lenon	LaCrosse	Washington	
		West Virginia	
		Wisconsin	
		*Wyoming	

*Do not exchange representatives.

BRITISH COLONIES

W. F. Puffer	Lacombe	Alberta	Raleigh
James Stark	Vancouver	British Columbia	Scotland Neck
John Hoodless	Hamilton, Ont.	Canada	Raleigh
Fred L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	Winston-Salem
Archibald Bauer	St. John	New Brunswick	Oxford
William Driffield	Digby	Nova Scotia	
Henry E. Wright	Summerside	Prince Edward I.	Rutherfordton
A. N. Thompson	Stanstead	Quebec	
George Robertson	Brisbane	Queensland	Winston-Salem
		Saskatchewan	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND LODGE	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA	P. O. ADDRESS
.....	.....	Belgium . . . . .	.....	.....
.....	.....	Costa Rica . . . . .	.....	.....
.....	.....	Cuba . . . . .	.....	.....
.....	.....	England	F. W. Kenny	Biltmore
.....	.....	Ireland . . . . .	.....	.....
.....	.....	New South Wales	J. D. Elliott	Hickory
E. A. H. Stevens	Sydney	New Zealand	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.	Greensboro
C. J. W. Griffiths	Blendheim	Philippine Islands . . . . .	.....	.....
Robt. E. Clark	Manila	Portugal . . . . .	.....	.....
.....	.....	Scotland	William R. Smith	Raleigh
.....	.....	South Australia . . . . .	.....	.....
Donald Nicholson . . . . .	.....	Sweden	Eric Norden	Wilmington
William G. Gibson	Stockholm	Victoria . . . . .	.....	.....
A. Thompson	Middle Crescent	West Australia . . . . .	.....	.....

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

From Subordinate Lodges for the Masonic
Year Ending October 31, 1916,
by Districts

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES

FIRST DISTRICT—Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties.

J. W. JONES, D.D.G.M., SOUTH MILLS, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Unanimity	7	Dec. 27, 1916.	17	15	15	2	1	..	1	1	1	3	51	67	..	16	17	\$ 67	\$ 84	\$ 84	
Hall	53	Nov. 25, 1916.	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	56	56	..	..	..	56	56	56	
Widow's Son	75	Dec. 11, 1916.	4	4	2	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	32	29	3	..	4	29	33	33	
Perquimans	106	Dec. 28, 1916.	5	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	84	84	..	..	5	84	89	89	
Atlantic	238	Nov. 28, 1916.	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	22	25	..	3	4	25	29	29	
New Lebanon	314	Nov. 23, 1916.	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	4	1	..	44	42	2	..	3	42	45	45	
Eureka	317	Dec. 26, 1916.	5	7	6	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	157	160	..	3	5	160	165	165	
Currituck	463	Jan. 15, 1917.	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	55	56	..	1	1	56	57	57	
Wanchese	521	Nov. 27, 1916.	5	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	61	63	..	2	5	63	68	68	
Total	44	44	34	7	1	..	6	8	8	10	562	582	5	25	44	\$ 582	\$ 626	\$ 626	\$ 626		

SECOND DISTRICT—Bertie, Gates and Hertford Counties.

Charity	5	Jan. 5, 1917..	3	4	4	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	95	97	..	2	3	\$ 97	\$ 100	\$ 100	
American George	17	Jan. 6, 1917..	9	8	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	24	30	..	6	9	30	39	39	
Davie	39	Nov. 18, 1916.	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	46	43	3	..	2	43	45	45	
Gatesville	126	Dec. 18, 1916.	2	..	1	2	..	1	13	1	..	..	62	50	12	..	2	50	52	52	
Coleraine	171	Dec. 13, 1916.	3	2	7	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	33	37	..	4	3	37	40	40	
Wicacoa	240	Nov. 28, 1916.	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	37	37	..	..	1	37	38	38	
Lily Valley	252	Nov. 14, 1916.	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	25	24	1	..	1	24	25	25	
Winton	327	Dec. 5, 1916..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	40	40	..	..	..	40	40	40	

Luke McLaughan	504 Jan. 1, 1917.	6	5	3	1	..	..	2	..	1	48	50	..	2	6	50	56
Aulander	516 .....	...	...	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	44	44	..	...	...	44	43 \$ 1.00
Total	....	27	21	26	5	..	4	16	8	5	10	454	452	16	14 \$	27 \$	478 \$ 1.00

THIRD DISTRICT--Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties.

DR. J. W. SPEIGHT, D.D.G.M., ROPER, N. C.

	59 Nov.	29, 1916.	3	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	58	60	..	2	3	60	63	63
Perseverance	104	Nov. 11, 1916.	16	15	16	3	..	..	2	..	3	107	124	..	16	124	140	140
Orr	328	Nov. 24, 1916.	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	42	42	..	..	1	42	43	43
Atlantic	294	Jan. 17, 1917.	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	28	27	1	..	1	27	28	28
Mattamuskeet	443	Nov. 30, 1916.	1	3	3	1	..	..	1	1	44	46	..	2	1	46	47	47
Roper	509	Dec. 6, 1916.	5	6	5	2	..	..	3	..	46	50	..	4	5	50	55	55
Belhaven	520	Dec. 13, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	24	21	3	..	..	21	21	21
Fairfield	Total	..	27	27	29	7	..	..	1	8	349	370	4	25	27	370	397	397

FOURTH DISTRICT—Halifax and Northampton Counties.

W. H. S. BURGWIN, D.D.G.M., WOODLAND, N. C.

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

FIFTH DISTRICT—Pitt County.

JOHN H. CHEEK, D.D.G.M., AYDEN, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Sharon	78	Nov. 20, 1916.	8	8	8	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	45	51	..	6	\$	\$	\$	\$	59
Greenville	284	Dec. 7, 1916..	2	2	4	2	1	..	1	1	2	1	84	87	..	3	..	87	89	89	..
Temperance	389	Dec. 2, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	36	35	1	..	..	35	35	35	..
Grifton	452	Jan. 9, 1917..	13	12	9	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	30	37	..	7	13	37	50	50	..
Grimesland	475	Nov. 23, 1916.	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	76	76	..	..	1	76	77	77	..
Ayden	498	Nov. 29, 1916.	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	70	73	..	3	3	73	76	76	..
Farmville	517	Jan. 13, 1917.	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	64	..	3	2	64	66	66	..
Winterville	523	Jan. 10, 1917.	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	69	68	1	..	4	68	72	72	..
Shelmerdine	545	Feb. 2, 1917..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	35	..	..	..	35	35	35	..
Bethel	589	Dec. 9, 1916..	8	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	44	49	..	5	8	49	57	57	..
Total			41	32	31	7	1	1	2	8	4	7	550	575	2	27	\$	\$	\$	\$	616

SIXTH DISTRICT—Green, Lenoir and Wayne Counties.

C. W. PRIDGEN, D.D.G.M., KINSTON, N. C.

St. John's	4	Nov. 25, 1916.	11	5	5	2	1	..	3	2	4	8	179	178	1	..	\$	\$	\$	\$	189
Jerusalem	95	Nov. 16, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	45	44	1	..	..	44	44	44	..
Wayne	112	Nov. 24, 1916.	7	6	3	..	1	..	9	2	3	3	97	87	10	..	7	87	94	94	..
Radiance	132	Jan. 6, 1917..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	37	36	1	..	1	36	37	37	..
Mount Olive	208	Nov. 30, 1916.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	49	46	3	..	1	46	47	47	..
Lenoir	233	Returns not received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rountree	243	Nov. 6 1916..	5	4	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	36	39	..	3	5	39	44	44	..

Pleasant Hill	304 Nov. 15, 1916.	1	1	1	..	3	..	1	..	62	\$	63
Falling Creek	325 Jan. 13, 1917.	2	2	1	..	..	2	2	..	32	\$	34
Harmony	340 Dec. 15, 1916.	2	2	2	..	1	1	..	66	66	68	68
Home	613 Dec. 29, 1916.	7	7	7	1	..	1	..	7	35	42	42
Seven Springs	UD	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
Total	..	37	31	25	4	2	..	17	9	15	13	635
									23	\$	37	\$
									638	20	23	\$
									635	638	20	\$
									625	\$	662	\$
									662	\$	662	\$

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties.

W. T. HILL. D.D.G.M., NEW BERN, N. C.

St. John's	3 Nov. 13, 1916.	4	3	5	1	..	..	1	1	2	93	97	..	4	\$	97	\$	101	\$	101
Franklin	109 Dec. 7, 1916..	8	8	8	..	1	..	1	2	2	93	99	..	6	8	99	107	107		
Bayboro	351 Dec. 26, 1916.	2	2	3	1	..	..	2	1	38	40	..	2	2	40	42	42			
Mount Vernon	339 Nov. 27, 1916.	5	3	4	..	..	1	..	3	38	41	..	3	5	41	46	46			
Ocean	405 Nov. 25, 1916.	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	53	56	..	3	2	56	58	58			
Vanceboro	433 Nov. 29, 1916.	3	2	2	1	1	..	1	1	52	54	..	2	3	54	57	57			
Rainbow	479 Dec. 2, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	17	..	..	..	17	17	17			
Doric	568 Nov. 30, 1916.	8	13	12	..	..	..	..	1	7	81	92	..	11	8	92	100	100		
Ionic	583 Dec. 14, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	23	..	..	1	23	24	24			
Total	..	33	33	37	4	2	..	1	3	816	488	519	..	31	\$	33	\$	519	\$	552

EIGHTH DISTRICT—Jones and Onslow Counties.

GEORGE A. HUNT, D.D.G.M., JACKSONVILLE, N. C.

Zion	81	Dec. 7, 1916..	8	4	4	2	2	45	47	..	2	¢	8	\$	47	\$	55	¢	55
LaFayette	83	Nov. 15, 1916.	4	3	5	..	1	2	2	..	69	69	..	..	..	4	69	73	73	31	73
Pollockville	175	Jan. 15, 1916.	1	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	27	30	..	3	1	30	31	31	31	31	31	
Sea Side	429	Dec. 29, 1916.	3	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	50	51	..	1	3	51	54	54	54	54	54	
Maysville	547	Dec. 16, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	33	32	1	..	1	32	33	33	33	33	33
Richlands	564	Dec. 16, 1916.	7	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	27	30	..	3	7	30	37	37	37	37	37
Total	24	1416	2	2	1	3	2	6	9	251	259	1	9	¢	24	\$	250	\$	283	\$	283	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NINTH DISTRICT—Duplin and Sampson Counties.

REV. ARTHUR O. MOORE, D.D.G.M., WARSAW, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	NAME OF LODGE													Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due			
			Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease				Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues
Hiram	98	Feb. 14, 1917.	17	15	14	7	..	..	..	4	1	..	87	103	..	16	\$ 17	\$ 103	\$ 120	\$ 120	
Warren	101	Returns not received																			
Belmont	108	Nov. 1, 1916..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	51	50	1	...	1	50	51	51	
Mill Creek	125	Nov. 14, 1916.	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	46	46	..	...	4	46	50	50	
Siloam	178	Nov. 29, 1916.	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	24	24	..	...	2	24	26	26	
Mingo	206	Jan. 11, 1917.	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	49	..	5	1	49	50	50	
Rehoboth	279	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	...	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	26	..	2	1	26	27	27	
Coharie	379	Dec. 14, 1916.	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	29	..	5	5	29	34	34	
Warsaw	522	Dec. 15, 1916.	8	7	6	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	52	54	..	2	8	54	62	62	
Roseboro	585	Jan. 5, 1917..	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	28	1	..	1	28	29	29	
Wallace	595	Nov. 30, 1916.	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	32	35	..	3	4	35	39	39	
South River	611	Nov. 30, 1916.	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	15	17	..	2	2	17	19	19	
Total	...	...	46	39	40	9	2	..	1	10	7	5	428	461	2	35	\$ 46	\$ 461	\$ 507	\$ 507	

TENTH DISTRICT—Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties.

C. B. NEWCOMB, D.D.G.M., WILMINGTON, N. C.

St. John's	1	Oct. 28, 1916.	24	23	24	11	..	..	..	..	1	5	236	270	..	34	\$ 24	\$ 270	\$ 294	\$ 294	
King Solomon	138	Nov. 14, 1916.	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	41	..	4	2	41	43	43	
Fair Bluff	190	Nov. 24, 1916.	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	37	34	3	..	2	34	36	36	
Lebanon	207	Dec. 1, 1916..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	81	79	2	..	1	79	80	80	
Pythagoras	249	Jan. 1, 1917..	3	5	6	2	1	..	3	2	1	..	78	81	..	3	3	81	84	84	

Wilmington	319	Nov. 20, 1916.	13	9	9	3	..	..	..	2	2	8	82	90	..	8	13	90	103	103
Orient	395	Nov. 25, 1916.	13	10	10	..	..	..	1	5	3	..	122	123	..	1	13	123	136	136
Boardman	536	Nov. 25, 1916.	4	4	4	..	..	..	1	4	1	2	32	30	2	..	4	30	34	34
Tabor	563		3	3	5	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	48	49	..	1	3	49	52	50
*Waccamaw	596	Jan. 5, 1917..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	40	..	1	..	38	38	38
Chadbourn	607	Nov. 6, 1916..	6	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	28	..	3	6	28	34	34
Atkinson	612	Nov. 29, 1916.	13	10	10	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	19	29	..	10	13	29	42	42
Total	..	..	84	75	73	22	1	1	6	19	12	17	836	894	7	65	84	892	976	974

*\$2.00 overpaid in 1914 and 1915.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—Robeson and Scotland Counties.

DR. N. A. THOMPSON, D.D.G.M., LUMBERTON, N. C.

St. Albans	114	Dec. 2, 1916..	10	8	9	2	..	..	..	2	1	1	114	122	..	8	10	122	132	132
Laurinburg	305	Dec. 2, 1916..	8	6	6	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	80	84	..	4	8	84	92	92
King Solomon	313	Jan. 9, 1917..	2	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	36	33	3	..	2	33	35	35
Rowland	335	Nov. 29, 1916.	5	5	5	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	63	68	..	5	5	68	73	73
Maxton	417	Nov. 27, 1916.	8	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	70	70	..	..	8	70	78	78
St. Paul's	474	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	1	3	1	68	67	1	..	1	67	68	68
Red Springs	501	Nov. 24, 1916.	4	6	6	3	..	..	..	..	1	2	84	90	..	6	4	90	94	94
Scotland	514	Nov. 29, 1916.	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	40	42	..	2	2	42	44	44
Fairmont	528	Nov. 28, 1916.	8	8	8	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	82	87	..	5	8	87	95	95
Parkton	541	Nov. 30, 1916.	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	48	47	1	..	3	47	50	50
Total	..	..	51	42	46	11	1	..	5	20	8	7	685	710	5	30	51	710	761	761

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

TWELFTH DISTRICT—Moore and Richmond Counties.
J. LEGRAND EVERETT, D.D.G.M., ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Carthage	181	Nov. 1, 1916..	5	3	1	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	51	49	2	..	5	49	5	54	54
Eagle Springs	477	Jan. 17, 1917.	10	9	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	50	56	..	6	10	56	66	66	66
Southern Pines	484	Oct. 30, 1916.	4	4	3	1	2	..	4	2	1	1	64	63	1	..	4	63	67	67	67
Rockingham	495	Nov. 24, 1916.	4	4	4	2	8	..	1	2	..	4	68	75	..	7	4	75	79	79	79
Robertdel	507	Nov. 2, 1916..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	22	22	..	..	2	22	24	24	24
Hamlet	532	Nov. 25, 1916.	5	5	4	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	62	69	..	7	5	69	74	74	74
Roman Eagle	550	Jan. 9, 1917..	5	6	6	3	..	2	2	2	2	..	20	23	..	3	5	23	28	28	28
Elise	555	Jan. 10, 1917.	3	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	32	..	5	3	32	35	35	35
Glendon	610	Nov. 10, 1916.	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	26	26	..	..	2	26	28	28	28
Total	40	36	29	19	3	..	8	12	6	8	390	415	3	28	40	415	455	455	455	455	455

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—Chatham, Hoke and Lee Counties.

A. L. McNEILL, D.D.G.M., SANFORD, N. C.

Columbus	102	Dec. 16, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	36	34	2	..	..	34	34	34	34
Mount Vernon	143	Nov. 14, 1916.	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	..	33	27	6	..	2	27	29	29	29
Chalmers	151	Nov. 24, 1916.	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	17	19	..	2	1	19	20	20	20
Buffalo	172	..	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	31	32	..	1	2	32	34	30	30
George Washington	174	Nov. 29, 1916.	3	3	2	1	..	..	1	1	2	1	78	78	..	..	3	78	81	81	81
McCormick	228	Nov. 13, 1916.	4	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	43	..	3	4	43	47	47	47
Flat Creek	285	Dec. 6, 1916..	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	38	41	..	3	4	41	45	45	45
Raeford	306	Nov. 21, 1916.	1	..	..	3	..	..	4	3	..	..	68	64	4	..	1	64	65	65	65

	321	Nov. 28,	1916.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	23	..	1	....	23	23	23
White Hill	376	Dec. 21,	1916.	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	30	27	3	...	...	...	27	27	27
Life Boat	403	Dec. 26,	1916.	1	1	1	1	...	2	1	1	1	51	49	2	...	1	49	50	50	50
Siler City	465	Dec. 30,	1916.	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	23	..	...	1	3	23	26	26
Gulf	469	Dec. 21,	1916.	13	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	96	..	11	13	96	109	109	109
Sanford	574	Jan. 3,	1917.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	22	22	...	...	1	22	23	23
Bynum	621	Nov. 29,	1916.	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	24	..	...	1	2	24	26	26
Bonlee																					
Total	37	31	28	9	3	10	12	12	3	596	602	17	23	6	37	602	639	635	635	4	4

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—Cumberland and Harrett Counties.
J. W. TURNAGE, D.D.G.M., DUNN, N. C.

Phoenix	8 Nov. 2, 1916..	7	5	7	..	..	14	1	4	3	125	113	12	...	\$	7	\$	113	\$	120	\$	120	\$	117	117	\$	800	
Palmyra	147 Dec. 1, 1916..	17	17	17	1	1	1	2	2	1	86	100	..	14	17	100	117	100	117	120	117	120	117	117	117	117	\$	800
Pine Forest	186	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	26	24	2	...	...	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	\$	800
Harnett	258 Nov. 30, 1916.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	24	..	...	...	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	\$	800
Durbin	266 Jan. 8, 1917..	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	24	..	4	2	24	26	24	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	\$	800
Lillington	302 Feb. 2, 1917..	5	5	5	2	..	1	3	3	36	39	..	3	5	39	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	\$	800
Evergreen	303 Nov. 17, 1916.	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	21	20	1	..	1	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	\$	800
Lebanon	391 Nov. 24, 1916.	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	51	52	..	1	2	52	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	\$	800
Cape Fear	394 Dec. 1, 1916..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	33	35	...	2	...	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	\$	800
Greenwood	419 Jan. 4, 1917..	...	...	2	...	...	3	1	..	40	38	2	...	...	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	\$	800
King Hiram	466	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	38	35	3	...	...	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	\$	800
Buies Creek	503	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	28	...	...	...	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	\$	800
Neill S. Stewart	556 Nov. 27, 1916.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	37	36	1	...	1	36	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	\$	800
Coats	622 Jan. 13, 1917.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	16	...	...	...	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	\$	800
Total	36	33	39	3	3	17	9	16	6	581	584	21	24	\$	36	\$	584	\$	620	\$	597	\$	597	\$	597	\$	800	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—Wake County.

C. T. MCLENEGHAN, D.D.G.M., RALEIGH, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated													Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due		
Hiram	40	Nov. 21, 1916.	13	11	9	6	9	11	13	11	9	6	9	11	13	11	9	6	9	11	13	11	9	6	9	11	13	11	9	6	9	11	13
Neuse	97	Nov. 13, 1916.	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	3	3
Holly Springs	115	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	28	28	...	...	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
White Stone	155	Dec. 2, 1916..	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	22	21	1	...	21	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Rolesville	156	Jan. 17, 1917.	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	31	30	1	...	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Mount Pleasant	157	Nov. 30, 1916.	13	6	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	34	32	2	...	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Cary	198	Nov. 28, 1916.	2	3	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	22	27	...	5	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Wm. G. Hill	218	Nov. 16, 1916.	29	26	27	11	1	...	3	8	2	1	258	284	...	26	29	284	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	
Wm. T. Bain	231	Dec. 19, 1916.	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	28	25	3	...	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Anchor	234	Nov. 1, 1916..	2	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	14	...	2	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Green Level	277	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	43	41	2	...	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
Wake Forest	282	Nov. 29, 1916.	5	5	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	71	71	...	...	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
Raleigh	500	Nov. 29, 1916.	10	11	9	4	1	...	3	...	...	...	106	117	...	11	10	117	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127
Wendell	565	Nov. 25, 1916.	6	5	5	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	35	46	...	11	6	46	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Apex	584	Dec. 14, 1916.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	28	29	...	1	...	...	...	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Zebulon	609	Dec. 9, 1916..	9	5	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	27	32	...	5	...	...	...	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Fuquay	614	Dec. 18, 1916.	2	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	24	23	1	...	...	...	...	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Sunrise	615	Oct. 31, 1916.	1	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	21	22	...	1	...	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Total	100	...	100	80	76	36	7	1	6	26	22	9	935	999	10	74	\$100	\$	999	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$	999	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,099	

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—Johnston County.
J. D. EDEN, D.D.G.M., SELMA, N. C.

Fellowship	84 Jan. 1, 1917..	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	87	86	1	86	2	\$	86	\$	88	\$	88
*Archer	165 Jan. 17, 1917.	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	9	2	66	56	10	52	...	...	52	52	52	52
Granite	191 Jan. 13, 1917.	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	33	35	5	35	2	...	35	35	35	35	
Kenly	257 Dec. 6, 1916..	...	...	4	...	7	2	...	...	...	59	54	5	54	...	...	54	54	54	54
Selma	320 Jan. 5, 1917..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	88	82	6	...	82	...	...	82	82	82	82
Relief	431 Jan. 3, 1917..	11	2	5	2	...	1	1	1	2	38	43	...	43	5	11	43	54	54	54	
Polenta	450 Dec. 1, 1916..	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	27	24	3	24	...	2	24	26	26	26
Four Oaks	478 Jan. 9, 1917..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	30	...	30	1	30	31	31	31	31
Mill Creek	480 Dec. 13, 1916.	2	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	41	41	...	41	2	41	43	43	43	43
St. Patrick's	617 Dec. 11, 1916.	8	8	6	1	...	1	1	1	...	12	18	...	18	6	8	18	26	26	26	
Little River	620 Dec. 11, 1916.	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	20	22	...	22	2	3	22	25	25	25
Perfection	628 Jan. 1, 1917..	13	9	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	22	...	22	9	13	22	35	35	35
Total	42	27	26	12	1	1	11	22	6	4	514	513	25	24	\$	42	\$	509	\$	551	

* \$4.00 overpaid in 1915.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT—Nash and Wilson Counties.

Dr. M. M. SALIBA, D.D.G.M., WILSON, N. C.

Morning Star	85 Nov. 25, 1916.	3	3	3	2	..	7	1	1	74	70	4	...	\$	3	\$	70	\$	73	\$	73	
Joseph Warren	92 Oct. 20, 1916.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	60	58	2	...	...	...	58	58	58	58
Mount Lebanon	117 Nov. 1, 1916..	1	1	2	14	..	1	..	3	92	104	..	12	1	104	105	105	105	105	105		
Central Cross	187 Nov. 16, 1916.	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	70	71	...	1	...	71	71	71	71	71	71
Corinthian	230 Jan. 9, 1917..	15	11	11	2	..	...	3	1	107	116	..	9	15	116	131	131	131	131	131
Toisnot	298 Nov. 24, 1916.	6	4	2	..	1	1	1	..	36	37	..	1	6	37	43	43	43	43	43		
Hatcher	310 Nov. 27, 1916.	2	1	1	...	...	2	2	1	38	37	1	...	2	37	39	39	39	39	39
Rockville	411 Nov. 28, 1916.	2	2	2	1	...	...	2	4	20	21	..	1	2	21	23	23	23	23	23
Spring Hope	481 Jan. 15, 1917.	3	3	3	...	...	1	1	1	58	59	..	1	3	59	62	62	62	62	62
Rodgers	525 Nov. 24, 1916.	3	2	1	1	...	...	2	1	59	58	1	...	3	58	61	61	61	61	61
Lucama	527 Nov. 24, 1916.	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	41	45	..	4	1	45	46	46	46	46	46
Mount Pleasant	569 Nov. 3, 1916..	2	2	1	...	...	10	...	...	41	32	9	...	2	32	34	34	34	34	34
Castalia	619 Nov. 27, 1916.	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	4	29	31	...	2	3	31	34	34	34	34	34
Bailey	UD Jan. 13, 1917.	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	20	...	20	5	...	5	5	5	5	5
Total	..	46	39	36	22	1	..	9	23	816	725	759	17	51	\$	46	\$	739	\$	785	\$	785

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—Edgecombe and Martin Counties.

J. R. PENDER, D.D.G.M.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Reflected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Concord	58	Jan. 6, 1917..	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	3	..	3	85	80	5	..	..	1	80	81	81
Skewarkey	90	Nov. 20, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	2	..	89	81	8	..	..	81	81	81	81
Stonewall	296	Nov. 24, 1916.	3	2	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	80	78	2	..	3	78	81	81	81
Concho	399	Jan. 10, 1917.	1	1	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	33	42	..	9	1	42	43	43	43
Macclesfield	581	Jan. 8, 1917..	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	30	29	1	..	3	29	32	32	32
David Bell	587	Nov. 20, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	18	17	1	..	1	17	18	18	18
Queen City	602	Nov. 23, 1916.	5	4	5	1	..	..	..	1	1	6	73	77	..	4	..	77	82	82	82
Total	14	..	14	9	10	2	7	1	8	9	5	10	408	404	17	13	14	404	418	418	418

NINETEENTH DISTRICT—Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties.

J. EDWARD ALLEN, D.D.G.M., WARRENTON, N. C.

Johnston-Caswell	10	Nov. 29, 1916.	5	5	2	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	59	60	..	1	..	5	60	65	65
Franklington	123	Jan. 12, 1917.	1	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	78	84	..	6	1	84	85	85	85
Sandy Creek	185	Dec. 12, 1916.	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	70	71	..	1	2	71	73	73	73
Henderson	229	Dec. 25, 1916.	7	5	4	5	1	..	2	3	2	1	116	119	..	3	7	119	126	126	126
Cedar Rock	286	Nov. 28, 1916.	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	48	47	1	..	..	47	47	47	47
Ionic	337	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	25	24	1	..	1	24	25	25	25
Youngsville	377	Dec. 18, 1916.	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	74	74	..	..	1	74	75	75	75
Henry F. Grainger	412	Dec. 18, 1916.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	39	2	..	1	39	40	40	40
Louisburg	413	Jan. 12, 1917.	1	4	6	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	84	91	..	7	1	91	92	92	92
Evening Star	588	Nov. 21, 1916.	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	32	..	2	3	32	35	35	35

Vaughan	604	Nov. 20, 1916.	1	1	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	20	19	1	..	1	19	20	20
J. H. Mills	624	Dec. 28, 1916.	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	28	34	..	6	5	34	39	39
Norlina	UD	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	..	..	..	..
Total	28	27	28	15	3	..	4	14	7	4	673	706	5	38	\$ 28	\$ 694	\$ 722	\$ 722	

TWENTIETH DISTRICT—Granville County																			
D. G. BRUMMITT, D.D.G.M., OXFORD, N. C.																			
Alumiah	149	Dec. 12, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	\$ 1	\$ 28	\$ 29	\$ 29
Knap of Reeds	158	Nov. 24, 1916.	1	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	41	44	..	3	1	44	45	45
Berea	204	Dec. 5, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	34	33	1	..	..	33	33	33
Shiloh	250	Nov. 30, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	13	..	..	..	13	13	13
Granville	380	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	1	2	44	40	4	..	1	40	41	41
Tally Ho	393	Dec. 4, 1916.	3	3	3	2	..	1	2	1	..	62	63	..	1	3	63	66	66
*Oxford	396	Nov. 21, 1916.	15	11	9	..	..	4	6	1	..	103	101	2	..	15	100	115	115
Creedmoor	499	Nov. 21, 1916.	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	77	80	..	3	1	80	81	81
Total	22	18	20	2	..	..	5	14	3	2	402	402	7	7	\$ 22	\$ 401	\$ 423	\$ 423	

* \$1.00 overpaid in 1915.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Alamance, Durham, Orange and Person Counties.

JOHN H. VERNON, D.D.G.M., BURLINGTON, N. C.

Eagle	71	Dec. 15, 1916.	4	4	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	65	67	..	2	\$ 4	\$ 67	\$ 71	\$ 71
Person	113	..	3	2	3	3	..	..	1	2	1	58	60	..	2	3	60	63	55
Pno	210	Nov. 25, 1916.	9	5	10	1	..	..	6	3	3	105	104	1	..	9	104	113	113
Oaks	255	Nov. 24, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	39	..	..	..	39	39	39
Bingham	272	Dec. 16, 1916.	7	5	5	1	..	2	..	1	1	76	84	..	8	7	84	91	91
Durham	352	Nov. 28, 1916.	16	11	11	4	1	..	15	8	5	270	258	12	..	16	258	274	274
University	408	Dec. 9, 1916.	7	7	6	1	..	..	1	1	2	84	87	..	3	7	87	94	94
Bula	409	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	85	80	5	..	1	80	81	80
Thos. M. Holt	492	Jan. 15, 1917.	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	38	39	..	1	..	39	39	39
Elon	549	Nov. 29, 1916.	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	24	26	..	2	2	26	28	28
Woodsdale	625	Dec. 30, 1916.	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	20	..	2	1	20	21	21
Total	50	37	41	19	3	..	25	23	13	3	862	864	18	20	\$ 50	\$ 864	\$ 914	\$ 905	\$ 900

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Caswell and Rockingham Counties.

A. J. ELLINGTON, D.D.G.M., REIDSVILLE, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Previous Year Membership	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Golden Fleece	74	Returns not received																			
Dan River	129	Dec. 26, 1916.	3	7	6	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	56	61	..	5	\$	\$	\$	\$	64
Leaksville	136	Nov. 30, 1916.	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	4	1	2	71	70	1	..	..	70	74	74	74
Reidsville	384	Nov. 21, 1916.	6	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	61	67	..	6	6	67	73	73	73
John A. Graves	494	Dec. 30, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	44	43	1	..	1	43	44	44	44
Caswell	539	Dec. 22, 1916.	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	57	55	2	..	1	55	56	56	56
Wentworth	567	Jan. 15, 1917.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	17	..	1	1	17	18	18	18
Rockwell	600	Dec. 22, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	18	17	1	..	1	17	18	18	18
Total	....		17	18	19	1	..	..	..	10	3	6	323	330	5	12	\$	\$	\$	\$	347

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Davidson and Guilford Counties.

L. F. BARR, D.D.G.M., LEXINGTON, N. C.

Greensboro	76	Nov. 30, 1916.	14	10	12	3	1	..	5	2	3	1	193	199	..	6	\$	\$	\$	\$	213
Thomasville	214	Dec. 6, 1916..	6	4	3	1	1	..	6	..	2	..	115	112	3	..	..	112	118	118	118
Tobasco	271	Dec. 5, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	42	41	1	..	..	41	41	41	41
Nuna F. Reid	344	Dec. 27, 1916.	8	8	7	5	..	..	..	2	..	2	125	135	..	10	8	135	143	143	143
Farmer	404	Returns not received																			
Stokesdale	428	Dec. 9, 1916..	2	4	1	..	..	..	2	8	3	..	48	36	12	..	2	36	38	38	38
Lexington	473	Nov. 23, 1916.	8	11	11	6	..	..	..	4	3	1	106	116	..	10	8	116	124	124	124

Corinthian	542	Dec. 7, 1916.	18	18	18	2	..	..	..	4	..	3	144	160	..	16	18	160	178	178
Revolution	552	Dec. 8, 1916.	9	10	10	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	63	73	..	10	9	73	82	82
Total			65	65	62	18	2	..	13	22	11	8	836	872	16	52	65	872	937	937
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—Montgomery and Randolph Counties.																				
E. G. STEED, D.D.G.M., RAMSEUR, N. C.																				
Blackmer	127	Nov. 30, 1916.	5	4	4	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	32	38	..	6	5	38	43	43
Hanks	128	Nov. 25, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	44	43	1	..	..	43	43	43
Deep River	164	Dec. 13, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	35	34	1	..	..	34	34	34
Balfour	188	Returns not received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mount Olivet	195	Dec. 16, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	22	20	2	..	1	20	21	21
Randleman	209	Nov. 28, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	27	..	..	..	27	27	27
Randolph	309	Dec. 1, 1916.	4	3	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	80	80	..	..	4	80	84	84
Star	437	Dec. 9, 1916.	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	24	..	1	1	24	25	25
Marietta	444	Dec. 1, 1916.	4	2	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	73	75	..	2	4	75	79	79
Carolina	546	Jan. 17, 1917.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	39	38	1	..	..	38	38	38
Biscoe	577	Dec. 14, 1916.	1	2	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	34	34	..	1	..	34	35	35
Total			16	13	11	7	1	1	2	7	5	..	409	413	5	9	16	413	429	429
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly Counties.																				
R. E. AUSTIN, D.D.G.M., ALBEMARLE, N. C.																				
Stokes	32	Nov. 23, 1916.	17	15	14	7	..	..	4	4	1	3	126	138	..	12	17	138	155	155
Fulton	99	Nov. 30, 1916.	15	15	16	2	2	..	..	4	2	4	164	178	..	14	15	178	193	193
Pee Dee	150	Dec. 11, 1916.	3	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	22	..	3	3	22	25	25
Scotch-Ireland	154	Nov. 27, 1916.	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	36	36	..	..	1	36	37	37
Eureka	283	Nov. 24, 1916.	4	3	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	69	73	..	4	4	73	77	77
Patterson	307	Dec. 29, 1916.	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	42	39	3	..	1	39	40	40
Stanly	348	Nov. 24, 1916.	6	5	7	8	2	..	..	2	..	1	90	105	..	15	6	105	111	111
Big Lick	476	Jan. 4, 1917.	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	82	83	..	1	4	83	87	87
Spencer	543	Nov. 24, 1916.	5	4	4	2	..	..	1	1	2	2	127	129	..	2	5	129	134	134
Andrew Jackson	576	Dec. 20, 1916.	19	16	13	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	51	65	..	14	19	65	84	84
Midland	618	Jan. 9, 1917.	14	11	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	28	..	10	14	28	42	42
Cannon Memorial	626	Nov. 29, 1916.	15	13	13	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	16	32	..	16	15	32	47	47
Total			104	91	88	27	4	..	7	16	8	17	840	928	3	91	\$104	\$928	\$1,032	\$1,032

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—Anson and Union Counties.

R. W. LEMMOND, D.D.G.M., MONROE, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Kilwinning	64	Dec. 9, 1916..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	106	106	106	1	106	107	107	107
Carolina	141	Dec. 11, 1916..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	25	25	25	1	25	25	25	25
Monroe	244	Nov. 27, 1916.	20	20	20	6	6	6	6	9	5	5	138	150	150	12	20	150	170	170	170
Beaver Dam	276	Dec. 5, 1916..	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	53	53	53	1	2	53	54	54	54
Bethel	372	Dec. 2, 1916..	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	43	44	44	1	2	44	46	46	46
Waxhaw	562	Nov. 29, 1916.	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	55	55	5	4	55	59	59	59
St. Timothy	575	Nov. 8, 1916..	7	9	9	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	35	42	42	7	7	42	49	49	49
Meadow Branch	578	Dec. 20, 1916.	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	31	35	35	4	6	35	41	41	41
Lilesville	582	Nov. 23, 1916.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	30	29	29	1	2	29	31	31	31
Gulledge Memorial	597	Dec. 9, 1916..	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	45	45	2	1	45	46	46	46
Unionville	UD	Jan. 12, 1917.	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	19	19	19	19	4	19	4	4	4
Total	48	46	50	13	13	13	13	13	13	2	17	7	9	553	603	1	51	584	632	632	632

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Mecklenburg County.

KNOX W. HENRY, D.D.G.M., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Phalanx	31	Nov. 3, 1916..	40	31	29	16	4	15	3	2	2	2	391	420	29	40	420	460	460	460	460
Mecklenburg	176	Nov. 10, 1916.	10	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	26	4	10	26	36	36	36	36
Long Creek	205	Nov. 18, 1916.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	38	...	...	38	38	38	38	38
Excelsior	261	Nov. 11, 1916.	27	24	24	11	1	1	7	2	5	5	251	276	25	27	276	303	303	303	303
Craighead	366	Nov. 24, 1916.	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	50	57	7	...	57	57	57	57	57
Pineville	455	...	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	16	26	10	10	26	36	36	36	36
Total	48	46	50	13	13	13	13	13	13	2	17	7	9	553	603	1	51	584	632	632	632

Matthews	461	Nov. 14, 1916.	3	3	3	...	...	1	5	...	66	63	3	...	3	63	66	66
Joppa	530	Dec. 7, 1916..	33	29	25	8	...	...	...	1	133	165	...	32	33	165	198	198
Williams	538	Nov. 15, 1916.	3	3	1	...	...	...	2	...	57	56	1	...	3	56	59	59
Total	1,261	106	98	35	11	...	17	18	6	8	1,024	1,127	4	107	\$126	\$1,127	\$1,253	\$1,247 \$ 6 00

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

W. L. THOMPSON, D.D.G.M., GASTONIA, N. C.

Lincoln	137	Nov. 25, 1916.	4	2	2	3	...	...	2	4	...	97	96	1	...	96	100	100
Gaston	263	Nov. 19, 1916.	4	5	5	2	1	...	2	1	1	63	68	...	5	4	68	72
Rock Springs	341	Dec. 12, 1916.	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	51	49	2	...	1	49	50
Gastonia	369	Nov. 30, 1916.	15	12	11	3	...	...	...	2	...	237	249	...	12	15	249	264
South Fork	462	Jan. 15, 1917.	6	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	37	...	2	6	37	43
Cherryville	505	Oct. 31, 1916.	7	6	7	...	...	1	2	...	...	81	85	...	4	7	85	92
Whetstone	515	Dec. 18, 1916.	2	2	3	...	2	1	2	...	...	44	46	...	2	2	46	48
Mount Holly	544	Feb. 12, 1917.	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	1	50	47	3	...	...	47	47
Lowell	590	Nov. 29, 1916.	7	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	30	36	...	6	7	36	43
Belmont	625	Jan. 15, 1917.	6	8	7	...	...	...	...	1	...	24	30	...	6	6	30	36
Total	52	41	41	11	3	...	3	13	8	2	712	743	6	37	\$52	\$ 743	\$ 795	\$ 795

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT—Alexander and Iredell Counties.

W. L. GILBERT, D.D.G.M., STATESVILLE, N. C.

County Line	224	Nov. 25, 1916.	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	22	24	...	2	1	24	25
Wilson	226	Jan. 9, 1917..	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	41	41	...	...	2	41	43
Lee	253	Jan. 12, 1917.	6	6	8	2	1	...	1	...	...	84	93	...	9	6	93	99
Hunting Creek	299	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	25	...	...	1	25	26
Campbell	374	Nov. 2, 1916..	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	33	33	...	...	2	33	35
Grassy Knob	471	Nov. 30, 1916.	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	69	66	3	...	...	66	66
Statesville	487	Nov. 30, 1916.	7	7	7	3	...	...	2	3	2	94	99	...	5	7	99	106
Mooreville	496	Jan. 13, 1917.	1	2	2	...	...	5	2	2	...	68	61	7	...	1	61	62
Snow Creek	571	Jan. 29, 1917.	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	30	...	1	1	30	31
Story Point	593	Nov. 30, 1916.	3	3	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	35	40	...	5	3	40	43
Total	24	25	28	5	3	...	9	7	8	2	500	512	10	22	\$ 24	\$ 512	\$ 536	\$ 536

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT—Davie, Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

LEON CASH, D.D.G.M., WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Mocksville	134	Dec. 11, 1916.	4	4	2	..	..	3	..	5	..	86	84	2	..	4	84	88	88	
Winston	167	Dec. 12, 1916.	21	19 21	17	1	..	2	2	7	6	275	303	..	28	21	303	324	324	324
Farmington	265	Nov. 25, 1916.	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	41	42	..	1	1	42	43	43	43
Salem	289	Jan. 17, 1917.	9	7 10	1	..	1	..	..	2	1	145	153	..	8	9	153	162	162	162
Walnut Cove	629	Nov. 29, 1916.	17	16 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	34	..	16	17	34	51	51	51
Total			52	48 53 20	1	1	5	2 15	7	565	616	2	53	52	53	52	616	668	668	668

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Surrey County.																				
W. S. REICH, D.D.G.M., ELKIN, N. C.																				
Rockford	251	Jan. 1, 1917..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	33	31	2	..	..	31	31	31	31
Granite	322	Dec. 30, 1916.	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	113	112	1	..	2	112	114	114	114
Copeland	390	Nov. 22, 1916.	4	2	2	..	..	5	1	..	..	66	62	4	..	4	62	66	66	66
Dobson	402	Jan. 15, 1917.	1	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	24	26	..	2	1	26	27	27	27
Rockford	430	Dec. 18, 1916.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	32	32	..	..	..	32	32	32	32
Elkin	454	Nov. 29, 1916.	7	2	2	3	1	..	2	2	1	64	66	..	2	7	66	73	73	73
Rusk	456	Jan. 11, 1917.	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	2	70	65	5	..	..	65	65	65	65
Pilot	493	Nov. 29, 1916.	6	7	3	..	..	2	2	2	..	74	71	3	..	6	71	77	77	77
State Road	540	Nov. 13, 1916.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	29	30	..	1	..	30	30	30	30
Zephyr	553	Dec. 16, 1916.	6	6	6	..	1	..	1	..	1	41	45	..	4	6	45	51	51	51
Ararat	558	Nov. 29, 1916.	3	2	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	52	52	..	..	3	52	55	55	55
Round Peak	616	Jan. 10, 1917.	3	2	1	5	..	..	..	1	1	23	28	..	5	3	28	31	31	31
Total			32	25 23 10	3	1	12	11 13	7	621	620	15	14	32	14	32	620	652	652	652

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties.
F. A. HENDERSON, D.D.G.M., HICKORY, N. C.

Catawba Valley	217	Nov. 7, 1916.	9	11	9	1	1	1	2	..	41	49	..	8	\$	9	\$	49	\$	58	\$	58
Catawba	248	Nov. 24, 1916.	5	2	2	5	..	..	3	1	3	1	76	76	..	..	..	5	76	81	81	81	81
Hilbritten	262	Nov. 8, 1916.	5	4	5	6	..	..	3	3	1	1	152	156	..	4	5	156	161	161	161	161	161
Hickory	343	Dec. 9, 1916.	9	6	9	5	..	..	..	2	1	9	136	147	..	11	9	147	156	156	156	156	156
Shawnee	382	Nov. 30, 1916.	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	26	25	1	..	..	..	25	25	25	25	25
Cookville	502	Nov. 27, 1916.	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	55	56	..	1	1	56	57	57	57	57	57
Grassy Branch	559	Dec. 12, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	19	14	5	..	..	14	14	14	14	14	14
Maiden	592	Nov. 29, 1916.	6	3	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	34	36	..	2	6	36	42	42	42	42	42
Riverside	606	Nov. 30, 1916.	8	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	44	..	6	8	44	52	52	52	52	52
Total	43	34	36	17	2	..	11	9	9	14	577	603	6	32	\$	43	\$	603	\$	646	\$	646

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Cleveland County.
J. F. ROBERTS, D.D.G.M., SHELBY, N. C.

Cleveland	202	Dec. 1, 1916.	5	4	4	3	..	..	1	2	1	..	142	145	..	3	5	145	150	150		
Fair View	339	Nov. 25, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	55	..	..	..	55	55	55
Fallston	356	Nov. 30, 1916	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	34	33	1	..	..	33	33	33
State Line	375	Nov. 28, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	51	50	1	..	..	50	50	50
Moorsboro	388	Nov. 29, 1916.	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	69	70	..	1	3	70	73	73
Boiling Springs	464	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	2	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	45	49	..	4	1	49	50	50
Lawndale	486	Nov. 29, 1916.	4	3	3	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	44	43	1	..	4	43	47	47
Lattimore	508	Dec. 16, 1916.	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	42	39	3	..	1	39	40	40
Camp Call	534	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	31	..	2	1	31	32	32
Sharon	537	Dec. 18, 1916.	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	27	29	..	2	1	29	30	30
Casar	579	Nov. 27, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	19	18	1	..	..	18	18	18
Total	16	15	16	8	4	..	7	13	3	3	557	562	7	12	\$	16	\$	562	\$	578	\$	578

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—Henderson, Polk and Transylvania Counties.

C. M. DOYLE, D.D.G.M., BREVARD, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Dunn's Rock	267	Nov. 25, 1916.	9	6	6	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	104	112	..	8	9	\$ 112	\$ 121	\$ 121	
Kedron	387	Dec. 12, 1916.	11	9	7	8	..	..	3	1	1	6	99	104	..	5	11	104	115	115	
Saluda	482	Jan. 2, 1917..	12	11	11	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	25	41	..	16	12	41	53	53	
*Skyuka	605	Nov. 24, 1916.	...	...	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	19	22	..	3	...	19	19	19	
Total	....		32	26	26	13	4	..	3	7	1	6	247	279	..	32	\$ 32	\$ 276	\$ 308	\$ 308	

*\$3.00 overpaid in 1915.

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT—Buncombe County.

C. F. WOOD, D.D.G.M., ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Mount Hermon	118	Nov. 10, 1916.	19	17	20	17	..	..	5	8	7	10	387	404	..	17	\$ 19	\$ 404	\$ 423	\$ 423	
Blackmer	170	Jan. 4, 1917..	3	1	2	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	63	66	..	3	3	66	69	69	
Vance	293	Nov. 8, 1916..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	58	61	..	3	1	61	62	62	
Center	398	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	...	1	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	35	40	..	5	1	40	41	41	
Biltmore	446	Nov. 21, 1916.	1	...	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	41	43	..	2	1	43	44	44	
Hominy	491	Dec. 9, 1916..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	33	..	2	2	33	35	35	
Barnardsville	511		5	5	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	30	37	..	7	5	37	42	20	\$22 00
Ottolay	533	Jan. 5, 1917..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	38	38	..	...	1	38	39	39	
Swannanoa	561	Dec. 26, 1916.	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	44	45	..	1	5	45	50	50	
Total	....		38	29	34	21	13	..	7	10	11	14	727	767	..	40	\$ 38	\$ 767	\$ 805	\$ 783	\$22 00

FORTIETH DISTRICT—Mitchell and Yancey Counties.
J. M. PETERSON, D.D.G.M., SPRUCE PINE, N. C.

	192	6	1	5	14	88	80	8	6	80	86	79	700
Burnsville	192	6	1	5	14	88	80	8	6	80	86	79	700
Bakersville	357	Returns not received											
Bald Creek	397	1	1	2	5	129	127	2	1	127	128	128	
Eastern Star	435	4	6	1	4	81	89	8	4	89	93	93	
Bee Log	548	2	3	2	1	91	90	1	2	90	92	92	
Vesper	554	4	4	1	2	77	79	2	4	79	83	83	
Total	17	14	14	7	7	116	3	9	10	465	482	475	700

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Haywood and Madison Counties.
C. A. CLARK, D.D.G.M., MARSHALL, N. C.

	259	9	6	1	3	4	103	107	4	9	107	116	116
Waynesville	259	9	6	1	3	4	103	107	4	9	107	116	116
French Broad	292	1	1	1	1	7	103	102	1	1	102	103	84
Mars Hill	370	10	9	8	2	8	72	74	2	10	74	84	132
Pigeon River	386	11	8	9	4	116	121	121	5	11	121	132	132
White Rock	392	5	5	4	1	2	83	83	5	83	88	88	
Ivy	406	2	2	2	2	1	48	46	2	46	46	46	
Clyde	453	19	19	19	2	84	105	105	21	19	105	124	124
Grapevine	457	3	3	1	1	51	53	53	2	3	53	56	56
Sonoma	472	5	4	4	1	56	59	59	3	5	59	64	64
Total	63	54	51	3	4	9	3	12	37	63	750	813	813

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties.

J. L. GIBSON, D.D.G.M., BRYSON CITY, N. C.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid														Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Junaluska	145	Dec. 7, 1916..	2	2	1	1	..	1	3	82	81	1	...	2	\$	81	\$	83	83												
Unaka	268	Nov. 15, 1916.	1	1	..	1	1	41	40	1	...	1		40		41	41												
East La Port	358	Dec. 4, 1916..	6	3	3	1	69	71	..	2	2	6	71		77	77												
Oconee	427	Dec. 9, 1916..	9	11	4	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	108	112	..	4	4	9	112		121	121												
Blue Ridge	435	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	66	66	..	...	3	66		69	...	\$69 00							
Dillsboro	459	Jan. 1, 1917..	7	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	28	..	8	7	28		35	35						
Sylva	518	Nov. 30, 1916.	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	40	..	2	3	40		43	43						
Glenville	551	Nov. 10, 1916.	4	5	6	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	56	61	..	5	4	61		65	65											
Total	35	30 26	1	2	..	1	5	4	5	4	5	480	499	2	21	\$ 35	\$ 499	\$ 534	\$ 465	\$69 00														

FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

M. W. BELL, D.D.G.M., MURPHY, N. C.

Cherokee	146	..	3	3	3	2	..	..	..	5	1	6	64	63	1	..	3	63	66	66	\$50
Clay	301	Dec. 13, 1916.	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	60	..	..	3	60	63	63	
Notla	312	Nov. 27, 1916.	3	2	2	2	..	..	5	1	..	..	46	44	2	..	..	44	47	47	
Bellview	416	Dec. 2, 1916..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	23	23	..	..	..	23	23	23	
Montgomery	426	Dec. 5, 1916..	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	2	2	..	57	52	5	..	1	52	53	53	
Marble Spring	439	Nov. 29, 1916.	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	49	51	..	2	3	51	54	54	
Lone Oak	449	Jan. 5, 1917..	5	5	3	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	102	104	..	2	5	104	109	109	
Brasstown	485	Nov. 29, 1916.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	38	34	4	..	..	34	34	34	
Unaka	506	Nov. 29, 1916.	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	79	80	..	1	1	80	81	81	

	518	Jan. 9, 1917.	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	1	3	4	48	47	1	..	3	. 47	50	50
Shoal Creek	529	Nov. 24, 1916.	7	6	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	57	59	..	2	7	59	66	66
Andrews	608	Dec. 11, 1916.	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	28	31	..	3	4	31	35	35
Grand View	Total	....	33	29	26	5	4	..	9	17	12	20	651	648	13	10	\$ 33 \$	648 \$	681 \$	\$16 00

FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—McDowell and Rutherford Counties.

J. B. CARPENTER, D.D.G.M., RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

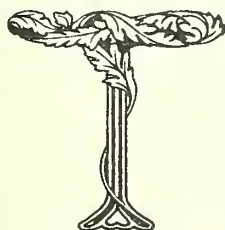
Western Star	91	Nov. 22, 1916.	5	2	3	..	3	..	1	..	73	72	1	...	\$	5	\$	72	\$	77	\$	77
Mystic Tie	237	Dec. 23, 1916.	6	6	6	3	..	2	1	2	..	83	87	..	4	6	87	93	93	93	93	
Forest City	381	Nov. 27, 1916.	5	5	5	2	..	..	2	..	49	54	..	5	5	54	59	59	59	59
Joppa	401		...	...	...	1	..	1	..	..	50	50	..	...	...	...	50	50	...	...
Henrietta	460	Jan. 12, 1917.	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	58	62	..	4	2	62	64	64	64	64
Caroleen	510	Nov. 20, 1916.	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	49	50	..	1	1	50	51	51	51	51
Ellenboro	531	Nov. 28, 1916.	1	...	...	...	...	1	..	..	35	34	1	...	1	34	35	35	35	35
Hollis	535	Jan. 15, 1917.	1	2	1	..	...	1	..	..	43	43	..	...	1	43	44	44	44	44
Cliffside	572	Nov. 30, 1916.	...	...	...	1	..	3	..	..	30	28	2	...	...	28	28	28	28	28
Total			21	18	18	8	2	..	6	8	4	..	470	480	4	14	\$ 21	\$ 480	\$ 501	\$ 451	\$ 500	

RECAPITULATION OF ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

DISTRICT	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
1st District	44	44	34	7	1	1	6	8	8	10	562	582	..	20	44	582	\$626	\$626	
2nd District	27	21	26	5	..	4	16	8	5	10	454	452	2	..	27	452	479	478	1 00
3rd District	27	27	29	7	..	..	1	8	6	3	349	370	..	21	27	370	397	397	
4th District	46	38	40	9	3	..	..	17	9	10	652	678	..	26	46	678	724	724	
5th District	41	32	31	7	1	..	2	8	4	7	550	575	..	25	41	575	616	616	
6th District	37	31	25	4	2	..	17	15	13	13	635	638	..	3	37	625	662	662	
7th District	33	33	37	4	2	..	1	3	8	16	488	519	..	31	33	519	552	552	
8th District	24	14	16	2	2	1	3	2	6	9	251	259	..	8	24	259	283	283	
9th District	46	39	40	9	2	..	1	10	7	5	428	461	..	33	46	461	507	507	
10th District	84	75	73	22	1	1	6	19	12	17	836	894	..	58	84	892	976	974	2 00
11th District	51	42	46	11	1	..	5	20	8	7	685	710	..	25	51	710	761	761	
12th District	40	36	29	19	3	..	8	12	6	8	390	415	..	25	40	415	455	455	
13th District	37	31	28	9	3	..	10	12	12	3	596	602	..	6	37	602	639	635	4 00
14th District	36	33	39	3	3	..	17	16	16	6	581	584	..	3	36	584	620	597	23 00
15th District	100	80	76	36	7	1	6	26	22	9	935	999	..	64	100	999	1,099	1,099	
16th District	42	27	26	12	1	1	11	22	6	4	514	513	1	..	42	509	551	551	
17th District	46	39	36	22	1	..	9	23	8	16	725	759	..	34	46	739	785	785	
18th District	14	9	10	2	7	1	8	9	5	10	408	404	4	..	14	404	418	418	
19th District	28	27	28	15	3	..	4	14	7	4	673	706	..	33	28	694	722	722	
20th District	22	18	20	2	..	..	5	14	3	2	402	402	..	..	22	401	423	423	
21st District	50	37	41	19	3	..	25	23	13	3	862	864	..	2	50	864	914	905	9 00
22nd District	17	18	19	1	..	..	..	10	3	6	323	330	..	7	17	330	347	347	
23rd District	65	65	62	18	2	..	13	22	11	8	836	872	..	36	65	872	937	937	
24th District	16	13	11	7	1	1	2	7	5	..	409	413	..	4	16	413	429	429	

25th District	104	91	88	27	4	..	7	16	8	17	840	928	..	88	104	928	1,032	1,032
26th District	48	46	50	13	..	..	2	17	7	9	553	603	..	50	48	584	632	632
27th District	126	106	98	35	11	..	17	18	6	8	1,024	1,127	..	103	126	1,127	1,253	600
28th District	52	41	41	11	3	..	3	13	8	2	712	743	..	31	52	743	795	400
29th District	24	25	28	5	3	..	9	7	8	2	500	512	..	12	24	512	536	
30th District	52	48	53	20	1	1	5	2	15	7	565	616	..	51	52	616	668	
31st District	32	25	23	10	3	1	12	11	13	7	621	620	1	..	32	620	652	
32nd District	7	9	10	..	..	..	7	4	5	2	270	264	6	..	7	264	271	
33rd District	28	27	26	9	3	..	1	16	5	4	637	653	..	16	28	653	681	
34th District	14	14	12	5	3	..	2	14	1	2	383	386	..	3	14	386	400	300
35th District	25	17	12	4	1	5	4	5	5	..	451	449	2	..	25	449	474	100
36th District	43	34	36	17	2	..	11	9	9	14	577	603	..	26	43	603	646	
37th District	16	15	16	8	4	..	7	13	3	3	557	562	..	5	16	562	578	
38th District	32	26	26	13	4	..	3	7	1	6	247	279	..	32	32	276	308	
39th District	38	29	34	21	13	..	7	10	11	14	727	767	..	40	38	767	805	2200
40th District	17	14	14	7	7	1	16	3	9	..	466	465	1	..	17	465	482	700
41st District	63	54	51	3	4	..	9	3	12	14	716	750	..	34	63	750	813	
42nd District	35	30	26	1	2	..	1	5	4	5	480	499	..	19	35	499	534	6900
43rd District	33	29	26	5	4	..	9	17	12	20	651	648	3	..	33	648	681	1600
44th District	21	18	18	8	2	..	6	8	4	..	470	480	..	10	21	480	501	5000
Totals for State ...	1,783	1,527	1,510	474	123	18	314	513	351	322	24,991	25,955	20	984	\$1,783	\$25,381	\$27,664	\$27,447
																		\$217 00

SPECIAL
COMMUNICATIONS



DURHAM, N. C.

DURHAM, N. C., April 15, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication in the Masonic Hall in the city of Durham on Saturday, April 15, 1916, at two o'clock p. m., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.W. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master.
R.W. W. J. Brogden, as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. R. H. Sykes, as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. H. L. Smith, as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Wm. W. Willson, as Grand Secretary.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

W. J. E. Pegram, as Grand Chaplain.
W. Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, as Grand Lecturer.
W. W. C. Lyon, as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. P. T. Elliott, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. S. C. Chambers, as Grand Marshal.
W. Z. Y. Milburn, as Grand Architect.
W. J. H. Webb, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. L. J. Jones, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. J. S. Durham, as Grand Steward.
W. J. G. Huckabee, as Grand Steward.
W. R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler.

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge had been called in special communication to lay the corner stone of the new Court House being erected in Durham.

The following Lodges were represented: Hiram, No. 40; Western Star, No. 91; Fulton, No. 99; Mt. Pleasant, No. 157; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Eno, No. 210; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Durham, No. 352; Apex, No. 584.

Visiting Lodges: Lebanon, No. 7, Washington, D. C.; Kelburne, No. 459, Cumbraes, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The procession was then formed, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge, headed by

a band of music, proceeded in a body to the place where the Court House was being erected on the corner of Main and Church Streets, and the corner stone was duly laid by the Grand Lodge, according to Masonic ritual, in due and ancient form, and in the presence of a large gathering of people.

The following articles were deposited in the crypt:

Copy of Masonic Code of North Carolina, 1875; copy of Masonic Code of North Carolina, 1915; the Holy Bible; Turner's Almanac for 1887; Almanac for 1915; copy of proceedings of Grand Lodge of 1887; copy of proceedings of Grand Lodge of 1915; copy of the History of Durham, by H. V. Paul, published in 1884; charter of the town of Durham as existed in the year 1886; minutes of the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Durham, held on the 2d day of May, 1881; sketch of the tobacco interests of North Carolina, by J. D. Cameron, published in 1881; copy of *Western Tobacco Journal*, dated May 15, 1882; copy of *Tobacco Plant*, published at Durham, Wednesday, November 16, 1887; names of Grand Officers laying the corner stone in 1887; letter from J. S. Carr, dated November 16, 1887; copy of Act incorporating Durham County, Chapter 138 of Laws of 1881; copy of *Durham Daily Sun*, April 15, 1916; copy of *Morning Herald*, April 16, 1916; package of Blackwell's Durham Tobacco and advertisements; photograph of E. J. Parish; copy of Roster of Elks' Lodge, 1916; copy of Roster Eno Lodge, No. 210; copy of Roster Durham Lodge, No. 352; copy of by-laws Durham Blackwell Company, 1887; photograph of Durham Light Infantry, 1887; charter and ordinances of city of Durham, 1914; Methodism in the city.

The procession was then reformed and returned to the Lodge room.

There being no other business, the Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

W. W. WILLSON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication at 3 o'clock p. m., with Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Excelsior, No. 261, and Joppa, No. 530, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Charlotte, on Thursday, April 20th, A. D. 1916, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.W. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master.
R.W. J. M. Scott, as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. W. M. Sigmon, as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bernard W. Barnett, as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. T. M. Constable, as Grand Treasurer.
R.W. W. W. Willson, as Grand Secretary.
W. B. R. Lacy, Jr., Associate Grand Chaplain.
W. W. S. Creighton, as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. W. E. Harrill, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. C. M. Setzer, as Grand Marshal.
W. R. W. Smith, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. E. C. Franks, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. O. B. Robinson, as Grand Steward.
W. C. L. Wyatt, as Grand Steward.
W. W. D. Terry, as Grand Tiler.
W. W. W. Boykin, as Grand Architect.
Past Grand Officers present: W. S. Liddell, P.G.M.

The following Lodges were represented: Phalanx, No. 31; Hiram, No. 40; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Excelsior, No. 261; Joppa, No. 530; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Raleigh, No. 500; Lincoln, No. 137; Matthews, No. 461; Fulton, No. 99; Craighead, No. 366.

Visiting Lodges: Waubansia, No. 160, Chicago, Ills.

The Grand Master announced that this communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Post Office building of Charlotte, N. C.

The Grand Marshal then formed the Grand Lodge in procession and it proceeded in a body under the escort of the Knights Templar, headed by the Oasis Patrol band, to West Trade Street where the building was in course of erection, and the corner stone was duly laid by the Grand Lodge according to Masonic ritual in due and

ancient form, in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The following program was carried out:

The Corner Stone Ode, by chorus under the direction of H. J. Zhem.

Opening prayer by Associate Grand Chaplain B. R. Lacy, Jr.

Selection by Oasis Patrol Band.

Consecration of stone.

Invocation by Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr.

Masonic Grand Honors.

Recessional by chorus.

Charge by Grand Master Andrews.

"Praise the Father", *Gounod*, by chorus.

Grand Orator Bro. Chas. A. Bland was then introduced in an appropriate manner by Mr. Chase Brenizer. Brother Bland then delivered the following oration:

When asked by Brother Byers to make an address on this occasion, I appreciated very highly the compliment. I immediately began to make inquiry, Why is a stone? I recollect that, on one occasion, a colored man of loquacious tendency showed me through an old dwelling, used as a museum. Coming to a copy of the family tree of the distinguished people who had occupied the house, some one in the party inquired, "What is this, Uncle?" "This is the family tree. It is to preserve for our ancestors the faults of the prosterity."

I always thought that those old gentlemen in knickerbockers and powdered hair, the framers of the Constitution, had enough trouble without being forced to assume responsibility for the foibles of the present day. But, to be serious, this corner stone is significant of many things. It represents progress and contains within its niche an epitome of the present day, to be read and examined by a future generation with deep interest. The laying of a corner stone of a public building by the Masons has historic precedent. The corner stone of the United States Capitol at the city of Washington was laid on the 18th day of September, 1793, with Masonic ceremonies, by General Washington, the first President of the United States. This ceremony took place in the presence of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The laying of corner stones with Masonic ceremonies has become a general custom and practice. There are

in this country about one million, five hundred thousand Masons, who believe in the tenets of Masonry.

Masonry teaches by sign, symbol, token and allegory the great truths of life. It occupies a unique place in the history of the world. It can be traced back to the time when history is lost in the maze of fable. It has performed a great function in the development of the world, and is to-day an active and aggressive factor in social development and improvement. It fosters and develops human sympathy, bringing men together of all walks of life and of all nationalities; without ostentation it dispenses sweet charity to the poor and needy. Its sympathies are broader than national frontiers. To quote the words of a distinguished Frenchman, "a true Mason shall neither be a braggart of vice or a hypocrite of virtue," but should be truthful, faithful, just and merciful. Masonry does not come in conflict with the church, but rather supplements the work of the church. It does not require of those who enter its portals belief in any particular dogma or creed, but a belief in the living God, "the giver of every good and perfect gift."

The Masonic Order recognizes, as no other institution, the necessity of coöperation. It appreciates the fact that no one can be independent of his fellow men. You have all seen a gigantic oak standing in a forest. You have seen it clothed in foliage in Summer, you have seen it silhouetted against the leaden sky, or turned to a crystal chandelier by the frosts of winter. Around the roots of this tree grows tender moss and grass; cut down the oak, and grass and moss withers and dies. On the other hand, dig away from the roots of the oak the moss and grass and the tree dies. This serves to illustrate that the weak help the strong and the strong the weak.

Masonry teaches the brotherhood of man. The corner stone placed to-day is for Charlotte's new Post Office building. Charlotte has outgrown its former building. This is, indeed, an age of progress, but let us have no individual decadence. Personal integrity should keep pace with the advances, and we must sacrifice repose and tranquility to accomplish the greater benefits to humanity. This corner stone contains messages to future generations. When this building has to be replaced by another, some of the Craft will read with interest its messages from the past.

"America" was then rendered by the band and chorus.

The following articles were placed in the crypt of the stone:

Masonic Code of North Carolina; By-laws and roster of Excelsior Lodge, No. 261; *Charlotte News* of April 20, 1916; By-laws and membership of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31; Bible; *Charlotte Observer* of April 20, 1916; roster of Joppa Lodge, No. 530; list of workmen with the card of the firm erecting the building; program; the original letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Byron R. Newton, granting permission to lay the corner stone by the Masonic Bodies; compliments of the Superintendent of Construction of United States Public Buildings, Alexander Webster Blumberg, and his family, to the Masonic Bodies.

Under the escort of the Knights Templar, the procession was then reformed and returned to the Lodge room in the Masonic Temple.

There being no other business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

W. W. WILLSON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

OXFORD, N. C.

OXFORD, N. C., June 24, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication in the Masonic Hall on the Asylum Grounds, at Oxford, Saturday, June 24th, A. D., 1916, at 12 o'clock m., and was opened in due form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.W. Claude L. Pridgen, as Grand Master.
R.W. Jos. C. Kittrell, as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. W. B. Ballou, as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. B. F. Bullock, as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. F. P. Hobgood, as Grand Treasurer.
R.W. W. W. Willson, Acting Grand Secretary.
Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, as Grand Chaplain.

W. J. W. Patton, as Grand Lecturer.
W. M. DeLancey Haywood, as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. Bailey Owen, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Jas. H. Webb, Grand Marshal.
W. J. E. Duncan, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. S. Royster, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. H. M. Bragg, as Grand Steward.
W. M. L. Winston, as Grand Steward.
W. R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

B. S. Royster, P.G.M.

The following Lodges were represented: St. John's, No. 4; Johnston-Caswell, No. 10; Hiram, No. 40; King Solomon, No. 56; Eagle, No. 71; Greensboro, No. 76; Morning Star, No. 85; Neuse, No. 97; Person, No. 113; Franklinton, No. 123; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Berea, No. 204; Eno, No. 210; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Henderson, No. 229; Corinthian, No. 230; Wm. T. Bain, No. 231; Wiccacon, No. 240; Harnett, No. 258; Wilmington, No. 319; Ionic, No. 337; Granville, No. 380; Tally Ho, No. 393; Oxford, No. 396; University, No. 408; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Enfield, No. 447; Dillsboro, No. 459; Creedmoor, No. 499; Raleigh, No. 500; Farmville, No. 517; Winterville, No. 523; Elon, No. 549; Wendell, No. 565; Bynum, No. 574; Evening Star, No. 588; Vaughan, No. 604; Zebulon, No. 609; Sunrise, No. 615; John H. Mills, No. 624; and Berkeley Lodge, No. 167, of Virginia.

The Grand Master announced in tender words the death of Past Grand Secretary G. Rosenthal. On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions on the loss sustained by the death of Brother Rosenthal, and that the resolutions as prepared by the committee be adopted and printed in the Proceedings of this Session. The Grand Master appointed on this committee: Past Grand Master John Nichols, Grand Tiler R. H. Bradley, and Grand Historian M. DeLancey Haywood, who prepared and submitted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, On Friday, the 23d day of June, in this year 1916, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, has lost by the death of the Right Worshipful Gustav Rosenthal, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Past Master of Hiram

Lodge, No. 40, in the city of Raleigh, one of its most venerated, beloved, and zealous workers in the cause of Masonry and humanity;

AND WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Grand Lodge should place on record some tribute of its love and respect for one whose long years of service as an official of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and in furthering the educational development of the city of Raleigh, as well as a Mason whose integrity and zeal reflected honor upon the Order—*Therefore be it Resolved,*

First, That the death of this devoted Craftsman is a loss sorely felt by the Grand Lodge, whose members, while sorrowing, are thankful to God for the long allotment of life—nearing four-score years—which it was the privilege of this Brother to spend among the children of men;

Second, That this tribute to our deceased Brother be spread on the minutes of the present communication of the Grand Lodge, published in the next volume of Proceedings, and a copy furnished to the family of Brother Rosenthal, with the assurance of the sympathy of the Masons of North Carolina in this hour of affliction and bereavement.

JOHN NICHOLS,
R. H. BRADLEY,
M. DELANCEY HAYWOOD,
Committee.

June 24, 1916.

The Grand Master announced that the communication was held for the purpose of observing the usual ceremonies of St. John's Day.

The Grand Marshal then formed the Grand Lodge into procession, and they proceeded in a body to the stand erected on the Asylum Grounds, where the following exercises were observed:

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

Address of Welcome by Bro. Ben. K. Lassiter.

Response by Dr. C. L. Pridgen, Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

Song, "Old North State."

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure was then introduced and delivered the following address:

Brethren of our Masonic Order, Members of our Workers' Force, Beneficiaries of our Orphans' Home, and Friends:

I wish first of all to thank my Brother, Acting Grand Master Dr. C. L. Pridgen, for inviting me to undertake this agreeable task of addressing you on this day of St. John the Baptist. Our Order is ancient, as we claim to be Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. We have some difficulty in fixing the date and place of our first formal organization as Modern Masons, using as symbols, the tools, arts, work and fraternal bonds of those who wrought in building the Temple of Solomon. But we are such a brotherhood that all the world is better and wiser than if we had never been. We were Brothers in the dark days when Brothers fought and slew their fellow men. We were not originally organized on the basis of material help as were Odd Fellows, nor to preserve fraternal patriotic relations in different parts of the country, as were the Knights of Pythias, nor as the Junior Order to promote the welfare of our schools. These are excellent orders and are doing much good. But our Order arose in the efforts of our older Brethren to preserve the traditions and teach the lessons of the symbols in actual material Masonic labors.

Our excellence consists in this, that we meet to study the symbols and practice the principles which they embody. Foremost among these principles are those of the great brotherhood of men. If I had time it would be a pleasure to show how our symbols through the pillars Jachin and Boaz, built by Hiram, connect our teachings from the Ark built by Noah through these pillars in front of the Temple down to our own day in every great race religious building. From the symbolism of the lilies on the top of these pillars we learn the lesson of immortality represented in the lily that outrode the annual inundation of the Nile. This idea of immortality is expressed in our Master's degree in the grip of the paw of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. On this feature of our faith we founded the duty of every immortal to aid his fellow. This is not done by rule or measure, but in every case according to the need. This has made Masons, in all history, the promoters of education, the founder of schools, and the enemies of superstition and ignorance. This has moved Masons to lead in care of

the orphan and widows of our deceased or disabled Brother Masons. It has built and maintained the Home in which we meet now. Masons as makers of our laws have provided for the State orphans and widows. Our Fraternity has taken a great forward step in caring for very young children. We are here to-day to rejoice in what we see here in the work of our home. It is a joy to see what a fine and faithful superintendent and family and all their fellow workers we have in this institution. But why do we meet on this St. John's Day? And why do we observe the anniversary also of St. John the Apostle? These two, John Baptist and John the Apostle, were never, so far as we know, members of our Order. But we have chosen and made them honorary members because of that for which they stand, namely for light and love.

John Baptist was sent to bear witness of the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. We have honored ourselves, we have shown to the world one of the chief purposes of our existence, to receive light from our Great Altar Light and to give light to the whole world. We seek light. Light is what we most desire. We dispense light in our Lodge rooms through our support of education and in our study, and in being patrons of libraries, schools and colleges. That is our mission and that is our work. But the power that moves us to this is that of love. Now love is not a sentiment merely. Love is not sensual. Love is essentially unselfish. Love is the affection which one human being has for another because of our immortality and our mutual dependence for light and life. It is true that the covenants we make are one to another as Masons. But our motive is love to all mankind. Hence, there is no distinction of race or religion among us. This should remind us that our Masonic life is in no sense in the place of the church. It is able to put in practice that love for which the church stands. Let no man make excuse of his Masonic moral teaching to keep him from his duty to God and the church. This might well be emphasized more in our Lodges with good effect. And so our Order has chosen St. John the Apostle, known as "the beloved disciple", as the other of our patron saints as an honorary member. In doing this, we honor ourselves and proclaim to the world that our Order is founded on love and expresses itself in charity. Let us

take a look at these beautiful grounds, these substantial buildings, and these, our wards and our representatives in those who are teaching and training these wards for useful lives. As we do, let us rejoice that we keep the day of the Apostle John on the December anniversary, because at the heart of our Order is charity, correctly spelled l-o-v-e.

Too few of us are students of the traditions and symbols of our Order. There are many of these. Founded on one of these we have the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Palm and Shell. I have had the pleasure of personal acquaintance of the founders of these Orders, Brother Coleman and Dr. Rob Morris, the American Masonic Poet Laureate as Robert Burns was the European Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. One tradition was given to Doctor Morris by the Arabs, Masons near Jerusalem. The tradition is that when Solomon marched to dedicate the Temple he had on a robe dyed with Tyrian purple most costly, so that only royalty could use. Hence, it is called royal purple. A little girl had a bunch of the crimson lilies in her hands and let the flowers fall on the robe of King Solomon and made it look pale beside the color of the lilies. So the prophet of Nazareth said: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: They toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." My appeal to every Brother is to study these traditions and teachings of our Craft, so that while we work in charity we may do so more intelligently and earnestly.

Song, "America."

The Grand Marshal then reformed the procession and the Grand Lodge returned in a body to the Masonic Hall.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Ballou, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Dr. McClure, the Grand Orator, with the request that he furnish a copy of his oration for publication in the Proceedings.

The minutes of the communication were then read and approved, and there being no further business the Grand Lodge closed in due form.

C. L. PRIDGEN,

Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

W. W. WILLSON,

Acting Grand Secretary.

RALEIGH, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication at the Masonic Hall in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday morning, October 4th, A. D., 1916, at 10:30 o'clock, for the purpose of paying the last respects to our deceased Grand Secretary, and was opened in ample form.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.W. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master.
R.W. C. L. Pridgen, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Leon Cash, as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Henry A. Grady, Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer.
R.W. W. W. Willson, as Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. W. Patton, as Grand Chaplain.
W. R. F. Edwards, Grand Lecturer.
W. J. C. Braswell, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. Bailey Owen, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Jas. H. Webb, Grand Marshal
W. H. M. Poteat, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. LeGrand Everett, Grand Pursuivant.
W. W. C. Lyon, as Grand Steward.
W. J. E. Cameron, as Grand Steward.
W. Robt. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler.
W. M. DeLancey Haywood, Grand Historian.
W. T. R. Robertson, Grand Orator.
Grand Custodians: J. E. Cameron and Leon Cash.

The following Masonic bodies and Institutions were represented: Grand Chapter R. A. M., of North Carolina; Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star, of North Carolina; Masonic and Eastern Star Home, by Bro. J. J. Phoenix; Grand Commandery, by Bro. J. E. Cameron; Oxford Orphan Asylum, by Bro. R. L. Brown.

The following Lodges were represented: St. John's, No. 1; St. John's, No. 4; Phoenix, No. 8; Hiram, No. 40; Concord, No. 58; Eagle, No. 71; Sharon, No. 78; Fellowship, No. 84; Orr, No. 104; Mount Lebanon, No. 117; Franklinton, No. 123; White Stone, No. 155; Rolesville, No. 156; Archer, No. 165; Winston, No. 167; Cary, No. 198; Eno, No. 210; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Henderson, No. 229; Anchor, No. 234; Wake Forest, No. 282; Wilmington, No. 319; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Gastonia, No.

369; Oxford, No. 396; Rockyford, No. 430; Enfield, No. 447; Healing Springs, No. 467; Traphill, No. 483; Rockingham, No. 495; Ayden, No. 498; Raleigh, No. 500; Widow's Son, No. 519; Elon, No. 549; Revolution, No. 552; Neil S. Stewart, No. 556; Wendell, No. 565; Apex, No. 584.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

W. B. McKoy, S. M. Gattis, John W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, S. H. Smith, W. S. Liddell, Past Grand Masters.

District Deputy Grand Masters: J. H. Cheek and C. T. McClenaghan.

The Grand Master appointed as pallbearers: W. P. Little, A. M. Maupin, J. G. Allen, D. F. Betts, J. B. Green, R. T. Gowan, T. E. Green, J. W. Kellogg.

The procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the residence of our deceased Brother and escorted his remains to Christ Church and thence to the Cemetery where the usual funeral ceremonies were performed.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Grand Lodge Hall. On motion, a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Noble, Cotten and Winston was appointed to draft suitable resolutions and report same at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. On motion of Past Grand Master Noble, 11 a. m., Wednesday morning of the next annual communication was set apart as a special hour for memorial exercises for R.W. John C. Drewry.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

W. W. WILLSON,

Acting Grand Secretary.

SOUTH MILLS, N. C.

SOUTH MILLS, N. C., November 30, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of North Carolina, convened in special communication, at Newlands Church at 11 a. m., Thursday, November 30th, A. D. 1916; A. L. 5916,

and was opened in form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.W J. W. Jones, D.D.G.M., as Grand Master.
R.W. M. L. Burgess, as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. W. A. Foster, as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. M. F. Toxey, as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. E. B. Granger, as Grand Treasurer.
R.W. S. B. Seymour, as Grand Secretary.
W. E. L. Stack, as Grand Chaplain.
W. J. B. Mitchell, as Grand Lecturer.
W. E. D. Etheridge, as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. O. R. Johnson, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. J. M. Burgess, as Grand Marshal.
W. H. B. Burgess, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. C. G. Etheridge, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. E. Overman, as Grand Steward.
W. S. D. Burnham, as Grand Steward.
W. W. D. Terry, as Grand Tiler.

The following Lodges were represented: Hall, No. 53; Widow's Son, No. 75; William G. Hill, No. 218; New Lebanon, No. 314.

The acting Grand Master stated that the purpose of this special communication was to lay the corner stone to Newlands Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A procession was formed and proceeded to the Church, where the corner stone was laid with the usual Masonic rites and ceremonies, after which the Grand Lodge partook of a most delicious repast in the way of refreshments that had been prepared for the occasion by the building committee of the church. This being served, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the place of assembling, and there being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in form.

J. W. JONES,
Acting Grand Master.

S. B. SEYMOUR,
Acting Grand Secretary.

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APPENDIX



Report on Foreign Correspondence

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the
Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

When that learned, experienced, and conscientious Craftsman, Bro. John A. Collins, (M.D.), laid aside the working-tools of this mortal life and was called to his reward in the bright hereafter, on Christmas Eve, 1915, it was a loss not only to his family and the community where he lived, but to the world of Masonry. He had been the North Carolina Grand Lodge Reviewer of Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges for 20 years. It was no formal tribute when the Grand Master declared to the Grand Lodge: "His place will be difficult to fill." The undersigned has succeeded to his office, though he fully realizes that he cannot "fill his place."

The following reviews cover the Proceedings of all English-speaking Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has fraternal relations, except Alberta (not issued soon enough for present review) and Ireland. The Proceedings of 65 Grand Lodges are covered—including a few back-numbers not heretofore treated, this running the total number of reviewed Proceedings, herein contained, up to 73.

This being my first appearance in the role of a Reviewer, I cannot do better than close this introductory note with the bit of school-boy oratory with which we are all familiar:

"Don't view me with a critic's eye,
But pass my imperfections by."

MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD,
Committee.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama	1915	New Brunswick	1915
Arizona	1916	New Hampshire	1916
Arkansas	1915	New Jersey	1916
British Columbia	1916	New Mexico	1915
California	1915	New South Wales	1915
Canada	1915	New Zealand	1913
Colorado	1915	New Zealand	1914
Connecticut	1916	New Zealand	1915
Delaware	1915	New York	1916
District of Columbia	1915	North Dakota	1916
England	1915-'16	Nova Scotia	1916
Florida	1915	Ohio	1915
Florida	1916	Oklahoma	1916
Georgia	1915	Oregon	1916
Idaho	1915	Pennsylvania	1915
Illinois	1914	Philippine Islands	1915
Illinois	1915	Philippine Islands	1916
Indiana	1916	Prince Edward Island	1916
Iowa	1916	Quebec	1916
Kansas	1916	Queensland	1916
Kentucky	1915	Rhode Island	1916
Louisiana	1915	Saskatchewan	1916
Louisiana	1916	Scotland	1915
Maine	1916	South Australia	1916
Manitoba	1916	South Carolina	1915
Maryland	1915	South Dakota	1916
Massachusetts	1914	Tennessee	1916
Massachusetts	1915	Texas	1915
Michigan	1916	Utah	1916
Minnesota	1916	Vermont	1916
Mississippi	1916	Victoria	1915
Missouri	1915	Virginia	1916
Montana	1914	Washington	1916
Montana	1915	Western Australia	1916
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Wyoming	1915		

TOTAL: Reviews, 73; Grand Lodges, 65.

MISSING: Alberta and Ireland.

ALABAMA, 1915

95TH ANNUAL

MONTGOMERY

DECEMBER 1-2

HENRY CLANTON MILLER, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

WALTER SMITH, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In reviewing his annual work, Grand Master Miller reports that dispensations were issued for the establishment of nine new lodges.

Discussing physical qualifications the Grand Master recommends that less stringent rules be adopted. He says in part:

"The requirements that an acceptable petitioner be 'perfect in member' comes to us from the days of operative Masonry when there was, probably, good reason therefor, but has little to recommend it now except its antiquity. * * * I believe that intellectually, morally and socially, the effect upon the candidate and upon the Craft would be beneficial, if, by amending or modifying the present law concerning physical imperfection or qualifications, we look more closely into the intellectual, moral, and social qualifications of the petitioner, and admit those who are worthy and well qualified from these standpoints, and waive such slight physical requirements as now prohibit the reception of a petitioner who cannot perfectly exemplify our ritual. Especially do I believe it wrong, and not in harmony with our professions, that one who has been accepted on his petition for initiation, and upon whom we have conferred one or two degrees, should be denied the privilege of advancement simply because he has been so unfortunate as to meet with some accident which has rendered him physically disqualified under our law as it now exists."

These recommendations were concurred in by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, and a special committee was thereupon appointed to draft a constitutional amendment to carry the same into effect.

The Masonic Home maintained by the Grand Lodge of Alabama is reported to be in good condition. This institution serves the joint purposes of an orphanage and school for the young, and a home for the aged and infirm

of both sexes who have special claims on the fraternity.

A constitutional amendment was adopted at this session of the Grand Lodge authorizing subordinate Lodges to confer degrees free of initiation fees to Ministers of the Gospel actively engaged in their sacred calling.

The Grand Master heartily commends to the Brethren the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, now engaged in the laudable undertaking of erecting in Alexandria, Virginia, a Temple as a memorial to that illustrious Craftsman and patriot, George Washington.

In these Alabama Proceedings frequent acknowledgments are made for coöperation from the Order of the Eastern Star, particularly with reference to aid to the Masonic Home; and the Grand Chapter O. E. S. has petitioned the Grand Lodge to adopt a "suitable token and pass-word whereby the members of said Order [O. E. S.] could make themselves known to Master Masons who were not Eastern Star members." This petition was referred to the Committee on Work, with instructions to report to the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

The subordinate Lodges now actively at work in Alabama are 547 in number.

ALBERTA, 1916

Not received in time for review herein.

ARIZONA, 1916

34TH ANNUAL

TUCSON

MARCH 14-16

GEORGE ALEXANDER BRIDGE, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

FREDERICK WELLINGTON PERKINS, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In addition to the minutes of the annual communication, this volume contains the Proceedings of two special communications—one at the town of Duncan, November 20, 1915, to lay corner-stone of a High School; and one at the town of Tucson, December 8, 1915, to lay corner-stone of a Scottish Rite Cathedral. Though we find no minutes of Proceedings on that occasion, we learn from the Grand Master's address that, on October 13, 1915, the Grand Lodge met in special communication to lay the corner-stone of the Cathedral House, in Phoenix, Arizona, by invitation of the Right Reverend Julius W. Atwood, Missionary Bishop of Arizona. Among the Masons present on this occasion was Bro. Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States.

This Grand Lodge has lost two Past Grand Masters during the year: the Most Worshipful Francis Asbury Shaw, and the Most Worshipful Martin W. Kales.

The Master of a subordinate Lodge propounded to Grand Master Bridge this question: "Are the wife and children of a member entitled to relief after we have expelled him?" The Grand Master replied:

"They are not. Expulsion deprives a member of all the rights and privileges of his Order, one of which is relief for himself and family. If you should care to take any action for the relief of this man's wife and children, it must be as individuals and should not be taken from the Lodge treasury."

In addition to the two Past Grand Masters already named, the Grand Lodge of Arizona lost about 30 members of its subordinate Lodges during the year.

In reviewing the Arizona Proceedings of 1915, our late North Carolina Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. John A. Collins, (M. D.), said:

"Under the head of Grievance, we are mortified to report the case of a North Carolina Mason, member of Franklin Lodge, No. 109, at Beaufort, who, after getting in trouble in Arizona, appealed to White Mountain Lodge and received the aid that he so

much needed, which cost the Arizona Lodge \$225.00, and neither the beneficiary nor his Lodge has taken any notice of requests for re-payment."

Relative to this matter we are glad to know, on information from Past Master M. Leslie Davis, of Franklin Lodge, that the above amount has since been paid in full to White Mountain Lodge in Arizona.

ARKANSAS, 1915

74TH ANNUAL

LITTLE ROCK

NOVEMBER 16-17

CHARLES E. ROSENBAUM, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

FAY HEMSTEAD, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

L. P. KEMPER, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In the address by Grand Master Rosenbaum he feelingly memorializes the Most Worshipful Almos J. Britt and the Most Worshipful Christopher C. Ayers, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, and honored and beloved members of the Fraternity in that Grand Jurisdiction. He also pays a fitting tribute to the Fraternal Dead (42 in number) of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Much space in the Grand Master's address is devoted to a discussion of measures being taken for the relief of sufferers by the great European war.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is given high commendation by the Grand Master, who urges Arkansas to join the ranks of those Grand Lodges which are pushing forward this great undertaking.

The Masonic Orphans' Home and School, at Batesville, is one of the noble charities maintained by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. This institution is about six years old.

When the time arrived for the address of the Grand Orator, the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, and an invitation (duly accepted) was ex-

tended to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star to hear said address.

An interesting feature of this communication was the appointment of a committee to arrange for a fitting observance of the 75th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, this anniversary falling in 1916.

At present there are 558 Chartered Lodges in Arkansas, and 5 Under Dispensation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1916

45TH ANNUAL

VANCOUVER

JUNE 22-23

WILLIAM C. DITMARS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WILLIAM A. DEWOLF-SMITH, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

WILLIAM ASTLEY, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present at this annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

In his address, Grand Master Ditmars referred to the war now being waged in Europe, as follows:

"Many of the Lodges are feeling the effects of this gigantic struggle in which our Empire is now engaged, and are working under disadvantages on account of the absence, in many cases, of their most active members. I find, however, a splendid spirit displayed by those who are left behind and a determination to make the best of present conditions. In many of the Lodges, Honour Rolls have been provided upon which are inscribed the names of those who have heard the call and are now serving their King and Country on active military duty. Some of these brave and noble men have, I regret to say, made the supreme sacrifice and are now 'resting from their labours' on the fields of Flanders and elsewhere. Brethren, let us breathe a silent prayer to the Great Ruler of All Things that He may extend comfort and consolation to those mothers, widows, and orphans, who are thus bereft of their dear ones; and that in His infinite wisdom he may hasten the success which is bound to crown the efforts of those who are fighting in the interests of Justice, Freedom, and Honour, and all those high principles and ideals for which Freemasonry has always stood."

Among the members of this Grand Lodge who died during the year were Past Grand Master Robert Burns McMicking (November 27, 1915,) and Past Grand Master William Dalby (January 22, 1916,)—both honored Craftsmen, whose deaths will be deeply felt. Among the other Fraternal Dead we notice the following 18; Bros. Geoffrey Hornby, Robert John Mutrie, George Blanchard Johnstone, George Ernest Revell, Alan Robert Bell, Archer Robert Payze, Peter M. Caruthers, James D. Cameron, Hiram Yorke Parker, George Pegruin Bowie, Kenneth Craig Corsan, Francis J. Hicks, Cecil C. K. Holmes, John Watt, James Herrick McGregor, Harold Reekie, Donald Mackenzie Moore, and George Merson Smart—all slain in the present war; and still another—Bro. Kennet John Morrison—drowned when the “Lusitania” was sunk. In all, 591 Masons from this Grand Lodge enlisted.

Both the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master made numerous visits to subordinate Lodges during the year. Among the Grand Master’s official decisions were the following: a person is not eligible to the degrees in Masonry who has lost the index finger of his right hand; and a person is not eligible to degrees who has lost all the fingers of his left hand; 17 special dispensations were issued by the Grand Master during the year—11 of these to permit Lodges to attend Divine services in Masonic clothing; two to permit two Lodges to unite in the service of installing officers; and four to permit Lodges to install officers on date other than that fixed by by-laws.

The number of Master Masons on the roll of this Grand Lodge was reported to be 7,797, an increase of 100 during the year.

CALIFORNIA, 1915

66TH ANNUAL

SAN FRANCISCO

OCTOBER 12-15

BENJAMIN F. BLEDSOE, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*JOHN WHICHER, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*ALBERT G. BURNETT, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In 1914, on the very day when the Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Bledsoe was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, the President of the United States issued to him a commission as Judge of the United States District Court. This, says the Grand Master, necessitated so close a study into judicial procedure that he found it impossible to carry out all the plans which he had hoped to pursue when elevated to the post of Grand Master. That he was not a drone in the Masonic hive, however, the record of his activities shows; for personal visits were made to 68 different Lodges (in single or joint meetings) in 32 Masonic Districts. "I would wish for my own sake and pleasure that the number were multiplied many fold," he remarks.

Among the 23 rulings reported by the Grand Master we find the following:

"XI. Upon objection being made to the admission of a visitor, the Master shall determine whether or not the objection is well taken; and, whatever his ruling, there can be no appeal from his decision in the premises. I do not understand that a visitor is *ipso facto* denied admission because a member may object."

This law of California, as construed by the Grand Master (his ruling being approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence) is at variance with the law in North Carolina, where Regulation No. 331 (page 138, Code of 1915) gives a member of a Lodge a right to exclude, by his objection, a visitor, with no power in the Master to over-rule such objection.

In Ruling No. XIII, by Grand Master Bledsoe, we find the following with reference to the children of deceased Masons:

"In the event the son has reached his majority, and he not being a Mason, he is not entitled, as a matter of right, to apply to a Masonic Lodge for assistance. I do understand, however, on the contrary, that a daughter of a Mason, irrespective of her age and whether or not she is married, if in distress, is entitled, as a matter of right, so to apply, and a Lodge or other Masonic body* within whose jurisdiction she resides, is in duty bound to relieve her so far as such relief is necessary and proper. The fact that she is married is immaterial. The question always is: is she in distress, and is she the daughter of a Mason who is or was in good standing? This answers your questions as I understand them. I would like to suggest, in addition, however, that it would not be at all to the credit of our fraternity for it to evince a disposition or tendency to be technical and overcritical in considering or construing the rights and claims of those who may appeal to us for relief or succor in their distress and who show by proper evidence that they have Masonic claims upon our benevolences. We will stand better with the community if we exhibit less concern for the strict legality of the appeal and more for the necessity which prompts it."

Ruling No. XIX has reference to the use of Masonic records in civil courts, and is as follows:

"The records of a Masonic trial, together with the evidence contained therein, belong to the secret archives of the fraternity, and it is a Masonic offense to divulge or publish them in a manner not authorized by law. Their use in the trial of a divorce case in a State court, or their introduction in evidence therein, except upon the order of the court, is reprehensible and should subject the Mason responsible therefor to Masonic discipline."

It is a matter of regret that fraternal relations are somewhat strained between the Grand Lodge of California and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject of perpetual jurisdiction, which Pennsylvania claims and which California declines to recognize; and that a controversy likewise exists between California and Massachusetts relative to the status of a Mason expelled from a Lodge in Massachusetts and later elected to membership in California by virtue of a paper erroneously supposed to be a dimit.

*This ruling was addressed to a Board of Relief.

The Grand Lodge of California maintains two Masonic Homes, one for children and one for adults; and these, says the Grand Master, are to him "the one great refreshing inexhaustible source of pride."

In the California review of our North Carolina Proceedings the address at Oxford, in 1914, by Bro. J. C. Kittrell, and at Raleigh, in 1915, by Grand Orator R. C. Dunn, are highly praised, the former being characterized as "one of the finest pieces of Masonic literature that can be found in the Grand Lodge proceedings of the year," and Brother Dunn's address as one which was "received with extravagant enthusiasm by the Grand Lodge * * * * and declared to be one of the finest orations ever delivered before the Grand Lodge."

CANADA, 1915

60TH ANNUAL HAMILTON, ONT. JULY 21-22

WILLIAM DAVID MCPHERSON, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

R. L. GUNN, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

SYDNEY A. LUKE, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario," held in the city of Hamilton its 60th session in the nature of an anniversary celebration, the Grand Lodge having been organized at that place.

In his annual address Grand Master McPherson (whose sons are fighting in the armies of the allies) remarks:

"Little did we think as we met with our Brethren from the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States of America in July last year, commemorating the 100 years of Peace between their country and ours, that our Empire was on the very verge of another great war, yet such was the case; and, within three weeks thereafter, war was declared."

He then discusses (from the viewpoint of a patriotic British subject) the causes which brought about the conflict, saying in part:

"It is the pride of every British subject that Britain was not the aggressor, but that she was compelled to resort to arms in defence of liberty and civilization, of humanity, and sacred treaty obligations. She decided to go to war, and is supported by the Dominions oversea, because her honour was involved, and the existence of the Empire was at stake."

Though all is war and turmoil without, the harmony of the Craft in Canada is undisturbed, and the work of Masonry progresses in a most satisfactory manner. In his address the Grand Master paid a special tribute to the memory of 12 noted Craftsmen in Canada, England, and the United States, who had been numbered with the Fraternal Dead since the preceding communication. Among these was the great Masonic historian, Robert Freke Gould, who passed away at his home in England on March 26, 1915, at the ripe old age of 78.

Among the interesting rulings of the Grand Master were the following:

"2. In answer to a request for authority to permit the members of a Lodge to rent their hall to other non-Masonic bodies as joint tenants, I ruled that a dispensation could not be granted."

In North Carolina there is no law forbidding a Lodge to rent its hall to a non-Masonic body, and this is very often done in communities where Masonry is not numerically strong. We think, however, that, where practicable, it is preferable for the Lodge to have the exclusive use of the hall in which it meets.

In the case (Ruling 7) of a Mason's son, who lacked some months of being 21 years old, but in whose behalf a dispensation was asked that he might receive the degrees before going with the Canadian "Overseas Contingent" to the war in Europe, the Grand Master very properly ruled that he had no authority to grant such a dispensation.

The establishment of Military Lodges is discounted by the Grand Master, as the following decision will show :

"8. On an application for a dispensation to form a regimental lodge in connection with the First Overseas Contingent, I gave the matter very careful consideration, and conferred with the Past Grand Masters; and, as we were all unanimously of the opinion that the difficulties in the way of complying with the request were insuperable, I declined to grant the dispensation."

For the relief of Belgian sufferers by the war, an appeal was made to the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and upwards of \$45,000 was subscribed and forwarded to King Albert of Belgium "for use among his distressed subjects, irrespective of class or creed." It is needless to say this princely gift brought a grateful acknowledgment.

COLORADO, 1915

55TH ANNUAL

DENVER

SEPTEMBER 21-22

CHARLES H. DUDLEY, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

CHARLES H. JACOBSON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

ROBERT M. SIMONS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In opening his annual address Grand Master Dudley expresses gratification that the Brethren are permitted once more to assemble and "exchange greetings, renew old friendships and create new ones, note the trend of affairs since we last met, and take inventory of our possessions, material and spiritual, of our silver and gold, of our joys and sorrows, our accomplishments and reverses, our experiences and the hopes they have inspired and the disappointments suffered, our moral gains and losses, and strike the balance."

During the progress of its previous communication the Grand Lodge of Colorado suffered the loss by death of Past Grand Master Harper M. Orahood; and, a few

weeks thereafter, Grand Tiler George G. Slater was also called from his earthly labors. Special communications of the Grand Lodge were called in order that these distinguished Craftsmen might be buried with honors befitting their rank.

Grand Master Dudley commends to the consideration of the Grand Lodge the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and its efforts to build in Alexandria, Virginia, a Memorial Masonic Temple to the memory of the Father of His Country. This enterprise, says the Grand Master, is one fairly entitled to more than passing notice. In addition to the cost of a life membership (\$100) the Grand Lodge donated \$500 to this great and important undertaking.

Some slight friction with a sister Grand Lodge existed during the year, over the dual membership of a Brother who went from a Colorado Lodge, and without a dimit, became a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction (holding his two memberships at the same time), but this trouble was easily adjusted by a ruling of the Grand Master of the sister Grand Jurisdiction that the second election of this Brother was "unlawful, null, and void," and that his name should be stricken from the rolls of the Lodge into which he had unlawfully gained admission.

The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Association is a charitable organization which is doing a noble work in that Grand Jurisdiction.

CONNECTICUT, 1916

128TH ANNUAL

HARTFORD

FEBRUARY 2-3

CLARENCE R. AUSTIN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GEORGE A. KIES, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

THOMAS MCKENZIE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In common with all good Masons and all good men Grand Master Austin views with dismay the horrors of the present war in Europe, and feelingly voices his sentiments in the opening passages of his annual address; but a note of thankfulness sounds forth when he considers the blessings enjoyed by the Masons of America and our country in general while these afflicting calamities are elsewhere in progress. "Our own country and our own Craft in its Jurisdictions have been undisturbed and most prosperous," he declares, "and are expending noble efforts in every direction to aid and assist the afflicted in this world-wide struggle."

The Grand Master notes with interest the annual meeting of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Connecticut, which took place in Waterbury on June 24 (St. John the Baptist's Day), 1915.

A note of warning against the ever-increasing evil of newspaper publicity is sounded in the Grand Master's address, he having no patience with the proneness of some Lodges to furnish the press with accounts of Masonic social events, lodge gossip, various items of activities, etc.

From the Necrology of Connecticut we learn that while many subordinate Lodges have suffered by the hand of death only one Brother connected with the Grand Lodge has passed away during the year. This was Past Deputy Grand Master Augustus C. Golding, a zealous Mason, an honored veteran of the War between the States, and a citizen respected for his many virtues. The Fraternal Dead of 26 other Grand Jurisdictions are appropriately noticed in the Grand Master's address.

The Order of the Eastern Star is highly commended for its aid to the Grand Lodge, particularly in connection with the maintenance of the Masonic Home, and it is probable that the Eastern Star will be given representation on the Board of Trustees of that institution.

The review of the North Carolina Proceedings highly compliments the address by Grand Orator Raymond C. Dunn, and says "had we space, we would quote it entire."

DELAWARE, 1915

110TH ANNUAL

WILMINGTON

OCTOBER 6-7

WILLIAM W. VALLIANT, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

WALTER W. BACON, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

There has often been advocated the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge, composed of State Grand Lodges and having jurisdiction over the entire territory of the United States, but Grand Master Valliant, of Delaware, goes this proposition "one better" by suggesting that a Supreme Grand Lodge of the World be organized. He says, in part:

"This brings to mind the thought that for such coöperation and unity of action, it has been suggested that there should be organized in the United States a General Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons, formed of representatives from the various Grand Lodges of the several Grand Jurisdictions looking to a day when there shall be for the whole world one Supreme Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Delaware does not hold to the doctrine of Perpetual Jurisdiction, and has so notified sister Grand Lodges which have asked for a waiver of jurisdiction over candidates rejected in Delaware and afterwards seeking Masonic honors in other States.

Among the losses by death sustained by the Grand Lodge of Delaware were Past Grand Master George W. Marshall and Past Grand Master Enoch Moore (honored and beloved members of the Fraternity), whose loss is sorely felt by their former associates.

Like many other Grand Jurisdictions, Delaware maintains a Masonic home, and the Grand Master highly

commends the manner in which this institution is managed.

A most interesting feature of this communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was the formal presentation of a portrait of Past Grand Master Gunning Bedford (born 1747—died 1812), whose wise counsels as an officer of his own State and as a member of the Continental Congress of the United States, gained him so high a stand that President Washington later placed him on the bench of the United States District Court. Delaware does well to honor the memory of those sages of the early days whose wisdom aided in welding into a united nation those States for whose independence her “Blue Hen’s Chickens” so bravely battled in the War of the Revolution.

We are glad to find in the Delaware Proceedings an interesting report from Brother Edward G. Wells relative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and its patriotic work—present and prospective.

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, while referring to the reviews published by the Grand Lodge of Western Australia and their author, is the observation:

“Our Brother is very much exercised at what he terms is the evident attempt, on the part of many American Brethren, to introduce women into Freemasonry, *via* the Eastern Star. He need not get round-shouldered under the thought. I wonder if he has ever read the ritual of this Order; if not, he should stop rocking the boat. Eastern Star is not co-Freemasonry.”

Well no, “not by a jug full.” We have never seen a member of the Eastern Star in a Masonic Lodge while at work, or heard of the secrets of the Fraternity being communicated to these lady friends of ours.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1915

105TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON CITY DECEMBER 15

ALEXANDER GRANT, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*WILLIAM W. JERMANE, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

With words of thanksgiving Grand Master Grant, in the opening of his annual address, says:

“Harmony and good will have prevailed, and no echo of the confusion and turmoil that has enveloped so large a portion of the civilized world has penetrated our portals or brought into our midst distress and devastation such as has enshrouded and overwhelmed our Brethren in Europe.”

Thirteen Past Masters in the District of Columbia are reported to have died during the year. Besides referring to these, the Grand Master enumerates 34 dead in other Grand Jurisdictions, in this list being 29 Past Grand Masters.

A most encouraging report of progress in the work of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is made; and the words of Past Grand Master Keiper, setting forth its objects, are well worthy of perusal.

Of historical interest is the proposition to establish a Masonic Museum in the Grand Lodge Temple of the District of Columbia.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home gives an encouraging account of the condition of that excellent institution.

The Grand Master commends the work of an organization known as the Association of Worshipful Masters. Among the good works performed by this society during the year was the donation of about \$3,500 to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Among the other Masonic organizations in the District of Columbia referred to in the Grand Master's address are numerous Masonic

Clubs, the Masonic Veterans' Association, the Masonic Relief Association, the Masonic Board of Relief, the St. John's Mite Association, and the Masonic Mutual Life Association.

In these District of Columbia Proceedings, pages 54-56, will be found an interesting discussion on the subject of the dispute between "the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands," of American origin, and "the Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippine Islands," of Spanish origin.

ENGLAND, 1915-'16

ANNUAL AND QUARTERLIES

LONDON

APRIL 28, 1915—MARCH 1, 1916

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

The nominal Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England who performs most (if not all) of his duties through a "Pro-Grand Master," is a son of the late Queen Victoria, and is designated as:

"The Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Illustrious Prince, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Great Master and First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Field Marshal in the Army, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada, etc., etc., etc."

The resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at its quarterly communication of June 2, 1915, excluding

from attendance on the Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodges such Brethren as might be of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth, has caused much comment—nearly altogether adverse—throughout the Masonic world. As was truly said by Bro. S. R. Baskett, in arguing against such action:

“We take an obligation to every Brother, which means not only the Brethren under our own particular jurisdiction, but it means and has meant in war time, in all times past, the Brethren of another constitution, though unhappily their countries may be at war. How many instances there are known within our record it is impossible to say, but there are well-known instances. Even when our present ally France, at war with ourselves, used the savages of North America in the most bitter fighting, still the Masonic tie held in the case even of Indians themselves. We are told that there have been instances in this war already. We know that even during the Indian mutiny the Masonic Temples were respected; and we know that during the Boer War there was a good deal of friendship shown by one Mason to another on different sides. Now have you considered what is going to be the effect if you pass any resolution which would tend to dissension between Freemasons all over the world? We may have the very strongest particular nationality. We may think that courtesies have been extended to certain foreign Grand Lodges which some of us may have thought to be mistakes. But the fact remains that until a member commits a Masonic crime, he is a Brother in Freemasonry.”

Unhappily the resolution was passed, a majority of the Brethren probably holding the sentiments of Brother Tonkin, who declared:

“Brethren, I wonder how you can sit here patiently and listen to the suggestion that we should sit down in our Lodges with Masons of German birth. I would rather forfeit every Masonic privilege I have ever gained, or am ever likely to gain, than do it.”

The extract last quoted seems strange doctrine to an American Mason. Many older members of the Craft have personal knowledge, and those of us born since 1865 know by tradition, that the most venomous sectional bitterness, during the War between the States, never dis-

turbed the harmony of the Craft. A late President of the United States, Bro. William McKinley, a Major in the Union Army, was made a Mason in Virginia by a Brother who was a Chaplain in the Confederate Army, and there were doubtless many similar instances during the progress of that war.

FLORIDA, 1915

86TH ANNUAL

JACKSONVILLE

JANUARY 19-21

CEPHAS L. WILSON, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

JAMES E. CRANE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In summing up the happenings of the Masonic year Grand Master Wilson records, with deep regret, the death of the Most Worshipful Henry W. Long, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Other Fraternal Dead, in 20 Grand Jurisdictions, are also noticed.

Among the Grand Master's rulings were the following:

"3. March 27th a young man petitioned for initiation. He lacked one month of being 21 years old and over when the petition was to be voted on. The Worshipful Master ruled that the petition might be received. Criticism having been made about his ruling, he referred it to me. I ruled that he was correct, and that if the candidate was 21 years old when the petition for initiation was voted upon, I thought that was a sufficient compliance with the law."

A ruling relative to the Master of a Lodge convicted of an offense against the criminal law, says:

"15. August 31st, I ruled that a Worshipful Master, who was convicted of a criminal offense against the laws of the State and sent to prison, is still Master of the Lodge, if his term of office has not expired, but that he may be suspended by the Grand Master upon the complaint of seven Brethren, could then be tried if charges and specifications be preferred against him in the

usual manner, at any time within a year from the expiration of his office. In other words, I merely advised that the provisions of Section 5, Article X, of the Constitution would have to be enforced."

Another ruling, relating to religious belief, is as follows:

"24. December 24th, a Mason who declared that he did not believe in God and the Holy Bible, asked for a dimit. The District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Mason's Lodge was located, referred the matter to me and asked what action the Lodge should take. I ruled that the Lodge should not grant the dimit, but should prefer charges immediately, giving the Brother a trial, and, if found guilty, expel him, and, if found not guilty, to grant the dimit."

Further on in his address, the Grand Master says:

"During the year I was notified that a certain Brother, running for a public office, was campaigning and issuing cards with his photograph thereon placed inside of the square and compasses. I did not feel that this was a proper use of the square and compasses, and deeming it improper to endeavor to mix politics and Masonry, I called this matter to the attention of the Brethren of his Lodge and requested them to take action in the matter. The Lodge did take action by preferring charges, trying and suspending this Brother for the term of six months for un-Masonic conduct."

Florida owns a Masonic Home and Orphanage, and this institution is doing a noble work in carrying out the purposes for which it was established.

FLORIDA, 1916

87TH ANNUAL

JACKSONVILLE

JANUARY 18-20

CEPHAS L. WILSON, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

JAMES E. CRANE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

After the introductory remarks to his annual address and the Grand Chaplain's prayer, Grand Master

Wilson formally announced the death of the Most Worshipful Enos Wasgate, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, which occurred at his home in East Boston, Massachusetts, March 5, 1915. Some of the more prominent members of the Craft recently deceased in 21 sister Grand Jurisdictions are also mentioned in the Grand Master's address.

Among the decisions by Grand Master Wilson, the following may be noticed:

"March 29th, Hillsborough Lodge, No. 25, desired a ruling as to whether or not the committee appointed upon a petition of a candidate for initiation should be appointed openly in the Lodge by the W. M. or whether it was proper for the W. M. to appoint the committee privately and let each member thereof report independently. I ruled that the W. M. should appoint the committee in open Lodge and that they should join in one report unless a minority report was necessary."

With reference to the closing phrase of this decision, we wish to ask what effect would a minority report have when two out of three members of the committee favor the rejection of candidate? The adverse vote of only one member of the Lodge effects a rejection.

Another ruling was that a Lodge could not accept an invitation to attend divine services in a body, clothed in Masonic paraphernalia, except at funerals and on St. John's Days, but that there would be no impropriety in the Lodge going to Church, in a body, as individuals and not as Masons, and not clothed as Masons.

The Grand Master likewise decided that a Lodge Room must not necessarily be situated due east and west, but that they should be so situated when practicable.

Florida maintains a Masonic Home and Orphanage, and has the active coöperation of the Order of the Eastern Star in its management.

A case arose where a candidate was initiated an Entered Apprentice and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, but was not raised to the degree of Master Mason

because a member, whom he had offended by refusing to extend credit for some school books, objected to his advancement. The objecting member made it known that it was his blackball which rejected the candidate. The "Vigilance Committee" then investigated the candidate and found that he was a man of irreproachable character. An appeal was then made to the Grand Master to know if any redress could be obtained for the Fellow Craft desiring to be raised. The Grand Master said in part:

"By reference to Regulation 62, on page 51 of the Digest, you will find that every member has the absolute right to vote as he pleased, being governed by his own view of what is right. Such being the case, there is no way of forcing the election of a candidate when the blackball is found every time a ballot is taken, unless the Brother voting the blackball has been indiscreet enough to let it be known that he was the one who voted it. Then, in such case, there is a way of reaching him. You will notice that in Regulation 61, page 51 of the Digest, there is a provision that if a Brother uses his privilege improperly when a ballot is taken and proclaims his acts so that the Lodge can take cognizance, charges should be preferred. But, as a general rule, the Brother must be tried at the bar of his own conscience. In this case, if the Brother, to whom you refer, has voted a blackball and has so acted and spoken as to make it clear to the Lodge that he was the one voting it, and it appears to the Lodge that he is abusing his privilege of the ballot by improperly, and without good cause, voting to keep a worthy applicant from becoming a M. M., then the Lodge can take cognizance of the matter and charges may be preferred."

GEORGIA, 1915

129TH ANNUAL

MACON

OCTOBER 26-27

N. H. BALLARD, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

W. A. WOLIHIN, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In the interesting and instructive address of Grand Master Ballard, he refers to the past and present glories

of Masonry in Georgia, and makes reference to many illustrious Craftsmen of by-gone times from the days of the great colonist, General Oglethorpe—himself a Mason—down to more recent years. Incidentally the Grand Master expresses gratification and thanksgiving for the ultimate fulfilment of Oglethorpe's hope that the curse of intoxicating liquor, with its blighting influences, should be wiped out of Georgia. Kicked out of Masonry nearly everywhere and already exiled from more than a score of States, old John Barleycorn is leading an unhappy existence in recent years.

Among the numerous decisions rendered by the Grand Master during the year we note the following:

"14. A Lodge has the right to appoint a committee before preferring charges; to consult with the erring Brother; to reform him, if possible; and to cause him to lead a better life. It is not only Masonry but eminently the best course to pursue."

Relative to a person who had received the degrees of Clandestine Masonry, and desired to take the degrees in a lawful manner, it is held:

"A clandestinely made Mason may, be renouncing his allegiance to the clandestine Grand Lodge, using the Pennsylvania form printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, 1910, page 61, make application to a regular Lodge, and, if accepted, be initiated, passed, and raised as any other candidate."

Another ruling, and the last we shall quote, contains the following language:

"A Master Mason making improper proposals to the wife of a Fellow Craft Mason, or the wife of any man, is as guilty of wrong as if she was the wife of a Master Mason. Masonry throws around woman's honor a shield of protection, and woe be unto him who heeds not its warning."

The Grand Lodge of Georgia is one of those Masonic bodies holding a life-membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The Grand Master, in this address, pays a tribute to the memory of several Brethren in Georgia who had passed away since the previous communication, and also records the names of eminent Craftsmen in 26 sister Grand Jurisdictions who have also been lost by the Fraternity.

IDAHO, 1915

48TH ANNUAL

BOISE CITY

SEPTEMBER 14-16

ANDREW CHRISTENSON, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

THEOPHILUS RANDALL, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

FRANCIS JENKINS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GEORGE E. KNEPPER, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

The Grand Lodge of Idaho is fortunate in that no Grand Lodge officer, and only one Past Grand officer, was lost by death in the year previous to the meeting of this Grand Lodge. Some of the Fraternal Dead in 28 sister Grand Jurisdictions are given appropriate mention in the address of Grand Master Christenson.

There are numerous brief decisions by the Grand Master in these Proceedings, among them the following:

“A person acting as steward in a hotel, and having charge of the dining-room where liquors are served, is disqualified for membership in a Masonic Lodge under Section 8, Article XIV, of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.”

The “Orphan Fund” of this Grand Lodge increased from \$40,000 in 1904, to \$75,000 in 1915. The interest on this is to aid in caring for destitute widows and orphans in their own homes.

A resolution of thanks, unanimously adopted by a rising vote, was tendered to the Order of the Eastern Star for courtesies extended to the Grand Lodge during this communication.

ILLINOIS, 1914

75TH ANNUAL

CHICAGO

OCTOBER 13-15

HENRY T. BURNAP, *Grand Master, 1913-1914.*ISAAC CUTTER, *Grand Secretary, 1913-1914.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1914-1915.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1914-1915.

This volume of Proceedings reminds us that the Grand Lodge of Illinois has reached the 75th continual milepost in its career, and prefixed to the volume is an account of the observance of this interesting anniversary. One of the several subordinate Lodges which first organized, on December 9, 1822, a Grand Lodge of Illinois (which afterwards passed out of existence but was re-organized in 1840) was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was chartered by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina—so we take what might be called an ancestral interest in Illinois Masonry. Grand Master Burnap's annual address is one of considerable length—a length made necessary by the size and activity of the Grand Jurisdiction over which he presides. Four eminent Illinois Masons (including Past Grand Master John Robert Thomas) are mentioned among the Brethren who have passed to the Temple Above during the preceding year, and the Fraternal Dead in 31 sister Grand Jurisdictions are also mentioned.

This Grand Lodge maintains two Masonic Homes, one at Sullivan for adults, and one at LaGrange for orphans.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association receives strong commendation. The Grand Master is fully justified in his assertion when he says: "An impression, which is current in some quarters, that the promotion of this undertaking is a local one, I am satisfied is a mistaken conception of the real situation.

* * * * The proposed building will be under the con-

trol of a Board of Trustees appointed by the National Association."

An interesting feature of this session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was the introduction of four distinguished Craftsmen from other Jurisdictions who were received with the Grand Honors due their rank. These were Grand Master David I. Mills of Arkansas, Grand Master T. John Newton of the District of Columbia, Grand Master William M. Perrett of Michigan, and Past Grand Master Lou B. Winsor of Michigan. These Brethren came to convey greetings from their respective Grand Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Illinois on its 75th anniversary.

ILLINOIS, 1915

76TH ANNUAL

CHICAGO

OCTOBER 12-14

HENRY T. BURNAP, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

ISAAC CUTTER, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

RALPH H. WHEELER, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

Grand Master Burnap reports a successful and prosperous year—not free, however, from the inroads of death. Among the Illinois Craftsmen who have passed away are Past Grand Master Edward Cook and Past Grand Orator John Charles Black. Some of the Fraternal Dead in 25 sister Grand Jurisdictions are also mentioned.

Grand Master Burnap makes the justified complaint which we hear from so many Grand Masters that dozens of letters are written to request official rulings by him when the information desired could easily be obtained by reference to the Code. One request, however, shot at the Grand Master is a case where the Code is properly silent. He says:

"One gentleman, who makes no claim to being a member of the fraternity, requested the Grand Master to relieve him of the

annoying and undesirable attentions of a lady whom he alleged is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star."

If this lady continues to make trouble for our Illinois friend, let him persuade her to move to North Carolina, where attentions from the ladies are never annoying and undesirable.

The Masonic Homes are reported in a thriving condition, the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital being added to one of these during the year and dedicated with imposing ceremonies. Two hundred acres of land were given by Bro. Irving Shumand and Mr. Edwin C. Swain to one of these Homes.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is strongly commended by the Grand Master, who reports his personal attendance at the 1915 meeting of that body at Alexandria, Virginia.

Grand Secretary William M. Anderson of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and Past Grand Chaplain Joseph Fort Newton of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, were among the distinguished visitors present at this session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and were formally presented to the Brethren.

INDIANA, 1916

95TH ANNUAL

INDIANAPOLIS

MAY 23-24

CHARLES P. BENEDICT, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

CALVIN W. PRATHER, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

HARRY B. TUTHILL, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

The United States flag, in colors, patriotically floats from a page in the beginning of this volume,

In Grand Master Benedict's annual address, or "allocation," he takes a most encouraging view of the affairs of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction.

Two eminent Craftsmen, Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald and Past Grand Master Sidney W. Douglas,

have been lost by death; and some notable Brethren, who have died in 25 other Grand Jurisdictions, are recounted by name.

Ten corner stones were laid, and six Masonic halls were dedicated, under Grand Lodge auspices during the year. The building of a Masonic Home has been begun in Indiana and will doubtless prove of inestimable value to the Craft when completed and in operation.

The centennial anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana will occur in 1918, and the Grand Master recommends that this notable event be celebrated in a manner becoming its great importance.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association received strong commendation in the Grand Master's address, an earnest plea being made by him for further financial encouragement from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Pictures of four handsome Masonic Temples in Indiana, each of these being owned by subordinate Lodges, are given in this volume of Proceedings.

In reviewing the North Carolina Proceedings of 1915, it is said of Grand Master Alderman's comments on the St. Louis Conference of Grand Masters: "He makes one of the best reports of the St. Louis Conference that we have read."

IOWA, 1916

73D ANNUAL

DAVENPORT

JUNE 13

FRANK SEWARD MOSES, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

NEWTON R. PARVIN, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

THOMAS ARTHUR, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Ten Past Grand Masters, in addition to numerous other Grand Lodge officers past and present, answered the roll call of this annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Before taking up a discussion of the condition of the Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa, Grand Master Moses, in his annual address, gave utterance to these patriotic words:

"We meet to-day under the beautiful flag whose very colors are symbolic in Masonry—the oldest national banner now floating in the breeze—one on which the sun never sets. It is fitting that this flag waves over a nation whose foundation and existence sprang from the earnest determination of the early Brethren of this continent that here should be a country under a government founded upon the Masonic principles of equality, liberty, and fraternity, where all who believed in these great fundamentals might find a hospitable home. * * * * *

"The history of our country is replete with the noble and successful efforts of our earlier Brothers to establish and protect a free and enlightened republic, and our honor demands that we should not fail to thoughtfully and fearlessly continue their work."

Of the interesting early history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Master Moses continues his remarks as follows:

"November 30, 1840, 11 dauntless and faithful Brethren received a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri to form a Lodge of Masons at Burlington, then the capital of the whole territory now forming several States, but merely an outpost of civilization within touch of recently hostile and savage Indians. From that first gathering around the altar of Masonry on the frontier of the great northwest to this splendid concourse of the representatives of 55,000 Masons now resident in a portion of the territory then named, meeting here amidst these evidences of civilization, peace and culture, is a wonderful contrast. But if we note the membership of this pioneer Lodge of Masons and observe that it included the Governor of the Territory, the farmer, and the mechanic alike, earnest in preserving and promulgating the principles and purposes of our order in their new home, and follow the successful steps of the early history and organization of this State, and the part our Masonic Brethren took therein, we shall not wonder that the motto adopted for this commonwealth is so truly American,—'Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain.'"

The death list of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is distressingly large. No less than 692 Brethren, including

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three honored Past Grand Masters, have gone from the walks of men into the higher and better existence of life eternal. Of these three latter—Past Grand Masters George W. Ball, Charles T. Granger, and William F. Cleveland—Grand Master Moses says: "No one can ever exactly fill the places in our Fraternity and in our hearts left vacant by the death of each of these." Two other eminent Craftsmen included in this death list were Past Junior Grand Warden William Junken Ross, and Past Junior Grand Warden Gardner D. McGaw.

Eleven corner stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge during the year—two Masonic Temples, one Federal building, one court house, and seven public schools.

No Grand Lodge within our knowledge contains more numerous and enthusiastic advocates of Masonic study than those found in Iowa. An indispensable workshop for these students is the wonderful Masonic Library—probably the largest of its kind in existence—at Cedar Rapids. The Right Worshipful Newton R. Parvin, who jointly holds the posts of Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, says of this institution:

"Never in the history of our library have we received so many distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions as during the past year. Many of these have made long journeys, coming from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the far south to spend a season in our Library looking over some special feature of our work. From the many letters we have received, they seem to have been delighted with their visit."

That our Brethren in Iowa are not altogether satisfied with the well-merited compliments paid them while living, but look forward with pleasant anticipation to additional fame of a posthumous nature, we gather from the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Masonic Research, which says:

"The proper spirit in closing this report is suggested in the story of Brother Washington, at Yorktown, when the surrender

was about to take place. He said: 'Don't huzza, boys, when they lay down their arms. Posterity will huzza for us.' In encouraging the research work you are promoting the spiritual—the immortal—side of Masonry, and 'posterity will huzza for you.' "

It is needless to say that so patriotic and up-to-date a Grand Lodge as Iowa has given its endorsement and financial support to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in the great work for which that organization was established.

The able Iowa reviewer, after quoting the commendation, by Grand Master Alderman, of North Carolina, relative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, says: "Yet, after all, he seems to make no recommendation in favor of furnishing the association with financial support, and it is money that talks." Well, since then, North Carolina has "talked" some and has officially expressed the hope that she may be able to *keep on talking* after her present subscription of five hundred dollars is paid up. Furthermore, a few individual Masons in our Grand Jurisdiction have entered themselves on the hundred-dollar life-membership list, and there have been numerous North Carolina purchasers of Brother Callahan's great work, "Washington the Man and the Mason," sold for the benefit of the same enterprise.

So, although the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has not contributed as much as it would like to, or as much as it expects to hereafter, it has not been altogether a drone in the hive of Masonry while this work is going on.

Of the decision of the Courts of North Carolina of the Bayliss libel suit in favor of the Grand Lodge, this Iowa review says:-

"When will this arch impostor be bumped hard enough to make him wake up to the futility of his efforts to harass the Grand Masonic bodies? We wonder who is furnishing him with the funds to enable him to annoy one Grand Lodge after another with these nasty law suits, that he never wins but always loses?"

After gazing on the portrait of Grand Master Hobgood in our North Carolina Proceedings of 1915, the Iowa reviewer pays a merited tribute to the great personal beauty of that Most Worshipful Brother, saying: "Alert, clean, bright, full of strength, sweetness, and light, it is a face good to look upon."

IRELAND, 1914-'15-'16

Not received.

KANSAS, 1916

60TH ANNUAL

TOPEKA

FEBRUARY 16-17

WILLIAM L. BURDICK, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

ABERT K. WILSON, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GILES H. LAMB, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

This Grand Lodge is congratulated by Grand Master Burdick, in his annual address, on reaching the sixtieth year of its age.

The death roll of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, during the year, contained the names of 554 of the Brethren. Among these were Past Grand Master David Blin Fuller, Past Grand Secretary Erasmus T. Carr, "the oldest Kansas-made Mason on the rolls of the Grand Lodge," and Past Grand Orator Alfred W. Benson.

In the course of the year the Grand Master officiated at the dedication of two Masonic Temples—one at Olathe and the other at Herington.

The Masonic Home of this Grand Lodge is located at the town of Wichita, and is designated in the Grand Master's address as "the monument to Kansas Masonry."

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is referred to in the Grand Master's address as well worthy of any encouragement which the

Grand Lodge may be disposed to give it. Referring to the North Carolina Proceedings and the Bayliss libel suit, the Kansas reviewer expresses gratification at the gift, from the Grand Lodge, of a gold watch and chain to Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., for "his valuable services as attorney in demonstrating that telling the truth about a snide organization was not a libel."

KENTUCKY, 1915

115TH ANNUAL

LOUISVILLE

OCTOBER 19-21

GEORGE B. WINSLOW, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*DAVE JACKSON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*THOMAS JEFFERSON ADAMS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

This large volume, aggregating more than five hundred pages, is filled with good matter.

Grand Master Winslow does not give the Necrology of his Grand Lodge at any length but leaves this duty to a committee. He refers to the death of Past Grand Master Warren Larue Thomas, on November 24, 1914.

In the course of his address the Grand Master reiterates his endorsement of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has appropriated \$3,000 to aid in forwarding this worthy undertaking, said appropriation to be paid in three annual instalments of \$1,000 each.

Up to the time of the meeting of this Grand Lodge the Masonic bodies of Kentucky had contributed \$1,263.10 to the Masonic fund for the relief of sufferers from the European war.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky owns and operates two Masonic Homes, and at one of these is published the *Masonic Home Journal*, a periodical devoted to the welfare of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge laid 11 corner stones, connected with various edifices, four of these being Masonic Temples or Lodge Halls.

In Kentucky a dispensation must be obtained from the Grand Master before a Lodge is allowed to install its officers publicly, and 30 of these were requested during the year. No wonder Grand Master Winslow thinks life is too short for this to continue. Referring to the subject, he says:

"I beg leave to suggest that in my opinion no Grand Master ever has or ever will refuse a dispensation to publicly install officers.

"It will be seen from the foregoing report that it was necessary for your Grand Master to issue 30 dispensations for the above purpose and write at least 30 letters.

"I see no reason why Lodges should not be permitted to publicly install officers without dispensation, just as they attend funerals and religious service without a dispensation.

"I recommend that our laws be changed to that effect and avoid this trouble, expense, inconvenience and labor for the Lodges, as well as for the Grand Master."

The review of North Carolina's Proceedings pays a high compliment to the address of Grand Orator Raymond C. Dunn, before the Grand Lodge at Raleigh, it being declared by the reviewer that: "It is one of the ablest, as it is one of the most eloquent, we have read for a long time. There are many beautiful gems of thought in it that we would like to give our readers."

LOUISIANA, 1915

104TH ANNUAL

NEW ORLEANS

FEBRUARY 1-3

JAMES H. CALDWELL, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

RICHARD LAMBERT, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

ALFRED W. CHEESMAN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

JOHN A. DAVILLA, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

Early in his address Grand Master Caldwell refers to the death of Bro. Benjamin F. Scott, Grand Steward of

the Grand Lodge, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District of Louisiana. Of the funeral of that Brother, he says: "Never was there in the 40 years of my experience in conducting such ceremonies a more sorrowful duty imposed upon me."

On the 26th of September, 1914, the Brethren in New Orleans formally opened a Masonic Club, which had been organized for social purposes and the general good of the Craft. In this Club (located in the Masonic Temple) is a room for the use of lady members of the families of the Masons who compose the organization.

At some length and with enthusiastic approbation Grand Master Caldwell refers to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and urges his Grand Lodge to do everything in its power to encourage the building of the great Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Virginia.

During the centennial celebration (January 8, 1915,) of the Battle of New Orleans, when the chief honors were paid to the memory of Bro. Andrew Jackson (Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee), several thousand Louisiana Masons participated in the parade. In this Masonic section of the parade was the mounted staff, in full uniform, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana, and also representatives of the Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters. On the Sunday following this event, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was called, and memorial ceremonies, in honor of Brother Jackson, were held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We are glad that the oration of Bro. Mendal Silber, at these religious ceremonies, is preserved in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

A noteworthy decision by the Grand Master rules that a girl, legally adopted as the daughter of a Master Mason, is entitled to the same Masonic relief as if she were the said Master Mason's own daughter.

LOUISIANA, 1916

105TH ANNUAL

NEW ORLEANS

FEBRUARY 7-9

ALFRED W. CHEESMAN, *Grand Master, 1915 (died in office).*

JOHN A. DAVILLA, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

BRITAIN B. PURSER, *Acting Grand Master, 1915-1916,
Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

For the first time in its history the Grand Lodge of Louisiana lost by death, during his incumbency in office, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, when Bro. Alfred Walter Cheesman passed from the cares of this world after seven months' service in his exalted office. In consequence of this sad event Deputy Grand Master Brittain B. Purser became Acting Grand Master, and was later elected Grand Master.

In consequence of the death of Grand Master Cheesman the duty of opening the Grand Lodge devolved upon Acting Grand Master Purser. In the latter's address, he feelingly alludes to the death of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, saying that he was stricken in actual work at his desk. Another noble Brother called by death was the Right Worshipful Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary Emeritus, who was forced by ill health to retire from the active duties of the Grand Secretary's office last year.

Among the rulings by the Grand Master and Acting Grand Master were the following:

1. *Query:* Can a Mason qualify as Worshipful Master, and be installed, who has not served a full term as Warden?

Answer: He can. Section 15 of Article VII does not require a full term, but that he shall have served as Warden.

6. *Query:* Is a Fellow Craft, who has been rejected for the M. M. degree, entitled to wear the usual badge of a Mason?

Answer: Such a one is without right to wear a Mason's badge, the usual Masonic emblem in the form of a badge or charm carrying the arrangement of the third degree, and a badge or charm indicative of the second degree would likely lead to misunderstandings.

7. *Query:* Has a Fellow Craft, who has been rejected for advancement, the right to sit in a Lodge when at work in the E. A. or F. C. degree?

Answer: He has such right in the Lodge which conferred these two degrees, but the right of visitation is, in reality, a privilege, and the objection of one member is sufficient to debar such a one from sitting in an E. A. or F. C. Lodge other than that in which he received his degree.

In the course of the review of the North Carolina Proceedings is the laconic observation: "North Carolina has had a Bayliss case. It was decided in her favor."

MAINE, 1916

97TH ANNUAL

PORTLAND

MAY 2-4

THOMAS H. BODGE, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

WALDO PETTENGILL, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

After some words of greeting and encouragement, Grand Master Bodge took occasion, in his annual address, to announce the deaths (in the year preceding) of Past Grand Masters Fessenden Irving Day and William Roscoe Green Estes, Past Junior Grand Warden John Warren Ballou and District Deputy Grand Master J. Burton Robert—all capable Craftsmen and beloved Brethren. Many other Brethren are also reported as having been freed from the burdens of life and gone to the Grand Lodge Above.

In the course of this address, the Grand Master referred to a matter which is often the subject of Masonic discussion, and said:

"The matter of the blackball still holds its usual prominent place in the [Grand Master's] correspondence. While it is doubtless true that it is occasionally used by members in an unworthy manner, I am frank to state, Brethren, I am more afraid of the misuse of the white than of the black ball. We are all human and most of us reasonably charitable, and I think we more often err in admitting those who are not suitably qualified than in rejecting those who should be accepted. * * * * If the blackball is used with discrimination, it is not likely any will be admitted who will later use it viciously."

The aggregate membership of subordinate Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine is 31,328. There are 25 Masonic Districts, each under the supervision of a District Deputy Grand Master. There are nine Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Maine now living.

MANITOBA, 1916

41ST ANNUAL

WINNIPEG

JUNE 14-15

WILLIAM FENWICK, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

JAMES A. OVAS, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

HENRY E. BLETCHER, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Though the harmony of the Craft in Manitoba is undisturbed, Grand Master Fenwick's address reminds us that peace now has no place in the British Empire at large. In part he says:

"From reports that have been received it would seem that her foes assumed that the United Kingdom was decadent, that disaffection permeated the Empire, and that disintegration would be the inevitable result of a big display of armed force. Little did they dream that their war torch would reveal the British Empire resplendent in its loyalty and devotion to the noblest ideals and traditions of the Anglo-Saxon, and standing in peerless solidarity to defend a priceless birthright—the democratic principles or bulwarks of the British body politic—to attain which our forefathers fought and bled."

Aside from furnishing many of its patriotic members for service at the front, the Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba has donated thousands of dollars to aid the Canadian Voluntary Field Hospital Contingent.

A passage in the above address refers to a state of affairs which is, unfortunately, not confined to Manitoba. The Grand Master says:

"I deplore the absence of Past Masters from too many meetings. One who assumed the responsibility of leader and teacher should be imbued with sufficient sincerity of purpose to try to be

helpful. Such defection, if general, would weaken seriously the organization in Manitoba, and have the further effect of influencing new and young members to absent themselves from Lodge meetings. The habit, once acquired, grows rapidly until it reaches complete and careless indifference."

In recounting the dispensations granted by him the Grand Master refers to one as follows:

"The only case submitted for my decision that could be associated with contentious criticism, by those unfamiliar with all its phases, was a petition for initiation from a citizen of Brandon. The gentleman in question had lost his right leg. An artificial leg enabled him (unassisted by a cane) to kneel, move about freely, and generally to attend to his business affairs. Indeed, I have no reason to believe that in any degree were his business interests prejudiced by the loss of his leg. Having for many years known the applicant favorably, and in view of the fact that his capacity and thrift had placed him in comfortable circumstances financially, and that there was thus no likelihood of his becoming a charge upon the Order, I was encouraged to grant permission to receive his petition."

The Grand Master has strong words of endorsement and praise for the custom of district meetings, for the practice of using circulating Masonic Libraries, and for other matters which he conceives to be calculated to promote the welfare of the Craft.

MARYLAND, 1915

129TH ANNUAL

BALTIMORE

NOVEMBER 16

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

GEORGE COOK, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

From the Maryland Proceedings we miss the Grand Master's annual address which usually appears in similar publications; but, when we consider that Grand Master Shryock has been continuously in office for about a third of a century, we may conjecture that he has heretofore

communicated to the assembled Craft of his Grand Jurisdiction so much good counsel that he deems the Brethren do not need more. This supposition of ours is strengthened by a perusal of the two-line report of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances which says that "no appeals or cases of grievance have been referred to it." When such delightful harmony exists, what use is there for the fatherly injunctions and admonitions usually found in a Grand Master's address?

The Board of Relief reports to the Grand Lodge that its members respond promptly to calls to visit the sick, and have sought to find employment for many Brethren in need of work.

Good reports from the Board of Grand Inspectors, from the Grand Lecturer, and from the Committee on the Museum (the last named being most interesting) also appear.

An eminent and zealous member of the Craft was lost to the Grand Lodge of Maryland when Past Grand Master John Merriken Carter was called from his earthly labors on July 3, 1915.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is most handsomely recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland which, as a body, has subscribed \$5,000 to this great work in addition to what is given by subordinate Lodges and individual Brethren within its jurisdiction.

An interesting historical incident connected with this communication of the Grand Lodge, was when Grand Master Shryock called attention to the fact that the Most Worshipful Charles Gilman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland from 1842 to 1848, had been a pioneer of Masonry in the State of California, and that the Grand Lodge of California owned no portrait of him. It was thereupon moved, and the motion was carried, that Grand Master Shryock be delegated to have a copy of portrait of Grand Master Gilman painted and presented to the Grand Lodge of California with the compliments of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1914

181ST ANNUAL

BOSTON

DECEMBER 29

MELVIN M. JOHNSON, *Grand Master, 1913-1914.*THOMAS W. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary, 1913-1914.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1914-1915.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1914-1915.

(DIED DECEMBER 28, 1914)

The Massachusetts volume of Proceedings for 1914 contains the record of ten special communications and four quarterly communications, in addition to the stated communication.

This volume is most valuable historically. On pages 160-173 is a list of portraits of Past Grand Masters, including such Revolutionary notables as Joseph Warren and Paul Revere. Another portrait, of still earlier date, and one possessing some interest to North Carolina Masons, is of the Right Worshipful Henry Price, of Boston, who on December 30, 1767, commissioned Thomas Cooper, of Pitt County, North Carolina, to be Deputy Grand Master within the Province of North Carolina. In his commission to Cooper, Brother Price designated himself "Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of all such places in North America where no other Grand Master is appointed."

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which is now engaged in the work of building a Masonic Temple in Alexandria, Virginia, as a memorial to George Washington.

In this volume, pp. 243-288, is an interesting historical address by the Grand Master, on the subject of Massachusetts Masonry, wherein he essays to demolish "the fallacious claim that Pennsylvania is the Mother of Freemasonry in America," as contended by Bro. Julius F. Sachse, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. One interesting statement in this address relates to North

Carolina, *i. e.*, the statement that before Grand Master Price appointed a Deputy Grand Master [Thomas Cooper] in North Carolina in 1767, Grand Master Gridley had issued a charter to North Carolina, "date unknown." It would greatly interest North Carolina Masons to know more of this earlier charter by Grand Master Gridley.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts maintains a Masonic Home at Charlton, and it is of a character well calculated to inspire the pride of Masons in that Grand Jurisdiction.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1915

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BOSTON

DECEMBER 28

MELVIN M. JOHNSON, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

One stated communication, four quarterly communications, and ten special communications, of the Grand Lodge, make up the Massachusetts Proceedings for 1915.

Massachusetts has never had a Committee on Foreign Correspondence to review the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges; and, at the quarterly communication of March 10, 1915, Grand Master Johnson suggested that a special committee be appointed to consider whether or not the formation of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence were desirable. At the next quarterly communication, said special committee submitted a lengthy report advising against the establishment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and this report was adopted.

In these Proceedings Grand Master Johnson makes a rejoinder to an article by Grand Master Eggleston, of Virginia, on the subject of the oldest Grand Lodge in America.

Having lost some valuable portraits of Past Grand Masters in a fire, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is now taking no chances along this line, but has had colored photographs made of the portraits in its present collection, these photographs to be used to copy from in the event that a further loss of portraits should be sustained. Another matter of historical interest is the determination by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to erect a monument to the memory of the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley, the fourth Provincial Deputy Grand Master presiding over the Grand Lodge at Boston in colonial days.

Among the losses by death recently sustained by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts may be mentioned the names of Grand Secretary Thomas W. Davis, Past Deputy Grand Master Henry A. Belcher, Past Grand Master Charles C. Hutchinson, and Past Senior Grand Warden Elias P. Morton.

MICHIGAN, 1916

72D ANNUAL

BATTLE CREEK

MAY 23-24

GEORGE L. LUSK, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

LOU B. WINSOR, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

JOHN H. HAWKS, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

After his introductory remarks Grand Master Lusk adverts to the deaths of some eminent members of the Craft in 24 sister Grand Jurisdictions, and later on tells us of the loss sustained by his own Grand Lodge when Past Grand Master William T. Mitchell laid aside the working tools of life on the 6th day of February, 1916.

In describing the Masonic Home, maintained by the Grand Lodge of Michigan the Grand Master says:

“Your Masonic Home, in all its material aspects, is in first-class condition. It is in a good state of repair; it is kept in the

pink of condition, cleanly and wholesome; it is inviting and cheerful; it is in the best sense a home."

Six pages in this volume are devoted to an endorsement of the work, present and prospective, of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia. The Grand Lodge of Michigan is one of the most liberal financial contributors to this great undertaking.

The Grand Master is emphatic in his disapproval of the numerous "side degrees"—or should we call them snide degrees?—with their grotesque street parades under the name of Masonry. These, he declares, "are not for the highest good of the Brethren themselves or the institution we love and here represent."

In referring to the North Carolina volume of Proceedings the Michigan reviewer cannot withhold his admiration of the portrait of "the fine-looking newly elected Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr."

MINNESOTA, 1916

63D ANNUAL

ST. PAUL

JANUARY 19-20

HARRY M. BURNAM, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

JOHN FISHEL, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

ALFRED G. PINKHAM, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Like many other Grand Masters, the Most Worshipful Harry M. Burnam expresses thankfulness, in the opening of his annual address, that America is not involved in the horrors of the European war now raging.

The death list of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for the preceding year, includes Past Senior Grand Warden Edgar Nash, Past Grand Secretary William Solomon Combs, and 382 other Brethren of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master expresses regret at not having been able to attend the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, Virginia, Bro. Halvor Steenerson, Member of Congress from the Ninth Minnesota District, acted as his proxy.

Minnesota now has a Masonic Home in course of construction, and the Grand Master urges the speedy completion of this worthy charity.

The report of the Committee on Necrology tells of the passing away of many esteemed and zealous Brethren in 25 sister jurisdictions of the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Bro. John F. D. Meighen, Grand Orator, delivered an address well worthy of the perusal of those interested in the principles of Masonry.

MISSISSIPPI, 1916

98TH ANNUAL GREENVILLE FEBRUARY 15-16

JESSE M. BROOKS, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GEORGE B. POWER, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In the "Prologue" to his annual address, the Most Worshipful Jesse M. Brooks, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, says:

"There is within the heart of every man that God-given principle which leads towards the recognition of an ideal man, who forgets self and 'seeks his own in another's good,' and, the nearer an individual or a collection of individuals approaches this ideal, the more does he or it command and deserve the admiration of the world. Measured by this standard of unselfishness and disinterested helpfulness, there is no other organized body in the civilized world that is more entitled to the respect and admiration of men than the great body of Freemasonry which you, my Brethren, represent to-day. Having existed from time immemorial, this noble institution now stands and has always stood for the noblest

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and best in human nature—for the alleviation of human suffering, for the surcease of human sorrow, for the enhancement of human joys, and the betterment of mankind.”

Two of the foremost Craftsmen of Mississippi were called to the Grand Lodge Above during the year preceding the meeting of this Grand Lodge. These were Past Grand Master John Y. Murry, a beloved physician and zealous Mason (of North Carolina paternity), and Grand Lecturer Allen M. Hicks, “for years the foremost ritualist in the State, and in close touch with every activity of the Grand Lodge.” These two Brethren, says Grand Master Brooks, are missed sorely and mourned sincerely. The Grand Master also makes mention of the distinguished dead in 21 other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Masonic Home is given unstinted praise in the Grand Master’s address, being declared to be an institution of which every Mason in Mississippi may well be proud.

It will be remembered that, a few years ago, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi passed resolutions which were supposed to sever completely the fraternal relations of that Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in consequence of the fact that the said Grand Lodge of New Jersey admitted negroes to the rights of Masonry, and that some New Jersey subordinate Lodges were composed almost entirely, if not altogether, of negroes. The former action of Mississippi, in this matter, was modified or defined by the passage of the following resolution at the communication of the said Grand Lodge of Mississippi, held in 1916:

“WHEREAS, Difficulty and uncertainty have arisen in the construction of the report of the special committee to whom was referred so much of Grand Master Martin’s address delivered at the Grand Communication of 1909 as referred to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and its action in making Masons of negroes, etc., and

“WHEREAS, It is the manifest purpose and intent of this Grand Jurisdiction to adhere to the fundamental principles therein announced;

"Therefore, Without modification or detraction from the position assumed by this Grand Jurisdiction on negro Masonry as announced in the report of the special committee in 1910, but for the two-fold purpose of removing all ambiguity from the intent and meaning of said report and of extending to individual Masons of every Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction as regular, and especially of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey, other than members of Alpha Lodge, that recognition, courtesy, and brotherly consideration to which they are of right entitled.

"Be it therefore Resolved, That no Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction may affiliate with or hold intercourse with any Mason of any other Grand Jurisdiction who is an affiliate of a subordinate Lodge in such Grand Jurisdiction, among the membership of which subordinate Lodge there are negroes or a negro."

The review of the North Carolina Proceedings of 1915, contained in this volume of the Mississippi Proceedings, highly compliments the addresses by Grand Orator Raymond C. Dunn and Bro. J. C. Kittrell, reprinting copious extracts from both.

MISSOURI, 1915

95TH ANNUAL

ST. LOUIS

SEPTEMBER 28-29

TOLMAN W. COTTON, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

JOHN R. PARSON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

FRANK R. JESSE, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

This communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, assembled in St. Louis, was formally welcomed by Bro. Henry W. Kiel, Mayor of the city, this address of welcome by the city's chief executive being responded to by Past Grand Master James W. Boyd, who, in the course of his remarks, stated that there were, within the city of St. Louis, 12,800 Masons and 30 subordinate Lodges.

In the annual address by Grand Master Cotton is inserted a letter formerly issued by him on the subject of intemperance, gambling, and profanity. In this are timely admonitions (timely in all Grand Jurisdictions)

against these Masonic crimes. Of the last mentioned he says:

"We can sympathize with the man who has failed in the performance of some important duty; we can appreciate why men might become intemperate in the use of intoxicating liquors; we can understand why men will gamble for money, but we can *not* understand why a man who has been 'raised' to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and who has been taught 'never to mention God's name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator,' can habitually and wilfully profane the sacred name of Deity."

Another pronouncement, on the subject of Masonic morals, is made by the Grand Master when he says:

"One Master addressed me inquiring whether there is a specific statute prohibiting adultery. I answer that 'A Beautiful System of Morals' needs no 'Specific Statutes' on practices that are positively immoral. The foundation principles on which the Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons rests, stand as a protest to libertinism and debauchery, while the Great Light of Freemasonry, which adorns the altar of every Masonic Lodge, will enlighten those who feel that a specific statute is needful to clarify this subject."

Probably the most notable Masonic event of the year, in Missouri—certainly the most notable public event—was the laying of the corner stone of the new State Capitol at Jefferson City by the Grand Lodge (Grand Master Cotton presiding) on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1915.

Concerning the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and its efforts to build at Alexandria (a few miles from our National Capital) a Masonic Temple to the memory of the illustrious Bro. George Washington, both Grand Master Cotton and a special committee are strong in commendation.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri has a Masonic Home in the course of erection which will doubtless be a great blessing to the Fraternity when finished.

MONTANA, 1914

50TH ANNUAL

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SEPTEMBER 16-17

O. F. WASMANSDORFF, *Grand Master, 1913-1914.*

CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., *Grand Secretary, 1913-1914.*

LEWIS A. SMITH, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1914-1915.

This Grand Lodge, at the communication now under consideration, rounded up the first half century of its existence, and proper ceremonies commemorated its semi-centennial.

Among the Brethren called from the labors of life is noted the name of the Right Worshipful Fielding L. Graves, Past Junior Warden.

Five Lodges, under dispensation, began their Masonic life in the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana during the year.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, mentions numerous invitations received by him during the year, among these being one to the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and another to the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The Masonic Home Trustees tell us, in their report, that three new guests were admitted during the year and two died. One generous Mason, Bro. Charles Weitfle, was so much impressed by a visit to the home that he later sent the institution a piano, together with a gift of one thousand dollars in money.

One committee, in its report, pays the following handsome tribute to the retiring Grand Master:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master Wasmansdorff has proved himself a most able general in marshalling all the forces at his command, in advancing the cause of Masonry within this jurisdiction. Aside from that, he is a man of most pleasing personality; one of those men who, on knowing you, loosens the heart strings of fraternal love; one whose friendship makes you feel better and nobler. We realize that he feels deeply the honor this Grand Lodge

has bestowed on him, and in his ministration of official duties his heart was his guide, and he ends his term full of our sincerest admiration, love, and respect; and Masonry's resplendent lustre has been given added rays through his wearing the Royal Purple of our Fraternity. May his years of usefulness be many and Eternal Jehovah's blessings fall on all his undertakings!"

The Grand Master says that this Grand Lodge, two years ago, appointed a special committee, with the Most Worshipful A. C. Logan as chairman, to report whether it be desirable for Montana to join the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; that Brother Logan failed to report in 1913, but has promised a report at the 1914 communication. However, we find no traces of Brother Logan or his report on the later pages, so fear some accident has befallen him.

MONTANA, 1915

51ST ANNUAL GREAT FALLS SEPTEMBER 15-16

LEWIS A. SMITH, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

W. H. ALLEN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In the beginning of his address Grand Master Smith expresses profound regret at the non-fulfilment of the hopes indulged in last year, that the war might terminate ere now and peace on earth reign supreme but he voices a deep thankfulness that our own America has escaped the horrors of this international conflict.

No Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Montana passed from earth during the year preceding this communication of the Grand Lodge, but many useful Craftsmen, including 12 Past Masters, were called upon to answer the summons from this life to life eternal.

The Grand Master commends the work of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and

expresses regret at having been unable to accept an invitation to be present in Alexandria, Virginia, at a meeting of that organization.

A society in London known as "the Belgian Soldiers' Tobacco Fund Committee" made an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Montana. "This appeal," says the Grand Master, "while setting forth, in touching words, the terrible condition of starvation and want then existing in Belgium, stated that this fund would be used to supply the soldiers with tobacco and cigarettes." Grand Master Smith evidently is not guided by the saying "give us the luxuries of life and we can do without the necessities," for he turned down the appeal with the observation that what money the Brethren could give would be better employed if used to buy bread and clothing for the hungry and insufficiently clad sufferers of this horrible war. And speaking of tobacco reminds us that the Grand Lodge of Montana passed a resolution, at this communication, forbidding the Brethren to smoke in a Lodge while degrees are being conferred.

Of one Reverend Brother, residing within the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana, the Grand Secretary says, in his annual report:

"An interesting item was disclosed during the year by the discovery that Bro. E. S. Williamson, Senior Warden of the new Lodge at Redstone, had been a petitioner for Libby Lodge, No. 85, and Columbia Falls Lodge, No. 89, in turn. This makes the third Lodge he has helped to organize, and entitles him to be classed as a professional petitioner for new Lodges. It is almost needless to add that Brother Williamson is a Methodist minister, thus accounting for his frequent changes of residence, which might otherwise look suspicious."

The Grand Lodge of Montana owns a Masonic Home, and is planning work to reclaim delinquent girls in addition to its labors on behalf of the orphans.

NEBRASKA, 1916

59TH ANNUAL

OMAHA

JUNE 6-7

SAMUEL S. WHITING, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*FRANCIS E. WHITE, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*ANDREW H. VIELE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In the brief space of one year this Grand Lodge has suffered the appalling death loss of five Past Grand Masters—the Most Worshipful Bros. Edward Kimball Valentine, Charles J. Phelps, John Bell Dinsmore, Albert Wallace Crites, and William A. DeBord. About 275 Nebraska Brethren, in all, answered the final summons during the year.

The Masonic Home of Nebraska is reported to be on a firm foundation. Of it the Grand Master says:

“From my observation and all the information available, I believe our Home is very properly and economically managed. *
* * * Every dollar that comes to the home is accounted for, and the accounts show the source from which the several funds come. Every dollar that is expended, and the purpose for which it is expended, is shown in a detailed manner.”

Among the gifts to this institution during the year was \$1,000 from Past Grand Master William E. Hill, now a resident of Los Angeles, California.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska also maintains two Orphans' Homes for the care of both boys and girls.

The corner stones laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge during the year were for a Library building at Broken Bow; a building of the Normal Training School, at Peru; the Masonic Home for Girls, at Fremont; the Auditorium, at Polk; the Masonic Temple, at Anselmo; and the Auditorium of the Normal School, at Kearney.

The death of Past Grand Master Phelps, heretofore mentioned, left a vacancy in the office of the reviewer of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges for the Com-

mittee on Correspondence, and the position was filled by the appointment of Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master were the following: 1. A lodge room cannot be legally dedicated if it is occupied by other bodies unless they are auxiliary bodies; 2. A candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees in Masonry.

Among the committees in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is the Committee on the Promotion of the World's Peace. Verily these Brethren have a "man's job" on their hands, and we wish them speedy and unbounded success.

The Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association recommended that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska join in the work. In the course of its report, the committee says:

"This Memorial to Washington the Mason will be erected and future ages will read the Honor Roll, and the question for this Grand Lodge at this time is: will our name be written there?"

The omission of the fair name of Nebraska would indeed be unfortunate; so write it now, Brethren, as the time cometh when no man can write.

NEVADA, 1916

52D ANNUAL

RENO

JUNE 13-14

BENJAMIN W. COLEMAN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

ALFRED W. HOLMES, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

As a cause for thanksgiving in the Order, Grand Master Coleman's annual address says:

"The Supreme Grand Master of the Universe has not only blessed and prospered our nation, but has lent inspiration to our Order, and it to-day stands before the world, as it has always stood, panoplied in the armor of righteousness, inviting the coöpera-

tion of all honorable men in the promotion of the loftier sentiments of humanity."

No deaths among the present or past officers of the Grand Lodge occurred during the year.

Nineteen visitations in the course of a year's time are recorded by the Grand Master. During the whole of his terms he says it was not necessary for him to decide any question of sufficient importance to justify reporting it to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Coleman was unable to attend the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in Alexandria, Virginia, but appointed Bro. William H. Sands, of Richmond, Virginia, to act as his proxy. The report of the Grand Secretary likewise refers to this organization. Reference is also made by the Grand Secretary to the bi-centennial of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, which anniversary will occur on June 24, 1917.

We are glad to note that this Grand Lodge has under consideration the establishment of a Masonic Home for the shelter of aged members of our Order and their widows and orphans. We wish our Nevada Brethren great success in this laudable undertaking.

The Grand Lodge being in session on Flag Day—June 14th—patriotic proceedings in honor of the occasion were observed.

An appropriation for a donation to the Young Womens' Christian Association was made by the Grand Lodge at this session.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Lloyd B. Thomas, took for his subject: "The Trowel—The Implement of International Peace."

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1915

48TH ANNUAL

ST. JOHN

APRIL 6-7

HEDLEY V. B. BRIDGES, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

J. TWINING HARTT, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

As in all British dominions, the Masons of New Brunswick give evidence, in their Proceedings, of the war in which their Mother Country is now engaged. In the Grand Master's annual address, he says:

"Freemasonry has ever flourished in times of peace. Masonry has always deplored the miseries and suffering which are the inevitable consequences of war, but we must feel to-day that wishes for peace are inopportune and useless, and not until the principles of truth and justice and liberty have finally triumphed and prevailed, can we hope for peace that will be permanent and lasting."

In the necrological list set forth in this address are many names of useful members of the Craft who have been summoned from their earthly labors.

This Grand Lodge voted \$500 to the Canada Lodge Field Hospital and \$100 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund—both in aid of the British forces now at war.

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address tells us that there were 5,000 Masons in the First Canadian Expeditionary Force, and adds: "If Masonry stands for anything in this Empire, it stands unswearingly erect for the Crown and Throne of England."

Reports show that during the year, there were 49 deaths, a like number of withdrawals, 39 suspensions and 6 re-instatements. The present membership of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is 3,685.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1916

127TH ANNUAL

CONCORD

MAY 17

STEPHEN S. JEWETT, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

HARRY M. CHENEY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GEORGE E. BALES, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Early in his address, Grand Master Jewett announces to the Craft the deaths of three eminent members, viz.: Past Grand Master William Russell Burleigh, Past District Deputy Grand Master Arthur Stanley Bunton, and Past District Deputy Grand Master George Olney Woodcock.

The Grand Master strongly endorses the work being done by the Masonic Home. He recommends the enlargement of that institution, and the addition of a hospital to its equipment.

Though unable to be present in person, Grand Master Jewett had a proxy, in the person of Past Grand Master Charles H. Wiggin, at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and words of deserved commendation are given the great enterprise being promoted by that organization.

A brief sketch of the life of the great Revolutionary patriot, Major General John Sullivan, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, is given by Grand Master Jewett, who declares that this distinguished Brother's services should be memorialized by New Hampshire with a statue in the capital of the State. Of Brother Sullivan he says, in part:

"Far be it from me to, in the least degree, detract from the fame that clusters about the name of any distinguished citizen of this State, yet I say, in all sincerity, that no man who ever lived within the confines of this State is more deserving of a memorial commemorating his services to the State and the country, in its hour of need, than JOHN SULLIVAN. The State of New Hampshire should not longer delay in doing honor to this upright, exemplary, and distinguished citizen, whose name will occupy a distinguished place on the pages of the history of this State and Nation so long as history exists."

In this day of too many statues to the undistinguished dead, we are glad to see one suggested to this great and deserving patriot, one of Washington's most trusted officers, who was thanked twice by special resolutions of Congress for his work at Quaker Hill and against the Indians, was twice a member of the Continental Congress, twice Chief Executive of the State of New Hampshire, Speaker of the House of Commons in that State, and Judge of the United States District Court, in addition to the high Masonic honors which he held.

Grand Master Jewett reports the number of Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire to be 11,058—a net gain of 148 over last year.

NEW JERSEY, 1916

129TH ANNUAL

TRENTON

APRIL 19-20

EDWARD M. SEARING, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

THEO. B. TOWNLEY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

WILLIAM R. MEAKLE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

These Proceedings inform us of the death of the Most Worshipful Hamilton Wallis, "Dean of the Past Grand Masters" of the Grand Lodge, and 86 other Brethren.

Like nearly all other Grand Jurisdictions, New Jersey owns a Masonic Home. The building has been enlarged, and equipped with a chapel, hospital, elevator, and other needful additions.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Jurisdictions of New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, were present at this communication of New Jersey and were received with the honors befitting their rank.

An organization known as the Masonic Employment Bureau was established in New Jersey in 1914 by the Masons of Essex and Hudson Counties, and has been of great benefit to many Brethren seeking employment.

This bureau has the official endorsement of the Grand Lodge.

Some very beautiful illustrations are given in this volume of various Masonic Temples and Halls throughout New Jersey.

The Grand Secretary reports that there are now 42,257 Masons in New Jersey, being a gain of 1,688 over last year.

NEW MEXICO, 1915

38TH ANNUAL

ALBUQUERQUE

OCTOBER 11-13

RALEIGH F. HARE, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

AMOS W. POLLARD, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

The Most Worshipful Raleigh F. Hare, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, says in his annual address:

"Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to our brothers and fellows who have for fifteen months been engaged in by far the bloodiest conflict the world has ever seen. Let us be grateful that our country has not yet become involved. This is indeed a time when the world needs an institution whose underlying principle is the Brotherhood of Man. Freemasonry stands for liberty, justice, and equality. It has and will always continue to be one of the foremost agencies in establishing universal peace. It is now one of the strongest agencies for the moulding of public sentiment in the United States in an effort to maintain honorable peace for our country."

Fifty-seven members of the Craft in New Mexico (including Past Grand Master Henry L. Waldo) passed to the Temple Above in the year preceding this communication of the Grand Lodge; and some of the more distinguished Fraternal Dead in 24 sister Grand Jurisdictions are also mentioned in this annual address.

Among the decisions rendered by Grand Master Hare, during the year, we note the following:

1. Is a candidate who has had the first two fingers of his right hand amputated at the second joint eligible to receive the degrees?

"I held that the Lodge should determine whether the applicant could conform to the letter and spirit of the ceremonies of the Fraternity and that, in my opinion, the loss of his two fingers at the second joint would not render him ineligible.

"2. Is a M. M. in possession of all his Masonic rights after charges have been preferred, but before he has been tried? Can he prefer charges against a Brother Mason?

"He is in possession of all his rights as a Mason, and can prefer charges against any Brother.

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"8. How can the advancement of an Entered Apprentice be prevented?

"Only by an objection that is sustained by a majority vote of the Lodge.

"9. I ruled that non-Masonic pallbearers could serve at a Masonic funeral. (Page 262, Section 485, Masonic Law.)

"10. Charges are preferred against a M. M., who files counter charges against the Brother preferring the original charge. If the Brother, against whom the original charge was made, is suspended at a special meeting, before the counter charges could be acted upon at a regular meeting, are his charges valid?

"No. (See Mackay's Jurisprudence, p. 528.)

"To make the counter charges effective they must now be made by some Brother in good standing."

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico is a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; and has also taken up an historical enterprise of its own by buying, for preservation, the home of the famous pioneer and plainsman, Bro. Kit Carson, one of the earliest members of the Craft in that section.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1915

27TH ANNUAL

SYDNEY

JUNE 24

WILLIAM THOMPSON, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

ARTHUR H. BRAY, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

This volume of Proceedings covers four quarterly communications and two special communications—the term, annual communication, not being used by these far-away Brethren of ours.

That Masonry is a living force in New South Wales needs no further proof after reading these pages. At the installation of the Grand Master, on June 24, 1914, more than 3,000 Masons were present, not only from different points in New South Wales, but from remote parts of the Australian Continent.

In recounting the official visitations paid by him in the preceding year, the Grand Master speaks of laying the corner stone of a Temple at Gunnedah. It is evident that exorbitant rents did not force this Lodge to build, as their former meeting-place was in a building owned by Brother Cock who charged one shilling per annum for its use. Grand Master Thompson further says: "Here I had the pleasure of meeting our oldest initiate, Brother Peters, who, at the age of 87, has just joined the Craft."

At the quarterly communication of June 9, 1915, the Grand Master reports the death (in England) of the Most Worshipful the Earl of Jersey, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales—"a most kindly and distinguished ruler of the Craft."

In the great World War New South Wales has proved itself loyal and true to the great Empire of which it is one of the "Dominions Beyond the Seas," and the Masons have been second to none in patriotism. Many of these are now at the front; and, under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, are exempt from the payment of dues while in the service. Several thousand pounds have been subscribed by the Masons to the New South Wales part of the Patriotic Fund; and one Lodge (Victoria, at Ashfield) alone contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund the sum of one thousand pounds, this being equivalent to nearly five thousand dollars. Concerning the war, Grand Master Thompson said in his annual address on June 24, 1915:

"During the year an appeal was made to the Lodges for the National Patriotic Fund, and this resulted in a sum of £2,546 being handed over to the proper authority. We are now receiving returns from Lodges of all our Brethren serving at the front, with a view to remitting their dues, as authorized by the last communication of the Grand Lodge. In all probability this number will total about 600. Many of our Brethren have already yielded up their lives upon the field of honor; many have been wounded and possibly incapacitated for life. Our charity is universal and knows no bounds, yet I think we should make some special effort for the relief of these noble Brethren or their sorrowing dependents; and I have asked our Board of General Purposes to consider, and, if they approve, authorize some action in this direction."

In the Province of New South Wales there are about 21,000 Masons, more than 2,500 having been added in a year's time.

NEW ZEALAND, 1913

24TH ANNUAL

AUCKLAND

MAY 14-15

MAURICE THOMPSON, *Grand Master, 1912-1913.*

MALCOM NICCOL, *Grand Secretary, 1912-1913.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1913-1914.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1913-1914.

A perusal of this volume shows that the Brethren in New Zealand are practisers of the Masonic virtue of Relief, and their "Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund" is doing much good among the Brethren or their surviving dependents by the payment to them of annuities.

Seven new Lodges and a Lodge of Instruction were chartered during the year.

A dispute of long standing between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand seems now adjusted, we are happy to note, the Grand Master of New Zealand being authorized by his Grand Lodge to sign the articles of agreement tendered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, specifying the respective jurisdiction of the two Grand Lodges over subordinate Lodges in New Zealand.

There is one Provincial Grand Lodge—of the District of Canterbury—under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

In concluding his annual address, the Grand Master uses the following exhortation:

“Let us confine our efforts to the cultivation of those cardinal virtues which form the basis of our Fraternity. Churches will look after religion, the press caters for every shade of politician, temperance societies and the ballot will in time settle the license question, and a man’s individual efforts through life will decide the class he belongs to. These all leave to us a common ground upon which even the strenuous partisans of any of the questions referred to may meet without disagreement in the practice of our beautiful ceremonies and at our social board.

“This, to my mind, is our real work. We do not profess to form character, for we ask that a man’s character shall be already formed before we admit him, but we endeavor to develop what is best in him upon broad lines, leaving all narrowing influences and discussions outside our doors. To do this we must see that passing questions of debatable matter are rigidly excluded.”

Included in this volume are two interesting lectures: “The Origin of Speculative Masonry,” by Bro. W. G. Mehaffey; and “Symbolism,” by the some Brother.

NEW ZEALAND, 1914

25TH ANNUAL

CHRIST CHURCH

MAY 13-14

MAURICE THOMPSON, *Grand Master, 1913-1914.*

MALCOM NICCOL, *Grand Secretary, 1913-1914.*

JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1914-1915.

Among the losses by death sustained by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was that of the Most Worshipful Alfred H. Burton, Past Grand Master, which occurred on the 2d day of February, 1914. This distinguished Craftsman was a constant attendant at communications of the Grand Lodge, and an active promoter of all the good works of Masonry.

The managers of the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund are here shown to be keeping up the great work for which that fund was created.

We learn from this volume that the articles of agreement, closing the former controversy with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, have received the respective signatures of Grand Master Thompson, of New Zealand, and the Marquis of Tullibardine, "Grand Master Mason" of Scotland, thus ending the strained relations of the two Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Master Dougall, after his installation, delivered an able address from which we make this brief extract.

"Freemasonry has been and still is the pioneer of the highest type of civilization. Equality and Fraternity are its watchwords. Within the doors of the Lodge prince and peasant meet on a common level. Merit, and merit alone, is the passport to its privileges. Distinctions of social rank are abolished. It seeks to ameliorate the condition of the humble and lowly. It impresses upon the mighty the duty and obligation of the brotherhood of man. It fosters liberty and justice. It demands virtue, respect, and honorable conduct from its votaries. Its influence is felt in every quarter of the globe, and that influence is invariably directed in the preservation of law, order, and sound government. Through the ages it has never varied its ideals. It deals not in politics, and in no way trenches on religion. But it ever strives to mitigate or destroy international or internal animosities, and to bring the peoples of the earth into closer or more harmonious communion with each other. It is a world-power, whose object is peace and good-will among men."

Among the lectures included in this volume of Proceedings are the following: "Our Brethren of Old," by Bro. W. G. Mehaffey; "Lessons of the First Degree," by Bro. T. W. Roe; and "The Mission of Freemasonry," by Bro. H. B. Bridge.

NEW ZEALAND, 1915

26TH ANNUAL

WELLINGTON

MAY 12-13

JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*MALCOM NICCOL, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

This 26th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand marks the 25th anniversary of its foundation, and it is greatly blessed with all the vigor of youth, for it now has under its jurisdiction nearly 14,000 Masons and 198 subordinate Lodges.

In the opening address of Grand Master Dougall before this Grand Lodge, he expresses the distress felt by all British subjects on account of the suffering and loss of life among friends and Brethren in the World War now in progress, but he likewise voices a laudable pride in the fact that New Zealanders have not held back in this hour of trial. In part he says:

"Whilst we thus express our sorrow for the cost we are called upon to pay, let us not withhold our tribute of admiration for the magnificent manner in which our New Zealand troops have assisted in upholding the honour and glory of the British name. They have indeed proved themselves worthy scions of a sturdy race, and we have every reason to be proud of the part our men are playing in this great drama."

In addition to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, which has heretofore been such a blessing, a Special Benevolent Fund, for sufferers by the war, has also been started and has received subscriptions to such an extent that, on a business basis of calculation made in April, 1915, by the Grand Secretary, it would, by the end of 1915, reach over 7,000 pounds—or upwards of \$35,000 in American money.

In this volume, 20 pages (4-24) are devoted to the observance of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge, among the interesting productions included in this observance being an historical address by Grand Master Dougall.

In this volume are the instructive historical addresses usually found in the New Zealand Proceedings, these being: "An Inquiry Into the Freemasonry of Today," by Bro. H. B. Bridge; "Stonemasons of the Middle Ages," by Bro. W. G. Mehaffey; and "A Female Historian of Masonry" (Mrs. Edith Osborne Blake), by Bro. T. W. Rowe.

NEW YORK, 1916

135TH ANNUAL

NEW YORK CITY

MAY 2-4

GEORGE FREIFELD, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

THOMAS PENNEY, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

This Grand Lodge, with its membership of 205,272, ranks first in numbers among the Grand Jurisdictions of America. In his annual address Grand Master Freifeld devotes the opening pages to some of the Fraternal Dead in his own and sister Grand Lodges. Among the New York members of the Fraternity who have passed away was one Past Grand Master in the person of the Most Worshipful Charles W. Mead.

The Grand Lodge of New York maintains Homes for the aged and the orphans at Utica. There is also a home at Tappan, maintained by German members of the Grand Lodge.

Employment Bureaus, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, have done much to secure work for Brethren unable to find it.

Concerning the war in Europe, and its numberless horrors, the Grand Master speaks most feelingly, and also refers to relief work in these words:

"All honor to the thousands of men and women who have given of their substance to alleviate the sufferings visited upon innocent and participant by this war. The glory shifts from the gory warrior to the man or woman who with kindly ministration resuscitates the victim of the warrior's sword."

Among the Masonic committees and organizations in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York are the Committee on Antiquities (with its museum in the Masonic Temple), the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, and the German Masonic Temple Association.

The Grand Master called attention to the Bicentenary of the organization in 1717 of the Grand Lodge of England—the first Grand Lodge ever established—and stated that it would occur next year, the central point of celebration being in London. He also expressed the hope that, before then, the great war would be ended and the Brethren have an opportunity to commemorate in peace this interesting event. A special committee of 11 was thereupon appointed to take this matter under consideration.

In these Proceedings is an interesting historical address by Bro. Ossian Lang, the Grand Historian, this being in two sections (pages 190-198, 253-262).

NORTH DAKOTA, 1916

27TH ANNUAL

FARGO

JUNE 20

HARRY LORD, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

The most notable loss suffered by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, in the year preceding this annual communication, was when Past Grand Master Halfdan Bendeke was called from the labors of life on September 23, 1915. Of this eminent Brother, Grand Master Lord says:

“He was indeed a princely man; that fine physique, the splendid face and form, marked him everywhere. His character was strong and his personality charming, and it seems to me that he was the embodiment of all that was desirable in a man. His home, at times of Masonic meetings, was always the center of the

most generous and unaffected hospitality. The honors paid him by the Brethren of Grand Forks and North Dakota testified, in the most striking manner, to his worth."

Memorial services in honor of the aforementioned Most Worshipful Brother were held while this Grand Lodge was in session, eight pages being devoted to memorializing his great services to Masonry.

The Grand Master tells us that, on May 18, 1916, he dedicated a Temple costing \$50,000, located at the town of Devil's Lake. In the never-ceasing warfare between the Masons and the Devil, we wish success to the Brethren in their efforts to win from His Satanic Majesty this municipal namesake of his.

Among the Grand Master's recommendations was one that a special committee be appointed to take steps for a proper observance of the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England—the Mother Grand Lodge of the World—this anniversary coming next year, A. D. 1917.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota is accumulating a handsome Masonic Library, which is already doing good work among the Brethren of that Grand Jurisdiction.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1916

51ST ANNUAL

BEAR RIVER

JUNE 14

DONALD FISHER FRASER, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

THOMAS MOWBRAY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

A discussion of the present great war enters early into the annual address by Grand Master Fraser, and from that address we learn that Nova Scotia is following the example of other British dependencies by having compiled a "Roll of Honor" which contains names of Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction who are now in the ser-

vice of Great Britain. On pages 292-300 the names of these military Brethren from Nova Scotia—nearly 400—are given.

Of the great loss to Masonry, as well as to the British Empire, by the death of Lord Kitchener of Khar-toum, the Grand Master says:

“It is not surprising that such a nature sought comradeship within the portals of the Freemasons’ Lodge. His Masonic career points him to have been an interested member of the Craft. In 1897, Earl Kitchener was Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England; in 1899, District Grand Master in Egypt and the Soudan; in 1902, District Grand Master in Punjab. In the black hour, citizens of the Empire of all ranks and creeds, heartbroken in the loss of the trusted leader, mingle their tears with those of the Masonic Fraternity, whose grief is two-fold, for they mourn a nation’s idol and a devoted Brother.”

Some thousands of dollars have been raised among Nova Scotia Masons for war relief funds, and these funds are being augmented almost daily.

Among the death losses of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is numbered that of the Most Worshipful Theodore Augustus Cossman, Past Grand Master, a zealous and distinguished Craftsman, whose loss is sorely felt by the Fraternity.

We are interested to note that an organization known as “The Nova Scotia Lodge of Research” has been organized for the purpose of encouraging the study of Masonic history, and literature in general bearing on the Order. Of it the Grand Master says:

“It differs from other Lodges on the list in that degrees will not be conferred. Its members must be members in good standing of some other Lodge. It is patterned after Lodges devoted to Masonic education and research, such as Quatuor Cornati 2076 and other literary and historical Lodges of England. Its supporters hope to gather up and compile the Masonic history of Nova Scotia; to have prepared and distributed for the better information of the Craft in general papers on matters of interest pertaining to the Order; to interest study in the practice of a more uniform ritual, and to publish a Masonic Journal.”

The Freemasons' Home is mentioned in terms of glowing praise by the Grand Master. This institution was voted \$1,000 out of the Grand Lodge treasury, said sum to go with the numerous individual contributions.

OHIO, 1915

106TH ANNUAL

DAYTON

OCTOBER 20-21

GEORGE L. MARSHALL, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

J. H. BROMWELL, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

FRANK H. MARQUIS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

Grand Master Marshall, in his annual address, expresses the deep distress felt by all good men who contemplate the atrocities of the great war in Europe, but later sounds a more hopeful note, saying:

"At present the barbarous passions of a barbarous age seem to incite civilized men, and to make powerless the forces of religion and education. Yet the customs of the dark ages cannot prevail; reason will be restored to the warring nations, and, in the work of rehabilitation and conciliation, Freemasonry will be found as of old—a potent and impartial agent."

For those in charge of the Masonic Home, owned by this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master has strong words of praise and commendation.

Seventeen corner stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Ohio during the year, these being four Temples or Lodge Halls, one Federal Building, one annex to Masonic Home, one Y. M. C. A. building, two churches, six schools, and two hospitals. Eighteen Lodge Halls and Temples were formally dedicated during the same period of time.

Several pages in these Proceedings are given to an account of the 44th annual meeting of the Ohio Masonic Veterans' Association, at Dayton on October 20, 1915.

In the Necrology set forth in the Grand Master's annual address he specifies by name two Brethren in

Ohio whose past services to the Craft were of a notable character, these being Bro. Owen B. Hannon and Bro. Orestes A. B. Senter. He also devotes several pages to some of the Fraternal Dead in 30 sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Among the illustrations in these Proceedings are ten Masonic Temples in Ohio, and the Masonic Home, with the Girls' Cottage and Hospital of the latter.

The S. Stacker Williams Masonic Library, of Cincinnati, is an institution established to disseminate Masonic knowledge among the Craft in Ohio.

OKLAHOMA, 1916

8TH ANNUAL

OKLAHOMA CITY

FEBRUARY 14-16

ALMER ELLIS MONRONEY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WILLIAM MOSES ANDERSON, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

ARTHUR JAMES WEIR, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

A pleasant feature of the opening evening of this communication of the Grand Lodge was a fraternal visit from the Most Worshipful Dan. S. McMillin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, who was received with the honors due his high rank.

Among the Fraternal Dead, six are recorded by name in the Grand Master's address. These are: Past Grand Master Alfred G. Gray, Past Grand Master Selwyn Douglas, Emeritus Grand Secretary James Stephen Hunt, Past Senior Grand Warden William Leander Byrd, District Deputy Grand Master W. G. Bristol, and the Most Worshipful C. Columbus Ayers, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, but affiliated later in life with Oklahoma Masonry.

Strong resolutions were adopted in commendation of the course of President Woodrow Wilson in his efforts to maintain peace with all nations in the present great crisis of the world's history.

Several corner stones were laid by the Grand Lodge during the year, among these being that of the new State Capitol in Oklahoma City on November 16, 1915.

Concerning the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Grand Master Monroney says:

"Have had the usual correspondence that former Grand Masters may have received. Have answered all letters, but have done nothing toward it and have no recommendations to offer in this regard."

Wake up, Most Worshipful! It will never do for other Grand Lodges to monopolize entirely this great and patriotic work.

Following the example of many other Grand Jurisdictions in America and elsewhere, the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, at this communication, opened up fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Of the Masonic Home, which cares for both adults and children, the Grand Master says:

"Each succeeding year is putting us in better shape at the Home in every way."

Among the gifts to this institution was a personal donation of \$50.00 from the President of the United States.

In the notice of North Carolina's Proceedings the reviewer turns a joke on one of our honored Brethren, saying:

"The librarian, Bro. Robert H. Bradley, under the head of 'wants', calls for the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory for 1910-'11-'12-'13 and '14. The Brother shows that he is several years behind the excitement, as the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was metamorphosed into the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma in 1909, and since then has been a memory."

In the list of the Grand Lodge officers of Oklahoma for 1915-'16, we note the name of Junior Grand Deacon Charles Alston Cook, formerly a Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

In the conclusion of his numerous notices of the activities of other Grand Lodges, the Oklahoma reviewer

refers to the countries engaged in the present world-wide war, saying:

"In reading the addresses of Grand Masters, and reading the printed copy of the prayers offered up by the Grand Chaplains in the countries affected, it is evident that each supplicant assumes that the Lord is on his side. It reminds the writer, who was a 'Johnnie' in the Civil War, that we were all assured that the Lord was on our side. He may have been, but He 'moved in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.'"

OREGON, 1916

66TH ANNUAL

ALBANY

JUNE 7

FRANK J. MILLER, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

JAMES F. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

WILL MOORE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Happily for this Grand Lodge it has suffered no bereavements either of Grand Lodge officers or Past Grand Officers during the year.

Among Grand Master Miller's decisions we note the following, as to physical qualifications:

"1. A candidate having received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, but who, prior to taking the Master Mason's degree, met with an accident resulting in the loss of his left arm above the elbow, is entitled to the third degree.

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"4. Under Section 180, a petition of a candidate, who has lost the thumb of his right hand, should be rejected.

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"12. An applicant who has his right leg amputated six inches below the knee, who has an artificial foot which he uses with ease, who is in all other respects well fitted, and is capable of easily and readily giving and receiving the instructions contemplated by our statutes, should not be disqualified by Section 180."

Of the zealous Mason and incomparable patriot whose memory the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association seeks to honor, the Grand Master truly says:

“George Washington is considered one of the world’s greatest heroes, and we do ourselves credit by honoring him. He was a faithful follower of Masonry, and has set us an example both as a citizen and as a Mason, and if we can but attain in a slight degree to the ideals which he undoubtedly had always before him, we will be better for so doing, and the world will be profited both because of his life and ours. The objects of the association are highly commendable, and are worthy of loyal support by all patriotic Masons.”

In his notice of the North Carolina Proceedings, the Oregon reviewer highly compliments the addresses by Grand Orator Raymond C. Dunn and Bro. J. C. Kittrell in our 1915 Proceedings.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1915

130TH ANNUAL

PHILADELPHIA

DECEMBER 27

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

JOHN A. PERRY, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

LOUIS A. WATRES, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

On the opening page of his annual address, Grand Master Williams expresses a sense of the loss felt by Pennsylvania Masons on account of the deaths of seven Past Masters, and of four zealous Craftsmen who were untiring workers in the cause of Masonic charity.

Ten corner stones were laid during the year by the Grand Master or under his duly deputed authority.

Our Brethren in Pennsylvania seem to be sticklers over details, if we are to judge by the edicts of the Grand Master. An edict was issued by him declaring a petition null and void, one of the two reasons assigned being that the said petition was not signed with the full name of applicant. In two other cases the Grand Master set aside the action of Lodges because they had initiated applicants who were not “of good Masonic report.” In most jurisdictions the remedy would be to stop further

progress of Entered Apprentice by another ballot, or to try him for any offense committed *after* he was initiated. Whether he was of "good report" *before* initiation, should have been settled by the committee which passed upon his application, and we should think said committee's action (when sustained by the Lodge) would be final, unless applicant were guilty of some misrepresentation or fraud in gaining admission—in which latter case it would be better to have him expelled after a trial by the Lodge, instead of calling for the interposition of the Grand Master. Still another petition, after acceptance by Lodge, was set aside by an edict of the Grand Master because petitioner's recommenders did not know him the required length of time.

In the course of the Masonic year, the Grand Master paid 82 official visitations to subordinate Lodges under his jurisdiction.

In discussing the work, present and prospective, of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the Grand Master urges the Brethren of his Grand Jurisdiction to give it their hearty coöperation and support.

Of Masonic Homes, Orphanages, and Hospitals, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania maintains quite a number.

Among other things we must say to the credit of the Brethren in Pennsylvania is that not all of them limit their benefactions to Masonic charities to the time when they are in the land of the living, but some bequests have been left by deceased Brethren to carry on the good work after they are gone.

Grand Master Louis A. Watres (elected at this annual communication) also delivered an address, which contains interesting statistics. With financial resources running "well into the millions" and a membership of over 120,000 the strength of this Grand Lodge may well be imagined. To aid in governing this extensive Craft, 53 District Deputy Grand Masters are commissioned.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1915

3D ANNUAL

MANILA

FEBRUARY 2

NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*AMOS G. BELLIS, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*GEORGE R. HARVEY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

At the date of the annual communication (1914) previous to this one, 17 Grand Lodges have extended fraternal recognition to this young Grand Lodge; and, at this 1915 communication, 24 other Grand Lodges had taken the same action, North Carolina being among these—making 41 in all. A resolution was passed, authorizing the appointment of a committee with instructions to take steps to secure recognition from those Grand Lodges which have not already extended it.

In the annual address of Grand Master Comfort, he gives utterance to a complaint against our Grand Lodges in the United States, as follows:

“The practice of Lodges in the United States accepting petitions and conferring degrees upon persons who are residents of the Philippines, and who have been here for many years, has again been forcibly called to our attention by a number of men, too disreputable to gain admission to our Lodges here, going to the States for a few months and returning here and at once demanding to visit our Lodges. * * * If a complaint is made to the offending Lodge, the fee is at once offered to us, and also the membership of the man; but, in more than 90 per cent. of the cases which have come to our attention, we don't want the member—in fact, we are humiliated by his society.”

A handsome new Temple was reported as in process of erection in the city of Manila, and in this will be installed a library and museum.

The Grand Orator was Brother George Rogers Harvey, who delivered an address on “Freemasonry in Action.”

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1916

4TH ANNUAL

MANILA

FEBRUARY 8

GEORGE R. HARVEY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

After appropriate words of welcome to the Brethren assembled at this annual communication, Grand Master Harvey referred to the loss sustained in the passing from earth of Deputy Grand Master Burton Whitcomb, who was also Acting Grand Master at the time of his death. In addition to Deputy Grand Master Whitcomb, five other Masons under this Grand Lodge were called from the labors of earth—one being killed in battle fighting in the German army on the Russian frontier.

Among the several Lodges instituted by this Grand Lodge during the year is one made up almost entirely of natives. Of it the Grand Master says:

“Bagumbayan Lodge, No. 4, is an illustration of the possibilities of bringing together in our beloved Fraternity the best men in these Islands. The Brethren who initiated the movement for the organization of this Lodge are deserving of great credit for the success which has crowned their efforts. Within the year this Lodge has grown from a membership of 22 to 46, and the interest shown by the members in the work and welfare of the Lodge cannot be excelled.”

Among the numerous Grand Lodges which extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands during the year 1915 were those of England (the Mother Grand Lodge of the World), Scotland, and Ireland.

On August 14, 1915, the corner stone of a Masonic Temple was laid at Manila with imposing ceremonies. This fine building will no doubt give a marked impetus to the growth of Masonry on these islands.

Among the other Masonic enterprises of note now being undertaken at Manila is the formation of a Masonic Library and Museum.

The reviewer for this Grand Jurisdiction, in his notice of the North Carolina Proceedings of 1915, pays the following high compliment to our Grand Orator: "Bro. R. C. Dunn made perhaps the greatest Masonic Oration of the year in any Masonic gathering, and may be the greatest for many years. It is very exceptional."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1916

41ST ANNUAL

CHARLOTTETOWN

JUNE 28

JAMES D. STEWART, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

W. P. DOULL, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

A. STIRLING MCKAY, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In this Grand Lodge, as elsewhere in the British Dominions, the war spirit is much in evidence, and the "Honour Roll" of those Brethren who have enlisted from this small Grand Jurisdiction of only 854 Masons contains the names of 65 volunteers.

Referring to the progress of hostilities in Europe, Grand Master Stewart, in his annual address, said in part:

"From every part of her far-flung dominions the Empire's sons have hurried to her aid. Her children, natural and adopted, from every continent and island, have borne witness to their loyalty, even to the shedding of their blood, and in the forefront of them all stands our own fair and beloved Canada. Almost immediately on the outbreak of the war, her first Expeditionary force crossed the Atlantic. This has since been followed by contingent after contingent until at the present time Canada has upwards of 350,000 men under arms. And what shall be said of the quality of our Canadian soldiers?—their deeds of glory at Ypres, at Festubert, at Gevenchy, at Neuve Chappelle, at Sanctuary Wood, speak more eloquently than any words of mine, and have emblazoned the name and fame of Canada on the pages of history in letters which shall never be obliterated. Our own Province of Prince Edward Island is also doing its part. Our first Provincial Unit, the 98th Siege Battery, after demonstrating its efficiency in the training camps of England, is now at the front. A few months

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ago, when orders were given that a Battalion of Infantry should be raised in this Province, the work was thought by many to be almost an impossible task. Today the 105th Battalion, recruited over its strength with the finest young men in the Province, is in training in Valcartier Camp."

Among those Craftsmen who passed to "the Great Beyond" during the year were Past Grand Master Simon W. Crabbe, Past Grand Master Ronald McMillan, Past Deputy Grand Master William A. Brennan, and "the Grand Old Man of Prince Edward Island Masonry," Bro. Adam Murray, Past Honorary Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

There being only 15 subordinate Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Prince Edward's Island, the Grand Master was able to pay personal visits to all of them during the year.

Fifteen dispensations were issued by the Grand Master during the year—six of these enabling Lodges to confer degrees out of time on candidates who were leaving for the war.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence deals with affairs of the Craft in a general way instead of dividing the work by Grand Lodges.

QUEBEC, 1916

46TH ANNUAL

MONTREAL

FEBRUARY 9

EDWARD A. EVANS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WILLIAM H. WHYTE, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

With some opening words of thanks for his own recovery from an attack of critical illness, Grand Master Evans then refers, in his annual address, to the World War in language of patriotic loyalty to Great Britain, after which he discusses the affairs of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction. The Canadian Patriotic Fund for

the war sufferers has received liberal contributions, both from individual Masons and from Lodges. At Masonic church-services alone, the offerings in aid of hospitals aggregated nearly \$5,000. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has had compiled an "Honor Roll," containing names of Brethren in that jurisdiction who had volunteered for service in the war up to March 30, 1916. The number of Quebec Masons in service was 387. Of this number eight had been killed in action, 19 wounded, one wounded and missing, one missing, and one a prisoner in Germany. In this connection it may be stated that the Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have taken a very commendable course in refraining from Lodge banquets and other forms of pleasure in the present hour of distress and sorrow. Grand Master Evans truly says:

"Every loyal subject of the Empire must realize that the present is no time for indulgence in costly luxuries, and that every sacrifice of personal pleasure and even of ease and comfort that can be made for the purpose of enabling us, as individuals and as Freemasons, to contribute more generously to the needs of the hour, and especially to the particularly pressing needs of the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds, cannot be but in fullest harmony with the teachings and traditions of our beloved Craft."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence contains a lengthy defense of the much-criticised policy of the Grand Lodge of England in excluding Germans and men of German parentage from English Masonic meetings. This report claims that the Germans attempt to use Masonry in the prosecution of their extensive spy system; and, as an example near home to Canadian Masons, gives the following instance:

"A skilled mechanic of German origin secured a position some time ago in a well-known establishment in the city of Quebec engaged in manufacturing munitions of war for the British government, and also obtained admission into a Masonic Lodge. Shortly after he had taken his leave of Quebec for one of the Maritime Provinces, word was received here that he had been

placed under arrest, and that valuable plans and other information in regard to war material were found in his possession. Report has it that the espionage was so convincing that internment until after the war is perhaps the lightest penalty that has befallen him."

The number of Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was reported to be 8,255—a net gain of 102 over the preceding year.

QUEENSLAND, 1916

12TH ANNUAL.

BRISBANE

JUNE 5

A. M. HERTZBERG, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

CHARLES H. HARLEY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

These Proceedings are entitled "The Twelfth Annual Report," and therein are embraced stated communications of September 13, 1915; March 13, 1916; and June 5, 1916; and special communications of August 10, 1915, and May 28, 1916.

When this Grand Lodge set up housekeeping on its own account nearly 15 years ago, it had a hard road to travel, beginning with the enmity of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland—neither of which has yet relented. However, the Grand Lodge of Queensland has bravely pursued its course, and now about 90 per cent. of the English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world are in fraternal relations with it.

Marks of the great European War are seen throughout these pages, in the list of killed and wounded; also in the resolutions of sympathy relative to that great soldier and zealous Mason, Lord Kitchener of Khartoum and Aspall, Field Marshal in His Majesty's Forces, who was drowned when a ship, on which he had embarked for Russia, was torpedoed and sunk.

In these Proceedings are several communications from American Grand Lodges, extending greetings and fraternal relations.

Appended to these Proceedings are reports, etc., relative to "The Widows', Orphans', and Aged Masons' Institution to the Grand Lodge of Queensland," a useful and worthy Masonic charity.

RHODE ISLAND, 1916

126TH ANNUAL

PROVIDENCE

MAY 15

REUBEN S. BEMIS, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

WILBUR A. SCOTT, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In the beginning of his annual address, Grand Master Bemis takes note of the deaths of 22 Masters and Past Masters in his Grand Jurisdiction.

Deputy Grand Master (now Grand Master) Wilbur A. Scott represented the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in Alexandria, Virginia, and strongly recommends in his report that Rhode Island make a substantial subscription to this great Masonic enterprise.

Another matter of historical interest was the placing of a bronze tablet, by order of the Grand Lodge, on the Chamber of Commerce Building, an old structure in the city of Providence, where the Masonic bodies of that place met from 1797 to 1853.

The Grand Lodge owns quite a number of portraits of its Past Grand Masters, and a special committee has been appointed for the purpose of taking steps to add to this collection.

A series of identification cards has been officially adopted by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the possession of one of these cards being pre-requisite to admis-

sion into a Lodge in that Grand Jurisdiction. "No complaints as to the working of this law have been brought to my attention," says the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island is now accumulating a fund with which to build a Masonic Home, when this fund has grown to the sum of \$50,000.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island is divided into several Masonic Districts, each presided over by a District Deputy Grand Master. The aggregate number of Masons on the roll of the subordinate Lodges in Rhode Island was 9,468 on April 30, 1916.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1916

10TH ANNUAL

SWIFT CURRENT

JUNE 21

WILLIAM MURRAY THOMSON, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

W. B. TATE, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

JOHN HAWKINS ANDERSON, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

Grand Master Thompson, in his annual address, "spake some certain truths" of the Masons in Saskatchewan, and his language (sad to relate) would be warranted by existing conditions if addressed to the Brethren in any other Grand Jurisdiction of which we have knowledge. He says:

"Did we join the Masonic Fraternity simply that we might have the privilege of wearing Masonic jewelry on our neckties, our fingers, our watch chains, or the lapel of our coats? To look at the persons one meets on our sidewalks, or on our street or railroad cars, one would think that 50 per cent. of the men of the country were members of our Fraternity; but how few of the vast quantity of Masonic bejewelled individuals do we find in our Lodges on the night of a regular or emergent meeting?"

Too true, also, are some further observations, where-in the Grand Master speaks of the desirability of diffusing Masonic knowledge. On this subject he remarks:

"I attribute this lack of interest in Lodge work, shown by too many of our members, to nothing more nor less than a lack

of knowledge of what is meant by Masonry. I do not altogether blame the individual Mason for this lack of knowledge, but I think that often the officers of the various Lodges are themselves to blame in not giving their candidates a fair show. A candidate is pushed through the various stages of his Masonic growth, and then in many cases is allowed to shift for himself. No one bothers any further about him; he can sink or swim in the maelstrom of Masonic lore and mystery, and no one holds out a helping hand. The lodge is too busy grinding out Masons; it has not time for anything else. Is it any wonder, then, that the candidate who, a short time previously, professed himself as having a good opinion of the Craft, a general desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to make himself more extensively useful to his fellow creatures, is disappointed in Masonry, loses interest in his Lodge, and quietly stays away and drops the subject in favor of something else?"

In this address Grand Master Thomson speaks in justification of Great Britain's entry into the present war "not only in the fulfillment of her treaty obligations but for the purpose of defending the weak and maintaining the principles of liberty and justice." The Dominion of Canada, of which Saskatchewan forms a part, has shown marked devotion to the Mother Country, and more than 500 Saskatchewan Masons have enlisted for military service. A list of these is given on pages 195-204 of their Proceedings. A benevolent fund, for the relief of Masonic war sufferers, is being raised by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and this amounted (at the time of the annual communication) to about \$4,000. It is doubtless much more at present.

One ruling of the Grand Master is on a point in which we fail to see clearly the reason. Even though the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan may not be in fraternal relations with Masonic Grand bodies in Germany and France, such a certificate could do no harm. The Grand Master's ruling says:

"I held that I had no authority to sanction the issuing of a Certificate printed in English, French, and German, to be provided to Masons from this Jurisdiction with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces."

On the last day of the year 1915, there were 7,117 Masons on the rolls of Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan.

SCOTLAND, 1915

ANNUAL

EDINBURGH

NOVEMBER 30

ROBERT KING STEWART, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

DAVID REID, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

The Most Worshipful R. King Stewart, "Grand Master Mason" of Scotland, reports an increase of membership in his Grand Jurisdiction to the extent of 8,963 new members.

Among the losses by death reported at special communications following this annual communication was that of the Right Worshipful the Earl of Seafield, Provincial Grand Master of Elginshire and Morayshire, who died on the 12th of November, 1915, of wounds received in France. Other deaths reported were those of the Right Worshipful Henry Brock, Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire; and the Right Worshipful H. G. Fenton Newall, Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles.

Among the gifts for the relief of war sufferers was one amounting to 200 pounds (nearly \$1,000) from St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts—the letter of transmittal saying it is for the benefit of Masons serving in the army and navy "in the cause of justice and love of country." This is the second donation of 200 pounds from St. Andrew's Lodge, making about \$2,000 in all.

Much of these Proceedings is taken up in accounts and statistics, which it would not be of general interest to review.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1916

32D ANNUAL

ADELAIDE

APRIL 19

SIR SAMUEL JAMES WAY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

(DIED IN OFFICE, JANUARY 8, 1916.)

CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*EUSTACE BEARDOE GRUNDY, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

This Grand Lodge has suffered a grievous loss in the death of its Most Worshipful Grand Master, who was known to the world at large as the Right Honorable Sir Samuel James Way, Baronet, P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia, Chancellor of the Adelaide University, etc. This eminent Brother was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia at the time of its establishment in 1884, this first term of service ending in 1889; he was Pro Grand Master, 1890-'95; and again Grand Master from 1896 up to the time of his death. A few weeks after his death, the Masons of his Grand Jurisdiction held a "Lodge of Sorrow" in the Town Hall of Adelaide, these services being of a religious and memorial nature. Among the addresses on that occasion were several which recalled his exalted public and Masonic services. Of his election as Grand Master one speaker said:

"We all remember his modesty and gratitude in accepting that high honour, and I do not need to dwell on the rank and prestige he brought to his office, nor to refer to the skill and ability with which he discharged his onerous duties. It was a fortunate thing for our Order that Sir Samuel Way was our first Grand Master.
* * * * * His influence and fame spread far beyond the confines of our own Grand Lodge; and, as a coping stone to his Masonic career, the late King Edward, of happy and glorious memory, the then Ruler and Protector of our Craft, conferred upon him *honoris causa* the distinguished rank of Past Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of England."

Upon the death of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master Eustace Beardoe Grundy, K.

C., succeeded to his station as Acting Grand Master, and was later duly elected and installed as Grand Master for the succeeding year.

As a part of their contribution to the relief work in the armies of the Allies, the Masons of the Grand Lodge of South Australia had a field ambulance constructed and equipped as a gift to the Government. Several hundred Masons from this Grand Jurisdiction are fighting in the armies of the Allies, and some have lost their lives in the line of duty.

There are 77 Lodges now actively at work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1915

139TH ANNUAL CHARLESTON DECEMBER 13-14

GEORGE T. BRYAN, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

O. FRANK HART, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

R. A. COOPER, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

Grand Master Bryan, in his annual address, took occasion to congratulate the Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled on the fact that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina, and that there was no appeal before the Grand Lodge, or any grievance, real or fancied, to be settled by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. One of the latter did bob up later, however.

No Grand Lodge officer, past or present, was called from the labors of life during the year, but the subordinate Lodges lost quite a number of zealous Brethren, whose names are recorded in the Grand Master's address.

The Grand Master expresses himself as unalterably opposed to a custom, prevailing in some Lodges, of sending out by mail printed lists of candidates to be voted on at a forthcoming meeting. These lists, he says, some-

times fall into the hands of persons who are not Masons, and he adds: "The public has no right to know who applies for Masonic honors, or who is accepted, advanced, or rejected by a Masonic Lodge."

The number of official visitations by the Grand Master, during the year, was 33. He refused eight requests for dispensations and granted 53. In person or by proxy he constituted six Lodges. By authority of the Grand Lodge, eight corner stones were Masonically laid during the year.

The Grand Master is strong in his expressions of approval of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and its work in building a Temple at Alexandria, Virginia, as a Masonic memorial to Brother Washington. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina has, as a body, subscribed \$3,000, and we are told that South Carolina Masons have taken up the full quota of individual life-memberships, at \$100 each, assigned to that Grand Jurisdiction. An interesting committee report, relative to this association, will be found on pages 131-138 of the South Carolina Proceedings.

During the year the Grand Master sent 25 requests, through the proper channels to Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions to confer degrees as a courtesy to South Carolina subordinate Lodges, among these being four to North Carolina. At the requests of ten Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, South Carolina Lodges rendered services of a similar nature.

Among the cases sent up for the Grand Master's decision, we note one where an applicant for degrees, now 53 years old, states that 13 years before, at the age of about 40, being then afflicted with rheumatism, he applied for degrees and was rejected on account of "dotage." He is now strong and healthy again, having apparently *outlived* the dotage with which he was formerly afflicted, and is taking steps to get a waiver of jurisdiction from

the Lodge which rejected him, so that the Lodge in his present home town can consider his petition.

As the Grand Lodge of South Carolina does not recognize any of the several Grand Lodges in Mexico, it was held that a gentleman (a Minister of the Gospel), who had received his Entered Apprentice degree in Mexico, could not be passed and raised in South Carolina, but would have the same status as a profane, and (if duly elected) take all three degrees, Entered Apprentice included. Something to the same effect was the case of an Entered Apprentice initiated in South Carolina, who later went to Italy, where (without knowledge of his Lodge) he was passed and raised by a Lodge working under an Italian Grand Lodge with which South Carolina was not in fraternal relations. It was held that the Italian degrees were null and void; and, as some years had elapsed since his initiation, he must petition for advancement. Then (if ballot was favorable) he could be passed and raised in same manner as if he had not received the Italian degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Another decision by the Grand Master was in reply to a Brother who wrote: "At our last communication I was prohibited by our Worshipful Master from writing you for information concerning the workings of the Lodge. What I want to know is, have I the privilege and right to write any of the Grand Officers for information along this line?" The Grand Master answers: "I can find nothing in our laws which prevents an individual Brother Mason, in good standing, asking the opinion or advice of the Grand Master upon any Masonic question and I, personally, will be glad to give you any information in my power."

In the care of an applicant who could not read or write, the Grand Master decided that he was not eligible for degrees, as the Masonic Code of South Carolina requires that a petition shall be signed with full name of applicant "in his own handwriting."

Past Grand Master Michie is the reviewer of Foreign Correspondence for South Carolina; and the snap, vigor, and ginger, of his style makes extraordinarily interesting reading, even if there are some brickbats mixed up with the bouquets which he throws at our North Carolina Grand Lodge. The Arizona claim, to which he alludes, has now been fully settled.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1916

42D ANNUAL

SIOUX FALLS

JUNE 7-8

MARSHALL R. BROWN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

JAMES ROANE, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In opening his address, Grand Master Marshall R. Brown declares: "Peace and harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and our fraternal relations with the other Grand Lodges of the world remain undisturbed."

The Grand Lodge has not been called upon to mourn the loss of any of its officers during the year, though the subordinate lodges have not been entirely free from bereavements, losing 174 members by the hand of death.

Nine dispensations to install officers were issued by the Grand Master during the year, and he gave his official approval to the by-laws of eight Lodges.

The Grand Master was unable to be present in person at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, Va., but was represented by a proxy in the person of Brother Thomas Sterling, who, on his return, brought the Grand Lodge some gavels cut from wood grown at Mt. Vernon and at Belvoir, an estate of Lord Fairfax, the early friend and patron of Washington. The Grand Lodge of South Dakota is a member of this association.

The Grand Secretary reports many additions to the Grand Lodge Library and urges the subordinate Lodges to collect Masonic libraries of their own.

The special committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of South Dakota to aid in the general celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England—"The Mother Grand Lodge of the world"—on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1917, reports as follows:

"Your committee grieves to report that the condition of war prevailing so generally in Europe has, in a great measure, interfered with the plan of a world-wide celebration of the organization of the Grand Lodge in England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world. Just what may be evolved out of the chaos of the present is a question that your committee cannot attempt to answer. * * * * * Whatever may become of the plan for a general celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of England, your Committee is of the opinion that the Masons of South Dakota should meet in their several Lodges either on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1917 or on some convenient day of the week following, and carry out some program suitably to commemorate the anniversary. Your Committee believes that it should be left to the several Lodges to make their own programs and determine the most convenient and suitable manner of conducting the celebration."

The chairman of the committee which submitted this report was Past Grand Master S. A. Brown, (M. D.), an enthusiast on the subject of Masonic history and a native of McDowell County, North Carolina. This distinguished Craftsman is also Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and the South Dakota reviewer of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges.

TENNESSEE, 1916

102D ANNUAL

NASHVILLE

JANUARY 26-28

T. A. HISEY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

JOHN B. GARRETT, *Grand Secretary, 1915.*

(DIED IN OFFICE, MARCH 26, 1915.)

CHARLES BARHAM, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

STITH M. CAIN, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916, 1916-1917.*

Among the losses sustained by the death of several distinguished members of this Grand Lodge, probably the one most generally felt by the Craft was that of the Right Worshipful John Berry Garrett, the honored and beloved Grand Secretary, who had filled that important office since 1895—a period of 21 years. Just a fortnight before Brother Garrett's death, Past Grand Master Hurlburt Ingersoll passed away. In the same year, Past Grand Master John T. Williams and Past Grand Master Newton W. McConnell were called from the labors of life—the former on December 10th and the latter on December 24th.

Twelve corner stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge during the year. Twenty-one dispensations were granted by the Grand Master. He paid official visits to nearly 50 subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master made 25 requests of the Grand Masters of other jurisdictions to ask subordinate Lodges under them to confer degrees on petitioners who had been elected to receive the degrees in Tennessee, but were temporarily away from the Lodges which had so elected them. These requests by Tennessee were all granted, with one exception—this exception being Pennsylvania. Speaking of Pennsylvania, Grand Master Hisey says:

“Pennsylvania has a law forbidding one Lodge to confer degrees for another in that State, and the Grand Master of Pennsylvania declined to authorize to be done for a Lodge outside the State what cannot be legally done for a Lodge in the State.”

The Grand Master of Tennessee had eight requests from the Grand Masters of sister jurisdictions for work, similar to the above, to be done in Tennessee for candidates elected elsewhere.

Tennessee has not escaped the “chain letter” nuisance—in this case alleged to be in aid of a movement to erect a monument to Bro. William McKinley, some-

time President of the United States. Though the movement *per se* may be worthy, it is without the endorsement or sanction of either the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio (where its headquarters are said to be) or the Grand Master of Tennessee. Similar complaints about this same matter have arisen in many Grand Lodges other than Tennessee.

After several recent changes in the management, the Masonic Home, for the care of widows and orphans, is now on a satisfactory footing. Among the items in the report of the board of trustees of this institution is one which leads us to believe that all corporations are not "soul-less." It says:

"The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company again extended the Home the courtesy of free transportation for the coal supply, which consisted of eight carloads. This has been an annual custom with the railroad for many years, and means a yearly saving of several hundred dollars to the Home."

In addition to the above institution, a similar establishment, the Home for Aged and Indigent Masons has been erected but is not yet occupied. During the session of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master William H. Bumpass made a stirring appeal on behalf of this latter institution, and cash and subscriptions aggregating \$2,700 resulted.

The Grand Master made numerous decisions, and took action in sundry cases, one of the latter being out of the ordinary. This was the case of Gen. Gideon J. Pillow, a distinguished officer of the United States and Confederate States armies, who, at the time of his death many years ago, was suspended (by a Lodge now defunct) for nonpayment of dues. The Grand Master remitted the dues of this deceased Brother, and gave authority for Masonic funeral services in the re-interment of his remains at Arlington. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this was referred, strongly disapproved said action, in part saying:

"It is the unanimous positive finding of your Committee on Jurisprudence that the Grand Master has no right or authority either to remit dues, re-instate a deceased suspended Brother, or to issue certificate of good standing under such circumstances."

We note with interest that the Most Worshipful Charles Barham, the newly elected Grand Master of Tennessee, is a native of North Carolina, born in Goldsboro and reared in Durham.

TEXAS, 1915

80TH ANNUAL

WACO

DECEMBER 7-9

JEWEL P. LIGHTFOOT, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

W. B. PEARSON, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

DAN S. McMILLIN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

This huge volume (aggregating, in all, 1,326 pages) is typical of the great State whose Grand Lodge issues it, and contains much valuable matter.

Four special communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year—to lay corner stone of hospital of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington, corner stone of school in Orphans' Home at Fort Worth, corner stone of Scottish Rite Cathedral at San Antonio, and to conduct funeral of Past Grand Master Augustus Weyman Houston at San Antonio.

On the opening day of the annual communication, Grand Master Lightfoot asked all Brothers present who had been Master Masons in good standing for 40 years, or more, to come forward. There were 28 responses, and these Craftsmen were formally introduced to the Grand Lodge. To judge by the youthful appearance of his portrait, the Grand Master himself was not born when the youngest of these Brothers took the degrees.

Besides Past Grand Master Houston (already mentioned) the Grand Lodge of Texas has also been called

upon to mourn the death of Past Grand Master Benjamin Franklin Frymier.

This Grand Lodge established a Committee on Masonic Research for the purpose of "encouraging and promoting a more general interest among the Lodges and Masons of Texas in the study of the history, morals, philosophy, symbolism, and literature of Masonry." This committee's report will be found on pages 243-247 of the Texas Proceedings.

A gavel made from a tree growing on the battleground of San Jacinto was presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. W. S. Tomey. The 16th annual report of the board of directors of the Masonic Orphans' Home shows that institution to be well kept and in excellent shape in every particular—nothing short of a college, in fact, if we may judge by the courses of study prescribed.

The following resolution, relative to portraits of Past Grand Masters, was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to report to the next annual communication of this Grand Body a plan for obtaining suitable pictures of the Past Grand Masters and of each retiring Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to be hung in an appropriate place in the Grand Lodge building."

An interesting event of this communication was the presentation of a jewel to the retiring Grand Master Jewel P. Lightfoot—not "sweets to the sweet" but a jewel to the Jewel.

There are no less than 106 Masonic Districts under the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Lodge memberships aggregating 65,809.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is prefaced by a brief but interesting history of that committee from its origin in 1838, this historical sketch being from the pen of Past Grand Master George W. Tyler. This eminent Brother is highly complimentary to North Carolina in his review of our Proceedings.

Commenting upon Grand Master Alderman's calling upon the Brethren to pray for peace, he remarks:

"And yet we hear some thoughtless people along the street disclaiming against the peaceful policies of our Government and demanding that the United States should avenge this or that wrong of other nations with guns, soldiers, and warships. How uncivilized—how unmasonic! Trials of *physical force* never justly settled a question or righted a wrong and never will! How many generations will it take for the people to learn this truth—to breed the savage out of us."

This Texas review of the North Carolina Proceedings says of the address by our Grand Orator:

"Bro. R. C. Dunn delivered an address which stands out as one of the most notable expressions in Masonic literature we have read in many years. * * * We wish every Mason in Texas could read it carefully."

Copious extracts from this address by Brother Dunn are given, as also an extract from Past Grand Master Winston's address at Charlotte.

UTAH, 1916

45TH ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY JANUARY 18-19

WILLIAM J. SHEALY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

FREEMAN A. MCCARTY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

CHARLES CLIFTON GRIGGS, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

After extending to the Grand Lodge a few opening remarks in the nature of greetings, Grand Master Shealy alludes to the great loss sustained by his Grand Jurisdiction in the death of Past Grand Master John Shaw Scott, of whom he says: "He was known and loved by all. He thoroughly understood Masonic principles, and lived them. He was intense in his Masonic devotion, and a most valued counselor in the Grand Lodge." We also find recorded the deaths of 33 other Brethren.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated the preceding year to aid war sufferers in Europe, and the Grand Master suggested further appropriations for this work, whereupon \$300 more was added to the donation already made.

Utah is a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Grand Master urges individual Brothers to take up life-memberships in that organization.

As so many reviewers of our North Carolina Proceedings are showering bouquets on Grand Orator Raymond C. Dunn's address, we repeat (for variety's sake) the following Utah comment:

"The Grand Orator delivered an address on 'Masonry Is.' The address covers 20 printed pages, and the speaker draws lavishly upon Archaeology, History, Biography, Tradition, Mythology, and Theology. He is rhetorical and interesting, and, incidentally, draws a long bow, as witness: ' . . . to know that Solomon, when arrayed in all his glory, wore the white apron of our Fraternity.' If the Brother had any basis in fact for that statement, neither he, nor any other speaker who has used similar language, has ever uncovered it."

The report of the Utah Committee on Correspondence concludes with a dissertation on the attitude of the Grand Lodge of England in excluding from her Lodge meetings all Masons of German birth.

VERMONT, 1916

123D ANNUAL*

BURLINGTON

JUNE 13-14

CHARLES H. DARLING, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

HENRY H. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

HENRY H. ROSS, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

FRANK A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary, 1916-1917.*

This volume is prefaced with an interesting sketch of the Masonic and public life of the Most Worshipful Charles Hial Darling, LL.D., retiring Grand Master,

formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the administration of President Roosevelt, etc.

In the beginning of the annual address of Grand Master Darling we find a record of the deaths, in the preceding year, of Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins and Past Senior Grand Warden William H. Vinton. Brief memories of these eminent Brethren will be found later on in the same volume.

The Grand Master says, referring to the general state of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction: "We have made 551 Masons during the year; 265 have died; there has been a net gain of 186, making the total number 14,241 in the State." It does one good to read the further picture he draws, as follows:

"To those who have been permitted to attend the District Meetings during the last 20 years, it seems to me that it must be admitted that the quality of the work is better and the character of the meetings on a higher plane than formerly. The Lodge rooms are better and more tastily decorated and adorned, more cleanly and healthful; and the whole atmosphere of the Lodge room bears testimony to a more lofty and wholesome spirit. There is an increased number of Lodges that own their own buildings, and the evidence of material prosperity is in keeping with the evidence of moral and intellectual growth."

The Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was dedicated in 1898. It cost \$87,186.29, and the last of its indebtedness was paid off this year. At a cost of \$3,000 the Scottish Rite bodies installed in it the finest pipe organ now used for Masonic purposes in the New England States.

Six pages of this volume are devoted to the Proceedings of the 26th annual meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of Vermont, which assembled on June 7, 1916. Fourteen new members of this organization were elected at this meeting.

By the death of Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins, already mentioned, the Grand Lodge of Vermont loses its able and experienced reviewer of the Proceed-

ings of sister Grand Jurisdictions. He has a worthy successor in the person of Past Grand Master Kittredge Haskins.

VICTORIA, 1915

QUARTERLIES

MELBOURNE

MAR. 17-DEC. 15

CHARLES CARTY-SALMON, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

CHARLES JAMES BARROW, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

In perusing the former reviews by the North Carolina Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through its chairman, the late Brother Collins, I am unable to find any review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, of a later date than 1908. Whether it was the policy of Brother Collins not to review the Proceedings of those Grand Lodges which did not themselves publish similar reviews of sister Grand Lodges, or whether it was an oft-repeated oversight, I am unable to say. Be that as it may, I think it well for the present volume not to supply the six missing reviews (now well out of date), so I now begin with the latest volume out—that of 1915.

That the Grand Lodge of Victoria has not been barren in the matter of Masonic charity, we may gather from a perusal of the Proceedings of 1915. In the minutes of the quarterly communication of March 17th, we find the record of 200 pounds (about \$1,000) sent to the Masonic sufferers by the war in Belgium and France. Grand Master Carty-Salmon, in his address on March 17th, said:

“I regret that, since I addressed you at the last communication, the great international conflict has still continued. There is one reflection we can draw from it, which gives us comfort, and

that is the ready and unselfish response made by those whose duty and whose glory it is to fill the ranks, and take up the burden of Empire, and next to them we must recognize those who have given lavishly of their substance, so that suffering and pain may be minimized as far as possible. We ourselves have not failed in this respect, a considerable sum having been raised throughout the territory, and I am sure the spirit of self-sacrifice and self-denial will not wane, but wax stronger as the necessity for its exercise grows greater."

In the quarterly communication of June 16th memorial proceedings in honor of the great Masonic historian, the Right Worshipful Robert Freke Gould, of England, will be found. At that same communication, some hundreds of pounds were added to the Belgian Masonic Relief Fund. A large donation was also made to Lady Stanley's Red Cross Fund for Australian Sick and Wounded Soldiers. Numerous scholarships for the children of Masons are endowed by the Grand Lodge of Victoria as a memorial to that illustrious Mason, King Edward VII. The establishment of an Orphan Asylum is being considered.

In accordance with a recommendation from the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Lodge of Victoria extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Several new Temples and Lodge Halls have been recently erected for the accommodation of Masonic bodies in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

VIRGINIA, 1916

138TH ANNUAL

RICHMOND

FEBRUARY 8-10

JAMES B. WOOD, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

CHARLES A. NESBITT, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

JAMES ALSTON CABELL, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

As Grand Master James B. Wood was prevented by illness in another State from attending this communi-

cation, the annual address (which he had prepared for the occasion) was read by Bro. Robert H. Wood. In the opening pages of this address reference is made to 42 eminent members of sister Grand Lodges who died in the course of the year preceding.

Among the decisions we find several of interest, among them the following:

"4. *Question*.—'Whether a Master Mason could visit a Virginia Lodge who was from a Grand Lodge not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.'

"*Answer*.—Any Mason can visit a Virginia Lodge that comes from any Grand Lodge that Virginia has not severed communication with."

This decision seems to be a little hazy and uncertain. As a case in point, Virginia may not have "severed communication with" the *Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico*, one reason being that it may never have had any communication with it to sever; and yet, under the strict letter of the above decision, a Mason from the jurisdiction of the *Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico* would have the right to visit Lodges in Virginia. This decision was very properly disapproved by the Grand Lodge, on a report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, which said: "We would amend the answer to Decision No. 4, for the sake of clarity and future guidance, by using the simple word, 'No.' "

Another decision, disapproved by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, was as follows:

"7. Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, wanted to know whether German Masons had a right to visit their Lodge, and I decided they had."

With reference to this ruling by the Grand Master, the committee said: "We cannot approve Decision No. 7, for the reason that Virginia does not recognize Grand Lodges on the Continent of Europe, except that of the York Grand Lodge of France."

That everybody was happy and satisfied with the action of all subordinate Lodges during the year we gather from a report which ran as follows: "Your Com-

mittee on Appeals respectfully reports that it had nothing to do, and did it."

Somewhat in the nature of an appendix to this volume is the 25th annual report of the Masonic Home of Virginia. There are 74 children in this institution—35 boys and 39 girls.

As the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is not a Virginia organization, but National in character, we find no report concerning it in this volume of Proceedings.

Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, the reviewer for Virginia of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, says of our Grand Master Alderman: "He is also a true down-homer, and, like all of them, claims all in sight for North Carolina." When, oh when, will those envious Virginians concede to North Carolina her well-deserved place as "First at Creation; Farthest from land at the Deluge; and Last on the road to Perdition!" Virginians *can* say nice things, too, when they try. Listen:

"With all our jokes, Virginians have always loved North Carolinians more than any other people. Indeed, they have fought side by side on so many fields of glory, and intermarried to such degree that they are practically one people. The Old North State has always been a land of fair women and brave men, and they have also produced many able orators. The race is not extinct, either."

In proof of the assertion made in the last sentence of the passage quoted above, some two pages are devoted to extracts from the fine address by Grand Orator Raymond C. Dunn before the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at its annual communication of 1915.

Living up to the aforementioned reputation of our race—a peculiar people known to the world at large as "Tarheels" and to the Virginians as "Down-homers"—we wish to continue to "claim all in sight for North Carolina"; and now forthwith add another item to those claims by proudly and loudly calling attention to the fact

that the Most Worshipful James Alston Cabell, present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, is by blood half North Carolinian.

WASHINGTON, 1916

59TH ANNUAL

TACOMA

JUNE 13

ROBERT L. SEBASTIAN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

HORACE W. TYLER, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GEORGE R. MALCOM, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

After some introductory remarks, Grand Master Sebastian alludes, in his annual address, to the death of Past Grand Master Robert Crosby Hill, an eminent and zealous Craftsman, of whom a memoir appears later on in this volume—the same being prepared by Past Grand Master John Arthur. Nearly 300 other Fraternal Dead of this Grand Lodge are also mentioned in these Proceedings.

The Grand Master expresses regret at not having been able to attend the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, saying that the honor of representing a State named for that great patriot would possess added interest from the fact that his own father was once a member of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, and his (the Grand Master's) boyhood had been spent in Alexandria.

About half a dozen new Lodges were constituted, and 10 corner stones were laid—mostly of educational institutions.

The Grand Master strongly recommends that more room be made for occupants of the Masonic Home by the erection of new buildings, with improvements and enlargements of the old ones. Speaking of the two classes of occupants of this Home—aged Masons and little orphans—Grand Master Sebastian remarks:

"The condition of the two classes of occupants are so different. In one case the race is nearly run and the battle is over. Hope is dead. They have no future. Rest and comfort are the chief considerations, and let us thank God that we can afford them that. But in the other case, how different! The race has not yet begun. The children are but preparing for the battle. Life is before them. What the future may have in store for them, no one can say. Let us give fervent thanks that we have the opportunity to do that for the children which will give them stability of character; and we can assist them in their efforts to meet the emergencies of life as brave men and women. It will be a deep satisfaction to every one of us that we have helped those children plant themselves firmly for future growth of mind and character as well as body."

In this volume Bro. William H. Gorham, Grand Historian, offered a resolution (duly adopted) looking to a proper celebration next year of the two hundredth anniversary of the establishment, in 1717, of the Grand Lodge of England—the Mother Grand Lodge of the World.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1916

16TH ANNUAL

PERTH

APRIL 27

ARCHBISHOP C. O. L. RILEY, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

J. D. STEVENSON, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

This volume of Proceedings is made up of quarterly communications of July 22, 1915; October 28, 1915; and January 27, 1916; and the annual communication, of April 27, 1916.

In his address before the first of these quarterly communications, the Grand Master referred to the present World War in these words:

"At our gatherings we cannot forget our Brethren. When we are enjoying ourselves, how often does the thought come of those in the trenches and in the hospitals, and a silent prayer goes up to the Most High for help and protection for those we love.

"There is every need why we should keep our Order strong and flourishing now, for we want self-control enough not to let passion make us forget that we are men, and not to permit us to do the things which have been done by the ruthless, relentless and remorseless enemy. We want to save where we can, that we may be able to give relief to those of our members who suffer by the war; and, at a time when lying and spying seem to have paid, we want to show that, in the long run, Truth is great and will prevail.

"In the future, too, when, as I feel sure, Society will, after this great upheaval, be formed on a very different basis to the present foundation of selfishness, our society and the truths it enforces will be more needed than ever.

"In place of the gospel of hate we want the brotherhood of man; instead of the idea of 'frightfulness' we want relief, as far as possible, from all unnecessary pain, suffering and agony; and, instead of the system of lying and spying, and breaking of the plighted word, and the tearing up of treaties intended to restrain, we want to speak every man truth with his neighbour."

At the second quarterly communication (October 28, 1915), the Grand Master announced that among those who had gone into the war were 140 Masons from the Grand Jurisdiction of Western Australia. The number had grown to over 200 Masons when the third quarterly communication was held (January 27, 1916), and to nearly 300 when the annual communication convened. Much relief work has been done by the Masons of Western Australia during the course of the war.

There are 90 subordinate Lodges now actively at work under the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The aggregate membership of these, on December 31, 1915, was 2,856. Of the 38 Fraternal Dead reported, 11 were killed in action and two died in the service.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1915

51ST ANNUAL

FAIRMONT

NOVEMBER 10-11

WILLIAM T. ICE, JR., *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

JOHN M. COLLINS, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

T. WILBUR HENNEN, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1915-1916.

There were no less than 15 special communications of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia held during the year preceding this annual communication. These special communications were to lay 14 corner stones and to dedicate a Masonic Hall. The corner stones laid were of the following buildings: three Masonic Temples, one Scottish Rite Cathedral, a hall at a college, a city hall, two Presbyterian Churches, a Baptist Church and five public schools.

Why all Grand Masters do not die of exhaustion we often wonder when we see some of the questions they have to take up their time answering. The following is a West Virginia illustration:

"No. 16. Received an inquiry as to whether a Masonic offense had been committed by a Mason who was a member of a City Council, and failed to vote for a Brother Mason who was a candidate before the Council for an office, or changed his vote and cast it for another person.

"Decided that no Masonic offense had been committed."

From page 88 to page 101 of these Proceedings is a valuable historical sketch of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia during the first half-century of its existence. This sketch is the work of Past Grand Master George W. Atkinson. Another interesting and instructive historical paper on the same subject, from the pen of Brother McKinney, will be found running from page 42 to page 46 of this volume.

During the year the Lodge rolls of West Virginia were depleted by the deaths of 198 Brethren.

The Grand Master granted ten dispensations during his annual term and declined to grant five. "Permissions," somewhat in the nature of dispensations, were granted by the Grand Master in 14 cases.

Reports from 14 District Deputy Grand Masters and 16 Deputy Grand Lecturers are set forth on the pages of this volume.

This annual communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was to have been held in Wheeling, but the proposed meeting place (the Scottish Rite Cathedral) in that city having been destroyed by fire, it was decided to hold the annual communication in the town of Fairmont.

WISCONSIN, 1916

72D ANNUAL

MILWAUKEE

JUNE 13-14

GEORGE O. KELLOGG, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

WILLIAM W. PERRY, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

CYRUS S. STOCKWELL, *Grand Master, 1916-1917.*

GRAND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED, 1916-1917.

In the opening of his annual address, Grand Master Kellogg voices the regret and grief felt by all good men at the terrible war raging in Europe, and expresses thanks to God that America is spared a similar curse.

Among those who have passed into eternity during the year are 475 Brethren in Wisconsin. Among these are Past Grand Masters James E. Durgin, Newton M. Littlejohn, and David Husted Wright—in all a woeful bereavement for one short twelvemonth.

There were 11 special communications of the Grand Lodge during the year, and the Grand Master issued three dispensations to form new Lodges.

In a good many Grand Jurisdictions, Masonic Employment Bureaus have been organized and Grand Master Kellogg advocates the establishment of one in Milwaukee.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master we find the following:

“No. 1. The fact that a petitioner for the degrees is a Roman Catholic should not influence the Investigating Committee in their action. That Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, is one of the fundamental principles of the Craft, and if the petitioner be a good man and true, and has faith in God, and

if he is desirable material otherwise, his religion should not be a bar."

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"No. 4. A Fellow Craft cannot be an active pallbearer at a Masonic funeral, nor, according to our law, can he join in a Masonic funeral procession."

That the patriotic principles instilled into Masons by the teachings of the Order have fallen on good ground in Wisconsin, we judge from the following entry:

"This being Flag Day, June 14, 1916, Past Grand Master Charles E. Whelan entered the Grand Lodge bearing the flag of our country, the stars and stripes, and from the East of the Grand Lodge delivered an oration which was a credit to him and an incentive to every American citizen to uphold all the traditions for which Old Glory stands.

"One could feel the blood in his veins coursing just a little faster as Brother Whelan proceeded with his remarks until he reached the climax, when really it was difficult to restrain the tears, indicating that of all loyal and true citizens of America, Masons are a part."

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in this volume, the North Carolina Proceedings are omitted.

WYOMING, 1915

41ST ANNUAL

CASPER

SEPTEMBER 8-9

J. J. JEWETT, *Grand Master, 1914-1915.*

WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, *Grand Secretary, 1914-1915.*

(DIED MARCH 8, 1915.)

W. H. DICKINSON, *Grand Master, 1915-1916.*

JOSEPH M. LOWNDES, *Grand Secretary, 1915-1916.*

The Grand Lodge was formally welcomed to Casper by Past Grand Master Rohrbaugh, Mayor of the city.

The two greatest losses by death which the Grand Lodge of Wyoming sustained during the year—losses keenly felt, too, beyond the borders of that Grand Jurisdiction—were when Past Grand Master Frank M. Foote and Grand Secretary William Littleberry Kuykendall

were transferred from the labors of an earthly existence to the reward of all just and upright Masons in the Grand Lodge Above. Twenty-nine other deaths, among the Brethren of subordinate Lodges, were duly reported; and some of the more distinguished Fraternal Dead in 24 sister Grand Jurisdictions were recorded.

A matter of pleasing interest to North Carolina Masons will be found in this paragraph from the Grand Master's address:

"I have received word through Cheyenne Brethren that M. W. Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Grand Master of North Carolina, has been making his headquarters at Cheyenne for some time past, in connection of his work with the Government. It gave me great pleasure to extend to our distinguished Brother an invitation to attend this communication as our guest."

We are interested to observe that steps are being taken to prepare a History of Masonry in Wyoming. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming is now only 40 years old, and much material, concerning its origin and early history, is now available which a few more years might place beyond the historian's reach.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming owns a Masonic Home, and steps are now being taken to make its financial income larger and more certain.

At this communication, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming gave its official endorsement to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and became a life member of the same.

The following encouraging report is from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

"We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report that we find nothing in our Grand Lodge Proceedings demanding our attention, peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction."

The number of Master Masons on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming on July 1, 1915, was 3,316—a healthy gain over the preceding year.

REPORTS
of
District Deputy Grand Masters

First Masonic District

SOUTH MILLS, N. C., December 15, 1916.

*Hon. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. &
A. M., Raleigh, N. C.:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: Having been appointed by you in June, as District Deputy Grand Master of the first Masonic district, I have the honor to hand you herewith my annual report of my acts in same. I am sorry to have to report to you that it has been impossible for me to visit all the Lodges in this district this year owing to the lateness of my appointment. However, I have visited all the Lodges but two, namely, Unanimity, No. 7, and Perquimans, No. 106. The former, I am sure, is doing good work from the reports that I have had through correspondence with its Secretary, Bro. E. R. Conger. As to Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, I will say that I have written to the Secretary of this Lodge repeatedly and it seems that all of my letters have been ignored by him or the Lodge; therefore, I have been unable to arrange a visit to them.

After receiving my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master, I immediately addressed a letter to each of the Secretaries of the Lodges in the District, and received a cordial invitation to visit them all but the Lodge just named. I will say that my visits have seemed to prove beneficial to all the Lodges visited, and I think that I can truthfully say that some of them are taking on new life and activity in Masonic affairs in general. The greatest fault that I have found in the Lodges visited by me is in the rural districts. These Lodges are not up on the authorized work of the Grand Lodge in the conferring of the degrees. This I have tried to remedy by assisting them in some of their work. Some of these Lodges I have visited several times upon invitation from their Masters, and I have strongly urged them to secure the services of one of the Grand Lecturers and become proficient with the work, and they have all promised to do so in the near future.

I also have not failed to urge them to donate as liberally as possible to the cause of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, and I have been successful in this to some extent.

I have examined all the accounts of the Lodges visited and I am enclosing reports of my inspection, and whenever I have found the records or finances in bad shape, I have insisted that this be corrected, calling their attention to the fact that no institution can prosper with bad finances.

I will say that owing to the short time that I have represented you in this district as District Deputy Grand Master, I have been unable to arrange and hold a district meeting this year. However, I think that this should be done by each District Deputy throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, as it tends to bring the Lodges and the Brethren into closer fellowship.

The most interesting and important Masonic event which has occurred in this district during the past year was a special communication of the Grand Lodge to lay the corner stone to Newlands Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was done with the usual Masonic rites and ceremonies and at which time I had the distinguished honor to represent you as Grand Master.

I am compelled to say, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that harmony and peace does not prevail throughout this district. There are some dissensions, and strife has been allowed to creep in, in the way of petty jealousies, and mar the good fellowship to the extent that the strongest Lodge in the district has been unable to elect a Master this year. However, I am in hopes that this will heal with time. As a whole, I think that Masonry in the first district, so far as I have been able to see, is in good shape, and I am looking for better results in the future.

Thanking you for the great honor conferred on me as your representative in the first district, and hoping to meet you at the Grand Lodge in January, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. W. JONES,

D. D. G. M., First District.

Fifth Masonic District

Hon. A. B. Andrews, Grand Master, Raleigh, N. C.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: I beg leave to submit this my annual report as District Deputy for the fifth Masonic district of the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

During the year I have visited all the Lodges one or more times except Farmville, and I had planned to go there in June, but conditions beyond my control prevented me. We had arranged an official visit to the several Lodges in the county in November in the interest of a Masonic educational loan fund but, owing to sickness, we did not make it.

We had our second annual district meeting with Bethel Lodge in August, and had in attendance over 300 Masons. Bethel Lodge had secured the services of Bro. J. W. Rowell, Assistant Grand Lecturer, ten days previous to the meeting, and on that occasion exemplified the Master Mason's degree with much credit to themselves and Brother Rowell.

There is a greater interest in the degree work in this county than ever before. A spirit of rivalry has entered a number of the Lodges, which has resulted in a greater proficiency in degree work. Brother Patton has lectured two other Lodges in the county during the year, and one other Lodge has secured him for two weeks this coming year.

We are now planning a visit to all Lodges in the county some time in the early spring, when we hope to be able to raise a thousand dollar Masonic Educational Loan Fund. Our next district meeting will be with Farmville Lodge in August.

With sincere wishes for a great Masonic year, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. CHEEK,
D. D. G. M., Fifth District.

Tenth Masonic District

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Herewith I submit reports of inspection made by me this year and which I trust you will find in proper form:

My commission as District Deputy was received rather late in the year and the work that I hoped to accomplish was not as complete as I would like for it to have been.

On July 10, 1916, I inspected Atkinson Lodge, No. 612, and, from the report previously furnished, copy of which is enclosed, you will observe the condition of that

Lodge. The officers are energetic and they have very bright prospects for future work.

On July 12, 1916, I inspected Waccamaw Lodge, No. 596, assisted in the installation of their officers and, from the report herewith, you will find that this Lodge is in a flourishing condition. Owing to recent loss by fire of the principal business conducted at that place, it remains to be seen what the future has in store as regards new members. The officers are efficient, energetic, and careful.

On June 13, 1916, I inspected St. John's Lodge, No. 1, at Wilmington and found it in excellent condition. In regard to the work of this Lodge I would state that it has a well-organized and fully-equipped directing team for the Master's Degree, exemplifying the authorized work in every particular.

On November 24, 1916, I inspected Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, at Wilmington, and observed that they confer the Master's Degree in excellent form. You will observe from my report that this Lodge has held 36 meetings during the year which indicates the interest of its officers and members.

On January 4th of this year I inspected Orient Lodge, No. 395, at Wilmington, and from the report you will find that its affairs are in excellent condition. This Lodge has maintained its previous reputation for its Masonic work and I am quite sure that the interest of the Craft is in good hands, and the principles of the Order will be, as in the past, well exemplified in its work and conduct of its members.

It is a source of disappointment to me that I have been unable to inspect personally every Lodge in my district. It was an ambition of mine to co-ordinate every Lodge in the tenth district, hoping for good results by thorough organization and mutual assistance, not only in conferring degrees, but in exemplifying the true Masonic spirit outside the Lodge room. A great deal has been accomplished for Freemasonry in the tenth district in the past, but there is a much broader field in which it may labor in the future.

I trust you will find this report satisfactory as far as the work which has been accomplished, and assuring you of my highest esteem and respect, I am,

Courteously and fraternally,

CHAS. B. NEWCOMB, P.M.,
D. D. G. M., Tenth District.

Twelfth Masonic District

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

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

In submitting this my annual report it is a sincere pleasure to say that in so far as I can learn, by correspondence and personal visitation, harmony, peace and good fellowship prevail. There is renewed interest in every Lodge that I have visited, and I believe Masonry as a force for good is being felt throughout the entire district.

I am handing you herewith reports in detail of the Lodges visited, copies of which I am mailing to the Acting Grand Secretary. In addition to these it is my purpose to visit two other Lodges within the next month, if possible. On one of these visits I hope to meet representatives of the remaining Lodges that I have been unable to visit.

As far as possible during the year I have kept in touch with most of the Lodges by mail, and whenever an opportunity presented itself have earnestly called the attention of the Brethren to the needs of our two institutions, and urged them to contribute to them as liberally as possible.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. LEGRAND EVERETT,
D. D. G. M., Twelfth District.

Fourteenth Masonic District

DUNN, N. C., February 9, 1917.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: As District Deputy Grand Master of the fourteenth district, composed of Harnett and Cumberland Counties, I have the honor to report as follows:

I find that Masonry is more firmly established and that the principles of the Order are more generally inculcated in the hearts of its members than ever before in this district.

While I was unable to find time to arrange a district meeting I visited several of the Lodges and secured information otherwise relative to the activity and condition of the various Lodges in the district. They are in better shape financially than they have been in years, notwithstanding the general financial condition of the country due to that awful conflict beyond the seas. Several of the Lodges have been active in taking in members and indications are that the coming year will prove more so. In this connection, I wish to report that my home Lodge, Palmyra, No. 147, at Dunn, N. C., has been unusually active in every phase of Masonry, and is showing remarkable improvement in all respects.

There is a renewed interest in the Order that is easily recognized throughout the district and which indicates a prosperity for the future not heretofore enjoyed. Harmony, peace, and good will prevail and we enter upon the duties and responsibilities of the coming year with high hopes and lofty ideals and anticipating the best year in Masonry ever experienced by the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. TURNAGE,

D. D. G. M., Fourteenth District.

Fifteenth Masonic District

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

The fifteenth Masonic district, which is the County of Wake, now has 999 members in its 18 Masonic Lodges. This is a net gain in membership of 64 for the year 1916.

Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, leads the country Lodges in this district with the net gain of 13 members; Wendell Lodge, No. 565, made a net gain of 11 members; Cary Lodge, No. 198, and Zebulon Lodge, No. 609, each made a net gain of five members.

The three Lodges in Raleigh are in flourishing condition and the Brethren work in perfect harmony. Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, made a net gain of 26 members; Ra-

leigh, No. 500, gained 11 members ; Hiram, No. 40, gained 9 members.

Following the idea brought out by the Grand Master, I am pleased to report that Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, appropriated sufficient funds to educate a deserving young lady at the Normal College at Greensboro. I gather from reports to this Lodge that the young lady is doing well at the college and the members of the Lodge are much interested in this charitable work.

On account of the demands of my business in 1916 and the death of my business associate, Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, I have not been able to visit all of the Lodges in my district during the year. However, I have communicated with all of them and have been where they could reach me quickly if they needed my services.

Believing that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, it has been my endeavor to give special aid to the weakest Lodge in my district. It has seemed to me that White Stone Lodge, No. 155, and Fuquay Lodge, No. 614, needed my help. According I gave them the greater part of my time. Both of these Lodges show a decrease in membership of one for the year.

White Stone Lodge, No. 155, has remodeled its Lodge room and has a good set of officers and should show an increase in 1917.

Fuquay Lodge, No. 614, has spent considerable money for paraphernalia and was in flourishing condition when it lost everything by fire and had no insurance. The Brethren became discouraged and started to surrender their charter. However, with the aid of the acting Grand Secretary and the Raleigh Brethren, we encouraged them to start over again and I told them I would make some arrangement to get what money they needed to put them on their feet. I am especially grateful to the charitable help of Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, for help in this case. We succeeded in giving Fuquay Lodge sufficient paraphernalia to go on with its work and we did not make a public appeal for aid. I believe Fuquay Lodge will show an increase in 1917.

I have five inspection reports filed in my office for 1916.

On June 3, 1916, I conducted the Masonic funeral of Bro. J. J. Penny, White Stone Lodge, No. 155.

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has called 22 of our members to the Celestial Lodge Above during 1916. Among these was our Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, who was a Past Master of Wm. G. Hill, No. 218, and with whom I had been associated in business all of my business life.

The outlook of Masonry for 1917 in the fifteenth district is good.

Fraternally submitted,

C. T. McCLENAGHAN,
D. D. G. M., Fifteenth District.

Seventeenth Masonic District

WILSON, N. C.

Hon. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M., Raleigh, N. C.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: I have the honor to herewith submit this my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the seventeenth Masonic district.

On receiving my commission, I mailed to every Worshipful Master in the district a circular letter with the following questions: What is the name and number of your Lodge? How often does it meet? What is the hour and the day of your meetings? Does it meet regularly, and is it opened on time? What is the location of your Lodge and the best way to reach it? What is the average number of attendants? Is attendance growing? if not, what is the cause? Do you know of anything that may require the attention or the immediate visit to your Lodge of the District Deputy? When will it be most convenient to your Lodge for the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master?

Of the 14 Lodges, including Bailey Lodge, U. D., ten answered this letter, and I have visited seven Lodges as follows: Bailey Lodge, U. D., on August 21st, at 8:00, p. m.; Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, August 26th, at 11:00, a. m.; Castalia Lodge, No. 619, August 26th, at 3:00, p. m.; Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, September 7th, at 11:00, a. m.; Toisnot Lodge, No. 298, September 11th, at 8:00, p. m.; Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 117, September 18th, at 8:00, p. m.; and Corinthian Lodge, No. 230, September 28th, at 8:00, p. m.

I am exceedingly sorry to say that I was unable to visit the other Lodges, but have endeavored to get in touch with every Lodge as well as with every known Mason in the district.

In making this report I beg to touch on things of general interest and which are essential to every Lodge and must be remedied before any improvement of the present conditions may take place. I will also refrain from showing the defects of any particular Lodge, as I fully believe that these should be discussed only in the Lodge itself and not anywhere else.

I have found that there is a general apathy and lack of interest among Masons in this district; that the work, ritual or otherwise, is poorly done and a Lecturer is badly needed; that there are too many Lodges for the scanty population of certain sections; and that it takes some time to remedy these conditions.

After a careful study of the cause and effect of these existing conditions I beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Grand Lodge pass a ruling to prevent any one member serving as Master of his Lodge more than two terms. I make this recommendation because I have found that whenever a Lodge has the same Master more than two terms, that Lodge is deteriorating, and the interest of its members is waning so that they hardly have enough members present to open the Lodge.

2. That the Grand Lodge require every newly raised Master Mason to pass an examination in the Master's Degree before he is allowed to sign the membership roll of his Lodge and become an active member. I recommend this because I have found very few Master Masons who know the catechism of the Master Mason's degree, which is essential to them.

3. That a special effort be made by the Grand Lodge to consolidate the following Lodges: Mount Pleasant, Bailey, Spring Hope, Rockville, and Central Cross. These Lodges are not more than five or six miles apart and the population is scanty. I fully believe that if Mount Pleasant and Bailey consolidate and have their meetings at Bailey; while Rockville, Central Cross, and Spring Hope consolidate and have their meetings at Spring Hope, the attendance as well as the interest will increase and the Lodges then can have good work as they will have the

material for it. Of course, there are some members who will be inconvenienced to come to such a centrally located place but can go to another Lodge easily, so I recommend that such members be allowed to join the most convenient Lodge for them.

4. That the Grand Lodge should require every subordinate Lodge to include in its Rules of Order the inquiry of a Brother sick or in need. I have found that this feature of our duties is badly neglected and we must be reminded of it.

5. That the annual report of the subordinate Lodges should include the exact location and the day and hour of meetings of every Lodge.

These recommendations I beg to submit for your consideration, while the following I made to the different Lodges I have visited:

1. That whenever a Lodge secures the services of a Lecturer they should select two or more members who are willing to learn and are ready to teach the others, to study separately all the secret work. By doing such the Lodge will have two or three Lecturers among its members, instead of several members knowing a little here and there.

2. That the Junior Warden confers the Entered Apprentice Degree; the Senior Warden, the Fellow Craft; and the Worshipful Master, the Master's Degree. By doing such no one officer has too much to learn at one time and surely he will be able to learn the work of one degree a year.

3. To the Secretaries I recommended the following plan of keeping the record which our Secretary, Bro. T. S. Pace, of Mount Lebanon Lodge, has adopted, and who was kind enough to give me a full description of it with samples which I beg to attach to this report. In my humble opinion this will prove to be among the best systems of keeping the Lodge records.

With sincerest kind and high regards, I am, sir,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

M. SALIBA,

D. D. G. M., Seventeenth District.

WILSON, N. C., July 20, 1916.

Dr. Michel Saliba, D. D. G. M., Wilson, N. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In compliance with your request, I give below an outline of the method adopted for keeping the records of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 117, A.F. & A.M.

The records are divided into four general classes: Minutes, cash, accounts, and members' record. They are all kept under one cover by the use of a loose-leaf binder $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{8}$ inches, with a $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch back. This makes a very handy size book and was adopted so that the minutes, or proceedings, of the Lodge could be written with an ordinary typewriter and filed in it.

The book is arranged by divisions as follows, using specially ruled sheets where needed:

Divison No. 1.—Minutes. This is carried in the front of the binder, as in it new sheets will be filed more often than in any others. The proceedings of the Lodge are typewritten on plain, unruled sheets of good tough linen ledger paper, cut and perforated to fit the binder. A margin of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches is left on the left side of the sheet on which to annotate the proceedings. It is then filed on the top of the previous proceedings so that on opening the book the last proceedings are on top. This is found to be more convenient than the method of filing them under the previous proceedings. Sheets for this division can be had from any printer, cut and perforated to fit the binder for about \$1.00 per hundred.

Divison No. 2.—Cash. This is carried on a special ruling and shows all cash receipts and disbursements in detail. The left hand sheet of this division, when opened, shows in detail all receipts from any source, the date, name of person and for what, as well as the amount. The right hand side shows, first, the date and balance in bank, the date and amount of deposits; second the date, number of check, to whom payable and for what, and the amount of the check. The difference between the total of the columns on this side of the sheet is the balance in bank. It will be noted that this cash book requires that the Secretary keep a detailed record of all disbursements, whether paid out by him on check or on warrants on the Treasurer. He thus has before him at all times a complete record of all of the financial transactions of the Lodge. The writer

uses his cash book instead of a check stub, thus making it unnecessary to re-write the entry, and insuring that the cash book is always written up to the last check. The writer also requires the bank to render a monthly statement, with all cancelled checks, and after verifying his account with the bank, attaches to each check the bill which it covers. The bank statement, cancelled checks with attached bill, are then filed for future verification and audit by the Finance Committee. Sheets for this division will cost about \$8.00 in lots of 500, which is the smallest number some houses will rule.

Division No. 3.—Accounts. This is carried on regular double entry ledger ruled sheets and it is not necessary that it be kept in balance form. A separate ledger sheet is given each member, also for such other accounts as are better kept in consolidated form, such as rent, salaries, pledges for future payment, etc. The writer opens a ledger account with each person elected to the degrees or to membership at the time of his election, giving the account the consecutive number of the petition, as shown on the Members' Record, or Division No. 4. When the person has been raised, or elected to membership, the account is charged with dues for the balance of the fiscal year; it is, of course, credited with all payments made by him as shown on the cash book. Sheets for this division are carried in stock by the makers of the loose leaf binders and will cost about \$1.00 per hundred.

Division No. 4.—Members' Record. This is carried on a special ruling which will cost about the same as sheets for Division No. 2. The data for this is taken from the petitions, minutes, or any other authoritative source, and shows the full name of the petitioner for the degrees or membership, the place and date of birth, occupation, the date the petition was presented to the Lodge, and, if for membership, the name, number and location of the Lodge issuing the dimit which accompanies the petition, the date of election or rejection of the petition, the date of installation and name of any office held by the member, any action taken by the Lodge against the member and date, and how the member lost membership in the Lodge and date, together with any other data concerning the member's Blue Lodge record that it might be well to preserve.

The writer indexes this division as follows:

First. Each member is given the consecutive number of his petition, the charter members taking the first numbers beginning with No. 1, the Master being designated as 1-C, the Senior Warden as 2-C, the Junior Warden as 3-C and so on through the officers U. D., according to rank. The charter members who are not officers are arranged alphabetically and numbered accordingly, the first charter member not an officer being 11-C if all officers are filled. After the charter members are thus numbered, the first petition received, whether for degrees or membership, is given the next consecutive number, and so on, for each successive petition. This is the number given the petitioner on his ledger account. The petitions are divided into two classes, *i. e.*, degrees and membership, and are indexed to show the class and its consecutive number. For example, say that we have 15 charter members who have all been indexed 1-C, 2-C, to 15-C, the first petition would be, if for degrees, 16-D-1; if for membership, 16-M-1; this would mean that the petitioner's consecutive number was 16 and that it was the first petition for degrees or membership, as the case might be.

Second. An alphabetical index is also made which gives the name of the person, the page of the entry and his consecutive number.

This division sounds rather formidable when written, but it really is easy to keep up and is many times worth the trouble required to keep it. The entries won't average over two or three per meeting. And when in years to come some question arises about some Brother, the Secretary, or any member, can give his full Blue Lodge record in a few minutes.

The writer felt the need of this record so badly that he took the old books, minutes, cash and ledgers, such as could be found, of the Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery of which he is Secretary, dating back to 1848 and compiled the data.

The above outfit will cost about \$30.00, but it will answer the needs of the average Lodge for at least 100 years, and is capable of unlimited expansion.

The outfit consists of:

One Ledger Binder, 7½ x 10¾ inches, 1½ inch back, Russia and Corduroy, with one 26 div. leather tab. index, and 250 ledger ruled sheets -----	\$ 8.50
One four sheet division index, lettered minutes, cash book, accounts, members' record -----	1.20
500 sheets cash book ruling -----	8.00
500 sheets members' record ruling -----	8.00
100 sheets blank for minutes -----	1.00
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Fraternally yours,

T. S. PACE,
Secretary Mount Lebanon Lodge,
No. 117, A.F. & A.M.

Records as above outlined are also kept for Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 27, and Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, K. T.

Nineteenth Masonic District

WARRENTON, N. C., January 13, 1917.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.:*

I received my credentials as District Deputy for the present Masonic year on April 5th, and made preparations at once to keep in close touch with all the Lodges, and to spend the month of August in visiting them, planning to bring this to a climax with a general district meeting about the end of that month.

But "there is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them as we may." On June 18th, while I was in attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, the militia were called out, and on the next day I was called to take the place of the captain of our local company until he should return. The result is, that since that date I have been doing as much as I could of two men's work. There are times when one's duty to one's country, direct or indirect, takes precedence over one's duty to the fraternal order. I was forced to give up my pleasant plans for the visitation of the district. For six days in each week during the past seven months, I have found it necessary to remain at my post in this place.

But even under these strenuous circumstances I have the honor and the pleasure to report that I have visited eight of the 14 Lodges in the three counties of the district; have attended during the year 82 Masonic meetings of various kinds and in many places; have made 15 informal Masonic addresses; and have had a small part in the raising of collections for the Orphan Asylum aggregating about six hundred dollars.

The nineteenth district is the largest in the State. There are, it is true, a few others in which there are as many as 14 Lodges, but none of these has so large an area; there are some of area as great, but none of these contain so many Lodges. In visiting eight Lodges, I traveled more than 500 miles. If I had visited the other six, the total mileage would have been more than a thousand. But the kindness and hospitality of the Brethren of Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties is so free and bountiful that one would be willing to travel more than ten times that distance in order to have the pleasure of enjoying it.

I find the Lodges in the main to be in excellent condition. My own Lodge has grown so much that it could spare enough of its members by dimit to organize a new one, without showing any decrease. As a general rule, the Lodges in the growing towns are the most flourishing. Those Lodges, usually the older ones, which are situated in the rural districts, are not forging ahead so rapidly as the town Lodges, a few of them even showing a decrease in membership or in interest.

Not having opportunity to execute my plan of having a district meeting, I have encouraged "group meetings" in as many sections as possible. One or more of these has been held in each of the three counties. Although I expected to report the district meeting as part of the year's work, yet I really believe these meetings of those Lodges which are close together do more genuine good. They bring together more Masons in the aggregate than one district meeting would cause to assemble, and arouse more genuine enthusiasm in the district. The nineteenth district is not, on account of its size, compact enough to afford any good central meeting place with a Lodge room suitable for such a district meeting.

All the Lodges are supporting the Orphanage loyalty, and most of them show more interest year by year

in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. I find that many of them are making engagements with the Lecturers, to the end that they may make the degree work as impressive as possible. I am profoundly glad to report some interest in "the study side of Masonry." This is a matter which needs much more attention here in North Carolina than it has received. It is extremely interesting, and makes Masonry mean infinitely more to the Mason. I hope the Grand Lodge will actively encourage it.

I am happy to report that peace and harmony reign in all parts of the district. A few matters of difference of opinion into which personalities had been injected, have at times been brought to my attention, which I have prayerfully used my best judgment in adjusting. Although these matters, for a short while each, were the cause of unpleasant work, yet the sense of duty done without fear or favor, and the satisfactory event in each case, are more than sufficient compensation for the trouble which the correction entailed. My cup of gladness has been filled to overflowing by the kindness and loyal coöperation of those with whom I have come in contact.

May I be permitted to express in this connection, in my report, my sincere appreciation of a beautiful gold-headed cane which was presented to me during the year by anonymous friends, through the Grand Master, who was asked to preserve the identity of the donors as a secret? On this cane were inscribed the words, "J. E. Allen, D.D.G.M., 1916", and other expressions. I wish that I might know the givers, for it must indeed be a pleasure to know men with such a desire to make others happy as this gift indicates.

My last official act before sending in this report, for which the report was, indeed, delayed, was to assist in organizing Norlina Lodge, U. D., at Norlina. This place is a live railroad center, in which are a large number of men who are very deeply interested in Masonry, but have hitherto been denied the privileges of our Order on account of the peculiar circumstances surrounding them. Twelve Masons obtained a dispensation to organize on December 26th, and I met with them to begin work two days later, at which time they had in hand ten petitions for degrees, with \$20.00 accompanying each. Five days later there were eight more petitions in hand. Seven

more Masons are waiting to join with these Brethren as soon as they receive their charter. More than a week before these Brethren obtained their authority to organize, they had accepted a suggestion that they raise a good collection for the Orphanage, sending in \$26.20. I do not think there ever was a Lodge U. D. in the State which could beat this one.

In submitting this report, I beg to suggest to you that I have held the honors of District Deputy Grand Master for three years; that there are many other good men in this district who more richly deserve the honor than do I; and that on account of these and other conditions, while I am not unmindful of the great honor which has been bestowed upon me, and have greatly enjoyed performing the duties of the office, yet I hope my name will not be considered when the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master for the nineteenth district is made for 1917.

Respectfully submitted,
J. EDWARD ALLEN,
D. D. G. M., Nineteenth District.

Twenty-second Masonic District

REIDSVILLE, N. C., January 1, 1917.

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

I am glad to report that Masonry in the twenty-second district is moving forward. The Lodges in Rockingham County are in a flourishing condition.

Stoneville Lodge, No. 197. I took up this charter on February 24, 1916, and returned same with seal and funds to the Grand Secretary. The Lodges in Caswell County are in fine condition, except Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 74, Milton, N. C. I have been unable to do anything with them—have corresponded with their Worshipful Master, but have been unable to get any satisfaction.

They have not held a meeting in two years or more and I recommend that their charter be revoked.

With best wishes for a successful meeting of the Grand Lodge and with personal regards, I am,

Fraternally,
A. J. ELLINGTON,
D. D. G. M., Twenty-second District.

Twenty-fourth Masonic District

RAMSEUR, N. C., January 10, 1917.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have been tempted to not make a report of what little work I have done in this district, but my conscience will not let me. I know there is no use to make excuses, for a drummer told me one time that an excuse was not worth a cent at headquarters. But since receiving my commission in June, I have been kept closely at home on account of sickness in my family. It is with sincere regret that I am unable to make a satisfactory report of my work. I am enclosing reports of the Lodges I have visited, and think they are in fine shape. I also visited some other Lodges, but on account of bad weather, no meetings were held. I think most of the Lodges in this district are in good shape, while I am satisfied some others need attention.

I think it would be a good idea to have the dates of the regular meetings of each Lodge put in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, so we may know just when each Lodge meets. I have not yet found out when some of the Lodges in this district meet.

We know that Masonry is one of the grandest of all secret organizations, and are proud that we have the opportunity of trying to help the cause along, and will try to do more in the Lodge, and among the Brethren, than ever before.

Fraternally yours,

E. J. STEED,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-fourth District.

Twenty-sixth Masonic District

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.:

Your Deputy for district No. 26 begs to report that harmony prevails throughout the district. There is no contention, but that noble contention, or rather, emulation of who can best work and agree.

It is gratifying, also, to report that Masonry in my district is becoming more and more to be recognized as the strongest and best Fraternity. This is largely be-

cause of the material and substantial assistance given where necessity suggests.

Our members are loyal to our institutions and to our Grand Officers, and earnestly endeavor to execute the work in conformity to the teaching of the Grand Lodge and its officers.

We are likewise increasing in numbers, as well as in strength and in favor.

Respectfully,

R. W. LEMMOND,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-sixth District.

Twenty-eighth Masonic District

GASTONIA, N. C., January 13, 1917.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: I have the honor to submit the following as my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the twenty-eighth district.

I beg to advise that I have not made any strictly official visits to the Lodges of the district during the past year. I have, however, been in touch with the general condition of the Lodges through personal contact with representatives of the various Lodges, and have visited the Lodge at Belmont, also Gastonia Lodge, No. 369. In my judgment conditions are most favorable in this district. I am frequently in Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, and know of my own personal knowledge the conditions existing there, and assure you that there is an awakened interest being manifested by the officers and members. At this time, there is a great deal of degree work to do and being done. This Lodge has secured a most convenient location for a new home, and is making progress towards its plan of building at some future date.

I am glad to say that I have nothing of a disagreeable or discreditable nature to report. Masonry is taken very seriously here, and is doing a great work among a high order of men. The membership in the district is increasing from year to year in a most encouraging manner, and my belief is that the ensuing year will reflect both honor and credit upon Masonry and result in increased strength to each Lodge in this district..

With my best wishes for the upbuilding of Masonry and increased constructive work during the year now facing us, I am,

Fraternally yours,
W. L. THOMPSON,
D. D. G. M., Twenty-eighth District.

Twenty-ninth Masonic District

STATESVILLE, N. C., January 1, 1917.

Mr. A. B. Andrews, Grand Master, Raleigh, N. C.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: As the time for the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge approaches, it reminds me that I must make a report of my stewardship as District Deputy for the twenty-ninth district during the year that has just passed, and below I will try to give an outline of the year's endeavors.

During the year I have been able to visit but three Lodges in the district: County Line, No. 224, Campbell, No. 374, and Mooresville, No. 496, and am enclosing an itemized report of the visits herewith.

In addition to these reports, I hear from our Assistant Grand Lecturer, Bro. W. W. Holland, that a goodly number of the Lodges in this district are showing a marked interest in the uniform work, and are getting themselves in splendid shape, notably, Lee Lodge, at Taylorsville, Campbell Lodge, at Troutman, and Wilson Lodge, at Olin.

The effect of this work was shown at our district meeting, and outline of which is given below:

The climax of the year in Masonic circles in this district is always the district meeting, and while we did not have as large attendance at the meeting we held on November 17th of this year as we have been having, all those who attended voted the meeting an entire success.

At this meeting we had representatives from all of the Lodges in the district except one, and, in making the report of the work at their Lodges, the representatives with one accord stated that their Lodges were growing, and that there was very much interest being shown in the work.

Heretofore we have had all three of the degrees conferred at the district meetings, but on account of the

fact that it takes so much time from the other matters, this year we only put on the first and third degrees.

In putting on the third degree, it was decided to try a unique experiment. I picked a team from the different Lodges in the district, notifying each man of the part he would take, and at the district meeting this degree was put on without the team having had any previous practice together and the work was almost faultless, the work of Bro. T. H. Miller, of Lee Lodge, at Taylorsville, as Senior Warden being particularly good.

We had a number of talks from Brethren in regard to matters of interest to the Brethren, and inaugurated a question box with Brother Holland presiding, but am sorry to say that the Brethren did not avail themselves of the opportunity of securing information in regard to the work.

We had a splendid talk from Brother Brown in regard to the work of our Orphans' Home, and also from Brother Phoenix in regard to the work of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The climax of the day was the address of Bro. J. F. Kirk, entitled "Hands Stretched Out For Aid", in which Brother Kirk branched out from any previous line of thought, and clearly showed that the Masonic Lodge was the only medium through which any subject could be handled that was entirely non-political, non-denominational and non-sectarian.

After the address of Brother Kirk, the Brethren were entertained with refreshments by Statesville Lodge.

It was the unanimous verdict that the fourth annual meeting was worth while.

I trust that the year's work has been exceedingly gratifying to you throughout the State.

I wish to thank you heartily for your coöperation with me throughout the year, and to tell you that it was appreciated.

With the best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. L. GILBERT,

D. D. G. M., Twenty-ninth District.

Thirty-first Masonic District

ELKIN, N. C., February 5, 1917.

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

As District Deputy Grand Master of the thirty-first district I have delayed sending my report, this being my first year in this work. I had, in fact, failed to post myself in regard to the dates of reporting, hence the delay. I herewith enclose my reports for the two Lodges I have inspected, and will say that I have been in touch with most all the Lodges in my district, and feel safe in saying that most of the Lodges are in very good working condition. However, I hope to see all of our Lodges in the near future have the Grand or Assistant Lecturers, as I am sure that this is one of the most important steps for any Lodge to take, as it always results in more proficiency in their work.

Inasmuch as I have not visited all the Lodges, I am, therefore, unable to discuss in detail the various conditions that may or may not exist to the ultimate betterment of Masonry. To this end it is my purpose to be able to more definitely understand and know the conditions as they actually are.

With full purpose of serving and coöperating for the highest ideals in Masonry, and assuring you of my sincere good wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. S. REICH,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-first District.

Thirty-fifth Masonic District

VILAS, N. C., January 8, 1917.

Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg leave to report as District Deputy Grand Master of the 35th Masonic district in this Grand Jurisdiction, that I have had the pleasure of visiting the eight Lodges in my district and find most of them in very good condition. Some of them are growing in numbers, and out of good material. Some of them seem to be on a standstill, but all seem to be in good financial shape.

There is some discord in one of them, but I think it will get all right in the near future.

Four of these Lodges had work, and the workers seemed to be up on the job O. K.

Some of these Lodges claim that they have never had a visit from the District Deputy Grand Master until this year.

The Lodges of this district are very scattering and hard to get to. The travel has to be done by horse conveyance.

It cost me 257 miles' travel on horseback to visit these Lodges, but, nevertheless, I enjoyed it very much, as the Brethren gave a most hearty welcome, and made me feel that they appreciated my visit. I think that the fraternal spirit is good, and that the general situation is tolerably good.

In conclusion, I thank you for the confidence reposed in me, and with kindest regards for you personally and officially, I am,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

J. W. HORTON,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-fifth District.

Thirty-seventh Masonic District

SHELBY, N. C., January 15, 1917.

A. B. Andrews, Grand Master, Raleigh, N. C.:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to report that Masonry in the thirty-seventh district is generally in a very prosperous condition. Not everything that we desired has been accomplished, but substantial progress has been made. We have had a normal increase in membership of the very best material. Every Lodge in the district has done some degree work during the year, and I am especially pleased to note that some of the weaker Lodges have not only done degree work but in other ways have shown signs of new life. One evidence of real progress, I think, is in the fact that the contributions to the Oxford Orphanage have been considerably larger than ever before, and an evidence of increased interest will be found in the fact that nearly all the Lodges in the district will be represented at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Our district meeting was held this year with Fairview Lodge, at Kings Mountain, on December 1st. Fairview Lodge was opened at 2:30, p. m. An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. J. R. Davis, of Kings Mountain, and was responded to by Rev. T. D. Bateman, of Shelby. Both of these addresses were of a high order and full of inspiration. General discussion of various matters pertaining to the good of the order was indulged in by the Brethren, and this I think was very beneficial. At six o'clock the Brethren of Fairview Lodge served a banquet which their wives and daughters had helped them to prepare. Into this they had evidently entered with enthusiasm, and all the Brethren who were so fortunate as to be present will testify that they crowned themselves with glory. This was indeed a most enjoyable affair.

At eight o'clock, p. m., in the graded school auditorium, Bro. Clyde R. Hoey delivered a very fine public address which sent all the Brethren home prouder than ever of their Masonry.

I am now so situated that the pressure of business makes it practically impossible for me to visit the Lodges as should be done, and I suggest that some one else be appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the next year, and shall so suggest to the representatives of Lodges attending the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

J. F. ROBERTS,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-seventh District.

Thirty-eighth Masonic District

BREVARD, N. C.

Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: As your District Deputy for the thirty-eighth district I beg to report as follows:

All the Lodges seem to be working in harmony. All are doing some work. It was my good fortune to find them at work when I made a call.

My first visit was to Kedron, No. 387, Hendersonville. They were working in the second degree. All the officers knew the work as it had been taught to them. In some places they did not follow the work taught by

Assistant Grand Lecturer J. L. Nelson. The Master's attention was called to this and I suggested that they have some one come and teach the work. He did not seem to like the idea. Perferred to go on as they were.

Skyuka, No. 605, Tryon, N. C., worked the first degree. While the work was a little ragged it was about right. They intend to have Brother Nelson in the near future. This Lodge has a very high class of men for its members. Every man present could have filled any office after a little coaching. They are very anxious to learn the correct work.

Saluda Lodge, No. 482, Saluda, N. C., with my assistance put on the Master's degree. They had been coached by Brother Nelson in the spring and have again had him with them for a week, so they are in good trim.

Some of the members of this Lodge live at a distance and have been talking about a Lodge in their section. I advised that they send for Brother Nelson or one of the other Lecturers and learn the work before applying for a dispensation. I have not heard from them since.

Dunn's Rock Lodge, No. 267, Brevard, N. C., had the services of Brother Nelson for two weeks and will have him again next month.

This Lodge is growing and it is taking in only the better men of the county. The officers know the work. They put on all the degrees quite satisfactorily.

We did not hold a district meeting. It was put off first for one and then another reason until too late. I desired to hold it at Hendersonville and, as they wanted to put on the third degree without first having help, this I would not agree to.

Taken as a whole the order is in very good condition in this district.

Fraternally yours,

C. M. DOYLE,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-eighth District.

Thirty-ninth Masonic District

ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 12, 1917.

Hon. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master, Raleigh, N. C.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit every Lodge in my district except Swannanoa, and, as I have been in the latter many times,

and know conditions there so well, I did not deem it imperative to pay them an official visit, although it would have given me much pleasure to have done so had reasonable circumstances permitted.

On May 8, 1916, I had a district meeting in Asheville in Mt. Hermon Lodge, and we had representatives from most of the Lodges in the district. At this meeting I tried to outline the policies of the Grand Lodge as laid down on the Trestle Board by you in your address upon being inducted into the office of Grand Master, and asked their support in this important undertaking.

My first visit was to Ottolay Loday, at Fairview. I went there at their regular communication in July and was escorted by several members from Mt. Hermon Lodge and Brother Kenny from Biltmore Lodge. Assisted by these Brethren, I installed the officers, and when this ceremony was over the good ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star served refreshments and we all had a royal good time.

My next was to Hominy, Lodge, No. 491. I was accompanied by several officers and members of Mt. Hermon Lodge and the Master Mason's degree was conferred and, after several interesting talks, refreshments were at our disposal and we had an hour of social intercourse.

I next visited Vance Lodge, No. 293, and, assisted by some Brethren from Mt. Hermon Lodge, and assisted by Assistant Grand Lecturer J. L. Nelson, I raised a candidate to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

With the assistance of Brother Nelson, the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in Center Lodge, No. 398. The attendance was good and the members seemed to enjoy seeing the work put on in proper manner.

On October 21, 1916, a district meeting was held at Blackmer Lodge, No. 170. The attendance was good and representatives were there from nearly all of the Lodges in the district, as well as some from other sections. We had a sufficient number of well-informed Brethren present to work the degrees as prescribed by the Grand Lodge. The Entered Apprentice and Master's Degrees were conferred and all present had the opportunity of seeing the work done in conformity with the North Carolina work.

Barnardsville Lodge was visited by me, but, owing to very inclement weather, a quorum was not present, but due inquiry was made about the conditions there and it

was found that they have been meeting regularly and were active.

Biltmore Lodge, No. 446, was visited but, for lack of a quorum, they had no meeting.

On visiting these Lodges, I find that they all need the services of a Lecturer which was forcibly recommended.

Mt. Hermon is a model Lodge. The degrees are conferred in an excellent manner and the officers and members often visit neighboring Lodges and exemplify the work. In this way they are of great assistance to the weaker Lodges.

I am happy to report that peace and good fellowship prevail amongst the Craft throughout the thirty-ninth district and, so far as it has come to my knowledge, there are no dissensions amongst the Brethren.

I love Masonry and the great principles for which it stands, and am only sorry that I could not do more for the cause.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. WOOD,

D. D. G. M., Thirty-ninth District.

Forty-first Masonic District

MARSHALL, N. C., December 18, 1916.

Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: In rendering my report for 1916 will say I have visited all the Lodges in my district and am pleased to report them (with one or two exceptions) to be in a growing condition, and in most of them love and harmony prevail. The services of a Lecturer would greatly improve these Lodges and most of them should raise their dues, which would enable them to give more for charity and furnish their Lodge rooms better. The visits to these Lodges have been exceedingly pleasant and much enjoyed by me, and I sincerely hope I have been of some service to them.

I recommend that a younger and more vigorous man than I am be appointed as District Deputy Grand Master in this district.

Sincerely and fraternally,

C. A. CLARK,

D. D. G. M., Forty-first District.

Forty-fourth Masonic District

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C., December 14, 1916.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of
North Carolina:*

Your District Deputy Grand Master of the forty-fourth district would respectfully report:

That he has kept in touch with the various Lodges of the district, by visitation, correspondence and otherwise, being present in five of the Lodges when work in the different degrees was done.

Held a district meeting which was attended by representatives or by written reports from all the Lodges except two, and from these reports find, that we added during the year 23 members; lost by death and otherwise, 16; unfinished material in the Lodges, 27; expended for charity, \$154.00; cash in Treasury, \$657.00; 77 owe dues for more than one year; average attendance at regular meetings, about 25 per cent. There are three chapters of the O. E. S. in the district, and a Royal Arch Chapter, all filling their places in the great work of Masonry.

A crying need of the district is that uniformity of work, that calls for the work of the Lecturer in each Lodge.

We are indebted to Doctor Sinclair, of Mystic Tie Lodge, and C. A. Wilkins, of Forest City Lodge, for their presence and help in our district meeting.

Respectfully reported,

J. B. CARPENTER,

D. D. G. M., Forty-fourth District.

CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN, Grand Master
Wilmington, N. C.

WILLIAM W. WILLSON, Grand Secretary
Raleigh, N. C.

MARSHALL DeLANCEY HAYWOOD
Committee on Foreign Correspondence
Raleigh, N. C.



NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 131st Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in the City of Raleigh, on the third Tuesday in January, commencing at 7:30 p.m., it being January 15, 1918.