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PREFACE.

February 15th, 1887, a circular letter from the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York was read by the Secretary of York Lodge, in which this, as well as other Lodges within the jurisdiction, was requested to reply to a number of historical and statistical questions, with a view, on the part of the Grand Master, of procuring data for the compilation of a general history of subordinate Lodges for use by the Grand Lodge.

To carry out this design an investigation of the records was begun for the purpose of drawing therefrom such information as was desired by the Grand Master. There was found in going over the earlier records much interesting matter, not only to York Lodge, but to many other Lodges in, and even beyond the jurisdiction of the State, and the idea was then conceived of extending the work, as originally designed, so as to produce a complete history of the Lodge from the date of its founding

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in 1824 to the closing of the present session of the Grand Body.

In performing this work the compiler has not, except in the most remote instances, and never where the matter is of a personal nature, exercised the license of the historian of indulging in observations upon the facts as they arise, but presents the simple annals of the Lodge, arranged in their chronological order, and which are, except in some matters of purely literary style, correctly transcribed from the original records.

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Richd Hatfield S. Grand Warden.

Mathew Smith J. Grand Warden.

We, th

Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of New
established under the Auspices of Prince Edwin, at the City of York. e

The Most Worshipful Martin Hoffman, Esquire
The Right Worshipful Elisha W. King, Esquire Counsellor
The Right Worshipful Richard Hatfield, Esquire Counsellor
The Right Worshipful Mathew Smith, Doctor of Medicine

Do by these Presents appoint, authorise and empower our worthy Bro
Thomas G Potter — — — — to be
to be the Junior Warden of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons,
of New York, in the State of New York - - -
which Lodge shall be distinguished by the Name or Style of
and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in Office,
a Majority of the Members of the said Lodge, duly to be summon
Vacancies happen, in manner and form as is, or may be prescribed
with full Power and Authority to assemble upon proper and lawful
every such Acts and Things appertaining to the Craft as have been;
cordings to the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warr

Given under our Hand
this Thirteenth
Twenty four

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AL CHARTER, REDUCED TO ONE-QUARTER THE SIZE.]

Martin Hyman Grand Master.

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e Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and

to-York, in ample Form assembled, according to the Old Constitutions regularly and solemnly

in Great Britain, in the Year of Masonry 4926, viz.

_____ Grand Master.

of Law _____ Deputy Grand Master.

of Law _____ Senior Grand Warden.

_____ Junior Grand Warden.

ither John W. Timson — — — to be the Master; our worthy Brother

the Senior Warden; and our worthy Brother Henry Basley — — — —

to be, by Warrant hereof, constituted, formed and held in the City and County

— — — — — — —

ork Lodge No 367 — — — — — —

are hereby respectively authorised and directed, by and with the Assistance and Consent of

d and present upon such Occasions, to Elect and Install the Officers of the said Lodge as

by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.——And Further, the said Lodge is hereby invested

Occasions, and to Make Masons——to Admit Members——as also to do and perform all and

nd ought to be done, for the Honour and advantage thereof; conforming in all their Pro-

ne and the Powers thereby granted to cease and be of no further Effect.

ls and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, in the City of New-York, United States of America,

Day of January in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and

and in the Year of Masonry, Five Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty four.

E. S. Ricks. Grand Secretary.

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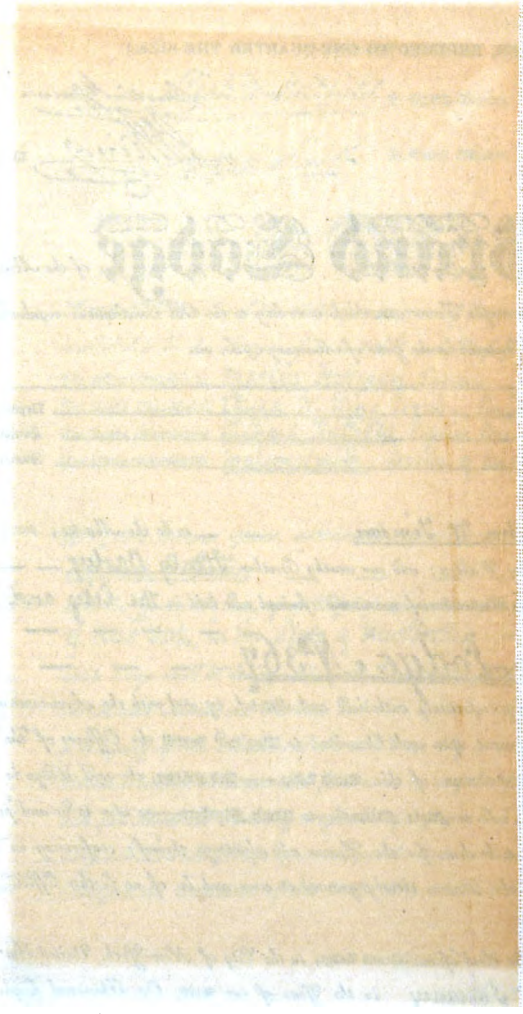

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HISTORY.

DURING the early part of the month of December, 1823, a number of Brethren met at St. John's Hall, No. 8 Frankfort Street, and there drew up, signed and subsequently presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York the following petition:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

We, the undersigned members of regular Masonic Lodges in the State of New York, being desirous of forming a new Lodge in the City of New York, to be named "YORK," pray for a Dispensation, or Warrant to empower us to assemble and discharge all the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the Order and regulations of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

That we have nominated, and do desire Bro. John W. Timson to be the first Master, Bro. Thomas G. Potter to be the first Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry Basley to be the first Junior Warden. And if this petition be granted we promise to conform strictly to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge and the ancient usages of the Order.

JOHN W. TIMSON, of Silentia Lodge, No. 360, now "No. 198."
HENRY BASLEY, " " " " "
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, German Union, No. 322, now "No. 54."
THOMAS G. POTTER, (name of Lodge not known.)
GEORGE G. SICKLES, " " "
ABRAHAM JACOBS, " " "
JOSEPH TAYLOR, " " "

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The petitioners were recommended by

Washington Lodge, No. 84, now "No. 21,"
Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, now "No. 28," and
Concord Lodge, No. 304, now "No. 50."

This petition was favorably received by the R. W. Grand Lodge, and a Dispensation granted, and on the 13th day of January, A. L. 5824, the R. W. Grand Master, Martin Hoffman, empowered the following Brethren to install the officers of York Lodge:

LEBBEUS CHAPMAN,	as	*Grand Master.*
B. SPENCE,	"	*Senior Warden.*
ALEXANDER CASCADEN,	"	*Junior* "
H. SANDS,	"	*Treasurer.*
E. S. BELLAMY,	"	*Secretary.*
AMASA HIGGINS,	"	*Senior Deacon.*
ISAAC PHYFE,	"	*Junior* "

A Lodge of Master Masons being opened in ancient form, Wor. Bro. Chapman read a Dispensation from the R. W. Martin Hoffman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, authorizing the Brethren therein named to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the City of New York, under the name of "York Lodge."

Wor. Bro. Chapman then proceeded (pursuant to a Warrant directed to him for that purpose) to install the following Brethren as officers of York Lodge:

JOHN W. TIMSON,	as	*Master.*
THOMAS G. POTTER,	"	*Senior Warden.*
HENRY BASLEY,	"	*Junior Warden and Treasurer.*
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS,	"	*Secretary.*

After the usual charges had been given, and proclamation made agreeably to the ancient usages of

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the Fraternity, the officers of York Lodge took their several stations, when Bro. Potter proposed for membership the following named gentlemen: Peter Coutant and Isaac Clagg; and Bro. Basley proposed William Marshall.

On motion it was resolved that their names be entered on the minutes and handed to Bros. Potter, Basley and Taylor as a Special Committee for investigation.

Wor. Bro. Chapman, on behalf of York Lodge, returned thanks to the Officers and Brethren of Benevolent Lodge for their kindness in tendering the use of their Jewels and giving their assistance on this occasion.

No further business offering, the Lodge was closed with a demonstration of satisfaction and pleasure.

EDWD. S. BELLAMY, *Act. Secretary.*

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 367, held at St. John's Hall, Jan. 20th, A. L. 5824, the Lodge being opened on the E. A. Degree and no business appearing, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, *Sec'y.*

Jan. 29th. Mr. Isaac Clagg, being duly elected to become a member of this Lodge, paid the sum of twenty dollars as initiation fee, and the Degree of E. A. was then conferred upon him.

Feb. 3rd. Isaac Clagg was brought forward and received the F. C. Degree; and on the same evening Bro. Alex. Cascaden, Senior Warden of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, presented an elegant bound copy of

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the Holy Bible to this Lodge and received the sincere thanks of the members.

Feb. 17th. A report was read from Trinity Lodge, No. 39 (unimportant).

March 3rd. Bro. Fellow Craft Isaac Clagg was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, he being the first candidate raised in this Lodge.

March 16th. Propositions for membership were received and referred to the Standing Committee.

March 30. Messrs. Nathaniel M. Brown and John W. Bloomer, being duly balloted for and elected to become members of this Lodge, received the E. A. and F. C. Degrees after paying the initiation fee of twenty dollars each.

An extra meeting was held on April 2nd for the purpose of conferring the M. M. Degree on Bros. Brown and Bloomer, and at the close of the ceremonies the Master appointed Bro. N. M. Brown as Senior Deacon and Bro. J. W. Bloomer as Junior Deacon, and also appointed a committtee to draw up a code of By-Laws, consisting of Bros. Timson, Potter and Andreas, and announced that he would serve on the committee himself.

May 4th. The Master, John W. Timson, presented the Lodge with a set of Jewels made of tortoise-shell of curious workmanship, which were much admired and highly appreciated by the Brethren.

Mr. John Kneringer was then brought forward and received the E. A. and F. C. Degrees. A communication from Minerva Lodge, No. 371, requesting the loan of the Lodge furniture was received and the request granted. A bill was presented for re-

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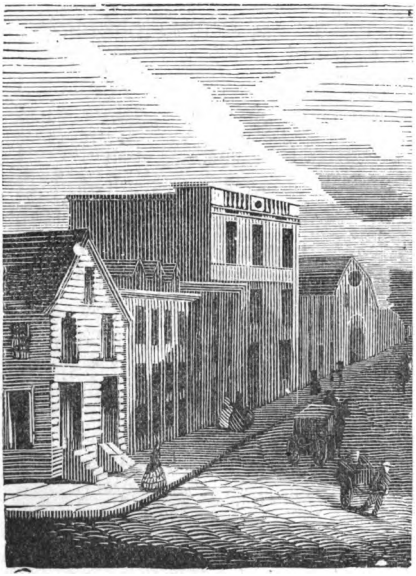
freshments furnished at the Installation of Officers, also a bill for rent and candles, amounting to $12.81, when on motion both bills were ordered paid.

May 18. Mr. J. D. Salters was brought forward and received the E. A. Degree, and Bros. Chas.



ST. JOHN'S HALL,
No. 8 Frankfort Street, bet. Chatham and William Streets.

Harris and John Kneringer received the M. M. Degree.

June 1st. Communications were received from Washington Lodge, No. 84, and Morton Lodge, No. 63, of Hempstead, Long Island, stating that several

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of their members had been suspended for non-payment of dues. Bro. E. A. John D. Salters was brought forward and received the F. C. and M. M. Degrees. A bill of $9.00 presented for furnishing Seal of the Lodge was ordered paid.

June 15th. The Lodge received a communication from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, (unimportant,) which was ordered on file.

June 24th. The first By-Laws of the Lodge were approved and adopted.

July 6th. Bro. Isaac Clagg was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, he being the first elected Treasurer.

July 20th. Nothing of importance transpired.

Aug. 3rd. A communication from Washington Lodge, No. 84, was received, read and ordered on file. Bros. Fellow Crafts Yates and Bower were raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M. in due form.

Aug. 17th. A petition for relief for a distressed Brother was received from Athol Lodge, No. 7, and five dollars donated him.

Sept. 7th. Nothing of importance was brought forward.

Sept. 15th. The Wor. Master read a communication from the Grand Lodge requesting him to ascertain on or before the 17th inst., how many of the members of York Lodge would be present at the celebration in honor of our distinguished Brother General La Fayette, at which time a public dinner would be given.

Sept. 21st. On this communication one hundred copies of the By-Laws were ordered to be printed.

Oct. 5th. A communication was received from

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Washington Lodge, No. 84, and read by the Secretary. Bros. E. A. Brown and Blanchard were brought forward and received the F. C. and M. M. Degrees.

Oct. 19th. A communication was received from St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

Nov. 2nd. Bro. Fellow Craft James C. Everett received the M. M. Degree.

On Nov. 6th an extra meeting was called for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Bros. Fellow Crafts Samuel Butler and Isaac Anderson.

At the regular communication, Nov. 16th, Bros. Timson and A. Lamoreau were brought forward and raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M. At this communication Past Master Abraham Jacobs was made an Honorary Member, being the first Honorary Member of York Lodge. This Brother, being a Charter Member, was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge for the purpose of relieving him from the payment of all dues except to the Grand Lodge.

Dec. 7th. Communications from different Lodges were read and ordered on file.

Dec. 12th was an extra meeting, called for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Bro. Fellow Craft Richard W. Manny.

Dec. 21. An election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows:

THOS. G. POTTER being chosen ..... *Master.*
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS " ..... *Senior Warden.*
JAMES C. EVERETT " ..... *Junior* "
JOHN W. TIMSON " ..... *Treasurer.*
PETER B. BROWN " ..... *Secretary.*
ADOL. ANDREAS, J. C. EVERETT, J. ANDERSON, J. BOWER, and JOHN W. TIMSON, ... } *Stand'g Committee.*

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This closes the transactions of York Lodge, No. 367, for the Masonic year 5824. The compiler of this history has been particular in noting all the details of the first year's existence of the Lodge, in order that its members may know precisely how it was organized and its business conducted during that early period. It will be noticed that all the business of the Lodge was transacted in the First Degree.

The records of the Lodge show that a regular meeting was held at No. 8 Frankfort Street, April 5th, 5825, when the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York were announced and received with the Grand honors. A committee of three was appointed to procure a Jewel for P. M. Timson.

On May 17th, Mr. Leicester Vining received the Three Degrees in Masonry, by Dispensation granted by the Grand Master. This was the first Dispensation under which the Degrees had been conferred in this Lodge.

Bro. Chas. Harris was duly elected Secretary of the Lodge, for the remainder of the year, at a communication held on the 17th of June.

On July 18th, the Lodge granted permission to Bro. A. Lamoreau, to withdraw from membership, this being the first withdrawal from the Lodge.

Bro. Henry C. Atwood was proposed as adjoining member on Sept. 20th.

An extra meeting was called on the 24th of Sept. for the purpose of conferring the Three Degrees on Mr. Thos. Haviland, under Dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge.

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On Oct. 4th, Bro. Henry C. Atwood was duly elected to become a member of this Lodge.

On Dec. 19th, the constitutional time having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Brethren proceeded to ballot with the following results:

ADOLPHUS ANDREAS	was chosen	*Master.*
JAMES BOWER	"	*Senior Warden.*
GEORGE G. SICKLES	"	*Junior* "
JOHN W. TIMSON	"	*Treasurer.*
ISAAC GOOLD	"	*Secretary.*

The above officers were then duly installed, after which the Master appointed a committee to procure a Jewel for P. M. Thos. G. Potter.

This ends the transactions for the year 5825, during which year 15 candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M.

Jan. 3rd, 5826, Bro. David McGiee and others were recommended by York Lodge to the M. W. Grand Lodge for a Warrant to constitute a Lodge in the City of New York.

On Dec. 19th, a committee was appointed to procure a suitable present for W. Bro. Adolphus Andreas, the amount to be employed for this purpose not to exceed $30.00.

The following officers were duly elected and installed to serve for the year 5827:

JAMES BOWER,	*Master.*
GEORGE G. SICKLES,	*Senior Warden.*
JOHN BLANCHARD,	*Junior* "
JOHN W. TIMSON,	*Treasurer.*
ISAAC GOOLD,	*Secretary.*

The following Brethren were duly elected and in-

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stalled as officers for the ensuing year at a communication held Dec. 18th, 5827:

GEO. G. POTTER, ... *Master.*
GEO. G. SICKLES, ... *Senior Warden.*
HENRY BASLEY, ... *Junior* "
J. BOWER, ... *Treasurer.*
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, ... *Secretary.*

At a regular communication of the Lodge, held at their rooms, St. John's Hall, No. 8 Frankfort Street, January 1st, 5828, the committee appointed to examine the Amendments and the Revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as furnished by the Grand Secretary, reported in favor of the Constitution as already in operation, whereupon it was unanimously resolved that York Lodge adopt and abide by the said Constitution and Amendments.

ADOLPHUS ANDREAS,
Sec. of the Committee.

At a communication held Dec. 16th, the following Brethren were chosen as officers for the year 5829:

HENRY BASLEY, ... *Master.*
JOHN M. DEVOY, ... *Senior Warden.*
THOS. S. BARNES, ... *Junior* "
JOHN W. TIMSON, ... *Treasurer.*
PATRICK FINEGAN, ... *Secretary.*

On May 19th, 5829, the Lodge changed its place of meeting from St. John's Hall, No. 8 Frankfort Street, to Masonic Hall, on the east side of Broadway, between Duane and Pearl Streets.

Dec. 14th, the Master, having announced this as being the constitutional time for the election of

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officers for the ensuing year, ordered the balloting to proceed, and the following named Brethren were duly elected and installed:

JOHN M. DEVOY,.....*Master.*
ROBERT DOWNS, ...*Senior Warden.*
EDWARD FERRIS, ...*Junior* "
JOHN W. TIMSON,.....*Treasurer.*
JACOB L. C. ROOME,..... *Secretary.*

Bros. Long, French and Kelly's names appear on the records as receiving the E. A. and F. C. Degrees, but there is nothing in the minutes to show that these Brethren ever received the M. M. Degree, yet they appear as members in good standing and two of them held office. It is probable they received the M. M. Degree in other Lodges.

Feb. 22nd, 5830, Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York were announced, received with the Grand honors and, after being introduced to the Brethren and welcomed by the Master, occupied seats in the East.

On the 3rd of March this Lodge again changed its place of meeting, this time to Union Hall, corner Oliver and Henry Streets.

On May 19th a communication from Silentia Lodge, requesting this Lodge to meet with other Lodges in celebrating St. John's Day, was received and a committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

It was resolved at the communication held Oct. 6th, that the Lodge pay five dollars to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother Peter Long.

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The following Brethren were duly elected and installed on the 15th of December as officers for the ensuing year:

ROBERT DOWNS, ... *Master.*
JOHN VANDERBECK, ... *Senior Warden.*
JOHN FRENCH, ... *Junior "*
HENRY BASLEY, ... *Treasurer.*
PATRICK FINEGAN, ... *Secretary.*

On Jan. 5, A. L. 5832, a committee was appointed to procure a Jewel for Wor. Bros. Basley and Devoy.

An extra meeting of the Lodge was called Aug. 10th for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our Wor. Master Robert Downs, and a Dispensation read from the R. W. Grand Lodge granting permission to attend the funeral of this Worthy Brother.

On Dec. 21st, the following Brethren were duly elected and installed as officers of the Lodge for the year A. L. 5832:

JOHN VANDERBECK, ... *Master.*
JOHN FRENCH, ... *Senior Warden.*
HENRY B. ROBERTS, ... *Junior "*
JOHN TURRELL, ... *Treasurer.*
JAMES SHAW, ... *Secretary.*

York Lodge, as well as other Lodges, had at this time a novel way of paying their Tiler. The amount he received depended upon the number of candidates raised and affiliated, the number of funerals attended, and the number of communications at which he tiled during the year; the allowance in these cases being as follows: For each communication, $1; for each candidate raised, $1.25; for an affiliation, $1; for an attendance at a funeral, $1.25.

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He was also allowed $1.50 for services on St. John's Day. As but one funeral took place, and but one candidate was raised during this year, and no affiliations having occurred, and the Lodge not having taken part in the St. John's Day parade, the Tiler of that year cannot be said to have held a sinecure.

Feb. 1st, A. L. 5832. The Past Secretary Patrick Finegan was duly expelled for unmasonic conduct in appropriating the funds of the Lodge to his own use.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed at the December communication, 19th inst.:

JOHN FRENCH,.....*Master.*
HENRY B. ROBERTS,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN TURRELL,.....*Junior* "
JOHN M. DEVOY,.....*Treasurer.*
JAMES SHAW,.....*Secretary*

Feb. 6th, A. L. 5833, a communication was received from Mariners' Lodge, No. 385, stating that Patrick Healy had been expelled for felony. The Master ordered his name placed on the Black Book.

On Dec. 18th of this year, the following Brethren were duly elected officers of York Lodge for the year A. L. 5834:

JOHN W. TIMSON,.....*Master.*
JOHN TURRELL, ...*Senior Warden.*
JOHN BLANCHARD,.....*Junior* "
SANDS LANE,.....*Treasurer.*
JAMES SHAW,.....*Secretary.*

April 2nd, A. L. 5834. The Lodge was draped in mourning in consequence of the death of Past Mas-

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ter Abraham Jacobs, a Charter Member of this Lodge.

At a special meeting of the Lodge, held June 24th, it was resolved to form in funeral procession in honor to the memory of our late Brother General La Fayette, on the 26th inst., whose worth the members desired to fittingly recognize. It was also decided to procure a banner for this occasion.

On the last communication in December the following Brethren were elected and installed officers for the ensuing year:

JOHN TURRELL	was chosen	*Master.*
SAMUEL HUGG	"	*Senior Warden.*
WILLIAM WALLING	"	*Junior* "
SANDS LANE	"	*Treasurer.*
JAMES SHAW	"	*Secretary.*

A committee was appointed on April 1, A. L. 5835, to procure one hundred and fifty copies of the revised By-Laws printed.

Bro. Jas. Shaw tendered his resignation as Secretary, and Bro. R. D. Simonson was elected to fill the office for the remainder of the year. P. M. Devoy, late of York Lodge, presented a handsome Dirk to the Lodge, which was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered the donor, and his name ordered to be engraved upon it with date, March 4th, A. L. 5835.

An inventory was ordered of the furniture and effects of this Lodge at the first May meeting. The following articles appear: 12 Officers' Jewels, 2 Silver Globes, 1 Seal, 4 Columns, 8 Books, 1 Bible, Square and Compasses, 3 Gavels, 1 Box of Working Tools,

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1 Dirk, 3 Swords and Belts, 3 Candlesticks, 8 Glass Tumblers, 9 Wine Glasses, 2 Trays, 4 Rods, 1 Bell, 1 Ballot-box, 1 Banner, 30 Linen Aprons, 14 Lamb-skin do., 1 Mahogany Box, 2 Pairs of Slippers, and 1 Pair of Snuffers.

A Dispensation was granted by the Grand Master Morgan Lewis, to confer the E. A., F. C. and M. M. Degrees on Mr. James Kelly, and on Sept. 7th, the ceremonies were performed.

On Nov. 4th, a ballot was taken on the petition of Bro. Henry C. Atwood, P. M., for affiliation in this Lodge. Two black balls appeared, when the Lodge was closed by proclamation on account of confusion created by some of the Brethren. On the following communication a special committee was appointed for further investigation in this case, and on the next regular communication of Nov. 18th, the committee of investigation reported favorably, and a ballot being ordered he was declared elected.

It was then regularly moved and seconded that P. M. John W. Timson be suspended for unmasonic conduct, for making false accusations against the Lodge, and in failing to appear to answer charges against him when duly notified. A ballot taken to sustain the above charges resulted in favor of the motion. It was therefore carried. Subsequently, on the appeal of Wor. Bro. Timson to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary sent the following communication to the Master of York Lodge:

"By direction of the Grand Steward's Lodge I transmit for the information of the Lodge over which

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you preside, a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by said Grand Steward's Lodge:

After an examination of the facts in evidence on the appeal of the Wor. P. Master John W. Timson, from a vote of suspension by York Lodge, No. 367:

Whereas, It appears from the statement of the complainant, John W. Timson, and of the Officers of York Lodge, No. 367, who have been examined, that the said Brother Timson had not had a legal trial in conformity to the 9th Article of the By-Laws of the Lodge;

Therefore, Resolved, That Past Master John W. Timson has not been legally suspended by York Lodge, No. 367, and that he is still a member thereof in good standing.

Signed, JAMES HERRING, *Grand Sec'y.*

At a communication held Dec. 16th, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, the result being as follows:

SAM. HUGG,.....*Master.*
SANDS LANE,.....*Senior Warden.*
HORACE B. WADE,.....*Junior* "
JOHN TURRELL,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN J. RICKERS,.....*Secretary.*

The officers were then duly installed. On the same night the great fire in New York City took place, destroying several million dollars' worth of property.

Dec. 19th, the election of officers took place for the year A. L. 5837:

HENRY C. ATWOOD,.....*Master.*
JOHN J. RICKERS,.....*Senior Warden.*
THOS. DARBY,.....*Junior* "
EDWARD ROBINSON,.....*Treasurer.*
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS,.....*Secretary.*

At this meeting it was resolved that the Lodge be

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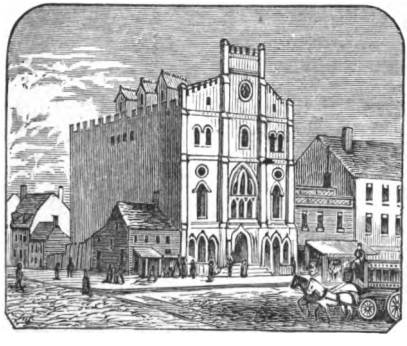
draped in mourning for one year, in memory of Past Grand Masters Jacob Morton and E. W. King, deceased.

The Grand Lodge granted a Dispensation, dated May 15th, A. L. 5837, for York Lodge to confer the Three Degrees on Mr. Lawrence Mahoney, which degrees were duly conferred upon him.

On June 5th, it was resolved that this Lodge



MASONIC (GOTHIC) HALL,
No. 316 Broadway, bet. Duane and Pearl Streets.

celebrate the anniversary of the birth of St. John the Baptist on the 24th inst. The Wor. Master thereupon appointed a committee to confer with other Lodges and conclude the necessary arrangements.

The committee accordingly met, and at a joint meeting of the several committees from other Lodges deputized a sub-committee of seven Brethren to ascertain of the Deputy Grand Master

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officially if it was necessary to procure a Dispensation from the Grand Officers for said celebration.

In performance of this duty they called at the Grand Secretary's Office and there found the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, of whom the committee inquired:

"Is there any provision in the Constitution relative to Masonic processions, or any requirement necessary for holding the same?"

The Grand Secretary replied: "You have the Constitution and can as well judge as me."

They responded that they were aware of that, that they had searched and could not find any clause denying the right of a Lodge to hold a procession; but they came for official information, and required an official answer; they also desired to know "if there were any writing, not printed in the Constitution, forbidding the same?"

The Grand Secretary replied, "there was not, that he was aware of." And to their request the Rt. Wor. Bros. decided officially there was nothing in the Constitution which prohibited any regular Lodge from celebrating that day (24th June) in the usual manner without permission from the Grand Lodge.

The sub-committee thereupon reported to the joint committee, who selected a Committee of Arrangements, and they performed their duties by engaging a church, orator, music, dinner, &c.

Notice of the contemplated celebration was forthwith published in the principal newspapers of the city.

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On the morning of June 24th (St. John's Day), the Lodge assembled, Wor. Bro. Henry C. Atwood, presiding; J. J. Rickers, Senior Warden; Thomas Darby, Junior Warden, and a numerous assembly of Brethren being present. The Lodge was opened in due form, when Wor. Bro. Atwood stated that he had received a prohibition, signed by the Deputy Grand Master, forbidding the contemplated celebration, which was read to the Brethren present; notwithstanding which they decided almost unanimously to proceed, and were about forming in procession, when the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary appeared in person, and inquired of Wor. Bro. Atwood the meaning of the assembly after the edict issued by him.

Bro. Atwood replied that he knew of no constitutional rule or regulation of the Order which authorized the Deputy Grand Master to issue such an edict, and if it ever did exist he (the Deputy Grand Master) had waived it by informing the committee that any Lodge had a right to celebrate the anniversary, in the usual manner, without permission of the Grand Lodge.

He furthermore remarked, that, at all events, it was evident that the prohibition was ill-timed, as all the arrangements had been effected, the expenses incurred, and that the church was then nearly filled with ladies and gentlemen awaiting their approach; furthermore, that a recession at that moment would be attended with injury and disgrace to the Fraternity.

The Deputy Grand Master replied that he knew

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his duty and his prerogatives; and he should perform the former, and exercise the latter.

Wor. Bro. Atwood answered that no such prerogative existed, that he knew *his* rights and dare maintain them, and stated that it was his intention to proceed, and was unanimously seconded by all present by cries of "Onward! form! form!"

The procession, consisting of over three hundred Brethren, moved though the principal streets to the Rev. Bro. A. McClay's Church in Mulberry Street, where an elegant oration was delivered by Wor. Bro. W. F. Piatt, of La Fayette Lodge, after which it returned to Union Hall and the Lodge was duly closed.

On July 3rd, the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of York Lodge be respectfully tendered to the Trustees and Officers of Bro. A. McClay's Church for their kindness in granting the use thereof on the festival of St. John the Baptist, also to the Choir for their kind and efficient assistance on that occasion, and that Bro. H. C. Atwood and J. W. Timson be a committee to present the same.

On July 12th a special meeting of the Grand Lodge was held, at which the R. W. James V. Van Benschoten read a communication relative to his issuing the proclamation prohibiting the proceedings of the 24th June last, and reviewed the personal endeavors to prevent the same.

After which a motion was made to refer the subject to the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and that the Grand Officers be directed to prefer charges, accom-

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panied with specifications, against the Members of the Lodges implicated.

To which Wor. Bro. Atwood objected, upon two grounds: firstly, that any action of the Grand Lodge affecting the general interests of the Craft, except at the annual communication, was contrary to the Constitution. Secondly, that the Grand Stewards' Lodge was an improper tribunal to try this question, as it was composed of the first six Grand Officers and twelve Masters of Lodges, and as the former were instructed by a resolution of the Grand Lodge to prefer the charges, they would consequently be both judges and accusers.

Notwithstanding these objections, R. W. Bro. Herring urged the question, which was taken by a show of hands, the decision of which being disputed, another vote was called for, which the tellers should count. Two tellers were appointed for the occasion, instead of letting the Wardens perform that duty, agreeably to the Constitution.

Wor. Bro. Atwood moved for a call of Lodges, and stated that there were Lodges represented which were not entitled to vote.

The appeal was disregarded, and the vote taken by show of hands, and reported by the tellers as lost.

R. W. Bro. Herring called for another vote. W. Bros. Marsh, Piatt, Atwood, Dugan and Brady protested against such a proceeding.

A third vote was taken, when the Deputy Grand Master declared it to be carried in the affirmative.

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W. Bro. Atwood challenged the vote and asked for protection.

Wor. Bros. Brady, Dugan, Bruen, Marsh, Davis, Lineback, Moore and Bennett each rose and similarly challenged the vote, all agreeing that the vote stood 39 affirmative and 45 negative.

Bro. Henry Marsh again arose and exclaimed, "Brothers, for God's sake, pause before you take this step; you are about to open a breach which will take a long time to heal, and bring disgrace upon the Order."

Nothwithstanding the remonstrances the resolution was declared adopted.

At a regular communication of the Lodge on Monday evening, July 17th, and in consequence of the arbitrary and tyrannical proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their meeting of the 12th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were read, and received the unanimous approbation of this Lodge:

Whereas, at an emergent meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on the evening of the 12th inst., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, James V. Van Benschoten, in the Chair, he did in writing prefer divers solemn and serious charges against two Lodges under his jurisdiction, and also charges against several Brethren of different Lodges in this city for a violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge;

And *Whereas*, the said James V. Van Benschoten, during the time he preferred the said charges, did during the session of the Grand Lodge continue to preside, and did refuse to hear the officers of the said charged Lodges and Brethren in their own defense and justification, and when they attempted to address the Chair he declared them out of order and ordered them to take their seats;

And *Whereas*, on a question of reference to the Grand

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Lodge, a motion was made and seconded, that the said question should be taken by a call of the Lodges by the Grand Secretary, which he refused to put, but took the same by a show of hands and declared it carried by a vote of 39 to 37. When several of the members testified there were 44 votes in the negative and requested it might again be put, he refused and declared the Grand Lodge closed without reading the minutes;

Therefore Resolved, That the said James V. Van Benschoten, in refusing to put the question by a call of the Lodges when duly made and seconded, transcended the powers vested in him by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and rendered himself unworthy of being acknowledged longer as Presiding Officer.

Resolved, That the R. W. James Herring, in sending special notices to Past Masters, and permitting Lodges and members to vote when in arrears of dues to the Grand Lodge on the aforesaid question, has forfeited our confidence and that he be requested to tender to the Grand Lodge his resignation as Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That as Masons we are bound to support the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and that, therefore, Bros. John W. Timson, John J. Rickers, Thos. Darby, Jos. Homer and Edward Robinson be appointed Delegates from this Lodge to confer with such Delegates as may be appointed from other Lodges who disapprove of the arbitrary and unmasonic conduct of James V. Van Benschoten and James Herring in the Grand Lodge on the 12th inst., and to endeavor to preserve the Ancient Landmarks and Constitution of Masonry from being destroyed either by tyrants or false friends.

On the evening of Aug. 7th, the Senior Warden read to the Lodge two communications of Aug. 1st; one from the R. W. Grand Stewards' Lodge, containing a notice of the expulsion of P. M. William F. Piatt, of La Fayette Lodge, No. 373, and the second was a summons for W. Bro. Henry C. Atwood, of York Lodge, No. 367, to appear

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before the R. W. Grand Stewards' Lodge on the evening of the 2nd inst. with the Officers, Past Masters and Brethren of York Lodge, and answer to certain charges thereunto annexed, and which would be then and there preferred by the Grand Officers. The Secretary also read Wor. Bro. Atwood's letter to the Grand Secretary, stating his reasons for not being able to attend at so short a notice, and also a summons from the R. W. Grand Stewards' Lodge, dated the 3rd inst., to appear with the Officers, Past Masters and members of York Lodge before them at the Grand Lodge Room, on the evening of the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock.

The following preamble and resolutions were then read and passed unanimously, the question being taken on each section separately:

1st. *Resolved*, That we will at all times cheerfully adhere to, abide by, support and maintain and respect the Constitution, Rules and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we will cheerfully comply with, respect and obey all orders, directions, communications or proclamations at all times given by or sent from the Grand Master or his legal representative, so long as they keep within the limits of the Constitution, and conform to the ancient customs of the Fraternity, and do not infringe upon the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the D. G. M. James V. Van Benschoten, in arraigning our Bro. William F. Piatt, P. M. of La Fayette Lodge, No. 373, and our Wor. Master Henry C. Atwood, of this Lodge, before the Grand Lodge for celebrating the natal day of our patron saint, was arbitrary, oppressive and unconstitutional, and stands without a precedent in the records of Masonry from the foundation of the Institution.

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4th. *Resolved*, That the conduct of the Deputy Grand Master, James V. Van Benschoten, while the subject relating to Wor. Bros. Piatt and Atwood was under discussion, was unmasonic, and marked with persecution and partiality, in proof of which we offer the following, viz.: By he being the accuser and judge at the same time, by declaring a member out of order while reading the Constitution, by declaring it a vote to refer the subject to the Grand Lodge when it was not, but refusing to put the question of a call of Lodges when a motion was made and seconded to that effect, and by refusing to order to be recorded the repeated protests of Wor. Bros. Piatt and Atwood (whose characters were at stake) against the manner in which the vote was taken, but turned a deaf ear to them and declared the Grand-Lodge closed without the minutes being read and approved.

5th. *Resolved*, That the conduct of the Grand Secretary, James Herring, while acting as Grand Secretary at the emergent meeting of the Grand Lodge, on July 12th last, calls loudly for censure, and is revolting to the feelings of all reflecting Masons, by deviating from the path of all his predecessors in sending special summonses to Past Masters, by suffering votes to be counted and received at that meeting which he knew to be illegal, that such conduct is unmasonic in any member of the Grand Lodge and much more so in one holding the active and important station of Grand Secretary.

6th. *Resolved*, That we are fully convinced that the expulsion by the R. W. Grand Stewards' Lodge of Wor. Bro. Piatt, of La Fayette Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Henry C. Atwood, of York Lodge, is unwarranted by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and inconsistent with the ancient usages, customs and principles of this our Ancient and Honorable Institution.

7th. *Therefore Resolved*, That we do not countenance or recognize the expulsion of Wor. P. M. William F. Piatt, of La Fayette Lodge, nor of our Wor. Master Henry C. Atwood, of this Lodge, but in the person of Henry C. Atwood we recognize our Wor. Master and Presiding Officer, and that in the person of William F. Piatt we recognize an undeviating,

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firm, zealous and unflinching Mason, and shall be happy at all times to receive him within the walls of this Lodge.

8th. *Resolved*, That we individually place our names under and affix them to the above Resolutions, and in support of which we pledge our honors and reputations as Master Masons.

The above having been read and adopted, a committee of the Deacons was appointed to invite Wor. Bro. H. C. Atwood and William F. Piatt to the Lodge, who on entering were received standing, and Wor. Bro. Atwood conducted to the Chair. The following resolutions were then offered and adopted in reference to the communication received by Bro. John J. Rickers from the R. W. Grand Lodge, and from the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and laid by him before this Lodge:

Resolved, That we respectively decline to receive the said communications and refuse to appear as a Lodge before the R. W. Stewards' Lodge as per summons of the 1st of August, we not being aware of any such meeting of the Grand Lodge having taken place at that date.

Resolved, That Bro. John J. Rickers be requested to appear before the R. W. Grand Master and inform him that York Lodge desires to know by what authority he summoned the Officers, Past Masters and Brethren of York Lodge.

On the evening of Aug. 9th, after evidence had been taken, the Grand Lodge

Resolved, That the Warrant of York Lodge, No. 367, be forfeited, void, and of no further effect; and that the Officers and Members of said York Lodge, No. 367, be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The Grand Secretary was then ordered to notify the Lodges in the city, and the Brethren expelled by the above resolution.

At a meeting of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, on

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the evening of the 16th of August, the Grand Officers reported that the Grand Secretary had issued summonses to

ORLANDO WARREN, W. M., Silentia Lodge, No. 360.
HENRY WEAVER, S. W., " " " "
JOHN BENNETT, W. M., Benevolent " " 142.
WILLIAM CASCADEN, P. M. " " " "
HENRY WALTERS, J. W. " " " "
SAM. JONES, S. W., La Fayette " " 373.
WM. HEMMA, S. W., Concord " " 304.
MARTIN O'CONNOR, J. W., Hibernia " " 339.
PATRICK MANGIN, P. M., " " " "

to appear before the Grand Stewards' Lodge this evening (Aug. 9th) at 8 o'clock, to answer the charge of unmasonic conduct; which charge and specifications, the following being a copy, had been attached to each summons:

Charge against the members of the Grand Lodge who participated in the proceedings on the 24th of June, A. L. 5837, *viz.:*

FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Specification 1st.—By encouraging, promoting and assisting at a public procession, clothed as Masons, without any right or authority to do so on June 24th, A. L. 5837.

Specification 2nd.—By encouraging, promoting and assisting at said public procession, in contempt of the repeated decisions of the Grand Lodge, adverse to such proceedings; in contempt of the declaratory resolution of the Grand Lodge passed in March A. L. 5827, "that such proceedings ought to be prohibited," and which they, together and in-

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dividually, as members of the Grand Lodge, ought to have prohibited on the aforesaid occasion.

Specification 3rd.—By encouraging, promoting and assisting at said public procession, in contempt of the prohibition of the Deputy Grand Master, publicly read at Union Hall, by Wor. Henry C. Atwood, and at the Howard House, by Wor. John Bennett, and of the personal prohibition of the D. Grand Master on the morning of the 24th of June, at Union Hall, when the Fraternity were assembled at that place.

Specification 4th.—For evil example to the Fraternity, by using their influence as members of the Grand Lodge, to induce other Brethren to contemn and nullify the acts of the Grand Lodge, and set at defiance the authority of the Deputy Grand Master.

Bros. Warren, Weaver, Cascaden, Ivins, O'Connor and Mangin, being announced, were admitted.

Wor. Bro. Warren was asked if he had been in the procession on the 24th of June last. He said that he had; also, that he had been personally informed of the prohibition by the Deputy Grand Master, and asked permission to read a defense of his conduct.

The Brethren against whom the charges had been preferred, were then severally asked if they were guilty or not guilty.

To which they all responded in the negative.

Bro. Weaver was then asked if he had been in the procession, to which question he refused to answer, and asked leave to retire, informing the Grand

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Stewards that he saw they had made up their minds to expel him, and if they did so, that they would do it at their peril. After demanding the names of the Grand Stewards he retired.

Bro. Samuel Jones admitted that he was in the procession, that he heard the Deputy Grand Master prohibit the procession, and that he carried the Jewels and Hangings of La Fayette Lodge in the procession and went himself in the capacity of Senior Warden. In his defense he stated that he considered his conduct correct in joining the procession, and moreover, that he conceived the subject had not been referred to the Grand Stewards' Lodge by the majority in the late meeting of the Grand Lodge, and introduced W. Bro. Hudswell as a witness to that effect.

After the examination of several witnesses relative to the facts the Grand Stewards' Lodge adjourned to meet on the Friday following.

On the evening of the 23rd of Aug., A. L. 5837, the Grand Stewards' Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment from the 18th and 22nd of August.

The Grand Stewards proceeded to consider the charges and specifications preferred against Wor. Bros. Orlando Warren and John Bennett, and Bros. Henry Weaver, Wm. Cascaden and Samuel Jones.

The Grand Stewards' Lodge, by an unanimous vote, affirmed that the charges and specifications had been fully proved. The above-named Brethren were upon motion severally expelled for unmasonic conduct, and the Grand Secretary directed to inform the Brethren expelled, also to notify the Lodges in the City of New York, Brooklyn, and Staten Is-

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land, of the expulsions decreed in the Grand Stewards' Lodge.

At a quarterly meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge held Sept. 6, A. L. 5838, W. Bros. Atwood and Piatt announced themselves at the door of the Grand Lodge ready to appeal from, and protest against the proceedings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge.

They were informed by R. W. Bro. Herring that they could not be admitted; that they were expelled Masons; they responded that they could not be expelled until the proceedings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge were approved. R. W. Bro. Herring's reply was, "You cannot be admitted at any rate."

Wor. Bro. Lineback, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, announced to the Grand Lodge that he desired to present an appeal from the Brethren expelled by the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and protested in their behalf against the decisions of said Grand Stewards' Lodge, and offered to read an appeal and defense, to which objections were made. The Grand Master decided the appeal should be heard, R. W. Bro. Myers then moved an adjournment, which was carried. After the Grand Master, the M. Wor. Morgan Lewis, had left the room, R. W. Bro. Myers, who had been acting as Deputy Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order, and again opened the Grand Stewards' Lodge. The appeal was then taken from the table and read by the Secretary, as follows:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of New York, and all Free & Accepted Masons throughout the Globe:

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, do hereby appeal from, and protest against the prohibition of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, James V. Van Benschoten, of the 23rd of June last, for-

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bidding the Fraternity from celebrating the natal day of our Patron Saint, as an unwarrantable assumption of power, an unjust and unmasonic interference with the rights and privileges of a Warranted Lodge and the Craft generally, and an open violation and infringement of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order. We also protest against the proceedings had at an emergent meeting of the Grand Lodge on the evening of the 12th July, they having been conducted in a manner heretofore unheard of, as arbitrary, unjust and unmasonic, utterly at variance with the Constitution and true principles of the Order.

We protest against, and appeal from the subsequent acts and doings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, because the subject was not legally referred to that Body; because if legally referred, it was not a proper, fair, and impartial tribunal to investigate the matter, they acting in a two-fold capacity of prosecutors and judges, and for this, that all their proceedings and acts relating thereto are unconstitutional, unjust, oppressive and unmasonic.

We, therefore, confident in the justice of our cause, do in the most solemn manner declare and publish this, our protest, under a full determination to lay the same before, and appeal to, the whole Masonic family for redress against the injustice we have received.

HENRY C. ATWOOD, W. M. of York Lodge, No. 367.
JOHN W. TIMSON, P. M. " " "
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, P. M. " " "
JOHN VANDERBECK, P. M. " " "
THOS. DARBY, " " "
JOHN CARRUTHERS, " " "
WILL. MORROW, " " "
SMITH W. HORTON, " " "
CHAS. H. HORTON, S. D. " " "
ASA. ONDERDONK, " " "
BEN. OWEN, " " "
DAVID GOULD, " " "
JED. T. THOMAS, " " "
JOHN J. RICKERS, S. W. " " "
F. MAHOFFY, " " "
PETER FIELDS, " " "
WILLIAM F. PIATT, P. M. of La Fayette Lodge, No. 373.
ORLANDO WARNER, Wor. M. of Silentia Lodge, No. 360.
SAMUEL JONES, S. Warden of La Fayette Lodge, No. 373.
HENRY WEAVER, S. Warden of Silentia Lodge, No. 360.

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The document was objected to by the R. Wor. Grand Chaplain and other Brethren, as indecorous in its language.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That no further proceedings be had on the subject, until the parties who think themselves aggrieved make a respectful application to this Grand Lodge.

After said action of the R. W. Grand Lodge towards the aggrieved Brethren, they being refused a hearing, a meeting was called at Castle Garden to take the subject into consideration. Committees were appointed to intercede and even to remonstrate with the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, but their efforts were unavailing.

Being thoroughly convinced that under the authority of certain members and Officers of the Grand Lodge justice was denied them, a large number of the Fraternity duly assembled, pursuant to notice, at the Howard House (corner of Broadway and Howard Street), in the City of New York, on Monday evening, Sept. 11th, A. L. 5837.

The Wor. Bro. Chas. F. Lineback, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, was called to the Chair, and the Wor. Bro. Adolphus Andreas, of York Lodge, No. 367, was appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been fully explained, it was unanimously resolved that the same be approved. Whereupon, a Lodge of Master Masons was duly opened under the authority of the Warrant of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142.

Present—Wor. Bro. Chas. F. Lineback, as Wor. Master, in the Chair; the Wor. Bro. Samuel Davis,

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as Sen. Warden, *pro tem.;* Wor. Bro. Henry Marsh, as Junior Warden; Wor. Bro. William Cascaden, as Treasurer; and Wor. Bro. Adolphus Andreas,* as Secretary; and a large and respectable number of Brethren duly assembled.

The Wor. Master then submitted the following Preamble and Declaration of Rights and Independence, for the consideration of the Brethren; which was ordered read:

Whereas, All Free and Accepted Masons, endowed by the spirit and principles of the Institution with certain inalienable rights and privileges, inherent in their nature, guaranteed by the original Constitution, and established by the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity, of which they cannot be deprived by any new Law or Regulation subversive of either;

Whereas, Also it is a paramount duty, incumbent on every Brother, to preserve inviolate the "Grand Masonic Constitution," and to resist all encroachments that may tend to remove, or make innovations or infringements on any of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order "which our Fathers have set;"

And *Whereas*, We, the undersigned members of the "Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons," have witnessed with much anxiety and pain the unconstitutional, unjust and arbitrary proceedings of the present Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and its subordinate Body, the Grand Stewards' Lodge, whereby an odious and oppressive distinction has been created, influenced by design and sinister motive; and feeling ourselves deeply aggrieved by the more recent unjustifiable and uncharitable acts of the said

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* Rt. Wor. Bro. Andreas, Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge, is at this time of writing in the enjoyment of perfect health, an active member of this Lodge and a regular attendant at its communications, beloved by his Brethren, who delight to do him honor, he being the only one left of the seven Worthy Brothers, who sixty-three years ago drew up and signed the petition to form this Lodge. May the Grand Master of the Universe spare him for many years to come.

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Grand Stewards' Lodge, and Grand Lodge, whereby a large number of respectable and worthy Brethren in this city have been most unjustly, wantonly, and ruthlessly expelled from their Masonic Rights and Privileges, and viewing with just abhorrence and utter astonishment the violation of all Masonic rule and principle by the said Grand Lodge, in the proceedings had at its quarterly communication, on Wednesday evening last, the 6th inst., whereby the respectful Appeal and Solemn Protest of the accused Brethren was contemptuously rejected—a hearing of their defense refused by resorting to mean subterfuge and base expedients, and whereby they were uncharitably *prejudged* and unjustly *condemned without a hearing;*

Therefore, fully assured that our wrongs and grievances will not be redressed by the present Grand Lodge, that justice has fled therefrom, and that with it "Charity is but a name,"—sensible that in such case forbearance is no longer commendable—actuated by the spirit and principles declared in the foregoing preamble, and impelled by a conscious sense of duty, we are constrained to renounce all further communion therewith, and hereby declare ourselves absolved from all Masonic allegiance thereto—an independent body of Masons, determined to proceed forthwith to establish a new Grand Lodge, from whence to hail!—to support in their pristine purity, the Original Constitution and the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and to preserve inviolate the Rights and Privileges thereby guaranteed;

Wherefore, Confident in the justice of our cause, and resolved to appeal to the whole Masonic Fraternity, we attest this our solemn Declaration, by subscribing our names thereto.

Done at the Howard House, in the City of New York, on Monday evening, Sept. 11th, A. L. 5837.

The Declaration of Rights and Independence having been read, was received by the Brethren with much enthusiasm, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved and adopted as the sense of all the Brethren convened;

Wherefore, it was *Resolved,* That every Brother present proceed to subscribe his name thereto, which being completed (127 signatures having been affixed), it was further resolved,

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by a unanimous vote, that it should take immediate force and effect, and that the Brethren govern themselves accordingly.

Resolved, That we adopt for the time being the Constitution of the Grand Lodge from which we have heretofore hailed.

Resolved, That the Brethren now proceed to elect Grand Officers for a new Grand Lodge, and that every Brother whose name is appended to the foregoing Declaration, etc., be entitled to vote for the same.

The Wor. Master appointed the Wor. Bro. Orlando Warren and Bro. John J. Rickers as tellers, and the Brethren proceeded to ballot.

Whereupon the following Brethren were severally declared unanimously elected Grand Officers, viz.:

The M. W. HENRY MARSH,..... .....*Grand Master.*
" Rt. W. ORLANDO WARREN,.....*D. G. Master.*
" " " THOS. S. BRADY,.....*S. G. W.*
" " " JOHN W. TIMSON,..... .*J. G. W.*
" " " WM. CASCADEN,.....*Grand Treasurer.*
" " " CHAS. F. LINEBACK,.....*Grand Secretary.*

Resolved, That the election of R. W. Grand Chaplain be deferred for present.

The Wor. JOSEPH HOMER,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
" " SAMUEL JONES,.....*Grand Tiler.*

It was then *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers elect be and they are hereby duly authorized to perform all duties incumbent upon them, by virtue of their election to office, until they shall be duly installed therein.

Resolved, That this Body adjourn until Friday evening next, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock, to meet at this house, at which time and place the Brethren are respectfully invited to attend.

Adjourned.

HOWARD HOUSE, *Friday Evening, Sept.* 15, A. L. 5837.

Members of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142; York, No. 367, together with a large and respectable number of Brethren from other Lodges, met pursuant to adjournment.

Rt. Wor. Bro. F. Lineback, as Wor. Master, in the Chair; the Lodge was opened in the M. M. Degree.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Brethren then proceeded to elect a Grand Chaplain, when the Rev. Samuel Davis, P. M., was declared duly elected.

The Wor. Master then appointed Bros. Piatt and Dugan to present the Grand Officers elect for induction into office, which ceremony was performed in Due and Ancient Form, when the meeting closed in harmony and order.

The history of York Lodge is so intimately connected with that of St. John's Grand Lodge that it becomes necessary to deal somewhat extensively with the transactions of that Body. The records give its first proceedings as follows:

ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

At the first communication of the newly created Body, held at the Howard House, in the City of New York, Friday evening, Sept. 15th, A. L. 5837. Present—The M. W. Henry Marsh, G. Master; Rt. W. Orlando Warren, D. G. M.; Thos. S. Brady, S. G. Warden; John W. Timson, J. G. W.; Chas. F. Lineback, G. Sec'y; William Cascaden, G. Treasurer; Rev. Sam. Davis, G. Chaplain; Joseph Homer, G. Pursuivant; Samuel Jones, G. Tiler; and a number of Past Masters, Officers of Lodges and other Brethren duly assembled.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form with solemn prayer. The minutes and proceedings of the two preceding meetings were read and approved.

It was then resolved that the style of this Grand Lodge shall be "St. John's Grand Lodge, of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York."

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adopt, for the time being, the present Masonic Constitutions, and that the M. W. Henry Marsh, R. W. Charles F. Lineback, Rt. W. Wm. Cascaden, Rt. W. Orlando Warren, Rt. W. Samuel Davis, W. Bro. Wm. F. Piatt and Wor. Bro. Henry C. Atwood, be a Committee to revise the same, and that they enter upon the duties of preparing a Constitution for this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable, and report accordingly.

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Resolved, That the Wor. Brethren composing the above Committee be also, and they are, hereby constituted a Committee of Finance.

After a Benediction pronounced by the Rt. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned, subject to the call of the M. W. Grand Master, or in his absence the presiding Officer.

CHARLES F. LINEBACK,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

HOWARD HOUSE, Sept. 27th, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge assembled in due form, according to notice, for the purpose of Consecration and Installation. Present, in addition to its Officers elect and members, the M. W. Gen. John S. Darcy, and the M. W. Jeptha B. Munn, P. G. Masters of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey.

The M. W. Jeptha B. Munn, as G. M., assisted by
" " " John S. Darcy, as D. G. M.
" " " John Bennett, as S. G. W.
" Rt. " John W. Timson, as J. G. W.
" " " Charles F. Lineback, as G. Secretary.
" " " William Cascaden, as G. Treasurer.
" " " Samuel Davis, as G. Chaplain.
" Henry C. Atwood, as G. Pursuivant.
" Samuel Jones, G. Tiler.

The Brethren being called to order, the M. W. G. Master declared St. John's Grand Lodge of the State of New York opened in ample form, after solemn prayer.

St. John's Grand Lodge was then consecrated in due and ancient form, and dedicated to God and the Holy St. John, with solemn ceremonies. The Wor. William F. Piatt, as Grand Marshal, then presented the M. Wor. Henry Marsh, G. Master elect, for installation, which was performed in accordance with the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity; the Brethren responded thereto with three times three. Also,

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The Rt. W. Orlando Warren, D. G. M. by proxy.
" " " Thomas S. Brady, S. G. W. by proxy.
" " " John W. Timson, J. G. W. in person.
" " " William Cascaden, G. Treas. "
" " " Charles F. Lineback, G. Sec. "
" " " Samuel Davis, G. Chap. "
" " " Joseph Homer, G. Pursuivant by proxy.
" " " Samuel Jones, G. Tiler in person.

A petition was presented, signed by eight Brethren, duly vouched for, praying for a Warrant to establish a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the City of Port au Prince, Island of St. Domingo, Hayti, the place of their residence; to be known and distinguished by the name of Mount Liban Lodge, No. 1, Bro. John B. Charlesteguy, to be the first W. Master; Bro. Peter Liautaud, the first S. Warden; and Bro. Emile Ballette, the first J. Warden.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The W. Bro. John Bennett, of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, in behalf of himself and his Brethren composing said Lodge, then informed this Grand Lodge that having renounced all communion with the Grand Lodge from which they formerly hailed, they no longer acknowledged any allegiance thereto, and therefore solicited St. John's Grand Lodge to confirm to them their Warrant, and to receive them under its jurisdiction; which request, on motion duly made and seconded, was complied with, and said Lodge directed to make immediate returns of its members for Registry to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

CHARLES F. LINEBACK,
Grand Secretary.

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 367, held at their rooms in Union Hall, on Monday evening, September 18th, A. L. 5837, Wor. Bro. Henry C. Atwood in the Chair, John J.

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Rickers, S. W., Thomas Darby, J. W., and a number of Brethren duly assembled.

The Lodge was opened on the M. Mason Degree, and the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, York Lodge, No. 367, has on this 18th day of September, A. L. 5837, by resolution, formerly renounced their allegiance to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, so called, and has accepted a Dispensation duly authorizing it for the present to assemble as a Masonic Lodge under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, under which this Lodge will continue to act, until a Warrant can be obtained therefrom;

Therefore Resolved, That the Warrant under which this Lodge has heretofore acted be retained by the Wor. Master as a deposit, in order to enable this Lodge to preserve its just claims to a portion of the permanent fund, now in the possession of the Grand Lodge from which it formerly hailed.

These minutes were then read and passed as correct, when the Lodge closed.

ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, *Secretary.*

At an adjourned meeting of St. John's Grand Lodge, held at the Howard House, St. John's Day, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, A. L. 5837, on motion duly made and seconded, a Committee on Warrants was appointed, consisting of Wor. Bro. Henry C. Atwood, Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas. F. Lineback and Rt. Wor. Wm. Cascaden, to whom was referred for consideration the propriety of confirming the old and issuing new Warrants and Numbers to several of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge, and to report thereon at the next quarterly communication. The ceremony of installing the Officers elect for the ensuing year in the several subordinate Lodges, and by them duly returned, was then performed with the usual impressive solemnities, and the customary charges

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delivered to each; when the Installation Ode was sung, and the Grand Lodge closed in due form.

At the quarterly communication of St. John's Grand Lodge, March 6th, A. L. 5838, the Committee on Warrants appointed December 27th, A. L. 5837, handed in their report.

COPY OF REPORT.

The Committee on Warrants, appointed to take into consideration the propriety of confirming the Old, and issuing the New Warrants and Numbers, to several of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and report thereon at the next quarterly communication, respectfully report, that they have had the subject under due consideration, and after inquiry and mature reflection, present the following as the results of their investigation:

1st. That the Warrant of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, was issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and bears date Sept. 6th, A. L. 5806; that the said Benevolent Lodge continued to hold its meetings and act under said Warrant up to the time of instituting this St. John's Grand Lodge of the State of New York, when on the day of its consecration and installation (Sept. 27th, A. L. 5837), said Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, made formal application to be recognized by and received under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and to have its said Warrant confirmed; which request was duly complied with, and said Benevolent Lodge accordingly fully acknowledged and established as such.

2nd. That the Warrant of Silentia Lodge, No. 360, bears date June 13th, A. L. 5823, and that the Warrant of York Lodge No. 367, is dated 13th of Jan., A. L. 5824, under which Warrants said Lodges regularly convened until the formation of this Grand Lodge, when they formally petitioned to be recognized by, and to become subordinate to, the same, setting forth "that the Officers and Members of said Lodges were desirous of acknowledging the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge, and of uniting with it to promote the true principles of Masonry agreeably to the Ancient Landmarks and the original Constitutions of the Order." The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and Dispensations issued in accordance therewith by

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the M. W. Grand Master to Silentia Lodge under date of Sept. 21, and to York Lodge under date of Sept. 18, A. L. 5837, authorizing and empowering said Lodges respectively to convene, agreeably to their By-Laws, and to do and perform all such acts as set forth and granted in and by their said Warrants, until the further pleasure of the Grand Lodge shall be known; under which authority both said Lodges have ever since convened and their acts fully recognized.

3rd. That the Warrants of said three Lodges have been declared void and annulled by "the Grand Lodge of the State of New York;" the Warrants of Silentia and Benevolent Lodges both subsequent to the recognition by and since their being received under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge (as appears by their published proceedings, Dec. 6th, A. L. 5837).

These acts of said Grand Lodge are evidently intended to injure the character and standing of St. John's Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and of the Lodges who hail under and acknowledge it as their head. Your Committee refrain from expressing any further opinion relative to the motives of said Grand Lodge in pursuing this course, other than to remark that they believe them to have originated in the same spirit of oppression and persecution heretofore practiced against many of our most worthy Brethren, and which ultimately led to the organization and instituting of this Grand Lodge. Comment is therefore unnecessary.

4th. The Committee also find that the Warrant granted by this Grand Lodge to Mount Liban Lodge, No. 1, at Port au Prince, Hayti, bears a later date, to wit, Sept. 20th, A. L. 5837, than either said confirmation of Warrant to Benevolent Lodge, or the Dispensation granted to Silentia and York Lodges, and that consequently the Lodge, No. 1, inserted in said Warrant, is not uniform and should be corrected. Your Committee therefore, and for the sake of uniformity, respectfully recommend that St. John's Grand Lodge, of the State New York, do fully recognize and confirm to said Benevolent, Silentia and York Lodges, their respective Warrants (at present held by them and attempted to be abrogated as above stated), by endorsement thereon of a certificate in proper form, dated Sept.

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27th, A. L. 5837, under the seal of the Grand Lodge and signed by the proper Grand Officers; and that said Lodges be severally required to retain the same in their possession until demanded by this Grand Lodge. Also that at any time hereafter, if either of said four elect to make formal application to the Grand Lodge for a new Warrant, the same shall be issued in the following order, to wit: To Benevolent Lodge, No. 1; to Silentia Lodge, No. 2; to York Lodge, No. 3; to Mount Liban Lodge, No. 4; all of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. ATWOOD,
CHAS. F. LINEBACK, } Committee.

Mar. 6th, 5838.

A regular communication took place on Monday evening, Oct. 16th, A. L. 5837, Wor. Bro. H. C. Atwood in the Chair, when it was

Resolved, In consequence of Brethren hailing from Lodges under this jurisdiction (namely St. John's Grand Lodge) being refused admittance to the Lodges under the old Grand Lodge, it will therefore be required of every Brother visiting York Lodge and hailing from other Lodges in the City and County of New York, to acknowledge the legality of St. John's Grand Lodge, and on refusal so to do, they shall not be admitted.

The records show this to be the first communication, held under the authority of St. John's Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

An extra meeting was held on the 20th of the same month for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of our departed Brother and Past Master Samuel Hugg, it being his last request.

At the regular meeting on Dec. 18th the Brethren cast their ballots for officers for the ensuing year, with the following results:

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HENRY C. ATWOOD,.....*Master.*
JOHN J. RICKERS,.....*Senior Warden.*
THOS. DARBY,.....*Junior* "
EDWARD ROBINSON,.....*Treasurer.*
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS,.....*Secretary.*

There are no records to show that the Lodge met between March and Sept. of this year (A. L. 5838).

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 3, Dec. 17th, the election of officers took place for the year A. L. 5839, with the following results:

JOHN W. TIMSON,.....*Master.*
JOHN J. RICKERS,.....*Senior Warden.*
THOS. DARBY,.....*Junior* "
DAVID PEARSALL,.....*Treasurer.*
STEPHEN H. FEEKS,.....*Secretary.*

On the 7th of Jan., A. L. 5839, York Lodge, No. 3, met in their rooms in the Walton Mansion House, No. 236 Pearl Street, New York City, and on the following month the Grand Secretary gave notice that the article relating to returns of the different Lodges to the Grand Lodge would be enforced.

The Brethren not being satisfied with their rooms in the Walton House, an extra meeting was held in conjunction with Benevolent, Fidelity and Silentia Lodges for the purpose of forming a committee to procure more suitable rooms, and on May 27th the committee handed in their report, stating that they had agreed with Bro. Hitchcock for the use of Lodge rooms in Union Hall at the annual rental of sixty dollars, including light and fire and for the cleaning and keeping of the rooms in proper order for business. This arrangement meeting with the

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approbation of the Brethren, the committee received the thanks of the Lodge and were discharged.

Another committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the same Lodges for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist on Monday morning, June 24th, and at 10.30 o'clock on that morning, York Lodge, in conjunction with Silentia, Fidelity and Benevolent Lodges, formed themselves into a procession and moved onward to the Rev. Isaac Walters' church, on the corner of Broome and Norfolk Streets, preceded by martial music. The religious services were opened by the choir singing a Masonic Ode. The Rev. I. Walters offered up a solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, when Rt. Wor. Henry C. Atwood, Deputy Grand Master, delivered an eloquent oration on the "Origin and Principles of the Most Ancient and Honorable Order of Freemasonry," fully delineating the virtues whereon the basis of Masonry is founded, viz., Charity, Brotherly Love, Truth and Good Fellowship. At the conclusion of the ceremonies a collection was taken up for the relief of the widows and orphans belonging to the church, amounting to forty-nine dollars. The procession again formed and returned to the Hall, when the Rt. Wor. Master informed the Brethren that a dinner was provided; and invited all to join and unite with them in the festivities of the occasion.

On Dec. 15th an extra meeting was called for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Mr. Gilbert S. Herbert, under a Dispensation from the R. W. Grand Lodge of St. John's.

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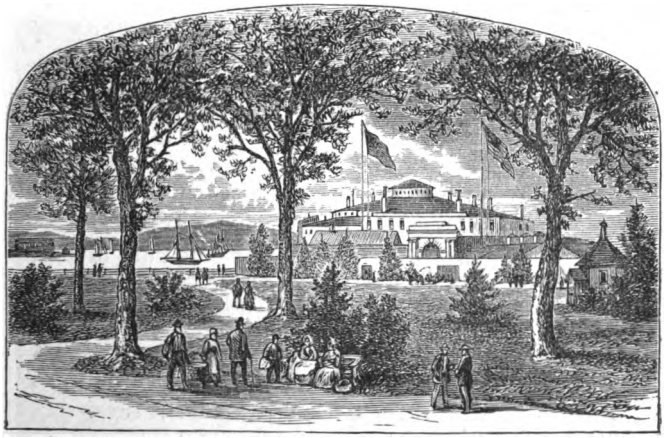
At a regular communication on the 16th the following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN J. RICKERS,.....*Master.*
SAMUEL BROWN,.....*Senior Warden.*
SMITH W. HORTON,.....*Junior "*
PETER FIELD,.....*Treasurer.*
STEPHEN H. FEEKS,.....*Secretary.*

At this communication Bro. Peter Field was installed as Treasurer, and the remaining officers



CASTLE GARDEN.

on the 27th inst. by the officers of the Most Wor. St. John's Grand Lodge. At the regular meeting held at Union Hall on Jan. 6th, A. L. 5840, Bro. John Kennedy, of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, Bolton, Lancashire, Eng., claimed admittance, and upon being found worthy was invited to enter.

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At this meeting Bro. Feeks tendered his resignation as Secretary. The resignation was accepted. John J. Rickers also resigned as Master.

Eight dollars was appropriated towards defraying the expenses of a delegation of the St. John's Grand Lodge, appointed to meet the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey at Trenton, in that State.

On Jan. 20th, the Lodge, being without a Master in consequence of the resignation of Wor. Bro. John J. Rickers, proceeded to a new election, when Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry C. Atwood was duly elected Master. The Lodge, being without a Secretary by the resignation of Bro. Stephen H. Feeks, proceeded to ballot, when Wor. Bro. John J. Rickers was duly elected Secretary for the balance of the year.

An emergent meeting was held Jan. 27th in conjunction with Silentia Lodge. The Wor. Master informed the Brethren of the demise of Past Master Joseph Shiner, and appointed Bros. Hitchcock, Knowlton, Kent and Homer pall-bearers, to go to Jersey City and accompany the remains to New York, and on the following day the last tribute of respect was paid to the deceased Wor Brother.

At a regular meeting, Feb. 3rd, Mr. George W. Matsell, who was at that time a Customs officer, and afterwards for many years Chief of Police of New York, was initiated as an E. A.

On the same evening the following inventory of property belonging to the Lodge was handed in by the committee:

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Six Lambskin Aprons and 10 Officers' ditto	$30 00
Master's Hat and Ivory Mallet	8 00
Working Tools and Case	10 00
Two Bibles, Square and Compasses	5 00
Two Columns and 2 Mallets	8 00
Two Silver Ink-stands	0 50
Five Account Books	5 00
Eleven Collars and Jewels	77 00
Three Swords and Belts	3 00
Two Banners	15 00
Two Spears and Rods	20 00
One Large Belt and Sacking	20 00
Ballot-box and Contents	3 00
Five Pairs of Gloves	2 00
One Chest and Small Box	7 00
Altar Lamps, Slippers, &c	3 00
Total	$266 00

On Monday, 18th, at a regular communication of the Lodge, in conjunction with Benevolent Lodge, No. 1, the Secretary being absent, Bro. Robert Hinchman, a member of a sister Lodge, was requested to act in his place, which he did. This was his last official act in the Body, as on the following day he came to his death by being crushed beneath a pile of falling lumber. His minutes, which had been written upon a loose sheet, are still preserved in the minute book of that date, agreeably to a resolution of the Lodge, on motion of Bro. Rickers, as follows:

Resolved, That the minutes be annexed to our book of minutes, without transcript, and be thereby retained as a memento of his worth and Brotherly love, as well as also to put us in mind at every meeting that in the midst of life we are in death; Peace be to his ashes and everlasting bliss to his soul!

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On Nov. 2nd the Lodge opened, in conjunction with Silentia Lodge, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. A. North, deceased member of Silentia Lodge.

At the first meeting in December, the Rev. Joseph Silcox was initiated in the E. A. Degree, and on motion it was resolved that the initiation fee of the Rev. Brother be remitted.

On the second and last meeting of the year the annual election of officers took place, which resulted as follows:

SMITH W. HORTON,.....*Master.*
G. S. HERBERT,.....*Senior Warden.*
AVERY GREEN,.....*Junior* "
HUGH RILEY,.....*Treasurer.*
HENRY C. ATWOOD,.....*Secretary.*

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary and Treasurer be installed at this communication and a vote of thanks tendered the R. W. Bro. Henry C. Atwood for his arduous services as Wor. Master during the last two years. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Wor. Bro. John J. Rickers for his services as Secretary.

On Dec. 28th, the Lodge opened in conjunction with Benévolent, Munn, Fidelity and Silentia Lodges, and after a due observance of the usual ceremonies in memory of our Patron St. John the Evangelist, the Lodge closed.

On Jan. 4th, A. L. 5841, at a regular communication of the Lodge, Brother the Rev. Joseph Silcox received the M. M. Degree, when, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, he was elected as their Chaplain

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for the ensuing year. The following visitors were present: Bros. Bingham, of Mount Vernon Lodge, Rhode Island; Ward, of Hiram Lodge, New Haven, Conn.; Aldrich, of Fidelity Lodge, Hyatt, of Benevolent Lodge, and Hitchcock, of Munn Lodge, New York City; all of whom recognized the authority of St. John's Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

At a communication held on the 1st of February, the Lodge having become dissatisfied with the Hall in which it was then meeting, resolved to secure more suitable quarters, and appointed as a committee for that purpose Bros. Atwood, Herbert and Timson. This committee, acting in conjunction with a like committee from several other Lodges under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge, secured a hall in the Shakesperian Hotel, and on the 17th of May the first communication was held therein.

On June 21st, the Secretary presented an invitation from the Committee of Arrangements of Union Lodge, No. 40, of Danbury, Conn., inviting the members of St. John's Grand Lodge and the members of the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, to unite with the Brethren in Danbury in celebrating St. John the Baptist Day on the 24th inst., and the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as Masons we hold it as an inherent right, and claim it as a duty we owe to the memory of our Patron Saint, to whom we dedicate our Lodges, to meet as a band of Brothers and mutually extend to and receive from each other those mystic and friendly signals of recognition which distinguish us as Masons from the rest of mankind;

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Therefore Resolved, That we hail the invitation from Brethren in Danbury as the harbinger of the near approach of the period when the Masonic Institution will be restored to its high and palmy station in the community and its principles maintained in their pristine purity;

Resolved, That we cordially accept the invitation, and request all our members and the members of sister Lodges to unite with us in the festivities of the day;

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the above resolutions, and congratulate Union Lodge in living in a State where to celebrate St. John's Day is considered a *duty* and not a *crime.*

From some unknown cause there appears to have been no communications of this Lodge between that of June 21st, A. L. 5841, and Sept 28th, A. L. 5849, a period of over eight years. On the latter date the members of the Lodge again met and elected officers as follows:

M. N. ABBOTT,.....*Master.*
RICHARD THUM,.....*Senior Warden.*
WILLIAM FREEBORN,.....*Junior* "

At a subsequent meeting held during the following month, at Warren Hall, cor. of Henry and Oliver Streets, R. W. Bro. John W. Timson was elected Treasurer and Bro. Hamilton elected Secretary.

On the 24th of Oct. the Grand Lodge Officers were announced, and in due time proceeded to install the officers of York Lodge, No. 3.

The Bay View Cemetery Company, having offered a burial plot to the Lodge, and such offer being communicated to the Brethren at a meeting held on the 7th of November, a committee, consisting of Bros. Timson, Thum and Howe, was appointed to attend to the transfer. It was also ordered at this com-

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munication that a new code of By-Laws be prepared and submitted to the Lodge for approval. The Brothers chosen for this purpose were Wor. Master Abbott, John W. Timson and Richard Thum.

At a communication held on the 21st of November, Wor. Bro. John W. Timson was duly authorized to receive and hold the deed of the plot in Bay View Cemetery in trust for the Lodge, and a committee was appointed to return thanks to the New York Bay Cemetery Company for their praiseworthy and generous donation. On the same evening Bro. Richard Thum was elected Master; Bro. Wm. Freeborn, Senior Warden; and Bro. W. R. Howe, Junior Warden, by Dispensation from St. John's Grand Lodge, caused by Wor. Bro. Abbott resigning the office of Master.

The records appear to show that the Charter of York Lodge, No. 3, had lapsed previous to a meeting held Nov. 28th, as it is recorded in the minutes of that date that "five dollars was ordered to be paid to St. John's Grand Lodge for restoration of Charter."

The following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year at a communication held Dec. 26th:

WILLIAM FREEBORN,.....*Master.*
WILLIAM R. HOWE,..... .....*Senior Warden.*
*ALEXANDER CABRE,.....*Junior* "
JOHN W. TIMSON,..... .*Treasurer.*
ROBERT HAMILTON,.....*Secretary.*

On the first meeting of the Lodge in the year A. L. 5850, the Grand Officers from St. John's Grand

* Alex. Cabre, Junior Warden, withdrew his membership, May 29th, and John McCollum was installed in his office, Oct. 16th, A. L. 5850.

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Lodge were announced and properly received, when they proceeded to examine the books and work of the Lodge, and being satisfied therewith, pronounced the Lodge in a very flourishing condition.

At a communication held on the 3rd of April of the same year, the report of the Committee on By-Laws being under consideration, the following section was adopted:

That after the 3rd of July, A. L. 5850, the initiation fee shall be fifteen dollars; seven dollars for the E. A. Degree, three dollars for the F. C. Degree and five dollars for the M. M. Degree; adjoining members under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge shall pay a fee of five dollars, and those without the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge shall pay a fee of seven dollars, in all cases before the admission of the candidate.

A communication from a committee appointed by St. John's Grand Lodge on July 17th, A. L. 5850, to make necessary preparations for paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of Zachary Taylor, late President of the United States, was read by the Secretary, and it was determined that York Lodge, on Tuesday, July 23rd, should turn out and join with their Brethren and fellow-citizens in the funeral solemnities.

At a special meeting of St. John's Grand Lodge, on the morning of the 22nd of Oct., A. L. 5850, the Grand Lodge was convened by order of the M. Wor. Grand Master, for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed at the last September communication in accordance with the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this

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Grand Lodge to meet a similar committee from the M. W. Grand Lodge, for the purpose of amicably arranging the unhappy Masonic difficulties now existing in this State.

Resolved, That the committee of five appointed this night have full power and authority to settle the difficulty between this Body and the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in accordance with the propositions adopted at the last annual communication, subject to the approval of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and that said committee be directed to report at the next quarterly communication such proceedings and progress as they may at that time have made.

The following report was accepted, the resolutions adopted and ordered to be transmitted to every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of St. John's Grand Lodge:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last quarterly communication of this M. W. Grand Lodge to make final arrangements for the adjustment of the Masonic difficulties on the basis of the Five Propositions adopted by both Grand Lodges in June last, respectfully report:

That in accordance with the resolutions adopted for their instructions, they immediately informed the M. Wor. Grand Lodge of the State of New York of the fact of their appointment, and that they would proceed to business as soon as a committee from that Body should appoint a time to meet them.

A communication was soon after received informing us of the existence of a committee, but no meeting of the committee was called until the 14th inst., meanwhile the following circular was issued by the M. Wor. Wm. H. Milnor, Grand Master, and scattered broadcast throughout their jurisdiction, and as a natural consequence many copies fell into the hands of Brethren acknowledging this jurisdiction.

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The circular is as follows:

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CITY HOTEL,
NEW YORK, Sept. 13th, A. L. 5850.

To the Wor. Masters, Wardens and Brethren:

It is known throughout the Masonic world that for some years past difficulties have existed within this jurisdiction.

It has been a matter of deep regret to all, and great anxiety has been both felt and manifested that peace and harmony might again be established within our borders.

At the last June communication certain measures were adopted which, we trust, will ultimately effect this much desired end. A committee was appointed by this Grand Lodge to receive any propositions or suggestions that may be presented to them by any members of this Grand Lodge, or others, with a view to the restoring of entire harmony of feeling to the whole Fraternity of this State; and the committee were empowered to use their discretion as to laying the same before the Grand Lodges. A committee from St. John's Grand Lodge (so called) applied for an interview. The result of the conference was the recommendation of the following Five Propositions, which were reported to the Grand Lodge and unanimously acceded to:

1st. Recognition of all Lodges subordinate to St. John's Grand Lodge as Regular Masonic Bodies.

2nd. That their members are lawful Masons.

3rd. That they (the Lodges) be put on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

4th. That each and every such Lodge may at any time, with their own consent, come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

5th. That if St. John's Grand Lodge shall, on or before the next June communication, by a vote of their body, decide to give up their organization as a Grand Lodge and proffer themselves to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, their Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers shall be received and admitted as Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

It will be at once perceived that these propositions form the

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basis of an union. But such union cannot be consummated until certain conditions understood to both parties are complied with. The St. John's Grand Lodge (so called) must be disbanded, and her subordinates take out Warrants from us, and thus be constitutionally placed upon our Registry. Until these conditions are complied with the propositions are of no effect, and until *all* the propositions are carried out, no one of them is binding. We were in hopes that soon after the close of the communication the whole matter would have been concluded. But delays on their part, necessary, perhaps, have occurred to prevent it.

Soon after the June communication, applications were made by the members of St. John's at the doors of our Lodges for admission. The request was granted on the second proposition, although coinciding in the opinion that no one of the propositions was binding until the whole were complied with. Still, believing that no harm could result, but that the encouraging of kind feeling would lead to prompt action, I gave the requested permission. I have since became convinced that it has not effected the intended good, but has been rather productive of error and confusion, and have therefore revoked it. It had already led to misunderstanding, and might, if not recalled, have led to serious difficulty. The propriety, indeed necessity, of issuing an explanatory circular is then apparent. The general impression out of New York is that all the difficulties are completely adjusted; we regret to say that this is not the fact, they are in progress of adjustment, but not yet concluded. The St. John's Body have not yet been disbanded, the subordinates have not yet taken out Warrants from us, nor have they been placed on our Register. Until this is done, no union can be effected. We vouch for no Lodge but those upon our Registry. We claim Masonic privileges for no individual but those connected with them. We are in alliance with no Body claiming to a Grand Lodge in this State, for we acknowledge none but our own within its limits. We trust the day is not far distant when we shall be one fold under one shepherd. We will do all in our power to hasten this desired end consistent with Masonic propriety and principle.

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We have entered into this present negotiation with the honest intention to carry it out. We trust and believe that equal sincerity influences those who must co-operate with us. Due notice will immediately be given the various Grand Lodges when this contemplated union has taken place.

WILLIAM H. MILNOR, *Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.*

Attest: JAMES W. POWELL, M.D., *Grand Secretary.*

It is no perversion of language to say that this document fell among us like a fire-brand, scattering sparks of disgust and ill-will in every direction. Although frequently appealed to, your committee could give no reason for its issue or explain the inconsistency therein set forth. The language of the propositions seemed perfectly plain, it was certainly good language, and, like the Craft in general, we supposed they meant simply what they said. Determined, however, to probe the motive of its issue, letters were immediately addressed to the Brethren comprising the June Committee from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and although one of them had in the hearing of this Grand Lodge expressly declared the propositions exactly what they set forth, and that no tricks or technicalities were concealed, no doubts or ambiguities executed therein and no obstacle could possibly intervene to prevent the consummation of the paternal harmony designed, yet the answers received from them took an entirely different view, and instead of affording us any light only involved the subject in greater mystery.

Resolved, however, to show the Masonic world that the good faith of our jurisdiction had not been

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violated, and that the honor of St. John's Grand Lodge still remained pure and undefiled, we counseled the M. Wor. Grand Master to issue a counter circular, couched in mild language and recommending some course of action for the government of the Fraternity of this jurisdiction.

Acting on this advice our M. Wor. Grand Master immediately issued the following:

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, *Sept.* 21*st*, 1850, A. L. 5850.

To the Wor. Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodges acknowledging the Jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

BRETHREN:—Within a few days a circular (a copy of which is herewith annexed) has been issued by William H. Milnor, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which seems to require some notice at our hands.

The construction placed on the meaning of the propositions adopted in June last are entirely novel, and originated solely with the distinguished Brother from whom they emanated; they do not, we are happy to say, express the feelings of the constituency, and we believe if the M. Wor. Grand Master himself will reflect on them, he must see that, if adopted, they will entirely destroy the peace now existing between us. The tenor of its language has a tendency to mislead Brethren and induce them to believe that there are certain conditions, understood by both parties, to be complied with.

It is only necessary to say that there are no *private* conditions to be complied with. All the conditions and understanding (expressed or implied) are to be found embodied in the propositions. We have endeavored to be consistent in every act committed by us in connection with this subject. St. John's Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the articles in good faith, and with the honest intention of complying with all its promises and negotiations. We believe that there exists wisdom enough in the M. W. Grand Master of the State of

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New York to carry out the only construction that should be, or was intended to be, applied to the propositions, personal constructions to the contrary notwithstanding, and we rest in the fullest confidence that when the ircular referred to shall be presented for their inspection, it will be laid aside as useless and as never sought for to complete the building.

We would therefore earnestly request the Brethren under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge to firmly adhere to the propositions in their spirit and letter, until the will and pleasure of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York is known.

As it has been our desire to end the unfortunate questions of discord too long existing, we are now favorably impressed with the conviction that feelings of conciliation will govern the Brethren throughout our jurisdiction by extending the hand of friendship to every worthy Brother who may approach our doors. Let the principles of Masonic hospitality actuate us, and cheerfully welcome within our Lodges the Brethren acknowledging the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York of which the M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Milnor is Grand Master. Let us continue to open our doors to all who can prove themselves entitled to the privileges of the Craft and thus materially assist in producing harmony in the whole Masonic family within our borders.

HENRY C. ATWOOD,
Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, of the State of New York.

ROBERT MACOY, *Grand Secretary.*

From this it will be seen that no disposition existed on the part of the Grand Officers and your committee to retrace any step they had taken in this matter, or to recall any action emanating from them in regard to the original basis of settlement.

In the early part of the present month a notice was received from R. W. Bro. Powell, Grand Secretary, stating that the committee from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, consisting of the

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elective Grand Officers, would be pleased to meet with your committee for the purpose of discussing the subject intrusted to our deliberations.

The committee representing the two Bodies met on the 14th inst., and both parties were fully represented. The same views were entertained on that occasion by the committee representing the Grand Lodge of the State of New York as are expressed in the Circular already referred to, with this addition, that they still consider us irregular and clandestine, and that no acknowledgment of our Lodges or numbers could take place until St. John's Grand Lodge had dissolved its organization and the subordinates had taken Warrants from them. This, it will be perceived, could never be carried into effect, because it would be entirely setting aside the original terms of agreement, besides forcing us to the humiliating process of being Masonically healed, thereby acknowledging that we had been irregular or clandestine, a condition which your committee take this opportunity of saying they never have, nor never will admit.

Your committee thereupon informed the committee from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York that such conditions would never be entertained, and if nothing else could be offered our labors were at an end; at the same time, to prove our sincerity, we offered to make the original propositions Positive instead of Conditional, but this being refused we withdrew under the impression that all hopes of an honorable union were at an end.

On the following day, however, a request from

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them was received, that we would not report to our Grand Lodge until a meeting of theirs had been called, and another effort made to reconcile our differences.

Determined then that no blame should be laid at our doors in case of an eventual failure, we concluded to offer the following propositions as the ultimatum of the Fraternity under our jurisdiction, and beyond which we, as a committee, felt we had neither the power nor inclination to go:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

The committee appointed by St. John's Lodge of the State of New York, for the purpose of consummating a Fraternal Union with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, do hereby submit the following propositions, as a substitute (in consequence of a misunderstanding and misconstruction as to the true intent and meaning of the original Five Propositions) for the Five Propositions unanimously adopted by the Grand Bodies in June last, to wit:

1st. That St. John's Grand Lodge shall on or before the 27th day of December, 1850, pass a resolution to disband its organization as a Grand Lodge on said 27th day of Dec., 1850.

2nd. That each and every Lodge under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge shall on or before the 23rd day of Dec., 1850, with their own consent surrender their Warrant to St. John's Grand Lodge and take out Warrants from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

3rd. That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York shall immediately on the adoption of these propositions acknowledge the Lodges now subordinate to St. John's Grand Lodge as regular Masonic Bodies and their members as lawful Masons, entitled to all the protection of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York throughout its correspondence, provided that St. John's Grand Lodge and its subordinates also adopt said propositions.

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4th. On the consummation of the Union of the two Bodies, all the Present and Past Officers of now St. John's Grand Lodge shall be installed as Past Grand Officers of the State of New York, and be entitled to receive all the Grand Lodge honors and privileges thereunto belonging.

5th. That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York shall immediately after the confirmation of the above proposition, transmit the same throughout their own jurisdiction, and also to every Grand Lodge in their correspondence.



THE OLD WALTON HOUSE,
East side Franklin Square, between Peck Slip and Dover Street.

6th. That whenever any of the subordinate Lodges now under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge shall have passed a resolution or resolutions in accordance with the tenor of these propositions, said Lodge or Lodges shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof, duly authenticated by the officers of the Lodge, and the seal of said Lodge attached thereto, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

(Signed) DANIEL COCHRANE,
HENRY C. ATWOOD,
ROBERT MACOY,
JOHN W. SIMONS,
DANIEL SICKLES,

Committee on behalf of St. John's Grand Lodge, New York,
October 18th, 1850, A. L. 5850.

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The above propositions, it will be perceived, are more liberal than any heretofore offered, while at the same time they contain the principle that the Lodges and members of this jurisdiction are entirely regular and entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry before the final consummation of the Union.

The following extract from the minutes of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York show their action on the subject, and is now presented to this jurisdiction for final adjudication.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, Oct. 18th, A. L. 5850.

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, held on Friday evening, Oct. 18th, A. L. 5850, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, a communication containing six propositions, signed by David Cochrane, Henry C. Atwood, Robert Macoy, John W. Simons and Daniel Sickles, Committee on the part of St. John's Grand Lodge, is now before this Grand Lodge; and

Whereas, the Body which said committee represent have submitted the said Six Propositions with a preamble setting forth, that for the purpose of consummating a Fraternal Union with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, they do submit their propositions; and

Whereas, this Grand Lodge is desirous of consummating the several propositions adopted by it in June last and assented to by St. John's Grand Lodge, which several propositions intended to restore entire harmony of feeling between the two Bodies; therefore

Resolved, That if provided St. John's Grand Lodge shall on or before the 27th day of December, 1850, adopt a resolution to disband its organization as a Grand Lodge on said 27th day of December, in accordance with the Fifth Proposition passed in June last, and shall furnish an authenticated copy of said resolution under its seal, signed by its Grand

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Officers, to the R. W. James W. Powell, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and provided a certified copy of the passage of similar resolutions by each and all its subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of said St. John's Grand Lodge, shall be furnished the R. W. James W. Powell, Grand Secretary, the M. W. William H. Milnor be requested, on the receipt of the above mentioned, certified by the R. W. Grand Secretary, to revoke the Edict issued by him on Sept. 13th, 1850, and that the Lodges now subordinate to St. John's Grand Lodge shall be considered as regular Masonic Bodies and their members as lawful Masons entitled to the protection of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, being desirous of consummating the Five Propositions agreed to in June last, and of restoring harmony and good feeling between the two Bodies, will use every constitutional means to carry each and every of said propositions into effect.

JAMES W. POWELL, M.D., *Grand Secretary.*

The above is a true extract from the minutes.

Thus, Brethren, this vexed question is at last placed in a position to be finally and honorably settled. In placing the whole subject in your hands for final consideration, your committee entertain the happy conviction that your deliberations will be in unison with the Fraternal teachings of the Masonic Institution; that your acts will convince the world of your love and respect for Harmony, Unity and Universal Masonic Infranchisement. The Fraternity of the Empire State has long and earnestly called for the cessation of hostilities in a family avowedly identical with the divine principles of Friendship, Truth and Brotherly Love.

The subordinate Lodges will receive new Warrants from the M. Wor. Grand Lodge of the State of New York without fee. No alterations of condition or abrogation of privileges is demanded. No Lodge

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will be required to change even its name, its officers, property or place of meeting, nothing but what is purely just and strictly honorable is proposed.

In conclusion, your committee would congratulate the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity on the happy termination of their difficulties, and express a hope that a Union about to be consummated may be as lasting as that which now cements the great confederacy in which we live.

The following resolutions are therefore for your adoption:

Resolved, That St. John's Grand Lodge approve of the propositions presented to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York by your committee, and cordially concur in the preamble and resolutions adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Resolved, That our M. W. Grand Master recommends to all the subordinate Lodges acknowledging this authority, that immediately on the receipt of the foregoing report and the accompanying resolutions that the Wor. Master be directed to summon the Lodge on its next regular communication for final action on the propositions, and when such action is taken to send a properly authenticated copy to our R. W. Grand Secretary, that it may receive an indorsement and be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, according to the terms of the propositions.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the above report and resolutions to every Lodge under this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID COCHRANE,
HENRY C. ATWOOD,
ROBERT MACOY,
JOHN W. SIMONS,
DANIEL SICKLES,
} *Committee.*

(Extract from the minutes of a special meeting of St. John's Grand Lodge, held Oct. 22nd, A. L. 5850.)

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York Lodge, No. 3, after considering the action of the St. John's Grand Lodge as detailed in the foregoing extract from its records, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the propositions and report of the Committee of Conference of St. John's Grand Lodge be and are hereby accepted.

Resolved, That the resolutions attached to the report of the Committee of Conference of St. John's Grand Lodge relative to the proposed union with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, be adopted.

Resolved, That York Lodge, No. 3, do surrender its Warrant to St. John's Grand Lodge in accordance with the above-named resolutions, and apply for a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Lodge be instructed to forward to the Grand Secretary of St. John's Grand Lodge a copy of the above resolutions under the seal of this Lodge.

R. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 3, held Dec. 18th, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed to make preparations for the celebration of the Union between the two Grand Lodges, to take place on Dec. 27th, A. L. 5850. Bros. Hendershott, Brewer and Devoy were appointed such committee.

The proceedings on the memorable occasion of the Union consummated between St. John's Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York on St. John's Day, December 27th, A. L. 5850, are copied from the transactions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York as follows:

A special meeting of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of

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Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was held at the Grand Lodge Room, City Hotel (late Howard House), 429 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 27th of December, A. L. 5850, to consummate the Union of the Brethren hitherto under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The Grand Lodge opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

PRESENT.

M. Wor. WILLIAM H. MILNOR,.....*Grand Master.*
R. Wor. OSCAR COLES,..... ....as *Dep. Grand Master.*
Wor. THOS. DUGAN,.....as *Senior Grand Warden.*
" B. S. ADAMS,... ..... as *Junior Grand Warden.*
R. Wor. JAS. W. POWELL,.....*Grand Secretary.*
" " G. BOYCE,.....*Grand Treasurer.*
" " & Rev. SALEM TOWN, LL.D., *Grand Chaplain.*
" " " A. E. CAMPBELL,... " "
" " S. ABRAHAMS,.....*Grand Marshal.*
Wor. E. JENKS,.....as *Grand Standard Bearer.*
" GEO. GIBBONS,.....as *Grand Sword Bearer.*
" FINLAY M. KING,..... ..as *Grand Steward.*
" JOHN L. LEWIS,.....*Senior Grand Deacon.*
" JOS. D. EVANS,.....*Junion Grand Deacon.*
" GEO. SKINNER,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
" SENAL FISK,.....*Grand Tiler.*

VISITORS.

The M. Wor. Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut.
M. Wor. A. C. Babcock, P. Grand Master of Connecticut.
M. Wors. D. B. Bruen, E. Stewart, J. S. Darcy, and S. B. Munn, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; and
R. Wor. Bro. Kerwood, our Representative at the Grand Lodge New Jersey, with Representatives of forty-four Lodges in this and other jurisdictions.

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The Grand Master, after some appropriate remarks on peace and unity, informed the Brethren that the day had arrived for the consummation of the UNION, which had been so ardently looked forward to by the Fraternity throughout the entire United States, of the Brethren hitherto under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and for that purpose he had convened this special communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Marshal introduced the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, comprising all her Officers, the Grand Officers of New Jersey, and the other visitors respectively, who were all cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Marshal to form the procession.

The procession was accordingly formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal with twelve assistants in the following order, and moved at 10 o'clock up Broadway to Tripler Hall, 659 Broadway, opposite Bond Street.

United States Band.
The Lodges of this State in rotation according to seniority of rank, the Junior preceding, divided into six divisions, under the Banners of FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY, WISDOM, STRENGTH and BEAUTY.
Lodges from other States.
Grand Lodges of the State of Connecticut and New Jersey.
Past Grand Officers of other States.
Representatives of Grand Lodges.

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. Atkin's Brass Band.
Grand Tiler, with drawn Sword.
Grand Stewards, with White Rods.
A Brother carrying a Golden Vessel of Corn.
Two Brethren carrying Silver Vessels, one of Wine the other of Oil.
R. W. Grand Secretary.
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Cornucopia borne by two Brethren.
Four Past Masters, bearing the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, supported by two Stewards with White Rods.
The Tuscan and Composite Orders.
The Doric, Ionic and Corinthian Orders.
The Bee-Hive.
Past Grand Officers.
The Globes.
The Ark of the Covenant,
Borne by four Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Conn.
R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplains.
R. W. Junior and Senior Grand Wardens.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, supported by two Stewards with Rods.
The Master of the oldest Lodge, carrying the Book of the Constitutions.
Grand Standard Bearer, with the Banner of the Grand Lodge, assisted by two Brethren.
M. W. GRAND MASTER.
The Grand Deacons, on a line seven feet apart, on the right and left of the Grand Master, with Black Rods.
Grand Sword Bearer, with a drawn Sword.
Two Stewards, with White Rods.

On arriving at the Hall, the procession halted, opened to the right and left, and faced inward, while the Grand Master and others, in succession, passed through and entered the Hall, and took the places assigned to them. During the entrée, and

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while the Brethren were taking their respective positions, the bands continued to play appropriate airs. The galleries were already filled with ladies and gentlemen—the invited auditors.

At the sound of the gavel, the Brethren all arose, when the R. Wor. and Rev. Alfred E. Campbell offered up an eloquent and most impressive prayer, imploring the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe on the good work of Peace, Harmony and Love in which they were about to engage.

The following Hymn was then sung in admirable style by an efficient choir, conducted by Stephen Leach, Esq., accompanied by Bro. W. B. Rockwood on the organ.

MASONIC HYMN.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in virtuous love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be join'd in heart,
And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way;
While each in expectation lives,
And longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all Eternity.

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While these ceremonies were progressing St. John's Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges assembled at the Grand Lodge Room, 274 Grand Street, and moved in procession, accompanied by Dodworth's and Shelton's Brass Bands, to Tripler Hall, under the direction of R. Wor. Wm. H. Underhill, Grand Marshal.

SPECIAL AIDS.

Chas. W. Willets, Joseph C. Pinckney.

Assisted by Brothers

Geo. W. Stevenson,	A. N. Brewer,
John Cranshaw,	Will. Cooper,
Reuben Van Tassell,	Henry Vogelsang,
Wm. H. Applegate,	L. Moriarty,
Andrew Fisher,	W. B. Worrall,
Chas. Newton,	Robert H. Shannon.

Their approach was heralded by a flourish of trumpets. Being duly announced and admitted, they were received with the public grand honors. The whole scene, at this time, was truly magnificent and intensely exciting. Each tier of the immense saloon was densely crowded by the youth and beauty of our city. The stage, considerably enlarged beyond its ordinary dimensions, was occupied by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and New Jersey, the invited guests from our sister States, and other Brothers of high rank in the Order. On one side of the Grand Master rested the Sacred Ark, with the Cherubim; and on the other side the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, on a crimson cushion. The members of the subordinate Lodges, attended by their officers, were ranged along the

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floor of the Hall. At this moment the trumpets sounded—the doors were thrown open; St. John's Grand Lodge entered the Grand Saloon in most admirable order, escorted by the Sir Knights Templar of Palestine Encampment, and followed by its subordinate bodies and marching with military precision, filed off to their allotted positions. The four bands continued to play in unison several soul-stirring pieces of music. The entire area and platform of this immense saloon was now thronged with between three and four thousand Masons. The numerous flags and banners, bearing aloft various striking Masonic emblems and devices—the gorgeous Regalia of the Grand Officers, their glittering jewels, the appropriate and beautiful clothing of the Officers and Members of the Blue Lodges, contrasting with the bright scarlet of the Royal Arch Masons and the antique costume of the Templar—combined to form a Masonic pageant never equaled in the New, and probably never surpassed in the Old World. But the enthusiasm and deep heartfelt joy manifested by all Brethren present, far surpassed, in the estimation of the sincere lovers of our Order, the dazzling brilliancy and splendor of this sublime and never-to-be-forgotten scene.

As soon as each Grand Officer of St. John's Grand Lodge had taken the place reserved for him, at the right of the corresponding Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and their subordinate bodies had assumed their positions on the floor of the Hall,—the Grand Lodge of the State of New York gave them a Grand Salute.

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The M. W. Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, Henry C. Atwood, then arose and made a short address, congratulating the Brethren upon the occasion which they were about to celebrate. Addressing Grand Master Milnor, he narrated in brief the circumstances under which the dissension originally occurred. Speaking of himself and companions who then left the Grand Lodge, he said, the olive branch had been extended to them, and they had returned—but not alone: no, they were attended by this escort (pointing to the numerous assemblage of persons in the centre of the house). He concluded by saying, I present them to you as Masons—Masons by name and by practice.

Grand Master Milnor replied:

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER: In the name and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I bid you and your associates welcome. As the official head of the Grand Lodge, I receive you and your Brethren, Masons good and true, who have faithfully endeavored to promote the great principles of our Order, as members of this jurisdiction—hereafter to be recognized as such, entitled to all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging.

My Brethren: The union, so long desired by the Masons, not only of this great State, but throughout the United States, is now completed. All difficulties which heretofore may have existed are ended. The wall of partition is broken down, never, I trust, to be rebuilt. There seems a peculiar propriety that such a Union should be consummated on this day—a day held sacred by all Masons—a day on which multitudes of the Brethren, throughout the civilized globe, are gathered together to renew their pledges of love and fidelity, to rekindle their zeal, to confirm their faith. There is many a joyous meeting at this moment, where hands are clasped and hearts are knit in true Masonic friendship; but there are none more joy-

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ous than this. The happy countenances before and around me speak this more forcibly than words of mine. Who can look upon a scene like this and not realize, in all its fullness, "How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion." Thanks to the Supreme Architect, who has imbued our hearts with the spirit of Unity, and has so disposed the minds of the Brethren, that with one accord they have come up to this house to-day to honor His Holy Name, by obeying His commands. Glory be to God on High.

(Response by the Brethren, So mote it be. Amen.)

My Brethren, I am but the organ of others. There are hundreds of hearts around us, beating responsive to mine, when I again, most cordially, bid you a Fraternal welcome. I extend to you the grip of friendship and fellowship, and receive you amongst us, as a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

A round of cheers of welcome was here given by the Grand Lodge and subordinates, and each Brother, grasping his fellow by the right hand in Fraternal embrace, consummated this glorious Union. The scene of cordial greeting and mutual congratulations that ensued baffles description. Few could control their feelings, a tear of joy gushed from many an eye, and trickled down over many a manly and honest face. Such a scene, to be at all appreciated, must have been witnessed. It was an epoch in Masonry ever to be remembered.

Grand Master Henry C. Atwood then called for Grand Standard Bearer Thos. Hyatt, of St. John's Grand Lodge, who came forward and received the custody of the Banner of St. John's, with the injunction to protect it as faithfully as he had heretofore

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defended it. This the Grand Standard Bearer promised to do, and the Grand Master addressed the members of the Lodges on the subject of the dissolution about to take place. He enforced upon their minds the necessity of obedience to all the mandates of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction they were about to place themselves. In conclusion, he said:

"Under the sound of the same gavel that first called the Lodge to order, I now declare St. John's Grand Lodge dissolved." He then desired the Brethren of Lodges until now under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge to salute the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. This was done in a manner worthy of men and Masons, and we venture to say that this salute was never before given in this city by so large a body of the Fraternity or with such heartfelt enthusiasm.

The union was thus happily accomplished and St. John's Grand Lodge passed into history. The following song was then sung by the choir, accompanied by Dodworth's Band:

Thus happily met, united and free,
A foretaste of Heaven we prove;
Then join heart and hand and firmly agree
To cultivate Brotherly love.

With corn, wine and oil our table replete,
The altar of friendship divine;
Each virtue and grace the circle complete,
With aid of the musical nine.

Thus blest and thus blessing in work so supreme
May Masonry daily increase;
Its grand scheme of morals our favorite theme,
The source of contentment and peace.

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The Masters of the several Lodges which had worked under the jurisdiction of the St. John's Grand Lodge were called upon to come forward and receive their new Warrants. The first Master called was Wor. Bro. Thos. Abbott, of Independent Lodge, No. 7, his Lodge being designated the Senior Lodge of that jurisdiction. On coming upon the stage Past Grand Master Henry C. Atwood introduced him to the Grand Master. The Grand Secretary read to him the new Charter of Independent Lodge, which henceforth was to be No. 185. The other Masters were then called forward, but the ceremony of reading the Charter was not performed in any instance except the first.

The following are the names of the Lodges with the new numbers which they received with their Charters:

Armour	Lodge,	No. 186	Silentia	Lodge,	No. 198
Darcy	"	" 187	Harmony	"	" 199
Marsh	"	" 188	Zeredatha	"	" 200
Continental	"	" 189	Joppa	"	" 201
Munn	"	" 190	Zschokke	"	" 202
Lebanon	"	" 191	Templar,	"	" 203
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After the presentation of the Charter, the following Masonic Ode, written for the occasion by Bro. George W. Stephenson, was sung by the choir:

Hail to the day that cements our loved band;
Hail to the day that sends peace through the land;
Let Masons rejoice—spread the glad tidings wide—
Our Union's completed, no more to divide.

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This day sees the blest consummation of love;
The olive branch borne in the beak of the dove;
Prosperity smiles, and bright virtue stands pleased,
That the demon of discord has now been appeased.

May we ne'er from the pathway of peace again stray
Nor forget to pluck wisdom from life's stormy way;
That our future career may with pleasure abound,
When sweet mystical love does our circle surround.

To the great Divine Architect let us give thanks
That His wisdom has brought us in brotherly ranks;
Let the mantle of charity cover all faults;
From danger and faction we're safe from assaults.

An oration was next delivered by the Grand Master of the State. The eloquent and impressive production was listened to with breathless attention by the vast multitude present, and frequently interrupted by warm plaudits.

A hymn was then sung by the choir, after which a truly beautiful and touching prayer and benediction was pronounced by the gifted and venerable Brother, R. Wor. and Rev. Salem Town, LL.D., Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge then reformed in order of procession, when the United Brethren fell into their respective positions, and moved down Broadway to the Park, up Park Row, Chatham Street and the Bowery, to Union Square, and down Broadway to Tripler Hall, where about one thousand Brethren sat down to a superb and elegant banquet.

So after a period of thirteen years York Lodge returned to the body which granted its original Charter.

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At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 197, held in Warren Hall, on Jan. 15th, A. L. 5851, John McCollum, Master; Neal Morrison, Senior Warden; Charles J. Spencer, Junior Warden; William A. Freeborn, Treasurer; and R. Hamilton, Secretary, the following named Brethren



TRIPLER (METROPOLITAN) HALL,
Broadway, opposite Bond Street.

stated their wish to withdraw from this Lodge for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, to be called Worth. They being clear on the books, permission was granted to form such a Lodge to Joseph McArthur, G. J. Gregory, John W. Timson, Peter Morrison, Henry Pope, William Randolph, William A. Cromwell, John H. Mead, William P. Scholfield, Henry Rable, Henry B. Shaphoff, Joseph Hodgeman and James Stearns.

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At a communication held Feb. 12th the trustees reported that they had hired a hall for a meeting room, on the corner of Broome and Crosby Streets, and the Lodge immediately thereafter removed to the new quarters.

On June 11th an invitation was received from Elmira Chapter, and Union Lodge, No. 95, of Elmira, requesting York Lodge to unite with them in celebrating the coming anniversary of St. John the Baptist's Day in their city on the 24th inst., which invitation was accepted.

On Aug. 6th, a communication was read calling the attention of this Lodge to an editoral published in the *Freemason's Magazine*, by Charles W. Moore, of Boston, bearing date Aug. 1st, 1851, which was considered to contain charges offensive to this Lodge. The subject, after discussion, was laid over until the next regular communication, and the Secretary ordered to notify the members. On the following meeting of the Lodge, the communication reflecting upon the character of Past Grand Master Henry C. Atwood, and the members of the late St. John's Grand Lodge, as having been connected with a spurious and clandestine body, was read, and the resolutions appended thereto adopted, and a copy forwarded to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

On Sept. 3rd, the Wor. Master announced the death of Past Master John L. Harway, and ordered the Secretary, by a vote of the Lodge, to invite M. W. P. G. M. Henry C. Atwood to perform the funeral ceremonies at the grave, and also ordered

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the Secretary to address a letter of condolence to the widow and family of the deceased Brother. The Lodge was then closed through respect to the memory of the deceased Past Master.

By virtue of a Dispensation granted by the Grand Master, Oscar Coles, the Lodge assembled on the 4th day of Sept., A. L. 5851, with P. G. Master Henry C. Atwood in the East, who announced that the Brethren had been called together for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late Brother John L. Harway. After the usual ceremonies in the Lodge the Brethren marched to the house of the deceased, thence to Cypress Hills Cemetery, where the usual Masonic ceremonies were duly performed over his remains.

On the 24th inst., the M. W. Grand Master granted a Dispensation to confer the E. A., F. C. and M. M. Degrees on Mr. John Sturges, all of which he received in due form.

On the 26th of Nov., a number of Brethren assembled and conferred the Eastern Star Degree on four ladies, wives of Master Masons, who were in attendance.

At a communication held on Dec. 17th, on the corner of Broome and Crosby Streets, the Lodge held their annual election for officers to serve during the ensuing year with the following result:

NEAL MORRISON,.....*Master.*
CHARLES J. SPENCER,.....*Senior Warden.*
GEORGE HENDERSHOTT,.....*Junior "*
RICHARD THUM,..... .....*Treasurer.*
HENRY WHICHELLO,..... .....*Secretary.*

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The officers were then duly installed, after which, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. John McCollum was presented with a P. M. Jewel.

On May 19th, A. L. 5852, a communication was read from Phillipstown Lodge, inviting this Lodge to be present at the dedication of their Hall at Cold Spring, N. Y.

On the following communication Bro. Morrison, of Fredericksburg, Va., made application for money to help build a monument to General George Washington at Fredericksburg, which was referred to a committee of three with power.

Bro. Morrison had in his possession, and placed upon the altar for the inspection of the Brethren, the Bible on which Brother and General George Washington took his first vows to Masonry on November 4th, A. L. 5752. This relic was at this time, and is now in the possession of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Fredericksburg, Va. The records show that an appropriation was made by the Lodge for the purpose of assisting in the erection of this monument.

On Dec. 15th, the Annual Election of Officers took place with the following result:

GEORGE HENDERSHOTT,.....*Master.*
ROBERT HAMILTON,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Junior* "
NEAL MORRISON, M.D.,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

On Feb. 16th, A. L. 5853, Wor. Bro. Hendershott presented the Lodge with a full set of Working Tools, when the Lodge ordered his name engraved upon them, and tendered him a vote of thanks.

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At the first communication in Aug., Bro. Neal Morrison offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of York Lodge, No. 197, F. & A. M., after a full and calm deliberation concerning the present condition of the Masonic Fraternity in the State of New York, do most earnestly recommend that the Grand Lodge of the State be divided into a Northern and Southern Section, fully believing that such a course would greatly conduce to the reconciliation of the past and present difficulties among the members of the Order.

This resolution was adopted.

On Sept. 21st, M. W. P. G. M. Charles Scott, Chancellor of the State of Mississippi, was made an Honorary Member of York Lodge by unanimous vote, and presented with a certificate of membership.

At a regular communication held on the 21st of December, the fees for initiation and advancement were fixed at $20.00 instead of $15.00 as formerly, and the dues were raised to five dollars per annum. At this communication the Lodge went into an election for officers, which resulted as follows:

JOHN FOWLER, ... *Master.*
RUFUS S. KEMP, ... *Senior Warden.*
ABSALOM NORTHROP, ... *Junior "*
NEAL MORRISON, M.D., ... *Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM, ... *Secretary.*

On Feb. 1st, A. L., 5854, the Lodge expelled Bro. Will. Hays for unmasonic conduct.

On April 19th, an invitation was received from the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, to attend the ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of General Wooster, at Danbury, Conn.

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The committee appointed on the 9th of Aug. to consider and examine the proposed Constitution of the Grand Lodge, known as the "Revised and Amended Constitution," containing 126 sections, reported that they had examined its several sections separately, many of which they considered good, and many very objectionable, and as it had to be confirmed or rejected as a whole, reported against it, and returned it for final action. The new Constitution was read to the Lodge, and by a vote taken was unanimously rejected. The Constitution was, however, afterwards adopted by a majority of the Lodges, and became the organic law of this jurisdiction.

On December 13th, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, the result being as follows:

ABSALOM NORTHROP,.....*Master.*
ALEXANDER PROUDFOOT,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN R. ROLLINS,.....*Junior "*
HENRY L. WHEELER,.. .....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

All of whom were duly installed.

On Feb. 14th, A. L. 5855, the Committee on Testimonials reported that they had procured a Past Master's Jewel. This Jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. John Fowler, with an appropriate address by Bro. Miner, which was responded to by the recipient.

It was reported on April 11th, that Bro. Ed. C. Bretell had died on the 10th inst., and the following letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the

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family of deceased, together with a certificate of membership:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Bro. E. C. Bretell, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this Lodge, while they deeply deplore the loss of their Brother, at the same time bow with submission to the decree of Divine providence. That we sympathize with the bereaved family of our late Brother in the sudden and heavy affliction with which they have been visited; and

Resolved, That the altar be draped and the members wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

On the last meeting in December the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

ALEXANDER PROUDFOOT,.....*Master.*
JOHN R. ROLLINS,.....*Senior Warden.*
THEO. MINER,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

All of whom were duly installed by Wor. Bro. H. F. L. Bunting, of Adelphi Lodge.

On Jan. 23rd, A. L. 5856, the retiring Master was presented with a solid gold fob chain.

An Edict, bearing date March 26th, was promulgated by the Deputy Grand Master, forbidding Lodges to meet in rooms occupied by irregular Lodges, such Edict having been issued in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge.

On the 16th of July, Geo. W. Matsell, Chief of Police, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M.

On Dec. 17th, the Lodge proceeded to elect officers for the following year, with this result:

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ABSALOM NORTHROP,.....*Master.*
WILLIAM T. SWIFT,.....*Senior Warden.*
SAMUEL S. DAY, JR.,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

On Jan. 21st, A. L. 5857, Past Masters Hendershott and Proudfoot were presented with gold watch chains.

On the 4th of the following month, the Committee on By-Laws presented a code, which was approved and 500 copies ordered printed.

On Nov. 19th of the same year, a communication was received from a committee of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, inviting the members of York Lodge to be present at their 100th Anniversary, to be held in the Grand Lodge Room in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the 7th of December. The Lodge accepted the invitation and attended in a body.

On the last meeting of the year, A. L. 5857, the Lodge balloted for officers. The following were elected:

THEO. MINER,.....*Master.*
SAMUEL S. DAY, JR.,.....*Senior Warden.*
WILLIAM H. SMALL,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM, ...*Secretary*

All were duly installed.

In consequence of burglars having broken open the closets and stolen the Jewels of this and all the other Lodges meeting in Warren Hall, a committee was appointed to procure new Jewels.

On Feb. 18th, A. L. 5858, an application was made by a number of Brethren for a recommendation to

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the Grand Lodge for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, to be called "Kane," and such recommendation was given.

On June 17th, a representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York announced at a communication of York Lodge, that the claims of a rival body, which had assumed to be a Grand Lodge and exercising authority within this State, had been withdrawn, and that the said body had duly acknowledged the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and that a Union had been consummated with entire satisfaction to all parties concerned.

On Dec. 16th, the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

THEO. MINER,.....*Master.*
SAMUEL S. DAY, JR.,.....*Senior Warden.*
WILLIAM H. SMALL,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

On June 6th, A. L. 5859, Wor. Bro. Timson was elected an honorary member of this Lodge, he being its first Master.

The annual election of officers took place on Dec. 19th, which resulted as follows:

THEO. C. MINER,.....*Master.*
SAMUEL S. DAY, JR.,.....*Senior Warden.*
WILLIAM H. SMALL,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

The above officers were installed by Wor. Bro. William B. Shove, of Greenwich Lodge.

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On October 15th, A. L. 5860, a donation of one dollar was made for the benefit of R. W. Ebenezer Wadsworth, this being in accordance with a recommendation of the Grand Lodge that all Lodges in this jurisdiction donate that amount.

On Dec. 17th, the following officers were chosen to fill the stations and places for the ensuing year:

SAMUEL S. DAY, JR., ... *Master.*
WILLIAM H. SMALL, ... *Senior Warden.*
GEORGE K. CHASE, ... *Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER, ... *Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM, ... *Secretary.*

On the 4th of Feb., A. L. 5861, the Lodge held its 734th regular communication. The Master reported the death of Bro. William J. F. Damon, who departed this life on January 25th, and that his remains had been followed to New York Bay Cemetery by a number of Brethren, and deposited in the receiving vault with the usual honors and the ceremonies of the Order. His body was subsequently interred in a grave in the plot belonging to the Lodge, this being the first interment in the plot. Zetland Chapter contributed $36 to assist in defraying the expenses of the funeral.

On Feb. 18th, R. W. Bro. Henry C. Banks, D. D. G. M., visited the Lodge officially, this was the first official visit made by any Grand Officer since A. L. 5850.

On the last communication of this year, Dec. 16th, the following Brethren were elected officers and on the same evening were duly installed:

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GEO. K. CHASE,.....*Master.*
WM. H. SMALL,.....*Senior Warden.*
ED. FROST,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

On Feb. 3rd, A. L. 5862, the Lodge, having become dissatisfied with its present quarters, and learning from the report of a committee previously appointed that a suitable room was vacant on the N. W. cor. of Greene and Fourth Streets, resolved to occupy the same at a rental of $150 annually, and the next meeting was held in these rooms on Feb. 17th.

On the 7th of April, charges were preferred by Bros. Calvin and Northrop, of Montauk Lodge, against Bro. Fred. G. Ford, of this Lodge, for unmasonic conduct, on two specifications, viz., for speaking in a contemptuous manner of Masonry in general and of this Lodge in particular, and named the following witnesses to substantiate the charges: Bros. Apolant, of Excelsior Lodge; Hawkins, of Adelphi Lodge; Northrop, of George Washington Lodge; Chamberlain, of Corner Stone Lodge; and Asabel R. Henick, Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The following named Brethren were appointed as a Committee of Investigation: George W. White, John S. Benson and Isaac Dubois. Wor. Bro. Chase then handed the Junior Warden the following written statement:

That on the evening of April 7th, A. L. 5862, in York Lodge, No. 197, Bro. Fred. G. Ford did assert that the Master of said Lodge had conspired with the persons making the charges against him, which

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charge W. Bro. Chase asked to have investigated, and Bro. Ford dealt with accordingly. This matter was referred to the committee appointed to investigate the charges made by Bros. Calvin and Northrop.

On July 21st, the committee to whom was referred certain charges by Bros. Calvin and Northrop against Bro. F. G. Ford, recommended that the said charges be dismissed, the evidence showing conclusively that they were utterly false and unsupported, unsustained by evidence and unfounded in fact. In reference to the second charge preferred by Wor. Bro. Chase the committee reported that they were satisfied that Wor. Bro. Chase was in no manner connected with the controversy between the parties, except as mediator, and recommended that Bro. F. G. Ford for his conduct and language be reprimanded in open Lodge. On motion the word "cautioned" was substituted.

A communication dated Nov. 3rd, A. L. 5862, recited that Bro. Samuel L. Rosse was killed at the battle of South Mountain.

On Dec. 15th, the Lodge chose the following officers for the ensuing year:

EDWARD FROST,.....*Master.*
WM. H. SMALL, ...*Senior Warden.*
JOHN W. FRASER,.....*Junior "*
JOHN FOWLER, ...*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

On Jan. 19th, A. L. 5863, Wor. Bro. George K. Chase was presented with a gold watch by the members of the Lodge, and on a subsequent con-

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vocation the following Brethren applied for a dispensation to form Gramercy Lodge: Geo. K. Chase, Geo. W. White, Edward J. Richmond, Isaac Dubois, John S. Benson, Robt. A. Gregory, Will. Towers, Sam'l W. Thompson, James Black, Joseph Berghauer, James F. Traunt, James McAlister, James L. Miller, Henry C. Leet, Chas Whitlock, Levy M. Northrop, John Forshay, Lemuel N. Freeman and Rufus E. Glass. On Feb. 27th, A. L. 5863, the Grand Master granted their request.

A special meeting took place on Feb. 21st for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Billings Drake, who died on the evening of the 19th inst. The Lodge proceeded to Tarrytown and deposited the remains in the Tarrytown Cemetery. The thanks of the Lodge were tendered to Solomon's Lodge, No. 196, of Tarrytown, for their kindness and assistance on this occasion.

On April 6th, R. W. Bro. J. B. Y. Somers, D. D. G. M., made an official visit, and on the same evening a letter of condolence was sent to the widow of our deceased Bro. Billings Drake, together with a donation of $25.

On December following a letter was received from the Grand Master, Clinton F. Sage, announcing the death of our R. W. D. G. M., John B. Yates Somers, at the early age of thirty-five years, and requesting that Lodges of Sorrow be held throughout the jurisdiction. The request of the M. W. Grand Master was generally observed by the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction by which the deceased had been highly esteemed for his ability and worth.

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At this meeting the following Brethren were duly elected and installed by Wor. Bro. Miner:

SAMUEL S. DAY, JR.,.....*Master.*
JOHN W. FRASER,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN GARLAND,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

On Feb. 15th, A. L. 5864, the committee appointed to investigate the financial transactions between W. Bro. George K. Chase and the widow of Bro. Samuel L. Rosse, reported that they had found that Mrs. Rosse applied to Bro. Chase for relief; that he procured from this Lodge a donation of $25; that she stated her late husband had had his life insured for $1000 in the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, but had neglected to pay the premium for some months previous to his leaving for the war; that he had failed to notify the Insurance Company or pay his war risk, consequently the policy was forfeited and the company would pay her nothing. They found further that Bro. Chase took the matter in hand, and after much trouble obtained from the Insurance Company a donation of $443.65, also a donation from Mr. Stephens of $10, making a total of $488.65, all of which money Bro. Chase had paid over to Mrs. Rosse.

On March 7th, Bro. Charles Cooper was reported accidentally killed, and his family left in straitened circumstances, when a donation was made to the widow of $25, and the remains of the Brother were buried in York Lodge Plot, in New York Bay Cemetery.

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July 18th, a motion to amend the By-Laws, to increase the initiation fee to $25.00, was adopted at this communication.

Dec. 19th, a private committee of the Lodge brought forward a service of plate which they had procured and presented to Wor. Bro. John Fowler, Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. Samuel J. S. Vose making the presentation speech. The Brethren then proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

JOHN W. FRASER,.....*Master.*
JOHN W. TYLER,.....*Senior Warden.*
WALLACE DICKSON,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER, ...*Treasurer*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

All of whom were duly installed.

An emergent communication was held on Sunday morning, Jan. 22nd, A. L. 5865, at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Bro. Robert Garland.

The Lodge then proceeded to the residence of the deceased Brother and from thence to New York Bay Cemetery, where the remains were deposited in the Lodge Plot with Masonic honors.

On March 20th, A. L. 5865, the Lodge was visited by R. W. I. N. Ballstier, D. D. G. M., who addressed the Lodge on many important subjects. During the evening a communication was received from New York Bay Cemetery Association demanding an assessment of two dollars on each lot, amounting to $16.00.

On June 5th, the Lodge received information that

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Bro. John Smith had died at sea; also that Bro. Geo. L. Harway had died; no particulars were given. Information was subsequently received that the latter had been killed in battle near Richmond on March 21st of this year.

June 25th, the Lodge joined the procession at the funeral of the R. W. G. Treasurer Charles L. Church, when M. W. Robt. D. Holmes requested the Lodge Jewels to be dressed in mourning as an evidence of respect for our deceased R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On the last meeting in December, the members proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

WALLACE DICKSON,.....*Master.*
HENRY S. BROWN,.....*Senior Warden.*
BERNARD B. QUINN,.....*Junior "*
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

At a special meeting called on the 30th inst. they were duly installed.

On February 6th, A.L. 5866, the Master presented, in an appropriate speech and in the name of the Lodge, a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. John W. Fraser, who feelingly responded.

On March following the Master appointed Bro. Sam'l S. Day, Jr., as Assistant Secretary.

An emergent meeting was called on Sunday, the 5th of August, at 1 P. M., for the purpose of attend the funeral of P. M. John W. Fraser, who died on Thursday, Aug. 2nd. A procession was formed, accompanied by the members of Corinthian Chapter,

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No. 159, R. A. M., which proceeded to Hoboken, N. J., where it was met by the members of Hoboken Lodge, No. 35, and Pentalpha Chapter, R. A. M., who joined in the procession and proceeded to the late residence of the deceased and followed the remains to Trinity Church, Hoboken, N. J., where the burial services were performed by the officiating clergy, after which the Lodge proceeded with the remains to New York Bay Cemetery and the usual Masonic ceremonies were observed.

Suitable resolutions were afterwards adopted and sent to Hoboken Lodge and to Pentalpha Chapter, thanking them for their attendance at the obsequies of our late Brother, and a letter of condolence was ordered sent to the widow.

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, held on Monday evening, August 20th, A. L. 5866, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Great Architect of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom having decreed to summon our Worthy Brother John W. Fraser from our midst, the Masonic Fraternity have again been called upon to bow with submission to this dispensation of His all-wise providence; and

Whereas, Hoboken Lodge, No. 35, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, by expressed desire of our deceased Brother, and by invitation from this Lodge, having united with us in paying the last sad tribute of respect to his memory in our funeral rites and honors; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of York Lodge, No. 197, F. & A. M., be hereby tendered to Hoboken Lodge, No. 35, for the kind manner in which they responded to the request of our deceased Worthy Brother.

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Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records, and a copy be delivered to Hoboken Lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M.

(Signed) WALLACE DICKSON, SAM'L S. DAY, JR., JOHN FOWLER, THOS. B. BYRNE, } *Committee.*

Similar resolutions were also sent to Pentalpha Chapter, R. A. M.

On Sept. 3rd, a committee brought forward an engrossed letter of condolence and resolutions for the widow of our deceased Brother John W. Fraser, but she having died in the meantime, on motion it was ordered to send the same, with our late Brother's Past M. Jewel, to his father in Scotland, which order was duly executed.

Nov. 9th, the Lodge closed at 9 P. M. for the purpose of conferring the Eastern Star Degree on the wives and daughters of Master Masons. The Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Dickson.

Dec. 17th, the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

HENRY S. BROWN,.....*Master.*
EDWARD H. OSBORN,.....*Senior Warden.*
SAM'L J. S. VOSE,.....*Junior "*
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

All of whom were duly installed.

On Nov. 18th, A. L. 5867, the Lodge presented W. Bro. Sam'l S. Day, Jr., with an elegant gold watch. An appropriate address from W. Bro. Dickson was responded to in a feeling manner by the recipient.

On the following month the Lodge went into an election for officers, with the following result:

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HENRY S. BROWN,.....*Master.*
JOHN B. CORBY,.....*Senior Warden.*
WM. J. PUGSLEY,.....*Junior "*
SAM'L S. DAY, JR.,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

A special meeting was called March 8th, A. L. 5868, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Will. McNally, who died on Friday, 6th inst. The Lodge proceeded to his late residence, corner of 8th Ave. and 44th Street, thence to New York Bay Cemetery, and deposited his remains in the plot belonging to this Lodge with the usual Masonic ceremonies. At the next regular communication, the committee on fencing the plot in New York Bay Cemetery reported that they had made a contract to have the lots enclosed with granite posts and double iron railing for the sum of $385.00, and also reported that they had settled to pay the trustees of the cemetery $8.00 per annum, instead of $16.00, the amount formerly asked, and had also concluded to change the location of the lots as recommended by the company.

On July 6th the death of P. M. Will. A. Freeborn was reported. He died at White Plains on June 27th, A. L. 5868, which event did not come to the knowledge of the members in time to admit of their attending the funeral. On the same evening the Treasurer of the Ball Committee returned $205.50, this being the proceeds of a ball held on January, A. L. 5867, for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

A special meeting was called by request of the

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Grand Master on Sunday morning, Aug. 8th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Wor. Bro. Sewell Fisk, Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge. About twenty-five members assembled and proceeded to the church in 18th Street, near 5th Avenue, with members of other Lodges, in funeral procession.

On Dec. 21st, the constitutional time having elapsed, the Master ordered the Brethren to prepare their ballots for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The result was as follows:

WALLACE DICKSON,.....*Master.*
JOHN V. PERKINS,.....*Senior Warden.*
THOS. KEATING,.....*Junior* "
SAM'L S. DAY, JR.,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

They were all installed on the same evening.

On the 18th of January, A. L. 5869, Wor. Bro. Wesley B. Church, the Master of Sylvan Grove Lodge, was duly elected an Honorary Member of this Lodge, and a certificate handsomely engrossed to that effect was presented to him.

March 15th, A. L. 5869, the Secretary of the Committee of the York Lodge Association submitted a report as follows:

Whereas, at a regular communication of this Lodge, held April 20th, A. L. 5868, permission was granted to use the name of York Lodge in getting up a picnic, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to procuring a monument to be placed in the plot belonging to this Lodge in New York Bay Cemetery, and

Whereas, the Association did, under the name of York Lodge, get up a picnic on the 14th July, A. L. 5868, for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned, and as there was a net profit of four hundred dollars realized, your committee believe there should

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be a fund created outside of the general fund of this Lodge for the sole purpose of procuring and placing a monument in said plot, and for repairing and ornamenting the same as the Lodge may direct.

Resolved, That the four hundred dollars be turned over to the Trustees and deposited in a bank as the York Lodge Mounment Fund, and that all moneys hereafter raised for the aforesaid purpose, be transferred to the said Trustees or their successors in office.

(Signed) JOHN V. PERKINS, *Secretary*.

On June 21st, R. W. Bro. Selmes, D. D. G. M., visited this Lodge by order of the M. W. G. M., who had received a letter from Wor. Bros. Fowler and Brown asking his decision in reference to the legality of electing honorary members by a show of hands, there being a difference of opinion in regard to the election of Wor. Bro. Wesley B. Church to honorary membership in that manner. The D. D. after hearing a statement of the case reserved his decision until he had communicated the fact to the Grand Master. The decision of the M. W. Grand Master was as follows:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
SALEM, August 13th, 1869.

R. W. R. E. SELMES, D. D. G. M. 2nd District:

Yours of yesterday with report of *in Re* Church in hand. On examining the case I am satisfied no wrongful act was done or intended. Honorary Membership when not "conferred on a poor Brother," under Sec. 50, may be conferred by the majority vote of a Lodge, and without previous notice. It confers no rank, power or privilege; it is nothing but a compliment. The complaint is therefore dismissed, and you may notify all concerned.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES GIBSON, *Grand Master*.

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July 19th, the W. Master reported that since our last meeting Bro. Samuel Sherwood had departed this life, and that himself and several members of the Lodge had accompanied the remains to Peekskill, where they were met by a delegation from Cortlandt Lodge, No. 189, and went in procession to the cemetery, where the usual Masonic ceremonies were performed.

A motion was made to draft a resolution and vote of thanks to Cortlandt Lodge for their kind attendance at the funeral. A letter of condolence was also ordered sent to the widow of our late Worthy Brother.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain the expense Cortlandt Lodge had incurred, in order that this Lodge might reimburse it.

The widow of the late Bro. Geo. W. Harway having reported to the Lodge that her husband's brother had failed to restore to her $100 which she had loaned him, a committee was appointed to call upon the Brother and demand the amount, and instructed in case he refused to lay the case before the Fire Commissioners, and if possible obtain the amount through them, as he was a member of the Department.

On Sept. 6th, the Committee on Monument reported that they had made a contract with the Plymouth Granite Co., who agreed to furnish a monument according to the drawings and specification made and submitted by W. Bro. John Fowler for the sum of $950, this sum not to include the foundation. This proposition was acceptable to the

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members of the Lodge and the action of the committee was therefore approved.

At a special meeting held on Sunday, Nov. 7th, at noon, the members having been summoned to appear, they were informed that the Lodge had been called for the purpose of consecrating the burial plot and dedicating the monument belonging to this Lodge in New York Bay Cemetery, Greenville, New Jersey. Nearly five hundred Craftsmen assembled at the hall and were promptly marshaled into column, and marched down Broadway to the foot of Liberty Street, where a large number of Brethren from other Lodges and many ladies awaited them. Arriving on the other side of the river a special train conveyed the party to the ground, where the Brethren formed a Lodge surrounding the plot, with W. Bro. Wallace Dickson in the East, Bro. John V. Perkins in the West, and Bro. Thomas Keating in the South. On the inside of the hollow square stood the following named distinguished Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York: M. W. John W. Simons, P. G. M.; Rt. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary; Rt. W. William St. Clair, Rt. W. John Boyd, Rt. W. R. G. Millard, Rt. Wor. M. B. Mountford and Wor. Bros. Chambers and Cook.

The following named Lodges were largely represented: Architect, Sylvan Grove, Chancellor Walworth, Keystone, Scotia, Concord, Doric, Neptune, Strict Observance, of N. Y., and Hoboken Lodge, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

The services was opened by the Chaplain of the

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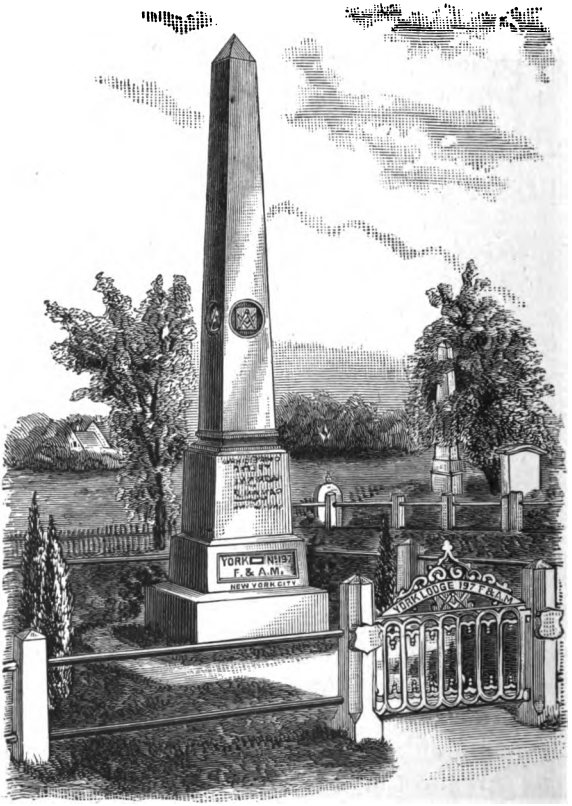

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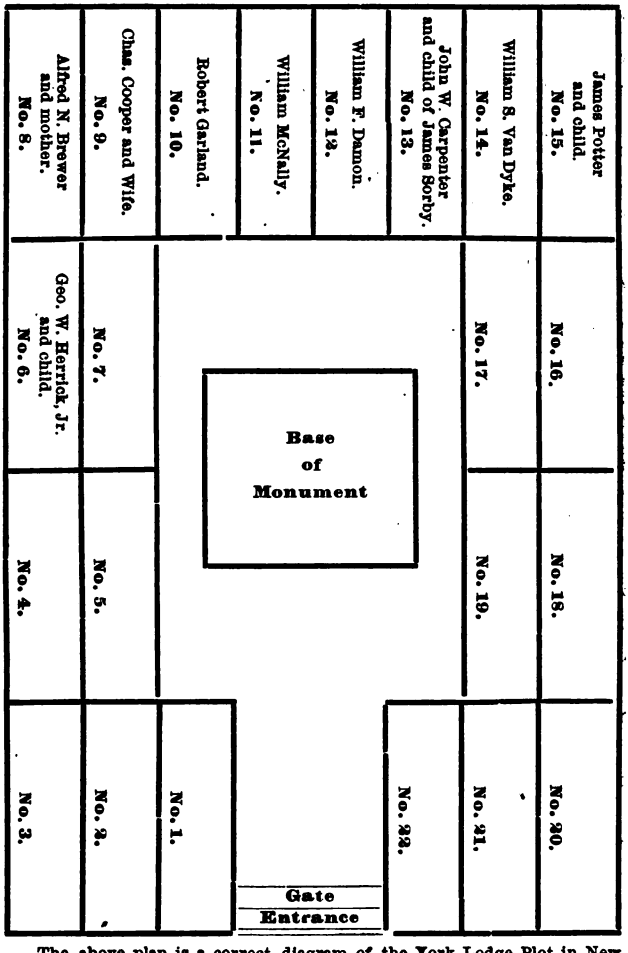

The above plan is a correct diagram of the York Lodge Plot in New York Bay Cemetery, Greenville, N. J., in which has been inserted the names of those members and their relatives, whose remains have been deposited therein.

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Lodge who offered up an impressive prayer, to which the entire assemblage with uncovered heads responded with much fervor.

The scene at this time under the bowing willows, in sight of the ruffled sea and disturbed only by the noisy blast of the keen November wind which swept along the coast, was very imposing. The prayer being concluded, a choir sang the appropriate hymn ending:

Here let the weary find repose
'Mong fragrant flowers and waving trees,
Emblems at once of mortal woe
And everlasting sympathies.

Grant, O God, that we may see
In Nature's swelling buds and bloom
The spirit's immortality
And final victory o'er the tomb.

Then the Master of York Lodge delivered a touching address, he being followed by the Chaplain in prayer; after which the ground was consecrated amid the chanting of the choir.

The monument was then unveiled, the covering being removed by the first Master and first Secretary of York Lodge, Wor. John W. Timson and R. Wor. Adolphus Andreas.

The monument stands twenty-one feet high, and is five feet square at the base, in monolith form and cut from Plymouth granite. On the front is inscribed in raised letters the name and number of the Lodge, also the names of the deceased Brethren buried in the plot, and above these the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses is beautifully engraved. On

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the left is a Scythe, and on the right an Hour-glass.

M. Wor. Bro. John W. Simons was then introduced and delivered an eloquent and appropriate address. The singing of the "Old Hundred" by the assembled Brethren was followed by the Benediction, which brought these imposing ceremonies to a close.

On the evening of the 29th inst., W. Bro. Dickson conferred the Eastern Star Degree upon the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Master Masons in an agreeable and satisfactory manner to all present.

A special meeting was called on Friday, Dec. 3rd, at 12 noon, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites over the remains of our late Treasurer Bro. Samuel S. Day, Jr., and a Past Master of this Lodge, who died Wednesday morning, Dec. 1st, after a severe illness of several weeks. The Masonic ceremonies were performed in the MacDougal Street Baptist Church, after which the Lodge followed the remains to the Second Street Cemetery, where they were deposited with the usual rites.

The 20th of December being the constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the members proceeded to ballot with the following result:

JOHN V. PERKINS,.....*Master.*
EDWIN GANONG,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN WALLACE,.....*Junior "*
THOS. B. BYRNE,.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN MCCOLLUM,.....*Secretary.*

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Jan. 3rd, A. L. 5870, the Master, who had been invested with the necessary authority by the Lodge, appointed Bro. William Scott Assistant Secretary.

The Lodge at this communication appropriated $120.00 to the widow of our late Bro. Sam'l S. Day, Jr.

At a subsequent communication the following circular letter of instructions was received from the M. W. Grand Master:

1st. Before any candidate can be lawfully initiated, it is imperatively required by the Grand Lodge, that he be asked and answer in writing over his own signature, whether he has ever been rejected in any Lodge, and if so, what Lodge? Where he resides and how long he has resided there, &c.?

(Transactions of Grand Lodge, 1867, p. 68.)

2nd. If the candidate has been rejected he cannot be initiated without the consent of the rejecting Lodge, nor until six months after his rejection.

(Constitution, Sec. 23rd.)

3rd. If he has not resided in the State one whole year at the time of his application, he cannot be initiated without the consent of the Grand Lodge, or Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has last previously resided out of the State.

(Transactions of Grand Lodge, 1853, p. 213, and 1869, p. 174.)

4th. No Lodge can lawfully initiate one, who, in addition to residing in the State one year, has not for the last preceding four months resided within its territorial jusisdiction, unless it has obtained the consent in writing of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he had last previously resided.

(Transactions, 1852, p. 170.)

5th. Nor can a Lodge lawfully initiate one who does not at the time reside within its territorial jurisdiction, unless it has the consent in writing of the Lodge within the jurisdiction of which he does reside.

(Transactions, 1862, pp. 34 and 206.)

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6th. The several District Deputies will ascertain whether the Lodges in their several districts are invariably asking the candidates before initiation the question to be found on page 68 of the Transactions of 1867, "imperatively required" by the Grand Lodge to be thus asked, and obtaining their answers thereto in writing over their signatures, and if not they will require of every Lodge the performance of that duty, and in case of further disregard of the regulations will report the same to the Grand Master.

7th. The Deputies will require each Lodge to report immediately after every election of officers, the names of the Master and Wardens to the Grand Secretary (see Const., sec. 82), and will also require the names and Post-office addresses of the Master and Secretary, to be sent to the D. D. of the district in which the Lodge is located.

8th. Immediately after the first day of May each Lodge shall prepare the statistical report of its condition required by the general regulations of the Grand Lodge, ending on the first day of May, and forward the same to the D. D. G. M. of the District. In case such report is not received by him within five days after May 1st, the D. D. G. M. shall order the Lodge in default to forward him such return on or before May 15th, and if the order be not obeyed he will forthwith report the default to the Grand Master. The report of the D. D. G. M., with his tabular statement of the condition of all the Lodges in his district, must be made without fail to the Grand Master on or before the first day of June.

9th. Each Lodge will also immediately after the first day of May next prepare its annual returns to the Grand Lodge and transmit the same to the Grand Secretary, within fifteen days thereafter as required by Sub. 6 of the 82 Sec. of the Constitution.

10th. And it is further ordered that the Grand Secretary forthwith cause a copy of this order to be forwarded to every Lodge within this jurisdiction, and when the same shall come to the hands of any officer or member of the Lodge, he will deliver it to the Master, who will cause the same to be read in

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full in open Lodge at the next stated communication, entered on the minutes and faithfully and punctually executed.

(Signed) JAMES GIBSON, *Grand Master.*

Attest: JAMES M. AUSTIN, *Grand Secretary.*

The following sections of the By-Laws were amended as follows:

The appointed officers shall consist of an Assistant Secretary, a Chaplain, Organist, Senior and Junior Deacons, two Masters of Ceremonies, two Stewards, a Marshal and Tiler, all to hold office during the pleasure of the W. M. The duties of the Assistant Secretary shall be to render such assistance as may be deemed necessary by the W. M., and for the faithful performance of his duty he shall receive a sum not exceeding fifty dollars per annum.

Sec. 4th. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee on the death of a Brother to visit his widow or family, and if possible ascertain if they are in immediate want or distress, and if so furnish such relief as in their judgment may be deemed necessary, and report the same to the Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Lodge to take such action in the premises as the circumstances of the case may require, and the condition of the Lodge may warrant.

On Feb. 11th, R. W. D. G. Master John H. Anthon conferred the M. M. Degree on three candidates, after which he made some brilliant remarks which were listened to with rapt attention by the Brethren.

At a subsequent communication the following letter was received from the Grand Master relative to the building of the Masonic Temple in this city:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
SALEM, Feb. 14th, 1870.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Lodges and all Free and Accepted Masons in this Jurisdiction:

BRETHREN: When our ancient Brethren of the commonwealth of Israel were about to construct a Tabernacle in the

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Wilderness, in which the law could be taught and administered, and divine service held after their manner, there was nothing in the treasury with which to purchase the materials or commence the work, but the Tabernacle was a necessity, the means were provided and the work was commenced, and it was prosecuted rapidly to full completion. For it is written that "Moses spake unto all the children of Israel, saying: Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of gold, and silver and brass." In pursuance of this invitation for a free will gift, they came; "Every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of constructing the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and they came both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted and brought bracelets, and earrings and tablets, all jewels of gold." And those who had not these to offer brought silver, or brass, or wood; and all who brought either were considered as bringing an acceptable offering to the work. And all the women who were poor, and had nothing to give, and were wise-hearted and willing, "did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun," and, though a widow's mite, it was acceptable. A graceful feature attending all these gifts was the cheerfulness with which they were made; for we read that they "brought a willing offering, every man and woman whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work," and these beneficent and self-sacrificing offerings were continued, until "there was sufficient for all the work."

My Brethren, I say it reverently and with thanks to the Giver of Light and Life, that hath put the project in our hearts, we are about to enter upon a similar work for the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New York,—that of constructing a Temple, where our archives can be safely deposited, our convocations held, our laws taught and administered, and the great principles of Masonry disseminated and perpetuated, and from the revenues of which shall arise the long and ardently desired Asylum in which the aged and infirm Craftsman, the widow and the little ones, may find security from the storms and tempests of adverse fortune.

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Our condition in respect to the material aid required is like that of our ancient Brethren, for beside the land on which it is to be erected, we have nothing. Trusting that like necessity will beget like exertion, and produce like fruits, I present you the facts and await your response.

On the first day of May next, the Trustees of your Hall and Asylum Fund will come into full and unqualified possession, and substantially unencumbered by debt, of the land in the City of New York on which is to be constructed the Masonic Temple. In view of this fact and of the necessities of the Fraternity, a meeting of the Trustees has just been held, at which it was resolved on that day to commence the removal of all the buildings thereon, and put the lot in readiness, so that the Corner-Stone of the Temple could be laid in ample form on the second day of the next Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge. The Trustees also at the same time adopt a design for the building deemed one of great merit, to be executed in granite, combining in its style grandeur and massiveness with architectural beauty and symmetry, and which, in their judgment, can be finished with the financial means which ought to be contributed by the Brethren for "so noble and glorious an undertaking."

The work will, therefore, God willing, be commenced on the first day of May next; and it rests with you, my Brethren, to determine by your action whether it shall lag along, snail-like, through many coming years, or whether two "circling annual revolutions of the earth" shall witness its completion.

Let us resolve that we *can*, and we *will*, and the work is finished, for that is done which is well begun; and, in faith, I see before me now the finished Temple, from foundation to copestone, illustrating, in its enduring granite, the labors and toil—the results of that noble emulation of who most hath striven, and most endured in the sacrificial effort of its construction.

What has been done?

In 1842 Bro. Greenfield Pote, a man well advanced in years, dependent upon the labor of his hands for the support of his family, cast upon the altar of Masonry One Dollar, as the first contribution to the Hall and Asylum Fund. That single

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dollar, by careful investments, and by the generous contributions of Brethren, has increased to three hundred and forty thousand dollars, which has been, or will be expended in paying for the land on which to erect the building.

What material aid is required? Can it be obtained? And how?

It will be necessary to raise by contributions at least three hundred thousand dollars, during the ensuing two years, in order to finish the work within that time.

There are nearly seven hundred Lodges and, including the unaffiliated, there are over one hundred thousand Masons in this State; and if the Brethren will apply their hands and hearts to the effort, the funds necessary will be raised.

When we remember that our Ancient Brethren of Israel, while toiling through the deserts and wilderness of Arabia, induced by "willing hearts," gave their offerings to the construction of their Tabernacle to the amount of over one million of dollars, can not we, living in plenty, surrounded by every comfort, our desert and wilderness being only symbolical, give one-third as much as they? It is written that the least that was given by any one for that purpose, "from twenty years old and upwards," was "a bekah, that is half a shekel, after the shekel of the Sanctuary." If our Brethren do as well as that, there will be enough and to spare.

Let the Brethren call to their aid their wives, daughters, and sisters; it has been done before now, and was heartily given. And let all imitate the self-denying example of our Ancient Brethren, and their "noble women not a few," and we shall be called upon to "proclaim," as was done then, "throughout all the camp, that no man or woman need offer more, for there was enough for the work."

In order that all the Brethren may have full opportunity to present their offerings for this object, the Master of every Lodge will specially summon all the members of his Lodge, and all unaffiliated Brethren within its jurisdiction, to attend the next stated communication to be held after this shall reach him, for the purpose of considering this subject and will at such time cause this letter to be read to the Brethren to the end

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that they may take such action therein as shall seem to them meet. It is suggested, that all offerings there made, and all funds hitherto contributed and held in trust by any Lodge for this purpose, be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the time the Lodge make their next annual return.

I am, Brethren,
Yours Fraternally,
JAMES GIBSON,
Grand Master of Masons in New York.

Attest: JAMES M. AUSTIN, *Grand Secretary.*

After reading the above in open Lodge, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to take the matter of raising an amount commensurate with the object desired into consideration and to report at the next regular communication.

The committee at a subsequent communication proposed that a picnic be gotten up, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the purpose suggested in the communication of the Grand Master, and a subscription also opened, and it was so ordered.

On Wednesday, at noon, March 16th, A. L. 5870, a special meeting was called for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Past Grand Master Robert D. Holmes, when the Lodge formed in procession and proceeded to Grace Church, where the Masonic ceremonies were performed in a most solemn and impressive manner.

At the following communication of the Lodge a notice was received from the Grand Master fixing the date for laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple on the 8th day of June, A. L. 5870, when the Lodge resolved to participate in the ceremonies and notified the Grand Secretary of their

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resolution, and on the above date at 10 A. M., York Lodge fell in line, increasing the number of Masons in the procession to 12,616. The Grand Lodge took post in Madison Avenue and the column passed in review, after which the lines were opened and the Grand Lodge marched through, and, taking its place on the platform, erected on the N. E. cor. of 6th Ave. and 23rd St., proceeded with the ceremony of laying the corner-stone. Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Grand Chaplain, offered up a prayer to the throne of grace, then followed an anthem sung by St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568. The D. G. Master then, addressing the Grand Master, said:

M. W. SIR: The committee charged with making arrangements for laying the corner-stone have completed their labors, and I now have the honor to announce to you that all things are in readiness for the solemn ceremonies of placing the foundation-stone of our Temple in position.

Then followed an invocation by the Grand Chaplain Rev. J. G. Webster, and an anthem was sung by Mozart Lodge, of Philadelphia. The Grand Secretary read the list of articles deposited in the corner-stone, after which the Grand Master asked the questions appropriate on such occasions. This was succeeded by an oration by the Rev. E. S. Porter and a benediction delivered by the Grand Master.

On July 2nd, a special meeting was called for the purpose of conferring the M. M. Degree, John W. Simons, P. G. M., conferring the Degree, after which he made an eloquent address in behalf of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and received the unanimous thanks of the Lodge.

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It was reported that the proceeds of the picnic gotten up for the benefit of the Hall and Asylum Fund netted $369.00, which amount was turned over to the trustees of said fund.

The 962nd regular communication of this Lodge took place on Dec. 19th, and this being the constitutional time for the election of officers, the Brethren proceeded to ballot with the following result:

EDWARD GANONG,.....*Master.*
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Senior Warden.*
THOS. PATTERSON,.....*Junior* " "
THOS. B. BYRNE,..... *Treasurer.*
JACOB RITSCHY,.....*Secretary.*

R. W. Royal G. Millard installed the officers.

On Feb. 6th, A. L. 5871, the committee appointed in the case of the widow of the late Bro. Sherwood reported that $247.28 had already been expended for medical attendance and nursing. The Master then appointed, in addition to the present committee, Bros. Scott, Perkins and Corby, with full power to take charge of the case.

On Friday, 3rd, the Lodge removed to the Lodge rooms corner of Bleecker and Morton Streets. At this communication the Master reported the sudden death of the wife of Wor. Bro. John V. Perkins, when the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to sorely afflict our Worshipful Brother, by taking from him to the home above,—his wife, the loved partner of his joys and sorrows, the mother and guardian of his little ones, and

Whereas, Knowing and esteeming her for her many virtues as wife, mother and daughter, for her amiability, hospitality, and

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other qualities necessary to make a good and true woman; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to our Worshipful Brother in this, his hour of sorrow and bereavement, and mourn with him in the great and irreparable loss which he and his family have sustained, reminding him also that "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, has also promised to do all things well;" and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be engrossed and presented to our Worshipful Brother as a testimonial of our sympathy.

The Wor. Master also reported the death of Bro. McMullen, which took place on Sunday, June 25th; his friends not desiring a Masonic funeral the Lodge was not summoned.

A special communication was called on Aug. 13th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites over the remains of our late Brother James White. The body was conveyed to Evergreen Cemetery and deposited in the grave with full Masonic honors.

At the following communication the Master reported the death of the beloved daughter of Bro. James M. Byrne and ordered a letter of condolence sent to the afflicted family. On the same evening the commission appointed to investigate charges preferred against Bro. William Burrows for unmasonic conduct, reported that they had found from the evidence adduced that the charges were fully sustained. Whereupon Bro. Burrows was expelled from the Lodge and all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The records also show that about this date a resolution was adopted, ordering $100 to be trans-

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mitted to the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Illinois for the relief of the suffering Masons of Chicago, rendered homeless and destitute by the recent great fire. Later the following acknowledgment was received:

MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL.,
Oct. 31, 1881.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.: Your favor of the 25th inst., covering check for $100.00 donation from York Lodge, No. 197, received. Be pleased to convey to the Brethren of York Lodge my fraternal greetings and sincere thanks for such a substantial token of their fraternal kindness, and, Wor. Sir, for the expressions of sympathy over your signature, which I have the honor to acknowledge. I tender you assurances of lasting gratitude, on behalf of the needy and the destitute, whose good fortune it may be to receive through me your generous bounty.

I am very truly and fraternally yours,
DEWITT C. CREIGER,
Grand Master of Masons of Illinois.

On Dec. 6th, a communication was received from Dr. Bozeman, stating that widow Sherwood had entirely recovered, and subsequently a letter from her was received and ordered placed upon the minutes. It reads as follows:

To the Officers and Members of York Lodge, No. 197:

GENTLEMEN: It is with deep and heartfelt thanks I write to inform you that I have after many difficulties been permanently cured. I cannot express in words my sincere gratitude and thanks for the kindness and aid I have received at your hands, and which has restored to me my health and happiness through your generous liberality to me. Therefore accept my sincere wishes for the success of York Lodge, and for the blessings of the Supreme Being on your noble Fraternity.

I remain yours, respectfully,
HELEN M. SHERWOOD.

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After the reading of the above letter the Lodge adopted the following:

Whereas, Bro. Nathan Bozeman, M.D., has, by his unremitting attention, superior abibity and skill, succeeded, when others of acknowledged high standing among the medical and surgical profession have failed, in effecting a permanent cure, in the very difficult and complicated case of the widow of our late Brother Daniel Sherwood; and

Whereas, He has given his services and time without any remuneration or reward, except that resulting from the inward reflection consequent upon the performance of a good and charitable action, thereby showing to the world by his deeds, the principles taught and inculcated in our dearly beloved Order; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender to Bro. Nathan Bozeman our very sincere thanks, and congratulate him upon this addition to his already numerous, difficult and successful operations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Fraternity are very fortunate in numbering him among its members, and that we testify to his kindness and skill, and hope when his earthly pilgrimage is over, he may be gathered to the land of his fathers.

(Signed) JOHN V. PERKINS, THOS. B. BYRNE, JAMES H. MONCKTON, } *Committee.*

These resolutions were ordered to be engrossed, and at a subsequent communication were presented to Bro. Bozeman, who by unanimous vote of the Lodge was made an Honorary Member.

A communication was received from the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, stating that certain bonds were to be issued, when it was resolved that the trustees of this Lodge be empowered to make application to the Grand Secretary for a $500.00 mortgage bond.

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At the following communication the election of officers took place, the result being:

WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Master.*
WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE,.....*Senior Warden.*
EDWARD BYRNE,.....*Junior "*
THOS. B. BYRNE,.....*Treasurer.*
JACOB RITSCHY,.....*Secretary.*

All of whom were duly installed by Wor. Bro. Church, of Sylvan Grove Lodge.

At the first meeting of the following year, A. L. 5872, the Master reported the death of Bro. Sorby's child, and said that he had granted permission to have the body interred temporarily in the plot belonging to this Lodge in New York Bay Cemetery, and that he had given Bro. Sorby an order on the Treasurer for $15.00 to assist in defraying the expenses of the funeral. On the same evening a voluntary subscription, amounting to $23.00, was sent to the widow of the late Bro. Day.

At this communication Mr. Justin S. Keeler, who was found to be physically disqualified during the ceremony of initiation, was prevented from proceeding further in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the matter having been submitted to the Grand Master, he replied that no authority could be given for further advancement, and in consequence the initiation fee was returned and he received no further instruction in the Degrees.

On April 3rd, the Junior Warden preferred charges of unmasonic conduct against Bros. W. H. Morgan, Ledger Boon, John G. Bogert, William F. Ballard, Robt. C. Brown, Thos. Patterson and J. M.

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Ackerman, for neglecting to answer summonses to sit up and attend to the wants of our sick Brother John Green. The excuses of the Brethren summoned being found valid, the charges were dismissed.

On Sunday, May 12th, at 12.30 P. M., a special communication of the Lodge was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Wm. E. Vaughan, who died on Thursday, May 9th, A. L. 5872, at 10.30 P. M. The Lodge followed the remains to Greenwood Cemetery, where they were interred with the usual ceremonies of the Order.

At the following communication the Master reported receiving a letter from the wife of Bro. John Green, stating that Bro. Henry J. Hancock had presented her with a sewing machine. Bro. Hancock was tendered a vote of thanks by the Lodge.

On Dec. 18th, the following Brethren were elected officers:

WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE,.....*Master.*
LUCIUS K. MALLOCH,.....*Senior Warden.*
ABRAHAM BARNETT,.....*Junior* "
JOHN FOWLER,.....*Treasurer.*
EDWIN GANONG, ...*Secretary*

W. Bro. Wesley B. Church installed the officers on the same evening.

W. Bro. Scott placed in the hands of the Treasurer fifty dollars as his individual subscription to the Hall and Asylum Fund, to be handed to the Fair Committee.

On the first meeting in the year A. L. 5873, Bro. Henry S. Brown made application to the Lodge for reinstatement, but the application was rejected. He

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also made application at a communication held on the following month with a like result.

The appended report was submitted by the Chairman of the Fair Committee, W. Bro. John V. Perkins:

As the time has now arrived for the Fair Committee to make their report to the Lodge of what has been done, and of the amount of money raised and paid over to the Executive Committee, for the benefit of the Hall and Asylum Fund, I take pleasure in reporting that York Lodge has already turned over to the Secretary of the Executive Committee, $2022.84. Also that the Secretary of your committee has now on hand about $90; that there is due from members $60, making a total of $2172.84, out which the committee owe about $30, leaving a net profit of $2142.84, as the result of our exertions in the enterprise. The members will be pleased to learn that this Lodge has turned in more money than any other Lodge except New York, and that we are only a very short distance behind that Lodge.

Brethren, this unlooked-for success is not to be attributed to your committee alone, for they of themselves could have done but very little had they not the support which they received from all the members who took part in the Fair, and not only the support of the members, but also the united efforts of the ladies connected with the Lodge, who, from the time your committee was appointed, met regularly each week until the Fair commenced, and then attended the tables every day and night until the Fair closed. Another point of interest is that W. Bro. Scott was presented with the Past Master's Jewel, voted for at the Fair, he having received 1496 votes, being a majority of all votes cast. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the ladies comprising the Fair Committee, and others who co-operated with them.

On July following a special communication was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother John W. Carpenter, who died on the

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17th inst. The Lodge followed his remains to the New York Bay Cemetery and deposited them in the Lodge Plot with the usual Masonic honors.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17th, on the personal application of Wor. Bro. Henry S. Brown for reinstatement, Wor. Bro. Perkins objected to a ballot being taken on the ground that no unaffiliated Mason could propose himself, and stated that he had a decision from the M. W. Bro. Fox, sustaining his objection.

At the following communication W. Bro. Fowler offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Wor. Bro. Henry S. Brown be and is hereby reinstated a member of this Lodge, he having paid all his indebtedness.

Wor. Bro. Scott opposed the resolution on the ground that Wor. Bro. Henry S. Brown owed interest on money which he had promised to pay the Lodge. The Master took the same view of the case and refused to entertain the application until all indebtedness had been paid.

At the communication of Oct. 15th, R. Wor. Bro. Gorman, D. D. 5th Masonic District, was announced, and said that he had made his visit on the application of a member of York Lodge for the purpose of deciding on the application of Wor. Henry S. Brown, and announced that the refusal of the Lodge to entertain his application was illegal. He then ordered a vote by show of hands, and such vote having been taken, the R. W. Brother declared it had resulted in Wor. Bro. Brown's reinstatement. It was then recommended that steps be taken by the Lodge to ascertain at whose instance the following postal-card was issued:

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NEW YORK, Oct. 14th, 1873.

BROTHER: Wor. Henry S. Brown, who was stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, has made three unsuccessful attempts to be reinstated. As many of the members resist his attempts, upon the ground that he is accused of swindling, it remains with you to ascertain the truth of the reports that he has swindled, or has been the means of swindling (among others) the following Brethren of the Lodge: Thomas B. Byrne, Thomas Keating, Frederick Kleine and Henry P. See.

It is the duty you owe the Lodge and the Fraternity to make inquiry, and if true to attend the communication and resist all his efforts for restoration.

☞ Next communication 15th inst.

The Master appointed the following committee to investigate the case: Bros. Patterson, Hancock, Campbell, Bogert and Coward.

At this meeting three hundred dollars was loaned to the Hall and Asylum Fund. The Lodge received the thanks of the Grand Master, conveyed through the District Deputy, for the loan.

At the following communication Bro. Hancock, from the committee appointed to discover the author of the postal-card reflecting upon the character of Wor. Bro. Henry S. Brown, reported that the committee were satisfied that the card had been printed by a Mr. Cameron by order of Wor. Bro. Scott.

At the next succeeding communication a letter was read from Wor. Bro. Scott, asking if the Lodge intended to have charges preferred against him, and if so, requested that they be made at once.

The Junior Warden thereupon presented charges of unmasonic conduct against Wor. Bro. Scott, for sending through the mail postal-cards containing Masonic business.

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The charges were received and referred to the following committee: Bros. Bogert, Patterson and Ritschy.

The Master then read a circular letter from the Grand Lodge, and signed by the Grand Master, appointing the Master of this Lodge an agent to solicit subscriptions for the Hall and Asylum Fund, said subscriptions to be paid back with interest.

The following communication being the last of the year, the election of officers took place, which resulted as follows:

THOS. PATTERSON,.....*Master.*
EDWIN QUICK, ...*Senior Warden.*
EDWIN GANONG,.....*Junior "*
WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE,.....*Treasurer.*
JAMES H. MONCKTON,.....*Secretary.*

January 7th, A. L. 5874, Bro. Patterson, being duly elected Master of the Lodge, asked to be relieved from serving on the commission appointed to try the charges preferred by the Junior Warden against Wor. Bro. Scott. The Wor. Brother was withdrawn from the commission, whereupon Bros. Bogert and Ritschy submitted their resignations, which were accepted, and a motion to constitute a new commission to try the case was lost. Subsequently the Master, having discovered this action of the Lodge to be irregular, announced that the charges were still pending, and he would appoint a new commission. Wor. Bro. Perkins then moved that the charges pending against W. Bro. Scott be dismissed, and it was so ordered. Wor. Bro. Perkins called attention to the testimony of Bro. Henry J. Hancock

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given in the case of W. Bro. Scott, when the Master ordered the Junior Warden to prefer charges against Bro. Hancock, provided there were in his judgment just grounds for so doing. The Junior Warden having satisfied himself, declared that there were no just grounds on which to base charges.

The following resolutions were offered by the Junior Warden and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Charges were preferred against Wor. Bro. Scott, a member of this Lodge, a commission was appointed to try the same, and said charges having been dismissed by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, as the official records thereof will show, and

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Lodge, that the same or similar charges were preferred against the said Wor. Bro. Scott, to R. W. John J. Gorman, D. D. G. M. of the 5th Masonic District, and the same John J. Gorman having appointed a commission for the trial of said charges, said trial being now in progress, and

Whereas, This Lodge, deeming such action by said Gorman unwarranted and unconstitutional, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Lodge assert and affirm that it has not waived jurisdiction or right over said W. Bro. Scott, or any other Brother, as such right is guaranteed in the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, and as a Lodge we desire to place upon the minutes an exception to, and appeal from, the action of said John J. Gorman, and we request that a copy of this resolution be sent to R. W. James E. Morrison, D. D. G. M. of the 5th Masonic District, and to R. W. John J. Gorman.

On this evening W. Bro. Wheeler, of Fordham Lodge, No. 746, presented York Lodge with a piece of Acacia wood from near Jerusalem. The donor received the thanks of the Lodge. This wood

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was afterwards employed by Bro. Hancock in the manufacture of a handle of a common gavel and and is still in the possession of the Lodge.

During the latter part of the previous year a committee of seven members of this Lodge was appointed for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for an entertainment designed to celebrate the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of York Lodge, and on the evening of January 13th, Lyric Hall, 6th Ave. and 41st Street, was filled to overflowing with an appreciative and applausive audience, who listened to vocal and instrumental music and recitations. The principal feature was an oration by the first Master of this Lodge, Wor. Bro. Timson, who introduced R. W. Bro. Andreas, and said, in the course of his introductory remarks, that he was proud that the Worthy Brother and himself had been permitted to be present on this joyous occasion, the 50th Anniversary of this old Lodge, the other five Worthy Brothers having answered the summons from the other world, which all must obey. He also said that although the snows of eighty-one winters had fallen upon his head, he still felt the same enthusiasm in the cause of Freemasonry as when this Lodge was founded, and he hoped that when another half century had passed, it would celebrate that eventful period with the same true Masonic spirit which prevailed among the Brethren on this eventful evening. He trusted that the future generations might take pride in upholding the banner of Old York and keep green the memory of its founders.

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After the musical and literary programme had been concluded the guests were entertained in a substantial manner in the banquet hall. This was followed by a ball, in which the oldest members of the Lodge participated with the ardor of youth, and which brought the interesting ceremonies to a close.

A committee appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to Port Jervis Lodge reported the following:

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 197, F. & A. M., held on Wednesday evening, March 4th, 1874, it was unanimously resolved, that a committee be appointed to convey to Port Jervis Lodge, No. 328, the heartfelt thanks of this Lodge for the assistance which they rendered to our distressed Worthy Brother John W. Shedd when far from home and friends. In performing this duty the committee avail themselves of the opportunity to express the hope that the connection thus established, and the friendship thus formed, by the exercise of brotherly love, may be as lasting as the indissoluble chain of sincere affection which unites us in one common Brotherhood.

[SEAL.] JOHN V. PERKINS, EDWIN A. QUICK, JOHN J. SHAY, } *Committee.*

Wor. Bro. Perkins and Bro. Quick, as a committee, proceeded to Port Jervis and presented the above resolution of thanks.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to a number of Brethren of Philadelphia, Pa., for their kindness in attending to the removal of the remains of our late W. Bro. Thos. G. Potter, and having them interred with Masonic honors. These Brothers were A. R. Potter, Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania; W. Bro. P. Cooper, of Lancaster Lodge,

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No. 487, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Brethren of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, of the same State.

At the following communication a letter from the Grand Master was read:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York:

GREETING:

In compliance with the request of the Building Committee and Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, copies of which are herewith annexed, I do hereby order and direct, that the Masonic Hall, on the north-east corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, in the City of New York, shall be dedicated on Wednesday, June 2nd, 1875. In order that the dedication ceremonies may be in keeping with the character of the Institution, sought to be founded by the Craft, and with dignity of this Grand Lodge, a considerable expense must necessarily be incurred, I therefore appeal to you all for liberal contributions to a Dedication Fund.

R. W. Henry A. Richey, J. G. D., of No. 86 Front Street, New York City, is authorized to receive, and will promptly acknowledge, all donations to this fund.

The names of the Committee of Arrangements and the programme of the ceremonies will be announced and forwarded to you in due season. I further order and direct, that this letter shall be read in all the Lodges at their annual or next succeeding communication.

Yours in the Craft,

ELLWOOD E. THORNE, *Grand Master.*

Dated at Masonic Hall, N. Y. City,
this 23rd day of November, 1874.

The constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, an election was held, which resulted in the following members being chosen:

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WILLIAM SCOTT, ...*Master.*
EDWIN A. QUICK, ...*Senior Warden.*
JACOB RITSCHY, ...*Junior* "
WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE, ...*Treasurer.*
JAMES H. MONCKTON, ... *Secretary.*

The officers were then duly installed, after which the sum of ten dollars was voted to the Superintendent of New York Bay Cemetery for taking care of the Lodge Plot.

Feb. 3rd, A. L. 5875, the committee appointed to ascertain the rental of different Lodge rooms reported as follows: The rooms over Bryant's Minstrels were to be had for a yearly rental of $250; over Booth's Theatre, $350; 33 Union Square, $300; 7th Street and 3rd Avenue, $300; Masonic Temple, $300; 14th Street and 4th Avenue, $400; Bleecker Street and Bowery, $250.

The Trustees were ordered to notify the Trustees of Evangelist Lodge that York Lodge would vacate the premises it now occupied on or before May 1st. The Trustees were then ordered to hire rooms in Masonic Temple for any night except Saturday.

At the following communication the Trustees reported having engaged Livingston Room in Masonic Temple for the first and third Tuesdays in each month. A donation of $25 was made to defray the expenses attending the Dedication of the Temple, and the Master was authorized to take such steps as he might deem best to raise additional funds for this purpose.

On April 21st, the Lodge was visited by R. W. Bro. John F. Baldwin, who asked permission to

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initiate, pass and raise Mr. Joseph Grevat, which request was granted.

R. W. James E. Morrison, D. D. of the 5th M. Dist., was announced and received with the honors due his exalted station, and after being formally introduced assumed the gavel and addressed the Lodge at length in an elegant and brotherly speech. He then examined the Secretary's books and penned the following in the minute book of the Lodge:

IN YORK LODGE ROOMS,
April 21st, 1875.

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 197, F. & A. M., held as above, I had the honor of visiting the Brethren officially. The services of initiation, ably rendered by the zealous, efficient Brother who wields the gavel with a Master's hand, amply repaid me for my visit. I made a careful examination of the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and found them kept in accordance with the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge. I leave with the Brethren of this Lodge my best wishes for their future Masonic welfare individually and as a Masonic body.

JAMES E. MORRISON,
D. D. G. M. of the 5th Masonic Dist.

The first regular communication of York Lodge, in Livingston Rooms, Masonic Temple, took place on Tuesday evening, May 4th, A. L. 5875. The trustees of the Lodge were empowered to hire one of the fire-proof safes in this Hall.

At the next regular communication (18th inst.), the Master reported that arrangements had been made for a collation for the members of this Lodge after the Dedication ceremonies were over on the 2nd of the following month. On that day, at

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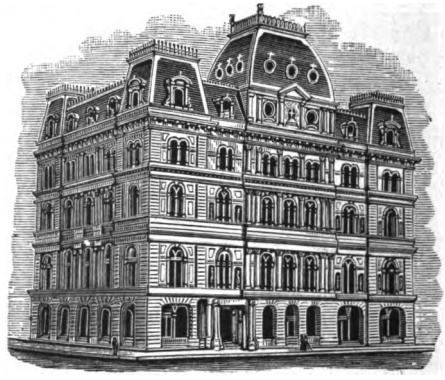
10 A. M., about one hundred members met and participated in the Dedication ceremonies.



MASONIC HALL,*
Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue.

On the last meeting in December the Master announced that the constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing year had arrived, when the Brethren proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

EDWIN A. QUICK,.....*Master.*
ROBERT WHARTON,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN G. BOGERT,.....*Junior "*
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEORGE W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

All of whom were duly installed.

It was reported at the meeting of the 4th of April, A. L. 5876, that Bro. Robert Wharton, Senior Warden of this Lodge, had the misfortune to lose his wife by death, and a committee of three was

* York Lodge, No. 197, has contributed the sum of $4,027.94 toward this Hall.

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appointed to draw up suitable resolutions of condolence, and the following were unanimously adopted:

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of York Lodge, No. 197:

Your committee, appointed at a regular communication held in Livingston Rooms, Masonic Temple, April 4th, A. L. 5876, to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the Lodge's sympathy with our Brother Senior Warden in his recent great loss, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove the beloved wife and helpmate of our Brother Senior Warden from her sphere of usefulness, kindness and good deeds here below, to the celestial Lodge above, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to our worthy Brother our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of his bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize in her a woman of many virtues, loved by all who knew her for her gentleness, kindness and manifest desire to benefit all with whom she came in contact, and, to sum all in all, was a true and good wife; and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread in full upon the minutes and a copy sent to our afflicted Brother.

EDWIN GANONG,
HENRY J. HANCOCK, } *Committee.*
THOS. PATTERSON,

On June 6th, R. Wor. Bro. James E. Morrison made his last official visit, in the capacity of D. D. of the 5th Masonic District, to the Lodge.

In concluding some expressions of approval of the working of the Lodge which he wrote in the Minute book, he says:

On this night, the close of my official relations with this Lodge, I bid farewell to the Brethren, trusting that, with my "Good-by," God's blessings will ever rest upon and abide with you.

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On Dec. 5th, R. W. Bro. Isaac Teichman, D. Deputy, was received, and after a short address presented to our esteemed and worthy Brother William H. Williams a very handsome duly attested certificate of membership, elegantly framed. The recipient, although completely taken by surprise, responded in a few well-chosen remarks and acknowledged the gift in a fitting manner.

At the following communication the Lodge, being summoned for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, proceeded to ballot, which resulted as follows:

EDWIN A. QUICK,.....*Master.*
ROBERT WHARTON,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN G. BOGERT,.....*Junior "*
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEORGE W. HERRICK, JR., ...*Secretary.*

And on the next subsequent communication the officers elect were duly installed with the assistance of R. W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers and R. W. Bro. James E. Morrison.

On the 1st of May, A. L. 5877, the Lodge received a communication from Crockett Lodge, No. 139, of San Francisco, California, requesting York Lodge to pass and raise Moore Smith Mason, who had already been initiated. The seal of the Lodge not being attached to the communication the request was not acceded to. Crockett Lodge being informed, the omission was rectified, and on Sept. 4th the Degrees were duly conferred.

On June 5th, M. W. Bro. James W. Husted, Grand Master of the State of New York, was announced

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and was received with the private grand honors. The M. W. Brother addressed the Lodge in a very eloquent manner, imparting much valuable Masonic information.

R. W. Bro. Isaac Teichman then addressed the Lodge at some length, and reminded the Brethren that a very pleasant duty lay before him, that of presenting to W. Bro. William Scott, on behalf of the members of York Lodge, a handsomely chased gold locket, ornamented with a raised monogram, and in which was enclosed a Past Master's Jewel. Wor. Bro. Scott accepted the same with expressions of extreme surprise, and extended thanks.

At a subsequent meeting Wor. Bro. Scott was announced and introduced to the Brethren as R. W. Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and was accorded the grand honors. He then addressed the Lodge in a most felicitous speech.

The Master then announced that the constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing year had arrived, appointed tellers and ordered the balloting to proceed, which resulted in the following Brethren being chosen:

ROBERT WHARTON,.....*Master.*
JOHN G. BOGERT,.....*Senior Warden.*
LEWIS W. WALTON,..... *Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEORGE W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

The first communication of the year A. L. 5878 took place in the Council Chamber, and after attending to the routine business the members pro-

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ceeded to the Commandery Room for the purpose of installing the officers of the Lodge publicly. The ceremonies were conducted by R. W. Bro. James E. Morrison, Acting Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. John C. Boak as Grand Marshal.

The Lodge was honored by the presence of the M. W. Grand Master Joseph J. Couch, whose remarks were highly appreciated.

R. W. Bro. James E. Morrison delivered an eloquent oration, and some choice solos, quartettes, readings, &c., were rendered, after which the Lodge conducted its numerous friends to the banquet-hall where a sumptuous repast awaited them. All retired with expressions of extreme satisfaction.

On June following, R. W. Bro. James E. Morrison visited the Lodge for the purpose of presenting to W. Bro. Edwin Ganong, on behalf of the members of York Lodge, a handsome gold watch, with suitable inscription. The recipient had hardly recovered from the effects, when R. Wor. Bro. Scott presented as an individual gift a heavy gold chain and locket. This succession of surprises almost paralyzed the recipient, but on his recovery he proved equal to the emergency and addressed the Brethren in a happy strain.

The Master announced that the father of our Worthy Brother John Murphy had died suddenly, and that a number of the Brethren were present at the funeral.

A communication was read from the Grand Secretary asking assistance for the yellow fever sufferers in the South. A committee was appointed

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for the purpose of raising funds for this noble charity, and on the next subsequent meeting the committee handed in $76.50, $25 of which was donated by the firm of Bogert Bros.

A special communication was called for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late Wor. Bro. William S. Van Dyke, who died very suddenly on Oct. 3rd. The Lodge followed his remains to New York Bay Cemetery, where they were deposited with Masonic honors in the Lodge Plot.

On Dec. 17th the election of officers took place, with the following result:

JOHN G. BOGERT,..... ..*Master.*
JAMES HOLIAN, ...*Senior Warden.*
FRANK J. GRIFFITH,..... *Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT,..... .....*Treasurer.*
GEO. W. HERRICK, JR., ...*Secretary.*

On Jan. 7th, A. L. 5879, it was reported that Bro. Joseph De Shay had suffered a bereavement in the loss of his only son, who died on the 12th of Dec., A. L. 5878, several members of the Lodge being present at the funeral. It was also reported that Wor. Bro. Patterson had suffered a similar affliction, his only son having departed this life Dec. 27th, A. L. 5878, aged twelve years and nine months.

The officers elected at the previous communication were this evening installed by the D. D. of the 5th Masonic District, R. Wor. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence.

On the following month the Lodge gave an entertainment in the Grand Lodge Room, and notwith-

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standing a terrible storm was raging without, the room was filled by an appreciative audience.

April 15th, the death of R. Wor. Bro. John W. Timson being announced, it was ordered that a memorial page be set apart for the record of his death. The page devoted to this purpose reads as follows:

John Wilson Timson, Sr., who died on Saturday afternoon, April 9th, 1879, in the 87th year of his age, was one of the oldest Masons in this jurisdiction and the oldest member of the Supreme Council 33rd Deg., A. A. S. R., in this country. He was made a Mason in Hiram Lodge, No. 7, on May 20th, A. L. 5820, and was afterwards one of the Charter Members of five different Lodges in this City, viz.: York, Minerva, Silentia, Doric and Worth, and was the first Master of York Lodge, and a member of Worth Lodge at the time of his death.

A large delegation of the Lodge attended the funeral.

On June 3rd, R. Wor. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, D. D. of the 5th Masonic District, officially visited the Lodge, presided and conferred the Third Degree in an able manner, after which he presented on behalf of the members to W. Bro. Quick a splendid gold watch, suitably inscribed, which was received by the Worthy Brother with many expressions of thanks.

R. Wor. Bro. James E. Morrison being present made a few remarks, and presented the Secretary with a register chart, handsomely framed, on behalf of Wor. Bro. Quick, which was gratefully accepted.

The Master announced that the constitutional time had arrived for the election of officers, when the following Brethren were chosen:

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JOHN G. BOGERT,.....*Master.*
JAMES HOLIAN,.....*Senior Warden.*
FRANK J. GRIFFITH,.....*Junior "*
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEO. W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

At the following meeting, Jan. 6th, A. L. 5880, the officers were duly installed.

At a subsequent communication the Lodge was visited by R. Wor. Bro. Joseph J. Stein, D. D. G. M. of the 5th Masonic District, who proceeded to an examination of the books and accounts of the Lodge. His opinion of York Lodge may be obtained from an extract from the minutes of this communication:

LIVINGSTON ROOMS, MASONIC TEMPLE,
March 16th, 1880.

This is to certify that this evening at above place I officially visited York Lodge, No. 197. Am thankful for courtesies extended.

Examination of the Secretary's books shows neatness and accuracy, and they reflect credit on that worthy officer.

I witnessed the working of the Third Degree and was pleased with the manner of the standardwork. Harmony and Brotherly love in this Lodge happily prevail, and may they ever continue.

Fraternally yours,
J. J. STEIN, *D. D. of the 5th District.*

On the following month the Lodge received intelligence of the death of Bro. Henry L. Wheeler, which occurred on April 14th.

On June 11th the Lodge was summoned for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late Brother Edward C. Isaacs.

On the following communication a letter was read from the M. Wor. Grand Master, directing that

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no Brother hailing from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut be allowed to visit Lodges in this jurisdiction, and forbidding all Masonic intercourse with the Brethren of that State.

During the month of September following a communication was received from the Masonic Board of Relief, of San Francisco, California, announcing the death of Bro. John T. Rice, a member of this Lodge, and informing the Lodge that they had taken charge of his remains. The funeral was assigned to Doric Lodge, No. 216, of California, which Lodge performed the last sad rites over the grave of our deceased Brother.

On Sept. 21st the following communication was read:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,
TROY, N. Y., Sept. 16th, 1880.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the several Lodges in New York, Brooklyn and vicinity:

GREETING:

Having accepted an invitation to lay the foundation stone of the Egyptian Obelisk about to be placed in Central Park, New York City, the ceremonies of which will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 2nd, it is desirable that the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons should generally unite in recognition of the compliment paid our society in thus becoming connected with the noble enterprise of placing the historical monument of Egypt in the metropolitan city.

You are therefore most earnestly requested to support the officers of the Grand Lodge on this occasion and make it a memorable event in the annals of the Craft of the Empire State.

I have appointed R. W. Ed. M. L. Ehlers Grand Marshal, who will issue the necessary orders incidental to the parade, and due publicity will be given the same.

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All Lodges proposing to parade will please report promptly to the Grand Marshal at Masonic Temple, New York.

Fraternally,

JESSE B. ANTHONY, *Grand Master.*

After reading the above the Secretary was ordered to notify the Grand Marshal that York Lodge would participate in laying the foundation stone of the



EGYPTIAN OBELISK,
Central Park.

Obelisk. At the time appointed York Lodge joined the procession in which were more than 9000 Masons. The Lodges and Commanderies formed in sections of six, with intervals of 4 feet, and when the head of

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the column reached 86th Street the Grand Lodge carriages were just crossing 59th Street. Upon reaching the point where the ceremony was to take place the officers of the Grand Lodge took their positions, and the Rev. Charles H. Hall invoked the divine blessing. The Grand Master advanced to the stone and spread cement upon it, gave it three blows with the gavel, and said, "I, Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, declare this stone to be plumb, level and square, to be well-formed, true and trusty and duly laid. Let the elements of consecration now be presented." The Deputy Grand Master then scattered corn upon it saying, "I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty." The Senior Grand Warden then advanced, and pouring wine upon it said, "I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness." The Junior Grand Warden next approached and pouring oil upon it said, "I pour this oil as an emblem of peace." This was followed by an invocation by the Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Ehlers then introduced to the Grand Master Bro. and Lieut. Henry Gorringe, who had successfully superintended the transfer of the Egyptian Obelisk to this country. The Grand Master presented Bro. Gorringe with the working tools used upon this occasion. Thus ended the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the Obelisk.

At the following communication a letter was received from the Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco, California, acknowledging the receipt of $85 from York Lodge to defray the expenses

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attending the funeral of our late Brother John T. Rice, and stating that they had paid $90 to Mrs. Rice for passage to New York and $20 additional for extra baggage sent, and on motion it was ordered that said Lodge be reimbursed to this amount. The thanks of this Lodge were also tendered.

On Dec. 21st the election of officers took place, with the following result:

JAMES HOLIAN,.....*Master.*
JOSIAH HUNT,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOSIAH A. WESTERVELT,.....*Junior* " "
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEORGE W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

Wor. Bro. Wesley B. Church installed the officers.

A special communication was held on Wednesday, August 10th, A. L. 5881, for the purpose of following to his last resting-place our late Wor. Bro. John V. Perkins, whose remains were deposited by the side of his wife in New York Bay Cemetery with Masonic honors.

At the regular communication of September 22nd the Wor. Master feelingly commented upon the sad loss which had befallen the nation and the Fraternity through the untimely end of our late Brother James A. Garfield, President of the United States, and referred to the many virtues as a man and a Mason which the illustrious dead personified, his great sufferings, the heroic fortitude portrayed, and suggested that, as a fitting tribute to to his memory, a memorial page be set apart in the minute book of the Lodge upon which to record his

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untimely end, and by a unanimous vote of the Lodge it was so ordered.

On Sunday, Oct. 9th, at 1.30 P. M., a special communication was called for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother James H. Anderson. Thirty-four Brethren followed the remains to Greenwood Cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed.

On Dec. 6th, the said intelligence of the death of our esteemed and honored Grand Secretary, R. W. James M. Austin, was received with expressions of sorrow, and a memorial page was ordered set apart.

The following appears on the minutes of the Lodge:

James M. Austin,

Grand Secretary,

Died December 3rd, 1881.

Later on the following communication was also received from the Grand Master:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
NEW YORK, Dec. 8th, 1881.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of

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our Grand Secretary, R. W. James M. Austin, which sad event took place on Saturday, December 3rd. Eight days previously he had an attack of paralysis while engaged in the duties of his office, and was conveyed to his home, where he lingered—the last part of the time partially or wholly unconscious—until he finally passed away.

In the death of Dr. Austin, the Masonic Fraternity has sustained a loss which may well be deemed irreparable. For thirty-seven years he was an active member of the Fraternity, and for the greater portion of that time an officer of the various Masonic organizations to which he belonged. In 1853 he was elected Grand Secretary, and has by successive annual elections been continued in that office until his death. How honestly and faithfully he performed the duties of that office all his Brethren know.

To him is due, more perhaps than to any other man, the prosperity of Masonry in this State during the last quarter of a century, and no other man was so widely known to the Masonic bodies throughout the world. He lived a long and useful life, and has left to his Brethren the example of an upright man and Mason.

Let us cherish his memory, and be incited by his example to strive to render more useful and beneficent the great institution to which he devoted so many years of his life. It is ordered that this circular be read in each Lodge in this jurisdiction, at the first regular communication after its reception, and entered in full on the minutes, and that the furniture of the Lodge be draped in mourning for the space of three months.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written. HORACE S. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*

The next subsequent communication, being the constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following Brethren were chosen:

THOMAS KEATING,.....*Master.*
JOSIAH A. WESTERVELT,.....*Senior Warden.*
FRANK J. GRIFFITH,.....*Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEO. W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

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A special communication was called on Jan. 4th, A. L. 5882, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late Bro. Senior Warden Josiah Hunt, who died on the 2nd inst. The Lodge proceeded in a body to Greenwood Cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed over his remains.

At the following communication the Lodge was visited by M. W. Bro. Hymes, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, who witnessed the conferring of the First Degree, and during its progress, by request of the Master, presented the apron to the candidate. There were also present in the East R. W. Bro. Nichols, D. D. G. M., of the 5th Masonic District, accompanied by a number of Masters of Lodges of this district. On this evening Bro. Hancock generously offered to furnish the Lodge with a complete set of chased silver Jewels, which were accepted and a vote of thanks tendered him.

An emergent communication was called on April 16th for the purpose of attending the funeral of our departed Brother Thomas B. Armitage, who died on April 13th, A. L. 5882. The Lodge proceeded to his late residence, 311 E. 9th Street, and from thence to New York Bay Cemetery, where his remains were deposited in the plot belonging to this Lodge with Masonic honors.

On June 6th, at a regular communication, the Lodge was visited by R. W. James E. Morrison, Past D. D. There were present twenty-two Masters and Past Masters of Lodges in this jurisdiction. The following Brethren were invited by the Master to fill

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the stations and places in the Lodge, which they did: R. W. Bro. Morrison* in the East; W. Bro. Pope, of Amity, in the West; W. Bro. Lynch, of Hope, in the South; W. Bro. Burgess, of Republic, as Senior Deacon; W. Bro. Kocher, of Greenwich, as Marshal. During the ceremonies of the Third Degree beautiful solos were rendered by Bro. Frank Griffith, the Junior Warden, and R. W. Bro. Andreas presented the working tools. The degree was admirably conferred, the acting officers receiving the thanks of the Lodge.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th, the Master made some appropriate remarks, thanking the Brethren for their support during the year, and announced that the time for the election of officers had arrived and appointed tellers. The following Brethren were unanimously elected:

JOSIAH A. WESTERVELT,.....*Master.*
JOHN W. KEELER,.....*Senior Warden.*
HENRY J. HANCOCK,.....*Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEORGE W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

At the following communication in Jan., A. L. 5883, R. W. Fred'k A. Burnham performed the installation ceremony. Among those present were R. W.

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*R. Wor. Bro. Jas. E. Morrison, to whom frequent allusion is made in the record of the transactions of the Lodge, died in Buffalo, on Tuesday, June 14th, A. L. 5887. The sad news was communicated to the compiler of this history just as he was about concluding the work. The deceased Brother was present at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, in the apparent enjoyment of perfect health, and but a few days later his remains were deposited in their last resting-place, around which had gathered the most distinguished representatives of the Fraternity, and over which were scattered the fragrant tributes of Brotherly love and affection.

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Bro. Isaac Teichman, P. D. D. of the 5th, and R. W. Bro. L. Wells, P. D. D. of the 4th Masonic Districts.

On May 15th, a communication was received from Union Lodge, No. 40, of Danbury, Conn., granting permission to initiate, pass and raise Mr. Theo. C. Wildman, this being the first communication received from a Connecticut Lodge since the unhappy controversy which so long existed between the New York and Connecticut Grand Bodies had been settled and harmony restored.

On Sept. 4th, R. W. Bro. F. A. Burnham presented R. W. Bro. Thomas Patterson with the apron of D. Deputy and the appropriate Jewel of the office, to which the R. W. Bro. responded in an appropriate manner, and being formally introduced as District Deputy of the 5th Masonic District, was accorded the grand honors. M. W. Bro. Roome, P. G. Master, made an eloquent speech, directed more particularly to R. W. Bro. Burnham, who had just retired from the office now occupied by R. Wor. Bro. Patterson, to which R. W. Bro. Burnham duly responded. A vote of thanks was tendered the Past Grand Master and Past D. Deputy Grand Master for their attendance.

An emergent communication was held on September 5th, at 12 M., when it was reported that Bro. Nathan B. Cottrell had died suddenly. The Lodge proceeded to Jersey City Cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed over his remains.

At the next regular communication the Lodge was officially visited by the D. Deputy R. W. Thos. Patterson, who, after being formally received and

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welcomed, proceeded to examine the books and records, and expressed entire satisfaction as to their condition.

On Nov. 20th the death of Wor. Bro. Wesley B. Church was announced, and he being an honorary member of this Lodge it was ordered that a memorial page be set aside upon which to record his decease, and a letter of condolence sent to his widow.

At the last regular meeting in December the following Brethren were elected officers:

JOSIAH A. WESTERVELT,.....*Master.*
JOHN W. KEELER,.....*Senior Warden.*
HENRY J. HANCOCK,.....*Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
GEORGE W. HERRICK, JR.,.....*Secretary.*

On Dec. 30th, the Lodge was summoned at 1 P. M. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Jeremiah McCafferty, who died on the 27th inst. The Lodge followed his remains to Greenwood Cemetery and deposited them there with Masonic honors.

At a regular communication on March 4th, A. L. 5884, the Master ordered a memorial page to be set aside, upon which to record the death of Bro. McCafferty, and a letter of condolence sent to the family. The Master also presented to the Lodge Staves of Office for the Deacons and Masters of Ceremonies, also a Baton for the Marshal, and received the thanks of the Lodge.

At the communication of Sept. 16th the Secretary received a letter from the family of W. Bro. John McCollum, stating that he had died on June

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4th, 1884. It was announced on that evening that W. Bro. Thomas Keating had suffered a bereavement in the loss of his son, who died on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14th, 1884, and a letter of condolence was ordered sent to the parents of deceased.

On Dec. 16th, the election of officers took place for the ensuing year, when the following Brethren were chosen:

JOHN W. KEELER,.....*Master.*
HENRY J. HANCOCK,.....*Senior Warden.*
ALBERT HOLLY,.....*Junior "*
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
FRANK G. HOLLY,.....*Secretary.*

At the following communication, January 6th, A. L. 5885, they were duly installed.

The Lodge was visited by R. Wor. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, and R. Wor. E. W. Richardson, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District, who assisted in the ceremonies. The retiring Master Wor. Bro. Westervelt was presented with an elegant service of silver by R. W. Frank R. Lawrence on behalf of the Lodge, which was received by the Wor. Brother in a speech full of sincere feeling.

At the communication of March 17th, R. Wor. Bro. Scott reported the supposed loss of Bro. Thomas Pittuck of this Lodge, Captain of the steamship "Clandon." The steamship left port on Jan., 1885, bound for Liverpool, England, and up to this time nothing had been heard relative to her or her crew. There was every reason to believe the vessel with all on board had perished, and on April following no hopes were entertained of ever

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hearing from her again. A memorial page was ordered set aside upon which to record the sad fate of our Worthy Brother. A memorial page was also set apart to record the death of our late Bro. James B. Lowe, who died on June 23rd, A. L. 5885.

An emergent communication was called on Sept. 29th for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased Brother and late Secretary George W. Herrick, Jr., who died on the 27th inst. His remains were interred in the Lodge Plot in New York Bay Cemetery with Masonic honors.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 17th, the Lodge was officially visited by R. W. Wright D. Pownall, D. D. of the 5th Masonic District, who, after being welcomed and accorded the grand honors, was formally introduced to the Brethren and favored them with a few remarks appertaining to the debt of the Temple. He then presented a communication from the M. W. Frank R. Lawrence asking that contributions be made and a committee of active Brethren appointed to obtain subscriptions for the purpose of reducing and finally canceling the enormous debt that hung over the Temple. A committee of fifteen was appointed.

On Dec. 15th, the constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the members proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

JOSIAH A. WESTERVELT,.....*Master.*
HENRY J. HANCOCK,.....*Senior Warden.*
JOHN MCKELVEY,.....*Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT,.....*Treasurer.*
EDWIN GANONG,.....*Secretary.*

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A special meeting was called on Monday, March 15th, A. L. 5886, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites over the remains of our late Brother Robert C. Brown, who died on Friday, March 12th, A. L. 5886. The Lodge followed the remains to Greenwood Cemetery, where the usual Masonic ceremonies were held over his remains.

On the following month the death of Bro. Lewis N. Cook was announced and the Lodge summoned for the purpose of attending his funeral. The Lodge proceeded in a body to New York Bay Cemetery, where his remains were interred in the Burial Plot belonging to the Lodge.

On Oct. 1st, an emergent communication was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased Brother Joseph Fowler, who died on Sept. 29th, A. L. 5886. The Lodge attended the Washington Square M. E. Church, where religious services were held over the remains.

The widow of our late Brother Lewis N. Cook, having requested the privilege of removing the remains of her late husband from the plot in New York Bay Cemetery, her request was granted, and the trustees were authorized to sign an order to that effect.

On Dec. 21st, the Lodge elected officers for the ensuing year:

HENRY J. HANCOCK, ... *Master.*
THEO. C. WILDMAN, ... *Senior Warden.*
JOHN MCKELVEY, ... *Junior* "
WILLIAM SCOTT, ... *Treasurer.*
EDWIN GANONG, ... *Secretary*

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On Feb. 15th, A. L. 5887, the committee appointed to solicit subscriptions from the members of the Lodge to be devoted to the liquidation of the debt of the Temple reported as follows: The amount subscribed, collected and paid over to M. W. Frank R. Lawrence aggregates one thousand one hundred and sixty-three dollars and seventy-two cents.

The following is an alphabetical list of the subscribers and amount subscribed by each:

Anonymous.....	$100 00	Keeler, John W.....	$25 00
Andreas, Adolphus..	10 00	Kelk, Geo. S.....	10 00
Bogert, John G.....	100 22	Kelly, William J.....	10 00
Batchelor, W. A.....	15 00	Ketchum, C. L.....	10 00
Bates, Ed. G.....	10 00	Kleine, Fred.....	2 00
Berard, Claude.....	10 00	Minshall, F. G.....	10 00
Braden, Clark.....	5 00	Mead, Peter W.....	10 00
Behring, Chas. H....	5 00	Murphy, John.....	10 00
Brown, Henry S.....	2 00	Monckton, John.....	5 00
Blair, William	2 00	McConnell, Alex.....	20 00
Clark, Joseph.....	10 00	McKelvey, John.....	10 00
Craw, John W.....	5 00	McDowell, John.....	5 00
Davis, W. H.....	10 00	MacDonald, Chas. J.	7 00
Dunn, Geo. H.....	10 00	Patterson, Thos.....	50 00
Dimes, Rich	10 00	Price, James K.....	10 00
De Clark, David J..	5 00	Price, Samuel.....	7 00
Fritz, Egbert P.....	10 00	Pullen, John.....	7 00
Foster, Wm. J.....	10 00	Pugsley, William J..	5 00
Fowler, Joseph.....	5 00	Quick, Edwin A.....	100 00
Ganong, Edwin.....	10 00	Riker, John P.....	15 00
Hancock, Henry J...	26 00	Russell, William....	7 00
Hastie, Robert B....	10 00	Ritschy, Jacob.....	5 00
Hall, William H.....	10 00	Scott, William.....	100 00
Holian, James.....	5 00	Stewart, John.....	10 00
Hoole, Herbert G....	5 00	Small, Wm. H.....	10 00
Jagels, Henry.....	7 00	Smith, James M.....	10 00
Keating, Thos.....	25 00	Slocum, Edwin H....	10 00

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Sellers, Walter S....	$7 50	Winslow, Samuel...	$20 00
Seymour, John S....	7 00	Wildman, Theo. C...	10 00
Smith, Ebenezer....	5 00	Wenzel, Adolph C...	10 00
Steinhaus, Theo. C...	5 00	Wolfe, James A.....	7 00
Williams, William H.	100 00	Williams, W. J.....	5 00
Westervelt, Josiah A.	35 00	Wissinger, Jacob G..	5 00
Walton, Lewis W....	25 00	Zimmerman, Edwin..	10 00
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On Tuesday evening, March 8th, the Grand Master paid an official visit to the 5th Masonic District, at a special communication of Excelsior Lodge, No. 195. On this occasion the Commandery Room was taxed to its utmost limit; it was the largest gathering ever held in the room, and the appearance of the Lodges and Brethren was grand in every respect. The several Lodges had been convened in the Grand Lodge Room, and were received by Wor. Bro. George Burnham, Jr. York Lodge (40 members) was the first to enter and was assigned the position of honor in the East on the right of the Wor. Master. Twenty-six Lodges followed, bringing in an aggregate of about 800 Brethren, all of whom were received by the Wor. Master with a kindly greeting. R. Wor. Bro. Pownall, District Deputy of the 5th Masonic District, on being received, was accorded the grand honors, and made a few appropriate remarks and assumed the East.

M. W. Grand Master Lawrence's response was in his customary and able style. In it he touched largely on the work already and to be accomplished regarding the debt on the Masonic Temple. The

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force of his remarks was acknowledged by frequent applause.

Past Grand Master J. Edward Simmons followed Grand Master Lawrence with a brief history of the early work of the Grand Master in his endeavors to enlist the sympathies and co-operation of his predecessors and others in the liquidation of the Temple debt.

After the ceremonies had been concluded, the Grand Master retired, and thus closed a convention that will live pleasantly in the memories of all who were present.

A comuunication was received from R. W. Bro. Wright D. Pownall, dated March 11th, relative to the visitation of the Grand Master to the Lodges of the 5th Masonic District:

To the Wor. Master, Wardens and Brethren of York Lodge, No. 197, F. & A. M.:

DEAR BRETHREN: The recent Fifth District Visitation has passed into history as the most memorable one in the annals of the Craft. The brilliant success that attended the demonstration was altogether due to the enthusiasm of the Brethren and the hearty and intelligent co-operation with which I was favored at the hands of the Worshipful Masters in this District.

I would indeed be ungrateful did I neglect this present opportunity to express to you how deeply I appreciate the active interest manifested by the members of York Lodge. The size of its delegation was a pleasing feature of the occasion, and when considered in connection with the fact that *every Lodge* in the district was represented, should be accepted as a tribute to the universal harmony and fraternal affection that exists within our borders.

I have the honor to remain, dear Brethren,

Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,

W. D. POWNALL, *D. Dep.*

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A special communication was held on March 27th, A. L. 5887, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites over the remains of our late Brother James Potter, who died on the 24th inst. The Lodge formed in funeral procession and proceeded to New York Bay Cemetery, where the body was interred in the Plot belonging to this Lodge.

On April 16th, A. L. 5887, a delegation called on Rt. Wor. Bro. William Scott at his residence and presented him with an elegant easy chair, in order to remind him that, on the same day of the month, twenty-one years before, he had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, as well as a kindly recognition of the great service he had rendered the Lodge by his constant attendance, hard work and the faithful performance of all the duties connected with the various offices which he had held during his connection with it.

In the month of April a large delegation visited Roseville, N. J. The object of the visit was to present to Bro. Frank J. Griffith, now of Roseville Lodge, but formerly of York, an elegant diploma, engraved to represent a scroll, upon which was engrossed his full Masonic record. The delegation was cordially and fraternally received, and the diploma formally presented in open Lodge.

On May 17th, A. L. 5887, this being the 1304th communication, the Lodge was honored with the presence of Rt. Wor. E. L. M. Ehlers, Rt. Wor. W. D. Pownall and other distinguished members of the Fraternity. In anticipation of a fraternal visit by Roseville Lodge, Doric Room, in which the

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Lodge had assembled, was richly and tastefully decorated with flowers and vines, contributed by Bros. Alex. McConnell and W. W. Hall. And when the members of York Lodge rose to receive the visiting Brethren, a picture was presented which will linger long in the memories of those who were present.

On this occasion the Master Mason's Degree was conferred, the lectures being rendered by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. L. M. Ehlers, at the conclusion of which Rt. Wor. Bro. Pownall addressed the Brethren; after which he was presented with a beautiful floral tribute.

It was also reported at this communication that the committee previously appointed to regain possession of the original charter had been successful, and that the ancient document had been restored.

We have in this work produced a correct representation of this charter. It was first issued in 1824, as described in the opening pages, was endorsed and reissued by the St. John's Grand Lodge as a proper warrant from that body, was reclaimed by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and a new charter issued at the time of the reunion, and was retained from that time in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, until finally returned to the Lodge to which it was first issued, at the communication which closes this history.

The writer desires to express sincere thanks to Bro. Theo. C. Wildman, the present efficient Senior Warden of the Lodge, for the valuable assistance

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he has kindly rendered in the compilation of the work. Also to Bro. John Fowler for the time he has devoted to making up the tabular statement.

In conclusion, the compiler would remind the Brethren that, in the preparation of the foregoing, although he has introduced events which do not concern York Lodge alone, they were considered to be so intimately connected with its history, that it became necessary to embody them in it. He also feels assured that, in consequence of their introduction, this work will be of great interest to all students of Masonic history, particularly members of Lodges connected with the Grand Lodge controversy of 1837, as they can be found in no other work so fully and succinctly presented, for which credit is due to the courtesy of our present Grand Officers.

York Lodge, during its sixty-three years of labor, has experienced, as have most other Lodges, her internal troubles, and has sometimes been embroiled in the controversies of other similar bodies, yet she has always, according to her light, remained true to the teachings of the institution, and it may be maintained with pride, that in all works of charity, whether for the benefit of individuals or of the Craft, as well as in every project devised for the general good, she has been among the foremost of the subordinate bodies of the State. Harmony now happily reigns within her borders, and let us hope

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she may continue to exert her benign influence to the honor and glory of our noble institution, and that our Brethren may constantly bear in mind the commendable virtue sought to be inculcated by the especial emblem of a Master Mason of "who best can work and best agree."



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LIST OF OFFICERS FROM 1824 TO 1887.

Year	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.
1824	John W. Timson	Thomas G. Potter	Henry Basley	Isaac Clegg	Adolphus Andreas.
1825	Thomas G. Potter	Adolphus Andreas	James C. Everett	John W. Timson	Peter B. Brown.
1826	Adolphus Andreas	James Bower	George G. Sickles	" "	Isaac Gould.
1827	James Bower	George G. Sickles	John Blanchard	" "	" "
1828	Thomas G. Potter	" "	Henry Basley	James Bower	Adolphus Andreas.
1829	Henry Basley	John M. Devoy	Thomas S. Barnes	John W. Timson	Patrick Finigan.
1830	John M. Devoy	Robert Downes	Edward Ferris	" "	Jacob L. C. Roome.
1831	Robert Downes	John Vanderbeck	John French	Henry Basley	Patrick Finigan.
1832	John Vanderbeck	John French	Henry B. Roberts	John Turrell	James Shaw.
1833	John French	Henry B. Roberts	John Turrell	John M. Devoy	" "
1834	John W. Timson	John Turrell	John Blanchard	Sands Lane	" "
1835	John Turrell	Samuel Hugg	William Walling	" "	" "
1836	Samuel Hugg	Sands Lane	Horace B. Wade	John Turrell	John J. Rickers.
1837	Henry C. Atwood	John J. Rickers	Thomas Darby	Edward Robinson	Adolphus Andreas.
1838	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1839	John W. Timson	" "	" "	David Pearsall	Stephen H. Feeks.
1840	John J. Rickers.. / Henry C. Atwood.	Samuel Brown	Smith W. Horton	Peter Field	" " / John J. Rickers.
1841	Smith W. Horton	Gilbert S. Herbert	Avery Green	Hugh Riley	Henry C. Atwood.
	There	were no meetings of	the Lodge from June	21st, 1841, to Sept. 29th,	1849.
1849	Nicholas M. Abbot / Richard Thum	Richard Thum / William A. Freeborn	William A. Freeborn / William R. Howe	John W. Timson	Robert Hamilton.
1850	William A. Freeborn	William R. Howe	John McCollum	" "	" "
1851	John McCollum	Neal Morrison	Charles J. Spencer	William A. Freeborn	" "
1852	Neil Morrison	Charles J. Spencer	George Hendershott	Richard Thum	Henry Wichello.
1853	George Hendershott	Robert Hamilton	John Fowler	Neal Morrison	John McCollum.
1854	John Fowler	Rufus C. Kemp	Absalom Northrup	" "	" "
1855	Absalom Northrup	Alexander Proudfoot	John R. Rollins	Henry L. Wheeler	" "
1856	Alexander Proudfoot	John R. Rollins	Theodore Miner	John Fowler.	" "
1857	Absalom Northrup	William T. Swift	Samuel S. Day, Jr.	" "	" "

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1858	Theodore Miner	Samuel S. Day, Jr.	William H. Small	John Fowler	John McCollum.
1859	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1860	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1861	Samuel S. Day, Jr.	William H. Small	George K. Chase	" "	" "
1862	George K. Chase	" "	Edward Frost	" "	" "
1863	Edward Frost	" "	John W. Fraser	" "	" "
1864	Samuel S Day, Jr.	John W. Fraser	James Garland	" "	" "
1865	John W. Fraser	John W. Tyler	Wallace Dickson	" "	" "
1866	Wallace Dickson	Henry S. Brown	Bernard B. Quin	" "	" "
1867	Henry S. Brown	Edward H. Osborn	Samuel J. S. Vose	" "	" "
1868	" "	John G. Corby	William Pugsley	Samuel S. Day, Jr.	" "
1869	Wallace Dickson	John V. Perkins	Thomas Keating	" "	" "
1870	John V. Perkins	Edwin Ganong	John Wallace	Thomas B. Byrne	" "
1871	Edwin Ganong	William Scott	Thomas Patterson	" "	Jacob Ritschy.
1872	William Scott	Wm. S. Van Dyke	Edward Byrne	" "	" "
1873	William S. Van Dyke	Lucius K. Mulloch	Abraham Barnett	John Fowler	Edwin Ganong.
1874	Thomas Patterson	Edwin A. Quick	Edwin Ganong	Wm. S. Van Dyke	James H. Monckton.
1875	William Scott	" "	Jacob Ritschy	" "	" "
1876	Edwin A. Quick	Robert Wharton	John G. Bogert	William Scott	George W. Herrick, Jr.
1877	" "	" "	" "	" "	" " "
1878	Robert Wharton	John G. Bogert	Lewis W. Walton	" "	" " "
1879	John G. Bogert	James Holian	Frank J. Griffith	" "	" " "
1880	" "	" "	" "	" "	" " "
1881	James Holian	Josiah Hunt	Josiah A. Westervelt	" "	" " "
1882	Thomas Keating	Josiah A. Westervelt	Frank J. Griffith	" "	" " "
1883	Josiah A Westervelt	John W. Keeler	Henry J. Hancock	" "	" " "
1884	" "	" "	" "	" "	" " "
1885	John W. Keeler	Henry J. Hancock	Albert Holly	" "	Frank G. Holly.
1886	Josiah A. Westervelt	" "	John McKelvey	" "	Edwin Ganong.
1887	Henry J. Hancock	Theodore C. Wildman	" "	" "	" "

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RECORD OF THE MEMBERS OF YORK LODGE FROM THE DATE OF ITS ORGANIZATION TO JUNE 7TH, 1887.

* Charter Members. Names of Past Masters are printed in small capitals.

NAMES.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Struck off.	Restored.	Died.	Actual Time of Membership. Y'rs	M's	D's
*JOHN W. TIMSON			June 21, 1841			Sept. 28, 1849		18	8	18
" "			Jan. 8, 1851							
*THOMAS G. POTTER			May 19, 1829					5	4	6
*HENRY BASLEY			July 6, 1831					7	5	24
*ADOLPHUS ANDREA			June 21, 1841		May 16, 1832	Dec. 8, 1836				
" "						Jan. 6, 1868		32	3	22
*George G. Sickles					Feb. 18, 1835			11	1	5
*Abraham Jacobs							April 2, 1834	10	2	20
*Joseph Taylor					May 4, 1831			7	3	21
Isaac Clegg	Mar. 3, 1824		Feb. 19, 1828					3	11	16
John W. Bloomer	April 2, 1824		Dec. 6, 1825					1	8	4
Nathaniel M. Brown	April 2, 1824		Feb. 19, 1928					3	10	17
John Knerenger	May 18, 1824		Feb. 19, 1828					3	9	1
Charles Harris	May 18, 1824				May 4, 1831			6	11	16
John D. Salters	June 1, 1824				Mar. 20, 1827			2	9	19
Thomas Yates	Aug. 3, 1824				June 22, 1829			4	10	19
JAMES BOWES	Aug. 3, 1824		June 22, 1829					4	10	19
John Blanchard	Oct. 5, 1824				Feb. 4, 1835	Nov. 4, 1835				
" "					Jan. 6, 1840			14	6	1
Peter B. Brown	Oct. 5, 1824		Mar. 15 1825						5	10
James C. Everett	Nov. 2, 1824		Mar. 20, 1827					2	4	18
Samuel Butler	Nov. 6, 1824				Jan. 19, 1833			8	2	13
Isaac Anderson	Nov. 6, 1824		June 17, 1835					10	7	11
Cornelius B. Timpson	Nov. 16, 1824		Nov. 16, 1824							1
Abraham Lamoreau	Nov. 16, 1824		July 19, 1825						8	3
Richard Many	Dec. 12, 1824			June 5, 1827				2	5	24
Peter Fowler	Feb. 1, 1825				May 20, 1827			2	3	19

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Nathan S. Freeland	Mar. 15, 1825		Dec. 21, 1829				4	9	6
Leicester S. Vining		May 13, 1825			Jan. 15, 1834		9	8	2
Nicholas Furber	May 17, 1825		Aug. 16, 1825					3	
Alex. Van Buren	June 7, 1825				May 4, 1831		5	11	27
Joseph Tucker	June 7, 1825				April 1, 1835		9	9	24
Raban Cushing	June 21, 1825		Mar. 21, 1826					9	
Garret Coles	July 19, 1825				June 3, 1828		2	10	15
Benjamin Deens		July 19, 1825	Jan. 16, 1827				1	5	28
George B. Gale	Aug 3, 1825				June 3, 1828		2	10	
Thomas Garto	Aug. 3, 1825		Dec. 4, 1827				1	4	1
John Hooper	Sept. 10, 1825		Oct. 25, 1825					1	5
Thomas Haverland		Oct. 4, 1825			Mar. 16, 1832		6	5	12
Henry C. Atwood		Oct. 4, 1825	Dec. 19. 1825			Dec. 2, 1835	5	9	4
" "			June 21, 1841						
John Smith	Nov. 15, 1825		Mar. 16, 1831				5	4	1
Peter Shaver		Nov. 15, 1825	Oct. 17, 1832				6	11	2
Isaac Goold	Dec. 6, 1825				July 17, 1833		7	7	11
Edmund Stuart	Jan. 3, 1826				Dec. 21, 1829		3	11	18
John Myric	Jan. 3, 1826		Nov. 8, 1830				4	10	5
James Cooper	Mar. 21, 1826				Jan. 15, 1834		7	9	25
Shabal N. Nicolls	Apr. 27, 1826				Jan. 6, 1829		2	8	9
William Runyon	May 7, 1826		Dec. 16, 1828				2	7	9
Jededia Thomas	May 16, 1826		June 21, 1841				15	1	14
Francis G. Dunn	June 10, 1826		Apr. 15, 1828				1	10	5
Noah S. Hunt	July 18, 1826				June 22, 1829		2	11	4
Patrick Finigan	Aug. 11, 1826			Jan. 18, 1832	Jan. 6, 1840	June 20, 1832	13		23
Bradley Osborn	Aug. 11, 1826				Jan. 16, 1832		5	5	5
John Hauptman	Sept. 19, 1826				Jan. 15, 1834		7	3	26
Levi Gould	Oct. 2, 1826		Oct. 2, 1826						1
George Goraud	Nov. 28, 1826		Apr. 15, 1828				1	4	17
Joseph Taylor, Jr.	Feb. 6, 1827				June 22, 1829		2	4	16
Daniel Greevault	Feb. 6, 1827		Aug. 1, 1836				9	5	23
John M. Devoy		Mar. 6, 1827	Sept. 18, 1833				6	6	12
William Decker	April 3, 1827		April 3, 1827						1
William Adams	Oct. 16, 1827		Jan. 25, 1830				2	3	9
John W. Lovett	Feb. 9, 1828		Jan. 16, 1834				5	11	7
Elisha Turner	Feb. 19, 1828				May 4, 1831		3	2	13
Thomas S. Barnes	Mar. 18, 1828				May 4, 1831		3	1	16

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Cyrus J. Fay	June 20, 1828		June 20, 1828							1
Edward Ferris	Oct. 21, 1828		Oct. 5, 1831					2	11	14
John Vanderbeck	Jan. 20, 1829		June 21, 1841					12	5	1
Peter Long	Mar. 16, 1829						Oct. 6, 1830	1	6	21
John French	Mar. 16, 1829		Jan 7, 1835					5	9	22
Robert Downs	Mar. 16, 1829						Aug. 10, 1831	2	4	25
John Turrell	Mar. 3, 1829		Dec. 19, 1836					7	9	16
Henry B. Roberts	Mar. 17, 1829		Jan. 15, 1834					4	9	29
William Rich	Mar. 17, 1829		Dec. 28, 1829						9	11
Cornelius H. Downs	Aug. 24, 1829				May 16, 1832			2	8	28
Ambrose B. Winslow	Sept. 14, 1829			May 18, 1831				1	8	4
Frederick Bogardus	Sept. 28, 1829		July 6, 1831					1	9	8
Jacob L. C. Roome	Sept. 28, 1829		June 20, 1832					2	8	22
Samuel Hugg	Oct. 26, 1829						Nov. 20, 1837	8		25
William Walling	Oct. 26, 1829		Dec. 16, 1835					6	1	21
James Shaw		Nov. 9, 1829	June 21, 1841					11	7	12
Godfrey L. Snyder	Nov. 19, 1829		June 19, 1833		May 4, 1831	June 15, 1831		3	5	21
Elisha Kingsland	Jan. 25, 1830				Aug. 6, 1834	June 17, 1835	June 5, 1837	6	6	
Asa Onderdonk	Mar. 3, 1830		June 21, 1841					11	3	19
John Beaty	Aug. 3, 1830				April 3, 1833			2	8	
Daniel Roberts	Dec. 1, 1830		July 2, 1834		Jan. 3, 1870	July 1, 1867		6	1	3
Horace B. Wade	Dec. 7, 1831				Jan. 6, 1840			8	11	
Sands Lane		May 16, 1832	Dec. 19, 1836					4	7	3
Robert B. Wilson	Dec. 5, 1832				Aug. 6, 1834	Dec. 2, 1835	June 5, 1837	3	2	4
Isaac Hibbard	Apr. 17, 1833				Feb. 4, 1835			1	9	17
Francis Esquirol	Nov. 20, 1833		April 1, 1835					1	4	11
Abraham Franklin	Feb. 5, 1834		Dec. 19, 1836					2	10	14
Richard D. Simonson	Feb. 5, 1834						June 5, 1837	3	4	
Samuel Gross	July 16, 1834		Jan. 7, 1835						5	22
Isaac Beven	Aug. 20, 1834				Jan. 6, 1840			5	4	17
Edward Robinson		Mar. 4, 1835			Jan. 6, 1840			4	10	2
John J. Rickers		Mar. 18, 1835	June 21, 1841					6	3	3
Thomas Darby	Mar. 18, 1835		June 21, 1841					6	3	3

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Lemuel Smith	Mar. 18, 1835			Jan. 6, 1840			4	9	19
William Rollins	Sept. 16, 1835		June 21, 1841				5	9	5
Peter Field		Dec. 2, 1835	June 21, 1841				5	6	19
David Gould		Dec. 2, 1835	June 21, 1841				5	6	19
Arthur McGaff	Dec. 9, 1835					June 5, 1837	1	5	27
Joseph Homer		Dec. 2, 1835	Dec. 3, 1838				3		1
Cornelius Annin	Dec. 16, 1835			Jan. 6, 1840			4		21
Godfrey Hammel	Mar. 6, 1836		July 17, 1837				1	4	11
Samuel Brown	April 6, 1836		June 21, 1841				5	2	15
George Wells		April 6, 1836		Jan. 6, 1840			3	9	
James W. Rosevelt	Aug. 15, 1836		June 21, 1841				4	10	6
Charles H. Horton		Oct. 17, 1836	June 21, 1841	Jan. 7, 1852	Sept. 28, 1849		6	11	14
Gilbert Burnett		Oct. 3, 1836	June 21, 1841				4	8	18
Francis Mahaffy	Oct. 17, 1836		June 21, 1841				4	8	4
John Carruthers	Oct. 21, 1836			Jan. 6, 1840			3	2	15
SMITH W. HORTON	Nov. 21, 1836		June 21, 1841				4	7	
Benjamin Ewen	Dec. 8, 1836		June 21, 1841				4	6	13
Daniel R. Stiles	Dec. 15, 1836			Jan. 6, 1840			3	10	22
David Pearsall	Dec. 19, 1836		June 21, 1841				4	6	2
John Dean	Feb. 20, 1837			Jan. 6, 1840			2	11	14
William Warner	Mar. 6, 1837		July 17, 1837				1	4	11
William Morrow	June 5, 1837		July 17, 1837					1	12
Stephen H. Feeks	June 11, 1837		June 21, 1841				4		10
Peter Esquirol	July 27, 1837		June 21, 1841				3	10	25
Joseph Schriner		Nov. 20, 1837				Jan. 7, 1840	2	1	17
Avery Green	Nov. 5, 1838		June 21, 1841				2	7	16
Henry Bruns	Nov. 7, 1838		June 21, 1841				2	7	14
Samuel Irving	June 3, 1839		June 21, 1841				2		18
Jacob Colvin	June 3, 1839		June 21, 1841				2		18
Charles W. Doolittle		June 3, 1839	June 21, 1841				2		18
Simon Isaacs	July 12, 1839		June 21, 1841				1	11	9
Gilbert H. Herbert	Dec. 15, 1839		June 21, 1841				1	6	6
Joseph Jacobs	Jan. 20, 1840		June 21, 1841				1	5	1
Aaron Tobias	Feb. 3, 1840		June 21, 1841				1	4	18
John McKibben	Feb. 24, 1840			April 5, 1841			1	1	9
NICHOLAS N. ABBOTT	Feb. 24, 1840		June 21, 1841		Sept. 28, 1849		7	5	22
" "			May 22, 1850		Apr. 16, 1860	Sept. 13, 1854			
Elisha Blankman		Feb. 24, 1840	June 21, 1841				1	3	25

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David H. Gould	Mar. 2, 1840		June 21,1841					1	3	19
Huron Betts,	Mar. 16, 1840			April 5, 1841				1		19
Isaac Keyser	Apr. 1, 1840		June 21,1841					1	2	20
Thomas Needham	June 4, 1840		June 21,1841					1		17
Hugh Riley	Aug. 17,1840		June 21,1841						10	4
James Wasson		Sept. 7, 1840	June 21,1841						9	14
Rev. Joseph Silcox	Jan. 4, 1841		June 21,1841						5	17
Peter Abel	Feb. 1, 1841		June 21,1841						4	20
T. C. Smith	Feb. 15, 1841		June 21,1841						4	6
	There were	no Meetings	of the Lodge	from June	21st, 1841, to	Sept. 29th,	1849.			
WILLIAM A. FREEBORN		Sept. 29,1849					June 22, 1868	18	8	23
RICHARD THUM		Sept. 29,1849	July 5, 1853					3	9	6
Robert Hamilton	Oct. 7, 1849		Feb. 1, 1854					4	3	25
John Harway		Oct. 31, 1849					Sept. 3, 1851	1	11	3
William R. Howe		Oct. 24, 1849			May 18, 1853			3	6	25
Alex. Cabre		Nov. 21, 1949			Mar. 4, 1857			7	3	13
Peter Morrison	Nov. 21, 1849		Jan. 15, 1851					1	1	24
James Beveridge		Nov. 28, 1849	Sept. 10,1864					14	9	12
JOHN MCCOLLUM		Nov. 28,1849			May 6, 1884			34	5	8
William Coger		Dec. 5, 1849					Dec. 3, 1851	1	11	29
Eugene Farr	Dec. 12, 1849						Dec. 1862	13		
Alfred N. Brewer	Dec. 12, 1849				June 14,1854	Feb. 17, 1859		7	5	16
" "					Feb. 3, 1862					
Baptiste Phillips	Dec 12, 1849				May 17, 1854			4	5	5
William A. Cromwell		Dec. 19, 1849	Jan. 15, 1851					1		27
Joseph McArthur		Dec. 26, 1849	Jan. 15, 1851					1		20
GEORGE HENDERSHOTT	Jan. 2, 1850							37	5	5
Cornelius Van Stratton	Jan 2, 1850				Apr. 16, 1860			10	3	14
Alex H. Bunnell	Jan. 2, 1850		Oct. 10, 1855		May 17, 1854	Oct. 10, 1855		4	4	15
Thomas Anderson	Jan. 2, 1850				May 17, 1854			4	4	15
Owen C. Craney	Jan. 9, 1850				May 18, 1853			3	4	9

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Benjamin Wilt	Jan. 20, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	11	28
Henry L. Wheeler	Feb. 13, 1850						Apr. 14, 1880	30	2	1
John Dean		Feb. 6, 1850			May 18, 1853			3	3	12
Lewis Mauning	Feb. 13, 1850				May 18, 1853			3	3	5
Charles J. Farren	Feb. 21, 1850		Feb. 3, 1862		May 17, 1854	Feb. 3, 1862		3	2	24
Bernard Burnstein	Feb. 21, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	10	14
Joseph Stearns	Feb 27, 1850		Jan 15, 1851						10	16
John H. Hoffman	Feb. 27, 1850		Aug. 7, 1850						5	8
James Best	Feb. 27, 1850		May 18, 1854					4	2	19
Henry Van Wagner	Feb. 27, 1850		June 1, 1853					3	3	2
John Smith	Mar. 13, 1850						April, 1865	15	1	
Wesley A. Forrest	Mar. 13, 1850				May 18, 1853	July 2, 1856		6	11	5
" "					April 2, 1860					
John Earler	Mar. 13, 1850		Apr. 10, 1850							27
William Scholfield	Mar. 27, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						9	19
Adam Gulick	Mar. 27, 1850		Aug. 7, 1850						4	11
John Holzderber	Mar. 27, 1850		Jan. 19, 1853					2	9	23
William E. Frymuth	Mar. 27, 1850				Nov. 3, 1862			12	7	7
David Garthwaite	Mar. 27, 1850				May 16, 1864			14	1	20
Charles Kipp	April 3, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	9	4
NEAL MORRISON	May 8, 1850		June 14, 1854					4	1	6
Robert Grant	May 8, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	8	
Sylvester Baxter	June 9, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	6	28
James D. Kipp	June 9, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	6	28
William M. Marston	June 9, 1850		April 1, 1857					6	9	22
Seligman Levy	June 9, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	6	28
Edward L. Zedesky	June 12, 1850				July 16, 1856			6	1	4
John P. Fincklemyer	June 23, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	6	14
F. W. Boschat	July 3, 1850		Aug. 7, 1850						1	4
Daniel Kethling	July 3, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	6	4
Daniel Pieffer	July 3, 1850		Apr. 20, 1853					2	9	17
Zenas D. Bassett	July 3, 1850		Jan. 15, 1854					3	6	12
Muchlhausin	July 3, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	6	4
James McAlister	July 31, 1850		Apr. 19, 1863					12	8	19
Andrew Bergman		Aug. 7, 1850			May 17, 1854			3	9	10
Bernhard J. Fry	Aug. 1, 1850		Feb. 7, 1868		May 18, 1853	July 2, 1856		14	4	16
Henry B. Shophoff	Aug. 18, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						4	29
Henry Kable	Aug. 18, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						4	29

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Frederick G. Devoe	Aug. 28, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						4	18
William Welch	Aug. 28, 1850		May 18, 1853					2	8	21
Philip J. Holzderber	Sept. 11, 1850		Jan. 19, 1853					2	4	8
Joseph Mallam	Sept. 11, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	3	26
Charles J. Spencer	Oct 16, 1850		May 19, 1852					1	7	3
Robert Osborn	Oct. 16, 1850				July 16, 1856			5	9	
G. J. Gregory	Oct. 16, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						3	
Joseph Hodgman	Oct. 23, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						2	23
Jacob N. Dilts	Oct. 23, 1850						Mar. 30, 1853	2	5	7
William Randolph	Nov. 13, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						2	2
John Morewood	Nov. 13, 1850				Jan. 7, 1852			1	1	24
John Powell	Dec. 4, 1850				May 7, 1856			15	5	3
Richard Hart	Dec. 4, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851						1	11
John Devoe		Jan. 18, 1850			Jan. 7, 1852			1	11	20
John H. Mead	Dec. 18, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851							29
Henry Pope	Dec. 18, 1850		Jan. 15, 1851							29
E. F. Fountain	Jan. 3, 1851				May 18, 1853			2	4	15
Henry P. Lunt	Jan. 15, 1851				July 16, 1856			5	6	1
James Murphy	Jan. 25, 1851				May 17, 1854			3	3	23
John Sturgeon		Sept. 24, 1851	Mar. 4, 1858					6	5	10
John Randal	Oct. 1, 1851		Oct. 1, 1851							1
George Caplin	Oct. 21, 1851				May 17, 1854			2	5	27
Daniel Morrison	Oct. 29, 1851						April 8, 1855	3	5	10
Samuel B. Watson	Oct. 29, 1851		Aug. 15, 1858					6	9	17
Henry Foos	Oct. 29, 1851				Mar. 4, 1857			5	4	5
Henry Wichello	Nov. 19, 1851		July 25, 1855					3	8	6
John H. Turnure	Dec. 24, 1851				July 16, 1856			4	6	23
William H. Weed	Feb. 25, 1852				Mar. 4, 1857			5		7
JOHN FOWLER	May 5, 1852							35	1	2
Edwin G. Evans	May 5, 1852				May 17, 1855			3		12
Rosevelt G. Secor	May 19, 1852		Dec. 15, 1852						6	27
Edward C. Brettell	Aug. 18, 1852						Apr. 10, 1855	2	7	23
ALEX. PROUDFOOT	Nov. 17, 1852		Oct. 7, 1858					5	10	19

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Albert Wolcott	Nov. 17, 1852		Mar. 26, 1856					3	4	9
Alex. B. McGowan	Jan. 19, 1853		Oct. 21, 1858	May 17, 1854		July 16, 1856		3	7	4
John Mitchel	Jan. 19, 1853				Mar. 4, 1857			4	1	16
Rufus Kemp	Feb. 2, 1853		Feb. 1, 1854					1		
James McCombie		Mar. 16, 1853			Feb. 28, 1855			1	11	12
Warren Ward	April 5, 1853		June 21, 1871					18	2	16
William Hayes	April 5, 1853			Feb. 1, 1854					9	26
Absalom Northrop	April 5, 1853		Jan. 7, 1867					13	9	2
George A. Meacham	April 5, 1853				Mar. 4, 1857			3	10	29
J. V. D. Mather	May 4, 1853						June 1, 1854	1		18
Charles Whitlock	July 6, 1853		Mar. 16, 1863					9	8	10
James Black	July 6, 1853		Apr. 26, 1863					9	9	20
William J. Wall	July 6, 1853		June 4, 1857					3	10	29
Seth W. Valentine	July 6, 1853				July 16, 1856	June 19, 1872		14	10	27
" "					May 6, 1884					
Samuel T. Webster	Aug. 17, 1853				Apr. 16, 1860			6	8	
Ira S. Elkins	Sept. 21, 1853				July 16, 1856			2	9	26
Joseph Bergham	Sept. 21, 1853		Mar. 16, 1863					9	4	25
Theodore Mink	Sept. 21, 1853				Feb. 4, 1867			13	4	13
Joseph Webster	Oct. 19, 1853		June 4, 1869		May 20, 1861	May 16, 1869		7	7	20
Peter Dewyer	Oct. 19, 1853				Feb. 3, 1862			8	3	15
George Janeway		Nov. 2, 1853			May 16, 1864			10	6	14
Joseph C. Dilks	Dec. 7, 1853				May 16, 1864			10	5	9
Adolph Lutge	Mar. 1, 1854		Aug. 22, 1854						5	21
Jeremiah McCafferty	Mar. 1, 1854						Dec. 27, 1883	29	9	26
John R. Rollins	Mar. 1, 1854		Dec. 16, 1858					4	9	15
Charles A. Small	Mar. 1, 1854				April 7, 1859			5	1	6
Samuel S. Day, Jr.	Apr. 19, 1854						Dec. 1, 1869	15	7	12
William H. Small	Apr. 19, 1854							33	1	18
William T. Swift		Jan. 10, 1855	Dec. 2, 1858					3	10	23
William B. Rabineau	Feb. 14, 1855							32	3	21
John Owen Tool	Feb. 14, 1855						Dec. 7, 1857	2	9	21
William C. Falconer		Feb. 14, 1855	Dec. 2, 1858					3	9	16
Reuben Hibberd	Feb. 20, 1855			May 6, 1861				6	2	14
Benjamin V. C. Abbott	Mar. 28, 1885				Nov. 3, 1862			7	7	6
William F. Damon, Jr.	May 23, 1855						Jan. 25, 1861	5	8	2
John C. Banker	June 27, 1855						Aug., 1856	1	2	
Thomas Creede	Aug. 22, 1855				Nov. 3, 1862			7	2	12

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Reuben C. Mills	Sept. 26, 1855				May 18, 1863			7	7	22
Peter Sutphen	Sept. 26, 1855				April 7, 1859			3	6	11
William Craft	Jan. 7, 1856				Apr. 16, 1878			22	3	9
Augustus Elliott	Mar. 28, 1856				Mar. 2, 1863			6	11	5
Jacob Lawrence	April 23, 1856				May 20, 1861			5		27
William Leigh	Apr. 23, 1856						May 16, 1861	5		23
Patrick C. Monahan	Apr. 23, 1856				Apr. 16, 1860			3	11	23
George W. Matsell	July 16, 1856		Jan. 4, 1857						5	19
Richard J. Curtis	July 16, 1856				Apr. 16, 1860			3	9	
Billings Drake	Sept. 17, 1856						Feb. 20, 1863	6	5	3
Gideon Ostrander	Sept. 17, 1856				May 16, 1864			7	7	29
Thomas J. Wane, Jr.	Nov. 19, 1856		May 5, 1862					5	5	16
James M. Byrne	Dec. 3, 1856							30	6	4
Lewis Brode		Mar. 8, 1857			Apr. 16, 1860			3	1	8
Howard E Coates	July 2, 1857		Sept. 10, 1864					7	2	8
Alfred Elliott	July 2, 1857		Dec. 1, 1858		May 16, 1864	June 6, 1859		6	4	10
John Forshay	Aug. 20, 1857		Mar. 16, 1863					5	6	27
Joseph D. Freitas	Nov. 5, 1857		Sept. 20, 1868		Feb. 4, 1867	Sept. 20, 1868		9	9	3
GEORGE K. CHASE	Nov. 5, 1857		Mar. 16, 1863					5	4	11
Frederick J. Thomas	Nov. 5, 1857				Apr. 16, 1860			2	5	11
Frederick B. Sladen	Jan. 7, 1858				Apr. 16, 1860			2	3	9
John Mullins	Jan. 7, 1858				June 21, 1871			13	5	14
Samuel S. Day, Sr.	Mar. 18, 1858		Aug. 6, 1860					2	4	19
Edward Maraland	April 9, 1858				Dec. 1, 1863			5	7	22
John Nation	Aug. 19, 1858		Nov., 1864		May 20, 1861	Nov., 1864		2	9	1
John W. Tyler	Sept. 16, 1858				June 21, 1871			12	9	5
Henry T. Bell		Mar. 17, 1859			Mar. 2, 1863			3	11	16
Joseph King	Apr. 21, 1859				May 16, 1864			5		25
Lemuel Freeman	May 16, 1859		Mar. 16, 1863					3	10	
William J. Bell		July 4, 1859	July 5, 1862					3		
Samuel L. Rosse	Aug. 15, 1859						Sept. 17, 1862	3	1	2
Milton Kent	Oct. 17, 1859				Feb. 4, 1867			7	3	18
Lawrence Lazard	Oct. 17, 1859				Nov. 3, 1862			3	0	17

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George W. White	Oct. 17, 1859		Feb. 2, 1863				3	3	16
John Cantrell		Dec. 5, 1859	June 19,1860					6	14
John T. Mills	Dec. 19, 1859				Apr. 16, 1878		18	3	28
Frederic G. Ford		Aug. 15, 1859					27	9	23
Edward W. King	Mar. 5, 1860		Dec. 21, 1863				3	9	16
Daniel Lepine	April 2, 1860				Apr. 17, 1865		5		15
Isaac Dubois	Oct. 1, 1860		Mar. 16,1863				2	5	15
William W. Conover	Oct. 1, 1860						26	8	6
Daniel W. McCollum	Nov. 5, 1860		Dec. 27, 1877				17	1	22
Jacob Lewis	Jan. 21, 1861		Jan. 18, 1864				2	11	28
James White	Jan. 21, 1861					Aug. 13, 1871	10	6	23
Edward Frost	Jan. 21, 1861				May 16, 1864		3	3	26
William B. Titterington	Jan. 21, 1861		June 17,1861					4	27
James Miller	Feb. 4, 1861		Jan. 4, 1864				2	11	
George Crawford	Mar. 4, 1861				May 16, 1864		3	2	12
William Towers	April 1, 1861		Mar. 16, 1863				1	11	15
Robert G. Lyle	April 1, 1861		May 21, 1873				12	1	20
Edward J. Richmond	April 1, 1861		Mar. 16, 1863				1	11	15
William Day	May 20, 1861				Oct. 16, 1872		11	4	28
John W. Fraser	May 20, 1861					Aug., 1866	5	3	
Alex. Warner	Aug. 5, 1861		Dec. 16, 1876				15	4	11
Thomas B. Byrnes		Feb. 18, 1861	May 4, 1875				14	2	14
Samuel W. Thompson	Oct. 21, 1861		Mar. 16, 1863				1	4	25
John A. Taylor	Dec. 2, 1861		Apr. 21, 1862					4	19
Samuel J. S. Vose	Mar. 21,1862				June 21,1871		12	10	14
" "					Apr. 18, 1876	Sept. 4, 1872			
Leonard Monzert	Mar. 21,1862				Apr. 17, 1865		6	11	27
" "					Jan. 4, 1869	Dec. 4, 1865			
Levi M. Northrop	Mar.21, 1862		Mar. 16, 1863					11	26
John S. Benson	Mar.21, 1862		Mar. 16, 1863					11	26
Robert A. Gregory	May 19, 1862		Mar. 16, 1863					9	28
Rufus E. Glass	May 19, 1862		Mar. 16, 1863					9	28
William J. Robinson	June 16,1862				Apr. 21, 1875		12	10	5
Thomas C. Knox		Aug. 4, 1862			May 7, 1866		17	7	18
" "					Oct. 19, 1886	Dec. 4, 1872			
James F. Taunt	Sept. 15,1862		Mar. 16, 1863					6	1
Charles Hall	Sept. 15,1862						24	8	22
Richard Good	Sept. 15,1862				Apr. 16, 1878		15	7	1

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Edmund J. Hutchings	Dec. 1, 1862		July 15, 1874					11	7	14
James D. Van Voorhis	Dec. 1, 1862				Apr. 16, 1878			15	4	15
Henry C. Leet	Dec. 1, 1862		Mar. 16, 1863						3	15
George W. Harway	Dec. 15, 1862						April, 1865..	2	4	
Allen H. Malcolm	May 9, 1863		Jan. 4, 1869					5	7	26
James Walbey	May 9, 1863				Jan. 4, 1869			5	7	26
Thomas Stewart	May 9, 1863				Jan. 4, 1869			5	7	26
James Garland	May 18, 1863		Dec. 6, 1871		Jan. 4, 1869	Aug. 2, 1869		7	11	21
Valentine Coon	May 18, 1863				Sept. 5, 1870			11	9	18
" "					Apr. 18, 1876	Oct. 18, 1871				
Richard Van Varick	June 29, 1863				May 7, 1866			2	10	9
Charles Cooper	June 29, 1863						Feb. 27, 1864		7	28
John P. Cantrell	June 29, 1863		Jan. 1, 1866					2	6	2
William C. Scaff	Sept. 7, 1863				Apr. 18, 1876			12	7	11
Isaac P. Lockman	Sept. 7, 1863				Apr. 17, 1883			19	7	10
Jacob G. Wissenger	Sept. 7, 1863							23	9	9
Alfred Fidkin	Sept. 21, 1863				May 7, 1866			2	7	16
Sylvanus Proctor	Nov. 16, 1863				Oct. 16, 1872			8	11	
William H. Otley	Dec. 7, 1863							23	6	
William Wilson	Feb. 1, 1864				Oct. 19, 1886			22	8	18
James Fullshire	Feb. 1, 1864				Apr. 18, 1878			14	2	17
Freeman Ellis	Feb. 1, 1864		Oct. 16, 1883		June 19, 1872	June 15, 1875		16	8	15
John W. Crum	Feb. 1, 1864				Jan. 4, 1869			4	11	3
WALLACE DICKSON	Mar. 21, 1864				Apr. 17, 1877			13		27
Jules J. L Hoffman	Mar. 21, 1864				Jan. 4, 1869			4	9	14
William Carolan	Mar. 21, 1864		Dec. 18, 1865					1	8	28
William Morgan	June 20, 1864		May 15, 1872					7	10	25
James H. Simms	June 20, 1864				Feb. 4, 1867			2	7	14
Lewis Gans	June 20, 1864				May 7, 1866			1	10	17
Israel Rich	June 20, 1864				Jan. 4, 1869			4	6	14
Daniel Rich	June 20, 1864				Jan. 6, 1868			3	6	16
Andrew Houston	Aug. 1, 1864						Dec. 24, 1878	14	4	23
Elmer Drummond	Sept. 12, 1864		Jan. 1, 1869					4	3	19

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Henry M. Owens	Sept. 19, 1864				June 19, 1872			7	9	
Robert Garland	Sept. 19, 1864						Jan. 18, 1865		4	
Iretus G. Cardner	Sept. 19, 1864				Apr. 17, 1883			18	6	28
Michael Rich	Sept. 19, 1864				Jan. 4, 1869			4	3	15
Edwin L. Davis	Nov. 7, 1964				June 19, 1872	June 15, 1875		10	5	14
" "					Apr. 16, 1878					
Joseph Lloyd	Nov. 7, 1864		Dec. 18, 1872					8	1	11
HENRY S. BROWN	Nov. 7, 1864				Oct. 16, 1872	Oct. 15, 1873		21	7	1
Jules Hoffenbach	Dec 19, 1864				May 7, 1866			1	4	19
John Murphy	Dec. 19, 1864							22	5	19
Joseph Frayne	Dec. 19, 1864				Apr. 15, 1879			14	3	27
Sidney R. Sherman	Dec. 19, 1864				Jan. 6, 1868			3		18
George H. P. Wilcox	Dec. 19, 1864				Apr. 15, 1879			14	3	28
George Hallett		Jan. 1, 1865						22	5	6
William E. Vaughan	Mar. 6, 1865						May 9, 1872	7	2	3
William T. Ballard	Mar. 6, 1865						June 24, 1877	12	3	18
Granville M. Drummond	Mar. 6, 1865							22	3	1
Charles L. Stuart	Mar. 6, 1865				Jan. 6, 1868			2	10	
Lewis G. Reed	Mar. 6, 1865		Mar. 26, 1865							20
Oscar St. Martin	Mar. 20, 1865				Apr. 17, 1871			6	0	28
Richard Trevor	Mar. 20, 1865				May 3, 1869			4	1	14
Abraham Sutherland	Mar. 20, 1865				Apr. 21, 1875	May 18, 1875		11	11	
" "					Apr. 17, 1877					
Bernard B. Quinn	Mar. 20, 1865				Jan. 3, 1870	Jan. 7, 1879		9		21
" "					Apr. 17, 1883					
Amos J. Fullshire		April 3, 1865	Mar. 7, 1870					4	11	4
William Pugsley	Apr. 17, 1865				Apr. 16, 1878	Apr. 15, 1884		16	1	21
Samuel Cantrell	Apr. 17, 1865				June 21, 1871			6	2	4
Arthur Spooner	Apr. 17, 1865				June 19, 1872			7	2	2
Philip Jordan	Apr. 17, 1865				Jan. 4, 1869			3	8	17
Henry D. Hooker	Apr. 21, 1865							22	1	16
Wesley W. Utter	Apr. 26, 1865				Jan. 3, 1870			4	8	7
Charles Bladen	Apr. 26, 1865				Sept. 5, 1870	Oct. 19, 1875		8	9	26
" "					April 5, 1879					
Pearsall Rodermond	June 5, 1865							22		2
John N. Sickels	June 5, 1865				Apr. 16, 1878	Nov. 18, 1879		16	3	10
" "					Apr. 17, 1883					
Henry P. See	June 5, 1865				Apr. 16, 1878			12	10	11

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Robert C. Brown	June 5, 1865				Apr. 16, 1878	Dec. 19, 1882	Mar. 13, 1885	15	1	6
John G. Corby	June 5, 1865		May 17, 1871					5	11	12
Christopher J. Clark	July 13, 1865		Feb. 7, 1872					6	6	25
Sidney V. Maney	Aug. 7, 1865		Sept. 2, 1867					2	0	26
John F. Stillman	Aug. 7, 1865				Oct. 16, 1872			7	2	9
Edward H. Osborn	Sept. 18, 1865						Oct. 9, 1872	7		21
William E Deverus	Sept. 18 1865				Feb. 4, 1867			1	4	16
Ogden H. Tyler	Jan. 29, 1866				Jan. 4, 1869	Feb. 15, 1869				
" "					May 21, 1873			7	2	12
Joseph T. Barker	Jan. 29, 1866				Jan. 4, 1869			2	11	6
Ledger Boon	Jan. 29, 1866				Apr. 17, 1883			17	2	19
Alex. McMullen	Jan. 29, 1866						June 25, 1871	5	5	27
James H. Ashton		Jan 1, 1866					July 18, 1886	20	6	17
John M. Ackerman	Jan. 29, 1866				Apr. 21, 1875			9	2	23
John M. Eastman	Mar. 19, 1866							21	2	19
William Hamilton	Mar. 19, 1866							21	2	19
John W. Shedd	Mar. 19, 1866				Jan. 4, 1869	Oct. 1, 1869				
" "					June 21, 1871	Oct. 4, 1871		11	18	
" "					Apr. 16, 1878					
Reuben R. Rollins	Mar. 19, 1866				Jan. 3, 1870			3	3	15
Richard Groves	Mar. 19, 1866				Oct. 19, 1886	Dec. 7, 1886		21	1	
William H. Ryfles	Apr. 16, 1866				June 19, 1872			6	2	3
Daniel Hardenburgh	Apr. 16, 1866				May 6, 1884			18		20
William Scott	Apr. 16, 1866							21	1	21
James E. Culbert	Apr. 16, 1866						Feb. 12, 1879	12	9	26
Arch. P. Lewis	Apr. 16, 1866		Aug. 2, 1871					5	3	16
John H. Van Emburgh	July 2, 1866		Feb. 20, 1877					10	7	18
William McNally	July 2, 1866						Mar. 6, 1868	1	8	4
Hiram Henlin	July 2, 1866				June 19, 1872			5	11	17
John Green	July 2, 1866				Oct. 19, 1886			20	3	17
Daniel Sherwood	Aug. 20, 1866				Jan. 3, 1869	June 4, 1869	June 30, 1869	2	5	10
Frederick Hutchings	Aug. 20, 1866		Dec. 20, 1871					5	4	
Frank R. Conover	Aug. 20, 1866		Dec. 20, 1871					5	4	

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Edward Howarth	Aug. 20,1866				Apr. 20, 1880			13	8	
Henry Duchardt	Oct. 1, 1866				Apr. 15, 1879			12	6	14
Milton G. Adams	Oct. 1, 1866				Jan. 3, 1870			3	3	2
Jacob Duchardt	Oct. 1, 1866				Apr. 18, 1878			11	6	17
John W. Blakeny	Oct. 1, 1866				June 21,1871			4	8	20
Nathan B. Cottrell	Feb. 4, 1867						Sept. 1, 1883	16	6	25
Mark Deering	Feb. 4, 1867				June 19,1872			5	4	15
Joseph H. Marston	Feb. 4, 1867				Apr. 16, 1878			11	2	12
Daniel Verbalen	Feb. 4, 1867				July 3, 1872			5	4	27
William M. Fowler	Feb. 4, 1867				June 3, 1870			3	3	27
George Murray		Jan. 7, 1867			Apr. 18, 1882			15	3	11
William E. Wood	April 1, 1867				June 21,1871			4	2	20
George H. Dunn	April 1, 1867							20	2	6
Frank K. Rollins	April 1, 1867				Apr. 17, 1883	Sept. 19,1883		19	9	4
ROBERT B. WHARTON	April 1, 1867							20	2	6
John W. Day	May 20, 1867				Apr. 18, 1876			8	11	29
Josiah Rich	May 20, 1867				Jan. 3, 1870			2	7	14
William J. Penrose	May 20, 1867							20		18
Chas. F. Marsh	June 20,1867							19	11	17
Thomas H. Maney	Aug. 1, 1867		Jan. 4, 1869					1	5	3
JOHN V. PERKINS	Aug. 5, 1867						Aug. 8, 1881	14		3
John Smith	Aug. 5, 1867							19	10	2
John W. Banta	Aug. 5, 1867				May 21. 1873			5	9	16
John J. McCrum	Aug. 5, 1867				Apr. 21, 1875	May 18, 1875		10	7	10
" "					Apr. 10, 1885					
JOHN G. BOGERT	Sept. 16,1867							19	8	21
Despard M. Walshe	Sept. 16 1867				Sept. 5, 1870			2	11	19
EDWIN GANONG	Sept. 16,1867							19	8	21
Sidney D. Virgo	Sept. 16,1867				July 3, 1872			4	9	17
THOMAS PATTERSON	Sept. 16,1867							19	8	21
THOMAS KEATING	Nov. 4, 1867							19	7	3
James S. Douglas	Nov. 4, 1867				Jan. 3, 1870			2	2	
James A. Springer	Nov. 4, 1867				Apr. 18, 1878	May 4, 1880		17	6	17
WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE	Nov. 4, 1867						Oct. 2, 1878	10	11	28
John Wallace	Feb. 17, 1868				Oct. 19, 1886			18	9	2
Kiernan F. Kelly	Feb. 17, 1868			Oct. 18, 1871	Apr. 15, 1879	Dec. 2, 1874		8		14
James R. Hewett	Feb. 17, 1868							19	3	18
Jacob Ritschy	May 18, 1868							19		20

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Frederick Kleine	May 18, 1868							19		20
Henry B. Rollins	Aug. 17, 1868				Apr. 21, 1875			6	8	4
James D. Fink	Aug. 17, 1868				Apr. 16, 1878			9	8	
Henry J. Hancock	Aug. 17, 1868							18	8	21
William W. Stout	Oct. 5, 1868				Apr. 20, 1880			11	6	15
James Potter	Oct. 5, 1868						Mar. 24, 1887	18	5	19
John M. Baker	Oct. 5, 1868							18	8	2
James M. Smith	Oct. 5, 1868				Apr. 15, 1879			10	6	10
Thomas C. De Luce	Oct. 5, 1868				Sept. 5, 1870			1	11	
Thomas F. Doughty	Dec. 7, 1868						Nov. 1, 1871	2	11	25
Richard A. Riker	Dec. 7, 1868				Apr. 18, 1882			13	4	11
James Sorby	Feb. 15, 1869				July 3, 1872			3	4	16
Josiah A. Westervelt	Feb. 15 1869							18	3	20
Edward F. Haynes	Feb. 15, 1869				Apr. 16, 1878			9	2	1
William Evans	Feb. 15, 1869		Mar. 3, 1874					5		16
Thomas C. Millard	Apr. 19, 1869				June 19,1872			3	2	
John H. Chadsey	Apr. 19, 1869		Oct. 1, 1878		Apr. 16, 1878	Oct. 1, 1878		8	11	27
George C. Conrad	Apr. 19, 1869				Dec. 18, 1872			3	8	
William B Leib	Apr. 19, 1869				June 19,1872			3	2	
Edwin H. Slocum	Apr. 19, 1869							18	1	18
Robert P. Gibson	June 21,1869				Apr. 15, 1879	April 6, 1880		16	4	7
" "					Oct. 19, 1886					
Thomas Strahm	June 21,1869		Aug. 15, 1870					1	1	24
Richard Atkinson	Sept. 6, 1869				June 19,1872			2	9	13
Thomas J. Meade	Sept. 6, 1869				June 19,1872	July 16, 1873		5	6	15
" "					Apr. 18, 1876					
George H. Bloomer	Sept. 6, 1869							17	9	1
John Tristram	Oct. 18, 1869				Apr. 21, 1875			5	6	3
John March	Oct. 18, 1869						May 22, 1887	17	7	4
James S. Coward	Oct. 18, 1869		June 5, 1886					16	7	18
William Burrowes	Oct. 18, 1869			Sept. 20,1871				1	11	2
William H. Morgan	Oct. 18, 1869		June 5, 1872					2	7	18
George Harris	Oct. 20, 1869				May 21, 1873			3	7	1

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Robert B. Hastie	Dec. 6, 1869		July 17, 1877			May 2, 1882		12	8	16
Samuel Winslow	Dec. 6, 1869							17	6	1
George F. Higgins	Dec. 6, 1869							17	6	1
George E Reynolds	Feb. 21, 1870				Apr. 16, 1878			8	1	23
Richard Dimes	Feb. 21, 1870							17	3	13
Robert J Power	Feb. 21, 1870				Apr. 21, 1875			5	2	
Edward Byrne	April 4, 1870		June 20, 1876					6	2	16
Henry Noll	April 4, 1870				Apr. 17, 1877			7		13
Walter Dongan	April 4, 1870				May 21, 1873			3	1	17
James D. Campbell	April 4, 1870							17	2	3
John M. Marchay	April 4, 1870				Oct. 19, 1886			16	6	15
John E. Golding	July 2, 1870				Apr. 18, 1876			5	9	16
Seymour D. Carpenter	Sept. 19, 1870						Jan. 18, 1880	9	3	29
Edwin A. Dodd	Sept. 19, 1870							16	8	18
John W. Carpenter	Nov. 21, 1870						July 17, 1873	2	6	17
Alonzo Moore	Nov. 21, 1870				Apr. 16, 1878			7	4	25
Lucius K. Malloch	Nov. 21, 1870				Apr. 15, 1879			8	4	24
John J. Shay	Nov. 21 1870				Oct. 19, 1886	Nov. 16, 1886		16	5	14
James K. Fuller	Nov. 21, 1870		Nov. 6, 1872					1	11	14
Clark Braden	Mar. 20, 1871							16	2	18
Joseph De Shay	Mar. 20, 1871							16	2	18
John W. Keelee	Mar. 20, 1871							16	2	18
Thomas C. Gunagan	Mar. 20, 1871				May 21, 1873			2	2	1
Abraham Barnett	June 7, 1871							16		
Thomas L. Russell		June 21, 1871			Apr. 20, 1880			8	10	
Charles J. Macdonald	Aug. 2, 1871							15	10	5
James H. Monckton	Aug. 2, 1871							15	10	5
Edwin A. Quick	Nov. 15, 1871							15	6	21
William Russell	Apr. 3, 1872							15	2	4
William H. Williams	Sept. 18, 1872							14	8	19
Sidney Baurhyte	Dec. 4, 1872				May 6, 1884			11	5	2
Albert Foote	Dec. 4, 1872				Apr. 16, 1878			5	4	12
Joseph Fowler	Dec. 4, 1872						Sept. 29, 1886	13	9	25
Edmond H. Greene	Dec. 4, 1872				Apr. 21, 1875			2	4	17
James H. Anderson	Mar. 5, 1873						Oct. 7, 1881	8	7	2
Edward Bates	Mar. 5, 1873							14	3	2
Thomas B. Armitage	Mar. 5, 1873						Apr. 13, 1882	9	1	8
Charles W. Lindenberg	Apr. 16, 1873							14	1	21

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George W. Dewey	Apr. 16, 1873							14	1	21
Henry Joseph	June 4, 1873				Apr. 16, 1878			4	10	12
Francis G. Minshall	June 4, 1873				Apr. 18, 1881			7	10	14
William H. Davis	June 4, 1873				Apr. 16, 1878	Nov. 1, 1881		10	5	18
Lewis W. Walton		May 4, 1875						12	1	3
George W. Herrick, Jr	May 18, 1875						Sept. 27, 1885	10	4	9
Nelson Frederick		June 1, 1875			Apr. 18, 1882			6	10	17
John T. Rice	Sept. 7, 1875						June 30, 1880	4	9	13
George W. Brown		Jan. 18, 1876			Apr. 18, 1882			6	3	
Henry Gurley	June 6, 1876				Oct. 19, 1886			10	4	13
JAMES HOLTAN	Nov. 21, 1876							10	6	16
Edward B. Penrose		Nov. 21, 1876			Apr. 18, 1882			5	4	27
Peter Roke	Sept. 5, 1876							10	9	2
James B. Lowe		Mar. 20, 1877					June 23, 1885	8	3	3
Edmund C. Isaacs	June 19, 1877						June 9, 1880	2	11	21
Frank J. Griffith		Dec. 4, 1877	Feb. 3, 1885					7	2	
Peter W. Mead		Dec. 18, 1877						9	5	20
William Whitlock	April 2, 1878							9	2	5
James K. Price	Feb. 4, 1879							8	4	3
Josiah Hunt	Feb. 4, 1879						Jan. 2, 1882	2	10	26
John McDowell	Feb. 4, 1879							8	4	3
Moore S. Mason		Mar. 18, 1879			Oct. 19, 1886			7	7	1
John B. Montgomery		Mar. 18, 1879	Nov. 18, 1884					5	8	
Edward D. S. Mackintosh	Apr. 1, 1879							8	2	6
John McKelvey	June 3, 1879							8		4
Matthew Shaw		June 17, 1879	Mar. 1, 1881					1	8	14
Joseph Hall	Dec. 2, 1879				Apr. 17, 1883			3	4	15
Henry Cordes	Dec. 2, 1879							7	6	5
James P. Ford	Dec. 2, 1879				Apr. 17, 1883			3	4	15
David J. De Clark	Mar. 16, 1880							7	2	22
Joseph Clark	June 1, 1880							7		6
Charles A. De Clark	June 1, 1880							7		6
Edwin H. Peck	Sept. 21, 1880							6	8	16

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James M. Smith	Nov. 16, 1880							6	6	21
William J. Foster	Mar. 1, 1881							6	3	6
Robert Steel		May 17, 1881			Oct. 19, 1886			5	5	2
Thomas J. Angus	June 7, 1881		Dec. 16, 1884					3	6	9
William J. Peck	June 7, 1881							6		
Walter C. Roman	June 7, 1881						April 9, 1885	3	10	2
William J. Williams		June 7, 1881						6		
John E. Muller	Nov. 1, 1881		Apr. 20, 1886					4	5	19
Jeremiah H. Pine	Nov. 1, 1881				May 6, 1884			2	6	5
Albert Holly	Mar. 21, 1882							5	2	17
Andrew J. Hopper		Apr. 18, 1882			Oct. 19, 1886			4	6	1
Ebenezer Smith	June 6, 1882							5		1
John Pullen		June 6, 1882						5		1
John P. Riker		Sept. 5, 1882						4	9	2
Eugene F. Chabert	Sept. 19, 1882				Oct. 19, 1886			4	1	
George S. Kelk		Oct. 17, 1882						4	7	21
George W. Watson	Dec. 5, 1882							4	6	2
Robert Craig	Dec. 5, 1882							4	6	2
Alexander McConnell		Feb. 20, 1883						4	3	15
Edwin Zimmerman		June 5, 1883						4		2
John W. Craw		June 5, 1883						4		2
Herbert G. Hoole	June 5, 1883							4		2
Samuel Price	June 5, 1883							4		2
William W. Half	June 5, 1883							4		2
Theodore C. Wildman	June 19, 1883							3	11	18
Henry Jagels	Mar. 4, 1884							3	3	3
Frank G. Holly	Apr. 29, 1884							3	1	7
John Stewart	Apr. 29, 1884							3	1	7
Charles J. Wolfe	Apr. 29, 1884							3	1	7
Thomas Pittuck	May 20, 1884						April 7, 1885		10	18
John S. Seymour		May 20, 1884						3		18
John J. Purcell	July 1, 1884		Sept. 29, 1885					1	2	28
Lewis N. Cook	July 1, 1884						April 6, 1886	1	9	5
Claude Berard	July 1, 1884							2	11	6
Frank C. Craw	Dec. 2, 1884							2	6	5
Chester L Ketchum		Mar. 17, 1885						2	2	21
Adolph C. Wenzel	June 2, 1885							2		5
Egbert P. Fritz	June 2, 1885							2		5

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NAMES.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Struck off.	Restored.	Died.	Actual Time of Membership. Y'rs	M's	D's
William J. Kelly	June 30,1885							1	11	7
Walter Seller	Dec. 1, 1885							1	6	6
William A. Batchelor	Dec. 1, 1885							1	6	6
William Blair	Apr. 20, 1886							1	1	17
Theodore C. Steinhaus	Apr. 20, 1886							1	1	17
Charles H. Behring	Apr. 20, 1886							1	1	17
Frank E. Moore	June 15,1886								11	22
Theodore Beesley	Nov. 16, 1886								6	21
Oscar D. Culver	Nov. 16, 1886								6	21
Henry Stiner	Nov. 16, 1886								6	21
John Townsend	Feb. 1, 1887								4	6
S. Jules Felix	Feb. 1, 1887								4	6
August Dunstatter	April 5, 1887								2	2
Charles Gunther	April 5, 1887								2	2
William Edgar Cuddeback	May 19, 1887									19
The following Brethren were Initiated, Passed and Raised by Dispensation. Those marked * affiliated.										
Leicester S. Vining	May 13, 1825									
*Thomas Haverlong	Oct. 4, 1825									
James Kelley	Sept. 7, 1835									
Lawrence Mahony	May 15, 1837									
Frederick A. Brown	Dec. 10, 1840									
*Gilbert H. Herbert	Dec. 15, 1839									
*Isaac Keyser	Mar. 16, 1840									
Thomas Hamblin	Dec. 5, 1849									
Asa Lathrop	July 3, 1850									
John H. Nickerson	July 17, 1850									
J. Altschiel	Aug. 18, 1850									
H. Westhimer	Aug. 18, 1850									
— Geiffer	Aug. 18, 1850									
John B. Lathrop	Sept. 18,1850									
*Charles J. Spencer	Oct. 16, 1850									
*Robert Osborn	Oct. 16, 1850									
*John Powell	Dec. 4, 1850									

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1824	16	...	1	...	...	...	...	22	1859	7	4	...	...	2	2	...	69
1825	13	4	6	...	...	...	...	33	1860	5	...	2	...	8	...	1	63
1826	13	...	2	...	...	...	...	44	1861	14	1	1	1	3	...	2	71
1827	4	1	4	1	2	...	...	42	1862	14	1	3	...	6	1	2	76
1828	5	...	8	...	2	...	...	37	1863	14	...	19	...	6	...	2	63
1829	14	1	3	...	5	...	...	44	1864	26	...	5	...	7	1	1	77
1830	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	45	1865	26	2	2	...	2	1	3	99
1831	1	...	4	1	6	...	1	34	1866	27	1	2	...	5	...	1	119
1832	1	1	2	1	4	1	...	30	1867	27	1	2	...	3	1	...	143
1833	2	...	2	...	3	...	...	27	1868	15	...	2	...	3	2	2	153
1834	4	...	3	...	5	...	1	22	1869	23	...	4	...	12	4	2	162
1835	5	5	5	...	4	4	1	26	1870	16	...	2	...	11	...	...	165
1836	9	3	4	...	...	1	...	35	1871	8	1	6	2	7	2	3	158
1837	5	1	2	...	...	...	4	35	1872	6	...	6	...	17	3	2	142
1838	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	36	1873	8	...	3	...	6	3	1	143
1839	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	41	1874	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	143
1840	9	2	...	...	11	...	1	40	1875	2	2	1	...	7	4	...	143
1841	3	...	41	2	...	...	...	...	1876	3	2	1	...	7	...	...	140
									1877	1	3	3	...	3	...	1	137
1849	5	10	...	...	...	3	...	18	1878	1	...	1	...	22	...	2	113
1850	56	3	5	...	...	...	...	72	1879	8	3	...	...	8	2	1	117
1851	10	1	16	...	...	...	2	65	1880	5	...	1	...	3	2	4	116
1852	7	...	2	...	14	...	...	56	1881	6	2	1	...	2	2	2	121
1853	19	2	6	...	7	...	1	63	1882	5	4	...	...	4	2	2	124
1854	6	...	6	2	8	1	1	53	1883	4	3	1	...	7	1	2	124
1855	9	2	2	...	2	1	2	59	1884	9	1	1	...	6	1	...	128
1856	11	...	1	...	7	3	1	64	1885	5	1	2	...	...	...	5	127
1857	6	1	3	...	7	...	1	60	1886	7	...	2	...	11	...	3	118
1858	6	...	8	...	...	...	...	58	1887	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	121

In the year 1841 the Lodge gave up its charter, and in the year 1849 R. W. Bro. Timson, Wor. Bro. N. M. Abbot and Bro. Horton applied for its restoration, which application was granted.

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List of Present Members.

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PAST MASTERS.

ANDREAS, ADOLPHUS.
BOGERT, JOHN G.
BROWN, HENRY S.
FOWLER, JOHN.
GANONG, EDWIN.
HENDERSHOTT, GEORGE.
HOLIAN, JAMES.
HANCOCK, H. J., *Master.*
KEATING, THOMAS.
KEELER, JOHN W.
PATTERSON, THOMAS.
QUICK, EDWIN A.
SCOTT, WILLIAM.
WHARTON, ROBERT.
WESTERVELT, JOSIAH A.

B

Byrne, James M.
Baker, John M.
Braden, Clark.
Barnett, Abraham.
Bloomer, George H.
Bates, Edward G.
Berard, Claude.
Batchelor, W. A.
Behring, Chas. H.
Blair, Wm.
Beesley, Theo.

C

Conover, William W.
Campbell, James D.
Cordes, Henry.
Clark, Joseph.
Craig, Robert.
Craw, John W.
Craw, Frank C.
Culver, Oscar D.
Cuddeback, W. E.

D

Drummond, G. M.
Dunn, George H.
Dimes, Richard.
Dodd, Edwin A.
DeShay, Joseph.
Dewey, George W.
DeClark, David J.
DeClark, Charles A.
Davis, William H.
Dunstatter, August.

E

Eastman, John M.

F

Ford, Frederick G.
Foster, William J.
Fritz, Egbert P.
Felix, S. Jules.

G

Groves, Richard.
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H

Hamilton, William.
Hallett, George.
Hall, Charles.
Hooker, Henry D.
Hewitt, James R.
Higgins, George F.
Holly, Albert.
Holly, Frank G.
Hastie, Robert B.
Hall, W. W.
Hoole, Herbert G.

J

Jagels, Henry.

K

Kleine, Frederick.
Kelk, George S.
Kelly, Wm. J.
Ketchum, C. L.

L

Lindenberg, Charles W.

M

Murphy, John.
Marsh, Charles F.
MacDonald, Charles J.
Monckton, James H.
Minshall, Francis G.
Mead, Peter W.
McDowell, John.
Mackintosh, D. S.
McKelvey, John.
McConnell, Alex.
Moore, Frank E.

O

Otley, William H.

P

Penrose, William J.
Price, James K.
Price, Samuel.
Peck, Edwin H.
Peck, William J.
Pullen, John.
Pugsley, W. J.

R

Rabineau, William B.
Rodermond, Pearsall.
Ritschy, Jacob.
Russell, William.
Roke, Peter.
Riker, John P.
Rollins, Frank K.

S

Small, William H.
Smith, John.
Slocum, Edwin H.
Shay, John J.
Smith, James M.
Springer, James A.
Smith, Ebenezer.
Steinhaus, Theo. C.
Seller, Walter.
Stiner, Henry.
Stewart, John.
Seymour, John S.

T

Townsend, John.

V

Vervalen, Daniel.

W

Wissinger, Jacob G.
Winslow, Samuel.
Williams, William H.
Walton, Lewis W.
Whitlock, William.
Williams, William J.
Watson, George W.
Wildman, Theo. C.
Wolfe, Chas. J.
Wenzel, Adolph C.

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Zimmerman, Edwin.

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Worshipful	ROBERT DOWNES	Aug. 10, 1831
Past Master	SAMUEL HUGG	Nov. 20, 1837
" "	JOHN W. FRASER	Aug. 16, 1866
" "	WILLIAM A. FREEBORN	June 22, 1868
" "	SAMUEL S. DAY, Jr.	Dec. 1, 1869
" "	WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE	Oct. 2, 1878
" "	JOHN V. PERKINS	Aug. 8, 1881

Peter Long	Oct. 6, 1830	Alex. McMullen	June 25, 1871
Abraham Jacobs	Apr. 2, 1834	James White	Aug. 11, 1871
Elisha Kingsland	1837	Thos. F. Doughty,	Nov. 11, 1871
Robert Wilson	1837	Wm. E. Vaughan	May 10, 1872
Richard D. Simonson	1837	Edward Osborn	Oct. 9, 1872
Arthur McGoff	1837	J. W. Carpenter	July 17, 1873
Joseph Schriuer	Jan. 9, 1840	Wm. F. Ballard	June 21, 1877
John L. Harway	Sept. 3, 1851	And'w Houston	Dec. 23, 1878
William Coger	Dec. 3, 1851	Jas. C. Culbert	Feb. 12, 1879
Jacob N. Diltz	Mar. 30, 1853	H. L. Wheeler	Apr. 14, 1880
J. V. D. Mather	June 1, 1854	Edwin C. Isaacs	June 7, 1880
Daniel Morrison	Apr. 8, 1855	S. D. Carpenter	June 18, 1880
Edwin C. Bretell	Apr. 10, 1855	John T. Rice	June 30, 1880
John C. Bancker	Aug., 1856	Jas. H. Anderson	Oct. 7, 1881
John O'Toole	Dec. 10, 1857	Josiah Hunt	Jan. 2, 1882
Wesley A. Forest	Aug., 1860	Thos. B. Armitage	Apr. 13, 1882
Wm. F. Damon	Jan. 25, 1861	N. B. Cottrell	Sept. 1, 1883
William Leigh	May 18, 1861	Jere. McCafferty	Dec. 25, 1883
Sam'l L. Rosse	Sept. 17, 1862	T. Pittuck (lost at sea)	1885
Eugene Farr	Dec., 1862	Robt. C. Brown	Mar. 13, 1885
Billings Drake	Feb. 20, 1863	Walter C. Roman	Apr. 9, 1885
Alfred N. Brewer	May, 1863	James B. Lowe	June 23, 1885
Charles Cooper	Feb. 27, 1864	G. W. Herrick, Jr.	Sept. 27, 1885
John Smith	April, 1865	Lewis N. Cook	April 5, 1886
George Harway	April, 1865	Jas. H. Ashton	July 18, 1886
Robert Garland	June 18, 1865	Joseph Fowler	Sept. 29, 1886
Wm. McNally	Mar. 6, 1868	John March	May 22, 1887
Daniel Sherwood,	June 30, 1869	James Potter	May 24, 1887

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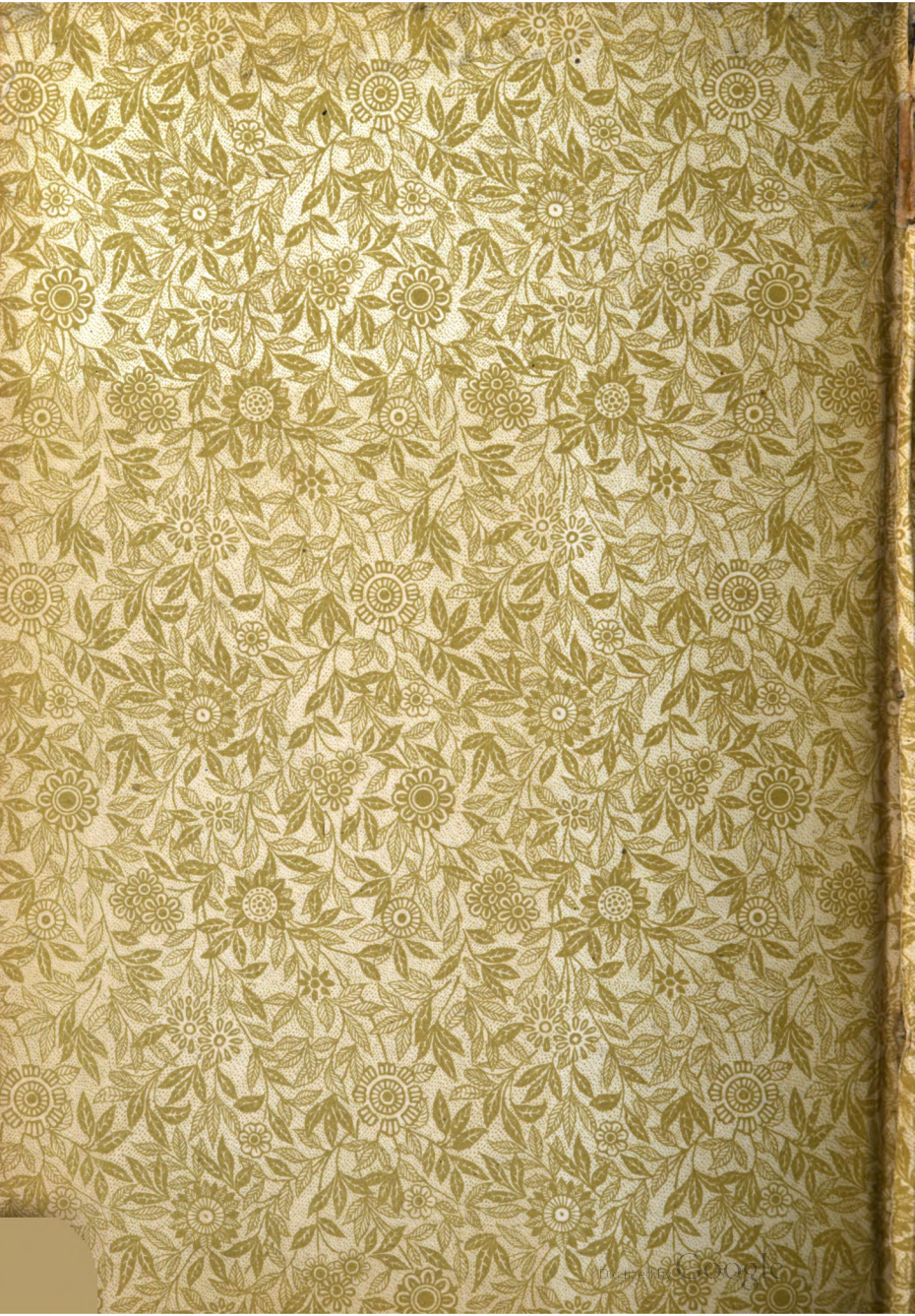

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