

On motion of Rep. Barr, the Grand Masters Report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report.

To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers, Representatives and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Canada West.

In compliance with the Constitution of our R. W. Grand Lodge, I herewith submit to you a report upon the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

BRETHREN,—The return of another Grand Lodge meeting should bring with it the solemn and peculiar feeling common to all of our race, who are alive to their instincts as children of one common parent, the lapse of another eventful year. And while its trials and sorrows are past, we cannot forget the manifold blessings and privileges with which we have been favored, how we are again permitted to associate ourselves together under the mild and benign banner of our Order, clasp each others hand in communion and fellowship, and unite to more closely develop the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. Who that has a heart to feel, must not at this hallowed moment and under such gracious and favorable circumstances, thankfully render the tribute of gratitude to Almighty God for his kindness in sparing our lives and permitting us once more to meet in this Hall, consecrated to Friendship, Love and Truth.

Since our last annual communication, part of our jurisdiction has had a visit from Past Grand Sire, Bro. Nicholson, of Philadelphia, and speaking of that worthy Brother brings up joyous emotions. His visit to Canada will never be forgotten. Imbued with fervent charity to all men—long may the great Master of the universe spare him to expound the gentle teachings and grand truths to which he gave utterance in the halls of St. Catharines, Brantford, London, and Windsor—may his shadow never grow less and immortality crown his earthly transit.

Immediately after the Session of this Grand Body, held at Hamilton, Canada West, I compiled the proceedings thereof, and according to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, caused 200 copies to be printed and forwarded to all Subordinate Lodges and Grand Officers of this jurisdiction; also, to all Grand Lodges and Encampments through the United States.

I have, during the past year, received the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges and Encampments, viz: From the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Kansas, California, Maine, Connecticut, Oregon, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan, and Massachusetts, and from the Grand Encampments of Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Hampshire, Kentucky, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Illinois.

1. My correspondence for the past year will be laid before you for your inspection. But little of consequence has been received.

2. According to the report of the Committee on Correspondence at the last year's Session, and adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, (page 327,) I notified Jared M. Gleeson and Chas. M. Male, of Lockport, U. S., of the action of this Grand Body regarding their cards of clearance from this Grand Lodge, and returned the one dollar "green back" which they forwarded for said cards.

3. The resolution of this Grand Lodge of last year, on page 334 of

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