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## GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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MONDAY EVENING,

Dec. 6, A. D. 1847, A. L. 5847.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina met at their Hall, on the evening of Monday, 6th instant, at 7 o'clock, agreeably to the provisions of the Grand Constitution, and was opened by the Grand Master in ample form, after prayer by Bro. T. J. Lemay, Grand Chaplain:

### PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. WILLIAM GOTT, D. G. M.

" T. J. LEMAY, G. C.

" W. H. MEAD, G. S. W. P. T.

" T. BURR, Jr., G. J. W.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Brother J. T. HUNTER, G. S. D.

" L. W. PECK, G. J. D., P. T.

" W. G. HILL, G. M.

" SAML. LOFTIN, G. S. B., P. T.

" WESLEY HOLLISTER, G. P.

" R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

### REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, Bro. T. Burr, Jr.

Sharon Lodge, No. 78, Greenville—Bro. E. S. Blount.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston—Bro. David Jones.

Wayne Lodge, No. 112, Everettsville, Wayne Co.—Bro. Samuel Loftin.

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte—Bros. Edward Yarborough and T. J. Lemay.

Perquimmons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. W. F. Collins.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth—Bro. W. F. Collins.

Zion Lodge, No. 81, Kinston—Bro. W. F. Collins.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 111, Rockingham—Bros. N. F. Reid and J. T. Woodson.

Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro'—Bro. John F. Speight.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95, Hookerton—Bro. E. T. Blount.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bros. W. G. Hill, J. T. Hunter and W. Hollister.

American George Lodge, No. 17, Murfreesboro'—Bro. T. J. Lemay.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 110, Smithville—Bro. Jos. Green.

Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, Camden—Bro. W. T. Bain.

Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97, Wake Co.—Bro. W. H. Mead.

Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Salisbury (revived)—Bro. Edward Yarborough.

#### VISITING BRETHREN.

Bros. A. J. Lawrence, P. G. S., John Cosby, Dabney Cosby, Joshua Rodgers, Isaac Hunter, T. S. Utley, R. S. D. Young and W. J. Ramsay.

*Ordered*, That all Master Masons of good standing, now in this city, be invited to take seats in the Grand Lodge, during this convocation.

Brother R. T. D. Young, late Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 86, Louisburg, appeared and surrendered the charter of said Lodge, and he was permitted to retain the Jewels, with a prospect of applying for a dispensation for a new Lodge.



No other business appearing, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, Tuesday, at 7 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, G. S.

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TUESDAY EVENING,

December 7, A. D., 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. WILLIAM GOTT, D. G. M.

" T. J. LEMAY, G. C.

" W. H. MEAD, G. S. W. P. T.

" T. BURR, Jr., G. J. W.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. JOSEPH GREEN, G. S. D. P. T.

" L. W. PECK, G. J. D., P. T.

" W. G. HILL, G. M.

" SAMUEL LOFTIN, G. S. B., P. T.

" DAVID JONES, G. P., P. T.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. T.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bros. T. Burr, Jr., David Jones, Samuel Loftin, N. F. Ried, J. T. Woodson, John F. Speight, E. S. Blount, Jos. Green, W. T. Bain, E. Yarborough, T. J. Lemay, W. G. Hill, Jos. T. Hunter, William F. Collins, appeared as the representatives of their respective Lodges.

## VISITORS.

Bros. R. T. D. Young, A. Hunter, J. M. Lovejoy, J. H. DeCarteret, John Manly, Jno. Cosby, Dabney Cosby, W. D. Cook, Jno. R. Harrison, E. G. Speight, Troy.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master submitted the following communication, which was read, and, on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the several subjects referred to in said communication, be referred to committees appointed by the chair.

*Further Resolved*, That the Masters of Lodges be requested to have this communication read in open Lodge, and that the same be printed with the proceedings for that purpose.

## BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

The periodical assembling of the representatives of our Lodges, by constitutional provision, in Grand Communication, is calculated to produce the most happy influence upon the prosperity and benevolent objects of our venerated institution. Year after year are we permitted thus peacefully and harmoniously to meet together as members of one great, united and influential family, spread over an extended jurisdiction—with but one common object in view, one common interest to serve—to interchange fraternal salutations, and to perform those high and responsible duties which devolve upon us as the guardians and promoters of an order, whose antiquity, benevolence, usefulness and respectability have ever been acknowledged, and will never cease to be admired. But, while thus commendably engaged in gratulations for the inestimable privileges we so happily enjoy, let us not forget the tribute of grateful hearts, which belongs to that great, omnipotent Being, whose smiles can make us happy, and whose delight is found in the gratitude of those who trust in Him—endeavoring, by lives of usefulness and virtue, to carry out the precepts He has enjoined.

It becomes my mournful duty to improve an early occasion of announcing to the Grand Lodge the decease of a much esteemed brother and Past Grand Master, Col. Louis D. Wilson, who recently died in Mexico ; and I need hardly remind the brethren of



the propriety of manifesting suitable demonstrations of respect to the memory of our departed friend. In this sad bereavement, Masonry has lost one of her strongest supports—society a much respected and highly distinguished member. Genl. Wilson, like many other brave and patriotic spirits, volunteered in the service of his country now unhappily engaged in sanguinary warfare with a neighboring Republic. On repairing to the post assigned him in an unhealthy region, the climate, excessive fatigue, together with the consequent excitement, triumphed over a constitution too fragile for the emergency, and he sunk a victim to disease, loved and lamented by all who knew him.

While addressing you, in the performance of a duty made imperative by a rule, I do not purpose to weary you with prosing recitals without interest, or to excite you by any fanciful flights or melodious approaches, but shall simply proceed, with becoming brevity, to make you acquainted with my official acts since your adjournment, and with the state of Masonry within our own borders and throughout its extended jurisdiction—presenting also such other subjects as may properly claim your consideration.

So far as I am informed, through an extensive correspondence with many of our lodges, they are in a very healthy condition, and enjoy a great degree of prosperity. The officers, generally, seem to be impressed with a proper sense of duty, acting discreetly, and solicitous to be enlightened in those cardinal points upon which the perpetuity of our institution depends. Our Lodges during the past year have not had the advantages of a Grand Lecturer, for the reason that none has been appointed. The office of General Grand Lecturer was dispensed with at your last session, and authority vested in the Grand Master to appoint District Grand Lecturers at his pleasure. Appended to the printed proceedings was an address to the subordinate Lodges, in which I explicitly set forth, that any jurisdiction wishing the services of a Lecturer, should nominate some suitable individual, and I would immediately make the appointment—but none was so recommended, none appointed. In former communications, particularly of the last year, I dwelt so strongly in favor of the permanent appoint-

ment of a Gen'l Gr'd Lecturer, with an adequate salary, that I have a delicacy in again urging it upon your consideration, especially under the present depressed condition of the Grand Treasury.—To my certain knowledge, some of our Lodges have been at heavy charges in employing Lecturers from abroad. No doubt they have been greatly benefitted thereby, but they should not have been driven to that alternative.

I shall be pardoned for introducing, on this occasion, a piece of intelligence, although not immediately connected with our present legislation, yet still, I trust, not altogether uninteresting even to the symbolic Mason, as exhibiting the commendable zeal in the Masonic cause that is abroad in our State. The Grand Chapter, for a number of years dormant, has been revived during the past year, and that branch of Masonry, embraced within its charter, bids fair now to flourish in our midst.

Dispensations have been granted since our last communication for new Lodges at Holly Spring, Wake Co.; at Lumberton, Robeson Co.; at Roxboro', Person Co.; and at Oxford, Granville, Co.; all which I hope will make due returns, and merit the approval of the Grand Lodge, as well for their zeal in the prosecution of their labors, as for their strict adherence to Masonic requirements.

Fulton Lodge, No. 99, at Salisbury, has been revived by the D. G. Master, which received my approval. Attention has likewise been paid to other Lodges requiring assistance; and information on points of duty and practice has been extensively sought and freely communicated.

It is proper that I direct attention to a general remissness of the subordinate Lodges in neglecting to send up copies of their By-Laws, as required, in order that they may be submitted to an examination and be approved—or, being found defective, be corrected. A copy of the By-Laws of every Lodge in the State should indispensably be placed on file with the Grand Secretary—moreover, it is very essential that they be made strictly to conform, in every particular, not only to Grand Lodge regulations, but to ancient usage and Masonic discipline. Want of caution in these respects is doubtless productive of a serious amount of mischief. By-



Laws should ever be framed, not simply with a view to suit convenience, but with the object of securing a faithful discharge of duty. All the Lodges, with their returns, should likewise communicate the day of their regular meetings, for information of the Grand Lodge.

Whatever may be the result of the measures recommended by your body for the adoption of the Subordinate Lodges, in reference to the School question, and with which you will be made acquainted on report of the Trustees, I exhort the Grand Lodge not to relax in her efforts, however formidably obstacles may arise, until complete success shall have crowned the glorious undertaking in which she has so gallantly embarked. Patience and perseverance, it is said, will accomplish all things. The *will*, and not the *ability*, is all that is lacking to insure for the plan almost instant execution. It is well known, that no system of education, sufficiently extensive, prevails within our State, to meet the wants of the great mass of the youth now reared in ignorance, much less to benefit that class of indigent orphans who, in a peculiar manner, have claims upon the sympathies of Masons; and thus are *Masons* loudly called upon to supply the defect. Look at the proud example of several of our sister Grand Lodges, and to which I shall have occasion again more particularly to allude, in the noble exertions they have successfully made to establish collegiate institutions, even, in some instances, on a magnificent scale. Be encouraged then: the same determination, with the same exertion, will rarely fail to produce the same result. As the last appeal which I may be permitted to make in this connection, let me beg of the Grand Lodge, however discouraging may appear the prospects, not to give up the struggle, nor waver in her purpose, but steadily and firmly to adhere to the excellent system already matured in furtherance of this important measure. It is my desire that our Grand Lodge should gain a reputation, not alone for the skill with which she plants or which she waters, but for the abundance of the fruit, as well as the quality, which she produces.

Under the persuasion that a majority of the subordinate Lodges have adopted the revised Grand Constitution and By-Laws, I do not deem it advisable to suggest for your consideration any resolu-



tions, which otherwise might seem necessary and proper, for the benefit of the Craft. The new code has doubtless many imperfections; but let each member make his own corrections, and from the mass could a selection then be made free from blemish? Whenever the Grand Secretary is prepared to report the decision of the Lodges on this matter, it will be for the Grand Lodge to take such action thereon as circumstances may require.

I am disposed to treat all harmless and unintentional deviations from strict masonic rectitude, with great lenity, being content with insisting upon no severer degree of correction than the nature of the fault may absolutely require. But when wilful and unjustifiable violations of masonic obligations are recklessly indulged and persisted in—such instances, for the honor of the Craft, rarely occurring—the utmost rigor of Masonic discipline should be promptly applied. I am pained to be compelled to bring before you a case of moral delinquency in the late Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 110, at Smithville. Having reported the case to me, that Lodge may deem further action on their part unnecessary. If so, I can state that I am in possession of sufficient evidence of guilt to warrant his expulsion, which I accordingly recommend. This individual was a remarkably modest, unassuming man, being viewed as a very exemplary member of the Church; when all of a sudden he leaves his family and the State, under the most disreputable circumstances, which I may not here detail, and has not since been heard from.

I have recently been advised of the suspension of the Lodge at Scotland Neck, and that its property was jeopardized by a small debt of some sixty dollars. I immediately wrote my informing brother that the Grand Lodge would assume the debt, provided the property could be secured. As the day of sale was near at hand, it is to be feared that my proposition was too late to be effective. The brother's letter, above alluded to, may be found on the Grand Secretary's desk. An opportunity offering, I disposed of the Jewels of Enfield Lodge to the Master of Wayne Lodge, for ten dollars, and placed the amount with the Grand Treasurer.

Not finding it convenient to attend in person the Convention re-



cently held in Baltimore for the purpose of forming a General Gr'd Lodge, I deputized our worthy and intelligent brother, P. M. Isaac Northrop, to represent on that occasion this Grand Lodge. Brother Northrop very satisfactorily performed that responsible duty, and has presented as his report a copy of the printed Minutes of the Convention, which is herewith submitted in the same connexion. By a reference to the above proceedings, it will be seen that delegates from seven Grand Lodges, to wit: Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Maryland, District of Columbia and North Carolina, appeared at the time appointed, and proceeded at once, after duly organizing, to the preparation of a Constitution for a Supreme Grand Lodge, which has been published with the Minutes above referred to, accompanied by a judicious and forcible address, setting forth very impartially the arguments for and against the proposed organization, and urging in the strongest terms its acceptance. The necessity for such a power has been proven beyond a cavil; and it would be only an encroachment upon your time and patience to offer any further inducements to impel this Grand Lodge to give to it their most cordial approbation. It is provided in the Constitution, "that if sixteen Grand Lodges shall approve the measure, and signify their approval before the first day of January, 1849, then it is to go into effect, and not otherwise. And in the event of such approval, then the first meeting is to be held in the city of Baltimore, on the second Tuesday in July, 1849."

The amount of sister Grand Lodge proceedings and other masonic documents accumulated during the past year, is unusually large, and interesting in the highest degree. Their perusal has afforded much delight, and I now proceed to the pleasing task of reviewing such portions of their contents as meetly I may notice. Possibly, in my remarks, I may be tempted to indulge in a greater latitude of discussion than otherwise I should, were the committee to whom it is usual to refer these documents afforded but a reasonable opportunity for the performance of the arduous duties imposed. Were such the case, however, the field is so large, and the harvest so abundant, that little need be apprehended that even a tittle of labor would be abated by encroachments, or that nothing had been left to pluck.



Difficulties, foreboding evil, have arisen among some of the Grand Lodges, which will require the prompt interposition and united efforts of all the others to avert—unless, per chance, voluntary retractions should be made by the parties involved. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana embraces under its jurisdiction a variety of *rites*, which the Grand Lodge of Mississippi pronounces illegal, at the same time declaring that no Grand Lodge shall be considered as existing in Louisiana, and proceeding to grant charters for new Lodges in that State. Further comment is at present deferred, as I shall have occasion hereafter to extend my views relative to this matter.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire evidently has a tact in facilitating business, which, according to the printed proceedings, was matured in three sessions and finished in a single day. Our sister of New Hampshire, we fear, cannot do herself justice by such hasty legislation. Three only out of eight District D. G. Masters made reports; all which related to the State of Lodges visited by them; and the time was too limited for the committee on Correspondence to report at all. One good step, however, was taken—the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. The proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1847, have just been placed in my hands, at the moment of opening our session, so that I must hand them over to the committee.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois was opened by the D. G. Master. The committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of sundry Lodges, regarding the admission of negroes, arrived at just conclusions. No Lodge, however, should be countenanced in disrespect to regularly constituted authorities, or in any attempt to intimidate those charged with the performance of duties. The committee very justly remark, that it cannot be expected of us to enter into responsibilities with those who are disqualified by legislative enactments, because there could be no mutual reciprocity in the discharge of *all* obligations. Such an act “presupposes the equality in every respect of the contracting parties. It does not presume that we should place ourselves in a position to discharge the imperious duties of our Craft towards those who are so-



cially and civilly disqualified to fulfil their part of the obligation." The committee on Correspondence were allowed till the next annual Communication to report. The Grand Master, in his communication, states that the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Wisconsin, in regard to jurisdiction, had happily terminated—Wisconsin, very properly, having receded.

I have been highly gratified by a perusal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Most of the returns and reports are strictly in accordance with my own views of masonic propriety. But I cannot assent to the principle adopted, of suspending or expelling for nonpayment of dues, and of appealing from the decision of the Master. The Master is responsible to the G. Lodge for the faithful performance of his duties, and can only before that body be arraigned for any misdemeanor. During the recess, the Grand Master would be empowered to consider complaints. The proposed amendment to the By-Laws, coercing Masons, not members of Lodges, to the payment of dues, is, to say the least, injudicious.

The report of the committee "on the state of Masonry," is beautifully drawn up, and reflects credit upon the author. A single quotation is presented, which may not be profitless: "Your committee are also glad to say that, generally, a high standard of moral character is required before any one can gain access to our Lodge rooms. We have frequently heard the inquiry made in respect to applicants, 'Is he intemperate?—a profane swearer?—a gambler? If he is, we cannot, nay, *will not* receive him.'" The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is very ably managed, maintaining principles strictly masonic. The establishment of a General Grand Lodge, however, is discountenanced, while, singular enough, the report abounds with arguments, and presents a variety of conflicting practices, proving conclusively the indispensability of such an institution.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee present an admirable address from the Grand Master, embracing a comprehensive view of man in all the various relations of life. It abounds with wholesome truths and spirited illustrations. The commit-

tee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed to act during the recess of the Grand Lodge, performed their duty with fidelity, bringing to notice, systematically, the most important transactions of other Grand Lodges. The resolution in regard to petitions from members of other secret societies was correct, unless such societies should be considered by Masons clandestine. Every individual of the human family belongs to a secret society, if indeed he enjoy society at all. The committee on the Grand Master's Address made a very sensible report on the subject of education. Our Tennessee brethren seem to have taken this matter manfully in hand, determined upon success. What Mason can read the following touching appeal, quoted from the committee's report, and not have his warmest sympathies awakened in behalf of those upon whom destitution and ignorance have fastened? They observe, "While we expend hundreds, nay, thousands of dollars annually in gorgeous pageants and public celebrations, shall we not appropriate an equal or greater amount for the more remote, but more laudable and permanent benefit of moral and intellectual culture of those who are to come after us, and who may, in the dispensation of the Allwise Providence, be called to fill, with honor and usefulness proportionate to the advantages afforded them, the various places in all the relations of life, which we shall soon fill no more forever?" Who that possesses a benevolent heart, will stop to quibble or count the cost, when the prospect of being thus serviceable presents itself? The plan of education recommended by the committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, is very similar to our own, being on the voluntary principle.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia has taken the subject of establishing schools into favorable consideration. It is truly gratifying to perceive that nearly all the Grand Lodges are making efforts to extend the blessings of education. That benevolence which feeds the hungry, clothes the naked and comforts the distressed, is surely blessed of Him whose be-



nevolence knows no bounds; but, the noblest of all charities is that which giveth nourishment to the mind, embellishes the intellect, instils in the bosom virtuous principles, and rescues from perdition the sinking soul. In reference to the subordinate Lodges, the Grand Secretary makes the following gratifying announcement: "All the Lodges, previous to this Communication, have made their returns, which were in arrears, and paid up all their dues, and are, without an exception, in an active and flourishing state. I think I may congratulate this body on the present condition of our subordinate Lodges. None seem to be on the decline, or inactive, but are now more flourishing, and the number increasing beyond that of any former period in the history of Masonry in Georgia." The Lodges of Georgia have set a proud example, worthy of all imitation.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1846, show the transaction of considerable business, mostly of a local nature. The committee on Foreign Communications very creditably performed their duty. An important resolution was adopted, correct in spirit, condemning that portion of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana which relates to its organization under *three rites*, numbering some *thirty* degrees; and to the 4th article, which admits the sons of Masons, when presented by their father or tutor, at the age of eighteen. Very important action was taken in regard to a change of location of the Masonic College, and in the adoption of preliminary measures for erecting a new Hall, on an extensive scale. The Grand Lodge very wisely adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to publish a circular, to be by them addressed to each subordinate Lodge in this State, setting forth that propositions will be received by said committee for the permanent location of the Masonic College at, or near, any town in the State; and that said committee report all propositions for the donation of lands, buildings, property or money, to

the Grand Lodge, for the benefit of said College, on the first day of its convocation in March, 1847."

At the meeting in March, the several propositions for the new location were read; and on balloting, the city of Lexington was selected. No plan could have been adopted calculated to give more general satisfaction. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the erection of a Hall, were limited to an outlay not exceeding \$80,000.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland are rendered peculiarly interesting on account of the very full and sensible report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. This Grand Lodge originated the proposed establishment of a General Grand Lodge, and the committee have carefully and satisfactorily considered the merits of the whole question, materially weakening, if not destroying the force of all objections heretofore urged. On the subject of Grand Lodges adopting indiscriminately and in the gross the various reports, comprehending often sentiments and resolutions of grave import, the committee very justly remark, that "a Grand Lodge should adopt nothing hastily and without deliberation, but give to all subjects a deliberate investigation and calm decision: If this course was more generally pursued, there would in all probability be more uniformity of action and less error among us." The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1847 are late at hand; but, from a hasty glance, appear to be no less interesting than the former. The report of the committee on Foreign Communications is drawn up with great ability, and bears evidence of an intimate acquaintance with the subjects therein so appropriately discussed. In a flattering notice, allusion is made to an improper test to which I objected in my last annual address. On referring to the Maryland proceedings of that year, I am satisfied my remarks were not intended for Maryland, but must have been so applied by mistake of the printer in removing it from its rightful position. In regard to the manner of balloting, as noticed



by the committee, I am aware that a variety of practice obtains among our Grand Lodges; but I would have it distinctly understood, that I object in to-to to balloting for the Degrees separately, or for balloting at all for the Degrees until the committee report—not by *halves*, for I do not understand how a report can be so received—but a report *in full* and decisive. I have two often seen the evil of *half making measures* for such practice ever to receive my approbation. Let the whole three Degrees be paid for at once, and but one ballot for the same take place, and my word for it our Institution will not be so liable to injury by the example of *entered apprentices* who refuse to advance farther.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas has adopted a resolution, requiring a tax fee of one dollar to be collected from all Masons not members of Lodges, under penalty of suspension or expulsion for failure to pay. Also another resolution, requiring all Masons, if resident within twenty miles of any Lodge, to attach themselves thereto, or forfeit all claim to the rights and benefits of Masonry. I have, on former occasions, expressed my doubts of the propriety or policy of such enactments. It is true, every *genuine* Mason *will*, or *should* attach himself to a Lodge—or at least contribute to sustain the usefulness of the Institution; but he should not be coerced thereto. *Compel* a Mason to become a member of a Lodge, and of necessity the Lodge must be *compelled* to receive him, however obnoxious, thereby destroying the safeguard of a ballot, and jeopardizing the harmony of the Lodges. Such a state of things cannot be tolerated. I understand the same question has been mooted in Virginia, causing no little sensation. But the principle is as clear as noon-day—if you have a *right* to *compel* a Lodge to admit to membership an applicant, the same right exists for *compelling* a Mason to join; and so vice versa. It is well known that in the vicinity of every Lodge reside Masons, like other men, unfortunately so constituted and of such indiscret habits, without actually being guilty of any



criminality, as that even their most intimate friends would debar them from participating in any important deliberations or enterprise, which might possibly be prejudiced by their proverbial imprudence. Such individuals most absurdly have claims upon the fraternity, and enjoy certain privileges; but this admission by no means implies an indiscriminate yielding to their demands, regardless of their merit, or beyond the dictates of reason. The reasonings of the committee on Foreign correspondence in favor of a G. G. Lodge are very proper, and the report, otherwise, is in good keeping—although the limits prescribed by the committee, for the investigation of important matters, seem to have operated disadvantageously to a more extended exhibition of foreign transactions.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia are mostly of a local nature, and as such interesting. I cannot forego the gratification of quoting from the Report of Bro. Stevens, Grand Lecturer, whose sentiments so fully accord with my own. Speaking of his success in improving the condition of the Lodges, he continues—"But there is yet a great deal remains to be done to produce that perfect uniformity in the work, which is so much to be desired by every good and true Mason. The Grand Lecturer should be constantly employed passing from Lodge to Lodge, not only teaching that sound form of words, which so beautifies our ritual, but also the principles and tendency of our beloved Institution. I am fully convinced that by these means and these alone, can that uniformity in the work and lectures, and that devotedness to the cause of Masonry, which we all so ardently desire, be fully and extensively diffused among the Craft. If the Lodge would provide a salary sufficient to defray the expenses of a Grand Lecturer, and afford him a reasonable compensation for his services, a competent instructor might at all times be procured, who would devote his whole time to the subject, and discharge his duties with fidelity; by which means the great



and important subject might be accomplished." If the necessity for such appointment in Virginia, where such superior facilities are enjoyed, be so urgent, how much more pressing is it in North Carolina, comparatively shut out from light. Resolutions were subsequently adopted, with a view of meeting the emergency. The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is a very chaste production, beautified by some very happy allusions to the purposes and requirements of Masonry. How truly is it remarked that "Each generation of mankind have to preserve and add to what is inherited from the race which has just passed away. At the end of every century, man should be found improved in all that a great and good God designed him to be. Be ware then that our part of this duty of improvement shall be fully and satisfactorily performed." It is a wonder the Grand Lodge could have withstood the irresistible arguments of this report in favor of a General Grand Lodge.

An imperfect copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida is at hand. Some pages are missing, several duplicated. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have performed their duty faithfully, presenting a voluminous and well digested report, full of good sense, and bringing to view the most important transactions of other Grand Lodges. The committee are evidently familiar with Masonic principles and usages, and have, I think, fallen into but two or three errors. Expulsion by a subordinate Lodge amounts only to suspension until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, when the action is either confirmed, set aside, or referred back. No one, I apprehend, will contend that a subordinate Lodge has the power to expel, *right or wrong*, or that a Grand Lodge is bound to confirm, whether the proceedings in the case, when sent up, prove to have been irregular or not, or whether even the offence was sufficiently aggravated to have warranted such severity. An aggrieved brother may not always wish to appeal, feeling satisfied that upon



investigating the evidence, justice would be done him without his interposition. If the committee are R. A. Masons, they know that an expelled or disgraced Master Mason cannot receive the higher degrees. Why, then, should such a character, with any more propriety, be allowed to sit in a chapter? It is quite different with a Blue Lodge; because it recognizes no other institution, knows nothing of their proceedings, and consequently cannot in any reason be governed by their acts. On the subject of the Past Master's degree, the committee are correct, if they intend to say that none but Past Masters can confer it—certainly those only who have been elected to the Chair are entitled to receive it. A Chapter, it cannot be doubted, is fully competent for all such purposes. That portion of the Constitution contained in the copy of proceedings at hand, not mutilated, is excellent.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania exhibit little else than the names of officers and committees, and in addition a splendid address from the Grand Master, M. W. James Page, on the occasion of his re-election. The whole discourse is filled with instruction and wholesome advice; and I could wish to transfer it entire, but must be content with a single extract: "The wholesome usages of the Craft must be regarded as permanent; and great indeed should be the necessity which can justify a departure from them. General principles should not be slighted for isolated cases, and those who love the Order and consider its landmarks as sacred, will be slow to originate, and backward in urging any innovation upon its honored and ancient customs."

By its Proceedings, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina appears to have had several special, independent of the regular quarterly Communications; all which exhibit important transactions. The committee on the case of Bro. Sass, who complained of being dealt with by his Lodge for delinquen-



cy, did well in approving the course pursued by that Lodge to sustain its Bye-Laws. The brother, by his unruly conduct, subjected himself to a long suspension. A jewel was presented Bro. Herr Alexander, in behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of Charleston, "as a token of kindness for his liberal benefit to the Masonic institution of the city." The report of the committee in the case of Bros. Schneider and Dirksen, was very proper. A sentence of expulsion was reversed, and correctly too, on the following considerations:

"1st. That the grounds upon which the Lodge acted were insufficient to warrant expulsion.

"2d. That the meeting of the Lodge at which the resolutions of expulsion were adopted, was held in an illegal place.

"3d. That the parties were not furnished with copies of the charges, and had no proper opportunity of defence."

The Grand Secretary, it seems, is the committee on Foreign Communications. In noticing an objectionable test introduced by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, he very truly remarks, that "although in this country there are but few Masons who deny the divine authority of the Holy Writings, yet to require the expression of such a belief is in direct opposition to the express regulations of the order, which demand a belief in God as the only legitimate religious test." I cannot coincide with our worthy brother in his approval of the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in resolving "that it is the inalienable right of every Master Mason, present at the balloting for a candidate, in any Lodge whatsoever, to vote." If such be the inalienable right of a Master Mason, how happens it that Lodges, under the highest sanction, deprive even their *members* of it, by prohibiting, in their Bye-Laws, any one's voting for certain delinquencies? It will not be contended that such provision is unconstitutional, or that a Lodge has not the right to impose conditions of membership, as well as to say what shall disqualify a member,



not only for voting, but even from participating in any of its transactions. The names of several individuals, applying for charity, are published in the Proceedings. I am persuaded it did not occur to the Grand Lodge that publicity in such cases might possibly wound the sensibility of some worthy person. Publishing the names of rejected individuals is equally objectionable, for the same and other reasons. The "Rules and Regulations" for the government of the G. Lodge, as recently adopted, appear, upon a hasty glance, to be not only unexceptionable but excellent. Past-Masters, it seems, may, on making a regular application, be ballotted for and admitted as members of the Grand Lodge. There is likewise a regulation providing that "no individual shall act as proxy for more than one Lodge at the same time." So good and so wholesome a regulation I shall be glad to see adopted by our own Grand Lodge, whenever such a step may be deemed prudent. An unfavorable impression is generally produced whenever a single individual appears with a host of proxies, causing the other members to regard him as enjoying an undue advantage above themselves.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama show some important transactions. By a report of the committee on Education, it seems that it had been submitted to the subordinate Lodges to make a report, signifying what sums they were willing to contribute for the purposes of education, and in what form they wished the same applied. Thirty-four Lodges accordingly reported against the establishment of a Masonic College, High School, or any institution similar thereto, under the patronage of the Grand Lodge, and declined contributing—three only were in favor; and one conditionally so; and nine not responding. Instead of favoring so benevolent an undertaking, propositions were submitted for distributing the funds among the Lodges, the committee were discharged, and the whole subject transferred to the committee on Finance, who subsequently made a



most admirable report, opposed to distribution, and recommending an investment of the funds in hand (\$4,500,) which was not concurred in; but in lieu thereof, a resolution was adopted, dividing the whole amount equally among the subordinate Lodges of the State—thus giving a death blow to a vital measure.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia are of considerable interest. Complaint was made to the Grand Lodge by an aggrieved brother, that a subordinate Lodge, of which he was formerly a member, and from which he received a diploma at the time of his withdrawal, had, on application for re-admission, refused to consider his petition; upon which he sent it back, avowing his ignorance of any cause of objection, and signifying his readiness to meet any charges that might be preferred against him. The whole matter was then referred to a committee, who reported in his favor; but the Lodge, on taking a vote, again refused him admittance by a decided majority, assigning no reason therefor. The committee on Grievances, to whom the Grand Lodge referred this case, could discover no charges against him, nor any censure passed upon him—in view of which, they did not regard the refusal of the Lodge to re-admit him to membership as inhibiting to him any of the rights and privileges to which he was before entitled as a Mason. The By-Laws of the Lodge prescribe the manner of receiving members, with which, the committee observe, in closing their report, it would be exceedingly impolitic, even if clearly competent, in the Grand Lodge, to interfere, unless in a case of great aggravation and of manifest abuse of power. I have been thus particular in stating this case, involving a principle liable to misapprehension, for the purpose of expressing my entire concurrence in the views of the committee. Had expulsion taken place, the Grand Lodge could have restored; but with membership it cannot interfere, excepting for causes above set forth.



On the occasion of the presentation of a letter from the President of the Masonic College of Kentucky, soliciting contributions for their Library, and mineral and other collections, Brother Lane, of that State, arose and made a most forcible appeal to the liberality of the Grand Lodge in behalf of the College. In the course of his remarks he gave a brief, but interesting history of the origin, government and success, of that noble Institution, reared for one of the most useful purposes under Heaven. In alluding to the trifling cost of board and tuition for a Collegiate year, Bro. Lane thus remarks: "and whilst it has held out these inducements and advantages to those who are willing and able to pay for the education of their sons, it has reached out the helping hand to the orphan and destitute of Masonic parentage, and is thus aiding in developing the *native genius* of our country, without regard to "wordly wealth or honors", and has demonstrated to the world the incontestible fact, that *Masonic charity* is not a mere idle boast, but an active and diffusible principle, that gushes warm from the heart, and ever seeks objects upon which to bestow its kind offices." Should it be thought that I dwell too freely when on the subject of Education, my apology must be found in the exceedingly great importance I attach to all and every means which human ingenuity can invent for improving the mind, or for rendering it susceptible thereto; and moreover to my desire to impress upon our own Grand Lodge and all who claim to be Masons, their duty in promoting so glorious an object.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan evince a healthy condition of the craft in that State. The reasonings of the committee on Foreign Correspondence on the subject of establishing a General Grand Lodge are sound and conclusive. It is very true, as the committee remark, that "The number of contiguous Grand Lodges in the United States has become so great, that they find themselves in the same position towards each other, as subordinate Lodges in a jurisdiction without a Grand Lodge.— Experience has already too often exhibited the mortifying spectacle of one of our Grand Lodges encroaching most seriously upon the rights of others equally independent, with no common power authorised to entertain appeals for an equitable settlement of such



controversies." The committee gently rebukes New York for refusing, in one of her subordinates, admittance to a P. G. officer of Michigan, having in his pockets at the time properly authenticated credentials of his appointment as representative to the National Masonic Convention, but without a Grand Lodge certificate. It is presumed that no further cause of complaint will arise on this score, New York having materially modified her resolution in regard thereto. Having on former occasions expressed my views relative to the certificate system, I do not at this time deem it necessary to add any thing further, excepting perhaps to announce it as my settled conviction that any Grand Lodge, when circumstances require it, as in the case of New York where clandestine Masonry abounds, has a perfect right to adopt any regulation for its own preservation, and for the protection of the craft at large—and no other Grand Lodge would be justifiable in disregarding a precautionary measure, when respectfully recommended. But this would not justify a demand of documents, as indispensable, from a Brother hailing from another jurisdiction, in which there had been no action shewing their necessity. I can see no harm in the possession of a Grand Lodge certificate by a Brother journeying abroad; on the contrary, it should be looked upon as evidence of good standing, especially did the practice prevail of renewing or endorsing yearly.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine are not very extended, but represent the order in that section as in a healthy condition. The committee on Foreign Correspondence, in speaking of differences of opinion existing among Masons, observe, that all these differences, when in a spirit of love, are salutary in their bearings upon the common work in which we are all engaged. And further, that "Masonry, purified by the past desertions of men who never estimated its beauties, or understood its principles, has arisen of late years, with unwonted zeal and vigor."

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi evidence a busy session. A committee, appointed for the purpose, presented a report highly complimentary to the Grand Master, Gen. John A. Quitman, who has signally distinguished himself in the

service of his country in Mexico. The Grand Lecturer, in his report, very sensibly remarks, that "Honorary degrees are hurtful to a right direction of the mind upon the study of Ancient Masonry. I am ignorant of the grant by which they are conferred; and if, as I suppose, there be none, they should be discontinued, as obnoxious to the best interests and fair fame of our time-honored Institution. It has been observed that the Secret Monitor proposes benefits not conferred by the degrees of which it is in honor; the levity displayed in conferring others is offensive to moral sensibility." A proposition made by Bro. Finley, the President, in behalf of the Mansonic College of Kentucky, was favorably received; and a committee to whom the subject was referred, recommend in their report, that, until a similar Institution can be put into operation in their own State, resort be had to that College for the education of Masonic children and orphans. Owing to pecuniary inability no endowments, as had been suggested, could be made.

It seems that petitions were presented to this Grand Lodge for the establishment of new Lodges beyond its jurisdiction—in Louisiana—which were subsequently granted. A special committee on Masonry in Louisiana, presented the following report, which was adopted: "*Whereas*, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, each distinctive rite, produces different powers which govern it, and is independent of all others: and whereas, no Grand Lodge of Scotch, French or cumulative rites, can legally assume jurisdiction over any Ancient York Lodge; therefore, *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, being composed of a cumulation of rites, cannot be recognized by this Grand Lodge as a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will grant Dispensations and Charters to any legal number of Ancient York Masons, residing within the State of Louisiana, they making due application for the same." If this assumption of power by Mississippi be sanctioned, what will hinder her, on any similar pretext, from granting Dispensations in North Carolina or any other State? In this aspect it becomes a serious question, not lightly to be treated. I have heretofore had occasion to



signify my disapproval of such accumulation of rites by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ; but if she has erred, she has erred innocently, with the best motives impelling her to the course she has pursued. Still she persists that she is right, urging that necessity as well as sound policy dictated the propriety of her present organization. Notwithstanding the honesty of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I am satisfied that no accumulation of Masonic rites, as indicated, is warranted under any circumstances ; but I cannot be induced, on that account, to countenance a disregard of those courtesies which should mark the deportment of equals, nor pass the boundaries of decorum in token of any discontent. Ancient York Masonry, as professed, should be kept separate and distinct from all other alliances, of whatever manner or nature. It is evident, from the peculiar construction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that the Grand Master, as well as those of inferior rank, to be eligible to office, must not only be a Master Mason, but must even have aspired to Royal Arch Masonry, if not to the summit or 33d. degree ! The same officers officiate in similar capacities in all three rites, as well as in the Grand Chapter. All this, without doubt, is at war with established usage, and can be sanctioned on no other score in this country than that of expediency, if even that can be made to warrant such a departure. It must be remembered, however, that all our Grand Lodges stand upon an equality—indepenent of each other—free in the exercise of that authority which all in common possess, and in the enjoyment of those privileges which each may justly claim—the rights of none to be invaded with impunity, nor their authority unscrupulously denounced. A departure from ancient customs and land-marks must be reprovod in a becoming spirit—if not then heeded, a majority, not a solitary Grand Lodge can only justify final condemnation. It is earnestly to be hoped, however, that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, seeing the disaffection which her course is so generally producing, will generously recede from her position, and thereby restore that harmony without which our Institution may not endure ; and that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, discovering that she has acted perhaps too precipitately, will see

the propriety of withdrawing all claim to the exercise of jurisdiction in Louisiana—thereby proving their attachment to the Order and respect for the great principles which they profess.

I have felt it incumbent upon me to give my views thus at large on this unpleasant subject, which I have endeavoured to do in all candor.—It should be borne in mind, that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has been practising under her present system for a number of years, during all which time she has been duly recognised as a member of the great Masonic family, never before having been brought to the bar of judgment.

The document containing the transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York is very voluminous, and no less important—exhibiting, as it does, not only a full account of its own proceedings and the condition of its subordinates, but a general outline of all important Masonic transactions in the United States, with much that is of an interesting nature, which an extensive correspondence furnishes from abroad. New York is without doubt generally correct in the doctrines she puts forth; and her precedents, with rare exceptions, may be safely followed. She deserves much credit for her activity in adopting measures for guarding her neighbours against imposition by the unworthy of her State; and I hope that every Lodge within this jurisdiction will profit by her admonitions. She has very satisfactorily shown the necessity for other Lodges to require of Masons, hailing from that State, Grand Lodge certificates; but I think she erred in requiring them of visiting Brethren from abroad, where no such necessity exists. Her regulations, however, in this respect, have recently been modified, and rendered less exceptionable.

The Lodge of Strict Observance presented a case for the consideration of the Grand Lodge involving a question of jurisdiction. It appears that an individual, extensively engaged in business in Alabama, but his family residing in



New York, where he spent a considerable part of his time, applied and received the degrees in the above Lodge, in consequence of which a difficulty arose precluding his reception in Alabama. By a general understanding, it is deemed irregular to act on the petition of an individual residing within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without first obtaining the sanction of that Lodge. Now the propriety or impropriety of the act depends altogether upon the fact of his residence. Was he a visiter in New York or Alabama? Where did he vote and pay his taxes? If his residence and business were equally divided between two places, so as to render it doubtful to which he belonged, the choice would be a matter of fancy, alone to be determined by himself. The resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, as quoted, cannot be sanctioned. A regularly made Mason cannot arbitrarily be deprived of his privileges.—

The Grand Lodge of New York has been compelled to deal severely with some of her refractory subordinates. She acted with very proper decision, and sustained her dignity. The Grand Master, in his annual address, speaks very encouragingly of Masonic prospects in that State. In allusion to the anti-masonic excitement that not long since prevailed, and of the fate of unworthy members, he says: "Let us profit by the lessons which our experience has taught us; and guarding with constant vigilance the portals of the masonic temple, permit none to enter from without, except those whose pure character and lives will make them an ornament and support of our ancient order." We all profess to be governed by such principles, but too often forget them when a knock is heard at the door.

By a communication from one of the subordinate Lodges, it appears they are allowed to adopt the representative system, and, as stated, with happy effects. On this same subject, in reply to the Master of one of our own Lodges, I remarked that, "The obvious impropriety of establishing the



representative system between the subordinate Lodges of different States, will be apparent, when we reflect upon the danger thereby of forming "entangling alliances," to the prejudice of the parent institution. A correspondence between any members of the great masonic family, for the purpose of eliciting light, would certainly be admissible, and might be profitable. But there is a marked difference between such a course and that of accrediting a representative from a foreign jurisdiction, whose position might enable him to exert an influence in the Lodge prejudicial to the policy of its legitimate head."

I am happy to perceive that the practice is adopted, at least in some of the Lodges, of examining candidates for degrees in open lodge, before advancing them, and then only on a vote. Some of our own Lodges I know are particular in the same respect; and it is required of all.

Great attention continues to be paid by the Fraternity in New York to the subject of education. A very correct decision was made by the Grand Lodge in regard to an expulsion by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. No one can doubt the right to expel, under established restrictions, or the obligation to respect the procedure. The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is a valuable production, rich in its fund of Masonic intelligence; but I must refer it to the appropriate committee to do it justice.

The Grand Lodge passed a well deserved compliment on Bro. Herring, P. G. Secretary, who delivered eloquent eulogiums before a Lodge, convened for the purpose, on the character and masonic virtues of several distinguished brethren, including two late Grand Masters, whose earthly career had ceased.

By a circular from the Gr'd Lodge of Vermont, it is gratifying to perceive that she has again resumed her labors.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana contain various resolutions, rendered necessary, probably, by the peculiar character of Masonic labor in that State. A



pamphlet is also before me, containing a statement of the difficulties existing between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and that of Mississippi. Having already given my views pretty freely on this unpleasant affair, it may not be expected of me to add any thing further at this time.

As great prudence on the part of Grand Lodges, in regard to any participation they may take in this unhappy controversy, will be required in order to avert more fearful consequences, I would advise that no decisive action be now taken, other than such as may embrace a declaration of opinion adverse to the accumulation of rites, and to the infringement of jurisdiction upon a mere pretext, however plausible.

All the documents noticed below, have only been placed in my hands since the assembling of the Grand Lodge, so that I shall not be enabled to notice them to any extent.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, in addressing the Grand Lodge, remarks, "It affords me great pleasure to be able to assure the Grand Lodge that the Lodges under our jurisdiction are conducting their affairs with great prudence. There is in all an ardent desire to conform to general regulations. This desire has been accompanied with an intelligent and comprehensive appreciation of the great landmarks of the institution, and a firm adherence to them." Our sister of Wisconsin is to be congratulated for such a happy state of affairs within her borders.

It is gratifying to perceive, by the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, that our younger sister is in a very good and prosperous condition. She has a Grand Lecturer actively and profitably employed, and is engaged in measures for establishing a College: May success crown the effort.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut represent the Craft in that jurisdiction as flourishing.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky are

worthy attention, and I hope the committee will do them justice. Kentucky has much to boast in her fine College, the high standing she has attained, her growing prosperity, and her extensive Masonic jurisdiction, respectable in its condition and resources.

In Indiana the craft is flourishing. The proceedings of that Grand Lodge are interesting, and contain an excellent oration on the purposes, antiquity, universality and utility of Masonry, which was delivered before the Grand Lodge by Bro. B. T. Kavanaugh.

I am reluctantly compelled to pass lightly over the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois—this I regret the more, on account of the very intelligent report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and because of the correct action and sound sense that generally marks the proceedings. The proper committee I know will supply the omission in their report.

The Grand Lodge of Prussia has receded, I understand, from the position she took relative to the rejection of Jews, and has very properly placed herself on a footing with the other Grand Lodges who are governed by the genuine, unerring principles of Masonry.

Having trespassed sufficiently upon your patience, and disposed of all topics deemed worthy of your consideration, a parting word is now all that remains.

In the office of Grand Master, as you are all aware, I have served out the Constitutional term, beyond which my eligibility ceases.—Were it otherwise, a change would be proper and in consonance with my wishes. I have endeavored to manifest the high estimate in which I held the honor so flatteringly conferred, by a strict adherence to Masonic principles and requirements, and by a faithful discharge of the numerous responsible duties inseparable from the station to which I was elevated. If I have, in any degree, been successful in meeting your wishes and expectations, and in sus-



taining the high reputation of the Grand Lodge, it will have been more owing to my zeal for the welfare of our beloved institution, encouraged by the antire confidence reposed in me, than to any peculiar ability that I have been enabled to bring to my aid. I shall ever remember with gratitude the many courtesies received at the hands of my brethren, and for the marked deference ever paid by all with whom I have had official intercourse. For so much kindness and partiality, I can only return my sincere thanks.

It will be your duty, my brethren, to select my successor. That your choice may fall upon one in every respect worthy your confidence, is my most earnest desire.

P. W. FANNING, G. M.

On motion of Bro. W. G. Hill, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge elect its officers for the ensuing year, on to-morrow evening.

The following committees were appointed :

*On Credentials*.—Bros. W. G. Hill and J. F. Speight.

*On Charters and Dispensations*.—Bros. Jos. T. Hunter, John F. Speight and T. H. Scott.

*On Foreign Communications*.—Bros. T. Burr, Jr., N. F. Reid, C. W. D. Hutchings and Thos. J. Lemay.

*On Grand Treasurer's Accounts*.—Bros. W. F. Collins, Ed. Yarborough and P. McKay.

*On Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge*.—Bros. J. T. Woodson, David Jones and Ed. Yarborough.

*On Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges*.—Bros. William Gott, Jos. Green and E. J. Blount.

The Committee on Credentials made the annexed report, which was adopted :

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report.

That they have examined the credentials from the following Lodges, and found them correct, viz :

Wayne Lodge,

Jerusalem Lodge,

No. 112, Wayne County.

" 95, Hookerton.



Phœnix Lodge,	No. 8,	Fayetteville.
Saint John's Lodge,	" 110,	Smithville.
Joseph Warren Lodge,	" 92,	Stantonsburg.
Eagle Lodge,	" 71,	Hillsborough.
Skewarke Lodge,	" 90,	Williamston.
Saint John's Lodge,	" 96,	Kinston.
Zion Lodge,	" 81,	Trenton.
Phalanx Lodge,	" 31,	Charlotte.
Saint John's Lodge,	" 3,	Newbern.
Franklin Lodge,	" 109,	Beaufort.
Charity Lodge,	" 79,	Windsor.
Unanimity Lodge,	" 54,	Edenton.
Hiram Lodge,	" 40,	Raleigh.
American George Lodge,	" 17,	Murfreesborough.
Perseverance Lodge,	" 59,	Plymouth.
Fulton Lodge,	" 99,	Salisbury.
Saint John's Lodge,	" 1,	Wilmington.
Concord Lodge,	" 58,	Tarborough.
Perquimmons Lodge,	" 106,	Hertford.
Wake Forest Lodge,	" 97,	Wake.
Morning Star Lodge,	" 85,	Nashville.
Widow's Son Lodge,	" 75,	Camden.
Wentworth Lodge,	" 111,	Rockingham.

Signed. WM. G. HILL,  
JNO. F. SPEIGHT, } Committee.

Bro. W. D. Cook, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, having extended an invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge to visit that institution, on motion of Bro. Joseph T. Hunter, it was

*Resolved*, That the same be accepted, and that the Grand Lodge meet to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock at the Lodge Room, and proceed therefrom in a body for the above purpose.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns of the follow-



ing Lodges: Person, Holly Spring and Lumberton, and find them correct, and recommend that charters be granted to each. Respectfully submitted,

T. H. SCOTT,  
JOS. T. HUNTER.

Bro. W. Edmondson obtained leave of absence, and transferred his delegation to Bro. Jno. F. Speight.

Bro. Saml. Loftin also obtained leave of absence and transferred his delegation to Bro. David Jones.

Bro. T. H. Scott, likewise, and transferred his delegation to Bro. William G. Hill.

#### ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville—Bros. W. T. Bain, and R. E. Troy.

Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, Williamston—Bro. C. W. D. Hutchings.

Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro'—Bro. L. E. Heartt.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, Nashville—Bro. T. H. Scott.

Columbus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro'—Bro. P. McKay.

Stantonsburg Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bro. W. Edmondson.

The Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow evening, Dec. 8, 1847.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, G. S.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 8, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

#### PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. WILLIAM GOTT, D. G. M.

" T. J. LEMAY, G. C.

" W. H. MEAD, G. S. W. P. T.

- " T. BURR, Jr., G. J. W.
- " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
- " W. T. BAIN, G. S.
- Brother J. T. HUNTER, G. S. D.
- " R. W. SEAWELL, G. J. D., P. T.
- " J. T. WOODSON, G. M. P. T.
- " DAVID JONES, G. S., P. T.
- " R. E. TROY, G. P. P. T.
- " R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted  
 The following subordinate Lodges were represented:

Saint John's Lodge, No. 1; Phœnix Lodge, No. 8; American George Lodge, No. 17; Phalanx, No. 31; Hiram No. 40; Concord, No. 58; Perseverance, No. 59; Eagle, No. 71; Widow's Son, No. 75; Sharon Lodge, No. 78; Zion, No. 81; Morning Star, 85; Skewarkee, 90; Joseph Warren, 92; Saint John's, 96; Wake Forest, 97; Perquimons, 106; St. John's, 110; Wentworth, 111; Wayne, 112; Holly Springs, Lumberton, Roxborough, Fulton, No. 99; Jerusalem, 95.

*Additional Representatives.*—Saint John's Lodge, No. 3, Newbern, Bro. Wm. T. Bain. Franklin, 109, Beaufort, Bro. W. T. Bain.

#### VISITORS.

Bros. J. H. DeCarteret, C. H. Johnson, John Cosby, D. Cosby. E. G. Speight, T. R. Fentress, J. T. Marriott.

The committee on Grand Treasurer's Accounts submitted the subjoined report, which was received and adopted.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 8, 1847.

The committee to whom was entrusted the examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of N. C. have examined the accounts of the same, and find disbursed, five hundred and fifty one dollars and twenty one cents, adding his commissions of thirty dollars and six cents; and we find he has received seven hundred [dollars] and forty three cents including the balance of one hundred and forty one dollars and fifty cents; leaving a bal-



ance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of one hundred and ninety one dollars and seventy five cents, (\$191 75). The committee take great pleasure in stating that every charge is based upon the Grand Master's order, and that his accounts are all properly arranged and based upon proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. YARBOROUGH, Ch'm.

WM. F. COLLINS,

PASCHAL McCOY.

The Committees on Foreign Communications, and Subordinate Lodges, had further time granted to make their reports.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

WILLIAM F. COLLINS, Grand Master,

T. BURR, JR., Grand Senior Warden,

WILLIAM H. MEAD, Grand Junior Warden,

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Grand Treasurer,

WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

Bro. John F. Speight presented the annexed resolution, which was read, and declared by the Deputy Grand Master to be unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our Most Worshipful Grand Master P. W. Fanning, for the faithful, assiduous and acceptable manner he has performed the arduous duties devolving on him during his official services as M. W. Grand Master ; and we can truly say in the language of inspiration, " Well done thou good and faithful servant," and we hope that thou wilt finally " enter into the joy of thy Lord."

The annexed resolution was submitted and read, and after a short discussion thereon, it was on motion of the Deputy Grand Master, indefinitely postponed.

*Whereas* Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville, has requested its delegates to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the propriety

of holding its sessions alternately at Raleigh, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Newbern:

*Be it therefore Resolved*, That the sessions of this Grand Lodge be held in future at the above designated places, agreeably to the request of said Lodge.

The trustees on education made the annexed report which was read and received, and on motion, it was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge to discharge any duties required of them by the Grand Lodge, or the Board of Trustees, as an Executive School Committee, beg leave to report, that some of the subordinate Lodges have raised by subscription and appropriations the following sums, to wit: Committee in behalf of Hiram Lodge, \$200; Wake Forest \$10; St. John's Lodge, Wilmington, No. 1, \$200; Concord Lodge, Tarborough, has appropriated \$50. Many other Lodges in the State have expressed a hearty concurrence in the scheme now offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

As a plan has been devised by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the raising of funds, the purpose of which is set forth in said plan, the committee deem it unnecessary to make any remarks in regard to this subject. But they would respectfully urge that all contributions which have been raised by subscription or otherwise, be forthwith collected and placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, to be by him invested in manner as the Grand Lodge has directed; and that the trustees of the subordinate Lodges should not cease in their exertions, until a sufficient sum has been raised to accomplish the high purpose which has been begun. We believe that the present calls for prompt and energetic action. For if the attempt which is now made fails, it is to be feared that the subject cannot be easily revived; but that it will sleep until our successors, more worthy than ourselves, shall view the subject in its proper light, and adopt



adequate measures for the education of the destitute whom they, as we have done, shall have engaged to cherish and protect. What ought to stimulate Masons to benevolence and zeal in this most excellent undertaking? Let the truth that all Masons, whatever be their condition in life, are our brothers, answer. Let the hard lot of the orphan, whose dark and uneducated mind must forever subject him to degradation and the scorn of the world, enlist our sympathy and stimulate our charity. Let affection for our own children prompt us to our duty; for all of us should remember, that however secure we may think ourselves from misfortune, we may yet leave our offspring in a situation which may need the assistance of an institution like the one proposed. Every Mason should feel that the institution which is contemplated, is his own; that he has an absolute and direct interest in its establishment. That it will be an asylum which shall stand through all coming time as a refuge to his posterity in misfortune and want. This subject should not be deferred; when duty calls, procrastination should stand aside. For by as much as concentrated action and effort can do more than individual exertion, by so much the more hazardous are delays and indifference. While a word, a thought, or the most trifling cause, is sufficient to excite individual action and stimulate exertion to the utmost point, public bodies can only be aroused to a sense of duty by conventions, resolutions, and these tardy movements of society, which admonish us that they should not be permitted to stop when once awakened to a sense of responsibility. Any thing however arduous, can be effected by concentrated and constant action. But idleness and indifference most certainly can never accomplish any thing.

We have seen by the communication of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the Masons of other of our sister States, have done much for education, and are still acting with energy and commendable zeal in this worthy cause, and shall the Masons of this State do nothing? And shall



it be said of them that a cause of this magnitude shall be stifled for the sum of ten or fifteen thousand dollars, when its purpose is charity and benevolence; virtues which are the very foundation of Masonry, and among the first it enjoins us to cultivate and cherish. All institutions both of a divine and human character, have been established to alleviate the miseries and promote the wants and happiness of man. And no one is worthy of our attention which does not effect these objects. And although our fraternity does much good in its quiet and steady purposes, yet how can it flourish and receive the approbation of a sensorious world, when it exhibits no fruits by which its excellence can be seen and appreciated? Should a seminary of learning be established and liberally endowed, it would form a nucleus around which would gather the hearts and interests of Masons from every part of the State. And the beauty and grandeur of our order being thus made evident to the senses; many worthy and enlightened men who are not of our order would be stimulated and influenced to come and go with us, whose influence and support we need. But if Masons choose to shut their eyes in regard to this matter, choose to live and die, and leave no traces of their existence as Masons to their successors, save their charters and the bare walls of their Lodge rooms, the noble order will still move onward—for it is founded upon truth and justice; and however cold and indifferent we may be in regard to the high responsibilities which devolve upon us, the time will come when Masons, actuated by higher sentiments and a more exalted enthusiasm, shall accomplish what it is possible we may fail to do, by founding an institution, where the children of destitution may receive protection, and their minds be trained to knowledge and virtue. The field which this subject opens to our view is filled with such importance, your committee would submit its culture into hands more able to discharge this duty than they would feign themselves able to perform.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. F. COLLINS, Chairman.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,

WM. G. HILL.



In conformity to a resolution adopted on last evening, the M. W. Grand Master apportioned the several subjects of his address to the following committees, to wit:

That portion relative to sister Grand Lodges, to the Committee on Foreign Communications.

That relative to the death of P. G. M. Louis D. Wilson, to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Jordan and Speight.

That relative to a Supreme Grand Lodge, to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Lemay and Troy.

That relative to the Revised Grand Constitution and By-Laws and to a Seminary of Learning, to a select committee consisting of Brothers Lemay, Mead and Heartt.

And that portion relative to subordinate Lodges, state of Masonry, Grand Lecturers, and to the late W. M. of Saint John's Lodge, No. 110, to the Committee on Subordinate Lodges.

In compliance with Bro. W. D. Cook's invitation, the Grand Lodge repaired in procession to the Academy for the Deaf and Dumb, and witnessed with great gratification an exhibition of the proficiency of the pupils; after which the Grand Lodge returned to their Hall, and called off until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Bro. R. E. Troy submitted the following resolution: which was read, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge were highly gratified at the examination of the Deaf Mutes in this City, to-day.

*Resolved*, That we felicitate Bro. Cook, the principal of the Deaf and Dumb Academy, on the success of his endeavors to relieve the distressing natural defect of that unfortunate class, and we believe that he deserves the thanks and congratulations of all friends of humanity.

The Grand Master at the request of sundry brethren, granted a dispensation to open a Lodge in the village of Tosnot Depot, in the County of Edgecomb, and in Ashville, in the County of Buncombe.

The Grand Lodge then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

WM. THOS. BAIN, Gr. Sec.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 9, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. WILLIAM GOTT, D. G. M.

" J. F. SPEIGHT, G. C.

" W. H. MEAD, G. S. W. P. T.

" T. BURR, Jr., G. J. W.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. JOSEPH T. HUNTER, G. S. D.

" R. W. SEAWELL, G. J. D.

" N. F. REID, G. M.

" R. E. TROY, G. S. B.

" DAVID JONES, G. Pur.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. T.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following subordinate Lodges were represented:

Saint John's, No. 1; Saint John's, 3; Phoenix, No. 8; Phalanx, 31; Hiram, No. 40; Concord, 58; Perseverance, 59; Eagle, 71; Widow's Son, 75; Sharon, No. 78; University, 80; Zion, 81; Morning Star, 85; Skewarke, 90; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Jerusalem, No. 95; Saint John's, Kinston, No. 91; Wake Forest, No. 97; Columbus, No. 102; Perquimons, No. 106; Franklin, No. 109; Saint John's, 110; Wentworth, 111; Wayne, 112; Fulton, 99; Person, 113; St. Alban's, No. 114.

VISITORS. Bros. J. M. Lovejoy, N. L. Smith, E. G. Speight, D. Cosby, D. B. Griffin, John Cosby, — Jones of New Jersey, H. D. Cook, J. J. Biggs, Theo. Patridge.

ADDITIONAL RETURNS. Charity Lodge, No. 79, Windsor.



Bro. W. T. Bain; University, 80, Chapel Hill, Bro. Jos. Woltring.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect, when the following brethren were installed by the M. W. P. W. Fanning, in ample form.

WILLIAM F. COLLINS, Grand Master,  
T. BURR, Jr., Grand Senior Warden,  
WILLIAM H. MEAD, Grand Junior Warden,  
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Grand Treasurer,  
WILLIAM T. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Communications made their report which was received. The first resolution was laid over for consideration until the next Grand Communication. The second resolution was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report: that they have had under consideration the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, together with a variety of other matter, which seemed to come properly under their supervision, and find many cheering indications of the onward and triumphant progress of Masonic principles. A spirit of inquiry—an awakened zeal—a diligent attention and proper appreciation of the tenets of our time honored institution, pervade the land. Many new Lodges have been established in different sections of the country, and the brethren of the mystic tie cheered and strengthened by the addition to their ranks of new members of worth, talent and respectability. Nor should the steady advance of a beautiful system of morality like ours excite surprise. An order dating its origin far back in the dim vista of bye-gone ages, founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice, established for the amelioration of the great human family, the relief of the distressed of every clime, the encouragement of the liberal arts and sciences,

and the practice of a warm gushing charity—can never fall. The spirit of vitality it possesses, it will retain forever. The clashing interests, the low desires, the petty pursuits, the licence of passion, the fevered dreams, the aspirations of mad ambition, the blinding glare of worldly distinction and popular applause, speedily pass away. Man appears upon the stage of action, performs his limited part, and like the autumn leaf is gone. Nations rise and fall—empires, kings and people jostle each other in envious rivalry and are quickly overwhelmed by the flowing tide of time—yet Masonry still survives, and will live with the world's existence: unawed by passion and violence, undeterred by sneers, neglect or persecution, it will continue on its holy mission carrying light and comfort in its path.

The agreeable duty of perusing and collating the information contained in the interesting proceedings of the different Grand Lodges of the United States, has been but partially discharged by your committee. Their regret at their unavoidable delinquency, however, is mitigated by the reflection that the M. W. Grand Master, in his annual address, marked with an ability characteristic of all emanations from his pen, has carefully noted all topics of interest and importance. They fully concur with him in the opinion that expulsion by a subordinate Lodge is equivalent to suspension, only, until the action of the Grand Lodge is taken, when it may be confirmed or set aside as the facts of the case would justify. The practice of burdening one individual with the representation of different Lodges in the communications of this Grand Lodge, is objectionable for reasons sufficiently apparent; and with a view to its termination, they recommend the passage of the resolution at the conclusion of this report.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in granting dispensations for new Lodges in the State of Louisiana, is in the opinion of your committee, highly indecorous and offensive. Assuming a jurisdiction which that Grand Lodge does not possess, refusing to recognise a sister sovereignty as a member of the Grand Confederacy, apparently careless of consequences, she enters upon her domain, and attempts to deprive her of her most valued privileges. While we entirely disapprove of a cumulation



of rites, and are far from being pleased with the conduct and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, yet our sympathies are in her favor. The several Grand Lodges in the Union resemble the different members of the United States: any interference by one with the vested rights or institutions of another, will meet with stern defiance and opposition. A spirit of kindness and proper decorum should characterise their intercourse. Your committee entirely concur in the views entertained by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with reference to the admission of negroes to the privileges of our honorable order, and beg leave to append herewith an extract from their proceedings as fully setting forth their opinions.

“Although at first view it would seem that it was the design of Masonry to admit all who were morally worthy from among every nation and tongue under heaven, yet if we reflect closely, we will discover that many objections interpose. 1st, Our paramount obligations to the State, doing nothing in our fraternal capacity that would tend to create social discord and disrupt the political relations of the confederate States; aware as we must be that certain institutions are recognized in one portion of our political Union which are not in others; knowing also, that it is our duty as good Masons, to advance the peace and happiness of the government under which we live, which if we do not, brings censure, merited censure, upon our time honored institution.

“The second objection, which has a paramount claim, is, that negroes, from the position they hold among us, resulting from the law of custom, as well as from legislative enactments, are disqualified. Their relation is such that the most favored among them in our land, cannot enter the inner court, and there take upon them the high responsibilities of our institution, with a view of mutual reciprocity in the discharge of all our obligations. The act presupposes the equality in every respect of the contracting parties. It does not presume that we should place ourselves in a position to discharge the imperious duties of our craft towards those who are socially and civilly disqualified to fulfill their part of the obligation. The Author of all has placed a distinguishing mark upon them, clearly indicating that there was a distinctiveness to be kept up; and it is repulsive to the finest feelings of the heart, to think that between them and us there can be a mutual reciprocity of all social privileges. And why then introduce them into our inner temple, where the closest connections are inculcated and solemnized? Other objections might be urged, but your committee deem the above hints sufficient. Your commit-

tee will not say that the time will never come when the negro may with safety be admitted to our rights; but the signs of the times do not indicate that the period has yet arrived, and it would be worse than folly to anticipate that period."

The practice that prevails to more or less extent in some of the Lodges, of the introduction and use of Parliamentary Law—motions to adjourn—the previous question—to call for the ayes and noes—limiting debate—suspending the by-laws or rules—entering protests upon the journal, &c.—is unnecessary and reprehensible. They are innovations upon the old Masonic work, that in former days would have met with speedy condemnation. The necessity that exists for a uniformity of work among the different Lodges, renders, in the opinion of your committee, the appointment of a Grand Lecturer indispensable. They, therefore, earnestly recommend that a permanent Grand Lecturer be employed, with a salary commensurate to his services, so soon as the condition of the Treasury warrants the expenditure. They are at a loss what measure to suggest for the accumulation of a fund for this purpose, but would state their approval of the plan adopted by this Grand Lodge at its session of 1845. The defective operation of the mode pointed out in the last proceedings of this body, requires that it should be abolished and a better substituted. At all events, instruction and uniformity of work must be obtained, at whatever cost.

It is a source of pleasure that so much harmony and good order exist throughout the jurisdiction of all the Grand Lodges of the United States, while faction and discord have found their way into all institutions of human invention, nay, farther, have entered the holy temple of religion, and shattered the chains which bound the Church together. Yet it is a cause of regret to your committee, that all the Grand Lodges of the Union cannot concur in what we conceive to be one of the wisest and most essential steps that could be taken in the present period of our Masonic existence. We allude to the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge were ably set forth by the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, at its last session; yet as this subject, of so much impor-



tance to the craft, is still denounced and opposed by some of our sister Lodges as a hazardous and dangerous project, it becomes our duty as a Grand Lodge to reiterate those views and opinions in order that they may have whatever weight they are entitled to exercise in forwarding this great measure. It is especially a source of deep regret to your committee that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has taken such an uncompromising stand upon this subject. As an institution in this respect we stand alone. The confederate States of the Union by giving up or surrendering a portion of their rights in order that greater and more lasting benefits might accrue therefrom, have established a government of exceeding wisdom, strength and beauty—the world's wonder. Our ecclesiastical bodies have also constituted their general or grand councils. Does not the necessity for a controlling power exist among us? Do we not need a head—an arbiter in the last resort, to settle conflicting opinions and differences and procure uniformity and concert of action? We assuredly do. Your committee entertain no fears for the success of this scheme; we believe it to be a measure of great practical utility. Were a general Grand Lodge established, we should not see the unpleasant differences now existing between our sister Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana; but advised and controlled by an institution of superior wisdom, virtue and prudence, the operations of the craft would harmoniously proceed to a glorious fruition.

The committee exceedingly regret that they have not bestowed that attention to the requirements of the post they occupy, which it was their wish to have done; but the very limited time at their disposal, and the bulky accumulation of Masonic documents and proceedings upon their hands, rendered a thorough examination and careful perusal and collation impossible. In view of these facts, and being strongly impressed with the necessity of a well digested and prepared report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, they recommend the passage of the resolution appended below. The practice has been adopted by many of the Grand Lodges, and is, in our opinion, founded in wisdom.

In conclusion, the committee congratulate the members of this

body upon the state of Masonry in the world at large—its course is upward and onward. The beautiful temple of morality, sublime in its proportions, raises its front in modest strength: may the smiles of the Grand Architect of the universe ever rest upon it.

Respectfully submitted.

T. BURR, JR.,

NUMA F. REID,

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS.

THOS. J. LEMAY.

*Resolved*, That hereafter no individual shall act as proxy for more than one Lodge at the same time, in the sessions of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Committee on Foreign Communications and Proceedings of Grand Lodges, be required to make their report at the meeting of the Grand Lodge next succeeding their appointment.

The report on accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge was read and adopted.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims have the honor to report, that they have examined the following accounts, believe them to be just, and recommend their payment, viz :

T. J. Lemay's account for printing, &c.,	No, 1,	\$2 00
W. R. Gales,	" " " 2,	5 00
W. W. Holden,	" " " 3,	2 50
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The committee cannot recommend the payment of Thos. Loring's account for \$1 25, the bill being receipted by the maker. The Grand Treasurer is of the opinion that the bill has been paid, and in the absence of other proof, we conclude such to be the case.

The accounts and claims of Bro. N. L. Stith, the committee recommend, be referred to a select committee, to act during the recess of this body, and make report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. YARBOROUGH, Chm. }

JAMES. T. WOODSON, }

DAVID JONES. }

Committee.



The Committee on the death of P. G. Master L. D. Wilson, had further time to report.

The Committee on a Supreme Grand Lodge had further time to report.

The Committee on the Seminary of Learning made their report; which was received, and after a protracted discussion it was adopted.

#### REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS ON A SEMINARY OF LEARNING.

The Committee on so much of the annual address of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to a Seminary of Learning, regret that they have had but little time to devote to the consideration of this most important and interesting subject. Their labors, however, have been greatly assisted, and the necessity for any attempt to impress its weight upon the understandings and feelings of the Fraternity, entirely superseded by the able and judicious remarks of the M. W. Grand Master, and the eloquent and soul-stirring report of the Trustees on the part of the Grand Lodge. For all that need be said to stimulate the Craft to a prompt, liberal and zealous discharge of their duty in rearing the contemplated monument of masonic Benevolence, they therefore refer to these lucid and animating documents.

As to the progress of this noble enterprise, your committee are pained to observe how slowly it advances. There is a tardiness even among its warmest supporters which is much to be lamented. Public sentiment—the voice of the Fraternity in every part of the State—is strongly in favor of the institution, as has been sufficiently attested by the repeated, deliberate and almost unanimous resolves of this body; and yet, after the adoption of a definite and easy plan of operations for raising the necessary funds by voluntary contributions, and the lapse of nearly twelve months since its publication, your committee are mortified to find, from the report of the Trustees, that but four of the subordinate Lodges have, in accordance with a provision of that plan, reported to this body the appointment of Trustees; that only three—Wake Forest, Concord (Tarborough,) and St. John's (Wilmington)—have made ap-

appropriations to the object; and but a very small amount of money has yet come into the hands of the Treasurer. But your committee would by no means discourage themselves or others, by attributing this delinquency, and consequent small beginning, to either the want of *will* or *ability* in any of the Lodges. They can readily find a more favorable, though they must confess somewhat blameable, reason, in the disposition which is unfortunately peculiar to associated bodies—to *procrastinate* the most important duties. They *know* the default of some of the Lodges in this instance, is attributable to this. *They intend* to respond, and to respond nobly to the call; but by delay, this Grand Communication has come and found them unprepared—with but half their labor executed, and with feelings of regret, which, it is hoped, will teach them the importance of *promptness* in future. Nor is it doubted, that for *this reason only*, those Lodges, (or a decided majority of them,) from whom nothing has been heard on the subject, have neglected to appoint each its Trustee, make its appropriation, take up its individual subscriptions, and send its Trustee, with the proper returns, to this Communication.

It was expected and greatly desired, that the *first annual meeting of the Trustees*, as required by the plan of operations adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, would have been held at the present session. Had each subordinate Lodge sent up its Trustee, with the first instalment on the subscriptions, an aggregate sum would have been thrown together, and an impulse would have been given to the cause, highly encouraging to its friends, and leading to speedy and certain success.

But it is vain and useless to dwell upon the omissions and errors of the past. Our consolation is in the opportunities which are still afforded us for amendment and reparation. Lost time, 't is true, can never be recalled; but what is lost in means may be repaired by the redoubled zeal and energy of our efforts, and the increased liberality of our sacrifices and offerings.

To ensure such action and such results, on the part of ALL the Lodges under your jurisdiction, your committee believe all that is at present necessary, is the adoption of the subjoined resolutions.

No specific plan, as to the character of the contemplated school



can be adopted with propriety, until something more definite is ascertained with regard to the probable amount of funds that may be raised, and the contributing Lodges can equally and fairly participate in the decision which shall form and fix its character. Nor would it be proper to decide at what point the institution shall be located, until it shall be seen what place will hold out the strongest inducements to the successful and useful operation of the institution. The one must be determined by the means; and the other by the liberal offers, eligibility, &c, of particular localities.

#### RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO A SEMINARY OF LEARNING.

1. *Resolved.* (in the language of a former report,) "That the simple proposition is, to raise by subscription, a fund sufficient to establish a Seminary of Learning, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in which may be educated, free from charge, such poor and destitute orphans, and children of living brother masons, who have not the means to confer this benefit on their offspring, as may be selected for the purpose, from among those who reside within the territorial limits of the respective Lodges throughout the State," upon a fair and equitable plan of admission, to be hereafter determined by the Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved,* That so soon as fifteen thousand dollars shall have been received and invested, the contemplated school shall go into operation upon a plan suited to the amount of means afforded by the interest thereon; and that all incipient steps shall be taken with the view of ultimately making said institution capable of conferring upon youth the highest and most thorough collegiate courses.

3. *Resolved,* That in this good work the hand of this Grand Lodge has been set to the plough, and we can never look back; that, in the language of our worthy and energetic Grand Master, "the Lodge will not give up the struggle, nor waver in her purpose, but will steadily and firmly adhere to the excellent system already matured in furtherance of this important measure." That the appropriations and subscriptions already made, tho' small compared with the sum required, constitute a guarantee that the work will now certainly be pushed forward to its consummation.

4. *Resolved,* That the subordinate Lodges throughout the State are requested to carry out the plan adopted for raising funds at the last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, with a spirit and zeal worthy of the cause and of themselves as Masons; which plan will be found in the printed Proceedings of 1846, pages 32-3 and 45-6; and that they commence the work as early as practicable in the beginning of the coming new year, and not

relax their efforts until the time arrives to make report thereof to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

5. *Resolved*, That offers of land or land and houses to secure the location of the institution, will be received, at any time in the recess, by the M. W. Grand Master, and be by him laid before the next Grand Lodge, and also during the first four days of its sitting, to be by that body considered and acted on: provided, that no amendment to any offer shall be allowed after the opening of the same before the Lodge.

6. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to cause the plan referred to, to be printed in circular form, with this report and these resolutions, and transmit the same, with such remarks as he may deem proper to insure prompt and efficient action on the subject throughout this jurisdiction before the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, to the Master of each subordinate Lodge in the State.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. MEAD,  
L. E. HEARTT,  
THOS. J. LEMAY.

The same committee had further time to report on the Grand Constitution and Bye-Laws.

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges made the annexed reports; which were received and adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges would respectfully beg leave to REPORT,  
That the following have paid their dues, and were represented :

Sharon	Lodge, No. 78, at Greenville,	\$35
St. John's	" " 3, " Newbern	15
Franklin	" " 109, " Beaufort,	
Greensborough	" " 76, " Greensboro', no rep.	15
Zion	" " 81, " Trenton, in part,	10
Phalanx	" " 31, " Charlotte,	15
Perquimmons	" " 106, " Hertford,	15
Hiram	" " 40, " Raleigh,	15
Wayne	" " 112, " Everittsville,	15
Belmont	" " 108, " Duplin Co., no rep.	15
Phoenix	" " 8, " Fayetteville, in part,	10
Shewarke	" " 90, " Williamston	15
Fulton	" " 99, " Salisbury, in full,	20
Wake Forest	" " 97, " W. Forest,	15
Perseverance	" " 59, " Plymouth,	15
St. John	" " 1, " Wilmington,	15
Jerusalem	" " 95, " Hookerton,	15



Concord	"	"	58,	"	Tarborough,	15
Wentworth	"	"	111,	"	Wentworth,	15
St. John's	"	"	96,	"	Kinston,	16
Morning Star	"	"	85,	"	Nashville,	15
Joseph Warren	"	"	92,	"	Stantonsburg,	15
St. John's	"	"	110,	"	Smithville,	25
American George	"	"	17,	"	Murfresboro', in part,	1
Charity	"	"	79,	"	Windsor,	15
St. Alban	"	Dispensation	"	"	Lumberton,	
Unanimity	"	No. 80,	"	"	Chapel Hill,	7
Widow's Son	"	"	75,	"	Camden,	30
Columbus	"	"	102,	"	Pittsboro',	15
Lafayette	"	"	86,	"	Louisburg, in full,	30
Unanimity	"	"	54,	"	Edenton, in part,	10

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Cash received for charters and dispensations this Com-  
munication, - - - - - 39

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Davie Lodge, No. 39, Bertie, in part, 25

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the expulsion of Stephen Howard by Belmont Lodge, No. 108, for the enormous crime of *forgery*, be sustained.

Your committee would further recommend the expulsion of John A. Thomas, former W. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 110, at Smithville, for base unmasonic conduct, which is satisfactorily known to one of our body, and he having fled to parts unknown and beyond the limits of our notice or citation.

Your committee beg leave, in conclusion, to say they have been pained to find much informality in the returns submitted to their inspection, which proves the want of proper attention to the requirements of this Grand Lodge. In the return of Skewarky Lodge, No. 90, we find an error in reporting the name of a rejected applicant, which we esteem as not only a violation of sound propriety, but a violation of repeated instructions of this Grand Lodge.

The return of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95, lacks a signature; though your committee have waived this delinquen-

cy, and placed it among the returns hereby reported.  
All of which is respectfully reported.

WM. GOTT,  
JOSEPH GREEN.

The Committee to whom was referred the charge of the Master of Skewarke Lodge, No. 90, against Sharon Lodge, No. 78, for receiving, initiating, passing and raising an unworthy member, who lived at the time in the jurisdiction of Skewarke Lodge, beg leave to refer the same to the M. W. G. Master, for his action and decision in the premises.

Respectfully,

WM. GOTT,  
ELIAS J. BLOUNT,  
JOSEPH GREEN,

Committee.

In regard to the several cases of expulsion and suspension, from Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, and from Sharon Lodge, No. 78, the papers were referred the M. W. Grand Master, for his investigation and action.

The following report from the same committee, was received and laid over.

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the G. Master's Address relative to a Grand Lecturer, have had that matter under consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report: that they heartily concur with the W. G. Master in the opinion that the services of a Grand Lecturer is indispensable, and essentially necessary to the life, health and prosperity of the Masonic Fraternity in this State. Yet as this subject has claimed and received so much consideration and attention, not only from our M. G. Master, but from this Grand Lodge, by recommendations, resolutions, and apparently well devised plans, it is with humble diffidence that we enter upon the duties assigned us.

Your committee, however, after the best investigation they have been able to give the subject, are forced to the



conclusion, that this desirable object, if ever obtained, must be accomplished by one of two plans, to wit:

First. By submitting to the M. G. Master the duty of procuring the services of a suitable brother, by giving a salary commensurate to the duties to be performed; and tax the subordinate Lodges to pay that salary.

Secondly. By empowering the G. Master to procure the services of a suitable brother, to be paid by the subordinate Lodges at their discretion; and the residue, if any, to be paid by the G. Treasurer, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

These, therefore, being the only plans by which this object, in our opinion, can be effected, the duty devolves on us of announcing our preference of plans. We therefore recommend the first; and in order to effect the object designed, further recommend, most respectfully, that the yearly stipend of the subordinate Lodges, for the ensuing year, be raised from fifteen to twenty-five dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GOTT,  
JOSEPH GREEN,  
Committee.

Bros. N. F. Reid and J. T. Woodson, had leave of absence, and appointed Bro. John W. Cosby their proxy.

Bro. J. D. Green the same, and appointed Bro. P. W. Fanning his proxy.

Bro. T. Burr, jr. also obtained leave of absence, and appointed Bro. W. H. Mead his proxy.

Bro P. McKoy the same, and appointed Bro. T. J. Lemay his proxy.

The Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning, Friday 10th Dec. at 9 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, G. S.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, DEC. 10, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. W. WM. F. COLLINS, G. M.

R. W. WILLIAM GOTT, D. G. M.

" J. F. SPEIGHT, G. C.

" W. H. MEAD, G. S. W. P. T.

" C. H. JORDAN, G. J. W. P. T.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. JOSEPH T. HUNTER, G. S. D.

" E. J. BLOUNT, G. J. D. P. T.

" JOHN COSBY, G. M. P. T.

" DAVID JONES, G. Pur. P. T.

" R. E. TROY, G. S. B.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. T.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bros. Gott, Mead, Fanning, Lemay, Cosby, Bain, Heartt, Collins, Hunter, Jones, Blount, Troy, Speight, Hutchings, and Hill, appeared as the Representatives of their respective Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments:

C. H. JORDAN, Deputy Grand Master.

JOHN F. SPEIGHT, Grand Chaplain.

JOSEPH T. HUNTER, Grand Senior Deacon.

N. F. REID, Grand Junior Deacon.

RICHARD W. ASHTON, Grand Tyler.

Bro. John F. Speight submitted the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to our worthy Brother William Gott, Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, for his warm zeal and his efficient services in the cause of Masonry.



The Committee on Supreme Grand Lodge, submitted the following report; which was read and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred that part of the annual address of the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of a Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave respectfully to report:

Your committee have given to the subject all the consideration which its great importance demands, so far as the limited time allowed for investigation, the want of sources of information, and the press of other engagements, would admit.

They have carefully examined and they entirely approve of the Proceedings of the Convention to form a Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States, which met in Baltimore on the 23d September, 1847. They consider the provisions of the Constitution adopted by the Convention and submitted to the several Grand Lodges for their approval or disapproval, highly beneficial, if not vitally important to the harmony and uniformity of Masonry in this country; and they earnestly recommend to the attention of the Grand Lodge the able and candid address of the committee of the Convention to the several Grand Lodges in the U. States.

The arguments of the committee in favor of the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge, are conceived to be entirely conclusive; while those against the measure are based upon the fallacious hypothesis that the establishment of a new and supreme resort, in the case of difficulties between several Grand Lodges, is an innovation upon the principles of Masonry, while it is in truth an alteration only in the external form of government; and your committee are not aware of any ancient rite, usage or principle, which will be in the slightest degree affected by it.

The organization of Lodges, the machinery by which they are regulated and controlled, and the means by which they maintain and enforce their judicial and executive au-

thority, and preserve inviolable the ancient usages of the Craft, do not constitute the principles of the order, and may be altered without affecting Masonry in any of its characteristic traits and time-honored customs. It is true that the two are intimately connected, and that it is difficult, and perhaps impossible, to separate them; but they are as distinct in their nature and essence as body and soul. It is necessary that the government of the order should conform, in some measure, to that of the country where it exists, and change according to circumstances; but its essential principles and its mystical rites must, like light and truth, remain forever unchanged and unchangeable.

Innovations have gradually crept in, which, if not arrested, will ultimately produce the result, that what is called Masonry in one place will not be so called in another. Irreconcilable differences are already to be seen in the work of different Grand Lodges; and if the erring Grand Lodges are not soon brought back to what is really in accordance with ancient Masonic usages, the error will become irremediable, and our beloved order will be marred in its beautiful proportions and entirely deprived of its strength.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States be ratified by this Grand Lodge, as the best means of averting the impending evil and restoring unanimity and harmony to the institution of Masonry in this country; that, as at the building of the great Temple there was heard no jarring noise or discordant sound among its thousands of workmen, so may our Temple be established in strength by the faithfulness and harmony of the craftsmen, until the pillars and the roof thereof shall shine with pure gold, and her "walls shall be called salvation and her gates praise!"

Respectfully submitted.

R. E. TROY,  
THOS. J. LEMAY.

RESOLUTIONS RATIFYING CONSTITUTION OF SUPREME G. LODGE.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the for-



mation of a Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States is highly important, if not absolutely necessary, to the prosperity of Masonry in this country.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge entirely approves, and hereby ratifies the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States of America, submitted to the several Grand Lodges in the United States for ratification or rejection, by the Masonic Convention which met in Baltimore on the 23d September, 1847.

The committee on the death of Past Grand Master Louis D. Wilson, made the annexed report; which was adopted unanimously:

#### REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF P. G. M. LOUIS D. WILSON,

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual report as refers to the death of P. G. M. LOUIS D. WILSON, beg leave to report, that, from the limited time allowed them from other duties, it is almost impossible that they can do more than merely allude to that melancholy event. The Grand Lodge is already aware of the circumstances under which this heavy bereavement was brought upon us. He died in a foreign land, in the city of Vera Cruz, at the head of an army of his countrymen. Fidelity to the cause of our country, eagerness to repel her invaders, has always characterised our Fraternity. In our revolutionary struggle Masonry had her Washingtons and her Warrens. The committee are informed on high authority that every commanding General of the American army was a Mason of high standing, except one, whose sad fate is an historical fact of so much notoriety that we may say nothing more of it than merely to allude to it by way of contrast. Nor is Masonry without her gifts upon her country's altar in our present sanguinary contest with Mexico. Amongst the number of those who have learned their duty to magistrates and the supreme government at her altar, in their most solemn vows, may be mentioned the name of our most illustrious P. G. Master. What was his course when the thunders of war came to our ears?—when we learned that our nation was engaged in bloody conflict with a daring enemy? Bro. WILSON left the legislative halls of his native State,



repaired to his county, made up a company of volunteers over which he was chosen Captain, immediately assisted in raising another in the same county, and entered her service without delay.

Of Bro. Wilson as a Mason it is probably more pertinent that we should speak. Particularly in the active discharge of those cardinal virtues which the precepts of our Order inculcate in every bosom, Charity was pre-eminent. Many incidents in his history illustrate the truth of this remark. We will allude to but two, which are sufficient to place his name high upon the roll of benefactors of his species. On one occasion, when provisions were exceedingly scarce in the county of Edgecomb, and want was stalking abroad in the land, Bro. Wilson generously threw open his barns and distributed two hundred barrels of corn amongst the poor of Edgecomb; donations of smaller size were continually emanating from his liberal hand.

The second grand charity to which the committee allude, was the closing and crowning act of his life—the capstone of his moral and masonic edifice—the magnificent bequest contained in his will. By this will he has given to the poor of his county an estate now estimated at from forty to sixty thousand dollars.

As Bro. Wilson deserved, he was held high in the esteem of his country-men, and any promotion at their disposal was freely and often bestowed; in proof of which, should any be needed, we would refer to his frequent elections to the Legislature from the county of Edgecomb—the fact that his mortal remains are to be brought home and a monument erected by contribution to his memory over the spot where they may find their long resting place.

We need hardly say that many of our brethren will have an opportunity of gathering at his grave to give vent to feelings that with some have found an outlet through more natural avenues. To many this high privilege will be denied by uncontrollable circumstances. But in order that all may share in some general expression of our grief, the committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions at the end of this report. The committee have not, as might appear to some, mentioned the acts of our deceased



brother to blazon them forth in a way of vain glorious boasting; but Masonry sets no limits to the expressions of fraternal regard to the memory of a departed brother who has earned the affections of the Craft. Whenever the conduct of a brother through life so conspicuously illustrates those masonic virtues which are the pride and boast of our order, the Craft is honored, and we can with propriety gather around our own family altar, and in a spirit of emulation speak freely of those virtues.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning (crape upon the left arm) for the space of thirty days, as a token of respect and esteem for the memory of our deceased brother.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate Lodges a similar course as soon as they obtain a knowledge of the course of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions, and request the Editors of newspapers in this city and elsewhere friendly to our order to publish them.

Respectfully,

C. H. JORDAN,  
JOHN F. SPEIGHT.

On motion of P. G. Master, P. W. Fanning, it was

*Unanimously resolved*, That the above report and resolutions be adopted, and a copy of the same be forwarded to the immediate relatives of the deceased.

The committee on the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, made their report; which was adopted.

#### THE REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on so much of the address of the M. W. G. Master, as relates to the Revised Constitution and By-Laws of your body, have had the subject under consideration, and respectfully report:

That it appears from the papers placed in their hands by the Grand Secretary, that but nineteen of the Lodges have made returns to this Communication on the subject; that but few of the returns made are in proper form; and that there is a majority of these in favor of their adoption. But the committee can form no idea of the opinion of a majority of the Lodges under your juris-

diction, nor could the Grand Lodge safely take action, from these imperfect returns. It is important that *every* Lodge should express its *assent* or *dissent*; and that this decision, distinctly stated, and properly authenticated, should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and thus put into the possession of the Grand Lodge. It is, therefore, recommended that all those Lodges which have acted on the subject, be required to send up additional copies of their decisions, under the signatures of the Secretaries, with the proper seals of their respective Lodges; and that those which have not acted, immediately call meetings for the purpose, and decide whether they will adopt or reject the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, and also forward their decision immediately, authenticated as above, to the Grand Secretary. And with the view of calling the immediate attention of all the subordinate Lodges to this important matter, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas but few returns have been made to the Grand Lodge of the action of subordinate Lodges on the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, and these for the most part are defective: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That all the Lodges which *have* acted and forwarded returns, are hereby required to forward immediately, to the Grand Secretary at Raleigh, a copy, each, of their decision, properly authenticated, under seal, and signature of their Secretary; and that all the Lodges which have omitted to act on the subject, are required to meet and express their opinion as to the adoption or rejection of the same, and likewise forward copies of their decision, authenticated as aboved required.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause this report and resolutions to be printed and forwarded as early as practicable, one copy thereof to the Master of each subordinate Lodge in the State, in a letter briefly calling his attention thereto, and to the necessity of a strict observance of the proper form of executing that duty, as therein indicated.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. LEMAY,  
W. H. MEAD,  
L. E. HEARTT.



The Building Committee made the annexed report; which was adopted.

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

The undersigned committee appointed to take charge of the Grand Lodge building, begs leave to report: that, in obedience to his instructions, he rented the lower rooms of the building to Messrs. Buck & Gray, for the sum of ninety dollars per year. But they, however, failing in their contemplated enterprise, did not, or could not, give the requisite surety for the payment. They therefore gave up the premises; since which time I have been unable to rent them to advantage. One room, however, is now occupied by a lady as a school, which she has occupied but a short time. This lady is the wife of a Past Grand Secretary, Bro. —. They are reduced to the lowest point of poverty, and she, unfortunately, has the whole burden of sustaining herself and helpless children. It is therefore respectfully submitted to the Grand Lodge, whether it would not be an act of charity coming within the objects of the Fraternity and commendable in our body, to grant her the continued use of the room in the building which she now occupies, for the ensuing twelve months, without charge; and with the view of effecting this object in proper form, the adoption of the subjoined resolution is respectfully recommended.

Whatever may be the decision of your honorable body in regard to the disposition which should be made of the rooms in the building, the committee will endeavor most faithfully and cheerfully to execute your will, with the hope that they may be made more useful or profitable during the next, than they were the past year.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. — be allowed the use of one of the rooms in the basement story of the Grand Lodge building one year, for the purpose of a school, free of charge.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS.

Brother Hunter submitted the following resolution; which was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the

relief of Mrs. ———, a proper object of Masonic charity; and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorised to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Bro. Mead submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to procure Regalia for the Officers of the Grand Lodge, provided the expense shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

Bro. Mead also submitted the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge agrees to bear an equal proportion of the expense, with Hiram Lodge, No. 40, and Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, in repairing and improving the condition of the Grand Lodge room, provided her portion of said expense shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

*Resolved, also*, That the Grand Master appoint some suitable person to act, in conjunction with other similar appointments from the other institutions named, as a Committee of Repairs.

Bros. W. H. Mead, C. W. D. Hutchings, and E. B. Freeman, were appointed to compose said committee.

Bro. Troy submitted the following resolution; which was read and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the several subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction be requested to consider the report of the committee on the subject of a Grand Lecturer, and instruct their representatives to the next Grand Lodge in reference to their wishes thereon.

Bro. Thos. J. Lemay submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted unanimously:

*Resolved*, That all the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, all the officers and members of the subordinate Lodges, and all the Ministers of the Gospel, who are members of the Fraternity, throughout the State, be earnestly requested, during the recess, or from now until the next Grand Annual Communication, to exert their influence and make all laudable efforts in their power to further the object of this Grand Lodge, as expressed in previous resolutions, to raise a fund for purposes of education, to be



applied to the establishment of a seminary of learning, the plan and details of which are to be defined and settled by the representatives of the respective Lodges, in Grand Lodge assembled, at such future time as they may deem proper. A crisis has arrived, calling for the zealous co-operation of all who wish well to this noble and praiseworthy enterprise. "Now 's the day, and now 's the hour," for the ACTION of ALL; and much can be done by agitating the subject—by urging it—in every way that may be prudent and successful.

On motion of P. G. M., P. W. Fanning,

*Resolved*, That, after the expenditures and appropriations consequent upon this Grand Communication, shall have been deducted, one half the net amount of funds remaining in the Grand Treasury, shall be appropriated towards the proposed seminary of learning, and be handed over, on warrant of the Grand Master, to the Board of Trustees having that subject in charge, to be by them properly applied.

An account in favor of Messrs. Mead & Seawell, for \$12 75, was presented and read, and ordered to be paid.

Bros. C. W. D. Hutchings, Jos. T. Hunter and Wm. H. Mead, were appointed a committee to examine into and investigate the accounts of Dr. N. L. Stith, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and report thereon to the next annual Communication.

*Additional Returns after Adjournment.*—Unanimity Lodge, No. 54, Edenton, Bro. E. B. Freeman appointed Representative.

Bros. W. H. Mead, W. G. Hill, and T. J. Lemay, were appointed to constitute the Committee, under the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge this morning, on the subject of procuring Regalia for its officers.

The business of the Grand Lodge being finished, it adjourned until the first Monday in December, 1848, the 4th day of the month.

WILLIAM TH: BAIN, *Gr. Sec'y.*





## SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The following list of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. L. 5847, as revised by the Grand Master, is supposed to be nearly or quite accurate. Should any inaccuracy be discovered, notice should be immediately communicated to the Grand Secretary.

1 Saint John's Lodge,	No.	1, Wilmington.
2 Royal White Heart,	"	2, Halifax.
3 Saint John's Lodge,	"	3, Newbern.
3 American George Lodge,	"	17, Murfresborough.
5 Phalanx Lodge,	"	31, Charlotte.
6 Davie Lodge,	"	39, Bertie.
7 Hiram Lodge,	"	40, Raleigh.
8 Hall Lodge,	"	53, Currituck.
9 Unanimity Lodge,	"	54, Edenton.
10 King Solomon Lodge,	"	56, Northampton.
11 Concord Lodge,	"	58, Tarborough.
12 Perseverance Lodge,	"	59, Plymouth.
13 Eagle Lodge,	"	71, Hillsborough.
14 Widow's Son Lodge,	"	75, Camden.
15 Greensbrough Lodge,	"	76, Guilford.
16 Sharon Lodge,	"	78, Greenville.
17 Charity Lodge,	"	79, Windsor.
18 University Lodge,	"	80, Chapel Hill.
19 Zion Lodge,	"	81, Trenton.
20 Fellowship Lodge,	"	84, Smithfield.
21 Morning Star Lodge,	"	85, Nashville.
22 Skewarke Lodge,	"	90, Williamston.
23 Joseph Warren Lodge,	"	92, Stantonsburg.
24 Jerusalem Lodge,	"	95, Hookerton.
25 Saint John's Lodge,	"	96, Kinston.
26 Wake Forest Lodge,	"	97, Wake.
27 Hiram Lodge,	"	98, Clinton.
28 Columbus Lodge,	"	102, Pittsborough.
29 Star in the East Lodge.	"	103 Elizabeth City.
30 Orr Lodge,	"	104, Washington.
31 Perquimmons Lodge,	"	106, Hertford.
32 Clinton Lodge,	"	107, Yancyville.
33 Belmont Lodge,	"	108, Duplin Co.
34 Franklin Lodge,	"	109, Beaufort.
35 Saint John's Lodge,	"	110, Smithville.
36 Wentworth Lodge,	"	111, Wentworth.

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| 37 Wayne Lodge,         | " 112, Wayne County. |
| 38 Phoenix Lodge,       | " 8, Fayetteville.   |
| 39 Person Lodge,        | " 113, Roxborough.   |
| 40 St. Alban's Lodge,   | " 114, Lumberton.    |
| 41 Holly Springs Lodge, | " 115, Wake.         |
| 42 Fulton Lodge,        | " 99, Salisbury.     |

### LIST OF GRAND LODGES

*In correspondence with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina,  
with the address of each Grand Secretary.*

- 1 Maine, Charles B. Smith, Portland,
- 2 New York, Robert R. Boyd, New York.
- 3 Massachusetts, Charles W. Moore, Boston.
- 4 New Hampshire, A. R. Hatch, Concord.
- 5 Connecticut, E. G. Storer, New Haven.
- 6 Vermont, John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington.
- 7 Pennsylvania, William H. Adams, Philadelphia.
- 8 New Jersey, W. H. Hough, Trenton.
- 9 Maryland, Jos. Robeson, Baltimore.
- 10 Virginia, John Dove, Richmond.
- 11 District of Columbia, H C Williams, Washington City
- 12 South Carolina, A. G. McKay, Charleston.
- 13 Georgia, W. S. Rose, Macon.
- 14 Alabama, A. P. Pfister, Tuscaloosa.
- 15 Florida, John P. Taylor, Tallahassee.
- 16 Louisiana, F. Verrier, New Orleans.
- 17 Mississippi, William P. Miller, Natchez.
- 18 Arkansas, T. D. Merrick, Little Rock.
- 19 Texas, A. J. Ruthven, Houston.
- 20 Iowa, T. J. Parvin, Iowa City.
- 21 Wisconsin, William A. Smith, Mineral Spring.
- 22 Missouri, Fred. L. Billon, St. Louis.
- 23 Tennessee, John S. Dashiell, Nashville.
- 24 Kentucky, Philip Swigert, Frankfort.
- 25 Ohio, John T. Arthur, Columbus.
- 26 Michigan, E. Smith Lee, Detroit.
- 27 Illinois, Levi Lusk, Jacksonville.
- 28 Indiana, A. W. Morris, Indianapolis.
- 29 Rhode Island, Jas. Hutchinson, Providence.



## RETURNS.

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State of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which have made Returns at the present Communication.

### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

#### OFFICERS.

W. A. Burr,  
R. G. Rankin,  
W. W. Harris,  
John Christian,  
A. Paul Repiton,  
D. McMillan,  
J. A. Taylor, -  
John Banks,  
S. Teller,

W. Master.  
S. Warden.  
J- Warden.  
Treasurer.  
Secretary.  
S. Deacon.  
J. Deacon.  
Tyler.  
Inner Guard.

#### MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning  
J. Northrop  
Jas. T. Morris  
S. N. Cannon  
W. A. Burr  
John S. James  
Robert G Rankin  
Owen Fennell  
John Smith  
J D Moore  
A. J. Mott  
Robt B. Wood  
Thomas W. Brown  
Jas. T. Miller—  
T. D. Meares  
W. N. Peden.

G. S. Gillespie  
John D. Powers  
Solomon Teller  
T. Burr -  
Jacob Lyon  
John Christian  
D. McMillan  
John Banks  
C. McMillan  
A A Brown  
N. Drey  
D A Lamont  
D Teller  
John H Dall  
James Pettaway  
Thomas Loring

Miles Costin,  
 E. V. Kelly  
 Stephen D. Wallace  
 Thos. Cowan  
 Jno. McAustin  
 Altred Martin  
 B. G. Bates  
 Thos. Marshall  
 Thos. H. Howey  
 Isaac B. Smith  
 W. D. Smith

Seth King  
 M L F Redd  
 John Walker  
 A J King  
 M V Jones  
 W W Foy  
 H M Bishop  
 J R Kemp  
 W A Walker  
 E J Lutterloh

#### RESIDENT MASON NOT MEMBERS.

Charles B Morris, R Baxter, G R French, Charles Henry,  
 — Weeks, J L Schonwauld, Alex. McRae, Seth Hoard,  
 J D. Jones, John Maxwell, Owen Holmes, L H Marsteller,  
 E P Hall, Jas. F EcRee, R S McCumber, Robert Maxwell,  
 J A Sentas, W J Price, A A Wanet, D Sherwood, J S Cor-  
 bett, C D Ellis, W. McLaurin, M. D. Mott, J Hathaway, T  
 F Peck.

Admitted 7, initiated 6, passed 6, raised 6, suspended 1,  
 rejected 1.

#### AMERICAN GEORGE, No. 17, MURFREESBORO'.

##### OFFICERS.

R H Worthington,	W. Master.
T J Deans,	S. Warden.
F M Capehart,	J. Warden.
E Carter,	Treasurer.
J R Darden	Secretary.
S Polkinhorn,	S. Deacon.
L M Cowper	J. Deacon.
A W Moore	Tyler.



## MEMBERS.

E D Britt	B Beal
James Magitt	F W Jegitts
G W Peete	R H Shields
S A Darden	K Rayner
P Jorden	A Vincent
Wm. T Bynum	G W Joyner
Cordwell Vann	Samuel Moore
J C Wright	Wm Boon
A Britt	Robt. H. Bruce, e. a.

Admitted 1, initiated 1, withdrawn 2.

## RESIDENT MASONS.

John Williams, James Early, James L. Grimes, Joseph T. Liles, Jos. G. Cowper, William Darden, f. c., John Ramsey, James Spires, James C. Jenkins, e. a., David S McGhlon, f. c., Alfred W Darden. All m. m. except those otherwise designated.

## PHOENIX LODGE, No., 8, FAYETTEVILLE.

## OFFICERS:

Jos. Arey,	W. Master.
A. M. Cambell,	S. Warden.
John Toomer,	J. Warden.
Wm. Warden,	Treasurer.
G. A. Schwarzman,	Secretary.
Jas. Dodd,	S. Deacon.
Th. Waddell,	J. Deacon.
J. B. Walton,	Steward & Tyler.

## MEMBERS:

Isham Blake	J. McGilvary
Walt. Draughon	E. McPherson
John McRae	J. Plunket
J. McLaughlin	S. G. Smith
A. McKenzie	R. Strange, Jr.

W. Mitchel

E. L. Winslow

Wm. Murphy

C. E. McIver.

Initiated 1, Passed 1, Raised 1.

Among the duties as Secretary, the most melancholy is to report the death of one of our most useful and esteemed Brethren, P. G. Master Th. L. Hybart.

Admissions, 3; Withdrawals for the purpose of raising a new Lodge, 2; Withdrawals, on account of absence with the Army in Mexico, 3; Rejected, 2.

## RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

C P Mallet, Colin McIver, Hon. R Strange, John Winslow, J D Williams, D G McRae, H Erambert, D Baker, J M Crosby, John Wright, Duncan McNiell, E. J. Hale, W J Anderson, H Leeb, W Prior, E Glover, T J Curtis, Jas. M Smith, G M'Neill, J W Sandford, T N Cameron, Rev. J J Brantly, P Daily, Dr. Sutherland, Wm. Bell, O P Stark, Beverly Rose.

## PHALANX LODGE, No. 31, CHARLOTTE.

## OFFICERS:

Thomas Trotter,

W. Master.

Joshua Trotter,

S. Warden,

Daniel Asbury,

J. Warden.

C. Overman,

Secretary.

C. Y. Alexander,

Treasurer.

William Hunter,

S. Deacon.

Alex. Bethune,

J. Deacon,

Robert Shaw,

Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

John H Wheeler

Samuel Taylor

Thomas Harris

Henry Owens

Francis M Ross

W W Elms



Nat. W Alexander	Samuel N Weddington
William Davidson	Alexander Torrence
Alexander Springs	John F. Irwin
Moses W. Alexander	G W Houston
Adam Siler	George C Cathy
John Knox	John Phelan
Jas. W. Osborne,	Henry Winkler
Robert H. Brawley	Robert G McLean
Alexander Graham	J W Adams
Rev. M A McKibbin	C T Alexander
Robert Stewart	W F Davidson
Robert Knox,	J W Murphy
Rev. William Crook	Thos H. Alexander
D. Hearne	Edward Terris
C C Mason	R S Colvert
John H Grier	P Caldwell
John M. Potts	Obadiah Woodson
Daniel Coleman,	J K Coroaths
Robert A. Ross	T B C Massy
James H Harris	E G Morris
Joseph W Hampton	C L Clawson

Admitted 2, initiated 14, passed 12, raised 10, withdrawn 7, died 1, rejected 3.

### HIRAM LODGE, No. 40, RALEIGH.

#### OFFICERS.

William G Hill,	W. Master.
Wesley Hollister,	S. Warden
Joseph T. Hunter,	J. Warden
James T Marriott,	Treasurer
William Thos. Bain,	Secretary
Joseph Woltering,	S. Deacon
Lewis W Peck	J. Deacon
Richard W Ashton,	Tyler

## MEMBERS.

Daniel B Griffin,	Walter J. Ramsay
C W D Hutchings	William F Collins
William J. Lougee	Theo. Patridge
Thomas R Fentress	James D Royster
Silas Burns	Robert W Seawell
W W Johnson	Samuel M Whitaker
William H Hood	John R Whitaker
George W Scarborough	Albert Johnson
Thompson White	James M Harris
Francis H Reeder	William D. Cook
Henry W Miller	John Kane
Horace P Tucker	William D. Haywood
J M Lovejoy	

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## COLUMBUS LODGE, No. 102, PITTSBOROUGH.

## OFFICERS.

Spence McClanahan	Master
S L Riddle	S. Warden
P McCoy	J. Warden
John J Jackson	Treasurer
William Potter	Secretary
William Haithcock	S. Deacon
Joseph Thompson	J. Deacon
William A Nash and	
R McIntosh	Stewards
William McClenahan	Tyler

## MEMBERS.

W P Taylor	Asa B Gunter
Reuben C Poe	William Fooshee
John Neal	James Taylor
A A Marshall	John Terry
John A Hanks	Jonathan Haralson
Martin Hanks	Chesley Council,



Ruffin Davis  
 Sidney S Hamlet  
 Alsey Murray  
 Joseph Goodwin  
 H H Burke  
 Richard Webster  
 W S Gunter  
 William Stedman  
 W W Stedman  
 Charles Fooshee  
 Lucien Burnett  
 J B Herndon

George B Herndon  
 Thomas Marks  
 George W Hite  
 William Closs  
 A T Pounds  
 Thomas Norwood  
 John W Hatch  
 Thomas E Glass  
 James H Brent  
 West Harris  
 W H Brooks

Initiated 4, passed 4, withdrawn 5, died 1, suspended 1.  
 raised 3.

### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 3, NEWBERN.

#### OFFICERS:

James Hayward,  
 Alonzo T. Jerkins,  
 David S. Willis,  
 Edward R. Stanly,  
 Henry D. Machen,  
 Mathew A. Outten,  
 Luther R. Clark,  
 Henry P. Whitehurst,

W. Master.  
 S. Warden.  
 J. Warden.  
 Treasurer.  
 Secretary.  
 S. Deacon.  
 J. Deacon.  
 Tyler.

#### MEMBERS:

Truman Stowe  
 Lovick Jones  
 William G. Hall  
 Francis J. Prentiss  
 George E. Carraway  
 Bryan Jones  
 Oliver S. Dewey

Joseph Carter  
 William H. Handcock  
 Lacy Phillips  
 Alonzo J. Willis  
 Samuel Bishop  
 Mathew Matthews  
 Ellsworth Hanks

George W. Willis  
 Stillman W. Mildrum  
 Rev. Jacob Utley  
 Rev. Samuel S. Bryant  
 Rev. Pierce W. Yarrell  
 Thomas R. Wilson  
 Benjamin M. Cook  
 John Harvey  
 William S. Webb  
 Thomas Carney  
 George Cooper  
 Thomas Sparrow  
 John A. Brookfield  
 John S. Hunter  
 John D. Frion  
 Thomas G. S. Ellis  
 Benjamin J. Perkins

Joseph S. Fowler  
 William B. Perkins  
 Edward W. Montfort  
 Emanuel M. Certain  
 Jesse G. Mumford  
 James M. Williams  
 George W. Howard  
 William M. Herritage  
 John N. Benners  
 Samuel W Chadwick  
 Stephen D. Sparrow  
 Peter Custis  
 John Blackwell  
 Alex'r H. Stanly  
 Benjamin F. Borden  
 Joseph W. Baxter  
 F R Vincent

Initiated 14, Passed 12, Raised 13, Admitted 4, Rejected  
 5, Withdrawn 1, Died 1, Suspended 0, Expelled 0.

#### RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Samuel Oliver, Richard D Spaight, Stephen B Forbes,  
 Thomas Jerkins, Alexander Mason, James Jones.

#### UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 54, EDENTON.

##### OFFICERS.

John L Terrell,	W. Master
w. P. M. T. V. Hathaway,	Chaplain
H E Rascoe	S. Warden
James R Scmith,	J. Warden
Thomas W Hudgins,	Treasurer
Wm. R Skinner,	Secretary
w. P. M. Alex. Chesire,	S. Deacon



John Boothe,  
M Strouse,

J. Deacon  
Tyler

## MEMBERS.

w. P. M. John Thompson	James L Roberts
w. P. M. Samuel T Sawyer	B Nixon
Nathaniel Bond	Peter F White
D McDonald	Thos. S Hoskins
Chas. W. Mixon	Asa Ansly
Thomss M. Carter	Henry A Gilliam
R S Halsey	James L Pettijohn
R R Felton	William Mackider
John Bush	William F Bennet
Wm Privit, jr.	S R Oliver
Alexander Spence	Chas. Washing
Thomas Cochrain	B A Hines
Thos. Cochrain, jr.	John H Ceaworth
Dainel V Etheridge	Sol. W Caffee
William Deans	

## RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

James Norcom	Nathaniel Hathaway
Joseph B Skinner	Jas. B Skinner
John Cox	John W Skinner
Joshua Skinner	Job Parker
Robert R Heath	Saml. S Bond
Thomas J Charlton	S J Johnston
B W Hathaway	Richard Paxton
Daniel McDowell	E P Caspar
George W Bruer	W Norcom

Rejected 3, Initiated 1, passed 1, raised 2.

## CONCORD LODGE, No. 58, TARBOROUGH.

## OFFICERS.

James Mehegan,

W Master

Wm. H Hines,  
Louis C Pender,

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Louis Bond,  
Elisha Cromwell, }  
Kenneth Thigpen, }

S. Warden

J. Warden

Secretary

Treasurer

Deacons

MEMBERS.

Louis Bond  
J L Horn  
Wm. D Mercer  
Charles Mabry  
A K Barlow  
William Biggs  
John Knight, jr.  
John Knight, Senr.  
Britton Howell  
Fredk. D Little  
Robt. H Pender  
William A. Pope  
Henry Fouxhall  
Noah Leggett  
Daniel Parish  
Solomon Fender, senr.  
Jesse M Hursey  
Simmons B Staton  
Wm. S. Baker  
T W Ward  
Wm. D Thorn  
William Harrell  
James M Weaver  
Nathan Mathewson

Robert Staton  
Thomas Oberry  
Wm. D. Bryan  
Newsom Alsobrooks  
L B Brown  
Mayo Warsby  
John F Speight  
David Cobb  
Geo. A Meeks  
James Kearney  
B M Jackson  
Josiah S Pender  
Saml. Marsbou  
Wilson Sessums  
William D Petway  
William Norfleet  
Benjamin Batts  
Samuel Hyman  
J J B Pender  
James Pender, senr.  
W P Harper  
R D Addington  
John P Stewart

RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

John William  
J J Phillips  
Jesse Powell,

Henry King  
Redding Pitman  
Robert Wimberly



Robert Norfleet

Henry Bryant

Robert R. Bridgers

Children sent to school by this Lodge, 3.

Admitted 3, initiated 9, raised 6, withdrawn 1, died 3, rejected 4, passed 9.

## DAVIE LODGE, No. 33, BERTIE.

## OFFICERS:

M Rawls

W. Master.

Levin Spivy

S. Warden,

George J. Shollars

J. Warden.

William Hodges

Treasurer.

William A. Worley

Secretary.

B K Moore

S. Deacon.

J J Horton

J. Deacon,

Steward

Elijah Futrell

Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Blisha Bryant

S B Smith

Samuel W. Simmons

Aquilla Hyman

Raised 1, withdrawn and removed 6, died 3.

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 78, WINDSOR

## OFFICERS.

Kader Biggs,

W. Master

G W McGlauchon

S Warden

John S Shepherd

J Warden

John P Jordan

S Deacon

R H Smith

J Deacon

Joseph R Bird

Secretary

Thos. W Riddick  
J L Webb  
B B Russell

Treasurer  
Steward  
Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W A Furguson  
James Thompson  
Richardson Pierce  
Preston Perry  
Edward C Outlaw  
Augustus Holly  
Frederick McGlauchon  
H E Nicholls  
Richard A Weston  
Thos. H Speller  
Alsey Cowand  
Miles Bailey  
Alfred Eason  
R P Freeman

John Chamblee  
James H Cherry  
Joshua Rayner  
Jehu N Webb  
Geo. O. Ashew  
Jonathan Rhodes  
West Leary  
Wm. P. Gurley  
Joseph J. Rascoe  
Rev. David Harrell  
James Perry  
N H Thompson  
John Thomas

Admitted 6, initiated 3, passed 2, raised 2, withdrawn 2,  
died 2, rejected 1.

Masons not members within the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

Thos. J Pugh  
Joseph Smith  
Thomas Reddett  
John O Askew  
David Outlaw  
W F G Pierce  
W H Capehart

Solomon Cherry  
C W Jacocks  
JR Rayner  
Etherton Wilson  
Joel Grizzard  
J R Gilliam  
Zebulon Simmons

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 59, PLYMOUTH.

## OFFICERS.

Thomas B Nicholls,

W. Master



Thos. E Pender,	S. Warden
Jos. Ramsey,	J. Warden
Henry B. Short,	Treasurer
F F Fagan,	Secretary
S T Gaylord	S. Deacon
Jos. B Griffin,	J. Deacon
Lem'l Douglas	S. S.
Jno. McC. Boyle,	J. S.
Isaac Kelly	Tyler
Jesse B Griffin,	Inner Guard

## MEMBERS.

Thomas B Nicholls	Isaac Kelly
Joseph Ramsey	Samuel T Gaylord
Thomas E Pender	Hardy Hardison
Elijah H Willis	John H Walker
Jno. McC. Boyle	Henry B Short
Franklin F Fagan	Jesse G. Griffin
Joseph B Griffin	Lem'l Douglas

Admitted 2, passed 2, raised 2, withdrawn 1.

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GREENSBORO' LODGE, No 76, GUILFORD,

## OFFICERS.

Jon M Logan,	W. Master
Joab Hiatt,	S. Warden
Lynden Swaim,	J. Warden
Jonathan W. Howlet	Treasurer
John Tate,	Secretary
Samuel Rainey,	S. Deacon
Robt. Mitchell,	J. Deacon
Nathan Hiatt	
James N. Millis,	Stewards
H. J. Warren,	Tyler

## MEMBERS.

David Scott	William Gott
W H Cumming	O Smallwood
Philip Bevill	David McKnight
James Humphreys	Benjamin M Williams
Jed. H Lindsay	John S Dare
Marcellus Jordan	A C Lindsay
Peter Adams	W S McConnell
H B Stratford	J H Foust
Jonathan Church	James M Leach
S G Coffin	Robert Caffy
Matthew Hedgecock	Hamilton Armfield
B Adams	Wm. P. Moring
Haley Brown	J B Balsley
John B Kingsbury	Washington Lee
Dempsey Brown	Jos. A Houston
Henry F Weatherly	Samuel W Westbrooks
Joseph W Patterson	D W Bowman
James H Bell	Michael Riley
John Moring	John W Tianen
John Hiatt	

Initiated 7, passed 6, raised 6, withdrawn 3, died 2.

The following is a list of transient masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge:

John M Dick	John A Foulks
Ralph Gorrell	H W Holcomb
I J M Lindsay	John Tate
James Brannock	J F Jollie

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ZION LODGE, No. 81, TRENTON.

## OFFICERS:

Rascoe Barrus,	W. Master.
James W. Howard,	S. Warden,



Egbert Haywood,  
William Huggins.  
B. F. Harrison,  
John Shackelford,  
A. G. Eubank  
James G. Stanly,

J. Warden.  
Treasurer.  
Secretary.  
S. Deacon.  
J. Deacon.  
Tyler.

## MEMBERS:

Rascoe Barrus  
James W. Howard  
Egbert Haywood  
William Huggins  
B. F. Harrison  
John Shackelford  
A. G. Eubank  
James G. Stanly  
John S. Koonce  
William A. Cox

John Stanly  
John Merrit  
W. P. Ward  
Amos J. Koonce  
Charles H. Foy  
J. C. B. Koonce  
Edwin B. Isler  
James J. Rhodes  
Christopher D. Foy

Admitted 0, Initiated 11, Passed 9, Raised 8, Withdrawn  
0, Died 2, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 0.

## SHARON LODGE, No. 78, GREENVILLE.

## OFFICERS.

Elias J Blount  
Benjamin Brown  
Jas. Nelson  
A Y Jordan  
Luther Barnhill  
Willie Nobles  
Jesse Harris  
H R Caughton

W. Master  
S. Warden  
J Warden  
S. Deacon  
J. Deacon  
Treasurer  
Tyler  
Secretary

## MEMBERS.

Marshall Dickenson  
Goold Hyat

William J. Blow  
Henry Herinton

B G Albriton  
 Kinchon Barnhill  
 Haywood Braddy  
 John H Burney  
 Ben. F Harris  
 Thomas A Rraswell  
 Stanly S Spain  
 Gray Andrews  
 Allen Blount  
 Samuel Rountree

Hardee Johnson  
 Riley Stoaks  
 William M Brown  
 George Joyner  
 Jesse Adams  
 R H Blount  
 Randolph Ewell  
 James A Dixon  
 Taylor Meeks

Initiated 11, passed 11, raised 10, suspended 1.

### UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 80, CHAPEL HILL.

#### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

J B McDade  
 M N Sugg  
 N H Lee  
 J S Gerst  
 J B Tenny  
 S Lisberger  
 W B Vanderford

W. Master  
 S. Warden  
 J. Warden  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 S. Deacon  
 J. Deacon.

### MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 85, NASHVILLE.

#### OFFICERS.

Wm. H Smith  
 John H Harrison  
 Thos. J. A Cooper  
 B H Blount  
 Wm. H. Terrell  
 Joseph A Drake

Master  
 S. Warden  
 J. Warden  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 S. Deacon



T. H. Scott

Jesse Beal }  
Asel Vicks }

B H Sorsby

J. Deacon

Stewards

Tyler

## MEMBERS.

James N Mann

John H. Drake, senr.

T P Westray

Isaac Sessums

H H Sorsby

Bouling Melton

Wm, W. Bryant

James Sullivent

Duncan Floyd

Eli Manning

John J Bunn

W W Parker

Alsey J Taylor

B D Mann

Jno. W Bryant

O R Norton

Ellen Mecomb

James W Lancaster

N J Pittman

Arthur Freeman

Joel Rosser

W E Spicer

George R Bell

Jno. E Lindsey

Thomas P Weeks

Henderson Lee

B T Strickland

Jno. H Beggett

James O Thrift

Calvin J Parker

E G Armstrong

Thomas F Bain

Wm. F Bailey

Robert C Hilliard

Wm. W Boddie

J J Q Taylor

C C Gordon

B F Knight

Jesse Beal

Thomas W Wright

E C Lewis

Nicholas C Harrison

Jno. W. Mitchell

Wm. T Arrington

D A T Ricks

Joseph A. Drake

Richmond Upchurch

Willis Barbee

Asel Vick

Moses Manning

Joseph M Taylor

Wm. Wiggleton

T J A Cooper

John Daughtry

Initiated 2, passed 3, raised 3, rejected 2, withdrawn 3, died 2.

## SKEWARKY LODGE, No. 90, WILLIAMSTON.

## OFFICERS.

A S Mooring	W. Master.
Wm. J. Ellison	S. Warden
H B Smithwick	J. Warden
Bryant Bennett	Treasurer
G L Moore	Secretary
Wm. W Andrews,	S. Deacon
Joshua E Smithwick	J. Deacon
George Hobb	} Stewards
Turner E Barnhill	
Sam'l C. Whitty	
	Tyler

## MEMBERS.

Jesse Martin	G L Moore
A S Mooring	James A Daniel
Joseph Ward	Joshua E Smithwick
S. Pippin	William Slade
C C Hines	Amasa West
Thos. R Coffield	Joseph G Carraway
Bryant Bennett	F J Harrel
Sam'l C Whitty	Levi J Yates
P P Clements	Wm. Alsobrooks
W M G Weathersby	S S Clements
Sam'l J Johnson	Geo. Hobbs
John P Turner	Turner E Barnhill
Lerton Cooper	William W. Andrews
Wm. J. Ellison	William H Clements
Thomas C Hyman	Wm. K A Williams

Admitted 2, initiated 1, passed 1, raised 1, rejected 1, withdrawn 4.

Master Masons residing within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and not members of the same, viz.

A B Marener	S M Smithwick
John Hyman	S J Latham
Simon J. Evritt	John Evrett
M B Ballard	J J Williams



S R Spruill	Aquilla Hyman
Sam'l Hyman	S C Benjamin
Sam'l S Shepherd	W J Hyman
Job Harrel	S B Powell
A S Cotton	Joshua Taylor
Wm. Powell	Ebenezer Hyman
E G Andrews	George Cobb
Needham Hyman	A H Coffield
J W Ward	

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# JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, 92, STANTONSBURG.

## OFFICERS.

W Edmondson	W. Master
R Simmons	S. Warden
J W Barnes	J. Warden
Jno. G Williams	Secretary
Jno. Wilkinson	Treasurer
David P Shallington	S. Deacon
Wm. Tunnel	J. Deacon
David Jordan	Tyler
Amos Hayes and }	
J H Barnes }	Stewards

## MEMBERS.

E G Speight	Wm. Pope
A E Gill	J T Eason
H F Barnes	T M Wilkins
L J Dortch	J Cobb
J Daniel	Jno. M. Wilkins
A J Ellis	Wm J Armstrong
Josiah Jordan	A C Wilkinson
Ira G Ellis	Sam'l Barnes
Jno. W Farmer	D G W Ward

Benj White	Jesse Sauls
Jno. Coalman	Wm D Farmer
Wm. Barnes	C Ellis
David W Barnes	J C Skinner
J J Taylor	Ethd. Sauls
B E Farmer	J Mayo
H Pope	Sandy Dunn
Theophilus Simms	Ephraim Page
B Little	R A Baker
M Sauls	M C Tenyck

Admitted 2, initiated 8, passed 8, raised 7, withdrawn 2, died 1, rejected 8.

### JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 95, HOOKERTON.

#### OFFICERS.

Henry Miller	W Master
Jas. Hall	S Warden
John Dixon	J Warden
Icham Dixon	Treasurer
Iac. A Hartsfield	Secretary
Cullen Edwards	S Deacon
Robert E Williams	J Deacon
Samuel W Ormand	Tyler

#### MEMBERS.

J W L. Jenkins	Wm. Hooker
Henry Granger	Blany Allen
James Brown	John A Moore
Samuel C Taylor	Fletcher Ormand
B F Hodges	Edward R Coward
B H Saunders	

Initiated 9, passed 9, raised 9.

#### RESIDENT MASONS NOT MEMBERS.

Obid. Dixon, John Granger, G Weatherington, Joseph Brown, S Moseley, Wm. Sooton, Ruf. Granger, C Edwards.



# FULTON LODGE, No. 99, SALISBURY.

## OFFICERS:

A. M. Henderson,	W. Master.
Robt. E. Love,	S. Warden.
John J. Shaver,	J. Warden.
Geo. B. Douglas,	Secretary.
Henry Smith,	Treasurer.
Ezekiel Myers,	S. Deacon.
Wm. Lambeth,	J. Deacon.
Benj. F. Fraley,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Henry A. Smith	Wm. Rowell
Aaron Woolsworth	A. M. Nesbitt
D. W. Honeycutt	Henry A. Jacobs
Alex. W. Buis	John D. Sheck
Entered 6, Passed 5, Raised 5, Withdrawn 1.	

# WENTWORTH LODGE, No. 111, ROCKINGHAM.

## OFFICERS:

A. W. Ellington,	W. Master.
Numa F. Reid,	S. Warden,
A. T. M. Woollen,	J. Warden.
Nichs. Felts,	S. Deacon.
D. E. Guarrant,	J. Deacon,
R. J. Johnson,	Treasurer.
J. H. Bullard,	Secretary.
Levin Miner,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Rev. Ph. W. Archer	Rev. James H. Jefferson
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Valentine Allen  
 Daniel Arney  
 Archibald Boyd  
 Jones W. Burton  
 E. T. Brodnax, M. D.  
 Thompson Brown  
 James Currie, M. D.  
 Johnson Crawford  
 Gaston D. Cobb, M. D.  
 Rev. William T. Colson  
 John T. Duke  
 N. H. Dodd  
 William Daniel  
 R. A. Ellington  
 W. M. Ellington  
 H. Felts  
 John Forrest  
 A. T. Gibson  
 E. W. Hancock  
 Bird J. Hall  
 David R. Humphreys  
 Joseph Holderby

B. T. Lillard  
 J. W. Moore  
 William P. Miller  
 J. R. McLean  
 Willian Patterson  
 Thomas Reynolds M. D.  
 Rob. P. Richardson  
 Hamilton Scales  
 Thos. B. Smith  
 J. G. Wright  
 Frank Watkins  
 A. C. Whittimore  
 David A. Widows  
 J. D. Wilson  
 James T. Woodson, M. D.  
 C. F. Watkins  
 Elisha Wade  
 Kirkland R. Duke  
 G. B. A. H. W. Reid  
 John Coleman  
 John New

Admitted 1, Initiated 19, Passed 18, Raised 20, With-  
 drawn 4, Died 0, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 4.

# PERQUIMANS LODGE, No. 106, HERTFORD.

## OFFICERS.

Joseph M Cox  
 Exum Stokes  
 Milton Hudgins  
 Willis H Bagley  
 Joseph G Granberry  
 William Nixon

Master  
 S. Warden  
 J. Warden  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 S. Deacon



Nathaniel C Skinner  
 Mark D Hathaway  
 Josiah H White  
 Thos. R Sempson  
 John G Berry

J. Deacon  
 Tyler  
 Stewards  
 Inner Guard

## MEMBERS.

Francis Nixon  
 James Gatling  
 Thomas S. Jacocks  
 Malachi S Perry  
 Nathan Bagley  
 James A Harrell  
 Timothy Billups  
 James C Skinner  
 Micajah J Bunch

Matthew O Jordan  
 James W Hathaway  
 Albert R Elliott  
 Edmund C Blount  
 Josiah T Smith  
 James N Whedbee  
 Nixon White, in Mexico (vol.)  
 Arthur L Butt  
 William W Mullen

Brethren within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and not members of any: Dr. C M Ford, Wilson Reed, James V. Reed, Nathan Winslow, Dr. William Mitchell, and Dr. Jno. N. Butt.

Initiated 6, passed 5, raised 5, withdrawu 1, died 1, rejected 2.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 96, KINSTON.

## OFFICERS.

Wm. B Short  
 James E Metts  
 R C Williams  
 David Jones  
 H W Blount  
 Samuel McClenny  
 R B Taylor  
 Wm. L Rowe  
 Warren Kilpatrick  
 Thomas Waterers, jr. }

W. Master  
 S. Warden  
 J. Warden  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 S. Deacon  
 J. Deacon  
 Tyler

Stewards

## MEMBERS.

David Jones  
 Wm. B Short

James E Metts  
 Jno. Jackson

Warren Kilpatrick

Fred'k J Cox

Jesse Jackson

Alex. Wilson

Richard Kennedy

R C Williams

H W Blount

James McClenny

Jadoc Einstein

Thomas Waterers, jr.

Wm. L. Rowe

Initiated 1, passed 1, raised 1, died 1, rejected 0.

A return of Masons under jurisdiction of this Lodge, not members thereof.

P Hardee, Nicholas Hunter, Thomas Woodly, H. F. Bond, Jno. B. Clarke, Wm. H. Croom, Louis C. Desmond, William Lovick, Geo. P. Kincey, Jno. L. Taylor, Jno. P. Dunn.

### FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 109, BEAUFORT.

#### OFFICERS.

Isaac Ramsey

Ralph Howland

Elijah W Pigott

Wm H Piver

John E Manson, jr.

William J. Potter

Henry Waters

James T White

Samuel L Dill

James M Noe

W Master

S. Warden

J. Warden

Treasurer

Secretary

S. Deacon

J. Deacon

S. S.

J. S.

Tyler

#### MEMBERS.

Zacheus Farrow

Sol'n H Walker

George Lane

Robert H Sabiston



Gayer Chadwick

Thos P. Ricaud } Honorary

Wm. J. Parks } members

Joel H Davis

Barkley D Borden

Jesse L. Jorlaw

Jesse Piver

Francis Thompson

Nathaniel Williams

Wm. C. King

Wm. F. Manson

Parker Copes

John Rumley

Admitted 4, Initiated 7, passed 8, raised 8, withdrawn 4.

## WAKE FOREST LODGE, No. 97, WAKE FOREST.

## OFFICERS:

William H. Mead,

Robert E. Harriss,

Junius W. Fort,

Reddick Hunter,

Alston A. Jones,

John W. Justice,

Bolling Dunn,

Jeremiah Dunn,

W. Master.

S. Warden.

J. Warden.

Treasurer.

Secretary.

S. Deacon.

J. Deacon.

Tyler.

## MEMBERS:

Peterson Dunn

Willie D. Jones

James G. Jeffreys

John M. Fleming

James M. Terrell

James Redford

Thos. J. Terrell

D. S. Crenshaw

John H. Bell

Elias Ligon

Wm. R. Harriss

Henry Seawell

John Little

Rev. James S. Purify

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James A. Hicks

Thomas C. Robertson

Jos. D. Powell

Robt. N. Jeffreys

Rev. W. T. Brooks

Rev. S. W. Purify

Rev. T. J. Lemay

Willis S. Thompson

J. R. Cooper

Richard Ligon

Josiah R. Jeffreys

Admitted 0, Initiated 1, Passed 3, Raised 2. Withdrawn  
0, Died 1, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 0.

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#### OFFICERS.

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W. Master.

Saml. Bond,

S. Warden

Joseph Green,

J. Warden

J. H. Allen,

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Treasurer

J. A. Mason,

S. Deacon.

Jno. Daniel,

J. Deacon.

Jno Branton,

Tyler.

#### MEMBERS:

R. B. Potter

J. M. Sykes

J. W. Galloway

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John Wright,

S. Warden.

John W. S. West,

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Secretary.

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James McDuffy

John J. Hooks



Joseph R. Hatch  
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David Cogdell

Admitted 1, Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 3, Rejected 2,  
Withdrawn 0.

Returns of Masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge not members of  
any Lodge : W. P. Ketchand, J. K. Green, R. Washington, J. W. Sasser,  
W. R. Hooks, W. Veinon.

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E. W. Hines,	J Warden
A. R. Hicks,	Treasurer
C. D. Hill,	Secretary
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B. Bowden,	J. Deacon
Rev. G. W. Wallace,	Chaplain.
W. M. Bowden,	Tyler

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J. N. Loftin	H. B. Hurst
C. O. Hurst	H. H. Hodges
G. W. Wallace	L. S. Harring
L. R. Loftin	W. F. Pollick
W. Farrier	O. S. Lewis
J. Loftin	S. J. Wolf
John W. Hall	C. J. Oates
J. H. Judge	J. Winders
E. W. Hines	J. J. Word
F. O. Wilson	J. R. Hatch
H. W. Faison	E. W. Fomvielle
D. Glisson	L. C. Oates
N. J. Farrier	A Jones



J. B. Wright  
J. W. Blount  
W. M. Bowden  
H. Swinson

H. D. Oates  
J. D. Dickson  
H. Grimes.

Admitted 1, Initiated 12, Past 12, Raised 14, Withdrawn 2, Died 2, Expelled 1, Rejected 0.

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Henry T. Pope,	J. Warden
John A. Rowland,	Treasurer
Robert E. Troy,	Secretary
Jacob Seindheimer,	S. Deacon
Charles Moore,	J. Deacon
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Fitz Randolph McNeill	Wiley Alford
Alex. L. McCormac	John McNeill
James P. Drake	John Winslow
Neill McNair	John A. Davis
John J. McLaughlin	John McK. Alford

Initiated 23, Passed 22, Raised 21, Admitted 1, Withdrawn 1.

Mason residing within the jurisdiction of this Lodge not members of any Lodge: Edmund McQueen.



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