

ciples of the Order, let us be active; let the bond by which we are united remain untarnished; let our *covenant* be renewed, and in the might of our motto—*"Friendship, Love and Truth,"*—we will go on from "conquering to conquer," until our Order shall embrace within its bosom the whole extent of our beloved country; and as its principles become known and appreciated, temples of benevolence will rise in every village, schools for the education of the orphan will be founded; and when our course here is terminated, and we are summoned from this earthly Lodge, to that Grand Lodge, whose Master is the Great Jehovah, our graves shall be moistened by the tears of the widow, whose bereaved heart we have consoled; and our names held in grateful remembrance by the orphan, whose mind we have enlightened.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of the ODD FELLOWS' RECORD.*

MR. EDITOR,—“Were I allowed to tell the secrets of the prison-house,” I might pourtray, to those who have not the good fortune to be members of our Order, a slight idea of what my feelings were, and what I thought of Odd-Fellowship, after I joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1,—the parent of all the Lodges in the Province,—which I did at an early date after its establishment in this city by Brothers Matthews and Hardie, and I assure you that after the Initiation ceremony had been concluded, and the Lodge “declared closed,” I returned home with but a very poor opinion of the Order of Odd Fellows. But I am—luckily for myself in this case—not one of that class of persons, whose minds are sealed at first sight—nor do I conceive the practice of judging at first appearance to be an axiom of true philosophy. All persons, in the habit of forming premature judgments, should remember “that a man may have a rough unseemly exterior, yet a true honest heart within,—whilst others with a fine polished appearance and manners, may be void of all true honor and honesty.” I was therefore determined not to judge and form an opinion of the merits or demerits of the Order at first appearance, but to study with attention its doings, previous to leaving the Lodge, which I really intended to have done, did the Order not improve in my estimation.

After the proper time had elapsed, I applied for and received my Degrees. I noted carefully the progress the Order was making, the good it was likely to accomplish, the friendly feeling it caused to penetrate the hearts of all who took an interest in its working, the co-mingling of all political parties in the work of “Brotherly Love and Truth,” as soon as they entered the sacred walls of a Lodge-Room,—in a word—its beauties and its defects—(for there is nothing perfect)—and finding its beauties to overbalance any defects which the Order might have, I resolved to *stick* to the Lodge—at the same time considering myself a very lucky fellow in having entered into the Fraternity.

Such, Mr. Editor, are the sentiments of hundreds who join us; many of them, at first, take but a lukewarm interest in the Order’s prosperity; but when

they become acquainted with the friendly principles the Order inculcates, and the amount of good which it has already done, and is likely still further to achieve, ere many years roll on, they will express themselves as I now do. A man’s profession or trade cannot be taught him in a day, neither can the feelings which ought to dwell in the hearts of all good Odd Fellows, be learnt in a night. It is by constant application and attendance at the Lodge, that principles of benevolence towards mankind in general, will be impressed upon the mind so deeply, that they remain indelible till the end of our days.

Montreal, May, 1846.

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### EPITOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Montreal, 7th August, 1845.

P. G. William Rodden from the Committee on Elections and Returns, made the following Report, which was accepted, and the recommendations concurred in.

That the Committee had examined the several Reports from the Subordinate Lodges, and had found all of them incorrect, and recommended that the reports of those Lodges having Representatives present, be referred to them for correction, and that the Grand Secretary enclose the Report of Albion Lodge, No. 4, to D. D. G. M., J. R. Healey, of Quebec, for correction.

The Installation of the Officers elect for the ensuing Term was then proceeded with, and P. G. William Rodden having been duly installed as M. W. G. Master by the R. W. D. Grand Master, George Matthews, the following Officers were formally installed by the M. W. Grand Master, Wm. Rodden:—

P. G. Thomas Hardie, as R. W. D. G. Master,  
P. G. W. A. Selden, as R. W. G. Warden,  
P. G. R. H. Hamilton, as R. W. G. Secretary,  
P. G. J. M. Gilbert, as R. W. G. Treasurer,  
P. G. John Holland, as R. W. G. Chaplain.

The appointment of Grand Guardian was deferred, as also the appointment of Standing Committees.

A communication from Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1, was read and considered, and on motion of P. G. J. Holland, seconded by P. G. W. A. Selden, the following Resolution was put and concurred in:—

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to address a letter to Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, informing them, with reference to a communication addressed by them to this Grand Lodge, requesting that some action be taken relative to certain circumstances which, it is alleged, have transpired since a Card of Clearance was granted by that Lodge, to a late Member, affecting his character, that this Grand Lodge respectfully declines doing so, until there be some definite charge preferred against the person alluded to.

Which motion was concurred in.

A communication was read from Albion Lodge, No. 4, stating that the Lodge had fixed on the 22nd August as the day on which to celebrate their Anniversary, and requesting permission to that effect. Granted.

Montreal, 8th August, 1845.

Roll called; Minutes read.

The Committee on Elections and Returns presented the Quarterly Return of Queen’s Lodge, No. 2, for the quarter ended on the 30th June, and reported the same to be correct.

A communication was read from Ogilvie Moffatt, Esq., Secretary of St. Paul’s Masonic Lodge, requesting to know whether the Grand Lodge were disposed to