

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of U. S. read the following Report :

ST. MARY'S, August 5th, 1863.

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

SIR AND BROTHERS.—It is with much pleasure that I again meet with you as your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and render unto you such of the Proceedings of that Grand body as is essential to the interests of our Order in Canada West.

The Grand Lodge of the United States met according to adjournment in the City of Baltimore, on Monday 15th August, when on report of the Committee on Credentials, twenty-four Grand Lodges and eleven Encampments were represented.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina was again not present to preside over the deliberations of Grand Lodge, in consequence, I presume, of the unsettled state of affairs in that country ; that duty however, was ably performed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Milton Herndon of Indiana, whose Annual Report can be seen by referring to the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

There has been no material changes to the Constitution, and in fact very little business of importance was done at this Session, owing to there being no Representation from any of the Southern States, a disposition prevailed among Representatives to do as little business as possible; hoping that soon the political discords which now distract both North and South would be settled, and a full Representation once more meet and with renewed energy conduct the important matters of Legislation connected with Odd Fellowship. Our Order being a progressive Institution, it necessarily follows that there must be amendments introduced from time to time, having a tendency to raise the standard of Odd Fellowship nearer and nearer to perfection.

The following answers to questions propounded to the Deputy Grand Sire, acting as Grand Sire, were confirmed by Grand Lodge :

Answer to Question 1st. :

A Grand Master has entire supervision of his Subordinates during vacation, and the right to interfere on all violations of law ; and in case of persisted disobedience, may suspend the privileges of the refractory Lodge, until the case is tried and determined by the Grand Lodge.

Answer to Question 2d. :

No appeal to the Grand Lodge lies upon the decision of incidental questions during a trial, they may form exceptions and be the basis of an appeal, but an appeal to the Grand Lodge can only be taken after the decision of the entire case by the Lodge, which is binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge.

Answer to Question 3d. :

The mode of reaching the Grand Master to obtain a decision is a matter for local legislation, and is generally on an appeal from the decision of a District Deputy Grand Master.

Answer to Question 4th. ;

When the Constitution and By-Laws of a Subordinate conflict with the laws and decisions of the State Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the laws of the latter body must be conformed to.

It has been decided that persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be readmitted