

The Right Worthy Grand Rep. to the G. L. U. S., Jas. Smith, then read his Annual Report, which, on motion of Rep. Heron, was referred to the Committee on Distribution :

Report of R. W. Grand Representative, JAS. SMITH, Esq.

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To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES :—
After a lapse of another year, I again have the honor as your Grand Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to appear before you, to submit for your consideration an account of my stewardship at the session of that Grand Body which commenced on Monday, the 17th day of September, in the City of Baltimore, and which concluded on the following Friday evening after a most agreeable and harmonious session.

I have no doubt but that it will be a great source of gratification to all members in this jurisdiction to learn of the extraordinary success which our Order has met with during the past year, and of its brilliant prospects for the future.

At no former session has there been such a representation ; The jurisdiction of Canada East, alone, being unrepresented.

I hereunder submit a copy of decisions rendered by the "Grand Sire," during the past year, all of which were approved, see page 3953 and 3988.

FIRST.—"When the constitution of a Grand Body designates and fixes the place of its meetings, and that instrument is amended so as to permit the Grand Body to determine by resolution, or otherwise, where its sessions shall be held ; such amendment must be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and until approved by the Grand Body, must continue to meet at the place required by its Constitution prior to the adoption of the amendment. "See page 3953 & 3988 Journal."

SECOND.—In all cases where a Lodge is about to ballot for a Brother to receive his degrees, to be conferred either in that Lodge or in a Degree Lodge, the Lodge must close in the initiatory degree previous to opening in the degrees to the balloted for."

THIRD.—When a Lodge is open in the first degree, and has concluded the business to be transacted in such degree, and desires to open in the second degree, the Lodge must close in the first degree before opening in the second degree, in the manner and form prescribed by the Degree Charge Book, and the same rule applies to all degrees.

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