

As soon as time would permit after the last Session, I compiled the proceedings thereof, of which, according to instructions I had one hundred and fifty copies printed, and which I distributed by sending numbers to all the Officers of the Grand Lodge, all subordinate Lodges in our Jurisdiction, likewise to the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, to each of the Grand Lodges of the different States, and also to all the Grand Encampments whose address I was in possession of.

In return I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Journals of Proceedings from the following, viz.: The R. W. G. L. of U. S., the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Northern New York, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Connecticut, California, Maine, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Kansas, Oregon, Kentucky and Michigan. Also Journals from Grand Encampments as follows: The State of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Jersey, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Iowa, New Hampshire, all of which proclaim the glad tidings, that the good cause of our Order is rapidly progressing, and that the unhappy strife and discord which has for some time past and is still raging in their midst, has tended much to emblazon and make known to the world at large the noble work of our institution, raising it more and more every day in the estimation of the public, so that a brilliant future may be expected. We ought to feel proud to be enrolled under such a noble Banner, on which is written those most sublime words: "we command you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." With such beautiful sentiments ought we not each and every one of us to try our best to advance its interests? Yes, brethren, let all be working bees in the hive of Oddfellowship; permit no drones if possible to remain, but let all give a helping hand to push our cause onward. If each and every member will only have a will, they can easily find the way to do good and to uphold our noble Institution.

Clause 1. Brethren, for the consideration of this grand body, I have much pleasure in submitting for your deliberation all correspondence in connection with this Grand Lodge, which has come into my possession during my term of office, and which comprises communications from the R. W. G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of U. S., from the Secretary of the Wilkey Monument Committee, from the M. W. the Grand Master Bro. Woodyatt, and from all the Lodges in our Jurisdiction

2. In accordance with Resolution on page 262 of our Journal, relative to Ontario Lodge, as soon as possible after the Session of this Grand Lodge, I sent enclosed to Bro. McDonald, who last acted as D. D. for that district, a copy of said resolution to each of the Brothers as follows, viz: Bro. McDonald, Job Tame, H. Huff, W. Grundy, H. Mason, W. Deering, John McLeod, R. A. Goodwin, H. J. Bradley, W. Hargraft, J. Launcely, and at the same time requested that if any one of them would make up their minds to comply with the demand, to be so kind as to reply on or before the 1st of July last. I am sorry to inform this Grand body that up to the present time no communication from any of the above mentioned Brothers, (not even from Bro. McDonald to whom I specially wrote) have been received.

3. The Resolution on page 266, relative to the Brethren of Elgin Lodge, I likewise made known to the members of that Lodge, who were reported as having been good on the books at the time of the breaking up thereof, whose names are as follows: Bros. John Lindhop, Thomas Lindhop, N. W. Moore, Elijah Moore, Henry Brown, John Mitchell, Charles Lawrence, James Mitchell, R. Cochran, O. E. Benton, A. Waltheren, Wm. Martin, George Newcombe and Joseph Laing, and of them also I begged in vain an early reply.

4. With reference to resolution on page 268, relative to granting cards of clearance to Bros. Dunbar, John and James Conroy, members of Rose Lodge, whom I also wrote to in connection with said resolution, I have much pleasure to announce