

On motion, this report was adopted, together with the following Letter of Condolence from the special Committee named in said report:—

*To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Letter of Condolence to Mrs. Thos. Reynolds, submit the following:

*Whereas* this Grand Lodge has learned with feelings of deep sorrow, the mournful intelligence of the decease of Bro. Thos. REYNOLDS, M.D., first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada West: and whereas Bro. Reynolds may well be considered the pioneer of American Odd Fellowship in Canada West, he being one of the petitioners in 1855 to procure the charter for this Grand Lodge, was present at its origination and elected its first Grand Master, which office he filled for a succession of years with honor to the Fraternity and pleasure to himself. Ever modest and unassuming, he put on the garments of our Order and wore them, a worthy example for us all, in his untiring efforts to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection. Be it therefore

*Resolved*,—That whilst we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Great Ruler of events, yet we cannot but express the regrets peculiar to our nature, at being deprived of the society, friendship and advice of one so devoted and faithful in the performance of his duties, as was P. G. M. Thos. Reynolds.

*Resolved*,—That whilst we regret the loss to the Order as a severe affliction, our own sorrows are almost hidden from sight, in contemplation of those sustained by them to whom he was united by so many nearest and dearer ties than those by which he was connected with us.

*Resolved*,—That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our deceased brother, and assure them that his memory will ever remain dear to us. That although some time has now elapsed since that melancholy event occurred, and your Committee do not feel disposed to awaken those feelings, which must in some measure be by this time composed and resigned to the Will of the Almighty: yet, from the high opinion we always entertained of him now gone to another and better sphere, this Grand Lodge cannot separate without reiterating its imperishable esteem for one whose talent and energy was so eminently devoted to render Odd Fellowship a blessing to the whole human family.

*Resolved*,—That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to his Widow, as a testimony of our deep-seated regard.

All which is fraternally submitted.

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