

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge, U. S., read the following Report:

CHATHAM, August 6th, 1862.

*Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.*

SIR AND BROTHERS,—The duty that devolves upon me at this time of submitting to you a report of the proceedings of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, is one which affords me much pleasure in rendering a cheerful obedience.

I assure you that it was with a mixture of strange feelings, that I for the first time entered the City of Baltimore, as your Representative. Owing to the high state of excitement the country was then in, travelling over miles of railroad protected by armed soldiers, was something new and novel, and entering a city which had but recently been disturbed by an excited and infuriated mob, was calculated to lead a reflecting mind to think and ponder, and more than all this, going almost in sight of two of the largest contending armies that probably ever met, (and certainly that ever done so little,) hourly expecting to engage in battle; I say, strange were the thoughts and feelings that were constantly revolving in my mind. I thought how many good and true Odd-Fellows there were arrayed face to face in both those armies, and I inwardly hoped that the institution of Odd-Fellowship would indirectly exert an influence in stilling those elements of discord, soothing the spirits of passion, and direct in harmony a united effort to restore peace and prosperity to that great country.

Upon arriving in the City of Baltimore, I found everything as quiet as if nothing had happened; law and order reigning triumphant, but under the authority of a Provost Marshal and his guards, which were kept walking the streets constantly day and night. And on Monday morning, the 16th day of September, 1861, a quorum of Representatives assembled in the Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of Baltimore, and the United States national ensign floating over that beautiful building, dedicated to the principles of friendship, love, and truth.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, was not present to preside over the deliberations of Grand Lodge, but in his absence the chair was ably and satisfactorily filled by the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Milton Herndon, of Indiana, also that able and efficient officer Jas. L. Ridgely. Grand Cor. and Recording Secretary was not able to be with us but a few hours, in consequence of a severe attack of summer complaint, rendering him very weak, and unable to attend to any business at all, which was a source of deep regret to the Representatives assembled, his chair however, was ably filled pro. tem. by Representative Thomas, of Connecticut.

The Report of the Grand Secretary as usual, contains a complete account