

Brethren, permit me, ere I close this address, to thank you for the honorable position you were kind enough to assign me as your Grand Secretary and Treasurer. Feebly and imperfectly have I filled the duties entrusted to me. Still I may say with all rectitude and candor, that I did what I could to further the progress and advancement of Odd Fellowship.

Brethren, accept my thanks for the kindness you have ever manifested towards me. Believe me I shall ever feel and duly appreciate your disinterested favors, and I sincerely trust I shall ever prove a good and worthy Odd Fellow.

Brethren, I cannot close without returning to our Grand Master my hearty thanks for his manifold kindness to me; for his hearty co-operation in furthering our common object, and at the risk of being charged with flattery, I must say, that a better, larger hearted, or more whole souled man, and brother Odd Fellow than Bro. James Smith I never met—ready and willing at all times, regardless of time, to assist in carrying out the object of the Institution.

Brethren, may the hand of an Odd Fellow be ever outstretched to shield the poor and needy, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and protect the widow and the orphan; then will the world see that we are endeavoring to carry out the grand object of our noble Order, and that our character, life and actions are in accordance with our profession as Odd Fellows.

Respectfully submitted, by yours faithfully and fraternally,

RICHARD WIGMORE, Grand Sec. and Treasurer.

On motion of Rep. John Taylor, Jr., seconded by Rep. Wales, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to the committee on Distribution—*Carried*.

The Grand Rep. to the G. L. of U. S. submitted the following Report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :*

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN : As your Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I have the honor to submit for your consideration my second annual Report of the proceedings of that Grand Body.

In accordance with a special resolution passed in Baltimore in Sept. 1863, the Grand Lodge of the U. S. assembled in Boston September 19th, 1864, where they were welcomed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Mass., and the brothers of Boston, with outstretched hands and such earnest cordial words as must have secured to the Odd Fellows of Massachusetts the esteem and gratitude of every Officer and Representative present. Our obligations are by no means exclusively due to our Brethren there, for in its largest sense we enjoyed "the freedom of the city." Private citizens and officials of both State and City seemed to vie with each other in rendering our meeting in Boston one to be long and pleasantly remembered. Invitations and compliments poured in upon us from every source, and we had no discretion except to surrender. This we did the more readily knowing that we were in "the land of steady habits," and feeling assured that we would certainly not be led astray by a people so proverbial for their steadfast ways and strict adherence to duty and business. If we have any cause of complaint it is that they took advantage of our simple faith to allure us from our duties as Representatives with the attractions of their city, and the enjoyment of the princely hospitalities of their hearts and homes. I am aware that this is not strictly in the line of a Representative's Report, but it is a pleasing duty which I assume, and which I am sure you will all heartily approve of this passing tribute to the courtesy, the intelligence, and the munificent hospitality of the Odd Fellows and citizens of the Old Bay State.