

I have thus briefly attempted to place upon our record a synopsis of those transactions and decisions of most interest to the Order at large, but for very much more of importance I am compelled to refer you to the Revised Journal of last Session. In view of the increased interest exhibited on every hand, and the zeal manifested by those having our affairs in charge, I can assure you of the increasing strength, usefulness and prosperity of our brotherhood, and I am confident I speak the sentiment of every Odd Fellow who knows him, in saying that, to Past Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson, more than to any other man, are we indebted for our present proud and prosperous position.

With such an estimate of our Order, drawn from the Reports and proceedings of nearly a year ago, how shall I find language to convey to you a description of the glorious vision of peace and consequent re-union that has already opened to our view since then. For four long years the seats of our brethren from the South have been vacant, and as our venerable Grand Secretary in the routine of business called the roll of States, we listened in vain for the responses of many we had learned to love. But what a change awaits the Representatives who assemble again in Baltimore. My blood quickens in its course, and my heart leaps with joy in contemplation of the Scene. The Representative whom you shall see fit to honor with the charge of your affairs in Grand Lodge of the United States this year, will look upon such a reunion of hands and hearts as is not often given to mortals to behold. And how appropriate that this reunion should take place over the Grave of Father Wildey, and at the dedication of a monument perpetuating his memory, and handing down to those who shall succeed us, the record of the origin and objects of Odd Fellowship.

With many pleasing and profitable recollections of my connection with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as your Representative therein, and with many and sincere thanks for the honors and trusts you have often confided in me, I respectfully conclude this Report.

H. C. BINGHAM,

G. Rep. G. L. U. S.

On motion of D. G. M. Thos. Browne, seconded by Rep. James Heron, it was *Resolved*, That the Report of the Grand Rep. to the Grand Lodge of U. S., be referred to the Committee on Distribution—*Carried*.

The Distribution Committee presented the following Report:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was rererred the Reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and of the Grand Representative of this Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the distribution of their various subjects to appropriate Committees, submit the following, recommending

That Clause A and K of Grand Master's Report, relating to Correspondence, be referred to Committee on Correspondence. Clauses B to J of same report be referred to Committee on State of the Order and Legislation.

That Clause 8 of Grand Sec. and Treasurer's Report relating to Rond Eau and Thames Lodges be referred to Committee on State of Order and Legislation, and that Clauses 9, 10 and 11 of same Report be referred to Committee on Finance. Excelsior By-Laws to Committee on Laws of Subordinates. Also that Clause A of Grand Rep. Report be referred to a special Committee.

Respectfully submitted with accompanying resolution.

(Signed)

H. C. BINGHAM,
HENRY McAFEE,
JOHN BATTY,
W. A. GLOVER,
G. WALES.

Committee.