

Returned on Expense account....	11 84	7407 68
		\$12048 50
Paid Expenses.....	\$5084 96	
" Supplies.....	663 98	
" Postage and Stationery.....	166 39	
" Huron Lodge, Kansas relief returned.....	2 50	\$5918 83
Now in Treasurer's hands.....		\$612 67

The discrepancy between the above balance and the balance shown by the Grand Treasurer is accounted for by the amount due from our late Grand Treasurer.

29. I have received circulars from the Grand Lodge of the United States and from the Joint Committee of the Order in Pennsylvania, inviting this Grand Lodge to participate in the general Centennial celebration of the Order in Philadelphia, on the 20th September next.

30. After closing this report, a letter was received from Bro. Thomas B. Blyth, P. G. of Oriental Lodge No. 163, Cornwall, saying that their Lodge room, with entire contents, was destroyed by fire on the 25th inst. Their returns, which had been neglected, were burned. Mystic Lodge, No. 128, Kilbride and Rond Eau Lodge No. 40 have also suffered severely by fire. These fires have in some instances necessitated the Lodges' appealing to sister Lodges for aid, when had they taken the precaution of insuring their effects, such a necessity would have been averted.

31. Nine years ago to-day I presented my first annual report to this Grand Lodge, then composed of twenty-three members, in this Hall then in the thriving *Town* of St. Catharines. That report was considered very encouraging, showing fourteen Lodges, with one thousand and fifty members, and our annual income of \$1,094 24, having paid for relief \$1,382. What food for the reflective mind the change a few short years has wrought! To-day we meet in the proud *City* of St. Catharines, and it is my great pleasure to report one hundred and fifty-six Lodges having a membership of 11,322, and our annual receipts \$98,214 07, having paid for

relief \$19,403 20; the present session being composed of two hundred and twenty members, representing nearly every county in our fair Province, a record of prosperity which speaks a volume for the real merit of Odd Fellowship, for surely no society that was not really worthy could possibly secure such a hearty public endorsement. Very many of the able workers of then are still the zealous workers of now, though some have been called home. Let us then be inspired by the noble history of the past and prove true in our devotion to the principles expressed in our motto. Never falter in well doing. Let us prove true to our obligation, our duty and our sense of right, knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Let us display the same zeal in the future as in the past, and we will have a record for the next decade that shall far excel its predecessor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KING,

GRAND SECRETARY.

SUMMARY FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS,  
YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1876.

Number of Lodges.....	156	
" Initiated.....		2,269
" Admitted by Card.....		266
" Reinstated.....		60
Total.....		2,600
" Withdrawn by card.....	386	
" Suspended.....	980	
" Expelled.....	22	
" Died.....	73	1,461
Increase.....		1,139
Membership per last Report.....		10,183
Present total Membership.....		11,322
RELIEF.		
Number of Brothers relieved.....	892	
" Widowed families re- lieved.....	180	
Paid for Sick Benefits.....		\$11,556 77
" to Widows and Orphans.....		3,688 55
" for Burying the Dead.....		2,481 08
" for Charity.....		1,676 80
Total Relief.....		\$19,403 20
Total number of weeks sickness for which Benevits were paid.....		4,938 47
Total number of Brothers to whom paid.....		998
Total amount paid.....		11,556 77
Average to each Brother.....		11 58
" amount per week.....		2 34
Of the total Membership, 1 in each 11 received relief.....		
Average mortality, 1 in 155 09.....		
Receipts of Subordinate Lodges.....		\$92 214 07
Paid for current expenses by Sub- ordinate Lodges.....		44,987 87
An average of over 45.8 per cent. for expenses, and 19.75 per cent.		