

deprive his unfortunate wife and family of the support and comforts that he knew would be extended to them in the day of affliction. But our Brother nobly refused, and rather chose to be divided in death from those he loved in life—to forego that rite so dear to every Christian, (and every Roman Catholic in particular) of being consigned to the grave, in consecrated ground, by the Pastor of his own Church;—all this he refused rather than tear from those dear ones that he loved, his wife and children, the protection and kindness he knew awaited them at your hands. He preferred leaving them to you, rather than to the *tender mercies* of a cold unfeeling world. Our Brother behaved nobly. Peace to his manes! We envy not the feelings of that Priest, when he shall “commune with his own thoughts” on this subject. He knows well that the objects of our Order are, to comfort sickness and relieve distress; to maintain the widow and the fatherless. These he knows to be our objects; and it is wishing that Priest no harm to hope that his days are not, nor ever may be, spent in a cause less worthy. This occurrence does not injure our cause; it rather strengthens it; for we see the picture of a Brother dying in the hope of eternal happiness; his short time here ^{was} embittered by the fear of misery and want assailing his family when he is gone; but, on the contrary, happy in the assurance that his wife and helpless children will receive from this strong bond of brotherhood that assistance and support it is his no longer to bestow. How much more forcible is this at this moment, when we are threatened with the visitation of that dreadful scourge, the Cholera.

The Correspondence with the Board of Directors since our last meeting, we consider most satisfactory. They allow us to make District Laws to suit the working of the Order in this Province, even although such laws may be contrary to some of the General Laws that govern the Order in Britain.

By the Reports of the Board, we perceive that they have withdrawn the Bill for legalizing the Order in Britain, and it will be for you to decide whether we shall continue the efforts that have been already made to legalize our Order in Canada.

The sum of £42 15s. 1d. due to this District by the Board of Directors, is money sent for goods, chiefly to supply dispensations to Lodges that have not yet received them. The goods have not yet reached us.

The balance of £44 3s. 5d. in the District account, is occasioned by the estimates for the current quarter being already levied, in order to make up the books for the past year, and to make the balance in the printed Reports correspond with the bills supplied to Lodges; an improvement on the old method, and which we hope will meet your approbation.

The business of this meeting is not very voluminous, although some of a very important nature will be laid before you. The formation of a new code of District Laws will claim your best attention. We confidently rely on your careful attention to the business that will come before you; and in conclusion, we earnestly pray that our united efforts may tend to the advancement of our noble institution, and the universal spread of our principles of “Friendship, Love, and Truth.”