

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented and read his Report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,
GRAND LODGE, K. of P. of Ont., Toronto, June 12th, 1883.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge :

I beg to submit for your consideration my report for the year ending May 31st, 1883.

My reports for the past three or four years in reference to this subject have not been of a very encouraging nature; but this year it gives me great pleasure to be able to present a much more satisfactory statement to you. True, we have not increased the number of lodges since last year, but those at present on our roll have been adding to their strength, both numerically and financially, and a greater interest is now being taken in the work of the Order than at any period in our past history. There has been an increase in membership, in the receipts, and in the amount on hand and invested, and a decrease of expenditure as compared with last year. So that, on the whole, things are looking much brighter with us; and while I could wish to have submitted a much better report, yet, everything considered, the first year of our second decade is a decided improvement on several of its predecessors.

I am still unable to report anything regarding Crusader Lodge of Prince Arthur's Landing or Algoma Lodge of Sault Ste. Marie. I have written several of the old members of these lodges, but have never received a reply.

It affords me much pleasure to inform you of the institution of a lodge in Winnipeg, which, although out of our jurisdiction and under that of the Supreme Lodge, is of interest to us from the fact that it was started almost entirely by members of the Order in this Province, and has been the means of re-instating a considerable number who were out of the Order. P. C. Harris, formerly of Friendship Lodge, has been appointed Deputy Supreme Chancellor of the Province of Manitoba, and expects before long to have a Grand Lodge instituted.

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I have again to draw your attention to this subject. It is impossible for me to send my report to the Supreme Lodge within the time required by law on account of our lodges not having their Reports ready, or else if it is not the fault of the lodges, then because the Deputies do not forward them promptly. For the information of the Representatives, I submit a statement showing the date of the receipt of the Reports of last year, and I trust that they will make a note of it and find out what has been the cause of the delay. I have also to state that in several instances the K. of R. & S. forwards the Report instead of the installing officer, which shows some irregularity in the mode of installation. A form to be filled up by the K. of R. & S.