

from a personal knowledge afforded by a visit to that jurisdiction, whilst D. G. Sire, that there is no location or Grand jurisdiction anywhere that can boast of being in better hands. Their Representatives have been pressing with commendable patience, but with persistent modesty and zeal upon the consideration of this Grand Lodge for several years, the propriety of adopting a name that would be more cosmopolitan and comprehensive than the present one for a body now exercising authority in other and many different nationalities, and ultimately it may be in every quarter of the globe, and whilst I am willing to confess an attachment to the name under which we have won our way to public favor and distinction, and doubtless eminently proper when adopted, I most respectfully submit that the continued success and extension of the Order into other countries seem to create an absolute necessity for the change.

FIRE IN ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Our brethren in the Lower Provinces, in common with their fellow-citizens, have been visited with a fearful and disastrous conflagration, in which many of them have suffered great loss, besides the destruction of the books, regalia and other property of three Lodges and one Encampment.

Under an anxiety to be properly informed as to the extent of the disaster and privations of the unfortunate sufferers before any general appeal to the Order for relief was recommended, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary addressed a letter to the R. W. D. D. Grand Sire Andre Cushing, asking information upon the subject. His reply will be presented in the correspondence of that office, giving an account of the losses and misfortunes of our brethren there, but who decline to make any general appeal for relief.

I am happy, however, to know that their brethren in Ontario and other localities voluntarily forwarded liberal contributions for their relief.

EXTRACTS FROM R. W. GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary is too comprehensive to be inserted here, but the following extracts and concluding sentence of a very able Report will serve to show the opinions of the most experienced and respected officer of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., respecting the present and future prospects of Odd Fellowship.

GENERAL RETURNS.

	Year 1875.	Year 1876.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	48	48		
Subordinate Lodges	6,395	6,678	283	
Rebekah Degree Lodges	879	770		109
Grand Encampments.....	39	39		
Subordinate Encampments.....	1,756	1,806	50	
Lodge Initiations.....	50,043	40,646		9,397
Lodge members.....	454,689	456,125	1,436	
Encampment members.....	87,450	87,785	335	
Relief by Lodges.....	\$1,510,854.11	\$1,507,649.12		\$ 3,205.09
Relief by Encampments.....	180,969.43	177,151.45		3,817.98
Relief by Rebekah Lodges.....	7,045.28	4,685.05		2,360.23
Total relief.....	1,698,868.92	1,689,485.62		9,383.30
Revenue of Lodges.....	4,193,665.45	4,008,984.69		184,680.76
Revenue of Encampments.....	488,421.55	453,034.72		35,386.83
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges.....	32,154.70	27,853.05		4,301.65
Total revenue.....	4,714,241.70	4,489,872.46		224,369.24