memorative of the institution of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellowship on this continent. I was present as the Representative of Canada West, at the festival held under the auspices of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States in the city of New York, in honor of the day which gave birth to our beloved Fraternity. Thirteen jurisdictions were represented. The South sent her hundreds, the North her thousands, while the West added to the number her stalwart sons, to join in paying tribute to the day, and honor to Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, the father of our beloved institution.

Two subjects, in my opinion, call for new legislation. First, an amendment of the Constitution in relation to the number constituting the Committee of Appeals, as the law requires that it shall consist of one Representative from each of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction. Few Lodges sending but one Representative in cases of appeal, their attention would be taken up with the subject, leaving this Grand Lodge without a quorum, to transact the business of the session. Second, the representative system adopted last year, bears heavy on the funds of this and the Subordinate Lodges. I would respectfully suggest that but one Representative be sent from each Lodge, with the power to cast the number of votes as they are at present entitled under the Constitution; and that this Grand Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such Representatives.

I would do you as well as myself injustice, did I omit to acknowledge the many kind offices received from the R. W. Grand Secretary during the past year—the promptness and energy he has displayed in the performance of the duties of his office commend him to your consideration. The Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters will be laid by him before you, together with the proceedings of a number of the Grand Jurisdictions, in return for copies sent of the Journals of this Grand Body for 1858. I trust that these courtesies may not be neglected by the future officers of this Jurisdiction.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my hearty acknowledgments for the many kindnesses shown me by the D. D. Grand Masters and members of our fraternity in our intercourse during the past year; and be assured I shall ever bear in remembrance your confidence and forbearance, and the many social interviews I have enjoyed with many of the brothers. And may we all meet in that Grand Lodge above, whose sittings will never cease.

Cobourg, 3rd August, 1859. C. YALE, *G. M.*

On motion, the Grand Master's Address and Report was referred to Committee on State of the Order.