

trict I have done my utmost to have the flag of Pythianism planted in Stratford and Woodstock, but as yet my endeavors have not borne fruit. I have twice visited Stratford and have secured a few good names to an application for a dispensation but not enough to warrant me in making the application. The starting of a lodge of our order in such places is rendered more than ordinarily difficult from the fact that our members do not seem to have the enthusiasm necessary towards working up a lodge, and there being so many societies in the field for public favor, most of whom have a paid organizer who devotes his time to organizing lodges, which very materially affects our Order. I have no doubt that the Pythian seeds sown in Stratford will bear fruit in the near future and that a lodge of our Order will be established there before the end of the year.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN PAUL, S.D.D.G.C.

London, Ont., May 15th. 1891.

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,
GRAND LODGE, K. OF P., OF ONTARIO,

Toronto, June 9th, 1891.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

I beg to submit for your consideration the nineteenth annual report of this office for the year ending May 31st, 1891.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

By reference to the numerical and financial statements, it will be seen that some progress was made during the year 1890. An increase of sixteen per cent. in membership, and eleven per cent. in receipts, with a decrease of five per cent. in expenses, notwithstanding an increase of over fifty per cent. of relief expenditure, is, to say the least, fairly gratifying and encouraging.

Minerva Lodge, No. 7, is still dormant, but Bro. Past Chancellor Eddis, late of Inglewood Lodge, No. 29, who is now living in Orillia, has hopes of being able to bring it into active existence again.

Native Valley Lodge, No. 27, I am afraid will not be able to survive the loss sustained through the death of its organizer, Bro. Bradley. While he was alive his magnetic influence drew the members, although widely scattered, regularly together, and an interest in the Order was sustained, but he being called away combined with other deaths and removals, seems to have completely disheartened the members, and a surrender of the charter is under consideration.

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