

The by-law passed at the last annual meeting with reference to the consolidation of the classes was duly carried into effect and with the most satisfactory results.

The experience obtained in conducting the affairs of the Association has led the directors to submit some further changes in the constitution and by-laws. We trust they will merit your favourable consideration.

The energy and untiring zeal of our Officers are fully appreciated. They have been powerful factors in advancing the interests of the Association, and placing it in the high position it now occupies.

Our General Agent, Bro. A. H. Blackeby, has done good work, and we think it highly desirable that he should be retained in his present position.

The retiring resident directors are Bros. W. Dunn, T. Donnelly and B. H. Carnovsky, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully yours,

FIFE FOWLER,

President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Directors of the Odd-Fellows' Relief Association.

BRETHREN,—I have the honor to lay before you my third report. The statistical statements accompanying it should prove interesting. They indicate that the Association has made steady progress during 1891, that it has grown in the confidence and esteem of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and that its stability and future usefulness is fully assured.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The application to me by two representatives of the Manchester Unity for admission to the Association raised the question as to who are eligible for membership. According to our by-laws the requisite qualification is "that the applicant shall be an Odd-Fellow and a member of a lodge in good standing as defined by the Sovereign Grand Lodge," etc. And the ruling, to which you gave assent, was that the endowment associations which the grand bodies may sanction are confined to the members of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, that the members of no other order can be given privileges in this Association.

WORK OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

The board, immediately after the annual meeting in 1891, appointed Bro. A. H. Blackeby, P.G., of Galt, as the General Agent of the Association, and his report shows how instrumental he has been in adding to the membership and in increasing the usefulness of the Association. He has improved the position of many of the old agencies and opened a number of new ones, especially in the Maritime Provinces where he has travelled since the closing of the Grand Lodge in Quebec until the end of the year. His work speaks for itself. If commendation is necessary he has it from me to the fullest extent.

THE LEWIS JONES ESTATE.

On December 13, 1890, Lewis Jones, of St. Thomas, died of accidental poisoning. He had three certificates issued whilst classification obtained in the Association. The benefit covered by No. 2904 (A \$1,000) was made payable to Martha Jones, wife, or her heirs, or assigns; the benefits covered by No. 601 (B \$500) and No. 78 (C \$500) were made payable to "Martha Jones, wife, or her legal representatives." On March 20th, T. W. Crothers, of St. Thomas, informed me that Mrs. Jones had predeceased her husband a few weeks, "leaving no children, or other living heirs, or next of kin so far as known." He said he had made application to the Surrogate Court for letters of administration to the Lewis Jones estate. A letter subsequently informed me that these letters were issued and a certified copy of the same was forwarded to me. It is unnecessary to quote from the correspondence, which was very voluminous. Suffice it to say that the