

him that he may exercise authority over his brethren who are not so far advanced in the mysteries of the Order as himself. The *lecture* is not interesting to the candidate, and I am certain it would not be to the public.

The fourth is the "Degree of Remembrance." The candidate, after being examined, is knocked six times on the head, to awaken his memory, after which the Past Grand reads to him a few chapters from the Proverbs of Solomon, and he receives six strokes across the shoulders with the flat side of the sword, in order to impress what he has heard fully on his mind. He is then conducted to the Noble Grand, who gives him six blows with the palm of his hand, and orders him to kneel down to each of the brothers who has attained to a higher degree.

The fifth and last is called the "Scarlet Degree." The candidate receives this degree wrapped in a sheet and lying in a coffin. He is, after being initiated, placed on a truck and drawn around the room, to show that he has arrived at an equality with his brethren. The oath is more binding, and as it is administered to him while he is lying in a coffin, and the brothers standing around with drawn swords, the points of which are directed to every part of his body, it assumes a more fearful responsibility.

The *Grips* belonging to the Degrees are as follows:—

1st Degree, by linking the two fore fingers; 2nd, the two middle fingers; 3rd, the two next fingers; 4th, the two little fingers; and 5th, by linking the little finger with the thumb.

The *Signs* are given as follows:—

1st, by placing the thumb of the right hand against the right side of the nose; 2nd, the fore finger; 3rd, the middle finger; 4th, the third finger; and 5th, the little finger.

These signs are to be used, not only to designate a brother, but are also given him as hints, whenever occasion may require.

The *Pass-words* of the Degrees are never changed. That of the 1st Degree is *Secrecy*; of the 2nd, *Honor*; of the 3rd, *Friendship*; of the 4th, *Memory*; of the 5th, *Death*.

The reader may not, perhaps, understand that in many cases all the degrees are given in a single night, and always, so far as I have had an opportunity of seeing, the *first three* are given at the same time, and no Odd Fellow, except the Officers, can become perfect in them. I might have quoted above the chapters of the Bible which are sometimes read, but as they are often changed, I thought it hardly necessary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Montreal, 12th August, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. W. Grand Master, R. W. D. Grand Master, R. W. G. Secretary, R. W. G. Chaplain, W. G. Marshall, W. G. Conductor.

When some time having elapsed after the appointed hour for meeting, and no other members appearing, the M. W. Grand Master intimated that he could not open the Lodge for want of a Quorum, and signified his intention of calling a meeting to take place on an early day, to finish the business of this Session.

Montreal, 30th Sept. 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at half-past seven o'clock, pursuant to a call from the M. W. Grand Master, to resume the unfinished business of the Annual Session.

Present—M. W. Grand Master, in the Chair; R. W. D. Grand Master, R. W. G. Secretary, R. W. G. Treasurer, W. G. Conductor, W. G. Guardian; W. A. Liddell, P. G., Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1; W. M. B. Hartley, P. G. M., D. Milligan, P. G., Queen's Lodge, No. 2; C. P. Ladd, P. G., Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3. Roll called.

Absent—R. W. G. Warden, R. W. G. Chaplain, W. G. Marshall.

Minutes of the last meeting of the 29th ultimo read.

P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, presented and read a petition from Brother Potts, of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1,—soliciting the support and patronage of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to a periodical which he contemplates publishing under the title of "The Odd Fellows' Record," in which he purposes explaining the principles, and chronicling the proceedings of the Order, and expressing his willingness that all the articles having relation thereto, should undergo such supervision as this R. W. Grand Lodge might deem expedient and necessary.

On motion of P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser, this Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take the said petition into consideration—P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley in the Chair—and after some discussion,

The M. W. Grand Master resumed the Chair, and P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley reported that the said Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

On motion of P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. C. F. Clarke,

Resolved,—That this Committee recommend to the R. W. Grand Lodge, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, on condition that all Articles published in the said Periodical, having reference to the Order, shall be subject to the supervision of a Committee of Three Members, to be appointed by this Grand Lodge. Which being again read,—

On motion of P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser,—was concurred in.

On motion of P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser,

It was resolved,—That the appointment of the said Committee be by Ballot; and that this Grand Lodge do now proceed to Ballot for the said Committee of Three.

When P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. Joseph Fraser,

Moved—That the Committee to be so elected, shall receive a majority of the votes cast—which was concurred in—

This Grand Lodge then proceeded to Ballot for the said Committee, and the following were declared duly elected:—

P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, P. G. A. Robertson, and P. G. R. H. Hamilton.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following Report:—

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Communication from Oriental Lodge, No. 7, with reference to the Installation of Officers for the ensuing Quarter, beg leave to report,—

That we have considered the same, and recommend that this Grand Lodge take immediate action in the case, so as to ensure the attendance of some qualified member at an early date, to install the Officers Elect of that Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

THOMAS HARDIE,
JOSEPH FRASER,
W. A. LIDDELL.

On motion of P. G. D. Milligan, seconded by P. G. J. M. Gilbert,

The Report was accepted, and the recommendation concurred in. And

On motion of P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, seconded by P. G. C. F. Clarke,

It was resolved,—That the appointment be made by the M. W. Grand Master.

The same Committee then made the following Report:

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Communication from D. D. G. M. J. R. Healey, respecting a question which had been raised,—whether a P. G. who claimed membership in Albion Lodge, No. 4, was entitled to be so considered, and which he had de-