

I forwarded the same to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Bro. Schuyler Colfax, by whom it was handed to the President. I beg to submit the very cordial and friendly reply which I received from the said honorable and highly esteemed Brother :

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, May 8th, 1865.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :

I have received and forwarded to President Johnson, the address you commissioned me to present to him in behalf of my brethren of Canada West, and I was gratified at seeing its noble and patriotic tone.

I have not been in Washington since the funeral exercises there of our murdered President, which will account for the delay of this acknowledgment.

Truly and fraternally yours,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

To JAS. SMITH, Grand Master.

Representatives, I would again urge upon you the necessity for supporting a Journal devoted to Odd Fellowship, and as such present the claims of the *American Odd Fellow*.

In drawing this Report to a close, I have the pleasure to state that from my own personal observation in regard to our noble Order, together with information I have gathered from letters and otherwise, from the Deputies and other members of the several Lodges, that a bright future is in store for the advancement of our benign and glorious cause. Facts and figures will show that notwithstanding the many causes which have worked against us, we are this day stronger in membership, stronger in finances, and thanks be to God, stronger in love for our Order, and for the advancement and glory thereof. I have no need to be a prophet, or the son of a prophet to assure you that our Order must prosper, and permeate the land with its principles which are holy and true, and with its teachings which are pure and grand. I have to thank the brethren in this jurisdiction for their many acts of kindness shown to me whenever and wherever I had the good fortune to meet them, and also specially to thank those brothers from whom I received counsel and advice. Brethren, let us not weary in well doing, let us only have a will and we can easily find the way to feed the hungry, visit the sick and to bury the dead, never forgetting the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

I now deign brothers, to offer you my most humble and heartfelt thanks for the honor you conferred upon me, in placing me in the highest position within your gift, and in which I tried to the best of my ability to sustain and uphold the sacred and heaven born principles of our glorious Order. Should anything have occurred that may not turn out to the advancement and good of our cause, I trust you will leniently attribute it to a fault of the head and not of the heart. I would further beg that you accept the assurance of my fervent prayer, that you may all meet with success in every good work, and be prospered not only in earthly, but in heavenly blessings.

All of which is most fraternally submitted by

Yours, faithfully, &c.,

JAMES SMITH, Grand Master.

Representative, Bro. Josiah B. King moved, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, that the Grand Master's Report be referred to the special Committee for distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees—*Carried*.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report :

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, Representatives and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West :

BRETHREN—In accordance with the duty devolving upon me as Grand Secretary and Treasurer, I beg leave to submit this my annual Report :