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F. M. WINCHESTER,
Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE

OF
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF
NORTH CAROLINA



ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

RALEIGH, N. C., JANUARY 14, 15, 16, 1913

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

F. M. WINCHESTER.....	GRAND MASTER.....	Charlotte
JOHN T. ALDERMAN.....	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.....	Henderson
FRANK P. HOBGOOD, JR.....	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.....	Greensboro
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.....	Raleigh
LEO D. HEARTT.....	GRAND TREASURER.....	Raleigh
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	GRAND SECRETARY.....	Raleigh

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

C. E. MADDREY.....	GRAND CHAPLAIN.....	Raleigh
R. F. EDWARDS.....	GRAND LECTURER.....	Crumpler, R.F.D. 1
CLAUD L. PRIDGEN.....	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.....	Kinston
GEORGE S. NORFLEET.....	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.....	Winston-Salem
HENRY A. GRADY.....	GRAND MARSHAL.....	Clinton
JAMES C. BRASWELL.....	GRAND SWORD BEARER.....	Whitakers
WILLIAM ANDERSON.....	GRAND PURSUIVANT.....	Charlotte
R. C. CANTWELL.....	GRAND STEWARD.....	Wilmington
W. G. ROGERS.....	GRAND STEWARD.....	Charlotte
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	GRAND TILER.....	Raleigh
R. T. GOWAN.....	AUDITOR.....	Raleigh
M. DeLANCEY HAYWOOD.....	HISTORIAN.....	Raleigh
W. W. WILLSON.....	ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.....	Raleigh

CUSTODIANS.

J. E. CAMERON, Chairman.....	Kinston
LEON CASH.....	Winston
S. N. BOYCE.....	Gastonia

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS.

J. W. ROWELL.....	Waxhaw
J. W. PATTON.....	Elon College
A. L. PARKER.....	Asheville
W. C. WICKER.....	Elon College
W. W. HOLLAND.....	Charles

GRAND OFFICERS.

A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH
CAROLINA FROM 1787 TO 1912, INCLUSIVE, AND
DATES WHEN ELECTED.

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

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1913.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in its One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 14, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W.	WILLIAM B. MCKOY	Grand Master.
R. W.	F. M. WINCHESTER	Deputy Grand Master.
"	JOHN T. ALDERMAN	Senior Grand Warden.
"	FRANK P. HOBGOOD, JR.	Junior Grand Warden.
"	LEO D. HEARTT	Grand Treasurer.
"	JOHN C. DREWRY	Grand Secretary.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

W.	C. E. MADDREY	Grand Chaplain.
"	R. F. EDWARDS	Grand Lecturer.
"	A. B. ANDREWS, JR.	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	CLAUD L. PRIDGEN	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	GEORGE S. NORFLEET	Grand Marshal.
"	HENRY A. GRADY	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	JAMES C. BRASWELL	Grand Pursuivant.
"	CHARLES M. SETZER	Grand Steward.
"	R. R. CANTWELL	Grand Steward.
"	ROBERT H. BRADLEY	Grand Tiler.
"	R. T. GOWAN	Auditor.
"	M. DELANCEY HAYWOOD	Historian.
"	W. W. WILLSON	Assistant Grand Secretary.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS PRESENT.

Third District	W. G. Mizell	Windsor.
Fifth District	Dr. C. L. Pridgen	Kinston.
Seventh District	O. A. Glover	Wilson.
Eighth District	J. Bailey Owen	Henderson.
Tenth District	Cyrus M. Faircloth	Clinton.
Eleventh District	E. W. Timberlake, Jr.	Wake Forest.
Thirteenth District	J. T. Bynum	Lumber Bridge.
Seventeenth District	C. J. Tinsley	Greensboro.
Eighteenth District	O. W. Spencer	Salisbury.
Nineteenth District	R. E. Austin	Albemarle.
Twentieth District	John Burrus	Rockford.
Twenty-first District	Leon Cash	Winston-Salem.
Twenty-third District	E. C. Whitney	Bessemer City.
Twenty-fifth District	R. F. Edwards	Crumpler.
Twenty-seventh District	Hon. Sol. Gallert	Rutherfordton.
Twenty-eighth District	B. F. Hall	Asheville.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

John Nichols, P. G. M.; Samuel H. Smith, P. G. M.; John W. Cotten, P. G. M.; Walter E. Moore, P. G. M.; R. J. Noble, P. G. M.; B. S. Royster, P. G. M.; H. I. Clark, P. G. M.; W. S. Liddell, P. G. M.; Francis D. Winston, P. G. M.; S. M. Gattis, P. G. M.; R. N. Haekett, P. G. M.; G. Rosenthal, P. G. S.; W. H. Bain, P. G. S.

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

<i>Grand Lodges.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Alabama	S. M. Gattis	Hillsboro.
Alberta	Horace R. Dowell	Raleigh.
Arizona	F. M. Winchester	Charlotte.
British Columbia	H. I. Clark	Seotland Neck.
Canada	W. W. Willson	Raleigh.
Connecticut	William L. London	Pittsboro.
Delaware	W. A. Withers	Raleigh.
Florida	R. N. Haekett	Wilkesboro.
Idaho	Walter Clark	Raleigh.
Illinois	Leo D. Heartt	Raleigh.
Indiana	W. B. McKoy	Wilmington.
Kansas	M. C. S. Noble	Chapel Hill.
Maine	A. S. Holden	Wilmington.
Manitoba	Samuel H. Smith	Winston.
Maryland	Marshall DeL. Haywood	Raleigh.
Minnesota	F. D. Winston	Windsor.
Missouri	W. E. Moore	Webster.
Nebraska	Will X. Coley	Raleigh.
New Brunswick	R. L. Brown	Oxford.
New Hampshire	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.	Greensboro.
New Jersey	W. H. Bain	Raleigh.
New York	N. B. Broughton	Raleigh.
North Dakota	J. C. Braswell	Whitakers.

Nova Scotia.....	J. E. Saintsing.....	Reidsville.
Oregon.....	John W. Cotten.....	Tarboro.
Ohio.....	R. H. Bradley.....	Raleigh.
Prince Edward Island.....	Sol. Gallert.....	Rutherfordton.
Quebec.....	W. H. McLaurin.....	Laurinburg.
South Dakota.....	A. B. Andrews, Jr.....	Raleigh.
Texas.....	M. D. Kinsland.....	Waynesboro.
Utah.....	J. T. Alderman.....	Henderson.
Victoria.....	H. W. Gowen.....	Halifax.
Vermont.....	C. T. McClenaghan.....	Raleigh.
Virginia.....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
West Virginia.....	B. S. Royster.....	Oxford.
Wisconsin.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Selma.

CREDENTIALS.

Brother W. W. Willson, from the Committee on Credentials, presented a report, which on motion was accepted, and recommitted with instruction to record the names of the representatives as they presented themselves.

St. John's.....	No.	1..	A. S. Holden, proxy for W. M., John S. McEachern, proxy for S. W., Stuart R. Keyes, J. W.
Royal White Hart..	"	2..	Harry W. Gowen, W. M.
St. John's.....	"	3..	W. H. Bain, proxy for W. M. and J. W., A. H. Bangert, proxy for S. W.
St. John's.....	"	4..	C. W. Pridgen, W. M., J. D. Grady, S. W., Fred J. Sutton, proxy for J. W.
Charity.....	"	5..	H. J. Castilow, representative.
Unanimity.....	"	7..	J. K. Rea and Frank F. Muth, representatives.
Phoenix.....	"	8..	H. S. Averitt, W. M., J. H. Anderson, S. W.
Johnston-Caswell..	"	10..	W. P. Massenberg, proxy for S. W., John Hall, Jr., proxy for W. M.
Phalanx.....	"	31..	Willard G. Rogers, W. M., John A. Parker, S. W., Joseph A. Alexander, J. W.
Stokes.....	"	32..	Lewis Hartsell, W. M., John McClellan, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Davie.....	"	39..	J. M. Jacobs, W. M.
Hiram.....	"	40..	C. P. Snuggs, W. M., I. Seligson, S. W., W. T. Whitten, J. W.
Liberty.....	"	45..	E. Wallace and R. A. Deal, proxy for officers.
Hall.....	"	53..	M. L. Burgess, W. M.
King Solomon.....	"	56..	S. J. Calvert, proxy for W. M. and S. W., W. H. S. Burgwyn, proxy for J. W.
Concord.....	"	58..	John W. Cotten, proxy for officers.
Eagle.....	"	71..	James H. Webb, proxy for officers.
Widow's Son.....	"	75..	M. B. Forbes, proxy for officers.
Greensboro.....	"	76..	C. R. Lincoln, W. M., L. M. Clymer, S. W., I. L. Egelson, proxy for J. W.

Zion.....	No. 78..	W. L. Brown, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Sharon.....	" 81..	J. S. Hargett, proxy for officers.
LaFayette.....	" 83..	F. W. Hargett, J. W.
Fellowship.....	" 84..	R. J. Noble, proxy for officers.
Morning Star.....	" 85..	S. S. Gay, W. M., C. L. Johnston, proxy for S. W., G. L. Jones, proxy for J. W.
Western Star.....	" 91..	J. B. Carpenter, W. M.
Joseph Warren.....	" 92..	W. J. Windham, W. M., H. E. Thompson, proxy for S. W., W. R. Cook, J. W.
Jerusalem.....	" 95..	C. C. Sugg, W. M., E. O. Allen, S. W., W. F. Taylor, J. W.
Neuse.....	" 97..	C. A. Richardson, W. M.
Hiram.....	" 98..	Moses Slossberg, S. W., George L. Peterson, proxy for J. W.
Fulton.....	" 99..	D. W. Goodson, J. W., E. M. Cauble, proxy for S. W.
Columbus.....	" 102..	W. L. London, proxy for S. W., W. M. Eubanks, proxy for W. M., J. L. Griffin, proxy for J. W.
Orr.....	" 104..	H. S. Frizzell, W. M.
Belmont.....	" 108..	Henry Long, W. M., T. W. Smith, S. W.
Franklin.....	" 109..	M. L. Davis, W. M., J. L. Gibble, proxy for S. W.
Wayne.....	" 112..	I. J. Harrell, proxy for W. M.; P. R. King, proxy for S. W.
Person.....	" 113..	R. A. Spencer, W. M.
St. Albans.....	" 114..	E. J. Britt, S. W., Q. T. Williams, W. M., John P. McNeill, proxy for J. W.
Holly Springs.....	" 115..	C. H. Collins, W. M., J. G. Langston, S. W., A. M. Johnson.
Mount Lebanon.....	" 117..	J. D. Foster, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Mount Hermon.....	" 118..	J. W. Grimes, W. M., W. A. Ward, S. W., C. F. Wood, J. W.
Franklinton.....	" 123..	B. A. White, proxy for S. W.
Gatesville.....	" 126..	G. D. Gatling, W. M.
Blackmer.....	" 127..	M. T. Harris, proxy for W. M. and S. W., R. A. Bruton, proxy for J. W.
Hanks.....	" 128..	J. W. C. Craven, proxy for officers.
Dan River.....	" 129..	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
Radiance.....	" 132..	W. W. Whittington, W. M., B. W. Edwards, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Mocksville.....	" 134..	James L. Sheek, proxy for officers.
Lincoln.....	" 137..	J. S. Armstrong, W. M., D. H. Shields, proxy for J. W.
Carolina.....	" 141..	H. S. McLendon, proxy for officers.
Mount Vernon.....	" 143..	R. M. Garrell, proxy for officers.
Cherokee.....	" 146..	E. B. Norvelle, proxy for officers.
Palmyra.....	" 147..	H. L. Draughon, S. W.
Adoniram.....	" 149..	J. S. Watkins, proxy for W. M., W. E. Yancey, S. W., Grover C. Hobgood, proxy for J. W.
Chalmers.....	" 151..	J. H. Benner, W. M., W. E. Pasehal, proxy for Wardens.

Scotch-Ireland	No. 154	A. L. Powbas, J. W., W. H. Eaton, proxy for W. M.
Whitestone	" 155	W. P. Robertson, W. M., J. J. Bridges, S. W., Pitman Stell, proxy for J. W.
Mount Pleasant	" 157	J. D. R. Allen and Dudley Peed.
Knap of Reeds	" 158	M. C. S. Noble, proxy for W. M.
Deep River	" 164	J. M. Caveness, representative.
Archer	" 165	J. H. Eason, W. M., W. G. Earpe, proxy for S. W., J. W. Barnes, proxy for J. W.
Winston	" 167	George S. Norfleet, proxy for officers.
Buffalo	" 172	H. A. Tally, J. W.
George Washington	" 174	C. D. Moore, proxy for W. M., C. S. Goodwin, proxy for S. W., Mallie Goodwin, proxy for J. W.
Sandy Creek	" 185	E. N. Williams, W. M., J. P. Davis, proxy for S. W., J. H. Eaves, J. W.
Central Cross	" 187	A. H. Edwards, S. W., R. L. Harris, J. W.
Balfour	" 188	W. A. Bunch, W. M., J. T. Penn, S. W., J. M. Scarboro, proxy for J. W.
Mount Olivet	" 195	L. O. Sugg, W. M.
Cary	" 198	J. M. Templeton, proxy for W. M.
Cleveland	" 202	Thomas J. Babington, proxy for officers.
Roanoke	" 203	J. G. Blalock, W. M.
Berea	" 204	J. L. Daniel, W. M., P. W. Knott, S. W., E. C. Allen, proxy for J. W.
Long Creek	" 205	C. F. Alexander, proxy for officers.
Mingo	" 206	B. E. Jackson, proxy for W. M., D. M. Williford, proxy for S. W.
Eno	" 210	E. S. Merritt, W. M., N. M. Hill, J. W.
Catawba Valley	" 217	E. McK. Goodwin, W. K. Wortman, proxies for officers.
William G. Hill	" 218	S. O. Garrison, W. M., C. T. McClenaghan, S. W., A. H. T. Spencer, J. W.
Wilson	" 226	W. W. Holland, W. M.
McCormick	" 228	R. E. Marks, W. M., J. W. Marks, proxy for S. W., H. M. Thomas, proxy for J. W.
Henderson	" 229	J. S. Royster, W. M.
Wiccacon	" 240	B. S. Cull, W. M., M. R. Taylor, proxy for S. W.
Rountree	" 243	J. E. Cameron, proxy for officers.
Monroe	" 244	W. B. Love, W. M., W. C. Wolfe, proxy for J. W.
Catawba	" 248	W. B. Gaither, W. M.
Pythagoras	" 249	George H. Ruark, W. M.
Rockford	" 251	J. M. Dunn and J. C. Burrus, proxies for officers.
Lily Valley	" 252	J. P. Babington, S. W.
Oaks	" 255	J. L. Scott, proxy for officers.
Kenly	" 257	G. W. Watson, W. M.
Waynesville	" 259	Thomas Stringfield, proxy for officers.
Excelsior	" 261	D. A. Redfern, W. M., B. L. Kisiah, proxy for Wardens.
Hibriten	" 262	J. W. Bean, J. A. Bush, proxy for S. W.
Gaston	" 263	C. C. Craig, W. M., A. L. Bulwinkle, proxy for S. W., R. S. Lewis, proxy for J. W.

Farmington.....	No. 265	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
Durbin.....	" 266	H. S. Averitt, proxy for officers.
Dumms Rock.....	" 267	J. A. Miller, Jr., W. M.
Unaka.....	" 268	R. O. Self, proxy for W. M., W. E. Moore, proxy for S. W.
Bingham.....	" 272	J. T. Shaw, W. M., A. B. Fitch, J. W.
Watauga.....	" 273	J. C. Fetcher, W. M.
Green Level.....	" 277	E. T. Mills, W. M., A. V. Council, S. W., J. Johnson, proxy for J. W.
Wake Forest.....	" 282	H. M. Poteat, S. W., E. W. Timberlake, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Greenville.....	" 284	J. M. Reuss, proxy for W. M. and J. W., R. Williams, proxy for S. W.
French Broad.....	" 292	C. A. Clark, W. M.
Atlantic.....	" 294	E. H. Jones, proxy for officers.
Stonewall.....	" 296	E. B. Whiehard, W. M., J. A. Whitley, proxy for S. W.
Toisnot.....	" 298	J. T. Watson, proxy for officers.
Hunting Creek.....	" 299	W. W. Holland, proxy for officers.
Pamlico.....	" 300	S. W. Staley and F. B. Hooker, proxies for officers.
Lillington.....	" 302	J. D. Johnston, W. M., A. A. Waddell, S. W., H. Baggett, J. W.
Pleasant Hill.....	" 304	H. D. Maxwell, J. W.
Laurinburg.....	" 305	W. H. McLaurin, proxy for W. M. and J. W., C. L. Sanford, S. W.
Galatia.....	" 306	Edgar Hall, representative.
Randolph.....	" 309	S. A. Lewis, proxy for officers.
Hatcher.....	" 310	D. L. Flowers, W. M., S. T. Boykin, proxy for Wardens.
King Solomon.....	" 313	J. T. Bynum, W. M.
New Lebanon.....	" 314	W. I. Halstead, M. W.
Wilmington.....	" 319	C. F. Nurnberger, W. M., John Thomas, S. W., C. F. Strunck, J. W.
White Hill.....	" 321	A. McG. Jackson, proxy for W. M., J. McCoffer, S. W.
Black Creek.....	" 330	Barnie Daniel, W. M., G. J. Evans, proxy for Wardens.
Bayboro.....	" 331	D. B. Hooker, W. M.
Rowland.....	" 335	E. A. Stevens, proxy for officers.
Fairview.....	" 339	C. A. Dilling, W. M.
Harmony.....	" 340	W. E. Hales, W. M., T. T. Pate, S. W., Charles McKinless, J. W.
Numa F. Reid.....	" 344	D. S. Gurley, proxy for W. M. and J. W., W. H. Ragan, proxy for S. W.
Durham.....	" 352	Benjamin S. Skinner, W. M., P. T. Elliott, S. W.
Mount Vernon.....	" 359	R. L. Woodard, W. M.
Craighead.....	" 366	J. L. Miller, S. W.
Gastonia.....	" 369	W. L. Thompson, W. M., Marshall Dilling, S. W., Charles Ford, J. W.
Mars Hill.....	" 370	H. M. Fagan, W. M., J. R. Sams, proxy for S. W.
Campbell.....	" 374	P. F. Laugenour, proxy for officers.
State Line.....	" 375	C. F. Hambright, S. W.

Lifeboat-----	No. 376--	James M. Craven, W. M., J. D. McIver, J. W.
Youngsville-----	" 377--	Jones Cook, W. M., B. G. Mitchell, J. W.
Seaboard-----	" 378--	J. G. L. Crocker, representative.
Coharie-----	" 379--	A. E. Royal, W. M., Frank D. Parker, proxy for Wardens.
Granville-----	" 380--	H. C. David, W. M., S. M. Bailey, S. W., C. C. Holmes, J. W.
Shawnee-----	" 382--	C. L. Clark, representative.
Reidsville-----	" 384--	J. N. Craig, proxy for officers.
Pigeon River-----	" 386--	G. W. Phillip, W. M.
Mooresboro-----	" 388--	H. C. Burrus, J. W.
Lebanon-----	" 391--	J. F. Brown, W. M.
Orient-----	" 395--	R. C. DeRosset, W. M., Edward H. Munson, S. W., James C. Munds, proxy for J. W.
Oxford-----	" 396--	W. A. McFarland, W. M., J. H. Griffith, S. W.
Bald Creek-----	" 397--	D. M. Buck, proxy for officers.
Conoho-----	" 399--	B. L. Long, proxy for W. M., V. R. Taylor, proxy for S. W., J. H. Purvis, proxy for J. W.
Joppa-----	" 401--	P. H. Marshburn, proxy for officers.
Siler City-----	" 403--	George W. Perry, proxy for officers.
Farmer-----	" 404--	R. E. Austin, proxy for officers.
Ocean-----	" 405--	J. W. Alford, proxy for officers.
Liberty-----	" 407--	W. H. Church, proxy for officers.
University-----	" 408--	R. B. Lawson, W. M., E. A. Abernathy, S. W., M. C. S. Noble, proxy for J. W.
Rockville-----	" 411--	H. L. Dillard, S. W.
Henry F. Grainger-----	" 412--	J. Bailey Owen, proxy for W. M.
Louisburg-----	" 413--	I. Allen and H. A. Newell, proxies for officers.
Maxton-----	" 417--	D. A. Pierce, W. M., John B. Sellers, proxy for Wardens.
Potecasi-----	" 418--	C. G. Brown, W. M.
Montgomery-----	" 426--	A. L. Martin, proxy for officers.
Stokesdale-----	" 428--	E. D. Morgan, proxy for officers.
Rockyford-----	" 430--	W. H. Wolfe, W. M.
Relief-----	" 431--	W. H. Royal, proxy for officers.
Clingman-----	" 440--	N. T. Jarvis, proxy for officers.
Roper-----	" 443--	L. G. Roper, proxy for officers.
Marietta-----	" 444--	E. J. Steed, W. M.
Biltmore-----	" 446--	A. L. Parker, proxy for officers.
Enfield-----	" 447--	W. T. Clement, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Polenta-----	" 450--	Claude Stephenson, W. M., W. B. Wall, S. W.
Ashlar-----	" 451--	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Blowing Rock-----	" 458--	T. H. Coffey, J. W.
Henrietta-----	" 460--	P. E. Rollins, W. M.
South Fork-----	" 462--	G. W. Rumfret, proxy for officers.
Currituck-----	" 463--	S. J. Payne, proxy for officers.
King Hiram-----	" 466--	J. W. Cogdell, proxy for officers.
Healing Springs-----	" 467--	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Sanford-----	" 469--	R. D. Covington, W. M., K. R. Hoyle, S. W., T. L. Bass, proxy for J. W.

Scotland Neck	No. 470	H. I. Clark, proxy for officers.
Grassy Knob	" 471	L. G. Wisner, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Sonoma	" 472	J. E. Wilson, W. M.
Grimesland	" 475	J. J. Elks, proxy for officers.
Eagle Springs	" 477	J. C. McDuffie, W. M.
Four Oaks	" 478	W. E. Stanley, proxy for W. M. and S. W., A. Z. West, J. W.
Rainbow	" 479	G. W. Brinson, W. M., H. A. Reel, S. W., W. H. Broughton, J. W.
Mill Creek	" 480	S. Westbrook, proxy for W. M., J. T. Langston, proxy for S. W.
Spring Hope	" 481	J. H. Williams, W. M., J. J. Proctor, J. W.
Saluda	" 482	J. A. Bolich, proxy for officers.
Trap Hill	" 483	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
Statesville	" 487	W. E. Webb, W. M., S. W. Hoffman, S. W., P. F. Laugenour, J. W.
Rich Square	" 488	M. Botton, proxy for officers.
Linville	" 489	J. L. Barner, proxy for officers.
Pilot	" 493	J. P. Fulk, W. M.
John A. Graves	" 494	W. F. Fitch, W. M.
Rockingham	" 495	J. LeGrand Everett, W. M., George S. Stell, proxy for S. W., W. C. Webb, proxy for J. W.
Mooresville	" 496	C. A. Troutman, W. M., S. M. Goodman, proxy for S. W., S. E. McNeely, J. W.
Ayden	" 498	J. H. Cheek, W. M., T. R. Allen, J. W.
Creedmoor	" 499	A. H. Overton, M. M., I. F. Fuller, J. W., proxy for S. W.
Raleigh	" 500	D. F. Betts, W. M., E. G. Green, S. W., J. W. Kellogg, J. W.
Red Springs	" 501	L. M. Cook, proxy for officers.
Buies Creek	" 503	J. F. Collier, W. M., H. H. Kivett, S. W.
Luke McGlaughan	" 504	L. T. Sumner, W. M.
Roberdel	" 507	George S. Stell, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Lattimore	" 508	C. A. Hamrick, W. M.
Belhaven	" 509	W. B. Tooty, proxy for officers.
Caroleen	" 510	W. W. Pool, W. M.
Lone Hickory	" 512	W. W. Holland, proxy for officers.
Whetstone	" 515	S. J. Durham, proxy for S. W., E. L. Froneberger, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Aulander	" 516	B. H. Hoggard, W. M.
Farmville	" 517	James T. Bundy, W. M.
Shoal Creek	" 518	A. L. Martin, proxy for officers.
Fairfield	" 520	J. G. Harris, proxy for officers.
Wanchese	" 521	W. P. Lennon, proxy for officers.
Warsaw	" 522	J. E. Williams, W. M., R. W. Blackmore, proxy for S. W.
Winterville	" 523	E. W. Braxton, W. M., J. F. Harrington, proxy for S. W.
Pendleton	" 524	W. J. Beal, W. M., W. D. Edwards, proxy for Wardens.
Rodgers	" 525	O. A. Glover, W. M., C. B. Bissett, S. W.
Lucama	" 527	J. B. Farrell, W. M.
Ashpole	" 528	A. S. Thompson, representative.

Andrews	No. 529	John C. Drewry, representative.
Joppa	" 530	C. F. Alexander, W. M., Julius Wetzel, proxy for Wardens.
Williams	" 538	J. J. Withers, proxy for officers.
Caswell	" 539	J. S. Roscoe and A. F. Dillard, proxies for officers.
Parkton	" 541	F. N. Fisher, J. W.
Corinthian	" 542	B. H. Taylor, proxy for officers.
Spencer	" 543	D. Fulk, W. M., L. A. Von Cannon, J. W.
Shelmerdine	" 545	S. A. Stocks, proxy for officers.
Carolina	" 546	J. Rom. Smith, W. M.
Maysville	" 547	Peter C. Foy, W. M., Robert L. Jenkins, proxy for S. W., Clarence M. Mattocks, proxy for J. W.
Elon	" 549	J. W. Patton, proxy for W. M., J. C. McAdams, J. W., W. C. Wicker, S. W.
Revolution	" 552	J. J. Phoenix, proxy for officers.
Neill S. Stuart	" 556	E. R. Thomas, proxy for officers.
Ararat	" 558	T. W. Bryant, W. M.
Sulphur Springs	" 560	E. Wallace, proxy for officers.
Swannanoa	" 561	F. M. Witner, W. M.
Waxhaw	" 562	W. P. Wingate, J. W.
Tabor	" 563	W. C. Graham, W. M.
Wendell	" 565	J. G. Jacobs, W. M., F. E. Hester, S. W.
Doric	" 568	E. H. Wood, W. M., W. T. Hill, proxy for J. W.
Mount Pleasant	" 569	V. A. J. Glover, proxy for W. M., R. L. Glover, S. W., C. Glover, J. W.
Roaring River	" 570	N. T. Jarvis, W. M.
Snow Creek	" 571	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Bynum	" 574	W. L. London, proxy for officers.
Andrew Jackson	" 576	O. W. Spencer, W. M.
Summit	" 580	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Macclesfield	" 581	W. J. Tugwell, proxy for officers.
Ionic	" 583	S. E. Ewell, proxy for officers.
Apex	" 584	L. J. Sears, W. M.
Roseboro	" 585	George W. Butler, S. W.
David Bell	" 587	W. T. Hearn, W. M.
Evening Star	" 588	A. Wilder, W. M., J. M. Sikes, J. W.
Lowell	" 590	P. P. Murphy, W. M.
Colerain	" 591	W. H. Sessoms, proxy for officers.
Maiden	" 592	A. W. Setzer, W. M.
Stony Point	" 593	R. S. Moore, W. M.
Helton	" 594	W. M. Stuart, proxy for officers.
Wallace	" 595	R. G. Scott, proxy for W. M., J. S. Cavanaugh, proxy for S. W., R. W. Scott, J. W.
Waccanaw	" 596	C. F. Ashley, W. M., T. M. Rogers, S. W., A. T. Clark, J. W.
Roaring Gap	" 599	W. H. Wolfe, proxy for officers.
Rockwell	" 600	E. L. Wright, proxy for officers.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master delivered his address, which on motion was referred to a special committee, which the Deputy Grand Master announced as follows: Past Grand Master John W. Cotten, Past Grand Master H. I. Clark, Past Grand Master S. M. Gattis.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Twelve months ago you conferred upon me a high honor by electing me Grand Master of this jurisdiction and intrusting to my care the supervision of the craft during the year.

I come to-night to render you an account of my stewardship and to surrender the gavel into the hands of my successor, whom you will elect this term.

I have brought with me this portfolio, with the correspondence, requests for dispensations, appeals, and interpretation of our Masonic law, thinking best to lay them before you with my address, as the most accurate account of my administration. They may serve, if perused, to guide my successor when he comes to take charge of your affairs, and to warn him against my errors and omissions, and at the same time they will aid him to pick up the broken threads left by me when I take my hand from the shuttle.

I yet cherish the idea that my efforts have not been altogether in vain, and that you may find some good results from my administration; but you are my judges, and if my acts have been, in your opinion, worthy of commendation, I know you too well to doubt a generous approval.

NECROLOGY.

Let us respectfully pause in our proceedings while we read the list of the departed brethren from other Grand jurisdictions. I am not inclined to make a panegyric on these illustrious brethren. This has been done in communities where they are best known. What more can be said, but that man goeth to his long home, and the dust has returned to the earth as it was and the spirit has returned to the God who gave it?

M. W. GEORGE A. DANNELLY, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died December 4, 1911.

M. W. ENOCH GEORGE DE LAP, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died December 24, 1911.

M. W. JOHN S. COBB, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died January 17, 1912.

R. W. CHARLES WILLIAM McDONALD, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, died March 11, 1912.

M. W. HONORABLE WILLIAM ROSS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died March 17, 1912.

M. W. JOHN P. ALLMOND, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, died March 24, 1912.

R. W. SAMUEL EMERY ADAMS, Past Senior Grand Warden of Minnesota, died March 29, 1912.

M. W. DANIEL McLARIN MILLER, Past Grand Master of Wisconsin, died April 25, 1912.

M. W. HIRAM REESE HOWARD, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died May 9, 1912.

M. E. HENRY JAMES FITZ ROY, Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, died May 10, 1912.

M. W. GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESCOTT, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died March 21, 1912.

R. W. JACOB L'HOMMEDIEU LONG, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, died May 31, 1912.

M. W. THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, SR. (M.D.), Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, died June 14, 1912.

M. W. ROLLON MADISON HUNTER, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died June 26, 1912.

M. W. LIBERTY EATON FELLOWS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died July 17, 1912.

M. W. ANDREW SAGENDORF, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, died August 2, 1912.

M. W. JOSEPH CHAPMAN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died August 27, 1912.

M. W. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, died September 5, 1912.

R. W. SAMUEL H. DAVIDSON, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died September 10, 1912.

R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, died September 17, 1912.

M. W. AMERICUS V. WARR, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died October 2, 1912.

M. W. HENRY ROGERS WELLS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died October 13, 1912.

M. W. LEANDER WARREN FRARY, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, died October 24, 1912.

M. W. CHARLES F. HITCHCOCK, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died October 26, 1912.

M. W. AYLETT RAINES COTTON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died October 30, 1912.

M. W. DANIEL HITCHCOCK WHEELER, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died November 27, 1912.

At the outset of my administration I started with a view of doing something worthy of being remembered. To-night I look back over the year's work and think very differently about many matters; but such is the experience of every one through life.

In assuming the duties of Grand Master, I deemed it just and proper to continue in office those who had been appointed by my predecessors, for two reasons: First, they were deemed worthy of appointment, and had faithfully discharged their respective duties; second, I would not supplant a brother in my ambition to advance a personal friend.

I desired to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction officially, through my district deputies, and to receive from them a report of the condition of the lodges. With this view, I issued the following circular:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

For District.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—It is my earnest desire to advance the cause of Masonry as much as possible this year, but the extensive territory of this jurisdiction prevents me from being in close touch with the majority of the craft.

I know of no better means to accomplish good results than to use the District Deputy Grand Masters as lieutenants, and with this view I would lend greater dignity to your office, while at the same time I would use your talents and skill to carry out my design.

Can I depend upon you to give me your assistance? And should I find you active and willing to do your best for our cause, I will increase your duties, with the assurance of greater honors.

With this object in view, I desire you to visit, during the year, every lodge in your district, or advise me why you cannot do so, that we may find a remedy.

I desire that you would at least once during the year congregate the lodges in some convenient place, and instruct them in the many duties they should perform; give zest and interest to their labors, and make Masonry both sociable and useful.

I would like you to make a personal report of each lodge, after you visit them, with frank and brotherly advice, that we may aid them in improving conditions, correcting errors, as well as the negligence of their officers.

To teach the Secretary how to make the proper returns to the Grand Lodge; see that he sends them in before November 25th of each year. This has been iterated and reiterated by the Grand Secretary in each Grand Lodge report, but as I suppose these reports are never read, it has not attracted the attention of some of the secretaries of the subordinate lodges, and it is the cause of much trouble and delay in the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

I would have you send to me any recommendations for improvement of the lodges that may occur to you, and I will cordially aid

you in carrying them out, so far as I can consistently comply with your wishes, and maintain uniformity and harmony throughout the State under the law.

I would have you make out a report of inspection prepared by the Grand Secretary, and inclose one copy to the Grand Secretary and one to my address.

I would advise that requests for dispensations should be sent, when possible (and not urgent), through you; that they may set forth fully the reasons of setting aside the law, as the present method of requests by telegrams without explanation appears irregular, and they should always come from the Worshipful Master of the lodge, and not individuals.

Other matters will come up during the year, and I would like to find a ready means of communicating with the lodges through you, for we can by concerted action bring to bear strong forces, and develop many good points of Masonry now dormant and neglected.

You will give me much encouragement in my efforts if you will answer this letter fully and recommend to me whatever you may think you can do for the good of Masonry.

With fraternal greetings, I await your response, and am your friend and brother,

W. B. McKoy, *Grand Master.*

From many of the District Deputies I received valuable assistance, but was disappointed in not having a more general support from them all. Perhaps obstacles which they could not overcome stood in their way, and I feel that a more encouraging report will be made this year by them.

I recommend to you an entire change in remodeling the list, and that each lodge recommend to the Grand Master a list of those Past Masters who are willing and anxious to give their time and attention to this work; that you should make it an office of distinction, as the Deputy becomes the instrument of the Grand Master's labor in the district.

Let it be understood that the succeeding Grand Masters will select those deputies who have shown themselves to be the most diligent workers to fill his appointments in the Grand Lodge next year, as a reward for good and true work, rather than those selected by personal attachment or local ties. Then the officers will give more honor to the Master's work.

As the labors of the Grand Master of this extensive jurisdiction will continue to increase, it will be impossible for him to do all justice, if he is to give every small matter his personal attention. He must systematize his work, and direct much to be done by the willing hands of his deputies.

It was my purpose to give you a detailed account of the various matters which have come before me, but duties and obligations crowd upon me, and I must now confine myself to but a part of them.

The cordial reception tendered me by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, and Orient Lodge, No. 395, lodges of my native town, on my return home, will ever be held by me in grateful remembrance of a delightful beginning, and an incentive to enter with zest into my labors of the year.

February 21st and 22d, in obedience to the direction of the Grand Lodge, in company with Past Grand Master John W. Cotten, I attended the second annual convention of the George Washington Memorial Association.

This organization, as its constitution recites, purposes "to collect a fund to erect and maintain a suitable Masonic memorial to George Washington, in the form of a temple in or near the city of Alexandria, Virginia, with at least one floor to be set apart forever as a Memorial Hall, to be under the control of the several Grand jurisdictions in the United States of America, members of this association. Also to provide a place where the several Grand jurisdictions, members of this association, may perpetuate in imperishable form the memory and achievements of the men whose distinguished services, zealous attachment, and unswerving fidelity to the principles of our institution merit particular and lasting regard; to create, foster, and diffuse a more intimate, fraternal spirit, understanding and intercourse between the several Grand jurisdictions and Sovereign Grand bodies throughout the United States and her insular possessions, members of this association; to cherish, maintain, and extend the wholesome influence and example of our illustrious dead. The Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions are *ex officio* members of the association."

I am particularly enjoined, however, to impress upon the Grand Lodge that the association does not ask financial assistance from any of the Grand bodies, yet their contributions may be voluntary. A charter roll of honor is one of the movements which will be made to collect funds through the several jurisdictions.

Brethren, patriotism appeals to every lover of his country. No more fitting undertaking can be proposed.

Across the Potomac flats lies the great city of Washington, and the mental eye sees down a vista now being constructed, with a magnificence keeping pace with our great development, stretching from the Capitol Building, by the National Monument, the Lincoln Memorial Building, through labyrinths and parks extending to the river, a way that will be memorable for ages to come. Continue this great way across the bourne, that travelers may seek Washington's native State and there be enabled to recall him as the great citizen and Mason. At his home and shrine may all difference that exists among our people melt away as the mist before that great light which

not only rules the day, but dispenses comfort and peace to mankind. This will become a place where Masons can gather and unite the craft in one universal, harmonious body.

Anent this same subject, I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Indianapolis, in September. There I had the honor of meeting and conversing with Most Worshipful Grand Master Elmer F. Gay of Indiana, who strongly advocates a regular meeting of representatives of the Grand Lodges for the purpose of devising, not only a common uniform work, but a uniformity in Masonic legislation, for at present our edicts and laws are often at variance. Such conferences would do much towards making a stronger union, tend to exclude clandestine bodies, and make our Order more powerful by excluding innovations; bring us in closer fraternal relations, and set the pace for a movement of peace and harmony. I cannot but recommend a union of purposes by making Alexandria, Va., the common meeting ground.

The Grand Lodge was convened in special session for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of several buildings. Except in two instances, I was present and officiated.

March 5th, I laid the corner-stone of the Goldsboro Hospital, assisted by Wayne Lodge, No. 112, and representatives of many visiting lodges. This is a great and noble charity, erected by the citizens to alleviate suffering humanity. Wayne Lodge has furnished a room in the building, bearing appropriate Masonic emblems, to cheer the heart of an afflicted brother.

April 10th, with Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, and others, I laid the corner-stone of the Fayetteville Graded School Building.

April 15th, I laid the corner-stone of the Young Men's Christian Association Building at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, with the assistance of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, and others.

May 13th, I laid the corner-stone of the North Carolina School for the Feeble-minded Children, at Kinston, with the assistance of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, and representatives of other visiting lodges.

May 16th, Deputy Grand Master F. M. Winchester laid the corner-stone of the Graded School Building at Charlotte, with Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Excelsior Lodge, No. 261, and other visiting lodges.

May 30th, District Deputy Grand Master William D. McMillan laid the corner-stone of the Public School Building at Polkton, assisted by the lodges in the neighborhood.

August 6th, I laid the corner-stone of the Young Men's Christian Association in the city of Raleigh, with the assistance of the local lodges and visiting brethren of other lodges.

October 22d, I laid the corner-stone of the Commercial National Bank Building, in the city of Raleigh, with the assistance of the local lodges.

I authorized the Worshipful Master of the lodge at Salisbury to convene a Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the county courthouse of Rowan County.

There is a general impression that corner-stones should only be laid to public buildings, and recently a Grand Master refused to lay the corner-stone of a church, because it was sectarian. We should recognize no sect, religious, political, or otherwise. Such matters pertain to their own private rights and prerogatives, but we proclaim the brotherhood of mankind.

I regard this ceremony as peculiarly Masonic. It is not the religious dedication that an Israelite observed when he built his house, nor that observed in the dedication of the walls of Jerusalem, and the dedication of the temple of Solomon. The laying of the corner-stone precedes such ceremonies, and my conception of the ceremony is this:

We, being patrons and encouragers of the arts and sciences, and particularly of architecture, would mark our approval of the erection of any great, important, and dignified edifice, displaying architectural features, or bridges, aqueducts, monuments—in fine, any structure that shows dignity, beauty, noble ideas, or the perpetuating the history of great events, or that may tell of the genius of a Calamachus.

Such structures may be marked by us, as the twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan marked the advent of a great people. And we do it, claiming our Masonic descent from the great builders. We who have encouraged the progress and development of mankind, in all the changes from age to age, have multiplied these silent memorials of our sojourn in a country, that those who find them will say, "There is the mark of a great school of moral philosophy, which by gentleness, toleration, and charity, brotherly love and friendship, not only existed here, but multiplied and subdued the world." When they see it in the temples and churches, they will comprehend that we worshiped and adored the great Creator; when they find it at the gates of the city, in our National buildings, they will proclaim that we were obedient to and honored the civil authorities, and that we were recognized by the Government; beneath a monument, that we cherished the arts.

Then, let them be found both in the lowly structures and the towers of the mighty. That you may see that it is not an innovation: The Grand Lodge of Scotland laid the corner-stone of the Exchange Building in Edinburgh, September 13, 1753. The Grand Lodge of England laid the corner-stone of the New Exchange Building in London, in

1667, and on December 31, 1809, they laid the corner-stone of Covent Garden Theater, London. Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Virginia laid the corner-stone of the District of Columbia, April 21, 1791.

DEDICATION OF BUILDINGS.

October 13th, I dedicated the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, our latest benevolent undertaking. Here we have ventured to form a joint partnership with the Order of the Eastern Star, and when our dedication was finished, the ladies of the Eastern Star closed the meeting with their own beautiful ceremony, giving with the touch of a woman's hand a grace and peace which we trust will long abide in the building.

I dedicated the Masonic Lodge Building of Wiccacon Lodge, No. 240, at Harrellsville, with a large gathering of good people present.

OTHER VISITATIONS.

February 14th, I visited with District Deputy Grand Master William D. McMillan, Waccamaw Lodge, No. 596, where I commissioned him to institute the new lodge, and installed its newly elected officers, and that evening I witnessed the conferring of the Master's Degree in a manner which would be creditable to any lodge in the jurisdiction.

February 22d, I visited Washington-Alexandria Lodge of Alexandria, Va.

February 24th, returning home by way of Norfolk, I was most courteously met and entertained by the officers and brethren of the lodge at Portsmouth, Va.

February 26th, I officially visited Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, at Halifax. This ancient lodge is proud of its charter, dated August 21, 1767, with Joseph Montfort, Master. He was afterwards Provincial Grand Master of America. The brethren of this lodge take great interest in their work.

March 16th, I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro.

March 18th, I visited Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, at Charlotte.

March, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 40, at Raleigh.

April 4th, I officially visited Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, at Stan-
tonsbury. This lodge holds its meetings in the daytime, the brethren assembling from the surrounding country. Here I took part in conferring the Third Degree.

May 22d, I attended the convocation of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at Raleigh. An urgent call from home required me to leave during the session.

June 7th, I attended the annual reception of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, at Wilmington.

June 13th to 15th, attended the meeting of the Custodians of the Work and the Grand Lectures at Asheville. And here let me impress upon the craft the importance of this body. I am frank to tell you that there is no uniform work in this jurisdiction, but I am pleased to inform the craft that I heard the work prescribed by the Custodians rendered in their presence by the Grand Lecturers, through all the three degrees, including both the lectures and the catechism, and I commend their work as suitable for the general craft, although much which was taught to me has been cut from the work. The catechism, however, is still complete and intact, and as long as they teach and adhere to that form, they cannot go far astray.

June 20th, I attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum at Durham. It was ordered that the Board should hereafter hold their meetings at the Asylum.

June 22d, I attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Oxford, instead of on St. John's day. I am informed that the lodges at Charlotte regularly send their representatives to this meeting. The same should be done by the lodges throughout the State; they will reap a benefit from such visits which will repay the lodges which send them.

July 22d, I visited Wayne Lodge, No. 112, at Goldsboro, and installed their newly elected officers.

October 15th, I met with the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro.

October 16th, I attended a district meeting, called by District Deputy Grand Master R. J. Sifford, at Charlotte. This meeting was largely attended. No work was done, but a lecture on Masonry attracted considerable attention.

November 7th, I paid an official visit to Orient Lodge, No. 395, attended with District Deputy Grand Master William D. McMillan, who inspected the affairs of the lodge.

November 19th, I officially visited Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, accompanied by District Deputy Grand Master McMillan, Grand Steward Robert C. Cantwell, and Worshipful Masters J. C. Wessell of St. John's Lodge and R. C. DeRosset of Orient Lodge, and the affairs of the lodge were inspected.

December 10th, I officially visited St. John's Lodge, No. 1, accompanied by District Deputy Grand Master McMillan, Grand Steward R. C. Cantwell, and Worshipful Master Nunberger of Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, and the lodge was inspected.

Besides these visitations, I met and conferred with the officers of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, and others, with the object of adjusting differences in lieu of Masonic trials.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

It was my pleasure to meet within the jurisdiction of North Carolina, Most Worshipful Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland. The limited time he spent with us prevented my assembling the craft to pay him the honors of Masonry, but in spite of bad weather, we spent the day with a small party on the beach, where he made the day most pleasing and instructive to the party. This eminent brother has been Grand Master of Maryland for twenty-seven successive years.

Another distinguished visitor was Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Henry Banks of Georgia. He delivered an address before St. John's Lodge, No. 1, at their annual reception, and there he won the hearts of all who met him. I met him again at Indianapolis, he being General Grand Master of the Third Veil in the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Being ambitious to have him in our midst again, I invited him to meet this body, and we hoped to have welcomed him here to-night as our guest.

COMMUNICATIONS.

HOT SPRINGS LODGE, No. 62, F. AND A. M.

MASONIC TEMPLE, COR. COURT AND EXCHANGE STS.

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

February 29th, 1912.

RT. WORSHIPFUL BRO. JOHN C. DREWRY,

*Grand Secretary, F. and A. M., North Carolina,
Raleigh, N. C.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The United States Government has granted to the Hot Springs Lodge, No. 62, a building site and the hot-water privileges for a Masonic building here. This grant, if we could place it in dollars, is about \$75,000, and is for all Masons.

The Government maintains a large hospital here for their soldiers and sailors, and look with favor on the united efforts of fraternal orders to care for their own.

A similar grant was made to the K. of P. Lodge some years ago. They, however, had to secure the consent of the different grand jurisdictions, and were unable to do so, and this could not reach the brotherhood, and the scheme failed.

We very much want to succeed in our undertaking; the cost, however, is greatly beyond our means, and as it is for the general good of those who come to us from other jurisdictions, we feel we have a great cause in presenting the inclosed letter of appeal through you to the Grand Master of your jurisdiction for consideration and indorsement.

We find in some of our Masonic jurisdictions the same legal phase exists, and it is to remove this bar, if such bar exists, in your jurisdiction and also to secure your approval of our appeal to accompany the appeal to the various lodges, we ask that you kindly read the communication through and favor us with your recommendation.

Could you but see the poor, disheartened brothers who seek our springs in search of the blessings of health, it would move your heart as no words can. Fraternally submitted.

S. P. COLLINGS.

[Seal of
Grand Lodge Arkansas.]

Chairman Finance Committee.

Approved:

MARK P. OLNEY, *Grand Master, F. and A. M., Arkansas.*

FAY HEMPSTEAD, *Grand Secretary, F. and A. M., Arkansas.*

GEORGE THORNBURG, *P. G. M., Arkansas.*

CHARLES N. RIX, *General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
United States.*

Accompanying this is a circular-letter asking subscriptions from the various lodges. I did not feel authorized to permit this appeal to issue to our lodges by my approval, but thought best to refer it to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Brethren, this is well worthy of our attention as men and Masons. Cases have come within my knowledge of the great charity of these brethren of Hot Springs Lodge. They have been heavily taxed by needy Masons from all over the country, and they appeal for relief that they may continue the good work. This lodge gives aid and assistance to over three hundred Masons annually.

I propose that this Grand Lodge answer their appeal as asked, encourage their efforts, and propose to them that we join with the Grand Lodge of Arkansas in calling upon the other jurisdictions to form a corporation to erect such a building for a hospital, to be under the immediate control of the lodge at Hot Springs. This might be done by each Grand Lodge subscribing an equal amount to start the movement. Then the subordinate lodges might equip and provide for its maintenance.

Communications from the International Masonic Club of London and from the Grand East of the Netherlands at Hague, expressing peace and good-will to all men, and the latter requesting a contribution towards the building of the International Court of Arbitration in the Hague, were duly answered, expressing approval of the sentiments.

An invitation from Grand Master Enoch Moore of the Grand Lodge of Delaware to attend the dedication of the Masonic Home at Wilmington, Del., on October 2d, would have been gladly accepted had not Masonic duties at home detained me.

Cordial fraternal letters were also received from Grand Master Gay of Indiana and Grand Master Jacob Lampert of Missouri.

THE BAYLISS SUIT.

This is an action brought by a body styling themselves "The Supreme Council A. A. S. R. for the United States of America," and

their territories and dependencies, Orient New York, against the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

The case has been placed in the hands of efficient legal advisers, who will represent us before the courts.

It is humiliating to Masons to see their affairs brought in litigation in the courts. At a time when all are striving to develop the universal brotherly feeling and proclaim peace and good-will towards all men, we find our territory is invaded, our regulations set at defiance, and a suit has been instituted for libel against us.

The Grand Lodge of England long ago resolved that it was absolutely necessary for the welfare of Masonry and for the preservation of its ancient landmarks that there should be a superintending power competent to control the proceedings of every acknowledged lodge, and that the Grand Lodge, representing by regular delegations the will of the whole craft, is the proper and unquestionable depository of such power.

Masons have ever recognized and acknowledged that in each separate government there should be a distinct, independent Masonic jurisdiction, teaching obedience to its laws and the moral conceptions of its people. Hence we threw off our allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England immediately after the Revolution. These are universal Masonic doctrines.

We recognize in the Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and various other associations of men, their great work in spreading the benevolent teaching of Masonry and in alleviating distress among suffering humanity. They are not against us; they are with us in the great work. But to assume to be one of us, and cavil for rights and prerogatives of Masonry, they would be against us, disturbing all peace and harmony. So when a body claims to practice Masonry and holds itself in defiance to our edicts, it becomes clandestine.

But, brethren, I am pleased to inform you that I have found contrasted with this action a feeling in the higher and progressive bodies of Masonry in North Carolina, a loyalty and a due regard for the Grand Lodge and its prerogatives. I have been the recipient of attention and received courteous recognition from such bodies—among those of the Royal Arch, of the Knights Templar, and the Scottish Rite bodies of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. Such Masons have ever been the truest supporters of Ancient Craft Masonry in our midst, and their teaching is but the development of our doctrines, and by the use of the plumb, level, and square they have traversed the fields of human knowledge in search of the ways of truth. Among such, harmony must ever prevail.

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

We are justly proud of this great benevolent institution and its excellent management. In early days the Masons of North Carolina devoted much of their benevolent work towards the education of children of Masons. Every lodge had a permanent school committee. Germantown Lodge, No. 116, maintained an educational institute with a commodious building, valued at \$4,560, a library of 2,000 volumes, eighty students and three teachers; Pleasant Hill Lodge, No. 160, reports a building valued at \$800, with one teacher and twenty pupils; St. John's Lodge maintained numerous children at school.

The Grand Lodge determined to concentrate these various charities and form one Masonic college. On the 25th of June, 1855, Grand Master Jordan laid the corner-stone of St. John's College building at Oxford. The main building was designed by that distinguished Mason, Thomas R. Singleton. Because of the wreck and ruin following our Civil War, this great project was abandoned. Then it was that our Brother Mills converted it into an orphan asylum, at a time most needed, as many a family had been deprived of its head and means of support. No greater charity could then have been instituted. The Legislature of North Carolina, perceiving our efforts, finally came to our assistance with an annual appropriation of ten thousand dollars.

I refer you to the full report furnished annually at the Grand Lodge meetings for details. I would remind you that this was one of the first institutions of the kind in our country, and you should ever regard it as the first care of the Grand Lodge.

I am informed, however, that the cost of maintaining the asylum during the last year has been \$33,000, and we have at present 312 children on the roll; but that 116 lodges in this jurisdiction have not contributed during the year. Would it not be a good plan for each lodge to hold a special session for the benefit of the asylum, and inform the brethren of what is being done there, or if the lodges would send a representative to Oxford on St. John's day, I feel assured they would be making in each instance a strong advocate for the asylum.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME.

Prosperity in our midst has opened the hearts of our brethren to extend our charity to the care of the aged and needy of our Order, and the Grand Lodge has undertaken the erection of a new benevolent institution—The Home of the Aged and Infirm. This is a joint partnership concern with the Order of the Eastern Star. As a rule, I do not approve of partnerships with Masonry, but we can at least care for it till the Eastern Star shall some day see fit to take it en-

tirely under its motherly wing and assume the management. A report of the Board of Directors will be handed in at this session of the Grand Lodge.

NEW LODGES AND DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted to form four new lodges during the year:

Laurel Branch Lodge, in Alleghany County, July 11th;

Oval Lodge, at Oval in Nash County, August 20th;

Minneapolis Lodge, at Minneapolis in Avery County, September 3d;

Queen City Lodge, at Rocky Mount, December 23d.

Campbell Lodge, No. 374, at Troutman, had its charter restored, and Alexander Turner Lodge, No. 586, at Cameron, N. C., surrendered its charter March 8th.

I granted a dispensation to Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 470, to elect its officers at a regular meeting, with notice to the brethren; they having failed to have a quorum at the proper time. For the same purpose, I granted a dispensation to Mattamuskeet Lodge, No. 328.

I granted a dispensation to Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, to hold a special meeting in Raleigh during the session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Master's Degree upon one of their Fellow Crafts. It is done to permit the brethren present to see the work, which the Custodians and the Grand Lecturers have taught in this jurisdiction, properly exemplified.

If we can have one lodge at each Grand Lodge communication do the work, it will stimulate an interest through the State.

The Masonic Temple Corporation will make you a satisfactory report, showing an increase of income during the year. They have paid off since last report on the indebtedness, \$12,000, leaving a balance of \$80,000 due on this building.

A card index is being prepared by our Grand Secretary, to whom we are indebted for so much watchful care and management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. It is to give the Masonic record of every Mason in North Carolina, from the foundation of our Grand Lodge to the present time, giving the Masonic history and biography of every Mason. When this is achieved it will be invaluable to the craft. It has so far progressed that he needs an assistant, and I recommend that the sum of \$600 be appropriated and set apart for clerical service, to aid him to complete the work. Such a work could not be done for that amount but by his untiring zeal, labor, and attention.

The committee on the Code will report at this session of the Grand Lodge. The committee consists of Brothers J. T. Alderman, A. B. Andrews, Jr., and John C. Drewry. They have labored faithfully to reform our Code and bring it down to the present time, carefully con-

ning the edicts and regulations adopted from time to time by the Grand Lodge. I hope the brethren will give them their aid and support.

DECISIONS.

Brethren, I have made none. The bulk of this correspondence consists of answers to questions of Masonic law. Some were unimportant, while others were of a serious nature. I have in each case referred them to the Code and decisions of the Grand Lodge in the digest. Many matters caused me serious reflection, and gave me much anxiety, but I deemed it best to admonish as gently as I could, to forbear, and advise peace and harmony. I withheld severe judgment, with the hope that my letters would settle the matter, and only in one case have I had a brother to take issue with me. This matter I dropped, with the hope that upon reflection he would see the right. I have observed that those who attempt to hue to the line often cut grievously on the wrong side.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

Many requests for dispensations were refused. The Grand Master may have the prerogative, but he is bound by his obligations to uphold the edicts of the Grand Lodge, and can best rule by setting the example of obedience.

An appeal of a brother, requesting permission to issue a circular letter to the lodges to raise funds to pay his debts, was refused. Masonry is a charitable institution, not a beneficiary order. He has no claim upon us.

Requests for permission to ballot for degrees of Masonry at called meetings were refused on every occasion. Permission to take a new ballot where a supposed mistake was made at a former meeting was invariably refused. Requests that I would ask a Grand Master of another jurisdiction permission to confer the degree of Masonry upon a candidate who had not resided twelve months in this State were invariably refused, as I believed that Sections 5 and 6 of Article X of the by-laws should be construed together.

This comes near being a decision in my report, but it is so plain that it is hardly worth being so dignified.

APPOINTMENTS.

Upon the recommendation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Vermont, Bro. A. S. Harriman was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near that jurisdiction. Bro. Robert I. Clegg of Cleveland, Ohio, was appointed our representative near the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction.

Bro. Edward O. Fiffield of Nashua, New Hampshire, was appointed our representative in that jurisdiction.

Bro. R. F. Edwards was commissioned Grand Lecturer upon recommendation of the Custodians.

Bro. W. M. Holland was commissioned Assistant Grand Lecturer at the request of the Custodians.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the Grand Lodge shall have prepared a copper-plate with the name of the Grand Master, and the date of the ceremony engraved thereon, to be placed among the relics in the box, when corner-stones are laid by this Grand Lodge. This was the method formerly employed in England, to preserve and perpetuate the record of the ceremony.

That the sum of twenty-five dollars be annually appropriated to purchase Masonic literature and works for the Grand Lodge Library. Most of the volumes we now have there are donations. Would you elevate Masonry, educate the craft.

I have already suggested that the sum of \$600 be appropriated for an assistant for the Grand Secretary. This I strongly recommend to your approval. It means the perpetuation of your own Masonic record.

It would be advisable for the Worshipful Master at each regular meeting of his lodge to read or have read some parts of the Code, and permit the brethren to discuss the purpose of the law. This would be the best means of teaching the craft the law.

One of the District Deputy Grand Masters wrote to me as follows:

"I believe if all the lodges would employ a lecturer and get some uniformity in the work all over the State, we would see the greatest boom in Masonry we ever had."

I recommend that a Grand Lecturer be called upon to attend the district meetings and demonstrate the work to the craft.

Brethren, did it ever occur to you that a vast amount of money is distributed by Masons in charity? We should not brag of it, for it is a Masonic rule not to let the right hand know what the left hand doeth; but when you think of the individual appeals to Masons, the donations of lodges, the demands upon the Grand Lodge, the Chapter, the Commandery, and their higher bodies, it is time to reflect and devise a wiser system of distribution. No money should be appropriated by a vote of the Grand Lodge at their meetings until approved and recommended by the committee on accounts and claims. This committee should apportion among the many good causes we would help the available funds. Do not permit the Grand Lodge to vote away funds by impulse. If this system is followed, we will

soon be called the prodigal brethren. Your charity should be free and voluntary. Leave the individual to be the impulsive giver; it is a grand and noble impulse; but let the higher bodies remember that they hold the funds in trust and must account for them to the Lord, who shall demand the talents left in their charge.

Now, brethren, we are here for the purpose of legislating for the benefit of the craft. Let us go slowly. It seems to be the passion of this age to multiply laws, and by doing so we make the violation of the law more frequent. Man cannot make barriers in this way to withstand evil. He must begin by training the mind and the heart and inspire the conscience to become his guide. When the law forces you to do an act, you are no longer a free agent, and your moral responsibility is thereby lessened. Be careful not to break the cord that binds us to the horns of the altar of sacrifice and love, yet give your brothers the length of a cable tow, and then when buffeted on the sea of life, with adverse winds and false currents, he will place his faith in the tie that binds.

CONSCIENCE.

“What is this something in the mind
Which shudders at the thought of ill,
As though it wisely were design’d
To act upon the human will?

It warns, admonishes, and chides;
If from its counsels I depart,
Quick on my conduct it decides,
And writes its sentence on my heart.

If as I know, I choose the right,
Then its approving voice I hear.
With fearful terror it can smite,
Or can exclude all guilty fear.

’Tis all in vain for me to try
To shun its censure or applause;
All human art it does defy,
And deems as folly human laws.

Mortals may issue its decrees
To force this something to their shrine;
Multiply tortures as they please,
Still, it will prove itself divine.

What is this something, do I ask?
It softly whispers to my breast,
Obey my dictates—this thy task;
Quite unimportant all the rest.

Whate'er I may this something name—
'Conscience,' 'Spirit,' or 'Light within'—
The faithful monitor the same,
Bids me abhor and fly from sin.

Then be it mine with Pope to say,
For modes of faith let zealots fight,
But let me choose the better way,
And show the world my life is right."

Before concluding, let us contemplate the glorious purpose and object of Freemasonry. It attracts men in all walks of life, from the patient toiler to the man of leisure and scholarly attainments.

What is it they find here which brings men of all nations, creeds, of different tastes and desires, to seek its common level? We are told that it is a school of moral philosophy veiled in allegory and taught by precept and example.

Men have ever speculated in the fields of moral philosophy, in search of a plan of symmetry and order, for a common ground where they could meet together in peace; but the theories which they have built up have ever fallen like a house of cards.

Our legislative bodies year after year overturn and overturn the wisdom of their predecessors to enact laws as unstable as the wind, and men *yet* ask, "Where shall wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding?"

Religious fervor would force by law the dogmas of a creed, forgetting that one must truly say "Credo." Fanatics have burned witches and established tests for moral conduct, enforced conditions by popular influence (which is but the casting of stones by the mob), consoling themselves with the dream of the souls they have saved, forgetting that only a God can save.

But Freemasonry has demonstrated that there is a rule of life which men are capable of attaining, so broad, so just, so free, that all men may live under it if they choose to do so. We have no criminal code; our greatest penalty is exclusion, and our safeguard is that men must voluntarily seek us.

The secret is not in the ritual; should we publish it all to the world, they would not comprehend it. A Mason may take all the degrees of the ancient craft, become a member of the Royal Arch, one of the Knights Templar, attain the Thirty-second Degree of the Scottish Rite, and yet never comprehend.

He must establish its teachings as a rule of life—not only feel that it is true and right, not approve of it by sentiment only, but it must become a part of his own character; he must live to it. So far as he absorbs the precepts, only so far does he become a Mason. Yes, it modifies the ideals of human justice; it asserts itself in the midst

of war and carnage; in the struggles for wealth and power; we feel its inspiration in the act of the Samaritan, and the impulse in the act of sacrifice.

Brethren, I leave the chair with regrets. Under other circumstances, I would like to continue in office; but I must step down to take up important duties of life that demand my attention. But I shall cherish as a pleasant memory the year that I have given my earnest and sincere endeavors to the service of the Order. Do not let me leave the impression upon you that I advocate the one-term rule. You will find that one year is not long enough to put the house in order. Experience must be the teacher, even of a Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

LEO D. HEARTT, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of North Carolina.

1912.	RECEIPTS.	
Jan. 4	To balance brought forward from last report.....	\$ 2,934.42
Mar. 18	To cash received from Masonic Temple Construc- tion Co., interest on note.....	60.00
June 19	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	300.00
Aug. 23	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	200.00
Nov. 18	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,973.20
21	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,322.60
	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,729.90
25	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,740.70
28	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,751.40
	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	2,122.90
Dec. 3	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,654.20
4	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,773.90
18	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,830.60
19	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,572.30
23	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	1,635.00
28	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge dues.....	210.60
	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, charters, dispensations, etc.....	221.65
	To cash received from John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Baird bequest.....	100.00
	Total receipts.....	\$23,133.37

1912.	DISBURSEMENTS.		
Jan. 16	By cash paid R. N. Hackett, P. G. M.	\$	26.49
	By cash paid S. M. Gattis, P. G. M.		9.00
	By cash paid R. J. Noble, P. G. M.		7.50
	By cash paid Walter E. Moore, P. G. M.		25.00
	By cash paid H. I. Clark, P. G. M.		15.00
	By cash paid W. S. Liddell, P. G. M.		14.25
	By cash paid C. H. Robinson, P. G. M.		17.00
	By cash paid John W. Cotten, P. G. M.		9.60
	By cash paid B. S. Royster, P. G. M.		14.00
	By cash paid George S. Norfleet, G. S. B.		13.50
	By cash paid F. P. Hobgood, Jr., S. G. D.		11.45
	By cash paid Leon Cash, Custodian		24.70
	By cash paid W. G. Mizell, D. D. G. M.		15.70
	By cash paid C. E. Whitney, D. D. G. M.		15.00
	By cash paid E. M. Koonce, D. D. G. M.		19.05
	By cash paid R. F. Edwards, G. L.		29.50
	By cash paid J. W. Rowell, A. G. L.		21.50
	By cash paid A. L. Parker, A. G. L.		26.00
	By cash paid John W. Patton, A. G. L.		16.90
	By cash paid W. W. Holland, A. G. L.		20.00
	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler		51.20
	By cash paid W. D. Terry, Assistant Grand Tiler		10.00
	By cash paid E. Wallace, Auditor		18.00
	By cash paid G. M. Spence, Collector		27.00
	By cash paid W. W. Willson		10.00
	By cash paid J. T. Alderman, S. G. W.		7.70
	By cash paid J. E. Cameron, Custodian		10.50
	By cash paid Charles M. Setzer, Grand Steward...		6.95
	By cash paid W. C. Wicker, A. G. L.		8.00
	By cash paid N. C. Historical Commission		364.45
19	By cash paid A. S. Holden		10.00
	By cash paid H. R. Dowell		10.00
	By cash paid H. A. Grady, G. S. B.		13.50
	By cash paid W. H. Bain, P. G. S.		9.80
23	By cash paid F. M. Winchester, D. G. M.		17.50
	By cash paid Francis D. Winston, P. G. M.		12.40
24	By cash paid O. W. Spencer, D. D. G. M.		13.75
29	By cash paid W. B. McKoy, G. M.		19.00
	By cash paid The Office Stationery Co.		1.60
Feb. 6	By cash paid The Tar Hcel Co.		110.00
	By cash paid Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co.		314.50
	By cash paid H. Mahler's Sons		25.00
	By cash paid The Office Stationery Co.		2.70
20	By cash paid Baptist Book Store Co.		1.35
	By cash paid U. G. Foster, W. M., Mount Pleasant		
27	Lodge, No. 520		25.00
	By cash paid Perry's Art Store		17.50
Mar. 7	By cash paid W. R. Macy		2.00
	By cash paid John W. Cotten, P. G. M.		23.85
	By cash paid A. A. Howell		27.00
16	By cash paid John A. Collins, Chairman Corre-		
	spondence Committee		150.75
18	By cash paid Oxford Orphan Asylum		60.00

1912.		
Mar. 19	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton Printing Co.	\$ 391.75
	By cash paid S. H. Smith, P. G. M.	9.65
	By cash paid B. F. Hall, D. D. G. M.	25.00
April 1	By cash paid W. W. Willson, A. G. S.	50.00
2	By cash paid Grand Treasurer	100.00
16	By cash paid W. B. McKoy, G. M.	48.60
23	By cash paid Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co.	30.00
30	By cash paid Assistant Grand Secretary, postage and express	127.00
May 22	By cash paid L. D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer	3.80
	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler	9.45
24	By cash paid Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co.	30.00
	By cash paid The Henderson-Ames Co.	198.00
	By cash paid Joseph C. Ellington	2.50
	By cash paid Tyree	15.00
	By cash paid Antique Furniture Co.	5.00
	By cash paid Minch & Eisenberg	32.50
28	By cash paid W. B. McKoy, G. M.	75.00
June 19	By cash paid J. E. Cameron, Custodian	31.65
	By cash paid S. N. Boyce, Custodian	15.95
	By cash paid R. F. Edwards, G. L.	29.00
	By cash paid J. W. Rowell, A. G. L.	23.20
	By cash paid J. W. Patton, A. G. L.	20.35
	By cash paid W. C. Wicker, A. G. L.	20.35
	By cash paid W. W. Holland, A. G. L.	17.50
24	By cash paid W. W. Willson, A. G. S.	1.75
	By cash paid W. B. McKoy, G. M.	75.00
	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler	13.65
Aug. 10	By cash paid Grand Treasurer	100.00
23	By cash paid W. B. McKoy, G. M.	100.00
26	By cash paid The Tar Heel Co.	15.00
Sept. 18	By cash paid W. W. Willson, A. G. S., postage	12.50
24	By cash paid Grand Treasurer, account insurance	9.20
Oct. 8	By cash paid Southern Bell Telephone Co.	2.55
25	By cash paid W. B. McKoy, G. M.	30.00
28	By cash paid J. E. Mitchell	15.20
Nov. 18	By cash paid Cranver Mfg. Co.	40.00
	By cash paid M. Weathers, clerk to G. S.	600.00
	By cash paid Masonic Temple Construction Co., rent	300.00
	By cash paid Grand Secretary's office, postage	292.04
	By cash paid The Office Stationery Co.	7.25
	By cash paid Jolly & Wynne Jewelry Co.	15.50
	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton Printing Co.	42.05
	By cash paid E. M. Uzzell & Co.	80.00
	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler	12.10
30	By cash paid Masonic Temple Construction Co.	7,500.00
Dec. 3	By cash paid Masonic Relief Association	200.00
4	By cash paid W. W. Willson, A. G. S.	100.00
9	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton Printing Co.	3.00
	By cash paid Royall & Borden Furniture Co.	31.50
	By cash paid Bastren Bros. Co.	14.70
19	By cash paid John C. Drewry, G. S.	1,200.00
	By cash paid The Raleigh Furniture Co.	51.48

1912.			
Dec. 19	By cash paid The Holladay Studio.....	\$	30.00
	By cash paid Oxford Orphan Asylum.....		966.45
20	By cash paid R. T. Gowan, Auditor.....		100.00
	By cash paid The Parker-Hunter Realty Co.....		115.10
	By cash paid Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co.....		182.81
23	By cash paid James C. Munds, secretary to G. M.....		125.00
30	By cash paid John A. Collins, Chairman Corre- spondence Committee.....		150.75
	By cash paid Raleigh Insurance and Realty Co.....		228.60
	By cash paid John C. Drewry, G. S.....		15.88
	By cash paid Oxford Orphan Asylum.....		100.00
31	By cash paid The Office Stationery Co.....		2.65
	By cash paid Oxford Orphan Asylum for J. R. Roller & Sons Co., insurance account.....		16.20
	By cash paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, Grand Lodge appropriation.....		5,600.00
	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Librarian.....		50.00
1913.			
Jan. 4	By cash paid Alfred Williams & Co.....		3.75
	By cash paid G. M. Spence, collector.....		6.75
	Total disbursements.....	\$	21,601.75
	Balance on hand to next report.....		1,531.62
			\$23,133.37

Respectfully submitted,

LEO D. HEARTT,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It becomes my pleasant duty to lay before you my seventeenth annual report as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges during the year have made some improvement in the matter of sending in their reports on or before the 25th of November preceding the Annual Communication, as is required by the law in this Grand Jurisdiction. I hope that this improvement will continue until we are able to report that the Secretary of every Subordinate Lodge in the State complied with this law during the year preceding.

NEW LODGES.

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

July 11, 1912, LAUREL BRANCH LODGE, at Laurel Branch, in Alleghany County.

August 20, 1912, OVAL LODGE, at Oval, in Ashe County.

September 3, 1912, MINNEAPOLIS LODGE, at Minneapolis, in Avery County.

December 28, 1912, QUEEN CITY LODGE, at Rocky Mount, in Nash County.

You will notice that only four dispensations to organize new lodges have been issued during the past year. This is due to the action taken by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1911, which required fifteen or more Master Masons to sign a petition asking for the establishment of a new lodge, instead of seven as formerly. I have received during the past year quite a number of requests asking for the necessary blanks and instructions to organize new lodges, but it seems difficult to obtain as many as fifteen signers to the petition, and, therefore, very few new lodges have been organized.

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

COLUMBIA LODGE, at Columbia, in Tyrrell County.

BLADEN LODGE, at Elizabethtown, in Bladen County.

It is always a source of pleasure to revive an old lodge, and whenever the conditions are favorable a special effort is always made in this direction.

CHARTERS RESTORED.

The following lodge had its charter restored during the year: CAMPBELL LODGE, No. 374, at Troutman, in Iredell County.

The following lodge surrendered its charter during the past Masonic year: ALEXANDER TURNER LODGE, No. 586, at Cameron, in Moore County.

REHOBOTH LODGE, No. 279, located at Teachey's, after complying with all the requirements of the law, moved to Rosehill, N. C.

BUNCOMBE LODGE, No. 526, at Plymouth, N. C., complied with the terms of the Grand Lodge, as set out in its action at the last Annual Communication, and took the old name and number of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59.

CODE REVISAL.

The Code Committee made its report at the last Annual Communication and presented with the report a copy of the Revised Code. This copy was ordered to be printed and a copy sent to each Subordinate Lodge in the State, and the consideration of the Code was made a special order for 10 o'clock on Wednesday at this session of the Grand Lodge. Six hundred copies of the new Code were printed and a copy sent to each Subordinate Lodge in the State, and to each member of the Grand Lodge, and to several others desiring copies of same, in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge.

POEM ON MASONRY.

During the past year we have succeeded in disposing of about six hundred more copies of this beautiful poem on Masonry, delivered by Past Grand Master Winston at our Annual Communication in 1911. This little poem is a gem sparkling with beauty, and every Mason in North Carolina should provide himself with a copy of it.

As stated in my last report, this poem treats of Masonry, its purpose, its antiquity, its origin, its brotherhood, its secrecy, and its consummation. It is full of noble thoughts and smooth diction. It is a masterpiece of fine art, and the small price charged for it (25 cents) places it within the reach of all. Every Mason should possess a copy of this poem, especially in view of the fact that its sale will help the orphan. Its dedication is the best reason for its purchase—the Orphan, for whose protection Masonry exists. We have only succeeded in disposing of about 1,500 copies, which leaves 8,500 copies still on hand for distribution. I trust that the Fraternity throughout the State will interest themselves during the coming year in the general distribution of these poems and that we will be able to dispose of the residue now on hand.

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

Number of lodges in jurisdiction.....	408	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	6	
Number of lodges that have made returns to date.....	392	
Number of Master Masons at last report.....		21,479
Number initiated.....	1,404	
Number passed.....	1,230	
Number raised.....		1,261
Number admitted.....		400
Number reinstated.....		188
Number in lodges under dispensation (estimated).....		90
Total.....		23,418
Number suspended.....	60	
Number expelled.....	15	
Number excluded.....	296	
Number withdrawn.....	470	
Number died.....	323	
Number members of dormant lodges.....	40	
		1,204
Number of Master Masons October 31, 1912.....		22,214

You will see from the statement above that nearly 800 Master Masons were excluded and withdrawn during the past Masonic year. As stated in my last report, there is no doubt but that a large majority of these brethren were good men and should have been retained as members of our Order, but for the loose provision of our law on the subject of excluding members for nonpayment of dues, and but for the neglect of some one in calling this matter to their attention would have remained members of our Order and would have made good Masons under other conditions.

REVENUE.

Receipts to December 20, 1912, from all sources.....	\$ 20,138.95
From lodge dues.....	\$ 19,817.30
Charter and dispensation fees, less Grand Secretary's fees..	141.00
Sale of codes, certificates, and other items.....	80.65
From bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Baird.....	100.00
Total.....	\$ 20,138.95
Paid Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts..	\$ 20,138.95

In accordance with my usual custom, I bring forward the receipts and membership this year and compare them with the receipts and membership of seventeen years ago, which will show the growth of Masonry in this State.

In the year 1895 the receipts from all sources of the Grand Lodge were \$4,779.50. The total receipts this year as shown above are \$20,138.95, which is an increase in receipts of over 400 per cent.

In the year 1895 the number of Masons in the State in good standing was 9,842. We now have a membership of 22,214, which shows that we have considerably more than doubled our membership. These statements show splendid growth both in receipts and membership, and should be exceedingly gratifying to every member of our Order.

CARD SYSTEM.

In my report last year I stated that it had been my purpose for some time to get up a complete Card System which would give the Masonic record and standing of every Mason in the State. During the year I have commenced putting in some time on this system, but I find that it is going to be quite a large undertaking. It is my purpose to go back to the year 1787, when the Grand Lodge was organized, and work up the Masonic record of every Mason that has been connected with the Grand Lodge. During the year I have had cards printed for this purpose and have secured a Card File. I find that it is going to take a great deal of clerical work, and while I am willing to give my time to the work, I find that I will need some clerical help. I would suggest that if the Grand Lodge feels that this work is needed and they desire to have it done, I am willing to undertake it, if they are willing to leave the matter in my hands and allow me to employ such clerical help as I may find to be absolutely necessary, not to exceed \$600 in amount during the year.

In my last report I recommended that this Grand Lodge make application for membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. This recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge and we applied for membership in this association. Since then each Subordinate Lodge in the State has been receiving monthly circulars concerning impostors who are going around all the time endeavoring to impose on the Fraternity. We believe that our membership in this association will prevent the craft from being imposed upon by these traveling frauds and that it will result in good to the Fraternity throughout our State.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND ORATOR'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Orator, Brother J. E. Saintsing, was then introduced by the Grand Master, and delivered the annual address, which on motion was ordered printed in the proceedings and a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to the Grand Orator, Brother J. E. Saintsing.

THE MASON'S MISSION.

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

In the beginning, I desire to express to our Most Worthy Deputy Grand Master my most profound appreciation for the kindly terms in which he has presented me to this body, and while coming to you officially as your Grand Orator, it is my pleasure as well as privilege to bring to you greetings from the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia, in the Dominion of Canada. However worthily or unworthily may this honor have been conferred upon me by our brethren in this jurisdiction, they have commissioned me to bring to you from their wind-swept shores their fraternal greeting.

When last July I received from our Grand Secretary notification that I had been selected by our Most Worthy Grand Master to deliver the annual address upon this occasion, I am frank to say that in common parlance "I was floored," not only with surprise, but awed at the weight of this stupendous task set before me; and I am frank to say further, that at first, realizing my unworthiness and the greater ability of older men and Masons, I was at first inclined not to accept the invitation; but, reflecting that these same older men and Masons are fast casting off their mortal coils and are being daily called to answer the summons of the Supreme Judge of the Universe, and further realizing that we younger men must of necessity assume the duties and responsibilities laid down by them when called, and that the sooner we are put in touch with the working plans utilized by them and which have made the annals of Masonry glorious in the decades past and gone, the sooner we will be fitted to assume those same burdens and responsibilities when the time shall come, I decided not to shirk the call, but to come before you and say what I could in respect to "The Mason's Mission."

This subject was suggested to me by reading the following lines of verse, written by the late Professor John B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College, and delivered by him in his Grand Oration before this Grand

Lodge about two years ago, and which were reproduced by Brother E. W. Timberlake, Jr., in the copy of the *Wake Forest Student* which was dedicated to Professor Carlyle after his death:

So long as men grow weary
On pathways dark and dreary;
So long as widows languish
In loneliness and anguish;
So long as each to-morrow
But swells the orphan's sorrow;
Wherever men are falling
'Neath the woes of life appalling—
There Masonry has a mission.

So long as hearts are breaking
And human faith is shaking;
So long as notes of sadness
Choke every song of gladness—
There the Mason has a mission.

To make the cause of duty
Stand forth in all its beauty;
To turn the orphan's wailing
To songs of joy unfailing;
To point the fallen brother
Away from sins that smother,
To stars of hope above him
And loyal hearts that love him;
To make men's visions brighter
And all their burdens lighter;
To keep them from repining
While hope still brighter shining
Goes on to glad fruition—
This is the Mason's mission.

On, on, thou radiant mission,
Enshrined in song and story,
All wreathed about with glory,
Till the Founder's wider vision
Shall meet a sweet fruition—
This is the Mason's mission.

I do not know if anywhere in the English language there could be found a more full and complete statement of the mission of the Mason than Brother Carlyle laid down in these lines: To comfort the widow; to succor the fatherless; to aid the needy, the sick and afflicted, and to point the dying to the God of Masons; to spread everywhere the full measure of justice, love, and mercy; to have this part in the scheme of the Almighty for the eventual healing of all human woe and a final return to God, the soul implanted in every human being since the dim morning of creation, and the letting in of the light, socially, morally, and spiritually, that shall in the end

make all men free, is and should be the highest aim, aspiration, and purpose of every Mason who realizes the sacredness of his obligation. And thinking along these lines and realizing the seriousness of our existence as Masons bring us to a consideration of the purposes of Masonry.

For what were we created? Why do we exist? What is to be the final culmination of that existence? In respect to the first question, I can offer no better solution than that God desired to create man in his own image as a living memorial of his omnipotence. A beautiful little allegory has been told by some one in connection with this event, which we might all in the quiet hours of self-communion call to mind. It is said that when God had created the heavens and the earth, the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fishes of the deep, and from his lips had gone forth that sublime fiat uttered in the dim dawn of creation, "Let there be light!" and when there was light, and God looked upon his handiwork and saw that it was good, he debated within his own mind whether or not he should create mankind, and in his dilemma he called upon the deities representing Justice, Love, and Mercy, and with them conferred as to whether or not he should create man. Of Justice he first inquired, and Justice answered, "Lord, create him not. He'll fill the world with hatred and injustice; he'll curse thy holy name; he'll desecrate the temple of thy universe and break thy holy laws. Therefore create him not." And Love said, "Create him not, O God. Not only will he fill the world with injustice and hatred; not only will he curse thy holy name; not only will he break thy holy laws; but he will trample upon the very name of love and besmire its purity with every stain of idolatry. Therefore, create him not." But Gentle Mercy came and, kneeling before the Great White Throne, her tender face uplifted to Him, her great tresses of dark hair thrown back from her white forehead and with the smile of heaven upon her lips, entreated, "Lord God, create him. I know that he will fill the world with injustice and hatred; I know that he will break thy holy laws; I know that he will take thy holy name in vain and transgress thy commandments; but create him, Lord; make him in the image of thy holy self, and I, Gentle Mercy, will follow him in all his wanderings, in all his sins, and in his repentance eventually bring him back to thee again." And God hearkened to the voice of Mercy, and man was created. Why do we exist? This question can best be answered in the words of the immortal poet:

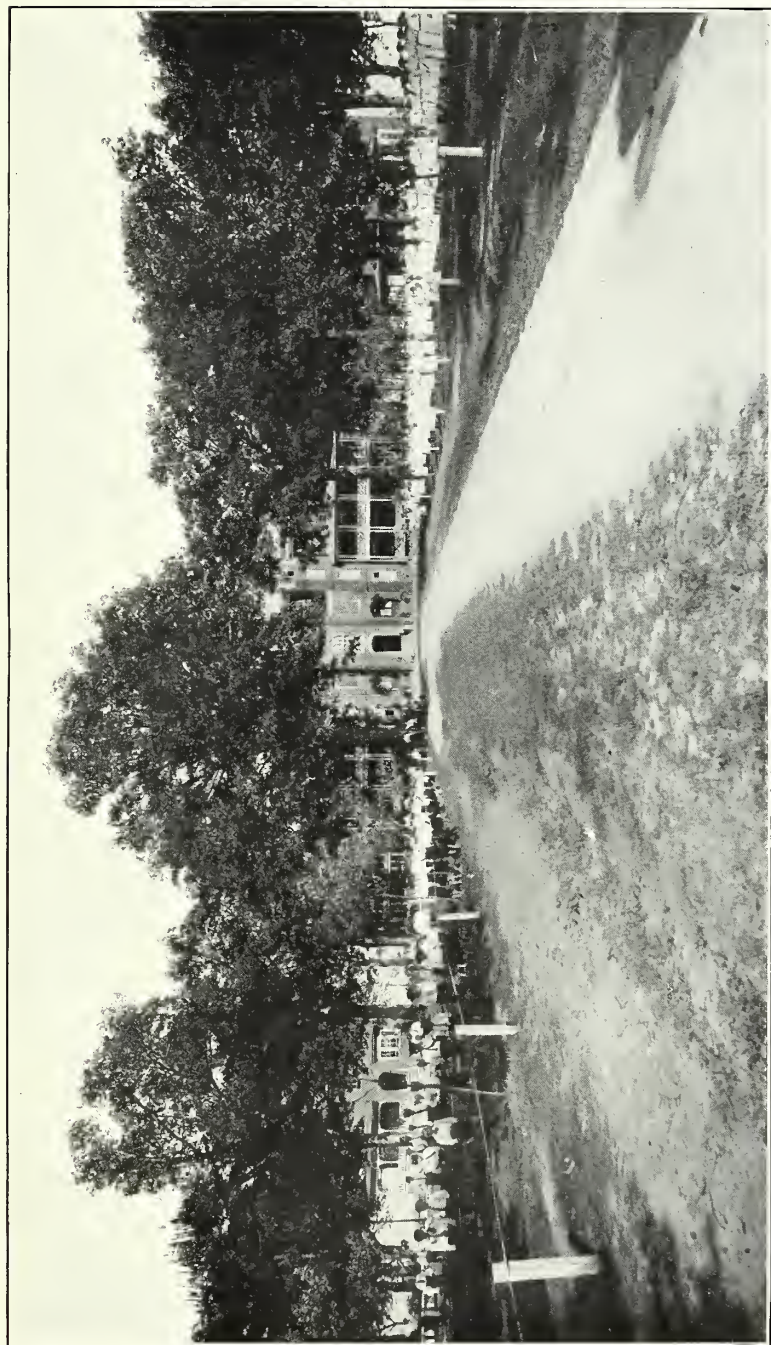
Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the faults I see,
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.

What is to be the final culmination of that existence? No man can say, save and except that we, as men and Masons, believing in the existence of a one true and ever-living God, believe also in the absolute truth of his Holy Bible, that book which he through his inspired prophets has given us as a light to our pathway through the darkness and sorrows of this world, until Gentle Mercy shall lead us again to his footstool, and if there at his feet we are to receive the reward for which we hope, we must carry out his divine injunction to "Love one another." Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend. Abraham believed, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. May we not by analogy believe and trust, that love for each other may be imputed to us as love for God himself?

Abou Ben Adham (may his tribe increase)
 Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
 And saw within the moonlight in his room,
 Making it rich and like a lily in bloom,
 An Angel writing in a book of gold.
 Exceeding peace had made Ben Adham bold,
 And to the presence in the room he said:
 "What writest thou?"
 The vision raised its head, and with a look made of all
 sweet accord
 Answered, "The names of those that love the Lord."
 "And is mine one?" asked Abou.
 "Nay, not so," replied the Angel.
 Abou spoke again. Softly but cherrily still he said:
 "I pray thee, then,
 Write me as one who loves his fellow-man."
 The Angel wrote and vanished.
 The next night he came again
 With a great awakening light,
 And showed the names of those whom love of God had
 blessed,
 And lo! Ben Adham's name led all the rest.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Brother G. Rosenthal, one of the directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted their report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum:



CAMPUS, OXFORD ORPHANAGE.

To the Grand Lodge of Masons.

BRETHREN:—We are pleased to report that the Oxford Orphan Asylum has had another prosperous year, and we have much to be thankful for.

The health of the children has been uniformly good, and, with the exception of seven cases of pneumonia during last winter and an epidemic of whooping-cough during last summer, there has been no sickness, and no deaths have occurred during the year. In the opinion of our physician, Dr. S. L. Booth, the exemption from sickness is largely due to the well-prepared food, for which Miss Cora Hogan, in charge of the cooking department, and her assistants, deserve unstinted praise.

Dr. C. D. H. Fort has been appointed dentist to the institution at a salary of \$600 a year, and you will learn from his report the large amount of work he has done and how favorably he speaks of the condition of the children's teeth and mouths.

The tours of the singing class have been exceedingly successful, and the net receipts are \$1,194.06 in excess over those of last year. Only complimentary reports concerning the work of the children have been heard, and the trips, taken as a whole, have given the class as well as our institution a stronger hold than ever upon the people of the State. Miss Maxwell and Mr. Alderman, the teacher and manager, are entitled to great credit for their work.

The printing department, shoeshop and woodworking shop show gratifying results, as will be seen from the report of the treasurer.

A number of permanent improvements have been made during the year, the most expensive one being the five-room brick cottage to be occupied by the treasurer, the cost of which is about \$3,500.

The receipts from the concerts of the singing class, sale of provisions, shoeshop, and the amount transferred from the printing departments are \$16,984.73, which is 43 6-10 per cent of the expenses.

There are 316 inmates in your institution, of which not exceeding 45 are children of Masons, leaving 271 for which the State contributes \$10,000 a year, or \$36.61 per capita, while the cost of educating, feeding, and clothing, and inclusive of physician's and dentist's salaries, is \$95.93. As our expenses are increasing constantly on account of the high cost of provisions, clothing, and everything else, it becomes absolutely necessary that our income be increased as well. We recommend the appointment of a committee to draft a bill to be introduced in the General Assembly to increase the State's appropriation from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, and we most earnestly ask the brethren to use their influence with the members from their respective counties to induce them to vote for such a bill.

Dr. Warren G. Booker, assistant to the Secretary of the State Board of Health, visited the institution on the 31st day of December, 1911, and we append the following extract from his report:

"The conditions in several buildings in which the inmates sleep, study, and reside are all that can be expected or desired of such an institution. No overcrowding in any of the sleeping apartments was noted and ample provision is made for lighting and ventilation.

"The dining-rooms and kitchen were found to be scrupulously clean and are kept screened during fly season. The hospital at this institution consists of an isolated house in which ample provision is made for the treatment of the sick and indisposed."

The above speaks for itself and shows the scrupulous care taken to preserve the health of the children. Not only our thanks, but those of the entire fraternity and the people of the State are due to our superintendent, officers, and employees for the close attention to and interest in the children confided to them. One hundred and forty-three applications for admission were received during the year and properly disposed of.

October 31, 1912.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) W. B. McKoy,

Chairman ex officio.

N. B. BROUGHTON,

B. S. ROYSTER,

JOHN W. COTTEN,

G. ROSENTHAL,

S. A. GREEN,

C. W. TOMS,

E. F. LOVILL,

DRED PEACOCK,

Directors.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Brother R. L. Brown, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted the following reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the asylum, which were referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum:

To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

GENTLEMEN:—The fortieth year in the life of the Oxford Orphanage is now closing. It will remain for others to say whether it was a successful one or not. Certainly we have great cause for gratitude to God for many blessings. Truly thankful do we feel for his goodness, and we humbly acknowledge him as the source whence comes our help.

It is not my desire in this paper to more than touch on some few points in the work of the year, which are of special interest and importance, as it will take up too much time to go into the details of the many departments of this institution.

The spirit here is very gratifying. Without exception, the workers seem impressed with their responsibility, and earnestly and conscientiously endeavor to do their whole duty.

The health of the children has been remarkably good again this year. We have not to record any serious sickness, except in one or two cases. The whooping-cough did not do more than cause some of the children a degree of inconvenience which always attends this disease.

Herewith is attached the report of our most faithful physician, Dr. T. L. Booth, with detailed information as to the health of the children under our care.

In connection with the good health of the children, I feel it but just to the management of the Dining-room Department, under the supervision of Miss Cora L. Hogan, to say that the cleanliness observed at all times, together with the care and skill used in the preparation of the food, has had a great deal to do with the continued good health of the children. I feel that this department is one of our most valuable aids to the efficiency of the work done by this institution.

The school work is making satisfactory progress, and in this we include the Worthen Class in telegraphy and typewriting. A report from our most efficient lady supervisor, Miss N. N. Bemis, on this branch of the work is herewith submitted for your consideration.

During this year we have employed Dr. C. D. H. Fort as dentist. He has performed his duty faithfully, and is rendering a very much needed service. I do not believe any department of this institution was more needed than this, and think the additional expense is fully justified by the permanent good results which will follow. Dr. Fort's report is herewith submitted.

The Singing Class tours have been most successful. The receipts were the largest in the history of the class, netting the sum of \$10,902.33. We are particularly grateful to record the fact that not a child was compelled to abandon the class during the tours on account of sickness or other cause. God's providence has wonderfully protected this band of children and workers amid all the dangers they might have encountered in this tour of over seven months, completed a short time ago. The Treasurer's report gives an itemized statement of the financial results of this memorable trip of the Class of 1912.

The progress made to increase the subscription list of the *Orphans' Friend* seems to fulfill our most sanguine expectation. We now have on our books about 9,500 *bona fide* subscriptions, with the list rapidly growing. The change in the form of the paper seems to have been received kindly, and our new editor, Mr. D. S. Kennedy, is showing considerable ability along his line. We feel very fortunate in having him in charge of this department. The financial report of the Printing Department shows a net profit of \$3,915.29.

The Wood Shop has done a profitable year's work. The report of the Treasurer for this department will doubtless be very satisfactory, showing a profit this year of \$2,049.78.

The Farm this year suffered from drouth, which lasted over two months. Notwithstanding this, however, I am glad to be able to report very encouraging results of the year's labor, in a good quantity of rough feed, corn, sweet and irish potatoes, turnips, and other things raised. The efforts which have been made to improve the lands of the institution have been richly rewarded, and will continue to increase in value each year under proper cultivation.

The statements heretofore made by the Treasurer in his reports in connection with the Farm and Shoe Shop have been unintentionally misleading, in that they have only shown what cash has been received and paid out for these departments, and did not show the value of what was produced by each. For this reason some have been misled into thinking that the amounts charged against these departments showed how much of an expense they were to the institution, when in reality these departments were not given any credit for what they produced, because they were not cash transactions altogether, like the Printing Office and Wood Shop. In order to a correct idea of what these departments are really doing to help keep down expenses, to say nothing of the valuable help they are in the training of the children, I beg leave to call your attention to the statement of these departments in the Treasurer's report.

The improvements made this year were according to your instructions, and are as follows: Installing heating pipes in the Printing Office; constructing a rat-proof corn crib; remodeling sweet potato room in the old Industrial Building; constructing a fire-escape to the Main Building; constructing a new brick cottage on the grounds for use of the Treasurer's family; repainting the roofs of various buildings; planting out a privet hedge behind the line of the front fence, and several other minor improvements. The cottage for the Treasurer will be an ornament to the grounds as well as a useful addition to the plant. All the cost of which has been paid out of legacies and



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income of invested funds, but not from moneys contributed for the support of the children. I will not take your time to touch on many minor improvements which have been made.

The financial condition of the institution is more satisfactory than I was afraid it would be. We have met our large increased expenses this year principally from the increased receipts of the various industrial departments and the Singing Class. These departments earned this year \$16,984.73, or over 43 per cent of all our expenses. We would not, however, seem to forget or be ungrateful to our individual friends and the different branches of Masonry, who have been more generous than ever with their donations. We will be compelled, however, to receive a more liberal support from these sources or some other, if this work is not to be seriously hampered in the future. Certainly, our work cannot be enlarged upon the present income, and if any misfortune should befall the Singing Class, we would be very seriously embarrassed indeed.

It is very gratifying to report that during the year a movement began among the children, in a quiet way, without any pressure, and only in the ordinary course of our work, which resulted in twenty-five or thirty joining the different churches of the town. Later, a union meeting was held in town, which was attended by the children, and a good many others joined the churches. In all, forty-three have become members of some religious organization this year, not including several others who gave their names as candidates for membership.

Intentionally, the old workers have not been individually commended for their valuable services, as I am endeavoring to be brief, but I feel constrained to say that they could not have been more cordial in their support of the Superintendent, and I value each as my personal friend. It would afford me great pleasure to speak of the devotion they have for this institution and the unstinted service they are rendering it. The new workers are equally entitled to hearty commendation. We have been fortunate indeed in having among our new teachers as faithful a corps of workers as we were ever blessed with.

We have received this year a legacy of \$500 by Mrs. Sarah J. Gilbert of Raeford, N. C. There has also been paid \$500 each from the legacies of last year bequeathed by Mr. T. F. Lloyd and Mrs. Bettie V. Bodenheimer. These legacies have been of great help to us in making the permanent improvements of the year. We feel very grateful to these friends who have passed over the river for thus remembering this home for orphan children.

Allow me to make just one suggestion before closing this report:

During the year we have taken the principal playground of the boys as a site on which to build the cottage for the Treasurer. This leaves them very much in need of a commodious playground, with an appropriate lot of fixtures for out-of-door exercise and ball games. I would suggest that you authorize the laying off of a suitable plat of ground for this purpose, as soon as funds are in hand, and that it be fitted up with gymnasium apparatus such as can be used out of doors.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BROWN, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

MR. R. L. BROWN, *Superintendent,*

Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—The "Giver of all good gifts and graces" has so guided us through the vicissitudes of another year that we may look back upon it with pleasure, sincere gratitude, and humble pride. There have been no more than the usual number of incidental, unimportant ailments, and no serious accident during the year. During the winter there were seven cases of pneumonia—six boys and one girl. Of these, three boys were from the Farm, one from the Wood Shop, one from the Bakery, and one little boy and girl belonging to none of the industrial departments. This is a much larger number than we had last year, but taking into consideration the unusual severity of the winter and the usual susceptibility of children to this disease, the number is not large.

Until four years ago the average number having pneumonia during the year was about eighteen. At that time, as a preventive measure, we began to pay special attention to the quality of shoes furnished the children. After some experimentation we succeeded in having a better quality provided. Since then a continual effort has been made to have shoes as nearly waterproof as possible, especially for those children who are more exposed. This improvement in quality has, of course, increased the cost of material, but the result has been worth many times the increased outlay.

During the early summer there was an epidemic of whooping-cough. Fortunately, it came in a favorable season and we got through with it without any serious consequences.

It is gratifying to be able to report again the absence of dysentery or any diarrheal disease in the season when such diseases are more or less prevalent almost everywhere.

We have also passed another year without typhoid fever—the second since I have known the institution.

There has been no death in the institution since my last report. This is the fifth consecutive year in which there has been no death, with the single exception, the circumstances of which were related last year.

I desire to congratulate you and your corps on the record of the institution in matters of health; and I also desire to emphasize the fact that without the faithful, intelligent, and continual attention from each one of you to sanitary and hygienic conditions, no amount of effort from any other source could have made such a record possible.

Again I call your attention to the desirability of a suitable bathing pool for the children. Bathing in polluted water during the warm weather is a constant menace to the health of the boys. I earnestly recommend consideration of the advisability of installing power machines in the Sewing Department. The use of sewing machines is a fruitful source of female troubles everywhere, and this institution is no exception. I have often had occasion to observe and attempt to remedy these troubles among the older girls of the institution.

It is almost unavoidable that the brunt of this work should fall upon the larger girls—those just crossing the threshold of womanhood or in its tenderest period—because of their greater efficiency.

I have seen the bad effects of this work, not only while the girls have been in the institution, but in some instances long after they, as women, have assumed the burdens of life outside.

It might be urged that these girls should be taught to use the machine they will have to use in after life; but will it not be far better, even from a purely material point of view, to send out into the world a strong, healthy, normal woman, to learn the use of the pedal, if she must, than a semi-invalid who knows how to use it, but is not able?

Yours very truly,

T. L. BOOTH.

REPORT OF LADY SUPERVISOR.

Looking back over the year's work, we feel that much has been accomplished in the training of the children, and that many valuable lessons have been taught through the efforts of teachers who have given time and thought to the work and have been a means of inspiration and help to their pupils.

The Orphanage schedule which calls for all the older children to work a half day in one of the industrial departments, and spend the other half in school, proves beneficial from a mental as well as a physical standpoint. We find that our pupils enter into the school work with far more enthusiasm and energy when they are not confined in classrooms for long hours. They rank with the average graded school pupils.

Our course of study is modified from year to year as the need becomes apparent. Several books have been added to the school library, furnishing much needed aid to both pupil and teacher.

Four students graduated from our ninth grade in June. Of these, three entered the Greensboro Normal College in September, and one the East Carolina Training School. We now have five students at the Normal in Greensboro, two at the East Carolina Training School, two at Albemarle, and one at Louisburg.

The interest in drawing and manual training continues, and good work has been done during the year. We consider this branch of school work an important aid in the proper development of the child, and wish that more could be done in this line, but the time of the instructor is limited.

The course in Telegraphy has been an important addition to the school. It gives to pupils who must leave the Orphanage before completing the ninth grade a chance to become self-supporting. Some thirty students have taken advantage of the opportunity to fit themselves for work in Western Union offices. The teacher in charge was in thorough sympathy with the work and very persevering in her efforts to make a great success of the new department.

Mr. Worthen inspected the classes in May, and commended highly the work that was being done.

A class of four completed the course in June. Two of the number went to Atlanta, into the office of the General Superintendent; one went to Norfolk, and the other to Richmond. All are now operators, and recent reports from them are most encouraging. A fifth pupil finished in October and took a position in the office of the cotton mills at Mayodan, North Carolina.

Another profession open to the girls is that of a trained nurse. One student from the ninth grade completed the course at Watts' Hospital, Durham, last April, and is rapidly making a fine reputation in her chosen line of work. Three girls are in training at the Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville.

Respectfully,

N. N. BEMIS.

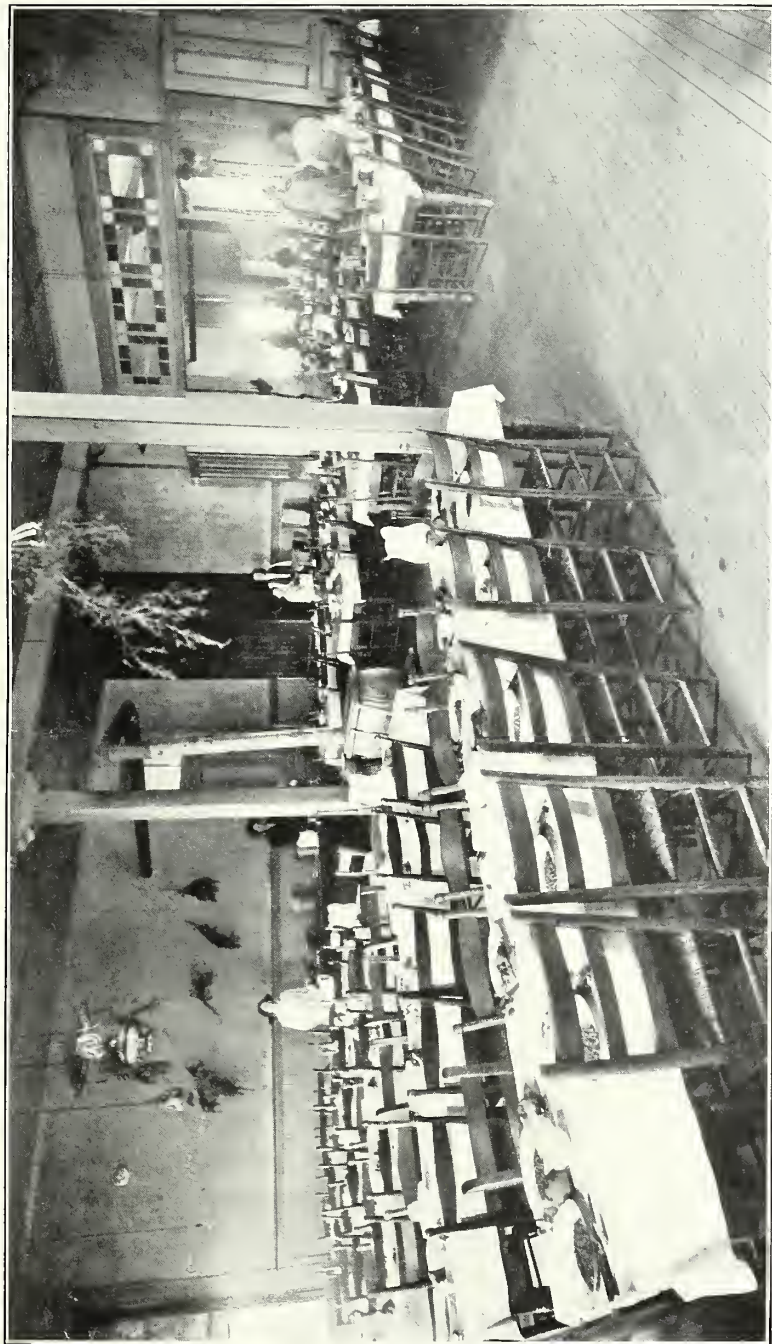
REPORT OF DENTIST.

MR. R. L. BROWN,

Superintendent Oxford Orphan Asylum.

DEAR SIR:—I herewith submit my report of dental services rendered during the past eight and one-half months.

Having been appointed dentist to the Orphanage on March the 13th, I visited and examined the teeth of 326 children, divided them into 4 grades, or classes, and I am pleased to say that I found the children's teeth in much better condition than I expected to find them.



DINING HALL, OXFORD ORPHANAGE.

I was particularly struck with the marked difference in the condition of children who had not been long at the Orphanage, and those who had been there long enough to get under the fine teaching and influence of the institution. I think great good has been done already for the children, and will prove a greater blessing in the years to come.

I find the mouths of the children, I mean the mucous membranes and their tongues, clean and healthy, due to the careful attention given their general health. The children are obedient, patient, and respectful, and have given me no trouble. I find but few abscesses and but little tartar, due, I suppose, to their teachers making them clean their teeth.

Below is submitted a statement of amount of work done during the time of this report, beginning March 13th.

Children to begin with.....	326
Children come in.....	44
Work done for.....	274
Work done for new ones.....	16
Teeth extracted.....	25
Fillings put in.....	1,283

Respectfully,

C. D. H. FORT, D. D. S.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphan Asylum.

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to submit herewith financial report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1912.

The funds, as heretofore, have been kept under two heads, "General" and "Special." The General Fund includes all moneys received and disbursed for the support and training of the children. The Special Fund includes all cash received by the Woodworking Shop, Printing Office, Investment and Legacy accounts, and disbursements of same.

For convenience, the report is arranged as follows:

STATEMENT 1—Summary Receipts and Disbursements General Fund.

STATEMENT 2—Summary Receipts and Disbursements Special Fund.

STATEMENT 3—Profit and Loss Exhibit of Woodworking Shop and Printing Office.

STATEMENT 4—Summary of Donations in Kind.

STATEMENT 5—Approximate Per Capita Cost Support and Instruction of the Children.

STATEMENT 6—Showing Results of Shoe-shop and Farming operations for the year.

In Statement 2 will be found itemized receipts on account of legacies and from investments; also disbursements for permanent improvements.

The report includes an itemized list of all receipts and disbursements.

Certificate of Bro. R. T. Gowan, Grand Auditor, is also given.

Respectfully,

F. P. BLAND, *Treasurer*.

STATEMENT 1.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

November 1, 1911, to November 1, 1912.

Appropriation, State of North Carolina.....	\$10,000.00	
Account appropriation, 1911, Grand Lodge of Masons	3,600.00	
Total appropriations.....		\$13,600.00
Contributions, Masonic lodges.....	\$ 5,353.73	
Contributions, Order Eastern Star.....	78.75	
Contributions, Royal Arch Masons.....	110.00	
Carolina Consistory, No. 1, Charlotte.....	150.00	
Oasis Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Charlotte.....	50.00	
Contributions, general.....	829.88	
Guardian Samuel Johnston's children.....	25.00	
Total contributions.....		6,597.36
Singing class concerts and Masonic picnics visited by class (net receipts \$10,902.33).....		12,723.43
Sale of refreshments, St. John's Day.....	\$ 538.73	
Sale of meals and provisions.....	548.94	
Shoe-shop, custom receipts.....	804.89	
Farm sales and hauling for wood shop, etc.....	871.31	
Sale of fuel to wood shop and printing office.....	400.00	
Sale of old clothes and scraps.....	13.67	
Sale of sundries.....	49.93	
Total from several departments (not including wood shop and printing office).....		3,227.47
Total receipts, General Fund.....		\$36,148.26
Amount transferred from Printing Office Fund.....		2,855.93
Balance on deposit, November 1, 1911.....		94.70
		<u>\$39,098.89</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

November 1, 1911, to November 1, 1912.

Disbursements, maintenance, repair, and school accounts	\$36,774.47
Singing class	\$ 1,821.10
Minor permanent improvements	282.62
	<u>2,103.72</u>
Balance on deposit, November 1, 1912	220.70
	<u>\$39,098.89</u>
The total disbursements, maintenance, repair, and school accounts as shown above are	36,774.47
Deduct cash receipts these accounts, as heretofore shown	<u>3,227.47</u>
Leaving net maintenance, repair, and school accounts	<u>\$33,547.00</u>

The maintenance, repair, and school accounts are analyzed as follows:

CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

Clothing and sewing-room supplies	\$ 1,401.97
Salaries matrons	682.50
	<u>\$ 2,084.47</u>
Less sale of old clothing and scraps	13.67
	<u>\$ 2,070.80</u>

PROVISIONS ACCOUNT.

Provisions, kitchen supplies	\$ 7,371.25
Salaries of matron and baker	900.00
	<u>\$ 8,271.25</u>
Less sale of meals and provisions	1,087.67
	<u>7,183.58</u>

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

	<u>\$ 9,254.38</u>
General furniture and fixtures	\$ 605.13
Postage	173.00
Lighting	498.54
Sundry supplies, telegrams, telephone rent, etc.	2,148.81
	<u>\$ 3,425.48</u>
Superintendent's salary and board	\$ 1,800.00
Salary of secretary to Board of Directors	300.00
Salary of bookkeeper and treasurer	900.00
Half salary, lady supervisor	461.65
Baker, for extra work	60.00
Cottage work by sewing-room matron	70.00
Salary, organist, for two months during summer	20.00
Part salary, singing-class manager, field work	187.51
Drayman	294.00
	<u>4,093.16</u>
	<u>\$ 7,518.64</u>
Less sundry sales	47.53
	<u>7,471.11</u>

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT.

Supplies.....	\$ 383.71	
Salary of matron.....	360.00	
		\$ 743.71

FARM AND DAIRY ACCOUNT.

Fertilizers, feed, seed, etc.....	\$ 4,587.12	
Salaries farmers, dairyman, and wages for extra help	2,366.40	
	\$ 6,953.52	
Less sale of farm products, etc.....	871.31	
		6,082.21

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Supplies.....	\$ 143.09	
Salary of matron.....	300.00	
Salary of physician.....	250.00	
	\$ 693.09	
Less sale of medicine.....	1.25	
		691.84

DENTAL ACCOUNT.

Supplies.....	\$ 73.62	
Salary of dentist.....	376.66	
		450.28

SHOE-SHOP ACCOUNT.

Material.....	\$ 1,098.59	
Salary of manager.....	750.00	
	\$ 1,848.59	
Less cash received from custom work.....	804.89	
		1,043.70

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Books, material, etc.....	\$ 190.61	
Salaries teachers and half salary lady supervisor---	4,927.04	
		5,117.65

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Fuel, sawing, cutting wood.....	\$ 2,294.40	
Less sale of fuel.....	400.00	
		1,894.40

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Various and sundry repairs.....	\$ 798.87	
Less cash paid for breakage.....	1.15	
		797.72
		<u>\$33,547.00</u>

STATEMENT 2.

SPECIAL CASH FUND.

November 1, 1911, to November 1, 1911.

PRINTING OFFICE ACCOUNT.

Receipts:	
Subscriptions.....	\$ 5,534.37
Advertisements.....	567.23
Job work.....	2,129.43
Sale of stationery.....	30.00
General Orphanage work.....	397.90
Singing-class work.....	298.89
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	\$ 8,957.82
Balance November 1, 1911.....	816.28
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	\$ 9,774.10
Disbursements.....	\$ 7,851.07
Transferred to General Fund.....	1,500.00
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	\$ 9,351.07
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Balance November 1, 1912.....	\$ 423.03

PRINTING OFFICE SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

Receipts—interest on deposits.....	\$ 78.13
Balance on deposit, November 1, 1911.....	1,277.80
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	\$ 1,355.93
Transferred to General Fund.....	1,355.93
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WOODWORKING SHOP ACCOUNT.

Receipts—general Orphanage work.....	\$ 1,561.25
Outside work.....	11,958.87
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	\$13,520.12
Balance November 1, 1911.....	891.67
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	\$14,411.79
Disbursements.....	13,226.13
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Balance November 1, 1912.....	1,185.66

INVESTMENT AND LEGACY ACCOUNTS.

Receipts:	
Dividends remitted by B. N. Duke, trustee.....	\$ 1,252.33
Interest on deposits.....	51.78
Dividend Oxford Cotton Mill stock.....	185.00
Income, Mrs. Malvina T. White legacy.....	210.00
Interest, B. F. Moore legacy.....	60.00
Interest, Evelyn H. Pridgen note (2 years).....	40.00
Dividend two shares stock Masonic Temple Construction Co.....	6.00
Legacy to be known as "Mrs. Sarah J. Gilbert Fund".....	500.00
Mrs. Bettie V. Bodenheimer legacy.....	500.00

T. F. Lloyd legacy.....	\$ 500.00
Refund by wood shop, account permanent im- provements.....	47.25
	<u>\$ 3,352.36</u>
Balance November 1, 1911.....	800.53
	<u>\$ 4,152.89</u>
Disbursements for permanent improvements (see Statement 2).....	3,270.90
	<u>Balance November 1, 1912.....</u>
	\$ 881.99
Total balance Special Cash Fund, November 1, 1912.....	<u><u>\$ 2,490.68</u></u>

SPECIAL CASH FUND.

Total receipts, November 1, 1911, to November 1, 1912:	
Printing office.....	\$ 8,957.82
Printing office savings account.....	78.13
Woodworking shop.....	13,520.12
Investment and legacy accounts.....	3,352.36
	<u>\$25,908.43</u>
Total balance November 1, 1911:	
Printing office.....	\$ 2,094.08
Woodworking shop.....	891.67
Investment and legacy accounts.....	800.53
	<u>3,786.28</u>
	<u>\$29,694.71</u>
Total disbursements and transfers:	
Printing office.....	\$ 7,851.07
Transferred to General Fund (from printing office account).....	2,855.93
Woodworking shop.....	13,226.13
Investment and legacy accounts.....	3,270.90
	<u>\$27,204.03</u>
Total balance November 1, 1912:	
Printing office.....	\$ 423.03
Woodworking shop.....	1,185.66
Investment and legacy accounts.....	881.99
	<u>2,490.68</u>
	<u><u>\$29,694.71</u></u>

Showing total receipts, income from investment and legacy accounts,
and amounts disbursed for permanent improvements.

Balance on deposit November 1, 1911.....	\$ 800.53
Total receipts November 1, 1911, to November 1, 1912, as heretofore shown.....	3,352.36
	<u>\$ 4,152.89</u>

Disbursements as follows:

Balance on cow-shed (total cost, \$705.89)-----	\$ 257.39
Thirty wire guards for cottages-----	36.10
Wiring Grand Lodge hall-----	16.40
Rebuilding woodworking shop walls-----	70.22
Constructing dry closet at hospital-----	33.69
Wiring and installing heating pipes in printing office building-----	87.78
Repainting roofs of various buildings-----	298.29
Constructing new crib-----	272.37
Remodeling sweet-potato room-----	83.94
Constructing fire-escape to main building-----	217.10
Repairs, hospital building-----	100.51
Paid on treasurer's cottage to date-----	1,797.11
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	\$ 3,270.90
Balance November 1, 1912-----	881.99
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	\$ 4,152.89
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STATEMENT 3.

PRINTING OFFICE.

CR.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1912-----	\$ 423.03
Subscriptions to <i>Orphans' Friend</i> -----	5,534.37
Advertisements-----	567.23
Job work-----	2,129.43
Sale of stationery-----	30.00
General Orphanage work-----	397.90
Singing-class work-----	298.89
Accounts receivable (job, \$1,422.09; advertising, \$76.52)-----	1,498.61
Inventory material on hand-----	659.25
New press and folder-----	2,450.00
Amount transferred to General Fund-----	2,855.93
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	\$16,844.64

DR.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1911-----	\$ 2,094.08
Material on hand last report-----	542.12
Accounts receivable last report-----	1,242.08
Expended for paper, material, freight, etc-----	4,180.35
Salaries-----	2,848.50
Extra labor-----	285.24
Postage-----	336.98
Proportion fuel account-----	100.00
Bills payable (balance on new press)-----	1,300.00
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	12,929.35
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Profit-----	\$ 3,915.29
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WOODWORKING SHOP.

CR.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1912-----	\$ 1,185.66
Receipts from sales and work-----	11,958.87

Work and material for Orphanage.....	\$ 1,561.25	
Accounts receivable.....	2,603.51	
Inventory material on hand.....	5,242.43	
		<u>\$22,551.72</u>
DR.		
Cash on deposit November 1, 1911.....	\$ 891.67	
Material on hand last report.....	4,232.58	
Paid for lumber and other supplies.....	7,820.50	
Paid for fuel.....	300.00	
Salary of manager.....	916.67	
Other labor.....	4,188.96	
Accounts receivable last report.....	2,151.56	
		<u>20,501.94</u>
Profit.....		<u>\$ 2,049.78</u>

STATEMENT 4.

DONATIONS IN KIND.

(Estimated.)

Provision account.....	\$ 180.95
Clothing account.....	845.63
General expense account.....	67.00
Hospital account.....	25.91
School account.....	55.00
Improvement account.....	50.00
Farm account.....	74.00
	<u>\$ 1,298.49</u>

STATEMENT 5.

The approximate per capita cost of maintaining and educating a child in the Oxford Orphanage for the past year has been about \$95.93. In making this calculation, inventories, necessarily more or less inaccurate, have been taken into account. It is impracticable to be entirely exact in making this statement, so we attempt to give only the approximate per capita cost. The average number of children was about three hundred and nineteen.

STATEMENT 6.

Showing results of farming and shoe-shop operations for the year ending October 31, 1912.

FARM.

CR.

Inventory October 31, 1912:	
Tools, wagons, farm implements.....	\$ 742.85
Dairy fixtures.....	44.95
Feedstuffs, grain, etc.....	2,672.23
Live stock.....	3,691.00
	<u>\$ 7,151.03</u>

Farm products, etc., furnished institution:	
12,835 gallons milk.....	\$ 2,887.87
3,927 pounds butter.....	1,178.10
Pork, veal, etc.....	345.44
Vegetables.....	1,916.20
Fruits.....	61.85
Corn (for meal).....	180.90
Hauling and work for institution.....	301.95
Board for dray mule and carriage horses.....	311.25
Ice furnished institution.....	35.03
	<hr/> \$ 7,218.59
Cash sales farm products and hauling for wood- working shop.....	<hr/> \$71.31
	<hr/> \$15,240.93
DR.	
Total inventory October 31, 1911.....	\$ 8,051.47
Expended for fertilizers, seed, farm implements, etc.	4,587.12
Salaries of farmers, dairyman, and wages for extra help.....	2,366.40
	<hr/> 15,004.99
Gain.....	<hr/> \$ 235.94

SHOE-SHOP.

CR.	
Inventory of material on hand.....	\$ 1,235.60
Receipts from custom work.....	804.89
Repair work and shoes furnished institution.....	1,974.15
	<hr/> \$ 4,014.64
DR.	
Inventory of material on hand last report.....	\$ 1,312.43
Paid for leather and other supplies.....	1,098.59
Salary of manager.....	750.00
	<hr/> 3,161.02
Gain.....	<hr/> \$ 853.62

The per capita cost of shoeing the children this year is \$3.50.

APPENDIX.

Statement showing movement of children to and from the institution.

	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Children on roll November 1, 1911.....	165	151	316
Admitted during the year.....	31	47	78
Readmitted.....	1	3	4
	<hr/> 197	<hr/> 201	<hr/> 398
Went to own people.....	19	22	41
Went to approved foster homes.....	5	9	14

	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Went to school-----	5	0	5
Went to positions-----	2	6	8
Sent to people, account continued misconduct-----	2	10	12
Ran away-----	0	6	6
	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 86
On roll November 1, 1912-----	164	148	312

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

Brother Robert H. Bradley, Grand Librarian, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I beg leave to submit my report as Grand Librarian for the year 1912.

I have received proceedings from all the Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in correspondence, except Delaware, Ohio, Quebec, Utah, and Victoria.

I have received the following books:

History of the Grand Lodge and of Freemasonry in the District of Columbia.

Independence Celebration, 1776-1911.

Memorial Volume, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Masonic Code of Idaho.

One-hundredth Anniversary of Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

We are in need of proceedings of the following Grand Lodges to complete the set in our Library:

Alberta, 1906.

Canada, 1910, 1911.

Costa Rica, 1904, 1905, 1907.

California, 1911.

Colorado, 1911.

District of Columbia, 1901, 1902.

Massachusetts, 1905, 1907.

Manitoba, 1906.

Mississippi, 1905, 1906.

New Brunswick, 1878, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1894.

New South Wales, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1904.

Oklahoma, 1907.

Ohio, 1902.

Oregon, 1907.

Prince Edward Island, 1894, 1897.

Quebec, 1877 to 1886.

Saskatchewan, 1907.

South Dakota, 1907.

Virginia, 1904, 1907.

Queensland, 1905, 1906.

I wish to call the attention of the secretaries of the above Grand Lodges to the list of our wants, with the hope that they can supply some of them. I will assure them if they need any of our proceedings, we will be more than pleased to furnish them, so far as we can.

Faternally submitted,

ROBERT H. BRADLEY, *Grand Librarian.*

GRAND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Brother R. T. Gowan, Grand Auditor, submitted his reports as follows, which were read and adopted:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 6, 1913.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

This is to certify that I have made examination of the books and accounts of Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, for the past year, and find that since the last report of the Grand Lodge he has received the following amounts:

From lodge dues.....	\$19,817.30
From charters.....	114.00
From dispensations.....	27.00
From codes and Grand Lodge proceedings.....	80.65
From Rebecca Baird estate.....	100.00
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	\$20,138.95

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and evidenced by his receipts for the same.

This is an increase over last year of \$1,037.48.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. GOWAN, *Auditor.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 11, 1913.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of Grand Treasurer Leo D. Heartt for the past year and find them to be correct, all entries being supported by proper vouchers.

On hand at last report to Grand Lodge-----	\$ 2,934.42
Receipts:	
From Grand Secretary, Bro. John C. Drewry----	\$19,817.30
From interest on loan, Moore legacy-----	60.00
From Grand Secretary, charters and dispensa- tions-----	221.65
From Grand Secretary, Rebecca Baird bequest--	100.00
	<u>20,198.95</u>
	\$23,133.37
Amount disbursed, as per vouchers-----	21,601.75
	<u>\$ 1,531.62</u>
Leaving balance on hand-----	

Deposited in bank as evidenced by books of same examined by me.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. GOWAN, *Auditor*.

OXFORD, N. C., December 9, 1912.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

This is to certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of Bro. F. P. Bland, Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and beg to submit the following report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1912:

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL FUND.

Receipts:	
Balance on hand last report-----	\$ 94.70
Received from the State of North Carolina-----	10,000.00
Received from the Grand Lodge-----	3,600.00
Received from all other sources-----	22,548.26
Transferred from Printing Office Fund-----	2,855.93
	<u>\$ 39,098.89</u>
Disbursements:	
Disbursed as per vouchers on file-----	\$ 38,878.19
Balance on deposit, November 1, 1912-----	220.70
	<u>\$ 39,098.89</u>

PRINTING OFFICE ACCOUNT.

Receipts:	
Balance in bank, November 1, 1911-----	\$ 2,094.08
Receipts from all sources-----	9,035.95
	<u>\$ 11,130.03</u>
Disbursements:	
Transferred to General Fund-----	\$ 2,855.93
Disbursements as per vouchers on file-----	7,851.07
Balance in bank, November 1, 1912-----	423.03
	<u>\$ 11,130.03</u>

INVESTMENT AND LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Receipts:

Balance in bank, November 1, 1911-----	\$	800.53
Receipts from all sources-----		3,352.36
	\$	4,152.89

Disbursements:

Disbursements as per vouchers on file-----	\$	3,270.90
Balance in bank, November 1, 1912-----		881.99
	\$	4,152.89

WOODWORKING SHOP ACCOUNT.

Receipts:

Balance in bank, November 1, 1911-----	\$	891.67
Receipts from all sources-----		13,520.12
	\$	14,411.79

Disbursements:

Disbursements as per vouchers on file-----	\$	13,226.13
Balance in bank, as per bank book, November 1, 1912----		1,185.66
	\$	14,411.79

The Treasnrer uses the donble-entry bookkeeping system; in fact, the only correct manner of keeping books. I found the books and vouchers in perfect shape, and can assure the Grand Lodge they have a painstaking Treasnrer whose interest in the institution is shown by his faithful attention to the duties devolving upon him.

R. T. GOWAN, *Auditor*.

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN.

Brother Marshall DeLancey Haywood, Grand Historian, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

In connection with my office of Grand Historian, I have little to report for the year just past, though I have not been altogether inactive.

At the request of the committee which compiled the Masonic Code, I prepared an "Historical Synopsis," giving a history of Freemasonry in North Carolina, and this has been published in that Code and distributed to the lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

In an historical way I have also been much interested in the "Order of Colonial Masters," which was institnted at the town of

Halifax, the Colonial headquarters of American Masonry, on the 30th of December, 1912. It was my privilege, as an honorary member, to be present on that occasion, and I was greatly impressed with the beautiful ritual, prepared by the Provincial Grand Master of the order, Brother Harry W. Gowen. Regular membership in this order is limited to Masters and Past Masters of lodges which were chartered prior to the Revolution. There are eight of these in North Carolina, and about fifty-five in America. The organization is national in its character, and lodges in other States have already applied for charters. It is meant to revive interest in the history of Colonial Masonry, and doubtless means much to our oldest lodges, as it will awaken interest in their long record of past achievements and encourage their present membership in the performance of better work.

I can recall no other matters which have come under my official observation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD,

Grand Historian.

REPORT OF GRAND TILER.

Brother Robert H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, made the following report in regard to purchasing new aprons for the Grand Lodge, which report was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

In accordance with the following resolution, passed at the last Grand Lodge, *i. e.*, "That the Grand Tiler, Brother Robert H. Bradley, was instructed to procure for the Grand Lodge a new set of aprons for the Grand officers of the Grand Lodge," I consulted Brother Drewry, and after examining several specimens we selected the ones now in use, which we thought were in keeping with the dignity of this Grand Lodge—not fancy, but substantial, and of the best material. I hope the selection will meet with your approbation. As to the cost, I will refer you to the Grand Treasury Department.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT H. BRADLEY,

Grand Tiler.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The following communication from Colerain Lodge, No. 591, was presented by Past Grand Master Francis D. Win-

ston, and after being read was on motion referred to Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations:

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

At a meeting of Colerain Lodge, No. 591, A. F. and A. M., held in lodge-room on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 1912, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Colerain Lodge, being the successor of Delk Lodge, No. 171, and Delk Lodge, No. 171, having surrendered its charter owing to various causes, for none of which are any of the members of Colerain Lodge responsible; and we greatly desire to adopt and have the original number.

We, therefore, respectfully petition the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to assign Colerain Lodge the number of 171, and that we be authorized to adopt said number.

We ask Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston to present the petition to the Grand Lodge and urge its adoption.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

[SEAL.]

C. R. BRINKLEY,

Worshipful Master, Colerain Lodge, No. 591.

C. B. MORRIS,

Secretary.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

Brother A. J. Harris, from the Masonic Temple Committee, submitted the following report for that committee, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Temple Committee is pleased to report another year of satisfactory progress.

As we stated in our last report, Temple affairs have assumed a regular routine, and we feel more than ever that this Grand Lodge and the Temple Committee are both to be congratulated on the wise and prudent management that has attended every step connected with the management of this noble trust.

We are forced again to call attention to the fact that some of those who signed pledge cards and agreed to make donations to the Temple have totally failed to comply with these pledges, and others have only paid in part. If we could collect the entire amount due on these pledges it would enable us to pay off the full amount due the banks, on which amount we are compelled to pay 6 per cent interest. In order to secure this loan from the banks, your committee was

compelled to personally indorse the notes, and we did so largely because of the faith we had in these pledges. We believe yet that the brethren who have signed these cards and pledged themselves to the payment thereof will pay them, and we hope during the coming year to be able to pay off entirely what we have heretofore called our current debt, which is the amount due the banks.

In 1910 the Grand Lodge appropriated \$7,500 per annum for ten years to the Temple Fund, or until the debt on the Temple should be paid off. In accordance with this action of the Grand Lodge, notes were duly executed for the above named amounts and deposited with the bank holding our obligation, in order to strengthen our credit. Three of these notes for \$7,500 each have been paid. This leaves seven notes for similar amounts still outstanding, and the prompt payment of these notes when due will enable us to pay off the entire debt on the Temple.

During the year we had the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Temple Construction Company audited by an expert accountant, and they were found correct and accurate.

You will notice this year another increase in rent receipts from the Temple. We believe this increase will be even greater next year, as every office in the building is occupied, and we have just made another slight increase in the rate of rent for offices.

When we made our annual report last year the total indebtedness against the Temple was as follows:

First-mortgage bond indebtedness.....	\$ 42,500.00
Second-mortgage bond indebtedness.....	29,300.00
Notes in bank secured by personal indorsement.....	20,000.00
Loan of the Moore Fund from Grand Treasurer.....	1,000.00
Total indebtedness.....	\$ 92,800.00

During the year 1912, we have been able to pay off \$2,500 on our first-mortgage bond indebtedness and \$9,500 on notes due in the various banks. We have increased our second-mortgage bond indebtedness \$50, as one of the lodges that subscribed for a second-mortgage bond paid up the balance during the year and a bond was issued for the amount. The total indebtedness on the Temple at the present time is as follows:

First-mortgage bond indebtedness.....	\$ 40,000.00
Second-mortgage bond indebtedness.....	29,350.00
Notes in bank secured by personal indorsement.....	10,500.00
Loan of the Moore Fund from Grand Treasurer.....	1,000.00
Total indebtedness January 1, 1913.....	\$ 80,850.00

It will be seen from the above statement that while our second-mortgage bond indebtedness increases \$50, we reduced our first-mortgage bond indebtedness \$2,500, and reduced the amount due to the banks in the sum of \$9,500. This reduction in our indebtedness will enable us to save in interest alone about \$700 during the coming year.

It will be seen from the above statement that this is the best and most satisfactory showing that your committee has ever been able to make in any one year. While we paid off on our indebtedness last year (1911) \$12,000, we did so by increasing our second-mortgage bond indebtedness \$800; whereas during this past year (1912) we have paid off \$12,000 of our indebtedness, which is the same amount paid off last year, but we only increased our second-mortgage bond indebtedness \$50 this year.

We also give herewith a statement of our receipts and disbursements during the year. We had on hand when we made our report last year:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in bank.....	\$ 1,000.54
Received in rents from the Temple during year....	12,901.21
Received from subscriptions paid during the year..	70.00
Received from donation, Oasis Temple.....	200.00
Collected from donations on pledge cards.....	1,216.50
Received from sale of poems.....	131.85
Received from Grand Lodge subscription.....	7,500.00
Received from miscellaneous items.....	18.00
Total receipts.....	\$23,038.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on Temple indebtedness.....	\$12,000.00
Paid out for interest during the year.....	4,099.80
Paid for operating the Masonic Temple Building, including heat, lights, elevator, janitor's services, taxes, and other items.....	4,709.62
Paid out for insurance.....	512.54
Paid out for real estate account.....	589.59
Paid out for expenses, miscellaneous items.....	150.00
Total disbursements.....	22,061.55
Balance in bank.....	\$ 976.55

The following statement will show the receipts and disbursements by months in regard to operating the Masonic Temple:

MASONIC TEMPLE OPERATING ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
To rent received January, 1912.....	\$ 1,098.83
To rent received February, 1912.....	680.83
To rent received March, 1912.....	1,072.83
To rent received April, 1912.....	1,186.83
To rent received May, 1912.....	803.33
To rent received June, 1912.....	894.83
To rent received July, 1912.....	1,281.83
To rent received August, 1912.....	952.58
To rent received September, 1912.....	906.83
To rent received October, 1912.....	1,193.33
To rent received November, 1912.....	1,484.33
To rent received December, 1912.....	1,344.83
	<u>\$ 12,901.21</u>
Cr.	
To operating expenses, January, 1912.....	\$ 752.39
To operating expenses, February, 1912.....	311.79
To operating expenses, March, 1912.....	396.84
To operating expenses, April, 1912.....	372.74
To operating expenses, May, 1912.....	316.31
To operating expenses, June, 1912.....	269.91
To operating expenses, July, 1912.....	316.21
To operating expenses, August, 1912.....	310.87
To operating expenses, September, 1912.....	268.68
To operating expenses, October, 1912.....	712.03
To operating expenses, November, 1912.....	366.66
To operating expenses, December, 1912.....	315.19
	<u>\$ 4,709.62</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	
J. C. Drewry, Treasurer.....	\$ 976.55
Masonic Temple operating account.....	20,206.65
Real estate.....	172,505.23
Insurance.....	2,134.80
Interest.....	20,075.51
Expense.....	497.75
	<u>\$ 216,396.49</u>
Cr.	
Cash collected on subscription Grand Lodge.....	\$ 51,500.00
Cash collected on Raleigh subscriptions.....	16,248.63
Cash collected, subscriptions outside.....	16,758.93
Cash collected, rents.....	52,716.29
Cash collected, bills payable.....	51,500.00
Cash collected, Masonic fair.....	3,623.08

Cash collected, sale of poems-----	\$ 350.60
Cash collected, miscellaneous-----	145.41
Cash collected, Masonic Dramatic Association-----	396.05
Unclassified accounts-----	828.53
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	\$ 216,396.49
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. DREWRY,
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
SAMUEL H. SMITH,
S. M. GATTIS,
R. J. NOBLE,
JOHN W. CATLETT,
ANDREW J. HARRIS,
W. S. LIDDELL,
F. D. WINSTON.

CHARITY.

Brother W. P. Little, chairman of the Special Committee on Charity, submitted their report, which was read and adopted:

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,

*Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M.,
Raleigh, N. C.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I respectfully submit herewith my report as chairman of Special Committee on Charity for year just ended.

There have been sent to me sixteen appeals for relief. Of these, after investigation, we have seen fit to approve eleven, four were not approved, and one is now in course of investigation.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM P. LITTLE,
Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees were announced as follows:

Jurisprudence.—Judge Walter Clark, D. C. Barnes, Henry A. Grady, Walter E. Moore, B. S. Royster, Walter S. Liddell, John W. Cotten, George L. Peterson, S. O. Garrison, Dudley Peed, M. Leslie Davis, H. M. Poteat, E. B. Nowelle, S. J. Payne, M. Bolton, W. P. Clement, D. P. Dellinger.

Propositions and Grievances, No. 1.—W. H. McLaurin, C. R. Brown, F. N. Whitner, J. A. Eason, C. A. Troutman, D. L. Flowers, Barnes Daniel.

Propositions and Grievances, No. 2.—W. M. Stuart, C. F. Nunberger, W. M. Eubanks, W. B. Tooly, J. D. R. Allen, W. M. Wortman, E. J. Britt.

Appeals.—J. W. Grimes, B. S. Skinner, J. Bailey Owen, J. E. Wilson, M. L. Burgess, W. E. Hales, A. C. Payne.

Foreign Correspondence.—John A. Collins, D. M. Williford, E. N. Williams, A. Wilder, B. A. White, W. H. Wolfe, E. L. Wright, C. H. Collins, J. A. Bolick.

Accounts and Claims.—A. B. Andrews, Jr., Andrew J. Harris, J. P. McNeill, B. F. Hall, E. H. Munson.

Credentials.—W. W. Willson, A. S. Holden, Horace R. Dowell.

Orphan Asylum.—George S. Norfleet, R. J. Noble, W. L. London, V. A. J. Glover, H. E. Thompson, J. S. Royster, W. H. S. Burgwyn, J. M. Caveness, L. M. Cook, J. C. Munds, O. W. Spencer, S. E. McNeely, K. Howell, W. H. Sessoms, D. S. Gurley, G. W. Watson, Claud Stephenson.

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

Special Committee on Charity.—W. P. Little, H. L. Averitt, G. W. Brinson, J. W. Alfred, B. Scull, G. W. Phillips.

Fraternal Dead.—Leon Cash, J. T. Shaw, D. A. Redfern, E. J. Steed, S. A. Lewis, W. A. Bunch, E. H. Jones, W. H. Eaton, W. D. Edwards, W. L. Brown, J. Withers, Jones Cook, P. E. Rollins.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

No. 1.—D. A. Pierce, J. H. Williams, B. W. Edwards, P. Tiley, J. P. Fulk.

No. 2.—J. D. Wicker, W. F. Fitch, J. T. Watson, E. H. Wood, J. W. Bean.

No. 3.—C. A. Dilling, J. B. Sellers, Henry Long, A. B. Fitch, S. S. Gray, J. A. Miller, Jr., J. B. Carpenter.

Unfinished Business.—L. J. Sears, J. M. Jacobs, D. Fulk, S. R. Keys, E. B. Whichard, C. A. Richardson, J. L. Banner, A. L. Martin.

Charters and Dispensations:

No. 1.—R. F. Edwards, A. L. Parker, W. C. Wicker.

No. 2.—J. W. Rowell, J. W. Patton, W. W. Holland.

Masonic and Eastern Star Home.—F. M. Winchester, L. M. Clymer, W. H. McLaurin, J. W. Rowell, W. M. White, J. J. Phoenix.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1913.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master W. B. McKoy presiding.

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

Bro. John A. Collins, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his annual report, which on motion was received and ordered printed as an appendix to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. H. W. Gowen, Secretary of the Joseph Montfort Memorial Association, submitted the following remarks:

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

You have just listened to the reading of the introduction of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by my dear and venerable brother, John A. Collins, of Enfield, in which he reproduces the claim of Brother James M. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, that the appointment of Joseph Montfort, of Halifax, as Provincial Grand Master of and for America was a mistake of the copyist of the Montfort commission, due to generosity or indifference or ignorance; also that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was inclined to concur in this opinion. He also states that the commission of Montfort was found in the rubbish of the temple at Halifax, stained and almost illegible. As this introduction is printed in a prominent place in the Grand Lodge records and is sent all over the world, I feel it my duty, as secretary of the Joseph Montfort Memorial Committee, to correct certain errors, and I feel certain that Brother Collins will be only too glad to have these corrections made at this time.

The history of the Montfort commission is as follows:

It was mailed in London and sent to Wilmington, N. C., in a sailing vessel, and on March 13, 1772, we have the following minutes of Royal White Hart Lodge: "Brother Joseph Montfort visited the lodge and produced a charter from the Grand Master of England, the Duke of Beaufort, etc., dated January 14th, A. L. 5771. A. D. 1771, appointing him Provincial Grand Master of and for America, which was recognized and he was accordingly congratulated by the lodge and offered the chair, which he declined."

In February, 1812, Robert Williams, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, wrote a letter to Royal White Hart Lodge, requesting them to lend the Montfort commission to the Grand Lodge, that it might be copied in the archives. On March 19, 1812, Brother Epps of Royal White Hart Lodge was commissioned by the lodge to take the Montfort charter to Raleigh, and he did so, and took a receipt from Grand Master Williams, the closing words of which are as follows:

This piece of parchment, or charter, I receive as a loan made to me for the purpose of having it entered in the archives of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, and which shall be returned to the Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, whenever the same shall be requested.

(Signed) ROBERT WILLIAMS.

About one week later, March 27, 1812, Grand Master Williams wrote a letter to Royal White Hart Lodge, of which the following is a copy:

To the Officers and Members of Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, Halifax, N. C.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIRS AND BROTHERS:—Lately I have received into my possession, as a loan, a commission signed by Charles Dillon, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, impressed with a coat of arms of the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master thereof, dated January 14th, A. L. 5771, A. D. 1771, constituting and appointing Joseph Montfort, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of America. Brothers, it is from this authority that our Grand Lodge now holds the tenure of its sovereignty, that this Provincial Grand Master did by virtue of his said commission constitute and establish lodges in his then Majesty's Provinces; that after the Revolution was over, these regularly constituted lodges met in convention at Tarboro, when the present Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee became constituted and organized. I do now, in behalf of myself and our Grand Lodge, solicit the Right Worshipful White Hart Lodge, No. 2, Halifax, that they would be so good as to surrender the possession of this instrument to our Grand Lodge, AS IT IS THE ORIGINAL CHARTER FROM WHENCE WE ARE ALL DERIVED. We are emboldened to ask this of your right worshipful body, as the possession thereof by you cannot be supposed in any manner to add to the authority by which you sit and perform business. The granting of this request by you will be gratefully acknowledged, and received by our most Worshipful Grand Lodge and particularly by your most obedient servant and brother.

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.

This request was not granted by Royal White Hart Lodge, as the records show, but the above letter will show how priceless a document this commission is. On March 12, 1908, John C. Drewry, Grand

Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and myself, placed this commission in the vault of the Carolina Trust Company at Raleigh. These letters and receipts are to-day in the archives of Royal White Hart Lodge in a perfect state of preservation.

The Montfort commission is now here in this Grand Lodge room, that you may all see that it is a beautiful document in a perfect state of preservation.

Royal White Hart Lodge was chartered direct by the Grand Lodge of England on August 21, 1767, and Joseph Montfort was appointed Worshipful Master. This charter is also in a perfect state of preservation and only six Blue Lodges were ever chartered direct by the Grand Lodge of England in what is now the United States; the other Colonial Lodges receiving their charters from the Provincial Grand Masters. Michael Devon, an expert penman, employed for over thirty years by the Grand Lodge of England as its scribe, penned the Montfort commission, as four years previous he wrote the charter for Royal White Hart Lodge. If one hundred and twenty-one years ago this expert copyist and trusted scribe of the Grand Lodge of England, through indifference or ignorance of Masonic procedure, made the "mistake" of writing "of and for America," to whom shall Brother Lamberton or our Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit this question for decision?

But, my brothers, this question of Joseph Montfort's territorial jurisdiction is not a new question. In 1789 the Grand Lodge of Virginia acknowledged his authority in 1775 to issue charters for Blue Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters in Virginia, notwithstanding the fact that they at the same time possessed a resident Provincial Grand Master.

On April 13, 1775, Joseph Montfort issued a combination charter for a Blue Lodge and Chapter at Cabin Point, Virginia, which charters were not uncommon at that time, the lodge being empowered to confer the degrees to and including the Royal Arch.

Last week in the Grand Lodge Temple at Richmond I held in my hand this charter, which is also well preserved. The venerable and scholarly Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Dr. George W. Carrington, assured me that they considered it a priceless possession, and it is kept locked in a fire-proof vault and taken out only on rare occasions.

This charter is very different from the charters Montfort issued in North Carolina. It begins with a large seal and the words, "Montfort, Grand Master, America," and recites his powers in full to issue the charter. It fully establishes the claim that he not only received authority, but also exercised it as Grand Master of and for America.

The following letter, which is in the archives of Royal White Hart

Lodge, and the fact that when the Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge ceased to exist the charter was carefully returned to the Grand Lodge of Virginia and carefully preserved, fully establishes the fact that the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1789 passed upon this question and forever settled it.

Grand Master Montfort issued charters for Royal Arch Chapters as well as for Blue Lodges. He issued a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter on April 13, 1775, at Cabin Point, Virginia, and it seems that some years afterwards the Grand Lodge at Richmond questioned the legality of the charter of this chapter, and in order to satisfy the companions, Mr. Henry Montfort sent them Joseph Montfort's commission, which was later returned with the following letter:

CABIN POINT, VA., May 15, 1789.

WORTHY BROTHERS:—As a safe conveyance of papers of consequence from this place to Halifax is seldom to be met with, I inclose to the particular care of Dr. John I. Amon, your charter, which was brought into this place by my son, who received it from Mr. Henry Montfort, in order to satisfy the Grand Lodge at Richmond concerning some doubts concerning a degree of Masonry of the Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge, which proved perfectly satisfactory. In the name of our lodge, I return you sincere thanks for the use of your charter and wish it safe to hand.

I am with appreciative esteem, worthy brother,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

JAMES BELCHER, SR.,

Master, Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge.

Brother Belcher called this a charter, but he refers to Joseph Montfort's commission as Provincial Grand Master of America. It is also worthy of note that he signs himself "Master" of a Royal Arch Lodge, while to-day his title, of course, would be High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter. Mr. Henry Montfort, here referred to, was the only son of Grand Master Montfort. He was a prominent Mason and member of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

There has never been a moment since Montfort's commission reached the shores of America that its whereabouts have been unknown or that it has not been carefully guarded as a priceless jewel by Grand Lodge and Grand Masters. For more than a hundred years it has been in the keeping of the Grand Lodge in Raleigh, and is now in our fire-proof temple. Surrounded by its massive mahogany frame, 35 x 29 inches, and heavy glass, it is (as you all may see) as perfect as the day it left London.

Brother Schultz, the famous Masonic historian of Maryland, says that Montfort's power was as the President of the United States,

and the power of the local Provincial Grand Masters he likens to the Governors of the States. Before us is Montfort's commission.

At Halifax the beautiful memorial erected by this Grand Lodge, and before your committee, of which I am secretary, attempted the erection of the memorial, it was submitted to the late lamented William J. Allen, historian of the Masonic Historical Society of New York, who became an enthusiastic member of this committee and our ardent supporter.

Where shall we go to a higher tribunal? If we indorse the opinion of every Masonic writer, the discussion will go on to the end of time and appear at every Grand Lodge meeting; and as secretary of the Joseph Montfort Memorial Committee, I move that this, my reply to Brother Lamberton, be printed in the next issue of the Grand Lodge Report.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY W. GOWEN, *Secretary,*
Joseph Montfort Memorial Committee.

Motion was then made to rerefer report to Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Motion was lost.

Brother Haywood introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do not concur in the historical conclusions set forth in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, concerning the relative powers of Joseph Montfort and other Provincial Grand Masters prior to the War of the Revolution:

And be it further Resolved, That with all the evidence before this body, including the original commission of Montfort and copies of other commissions, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is convinced that the unlimited jurisdiction granted to Montfort, by his said commission, was due to no oversight, omission, accident, or clerical error: and therefore that he held primacy over other Provincial Grand Masters whose territorial jurisdiction was limited by their commissions.

Motion was then made to reconsider the entire matter at a later session of the Grand Lodge. Motion adopted.

The hour for the special order having arrived, viz., the consideration of the new Code, the same was passed over and made a special order for the evening session, at 8 o'clock.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report:

We congratulate Masonry in North Carolina on the splendid condition of the craft as shown by the Grand Master in his excellent address. The address shows that the success of the order has been uppermost in the heart of our Grand Master and he has labored earnestly and intelligently for the upbuilding of the order throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

We recommend that that portion of the address devoted to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the Oxford Orphan Asylum be referred to the Orphan Asylum Committee.

That so much of it as refers to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home be referred to the Committee on Masonic Home, if there is such a committee, and if there is no such standing committee, we recommend that a special committee be appointed to which this portion of the address be referred.

So much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the dispensation granted to Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, to hold a special meeting in Raleigh during the session of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Master's degree upon one of their fellow-crafts, we think should be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for immediate report.

We recommend that the portion of the address relating to the appointment of an assistant to the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to dispensations for formation of new lodges be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That the portion of the address referring to the appeal from the Masonic lodges of Hot Springs, Arkansas, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We commend the Grand Master for his action in declining to decide questions the answers to which are plainly written in the Masonic Code of North Carolina, and we also approve his course in refusing to grant dispensations to lodges to violate the plainly written Masonic law of this jurisdiction.

We suggest that the special recommendations in the Grand Master's address be referred to a special committee for consideration and report.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. COTTEN,

S. M. GATTIS,

H. I. CLARK,

Committee.

Bro. F. M. Winchester, chairman of the Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, made the following report, which was read and referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims:

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MASONIC
AND EASTERN STAR HOME TO THE GRAND LODGE.**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

In the last report of this Board to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication in January, 1912, it was "confidently hoped and believed" that the Home for the Aged and Indigent Masons would be completed by the time this Grand body met again in regular communication.

It gives your Board very great pleasure to report that this "confident hope and belief" has become an established fact. The building has been completed, and it now remains only to be furnished and a competent superintendent selected in order that its doors may be opened in welcome to the poor and needy of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The report of its Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors, which is hereto appended, will show you in detail just what has been accomplished, and our financial standing to date. You will know from this report that the building has been completed at a cost of practically \$22,000; that there is an indebtedness of about \$12,000 against it; that we have available assets of about \$6,000, leaving a debt against us of about \$6,000.

I have asked a number of real estate men as to the value of our property as it stands, and am assured that at the most conservative estimate it is worth at least \$40,000; so that we are now prepared to turn over to this Grand Lodge and to the O. E. S. a property worth \$40,000 with a debt of only about \$6,000; and even this indebtedness would have been greatly reduced, if not altogether "wiped out," if the Subordinate Lodges and the Fraternity throughout the State had been as liberal in their contributions as we had been led to hope.

While a great many lodges have contributed more or less, as they were able, and quite a number of them very liberally, indeed; do you know that it saddens me to report that nearly half the lodges in this State have not as yet contributed one single dollar to this cause? I have sent a great number of circular-letters, not less than three, I think, to every lodge in the State, so that they cannot plead ignorance of our needs. Then, what, my brethren, can be the reason for

this indifference and apathy? A few I know are not in circumstances to help very much, but how sad to have to acknowledge that nearly one-half the lodges in this grand State are unable or unwilling to respond to this appeal for Masonic charity.

Brethren, rouse ye! An opportunity of doing great good is at hand. How much better it is to provide a Home where your aged and indigent brothers can spend their last few remaining years in peace and comfort, and in the congenial society of brothers and friends, than it is to have small charity doled out to them by their home lodge and individual friends.

Come up to our help, brethren. Let's get these doors opened, and get the work started. We would like to request that, as usual, an hour be set apart when the brethren will be given an opportunity to subscribe, either for their lodges or as individuals.

Now, brethren, only one more appeal, and I am done.

The Board of Directors feels that it has earned your approbation in this great work. Owing to the many complications that have arisen, too tedious to mention in this report, it has caused some of us many anxious hours. But the work is accomplished and it is in your hands.

If the work of our hands is to become immediately available, if these doors are to be opened at once to the many who are already knocking for admission, THEN WE MUST HAVE SOME HELP. It is true that long ago you promised us the income from this Temple for our maintenance and support as soon as it was paid for, but that seems to be some time off yet. Why should these needy brethren suffer and wait? There are not many of them as yet and our need will be small for some years to come. With what we have in sight, and if our modest request be granted, we can open the doors in the very early spring to the most urgent cases.

Your Board of Directors ask that this Grand Lodge donate to this cause the sum of \$2,000 for this year. One to be given us at once or as soon as possible; the other on or before June 1st.

Brethren, inasmuch as we have acquired for this Grand Lodge a very valuable property, and inasmuch as we have never yet asked of it, nor has it contributed one dollar to this purpose, we venture to hope that this, our modest request, will be cheerfully granted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. L. TRAVIS.
M. W. WHITE.
W. H. McLAURIN.
L. M. CLYMER.
J. W. ROWELL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,179.51
Receipts from all sources to January 6, 1913.....	16,412.55
	<u>\$17,592.06</u>
Paid out as per vouchers to January 6, 1913.....	17,904.39
Leaving a deficit of.....	<u>\$ 312.33</u>
For information only:	
Borrowed from Masonic Mutual.....	\$10,000.00
Borrowed on note.....	2,000.00
From Masonic Grand Lodge.....	4,017.06
Paid by the Eastern Star Home.....	575.00
Paid by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons....	500.00
Paid by Chorazin Chapter of Greensboro.....	500.00
Total.....	<u>\$17,592.06</u>

LIABILITIES.

Note, Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company.....	\$10,000.00
Note, Blythe & Isenhour.....	2,000.00
Insurance.....	450.00
	<u>\$12,450.00</u>

ASSETS.

Bonding company, due us.....	\$ 915.60
Pledged by Shrine.....	1,000.00
Pledged from O. E. S.....	1,000.00
Pledged from lodges (about).....	3,000.00
Pledges from individuals.....	466.00
From Charlotte, Scottish R. M. Consistory.....	300.00
	<u>\$ 6,681.60</u>

Bro. F. M. Winchester made the following report, which was read and adopted:

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR
HOME.

Brethren:—I beg leave to submit this, my third annual report. I think we are to be congratulated on what, under the blessing of God, we have been able to accomplish during the past year in our great work of beneficence and charity.

Notwithstanding the fact that our original contractor failed us, and became a bankrupt, we have been able to complete the building and

at very little, if any, loss to ourselves, we being protected by bond in the sum of \$10,000 against such loss or any loss due to the failure of the contractor.

The failure of the Ange Construction Company caused us some delay, and created some confusion in the work, but your committee secured the services of Blythe & Isenhour to take up and complete the work as per the original contract on a commission basis; they to receive 10 per cent of the amount of money actually required to complete the building according to the terms of the original contract. This was done only after an agreement to that effect with the Title Guarantee and Surety Bonding Company of Scranton, Pa., whose bond we hold, guaranteeing that the work be completed as per contract with the Ange Construction Company.

When final settlement was made, it was found that the general contract had cost \$915.60 more than the original contract had called for. This was due largely to the fact that quite a good deal of the work done by the Ange Construction Company had to be torn down and done over again, because it was not up to specifications and was condemned by our architects, and to the further fact that we paid a 10 per cent commission to the contractor who finished the building. This was all fully understood and agreed to by the bonding company and their attorney, Mr. G. S. Bradshaw of Greensboro. He assured me that it would be paid us in a very short time; in fact, I confidently hoped for it before this meeting of the Board.

There have been, I believe, only three regular meetings of the Board of Directors this year. One in Raleigh, N. C., January 10, 1912, when only routine business was transacted; the report of the building committee and of the secretary and treasurer being read and accepted. These minutes are spread on a book and are at your disposal. (Document No. 1.)

Second meeting was held in Greensboro on March 18th, and was for the purpose of executing the necessary notes, bonds, etc., for borrowing of the sum necessary to complete the building, which purpose was duly executed. Full minutes of this meeting, though somewhat voluminous, were duly recorded and are at your disposal. (Document No. 2.)

The money was borrowed from the Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C., at the rate of 5 per cent interest per annum. Think we were fortunate in securing the money at this rate of interest. In order to fully satisfy the requirements of the company from whom the money was borrowed, it was deemed necessary that your Secretary and Treasurer give a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for the fulfillment of his duties, etc., which bond was duly executed, and is in the custody of your chairman.

The next meeting was held in Greensboro on Tuesday, October 15th, Brother John J. Phoenix acting as Secretary and Treasurer for the meeting. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read and received. The following committees were appointed:

First, a committee to investigate the cost and proper manner of furnishing the different rooms at the Home; this committee to make report at this meeting of the Board of Directors.

A second committee was appointed to investigate and ask for bids for the installation of the water system and septic tanks; it also to make report at this meeting.

Third, a committee to draft by-laws and regulations for the government of the Home, to report at this meeting.

It being brought to the attention of the Board that owing to the fact of several items being overlooked in the estimation of final cost of building, and also to the extra cost of finishing the Ange contract, etc., etc., that the sum of \$10,000 borrowed was not quite sufficient to pay off all claims, a committee was appointed to negotiate the loan of \$2,000 more. The note was drawn for that amount and indorsed by all the members of the Board present, and placed in the hands of a committee. For reasons which appear in correspondence, which is at your disposal, the committee did not succeed in negotiating the loan, and the note was returned to me as Secretary and Treasurer.

The need for final settlement being urgent, in order that we might at once file our claim against the bondsmen of the Ange Construction Company, I used this note in settlement with Blythe & Isenhour; they accepting it until a new note could be drawn payable at *another bank*. By these means, I was enabled to settle all claims against the building except those against the Ange Construction Company, which are covered by his bond. Full minutes of this meeting are also at your disposal.

When the Ange Construction Company went into bankruptcy, it was furnished me, as your Secretary and Treasurer, with a list of their indebtedness for material, etc., used in our building; this list aggregating \$2,338. Since that time claims have been filed with me by various corporations and firms, amounting to about double that amount. However, I am assured by attorneys that these claims can in no way affect us, but will have to be assumed and paid by his bonding company, whose bond we hold, "indemnifying us against loss by the Ange Construction Company."

This, I believe, covers, in outline, about all of the official business transacted by the Board of Directors this year. The working out of the many details and the solving of the many problems, both large and small, as they have arisen, has caused your building committee

many anxious hours. Much diligence, patience, and perseverance has been required to surmount the many obstacles, which, at first sight, appeared almost insurmountable.

The report of the secretary of your building committee, Brother L. M. Clymer, is appended, which will give you some idea of what has been done. The fact that it is now able to turn over to this Board the completed building, as it now stands, with so little indebtedness against it, is sufficient evidence that your building committee "has wrought faithfully," and it feels that it has earned your approbation as it now turns over to you the result of its labors with this account of its stewardship.

As to our present financial condition, I am sorry not to be able to make a more favorable report. The financial statement, which is hereto appended, shows a present deficiency of a little over \$300. This is due to several reasons, among which are:

First. The necessary expenditure of considerably more money than was first estimated.

Second. The slight falling off in the contributions from the Subordinate Lodges, as well as from the Eastern Star.

Third. The delay in the payments of several large subscriptions, which I hoped to receive before this meeting, etc., etc.

However, this stringent financial condition will, I hope, be relieved in a very short time, as I am sure that we will get our \$1,000 from the Shrine inside thirty days, and I hope to get at least half as much each from the Subordinate Lodges and from the Order of the Eastern Star, besides the \$300 from the Scottish Rite Consistory and the \$900 from the bonding company, in a very short time.

I would suggest that inasmuch as we are now about to present to the Grand Lodge and to the Order of the Eastern Star a property that is worth, at a most conservative estimate, at least \$45,000, with a debt of practically \$10,000 against it, that we ask a liberal contribution.

So I close as I began, brethren. I think that we are to be congratulated on what, under the blessing of God, we have been able to accomplish during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDENDA :

F. M. WINCHESTER.

Since compiling above report, the Board of Directors in session have elected as superintendent Bro. M. W. White of Mooresville, fixing the salary at \$75 per month and keep for superintendent and wife, the wife to perform the duties of matron.

We now have two vacancies on the Board of Directors. Brother Clymer's term expires by limitation and Brother White resigning to assume the office of superintendent.

F. M. WINCHESTER, *Chairman.*

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Having been appointed by the last Grand Lodge to visit Pythagoras Lodge, No. 249, A. F. and A. M., and to investigate certain irregularities said to exist, I beg to report that I did on August 5, 1912, visit said Pythagoras Lodge, an emergent communication being called for that purpose, and that I then and there made inquiry and an investigation into said irregularities; and after a careful perusal of all the correspondence, and a careful consideration of all the evidence bearing on these charges of irregularities, and after a number of consultations with various members of the lodge, both in open lodge and privately as individuals, I am forced to the conclusion that there have been some irregularities.

As to the specific charges:

First. It was irregular in having spread the ballot a greater number of times than is permissible by Masonic law.

Second. It was irregular in suppressing the minutes of a certain meeting or meetings.

These two charges are admitted; but it is claimed there were mitigating circumstances. As to the rumor (I believe there was never any specific charges to that effect) that the members had been asked in open lodge whether they had cast a white or black ballot, I was assured, both in open lodge and by most of the individuals, that it was wholly untrue. I was unable to find any proof thereof, hence consider them cleared of that charge.

As to the charge of insubordination in refusing to restore the brother who had been suspended, I am told, and the minutes show, that the petition was received and took the usual course. That the ballot was spread and resulted in rejection.

Such being the case, I do not think the charge of insubordination can be maintained. The Grand Lodge or Grand Master, it seems to me, can order the reception of a petition, or that the ballot be spread; but I do not see how either one can dictate the manner of ballot an individual member can cast.

So that only two charges of irregularities are maintained, and these, it seems to me, are not of sufficient importance to demand the arrest of their charter. Therefore, I would respectfully recommend that Pythagoras Lodge, No. 249, be publicly reprimanded through its Master and Wardens for irregularities, and that the matter be dropped.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WINCHESTER.

Bro. Leon Cash submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Page 153, Proceedings of the 1912 Communication of the Grand Lodge, shows that I was appointed a special committee to visit Yadkin Lodge, No. 162, to hear and settle the case of S. H. Allgood, who was expelled from this lodge March 19, 1904 (see page 93, Proceedings of 1905).

After due and timely notice, I met with Yadkin Lodge November 16, 1912. After discussing the matter fully with the brethren, I decided that the evidence did not justify the verdict. The charges were then withdrawn by the lodge and by my order a demit was granted Brother Allgood.

So far as I know, all parties concerned unite in saying they are satisfied with this settlement of the case.

The papers and correspondence are in my possession, and are held subject to the pleasure of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON CASH.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 1, ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the petition of Colerain Lodge, No. 591, asking that they be allowed to change their number from No. 591 to No. 171. No. 171 is the number formerly held by Delk Lodge, which has surrendered its charter and been replaced by Colerain Lodge.

We recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. EDWARDS,

W. C. WICKER,

A. L. PARKER.

The following letter was then read, and the invitation was accepted with thanks:

To the Grand Lodge of Masons, Raleigh, North Carolina.

GENTLEMEN:—As chairman of the reception committee, it gives me pleasure to extend to the Grand Lodge of Masons, now in session, a

very cordial invitation to attend the reception given by the citizens of Raleigh to his Excellency, the Honorable Locke Craig, at the Mansion to-morrow evening from 7:30 to 9:30; and would appreciate their attendance in a body, if possible.

I have the honor to be,

Fraternally yours,

JOHN F. SPRAGUE,

January 14, 1913.

Chairman Reception Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1913.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 p. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master W. B. McKoy presiding. The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Master announced that the officers and members of Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, were present upon invitation, and would exemplify the work of the Grand Lodge in the Master Mason's degree, under the direction of the Board of Custodians. Bro. John E. Cameron, chairman of the Board of Custodians, stated that Gastonia Lodge had been instructed under the direction of Bro. S. M. Boyce, a member of the Board of Custodians, and that the lodge would exemplify the work in the third degree as soon as the Grand Lodge dispensed with labor.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 5:30 o'clock, Most Worshipful Grand Master W. B. McKoy presiding.

Bro. George S. Norfleet, from Committee on Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

The Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum beg leave to report:

1. It notes with pleasure that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge has been such during the past year that the Grand Treasurer has been able to pay to the Asylum the appropriation of \$5,000 and also \$600 which has been due for several years past.

2. That we heartily second the recommendation of the Board of Directors to appoint a committee to draft a bill to be introduced into the General Assembly for the purpose of increasing the State's appropriation from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the State now paying a per capita of \$36.61, whereas the actual cost is \$95.93. We respectfully recommend the appointment of P. G. M. B. S. Royster, P. G. M. Francis D. Winston, P. G. M. Samuel H. Smith, Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, Bros. W. W. Kitchin and A. B. Andrews, Jr., as a committee to take charge of the above.

3. We urge the brethren present to see their respective members of the General Assembly while they are in the city, inform them that a bill to the above effect will be introduced, and urge them to support it.

4. With its present revenues, the institution is at a standstill and cannot expand further. Of the \$16,984.73 earned by the Singing Class, sale of provisions, shoe-shop and transferred from the printing office, \$10,000 was earned by the Singing Class. Should anything occur to prevent the members from making the regular annual tours, the institution would find itself in a deplorable condition.

5. We recommend that the Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Secretary to address a letter to the 116 lodges who have not contributed to the support of the Asylum during the past year, telling them of the grand work it is doing and urging them to send one or more contributions, no matter how small, during the present year.

6. We recommend an appropriation of \$5,000.

7. We cannot conclude our report without highly commending Brother Brown, the superintendent, for his most efficient management of the institution of which he has been the head the past two years, as well as all other officers and employees who have so ably and cheerfully assisted him in this work.

GEORGE S. NORFLEET,
SAMUEL E. MCNEELY,
H. E. THOMPSON,
R. A. J. GLOVER,
W. H. SESSOMS,
JAMES C. MUNDS,
J. S. ROYSTER,
D. S. GURLEY,
W. L. LONDON,
L. M. COOK.

Bro. C. A. Dilling, from Committee No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 3, on Relations of Subordinate Lodges, report as follows:

We have examined the returns submitted to us from Lodges Nos. 478 to 600, and find the following errors:

Lodges reporting no date of charter:

Four Oaks, No. 478	Vesper, No. 554
Roberdel, No. 482	Elise, No. 555
Bugaboo, No. 490	Waxhaw, No. 562
Unake, No. 506	Macclesfield, No. 581
Lucama, No. 527	Lilesville, No. 582
Ellenboro, No. 531	Ionic, No. 583
Boardman, No. 536	Casar, No. 579
Williams, No. 538	Lowell, No. 590
Carolina, No. 546	Rockwell, No. 600
Maysville, No. 547	

Reporting no Orphan Asylum Committee:

Rainbow, No. 478	Caswell, No. 539
Southern Pines, No. 484	Shelmerdine, No. 545
Linville, No. 489	Maysville, No. 547
Rockingham, No. 495	Vesper, No. 554
Farmville, No. 517	Oak Grove, No. 557
Ottway, No. 533	Ronda, No. 566
Hollis, No. 535	Snow Creek, No. 571
Sharon, No. 537	Casar, No. 579
Gullege Memorial, No. 579	

Giving only two members of Asylum Committee:

Mount Holly, No. 544
Roaring River, No. 570

Giving only one member:

Andrews, No. 529
Glenville, No. 551
Wentworth, No. 567
Mount Pleasant, No. 569
Meadow Branch, No. 578
Buies Creek, No. 503

Having no seal on returns:

Pilot, No. 493

Bnies Creek, No. 503

Elise, No. 555

Meadow Branch, No. 578

Giving year only of charter:

Caroleen, No. 510

Hollis, No. 535

Sharon, No. 537

Oak Grove, No. 557: Summary of returns incomplete.

Casar, No. 579: No Junior Deacon or Stewards.

Lowell, No. 590: Reports no date of communications.

Meadow Branch, No. 578: Gives no summary of returns and not signed by Secretary.

Wentworth, No. 567: Reports no Stewards.

Returns from Lilesville, No. 582, not received until December 28th.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. DILLING,

A. B. FITCH,

J. B. SELLERS,

HENRY LONG,

J. B. CARPENTER.

Bro. Leon Cash, chairman of Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Grand Master's address shows that while the Reaper has been busy in other Grand Jurisdictions, we have been mercifully spared, and we consider it a distinguishing mark of Divine favor that He permits us to come together again in Annual Communication without the loss of a single past or present Grand officer. We rejoice that death has not draped our doorposts with mourning nor sorrow planted weeds of mourning upon our hearthstones. To the thoughtful and serious this is cause for sincere acknowledgment to the universal Parent that our ranks have not been broken and thinned by the destroyer, as in other years.

But, nevertheless, the scythe has been busy cutting the brittle thread of life and making havoc among the brethren of our jurisdiction. Good men and just Masons have answered the call during the twelve months past, and there are vacant seats in many lodge-rooms. To those who have been chastened by suspense and anxiety and sor-

row because their brethren have gone out into the mystic silence which we call death, we extend our tenderest sympathy and brotherly affection.

We are thus reminded that the present flies and the hereafter is at hand. Time, ever active, is hurrying us along the stadium of life; and the flight of another annual period indicates, with unerring certainty, the near approach, for many, of the sundown of mortal life. We stand amid the gathering shadows where flit the ghosts of departed hours, and perhaps wasted years. To-day the hand of time gives another turn to his dial, which tells us that one more year of privilege and probation has been numbered amid the periods registered in the chronicles of God.

May we who still worship in the beautiful temple of Masonry be brought to live more useful and happier lives, so that should we be called to go down to the grave we shall be able to say, "I have finished my day's work, but not my life," for whether we are here, or there, another day's work will begin with the morning; because the tomb is not a blind alley, but a thoroughfare which closes on the twilight, but opens with the dawn.

In the firmament of our faith, as upon the altars of our lodges, may the Great Light, the Holy Bible, be ever open and shining, and may its precepts be the guide of our faith and the rule of our conduct. May we circumscribe, not in symbol, but in deed and in truth, our unhallowed passions, ever walk by the square of virtue and practice in the world those deep-meaning truths symbolized by the Masonic level. Then with faith in God, it will be ours to gain admission into the Celestial Lodge above, whose pavement is of stars, whose pillars, infinite in their triple glory of wisdom, strength, and beauty, are His throne, whose jewels are resplendent with the brightness of heaven, and whose wages are the everlasting peace and refreshment of the soul. So mote it be!

[Signed]	LEON CASH,	J. T. SHAW,
	D. A. REDFERN,	E. J. STEED,
	S. A. LEWIS,	W. A. BUNCH,
	E. H. JONES,	W. H. EATON,
	W. D. EDWARDS,	W. L. BROWN,
	J. WITHERS,	JONES COOK,
	P. E. ROLLINS,	<i>Committee.</i>

Bro. J. E. Cameron introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Whereas Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, has this day exemplified the Master Mason's Degree before the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in a most efficient and accurate manner: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in regular session, do hereby compliment the splendid work of said Gastonia Lodge and also commend the labors of instruction given Gastonia Lodge by our worthy Assistant Grand Lecturer, J. W. Patton.

JOHN J. PHOENIX,
J. T. ALDERMAN.

Bro. D. A. Pierce, from Committee No. 1, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and Brothers:

We, the Committee No. 1, on Subordinate Lodge Returns, beg to report the following lodges with no seal on report:

Davie, No. 39	Pollocksville, No. 175
Dellaplane, No. 355	Roanoke, No. 273
Blackman, No. 127	McCormick, No. 228
Catawba, No. 217	Catawba, No. 248
White Rock, No. 392	Farmington, No. 265
Hiram, No. 40	

The following leaving balance due on Grand Lodge dues:

Kilwinning, No. 64, due	\$ 10.80
Warren, No. 101, due	.90
Stoneville, No. 197, due	.90
Cherryville, No. 505, due	1.80
Dellaplane, No. 355, due	.90
Davie, No. 39, due	1.80
Fellowship, No. 87, due	2.70
Unanimity, No. 7, due	1.80
Perquimans, No. 106, due	.90
White Rock, No. 392, due	4.50
Cranberry, No. 598, due	1.80
Reported 23 members; should be 44.	

Salem, No. 289, not signed.

Catawba Valley, No. 217, not signed.

Respectfully submitted, January 15, 1912.

D. A. PIERCE,
J. P. FULK,
Committee.

Bro. J. T. Alderman moved that a message of love and brotherly affection be sent to P. G. M. Louis S. Williams.

The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the Grand Secretary was directed to send the message.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., chairman of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, which had been previously audited by the Auditor, and find the following:

Receipts from lodge dues.....	\$ 19,817.30
Receipts from other sources.....	221.65
Mrs. Baird's bequest.....	100.00
Total.....	<u>\$ 20,138.95</u>

For all of which the Grand Treasurer has given his receipt. The Grand Treasurer's report shows the above, together with \$60 annual interest received from the Masonic Temple Construction Company for the loan of the \$1,000, the consolidated items being as follows:

Balance last year.....	\$ 2,934.42
Receipts from all sources.....	20,198.95
Disbursements.....	<u>21,601.75</u>
Balance January 4th.....	\$ 1,531.62

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the continued good management of this building, as shown in the report of the Masonic Temple Committee, in which the Grand Lodge has only invested \$51,500, the cost of which was \$171,000, on which there is a present debt of \$80,500. We note with pleasure that the income from operation, after paying expenses, now amounts to \$8,191.59. This represents a return of 4.8-10 per cent upon the cost of the building. If that be figured upon the \$51,500 invested by the Grand Lodge, it will be seen that it amounts to nearly 16 per cent.

Time has well shown the wisdom of this investment, and its substantial income, a large part of which now goes to interest, shows the wisdom of continuing the present policy of reducing its debt.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the successful management of this noble charity. Its appropriation is now \$5,000, and for that sum the Grand Lodge is assisting in caring for 316 orphan children. This appropriation of \$5,000 amounts to \$15.82 per child. We wish

the finances would permit the increasing of this appropriation, and we trust that at an early date the Grand Lodge may be able to make it larger.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME.

We note that this institution is now ready to open, and the report of the committee recommends that the Grand Lodge appropriate \$2,000. At the 1910 session of the Grand Lodge (pages 77 and 78) the erection of this Home was authorized, the committee reporting as follows:

"After the conference of said committees, the following proposition was agreed upon: That the two bodies shall unite and coöperate in the construction and maintenance of the 'Masonic and Eastern Star Home,' the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to contribute three-fifths and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star two-fifths of the funds necessary to build and maintain said Home; the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to name five and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star to name three of the directors of said Home, with the Grand Master as *ex officio* chairman of said Board of Directors."

The committee now ask for \$2,000, and presuming that the Order of the Eastern Star will, in accordance with their agreement, pay the sum of \$1,333.33, their two-fifths of the sum necessary, in accordance with that report, for the building and maintenance of this institution, we recommend the appropriation.

ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1913.

In 1912 your committee estimated the receipts from lodge dues at \$19,372.50, which was exceeded by nearly \$450. Estimating the number of Masons at 20,977, and allowing for an increase of 5 per cent, we estimate that 90 cents on 22,027 Masons will yield \$20,824.30, and estimating receipts from all other sources at \$400, it makes the estimated income for 1913 as \$21,224.30.

CARD INDEX.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed additional clerk hire in the sum of \$600 to complete the card index and records of his office, until the further order of the Grand Lodge, as stated in his report.

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES.

For 1912, your committee estimated the expenses at \$20,875, while they were actually \$21,601.75. This excess would have been larger had not the income exceeded the estimate made by your committee.

BUDGET FOR 1913.

We recommend the budget as set out on pages 146 and 147 of the 1912 Proceedings, so far as the same includes the expenses of the

communications, the annual salaries, annual appropriations, and the annual expenses, which aggregate \$19,075.

We recommend that the following special appropriation be made in lieu of the special appropriation therein specified:

Masonic Home.....	\$ 2,000.00
Grand Secretary, card index.....	600.00
Estimated mileage, 1914.....	1,200.00
Total.....	\$ 3,800.00
Total estimated budget.....	22,875.00

As the appropriation recommended this year will exceed the income of the Grand Lodge, very little of which will come in until after November 1st, we recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to borrow such sum of money, on the note of the Grand Lodge, not exceeding \$3,000, to meet any pressing appropriation that the Grand Lodge may have to pay before the receipts come in.

We again call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the rule directing that all resolutions carrying appropriations should be reported to this committee. This is necessary when one realizes how close the funds of the Grand Lodge are figured in the matter of their disbursements.

We recommend that the reports of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home be referred to a special committee, as your committee has favorably disposed of the appropriation asked.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
 ANDREW J. HARRIS,
 B. F. HALL,
 JOHN P. McNEILL,
 E. H. MUNSON.

Bro. J. W. Rowell, from Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, beg to report that we have carefully examined the records of Queen City Lodge, U. D., Rocky Mount, and find them correct. We recommend that a charter be granted.

Columbia Lodge, at Columbia, Tyrrell County, has not sent any report or application for charter, but we recommend that they be

continued under dispensation for one more year; also Bladen Lodge, at Elizabethtown, Bladen County, be continued another year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. ROWELL,

J. W. PATTON.

Bro. W. G. Rogers submitted a plan for life membership which was read and referred to Committee on Code Revision:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN, WHICH ALSO FURNISHES ENDOWMENT FOR OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

This provides for the annual payment of dues (\$3) by investment of \$50, which at 6 per cent would perpetually earn \$3 annually.

The Finance Committee could receive and invest such fund, and would pay annually to the secretary \$3 for each member of this fund during his lifetime.

Should he demit, then \$3 would be forwarded to the Secretary of such lodge to keep up his dues for life.

When such member dies, then the Finance Committee will pay the \$3 each year to the Oxford Orphanage, as a memorial of that member's regard for that noble institution.

This plan would prevent many from being dismembered for non-payment of dues, and greatly reduce the number of nonaffiliated Masons—that greatest drawback to the growth and usefulness of our beloved order.

All of us can recall many brother Masons who a few years ago could easily have secured life membership, but are to-day actually unable to keep up their annual dues.

What guarantee have we that misfortune may not likewise overtake us? Would it not be a matter of comfort to us, "when our light is extinguished and our seat is vacant," to know our \$3 will be paid to help provide for some needy little one? Then we shall realize, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-night at 7:45 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1913.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:45 o'clock p. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master W. B. McKoy presiding.

The proceedings of the afternoon sessions were read and approved.

The hour for the special order having arrived, viz., the consideration of the new Code, the revised edition as printed and amended was laid before the Grand Lodge. After some discussion and the introduction of various motions, Brother Laugenour introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, as a substitute for all pending motions, That the proposed Constitution and Regulations, and all matters relating thereto, be recommitted to the Committee on Code Revision to be again reported to the next Grand Lodge, and action be deferred until that time.

The hour for the election of the grand officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz.: C. L. Pridgen, W. W. Willson, J. H. Anderson, and W. C. Wicker. The election resulted as follows:

F. M. WINCHESTER, Grand Master.

J. T. ALDERMAN, Deputy Grand Master.

F. P. HOBGOOD, JR., Senior Grand Warden.

A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Junior Grand Warden.

LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer.

JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary.

Bro. T. A. Green was elected director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Bro. C. M. Vanstory was elected a director of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for the term of five years; Bro. John E. Cameron for term of two years, to succeed

Brother Winchester; Bro. M. C. S. Noble was elected for the term of one year to succeed Bro. M. W. White.

Bro. Leon Cash was appointed a member of the Board of Custodians for the term of three years.

Bro. A. J. Harris submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have 1,500 copies of the new revised edition of the proposed Code printed, and that three copies be sent to each Subordinate Lodge in the State, and that said lodges be directed to consider same as soon as possible, section by section, and report their action thereon on or before the first day of August, 1913, to the chairman of the committee, John C. Drewry, at Raleigh, N. C., and that the committee tabulate the entire returns from the Subordinate Lodges and have same ready to submit as the action of said Subordinate Lodges at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge, with their report on the Code.

Resolved further, That all such sections that shall receive the necessary two-thirds majority of those voting shall be declared adopted, and only such sections as fail to receive the necessary two-thirds majority of those voting shall be considered at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. C. Wicker was recognized, and spoke of the splendid work done during the year by Bro. L. W. Alderman, who traveled over the State in charge of the Singing Class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and a vote of thanks by a rising vote was extended to Brother Alderman.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1913.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master W. B. McKoy presiding.

The proceedings of the evening session of the previous day were read and approved.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made reports as follows:

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

I have the pleasure to report to you that Masonry is flourishing in the Fifth Masonic District as never before. I have visited a number of my lodges, and on account of enforced absence, delegated my brother, Past Master of St. Johns, No. 4, to visit the others.

Very few appeals have been made to me this year, and these were all concerning the ballot, which were settled by reference to the Code.

I have visited a number of other lodges in different parts of the State, and in all of them have pleaded for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. I believe that the Masons of the Fifth District have this home deeply at heart and will support it this year better than ever before.

The majority of my lodges now hold annual picnics or feast days, with public addresses on Masonry, which has proved very profitable to the order in general.

I am glad to report that no friction exists in the Fifth District, but peace and prosperity prevail everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. L. PRIDGEN,
District Deputy Grand Master, Fifth District.

NEW BERN, January 14th.

MR. J. C. DREWRY, *Grand Secretary,*
Raleigh, N. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I fully expected to be present at the Grand Lodge this week, but I find it will be impossible for me to get away this week. Regret that I will not be able to be with you all at this session, as it is going to be such an important one. As the Dis-

trict Deputy, I desire to state that Masonry is doing well in my district, and while I have not been able to visit all the lodges, from what I can hear from them, they appear to be going forward. I have suggested that we have a district meeting, and from those I have spoken to about it, all favor the plan suggested.

Trusting that this may be the best meeting the Grand Lodge has ever had, and with the best of fraternal greetings to all,

I am, yours fraternally,

JOS. F. RHEM.

WILSON, N. C., January 13, 1913.

MR. JOHN C. DREWRY, *Grand Secretary,*
Raleigh, North Carolina.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—As District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, I herewith submit to you a report of such work as I have been able to do for the past Masonic year. I first wish to apologize to the different lodges in the district which I have failed to visit at all; this seeming negligence was occasioned by my inability to make satisfactory arrangements with my employer to leave my business, and also to arrange (upon short notice) satisfactory dates with the different lodges at times when I could get off; and for this reason I tendered my resignation just a year ago, which was not accepted, however. I wish to say that I have visited quite a number in person, and mailed the reports to you promptly, and have been in touch with a majority of the others, and am exceedingly proud to state that I find Masonry still progressing, and a decided increase in membership; each and every lodge visited shows a marked improvement over a year ago. This (in my opinion) is due to the fact that quite a number of the lodges are securing the services of a lecturer, thereby becoming more familiar with the phraseology of the different catechisms and lectures; and I desire to state right here that I have tried to make it a point at each and every lodge visited to get the members interested and enthused in the work, as my experience has been “that the more we learn, the more we want to learn.” I regret to say that while there are quite a number of members who attend their lodge promptly, yet it is merely to pass away the time or to see some other brother confer a degree—never for one time realizing the importance of his or their assistance in conferring the degree, but just sits, waits, and watches, apparently unconcerned in the matter as far as his help is concerned, and, as above stated, never becomes enthused over the work enough to learn when a brother makes a mistake in teaching a catechism, delivering a lecture, or even administering an O-; and I dare say

that as large proportion as fifty per cent (50%) of the Masons in the State can't repeat the obligation without a *very* serious mistake. Now, I don't mean this as a reflection on any member or lodge (for I dearly love Masonry, and would be delighted to shake hands with every brother in this Grand Jurisdiction), but simply to convey to you some idea of the interest some members take in this great work, and not in the cause; for I don't hesitate to say that I conscientiously believe that practically every Mason in North Carolina would do anything in his or their power to uphold the cause of the order, morally, financially, and otherwise; but refer to the work in particular, as you may notice at every lodge (with the possible exception of a few) that about three to five members have practically all the degree work to do, while the others will sit and look on; and in a majority of the cases after the work is finished you might ask them some question concerning the work just completed, and they would very likely give as corrupt an answer as the candidate who had just taken the degree would. Now, I say this for the benefit of our younger members, and not for the old gray-haired brother who has striven in years gone by to uplift and bring us to what we are. Since I was made a Mason, it has always been the height of my ambition to learn as much (while I regret to say I am far from it) about the work as any one else knew, so whenever in a strange lodge or elsewhere, if called upon to assist in any part of the work whatsoever, I might be able to do it without the slightest fear of embarrassment.

I desire to make special mention of one meeting I attended the past year. In April, I think, several of the brethren here, together with myself, were especially invited to a meeting of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, at Stantonsburg, at which communication we were welcomed with the presence of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, William B. McKoy. At this meeting we put on the third degree, which was done very well; closed the lodge, and in a very short while the brethren there had prepared for us one of the most delicious dinners any one most ever saw, consisting of barbecue and many other good eatables too numerous to mention. After eating dinner, we had nothing further on the program while awaiting the arrival of the train, and desiring to pass away the time in a manner that could best be enjoyed by all, we at once proceeded to confer the "Faith and Alliance" degree on our exalted brother, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and I believe that I can conscientiously vouch for the fact that every brother was well paid for his time, as when we were about one-half the way through he "balked," and would not pull; but we insisted, and, by putting the spurs to him, he made a

very desperate but unfortunate effort, as he pulled too hard and went over the "dead-line." However, he was quickly remounted, and with careful and conservative teasing we succeeded in getting him through after a very hard-fought battle. But I sincerely hope that the effects of his new degree will not debar his attendance at this Grand Lodge.

No doubt, the lodges I failed to visit the past year feel that I have done them an injustice; but I am free to confess that I might in all probability have visited a few more; yet I saw about all that I could consistent with other duties requiring my attention, and want to apologize for any unavoidable act or oversight.

My expenses for the year have been \$16.65.

Wishing you a successful meeting of this Grand Lodge and a prosperous New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

O. A. GLOVER,

D. D. G. M., Seventh Masonic District.

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of North Carolina:

I beg to submit my report to you of the condition of our order in the Fifteenth Masonic District of North Carolina, which district is composed of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64; Carolina Lodge, No. 141; Monroe Lodge, No. 244; Beaverdam Lodge, No. 276; Laurinburg Lodge, No. 305; Bethel Lodge, No. 372; Rockingham Lodge, No. 495; Roberdel Lodge, No. 507; Scotland Lodge, No. 514; Hamlet Lodge, No. 532; Waxhaw Lodge, No. 562; and St. Timothy Lodge, No. 576, as follows, to wit:

There is in the district the usual Masonic enthusiasm and desire to keep strictly within the scope of the authorized work.

Harmony and the spirit of brotherly love prevail throughout the district. The membership stand ready at all times to uphold the arm of the Grand Master, and would challenge the slightest attempt to invade his prerogative or to underrate the importance of his high office.

Every lodge in my district stands vigil over the good name of every member on its roster, and to those in distress there are none more ready to respond liberally in a substantial way.

I have, in the past year, attended one Masonic trial in my district, which was for a minor offense charged, and I was very much impressed with the absolute determination on the part of the members of the lodge to preserve absolute secrecy of all that transpired within their sanctum sanctorum. (The charge was revealing a ballot.)

If the other lodges of the State have a membership as true to the tenets of the order, as ready to exemplify the teachings of Masonry, as the membership of the lodges of the Fifteenth District are, then I am sure that Masonry is neither retrograding nor standing still, but tending upward and onward, leading man to a higher, better, and nobler existence.

I am glad, therefore, to report no dissensions, but harmony; no wrangles, but peace.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. LEMMOND,

D. D. G. M.

BESSEMER CITY, N. C., January 13, 1913.

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

In submitting my report for the past year, concerning the welfare of the Fraternity in the Twenty-third District, I beg to say:

That I have made twelve official visits to lodges of the district, and am sure that there is a strong and steady growth in the knowledge and practice of the principles of the science of Masonry among the members of the craft.

A district meeting was held at Shelby, N. C., which was well attended and productive of good results to the several lodges.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1912, Bro. David P. Dellinger, who had theretofore been expelled by Fairview Lodge, No. 339, was restored to the rights of a dimitted Mason upon the condition that he refund certain money, through me, to the sources whence it came.

Brother Dellinger accordingly paid over to me the sum of \$35, but was unable to inform me as to the donors thereof.

I have written to 250 lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction letters of inquiry, and thus far I am in receipt of information of donations made to Brother Dellinger, amounting to \$14.50.

The expense of making these inquiries has been \$7.50, leaving a balance of the fund received from Brother Dellinger the sum of \$13 now in hand.

I herewith hand such sum to the Grand Secretary for further disposition.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. E. WHITNEY,

D. D. G. M., *Twenty-third District.*

CRUMPLER, January 6, 1913.

To the Hon. WILLIAM B. MCKOY,

*Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M.,
of North Carolina.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have visited twelve out of twenty-three lodges in my district in my capacity as lecturer. I have spent thirteen and two-thirds weeks in the bounds of my district, thus affording me unusual facilities in studying the condition and needs which confront the brethren. Nearly all of the lodges in my district are in harmony with the authorized work of the Grand Lodge. Some of the lodges feel that they are not financially able to employ a lecturer. I do not believe any lodge has ever lost anything, even in a financial way, by money spent in employing a lecturer, for perfect work always means more interest in Masonry, and a rapid growth to the lodge.

I have visited twenty lodges in the different parts of the State as lecturer; four new lodges. I find that the interest in Masonry is growing as the brethren are educated in the authorized work.

Laurel Branch Lodge, U. D., at Laurel Branch, is doing excellent work. They received their dispensation in July; they have made six Master Masons up to January 1st. I spent one week with them. Most of their officers are young men and the outlook for a prosperous lodge is good.

Now, in conclusion, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I again return my sincere thanks to you for the confidence reposed in me.

With best wishes for a successful meeting of this Grand Lodge, and kindest regards for you personally and officially, I am,

Fraternally yours.

R. F. EDWARDS,

Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Master of Twenty-fifth District.

TAYLORSVILLE, January 9, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I beg to submit herewith my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth District of North Carolina.

I regret to say that I have not been able, on account of business and sickness in my family, to visit personally all the lodges in my district, as I had hoped to do. From information received, however, I am pleased to say that the lodges in my district are in a healthy and prosperous condition. New members from good material are being added, and we have every reason to believe that the cause of Masonry is advancing, with steady and consistent growth. The work in some of the lodges is not as well done as it should be, and

I regret that all of the lodges have not had some of the Grand Lecturers with them and learned the work more perfectly. I am proud to say that the interest shown indicates that an improvement along this line is near at hand.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. GWALTNEY, D. D. G. M.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have the honor to report that the lodges of the Thirtieth Masonic District are in good, not to say flourishing, condition. The members attend the regular meetings better in country lodges than they do in the towns.

It is unfortunate that the degrees are not conferred more in conformity to the work as prescribed, but the teaching is correct and the ancient customs and usages of Masonry are observed with commendable care.

Fraternally,

MARSHALL W. BELL,
D. D. G. M.

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

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submit the following:

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

Laurel Branch Lodge at Laurel Branch in Alleghany County.

Minneapolis Lodge at Minneapolis in Avery County.

We recommend that charters be granted.

We also recommend that Oval Lodge at Oval, in Ashe County, be continued under dispensation, owing to the fact that they did not send in dispensation and petition for a charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. EDWARDS,
A. L. PARKER,
W. C. WICKER.

The matter of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was then taken up, and Bro. Marshall Haywood introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted (passed unanimously):

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do not concur in the historical conclusions set forth in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, concerning the relative powers of Joseph Montfort and other Provincial Grand Masters prior to the War of the Revolution;

And be it further Resolved, That with all the evidence before this body, including the original commission of Montfort and copies of other commissions, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is convinced that the unlimited jurisdiction granted to Montfort, by his said commission, was due to no oversight, omission, accident, or clerical error; and that therefore he held *and exercised* primacy over other Provincial Grand Masters whose territorial jurisdiction was limited by their commissions—an instance of such exercise being the issuance of a charter to a lodge in Virginia while Peyton Randolph was Provincial Grand Master in that territory, and which charter was recognized as valid by the Masons of Virginia both before and after the Revolution.

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

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

1st. Doric Lodge, No. 568, tried and expelled W. J. Smith, who appeals.

We recommend that the case be returned to Doric Lodge, No. 568, for a new trial.

2d. Glenville Lodge, No. 551, tried and indefinitely suspended C. G. Coggins, who appeals.

We recommend that the sentence be not sustained and that District Deputy Grand Master be directed to visit said lodge and endeavor to restore harmony among the brethren.

3d. Pigeon River Lodge, No. 386, complains that Clyde Lodge, No. 453, does not pay expense incurred for their sick member.

We recommend that District Deputy Grand Master be directed to visit Clyde Lodge, No. 453, and that they be required to show cause why said expenses are not paid.

4th. Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, tried and indefinitely suspended C. W. Knight, who appeals.

We recommend that the sentence be sustained, and that District Deputy Grand Master for that district be directed to visit said lodge and endeavor to restore harmony among the brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McLAURIN,

C. R. BROWN,

F. W. WITNER,

D. L. FLOWERS,

BARNES DANIEL,

J. A. EASON,

Committee.

Bro. E. H. Wood, from Committee No. 2, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

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

We, your Committee No. 2, on Returns from Local Lodges, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the returns of 133 lodges and find the following 33 lodges report no Orphan Asylum Committee:

Sanford, 469	Mooresboro, 438
Grapevine, 457	Cape Fear, 394
Clyde, 453	Life Boat, 376
Ashler, 451	Seaboard, 378
Marble Springs, 439	Forest City, 381
Clingman, 440	Shawnee, 382
Pleasant Mountain, 441	Ridgeville, 384
Palenta, 450	Hickory, 343
Blue Ridge, 435	Fallston, 356
Star, 437	East Laport, 358
Greenwood, 419	Snow, 363
Harmon, 420	Craighead, 366
Seaside, 429	Evergreen, 303
Rocky Ford, 430	Randolph, 309
Kings Creek, 432	Notla, 312
Louisburg, 413	King Solomon, 313
Farmer, 404	

The following 4 lodges submitted reports without seals attached :

University, 408
Elk, 373

Numa F. Reid, 344
Bakersville, 357

Big Lick, 476, seems to have overpaid \$9, reporting 74 members in summary, but listing only 64 members.

Greenwood, No. 419, reports 34 members, paying per capita on same, but lists only 29 members.

It afforded us great pleasure to examine the splendid report of Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, and note what magnificent progress this lodge is making.

We are also pleased to note many other lodges are making good progress.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. WOOD,

J. D. WICKER,

J. W. BEAN,

Committee No. 2.

Bro. Leon Cash, from the Board of Custodians, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

RALEIGH, N. C., January 15, 1913.

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

The Board of Custodians and Board of Grand Lecturers met in joint session at Asheville, June 13 and 14, 1912, with the following members present: J. E. Cameron and S. N. Boyce, Custodians, and R. F. Edwards, J. W. Rowell, A. L. Parker, J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, and W. W. Holland Assistant Grand Lecturers.

We were delighted to have with us at this meeting the M. W. Grand Master and appreciated the benefit of his presence and counsel.

The January session, as usual, was held in Raleigh, just previous to the annual session of the Grand Lodge, all members of both boards being present except Bro. S. N. Boyce, Custodian.

We believe many Masons attend the session of this Grand Lodge to see the work exemplified, and we consider ourselves fortunate in having had the degree work done at this session by a specially drilled team from Gastonia Lodge, No. 369. We take pleasure in commending their work and assuring the craft it is the uniform work of the Grand Lodge.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge (see proceedings of 1912, page 153) the matter of the manual prepared by A. G. L. J. W. Rowell was referred to the Board of Custodians for recommendation in regard to its approval by this body.

We respectfully offer as our report upon this matter the following from page 102, proceedings of 1912, being our former report on this same matter :

Brother J. W. Rowell, A. G. L., laid before the Board of Custodians the manuscript of a new manual and requested the approval of the board, as a preparatory step to presenting same at a later date to the Grand Lodge for approval and securing its consent to publish. After thoroughly considering the proposition, the board unanimously voted to withhold its approval, since "The North Carolina Lodge Manual" is in thorough uniformity with the esoteric work, and because the board believed the publication of two manuals would entail needless expense upon the craft and cause confusion in conferring the degrees, as well as interfering with the uniformity of the work as now adopted.

All the Lecturers have done satisfactory work during the year, nearly 100 weeks work being done and 65 lodges being lectured. We are glad to know the services of the Lecturers are in greater demand each year.

We desire to return our thanks to the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and numerous other officers and brethren who have extended us courtesies, and to assure them of our hearty appreciation of their timely assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON CASH, *Secretary.*

J. E. CAMERON, *Chairman.*

Bro. C. E. Whitney introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Master within the next three months appoint some Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to exemplify the work in the second degree of Masonry at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that the transportation expense of the team doing such work be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Henry A. Grady, from Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address dealing with questions of Masonic law, beg to report :

1. We are glad to know that it has not been necessary for the Grand Master to pass upon any new question of Masonic jurisprudence, and the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon the fact that our Code and Digest are amply sufficient to meet all the requirements of progressive Masonry.

2. We commend the action of the Grand Master in referring all legal questions to the proper sections of the Code and Digest; and we trust that his action in this respect will cause the brethren to become more familiar with Masonic law, and to depend less upon legal decisions from the Grand Master.

HENRY A. GRADY,
Chairman pro tem.

Brother Frizzelle introduced the following resolution, which was read and on motion was laid on the table:

Resolved, That there be embodied in the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, session 1913, a complete list of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, giving names of officers and individual members of each lodge, as formerly done in our printed proceedings.

Bro. Pat King was recognized and made an eloquent and heartfelt talk on the beauties of Masonry and the glorious opportunities it affords us for helping ourselves spiritually and benefiting our fellow-man.

Bro. B. S. Royster spoke of the interesting communication of William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, Monday, January 13, 1913, and moved that Bro. F. D. Winston, Bro. Robert Bradley, and Bro. John Nichols be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary a copy of their remarks on this occasion, and that these speeches, full of interesting historical facts connected with this Grand Lodge, together with a picture of our venerable and much beloved Bro. Robert H. Bradley, be printed as an appendix in the Grand Lodge proceedings.

P. G. M. John Cotten and P. G. M. W. B. McKoy were again elected Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Bro. C. L. Pridgen called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the matter of preserving old charters by having photo-

graph copies made and substituted in the lodge-room for the originals, the originals to be placed in a fire-proof vault for safety. On motion, this matter was referred to the Committee on Code Revision, to prepare a by-law on the subject and incorporate it in the new edition of the proposed Code to be submitted to the lodges for their approval.

The Committee on Installation, through Bro. George S. Norfleet, made its report, and stated that it had secured the services of Past Grand Master B. S. Royster to install officers.

The Grand Master announced the installing officers as follows: Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, assisted by Past Grand Master Samuel H. Smith as Grand Marshal.

The officers were then installed by Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, assisted by Past Grand Master Samuel H. Smith as Grand Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

F. M. WINCHESTER, Grand Master.
J. T. ALDERMAN, Deputy Grand Master.
F. P. HOBGOOD, JR., Senior Grand Warden.
A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Junior Grand Warden.
LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer.
JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

-----, Grand Chaplain.
R. F. EDWARDS, Grand Lecturer.
C. L. PRIDGEN, Senior Grand Deacon.
GEORGE S. NORFLEET, Junior Grand Deacon.
HENRY A. GRADY, Grand Marshal.
J. C. BRASWELL, Grand Sword Bearer.
WILLIAM ANDERSON, Grand Pursuivant.
R. C. CANTWELL, Grand Steward.
W. G. ROGERS, Grand Steward.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.
R. T. GOWAN, Grand Auditor.
MARSHALL DEL. HAYWOOD, Grand Historian.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., was then recognized, and in fitting and appropriate terms presented to our retiring Grand Master, W. B. McKoy, a Past Grand Master's jewel in the name of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as a token of the love and esteem in which he is held by the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother McKoy feelingly and tenderly accepted, in language full of emotion and deep feeling, expressing his heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Standing committees for the following year were announced as follows:

Jurisprudence.—Walter Clark, D. C. Barnes, Henry A. Grady, Walter E. Moore, B. S. Royster, W. S. Liddell, John W. Cotten, M. Bolton, W. P. Clement, H. M. Poteat.

Propositions and Grievances:

No. 1.—W. H. McLaurin, C. R. Brown, F. M. Whitner, Barnes Daniel.

No. 2.—C. F. Nunberger, J. D. R. Allen, W. M. Wortman, E. J. Britt.

Appeals.—B. S. Skinner, J. Bailey Owen, J. W. Grimes, J. E. Wilson.

Foreign Correspondence.—John A. Collins, W. L. London, W. H. Wolfe.

Accounts and Claims.—A. B. Andrews, Jr., A. J. Harris, J. P. McNeill, B. F. Hall, E. H. Munson.

Credentials.—W. W. Willson, A. S. Holden, Horace R. Dowell.

Orphan Asylum.—George S. Norfleet, R. J. Noble, V. A. J. Glover, H. E. Thompson, J. M. Caveniss, L. M. Cook, O. W. Speneer, D. S. Gurley, Claud Stephenson, S. O. Garrison.

Masonic Temple.—Francis M. Winehester, Samuel M. Gattis, Francis D. Winston, Walter S. Liddell, Samuel H. Smith, John W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, B. S. Royster, Julian S. Carr, A. J. Harris, J. D. Elliott, John S. Cunningham, A. B. Andrews, Jr., John C. Drewry.

Special Committee on Charity.—W. P. Little, D. F. Betts, J. W. Coffey.

Committee on Code Revisal.—John C. Drewry, John T. Alderman, A. B. Andrews, Jr.

Bro. Robert H. Bradley was reappointed Grand Librarian.

Bro. W. B. Love, of Monroe, was appointed Grand Orator for the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its business, the proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

F. M. WINCHESTER,
Grand Master.

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
St. John's.....	1	Wilmington.....	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart.....	2	Halifax.....	Halifax.
St. John's.....	3	New Bern.....	Craven.
St. John's.....	4	Kinston.....	Lenoir.
Charity.....	5	Windsor.....	Bertie.
Unanimity.....	7	Edenton.....	Chowan.
Phoenix.....	8	Fayetteville.....	Cumberland.
Johnston-Caswell.....	10	Warrenton.....	Warren.
American George.....	17	Murfreesboro.....	Hertford.
Phalanx.....	31	Charlotte.....	Mecklenburg.
Stokes.....	32	Concord.....	Cabarrus.
Davie.....	39	Kelford.....	Bertie.
Hiram.....	40	Raleigh.....	Wake.
Liberty.....	45	Wilkesboro.....	Wilkes.
Hall.....	53	Indian Town.....	Currituck.
King Solomon.....	56	Jackson.....	Northampton.
Concord.....	58	Tarboro.....	Edgecombe.
Perseverance.....	59	Plymouth.....	Washington.
Kilwinning.....	64	Wadesboro.....	Anson.
Eagle.....	71	Hillsboro.....	Orange.
Golden Fleece.....	74	Milton.....	Caswell.
Widow's Son.....	75	Camden Courthouse.....	Camden.
Greensboro.....	76	Greensboro.....	Guilford.
Sharon.....	78	Greenville.....	Pitt.
Zion.....	81	Trenton.....	Jones.
LaFayette.....	83	Jacksonville.....	Onslow.
Fellowship.....	84	Smithfield.....	Johnston.
Morning Star.....	85	Nashville.....	Nash.
Skewarkey.....	90	Williamston.....	Martin.
Western Star.....	91	Rutherfordton.....	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren.....	92	Moyton.....	Wilson.
Jerusalem.....	95	Hookerton.....	Greene.
Neuse.....	97	Millbrook.....	Wake.
Hiram.....	98	Clinton.....	Sampson.
Fulton.....	99	Salisbury.....	Rowan.
Warren.....	101	Kenansville.....	Duplin.
Columbus.....	102	Pittsboro.....	Chatham.
Orr.....	104	Washington.....	Beaufort.
Perquimans.....	106	Hertford.....	Perquimans.
Belmont.....	108	Faison.....	Duplin.
Franklin.....	109	Beaufort.....	Carteret.
Wayne.....	112	Goldsboro.....	Wayne.
Person.....	113	Roxboro.....	Person.
St. Albans.....	114	Lumberton.....	Robeson.
Holly Springs.....	115	Holly Springs.....	Wake.
Mount Lebanon.....	117	Wilson.....	Wilson.
Mount Hermon.....	118	Asheville.....	Buncombe.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Franklinton	123	Franklinton	Franklin.
Mill Creek	125	Newton Grove	Sampson.
Gatesville	126	Gatesville	Gates.
Blackmer	127	Mount Gilead	Montgomery.
Hanks	128	Franklinville	Randolph.
Dan River	129	Madison	Rockingham.
Radiance	132	Snow Hill	Greene.
Mocksville	134	Mocksville	Davie.
Leaksville	136	Spray	Rockingham.
Lineoln	137	Lineolnton	Lincoln.
King Solomon	138	Burgaw	Pender.
Carolina	141	Ansonville	Anson.
Mount Vernon	143	Ore Hill	Chatham.
Junaluska	145	Franklin	Macon.
Cherokee	146	Murphy	Cherokee.
Palmyra	147	Dunn	Harnett.
Adoniram	149	Adoniram	Granville.
Chalmers	151	Tempting	Moore.
Scotch-Ireland	154	Cleveland	Rutherford.
White Stone	155	Wakefield	Wake.
Rolesville	156	Rolesville	Wake.
Mount Pleasant	157	Rogers' Store	Wake.
Knap of Reeds	158	Knap of Reeds	Granville.
Yadkin	162	Yadkinville	Yadkin.
Deep River	164	Coleridge	Randolph.
Archer	165	Areher Lodge	Johnston.
Winston	167	Winston	Forsyth.
Blackmer	170	Weaverville	Buncombe.
Colerain	171	Colerain	Bertie.
Buffalo	172	Jonesboro	Moore.
George Washington	174	Elm Grove	Chatham.
Polloeksville	175	Polloeksville	Jones.
Siloam	178	Harrell's Store	Sampson.
Carthage	181	Carthage	Moore.
Sandy Creek	185	Ingleside	Franklin.
Pine Forest	186	Leaflet	Harnett.
Central Cross	187	Spring Hope	Nash.
Balfour	188	Asheboro	Randolph.
Fair Bluff	190	Fair Bluff	Columbus.
Granite	191	Clayton	Johnston.
Burnsville	192	Burnsville	Yancey.
Mount Olivet	195	Ercet	Randolph.
Stoneville	197	Stoneville	Rockingham.
Cary	198	Cary	Wake.
Cleveland	202	Shelby	Cleveland.
Roanoke	203	Weldon	Halifax.
Berea	204	Berea	Granville.
Long Creek	205	Huntersville, R.F.D. 20	Mecklenburg.
Mingo	206	Bass	Sampson.
Lebanon	207	Whiteville	Columbus.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Mount Olive	208	Mount Olive	Wayne.
Randleman	209	Randleman	Randolph.
Eno	210	Durham	Durham.
Thomasville	214	Thomasville	Davidson.
Catawba Valley	217	Morganton	Burke.
William G. Hill	218	Raleigh	Wake.
Jefferson	219	Jefferson	Ashe.
County Line	224	Charles	Iredell.
Wilson	226	Olin	Iredell.
Jonesville	227	Jonesville	Yadkin.
McCormick	228	Mohawk	Harnett.
Henderson	229	Henderson	Vance.
Corinthian	230	Rocky Mount	Nash.
William T. Bain	231	Garner, R. F. D. 1	Wake.
Lenoir	233	LaGrange	Lenoir.
Mystic Tie	237	Marion	McDowell.
Atlantic	238	Moyock	Currituck.
Wiccacon	240	Harrellsville	Hertford.
Rountree	243	Grifton (Pitt)	Lenoir.
Monroe	244	Monroe	Union.
Catawba	248	Newton	Catawba.
Pythagoras	249	Southport	Brunswick.
Shiloh	250	Stovall	Granville.
Rockford	251	Rockford	Surry.
Lily Valley	252	Sunbury	Gates.
Lee	253	Taylorsville	Alexander.
Oaks	255	Oaks	Orange.
Kenly	257	Kenly	Johnston.
Harnett	258	Bradley's Store	Harnett.
Waynesville	259	Waynesville	Haywood.
Excelsior	261	Charlotte	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten	262	Lenoir	Caldwell.
Gaston	263	Dallas	Gaston.
Farmington	265	Farmington	Davie.
Durbin	266	Stedman	Sampson.
Dunns Rock	267	Brevard	Transylvania.
Unaka	268	Webster	Jackson.
Tobasco	271	Gibsonville	Guilford.
Bingham	272	Mebane	Alamance.
Watauga	273	Boone	Watauga.
Beaver Dam	276	Marshville	Union.
Green Level	277	Apex, R. F. D. 1	Wake.
Rehoboth	279	Rose Hill	Duplin.
Wake Forest	282	Wake Forest	Wake.
Eureka	283	China Grove	Rowan.
Greenville	284	Greenville	Pitt.
Flat Creek	285	Prosperity	Chatham.
Cedar Rock	286	Louisburg, R. F. D. 4	Franklin.
Salem	289	Winston-Salem	Forsyth.
French Broad	292	Marshall	Madison.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Vance	293	Weaverville, R. F. D.	Buncombe.
Atlantic	294	Swan Quarter	Hyde.
Stonewall	296	Robersonville	Martin.
Toisnot	298	Elm City	Wilson.
Hunting Creek	299	Gwyn	Iredell.
Pamlico	300	Aurora	Beaufort.
Clay	301	Hayesville	Clay.
Lillington	302	Lillington	Harnett.
Evergreen	303	Spout Spring	Harnett.
Pleasant Hill	304	Pink Hill	Lenoir.
Laurinburg	305	Laurinburg	Scotland.
Galatia	306	Racford	Cumberland.
Patterson	307	Mount Pleasant	Cabarrus.
Randolph	309	Troy	Montgomery.
Hatcher	310	Glover, R. F. D. 1	Wilson.
Notla	312	Culberson	Cherokee.
King Solomon	313	Lumber Bridge	Robeson.
New Lebanon	314	South Mills	Camden.
Eureka	317	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank.
Wilmington	319	Wilmington	New Hanover.
Selma	320	Selma	Johnston.
White Hill	321	Sanford, R. F. D. 1	Moore.
Granite	322	Mount Airy	Surry.
Falling Creek	325	Grantham	Wayne.
Winton	327	Winton	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet	328	Middleton	Hyde.
Black Creek	330	Black Creek	Wilson.
Bayboro	331	Bayboro	Pamlico.
Rowland	335	Rowland	Robeson.
Ionic	337	Kittrell	Vance.
Fairview	339	Kings Mountain	Cleveland.
Harmony	340	Pikeville	Wayne.
Rock Spring	341	Denver	Lincoln.
Hickory	343	Hickory	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid	344	High Point	Guilford.
Stanly	348	Albemarle	Stanly.
Durham	352	Durham	Durham.
Moravian	353	Moravian Falls	Wilkes.
Dellaplane	355	Dellaplane	Wilkes.
Fallston	356	Fallston	Cleveland.
Bakersville	357	Bakersville	Mitchell.
East Laport	358	East Laport	Jackson.
Mount Vernon	359	Merritt	Pamlico.
Snow	363	Sugar Grove	Watauga.
Craighead	366	Huntersville	Mecklenburg.
Gastonia	369	Gastonia	Gaston.
Mars Hill	370	Mars Hill	Madison.
Bethel	372	Morven	Anson.
Elk	373	Todd	Watauga.
Campbell	374	Troutman	Iredell.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
State Line	375	Grover	Cleveland.
Life Boat	376	Merry Oaks	Chatham.
Youngsville	377	Youngsville	Franklin.
Seaboard	378	Seaboard	Northampton.
Coharie	379	Salemburg	Sampson.
Granville	380	Youngsville, R.F.D. 2	Granville.
Forest City	381	Forest City	Rutherford.
Shawnee	382	Long Island	Catawba.
Reidsville	384	Reidsville	Rockingham.
Scottsville	385	Olney	Ashe.
Pigeon River	386	Canton	Haywood.
Kedron	387	Hendersonville	Henderson.
Mooresboro	388	Mooresboro	Cleveland.
Temperance	389	Vanceboro	Pitt.
Copeland	390	Copeland	Surry.
Lebanon	391	Hope Mills	Cumberland.
White Rock	392	White Rock	Madison.
Tally Ho	393	Stem	Granville.
Cape Fear	394	Little River Academy	Cumberland.
Orient	395	Wilmington	New Hanover.
Oxford	396	Oxford	Granville.
Bald Creek	397	Swiss	Yancey.
Center	398	Jupiter	Buncombe.
Conoho	399	Hamilton	Martin.
Joppa	401	Old Fort	McDowell.
Dobson	402	Dobson	Surry.
Siler City	403	Siler City	Chatham.
Farmer	404	Denton	Davidson.
Ocean	405	Morehead City	Carteret.
Ivy	406	Ivy	Madison.
Liberty Grove	407	North Wilkesboro	Wilkes.
University	408	Chapel Hill	Orange.
Bula	409	Burlington	Alamance.
Rockville	411	Stanhope	Nash.
Henry F. Grainger	412	Dabney	Vance.
Louisburg	413	Louisburg	Franklin.
New Hope	415	Purlear	Wilkes.
Bellview	416	Cobbs	Cherokee.
Maxton	417	Maxton	Robeson.
Potecasi	418	Potecasi	Northampton.
Greenwood	419	Godwin	Cumberland.
Harmon	420	Courtney	Yadkin.
Boonville	421	Boonville	Yadkin.
Sparta	423	Sparta	Alleghany.
Baltimore	424	Tracadia	Yadkin.
Eastern Star	425	Green Mountain	Yancey.
Montgomery	426	Ranger	Cherokee.
Oconee	427	Bryson City	Swain.
Stokesdale	428	Stokesdale	Guilford.
Seaside	429	Swansboro	Onslow.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Rockyford.....	430	Kapps Mills.....	Surry.
Relief.....	431	Benson.....	Johnston.
Kings Creek.....	432	Topia.....	Alleghany.
Vanceboro.....	433	Vanceboro.....	Craven.
West Bend.....	434	Williams.....	Yadkin.
Blue Ridge.....	435	Highlands.....	Macon.
Star.....	437	Star.....	Montgomery.
Marble Spring.....	439	Marble.....	Cherokee.
Clingman.....	440	Clingman.....	Wilkes.
Pleasant Mount.....	441	Abshers.....	Wilkes.
Roper.....	443	Roper.....	Washington.
Marietta.....	444	Ramseur.....	Randolph.
Biltmore.....	446	Biltmore.....	Buncombe.
Enfield.....	447	Enfield.....	Halifax.
Lone Oak.....	449	Robinsville.....	Graham.
Polento.....	450	Garner, R. F. D. 1.....	Johnston.
Ashlar.....	451	Stony Ford.....	Watauga.
Grifton.....	452	Grifton.....	Pitt.
Clyde.....	453	Clyde.....	Haywood.
Elkin.....	454	Elkin.....	Surry.
Pineville.....	455	Pineville.....	Mecklenburg.
Rusk.....	456	Rusk.....	Surry.
Grapevine.....	457	Grapevine.....	Madison.
Blowing Rock.....	458	Blowing Rock.....	Watauga.
Dillsboro.....	459	Dillsboro.....	Jackson.
Henrietta.....	460	Henrietta.....	Rutherford.
Matthews.....	461	Matthews.....	Mecklenburg.
South Fork.....	462	McAdensville.....	Gaston.
Currituck.....	463	Coinjock.....	Currituck.
Boiling Springs.....	464	Boiling Springs.....	Cleveland.
Gulf.....	465	Gulf.....	Chatham.
King Hiram.....	466	Edonia.....	Cumberland.
Healing Springs.....	467	Crumpler.....	Ashe.
Sanford.....	469	Sanford.....	Moore.
Scotland Neck.....	470	Scotland Neck.....	Halifax.
Grassy Knob.....	471	Osbornville.....	Iredell.
Sonoma.....	472	Sonoma.....	Haywood.
Lexington.....	473	Lexington.....	Davidson.
St. Paul's.....	474	St. Paul's.....	Robeson.
Grimesland.....	475	Grimesland.....	Pitt.
Big Lick.....	476	Big Lick.....	Stanly.
Eagle Springs.....	477	Eagle Springs.....	Moore.
Four Oaks.....	478	Four Oaks.....	Johnston.
Rainbow.....	479	Arapahoe.....	Pamlico.
Mill Creek.....	480	Benson, R. F. D. 2.....	Johnston.
Spring Hope.....	481	Spring Hope.....	Nash.
Saluda.....	482	Saluda.....	Polk.
Trap Hill.....	483	Trap Hill.....	Wilkes.
Southern Pines.....	484	Southern Pines.....	Moore.
Brasstown.....	485	Brasstown.....	Clay.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Lawndale	486	Lawndale	Cleveland.
Statesville	487	Statesville	Iredell.
Rich Square	488	Rich Square	Northampton.
Linville	489	Montezuma	Mitchell.
Bugaboo	490	Dimmette	Wilkes.
Hominy	491	Chandler	Buncombe.
Thomas M. Holt	492	Graham	Alamance.
Pilot	493	Pilot Mountain	Surry.
John A. Graves	494	Yanceyville	Caswell.
Rockingham	495	Rockingham	Richmond.
Mooreville	496	Mooreville	Iredell.
Royal Hart	497	Littleton	Halifax.
Ayden	498	Ayden	Pitt.
Creedmoor	499	Creedmoor	Granville.
Raleigh	500	Raleigh	Wake.
Red Springs	501	Red Springs	Robeson.
Cookville	502	Henry	Catawba.
Buies Creek	503	Buies Creek	Harnett.
Luke McGlaughan	504	Ahoskie	Hertford.
Cherryville	505	Cherryville	Gaston.
Unaka	506	Unaka	Cherokee.
Roberdel	507	Roberdel	Richmond.
Lattimore	508	Lattimore	Cleveland.
Belhaven	509	Belhaven	Beaufort.
Caroleen	510	Caroleen	Rutherford.
Barnardsville	511	Barnardsville	Buncombe.
Lone Hickory	512	Footville	Yadkin.
Sylva	513	Sylva	Jackson.
Scotland	514	Gibson	Scotland.
Whetstone	515	Bessemer City	Gaston.
Aulander	516	Aulander	Bertie.
Farmville	517	Farmville	Pitt.
Shoal Creek	518	Postell	Cherokee.
Widow's Son	519	Roanoke Rapids	Halifax.
Fairfield	520	Fairfield	Hyde.
Wanchese	521	Wanchese	Dare.
Warsaw	522	Warsaw	Duplin.
Winterville	523	Winterville	Pitt.
Pendleton	524	Pendleton	Northampton.
Rodgers	525	Middlesex	Nash.
Lucama	527	Lucama	Wilson.
Ashpole	528	Fairmont	Robeson.
Andrews	529	Andrews	Cherokee.
Joppa	530	Dilworth-Charlotte	Mecklenburg.
Ellenboro	531	Ellenboro	Cleveland.
Hamlet	532	Hamlet	Richmond.
Ottolay	533	Fairview	Buncombe.
Camp Call	534	Camp Call	Cleveland.
Hollis	535	Hollis	Rutherford.
Boardman	536	Boardman	Columbus.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Sharon.....	537	Sharon.....	Cleveland.
Williams.....	538	Cornelius.....	Mecklenburg.
Caswell.....	539	Tony.....	Caswell.
State Road.....	540	State Road.....	Surry.
Parkton.....	541	Parkton.....	Robeson.
Corinthian.....	542	Greensboro.....	Guilford.
Spencer.....	543	Spencer.....	Rowan.
Mount Holly.....	544	Mount Holly.....	Gaston.
Shelmerdine.....	545	Shelmerdine.....	Pitt.
Carolina.....	546	Liberty.....	Randolph.
Maysville.....	547	Maysville.....	Jones.
Bee Log.....	548	Bee Log.....	Yancey.
Elon.....	549	Elon College.....	Alamance.
Roman Eagle.....	550	Aberdeen.....	Moore.
Glenville.....	551	Glenville.....	Jackson.
Revolution.....	552	Greensboro.....	Guilford.
Zephyr.....	553	Zephyr.....	Surry.
Vesper.....	554	Spruce Pine.....	Mitchell.
Elise.....	555	Hemp.....	Moore.
Neill S. Stewart.....	556	Duke.....	Harnett.
Oak Grove.....	557	Cycle.....	Yadkin.
Ararat.....	558	Ararat.....	Surry.
Grassy Branch.....	559	Terrell.....	Catawba.
Sulphur Springs.....	560	Mulberry.....	Wilkes.
Swannanoa.....	561	Swannanoa.....	Buncombe.
Waxhaw.....	562	Waxhaw.....	Union.
Tabor.....	563	Tabor.....	Columbus.
Richlands.....	564	Richlands.....	Onslow.
Wendell.....	565	Wendell.....	Wake.
Ronda.....	566	Ronda.....	Wilkes.
Wentworth.....	567	Wentworth.....	Rockingham.
Dorie.....	568	New Bern.....	Craven.
Mount Pleasant.....	569	Bailey.....	Nash.
Roaring River.....	570	Roaring River.....	Wilkes.
Snow Camp.....	571	Statesville, R.F.D. 5.....	Iredell.
Cliffside.....	572	Cliffside.....	Rutherford.
Mount Pleasant.....	573	Champion.....	Wilkes.
Bynum.....	574	Bynum.....	Chatham.
St. Timothy.....	575	Olive Branch.....	Union.
Andrew Jackson.....	576	Salisbury.....	Rowan.
Biscoe.....	577	Biscoe.....	Montgomery.
Meadow Branch.....	578	Wingate.....	Union.
Casar.....	579	Casar.....	Cleveland.
Summit.....	580	Summit.....	Wilkes.
Macclesfield.....	581	Macclesfield.....	Edgecombe.
Lilesville.....	582	Lilesville.....	Anson.
Ionic.....	583	Cove City.....	Craven.
Apex.....	584	Apex.....	Wake.
Roseboro.....	585	Roseboro.....	Sampson.
David Bell.....	587	Whitakers.....	Edgecombe.

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Name.	No.	Postoffice.	County.
Evening Star.....	588	Bynum.....	Franklin.
Bethel.....	589	Bethel.....	Pitt.
Lowell.....	590	Lowell.....	Gaston.
Maiden.....	592	Maiden.....	Catawba.
Stony Point.....	593	Stony Point.....	Alexander.
Helton.....	594	Sturgills.....	Ashe.
Wallace.....	595	Wallace.....	Duplin.
Waccamaw.....	596	Bolton.....	Columbus.
Gulledge Memorial....	597	Deep Creek.....	Anson.
Cranberry.....	598	Elk Park.....	Avery.
Roaring Gap.....	599	Roaring Gap.....	Wilkes.
Rockwell.....	600	Ruffin.....	Rockingham.
Minneapolis.....	601	Minneapolis.....	Avery.
Queen City.....	602	Rocky Mount.....	Edgecombe.
Laurel Branch.....	603	Laurel Branch.....	Alleghany.

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Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
ALAMANCE.		BRUNSWICK.	
Thomas M. Holt.....	492	Pythagoras.....	249
Bingham.....	272		
Bula.....	409	BUNCOMBE.	
Elon.....	549	Biltmore.....	446
Oaks.....	255	Blackmer.....	170
		Center.....	398
ALEXANDER.		Mount Hermon.....	118
Lee.....	253	Vance.....	293
Stony Point.....	593	Hominy.....	491
		Barnardsville.....	511
ALLEGHANY.		Ottolay.....	533
Kings Creek.....	432	Swannanoa.....	561
Sparta.....	423		
Laurel Branch.....	603	BURKE.	
		Catawba Valley.....	217
ANSON.			
Bethel.....	372	CABARRUS.	
Carolina.....	141	Patterson.....	307
Kilwinning.....	64	Stokes.....	32
Lilesville.....	582		
Gulledge Memorial.....	597	CALDWELL.	
		Hibriten.....	262
ASHE.			
Jefferson.....	219	CAMDEN.	
Scottsville.....	385	New London.....	314
Healing Spring.....	467	Widow's Son.....	75
Helton.....	594		
		CARTERET.	
AVERY.		Franklin.....	109
Cranberry.....	598	Ocean.....	405
Minneapolis.....	601		
		CASWELL.	
BEAUFORT.		John A. Graves.....	494
Pamlico.....	300	Golden Fleece.....	74
Orr.....	104	Caswell.....	539
Belhaven.....	509		
		CATAWBA.	
BERTIE.		Catawba.....	248
Charity.....	5	Cookville.....	502
Davie.....	39	Hickory.....	343
Aulander.....	516	Shawnee.....	382
Colerain.....	171		

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Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
CATAWBA— <i>continued.</i>		COLUMBUS.	
Grassy Branch.....	558	Fair Bluff.....	190
Maiden.....	592	Lebanon.....	207
CHATHAM.		Boardman.....	536
Columbus.....	102	Tabor.....	563
Flat Creek.....	285	Waccamaw.....	596
George Washington.....	174	CUMBERLAND.	
Life Boat.....	376	Cape Fear.....	394
Mount Vernon.....	143	Durbin.....	266
Siler City.....	403	Galatia.....	306
Gulf.....	465	Greenwood.....	419
Bynum.....	574	Lebanon.....	391
CHEROKEE.		Phoenix.....	8
Bellview.....	416	King Hiram.....	466
Cherokee.....	146	CURRITUCK.	
Marble Spring.....	439	Atlantic.....	238
Montgomery.....	426	Hall.....	53
Notla.....	312	Currituck.....	463
Unaka.....	506	CRAVEN.	
Shoal Creek.....	518	St. John's.....	3
Andrews.....	529	Vanceboro.....	433
Brasstown.....	485	Doric.....	568
CHOWAN.		Ionic.....	583
Unanimity.....	7	DARE.	
CLAY.		Wanchese.....	521
Clay.....	301	DAVIDSON.	
CLEVELAND.		Lexington.....	473
Cleveland.....	202	Thomasville.....	214
Double Shoals.....	356	Farmer.....	404
Fairview.....	339	DAVIE.	
Lawndale.....	486	Farmington.....	265
Moorestboro.....	388	Mocksville.....	134
State Line.....	375	DUPLIN.	
Boiling Springs.....	464	Rehoboth.....	279
Lattimore.....	508	Warren.....	101
Ellenboro.....	531	Belmont.....	108
Camp Call.....	534	Warsaw.....	522
Sharon.....	537	Wallace.....	595
Casar.....	579		

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Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
DURHAM.		GRANVILLE— <i>continued.</i>	
Eno.....	210	Tally Ho.....	393
Durham.....	352	Shiloh.....	250
EDGECOMBE.		GREENE.	
Coneord.....	58	Jerusalem.....	95
Rising Sun.....	438	Radianee.....	132
Maelesfield.....	581		
David Bell.....	587	GUILFORD.	
Queen City.....	602	Numa F. Reid.....	344
FORSYTH.		Greensboro.....	76
Salem.....	289	Stokesdale.....	428
Winston.....	167	Tobasco.....	271
		Corinthian.....	542
		Revolution.....	552
FRANKLIN.		HALIFAX.	
Cedar Roek.....	286	Enfield.....	447
Franklinton.....	123	Roanoke.....	203
Louisburg.....	413	Royal White Hart.....	2
Sandy Creek.....	185	Royal Hart.....	497
Youngsville.....	377	Seotland Neek.....	470
Evening Star.....	588	Widow's Son.....	519
GASTON.		HARNETT.	
Gastonia.....	369	Buies Creek.....	503
Cherryville.....	505	Evergreen.....	303
Gaston.....	263	Harnett.....	258
South Fork.....	462	Lillington.....	302
Whetstone.....	515	Palmyra.....	147
Mount Holly.....	544	Pine Forest.....	186
Lowell.....	590	Neill S. Stewart.....	556
GATES.		HAYWOOD.	
Gatesville.....	126	Clyde.....	453
Lily Valley.....	252	Pigeon River.....	386
GRAHAM.		Sonoma.....	472
Lone Oak.....	449	Waynesville.....	259
GRANVILLE.		HENDERSON.	
Adoniram.....	149	Kedron.....	387
Berea.....	204	HERTFORD.	
Creedmoor.....	499	American George.....	17
Granville.....	380	Luke McGlaughan.....	504
Knap of Reeds.....	158	Winton.....	327
Oxford.....	396	Wiceaeon.....	240

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Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
HYDE.		LINCOLN.	
Atlantic.....	294	Lincoln.....	137
Mattamuskeet.....	328	Rock Springs.....	341
Fairfield.....	320		
IREDELL.		MACON.	
Mooresville.....	496	Blue Ridge.....	435
Grassy Knob.....	471	Junaluska.....	145
Hunting Creek.....	299		
Statesville.....	487	MADISON.	
Wilson.....	226	French Broad.....	292
Snow Creek.....	571	Grapevine.....	457
Campbell.....	374	Ivy.....	406
		Mars Hill.....	370
JACKSON.		White Rock.....	392
Dillsboro.....	459		
Unaka.....	268	MARTIN.	
East Laport.....	358	Conoho.....	399
Sylva.....	513	Skewarkey.....	90
Glenville.....	551	Stonewall.....	296
JOHNSTON.			
Four Oaks.....	478	M'DOWELL.	
Archer.....	165	Joppa.....	401
Kenly.....	257	Mystic Tie.....	237
Fellowship.....	84		
Granite.....	191	MECKLENBURG.	
Polenta.....	450	Williams.....	538
Relief.....	431	Long Creek.....	205
Selma.....	320	Craighead.....	366
Mill Creek.....	480	Excelsior.....	261
		Phalanx.....	31
JONES.		Pineville.....	455
Pollocksville.....	175	Matthews.....	461
Zion.....	81	Joppa.....	530
Maysville.....	547		
LEE.		MITCHELL.	
Sanford.....	469	Bakersville.....	357
Buffalo.....	172	Linville.....	489
		Vesper.....	554
LENOIR.			
Lenoir.....	233	MONTGOMERY.	
Pleasant Hill.....	304	Randolph.....	309
Rountree.....	243	Star.....	437
St. John's.....	4	Blackmer.....	127
		Biscoe.....	577

STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
MOORE.		PENDER.	
Southern Pines.....	484	King Solomon.....	138
Carthage.....	181	PERSON.	
Eagle Springs.....	477	Person.....	113
Chalmers.....	151	PERQUIMANS.	
White Hill.....	321	Perquimans.....	106
McCormick.....	228	PITT.	
Roman Eagle.....	550	Sharon.....	78
Elise.....	555	Grimesland.....	475
NASH.		Greenville.....	284
Central Cross.....	187	Ayden.....	499
Corinthian.....	230	Grafton.....	452
Morning Star.....	85	Temperance.....	389
Rockville.....	411	Farmville.....	527
Spring Hope.....	481	Winterville.....	543
Rodgers.....	525	Shelmerdine.....	555
Mount Pleasant.....	569	Bethel.....	589
NEW HANOVER.		POLK.	
Orient.....	395	Saluda.....	482
St. John's.....	1	RANDOLPH.	
Wilmington.....	319	Randleman.....	209
NORTHAMPTON.		Balfour.....	188
King Solomon.....	56	Deep River.....	164
Potecasi.....	418	Hanks.....	128
Seaboard.....	378	Marietta.....	444
Rich Square.....	488	Mount Olivet.....	195
Pendleton.....	524	Carolina.....	546
ONslow.		RICHMOND.	
LaFayette.....	83	Rockingham.....	495
Seaside.....	429	Roberdel.....	507
Richlands.....	564	Hamlet.....	532
ORANGE.		ROBESON.	
Eagle.....	61	St. Pauls.....	474
University.....	408	King Solomon.....	313
PAMLICO.		Maxton.....	417
Bayboro.....	331	St. Albans.....	114
Mount Vernon.....	339	Rowland.....	335
Rainbow.....	479	Ashpole.....	528
PASQUOTANK.		Red Springs.....	501
Eureka.....	317	Parkton.....	541

STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
ROCKINGHAM.		SURRY— <i>continued.</i>	
Dan River.....	129	Rusk.....	456
Leaksville.....	163	State Road.....	540
Cherokee.....	197	Zephyr.....	553
Reidsville.....	384	Ararat.....	558
Wentworth.....	567		
Rockwell.....	600	SWAIN.	
		Oconee.....	427
ROWAN.		TRANSYLVANIA.	
Scotch-Ireland.....	154	Dunns Rock.....	267
Eureka.....	283		
Fulton.....	99	UNION.	
Spencer.....	543	Beaver Dam.....	274
Andrew Jackson.....	576	Monroe.....	244
		Waxhaw.....	362
RUTHERFORD.		St. Timothy.....	575
Forest City.....	381	Meadow Branch.....	578
Henrietta.....	460		
Western Star.....	91	VANCE.	
Caroleen.....	510	Henderson.....	229
Hollis.....	535	Henry F. Grainger.....	412
Cliffside.....	582	Ionic.....	337
SAMPSON.		WAKE.	
Coharie.....	379	Green Level.....	277
Hiram.....	98	Hiram.....	40
Mill Creek.....	125	Holly Springs.....	115
Mingo.....	206	Mount Pleasant.....	157
Siloam.....	452	Neuse.....	97
Roseboro.....	585	Rolesville.....	156
		William G. Hill.....	218
SCOTLAND.		William T. Bain.....	231
Scotland.....	514	White Stone.....	155
Laurinburg.....	305	Cary.....	198
		Raleigh.....	500
STANLY.		Wake Forest.....	282
Big Lick.....	476	Wendell.....	565
Stanly.....	348	Apex.....	584
SURRY.		WARREN.	
Pilot.....	493	Johnston-Caswell.....	10
Copeland.....	390		
Dobson.....	402	WASHINGTON.	
Elkin.....	454	Roper.....	443
Granite.....	322	Perseverance.....	59
Rockford.....	251		
Rockyford.....	430		

STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.	No.
WATAUGA.		WILSON.	
Blowing Rock.....	458	Black Creek.....	330
Ashlar.....	451	Hatcher.....	310
Elk.....	373	Joseph Warren.....	92
Snow.....	363	Mount Lebanon.....	117
Watauga.....	273	Toisnot.....	298
		Lucama.....	527
WAYNE.		YADKIN.	
Falling Creek.....	325	Baltimore.....	424
Mount Olive.....	208	Harmon.....	420
Harmony.....	340	Boonville.....	421
Wayne.....	112	Jonesville.....	227
		West Bend.....	434
WILKES.		Yadkin.....	162
Bugaboo.....	490	Lone Hickory.....	512
Clingman.....	440	Oak Grove.....	557
Delaplane.....	335		
Liberty.....	45	YANCEY.	
Liberty Grove.....	407	Bald Creek.....	397
Moravian.....	353	Burnsville.....	192
New Hope.....	415	Bee Log.....	448
Pleasant Mount.....	441	Eastern Star.....	425
Trap Hill.....	483		
Sulphur Springs.....	560		
Ronda.....	566		
Roaring River.....	570		
Mount Pleasant.....	573		
Summit.....	580		
Roaring Gap.....	599		

GRAND LODGES

Month of Meetings, Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

Grand Lodge.	Meets—	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Alabama-----	December	Geo. A. Beauchamp--	Montgomery.
Alberta-----		G. McDonald-----	Calgary, Can.
Arizona-----	November	George J. Roskrue--	Tucson.
Arkansas-----	November	Fay Hempstead-----	Little Rock.
British Columbia--	June	W. A. DeWolf Smith--	N. Westminster.
California-----	October	John Whicher-----	San Francisco.
Canada-----	July	Ralph Leering Gunn--	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado-----	Septem	Chas. H. Jacobson--	Denver.
Connecticut-----	January	Frank W. Havens-----	Hartford.
Delaware-----	October	V. V. Harrison-----	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	December	A. W. Johnson-----	Washington.
Florida-----	January	Wilbor P. Webster-----	Jacksonville.
Georgia-----	October	W. A. Wolihin-----	Macon.
Idaho-----	September	Theo. W. Randall-----	Boise City.
Illinois-----	October	Isaac Cutter-----	Camp Point.
Indiana-----	May	Calvin W. Prather-----	Indianapolis.
Iowa-----	June	N. R. Parvin-----	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas-----	February	Albert K. Wilson-----	Topeka.
Kentucky-----	October	H. B. Grant-----	Louisville.
Louisiana-----	February	Richard Lambert-----	New Orleans.
Maine-----	May	Stephen Berry-----	Portland.
Manitoba-----	June	Jas. A. Ovas-----	Winnipeg.
Massachusetts-----	December	T. W. Davis-----	Boston.
Maryland-----	November	George Cook-----	Baltimore.
Michigan-----	January	Lou B. Windsor-----	Reed City.
Minnesota-----	January	John Fishel-----	St. Paul.
Mississippi-----	February	Fred Speed-----	Vicksburg.
Missouri-----	October	John R. Parson-----	St. Louis.
Montana-----	September	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.--	Helena.
Nebraska-----	June	Francis E. White-----	Omaha.
Nevada-----	June	E. D. Vanderlieth-----	Carson City.
New Brunswick-----	April	J. T. Hart-----	St. John.
New Hampshire-----	May	Harry M. Cheney-----	Concord.
New Jersey-----	April	Benj. F. Wakefield-----	Trenton.
New Mexico-----	October	A. A. Keen-----	Albuquerque.
New York-----	June	E. M. L. Ehlers-----	New York.
North Dakota-----	June	Walter L. Stockwell-----	Fargo.
Nova Scotia-----	June	Thomas Mowbray-----	Halifax.
Ohio-----	October	J. H. Bromwell-----	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma-----	February	Wm. M. Anderson-----	Oklahoma.
Oregon-----	June	James F. Robinson-----	Portland.
Pennsylvania-----	December	J. A. Perry-----	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward I.	June	W. P. Doull-----	Charlottetown.
Quebec-----	January	Will H. White-----	Montreal.
Rhode Island-----	May	S. Penrose Williams-----	Providence.
South Carolina-----	December	O. Frank Hart-----	Columbia.
South Dakota-----	June	George A. Pettigrew-----	Sioux Falls.

GRAND LODGES—CONTINUED.

Grand Lodge.	Meets—	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Tennessee.....	January.....	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	December.....	John Watson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	January.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	June.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	December.....	Geo. W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	June.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.
West Virginia.....	November.....	John M. Collins.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	June.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	December.....	W. D. Kendall.....	Saratoga.

FOREIGN GRAND OFFICERS.

Belgium.....	Emile Pirsch.....	Brussels.
Cuba, Grand Lodge of.....	Charles G. Charles.....	Havana.
Costa Rica.....	Emilio De Mezerville.....	San Jose.
England, Grand Lodge of.....	E. Letchworth, F. S. A.....	London, Freemasons Hall, W. C.
Ireland, Grand Lodge of.....	Rt. Hon. Lord Castletown.....	Dublin.
New South Wales, United Grand Lodge of.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Dunedin.
Portugal.....	Leopold Augustus Pinto Soares, No. 35, Rua do Gremio Lusitano.....	Lisbon.
Scotland, Grand Lodge of.....	David Reid.....	Edinburgh.
South Australia, Grand Lodge of.....	Charles R. J. Glover.....	Adelaide, Flinders Street.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of.....	Charles James Barrow.....	Melbourne, Free- masons Hall, Collins Street.
West Australia.....	John D. Stevenson.....	Perth.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	Brisbane.
Saskatchewan.....	John M. Shaw.....	Regina.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1. Grand Orient of France.
2. Two Grand Orients in Greece.
3. The Grand Orient of Egypt.
4. Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina.
5. Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, two of the same name, and all other Grand Lodges in the Republic of Mexico, of which there are several.
6. The Grand Lodge of Salvador in Central America.
7. All the Grand Orients of South America.

REPRESENTATIVES

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

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama.....	S. M. Gattis.....	Hillsboro.
Alberta.....	Horace R. Dowell.....	Raleigh.
Arizona.....	F. M. Winchester.....	Charlotte.
Arkansas.....	J. S. McEachern.....	Wilmington.
British Columbia.....	H. I. Clark.....	Scotland Neck.
Canada.....	W. W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
Colorado.....	William A. Blair.....	Winston.
Connecticut.....	William L. London.....	Pittsboro.
Delaware.....	W. A. Withers.....	Raleigh.
District of Columbia.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
Florida.....	R. N. Hackett.....	Wilkesboro.
Georgia.....	H. J. Lovick.....	New Bern.
Idaho.....	Walter Clark.....	Raleigh.
Illinois.....	Leo D. Heartt.....	Raleigh.
Indiana.....	W. B. McKoy.....	Wilmington.
Kansas.....	M. C. S. Noble.....	Chapel Hill.
Louisiana.....	W. J. Roberts.....	Winston.
Maine.....	A. S. Holden.....	Wilmington.
Manitoba.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Winston.
Maryland.....	Marshall DeL. Haywood.....	Raleigh.
Michigan.....	Robert Bingham.....	Asheville.
Minnesota.....	F. D. Winston.....	Windsor.
Mississippi.....	Enoch F. Lamb.....	Elizabeth City.
Missouri.....	W. E. Moore.....	Webster.
Montana.....	R. S. Reinhardt.....	Lincolnton.
Nebraska.....	Will X. Coley.....	Raleigh.
Nevada.....	I. Frank Tilson.....	Grapevine.
New Brunswick.....	R. L. Brown.....	Oxford.
New Hampshire.....	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.....	Greensboro.
New Jersey.....	W. H. Bain.....	Raleigh.
New York.....	N. B. Broughton.....	Raleigh.
New South Wales.....	J. D. Elliott.....	Hickory.
New Zealand.....	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.....	Greensboro.
North Dakota.....	J. C. Braswell.....	Whitakers.
Nova Scotia.....	J. E. Saintsing.....	Reidsville.
Oklahoma.....	U. L. Spence.....	Carthage.
Oregon.....	John W. Cotten.....	Tarboro.
Ohio.....	R. H. Bradley.....	Raleigh.
Prince Edward Island.....	Sol Gallert.....	Rutherfordton.
Quebec.....	W. H. McLaurin.....	Laurinburg.
Rhode Island.....	A. J. Crampton.....	Charlotte.
South Carolina.....	W. T. Caho.....	New Bern.
South Dakota.....	A. B. Andrews, Jr.....	Raleigh.
Sweden.....	Eric Norden.....	Wilmington.
Tennessee.....	J. L. Currin.....	Henderson.
Texas.....	M. D. Kinsland.....	Waynesboro.
Utah.....	J. T. Alderman.....	Henderson.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Victoria.....	H. W. Gowan.....	Halifax.
Vermont.....	C. T. McClenaghan.....	Ralcigh.
Virginia.....	John C. Drewry.....	Ralcigh.
Washington.....	J. D. Paylor.....	High Point.
West Virginia.....	B. S. Royster.....	Oxford.
Wisconsin.....	Richard J. Noble.....	Selma.

REPRESENTATIVES

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

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama.....	B. M. Hill.....	Springville.
Arizona.....	Sidney J. Doster.....	Winslow.
Arkansas.....	J. B. Baker.....	Melbourne.
British Columbia.....	William Gidley.....	Duncan.
Canada.....	John Hoodless.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado.....	Joseph W. Milson.....	Canon City.
Connecticut.....	Augustus C. Golding.....	Norwalk.
Delaware.....	Frank Belville.....	Delaware City.
District of Columbia.....	Jesse W. Lee, Jr.....	Washington.
Florida.....	Jesse J. Combs.....	Apopka.
Georgia.....	W. A. Wolihan.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	F. G. Mock.....	Mountain Home.
Illinois.....	James N. McFatish.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Mark Storen.....	Scottsburg.
Kansas.....	Alex. A. Sharp.....	Larned.
Louisiana.....	R. W. Allen.....	Franklin.
Maine.....	C. F. Johnson.....	Waterville.
Manitoba.....	Frederick L. Newman.....	Portage la Prairie.
Maryland.....	Henry A. Rosser.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	John W. Rowson.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	B. B. Sprague.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Marion E. Morehead.....	Lumberton.
Missouri.....	S. R. Wood.....	La Plata.
Montana.....	J. H. Rhinehart.....	Billings.
Nebraska.....	Walter M. Hopewell.....	Tekama.
Nevada.....	Joseph F. Triplett.....	
New Brunswick.....	P. M. Archibald Bauer.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	E. O. Fifield.....	Nashua.
New Jersey.....	George C. Warren.....	Trenton.
New South Wales.....	Evelyn A. H. Stevens.....	Sydney.
New York.....	John Leonard.....	New York.
New Zealand.....	C. J. W. Griffiths.....	Auckland.
North Dakota.....	James McDonald.....	Grafton.
Nova Scotia.....	William Duffield.....	Digby.
Ohio.....	Robert I. Clegg.....	Cleveland.
Oklahoma.....	Alfred D. Gray.....	Cheyenne.
Oregon.....	W. T. Williamson.....	Salem.
Prince Edward Island.....	H. E. Wright.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	A. N. Thompson.....	Stanstead.
Queensland.....	William G. French.....	Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	John P. Sanborn.....	Newport.
South Carolina.....	Van Smith.....	Newberry.
South Dakota.....	Abram E. Van Camp.....	Highmore.
South Australia.....	Donald Nicholson.....	
Sweden.....	William G. Gibson.....	Stockholm.
Tennessee.....	A. C. Robeson.....	Athens.
Texas.....	W. S. Fly.....	San Antonio.

 REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Utah.....	N. W. Hewett.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	A. S. Harriman.....	Middlebury.
Virginia.....	Alfred R. Courtney.....	Richmond.
Victoria.....	Andrew Thomson.....	Middle Crescent.
Washington.....	H. L. Kenan.....	Spokane.
West Virginia.....	Neil Robinson.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	E. J. Farr.....	Eau Claire.

Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic Year Ending October 31, 1912

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Amount of Dues for 1912.	Dues Paid.	Balance.
St. John's	1	26	20	26	8					1	3	3	204	--	204	\$183.60	\$183.60	--
Royal White Hart	2			2									39	--	39	35.10	35.10	--
St. John's	3	2	5	4	1						6	2	79	--	79	71.10	71.10	--
St. John's	4	11	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	158	6	164	142.20	142.20	--
Charity	5	2	11	8	1	1							91	1	92	81.90	81.90	--
Unanimity	7	1	1	1					1	1			52		52	46.80	45.00	1.80
Phonix	8	2	1	1	7						3	3	123		123	110.70	110.70	--
Johnston-Caswell	10	6	7	7						2	1		63	1	64	56.70	56.70	--
American George	17	1	1	1			1					1	18		18	16.20	16.20	--
Phalanx	31	6	7	8	9		1		16	6	3	1	303	21	324	272.70	272.70	--
Stokes	32	8	9	8	3				2	3	2	2	118	16	134	106.20	106.20	--
Davie	39	6	2	2	2	1					1	2	42		42	37.80	37.80	--
Hiram	40	6	4	5	1				2	1	5		90		90	81.00	81.00	--
Liberty	45			1							1		57		57	51.30	51.30	--
Hall	53			3					2			2	43		43	38.70	38.70	--
King Solomon	56	5	5	5	1	1	6					2	72	2	74	64.80	64.80	--
Concord	58	8	9	8			1		3		2		84	6	90	75.60	75.60	--
Perseverance	59	2	3	3	3							1	36	1	37	32.40	32.40	--
Kilwinning	64	2	2	3									83		83	74.70	63.90	10.80
Eagle	71	10	8	6	1				1		1		73		73	65.70	65.70	--
Golden Fleece	74	4	4	5	1					1	1		23	4	27	20.70	20.70	--
Widow's Son	75	4	4	3	3						1	1	23	1	24	20.70	20.70	--

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Excluded.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Amount of Dues for 1912.	Dues Paid.	Balance.
Greensboro.....	76	10	9	8	5	2	—	4	1	1	—	163	—	163	146.70	\$ 146.70	—
Sharon.....	78	3	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	39	—	39	35.10	35.10	—
Zion.....	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	41	—	41	36.90	36.90	—
LaFayette.....	83	8	12	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	60	—	60	54.00	54.00	—
Fellowship.....	84	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	78	—	78	70.20	70.20	—
Morning Star.....	85	5	5	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	56	18	74	50.40	50.40	—
Skewarkey.....	90	6	4	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	88	4	92	79.20	79.20	—
Western Star.....	91	8	6	3	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	53	4	57	47.70	47.70	—
Joseph Warren.....	92	5	3	3	2	—	—	—	2	2	1	39	5	44	35.10	35.10	—
Jerusalem.....	95	6	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	1	43	37.80	37.80	—
Neuse.....	97	1	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	38	4	42	34.20	34.20	—
Hiram.....	98	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	81	12	93	72.90	72.90	—
Fulton.....	99	8	6	5	2	2	—	6	1	—	5	153	5	158	137.70	137.70	—
Warren.....	101	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	26	23.40	22.50	.90
Columbus.....	102	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	35	4	39	31.50	31.50	—
Orr.....	104	2	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	94	1	95	84.60	64.60	.90
Perquimans.....	106	6	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	86	4	90	77.40	76.50	.90
Belmont.....	108	3	2	4	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	45	2	47	40.50	40.50	—
Franklin.....	109	4	3	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	95	9	104	85.50	85.50	—
Wayne.....	112	2	2	3	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	93	5	98	83.70	83.70	—
Person.....	113	4	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	60	—	60	54.00	54.00	—
St. Albans.....	114	4	—	—	1	1	—	4	3	3	1	74	11	85	66.60	66.60	—
Holly Springs.....	115	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	26	—	26	23.40	23.40	—

Mount Lebanon	117	9	6	6	3	3	1	3	1	1	2	80	80	72.00	72.00
Mount Hermon	118	22	23	21	14	3	1	3	7	2	5	276	13	289	248.40
Franklinton	123	4	3	5	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	81	6	87	72.90
Mill Creek	125	2	2	2	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	39	---	39	35.10
Gatesville	126	3	---	1	---	---	---	10	---	---	---	63	11	74	56.70
Blackmer	127	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	22	---	22	19.80
Hanks	128	---	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	44	8	52	39.60
Dan River	129	6	5	4	---	---	1	---	4	2	---	52	3	55	46.80
Radiance	132	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	33	---	33	29.70
Mocksville	134	3	2	2	1	---	---	---	3	1	---	84	7	91	75.60
Leaksville	136	11	9	8	3	1	---	---	2	2	3	67	4	71	60.30
Lincoln	137	6	2	3	1	1	---	---	4	---	---	85	9	94	76.50
Carolina	141	2	1	2	1	---	---	2	1	1	2	23	3	26	20.70
Mount Vernon	143	3	2	1	1	---	---	---	1	2	---	43	3	46	38.70
Junaluska	145	3	3	4	1	---	---	---	2	2	---	79	---	79	71.10
Cherokee	146	1	---	1	---	---	---	3	5	3	2	64	---	64	57.60
Palmyra	147	---	---	---	1	1	1	---	1	1	2	46	7	53	41.40
Adoniram	149	---	---	2	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	28	---	28	25.20
Chalmers	151	1	1	2	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	37	7	44	33.30
Scotch-Ireland	154	3	1	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	34	3	37	30.60
Whitestone	155	3	3	3	---	---	---	4	1	2	---	35	---	35	31.50
Rolesville	156	---	1	2	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	35	---	35	31.50
Mount Pleasant	157	4	4	3	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	37	---	37	33.30
Knap of Reeds	158	2	3	1	2	---	---	---	3	1	1	36	1	37	32.40
Yadkin	162	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	35	1	36	31.50
Deep River	164	2	2	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34	9	43	30.60
Archer	165	5	6	6	---	1	---	4	1	---	---	67	---	67	60.30
Winston	167	13	11	11	5	---	1	3	3	1	---	251	---	251	225.90
Blackmer	170	2	2	2	8	---	---	8	2	4	---	56	2	58	50.40
Buffalo	172	2	2	3	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	36	---	36	32.40
George Washington	174	1	1	1	1	---	---	1	---	2	---	60	60	60	54.00
Pollockville	175	2	1	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	25	---	25	22.50
Carthage	181	7	8	9	3	---	---	---	---	1	---	44	---	44	39.60
Sandy Creek	185	10	6	6	---	1	1	---	---	4	3	73	---	73	65.70

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Pine Forest	186	3	3	3	1						3		24	5	29	\$ 21.60	\$ 21.60	—
Central Cross	187	2	1	2							1		64	4	68	57.60	57.60	—
Balfour	188	4	2	2									54	9	63	48.60	48.60	—
Fair Bluff	190	6	3	2					3		4		37	2	39	33.30	33.30	—
Granite	191	4	2	2						1			33	4	37	29.70	29.70	—
Burnsville	192	1	1	1	4				8	1	11		75		75	67.50	67.50	—
Mount Olivet	195	1	1	1		1	1		1		1		20	13	33	18.00	18.00	—
Stoneville	197	1	1	1		1			2				17		17	15.30	15.30	—
Cary	198	4	2	2	5	1				1			24		24	21.60	21.60	.90
Cleveland	202	2	1	1							3		125		125	112.50	112.50	—
Roanoke	203	2	1	1							1		38	4	42	34.20	34.20	—
Berea	204	2	1	1									39	2	41	35.10	35.10	—
Long Creek	205	3	3	3	1					3	3		33	4	37	29.70	29.70	—
Mingo	206	3	3	3	1	2					1		51		51	45.90	45.90	—
Lebanon	207	3	4	5	1				8	7			71	13	84	63.90	63.90	—
Mount Olive	208	3	3	1		4				1			42	5	47	37.80	37.80	—
Randleman	209				9								22		22	19.80	19.80	—
Eno	210	4	3	2	3	3	2		2	1	2	2	113		113	101.70	101.70	—
Thomasville	214	1		1	1				2	1	1		104		104	93.60	93.60	—
Catawba Valley	217	2	2	2									39		39	35.10	35.10	—
William G. Hill	218	7	7	8	7	2			4	5	1	1	218		218	196.20	196.20	—
Jefferson	219	4	1	1		1				4			35		35	31.50	31.50	—
Wilson	226	2	2		1					1	1		31		31	27.90	27.90	—

Jonesville.	227	2	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	49	44.10	44.10	44.10
McCormick	228	4	3	4					1	1	32	28.80	28.80	28.80
Henderson	229	2	2	2				3	2		118	106.20	106.20	106.20
Corinthian	230	16	15	16	3					4	104	93.60	93.60	93.60
William T. Bam	231				1				2		24	21.60	21.60	21.60
Mystic Tie	237	1	1	2		1		3	1	1	76	68.40	68.40	68.40
Atlantic	238			2							24	21.60	21.60	21.60
Wicacoa	240	5	5	5							28	25.20	25.20	25.20
Rountree	243										34	30.60	30.60	30.60
Monroe	244	9	8	10	3			1	6	1	125	112.50	112.50	112.50
Catawba	248	4	3	1	1			6		2	79	71.10	71.10	71.10
Pythagoras	249	11	5	5	3	1			2	7	66	59.40	59.40	59.40
Shiloh	250								1	2	14	12.60	12.60	12.60
Rockford	251										33	29.70	29.70	29.70
Lily Valley	252	1		3		1		1			29	26.10	26.10	26.10
Lee	253	2	1	1	1			2	3		85	76.50	76.50	76.50
Oaks	255	1	1	1	2			2	1		27	24.30	24.30	24.30
Kenly	257	3	2	2	2				3		76	68.40	68.40	68.40
Harnett	258	2	1	5	1						14	12.60	12.60	12.60
Waynesville	259	3	4	5	1			1	1	2	96	86.40	86.40	86.40
Excelsior	261	5	4	6	2	2		3	4	2	167	150.30	150.30	150.30
Hibriten	262	9	9	13	3	1		4	4	7	142	127.80	127.80	127.80
Gaston	263	4	4	4				2	3		40	36.00	36.00	36.00
Farmington	265	5	3	2						1	27	24.30	24.30	24.30
Durbin	266						1				19	17.10	17.10	17.10
Dum's Rock	267	4	5	6	1	1				1	85	76.50	76.50	76.50
Unaka	268	1	1	1	2						42	37.80	37.80	37.80
Tobasco	271	2	1	1				1			48	43.20	43.20	43.20
Bingham	272	9	12	10	2						73	65.70	65.70	65.70
Watauga	273	4	3	4				1	3		62	55.80	55.80	55.80
Beaver Dam	276	1	1	2	2			5	1	1	52	46.80	46.80	46.80
Green Level	277	5	4	4		1			2	2	36	32.40	32.40	32.40
Rehoboth	279								1		14	12.60	12.60	12.60
Wake Forest	282	6	3	3	1	1		2	4	1	56	50.40	50.40	50.40

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Eureka.....	283	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	56	6	62	50.40	50.40	\$—
Greenville.....	284	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	89	2	91	80.10	80.10	—
Flat Creek.....	285	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	2	54	46.80	46.80	—
Cedar Rock.....	286	5	5	4	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	4	57	5	62	51.30	51.30	—
Salem.....	289	11	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	120	—	120	108.00	108.00	—
French Broad.....	292	5	2	5	3	9	—	—	3	2	2	—	89	17	106	80.10	80.10	—
Vance.....	293	1	2	2	2	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	55	7	62	49.50	49.50	—
Atlantic.....	294	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	3	44	36.90	36.90	—
Stonewall.....	296	1	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	78	2	80	70.20	70.20	—
Toisnot.....	298	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	1	—	38	10	48	34.20	34.20	—
Hunting Creek.....	299	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	20	—	20	18.00	18.00	—
Pamlico.....	300	3	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	32	—	32	28.80	28.80	—
Clay.....	301	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	79	14	93	71.10	71.10	—
Lillington.....	302	—	—	6	3	5	4	—	—	3	1	3	37	—	37	33.30	33.30	—
Evergreen.....	303	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	16	14.40	14.40	—
Pleasant Hill.....	304	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	56	—	56	50.40	50.40	—
Laureburg.....	305	6	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	64	—	64	57.60	57.60	—
Galatia.....	306	6	6	4	3	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	46	3	49	41.40	41.40	—
Patterson.....	307	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	39	5	44	35.10	35.10	—
Randolph.....	309	4	2	3	2	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	53	8	61	47.70	47.70	—
Hatcher.....	310	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	1	—	36	2	38	32.40	32.40	—
Notla.....	312	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	43	—	43	38.70	38.70	—
King Solomon.....	313	3	3	2	1	1	—	—	1	6	1	—	41	1	42	36.90	36.90	—

New Lebanon	314	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	42	5	47	37.80
Eureka	317	13	11	10	3	5	3	2	3	137	2	139	123.30
Wilmington	319	3	3	3	3		4	2		70		70	63.00
Selma	320	1	2	2	4		2	2	1	90	3	93	81.00
White Hill	321				4					20		20	18.00
Granite	322	4	4	4	2	14	4	1		102	12	114	91.80
Falling Creek	325	1	1	3			1			38	3	41	34.20
Winton	327	2	2	2	2	1			2	25	3	28	22.50
Mattamuskeet	328	1								20		20	18.00
Black Creek	330	3	2	1	1		1			22	3	25	19.80
Bayboro	331						2		2	37	2	39	33.30
Rowland	335			2					1	60		60	54.00
Ionic	337	1	2	1	1					22		22	19.80
Fair View	339	2	2	3	2		1	1	1	47	2	49	42.30
Harmony	340			4	2			2	5	91		91	81.90
Rock Spring	341				2	1				52		52	46.80
Hickory	343	7	7	6	3			1	1	105	5	110	94.50
Numa F. Reid	344	10	8	6	5			3	1	101	17	118	90.90
Stanly	348	3	3	3	1			2		74	7	81	66.60
Durham	352	9	8	8	2	1		2	1	263		263	236.70
Moravian	353	3	2	3	1		5	1		33	2	35	29.70
Delaplane	355									23		23	20.70
Fallston	356	2	2	2	1		2	2		41	9	50	36.90
Bakersville	357	1	1	1	3	14	1	2	2	80	2	82	72.00
East Laporte	358	1	2	5		1		2		65		65	58.50
Mount Vernon	359	2	2	2	2		1	1	1	28		28	25.20
Snow	363	6	6	5				1		122		122	109.80
Craighead	366	2	2	3	2	14		1	2	71	3	74	63.90
Gastonia	369	21	14	11	10		2	6	1	210		210	189.00
Mars Hill	370	6	6	6	1	6		3	1	75	5	80	67.50
Bethel	372	4	5	4	1	2		1		37	3	40	33.30
Elk	373							1		33		33	29.70
State Line	375	7	6	5	1		2			47		47	42.30
Life Boat	376	1							1	28	2	30	25.20

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Youngsville.....	377	4	2	4	1	1	—	—	3	4	1	1	69	1	70	\$ 62.10	\$ 62.10	—
Seaboard.....	378	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	35	—	35	31.50	31.50	—
Coharie.....	379	7	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	25	2	27	22.50	22.50	—
Granville.....	380	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	57	—	57	51.30	51.30	—
Forest City.....	381	4	4	4	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	45	—	45	40.50	40.50	—
Shawnee.....	382	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	28	1	29	25.20	25.20	—
Reidsville.....	384	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	4	2	1	1	54	13	67	48.60	48.60	—
Scottsville.....	385	7	7	7	—	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	45	12	57	40.50	40.50	—
Pigeon River.....	386	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	90	—	90	81.00	81.00	—
Kedron.....	387	13	10	7	2	—	—	—	5	1	2	1	85	3	88	76.50	76.50	—
Moorestboro.....	388	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	58	—	58	52.20	52.20	—
Temperance.....	389	3	3	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	34	—	34	30.60	30.60	—
Copeland.....	390	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	56	5	61	50.40	50.40	—
Lebanon.....	391	2	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	2	1	2	51	4	55	45.90	45.90	—
White Rock.....	392	3	4	4	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	5	73	—	73	65.70	65.70	—
Tally Ho.....	393	10	11	11	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	48	7	55	43.20	43.20	—
Cape Fear.....	394	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	25	22.50	22.50	—
Orient.....	395	7	1	4	2	—	—	—	2	1	4	—	106	—	106	95.40	95.40	—
Oxford.....	396	3	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	87	—	87	78.30	78.30	—
Bald Creek.....	397	8	8	10	—	6	—	—	21	—	2	—	119	30	149	107.10	107.10	—
Center.....	398	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	—	38	34.20	34.20	—
Conoho.....	399	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	32	2	34	28.80	28.80	—
Joppa.....	401	5	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	52	—	52	46.80	46.80	—

Dobson	402	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	43	38.70	38.70
Siler City	403	1	1	2	1	1	2	47	47	42.30	42.30
Farmer	404	7	10	8	8	1	1	38	38	34.20	34.20
Ocean	405	5	3	3	2	2	2	42	42	37.80	37.80
Ivy	406	1	1	1	3	1	1	42	45	37.80	37.80
Liberty	407	8	2	3	1	1	1	63	10	56.70	56.70
University	408	11	8	3	1	1	1	69	10	62.10	62.10
Bula	409					6	2	75	75	67.50	67.50
Rockville	411	1	1					17	17	15.30	15.30
Henry F. Grainger	412	5	5	1	1	1	2	40	40	36.00	36.00
Louisburg	413	2	3	4	1	5	2	79	79	71.10	71.10
New Hope	415							23	23	20.70	20.70
Bellview	416	3	1	1	1	1	1	29	3	26.10	26.10
Maxton	417	4	4	4	3	2	1	75	4	67.50	67.50
Potocasi	418	4	2	1	1	1	1	58	58	52.20	52.20
Greenwood	419			1	1		1	34	34	30.60	30.60
Harmon	420							15	15	13.50	13.50
Boonville	421			1	1	2	1	29	29	26.10	26.10
Sparta	423	4	4	4	1	1	2	56	56	50.40	50.40
Eastern Star	425	5	5	5	2	1	1	67	67	60.30	60.30
Montgomery	426	3	1	2	11	1	2	42	47	42.30	42.30
Oconee	427	5	7	5	2		3	93	3	83.70	83.70
Stokesdale	428		4	2	1	1	1	53	53	47.70	47.70
Seaside	429					2		39	39	35.10	35.10
Rockyford	430	4			2			36	36	32.40	32.40
Relief	431	2	1					31	7	27.90	27.90
Kings Creek	432	3	4	4	1	8	9	68	68	61.20	61.20
Vanceboro	433	1	1	1	1		2	54	54	48.60	48.60
West Bend	434							11	1	9.90	9.90
Blue Ridge	435	1	1	2			5	67	3	60.30	60.30
Star	437	2	3	3				17	4	15.30	15.30
Marble Spring	439	1	1	2	1		1	52	3	46.80	46.80
Clingman	440	2	2	2	2	1		54	54	48.60	48.60
Pleasant Mount	441	6	7	7	2	1	1	35	35	31.50	31.50

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Roper	443	2										45		45	40.50	40.50	\$---
Marietta	444	3	2	1					1			67	2	69	60.30	60.30	---
Baltimore	446	3	3	4	1	1				3		41	8	49	36.90	36.90	---
Enfield	447	4	3	3	1		1	1	1	2		91	3	94	81.90	81.90	---
Polenta	450											20		20	18.00	18.00	---
Ashlar	451	7	7	8					5	1		54		54	48.60	48.60	---
Grafton	452			2					1			32		32	28.80	28.80	---
Clyde	453			1	1							70		70	63.00	63.00	---
Elkin	454	2				1			4			36	4	40	32.40	32.40	---
Rusk	456	1	1	1	1		1					57		57	51.30	51.30	---
Grapevine	457	7	2	1		6				2		42		42	37.80	37.80	---
Blowing Rock	458	1	1	2								34		34	30.60	30.60	---
Henrietta	460	9	9	9	1						1	55	1	56	49.50	49.50	---
Matthews	461	4	4	4				1			1	63	1	64	56.70	56.70	---
South Fork	462		1	2					3		1	66		66	59.40	59.40	---
Currituck	463	1	2	1						1		54		54	48.60	48.60	---
Boiling Springs	464	1	2	1	1			3				29		29	26.10	26.10	---
Gulf	465	2				2				1		27	2	22	18.00	18.00	---
King Hiram	466	2	3	3	1			3	1			20		20	24.30	24.30	---
Healing Springs	467	3	4	4	1				3			56	4	60	50.40	50.40	---
Sanford	469	7	6	4					2	1	2	80		80	72.00	72.00	---
Scotland Neck	470	1	2	2					2			54		54	48.60	48.60	---
Grassy Knob	471	2	2	2	1	1				2		73		73	65.70	65.70	---

Sonoma.....	472	3	3	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	53	47.70	---
Lexington.....	473	8	8	6	5	---	1	1	---	---	77	64.80	---
St. Pauls.....	474	1	1	1	5	---	1	---	---	---	63	56.70	---
Grimesland.....	475	3	1	1	1	---	---	2	---	---	67	60.30	---
Big Lick.....	476	7	7	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	74	66.60	---
Eagle Springs.....	477	11	11	11	1	---	---	---	---	---	43	36.00	---
Four Oaks.....	478	1	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	40	36.00	---
Rainbow.....	479	---	---	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	19	17.10	---
Mill Creek.....	480	1	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	40	36.00	---
Spring Hope.....	481	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	---	---	58	49.50	---
Saluda.....	482	3	2	2	1	---	3	2	---	---	31	27.90	---
Trap Hill.....	483	1	1	2	---	---	1	5	---	---	61	54.90	---
Southern Pines.....	484	2	2	2	---	3	---	---	---	---	61	54.90	---
Brasstown.....	485	2	2	2	---	---	---	1	---	---	35	30.60	---
Lawndale.....	486	2	2	1	2	1	---	---	---	---	44	39.60	---
Statesville.....	487	1	3	3	1	---	3	1	---	---	77	69.30	---
Rich Square.....	488	2	1	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	37	34.30	---
Linville.....	489	8	7	7	---	---	25	1	4	---	64	57.60	---
Bugaboo.....	490	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	36	32.40	---
Hominy.....	491	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	22.50	---
Thomas M. Holt.....	492	1	---	---	2	---	1	1	---	---	43	38.70	---
Pilot.....	493	6	6	6	---	---	---	---	2	---	52	46.80	---
John A. Graves.....	494	3	1	1	1	---	---	1	---	---	47	42.30	---
Rockingham.....	495	3	1	1	4	---	1	2	---	---	43	38.70	---
Mooreville.....	496	6	6	5	2	2	3	5	---	---	76	68.40	---
Royal Hart.....	497	5	3	1	---	1	---	1	4	---	44	39.60	---
Ayden.....	498	5	4	4	7	---	1	3	---	---	51	45.90	---
Creedmoor.....	499	6	5	5	1	11	1	1	6	---	77	69.30	---
Raleigh.....	500	6	5	5	1	---	8	---	1	---	88	79.20	---
Red Springs.....	501	3	2	2	1	---	---	2	3	---	85	76.50	---
Cookville.....	502	1	2	1	1	1	---	---	1	---	45	40.50	---
Buies Creek.....	503	2	1	---	2	---	6	---	---	---	22	19.80	---
Luke McGlaughan.....	504	5	7	7	2	---	---	---	1	---	48	43.20	---
Cherryville.....	505	10	8	7	6	---	---	2	---	---	63	56.70	1.80

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Unaka.....	506	2	1	1	1			1		2			81		81	\$72.90	\$72.90	\$—
Robertel.....	507	2	2	1	1	4				1			20	5	25	18.00	18.00	—
Lattimore.....	508	2	2	2	2					1			40		40	36.00	36.00	—
Belhaven.....	509	1	1	1	2					1			39		39	35.10	35.10	—
Caroleen.....	510	3		1	1							1	48		48	43.20	43.20	—
Barnardsville.....	511			2	1		1						24		24	21.60	21.60	—
Lone Hickory.....	512	3	3	3					1				41	3	44	36.90	36.90	—
Whetstone.....	515	1	1	1					3	2		1	43	1	44	38.70	38.70	—
Aulander.....	516			6									45	3	48	40.50	40.50	—
Farmville.....	517	1	2	2	1					1			63		63	56.70	56.70	—
Shoal Creek.....	518									1	1		52	2	54	46.80	46.80	—
Widow's Son.....	519			1	1			1					37		37	33.30	33.30	—
Fairfield.....	520												24	3	27	21.60	21.60	—
Wanchese.....	521	5	4	2						1	1	3	49		49	44.10	44.10	—
Warsaw.....	522									1	1		40		40	36.00	36.00	—
Winterville.....	523	2	1	1						6		3	61	1	62	54.90	54.90	—
Pendleton.....	524	1	1	1						2		2	40		40	36.00	36.00	—
Rodgers.....	525	1	2	5	2						1		53	2	55	47.70	47.70	—
Lucama.....	527	1	1	3	1								39		39	35.10	35.10	—
Ashpole.....	528	2	2	2	1							1	78		78	70.20	70.20	—
Andrews.....	529	3	2	3						1			51		51	45.90	45.90	—
Joppa.....	530	32	32	31	5				1	1	1	5	83	1	84	74.70	74.70	—
Ellenboro.....	531												32		32	28.80	28.80	—

Hamlet	532	10	12	7	3				4		1	45	2	47	40.50
Ottolay	533	2	2	2	1				2			37		37	33.30
Camp Call	534	4	5	5					1	1		27		27	24.30
Hollis	535	1	1						2			34		34	30.60
Boardman	536	6	4	4							1	29		29	26.10
Sharon	537					1	3		1			16		16	14.40
Williams	538	8	8	10	5				3			37	6	43	33.30
Caswell	539	4	4	4					1	3		46		46	41.40
State Road	540	2	2	2	1				1			29		29	26.10
Parkton	541	2	2	2			1					38		38	34.20
Corinthian	542	11	10	7					5			88	3	91	79.20
Spencer	543	19	19	15	3				3	2	11	112		112	100.80
Mount Holly	544	4	2	1	2	5			2	1	1	44	2	46	39.60
Shelmerdine	545	7	5	5					2		2	25		25	22.50
Carolina	546	3	3	4					2	1		33	6	39	29.70
Maysville	547	5	5	7								29		29	26.10
Bee Log	548	10	8	8						2	4	65		65	58.50
Elon	549											18	2	20	16.20
Glenville	551	4	2	2	1	2				1		45		45	40.50
Revolution	552	2	2	2					1			43		43	38.70
Zephyr	553	2	2	2	1				1	33		33		33	29.70
Vesper	554	4	2	1					2	3	1	67		67	60.30
Elise	555				1		1		1	2		24		24	21.60
Neill S. Stuart	556	9	9	8	1					1		33	4	37	29.70
Oak Grove	557	2	2	2					1			44		44	39.60
Ararat	558	10	9	9								44		44	39.60
Grassy Branch	559	2	2	2								22		22	19.80
Sulphur Springs	560	3	4	3					1	1		54		54	48.60
Swannanoa	561	6	4	2					1			30		30	27.00
Waxhaw	562			3	2						1	40	1	41	36.00
Tabor	563	2	1	4	3					1		47	4	51	42.30
Richlands	564	5	6	4						2		22		22	19.80
Wendell	565	2		1	5	2						35	2	37	31.50
Ronda	566	5	4	4	1							23		23	20.70

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Wentworth	567	1		1								15		15	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ ---
Doric	568	4	5	4				1			6	49		49	44.10	44.10	---
Mount Pleasant	569	5	4	4	1		3	1			2	26		26	23.40	23.40	---
Roaring River	570	4	5	4						1	1	26	2	28	23.40	23.40	---
Snow Creek	571	2	2	1	1							23		23	20.70	20.70	---
Cliffside	572	3	4	5				6	3			21		21	18.90	18.90	---
Mount Pleasant	573	3	1	3								40		40	36.00	36.00	---
Bynum	574	1	1	1	1				3			19	2	21	17.10	17.10	---
St. Timothy	575	5	4	3							3	30	1	31	27.00	27.00	---
Andrew Jackson	576	6	4	3	1				1		3	44		44	39.60	39.60	---
Biscoe	577	1			2				1		1	25	1	26	22.50	22.50	---
Meadow Branch	578											18		18	16.20	16.20	---
Cesar	579											13	3	16	14.40	14.40	---
Summit	580	2	3	3				1		1		24		24	21.60	21.60	---
Macclesfield	581	5	5	5					1			20		20	18.00	18.00	---
Lilesville	582										5	25		25	22.50	22.50	---
Ionic	583	3	2	1	1						5	17		17	15.30	15.30	---
Apex	584	2	3	5	1				2			25		25	22.50	22.50	---
Roseboro	585	2	3	3	1				1			21	3	24	18.90	18.90	---
David Bell	587	1	1									21	2	23	18.90	18.90	---
Evening Star	588	1	1	4							1	17		17	15.30	15.30	---
Bethel	589			6		1						29	2	31	26.10	26.10	---
Lowell	590	7	7	7					1		3	29		29	26.10	26.10	---

Colerain-----	591	3	5	5	1	---	---	---	---	3	29	1	30	26.10	26.10	---
Maiden-----	592	3	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	---	16	14.40	14.40	---
Stony Point----	593	6	6	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	27	1	28	24.30	24.30	---
Helton-----	594	12	12	11	1	---	---	---	1	---	32	---	32	28.80	28.80	---
Wallace-----	595	8	8	8	1	---	---	---	---	---	28	---	28	25.20	25.20	---
Waccamaw-----	596	9	9	6	2	---	---	---	1	3	26	---	26	23.40	23.40	---
Gulledge Memorial	597	1	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	---	21	18.90	18.90	---
Cranberry-----	598	28	28	24	---	---	16	---	---	2	44	---	44	39.60	37.80	1.80
Roaring Gap----	599	1	5	5	---	---	8	---	---	---	22	1	23	19.80	19.80	---
Rockwell-----	600	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	1	5	13	---	13	11.70	11.70	---
Minneapolis-----	601	10	10	7	---	---	---	---	---	1	34	---	34	U. D.	---	---
Queen City-----	602	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	---	14	U. D.	---	---
Laurel Branch----	603	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	---	18	U. D.	---	---
Totals-----	1425	1251	1285	403	188	62	16	314	475	344	341	21,591	22,460	19,376.20	19,288.00	88.20

The following lodges have not made returns for the Masonic year ending October 31, 1912, viz.: King Solomon, No. 138; Siloam, No. 178; Lenoir, No. 233; Baltimore, No. 424; Lone Oak, No. 449; Pineville, No. 455; Dillsboro, No. 459; Sylva, No. 513; Scotland, No. 514; Roman Eagle, No. 550.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

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The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, on Monday afternoon, January 16, 1911, at 2 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were present.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. R. N. HACKETT, Grand Master.
R. W. M. LESLIE DAVIS, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. BAILEY OWEN, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. T. McCLENAGHAN, Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary.
W. R. P. EUBANKS, Grand Chaplain.
W. W. P. LITTLE, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN W. THOMPSON, Grand Marshal.
W. A. TELFAIR HORTON, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. H. MULLINS, Grand Pursuivant.
W. E. E. CULBRETH, Grand Steward.
W. LEWIS ARCHER, Grand Steward.
W. R. H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge has been called in special communication to pay the last sad tribute to our beloved brother, Col. W. J. Hicks. He expressed as forcibly as knowledge could portray the great love that our Fraternity felt for our brother, who had been taken away from us.

The following lodges were represented:

Hiram, No. 40
Raleigh, No. 500

Neuse, No. 97
Winston, No. 167

Liberty, No. 45	Concord, No. 58
Henderson, No. 229	Selma, No. 320
Franklin, No. 109	Oxford, No. 396
Zion, No. 81	Watauga, No. 273
Durham, No. 210	Thomasville, No. 214
William G. Hill, No. 218	

The following brethren were requested to act as honorary pall-bearers:

N. B. Broughton, G. Rosenthal, John W. Cotten, E. F. Lowell, Samuel H. Smith, John Nichols, M. Bowes, A. B. Andrews, C. W. Toms, R. L. Flowers.

The following named brethren were appointed active pall-bearers, members of William G. Hill Lodge, to which lodge Brother Hicks belonged:

Fred A. Olds, W. A. Cooper, Francis Cox, William Heller, George F. Syme, Clarence A. Shore, Frank M. Jolly, and M. DeLancey Haywood.

A procession was then formed, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and proceeded in a body to the First Baptist Church, where the remains of our brother were taken in charge. After ceremonies at the church, a procession was reformed and the body was taken to Oakwood Cemetery and there interred with the usual impressive Masonic ceremonies. A procession was then reformed and returned to the Masonic hall.

Upon motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions commemorating the life and services and memory of our deceased brother: M. DeLancey Haywood, H. C. Butler, John Nichols.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

R. N. HACKETT,
Grand Master.

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

HALL OF GREENVILLE LODGE, No. 284,
A. F. AND A. M.,
GREENVILLE, N. C., January 22, 1912.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was convened in the hall of Greenville Lodge, No. 284, A. F. and A. M., on the above date by Past Master Richard Williams. There were present from Greenville Lodge, No. 284: H. B. Harris, L. H. Pender, D. W. Hardee, Sam Flake, Joseph E. Cobb, S. J. Nobles, J. R. Barnhill, E. R. Dudley, C. B. Whichard, W. M. Moore, James Brown, J. F. Brinkley, J. A. Lang, Charles Cobb, J. M. Reuss; from Orr Lodge, No. 104: J. S. Cockrell; from Shelmerdine Lodge, No. 498: S. A. Jenkins; from Grimesland Lodge, No. 475: W. M. Moore, G. S. Porter, and J. C. Galloway; from Lenoir Lodge, No. 233: George B. W. Hadley; from New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, of Washington, D. C.: R. C. Flanagan; from Independence Lodge, No. 129, jurisdiction of Virginia: Rev. C. M. Rock. Acting Grand Master Richard Williams appointed John Cheek of Ayden Lodge, No. 495, as Grand Senior Warden; H. B. Harris, Grand Junior Warden; L. H. Pender, Grand Secretary; D. W. Hardee, Grand Senior Deacon; O. W. Harrington, Grand Junior Deacon; Sam Flake, Grand Tiler.

The acting Grand Master stated that he had been commissioned by the Grand Lodge to convene this special communication for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Sharon Lodge, No. 78, and to install the officers of the said lodge.

Brother R. L. Carr of Sharon Lodge, No. 78, was then admitted, bearing a message from Sharon Lodge, No. 78, requesting the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to repair to the hall of Sharon Lodge, constitute the lodge and install its officers.

The Grand Lodge then was formed in procession by J. M. Reuss, acting as Grand Marshal, and repaired to the hall of

Sharon Lodge, No. 78, where that lodge was duly constituted and consecrated and the following officers installed:

HENRY HARDING, Worshipful Master.

F. D. FOXHALL, Senior Warden.

W. L. BROWN, Junior Warden.

JOHN L. HORNE, Senior Deacon.

F. M. WOOTEN, Junior Deacon.

E. G. COUCH and J. L. HASSELL by proxy, Stewards.

W. H. WARD, Tiler.

The purpose for which this special communication was called having been accomplished, the minutes were read and approved and the Grand Lodge was closed in form.

R. WILLIAMS,
Acting Grand Master.

L. H. PENDER,
Acting Grand Secretary.

WAYNE LODGE, No. 112, A. F. AND A. M.,
GOLDSBORO, N. C., March 5, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened in special communication in the hall of Wayne Lodge, No. 112, in Goldsboro, N. C., this the 5th day of March, 1912, and was opened by Grand Master W. B. McKoy in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Officers present:

M. W. W. B. MCKOY, Grand Master.

P. M. I. J. HARRELL as Deputy Grand Master.

P. M. M. N. EPSTEIN as Grand Senior Warden.

P. M. W. T. HARRISON as Grand Junior Warden.

U. M. GILLIKIN as Grand Senior Deacon.

A. M. SHRAGO as Grand Junior Deacon.

C. DEWEY as Grand Treasurer.

A. R. MORGAN as Grand Secretary.

C. G. SMITH as Grand Chaplain.

W. A. STILLEY as Grand Steward.

JOHN A. DAUGHTRY as Grand Steward.

W. T. HOLLOWELL as Grand Marshal.

I. F. LANE as Grand Bearer of the Three Great Lights.

G. P. HOOD as Grand Pursuivant.

W. D. TERRY as Grand Tiler.

P. R. KING as Grand Sword Bearer.

Brethren present:

From Wayne Lodge, No. 112: J. H. Hines, W. A. J. Peacock, John R. Smith, A. O. Clement, J. D. Hardin, W. B. Pate, Newman Potts, W. T. Powell, R. R. Dempsey, J. J. Robinson, L. M. Michaux, D. C. Humphrey, F. T. Banks, O. C. Jones, J. T. Ginn, H. C. Moore, John Slaughter.

From Harmony Lodge, No. 340: N. B. Berger, E. L. Peele, George L. Pittman, C. D. Hicks, R. L. Pate, Silas Barnett, Daniel Howell, P. B. Scott, Peter Forehand, J. B. Tyndall, Thad. Howell, and T. A. Davis.

From Falling Creek Lodge, No. 325: J. S. Warrick, R. S. Best.

From St. John, No. 4: J. H. Moore.

The Grand Master stated that this special communication of the Grand Lodge had been called and opened for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Goldsboro Hospital.

The procession was then formed at the order of the Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the hospital, and the corner-stone was laid by the Grand Lodge according to the Masonic Ritual in due and ancient form and in the presence of a large concourse of people.

After the laying of the corner-stone the Grand Lodge in a body attended the dedicatory exercises, which, owing to the inclemency of the weather, were held in the auditorium of the I. O. O. F. Home, kindly tendered for the purpose, after which the brethren went through the hospital to view its furnishing and appointments.

The procession was then reformed and returned to the lodge-room, and, on motion, a rising vote of thanks was tendered the Grand Master for his presence and courtesy in coming so far to perform such a signal service for Masonry in our city.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and corrected and approved, and the Grand Master closed the lodge in ample form.

A. R. MORGAN,
Acting Grand Secretary.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 10, A. L. 5912.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the F. I. L. I. Armory and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.
R. W. H. S. AVERITT as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. C. C. BRYAN as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. F. R. HALL as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. I. W. CLARK as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. T. T. MCGILVARY as Grand Secretary.
W. C. N. TYNDELL as Grand Chaplain.
W. J. C. CULBRETH as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. M. HALL as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. J. C. VANN as Grand Marshal.
W. E. H. YORK as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. C. G. ROSE as Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIAMS as Grand Steward.
W. J. R. MCPHAIL as Grand Steward.
W. R. H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.
W. J. H. MAXWELL as Grand Architect.

The following lodges were represented:

Phoenix, No. 8; Hiram, No. 98; William G. Hill, No. 218; Durbin, No. 266; Lillington, No. 302; Coharie, No. 379; Lebanon, No. 391; St. Pauls, No. 474; Red Springs,

No. 501; Ashpole, No. 528; Parkton, No. 541; Roseboro, No. 585, and Pocahontas, No. 240, of Virginia.

The Grand Master stated that this special communication was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Central Graded School building.

The Grand Lodge was formed in procession and marched to the site of the building, on the corner of Maiden Lane and Burgess Street, where the corner-stone was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies, the following articles being placed within the stone:

Copy of the *Fayetteville Observer*.

Copy of the *Fayetteville Index*.

Copy of the *News and Observer*, containing an account of the death of former Governor Charles B. Aycock.

Copy of the New Testament.

Roll of the school.

Roll of the teachers.

List of the board of trustees.

List of the officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

List of the officers of Phœnix Lodge, No. 8, A. F. and A. M.

Copy of "War Days in Fayetteville."

The Grand Lodge then returned to the armory, when the minutes were read and approved and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master.

T. T. McGILVARY,
Acting Grand Secretary.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 15, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple of Raleigh, N. C., on Monday afternoon, April 15, 1912, at 2 o'clock and was opened in

ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented. The Grand officers present were :

M. W. W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.
R. W. S. O. GARRISON as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Z. V. JUDD as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. R. SMITH as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary.
R. W. C. E. MADDREY, Grand Chaplain.
R. W. H. C. BUTLER as Grand Lecturer.
W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Senior Grand Deacon.
W. C. L. PRIDGEN, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. FRED A. OLDS as Grand Marshal.
W. J. E. RUDY as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. N. B. BROUGHTON as Grand Pursuivant.
W. L. T. YARBOROUGH as Grand Steward.
W. D. F. BETTS as Grand Steward.
W. R. H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.
W. H. E. SATTERFIELD, Grand Architect.

The following lodges were represented :

Hiram Lodge, No. 40
William G. Hill, No. 218
Raleigh Lodge, No. 500
Wilmington, No. 319
Henderson, No. 229

The Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Young Men's Christian Association building at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal, which moved to the beautiful grounds of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, where the splendid new building is being erected, and the corner-stone was duly laid in accordance with the rules and requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The following is a list of the articles and papers placed in the crypt of the stone:

Copy of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for the year 1912.

After the laying of the corner-stone Hon. W. D. Weatherford delivered an interesting address.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Masonic hall and was closed in ample form.

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master.

HALL OF PARKTON LODGE, No. 541, A. F. AND A. M.,
PARKTON, N. C., May 30, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M., held a special communication on May 30, 1912, at Parkton, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the graded school building.

The Grand Lodge convened at 2:30 o'clock. The following officers were present:

William D. McMillan as G. M.; J. T. Bynum, D. G. M.; H. S. Averett, G. S. W.; L. M. Cook, G. J. W.; D. C. Culbreth, G. Treas.; D. S. Currie, G. Secy.; J. W. Rowell, G. Chap.; R. Frank Currie, G. S. D.; T. Causby, G. J. D.; Edgar Hall, G. Marshal; W. F. Newton, G. S. B.; J. H. Anderson, G. Purs.; J. H. Forbis, J. G. Steward; A. M. Sheetz, S. G. Steward; Neill McNeill, G. L. B.; W. S. Bramble, G. Tiler.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina was opened in due form. The following lodges were represented:

Orient, No. 395	Red Springs, No. 501
Phoenix, No. 8	King Hiram, No. 466
King Solomon, No. 313	Scotland, No. 514
Meadow Branch, No. 578	Salubia, No. 306
Lebanon, No. 391	St. Pauls, No. 474
Auroma No. 33 of South Carolina	

The procession was formed and proceeded to the school building, where the corner-stone was laid according to our Ancient Craft.

Bro. Edgar Hall presented G. O. H. McD. Robeson, who delivered an able address on progressive North Carolina and the progress Parkton has made in recent years.

The Grand Lodge then reformed and marched back to the hall.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge then closed in ample form.

D. S. CURRIE,	WILLIAM D. McMILLAN,
<i>Grand Secretary, pro tem.</i>	<i>Grand Master, pro tem.</i>

OXFORD, N. C., June 22, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the Masonic hall, on the Asylum grounds, Saturday, June 22, A. D. 1912, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand officers present:

M. W. W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.
R. W. H. M. BRAGG as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. T. ALDERMAN, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. B. BALLOU as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. WILLIAM W. WILLSON as Grand Secretary.
W. C. E. MADDREY, Grand Chaplain.
W. F. H. T. HORSFIELD, Grand Lecturer.
W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. H. MULLINS as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. J. T. BARNES as Grand Marshal.
W. E. B. MEADOWS as Grand Sword Bearer.

W. PURVIS TILLEY as Grand Pursuivant.
W. C. A. RICHARDSON as Grand Steward.
W. E. B. COZART as Grand Steward.
W. R. H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.

Past Grand officer present: B. S. Royster, Past Grand Master.

Visitor: Brother F. H. T. Horsfield, of Cambridge Valley Lodge, No. 481, Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

The following lodges were represented:

St. John's, No. 1; St. John's, No. 4; Phalanx, No. 31; Hiram, No. 40; LaFayette, No. 83; Jerusalem, No. 95; Wayne, No. 112; Person, No. 113; Franklinton, No. 123; Adoniram, No. 149; White Stone, No. 155; Mount Pleasant, No. 157; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Buffalo, No. 172; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Central Cross, No. 187; Berea, No. 204; Eno, No. 210; William G. Hill, No. 218; Henderson, No. 229; Lenoir, No. 233; Shiloh, No. 250; Durbin, No. 266; Wake Forest, No. 282; Cedar Rock, No. 286; Stonewall, No. 296; Lillington, No. 302; Galatia, No. 306; Wilmington, No. 319; Ionic, No. 337; Durham, No. 352; Granville, No. 380; Tally Ho, No. 393; Oxford, No. 396; Bald Creek, No. 397; University, No. 408; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; St. Pauls, No. 474; Royal Hart, No. 497; Creedmoor, No. 499; Widow's Son, No. 519; Rodgers, No. 525; Wendell, No. 565; and Evening Star, No. 588.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that this communication was held for the purpose of observing the usual ceremonies of St. John's Day.

Brother J. T. Barnes, the Grand Marshal, formed the Grand Lodge in procession, and it proceeded in a body to the stand erected in the Asylum grove, where the following exercises were observed:

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Song, "Praise Him," by the children.

Address of welcome by Capt. T. G. Stem.

Response.

Song, "Old North State," by the children (audience joining in the chorus).

Introduction of orator, by Grand Master W. B. McKoy.

Oration by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield.

Song, "While the Days Are Going By," by the children.

Dinner.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Masonic hall in a body.

The following resolution, offered by Grand Chaplain Mad-drey, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge be most cordially extended to Rev. Brother F. H. T. Horsfield, the orator of the day, for his instructive, inspiring, and highly appreciated address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Charlie Bagby, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously extended to Capt. T. G. Stem for his kind words of welcome.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

No further business coming before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample form.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM W. WILLSON,
Assistant Grand Secretary.

GRAND ORATOR'S ADDRESS: "THE FURTHERANCE OF LIFE."

A stranger here unwonted to this scene and may be foreign to this goodly company, must still be moved by an atmosphere unique, and by presences so interesting and so representative. Once a year near the feast of St. John the beauty and the chivalry of Granville and neighboring counties gathers in this covert in friendly fellowship, and in sympathetic touch with the gracious history and with the generous day of this Masonic Asylum for the orphan children of the State. This beautiful grove of oaks, crowning this shapely hill and sweeping into the meadows beyond, shading the necessary buildings for the work, gives a living picture of the nearly four hundred young lives sheltered here from the garish day which threatened to be, for the most of them, both hard and weary.

When the Worshipful Grand Master expressed the wish for me to speak to you to-day, the subject was so large, so real, and so many-sided, and its sympathies were so close to me that the chariot wheels of my thoughts jarred in the gates through which I would drive them forth. The idea concerning which I would speak to you is perhaps covered by the title, "The Furtherance of Life." The idea belongs of necessity to the work of mercy whose outward show is graciously gathered about us to-day. Going a bit further, I should like to make the idea as symbolic as I can. Following may be a clerical trick. I select a text. You will find the words on the opening page of Shakespeare's Hamlet. "For this relief, much thanks; 'tis bitter cold, and I am sick at heart." Imagine the scene. There is a platform before the castle at Elsinore. The great house is aflame with light streaming out in the darkness. The evident warmth within makes all the sharper the keenness of the air without. The lonely sentinel, Francisco, is pacing back and forth on this platform in the dark and chill of the night. (Enter Bernardo, officer of the guard.) B.: "Who's there?" Francisco: "Nay, answer me. Stand and unfold yourself." B.: "Long live the King!" F.: "Bernardo?" B.: "He." F.: "You come most carefully upon your hour." B.: "'Tis now struck 12; get thee to bed, Francisco." F.: "For this relief, much thanks; 'tis bitter cold, and I am sick at heart."

The castle at Elsinore is a symbol of a bright and beautiful civilization with its fair women and brave men dwelling in cultured ease, security, and plenty. In society people are expected to behave as if they lived on ambrosia, and concerned themselves only with the loftiest interests, living in an ethereal atmosphere and breathing the air of the gods. Any careless familiarity, any frank word or look of passion, and the charmed palace so carefully wrought goes to

pieces as the sharp cock-crow dispels all enchantments, and puts the fairies to flight. But the other world, the world of reality, is always near at hand, as the booming guns of Waterloo broke up the brilliant ball at Brussels. So Bernardo, with his mind and body aglow with the warmth and fellowship and fire of the castle, steps outside, and in a moment is in touch with Francisco, cold and sick at heart in the under and outer edge of the life seen, but not shared. Even to us here this morning the thought of such a possible contrast is a rude awakening from our dreams of Utopia, and rest, and food, and happiness.

There is a certain amount of confidence apparent between Bernardo, the officer of the guard, and Francisco, the sentinel—some common bond.

F.: "Stand and unfold yourself."

B.: "Long live the King!" That is a password of a common brotherhood under a common master, and Francisco will not be left out in the cold to become colder and sicker at heart. His brother will relieve him. "Get thee to bed, Francisco." This brotherhood of man, why? I feel I am a brother to a man congenial, of my own blood or race, or State, or politics, or because he is a near neighbor. But why a brother to the man I chance to meet and greet on the street? Why a brother to the man on the other side of the world, so alien in speech, customs, and traditions? It is because deeper than blood or speech, or anything else under the sun, we are brothers because we are the children of a common Lord, made in His image.

Contradictory as it may seem, break up this big brotherhood into its constituent parts; the comradeship of alms, or craft, or guild, or anything else, and the intense local brotherhood but emphasizes the larger brotherhood known to exist everywhere else. Brethren, we have worked under the symbolic "G" over our heads, telling us that we were brethren under the God in the heavens, and we have been none the less brothers to all the sons of men. This brotherhood idea becomes the norm of progress for our whole civilization; Bernardos a-plenty step out of the light and heat into the street to help Franciscos a-plenty, who are cold and sick at heart, and learn to temper their mercy to the tenderness and need of the lonely watcher's children also. This furtherance of life is a charge on the assets of brotherhood the world over; and where can that charge be liquidated more graciously than where it garners the children—the grain of God?

Bernardo and Francisco serve each other mutually. Francisco must guard faithfully even in distressing cold. Bernardo must still be thoughtful of others, even while himself in comfortable quarters. There is a sound of plenty in the hearty voice of Bernardo, as there

is something of querulous irritation from hunger and cold in the voice of Francisco; nevertheless each does his own work interlocked with the work of his fellow. Indeed, all life is divinely organized for mutual service and is furthered by it. Bound together in families and social groups, business and political groups, and in educational, church, and charitable work, it seems impossible for us to escape honorably our interrelated duty of service to the life about us. This ideal, however, only becomes operative when each of us learns to care for the coucerus of his brother, and at least tries to help the weak and forlorn over the rough places of life. In this truth, that life is the place for service, and he who renders the greatest service is the greatest man, we discern the true philosophy of our relations with our fellow-man. There is an age-long conflict between the two theories of life; the one the pagau imperial idea that life and the world are made for the few, whom the many are to serve. After this fashion Bernardo, without a thought of Francisco, would stay indoors with his back to the fire and his face to all the fun. The other theory is that of the Hebraic democracy, that life and the world are for the many; and the few—the great ones—are to serve. In this theory, the one with which we are familiar, the benefit of government and wealth and opportunity are for all and each. Here Bernardo in the sheltered comfort of the castle feels his responsibility for Francisco at work out in the cold. Francisco in grateful, but not surprised, confidence, exclaims: "You come most carefully upon your hour." Mark you, the magician Shakespeare makes Francisco say, "your hour"—Bernardo's hour to serve and help. Brethren, do you recall a question like this, "Does any brother have need?" That questiou, methinks, has its roots among the operative Masous as they reared the walls of Zion and its temple. The query is fresh among us yet. Francisco cannot go on forever; he needs sustenance, as a work of mercy for many like this needs mainteuance. Your hour of service to further life.

We live in one of the most productive and richest countries in the world. The question with us concerning the furtherance of life is not of production, but of distribution. In my Father's house there is food enough aud to spare, but how can it be equitably divided among His children? This Orphan Asylum and other works of mercy prove the momentous question has not yet been answered. Do you kuow that in the splendid city of New York, in 1903, 14 per cent of the family population of that city was dispossessed and put on the sidewalk for inability to pay rent? Do you kuow that in 1902, in the same richest city in the world, out of every ten persons dying during the year one body was given a pauper's burial in Potter's field? Plenty to eat and to spare, and to waste; but the distri-

bution—oh, how poorly done! So long as this coagulated distribution of the products of the field and industry is a reality, so long must the flotsam and the jetsam of the cruel competitive strife be caught and beached and housed and fed in plants of mercy provided by brotherly pity. It is the only way to further life helplessly enmeshed in the tangle of perplexing circumstances. If Bernardo will not relieve Francisco, then some instituted charity must minister to him when he falls, and care for his children when he is disabled or dead.

I can easily imagine Bernardo, the better fixed officer of the guard, yawning and moving very reluctantly to leave his sheltered and snug quarters to go out into the cold at midnight to relieve Francisco, the lowly soldier. Military orders are unemotional, and Bernardo is a good soldier, and he steps out into the cold, making a real sacrifice to serve in a soldierly fashion, and incidentally to further life. All down the line of human history sacrifice has been an elemental and uncontrollable factor in the furtherance of human life at the expense of the most priceless interests and possessions. Every worker knows that in the old Hebraic days God commanded an altar for animal sacrifice among a pastoral people who counted their money in cattle. Since then we have learned that among other things an altar means the sacrifice of private interests to the public weal, the offering of something that hurts us in the parting. Sometimes this will be a bloody sacrifice, but a necessary part of life's equipment. If the busy world of business and pleasure forgets the fact, it is at its own peril. When we forget self, some kind of a victory is won. Any work of mercy, any asylum, our own asylum, I have imagined a kind of altar, involving some kind of sacrifice on the part of those who maintain, administer, and teach, and needing constant oblations of all kinds and degrees. Brethren, we have an Altar, the center of our work, and founded on the eternal principles of human nature. The fact is natural to us, and significant.

Did not John H. Mills, in spite of many cares, crosses, and contradictions, step out into the night like Bernardo to seek for those who were feeling the bitter cold and were sick at heart?

It has recently been said: "One may get food and shelter from the orphan asylum, but he cannot get fatherhood." I suppose this means that any asylum can only further life in an impersonal way. That is not true of this asylum. Bernardo was a plain, blunt soldier. He might have exchanged posts with Francisco in a perfunctory fashion; but to his formal duty he adds a sympathetic touch, "'Tis now struck 12; get thee to bed, Francisco." The heart, the manner, the life make all the difference between a soldier and a man.

One beautiful summer evening I happened to stand on the steps of the office building just as the supper bell rang. In a moment the

boys trooped out of the several cottages and came rapidly in an irregular line toward the dining-room, and this side of the central building. Each boyish face was smiling and eager with expectancy. I could see in each little fellow a possible and successful Oliver Twist. The girls were trooping along on the other side of the building toward the same destination. I knew they were angels, of course, but suspected they were Oliver's sisters, asking more with the same confidence, and more success, at least with no fear of rebuke. More than that, I saw sweet-faced teachers waiting before the dining-room doors, to whom the children ran informally and with the utmost confidence. And I saw happy little groups forming here and there as the mass drifted through the doors. Last winter I stood in that same dining-room and witnessed the same happy meetings. No perfunctory kill-hunger meal, but the warm heart of the asylum life enjoyed by all—the meal blessed by thankful words of faith—but blessed as much by evident tokens of parental interest and love. The furtherance of life as I see it in this institution is not the result of formal benevolence, but the gracious orderliness of consecrated hearts and hands and heads.

Perhaps it may be said that I have seemed to stress the work of bringing up the rear guard, of rewarding the ill-equipped, or making the path smoother for the tender feet, lame and weary. Of all this I urge our honored Craft says much and does more. I urge also that the interest of those with the ten talents can only be secured by the enlistment of their superior abilities and opportunities in the service of those with only the one talent or none. It becomes necessary for that interest in the furtherance of life that I paint as distinctly as I can the loneliness, the bitterness of the cold, the sickness of the heart of Francisco, the semi-submerged fraction of life.

You know I live but a stone's throw from this platform. I wish I could tell you of the homely routine we of Oxford see and love, of the ways of this institution, as it furthers the life that in time will be garnered as a part of the noblest manhood and womanhood of our State. Brethren of the Craft, if "A man is more precious than fine gold," then this work is putting jewels among the manhood of our citizenship. Brethren of the Craft, if "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband," then this work is putting jewels in the homes of the State. Anyway, life is furthered, and in the glow of present success the work is worthy of the best we have for its development.

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small.
For the dear Lord who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

RALEIGH, N. C., August 6, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the Masonic hall in the city of Raleigh, Tuesday afternoon, August 6, A. D. 1912, at 4 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand officers present were:

M. W. W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.
 R. W. W. A. WITHERS as Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. JOHN T. ALDERMAN, Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. S. O. GARRISON as Junior Grand Warden.
 R. W. LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary.
 REV. A. M. SIMMS as Grand Chaplain.
 W. LOCKE CRAIG, Grand Orator.
 W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. D. F. BETTS as Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. J. H. MULLINS as Grand Marshal.
 W. R. J. NOBLE, P. G. M., as Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. CARY K. DURFEY as Grand Pursuivant.
 W. C. T. McCLENAGHAN as Grand Steward.
 W. C. A. MATTHEWS as Grand Steward.
 W. MARSHALL DEL. HAYWOOD, Grand Historian.
 W. L. O. PULLEY, Grand Architect.
 W. R. H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.

The following lodges were represented:

Hiram, No. 40	Henderson, No. 229
Wilnhington, No. 319	Fellowship, No. 84
William G. Hill, No. 218	Mount Hermon, No. 118
Raleigh, No. 500	Neuse, No. 97
St. Tammany, No. 5, Hampton, Va.	

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that this communication was held for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Young Men's Christian Association building now being erected in the city of Raleigh.

The Grand Marshal was ordered to form the procession, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the corner of Edenton and Wilmington streets, where the following program was executed:

Song, "Old North State".....Assembly
Ceremonies.....Grand Lodge of Masons

Mr. W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.

(Exercises continued on the northeast corner of the Capitol Square, in charge of the General Committee of the Raleigh Young Men's Christian Association.)

Invocation.

Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Greetings from the Brotherhood,

Mr. G. C. Huntington, State Secretary Y. M. C. A.

Address.....Mr. B. R. Lacy

Address.....Hon. Locke Craig

DoxologyAssembly

Benediction.

The chief address on this occasion was delivered by Hon. Locke Craig.

The Grand Lodge in a body then returned to the Masonic hall. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to Hon. Locke Craig for his able and interesting address, and that he be requested to deliver to the Grand Secretary a copy of same, to be printed in the next Grand Lodge Proceedings.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC HALL, GREENSBORO, N. C.,
TUESDAY, October 15, 1912.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 10:40 a. m. by Grand Master W. B. McKoy, with the following regular and *pro tem.* officers in attendance:

W. B. MCKOY, Grand Master.
F. M. WINCHESTER, Deputy Grand Master.
C. M. VANSTORY, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
F. P. HOBGOOD, JR., Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R. F. EDWARDS, Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
JOHN W. PETTY, Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
E. POOLE, Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
J. M. BAILEY, Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
C. W. BATTLE, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
PROFESSOR WEATHERLY, Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
W. W. WOOD, Three Great Lights.
JOHN J. PHOENIX, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. R. BUTLER, Grand Tiler, *pro tem.*

The following lodges were represented:

Greensboro, No. 76	Excelsior, No. 261
Corinthian, No. 542	Laurinburg, No. 305
Revolution, No. 552	Stokesdale, No. 428
Stokes, No. 32	Coharie, No. 379
Mooresville, No. 496	Mariette, No. 444
and others.	

There were present sixty Master Masons.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Invocation by Brother A. D. Betts of Corinthian Lodge, No. 542.

The Grand Master stated that this special communication was called for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, located west of Greensboro.

After a few appropriate remarks the procession was formed and the Grand Lodge adjourned to the Home. The Grand

Lodge was accompanied by the Grand Chapter of Order of Eastern Star of North Carolina, consisting of their regular Grand officers and fifty members.

Arriving at the grounds, the regular ritual was carried out in dedicating the building. Music for the occasion was furnished by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The Grand Chapter of Eastern Star also carried out their ritualistic ceremonies.

The lodge then adjourned to the Masonic hall, Greensboro. After the reading and approval of the minutes, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

JOHN J. PHOENIX,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

PUBLIC MEETING.

MASONIC HALL, GREENSBORO, N. C.,
TUESDAY, October 15, 1912.

After the closing of the Grand Lodge, a public meeting was held jointly with the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. This meeting was presided over by Brother J. W. Rowell.

The orator of the day, Past Grand Master F. D. Winston, was introduced by Grand Master W. B. McKoy. Brother Winston's address was a splendid history of the Home.

Short talks were made by Dr. Winchester, Brother Clymer, Mrs. Sallie Boettcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. J. W. Rowell.

The services were closed by singing, followed by a prayer by Rev. J. W. Patton.

JOHN J. PHOENIX,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., October 14, 1912.

W. B. McKoy, *Grand Master*,
Greensboro, N. C.

I am painfully grieved that most important business precludes the possibility of being with you to-morrow to see the Home dedicated. Its opening for its noble purpose will fulfill a dream of the past seven years. Love to the brethren. God bless you all.

R. N. HACKETT,
Past Grand Master.

RALEIGH, N. C., October 22, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple in the city of Raleigh on Tuesday evening, October 22, 1912, at 3:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand officers present:

M. W. W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.
R. W. Z. V. PEED as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. W. W. WILLSON as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. FRANK P. HOBGOOD, JR., Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. ASHBY L. BAKER as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary.
W. C. E. MADDREY, Grand Chaplain.
W. P. THORNTON MARYE as Grand Architect.
W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Senior Grand Deacon.
W. C. A. MATTHEWS as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. B. S. ROYSTER as Grand Marshal.
W. J. J. TOWLER as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. MARSHALL DEL. HAYWOOD as Grand Pursuivant.
W. C. F. KOONCE as Grand Steward.
W. G. N. WALTERS as Grand Steward.

W. ROBERT H. BRADLEY, Grand Tiler.

W. M. DELANCEY HAYWOOD, Grand Historian.

Past Grand officers present: B. S. Royster, P. G. M.

The following lodges were represented:

Hiram, No. 40

Orient, No. 395

William G. Hill, No. 218

Raleigh, No. 500

Henderson, No. 229

Palestine Lodge, No., Atlanta, Ga.

Wake Forest, No. 282

W. D. Luckie, No. 89, Atlanta, Ga.

Corinthian, No. 542

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that the communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new steel construction office building in our Capital City.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal and proceeded in a body to the corner of Wilmington and Martin streets, where the new building is being erected. The corner-stone was then laid in accordance with the usual Masonic ceremonies. The following program was rendered:

Music.....By Quartet

MRS. HORACE DOWELL

MR. GEORGE SLIGO

MISS HELEN M. DAY

MR. WALTERS DURHAM

Prayer—REV. CHARLES E. MADDREY, Grand Chaplain.

Depositing of Articles in the Stone—

By LEO D. HEARTT, Grand Treasurer

Music.

Working Tools Delivered to Grand Master—

By P. THORNTON MARYE, Principal Architect

Ceremony—

Applying the Implements to the Stone by the Grand Officers:

DR. F. M. WINCHESTER, Deputy Grand Master

MR. JOHN T. ALDERMAN, Senior Grand Warden

MR. F. P. HOBGOOD, JR., Junior Grand Warden

Stone Consecrated.

Pouring of Corn, Wine, and Oil

(accompanied with music by the Quartet).

Invocation:

May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building; protect the workmen against every accident; long preserve the structure from decay; and grant to us all a supply of the CORN of *nourishment*, the WINE of *refreshment*, and the OIL of *joy*.—AMEN.

Delivery of Building to Principal Architect for Completion—

By W. B. McKoy, Grand Master

Addresses:

W. B. McKoy, Grand Master.

JAMES I. JOHNSON, Mayor of Raleigh.

ALBERT L. COX, President Chamber of Commerce.

J. B. PEARCE, President Merchants' Association.

DR. J. M. TEMPLETON, President Wake County Farmers' Union.

Benediction.

The ceremonies having been completed, the procession was then reformed and returned to the Masonic hall. The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master.

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

On October 24, 1912, a special communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of A. F. and A. M. met in the hall of Wicceacon Lodge, No. 240, at Harrellsville, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina was opened in ample form, with presiding Grand officers as follows: W. B. McKoy, Grand Master of North Carolina; D. C. Barnes, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. C. F. Griffin, Senior Grand Warden; Dr. R. H. Garey, Junior Grand Warden; C. R. Brinkley, Grand Marshal; W. D. McGloughn, Grand Architect; H. H. Jones, Senior Grand Deacon; Rassie Vaughn, Junior Grand Deacon; J. G. Perry and J. J. Leary, Grand Stewards; Q. C.

Davis, Grand Chaplain; R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler of North Carolina; H. C. Holloman, Grand Treasurer; J. L. Smith, Grand Secretary.

The object of this special communication was to lay the corner-stone to Wiccacon Lodge, No. 240, and dedicate the hall to Masonry, and same was done according to the ancient rules and customs of Masonry.

Various lodges were represented as follows:

Wiccacon Lodge, No. 240: H. C. Holloman, Dr. J. A. Powell, J. D. Lowe, J. W. Adkins, B. Scull, W. E. Miller, I. M. Taylor, C. M. Cullens, J. C. Miller, M. R. Taylor, J. E. Askew, J. E. Davenport, J. Teabout, C. B. Eure, S. E. Eure, E. R. Eure, R. H. Jernigan, J. L. Smith.

Colerain Lodge, No. 591: J. W. Leary, J. J. Perry, J. M. Montague, I. J. Barker, C. R. Brinkley, W. H. Sessoms, W. E. Peele, W. C. Hues, W. L. Cofield.

Sunsberry Lodge, No. 352: A. Jeffrey.

Charity Lodge of Windsor, N. C.: Q. C. Davis.

Luke McGloughn, No. 504: W. T. Holloman.

Winton Lodge, No. 307: H. H. Jones, W. D. McGloughn, C. L. Scott, H. A. Piland, James Cotton, Dr. C. F. Griffin.

Murfreesboro Lodge: Dr. R. H. Garey, E. W. Whitley, Stanley Winborne, D. C. Barnes, E. E. Vaughan, O. S. Parker, R. C. Nocolson, N. D. Sewall.

Gatesville Lodge, No. 126: K. R. Harrell.

After the corner-stone was laid and the hall dedicated we returned to the hall, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain Q. C. Davis, after which a refreshing dinner was served, everybody partaking of same.

Two eloquent addresses were delivered by W. B. McKoy, Grand Master of North Carolina, and Grand Chaplain Q. C. Davis.

W. B. McKoy,
Grand Master of North Carolina.

J. L. SMITH,
Secretary.

At a regular communication of William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, A. F. and A. M., held in the Masonic hall in the city of Raleigh on January 13, 1913, for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to our honorable and venerable brother, Robert H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, the addresses below were delivered.

The Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication ordered that these addresses be printed along with the special communications in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and that a cut of Brother Bradley be secured and also be included in the Proceedings.

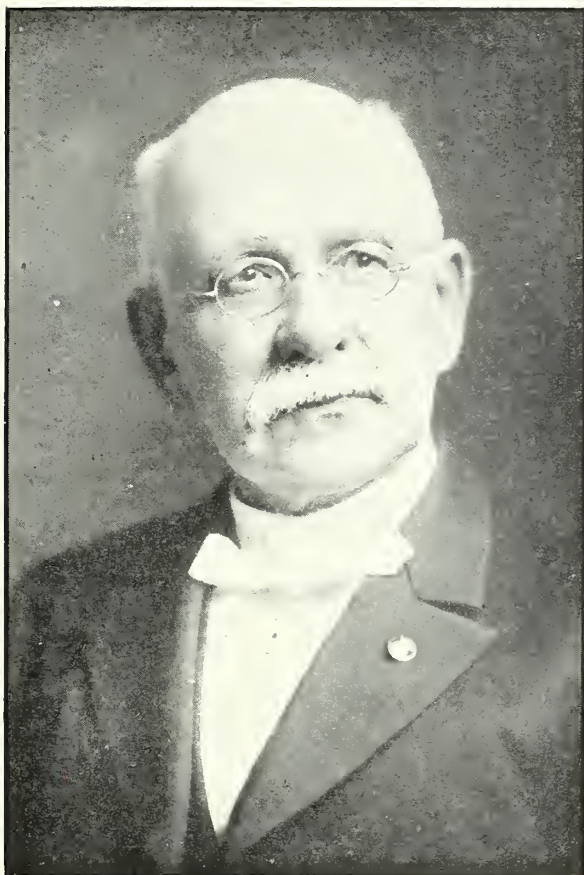
The following address was delivered by Past Grand Master Winston:

Worshipful Master and Brethren: You honor me in this selection to convey to one we love a token of Masonic honor and a testimony of your esteem.

I shall cherish ever the memory that I was your messenger of love on this interesting occasion. The special feature of our coming together takes us back to the days, half century gone, when William G. Hill Lodge was under dispensation. Its record reminds us that amid the din of arms men sought to be bound by the tie of brotherhood that Masonry gives. In the year 1864 certain brethren in our Capital City were authorized to form another lodge. The name selected was that of William G. Hill, the wise Grand Master, the humane citizen, the skillful physician. While under dispensation, on August 24, 1864, William G. Hill Lodge received its first petition for the degrees of Masonry from Robert H. Bradley. Nine years thereafter he was elected Master. It has fallen to the lot of few lodges in any jurisdiction to begin its roll of members so auspiciously: soldier, citizen, public officer, Christian.

Before I proceed to the special duty assigned me, I ask that you fix firmly in your minds some pivotal facts about our much loved brother.

Robert H. Bradley was born on a farm in Edgecombe County, August 23, 1840. In youth he attended the first free school taught in his native county. His parents were Elias and Mary Bradley—good old-fashion Bible names—strong evidence that he was reared in a Godly home. The year he was made a Mason he joined the Baptist church. Masonry is not essential to religion, but religion is



Fraternally Yours
R. H. Bradley

most essential to Masonry; both have taught our brother to know his full duty to God and his fellow-man. When he knows a duty, he performs it and lives in it.

Before his majority, in answer to the first bugle-call to arms and before the seceding of his State, Brother Bradley enlisted in Company A, First Regiment. The magnificent monument in Capitol Square commemorating the bravery of his comrade, Henry Wyatt, is equally a memorial of the daring of Bradley and his companions who walked into the jaws of death that rare spring day in the first battle of the bloodiest war of modern times. The incident is historic. It gave the Nation, early in the conflict, an example of what the enemy might expect from North Carolina soldiery. I shall not follow him as a soldier. So noble a beginning could end only in four years of devotion to duty, of uncomplaining service, of patient endurance of hunger and hardship, and added deeds of heroism.

Peace found him poor in the world's wealth. Bravery in battle developed in him a higher attribute—bravery in peace. He bravely went to his daily toil. His first public service was as keeper of the Capitol and public grounds, 1866 and 1867, under appointment from Governor Jonathan Worth, than whom the State never had a better executive. Quitting this employment, he was for eleven years a merchant. In Bob Bradley's store a yard was just a little more than thirty-six inches and a pound something over sixteen ounces. He learned his bookkeeping and merchandising in the good book: "A just weight and balance are the Lord's; all the weights of the bag are His work." In the closing days of the year 1878 a fire swept away his accumulations of years of honest work and fair dealing. Within a month an unexpected appointment came to him, one that kept him in our Capital City, one fitted to his high character and devotion to duty, and one that has made it possible for us to see him often and be the better for seeing him. The Supreme Court—Judges Smith, Ashe, and Dillard, noble names—needed an officer of high character to preserve order and decorum in the courtroom, to care for and be responsible for its valuable library, to serve its important process, to occupy a very close personal relation with the judges. They elected Robert H. Bradley the Marshal of the Court. He has filled that office thirty-four years.

He has never missed a regular communication of the Grand Lodge since he entered this lodge. For twenty-seven years he has been the faithful guardian of the Grand Lodge as its Grand Tiler. For near twenty years he has been a Deacon of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Continuance in office—public, fraternal, sacred—is the real evidence of his duty well done. I have not given you in detail the life of our worthy brother. Did time permit, I would lift the veil

from his hearthstone and show you his home life—a home of complete domestic happiness. Brave in the face of great danger, faithful in the discharge of public duty, strong in his attachment to Masonry, guiding his life by its precepts, a worthy servant of the Master and a devoted member of one branch of his universal church; loving, constant, and true to those who are bound to him, Robert H. Bradley is worthy the honor you direct me to confer. No brighter jewel ever rested above a braver heart.

My brother, this Past Master's Jewel comes to you freighted with the love of your fellow-members of William G. Hill Lodge. They direct me to present it with many expressions of their affection for you, and to express the sincere hope that for many years you will go in and out among them, an inspiration to them and all men to lead purer lives and be better men. God bless and hold you in His keeping, is the prayer of your brethren and of the State.

God speed you in the path you tread,
Who love the living, mourn the dead.
Your actions, measured by the square,
Have ever been both true and fair.
To you no evil e'er will come;
Your life's been tested by the plumb.
With all thy heart, thy love, thy mind,
You're guided by the Book Divine.
And when at last His gavel falls,
This earthly lodge from labor calls,
May Boaz, pillar at the gates
Which angels tile, where Jachin waits,
Unloose the bandage from your eyes
And give you password to the skies.
Then in the Lodge celestial, bright,
May you behold the Perfect Light!

Brother Bradley responded as follows:

Worshipful Master, and Brethren of William G. Hill Lodge:
Brother Winston, it is with great diffidence that I attempt to say anything to-night, for you have left me no easy task. Honesty does not help me to its performance, if, indeed, it does not render it the harder. It is sometimes upon occasions like this that he who is being honored cannot, with perfect honesty, accept the praise which is offered; he is apt to know himself too well. At this moment I can do no more than try to meet your eloquent words with my commonplace talk, not a speech.

For the time being, leaving out the personal elements of our thoughts, I give my most earnest approval to the ideals presented by yourself. The Mason who would do his duty should look beyond

the portals of the lodge, to its performance. It is a pleasure to see the several degrees conferred in a most solemn and impressive manner. Brotherly love and charity should be forcibly impressed upon the mind of the candidate, more especially charity, as that is the foundation of Masonry. Freemasonry would have been a failure without it. Therefore, brethren, after teaching the candidate in all the work and lectures in the degrees, the Mason, then, should go outside the lodge and practice, by precept and example, what he teaches inside. He should visit the sick and sorrowing brother or widow, speak words of comfort and encouragement and aid them materially, if need be, so far as he can. That is the mission of Masonry.

The definitions of Freemasonry have been numerous, but they all agree in declaring it to be a "system of morality by the practice of which its members may advance their spiritual interest." It is a mistake, however, to suppose that Freemasonry is a system of religion. It is not; one is human and the other Divine; but it is a handmaid of religion and largely illustrates one great branch of it when practiced, to wit, our duty to God, our neighbor, and ourselves. It is by no means silent on that other great branch of our religion, without which our charity would be useless: I mean faith. Freemasonry not only illustrates this Divine quality, as forming one principal step of its Divine ladder, but points to the glorious Object of that faith in almost every degree.

One has said: "Freemasonry is an establishment founded on the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principles of moral and social virtues."

Masonry contains a series of emblems and discloses such a code of moral and religious truths as could scarcely be comprehended under any other form, within the same limits. They contain an impenetrable mystery to the uninitiated, but to the well instructed brother they contain a code of morals which is of the utmost value in forming the mind and conduct and in leading imperceptibly to the practice of virtue, founded on the secure basis of religious truth.

The emblems and lectures of the First Degree open with mortality in its feeblest state—poor, penniless, blind, and naked, and conducts the pious inquirer to a glorious immortality. It begins on earth and ends in heaven; the probation is arduous and severe; the result clear as the fountain of life. Like Bunyan's Pilgrim, if the candidate surmounts the temptation of Doubting Castle, and conquers the Giant Despair, the Valley of Shadow will have no terror; he will pass through Jordan triumphantly and land on the banks of that celestial shore where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

Brother, have you pondered the meaning
 Of all you have heard and been told?
 Have you strengthened your heart for its weaning
 From vices and faults loved of old?
 Will you honor, in hours of temptation,
 Your promises noble and grand?
 Will your spirit be strong to do battle with wrong,
 "And, having done all, to stand"?

Will you ever be true to a brother
 In actions as well as in creed?
 Will you stand by his side as no other
 Could stand in the hour of his need?
 Will you boldly defend him from peril,
 And lift from him poverty's curse?
 Will the promise of aid, which you willingly made,
 Reach down from your lips to your purse?

The world's battle-field is before you;
 Let wisdom walk close by your side,
 Let faith spread her snowy wings o'er you,
 Let Truth be your comrade and guide;
 Let Fortitude, Justice, and Mercy
 Direct all your conduct aright,
 And let each word and act tell to men the proud fact,
 You are worthy the name of a Mason.

Brother Winston, I am proud of the many things you have said to-night. I cannot express to you in words my feelings and appreciation. To say that your words have touched the tender spot in my heart is but to confess that which it would be worse than vain to deny. I thank you from the depths of my heart. If I have done any good in this world, I am glad to know it; but I feel that I have not done half what was my duty.

This occasion carries me back in memory to the dear friends and brothers who wrought so hard in the upbuilding of this lodge, among whom were many of the best friends I ever had on earth.

Behold how rapidly the sands of life are passing!

During the first ten years of the existence of this lodge one hundred were admitted to its membership. Of that number, eleven are living; the following retain their affiliation with us: Brothers N. B. Broughton, C. B. Edwards, W. E. Cox, V. C. Royster, W. T. Howell, W. P. Witherell, Z. T. Broughton, and myself. The others are living elsewhere. Where are the other eighty-nine? Echo answers, Where? They have passed over the river and are reaping their reward. Our tracks are pointing in that direction; soon they will be washed out by the tide of time; we will follow them. Brethren, I am not afraid to go.

What can I say of this beautiful jewel more than to thank the members of William G. Hill Lodge, and assure them of my appreciation? I will accept it. I will wear it, not only in memory of yourselves, but of those brethren who were dear to me, who are dead now, many years. I shall value it. To me it is a certificate from the present membership of this lodge—an evidence that those who know me best believe I have tried to do my duty. I thank you very much.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF CAUSES LEADING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF
THE OXFORD ASYLUM.

I first attended the Grand Lodge in 1864. From that time until 1872 the principal discussion was in connection with St. John's College. The Grand Lodge built a college for the purpose of educating the sons of Masons, but their wishes never materialized. Every effort to establish the school was a failure. There were debts due different parties, the largest of which was a mortgage held by Capt. John Berry, the contractor. He had lost his property as a result of the war. He wanted his money. There were other debts due for material, etc., to other parties, all of whom were clamoring for a settlement. The treasury of the Grand Lodge was empty, and there was no income from the college. They could not pay off the indebtedness. The question was, what to do with the college. To get clear of that continual nagging, a resolution was introduced to sell it, pay off the indebtedness, and invest the balance in bonds of a Masonic temple, which, at that time, an effort was being made to erect, in Raleigh. After discussion, a vote was taken by call of lodge, which resulted in a tie. It fell to the lot of Grand Master Nichols to break the tie. He voted against the proposition to sell, which left the question still open. A day or two before this vote was taken, Bro. J. H. Mills had introduced a resolution providing for the conversion of St. John College into an Orphan Asylum. This did not meet with the approval of many of the leading Masons of the State, for the reason, some said, it was converting a college into a poorhouse. But, to my mind, it was a manifestation of the wisdom and forethought of Brother Mills. In his travels over the State he had seen many orphan children and destitute widows, as a result of the war, and realized their needs. His heart, full of sympathy, went out to them. Immediately after the action of the Grand Lodge in refusing to sell, the resolution of Brother Mills, introduced a day or two before, was taken up and passed without a dissenting vote. A motion was made to elect Brother Mills superintendent, which was done. An appropriation of \$500 was made by the Grand Lodge, and there was the beginning of the orphan work in North Carolina.

Brother Mills went forth in full confidence in the success of the enterprise. What that success has been I need not repeat here to-night. Who is there that can doubt that the hand of Providence has not been in this grand and glorious work? When with pride in their hearts, the Grand Lodge could not establish and support a great college, its every effort met with defeat, but when they turned their eyes in the right direction and humbled themselves before the great Master of the Universe, their efforts received His blessings, and to-day we behold a beautiful sight of more than three hundred little children, housed and clothed, within the walls of our Orphan Asylum. While I do not know the exact number of children cared for, it runs up into thousands, and during the forty years of its existence not one child that has ever entered that Home has suffered for either raiment or food. And there is no more beautiful sight that can be presented to the Masons of North Carolina than three hundred or more bright faces that greet them every 24th of June. Then, brethren, is there any one who regrets or can regret that St. John's College was converted into what some unkindly called a Masonic poorhouse?

Bro. John H. Mills has passed away, but his work lives after him. What have we done and what are we doing to perpetuate the memory of this great and good man? It seems to me that one of the smallest things we could do would be to hang over the Grand East a portrait that would ever be a reminder of his great work, and an admonition to every one who might behold his genial and charitable face to imitate, as far as possible, the noble work of a noble man. It would be an inspiration to every member of the Grand Lodge to go home and work with greater zeal for the Orphan. Brother Mills has done more to enshrine Masonry in the hearts of the people of North Carolina than any man, living or dead.

All the world admires a man of courage, brethren. It required this element in Brother Nichols' character to cast the tie vote against the sale of St. John's College when he knew that his vote would be criticised by the Masons of Raleigh. But for his voting not to sell there would have been no Oxford Orphan Asylum. That vote made it possible to organize the institution. Brother Mills seized the opportunity and carried it forward to a glorious consummation.

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APPENDIX

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Correspondence begs leave to present the seventeenth annual report on the condition of the craft universal, based on an examination of the proceedings of sixty Grand jurisdictions, all that have been received.

Freemasonry, throughout the world, is enjoying unparalleled prosperity, numerically and financially, thus enabling the fund of Benevolence to be increased.

The organized charities of the Grand lodges, especially in the United States, in British North America, and in the Australian group of Grand lodges, have largely increased, and there is not one of these jurisdictions without a Home or Homes or an ample benevolent fund; and it is gratifying to state that by these means there is relief for every worthy indigent Mason or his dependents.

A few years ago one of the most industrious and zealous Masons in this Grand jurisdiction, Bro. Harry W. Gowen of Halifax, N. C., in his search among the rubbish of the temple at Halifax, discovered many things of interest to the history of Masonry in Colonial days. The most valuable of these was the stained and almost illegible commission of Joseph Montfort as "Provincial Grand Master of and for America." With his usual zeal and devotion, Bro. Gowen had the parchment cleaned thoroughly and restored to its original clearness. The *prima facie* evidence of the commission, which is now in the possession of this Grand Lodge, sustains the justice of the claim and would seem to settle the contention.

This claim of North Carolina Masons as to the territorial premiership of Joseph Montfort was first challenged by Bro. Edward T. Schultz, the correspondence writer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; but in his report for 1911 he receded

from that position, and now admits that, in his opinion, the North Carolina claim is justified.

In the Correspondence Report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1911, Bro. James M. Lamberton, Grand Senior Deacon, chairman of the Correspondence Committee and author of their reports, has made exhaustive investigations, as a result of which he expresses the opinion that the Montfort claim is untenable, and in that opinion your committee is inclined to concur. The appointment of a Provincial Grand Master in South Carolina, in 1770, the year preceding Montfort's appointment, and the commission to a Provincial Grand Master in Virginia, in 1773, would seem to indicate that the copyist of the Montfort commission, in a spirit of generosity or indifference or ignorance of Masonic procedure in this respect, made the mistake of writing "of and for America." With the appreciation of the territorial jurisdiction of lodges, provincial Grand lodges and independent Grand lodges, it is difficult to understand how this universal usage should be set aside in favor of Montfort, who from the records seems to have been no more deserving of Masonic recognition than his contemporaries of the same rank; and, taken all in all, it seems that Montfort's distinction came from the lapses of the copyist.

Impressed with the spirit of the motto in the great seal of North Carolina, "*Esse quam videri*," which forbids pretense in every form, we ask that the patriotic Masons of North Carolina consider this claim calmly, and if found unjustifiable, that the Grand Lodge surrender the claim so as to comport with its dignity and sense of justice.

Brother Lamberton's findings are as follows:

It may not be without interest to the Brethren in this country to see the list of Provincial Grand Masters so far as they are given in the printed record of the Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns"). It should be said that, as these appointments were the personal prerogative, dispensations were granted of which no record is given in the printed, or indeed in any of the records, of the Grand Lodge.

From the list it will be seen that the name of HENRY PRICE, who died May 20, 1780, does not appear until the 1784 publication; that Brother MONTFORT's appointment is not noted; that there were a number of appointments contemporary with Brother MONTFORT's and that Brother PEYTON RANDOLPH was appointed for Virginia in 1773, two years after MONTFORT's appointment.

We think it is hardly to be supposed that the DUKE OF BEAUFORT, who appointed EGERTON LEIGH, for South Carolina in 1770, would the following year by his appointment of JOSEPH MONTFORT "of and for America," intend to interfere with Brother LEIGH's jurisdiction.

In the English "Constitutions" of 1738, under the heading "Deputations sent beyond Sea," the following will be found:

"Norfolk Grand Master granted a Deputation to Mr. Daniel Cox to be Provincial G. Master of New Jersey in America." (1729.)

"Weymouth Grand Master granted another to Mr. Roger Lacy, Merchant, for constituting a Lodge at Savannah of Georgia in America."

"Loudoun G. M. granted one to Robert Tomlinson, Esq., to be Provincial G. M. of New England in America." (1736.)

"Another to John Hammerton, Esq; to be provincial G. Master of South Carolina in America." (1737.)

"Darnley G. M. granted another to Capt. Richard Riggs, to be Provincial G. M. of New York." (1737.)

The years in the parenthesis are taken from the next edition.

In the 1756 edition of the English "Constitutions" there is "A List of Provincial Grand Masters deputed by and under the protection of the Grand Master of England," from which we find that deputations were granted:

"In 1742 [1743], by Lord Ward Grand Master
To Thomas Oxnard, Esq; for North America."

"In 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, by Lord Byron Grand Master" four, among them

"To William Allen, Esq; Recorder of Philadelphia for Pennsylvania in America."

"To Francis Goelet, Esq; for the Province of New York."

"In 1752, 1753, by Lord Carysfort Grand Master" six, among them

"To George Harrison, Esq; for the Province of New York."

"In 1754, 1755, by the Marquis of Carnarvan Grand Master." ten, among them

"To Peter Leigh, Esq; Chief Justice of South Carolina for South Carolina."

"Jeremiah Gridley, Esq; for all North America, where no Provincial is appointed."

In the 1767 edition of the "Constitutions" we find that LORD ABER-
DOUR, who was Grand Master in 1758-1762, appointed

"George Elliot for the Province of Georgia.

Burgeon Smith, Esq; Speaker for the House Assembly at Caro-
lina for Carolina."

LORD BLANEY, who was Grand Master 1764-1767, appointed

"The Hon. Presley Thornton, one of his Majesty's Council in the
Colony of Virginia, and his Majesty's Lieutenant Colonel
of the County of Northumberland."

In the "Appendix" of 1776, bound up with some of the 1767 edi-
tion, we find that HENRY DUKE OF BEAUFORT appointed, in 1770,

"The Hon. Egerton Leigh, Provincial Grand Master for South
Carolina."

and in 1773 LORD PETRE appointed

"Hon. Peyton Randolph, Esq; for Virginia."

In the list of Provincial Grand Masters in the 1784 edition of the
"Constitutions," all that we find for this country are the following:

"America, North, H. Price, Esq., of Boston."

"Georgia, Hon. Noble Jones."

"Maryland, Henry Harford, Esq."

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

The proceedings reviewed are as follows:

Alabama.....	1911	Ireland.....	1911
Alberta.....	1912	Kansas.....	1912
Arizona.....	1912	Louisiana.....	1912
Arkansas.....	1911	Maine.....	1912
British Columbia.....	1912	Manitoba.....	1912
California.....	1911	Maryland.....	1911
Canada.....	1912	Michigan.....	1912
Colorado.....	1912	Minnesota.....	1912
Connecticut.....	1912	Mississippi.....	1912
Costa Rico.....	1912	Missouri.....	1912
Cuba.....	1910-1911	Montana.....	1912
District of Columbia.....	1911	Nebraska.....	1912
Florida.....	1912	Nevada.....	1912
Georgia.....	1911	New Brunswick.....	1911
Idaho.....	1911	New Hampshire.....	1912
Illinois.....	1911	New Jersey.....	1912
Indiana.....	1912	New Mexico.....	1911
Iowa.....	1912	New South Wales.....	1911

New York.....	1912	South Australia.....	1912
New Zealand.....	1912	South Carolina.....	1911
North Dakota.....	1912	South Dakota.....	1912
Nova Scotia.....	1911	Tennessee.....	1912
Ohio.....	1911	Texas.....	1911
Oklahoma.....	1912	Vermont.....	1912
Oregon.....	1912	Virginia.....	1912
Pennsylvania.....	1911	Washington.....	1912
Prince Edward Island.....	1912	Western Australia.....	1912
Quebec.....	1912	West Virginia.....	1911
Rhode Island.....	1911	Wisconsin.....	1912
Saskatchewan.....	1912	Wyoming.....	1912
Scotland.....	1911-1912	Total.....	61

Missing: Delaware, England, Kentucky, Utah, and Victoria.
 Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. COLLINS,
for the Committee.

[For action on above report, see Grand Lodge proceedings, second day, morning session, and third day session.]

ALABAMA, 1911.

91ST ANNUAL.

MONTGOMERY.

DECEMBER 5.

In closing his service of two years to the Grand Lodge and to Masonry, Grand Master Lawrence H. Lee delivered his annual address, the exordium to which is poetic and beautiful. Descending to the practical, he reports the condition of the craft to be satisfactory, and says in part:

The year has been a fruitful one for good, from an intellectual as well as a physical standpoint. The brethren are taking a wide and intelligent interest in the craft, and are probing for the wisdom that lies beneath our symbolism. They are awakening to a sense of their great privileges and powers.

In a physical way, great improvement has been noted. New halls are going up, or have been completed, on every side, and I find evidences of more pride in the furnishing and keeping of the lodge halls. Splendid signs of awakening intelligent interest in those things that make for the comfort and convenience of the membership, and consequent happy results of increased attendance and endeavor.

He issued dispensations for the formation of eleven new lodges; seven others he gave permission to continue work.

The functions of laying corner-stones were numerous, and the special dispensations hard to count. Comparatively few official visits were made.

The Grand Master paid affectionate tribute to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

He reports his attendance upon the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and he says of the observance:

The celebration was planned and carried out upon a large scale. The exercises were elaborate, well conceived, and splendidly executed. They were elevating, instructive, and inspiring, and the closing banquet was a delight to the eye, a pleasure to the palate, and an intellectual treat.

Your representatives on that occasion desire here to express their great appreciation of the privilege accorded them in being per-

mitted to be present, and our sincere acknowledgment of the many courtesies extended. Grand Master Keifer and his efficient corps of committees deserve unstinted praise.

The corner-stone of the Masonic Home was laid with impressive ceremonies December 6, 1911, and the occasion was marked by eloquent speeches by Masons who were deeply concerned in the enterprise. In reference to this prospective Home, the Grand Master says:

It is confidently expected that the Home will be ready for occupancy early in the coming year, and I deem it advisable that this Grand Lodge perfect arrangements looking to the creation of a permanent board of control, so that the Home may be made available as soon as possible. Unless it is done now, another year will have passed before the Home can be opened and put in operation.

This board should be given power to receive the Home from the Building Committee, or general Home Committee, and to make settlement with such committee.

The Order of the Eastern Star, on account of its energy in good works, received this compliment from the Grand Master:

The Grand Chapter O. E. S., as we all know, hold their meetings with the various subordinate chapters of the State. I am advised that there is a movement on foot to establish a central meeting point where meetings may be had regularly each year. It is a fact greatly appreciated by the Grand Lodge that they have manifested a great interest in the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and have manifested this interest in a material way. Their interest in this institution, and the fact that Montgomery is as nearly central as is practicable, points Montgomery out as a logical meeting place, should they determine upon an abandonment of their migratory system of meeting. I, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge tender to them the use of the Grand Lodge Hall, for their annual meetings, without cost to them.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution has been referred to this committee embodying the following resolution, concerning the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico:

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for investigation and report on the status

of said Grand Lodge, Valley of Mexico, and that said committee be requested, if possible, to report at this Grand Communication such recommendation as it deems proper in the premises."

Your committee does not fail to state that, since official fraternal relations do not subsist between the Grand Lodge of Alabama and the Grand Lodge, Valley of Mexico, persons hailing from a lodge under the jurisdiction of said last named Grand Lodge are not eligible to affiliation with any lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama there are 525 chartered lodges, and 10 under dispensation. The present membership is 24,361, a gain of 1,058.

The report on correspondence covers a review of 67 volumes of Grand Lodge proceedings, and is, as usual, the work of that able and experienced reviewer, Bro. William Y. Titcomb, who at the time of closing his report was too ill to continue it, but it is a very full and entertaining contribution. North Carolina Proceedings for 1911 are fraternally reviewed and given the unusual space of five pages, for all of which we desire to express appreciation.

DANIEL A. GREENE, M. W. Grand Master.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, R. W. Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA, 1912.

7TH ANNUAL.

EDMONTON.

MAY 20.

The photograph of the retiring Grand Master, Thomas McNabb, forms the frontispiece.

After extending welcome to the representatives, as a loyal subject of the Crown, he made this report to the Grand Lodge, and it was heartily approved:

As a Grand Lodge we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge that no cloud has arisen on the horizon of our friendly relations with foreign jurisdictions, whilst the prosperity heretofore existing in our own jurisdiction is unabated. Only seven short years since the for-

mation of our Grand Lodge, consisting of eighteen (18) lodges and a membership of twelve hundred and six (1,206), and ending the year 1911 with a handsome increase to sixty-eight (68) lodges with a membership of 4,498, thus indicating the rapid settlement and development in our Province. Yet the point of the wedge of prosperity has but entered. Never in the history of our beloved country has such activity existed as that shown at the present time: the rapidity with which bands of steel are traversing the yet unpopulated regions of our vast prairies, knitting together the isolated communities, making transportation facilities available for the numberless settlers who will follow up the steel bands which have always been the advance guard of civilization. At least one hundred (100) new towns will spring into existence during the present year. Consider what this indicates to us in the near future, as you will ever find members of our fraternity in the advance guard.

Instead of giving a detailed account of his official visits, Brother McNabb simply says that he visited every lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction.

He granted a good many special dispensations for various purposes.

Fourteen lodges were constituted, and dispensations issued for the formation of six others.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find that there are 65 chartered lodges, 2 under dispensation, having a total membership of 4,498, showing a net increase of 675.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that it had nothing to do.

It is certainly inspiring to find that this young Grand Lodge in the seventh year of its age has built up a charity fund amounting to \$6,068.96.

The report on correspondence is contributed by a new hand, Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and although he confesses to inexperience, he gives evidence of dexterity in handling the Grand Lodge proceedings. The transactions of North Carolina for 1911 receive kindly consideration from Brother Taylor, and the action of the Grand Lodge generally, as well as the management and success of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, are commended.

This is Brother Taylor's conception of the duty of a reporter, and we concur:

We consider that it is the province of your committee to report, as fully as space will permit, the events transpiring in the great Masonic world, and thereby to disseminate to the craft throughout this jurisdiction the decisions and acts of the various Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge. Fearing lest our report should be too lengthy, we have been compelled to omit many matters of interest, for which we ask our brother reviewers to accept our apologies. As far as practicable, we have allowed the speaker or writer to speak in his own language, rather than try to interpret for him.

ROBERT PATTERSON, M. W. Grand Master.

GEORGE McDONALD, R. W. Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1912.

30TH ANNUAL.

PRESCOTT.

FEBRUARY 13.

Portraits of Grand Master Henry A. Morgan and Thomas S. Bunch, Deputy Grand Master, who died June 10, 1911, give added interest to the volume.

The annual address of Grand Master Morgan, though comparatively a brief paper, recounts everything of importance occurring during his administration.

He reports regretfully a long list of brethren at home and abroad who have passed to their reward.

Action upon the request of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico for recognition was deferred until next year.

The Grand Lodge has decided to become a member of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

On account of the pressure of business and other imperative demands upon his time, the Grand Master reports that he was able to make very few official visits.

The Grand Master reported that he had accepted an invitation in behalf of the Grand Lodge issued by the Chamber

of Commerce to be present and participate in the ceremonial of planting a white-oak tree on the courthouse square in commemoration of the admission this day of Arizona into the sisterhood of States.

A photograph of the ceremonial is in the volume. On that occasion Past Grand Master, Morris Goldwater, the mayor of Prescott, delivered this brief address:

Fellow-citizens, Friends and Brethren:

We have gathered to celebrate the birth of a new State. I have not lived under State government long enough to have forgotten the forty years spent in the Territory. In spite of what has been said by politicians and others, looking back over the Territorial administration, fairness compels me to say that, whether Republican or Democratic, it has not been such a bad government. I do not know what the future may bring to the new State; I cannot tell what Time may hold in the hollow of his hand for Arizona; I can only hope that she may grow in the nobleness of her citizenship, in population, in wealth, until her star shall shine the peer of any that is in the galaxy that makes our Nation's flag. But, come weal or woe, nothing will ever efface from my memory the joys and pleasures I have had in the Territory of Arizona. And so as we say welcome, we say farewell.

And now let everybody join in three cheers for the new State of Arizona.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 20 lodges, having a total membership of 2,014, a gain of 102.

There is no report on correspondence.

HARRY ARIZONA DRACHMAN, M. W. Grand Master.

GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, R. W. Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1911.

70TH ANNUAL.

LITTLE ROCK.

NOVEMBER 21.

The portrait of the incoming Grand Master, Mark P. Olney, adorns this handsome and well printed volume.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. F. G. Lindsey, is a very hopeful view of the service of Masonry to the world, as this closing paragraph of his exordium will show:

The world needs our Masonic principles and our Masonic lives and true Masonic charity more to-day than ever before. There has never been such rapid strides and such rapid advancement in all that pertains to the welfare of the human race as are being made in the world to-day. Advance, progress, and change are written in burning letters everywhere, and while morality and Christianity are uplifting and upholding and building up mankind and forming and moulding great lives and great characters, immorality, vice, and corruption are abroad in the land, and the evils arising therefrom are a bane to good society and good citizenship, and Freemasonry has and is playing an important part to-day in correcting such evils and such influences and relegating them to the rear.

The Grand Master reported 14 decisions, relating mostly to the interpretation of domestic law.

He issued dispensations for the creation of 3 new lodges.

In regard to the Orphans' Home at Batesville, he says in part:

On the 12th of August I visited the Orphans' Home at Batesville, arriving there on Saturday evening and remaining until Monday morning, where I was cordially received and welcomed and royally entertained in the Home by Bro. W. P. Tuggle, the superintendent, and his estimable wife, the excellent matron of the Home. I am sure I never enjoyed a visit in my life more than I did my stay in the Home. I had the pleasure of addressing the children in the Chapel Hall on Sunday evening on the duties and possibilities of life and the great future that lies out before them. It filled my whole soul with joy to meet these happy boys and girls who were so well contented with their lot, and I was made to realize as never before the greatness and good of this glorious Order, that is good enough, big enough, great enough, and grand enough to provide a home of pleasantness, cleanliness, and godliness for helpless orphan children, such as the Masonic Orphans' Home is to-day. I wish every true and loyal Mason in Arkansas could see this Home as it is and as I saw it. I cannot describe to you what I saw, but if you could see it you would be constrained to say, "Well done!"

Under the special report of the Committee on Correspondence, further time was asked to enable the committee to inquire fully into the status of the Grand Lodge of Salvador, and recommended, further, that fraternal relations be sus-

pended with the Grand Orient of the Ottoman Empire. This committee also recommended that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be indorsed.

In the jurisdiction there are 552 lodges, having a total membership of 19,895.

The general report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by Bro. George T. Black, who on account of his inexperience as a reviewer craves the indulgence of the fraternity, but he evidently needs only the opportunity of trying his wings before making flights that will win the admiration of his brethren. His review of the transactions of North Carolina for 1911 is fraternal in spirit and generous in giving three pages of its space.

MARK P. OLNEY, M. W. Grand Master.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, R. W. Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1912.

41ST ANNUAL.

VANCOUVER.

JUNE 30.

This volume is adorned with three handsome photographs of Past Grand Masters Francis J. Burd, 1911; Lacey R. Johnson, 1895; and Sibree Clarke, M. D., 1893.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Francis J. Burd, contains a very fine report of his official acts for the year. Like his brother, the Grand Master of Alberta, his first duty on taking office was to cable the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, the loyalty and affection to him as the Grand Master of Masons in England and the representative of King George in the Dominion of Canada.

Appropriate and affectionate reference is made to the Masonic dead.

In reference to dispensations, particularly those for attending church in lodge formation, the Grand Master expressed his own view. The italics are ours. He says:

Dispensations for other purposes than those enumerated in the Grand Secretary's report, including dispensations for the wearing of Masonic clothing at dances, were all refused. While holding the opinion that the wearing of Masonic regalia when attending Divine service is wrong, *in that the lodge is not at labor at the time*, I have granted dispensations for that purpose, following the precedent set by my predecessors, and because our constitution, by imposing a fee for these dispensations, tacitly authorizes them.

I would recommend to the consideration of our constituent lodges the practice in vogue among the Vancouver lodges. On one Sunday in each month, during the winter season, the brethren are assembled in the lodge-room for Divine service, with an address by some reverend brother.

He issued nine dispensations for the formation of new lodges.

The report of his official visits covers ten pages of the volume, and these were made from the coldest to the hottest days of the year.

From the summary of the Grand Secretary we learn that there are 63 warranted lodges, with a total membership of 5,576, an increase during the year of 755. We note also that the funds and property of lodges amount to \$205,158.93, and that there was expended for relief of members \$1,350.75, to widows and orphans \$903.35, and for transients \$1,836.05, or a total in relief by lodges of \$4,090.15.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that the lodges receive the careful attention of these officials.

The report on correspondence is contributed by the Grand Secretary and chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, and that announcement alone is sufficient guarantee of its excellence to all who have been so fortunate as to read his previous reports. The North Carolina Proceedings for 1911 receive kindly consideration in two pages of review. Under Nevada he has this terse statement of Masonry in Mexico, in which we concur:

Brother Vanderleith rejoices over the recent squabble among the so-called Masons in Mexico, which, he says, has secured the freedom of Symbolic Masonry in that unhappy country. Truly, if any

Symbolic Masonry were there, we would rejoice to know that it was free, but as there is nothing in Mexico which can rightfully claim that name, the quarrels of the contending factions are of no particular interest.

J. M. RUDD, M. W. Grand Master.

W. A. DEWOLF SMITH, V. W. Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1911.

62D ANNUAL.

SAN FRANCISCO.

OCTOBER 10.

This handsome volume is adorned with portraits of the Grand Master, Dana Reid Weller, and the Grand Treasurer, Edward Coleman.

In a compact, well written message the Grand Master reported in detail the story of a successful administration.

California has the distinction of contributing more money for the relief of needy Masons and their dependents than any other Grand Lodge of which we have knowledge. Of the two Masonic homes at Sullivan and La Grange, the Grand Master makes this brief statement:

Having implicit confidence in the ability and integrity of the trustees of the homes, I have deemed it the wiser course to allow them to pursue their own policy without interference, and the present condition warrants the assertion that the confidence was well founded. Several visits to each home have shown conditions of absolute harmony and contentment among the residents, and an examination of their report will show that they have faithfully discharged their trust.

From a state of skepticism caused by reports based upon inadequate information as to the efficacy and economy of Masonic homes, I have been converted to the firm belief that we have properly solved the problem of the care of our unfortunate brethren, with justice to them and to ourselves.

Only a few decisions are reported, and these were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

From the Grand Secretary's report, we find that there are 343 chartered lodges, having a total membership of 43,675. The Grand Secretary commends the secretaries of the subordinate lodges for the promptness with which they made returns, as well as for their accuracy and neatness. He also reports that the publishers of ciphers have been liberally advertising their products to the officers and members of the subordinate lodges.

This suggestion for the relief of needy sojourners comes from the board of relief of Los Angeles, and deserves general imitation:

The Masonic Employment Bureau, operated in conjunction with the Board of Relief, and yet under separate and distinct management, has secured employment for many members of the craft during the year. This bureau is supported by monthly contributions from the Board of Relief and the other Masonic bodies of Los Angeles City. We would be glad to see such a bureau established in every city in the United States.

The report on correspondence, covering 153 pages of the volume, is contributed by Bro. Edward H. Hart and is an excellent presentation of the doings of the several Grand Lodges reviewed. The transactions of North Carolina for 1911 received handsome notice from Brother Hart, and Grand Master Richard Hackett received the compliment of extensive quotation from his address.

ALONZO J. MONROE, M. W. Grand Master.

JOHN WHICHER, R. W. Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1912.

57TH ANNUAL.

TORONTO.

JULY 17.

The likeness of Grand Master Aubrey White occupies the fly-leaf.

The address of Brother White is an admirable, beautifully written report of a very successful administration, and it is

entirely innocent of rhetorical frills. In his exordium he refers to the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as the representative of the British Crown in Canada.

He refers with sorrow to the destruction of the *Titanic*, in which many Masons lost their lives.

The craft of Canada has accumulated within a few years a Grand Charity Fund, of which nearly \$100,000 is now in hand; but they want to enlarge it so that the income will be sufficient to provide for every case of need.

Eight new lodges were erected under dispensation, and two lodges constituted.

On the subject of active benevolence and its demand upon every Mason the Grand Master says:

You will observe by the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary that our contributions to those in need amounted to \$32,-837.50 during the past year, including the sum of \$4,515 from the income of the Semicentennial Fund—one of the largest expenditures for benevolence in the history of this Grand Lodge. We are so keenly alive to our duty with respect to benevolence that our expenditures must and ought to grow year by year. We should, as God prospers us as an institution and as individuals, be ready and anxious to aid those who are not fortunate or who have fallen by the wayside. We are our brother's keeper, and we cannot pass by on the other side when we see him in sore distress. If we do, we are not possessed of the Masonic spirit, nor does the love of God dwell in us.

The condition of the craft is reported to be satisfactory in every way, owing, as he says, to the zeal and intelligence of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Within the year the membership has made a net increase of 1,900, showing the present membership to be 50,300.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence in a special report on that subject, Grand Lodge seemed to think that it would be well to defer any action on Mexican Masonry, either that of Valle de Mexico or the newer York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and patiently await developments.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master A. T. Freed, and is a review of sixty-four Grand

Lodge proceedings, three of them for two years, thus making sixty-seven volumes inspected. Brother Freed has made a very readable and instructive report, and the transactions of North Carolina for 1912 receive kindly consideration. We are glad to see that Brother Freed and we are in accord as to the "International Bureau" of Switzerland. He says:

Another begging scheme which is being pushed to the limit is that of the so-called International Bureau of Switzerland. The ostensible object of the Bureau is to secure unity among all Masonic bodies throughout the world. Some Grand Bodies (notably the Grand Orient of France) have violated the fundamental principles of primitive Masonry, have banished the Volume of the Sacred Law from their altars and the name of the great Architect of the Universe from their ritual, and regular Masons have refused to hold fraternal intercourse with them. The gentlemen of the International Bureau hold that this is wrong, and that no matter how far a body calling itself Masonic may wander from the ancient path—no matter how Godless may be its teachings—it should still be recognized as a body of the true fold. Every clandestine pretender ought to be welcomed to the great fraternity, and every adventurer with ambition to gratify or a scheme to promote ought to be received with open arms. But all these appeals for "unity" are accompanied by stronger appeals for cash, and Masonry appears to be measured by the amount of money contributed to the treasury of the International Bureau.

AUBREY WHITE, M. W. Grand Master.

R. L. GUNN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1912.

52D ANNUAL.

DENVER.

SEPTEMBER 17.

The annual address of the retiring Grand Master, H. W. Woodward, is a fine Masonic state paper, and contains a report of his official doings during a very prosperous administration. He reports the craft of Colorado to be in excellent condition.

Under the head of Necrology, he notes the death of Past Grand Master Andrew Sagendorf, in his eighty-fourth year

and the oldest Mason in Colorado. Brother Sagendorf was treasurer of the first Masonic lodge erected in Colorado. This lodge, Auraria, was organized under dispensation from the Territorial Grand Lodge of Kansas, and held its first meeting October 18, 1859. The Grand Master says of Brother Sagendorf:

A pioneer of pioneers, through all the storms and vicissitudes of eighty-four years of life, our venerable and beloved brother lived the life of a clean and honorable man and upright Mason. He witnessed the transformation of the desert into fields of waving grain and blooming orchards; he saw the splendid capital of a great and prosperous State arise and grow into stalwart strength and vigorous manhood, where during the long winter of 1858 the campfires of his own and a few other brave and hardy men glowed and sparkled beneath the shadows of the snow-capped peaks of the great Rockies.

We bow in humble acknowledgment of the debt we owe to our departed brother and those other intrepid men who blazed the way and laid the foundations of this Centennial State. We thank God that he was so long spared to enjoy the fruitage of those early years of toil and struggle.

The Grand Master issued his proxy for the constitution of one lodge, and dispensations for the formation of three new lodges. Numerous special dispensations were granted.

The Grand Master laid corner-stones of one Masonic building and of two public buildings.

He refers to an invitation extended to German Grand Lodges to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and states that only a few of them made any response. Brother Greenleaf, referring to a similar failure by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, says that he doubts "if it comports with the dignity of American Grand Lodges to be over-solicitous to secure the German nod of recognition," and we quite agree with him.

From the Grand Secretary's report we find that Colorado has 123 chartered lodges and 3 under dispensation, having a total membership of 15,532, showing a net gain of 615.

From the report of the trustees of the Benevolent Fund we quote:

During the year eleven widows, eighteen children, and eight brethren received aid from this fund, and at the present time we have seven widows, nine children, and six brethren who are participating in its benefits.

Here we have the record of 37 beneficiaries, men, women, and children, cared for at their homes at a cost of less than \$2,000. These dependents remain at their homes, among their friends and relatives, to go and come without let or hindrance and without having to wear the badge of poverty in a Masonic home.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized as regular and independent.

The report on correspondence is contributed by that veteran Masonic scholar and poet, Past Grand Master Lawrence N. Greenleaf. Brother Greenleaf has reviewed the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, among which is the volume of North Carolina transactions for 1912. Brother Greenleaf finds nothing to condemn.

In the matter of Masonic homes, Brother Greenleaf and we are in a very small minority, with the probability of remaining so for some time to come, and we comfort ourselves with the thought that we are in very good company. Our brother says, and we cordially agree:

The question of Masonic homes is still paramount, and their establishment is so persistently advocated that few jurisdictions seem able to resist the temptation to indulge in this expensive luxury. Even the smaller Grand Lodges are inclined to the belief that something is lacking in their equipment, if Masonic Home is not writ large in their annals and set as a beacon in their midst. We have no disposition to question the great good that is being accomplished by many of these institutions, and we have never hesitated to give them full credit for the same in these reports, but Home advocacy has been carried to the limit and it is time to call a halt. Institutional charity is not to be commended to the smaller Grand Lodges, but rather the Iowa plan with which we are in accord. The remarks of Grand Master Block, under Iowa in this report, should be read by those who are interested in the matter of affording Masonic relief in the most practical, helpful and least humiliating manner.

We would be glad if we had space to reproduce the beautiful lines, "Hands Across the Sea."

GEORGE E. SIMONTON, M. W. Grand Master.

CHARLES H. JACOBSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1912.

124TH ANNUAL.

OXFORD.

JANUARY 17.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Randolph B. Chapman, occupies the fly-leaf of the volume. We find also the likeness of a deceased brother, Samuel Bassett, Grand Master in 1893; and another, of the Grand Treasurer, Stanley B. Bosworth.

The annual address of Brother Chapman is an unusually brief paper. He speaks thus of the condition of the craft:

We have had a prosperous year and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions remain cordial and the future looks bright. While we have lost none of our Grand officers by death, the Grim Reaper has invaded our ranks, and it becomes us, before proceeding with the report of our official acts of the year, to pay a tribute to those who have passed away. Let us, therefore, rise and listen to a reading of the roll of our honored dead.

His official visits were pleasant and profitable, and extended into other jurisdictions. He reports numerous dispensations, and two decisions, giving interpretation of local law.

There are 110 lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut, having a total membership of 23,684, showing a net gain of 520.

The report on correspondence is furnished by Bro. Frank W. Havens, and is a bright, readable presentation of the Grand Lodges reviewed. It covers 64 pages of the volume. North Carolina for 1911 received the kindly notice of Brother Havens. The address of Grand Master Hackett he pro-

nounced a "masterpiece," and he has words of commendation for the organized charities of the North Carolina fraternity.

JUSTIN HOLDEN, M. W. Grand Master.

FRANK W. HAVENS, M. W. Grand Secretary.

COSTA RICA, 1907-'08-'09.

This booklet is adorned with photographs of Bro. Genaro Rucavado, Grand Master in 1908 and 1909, and of Ramon Castro Fernandez. The contents of the volume is a simple recital of the meetings of the quarterly communications held during the three years.

There are only 8 lodges in this small jurisdiction, with a total membership of 199.

We copy the duties prescribed for Grand Representatives, and it strikes us it would be well if they were generally adopted:

The duties of Grand Representatives are as follows:

a. To be present at all Communications of the Grand Lodge to which they are accredited.

b. To acquaint themselves thoroughly with the laws of Freemasonry and of the jurisdiction which they represent.

c. To welcome, introduce, and vouch for all Masons in good standing from the jurisdiction which they represent.

d. To strengthen the bonds of friendship between the Grand Lodges.

RAMON CASTRO FERNANDEZ, M. W. Grand Master.

ANTONIO CASTRO Q., Grand Secretary.

CUBA, 1910-'11.

Owing to our ignorance of the Spanish language, there is no part of the volume which we can read intelligently except the address of the Grand Master, which has been rendered into English, from which we take this extract in reference to Masonry in Mexico:

In Mexico, unhappily, Masonic division accentuates: two Grand Lodges already exist in the Capital owing their constitution to the race of their components: one is formed quite entirely by natives of the United States and the other by Mexicans. We do not desire at this moment to discuss what is the legal precept assisting any of the two contending bodies, but is a truth that Masonic intervention has taken place in that country, and the descendants of Montezuma and Quahutemoe, Xicotencalt, and Netzahualcoyotl, will never accept the intervention of anybody in their own affairs, whatever excuse they may offer for so doing. In Mexico foreign interventions have been paid very dear. Witness the Hapsburgs.

AURELIO MIRANDA, M. W. Grand Master.

CARLOS G. CHARLES, R. W. Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1911.

101ST ANNUAL.

WASHINGTON.

DECEMBER 20.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, J. Claud Keiper, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

The first communication of the Grand Lodge for the exemplification of the work in the three degrees was held March 11th, and there was a large attendance of representatives of the lodges. Upon invitation of the Grand Master, Bro. William J. Naylor occupied the Grand East, and the work was so well done under his direction that the Grand Master made appropriate acknowledgment.

The Grand Lodge having already recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, sees no reason for further action in reference to the new Grand Lodge assuming the name. The York Rite, except to express the present status as being regular, and the reason for this view is thus given by the Committee on Correspondence:

Its assumption of jurisdiction over all symbolic York Rite lodges throughout the Republic of Mexico has, at first glance, a rather drastic appearance, but when we consider that the symbolic lodges of the seceding faction, and, in fact, in other States of that Republic.

are under the obedience of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, they cannot by any means become part of the legitimate Grand Jurisdiction without surrendering that obedience. There are, in Mexico, no symbolic lodges save those now constituting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and we cannot see that any complication can arise unless the legitimate Grand Lodge plants constituent lodges in territory already preëmpted by Scottish Rite Masons. That, however, is not our affair, and we should not anticipate it here.

We were under the impression that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico claimed to be, and as a matter of fact was, free from any allegiance to the Supreme Council.

In his address at the annual communication, December 20th, the Grand Master reviewed the most notable event of the year, the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its existence as a Grand Lodge, of which he says in part:

Among all the important and interesting events in which the Grand Lodge has participated during the period which has elapsed since its organization, the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary claims a prominent place. Recognizing that such was the fact, our Grand Lodge several years ago authorized the commencement of preparations for the appropriate commemoration of the centennial of its organization, and it was the consensus of opinion in our jurisdiction that the ceremonies ought to be of a character which should be thoroughly in keeping with the importance of the occasion and the high standing of our fraternity. That this object was attained, there is abundant testimony, furnished not alone by the brethren of our own jurisdiction, but by the hearty words of commendation received from the distinguished brethren from abroad who were our guests and participated in the celebration.

The memorial volume recently issued contains so complete an account of the several features of our ceremonies, that I am relieved of the necessity of making more than a brief mention of them here. They began with a reception given to all members of the craft and their ladies in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple on the evening of February 18, 1911. This reception was the most largely attended of any Masonic affair of which I have any recollection, and was a source of thorough enjoyment to each participant. The beautiful scenes presented in the auditorium, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion, will long remain as a pleasant memory with us.

The condition of the fraternity is reported by the Grand Master to be entirely satisfactory.

The labors of the good women of the Eastern Star in caring for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home is recognized by the craft, and the Grand Master acknowledges the splendid work accomplished by them. The representatives of the Grand Lodge in the management of the Home have this to say of the institution:

3. As respects the present and future needs of the Home, it is confidently hoped that the contemplated joint fair, about which the brethren are familiar, will furnish the means for enlargement and much needed facilities of various kinds. The Home has now 17 members, practically all that it will comfortably accommodate. Others are and will be knocking for admission. Additional rooms are and will be demanded. The Home needs a children's department, with educational and industrial facilities. It is a sad commentary upon our boasted care of and concern for the orphan that when such are left by any of our people without other home or kindred, they must be cared for in the various sectarian institutions of the jurisdiction. We can avoid this if we will.

The report on correspondence is contributed by that master workman, Past Grand Master George W. Baird, whose ability in this line of effort is universally recognized. His review of the transactions of North Carolina for 1911 is complete and fraternal in spirit.

BEN W. MURCH, M. W. Grand Master.

ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1912.

83D ANNUAL.

JACKSONVILLE.

JANUARY 16.

The likeness of the Grand Master, Albert W. Gilchrist, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

The address of the Grand Master is a painstaking review of his administration.

After paying tribute to the Masonic dead at home and abroad, he reports in detail the labors of his office. Six new lodges were constituted, and dispensations were issued for the formation of eight others. Numerous special dispensations were granted.

Fifteen rulings were reported, and they were all approved as in accordance with Masonic law, and for that reason were directed not to be printed as new regulations.

From the report of the District Deputy Grand Masters it is apparent that the fraternity of Florida is prosperous.

The Grand Master reports the reception of an inquiry from a Florida Mason as to the manner of forming a lodge in Argentina. The matter was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, and Bro. Silas B. Wright, chairman of the committee, reported as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master referring to the establishment of a lodge in Buenos Ayres, Argentina, South America, beg leave to report that, although there is no sovereign Grand Lodge in that country having jurisdiction over the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and although the Masonic bodies of that country have not been recognized by this Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that the request for a charter for a lodge to be located in that country be denied.

This Grand Lodge has steadily refrained from the granting of charters for lodges to be located in countries outside of the immediate jurisdiction of Florida.

Although some of the Grand Lodges of America, notably those of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and California, have lodges located in distant countries, we have not deemed it prudent or best to grant charters to lodges removed so far from the home of the Grand Lodge. This committee does not deem it expedient to break this long-established rule.

The Special Committee on Grand Master's Address, recognizing the versatility of service of the Grand Master, paid him this deserved compliment:

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the efficiency, competency, and capable manner in which the duties of this office have been per-

formed by our M. W. Grand Master. Although he is at this time charged with and is performing the duties of Governor of the great State of Florida, he has, in addition to those duties, capably, promptly, and efficiently performed the duties of Grand Master of Masons of this State.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida there are 208 active lodges, 2 of them under dispensation, having a total membership of 10,131, showing a net gain of 627.

The report on correspondence, profitably covering more than half the volume, is the work of Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright. It covers 226 pages, and is full of valuable information as well as fraternal comment, and will be found of value to any Mason who is fortunate enough to have the opportunity of reading it. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 have been carefully reviewed by Brother Wright, and he commends the rulings of Grand Master Hackett. He gives general approval to the work of the Tar Heel fraternity. From his conclusion we take these extracts as showing the purpose that he had in view when making his report:

As heretofore, we have endeavored to cull such portions of the proceedings as will best inform our readers of what is taking place in the Masonic world, calling attention to the more marked points of difference between the jurisprudence of the various Grand Jurisdictions, hoping thereby to avoid letting our own footsteps stray from the ancient charges and true teachings of the craft.

We present no contrasts, or differences in a fault-finding or quarrelsome spirit, nor speak in praise or fulsome flattery, but, without unkind comment, have tried fairly to present all for the benefit of our craft.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST, M. W. Grand Master.

WILBUR P. WEBSTER, R. W. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1911.

125TH ANNUAL.

MACON.

OCTOBER 31.

The photograph of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. M. Rushin, occupies the fly-leaf.

The address of the Grand Master, George N. Napier, is a voluminous paper, covering forty pages of the volume. The condition of the fraternity in that Grand Jurisdiction is thus described by the Grand Master:

Freemasonry in Georgia is, to-day, at high tide. The great order, like an ever-flowing sea, with its tide rising, rising, goes forward in the broad sweep of its swelling prosperity. We need to thank God, the Great Artificer, and to take courage; but, while pressing forward to the yet greater things which lie before us, we should let our hearts be constrained to humility and take heed that we do not seek to grow too rapidly in numbers.

The state of the craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is worthy of commendation. Our membership is united in purpose, harmonious and prosperous. It is an exalted honor to preside over the splendid body of true men and genuine craftsmen who constitute the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

He rendered eight decisions, all of which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, except one, which has reference to the amount of fees for the degrees. Brother Napier had a picnic of official visits, the story of which covers ten pages of the volume. There is a very long list of special dispensations. Eighteen new lodges were constituted, and dispensations issued for the formation of ten others.

Appropriate reference is made to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

Georgia is a member of George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

The Grand Master is in favor of the institutional care of Masonic dependents, rather than the contribution to their support amongst their relatives and friends. In the Home there are 36 inmates (28 children and 8 old people), and he says of them:

The inmates of the Home seem to be faring well, and I have been especially gratified to learn of the progress made by the children in school. They have had the assistance and encouragement of Brother P. V. Rice, the superintendent, an experienced teacher. Certain improvements in the way of outbuildings are imperatively needed at the Home. All the matters have the careful consideration of the Trustees of the Home, and their action should be fully reported in the proceedings.

Under the caption of "Masonry in Our Own Land," Brother Napier gives a long list of distinguished men in colonial days, and since, up to the present time, who were prominent Masons, and he deduces therefrom that their influence for good was very marked, but he forgets entirely to refer to such Masons as Benedict Arnold and others of his kind who might be named.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, contributed by Bro. A. Q. Moody, and is a careful review of 55 Grand Lodges, in which North Carolina for 1911 finds a place and receives fraternal treatment.

GEORGE M. NAPIER, M. W. Grand Master.

W. A. WOLIHIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1911.

44TH ANNUAL.

BOISE.

SEPTEMBER 12.

The likeness of the incoming Grand Master, Frank C. Bowman, forms the frontispiece.

The retiring Grand Master, Byron S. Defenbach, submitted a report of his official acts during the year just past. His exordium is a brief review of the history of Masonry for the forty-four years of its existence. He says in part:

Forty-four years ago, next December, this Grand Lodge held its first communication, in the Masonic lodge-room in Idaho City, then the territorial capital. The time that has elapsed since that memorable meeting has not been long, viewed as a part of the history of

Masonry, yet the changes that have taken place in the jurisdiction of this Grand Body are, perhaps, greater than those that have occurred in any other jurisdiction in the world in a similar period.

From a jurisdiction which then consisted of a few widely-separated communities, we have grown into an organization composed of 58 active lodges with a membership of over 3,400 men. From a sparsely inhabited Territory with huge areas of undiscovered prairie and vast vistas of pathless woods, we have become a magnificent Commonwealth, our lands traversed in every direction with modern lines of transportation and communication and dotted with the homes of a numerous, intelligent, prosperous, and happy people. To the thoughtful reader, the printed proceedings of the forty-three previous meetings of this body constitute something of a history of our State, and the biographies of the men who have composed its membership during the several years would form a practically complete record of the political and civic development of Idaho.

Just before the meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master addressed notes to two old brothers of the craft, one of them now in his ninetieth year, and this graceful act on the part of a Grand Master cheered each of these old men.

He issued dispensations for the formation of three new lodges.

He reports eight decisions, which were approved as in accordance to Masonic law of the jurisdiction.

They still use a key in Idaho, and this is what becomes of them:

On November 14, 1910, by instructions from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I sent a "Key," by registered mail, to the Worshipful Master of Cœur d'Alene Lodge, No. 20, to replace the one heretofore furnished.

On January 19, 1911, by instructions from the Worshipful Grand Master, I sent a "Key," by registered mail, to the Worshipful Master of Eagle Rock Lodge, No. 19, to replace the one heretofore furnished.

The membership of the subordinate lodges in Idaho aggregates 3,568, making a net gain of 403.

Idaho is going to have a Masonic Home, and a committee of five was appointed to blaze the way for the work which is to be done.

The report on correspondence is a review of 74 volumes of proceedings. It is prepared by George E. Knepper, and, like all his other contributions, is bright and breezy. North Carolina for 1911 has received fraternal consideration of Brother Knepper, and for his full review we are made his debtor. There is but one thing we regret: that this bright young man is wedded to the cipher idol.

FRANK C. BOWMAN, M. W. Grand Master.

THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1911.

72D ANNUAL.

CHICAGO.

OCTOBER 10.

The volume is adorned with the portrait of the retiring Grand Master, Albert P. Ashley, as a frontispiece, and further in the volume with the likeness of deceased brethren, John Carson Smith, Grand Master in 1887 and 1888; William E. Ginther, and Past Grand Master Charles Fisher.

In the opening of his address Grand Master Ashley pays high tribute to the military, civic, and Masonic virtues of Gen. John C. Smith, and to the other dead of his jurisdiction.

An inspection of the Grand Master's report indicates that he had a very busy year, and that his administration was eminently successful.

The two great charities supported by the Grand Lodge are fulfilling their purposes to the satisfaction of the craft; of these the Grand Master says:

Our homes at Sullivan and LaGrange are conducted in a most satisfactory manner by our superintendents, Brothers Hovey and Bassett, assisted by their good wives. At Sullivan our nearly one hundred members are indeed a happy family. Scarcely a ripple disturbs the quiet and pleasant surroundings. There is hardly a member that does not express satisfaction with the Home, and praise to a generous Grand Lodge for the privileges it affords them in their declining years.

Our children were removed from their temporary quarters in Chicago to the new and permanent Home at LaGrange in March last.

Too much cannot be said of this new Home building. Its material, construction, and conveniences are the best. The architect, Brother Deal, or his assistant, was always present during its construction. The contractor was honest in the material furnished and workmanship. Our building committee, Brothers Moulton, Daly, and Fletcher, were constantly watchful. The result of the combined efforts of these have given us, in my opinion, the best results possible for the money expended. The furnishings are ample, suitable, and a credit to this Grand Lodge.

Before leaving this subject I wish to remind you of the very kind and cordial treatment accorded Superintendent Bassett and family and to the children of the Home by the people of LaGrange. Every encouragement possible has been given by them to make our Home successful.

LaGrange is one of the most beautiful little cities near Chicago, and the cordial manner in which our children have been received into the school, church, and social life is most gratifying.

I am sure you will be grateful at the mutual good feeling between the citizens of the city, in which our new Home stands, and Brother Bassett and his large family.

The Grand Master is opposed to the indulgence in official visitations for the enjoyment of social reunions alone, and expresses himself thus sensibly on that subject:

Soon after my election, two years ago, I found that to respond to all or many of the invitations of a social character would seriously interfere with the legitimate duties of the Grand Master. I have in consequence declined to accept most of them. This may be an old foggy idea, but I have thought that I could do more good in devoting what spare time I had to lodges that are weak and need encouragement than in attending social functions.

On the subject of Masonry and Religion he has this to say, and we commend his views to the consideration of Masons everywhere:

We often hear Masons say, "Masonry is good enough religion for me," or "I want no better church than the Masonic lodge."

Those who are constantly expressing themselves in this way are doing an unconscious injury to Masonry. Such expressions embitter good people who do not understand what Masonry really is. Every

person has a right to his own religious convictions and opinions. Each is responsible to the Supreme Power for his soul and to the people for his actions. Each is judged by his own acts and character. "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

Masonry interferes with no man's religion or beliefs. He is left entirely free from creeds or sectarian restrictions. He must believe in the existence of God and proclaim his trust in Him. Each Mason not only is free in the exercise of his own religious rights and opinions, but he is strictly enjoined not to interfere with the religious views of others.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 786 chartered lodges, having a total membership of 108,068, showing a net gain of 5,801.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master Owen Scott, and it makes pleasant and instructive reading, and the brethren of Illinois are fortunate in having current Masonic history presented to them in such attractive form. Brother Scott gives the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 fraternal consideration and the unusual space of four pages. We desire to thank our brother for kind personal reference.

DELMAR D. DARROW, M. W. Grand Master.

ISAAC CUTTER, R. W. Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1912.

91ST ANNUAL.

INDIANAPOLIS.

MAY 28.

The likeness of the incoming Grand Master, Elmer F. Gay, occupies the fly-leaf.

In accordance with its custom, before the opening of the Grand Lodge, the officers and members met informally, and there was a pleasant interchange of fraternal sentiment between the members of the local craft and the Representatives to Grand Lodge.

In his annual address the Grand Master, William H. Swintz, gave a full accounting of his official acts during the year. After the exordium, his tribute to the Masonic dead was very appropriate and sympathetic.

Three lodges were constituted, and dispensations were issued for the formation of several new lodges.

Dedications and corner-stone laying made demands upon the proxies of the Grand Master.

The Indiana Masons have made up their minds to have a Masonic Home, and it is only a question of time before the institution is established and in operation.

The Grand Master recommends a conference of Grand Masters for the purpose of bringing about uniformity of the laws, rituals, and lectures of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, for which purpose he argues as follows:

Brethren, I am satisfied that uniformity of the laws, rituals, and lectures of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, is a thing very much to be desired. There is no authority higher than each individual Grand Lodge. It is a sovereign body and its authority is supreme. But if uniformity is to be attained, it must be by concerted action. This can be brought about to a greater or lesser extent through the medium of conferences of representatives of the several Grand Lodges. This would in no sense be a General Grand Lodge. No lodge would be opened. It would be a meeting of representatives, under proper safeguards owing to the nature of the business. Each representative should come to the meeting prepared to present any matter which in his judgment needs changing. As each matter was presented, it could be discussed and voted upon, and the recommendation of the conference, as such, be presented to the representatives to their several Grand Lodges. Each Grand Lodge would then take official action for itself, and every Grand Lodge that voted favorably on the recommendation would be bringing uniformity one step nearer.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Calvin W. Prather, we find there are 547 lodges, having a total membership of 60,168, a net increase of 2,669.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald, and it is not surprising that under

the inspiration of the scenes by which he was surrounded that his contribution is of intrinsic value. This is what he says of his environments:

The undersigned reviewer of the printed proceedings of other Grand Lodges begins the present review at his summer cottage on the banks of the beautiful Maxinkuckee Lake, not far from his permanent residence at Plymouth, the county-seat. The first view the writer had of this beautiful lake was when he came to the county with his parents and a large caravan of relatives and movers in the pioneer days. Following an old Pottawattomie Indian trail from the south, a full view of the lake was had not far from the southeastern shore. The sight impressed the writer deeply, and its beauty and grandeur as he saw it then has grown with the long and eventful years that have come and gone since that memorable day; and as he sits here in the shade of the bending willows, listening to the song of the birds and the music of the rippling waves as they dash against the shore, the beautifully grand old lake looks more charming than ever before.

The transactions of North Carolina for 1911 receive three pages of fraternal review; and speaking of the oration of Bro. Francis D. Winston in poetic measure, Brother McDonald exclaims, "After all, oratory has its reward!"

ELMER F. GAY, M. W. Grand Master.

CALVIN W. PRATHER, R. W. Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1912.

69TH ANNUAL.

BURLINGTON.

JUNE 11.

An engraved frontispiece of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Louis Block, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

His annual address is a lengthy paper of 62 pages, in which he discusses many matters of interest to the craft. He describes in part the growth and condition of the Order:

Numerically speaking, the order in this State is in a most flourishing condition. During the past year we have experienced a most flattering growth, having undergone a net increase of sixteen hun-

dred members. This is not quite as large a net increase as we enjoyed last year. However, we have raised more Master Masons in Iowa during the past year than we have ever raised before in any one year of the history of our Grand Lodge. The deaths and suspensions for nonpayment of dues were less this year than they were last, and our failure to have as large a net increase as we had a year ago is probably due to an increased number of demissions, which, in my opinion, owe their existence largely to the great emigration of our population to other states. If this large demission is not due to emigration, then it must be due to the fact that for some reason too many Masons are losing interest in the order.

He reports having refused to issue dispensations for new lodges in localities where the conditions were not favorable to growth. One lodge was constituted. He reports 16 decisions which passed the gauntlet of the Jurisprudence Committee.

On the subject of "Masonic Charity," he expresses a view which we have always entertained, and which we quote here in part:

The more experience I have with our Iowa idea of administering Masonic charity, the more satisfied I become with our present system. The Trustees of our Grand Lodge Charity Fund have certainly done most excellent and effective work during the past year. Under their most intelligent management and smoothly working organization, our Grand Lodge has educated children, found employment for widows and orphans, kept up the interest payments on mortgaged homes, paid for business college scholarships, supplied food, clothing, and school books; has taken care of the sick in homes and hospitals, and has administered substantial relief in a very effective way, without any publicity whatever. It has done great work in helping the unfortunates to help themselves, and has administered aid to them without causing them to lose that personal pride and self-respect which are the strength and support of every true man and woman. Our deeds of charity have been quietly done to those dependent upon us without tearing them away from their old home ties and the circle of their life-long friends. I have not heard of one single instance in which the trustees were not quick to respond effectively and intelligently to the cry for relief coming from a worthy sufferer.

If there is one department of our Iowa Masonry that gives profound satisfaction, it is that of our Masonic charity. We have great

reason to be proud of the work done by the trustees of this fund, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for the splendid manner in which each one of them has performed his duty.

The Grand Master is disposed to be generous in his judgments of physical qualifications, but the Jurisprudence Committee part company with him and say that the old landmarks of perfect youth must be preserved.

The total membership is 46,000 less 3, and shows a gain of 1,598, distributed among 520 lodges.

The report on correspondence, the second contributed by him, was prepared by Past Grand Master C. C. Clark, who exhibits now, as he did a year ago, thorough fitness for the work. We regret that the Proceedings of North Carolina have not reached Brother Clark.

Discussing the question of lodges attending divine service in Masonic clothing, he takes this liberal view of the question:

The true Mason is nothing if not liberal in his religious beliefs, and we fail to apprehend that he will suffer any serious harm from attending a Christian church if he be a Jew, or a synagogue if he be of the Calvinistic faith, or both of them if he be a follower of Mahomet. The fear of religious contamination or of a lodge fuss on account of differences in dogma ought to be at a minimum among us, and if a brother would fain kick up a rumpus because he, being a Christian, was expected to go with his lodge to hear a Rabbi expound the Hebraic faith and creed, it would demonstrate pretty conclusively to us that his lodge made a serious mistake in believing him of large enough caliber for membership in the Masonic fraternity; he ought to have been relegated firmly and decisively to the society of those small bores whose conceptions of God and humanity and the duty of the latter to the former are bounded by the narrow dogmas of by-gone ages, some of which unfortunately still persist in this year of grace 1912. An apostle who was some authority and who is still a guiding star for many of us said: "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good," and breadth of view, a wide toleration, and an all-pervasive spirit of charity are mighty desirable things in any society, and particularly among Masons.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, M. W. Grand Master.
NEWTON R. PARVIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

IRELAND, 1911.

This volume is adorned with the portrait of the new Deputy Grand Master, Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B., M.D., and is full of interest from first to last. In his address, speaking of the progress of the craft, Brother Cameron says in part:

Our report refers to the number of new lodges which have been established during the year. Six new warrants have been issued, and one has been surrendered, so that our net gain of lodges is five. Well, brethren, it appears to me something remarkable that in the decay during recent years of many institutions in this country that Freemasonry has gone on flourishing to an extent unprecedented, even in the rather rosy period of Freemasonry in Dublin, the end of the eighteenth century. When I was made a Freemason in 1859 there were sixteen lodges in Dublin. The number to-day is 48, or exactly three times the number existing in the year 1859. It appears to me, too, that the Order has broadened very much with regard to the social conditions of its members. When I was first made a Freemason the great body of Freemasons at that time were professional men, or men who were the heads of large establishments. Now in recent years a much larger number of members of the order are men who are not the heads of establishments, and are not professional men, but men of moderate incomes, a class who were not numerous in the order in 1859, but now constitute the majority of our members. This is exactly what we should like; we would broaden the foundations of Freemasonry, if possible, by getting into our order all good and true men, worthy men, no matter what their social position may be, except, of course, that we do not desire to go down to the lowest ranks of society. At all events, we wish to have all respectable sections of society coöperating in our order, from the peer to the peasant, all united in the strong bonds of Freemasonry.

The Masonic charities of this Grand Jurisdiction are principally the two schools, one for girls and one for boys, and these are shown to be doing excellent work, according to the report of the Assistant Secretary, Bro. J. Holdbrook, from which we quote:

We have now 100 pupils in our Girls' School, 101 pupils in our Boys' School, and 66 annuitants on our Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund, while about 100 additional girls are receiving aid.

either to enable them to prepare for suitable situations, or to be maintained and educated at home preparatory to their becoming candidates for admission to our school.

That the funds of our schools are well and economically managed may be seen by a comparison of ours with any similar schools, and from the fact that the cost of maintaining, clothing, and educating each girl is somewhat less than £30 per annum, while the cost for each boy is about £33 per annum.

The pupils of our schools always occupy a leading position in the intermediate educational examinations, which now furnish a means of comparing the relative efficiency of the schools which send forward pupils to be examined. At the examinations held in June of this year we presented for examination 29 girls, of whom 24 passed, being 82.8 per cent, while the percentage of passes for all Ireland was 55.2. We presented 37 boys, of whom 26 passed, being 78.8 per cent, as against a percentage of 52.7 for all Ireland. One of our boys, George R. Smyth, won a first-class exhibition of £15 in the junior grade, obtaining second place in both the mathematical and experimental science groups.

JAMES, DUKE OF ABERCORN, M. W. Grand Master.
RT. HON. LORD PLUNKET, R. W. Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1912.

56TH ANNUAL.

TOPEKA.

FEBRUARY 21.

This beautifully printed volume is adorned with a portrait of the retiring Grand Master, Alex A. Sharp, and with that of Jacob Saqui, who was Grand Master from 1861 to 1865, inclusive, and whose likeness the Grand Lodge has been endeavoring to procure for over forty years, and which at last was found with a relative in Philadelphia. The following biographical sketch is given of this brother:

But little information or data could be secured concerning our distinguished brother, and that which is presented herewith was furnished by Mrs. Henrietta Frank, widow of our late Brother M. Frank, who was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 5, of Atchison, and others who were personally acquainted with Brother Saqui.

He was a Jew, and probably English by birth. Was born about 1820, being at the time of his death, June 14, 1867, about forty-seven years of age. He was married at Lexington or Weston, Missouri, to Miss Margaret Earl, who was a Gentile. For a number of years Brother Saqui was engaged in the gents' furnishing goods business, and subsequently in the real estate and loan brokerage business. He located in Atchison some time in 1856; the exact date, however, could not be ascertained.

He was public-spirited, generous, and open-hearted, and what might be termed a thorough mixer; held some political offices, and represented his district in the State Legislature.

The address of Grand Master Sharp is a very clear and faithful accounting of his stewardship over Grand Lodge affairs for the year coming to a close. The craft of this Grand Jurisdiction is in a most excellent condition. The foreign relations are said to be satisfactory.

Four lodges were constituted, and seven received dispensations for forming new lodges. Very many special dispensations were granted.

The Grand Master calls attention to the carelessness of some of the lodge officers in receiving petitions and conferring degrees upon those who are physically unfit.

Many official visits are reported. One of these visits is thus reported by the Grand Master:

The most interesting visit of the year to me personally was on March 17, 1911, when, with my associate Grand officers, I visited Siloam Lodge, No. 225, and conferred the third degree upon my son, Richard Woods Sharp. I had previously, by invitation of this lodge, conferred the first and second degrees upon him. The occasion was unusual and probably will never be duplicated.

Many temples were dedicated and corner-stones laid during the year. Of the latter ceremonials, the most interesting was laying the foundation stone of a new municipal building in Hutchinson, Kansas, September 25, 1911, at which function the President of the United States was present. A brief report is as follows:

This communication was called at the request of Reno Lodge, No. 140, of Hutchinson, Kansas, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new municipal building now being erected in that city.

The importance of this communication was greatly enhanced by virtue of the acceptance of Brother William Howard Taft, President of the United States, of an invitation to act as Grand Orator, and deliver an address as provided for in the ceremony. Promptly at 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the President and hundreds of members from all parts of the State, as well as several thousand other citizens, assembled at the site of the building, after which the regular ceremony was performed in accordance with ancient custom. The address of Brother Taft was of unusual interest, not only to the members of the craft, but to the citizens in general. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Grand Lodge, after accompanying the President to his headquarters, was closed in Ample Form.

The six decisions of the Grand Master were approved as being in accord with the laws and usages of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas has 402 subordinate lodges, with a total membership of 37,305, showing a net gain of 1,809.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master Matthew M. Miller, and is a review of all the English-speaking Grand Lodges, except Canada and Rhode Island. Like all the other preceding reports, this does credit to the ability of Brother Miller and to the Grand Lodge which had the opportunity of keeping so capable a brother at the Round Table. The Proceedings of North Carolina receive the kindly notice of Brother Miller, and Grand Master Hackett the compliment of classing his address an able and interesting one. Brother Miller says, "North Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas—kith and kin, Brother C." Yes, Brother Miller, North Carolina is the mother, the grandmother, and the great great grandmother of many Grand Lodges in the West, and she has reason to be proud of her numerous offspring.

WILLIAM E. HUTCHISON, M. W. Grand Master.

ALBERT K. WILSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1912.

100TH ANNUAL.

NEW ORLEANS.

FEBRUARY 5.

The photograph of the Grand Master-elect, Bro. E. H. Addington, forms the frontispiece.

It would be impossible in our limited space to give an adequate idea of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge.

In the address of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. John S. Thibaut, at the end of his second term, he made a full accounting of his official acts, and told the story of progress in a well-written and extremely interesting manner. Every topic of interest to the Grand Lodge has received the careful, intelligent and zealous consideration of the retiring Grand Master, and he is entitled to and received in full measure the appreciation of his brethren.

We are in thorough accord with Brother Thibaut in his opposition to the establishment of Masonic homes, of which he says:

No one who has studied the modern methods of public beneficence can for one moment consider the orphanage or home system as the ideal one. The consensus of opinion is so decidedly against it that at the present day one may not find a single prominent humanitarian advocating it. The orphanage or home is at best only a makeshift. I need only ask you to cast your eyes around and look at the internal conditions of the great eleemosynary institutions of this and other cities. These will appall you, my friends, whose fatherless children may one day become the wards of an institution of similar character, for the word "Masonic" will create only a distinction and not a difference. I quote the words of Superintendent Agnew of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He says: "God never intended that children should be raised behind a sixteen-foot wall. . . . I believe the place for a child is in the home and not in an institution. In an institution there is no good-night kiss, and there is no tucking the little ones in bed. . . ."

I might leave to others the formulating of my opinion upon this subject, but I desire at the close of my administration to place myself on record as being unalterably opposed to the infliction of

humiliation to our widows and orphans. I wish to be recorded as being unequivocally opposed to the erection of a Home, whatever may be its character.

Were the truth told, the majority of Masonic homes would be closed, for they are a burden wherever established. The cost of maintenance is out of proportion to the results, ranging anywhere between \$70 per capita in one Grand Jurisdiction to \$1,200 in Montana. In the latter jurisdiction the Grand Lodge has built a Home at a cost of some \$83,000; this Home contains eight inmates; and the per capita cost of their keeping is in excess of \$1,200. The Home Committee, says their report, favors retrenchment! Advisedly. Would it not be preferable to have these unfortunate eight at home with their "folks" on a pension of one-quarter the amount given to the trustees in their behalf?

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 210 chartered lodges, with a total membership of 14,369.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, the work of Bro. Herman C. Duncan, and is an able review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges which had come to his hand; and in this regard are not unlike his former contributions. He complains of our strictures being unwarranted, and replies in this manner to some of them:

He says that the authority given a Masonic Club was unusual. Perhaps so, but only because such Masonic Clubs as the Tulane are unusual. The first of them was organized quite recently, Masonically speaking, at the University of Michigan, unless we mistake the place. These clubs are College, or University clubs, organized, not for social purposes, but, like the Quortuor Coranati of London, England, for Masonic study. The authority given the Tulane Club was to rehearse the work among themselves, with tyled doors, not to confer degrees. We believe that a large number of precedents could be found where brethren have met in places other than a lodge-room, and under due precautions have rehearsed the work to one another. Indeed, we should not be surprised to be able to find in North Carolina some candidates being instructed in the work in private offices and houses.

He accuses us of seeking the applause of the grandstand. Nay, my brother, we were trying to entertain the galleries, hoping to gain their attention thereby to more serious matters. We seriously believe that the galleries ought to read the reports on "Foreign Cor-

respondence," and if we can instruct in an entertaining manner we propose to do it. For otherwise we would feel that our employment was a waste of money that ought not to be tolerated.

E. H. ADDINGTON, M. W. Grand Master.

RICHARD LAMBERT, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1912.

93D ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

MAY 7.

The annual address of Grand Master Ashley A. Smith is a brief and dignified statement of his stewardship over Grand Lodge affairs at the close of this, his second term. He thus reports conditions of the craft in Maine:

It is a pleasant duty to report continued prosperity and peace throughout our jurisdiction, with that steady and conservative numerical progress which shows the same scrupulous care in the choice of our Masonic building material which has characterized former years. The tabulated report of the Committee on Returns will show encouraging results. Our total membership at this 93d communication is 29,345, nearly a two per cent gain over last year.

Many special dispensations were granted, and the dedication of three Masonic halls reported.

The celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Portland Lodge, No. 1, was the first function of this kind in Maine, and attracted a large concourse of the brethren and some distinguished members of other Grand Jurisdictions. There were oratory, music, and cordial good fellowship.

There are 203 working lodges in Maine, and their returns to the Grand Secretary were on time and accurate.

The present membership is 29,345, showing a net increase for the year of 564.

The report on correspondence, covering 109 pages, is the work of Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, and is of the

fine character of his former contributions. The transactions of North Carolina for 1911 received his fraternal consideration.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, M. W. Grand Master.

STEPHEN BERRY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA, 1912.

37TH ANNUAL.

WINNIPEG.

JUNE 12.

The address of Bro. John Wemyss, the Grand Master of that prosperous Grand Jurisdiction in the Great Northwest Territory, is a paper of great interest, from which we extract this inspiring statement of the gratifying conditions:

The growth of the order during the year 1911 has been steady and substantial. The financial stringency in many of the country districts during the early part of the year no doubt militated seriously against a larger increase, and the brethren have also apparently exercised due care in accepting candidates. The increase during 1912 will probably be considerably more than that of 1911. While, however, we are naturally pleased to note a satisfactory increase in our membership, the character and standing of the candidates are of very much greater importance. The number of members which an organization such as ours carries upon its roll is but a poor criterion of its strength and vitality. A much better test is the interest taken by the members in the order and the extent to which they endeavor to carry out its ideals and principles, not merely in the lodge-room, but in their general life and conversation. I believe that judged by this standard we have even greater cause for congratulation than in the actual numerical increase. I have found the brethren on every hand most enthusiastic, deeply interested in Masonry and what it represents, and so far as my personal knowledge extends, determined that any candidates accepted by them should be above reproach. This is, of course, only as it ought to be. Brethren should ever bear in mind that the higher the standard that is required, so long as that standard is just and right, so long as it is based upon the essentials of character, and not upon those things which are ephemeral, and so long as brethren avail themselves of the ballot to record their conscientious convictions and not to vent petty spleen,

the more valuable will membership become and the higher the compliment paid to any man—no matter what may be his rank or station in life—by accepting him as one of our number. Personally, I believe that the required standard among us to-day is higher than it was a generation ago and that our successors will be more exacting in their demands than we have been.

He enjoyed very much and makes due acknowledgment of the hospitality extended to him, and the abounding good fellowship witnessed at each of his official visits. His associates, Grand officers, receive high commendation at the hands of the Grand Master.

The district Deputy Grand Masters of the nine Masonic districts report uniformly that peace and prosperity prevail.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. James A. Ovas, we find that there are 72 chartered lodges, and 1 under dispensation, having a total membership of 5,967, a net gain for the year of 348.

There is no report on correspondence.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS, M. W. Grand Master.

JAMES A. OVAS, M. W. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1911.

125TH ANNUAL.

BALTIMORE.

NOVEMBER 21.

In this year the Grand Lodge of Maryland has suffered the loss by death of some of its most eminent members, notably that of the beloved Grand Secretary, William M. Isaac; ex-Mayor Latrobe, who had been always a staunch financial friend of the Grand Lodge, and that of two distinguished Deputy Grand Masters, Henry Clay Larrabee and James Rawlings Brewer. The Grand Lodge paid high tribute to the worth of these eminent and useful craftsmen.

At the semiannual meeting of Grand Lodge, Grand Master Shryock congratulated the Grand Lodge that every lodge in

the State had paid its dues and was represented at this session. He made a similar statement at the Annual Communication in November.

From the report of the Board of Grand Inspectors we find that the subordinate lodges are carefully superintended, and we give this report in full:

One hundred and eight visitations were made to the forty-one lodges under our jurisdiction in Baltimore County and Baltimore City, every lodge having been visited during the period of six months since our last annual report. We find the lodges in excellent working condition and harmony generally prevailing. A noticeable increase in membership seems to be taking place, and we are glad to report that the lodges are endeavoring to do well in their work. They have received us very cordially and seem to be anxious to take advantage of any suggestions which are made for their benefit.

Very gratifying indeed is the report of the Grievance Committee, which says that no complaint of any kind has reached it.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 114 subordinate lodges, having a total membership of 14,599, showing a net gain of 257.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, contributed by Bro. Edward T. Schultz, who by common consent is acknowledged as one of the ablest and most earnest workers in the reporters' guild. North Carolina for 1911 is indebted to Brother Schultz for a very handsome review of its proceedings. We had always doubted the claim made by some of the North Carolina brethren, and indorsed by the Grand Lodge, in reference to Joseph Montfort; but with Brother Schultz's acknowledgment that the claim was just, we changed our mind and began to absorb the views of Bro. Harry W. Gowen. Now, however, after reading the investigations of Bro. James M. Lamberton, the correspondence writer of Pennsylvania, we find it necessary to face about once more. We refer Brother Schultz to the correspondence report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1911, under North Carolina. While the words of the deputation or commission name Montfort

Provincial Grand Master "of and for America," it becomes tolerably clear that this was an error of the copyist, and that the claim is unfounded in fact. Brother Schultz's conclusion is an elaborate argument of the prerogative of Grand Masters to make Masons at sight. We admire the ability of Brother Schultz, but he has not convinced us that this is a landmark.

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, M. W. Grand Master (for the twenty-seventh year).

GEORGE COOK, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1912.

68TH ANNUAL.

DETROIT.

MAY 28.

This very handsome volume, well printed and specially suited to old eyes, is adorned with the likeness of the incoming Grand Master, James H. Thompson, and a group picture of his eleven associate Grand Lodge officers. There is, besides, a photograph of the handsome Masonic Home at Alma and of numerous Masonic Temples in different parts of the State. Judging by the photographs, they are a credit to the State of Michigan and to the enterprise of its Masons.

In his annual address, the retiring Grand Master, James E. Dillon, gives a full account of a very prosperous and successful administration.

The Grand Master states that the craft of Michigan feels greatly honored by having two distinguished brothers of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia present as visitors, namely, William L. Andrews, Grand Master, and Charles H. Callahan, Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, Va. These brethren, in appropriate speeches, acknowledged the courtesy and hospitality of Grand Lodge.

Appropriate reference to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions was made by the Grand Master.

Very numerous special dispensations were granted, and the dedications of temples and halls and the laying of cornerstones made frequent requisitions upon the time and talents of the Grand officers.

In the matter of official visits to lodges the Grand Master was kept busy. The dedication of the Masonic Home on the 29th of March, 1912, was a notable occasion, attracting a large number of visitors, and, as the Grand Master says, "was undoubtedly the greatest Grand Lodge function that has ever taken place in Michigan." The proper maintenance of this Home, which was the gift of a gentleman not a Mason, is receiving proper attention from the officers of the Grand Lodge.

The average population of the old Masonic Home was about 50, with a prospect of a great increase in the near future.

At the close of his address, the Grand Master adverts to what he calls "spnrions" keys being used by the officers and members of subordinate lodges. These evils are, of course, to be expected, and the Grand Master says in this connection:

In one instance, the Worshipful Master of one of the constituent lodges reported that these keys, or rituals, were being used by some of the members of his lodge, and that he had counseled with them against the use of same, and all willingly complied with his orders with the exception of one, who used considerable profanity when spoken to by the Worshipful Master and said: "That he would have to be shown first, before he would discontinue or destroy the key." I ordered the Worshipful Master to see that charges were preferred against the brother for un-Masonic conduct, which order was complied with. The brother was convicted and penalty inflicted upon him.

In Michigan there are 422 lodges, with a total membership of 68,396, a net gain for the year of 2,688.

The report on correspondence, covering 315 pages, is a review of 65 Grand Lodges, some of them for two years, making the inspection of 70 volumes necessary. It is contributed by Past Grand Master Lou B. Winsor, and fulfills

the requirements of his Grand Lodge. The transactions of North Carolina for 1912 receive due consideration, and the writer of this report is complimented by Brother Winsor by the reproduction of his preface to the North Carolina report. We thank Brother Winsor for his partiality.

JAMES H. THOMPSON, M. W. Grand Master.

LOU B. WINSOR, P. G. M., R. W. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1912.

59TH ANNUAL.

ST. PAUL.

JANUARY 17.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Elmer A. Kling, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

The address of Grand Master Kling is a plain, unpretentious presentation of his management of the craft for the year just coming to a close. It relates almost entirely to the domestic affairs of the Grand Lodge. As to the value of the schools of instruction to the fraternity generally, the Grand Master says:

I regret that fewer lodges have made requests for these schools. While the Annual School is of great benefit to the brethren who attend, and the results are noticeable in the different lodges, the holding of different schools throughout the year is not only of great benefit to the lodges in making them perfect in the work, but brings closer together the members of the lodges participating in a fraternal way. I have had many inquiries, during my visitations, regarding these schools, and have been surprised at the surprise manifested by some who have desired schools, but did not suppose that they would be able to obtain one, and for that reason did not make application. For the benefit of all I here state that the members of the board of custodians will always be as ready to give as they are ready to receive instruction, and that different schools may be held at any time, on request.

Under the caption of "The Work," the Grand Master gives his views, in which we entirely concur:

Masonry is a progressive science, and personally I am of the opinion that some changes in our work can well be made, not to change the work in any of its principles or the lessons the work is intended to convey, but to better make use of the means at our command to more firmly and more forcibly imprint upon the memory of the candidate the truths and lessons contained in the work and lectures. It is not within the powers of a Grand Master, however, to change a by-law of this Grand Lodge, but rather it is his duty to enforce obedience to those laws, as adopted and approved by the Grand Lodge, and I could not do otherwise than enforce obedience to this particular law. Results have shown that an amendment of this resolution should be made only after careful and deliberate consideration, and if changed the change should be so definite and plain that there could be but one construction to be placed upon it, so that none could plead ignorance of its intent in justification of its violation. Experience has shown me that nothing should be left to the discretion, sound or otherwise, of Masters of lodges, or the result will be that the accessories will become limited only to the ability of the lodge to provide them, and the force and beauty of the work lost in the addition of theatrical effects to amuse the brethren who witness the work, instead of its simplicity, seriousness, and force instructing and edifying the candidate.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that there are 253 lodges on the roll, and that the numerical increase for the year is very satisfactory.

The report on correspondence is a lucid statement of the general craft, condensed in 76 pages. It is, as usual, furnished by Past Grand Master Irving Todd. North Carolina's Proceedings for 1911 received the kindly consideration of Brother Todd, and nearly three pages of his limited space. It reviews the transactions of 61 Grand Lodges.

OWEN MORRIS, M. W. Grand Master.

JOHN FISHEL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1912.

94TH ANNUAL.

HATTIESBURG.

FEBRUARY 20.

This volume is adorned with the portraits of distinguished deceased Masons: the beloved Grand Secretary, Frederic Speed; Past Grand Master Enoch George de Lap, Past Grand Master John S. Cobb, Past Grand Master M. M. Evans, and Allen M. Hicks, each of whom had brought eminent service and distinction to the Grand Lodge. There is also the portrait of the incoming Grand Master, J. Rice Williams.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, John S. Brooks, is a fine and readable accounting of his stewardship of the Grand Lodge affairs during the year just closed. He reports sorrowfully the deaths of distinguished members of the craft, but pays special tribute to the virtues and high character of Brother Speed. A splendid eulogy by a distinguished brother of that jurisdiction contains this beautiful pen-picture of the man:

It was in the evening time, just as the sun had passed over the historic hills of Vicksburg and was casting his last rays over the Father of Waters from the valley along its western shore, when Frederic Speed manfully answered the last roll call, and stood unabashed in the presence of his Master.

He was a knightly gentleman, without ostentation; a friend without hypocrisy; a neighbor without selfishness; a scholar without egotism; an adversary without guile; a man without fear; a Christian without dogma; a citizen without reward.

Grand Master Brooks reports the craft to be in a highly prosperous and satisfactory condition. He was kept busy signing special dispensations.

After the death of Frederic Speed, the Grand Master appointed his son, Frederic Gordon Speed, as acting Grand Secretary, and it is entirely fit and appropriate that this action of the Grand Master should be followed by the election of the son to the place held by his father.

Naturally, the affairs of the Masonic Home occupy a considerable share of the records, and it is gratifying to know

that the craft is determined to make this institution equal to any of its kind. There are at present 75 children cared for in the Home. The cost of operation of the Home for a year is put at \$13,192.93, and the average cost of maintenance per capita per month is put at \$12.25. The assets of this institution, including an endowment fund of \$101,956.79, is \$174,534.66.

The Grand Master had occasion to impose discipline on one of the lodges by revoking its charter.

A special committee of distinguished Masons was appointed to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in making Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, a Mason in the lodge at Dundee, Scotland. It will be unnecessary for the committee to make any report, for the Grand Lodge of Scotland has already taken action by arresting the charter of the offending lodge for a year.

The jurisdiction of Mississippi has 357 subordinate lodges, with a present membership of 18,931, showing a net gain of 784.

The report on correspondence, covering 80 pages, is contributed by Past Grand Master Harry Howard, and is a discriminating and fraternal review of the proceedings received. North Carolina for 1911 is condensed within the limit of less than a page, but, short as it is, we appreciate his kindly expression.

Brother Howard offers his personal tribute to the character of his dead friend, Frederic Speed:

Frederic Speed is no more, his silver voice is still, the laurel lies upon his grave, but we who are left behind know this energetic man is still about his Father's business in that larger life he was anxious to enter.

J. RICE WILLIAMS, M. W. Grand Master.

FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1912.

92D ANNUAL.

ST. LOUIS.

SEPTEMBER 24.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Arch A. Johnson, occupies the fly-leaf. His annual address gives a succinct and detailed account of his superintendency of the affairs of Grand Lodge for the year just past, and the first and most engrossing item is in relation to the Masonic Home, of which he says:

Masonic Home.—Missouri Freemasons have a right to be proud of their splendid Home. Within the year the hospital has been completed, and its dedication to-day will be the great event of this session of the Grand Lodge.

We have accomplished much at the Home by way of providing comforts for the aged and infirm and the helpless little ones dependent upon us, and I sincerely hope that our interest and enthusiasm has not spent its force, but that at this session of the Grand Lodge a plan will be adopted for raising the funds necessary to replace the antiquated central building, now in use, with a splendid structure in keeping with the needs of the institution. The craft is certainly able to provide the means with which to build such an edifice. For the devoted, faithful service of the board of directors we owe our thanks and grateful acknowledgments.

The few official visits of the Grand Master were enjoyed by the Grand Master himself and the members of the fraternity who had the opportunity of meeting him.

The function of laying corner-stones called the Grand Lodge in special session nineteen or twenty times during the incumbency of Brother Johnson.

Six dispensations for the formation of new lodges were granted.

He reported fourteen decisions, one of which we quote, and it is a wonder that the officers of any subordinate lodge should make the inquiry:

6. Hannibal Lodge, No. 188, asks whether members of the Masonic Fraternity should sign their names to such a document as the following:

"To Whom it May Concern:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of Hannibal, Mo., and members of the Masonic Fraternity, have known for a number of years, and have always known him to be a broad-minded man in his religious and political views."

Answer: No.

Reading the reports of the standing committees of this large and influential jurisdiction gives evidence that the Grand Lodge in every one of its departments is in a prosperous condition.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges submitted by the chairman, Past Grand Master William F. Kuhn, the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized as sovereign and independent, and the committee asked for further time to report on the application of San Domingo.

From the report of the superintendent of the Masonic Home we find appreciative acknowledgment of the importance and utility of the new hospital which was dedicated at this session of the Grand Lodge with appropriate and impressive ceremonial. The population of the Home consists of 52 men, 61 women, 30 boys, and 33 girls, a total of 176, showing an increase of 26 in the membership.

In this imperial Grand Jurisdiction there are 624 subordinate lodges, having a membership of 55,737, making a net gain of 2,381 for the year.

The report on correspondence, covering 153 pages of the volume, is a very valuable contribution to current Masonic history, and is contributed by Dr. C. C. Woods. We quote from his interesting introduction these statistics of the membership of Masonic lodges in the world at large, so far as they can be ascertained:

MASONIC STATISTICS FOR 1911.

	<i>Lodges.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Great Britain and Ireland.....	3,200	224,000
Europe (Rest of).....	3,000	160,000
Canada	1,250	130,000
United States	14,500	1,500,000
Central America	200	10,000
South America	900	55,000
Australia and New Zealand.....	900	55,000
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	23,950	2,134,000

The Proceedings of North Carolina receive very kindly consideration from Brother Woods, and the entire review is one of commendation.

JACOB LAMPERT, M. W. Grand Master.

JOHN R. PARSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1911.

47TH ANNUAL.

MISSOULA.

SEPTEMBER 20.

A likeness of the retiring Grand Master, J. W. Speer, adorns the volume.

The annual address of Brother Speer is a comparatively brief paper, but leaves nothing of importance unnoticed. As to the material and moral condition of the Montana craft, he makes this gratifying statement:

It is a pleasure and a satisfaction to announce that peace and prosperity have held almost undisputed sway during the past year; so much so, that there is no work laid out for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, a situation almost unprecedented in the history of this Grand Lodge. Our country is prosperous, and the people of our State should be thankful for the many blessings meted out to us during the year. The Masonic conditions of our Grand Jurisdiction are in healthy and prosperous condition. Three hundred and fifty-two members have been added to our chartered lodges and we now have a membership of six thousand, two hundred and ninety-

nine, exclusive of the lodges U. D.; and during the year we have issued dispensations for the formation of six new lodges all of which (save one) have grown to a marked extent, which should be most gratifying to us all.

He reported 13 decisions, mostly in reference to local laws, and they were approved.

Either by proxy or in person, 6 lodges were constituted and dispensations granted for the formation of 6 new lodges.

The Grand Master made numerous official visits and made careful note of the condition of every lodge visited. He was well pleased with the general outlook, but found it necessary occasionally to give admonition and advice.

In Montana there are 70 lodges, having a total membership of 6,465, showing a net gain of 508.

The report on correspondence is the work of Past Grand Master H. S. Hepner, and from his introduction we make this quotation:

Homes and asylums are springing up everywhere; the founts of charity are gushing forth human love and affection and each brother is becoming his brother's keeper. In these labors of humanity many of the jurisdictions find willing, loyal and helpful aid in the Order of the Eastern Star; Grand Masters and members no longer look down upon "Female Masonry," but accept the offerings of these mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of Masons with unstinted expressions of appreciation.

Yea, indeed, the world is moving onward and forward.

Brother Hepner has carefully reviewed the proceedings of 67 Grand Lodges in a very satisfactory manner, and compressed a fine review into 146 pages. The transactions of North Carolina for 1911 receive kindly notice and more than the average of two pages. He pays us the compliment of quoting part of our introduction, for which we desire to return thanks.

WILLIAM M. MONTGOMERY, M. W. Grand Master.

CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1912.

48TH ANNUAL.

RENO.

JUNE 11.

Besides the photograph of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Herman Davis, we find likenesses of Brothers A. L. Fitzgerald and J. M. McCormack, Grand Masters, respectively, in 1887 and 1899.

We have perused the annual message of Grand Master Davis with feelings of profound respect and admiration for the splendid courage and zeal which he has shown in presenting to Grand Lodge the undesirable things which he found in some of the subordinate lodges, and which we present in these extracts taken from his excellent report:

In these same lodges an alarming increase in loose methods employed by investigating committees, together with short, easy, and cheap cuts to Masonry, and the abandonment of many of the mental, moral, and physical qualifications so essential to the maintenance of a proper standard for our institution is noted.

Right here I would sound a note of warning. We are drifting slowly, yet surely, from the Ancient Landmarks that were guarded so carefully by our forefathers, by convenient and elastic interpretations of their meanings into modernism, rapidly absorbing customs and ideas from societies of mushroom growth, when some of our lodges open their doors to the maimed, the dismembered, the diseased, the immoral, the vicious and low.

During my three years of service as a Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, I accompanied the Grand Masters on most of their visitations, meeting annually with the brethren of nearly all the lodges within the State. It is with considerable pride, however, that I allude to the fact that I am the first Grand Master to visit every one of the twenty-five lodges in this jurisdiction during his term of office. To accomplish this, no less than six thousand miles were traveled by train, automobile, stage, team, horseback, and on foot; but all the hardships undergone were amply repaid by the welcome extended the Grand Master by the brethren of Nevada.

On February 2, 1912, I left Gold Circle to make my visits to the remaining lodges, having arranged to meet with Battle Mountain Lodge, No. 23, that evening. The collapse of the stage on the road made it apparent that unless I walked across field six miles to a station on the railroad, I would be compelled to forego my engagement.

I started out with a light heart and a heavy suit case, and in time came to a branch of the Humboldt River, where I discovered that the footbridge had been washed away. The stream was about 200 feet wide and five feet deep at this point, and covered with floating ice. It was imperative that I wade across the river or disappoint the Battle Mountain brethren. Being six-foot-four, I chose to keep the engagement, and made my way across. Never until then did I realize how cold ice water really is. Arriving at Battle Mountain, I visited with the lodge, finding it to be very careful in the selection of material, with collections of dues attended to, and books in first-class condition.

The Grand Lodge of Nevada, in our opinion, has lost an opportunity of thoroughly disinfecting some of the lodges and of promoting the interests of Masonry by its failure to reelect Grand Master Davis, not once, but several times, so that he could finish the work which he had so bravely commenced. His successor may be as able and earnest, but will he be as brave?

The number of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is 25, and the total membership 1,846, a net increase of 75.

The report on correspondence covers 257 pages. Nearly two-thirds of the volume is, as usual, furnished by that bright and versatile Mason, Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, and is a credit alike to the Grand Lodge and its reporter. He has given the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 fraternal notice, and has given to Grand Master Hackett and to Grand Orator F. D. Winston unstinted praise. After traversing Wyoming, he says:

Like a weary traveler, we are tired, and glad once more to be in the shadow of the Sierra's silvery tops.

"The lands were beautiful;
Fair rose the spires, and gay the buildings were,
And rich the plains, like dreams of blessed isles;
But when we heard our country's music breathe,
We sigh'd to be among her wilds again."

When we reached Wyoming, and caught the first sweet smell of the sage, we knew we were home, and another year's labor, as the result of our travels, is in the printer's hands.

"You will loiter a while in other lands,
When something seems to call,
But the lure of the sagebrush brings you back
And holds you within its thrall."

HENRY W. MILES, M. W. Grand Master.

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1912.

55TH ANNUAL.

OMAHA.

JUNE 4.

The address of Grand Master Henry Gibbons gives a clear and full accounting of his management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. He reports this condition of the craft:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that peace and harmony prevail within our borders; and that the increase in membership is very satisfactory, while the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge have never been in better condition. The Grand Treasurer has been more than fair with the Grand Lodge, having paid the premium on his official bond himself, and allowed interest on daily balances at the rate of three per cent, also donating his salary to the Nebraska Masonic Home, a record heretofore unknown in the history of the Grand Lodge.

He reports, in part, the condition of the Masonic Home:

During the year I made three visits to the Home. On one of them I was accompanied by W. Brother John S. Harman of Tecumseh and W. Brother Lewis M. Keene of Fremont, a committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. I found the Home well managed, the residents contented, and as happy as they can be made. They, and all their surroundings, everything in and about the building, are kept neat and clean. I was very much gratified to see on all my visits everything in such excellent condition, there being nothing I could suggest in the way of improvement.

He refused to grant dispensations for new lodges at points where the prospects for growth were unfavorable.

He reports a few decisions and numerous official visits.

He had occasion to impose discipline upon a lodge by arrest of its charter, and upon officers by arrest of their jewels.

The trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund report securities and cash on hand to the amount of \$80,000.

There are 253 lodges, having a total membership of 19,269, a net increase of 762.

In regard to Mexican Masonry, we commend this action of the Grand Lodge:

Past Grand Master Phelps, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offered his review of the Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions, and it was ordered published with the proceedings; he also moved that recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be not extended at this time, and the motion prevailed.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps. It is an excellent though condensed report by an able and experienced reviewer. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1912 receive fraternal consideration and nearly two pages of favorable comment.

JAMES R. CAIN, JR., M. W. Grand Master.

FRANCIS E. WHITE, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1912.

44TH ANNUAL.

ST. JOHN.

AUGUST 22.

The Grand Master, Henry S. Bridges, Ph.D., made a brief report of his management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge for the year just coming to a close. Of the condition of the New Brunswick craft he says:

It is also my privilege and pleasure to report that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout every part of this jurisdiction, and also that there has been unusual activity in the subordinate lodges throughout the Province during the past year. The reports of these lodges will show a substantial increase in our membership. But, my brethren, it is well to remember that it is not the number of

those who wear the lamb skin that has given to our fraternity the proud position that it has always held in the world's estimation, but rather the internal qualifications and exemplary conduct of each individual Mason. No anxiety, therefore, to increase the membership of our lodge should ever lead us to permit those to join our ranks who do not maintain that high moral standing which should always characterize good Masons. If we wish to preserve the high standing of our noble fraternity, we must never lose sight of that well-known maxim, "Guard well the outer door."

He visited very many of the lodges, and is satisfied that there is marked improvement in every respect.

In this small jurisdiction there are 38 lodges, with a membership of 3,061, showing a gain of 123.

There is no report on correspondence.

HENRY S. BRIDGES, PH.D., reelected M. W. Grand Master.
J. TWIXING HARTT, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1911.

123D ANNUAL.

CONCORD.

MAY 15.

The volume is adorned with the likeness of the Grand Master, Charles H. Wiggin, and with a group consisting of the Grand Master and five associate officers. There are also photographs of three deceased Grand Masters: Wilbur Fiske Smith, Fred Washington Norris, and Franklin Alanson Rawson.

In the Grand Master's address, under the head of "Necrology," he gives a sympathetic sketch of these splendid men and Masons.

The Grand Master reports only two decisions, which, to us, seem correct.

Many special dispensations were granted, and the one hundredth anniversary of several of the subordinate lodges celebrated and taken note of by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master makes this note of the Semiannual Communication, which is held for the exemplification of work in the three degrees:

An unusually large number of the brethren showed their devotion to Masonic principles, and their zeal in the ritualistic work of the degrees, by their attendance at the semiannual communication of the Grand Lodge. The character, impression and correctness of the work was of high order, and well received, being embellished by the vocal efforts of the Schubert Male Quartet. The exemplification of the degrees was: Entered Apprentice, by Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 32, of Lacouia; Fellow Craft, by Humane Lodge, No. 21, of Rochester; and Master Mason, by Lafayette Lodge, No. 41, of Manchester. It is more than fifty years since, by special amendment to the Grand Constitution, these semiannual communications on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, were inaugurated, and the benefits to be derived from them, instructively and fraternally, are inestimable. I took occasion, after this communication, to call to the attention of the Masters of all lodges that were not represented that it was incumbent upon Masters and Wardens, as well as duly elected representatives, to attend this communication and also the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. They should not forget this part of their official duty and obligation and enter into other arrangements that deprive their lodge of representation on these occasions.

The report on correspondence is written, as usual, by Past Grand Master Harry M. Cheney. The report covers 163 pages, and is a review of the transactions of 63 Grand Lodges, some of them for two years. Brother Cheney gives North Carolina for 1912 three pages of very complimentary notice. His reports are always bright and instructive.

CHARLES H. WIGGIN, reelected M. W. Grand Master.

HARRY M. CHENEY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1912.

125TH ANNUAL.

TRENTON.

APRIL 17.

A handsome engraved likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Leslie A. Burritt, forms the frontispiece of the volume. His annual address is a comparatively brief paper, well writ-

ten, but of ample scope. It is not surprising that in the following extract, Brother Burritt correctly states the condition of the craft:

The year has been prosperous. From the report of the Grand Treasurer you will note improvement in our finances, while from that of the Grand Secretary you will see that our total membership is close to thirty-five thousand. In fact, it is safe to say that to-day we exceed that number, and our losses during the year, through demits and suspensions, are less than those of the preceding year.

Peace, harmony and good-will toward the entire Masonic world are ours, and within our borders no dissension exists.

He made appropriate reference to the fraternal dead.

He refers to Masonic conditions in the Republic of Mexico, and says that neither the old Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, nor the new, York Grand Lodge, of Mexico, is entitled to recognition, because neither possesses the necessary qualifications of sovereignty in the territory. We agree with the Grand Master in this opinion.

One lodge was constituted and dispensation issued for the formation of another.

He refers to the request made by several Italian Masons for dispensation to organize a lodge to work in the Italian language, but informed them that it was impossible to do so until they had qualified themselves to do the work according to the law of New Jersey.

He found it necessary to administer discipline to one of the lodges by the arrest of its charter, and on account of the conditions prevailing advised the retention of the charter until there was evident improvement.

Grand Master Burritt had no time for making official visits.

From the Grand Secretary's report we find there are 191 chartered lodges, having a total membership of 34,855, showing a net gain of 1,761 during the year.

The fees paid for the maintenance of the Masonic Home amounted to \$14,228, and the condition of the institution is said to be entirely satisfactory. After receiving a note from

the supervising principal of the public schools of Burlington in praise of the demeanor and steady work of the boys from the Home, the Committee on the Masonic Home says, in part:

The boys, whenever time will admit, do work assigned to them by the superintendent about the Home, farm, and otherwise make themselves generally useful.

The actuating thought in rearing these boys and girls is not only to care for them in a kindly manner, but teach them to be useful and practical, so that when the time arrives to sever their Home ties they will have an excellent education and be in a position to properly care for themselves. We have on file a complete record of those who have left the Home, and it is very gratifying to note that each one is doing nicely.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence covers 169 pages, and is a review of the proceedings of 66 Grand Lodges, 6 of them for two years, making, all told, 72 volumes inspected. The transactions of North Carolina for 1911 received the fraternal notice of the reporter, Past Grand Master Robert A. Shirrefs. This paper is interesting, instructive, and well written, and the New Jersey craft, for whom it is prepared, should appreciate the labors of this capable reviewer.

RICHARD C. WOODWARD, M. W. Grand Master.

BENJAMIN F. WAKEFIELD, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1911.

34TH ANNUAL.

ALBUQUERQUE.

OCTOBER 16.

This volume is ornamented with a photograph of the handsome Masonic Temple at Albuquerque, erected by Temple Lodge, No. 6, and it is a credit to the taste and zeal of those brethren. Its dedication was an occasion of rejoicing and appropriate ceremonial.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Edward L. Medler, is an excellent review of the work of his administration.

From the exordium we take this extract as showing the purposes of Masonry and its condition in New Mexico:

The spiritual and moral upbuilding of the community is as necessary to its material welfare as its financial and industrial progress. Our fraternity has always been the advocate of clean and pure morals, just and equal laws in the State, religious toleration and the suppression of crime. With these essential teachings as a foundation, the members of our craft can assume and will take a leading part in the advancement of the interests of our new State, and as time runs on, may we earnestly look forward to a new era in our history.

Our craft is now enjoying a fair share of prosperity, its membership is increasing, and as we reflect upon the work of the past year, I find nothing of moment to criticise. Our lodges are in a flourishing condition, the members are sensible of their responsibilities and obligations, and appreciate their character as Masons.

The Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions receive appropriate reference.

Special dispensations were granted for various purposes, and all of these were approved as within his prerogative.

The fourteen decisions of the Grand Master were approved with only slight verbal alterations.

The reports of the various committees indicate that the Grand Lodge is prosperous and advancing.

An eloquent oration was delivered at the evening session of Grand Lodge on the first day, and it was so good that it is printed in the proceedings.

There are 25 chartered lodges and 2 lodges under dispensation, having a total membership of 2,799, a net gain of 208.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, furnished by Past Grand Master James H. Wroth, and is an excellent review of the proceedings of 56 Grand Lodges. It covers profitably 215 pages of the volume. North Carolina for 1911 received due consideration and the space of about three pages. The failure to spell your name properly was the fault of the printer and not of this reporter, but these errors will creep in in spite of our best efforts. Brother Wroth's "conclusion,"

covering nearly six pages of the volume, is devoted to an argument sustaining the view that Grand Lodges of Scottish Rite origin are under certain circumstances entitled to recognition as regular Grand Lodges. The complete answer to this is that Supreme Councils never had the right to create symbolic lodges, and only councils of Latin-America and others of that ilk undertake to do so.

WILLIAM B. WALTON, M. W. Grand Master.

ALPHEUS KEEN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1911.

23D ANNUAL.

SYDNEY.

JUNE 14.

This interesting volume of proceedings shows clearly that this grand jurisdiction is making rapid and continuous progress in good works, as will be seen by this extract from his introduction by the Grand Secretary, Arthur H. Bray:

The total number of lodges in active work is 238, an increase of ten during the year.

Subscribing members number 16,036, an increase of 1,214 since our last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund	increased by £2,305 to £ 9,510
Benevolent Fund	increased by 1,515 to 18,834
Freemasons' Orphan Society.....	increased by 522 to 30,779
Freemasons' Benevolent Institution...	increased by 1,299 to 13,321

The special communication of August 23, 1910, was held for the purpose of installing the Grand Master, Lord Chelmsford, who is also the Civil Governor of New South Wales.

The address of Lord Chelmsford on this occasion was a model of what such functions should be; its unpretentious simplicity and directness of statement appeals powerfully to the judgment and good sense of the audience. He dwelt upon the importance of retaining the ritual in its purity, and the strict observance of the landmarks. He urged upon the officers of the Grand Lodge the duty of attending to the needs

of the remote country lodges, and, finally, he appealed to all to practice charity and to care for the needy.

We always look to the reading of the annual report of Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of the year with interest, From the address of the president we quote:

A YEAR OF UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS.

The annual report presented to you to-night is one which I think no brother can cavil at. I have in the past referred to reports as being "records," and "records of records," and I have exhausted my vocabulary of superlatives. Therefore I simply put the report before you to-night as one of unprecedented success. Twenty years ago this institution was like a small babe, which had got over some serious trouble threatening its life, and had taken a new lease of life. Those 20 years have rolled by and now we find the institution in so strong a financial position as to surpass the wildest anticipations of its friends of 20 years ago. During those two decades it has fully carried out its objects. In 1893 we find that the first annuitant came on the roll, and the year's relief was £13, and the total capital was £2,238. To-day we have 78 old people being cared for, our expenditure in relief last year was £1,483, and although we have not stinted our relief, our capital to-day is £13,331. [Applause.] During these 20 years we have expended a sum of £12,048 in *bona fide* relief of poor and distressed Freemasons and their wives or widows.

Our annuitants have gone from one in 1893 to 78 in 1911. This year 22 new annuitants have been added, and death has removed some. Of the 78, 36 are males and 42 females; their ages vary from 60 years upwards. The oldest male annuitant has now reached the great age of 99 years and I express the genuine hope of the committee that we shall be able to pay him an annuity for years to come. The oldest of the females—no, brethren, the age of chivalry is not yet so dead that I can divulge that secret. [Laughter.] Very few of the applications are refused; every one is carefully inquired into, and if any one is refused, it is for a very sound reason. The additions to the list have increased our expenditure by the sum of £315 5s. We have paid out during the year £1,483, and we will require for the 78 annuitants £1,607 10s. for the coming year, while at the same time we have to make provision for more unfortunates, who may be added to our list. Therefore, it behooves us all to work hard and increase our receipts.

The foregoing extracts show beyond any doubt that the Masonic spirit is alive in New South Wales.

The report on correspondence, prepared by different members of the committee, is an excellent review of the Grand Lodges whose proceedings have been received. It covers 106 pages, and we regret that the transactions of North Carolina had not been received; but it is a long way off and the mails are sometimes lost in transit.

LORD CHELMSFORD, M. W. Grand Master.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1912.

131ST ANNUAL.

NEW YORK.

MAY 7.

This large volume of transactions, covering 500 pages, is adorned with engraved portraits of the first Grand Master, Rev. William Walter, and of James Herring, Grand Secretary 1829-1846, and with the handsome photograph of the beloved Grand Secretary, Edward M. L. Ehlers.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Robert Judson Kenworthy, is necessarily a voluminous document. In the exordium of his address, Brother Kenworthy argues forcibly for the cultivation of the social side of Masonry. To the fraternal dead—and the list is a long one—he pays appropriate and earnest tribute.

He reports the dedication of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Home at Utica, on Sunday, June 25, 1911. The dedication ceremonies were most impressive and were attended by a great concourse of the most prominent Masons in New York and other States.

Fraternal correspondence between the Grand Master of New York and the Grand Master of Denmark, Frederick, King of Denmark, is reported. The autograph letter of the king is photographed.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of twelve new lodges.

The Masonic Home at Utica and its management receive the cordial indorsement of the Grand Master. From the report of the superintendent we find there were in the institution on the 1st of April, 1911, 197 men, 116 women, 55 boys, and 67 girls, a total of 434, which was increased in January, 1912, to 436. We take this extract from the report of the superintendent:

Fifteen of our children attend the Utica Free Academy; twenty-four, the Mary Street School; fifty-six, the Albany Street School, and twenty-three, our own kindergarten.

One of our girls is employed in a large law office in this city, as stenographer and typewriter, and is doing very satisfactory work. Still another is employed in the largest and best dressmaking establishment and was recently promoted to the position of head finisher. It is needless to say that these girls are receiving experience and training that will be of great benefit to them in the near future. Another girl, who has been a student in the State Normal School at Oneonta for the past two years, will graduate in June and take up her life's work as a teacher. Three of our girls will graduate from the academy in June. They have secured the necessary counts and have passed with marks to spare. One, whose ambition is to become a school teacher, will enter the State Normal School at Oneonta; one will study for the profession of trained nurse, and the other is a splendid stenographer, typewriter, and bookkeeper.

The Grand Master-elect, M. W. Bro. Charles Smith, just before closing Grand Lodge, made this brief and sensible speech:

Just a word before we depart to our several homes. While the Grand Master is placed upon a pedestal, so to speak, above his brethren, I wish it clearly and distinctly understood that I am one of the most democratic members of our Fraternity. I seek the same friendly fellowship with my brethren as did my distinguished predecessor, and I shall be most happy if I can win your confidence and esteem as did he, never forgetting that he was Grand Master, nor the dignity of that great office.

In our social relations, I hope to meet you as friends and brothers. Do not put me on a pedestal. Think of me as your brother; speak of me as your brother; act toward me as your brother, and you will find me of you and for you all the time.

In entering upon the duties of the office of Grand Master, your generous, harmonious support is absolutely necessary. This I not only expect, but feel assured will be readily and heartily given.

The number of lodges is 808, with a total membership of 173,713.

The report on correspondence is a more extensive review of Masonry in every part of the world than can be found anywhere else. It includes Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, and is contributed by the entire committee: Townsend Scudder, Emil Frenkel, and Emanuel Loewenstein. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 are kindly summarized. Of Masonry and its influence, the committee presents this correct view in its introduction:

Our great Fraternity forms a vast chain which encircles the globe, and when we consider the number, the standing, the wealth of this great army of over two millions, men of education and all above the average citizen in their several communities, we stand amazed at the enormous potentiality of our Fraternity and look forward to a possible use of all this power for the good of the world and especially for the good and benefit of this, our own glorious country. What a bulwark against disorder, lawlessness, and crime, and what a fortress to protect life, property, and secure happiness to all our orderly fellow citizens, for this army of good and true has but one object, one aim: to reverence the Great Jehovah, and help, aid, and assist the poor, the needy, and distressed.

CHARLES SMITH, M. W. Grand Master.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, M. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1912.

23D ANNUAL.

DUNEDIN.

MAY 8.

This attractive volume, bound in blue and gold, is further adorned with the likenesses of the new Grand Master, Maurice Thompson, the Deputy Grand Master, Frederick Kearsley, and the Senior Grand Warden, J. A. Nash.

New Zealand has 186 active lodges, with a total membership of 12,309.

The address of the Grand Master shows the New Zealand craft to be prosperous and advancing. In evidence of this satisfactory condition, financially and numerically, we quote:

I should like to make a brief reference to our various funds. You have before you, in the printed reports, the full detailed statements of those funds, but for the sake of the brethren who have not analyzed them, or into whose hands they have not yet come, I offer a few summarized figures. Our cash balances, including all funds, now stand at £27,395, as against £72 in 1891, twenty-one years ago. This is what we have been able to put by, not taking into account the amounts we have distributed. As we are not a business concern, working for profit, it is unnecessary to enlarge upon this balance. It is simply our margin of safety, and which we hope will increase each year. It is most satisfactory to our brethren who were at the birth of Grand Lodge to see their best hopes realized, and that not only has Grand Lodge been able to pay its way, but that it has in hand such a practical justification of its existence.

Five new lodges have been added to our roll during the year, and when the complete returns are available we shall see that a most substantial increase has taken place in our membership. This, together with the figures shown in the reports of the funds already referred to, are the outward and visible signs of our prosperity, and I am sure you will agree that they are most satisfactory and reassuring to all who have the interests of Grand Lodge at heart.

In further confirmation of this excellent condition of New Zealand Freemasonry, we take this extract from the report of the Board of General Purposes:

The Grand Secretary informs us that only seven lodges neglected to make complete returns prior to the closing of Grand Lodge books for the financial year, ended 31st March; two of these have since done so, and M. W. Brother Niccol feels confident all will have paid up before Grand Lodge meets.

None of our lodges are languishing. Grand Lodge is in the unique position of never having had any of the lodges chartered by it during the past twenty years suspended from work; all are active and vigorous.

The numerous appeals made to the lodges on behalf of our benevolent funds are always promptly and generously responded to, and there is ample evidence of steady progress on healthy lines.

The report on correspondence is an excellent review of the proceedings of 66 Grand Lodges, covering 147 pages of the volume, and is contributed by Past Grand Master Alfred H. Burton.

We concur in his view that there should be an effort made by American Grand Lodges to bring about approximate uniformity. He says in this regard:

There are, of course, some matters upon which it is becoming in one living in this distant part of the world to speak "with bated breath and whispering humbleness"; and one of these is the suggestion of the advisability of a common understanding in America upon certain points on which there is, at present, considerable divergence. Nothing can be plainer than the truth that American Freemasons will never tolerate the suggestion of a Central Grand Lodge. Such idea is as dead as—the Doges, or Queen Anne. But, could not some means be devised by which all American Grand Lodges could be induced—perhaps gradually—to remove anomalies in their laws and practices? It is an old saw—that lookers-on often see most of the game. Such truth—if it be truth—emboldens me to put forth the above idea; for surely all will admit that a certain amount of uniformity is desirable—say, in the matter of jurisdiction; in that of the proper course with regard to the secrets of a Master in the chair (which same, I notice, is frequently a trouble); and other things that will suggest themselves to experienced brethren.

Brother Burton has given the transactions of North Carolina for 1912 fraternal consideration and nearly two and a half pages of his space.

MAURICE THOMPSON, M. W. Grand Master.

MALCOLM NICCOL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1912.

23D ANNUAL.

MINOT.

JUNE 19.

The photograph of the retiring Grand Master, Robert Morrison, forms the frontispiece and precedes a short biography which shows that Brother Morrison's life has been industrious and successful.

In his annual address, Brother Morrison gives a full report of his doings for the year. His decisions were few, but were approved as being in accord with Masonic law. He was too busy to enjoy the pleasures of official visits, but to important matters of business he gave strict attention.

North Dakota has wandered from the old and well-tried way, and now indulges in the publication of an official cipher. The misuse of these books and the occasional loss of one has given rise to some trouble, and the Grand Master issued an edict for the supposed better security of these volumes. He says:

First. The use of the key by officers of the lodges holding allegiance to this Grand Lodge, during the ceremonies of opening and closing of lodge, or during the conferring of any of the degrees, is forbidden.

Second. It is made the duty of the Worshipful Master of each lodge to see that no key is placed in the hands of any one not a Master Mason.

Third. Keys must not be used in such a way at any time as to endanger the secrecy of the esoteric work.

North Dakota has 202 lodges and a total membership of 8,358, showing a substantial gain during the year.

The report on correspondence is furnished by Past Grand Master James W. Foley, and is a pleasant and compact review of the proceedings which he has received. The transactions of North Carolina were evidently among the missing. Brother Foley is no new hand at the Round Table, but for several years past he has been restricted to the recital of the jurisprudence of the different Grand Lodges. Now he has a freer hand and is using it with discretion.

WILLIAM E. HOOVER, M. W. Grand Master.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1911.

46TH ANNUAL.

HALIFAX.

JUNE 14.

On the fly-leaf of the volume we find the photograph in Masonic regalia of Theodore Augustus Cossman, who was the Grand Master in 1900 and 1901.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, William Marshall Black, is an excellent accounting of his stewardship for the past year. His notice of the Masonic dead is sympathetic and appropriate.

Of the Nova Scotia Freemasons' Home, humble in its beginning, the Grand Master says:

My remarks on this matter will be brief, as you will have the opportunity of hearing in full the report of the trustees, and anything I could say would be but a repetition. Suffice it to say, that the "Home," in my opinion, is in a most satisfactory condition and fulfilling its purpose to the letter.

It is not to be expected that in an institution of this description things will at all times run as smoothly as might be desired, but on the whole, I am well satisfied that the trustees have dealt with all matters brought before them in a manner that will be for the benefit of all concerned.

His official acts are itemized, and cover 7 pages of the volume. His decisions, 19 in number, were generally concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's official visits were very few, but were made to those lodges which most needed the presence of the Grand Master.

There are 71 chartered lodges, having a total membership of 6,223, a net gain of 186.

The report on correspondence, covering a review of the transactions of 66 Grand Lodges, is the work of Past Deputy Grand Master and Present Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Mowbray, and is an excellent presentation of the present status of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed. North

Carolina for 1911 receives due and kindly notice, and the decisions of the Grand Master are approved, "as in line with Masonic law of Nova Scotia."

AUGUSTUS JOHN WOLFF, M. W. Grand Master.

THOMAS MOWBRAY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1911.

102D ANNUAL.

DAYTON.

OCTOBER 18.

A group picture of twenty Past Grand Masters in whose ranks not a break has occurred is rather an unusual exhibition, and it is to be hoped that time will enlarge this list. Forming the frontispiece is a portrait of the retiring Grand Master, H. S. Kissell.

His annual address is an exhaustive paper, but necessarily so because of the size of his jurisdiction. Under the head of "Necrology" he pays a very high tribute to the character and services of Past Grand Master Joseph McK. Goodspeed, who died June 11, 1911.

Special dispensations were numerous, but a few applications were denied. Four dispensations were granted for the formation of new lodges. Recently there has been a good deal of newspaper comment on account of the prosecution and conviction of some of the citizens of Adams County for selling their votes, and we have often wondered if there were any Masons in that bunch of patriots. Brother Kissell satisfies our curiosity, and we are glad that there were no Masons in that crowd. He says:

In our own jurisdiction we have an instance which to me indicates that Masonry is a live, vital force. I think it is proper that it should be mentioned in this address, and I am indeed gratified to be able to tell you of this specific example.

During the past year, or possibly a little more, over eighteen hundred men have been convicted in Adams County for selling their votes, and these men have been disfranchised. In this same county

we have five active lodges. Of the eighteen hundred men who were convicted, not one is a Mason, and not a Mason was indicted by the grand jury investigating these cases. If Masonry could maintain this record it would be a mighty power aiding in the solution of the many great problems which confront us as a nation.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, in accordance with its former action in recognizing the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, now extends recognition to what it calls the "regular" York Grand Lodge of Mexico. As it looks to us, neither the old nor the new Grand Lodge has any claim to regularity.

The Grand Lodge has also become a member of George Washington Memorial Association, reserving to itself the right to withdraw at any time that it so wills.

The Grand Secretary's report makes interesting reading, and shows that there is material progress along the whole line. In a year the membership has grown from 79,501 to 82,833, showing a net gain of 3,332.

The annual report of the officers of the Ohio Masonic Home shows the institution to be in a prosperous condition and to have under its care 167 inmates—73 men, 47 women, 25 boys, and 22 girls. It is pleasant to have the auditing committee pay this compliment to the superintendent:

The superintendent has also opened a deposit account in a Springfield bank in the name of himself as superintendent or trustee, and is keeping an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of what is "The Christmas or Entertainment Fund," which fund has heretofore been under the sole control of the superintendent, it being amounts donated by subordinate chapters of the Order of Eastern Star, various Masonic bodies, and individuals for use under the direction of the superintendent for holiday occasions. We commend this practice of exactness in keeping all such funds, subject, when desired, to the examination of the auditing committee or the board of trustees.

The report on correspondence is contributed by a new hand, Past Grand Master Nelson Williams, who modestly pleads that he has had no experience in this line of work, and consequently that he fears it will not meet full commendation from the critical Knights of the Round Table. We have read

a good many of these reports, presented by some of the most capable men in the craft, and after our full experience in this line we fail to find any evidence of freshness or weakness in our brother's contribution, and we earnestly hope that we will hear from him again next year, and that he will not have the handicap of ill-health to weaken his power or inclination for this work. North Carolina for 1911 has received very kindly treatment at the hands of Brother Williams, and the ample space of three and a half pages.

THOMAS B. GUITTEAU, M. W. Grand Master.

J. H. BROMWELL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1912.

4TH ANNUAL.

McALESTER.

FEBRUARY 14.

The pictorial ornaments of the volume consist of photographs of the incoming Grand Master, Alfred G. Gray, and of the Scottish Rite Temple, in which the Grand Lodge held this communication.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Alexis Eddleman, is a very earnest report of his official doings for the past year. Brother Eddleman, in the second paragraph of his exordium, thus describes the condition of the craft:

It is my pleasure to be able to tell you that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this grand jurisdiction; that but little discipline has been required; that the great work of building and maintaining our Masonic Home was neither a dream nor a spasm, but a living idea, and that it thrives and grows in the hearts of the brethren, and that they may be safely trusted to rally to its support and meet its requirements. We realized in the beginning that a hard year was before us, and the tax upon our resources heavy, but the brethren have stood by their guns, and have said by their actions, the Home must and shall succeed.

Fifteen lodges were constituted, and dispensations issued for the formation of 9 new lodges.

We find the usual number of special dispensations and a list of 29 decisions.

Under the head of "Impostors," the Grand Master tells of the success of an unctuous "traveling man" who worked Boswell Lodge, No. 232, for an amount sufficient to meet his needs. Correspondence with the Grand Jurisdiction from which he hailed proved him not to be a Mason, although standing a "fairly good examination."

The Masonic Home of Oklahoma has for many years enlisted the support of some of the ablest and most zealous members of the craft, and very much of the record of this communication has reference to the Home and its needs. The Grand Master says of this institution:

This is the apple of our eye, the core of our hearts. We are proud of our Home, and we have the right to be. We are faithful and loyal to it, and God grant we ever shall be. In this institution, we are building for time and eternity. As Freemasons of this generation, we are erecting a monument more durable, more creditable, than the finest marble shafts that wealth can purchase. Generations yet unborn will rise up to call us blessed. We have made, are making, and will continue to make, sacrifices for the Home, but, brethren, we can well afford to make them. Think of it! The children of our deceased brothers snatched as brands from the burning, cared for, educated, and equipped for the battles of life, they go forth full-grown men and women, a credit to themselves, to the community, and to us.

The Home shelters 53 boys, 44 girls, 10 old men, and 4 old ladies—a total of 111 inmates—and the total cost of caring for these, in round numbers, is over \$35,000; and the cost per month per head is reckoned as between \$21 and \$25. This enterprise is certainly commendable; but it seems to us that they could be kept among their friends and kinspeople in comfort at very much less cost. But the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma will manage its own affairs in the way that seems best to it.

There are 437 subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence (42 pages) is contributed by Past Grand Master Thomas C. Humphry, and is a review of 47 Grand Lodge proceedings, among which, after diligent search, we have succeeded in finding a brief consideration of North Carolina for 1911 under the head of "New South Wales," and mixed in with the transactions of that Grand Lodge.

ALFRED G. GRAY, M. W. Grand Master.

WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1912.

62D ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

JUNE 12.

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the volume, is a full and well-written recital of his official doings during the year just past. At the opening of his address he has this to say of present conditions:

Brethren, I congratulate you upon the close of a year of prosperity, as evidenced in the report of our Grand Secretary, whose labors have contributed largely to this happy result. This report will show the greatest material growth for any like period in the history of the craft in this State.

Five lodges were constituted and a large number granted dispensations for new lodges.

The decisions of the Grand Master met the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, except as to this last sentence in the second decision:

The Order of the Eastern Star might be invited to join in the procession, and to render its beautiful and impressive funeral service at the close of the Masonic ceremonies.

The Grand Lodge has become a member of the Washington Memorial Association.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was duly recognized as a regular and independent Grand Lodge. Fraternal recognition was also extended to the International Masonic Club of London.

The Grand Master made but few official visits, but these were pleasant to him and profitable to the lodges.

The educational fund of the Grand Lodge amounts to \$137,276.92, the income from which the trustees are using judiciously.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. James F. Robinson, shows that there are 127 lodges in the jurisdiction, having a total membership of 11,410, a net increase of 574.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reports that it has had absolutely nothing to do.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported adversely, and properly, we think, against the incorporation by the State of a subordinate lodge.

The report on correspondence is, for the second time, presented by Past Grand Master D. P. Mason, and it is an excellent compend of the transactions of the Grand Lodges received. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 have received most fraternal consideration and the unusual space of four pages. By some legerdemain in the printshop, a part of the appendix by Bro. A. B. Andrews, in the North Carolina Proceedings of 1912 are quoted, but appear in the review of Utah. It is queer how these things happen, but they do.

GEORGE H. BURNETT, M. W. Grand Master.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1911.

The record of the four quarterly communications is a mere outline of a large amount of business transacted by committees, trustees, and bursars of the different funds.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held October 23, 1911, for the purpose of giving Masonic burial

to the remains of the late Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, William A. Simm, who was greatly respected and beloved by his associate officers and by the fraternity generally.

On the 25th of September, 1911, a special communication was held for the purpose of appropriately celebrating the 125th anniversary "of the institution of that grand body as an independent Grand Lodge." This celebration was so elaborate that only the above program is given, and the full details reserved for publication in a separate volume, which we predict will be in keeping with the dignity of the Grand Lodge.

At the annual communication held December 27, 1911, there was a general review of the business of the Grand Lodge. The retiring Grand Master, Bro. George W. Guthrie, delivered his address, with report of his stewardship of the craft during the year just coming to a close. This paper indicates that the Grand Master was diligent and faithful in the discharge of his duties. His service was duly appreciated, and he retired from the Grand East with the love and confidence of his brethren.

The decisions of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania are not subject to review during his term of office, and can be set aside only by a future Grand Master. We copy two of these decisions as showing the strict construction of the "perfect youth" doctrine as practiced in Pennsylvania:

A petitioner who, after the approval of his petition, lost the forefinger of his left hand cannot be initiated.

An Entered Apprentice Mason who has been so maimed as to be unable to perform the work of a Fellow-craft Mason is incapable of advancement.

Another law which seems queer to us is the following:

It is the law in this jurisdiction that a Masonic lodge must not be opened on Sunday for any purpose whatever.

If a funeral of a deceased brother is called for Sunday, the members may meet at the lodge-room and proceed from there to the funeral, but a lodge must not be opened.

Of the charities of the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown is perhaps the most important; it will be perhaps the largest institution of the kind in the world. It covers an estate of nearly 1,000 acres and has naturally a picturesque, commanding situation. An army of engineers, road builders, landscape gardeners, horticulturists and laborers are engaged in the labor of making the institution, not alone beautiful, but practically useful. All of this is for the material comfort and esthetic enjoyment of its population, who are graciously termed "The Guests" of the Grand Lodge.

Two fine steel engravings of James Harper and John B. Gibson, Grand Masters, respectively, in 1825 and 1827, give added attractiveness to the volume.

In this jurisdiction there are 485 lodges, with a total membership of 100,765, showing a net increase of 4,343.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. James M. Lamberton, Senior Grand Deacon, and is of the same high quality as all his previous contributions in this field of labor. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 received the kindly touch of Brother Lamberton's pen.

WILLIAM L. GORGAS, R. W. Grand Master.

JOHN A. PERRY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1912.

37TH ANNUAL.

ALBERTON.

JUNE 26.

This booklet is adorned with a photograph of a deceased brother, B. Wilson Higgs, who was Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary for a number of years.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, H. C. McDonald, is a very brief paper, but covers every item of interest found in similar reports.

The Grand Master makes this statement as to the Benevolent Fund:

I presume every member of the Grand Lodge knows what this benevolent fund is, and the purpose of it. It consists of such donations as may be given towards it, together with such amounts as may from time to time be received from lodges or members as contributions, donations, or bequests. Up to the present time it may be said that Masonic charity has been voluntary, but in order that each brother and every subordinate lodge may have an interest in and a claim upon the funded amount thus established and intended for the relief of the destitute among our brethren, without attaching to its distribution the appearance of a charitable donation, it is desirable that every one should contribute a certain sum at some given time in order that the Grand Lodge may as speedily as possible realize the amount at first contemplated.

This fund now amounts to \$3,508.48.

In the jurisdiction of Prince Edward Island there are 15 lodges, with a total membership of 741; practically as it was last year.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that action be deferred on the application for recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

JOHN T. PROFIT, M. W. Grand Master.

W. P. DOULL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1912.

42D ANNUAL.

MONTREAL.

FEBRUARY 14.

The pictorial adornments of the volume consist of photographs of the scene of the unveiling of the monument to the late Brother Isaacson.

The annual address of the Grand Master, Rev. Frank Charters, D. C. L., covers a review of his official doings for the year. It is a comparatively brief message, but leaves no important matter unnoticed.

He is very much in favor of increasing the fund of benevolence, and in this regard he says:-

It is not my intention at this time to say much upon this subject. It is indeed one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry. At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge the Grand Master, in his address, in the kindest and most impressive manner enlarged upon this important subject. As far as I am aware, no definite movement to increase our efforts in this connection has taken place. I, therefore, would now recommend that Grand Lodge, at this session, do consider seriously whether an increase in the amount contributed by the members of the craft to the benevolent fund be definitely urged.

Numerous dispensations were granted and a few refused for sufficient reasons.

The reports of the several committees indicate that this Grand Lodge is growing in prosperity and usefulness.

In the Province of Quebec there are 64 lodges, having a total membership of 7,021, a net gain of 388.

The report on correspondence (99 pages) is contributed by that master workman, Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 receive fraternal consideration.

THE REV. FRANK CHARTERS, D. C. L., M. W. Grand Master.

WILL H. WHYTE, R. W. Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1911.

121ST ANNUAL.

PROVIDENCE.

MAY 15.

On Monday, July 25, 1911, an emergent communication was held for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to Bro. Henry Warren Rugg, M. W. Grand Master of Masons. The Knights Templar service for the dead was impressively rendered by William B. Melish, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the

United States, after which the remains were interred by the Grand Lodge. At the semiannual communication of the Grand Lodge beautiful memorials were read of the lives, characters, and services of Brothers Rugg, Kenyon, and Ackley, the two latter also Past Grand Masters.

At the annual communication the Deputy Grand Master, James B. Gay, acting as Grand Master, delivered his annual address, and paid appropriate tribute to the distinguished dead.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find that there are 37 lodges in the jurisdiction, having a total membership of 7,811, a net gain of 347.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is excellent, and the surplus funds safely invested.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the preparation of annual reports, showing the current condition of Masonry in all English-speaking countries, but no action was taken.

The Grand Lodge has decided to become a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The Rhode Island brethren are thinking about establishing a Masonic Home, as evidenced by the adoption of this resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home in this State, and to devise ways and means for establishing such a home if said committee decides to recommend its establishment. Said committee to report at our next semiannual communication.

JAMES BACON GAY, M. W. Grand Master.

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1912.

6TH ANNUAL.

PRINCE ALBERT.

JUNE 19.

The volume is adorned with the photograph of the Grand Master-elect, Arthur S. Gorrell.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, William Hopkins, who reports the craft to be in excellent condition, is an excellent presentation of his official acts during the year. He closes with this concrete statement:

Last year we had a total of 83 lodges, 65 under charter and 18 under dispensation. We now have a total of 94 lodges, 77 under charter and 17 under dispensation. Our membership last year was about 4,000. It is at the present time 4,500, and it should be gratifying to the Grand Lodge to know that we are making such rapid progress.

He devotes much of his report to the matter of official visits, and it is evident that these have been of profit to the fraternity. He makes a very strong argument for the establishment of more lodges of instruction.

An appeal for the increase of the benevolent fund was made by the Grand Master, and on account of the persistency of the Grand officers in this behalf the fund will soon assume respectable proportions.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate a general good condition of the lodges, to which, of course, there are some exceptions, but it is gratifying to find that the Committee on the Condition of Masonry had the courage to point out some of these exceptions. In a report not at all perfunctory the committee says:

While we congratulate the D. D. G. M.'s on their zeal, and the care with which they have fulfilled their trusts, yet, in passing we feel it our duty to mention the fact that from information which has come to your committee, the facts in some instances (we are glad to say they are only a few, not more than one or two) are at variance with the reports.

In one case at least the care of the lodge books is not such as to entirely justify the favorable report presented. In another the conditions which, aside from the D. D. G. M. report, have come to the attention of your committee are certainly deplorable and would seem to indicate that a little instruction as to the true purposes of Masonry would not be amiss.

Your committee regrets the necessity for introducing these comments in its report, but we feel that we would be remiss in our duty if we failed to call attention to matters of this kind, and while they are inspired by particular instances, we trust they may be applied in a general way and that the results may be beneficial.

The report on correspondence, a review of 55 Grand Lodge proceedings and covering 232 pages of the volume, is the good work of the Grand Master-elect, Bro. A. S. Gorrell. North Carolina for 1912 receives a flattering notice and general commendation, but Brother Gorrell does not approve of the attitude of the Grand Lodge towards the Order of the Eastern Star. Now, brother, the women composing the Order of the Eastern Star are the mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of Master Masons and are engaged in a work of benevolence for which by their natures they are peculiarly fitted. They are not, and they do not claim to be, any part of the body of Masonry, and ask only to be permitted to unite with their fathers, husbands, and brothers in the performance of the good works which Masonry has always claimed to be its duty—the care of the needy, destitute, and helpless. This, it seems, should disarm our brother's criticism.

ARTHUR S. GORRELL, M. W. Grand Master.

JOHN M. SHAW, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND, 1911-1912.

We have before us only the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication, held the 2d day of November, and the Annual Communication, held the 30th of November, 1911. The proceedings at each of these communications, with the

exception of the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew, are devoted exclusively to the consideration of matters of business.

The most notable thing to us is the evidence furnished to show the disregard of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of the petition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, to the end that the Grand Lodge of Scotland cease to establish new lodges in Queensland.

The Grand Committee reports the establishment of two new lodges in Queensland, and evidently intends to keep on doing so.

EARL OF TULLIBARDINE, M. W. Grand Master.

DAVID REID, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1912.

55TH SEMIANNUAL.

ADELAIDE.

APRIL 17.

The volume is adorned with the likenesses of the Grand Master, Right Honorable Sir S. J. Way, Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia, and of F. E. Cornish, Deputy Grand Master.

When we come to the inspection of the transactions of this Grand Lodge, as we have been doing for the last seventeen years, we expect to find everything to commend and nothing to criticise. These brethren are putting in daily practice the tenets of Freemasonry, brotherly love, relief, and truth.

At a special communication of the Grand Lodge held November 30, 1911, the Grand Master expressed himself thus forcibly, with reference to dispensing Masonic charity, whether in the old, quiet way of the fraternity or in the institutional way which seems to be the most popular in the United States. He said, in part:

I am advancing in years myself, and if ever I should have to fall back on Masonic charity, which do you think I would appreciate most—the charity which enabled me to enjoy the home I had lived in

for so long, surrounded by those who loved me and were prepared to put up with my shortcomings, or on the charity which would place me in a cottage, one of many others, where I would be surrounded by a number of other short-tempered, querulous old gentlemen like myself? With reference to the subjects mentioned in the trust and to which our brother, Canon Poole, has drawn attention, we must admit that the trustees have acted to the best of their judgment. They have never found the time opportune—and it never will be opportune in S. A., I trust—for the erection of almshouses for indigent Freemasons, who would thus be unjustly branded as paupers. The time, too, will never be opportune for the erection of special schools for the children of Freemasons as a class. The fact is, we have come to realize that it is better to distribute our charity in an unostentatious manner rather than to attempt to glorify ourselves by the erection of useless, costly and wasteful buildings. We are asking, by this resolution, that the trustees should become the permanent trustees of the whole property, as was contemplated by the trust.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 67 constituent lodges, having a total membership of 4,424, a gain of 411.

We have been very much interested in the "History of Freemasonry in South Australia" just begun by Charles R. J. Glover, P. D. G. M., and the Grand Secretary. We have perused this with absorbing interest, and hope that Brother Glover will continue this pleasant story up to the present time.

The report on correspondence covers 94 pages of pleasant though brief review of the proceedings which had been received. The report is written by some of the members of the committee of fourteen, and each review is signed with the initials of the contributor. The committee reports that the North Carolina transactions had not been received since 1909. We shall call the attention of Bro. John C. Drewry, the Grand Secretary, to this omission.

This pungent rejoinder comes to the Illinois reporter for his strictures on South Australian methods. It is signed "C. D. H.," which we suppose means C. D. Harris. Here it is:

We differ from the American Grand Lodges in very many ways, notably in the Annual Communications. On this side those meetings

cost only a few shillings for the temple illuminant: no charges for traveling being claimed by those attending. We do not hold this to be necessarily an improvement, but is mentioned in a purely fraternal way to show that we do not conduct our respective business on similar lines. The reviewer says: "The view is held by many sensible men and Masons, that it becomes almost silly to load a man down with such a burden" (titles). We may retort, many sensible men, even in the United States, think exactly opposite. Nor is much "Brotherly Love" evident behind the remark that "A Grand Master needs no such trappings of toadyism to make him great."

We admire your great republic, we almost envy you your powerful jurisdictions, but we still intend to continue the even tenor of our way.

RT. HON. SIR SAMUEL J. WAY, M. W. Grand Master.
CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1911.

135TH ANNUAL.

CHARLESTON.

DECEMBER 12.

Photographs of the incoming Grand Master, George S. Mower, and of the Grand Secretary, O. Frank Hart, give added attraction to the volume.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. James R. Johnson, is a fine presentation of the work of the craft for the past year.

After paying appropriate tribute to the Masonic dead, the Grand Master discusses the question of physical qualifications. South Carolina has always been a stickler for this doctrine, which has never, and can never be, observed. The Grand Master says, in part:

I hope that this Grand Lodge will, in its wisdom, open the door to such material as is found morally fit, and who have been knocking at our portals for many years, debarred only by some trivial physical disqualification; such, for instance, as the loss of the joint of one little finger of the left hand, or one toe, or the loss of a small portion of the ear. We have in this respect as a precedent nine-tenths of all of the Grand Lodges of the world, including the Grand Lodge of

England, from whom we received our birth. In many instances their laws on this subject are much more liberal than the one now proposed, which in my judgment, if adopted, would not only have the effect of putting us in line on this very important subject with all others, but allowing us to spread the great light of Masonry to all *slightly imperfect physically, but pure morally, and who are desirable material.*

We fail to see that Grand Lodge took any action in this matter.

The report of dispensations granted covers six pages, and of those refused one-fourth that space.

Eight lodges have been granted dispensations, and 7 permission to continue. Three lodges were constituted.

Seventeen pages of the volume are covered as rulings and decisions, and we assume that they were in accordance with the South Carolina laws.

It would seem from the following that the cipher ritual has found its way into South Carolina, notwithstanding the stringent law against its use:

(1) He has observed that certain property which is intended for guidance and instruction is openly used by some officers in lodge work.

(2) That a book published by a certain publishing house "is used in open lodge during labor."

(3) He says, "that he can find nothing in our by-laws, nor any ruling of Grand Lodge, prohibiting or disapproving of the practice."

I am glad of the opportunity to bring this matter to the attention of the Grand Lodge. I have always discountenanced this practice, and so have my predecessors, but on account of the subject-matter, nothing relating to this has heretofore appeared in our printed proceedings. Just as Brother Wallace looked for guidance in our proceedings and failed to find it, so have many of the officers of subordinate lodges found nothing specific on the subject. I am sorry to say, in a great many instances, owing to laziness and lack of application, they have failed to memorize their parts. I hope that the Grand Lodge will put a stop to this practice, even going so far as to make it an offense punishable by the arrest of the jewel of the Master of the lodge who permits such an occurrence.

The General Committee on Foreign Correspondence made this recommendation:

2. It is the opinion of this committee that our annual proceedings do not have a wide circulation outside the warrant officers of individual lodges; we are also of the opinion that if the proceedings could be placed in the hands of every member it would deepen the interest in our institution, lessen the number of suspensions and strengthen the ties that bind us. Perhaps it would be a costly experiment, but we would like to see it tried for one year; and hereby recommend that a copy of this year's proceedings be sent to every member in good standing in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was not willing to agree to the foregoing, but was willing to furnish a copy of the report on correspondence. This last proposition we think would be useful.

There are 231 chartered lodges and 9 lodges under dispensation in the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina, having a total membership of 13,772, showing a net increase of 637.

The report on correspondence (161 pages) is contributed by Past Grand Master J. L. Michie, and is, taken all in all, an admirable review of the condition of the craft in the different Grand Jurisdictions. North Carolina for 1911 has received very generous treatment and four pages of space. He has general commendation for the volume of proceedings under review. His purpose in writing his correspondence report is thus set forth, and it is very much like our own:

The plan that I have tried to follow is, to give you a brief synopsis of what is going on in the English-speaking Masonic world of to-day, coupled with friendly comments on the difference between our laws and those of other Grand Lodges. Where a decided opinion is expressed on any law, usage, or custom, it is the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily that of the Grand Lodge. For instance, I think our Physical Perfection Law should be abolished or modified, but our Grand Lodge has always, as yet, thought otherwise. Again, I am doubtful if the opinion I have formed as to the propriety of erecting Masonic homes will be concurred in by our Grand Lodge.

GEORGE S. MOORE, M. W. Grand Master.

O. FRANK HART, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1912.

38TH ANNUAL.

DEADWOOD.

JUNE 11.

The fine engraved portrait of the retiring Grand Master, Charles L. Brockway, forms the frontispiece of the volume, which is well printed on good paper, and is essentially pictorial. There are several photographs of the grand and beautiful scenery of South Dakota. There are two contrasting photographs of Deadwood in 1876 and 1912, showing the visible transformation which has taken place in 36 years. Then, too, in the report on correspondence the photograph of every Grand Secretary, so far as could be procured, precedes the report of each State.

The annual address of Grand Master Brockway is an excellent statement of his official doings for the year just closed. This is the condition of the craft as reported by the Grand Master:

It affords me much pleasure, and, I believe, it will be a source of satisfaction to you, to report that with little exception, peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction in the lodges and among the brethren. There has been growth in number of members, but what is more to the point, I am warranted in saying there has been a marked growth in interest and settled determination to make of the order what it should be in the communities and in the State.

Seven lodges were constituted and dispensations were issued for the formation of as many more.

Many corner-stones were laid, and comparatively few special dispensations were granted.

In regard to his official visitations, the Grand Master and the fraternity deserve congratulation for the valuable results of these visits. But let him tell it himself:

Early in the year I began planning a series of visits to the different parts of the State for the purpose of meeting as many of the lodges and brethren as time and opportunity would permit. I arranged the lodges in groups and gave notice of meetings at points accessible to the brethren of surrounding lodges. I suggested in

these notices a plan of work in each of the degrees where possible, and such other topics as would be of interest to the craft. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the winter, I was able to make all appointments. The brethren responded cordially to the invitation. The lodges where the meetings were held proved themselves delightful hosts. The attendance was extremely good. All seemed to be interested and manifested great enthusiasm. Meetings were held at thirty-four places, two each at three of them. I carried with me a register to be signed by those present at the different meetings, upon which I find more than twenty-five hundred names. Thirty-six were initiated, thirty passed, and twenty-nine raised during the progress of the meetings. With very few exceptions, caused by inclemency of the weather or bad roads, every lodge invited was represented.

The lodges are said to be in fine condition, very many of them owning their own homes, which are comfortably furnished.

In South Dakota there are at present 134 lodges, having a total membership of 9,701, showing a gain of 801 during the year.

The report on correspondence, covering 144 pages, is, as usual, contributed by Past Grand Master S. A. Brown, and is written in the easy, attractive style of our gifted brother. He gives the transactions of North Carolina for 1912 fraternal consideration and a little more than the average space. Referring to the new enterprise of the Masonic Home, Brother Brown says:

The Masonic Temple in Raleigh seems to be a paying institution and is a contradiction to our former contention that a Masonic body is not capable of running successfully a business institution.

Then the Home for Aged Masons is looming up grandly in prophecy of a great future

Who said "Rip Van Winkle"?

The North Carolina fraternity seemed to be infected with the virus for building Masonic homes, and this we have always believed to be the wrong and costly way of dispensing Masonic charity. We are glad to be in accord with Brother Brown in discussing this topic under Florida:

For ourselves, we believe that for the good of the beneficiaries it is not wise policy to open a home for the aged. With their own kin,

a small stipend would yield more comfort and happiness than the most up-to-date home in existence; and for the children, an adoptive home of a Master Mason will yield them a natural life like that of other children. We firmly believe that every normal Masonic orphan with a reasonable amount of trouble could be placed in a Mason's home.

But the helpless and incurable, to be found in every jurisdiction, in our opinion, would be best cared for in an institution.

WILLIAM J. McMAKIN, M. W. Grand Master.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, R. W. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1912.

98TH ANNUAL.

NASHVILLE.

JANUARY 31.

The likeness of the Grand Master-elect, Bro. J. Lynn Bachman, forms the frontispiece.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, John R. Rison, is really a very readable and interesting annual message, in which a full accounting of his administration is submitted. In his exordium he makes this reference to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home:

Like many other Grand Masters, when I recovered from the agreeable surprise of being elected, I began to look about to see where I could be of the most service to the Fraternity. Early in July, it was my pleasure, in company with Past Grand Master Bumpus, the beloved chairman of your board of control (and may God bless and preserve him for years to come, as well as his associates on the board), to pay a visit to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, this monument to the love and charity of Tennessee Masonry, going over the grounds and making a minute inspection of the various buildings, etc., and I was impressed with the urgent needs of the institution. I fully realized that there was indeed much room for improvement, and that our Home did not compare very favorably with those of sister jurisdictions. I at once set about devising plans by which matters could be improved and the Home rendered so that our Masonic brethren would not be ashamed to invite their friends to

visit it on all occasions, and could point to it with a just spirit of pride. I believed that if our brethren fully understood the true status of affairs that they would cheerfully respond.

Cuts of the main building of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and of the Old Women's Cottage are found with the address, and judging by the pictures they are elegant and attractive buildings. But the Grand Master says that they are both sadly in need of repairs and makes an appeal for funds to make them in every respect comfortable.

He found it necessary to discipline a Master of one of the lodges.

The special dispensations were quite numerous.

Judging by his reports of visitations, the Grand Master visited from April till the last of December, and he and his brethren enjoyed every one of the visits. We quote this report as a specimen of the others. The baptism of the Traveling Trowel in the Mississippi River is illustrated by a handsome photograph of the members present on that occasion. This is the report:

By invitation of DeSoto Lodge, No. 299, Memphis, Tennessee, I went to Memphis on May 22, 1911, and on the evening of that day was officially received by the lodge. By dispensation, the lodge was permitted to assemble at the Scottish Rite Cathedral instead of its usual place of meeting, in the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of this official reception, the conferring of the Master Mason's Degree and the reception of the Traveling Silver Trowel, sent out by Justice Lodge, No. 753, of Rochester, N. Y., to be transmitted from lodge to lodge around the world, spreading its message of brotherly love.

During the day, in company with Worshipful Brother J. N. Newcomb, Worshipful Master of McAlester Lodge, No. 96, of McAlester, Okla., and his staff; Worshipful Master of DeSoto Lodge, No. 299, C. L. Marsilliot and others, the trowel was taken to the Mississippi River and dipped in its waters.

The lodge convened at 7 o'clock p. m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral when the trowel, borne by the brethren from McAlester Lodge, was presented and received with elaborate ceremonies, during the course of which I had the pleasure, with Brother John L. Brooks, Most Morshipful Grand Master of the State of Mississippi, of being officially presented to one of the largest assemblages of Masons which ever gathered in the city of Memphis.

Succeeding the ceremonies incident to the presentation of the trowel, the Master Mason's Degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner by the regular staff of officers of DeSoto Lodge, using all of the accessories, splendid scenery, stage settings, etc., of this most attractive building, which is devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes.

His official rulings were in the main approved by the Grand Lodge.

A resolution was adopted to celebrate on the 27th of December, 1913, with appropriate ceremonies, the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge, and a committee of arrangements was appointed to that end. We may say with confidence, that the occasion will be made memorable.

There are 460 lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Tennessee, having a total membership of 25,589, showing a net gain of 787.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master Henry A. Chambers, and in 63 pages he gives an interesting account of the jurisdictions visited, albeit a little too condensed. Brother Chambers should give himself a little more latitude. Mexican Masonry is thus discussed in his introduction, and we quite agree with his admonition to go slow. He says:

Many Freemasons from the United States are now residing, or stopping, for a time at least, in Mexico, and are anxious to have the organization, to which most of them have become attached, receive recognition from other Grand Lodges. We have the impression that this element controls the present York Grand Lodge, while the native Mexicans control the other or seceding portion of the former Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico. Sympathy for the United States Masons in Mexico has great influence in the United States in favor of recognition. Some of the Grand Lodges in the United States that had previously recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico have recognized the York Grand Lodge as the legitimate successor of the former. Other Grand Lodges, however, especially those which had not previously recognized Valle de Mexico, are still withholding recognition of the new Grand Lodge. This, it seems to us, is the more prudent course under the present uncertain and disturbed conditions in Mex-

ico. It still seems to us, as it did at the time of our last report, that we had better wait for developments before recognition. However, we present the foregoing for the information of this Grand Lodge.

J. LYNN BACHMANN, M. W. Grand Master.

JOHN B. GARRETT, R. W. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1911.

76TH ANNUAL.

WACO.

DECEMBER 5.

This volume of proceedings is adorned with photographs of Bro. B. F. Frymier, Grand Master in 1894, and of the retiring Grand Master, Walter Acker, who looks young enough to be an entered apprentice; but, judging by his annual address, he is certainly not too young to wield the Grand Master's gavel. His exordium contains many beautiful thoughts, and we quote this as the real kernel of Masonry:

Under the blessings of our Supreme Grand Master we meet to consider the eternal principles of our order and their relation to our brothers' welfare. Paraphrasing the words of another, I believe that we should care more for the essentials of Masonry and less for the nonessentials; that the martinet of Masonry with his steps, grips and words is of less importance than the student of the life of Masonry; that humanity needs less of abstract philosophical cobwebs and more of joy and cheer; less of imaginary symbolism and more of love; that the doctrine of hearts made lighter and lives made brighter will outlive all abstract speculation, all official distinction, all self-aggrandizement; that we should recognize more fully the life and doctrine of Him who was "set as a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel"; that Masons should worry and write less about what constitute the "Ancient Landmarks," and believe and live the three essential landmarks—faith in God, hope in immortality, and the daily application of the Golden Rule.

God is our Father,
Man is a Brother,
The Earth is our Mother.
Life is a mission and not a career.
Knightship is service,
His scepter is gladness.
The least is the greatest.
Saving is dying—
Giving is living.
Life is eternal and love is its essence.

His references to the dead of his own jurisdiction are beautiful and sympathetic.

Twenty-four lodges were constituted and dispensations issued for the formation of 12 others.

Many special dispensations were granted for various purposes and a few denied.

In so large a jurisdiction it is not surprising that the Grand Master has occasionally to impose discipline.

He made 30 decisions, which, generally, were approved, and only a few with verbal modifications by the Jurisprudence Committee. One of these, disapproved *in toto*, we copy from the report of the committee:

A novel question is presented by the ruling that a lodge under dispensation nearer to brethren desiring a new lodge than a chartered lodge should be applied to for a recommendation rather than the chartered lodge. We are of opinion that the recommendation should be made by the nearest chartered lodge. A lodge under dispensation is in a chrysalis state itself, and before its probation has ended should not be permitted to give recommendations for the creation of other lodges. We think it was contemplated that the recommendation should be made by a lodge that has passed the initial stage and that has entered the state of perfection indicated by a charter.

We are disposed to agree with the ruling of the Grand Master, for the reason that if a lodge under dispensation is intrusted with the most important function of a lodge—that of making Masons—it has certainly emerged from its “chrysalis” state and should be deemed to be thoroughly capable of recommending or disapproving the formation of a new lodge in its borders.

In the imperial jurisdiction of Texas there are 833 subordinate lodges, having a total membership of 53,190.

The Masonic Home of Texas has been doing a wonderfully fine work, having an average attendance of 131 children and widows at a per capita cost of \$176.76.

We come now to the most important and attractive part of the volume, the Report on Foreign Correspondence, contributed by our venerable, professional, and Masonic brother, Dr. Thomas M. Matthews, Sr. Every page of his report is illuminated by high and noble thoughts and by a thorough knowledge of the laws and usages of the craft. He has given to the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1911 fraternal consideration and commendation of this reporter's efforts. His kindness in this regard is appreciated because of its sincerity. He has given Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston the compliment of quoting several verses from his poetical oration. In his conclusion, Brother Matthews expresses this heartfelt prayer:

We have now come to the end of our report, having, in the foregoing pages, furnished you a review of all the proceedings of Grand Lodges which have come to our table. As we do not feel physically able or inclined to formulate and write a "Conclusion," as in former years it has been our custom to do, we will, using the language of the Holy Writ and paraphrasing it somewhat, simply, with all the earnestness and sincerity we possess, say: "Blessèd be thy basket and thy store. Blessèd may thou be when thou comest in, and when thou goest out. May the Lord cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; may they come out against thee, one way, and flee before thee seven ways. May the Lord command the blessing upon thee, in thy storehouse, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto, and bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. May He establish thee, an holy people unto Himself, as He has sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His Ways." *God bless you all, every one of you, my brethren,* and hoping that in His Providence we may be permitted to meet you again, we now say good-bye.

SAM P. COCHRAN, M. W. Grand Master.

JOHN WATSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1912.

119TH ANNUAL.

BURLINGTON.

JUNE 12.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Henry Lincoln Ballou, occupies the fly-leaf, following which is a brief sketch of the active and useful life of Brother Ballou, both in Masonry and in the ministry. His annual address is a carefully prepared account of this, his second year's administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. He adverts to many matters of interest to the local fraternity, and we reproduce his conclusion as showing his willingness to become a private and a worker in the ranks:

It is reported that a strenuous President of our country once said to his hard-working Cabinet, "Gentlemen, I don't know how you feel, but I enjoy my job." I have thoroughly enjoyed the office of Grand Master with which you honored me two years ago. It has entailed many hours and days of hard and trying work. The office is as far from being a sinecure as the East is from the West. But the attitude of the craft, the coöperation of the Grand Lodge officers and the earnest and faithful Deputies have made the burdens light and the task a joy. If my administration of the high office to which you elected me has met with any degree of approval, it is due in a large measure to the beautiful coöperation which has been given me by the low and the high throughout our jurisdiction. My "Father Confessor" has been the Nestor of our resident Past Grand Masters, our beloved Brother Perkins, who has taught me things Masonic of which I never dreamed, with the same thorough and painstaking care with which he taught the young idea how to shoot in his pedagogical days. It is with satisfaction that I can turn over the gavel of authority to my successor, knowing that he will have the same loyal support of the thirteen thousand Masons of our jurisdiction which I have enjoyed. To-morrow I again become a worker in the ranks, and I wish to say that in whatever way I may further the interests of our institution, I shall gladly do so, though the night be long and the task difficult.

From the Grand Secretary's report we find that there are in the Jurisdiction of Vermont 103 lodges, having a total membership of 13,443, a net gain of 308.

The report on correspondence is furnished by that able and competent veteran at the Round Table, Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins, and is, taken all in all, of the character and flavor of all Brother Perkins' labors in this field. He has given to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1912 nearly four pages of fraternal notice, and he pays this compliment to Bro. Harry W. Gowen, one of the most industrious and enthusiastic Masons in North Carolina:

Among other of the important Masonic functions of the year were the laying of the corner-stone, January 9, of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, and the unveiling and dedication of the stone and tablet at Halifax, February 13, 1911, to the memory of R. W. Joseph Montfort, the only all-American Grand Master thus far known to the world, to which reference was made in our report last year. Much credit is due Brother Harry W. Gowen, Vermont's distinguished representative near North Carolina, through whose diligent and laborious research important facts connected with Montfort's career, his burial place, etc., have been brought to light. In this connection, we have Brother Gowen's assurance there is to be erected in Halifax a Masonic Temple, "such as this earth has never seen, for the reception and entertainment of pilgrim Masons to their Master's tomb." The plans have been completed, and the work is to be carried forward by the Joseph Montfort Memorial Association.

The claim that R. W. Joseph Montfort was "the last and only Provincial Grand Master of and for America" has been proved by Bro. James M. Lamberton, chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of Pennsylvania, to be entirely unfounded.

EUGENE S. WESTON, M. W. Grand Master.

HENRY H. ROSS, R. W. Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1912.

134TH ANNUAL.

RICHMOND.

FEBRUARY 13.

The photograph of the Grand Master-elect, W. L. Andrews, forms the frontispiece.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, W. B. McChesney, who is now rounding out his second term, fills all the requirements of such a paper and indicates that the craft of Virginia is prosperous.

His visitations were numerous and pleasant.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of two new lodges.

He reported ten decisions; which were in accordance with Virginia law and were approved.

As chairman *ex officio* of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home, Brother McChesney expressed himself as to the needs of this institution as follows:

We have all the same aim—the Grand officers, subordinate officers, and every true Mason's designs are towards the same end—to prepare and qualify those who by act of Providence have been left to our care and protection, and fit them for the stern realities of life. Are we acting in accordance with our aim?

A study of the 21st Annual Report of the Masonic Home, which is before you, shows that the distribution of the assistance given is not in accordance with equity. At the risk of being considered persistent, I am compelled to again recommend, that for the support and maintenance of this our Home, there must be an increase of per capita tax. Your action at the last Grand Annual Communication, in appropriating five dollars of the initiation fee for the Home, will not, nor can ever, be satisfactory. It is an uncertain quantity. What is necessary and what should be done is to say to your Board of Governors, that there will be to your credit every year a fixed sum, and this amount should be sufficient to support and build up this our Home, without having them conjecture what will be the income from initiations, or what can be had by appeals to those who are liberal. Say to every brother, "It is a just debt you owe, and must be paid," and make it as it should be, upon all alike. It is bound to be the final outcome, and we should as well meet it first as last.

It is gratifying to see that the earnest support of the Grand Master of this most deserving charity was indorsed by the action of the Grand Lodge. On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the annual Grand Lodge dues were raised to \$1.50, 75 cents of which were to be used for the Home and disbursed in quarterly payments. Besides this provision, a special committee was appointed to select a more suitable site than that now occupied, 8 miles east of Richmond, on the Nine Mile Road.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Masters sustain the statement of the Grand Master that the private lodges are generally in satisfactory condition.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia there are 321 lodges, having a total membership of 22,698.

The report on correspondence, a review of the proceedings of 63 Grand Lodges, covering 136 pages, is the excellent work of Past Grand Master Joseph William Eggleston. Brother Eggleston gives the transactions of North Carolina for 1911 fraternal consideration, condensed, however, in one page. Our commendation of his good work was merited, and he need not be ashamed to quote every word.

We indorse what he says of his present report:

Of the present report, I will say that it is a good one. At any rate, it is as good as I could make it with the volumes furnished me. Had I possessed the literary skill to make it better, I would have done so. Better take my word for its merits and not wade through it to find out that I am truthful and candid, or some of you may, as some of you did on the converse statement last year, called me a — ladies present—again. Awaiting the verdict of the band of scribes, and the more important one of the reading Masons of Virginia, I am, yours faithfully.

WILLIAM L. ANDREWS, M. W. Grand Master.

GEORGE W. CARRINGTON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1912.

55TH ANNUAL.

SEATTLE.

JUNE 11.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master, David S. Prescott, forms the frontispiece; and those of greatly beloved Rev. William Pelan, Grand Chaplain, and William Stephens, Grand Bible Bearer, appear in the memorial pages.

The address of the Grand Master makes a full showing of his administration just coming to a close. He paid a high tribute to the character and service of the deceased Grand Chaplain, Right Worshipful Bro. William Pelan.

The Grand Master favors the formation of Masonic clubs in towns or cities where there are two or more lodges. These clubs may be of service, but it does not so appear to us.

Many special dispensations were granted. Nine lodges were established under dispensation, and 8 lodges duly constituted.

The Grand Master visited officially as many lodges as he could, and derived much pleasure from his intercourse with the rank and file of the craft throughout the State.

After a few years of effort the Masons of Washington have secured a Masonic Home at Puyallup. The property is valuable and is in every way suitable as a site for the Home. It is situated within the corporate limits of Puyallup. The present buildings are supplied with water, electric lights, telephone connections, and other things to add to its convenience. At present there are but 6 inmates, but we feel sure that very soon this number will be quadrupled.

We quote what the Grand Secretary says of the condition of the craft:

The year may be considered as having been one of the most prosperous since the organization of our Grand Lodge, as has been indicated by the Grand Master. The utmost harmony prevails, and nearly all lodges show marked increase in membership. Nine new lodges have been organized, and another petition of about one hundred Masons is ready to be presented. Only seven members of our

over 17,000 have been disciplined for un-Masonic conduct; which indicates carefulness exercised in taking in material.

The returns show a net gain of 1,443 Master Masons; 4,091 degrees have been conferred; 654 have affiliated and 78 dropped members have been reinstated. Our total membership to January 1, 1912, including the membership in our newly organized lodges, is 17,119; yet our membership ought to be 50 per cent larger, as we have many Masons resident in our jurisdiction carrying dimits or still holding their membership in the East. We should strive to interest this class of Masons and invite their coöperation. Arcana Lodge, No. 87, is the banner lodge in getting in members by affiliation the past year. I am sure that many would affiliate by a little persistent urging, and become interested and helpful members.

Through recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Orient of Belgium were denied recognition for the present.

The address of the Grand Orator was out of the ordinary and failed to receive the indorsement of the Committee on Jurisprudence to which it was referred, because the committee thinks that the views of the orator are personal and not those of the Grand Lodge. But it recommended that the oration be printed in the proceedings. The conditions so boldly pictured by Brother Olmsted are the natural outgrowth of the doctrines taught by the late distinguished brother, Judge Upton. We take from this address some extracts showing the spread which clandestine Masonry has made in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington:

We have been too much inclined in the past to draw our cloaks around us in smug contentment, regardless of the fact that a spurious Masonry is at work about us, threatening in some of the cities, at least, to rival in numbers the membership of the legitimate lodges. It does not require a great stretch of imagination to foresee in the near future a rival Grand Lodge, meeting at the same time that our own Grand Lodge is held, and in the same city. In many of our sister jurisdictions the Grand Lodges have taken a stand in condemning spurious organizations of Masonry, and have not hesitated to order the expulsion from Masonic membership of all those who ignore its mandates regarding any recognition of such lodges.

Our own Grand Lodge, however, has in times past shown a deplorable weakness in this respect, and we are indeed to be congratulated that our Grand Masters during the past two years, at least, have recognized the necessity of concerted action to keep Masonry pure within its jurisdiction.

As stated by our present Grand Master, clandestine lodges have been organized within this jurisdiction, and they are not only organized, but are actively operating, with the result that large numbers of innocent persons are being imposed upon by the promise that upon being initiated into those lodges, or receiving the degrees from those falsely claiming to have authority, they will possess all the rights and privileges of the members of lodges generally. Representatives of these bogus organizations even go so far as to boast that their members have visited regular and supposedly well governed lodges within this jurisdiction, and I have been informed that such is the case in at least one instance in my home city.

I contend that such a state of affairs strikes at the very foundation of our institution, and that the members of this Grand Lodge are recreant to their trust if they fail to take the most advanced ground at this session in regard to such fraudulent organizations. To my mind, it will require a united effort to prevent the banner of Freemasonry from being trailed in the dust, its teachings made a farce, and its adherents reduced to a level with charlatans and mountebanks.

We commend heartily the courage of the Grand Orator in thus exposing the sore places. An edict proposing nonintercourse with these spurious bodies by Bro. Frank A. Chase, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and indorsed by it, failed of adoption, and its consideration postponed indefinitely, which shows clearly that there is further trouble ahead for the Grand Lodge.

There are 174 active lodges, 9 lodges under dispensation. The total membership is 17,119, a net gain of 1,443.

The report on correspondence (109 pages) is contributed by Past Grand Master Ralph C. McAllaster, and is an able and instructive review of the proceedings which he has received. The affairs of North Carolina for 1912 receive the fraternal consideration of Bro. McAllaster. He does not agree with us in our view of the comparative utility of Ma-

sonic homes, and says that he believes the institutional care to be the best. He says:

Brother Collins does not believe in Masonic homes and is not convinced by the continued establishment of them in the various Grand Jurisdictions. He feels that the dependent ones could be cared for at less expense in their homes than in institutions. It is a belief of the writer that, in a multitude of cases, the condition of those who are absolutely dependent, when in the home surrounded by those who are active breadwinners, is very much less comfortable than in a Home, where they take their proper place as having gone beyond that condition. Their helplessness and inability is not made so prominent, while association with those situated like unto themselves softens the sting to a great extent. We think the "home surroundings" argument for such as these is very much overworked.

FRANK N. McCANDLESS, M. W. Grand Master.

HORACE W. TYLER, R. W. Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1911-'12.

PERTH.

APRIL 25.

A photograph of the Grand Master, Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, forms the frontispiece. Brother Riley is serving his ninth successive annual term, with the probability of his being continued in that high place indefinitely.

We find the record of the Quarterly Communication of July 27, 1911, duplicated, evidently through the fault of the printer.

At the Annual Communication, April 25, 1912, the Grand Master has this to say of nonaffiliates:

Six years ago, at our annual communication, I referred to the large number of unaffiliated Masons that were in Western Australia, and I urged that every legitimate means should be used to induce them to return to membership; for, while we cannot ask those of the outside world to become members of the craft, there is no valid

reason why we should not endeavor to prevail upon unattached brethren to join one or other of our lodges. They are mostly brethren of fairly good position, to whom the small joining fee and the annual subscription required to support a lodge cannot be considered as a bar. What, then, is the reason? Some—few, let us hope—joined the craft in the hope of reaping great personal advantages, and, of course, were disappointed. Others joined through curiosity and their curiosity has become satisfied. On the other hand, there are large numbers of estimable brethren who have called off from their lodges, and who have gone to reside in other parts of the State, or who may have come from other States to reside in this one, and it is to these brethren that I would direct the attention of Masters and lodge officers. Some of them have probably never been asked to visit a lodge, or have had the right hand of Masonic friendship extended to them. Whatever may be the cause of this question, I cannot say, but I know it is engaging the attention of Masonic authorities in many jurisdictions, and I trust during the year to see a large increase of affiliations.

The Grand Master reports the finances of the Grand Lodge to be in every way satisfactory, and this is confirmed by the itemized statement of the Grand Treasurer:

Summarizing the whole of the credit balances of Grand Lodge, they appear thus:

General Fund	£ 4,792	1	4
Fund of Benevolence	4,253	7	1
Widows', Orphans', and Aged Freemasons' Fund	5,346	6	9
Freemasons' Hall Account.....	13,118	4	11
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Total	£27,510	0	1

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 91 lodges, with a membership of 3,780, showing a gain of 53.

The report on correspondence is furnished by the different members of the committee, and it covers 124 pages of the volume.

As to the custom of rapid transit to the East as practiced by the majority of American Grand Lodges, the committee, under West Virginia, makes this wise observation, with which we are in entire accord. In North Carolina, usually, the

Grand Master succeeds himself and holds a second term. The committee says:

Another matter raised in this address, which is bristling with good things, is the question whether the American principle of electing a new Grand Master every year is a wise one. Brother Stokes is of opinion that the occupant should hold office for at least two years. We agree with his contention; but why stop at two years? In Western Australia we have made no change for nine, and no one with any knowledge would attempt to prove that our procedure has not been successful.

RT. REV. C. O. L. RILEY, M. W. Grand Master.
J. D. STEVENSON, R. W. Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1911.

47TH ANNUAL.

CHARLESTON.

NOVEMBER 15.

The likeness of the Grand Master-elect, Dr. J. M. McConihay, occupies the fly-leaf, fronting a short biography.

The annual address of the retiring Grand Master, Wyndham Stokes, is a very full accounting of his management of Grand Lodge affairs, and covers 40 pages of the volume. He reports having been present at the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and as having fully enjoyed the attentions which he received. He also attended a like celebration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its observance of the 125th anniversary of its existence as an independent Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master is very much in favor of discontinuing the present inefficient system of lectures, and recommends that a Grand Lecturer be appointed at a sufficient salary, so that he can devote his entire time to instructing the lodges; and in the afternoon session of the second day, Bro. Cyrus S. McKensie was appointed to that office.

The Grand Master is unwilling that Masonic Lodges should be used by chapters of the Eastern Star, and submits what

he deems to be strong reasons why they should not be encouraged. But Brother Stokes will find that he is in a very small minority in his hostility to the Order. By reason of their good works and their peculiar fitness to maintain and to manage Masonic homes and hospitals, these women should be encouraged, and they will be.

The domestic affairs of Grand Lodge receive the full, careful, thoughtful consideration of Grand Master Stokes, and it is a pity that he could not be retained longer. His decisions and rulings seem to us to be eminently sensible and in accordance with Masonic usage.

The whole number of lodges in West Virginia is 145, and the membership 14,874, showing a net gain of 806.

A very beautiful oration on the subject of Freemasonry and Citizenship, delivered before the Grand Lodge, November 16, 1911, by Past Grand Master George W. Atkinson, is published in the proceedings and will well repay careful perusal.

Past Grand Master Hiram R. Howard contributes the report on correspondence. It is a review of the proceedings of 68 Grand Lodges, in which North Carolina for 1911 finds a place and receives fraternal usage at the hands of this bright, sparkling knight of the quill. Of the printshop of the Orphan Asylum, Brother Howard presents this flattering notice. He says:

I cannot close this review without saying that the volume of proceedings is excellently printed, well indexed and is from the press of Oxford Orphan Asylum, the institution so carefully fostered and jealously guarded by our North Carolina brethren, this work being one of the means in preparing boys and girls to take up life's burden and cares and become self-supporting. A portrait of Brother W. J. Hicks, superintendent of the asylum for many years, for several years of which he has devoted his salary to the institution and from which he retired June 1, 1911, is the appropriate frontispiece of the volume.

JOHN M. McCONIHAY, M. W. Grand Master.

H. R. HOWARD, R. W. Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1912.

68TH ANNUAL.

MILWAUKEE.

JUNE 11.

In his address, the retiring Grand Master, Alexander E. Matheson, made a full accounting of his conduct of the affairs of the Grand Lodge for the year coming to a close. He expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred on him in this wise:

When by your free choice you elevated me to the position of Grand Master, I accepted the commission as one of the choicest honors and greatest privileges that life had brought or would bring to me. It was a keen pleasure to feel that the election represented the deliberate and untrammelled choice of my brethren. I thought of my father, who was for many years a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and whose earnest desire was that I might become a worthy and skilled craftsman. As he rejoiced to see me take the first steps in Masonry under his trained eye, so his pride and joy would have been great to see me in the highest position in the gift of Wisconsin craftsmen. And then, there was the splendid opportunity for service in behalf of my brethren and society at large.

Appropriate reference is made to the Masonic dead.

His decisions, nine in number, seem to us to be correct, and we quote one, the last of the last, which, to us, seems to be all right:

No. 9. Q. Have wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Master Masons the right to wear Masonic emblems?

A. The Grand Master is not aware that there are any Masonic regulations as to this matter. He is of the opinion that it is proper for the female members of the families of Master Masons in good standing (widows, wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters) to wear Masonic emblems. Masonry honors womanhood, and if a woman related to a Master Mason as stated wishes to manifest her appreciation of the craft and to invoke the consideration and protection that comes from wearing a Masonic badge, she should be permitted to do so. Certainly the wearing of such badges by women cannot mislead any one as to membership in the craft. As to chances of imposition, they are remote. On the other hand, such a badge may afford assistance and protection at times when needed.

Another matter which bothered the Grand Master related to the occupancy of Masonic lodges by a new female organization known as "The White Shrine of Jerusalem," and he reports the matter to the Grand Lodge for a declaration on the subject. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on the subject, that it is within the discretion of the Grand Master to grant dispensation for such purpose according to a provision in the constitution.

Under the head of "Charity," the Grand Master reports that he had expended part of \$1,000 placed in his hands to meet emergencies. He says:

Of all my privileges as Grand Master, the one which afforded me the greatest satisfaction was that which placed a charity fund at my disposal; not to be expended carelessly, but with full recognition that it was in my hands as a sacred trust. I have responded to every worthy call and have wondered if there were not other brethren that needed aid. While dispensing Grand Lodge funds I have endeavored to emphasize our expectation that the subordinate lodges would do their share. I have expended the sum \$620 out of the fund of \$1,000. Correspondence and vouchers will be found with the Grand Secretary.

The number of lodges represented at this communication was 240, and the total membership 27,233, showing a net gain of 812.

Just preceding the memorial pages is the likeness of Dr. Daniel McLaren Miller, who was Grand Master in 1902, and died April 25, 1912.

The report on correspondence (183 pages) is a review of the proceedings of 63 Grand Lodges, some of them for two years, and is contributed by one of the ablest Masonic scholars, Past Grand Master Bro. Aldro Jenks. The transactions of North Carolina receive fraternal notice from Brother Jenks and the liberal space of two and one-half pages. Brother Jenks and we are agreed upon essentials, but not on what constitutes "pleasant tasks," as will appear by this quotation:

In reviewing the proceedings of the 1911 communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Brother Collins speaks of the Grand

Master assigning "the pleasant task of writing suitable memorials" to local brethren who were present. Usually, the task of writing memorials concerning the dead is anything but a pleasant one. It may be a melancholy duty, but there are but few people in the world of whom we could say it would be a pleasant task to discharge this duty, and still there are some.

Few will deny the pleasant task of scattering flowers on the graves of our dead, though it is always a sad one. So, also, it must be a pleasant task to write deserving eulogies on those who have finished the course, won the race, and kept the faith.

DAVID B. GREENE, M. W. Grand Master.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

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Photographs of the incoming Grand Master, William Pugh, and of the Grand Secretary, W. L. Kuyendall, adorn the volume.

The retiring Grand Master, Harold Banner, makes the following statement as to the condition of the craft, and it is apparent that he is mildly infected with the virus of Home building. He says:

The Masonic order in Wyoming is making a strong, healthy growth. In the past year four dispensations have been issued for the formation of new lodges in towns whose present condition and future prospects insure their permanency and stability, and in our younger lodges, as well as in the older ones, it has pleased me to notice that much care is being given as to the character of the members obtained, and that *quality* and not *quantity* is the one point that is worthy of consideration.

Our financial condition is distinctly good. Many lodges, as they have become able to afford it, have built and now own their own homes, and others contemplate building as soon as they can do so creditably and safely, wisely deferring operations until they can feel assured that they will not be assuming a burden that might be too heavy for them to bear.

I am convinced that the time is coming, and will soon be here, when many of our brethren in Wyoming will need our care and attention for the brief span of life that lies before them, and to the honor of Freemasonry and of common humanity I am thankful to know that we are year by year increasing the fund that will enable us to build and maintain a Home wherein these deserving old men may pass their declining years in self-respect and peace.

He rendered a few decisions having reference to the interpretation of local laws. Only a few special dispensations were granted, and one refused. This latter had reference to a request from one of the lodges to participate in the laying of a corner-stone with another society.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of four new lodges.

The Grand Master made a good many official visits, and regrets that circumstances prevented making more:

I greatly regret that during my term of office I was unable to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction. The long distances to be traveled, the length of time required, and, in some instances, bad weather and impassable roads, prevented me from doing this, and I am disappointed to think that in this respect my work was not completed.

Looking over the report of the Grand Secretary, we find that secretaries of subordinate lodges are more prompt in making returns and paying Grand Lodge dues.

There are 30 chartered lodges and 3 under dispensation, having a total membership of 2,639, a net gain for the year of 206.

The report on correspondence is, as a matter of course, contributed by the chairman of the committee, Grand Secretary W. L. Kuyendall. These reports become more valuable to the craft from year to year, because Brother Kuyendall has the courage to expose any departure from the faithful observance of the landmarks wherever he finds it. The North Carolina Proceedings for 1912 receive the fraternal consideration of Brother Kuyendall.

WILLIAM PUGH, M. W. Grand Master.

W. L. KUYENDALL, R. W. Grand Secretary.

