

And it was ordered that a minute of the proceedings appear in the Grand Lodge Report :

MEDICAL REFEREE'S REPORT.

W. Bro. Dr. Oronhyatekha presented and read his first Annual Report as Medical Referee of the Orange Mutual Benefit Society.

To the R. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West :

R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor herewith to submit my report in connection with the office of Medical Referee of the Orange Mutual Insurance Society of Ontario West. Notwithstanding the great interest and energy shown by our Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. Birmingham, arrangements were not completed for putting the work of the Association into practical operation before the latter part of June. Considerable delays ensued with a number of the earlier applications, owing to defects in the papers sent to the Medical Referee, which necessitated the holding over of such papers till correspondence could be had with the Medical Examiner. I am glad, however, to say that as our agents grow in experience, so apparently the papers sent up show greater care and completeness in their preparation.

I have examined and passed upon 236 medical examination papers to date. The following will show the work month by month : June, 3 ; July, 10 ; August, 8 ; September, 15 ; October, 15 ; November, 27 ; December, 79 ; January, 33 ; up to February 16th, 46. Total, 236.

Of the 236 applicants 72 were over 50 years of age ; 49 were over 55 years of age, and 26 were over 60 years of age.

Of the total number of applicants, 24 were rejected for the following causes : Family history, 2 ; irregularity of heart's action, 6 ; personal history, 6 ; over age, 10. Thus leaving 212 who have been passed as good, sound, insurable lives, and of this number only 14 are over 60 years of age. Seeing that members of all ages if sound and healthy were admitted till the 1st January last, the proportion of old men enrolled is, fortunately for the Association, extremely small.

Now that we are in a position—and in a good position—to push on the work with vigor and build up a noble superstructure upon the foundation which has been so well laid, I trust that every member of this Grand Lodge will feel it not only a duty but a pleasure to forward the noble work of the Association, with the assurance that this department of our noble Order will continue for all time to come to scatter blessings not only in Ontario West, but throughout the Dominion.

Respectfully submitted.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
Referee.

London, February, 17th, 1885.

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Parkhill, G. M. B. A., and