

COMMITTEE ROOM, CHATHAM,
AUGUST 7th, 1862.

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

Your committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions in respect to the memory of our late departed Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, beg leave to submit the following;

It having pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst, our late beloved and much respected Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, after allowing him to complete more than the full share of time usually allotted to man on this earth, in extending and watching over the interest and welfare of Odd-Fellowship. Let us trust that he rests securely and peacefully from his labors in the Grand Lodge above, and turn our attention to the example which his life affords, and strive to emulate his good deeds, and carry on the great work that he has inaugurated. Let the fires he has kindled upon our alters be handed down to the future, that it may share with the present, in the blessings of our glorious institutions.

Less than fifty years ago, Thomas Wildey, was instrumental in planting the germ of Odd-Fellowship upon the continent, and to its advancement he consecrated the whole energies of his life. He established an institution with principles based upon a broad platform of brotherly love, all of us without distinction of party or sect, can meet in social intercourse, and he has lived to see it grow in gigantic proportions, exerting an influence of good and benevolence, greater than that of any other institution of the nineteenth century. How gratifying it must have been to him in last moments, to look around and behold the vast structure that had grown so nobly upon the foundation laid by him, now numbering over 143,000 Odd-Fellows. What a world of pleasing emotions must be written on the tablets of his memory, as he thinks of the pleasures and blessings he has been instrumental in bringing to many a disconsolate home.

Brethren, let us pray to God that he is now enjoying the unspeakable blessings of meeting with his Father in Heaven, and may the good he has done, and the good that we must do, continually arise up to that sacred retreat, to cheer and make if possible more happy that good man.

Brethren, entertaining as we do, the feelings and sentiments expressed in the foregoing preamble, towards our worthy and departed Brother, let us therefore unanimously adopt the following resolutions.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. join in unison with the entire Order, and sympathise with the family and friends of our deceased Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey; that while we feel the loss of so worthy and valuable a friend to our Order, yet we are certain that our loss was his gain, for he had completed his three score years and ten, and almost held out four score years, when the knock came, and he was