

BRETHERN,—I wish one and all peace and prosperity, with an abundance of all the pleasures, privileges and blessings arising out of a Common Brotherhood in which I hope all mankind will yet be blended. Brethern, farewell, and may our watchword ever be,

"No Sect.—No Section in our creed,
One faith from pole to pole;
The brotherhood of man, the link
Of Universal Soul."

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WIGMORE,
Late Grand Master, Grand
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Grand Master's Report.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada.

OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS,—We are again permitted through the protecting care of a merciful Providence to assemble in Grand Lodge, to legislate for the noble Order and principles which we all love and revere.

Brethern, I am unexpectedly placed in the position of Grand Master, consequent on the resignation of our respected Brother Richard Wigmore, Esq., whom your suffrages placed in the honorable position of Grand Master at the last annual communication, the causes which compelled him to resign the position is patent to you all, therefore, it is unnecessary for me here to advert further to them, and much as we deplore his loss to our noble cause, we must bow in submission to the law as it is.

On the 15th day of May last, Grand Master Wigmore resigned to me officially the Books and Stationery in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at the same time notifying me that his connexion with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was then severed.

No alternative being left me, but to take the helm so reluctantly dropped by our late captain, and as *first mate* take charge of the noble craft until this, the 7th day of August, and resign her safely into, I trust, abler and better hands for another year's prosperous voyage in her exalted mission.

Brethern, during my short incumbency, I have but little to report legislatively; but one matter was submitted for my action, viz: Chatham Lodge, No. 29, asks under date of June 3, if one or two blank balls require to be reconsidered; I replied that a candidate was elected where only one or