

ODDFELLOWS' GRAND LODGE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session Opened
at Galt Yesterday.

Grand Master Young's Address an
Elaborate Review of the Work
of the Past Year - An Organ
Wanted-Grand Secretary King's
Report Shows the Order to Be
Flourishing.

Galt, Aug. 10.-The forty-fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F. of the Province of Ontario opened this morning in the Town Hall, Grand Master J. A. Young of Thamesford presiding. A large number of representatives were present and the following grand officers: J. B. Farwell, deputy grand master, Whitby; Thomas McLary, grand warden, Woodstock; J. B. King, grand secretary, Toronto; W. J. McCormack, grand treasurer, Toronto; W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., Grand Rep., Kingston; Thomas Woodcock, P.G.M., Grand Rep., Bradford; George Geddes, grand marshal, Tilsonburg; R. H. Perry, grand conductor, Peterborough; J. W. Simpson, grand sergeant, Markham; R. H. Howe, grand herald, Penbrooke; Rev. A. L. Gee, grand chaplain, Belleville; Rev. White, Jr., past grand master, Port Hope.

The Grand Master appointed Abner Fraser, P.G.P., of Hamilton, press reporter for the session, and Joseph Powley of Toronto Assistant Grand Secretary. The business transacted to-day was of a preliminary character, and consisted of receiving the credentials of the delegates from the various lodges of the Grand Lodge degree on the new representatives, of whom there were about 225. The Grand Lodge degree was exemplified by Grand Warden James McLary in a very efficient manner. The reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were submitted in pamphlet form, and were very exhaustive statements.

Grand Master's Report.
Mr. J. A. Young of Thamesford, the Grand Master, presented his annual report, which was a lengthy document, and conveyed much information. The report says: While the increase in members has not been as large as may have been desired, it is satisfactory to know that the new members introduced are of the best material. The Grand Master instances the large expenditure for relief during the past year, the sum expended in Ontario alone being \$82,618; the increase in membership the past term has been nearly three times that of the previous year.

The Grand Master then goes on to give details of his visiting work during the year. Every lodge visited, and the Grand Master was warmly welcomed in every section visited. The Grand Master regrets that so many of the members of the Grand Lodge are non-payment of dues, and suggests that it would be profitable to introduce into the lodges a more active business management and that the members who are paid should faithfully perform their duties.

During the year two lodges, viz., Alvin Lodge, No. 203, and Orient Lodge, No. 204, were visited, and the Grand Master was warmly welcomed in every section visited. The Grand Master regrets that so many of the members of the Grand Lodge are non-payment of dues, and suggests that it would be profitable to introduce into the lodges a more active business management and that the members who are paid should faithfully perform their duties.

Rebekah Degree Lodges.
Rebekah degree lodges have been instituted as follows: Endeavor Lodge, No. 57, Forest; Carnation Lodge, No. 88, at Wallingford; and Elmwood Lodge, No. 30, at Dundas. A lodge was also instituted at Petrolia. The Grand Master urges the importance of a system of uniform administration and degree fees for subordinate lodges.

A great lack of knowledge by the officers of some lodges in keeping books and making returns is painfully apparent. The Grand Master expressed his pleasure because the following cases of disputed benefits have been settled: Parker v. Hayden Lodge, No. 152, Thompson; Warden Lodge, No. 75, Redd v. Ashram Lodge, No. 205, White v. Saxon Lodge, No. 121, and Hood v. Carleton Lodge, No. 240.

Appeals Decided.
The Court of Appeals decided two cases, viz., Baker v. Forest City Lodge, and Park House v. Dominion Lodge. Both judgments were given in favor of the appellants, thereby definitely establishing the right of a lodge to reduce the amount of the sick benefit payable to a member while in receipt of the same. After reviewing District Committee resolutions, the Grand Master goes on to express his pleasure at having instituted the following lodge under most favorable conditions: Strathcona Lodge, No. 326, at Shelburne; Sauguen Lodge, No. 527, at Markdale; Underwood Lodge, No. 328, at Underwood; Prospect Lodge, No. 329, at Delhi. These lodges have been placed in districts as follows: Strathcona in Dufferin District No. 21, Sauguen in Georgian Bay District No. 24, Underwood in Lucknow District No. 24, and Prospect Lodge in Otter District No. 5.

Oddfellows' Relief Association.
Touching upon the Oddfellows' Relief Association, the Grand Master tells of his visit to the annual meeting held at Kingston on July 29. He is impressed with the belief that were it not for the advantages offered by this association to the members of the order, the want would be severely felt. The affairs of the association are carefully and wisely managed, and the Grand Master thinks the association should be earnestly supported by every member of the order. During the year 88 decisions were given, more or less important to the order. Substantial progress was made during the year, and a large amount added to the reserve fund. The association has made another forward movement by extending to the Sisters of Rebekah degree lodges the privilege of becoming members, thereby securing insurance to the extent of a thousand dollars.

Various Matters.
The Grand Master, after reviewing the 88 decisions, remarks that the correspondence of the office has been very heavy, and that many questions were asked that were of an unofficial character. From such members seeking information. He then points out that there is apparently a strong desire among the members for an official organ for the order, and suggests that the present would be a good time for some enterprising member to enter upon the publication of a journal devoted to the interests of the order. Grand Master Young follows up several of his predecessors in urging the appointment of a special committee whose duty shall be to supervise, instruct and help in the upbuilding of lodges, and suggests the appointment of a special deputy grand master to perform such duties as the Grand Lodge would require.

Proposed Home for Oddfellows.
The establishment of a home in this province in the interests of Oddfellows is

favorably viewed by the Grand Master, who believes considerable progress has been made looking to that end, and a considerable sum of money has been received by the treasurer of the home fund for that purpose. In this connection, he says, the Rebekah branch has rendered valuable service.

A central guarantee fund is advocated in order to secure a beautiful membership, and the Grand Master points out that during the last few years the extent of caution in requiring that applicants for admission shall be physically sound has had the effect of reducing the sickness rate to only 48 per cent. of the sickness rate of members of other societies. In order to secure the object aimed at it will be necessary for lodges to work under a uniform system of dues and benefits, and the best fits should be paid from a central fund. By such a system the weakest lodge would have the same security as the strongest lodge, and transference of membership would also be more easily accomplished.

The Grand Master goes on to say that the little tract, entitled "What is Odd Fellowship?" has been warmly received, and he suggests that the next edition should be enlarged. The clause in the constitution enacting an extra assessment on members in good standing, in order to make up deficiencies under the assessment system has been, the Grand Master says, practically a dead-letter for many years, and he recommends that it be annulled.

In conclusion the Grand Master thanks to various leading members of the order, and to the membership in general for kindness and consideration in the discharge of their duties. He especially mentions the Grand Secretary, and expresses the hope that that official may long be spared to fill the position he so worthily occupies. He mentions that during the past year death has visited many of the homes of the Oddfellows, and especially mentions Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., who has a talented son; Bro. R. H. Perry, Grand Conductor, whose father passed away, and Bro. William Robinson, who lost his wife. Then he notes the awfully sudden death of Bro. J. W. Grote of Empire Lodge, St. Catharines. The death of Bro. A. C. Stewart, for many years Grand Auditor, and a valued member of Eureka Lodge, London.

Grand Secretary's Report.
J. B. King of Toronto, Grand Secretary, in his annual report pays a neat compliment to Galt, the Manchester of Ontario, and goes on to report that notwithstanding the heavy losses in membership from suspensions, death, etc., the results of the past half year show a net gain of 233 members, though the gain for the year ending Dec. 31 last, was a trifle less favorable. The total expenditure of the order in Ontario in all departments for sick benefits, relief of widows and orphans, funeral benefits, death indemnity and special relief since 1886-87, aggregated the sum of \$1,048,891.25, and adding expenditures for relief for the past term, would swell the amount paid to two million dollars. In this province alone, in works of relief, benevolence and humanity, the list is made up as follows: Paid by subordinate lodges, sick benefits, relief, etc., \$1,220,993.17; paid by subordinate lodges, \$48,420.01; Oddfellows' Relief Association, death claims paid, \$605,887; Oddfellows' Relief Association, disability claims, \$1,000; Mutual Aid Association, London, death claims paid, \$351.40; Funeral Aid Association, Lincoln and Welland, death claims paid, \$5,065; total \$1,048,891.25.

After referring to the members who have passed away and other matters of interest to the order, the Grand Secretary concludes his report as follows: "Our field in Ontario is not by any means all occupied. There are many eligible places where good things might be instituted, and successfully carried on. Our indefatigable Grand Master, Bro. Young, has by his untiring labors in the interests of the order during this year, fanned into life the smouldering embers and awakened the interest of many a fastidious lodge, and has caused a widespread inquiry to be made regarding Odd Fellowship and its work. His labors seconded, as doubtless they will be by his incoming Grand Master, Bro. Farwell, will result in the institution of a number of good lodges, and let us hope, a large addition to our membership."

Grand Treasurer's Report.
The Grand Treasurer reports receipts and disbursements for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892, showing a cash balance on hand of \$648.60. The total receipts amounted to \$12,550.04, and disbursements to \$12,201.44. The annual statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892, shows one lodge instituted during the year, and one reconstituted; total number of lodges 274. The membership on Dec. 31, 1892, was 22,742. An increase during the year of 75. The year 325 members received sick benefits, amounting, along with surgeons' fees, nursing, etc., to \$22,018.75. The assets of the Grand Lodge amount to \$1,025,828.29, less the amount due on buildings and land, \$63,073.74, and other liabilities, \$13,009.53. The total liabilities, \$76,087.27. The assets are invested as follows: Cash in bank and in treasurer's hands, \$184,541.01; invested in mortgages and securities, \$816,024.24; invested in buildings, land, etc., \$300,375.44; invested in furniture and regalia, \$182,900.60; all other assets, \$60,303.61.

Rebekah degree lodges, 82, with a total membership of 3074, of whom 716 were admitted during the year. During 1892 seven males and ten females died, leaving the membership on Dec. 31, 1892, at 3030. The balance of cash on hand at the same date was \$5,122.28.

Stone Fund Treasurer's Report.
Mr. W. J. McCormack, treasurer to the Grand Master regarding funds for the proposed home, and states the requirements in the way of the selection of ground on which to establish the home. He reports total funds sent in \$4,547.05.

The Committee on General Purposes reports that the board had five regular meetings, namely, Sept. 2, 97, Jan. 20, April 25, May 18 and July 1, '98, and very many more consultations were held. The committee is composed of W. F. Mountain, W. J. McCormack and J. B. King.

Courtesies Offered.
An invitation was received from James Kerr, vice-president of the Galt Public Library, extending an invitation to the members of the order to the delegates during their stay; also an invitation from Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, of Galt, to take part in a demonstration at the Park in the afternoon, which

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on motion, was accepted. The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

OUT AT LONG BRANCH.
Lots of Fun for the Little Ones on the Civic Holiday.

The Cottage Owners' Association at Long Branch had a program of sports on the Civic Holiday, of which the following is a record:

The Games.
Boys, under 3 years-Victor Piddington 1, Norman Gordon 2.
Boys, under 3 years-Bessie Muntz 1, Elsie Brown 2.
Boys, under 4 years-Homer Simpson 1, Gordon Cockburn 2.
Girls, under 4 years-Bessie Muntz 1, Minnie Best 2.
Boys, under 5 years-Harold Lockwood 1, Con. German 2, Will Hestlet 3.
Girls, under 5 years-Eger 1, Harry Good 2, Gay Shannon 3.
Boys, under 7 years-Victor Gardiner 1, Norman Simpson 2, Will Selby 3.
Girls, under 7 years-Minnie Frogley 1, Gay Gordon 2, Mill Selby 3.
Boys, under 9 years-Percy Selby 1, Victor Gordon 2.
Girls, under 9 years-Catherine O'Gorman 1, Minnie Frogley 2, Bertha McLean 3.
Boys, under 11 years-Gordon Penderith 1, Frank Fogley 2, Casey O'Gorman 3.
Girls, under 11 years-Rubie Mill 1, Bertha Simpson 2, Queenie Bailey 3.
Boys, under 13 years-Arthur Jackes 1, Gordon Penderith 2.
Girls, under 13 years-Agatha Geddie 1, Vera Smith 2, Rubie Mill 3.
Boys, under 15 years-Brent 1, Arthur Jackes 2, Frank Adams 3.
Girls, under 15 years-Eva Simpson 1, Mar. Brent 2, A. Geddis 3.
100 yards-Donald Stone 1, James Harvey 2, Potato Race, boys under 14-Lorne Adams 1, Arthur Follett 2.
Three-legged race-Frank Follett 1, Bertha Simpson 2, Queenie Bailey 3.
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Egg and spoon race-Maggie Simpson 1, Jessie Cummings 2, Eva Simpson 3.
Boat race-W. Jackes 1, Gordon Penderith 2, Harold Butt 3.
Bicycle race, slow-George McLean 1, Frank Follett 2.
Bicycle race, slow (ladies)-Mrs. Sparling 1, Queenie Bailey 2, Marna Lailey 3.
Bicycle race, 2 miles-Harvey Simpson 1, George McLean 2, Frank Swain 3.
Bicycle race, mile-Jessie Frogley 1, Maggie Simpson 2, Mrs. Sparling 3.
Foot race, 1 mile-W. Hazlett 1, Mrs. Craig 2.
Nail driving contest-Mrs. Langley 1, Mrs. Rogers 2.
Bicycle race, 2 miles-George McLean 1, B. Harvey 2.
Tub race-Arthur Follett 1, Arthur Stenway 2.
Double scull race-Joe. Follett and Budd Stone 1, R. G. Muntz and R. G. McLean 2.
Swimming race, boys-George McLean 1, Walter Jackes 2.
Swimming race-Woodley 1, Dill 2.
Walking pole-Follett 1, Anna 2.

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