

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.



PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE

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MANITOBA.

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD AT WINNIPEG,

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# Grand Lodge of Manitoba

I. O. O. F.

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GEO. C. MORTIMORE,

*Grand Secretary.*

Drawer 1274, Winnipeg.

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## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE

# Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,  
WINNIPEG, August 11th, 1886.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F., assembled this day, being the third annual session, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The following Grand Officers were present:

B. D. DEERING,	- - - -	Grand Master.
J. D. BOWLEY,	- - - -	Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN DÓDIMEAD,	- - - -	Grand Warden.
JAMES D. CONKLIN,	- - - -	Grand Secretary.*
W. J. WATSON,	- - - -	Grand Treasurer.
ALEXANDER PRATT,	- - - -	Grand Marshal.
ARTHUR W. SHAW,	- - - -	Grand Conductor.
D. BUDGE,	- - - -	Grand Chaplain.
GEO. T. LUNDY,	- - - -	Grand Guardian.
D. W. DUFF,	- - - -	Grand Herald.
C. D. ANDERSON,	- - - -	Grand Representative.

The Grand Secretary announced that a quorum of Lodges was represented.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, by order of the Grand Master, examined the Past Grands in attendance and reported all correct in the password of the current term and in the password of the Grand Lodge Degree, whereupon the Grand Chaplain, by request of the Grand Master, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, we Thy unworthy servants desire to thank Thee for that Providence that has so mercifully watched over us through another year, and permitted so many of us to meet in session to transact business in the interest of our beloved Order.

Let Thy choicest blessings rest upon us, and may all our acts meet with Thy approval, promote Thy glory and the happiness of all mankind. We ask Thee to comfort the widow and the fatherless, the sick and the distressed, and enable us to administer to their several necessities. We ask Thy blessing upon our Sister Grand Lodges in session to-day like ourselves. Endow them with wisdom from on high so that their deliberations may be owned of Thee, to the end that the principles of our Order may be advanced and mankind thereby made better. Guide us each and all, by Thy Council while we live, and finally bring us to the enjoyment of that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. To Thy Great Name be all the glory now and forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Secretary presented the Certificates of Representatives and Past Grands.

The Grand Master appointed the following as the Committee on Credentials:

James D. Conklin, Grand Secretary; W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer; Arthur McLean, P. G. No. 6.

The Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

WINNIPEG, AUGUST 11, 1886.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I.O.O.F.*

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report having examined the Certificates of Representatives duly accredited to this Grand Lodge, and submit herewith a list thereof; also a list of Past Grands in good standing in their respective lodges, who are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge for the first time.

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## REPRESENTATIVES.

W. R. Hall	Manitoba	Lodge	No. 1	Winnipeg.
James A. Pelkey	"	"	1	Winnipeg.
Jno. Thomson	"	"	1	Winnipeg.
Geo. C. Mortimore	North Star	"	2	Winnipeg.
Jas. A. Payne	"	"	2	Winnipeg.
D. A. Macdonald	Portage	"	3	Portage la Prairie.
David MacKay	Gateway City	"	4	Emerson.
H. C. Dean	Gladstone	"	5	Gladstone.
R. J. Noxon	Brandon City	"	6	Brandon.
John H. Chambers	Minnehaha	"	7	Winnipeg.
Harry Jamison	"	"	7	Winnipeg.
Robt. Rollins	Crystal City	"	8	Crystal City.
S. Coppinger	Nelson	"	9	Morden.
W. A. Ayearst	Minnedosa	"	10	Minnedosa.
W. Atkin	Western Star	"	11	Carberry.
D. L. Gaunce	Valley	"	1	Moose Jaw.
Jno. C. McArthur	Moosomin	"	2	Moosomin.

## PAST GRANDS.

John Best	Manitoba	Lodge	No. 1	Winnipeg.
D. H. McGregor	"	"	1	Winnipeg.
C. A. Schofield	"	"	1	Winnipeg.
W. C. Copeland	North Star	"	2	Winnipeg.
* Wm. Brydon	"	"	2	Winnipeg.
* A. L. Curtis	Portage	"	3	Portage la Prairie.
* J. E. Thomas	"	"	3	Portage la Prairie.
W. C. Hunter	Brandon City	"	6	Brandon.
E. G. Wiswell	"	"	6	Brandon.
Daniel Cameron	Minnehaha	"	7	Winnipeg.
R. S. Conklin	"	"	7	Winnipeg.
J. R. Jones, M. D.	"	"	7	Winnipeg.
Martin Love	"	"	7	Winnipeg.
* John G. McLean	"	"	7	Winnipeg.
W. J. Porter	"	"	7	Winnipeg.

Your Committee recommend that all of the above who are in waiting and have not received the Grand Lodge Degree be now introduced, obligated and instructed. Your Committee submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. CONKLIN  
W. J. WATSON,  
A. McLEAN.

\* Not present during the Session.

Geo. C. Mortimore, Rep. No. 2, a former member of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, entered and took his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge.

By direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives and Past Grands to the Grand Warden, by whom they were obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

Representatives—Pelkey, Thomson, Noxon, Chambers, Rollins, Coppinger, Ayearst, Atkin, Gaunce and McArthur.

Past Grands—Best, McGregor, Hunter, Wiswell and Cameron.

The roll of Officers, Representatives and Past Grands was then called and the following answered to their names :

All the Officers as at opening of the Grand Lodge ; all the Representatives from subordinate lodges, as per the report of the Committee on Credentials ; J. P. Young, P. G. M., and Past Grands, Harper Wilson, Wm. Hunter, J. W. Anderson, W. L. Hutton, H. J. Raymer, C. T. Brown, H. B. Rose, J. Pettigrew, H. W. Smith, A. McLean, Geo. S. Orpen, John Best, D. H. McGregor, W. C. Hunter, E. G. Wiswell and D. Cameron.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the afternoon session, Aug. 13th, 1885, which were adopted.

The Grand Master then announced the following standing committees :

#### DISTRIBUTION.

Geo. S. Orpen, P. G. No. 7 ; J. A. Pelkey, Rep. No. 1 ; John Dodi-mead, Grand Warden.

#### RETURNS.

D. A. Macdonald, Rep. No. 3 ; H. Jamison, Rep. No. 7 ; H. W. Smith, P. G. No. 1.

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## FINANCE.

John H. Chambers, Rep. No. 7; S. Coppinger, Rep. No. 9; W. A. Ayearst, Rep. No. 10.

## APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

D. MacKay, Rep. No. 4; W. F. Ross, P. G. No. 1; R. Rollins, Rep. No. 8.

## JUDICIARY.

J. P. Young, P. G. M. No. 3; C. D. Anderson, Grand Rep. No. 1; Harper Wilson, P. G. No. 7.

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

J. W. Anderson, P. G. No. 6; H. B. Rose, P. G. No. 7; J. Pettigrew, P. G. No. 4.

## LEGISLATION.

H. J. Raymer, P. G. No. 1; W. Atkin, Rep. No. 11; Geo. C. Mortimore, Rep. No. 2.

## MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

J. C. McArthur, Rep. No. 2, A; John Thomson, Rep. No. 1; H. C. Dean, Rep. No. 5.

## PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

W. R. Hall, Rep. No. 1; D. L. Gaunce, Rep. No. 1, A; L. M. More, P. G. No. 6.

The Grand Master then submitted his report in print, and on motion it was received without being read, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

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## GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

*To the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Manitoba.*

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS,—You have again left your homes and your various avocations to attend to the interests of our beloved Order. Our first duty is to express our gratitude to an All Wise Providence, who has so mercifully kept and guided our Order during the past, and to again bow before Him in thankfulness, trusting that His presence may continue with us while we examine the work of the past year, and plan for the labor which awaits us in the year to come.

1. In accordance with law it becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship, and make such recommendations as, in my judgment, the wants of the jurisdiction require. In entering upon the important duties of the exalted position in which you placed me, I did so with many misgivings as to my capabilities for rendering the service required in an efficient manner. Yet I trust that among the many acts I may have done, the Order may be able to find some good. If in your opinion any errors have been committed, "they have been of the head and not of the heart," and I hope that you will faithfully and fearlessly point them out, so that no one will suffer by any act of mine.

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

2. Lodges have increased in numbers and power; our finances are in a sound and healthy condition; and we may congratulate ourselves that at no period in our history has the outlook for the future been brighter and more promising.

The Grand Lodge was organized in 1883 with eight lodges, four hundred and sixty-five members, and thirty-seven Past Grands. There are now twelve lodges, nine hundred and sixty-one members, and ninety-four Past Grands.

The amount received from all sources was \$11,590.59; the amount paid for relief, \$1,787.03; assets of lodges, \$20,875.20. With these figures before us there is no cause for discouragement; on the contrary, there is much for congratulation. For fuller information I refer you to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

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## NEW LODGES.

3. But little has been done in this direction during the past year, and I am of the opinion that it is better to wait than establish lodges that would be short-lived for want of support, and to promote and strengthen the lodges already in existence.

4. A lodge would have been established at Virden but for the want of a suitable place to meet. I trust that that difficulty will soon be overcome. A Brother writes me from there that there are about twenty or twenty-five Odd Fellows around that part of the country, and that there would not be much trouble in opening a lodge.

## LODGES ESTABLISHED.

5. On February 10th, with the assistance of Deputy Grand Master Bowley, Grand Warden Dodimead, Grand Secretary Conklin, Grand Representative Anderson, Past Grand Master Young, A. W. McLean, D.D.G.M., and a large number of Brethren from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Minnedosa (the brethren from the latter place having driven eighty miles), Western Star Lodge No. 11 was instituted at Carberry with five charter members, and the officers installed, after which twenty-one candidates were initiated, one admitted by card, and the degrees conferred on nineteen. This lodge starts out under the most favorable auspices, the members being gathered from among the best citizens of that enterprising town and surrounding country. The growth and prosperity of this lodge ought to be a certainty. I would therefore recommend that a charter be granted.

6. On June 4th I received a communication from the Grand Secretary stating that Moosomin Lodge No. 2, Assiniboia, had petitioned the Grand Sire to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which request was granted, providing that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was willing to accept Moosomin Lodge No. 2 under its guardianship. After consulting with the Grand Officers I decided to accept jurisdiction over them upon the following conditions:—

"That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be at no expense for mileage or per diem allowed to Representatives under Article 51 of the Constitution, unless sufficient is to their credit for the then current year from capitation tax, and if the expenses in sending a Representative or Representatives is greater than the amount standing to their credit from capitation tax for the then current year, the deficit shall be borne by

Moosomin Lodge. With the above exceptions they shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by any lodge in the Province of Manitoba, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

This was agreed to by Moosomin Lodge No. 2.

SUSPENDED FOR N. P. D.

7. While we are doing all that we can to increase our membership, and congratulating ourselves that our efforts have been successful, let us try and suggest some remedy how to avoid the constant drain on our membership by the suspension of brothers for Non-payment of Dues. The question has often been asked, "What is the cause?" Some say that it is carelessness on the part of the Secretary; others that it is carelessness on the part of the members; but in my opinion it is principally due to a lack of sociability. Whilst the Order has been making rapid progress in every direction, in sociability we have retrograded. Brothers have a personal acquaintance with but few of the members of the lodges to which they belong, and this is more particularly the case in towns and cities where lodges have a large membership. As good Odd Fellows we ought to cultivate our social qualities, and become well acquainted with at least every brother in our own lodge, and we should aim to make the lodge-room a popular resort alike to members and strangers. To accomplish this I would suggest to the various lodges to organize the musical and literary talent they possess by appointing a committee on entertainments, who would have a programme ready when there is no work on lodge nights, thus making our lodge-rooms a place where the members could be amused as well as instructed.

It is the duty of every Odd Fellow to attend the meetings of the lodge and assume a share of the burdens of lodge work. If we fulfil this duty and make our meetings pleasant and entertaining, there will be less suspensions, and brothers that we now lose would become good workers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

8. (a) Is a brother eligible for the office of Recording Secretary who has not filled an appointed office in the lodge to which he now belongs, but has in another lodge in this province?

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number of nights in any lodge of this Order is eligible for the office of Recording Secretary.

- (b) Can two or more candidates be balloted for collectively for membership? If so, in what way?

*Answer.*—Every member of a lodge has the right to ballot upon each application for membership, and every candidate must be balloted for separately, whether by initiation, admission by card or certificate.

- (c) Is a verbal report for medical examination legal?

*Answer.*—Yes; unless your by-laws provide otherwise.

- (d) Three candidates awaited admission for the initiatory degree and, to save time, I asked the brothers to vote at once for the three collectively, with the proviso that if one black ball appear the vote to be retaken for each separately.

*Answer.*—The same point is involved in question b, and one answer covers both.

- (e) A brother was nominated for the office of Trustee, and being the only one in nomination a motion was made that a certain brother cast the ballot for the lodge, to which an objection was taken by several members who claimed the right to vote, and refusing to delegate that right to any one. The Noble Grand ruled the motion in order, which was carried. Was it legal?

*Answer.*—No; a brother has the right to vote if qualified, and the lodge has not the power to deprive a brother of said right.

- (f) An account was presented under Rule of Order No. 11. Could a motion be made to dispose of it under said Rule, or should it be disposed of under Rule of Order No. 12?

*Answer.*—It is customary to pass a motion to pay, refer, file or dispose of any account or communication as the lodge deems best, which motion could be made under Rule of Order No. 11.

- (g) A communication was presented under Rule of Order No. 11. Could a motion be made to dispose of it under said rule, or should it be disposed of under Rule of Order No. 12?

*Answer.*—Same point is involved in question *f*, and one answer covers both.

(*h*) A brother asks for a withdrawal card, the lodge refuses to grant said card. The brother then tenders his resignation, which is accepted by the lodge. Has he the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge?

*Answer.*—Yes. See clause 15, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

(*i*) Has the Noble Grand a right to give the A. T. P. W. to every Past Grand who asks for it without getting a travelling card?

*Answer.*—He has not the right, unless the brothers have travelling cards.

(*j*) A brother made application to become a member by deposit of card, was accepted, but failed to come up and sign the Constitution. Is he entitled to have his card returned if asked for?

*Answer.*—Yes. \*

(*k*) Can a lodge refuse to grant a withdrawal card?

*Answer.*—Yes. Clause 15 Constitution of subordinate lodges.

(*l*) After resigning from a lodge, am I entitled to attend Divine service and wear lodge regalia?

*Answer.*—No. See clause 678 White's Digest.

(*m*) Can a brother join a lodge on a certificate?

*Answer.*—Yes. See clause 712 White's Digest.

(*n*) Can a Vice Grand who has not filled the chair the required number of nights have the honors and be entitled to the N. G.'s chair?

*Answer.*—A brother must serve a majority of nights, unless excused by sickness. See clauses 264 and 270 White's Digest.

(*o*) What is the legal means of conferring the degree of Rebekah on members?

*Answer.*—See Rebekah Degree Ritual, and clauses 279, 310 and 314, White's Digest.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

9. Nov. 2.—I received from D. L. Gaunce, D. D. G. M., for Valley Lodge No. 1, an application for a dispensation to hold a ball and supper under the name of the Order.

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Also to propose, initiate and confer the three degrees on a candidate the same evening (which the D. D. G. M. writes would be a great benefit to the lodge.)

Nov. 21.—I received an application from Minnedosa Lodge No. 10 to elect and install Bro. F. W. Montgomery, a Scarlet Degree member, to the office of Noble Grand, all the eligible brothers having declined.

Dec. 3.—I received an application from Nelson Lodge No. 9 to hold an assembly under the auspices of the Order.

Dec. 16.—Received a telegram from Deputy Grand Master, J. D. Bowley, asking permission for Brandon Lodge No. 6 to attend the public funeral of the Chief of Police.

Jan. 8.—Received an application from Minnehaha Lodge No. 7 for permission to hold an entertainment under the auspices of the Order.

Jan 14.—Received an application from Crystal City Lodge No. 8, asking permission to hold a concert under the auspices of the Order.

Feb. 10.—To institute Western Star Lodge No. 11, at Carberry, and to propose, initiate, and confer the three degrees on twenty-one candidates the same evening.

March 2.—Received an application from Geo. Riddell, D. D. G. M., of Crystal City Lodge No. 8, asking permission to remove said lodge to a point about one mile distant to Crystal City Station.

March 13.—Received an application from Valley Lodge No. 1 to appear in regalia to attend an anniversary service on April 25th.

April 1.—Received an application from D. A. McDonald, D.D.G.M., Portage la Prairie Lodge No. 3, asking permission to appear in regalia to attend Divine Service on Sunday, April 25th.

April 21.—Received on application from Manitoba Lodge No. 1, asking permission to hold a promenade concert and ball for the benefit of the Winnipeg General Hospital, under the auspices of the Order.

April 21.—Received an application from D. McKay, D. D. G. M., Gateway City Lodge No. 4, asking permission to appear in regalia to attend Divine service on Sunday, April 25th.

June 3.—Received an application from Minnehaha Lodge No. 7, to allow them to initiate and confer the first and second degrees on the evenings of June 10th and 17th, the same being by motion set apart for other work.

Aug. 9.—Received an application from Manitoba Lodge asking permission to hold a union excursion and picnic on August 18th, under the auspices of the Order.

All of the above I granted upon the promise of complying with the law governing such cases.

Jan. 12.—Received an application from Minnehaha Lodge No. 7 to perform any work on the evening of the 21st inst., that in conformity with the by-laws of the lodge could have been performed on the evening of the 14th inst.

This I refused, as there was no law to prevent them from doing the work on the 21st inst. that could have been performed on the 14th inst.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

10. Oct. 23.—Issued a commission to Bro. David McKay, appointing him D.D.G.M. of Gateway City Lodge No. 4, in room and place of Bro. C. Purdy, resigned.

Nov. 25.—Appointed Bro. H. B. Rose Auditor, in room and place of Bro. Wm. Higgins, deceased.

Feb. 12.—Issued a commission to Bro. Matthew Wise, appointing him D.D.G.M. of Western Star Lodge No. 11.

July 14.—Appointed Bro. H. W. Smith Auditor, in room and place of Bro. C. T. Brown, resigned.

#### DEATHS.

11. I had hoped that nothing would occur to cast a gloom over our happiness during my occupancy of the executive chair, but in this I have been mistaken. It is painful for me to announce the death of a faithful servant and true Odd-Fellow—one whom I have known for years, and whose many acts of kindness I can never forget. Since our last meeting the Angel of Death has passed the threshold of this Grand Lodge for

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**William Higgins,**

By the disaster which befel the steamer Algoma on Saturday, November 7th, was suddenly enfolded in the cold embrace of the common enemy of all mankind. He has passed from us, and should forcibly remind us of our own mortality, and adds weight to the solemn injunction, "Be ye also ready."

It is also my painful duty to announce the death of Past Grand Sire,

**Luther Glenn,**

At his residence, Atlanta (Ga.), on June 9th. Bro. Glenn was in poor health for some time. He was elected Grand Sire in Toronto in 1880; presided at the sessions of 1881 at Cincinnati, and 1882 at Baltimore, with great ability, and was loved and respected by all.

- VISITATIONS.

12. I became your Grand Master with the hope that I would be able to visit all the lodges, especially those more in need of instruction and assistance, but causes beyond my control have prevented the fulfilment of my desire.

CORRESPONDENCE.

13. During the year I have been in receipt of a large number of letters, all of which have been answered promptly.

June 8. I received a communication from Bro. George C. Mortimore, Secretary and Treasurer of Friendship Hall, tendering the free use of the same for the purpose of convening the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. I declined the same with thanks, believing that when the Grand Lodge decided to meet in Winnipeg our meeting would be held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall, it being the headquarters of Odd Fellowship in the city at that time.

## PROCLAMATIONS.

14. November 16. Received the proclamation of the Grand Sire, calling attention to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session in reference to the "Patriarchical Circle." I at once instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the lodges to govern themselves accordingly.

Feb. 15. Issued a proclamation to all lodges recommending a proper observance of the 67th anniversary of our beloved Order.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

15. I am pleased to be able to report that every District Deputy Grand Master has reported for the terms ending December 31st and June 30th.

	<i>Dec. 31st.</i>	<i>June 30th.</i>
J. Pettigrew . . . . . Winnipeg . . . . .	January 29 . . . . .	July 19 . . . . .
D. A. McDonald . . . . . Portage la Prairie . . . . .	" 13 . . . . .	" 10 . . . . .
D. McKay . . . . . Emerson . . . . .	" 16 . . . . .	" 24 . . . . .
H. C. Dean . . . . . Gladstone . . . . .	February 22 . . . . .	" 15 . . . . .
A. McLean . . . . . Brandon . . . . .	January 13 . . . . .	" 17 . . . . .
G. R. Riddell . . . . . Crystal City . . . . .	" 29 . . . . .	" 28 . . . . .
G. T. Lundy . . . . . Morden . . . . .	" 21 . . . . .	" 14 . . . . .
A. W. Shaw . . . . . Minnedosa . . . . .	" 13 . . . . .	" 21 . . . . .
M. Wise . . . . . Carberry . . . . .	Not instituted . . . . .	August 4 . . . . .
D. L. Gaunce . . . . . Moose Jaw . . . . .	January 26 . . . . .	July 6 . . . . .

Our law is not very plain as to what powers District Deputy Grand Masters possess, and on this account some have exceeded their powers. In every case where errors have been committed I have written them, and hope that the errors committed have been rectified. Their reports and papers in connection are submitted.

## FORM OF REPORT FOR D. D. G. M.

16. The reports of D. D. G. M. should contain such information as would enable the Grand Master to report the condition of each lodge, so that the Grand Lodge could gather facts upon which to base future legislation, and also to stimulate the lodges to more faithful work. The reports received from the D. D. G. M's. during the past year contain but little material with which to build a report. I would strongly urge the Grand Lodge the necessity of adopting a suitable blank form of report

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for D. D. G. M's. I would suggest the following, and where there is more than one lodge in a district, let a blank be sent for each lodge :

To .....188.....  
.....Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Manitoba I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. :

In obedience to law it becomes my duty to submit for your consideration a full report of my acts and decisions in the administration of the important duties which you delegated to me :

On .....the officers of .....Lodge No..... were installed for the present term, and the returns, together with the per capita tax, forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

And I have faithfully answered the following questions :—

- Name and location of Lodge,
- Number initiated,
- " of Degrees conferred,
- " admitted by Card,
- " re-instated,
- " suspended for N. P. D.,
- " " for cause or expelled,
- Net gain,
- Net loss,

- Amount paid for relief,
- " " burying dead,
- " " widows,
- Amount of receipts,
- " expenditure,
- Total assets,
- Average attendance,
- Have receipts been signed for Rituals?
- Are any Rituals missing?
- Are Rituals used in Opening?

- " " Closing?
- " " Initiatory Degree?
- " " First "
- " " Second "
- " " Third "

- What Officers use Rituals?
- How is the unwritten work given?
- Is the Initiatory and Degree work done by the officers?
- " " " " " " teams?
- Is proper order kept during Initiatory Degree?
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The following is a list of the questions asked and the answers :—

Remarks :—

Yours fraternally,

D. D. G. M.

#### BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

17. The resolution passed at our last session requesting subordinate lodges to forward a certified copy of their by-laws, for the use of the Grand Master in answering questions submitted to him and considering applications for dispensations, has been complied with by Manitoba, No. 1; Portage la Prairie, No. 3; Gateway City, No. 4; Brandon, No. 6; Minnehaha, No. 7; Crystal City, No. 8; Nelson, No. 9; and Valley, No. 1. Why the rest of the lodges failed to comply with the request I am unable to explain. Some of these by-laws have been amended and portions rescinded, copies of which have not been placed in my hands. I report this matter for your consideration.

#### RECEIPT FOR RITUALS.

18. The rituals prior to the organization of Grand Lodge were supplied to lodges in this province by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Not being aware that any action had been taken to ascertain the number in possession of each lodge, or whether these books were in the custody of the proper officers, I issued a form of receipt, to be signed by the Noble Grand on the night of his installation, with instructions to the District Deputy Grand Masters to see the same properly filled and forwarded to the Grand Secretary along with the returns.

The following is a copy of the receipt and the report of the Grand Secretary :

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 Rituals, belonging to this lodge, which I promise to keep safely in accordance with  
 my obligations as Noble Grand, and to deliver them to my successor in office, or to  
 the Grand Master or his Deputy when legally called upon so to do.

Witness :

Noble Grand.

.....  
 Installing Officer.

WINNIPEG, July 22nd, 1886.

B. D. DEERING, ESQ.,  
 Grand Master, &c., Winnipeg.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I have received from the several District Deputy Grand  
 Masters the receipts for Rituals signed by the newly installed Noble Grands in Janu-  
 ary and July of the present year showing as follows :—

	January.	July.
Manitoba Lodge No. 1 .....	5 Rituals, 2 Degree B'ks	5 Rituals, 2 Degree B'ks
North Star Lodge No. 2 .....	3 Rituals.	3 Rituals.
Portage Lodge No. 3.....	3 Rituals.	3 Rituals.
Gateway City Lodge No. 4.....	4 Rituals.	4 Rituals.
Gladstone Lodge No. 5.....	No receipt.	Number blank.
Brandon City Lodge No. 6.....	4 Rituals.	4 Rituals.
Minnehaha Lodge No. 7.....	3 Rituals.	3 Rituals.
Crystal City Lodge No. 8.....	4 Rituals.	4 Rituals.
Nelson Lodge No. 9.....	Number blank.	3 Rituals.
Minnedosa Lodge No. 10 .....	" "	3 Rituals.
Western Star Lodge No. 8 .....	Not instituted.	3 Rituals.
Valley Lodge No. 1.....	2 Rituals.	2 Rituals.

I am, yours fraternally,

JAMES D. CONKLIN,  
 Grand Secretary.

I believe it to be our duty to see that the rituals are properly taken  
 care of and be forthcoming when required; also that Lodges should  
 know how many they are entitled to. I would therefore recommend  
 that a suitable form of receipt be prepared, to be sent with the returns,  
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being properly filled. Officers would then be more careful, and your Grand Master would not have to report any lodge for violating the law.

#### RITUALS MISSING.

19. Brother James Pettigrew, District Deputy Grand Master, Winnipeg, reports two subordinate lodge rituals missing—one from North Star Lodge No. 2, the other from Minnehaha Lodge No. 7.

I at once instructed Bro. Pettigrew to see that every possible effort be made for their recovery, but up to the present no information has been received concerning them. I therefore report the case, and submit the papers in connection.

#### NEW FORM OF APPLICATION.

20. I consulted the Grand Officers about the new form of application adopted at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and believing we had no option in the matter, ordered the Grand Secretary to have it put in force at once. Objections having been raised as to its effect on the Order, I communicated with the Grand Sire asking his opinion: He replied that the form of application, Journal 1885, cannot be enforced unless adopted by your Grand Lodge. In view of this decision, and believing it to be in the interest of the Order I instructed the Grand Secretary to supply either the old or new forms of application.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

21. The following are offered for your consideration :

The correspondence of the Grand Master increases each year, with the increase in lodges and membership, and it is important that copies of much of this correspondence should be retained. Therefore I recommend that a letter book and press be procured.

Clause 645, White's Digest, makes provision for the reconsideration of a ballot for membership only, and not to ballots upon granting degrees. As we have no law on this subject, a member elected to them without another election, no matter what his moral standing or physical condition may be. I recommend that a law be passed to govern this.

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ration of every brother. Some of our lodges have made a beginning. One of the great aims of our institution is to cultivate the moral and intellectual nature of man. Books and periodicals are a proper medium through which to reach his understanding and enlighten his mind. Much good may be accomplished in this way, and I trust that every lodge in this jurisdiction will make a beginning.

I would also recommend to the members of the Order in this jurisdiction to give their support to the *Dominion Odd-Fellow* by subscribing and contributing to its columns, and thereby aid in making it what it should be, a live paper. To contributors I would say, avoid all personal and sectional matters, that can be of no interest to any one, and good results will surely follow.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

22. Brethren, I believe that we ought to make the exemplification of the Unwritten Work, initiatory and degrees, a part of the work of this Grand Lodge. I would recommend that a time be set apart for this purpose, and that the best talent in the Grand Lodge be selected to fill the different offices, in order that the representatives may return to their lodges and be able to instruct the officers how the work ought to be done. I hope that you will give this subject the consideration that it deserves, as I am satisfied that good results will follow.

IRREGULAR INSTITUTED LODGES.

I received the report of the special committee appointed at our last session to enquire into the facts regarding the instituting of certain lodges alleged to have been irregularly instituted. The subject being of such importance I submit their report in full, together with the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

WINNIPEG, August 28th, 1886.

BENJAMIN D. DEERING, Esq.,

*Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — At the annual session of the Grand Lodge, held at Portage la Prairie on the 12th and 13th insts., attention was called to the fact that several lodges in this jurisdiction had been instituted with only four members, and doubts were expressed regarding the legality of such a course, which, if well founded, would effect the standing of these lodges, and even of the Grand Lodge itself, for among those who took part in the institution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba were

seven Past Grand members of lodges whose legal standing is called into question. The undersigned were appointed a special committee to enquire into the circumstances attending the institution of these lodges, and prepare a statement for submission to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session through our Grand Representative, with the request for such legislation by that Grand Body as will legalize and confirm all acts of these lodges, which otherwise have been in conformity with the general laws of the Order. Having made the necessary enquiries your committee would report as follows:

1. That Minnehaha Lodge No 7, located at Winnipeg, was instituted by Bro. J. P. Young, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1883, under a charter issued by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Five names appear on the charter, but only four of the charter members were present at the institution of the lodge, the fifth, Bro. William Higgins, being absent in the eastern provinces. That Bro. Wm. Higgins, on his return a few weeks later, took his seat as a member of the lodge without any action on the part of the lodge, or compliance on his part with section 1165, White's Digest; and we also find that he has since been elected to and filled the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand successively, and on the 6th day of February, 1884, was duly admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

2. That North Star Lodge No. 2, located at Winnipeg, was instituted by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by Bro. J. P. Young, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 27th of June, 1883. Of the five applicants for the restoration of the charter, only four were present, the other one, Bro. D. B. Murray, being unable to attend. This brother was afterwards and without further ceremony recognized as a member of the lodge, but has since been suspended for non-payment of dues.

3. That Crystal City Lodge No 8, located at Crystal City, was instituted on the 11th of September, 1883, under a charter issued by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by Bro. H. B. Rose, Special Deputy Grand Sire. Four of the five applicants for a charter were present. The fifth, Bro. A. McKay, was absent from the place, and, we are informed, was prevented by sickness from attending. He afterwards took his place in the lodge without complying with the law as laid down in Section 1165 of White's Digest. We understand that the facts concerning the institution of this lodge were reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by Bro. Rose, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

4. That Nelson Lodge No. 9, located at Nelson, was instituted on the first day of August, 1884, by Bro. C. D. Anderson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, under a dispensation issued by authority of said Grand Lodge, with only four of the five applicants present; the fifth, Bro. Robert S. Hunt, residing some twenty-five miles distant, was unable to be present. We are informed that Bro. Hunt has never visited the lodge, nor applied for his card from the Grand Officers as required by the law, but has nevertheless been regularly reported as a member of the lodge on the returns to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The Grand Lodge in regular session in 1884, but without any special attention having been drawn to any irregularity connected with the institution of the lodge, directed that a charter be granted to Nelson Lodge No. 9, which was duly issued to the five original applicants.

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5. As these lodges have each, since being instituted, admitted and advanced members, accumulated and invested money,—in short, have done all they are empowered to do under their charter, unaware until the present time of any irregularity or illegality connected therewith, we submit that the sooner any doubts regarding their standing and the standing of their respective membership are removed by competent authority, the better for all concerned.

6. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, with the foregoing facts in its possession, be requested at its next session to pronounce on the several matters herein referred to; and by such legislation as in its wisdom is deemed necessary, legalize or confirm all irregular or illegal acts performed by these lodges in consequence of the irregularities connected with their institution, but which have been in all other respects in perfect conformity with established law and usage.

The lodges and individuals affected are—

- (a) North Star Lodge No. 2, Winnipeg.  
 Minnehaha Lodge No. 7, Winnipeg.  
 Crystal City Lodge No. 8, Crystal City.  
 Nelson Lodge No. 9, Nelson.
- (b) Bro. D. B. Murray, of North Star Lodge No. 2.  
 Bro. Wm. Higgins, Past Grand of Minnehaha Lodge No. 7, and a member of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.  
 Bro. A. McKay, of Crystal City Lodge No. 8.  
 Bro. Robert S. Hunt, of Nelson Lodge No. 9.
- (c) All the members of these lodges duly initiated and admitted since the institution thereof.
- (d) The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, inasmuch as ever since its institution, October 24th, 1883, certain members of these lodges have held office continually therein.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON, P.G.  
 HORACE J. RAYMER, P.G.  
 W. F. ROSS, P.G.  
 W. J. WATSON, P.G.  
 JAMES D. CONKLIN, P.G.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows :*

Your committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the subject matter from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, page 10021 Journal, introduced by Rep. Anderson of said jurisdiction, asking this Sovereign Grand Lodge to pronounce upon the several propositions stated, would offer the following :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba be and is hereby instructed to cause the names of Bros. D. B. Murray, of North Star Lodge No. 2; Wm. Higgins, P. G.,

of Minnehaha Lodge No. 7; A. McKay, of Crystal Lodge No. 8; and Robert S. Hunt, of Nelson Lodge No. 9, to be erased from the charters or warrants of lodges, and that the cards of said members, if they hold any, shall be returned to said lodges, who may and are hereby authorized to receive said cards in the archives of said lodges; which being done, the membership shall not be considered thereby as having been disturbed, only so far that they are not and cannot be considered as charter members.

*Resolved*, That, in view of all the facts as set forth, it does not appear that there was any intention of violating the laws or principles of the Order by the lodges under consideration; and it is hereby recommended that the acts of said lodges subsequent to said institutions be and the same are hereby declared valid.

Respectfully submitted.

RALPH R. BRIGGS.  
W. J. KUYKENDALL,  
C. M. BUSBEE.  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.  
CHAS. A. ROBBE.  
E. K. WILCOX.  
JNO. VAN VALKENBURG.

Which report was adopted.

I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify those concerned to govern themselves accordingly.

#### CONCLUSION.

23. In conclusion, allow me to express to you one and all my heartfelt gratitude for the honors you have conferred on me. I have tried to do my duty, and whether you approve or condemn these acts, I can assure you that my aim has been to advance the interests of our beloved Order. I thank the Grand Secretary for his very valuable assistance and his promptness in attending to all my requests. I am under many obligations to the Grand Officers and to the members generally for their kindness and courtesy. I tender them my thanks.

Hoping that the present prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction may ever continue,

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B. D. DEERING,  
*Grand Master.*

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The Roll of Lodges was called for the presentation of business and questions but nothing was presented to the Grand Lodge.

The Election of Officers being the next order of business, the following resolution was moved by Alex. Pratt, Grand Marshal, and seconded by Dr. More, P. G. No. 6, and adopted:—

*Resolved*—That the Election of Officers be the special order of business at the Evening Session and take place at 21 o'clock.

The following was moved by C. T. Brown, P. G. No. 1, seconded by W. L. Hutton, P. G. No. 1: That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 14 o'clock.—Carried.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

WINNIPEG, August 11th, 1886.

The Grand Lodge met at 14 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form, the Grand Master in the Chair.

Present, all the Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain, and all the Representatives except Rep. Jamison, of No. 7.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. C. Copeland, P. G. No. 2, was reported in waiting for the Grand Lodge Degree. His certificate having been found correct by the Committee on Credentials at the morning session, the Grand Warden was instructed to retire to the ante-room, obligate and instruct the Brother, which having been done, the Past Grand entered and took his seat.

The Grand Chaplain and Representative Jamison entered the Grand Lodge and took their seats.

An account was presented from the Sovereign Grand Lodge for \$75, being Representative Tax for 1886. This was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Secretary presented his report printed, which was considered as read, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I.O.O.F.*

I have now the pleasure to submit this, my third Annual Report, with cordial greetings and tidings of satisfactory progress along all the lines of our work in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

1. I tender congratulations, also my hearty thanks, to District Deputy Grand Masters and the Officers of Subordinate Lodges for the improvements observed in the manner in which the Semi-Annual returns have been made up and forwarded to this office, thereby enabling me at an early period in each Term to place in the hands of the Grand Master an abstract, showing him at a glance the progress and position of each Lodge, and the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction. The Annual Report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the year 1885, was mailed to Grand Secretary Ross on the 28th January, 1886.

2. The ordinary duties of my office occurring on nearly every business day throughout the year, have received prompt attention, and my intercourse and correspondence with D. D. G. M's and Subordinate Lodges have been uniformly pleasant; many things on my part might have been better performed, but I have given my time freely and unstintingly to the work, and in retiring have the satisfaction of knowing that my successor will have no unpleasant business to complete, and will find all the papers and documents which have come into my hands carefully filed for convenient and ready reference.

3. The several special duties imposed by the legislation of the last Session at Portage la Prairie also received early attention. It is unnecessary to refer to all these matters, as the Grand Master will report fully on many of them; suffice it to say that much of my time until the 26th of September, the date when the printed Journal of Proceedings of 1885 was mailed to the Lodges, was devoted to the business of the Grand Lodge.

4. The Special Committee on Lodges instituted with less than five members, on which I was appointed, was convened on the 22nd of August, and in due time a statement of all the facts was prepared and sent to the Grand Master. A copy was also given to the Grand Representative for submission to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which had the consideration of a Special Committee of that Grand Body, and action taken thereon, which forever quiets all doubts as to the legality of the proceedings of the Lodges in question. On the 9th of October, 1885, by instructions of the Grand Master, I communicated to the Lodges concerned the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and enjoined them to comply therewith, which I have reason to believe was done.

5. The Charter for Minnedosa Lodge, No. 10, was duly prepared and issued; also the dispensation granting permission to Nelson Lodge, No. 9, to change its location from Nelson to Morden, which has been fully justified by the rapid and solid progress

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of the Lodge since the change was effected. It now ranks among our most vigorous and progressive Lodges. On the 29th of March, 1886, by instructions of the Grand Master, a dispensation was prepared and sent to Crystal City Lodge No. 8, authorizing it to remove to Crystal City Station, about one mile from its original location. The benefits from this change do not yet appear, but will doubtless be seen during the next year.

6. The question regarding the powers of D. D. G. M's. under our Constitution was prepared and sent to our Grand Representative to be submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; he was also notified of the instructions of this Grand Lodge regarding certain amendments to the Constitution of the S. G. L., then pending. The revised Journal of the S. G. L., 1835, which was distributed among the Lodges as soon as received by me will have apprised the Lodges of the result. This Grand Lodge was plainly told it possessed the blessings of "Home Rule" and should freely exercise and enjoy them.

7. The Grand Lodge last year unanimously adopted a report highly eulogistic of the life of the late Schuyler Colfax, P. G. R., and of services rendered Odd Fellowship by him, and recommended that contributions be asked from the Lodges towards the monument to be erected in his memory. On the 22nd of August last this action was made known to the Lodges, but receiving no response, I wrote, Dec. 29th, to the Representatives, asking them to bring this matter again before their respective Lodges in accordance with instructions contained in the report referred to, but nothing has been contributed, so far as I know.

8. Under instructions at different times from the Grand Master, I notified the Lodges regarding the new form of "Application for Membership" adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and got a supply printed which was freely ordered, also of the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the "Patriarchal Circle" question, and the proclamation of the Grand Sire regarding the proper observance of the Sixty-seventh Anniversary of the Order.

9. On the 14th of January I received an application from Brethren at Carberry for the institution of a Lodge there. The Grand Master approving the same, a Dispensation was issued to Bros. T. W. Gilbert, P. G.; W. J. May, P. G.; Matthew Wise, P. G.; Wm. Atkin, P. G.; and C. W. Maloan, and on the 10th of February, 1886, these brethren were constituted "Western Star Lodge No. 11," the Grand Master officiating, assisted by several Grand Officers and brethren from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Gladstone and Minnedosa. The success of this Lodge was assured on the night it was so auspiciously instituted.

10. Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, Moosomin, Assiniboia, was instituted by Bro. J. P. Young, P.G.M., D D. G. Sire, on the 6th May, 1886; and made application to the Grand Sire shortly after, to be attached to this jurisdiction. The transfer was accepted by the Grand Master, on terms which will be reported by him. The correspondence in the matter, conducted by me under instructions of the Grand Master, will be laid

before you. This Lodge is efficiently conducted, well officered, and will be a source of strength to the jurisdiction.

11. The following is the summary of membership, receipts, relief, expenses, and condition of the Order as made up from the semi-annual returns for Dec. 31st, 1885, and June 30th, 1886:

Number of lodges, June 30th, 1885 .....	11
Instituted during the year .....	1
Attached from adjoining territory .....	1
Number, June 30th, 1886 .....	13
Membership, June 30th, 1885 .....	767
<i>Add</i> —Initiated during the year .....	289
Admitted by card .....	56
Re-instated .....	12
.....	357
<i>Deduct</i> —Withdrawn by card .....	80
Suspended, N.P.D. ....	71
Deceased .....	2
.....	103
Net gain (86 per cent.) .....	254
Membership, June 30th, 1886 .....	961
Consisting of Past Grands .....	94
Third Degree .....	775
Second Degree .....	37
First Degree .....	16
Initiatory Degree .....	39
.....	961
Number of Degrees conferred .....	783
" Applicants rejected .....	5

The death rate is one in 398, or one-quarter of one per cent., being slightly lower than the previous year.

## RECEIPTS.

Initiation .....	\$2,294 00
Deposit of Cards .....	189 00
Re-instatements .....	46 06
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards .....	72 00
Degrees .....	2,178 50
Dues .....	4,689 50
Interest .....	73 74
Ordinary revenue .....	\$9,542 80

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Rents .....	\$1,056 50
Donations .....	504 80
Relief refunded .....	54 00
All other sources .....	432 49
	2,047 79
Total receipts .....	
	\$11,590 59
Paid out for Sickness .....	\$1,262 20
"    Burying the dead—Brothers, \$30; wives of brothers, \$20 ...	50 00
"    Relief of widows .....	50 00
"    Special relief .....	152 83
	Total Relief.....
	\$1,515 03
Working expenses .....	\$4,166 76
Less rents .....	1,056 50
	3,110 26
	\$4,625 29

Excess of ordinary revenue over relief and expenses, \$4,917 51.

Average membership for year, 796.

Surplus receipts per member, \$6.18; or 70c. per member over last year.

Number of brothers sick, 56.

Number of weeks sickness, 302.

Average duration of sickness for each sick brother, 5 weeks, 2 days, 18 hours.

Average duration for each member, 2 days, 15 hours, 44 minutes.

Average relief paid per member .....	\$1 90
Average expense paid per member .....	4 90

\$6 80

ASSETS.

General Fund .....	\$17,359 62
Widows' and Orphans' Fund .....	3,397 48
Contingent Fund .....	118 20
	Total.....
	\$20,875 20

12. It would be interesting to know more fully than our present returns show, what the reported assets consist of. My impressions are that a larger proportion consists of furniture, regalia, paraphernalia and unproductive investments, than is generally supposed. I would recommend that lodges be asked to furnish a supplementary return on the 31st of December of each year, showing in detail the condition of the several funds. No question is receiving more thoughtful, and earnest consideration throughout the Order than the financial arrangements of the lodges, and this Grand

Lodge would do well to ascertain that the condition of subordinates under its jurisdiction is such as to cause no apprehension for the future. The Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on Dues and Benefits, of which Ontario's able representative—Bro. C. T. Campbell—is the chairman, made a very valuable and interesting report at the last session, for which a special vote of thanks was extended. Nearly every Grand Representative has quoted approvingly from this report, which was full and exhaustive, and should be carefully read and considered by every member of the Order. I venture to present the summing up or conclusions of the Committee as follows:—

"The statistics obtainable justify your committee in the conclusions previously reached and given at length in former reports. (See Journal, 1889, pp. 8422-53, and Journal 1892, pp. 8973-86.) It is not necessary to repeat the arguments there employed, but the conclusions may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. That as a man grows older, his yearly average of sickness increases; and as a Lodge grows older, its proportion of old men increases, and its payments for benefits increase.

2. That the average expectation of sickness and mortality must form the basis of any estimate of the proper relation of dues to benefits.

3. That a Lodge should calculate what it is likely to be called on to pay in benefits when it has attained to full maturity, say the age of thirty-five, and not what it is paying during the early years of its existence.

4. That a system of dues and benefits, to be perfectly fair and equitable, must recognize the comparative liability on account of the different ages of its members, and must charge them dues according to age when admitted.

5. That for such a graded system of dues, the rates previously recommended in table H (here appended) are approximate, just, and safe, with sick benefits at \$4 per week, and a funeral benefit of \$40.

6. That if a Lodge prefer uniform dues for all ages, then for benefits of the amount above stated, it should charge its members \$8 per annum, or such sum as, with receipts from permanent investments, shall amount to \$8. Or, in other words, weekly benefits should not exceed a sum equal to half a year's dues; and the funeral benefit should not exceed five times the amount of a year's dues.

7. That no other form of benefit, except sick and funeral, should be provided without a proportionate increase in dues; and that all additional aid to members should take the form of special relief to an extent dependent upon the circumstances of the case, and the ability of the Lodge.

8. That it is advisable for Subordinates to have at least three distinct funds, viz: Benefit Fund, Relief Fund, and Management Fund; which funds should be kept separate from each other—a deficiency in any one of them being made up by assessment or otherwise, but not by drawing on, or borrowing from, other funds.

9. That Grand Lodges should investigate the financial condition of their Subordinates, and define for them within certain limits the rate of dues and benefits."

13. The Special Assessment ordered by the Grand Lodge last session of twenty-five cents per capita, was cheerfully paid by the Subordinate Lodges

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and realized the sum of.....	\$178 00
Received from per Capita Tax.....	421 50
Charter Fee.....	30 00
Supplies.....	187 62
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, August, 1885.....	81 73
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	\$898 85
The Expenditure was.....	\$763 96
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Leaving cash in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$134 89

Detailed statements of all Receipts and Expenditure are appended to this Report. I should have been pleased to shew a larger balance in hand to meet expenses of this Session and Representative Tax to Sovereign Grand Lodge; every item of expenditure controlled by me has been kept down to the lowest point consistent with efficiency, and I ask the most careful scrutiny of any brother who thinks the Grand Secretary has a "fat take." I would recommend a Special Assessment of fifteen cents per capita, payable, say October 1st, to meet current obligations.

14. During the past year we lost by death, one who was with us at Portage la Prairie, and took an active and intelligent interest in the business of the Grand Lodge Our esteemed-Brother, William Higgins, Past Grand of Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, was one of the victims of the ill-fated steamer "A'goma," which was wrecked on the morning of Nov. 7th, near Isle Royal, Lake Superior. By this mysterious dispensation of Providence the Order lost a member devoted to its principles, the community, a man, true and upright in every relation. His death was a crushing blow to his family, but we can rejoice that they do not sorrow as those who have no hope.

In conclusion, brothers, permit me to express my heartfelt thanks for your confidence and support during the three terms that I have had the honor of being your Grand Secretary. The duties are arduous and important, and I shall be gratified to know that you are satisfied with the manner in which I have performed them. I shall ever remember the assistance and encouragement received from the three Grand Masters under whom I have successively served, and the friendships formed in every lodge in the jurisdiction.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES BY THE GRAND SECRETARY, FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 6TH, 1886.

LODGES.	No.	Special Assessment.	Pr Capita Jan'y.	Pr Capita July.	Supplies.	Charter.	TOTAL.
Manitoba.....	1	53 00	51 75	52 50	7 80		165 05
North Star.....	2	9 25	10 00	38 50	7 10		64 85
Portage.....	3	18 00	20 25	21 50	6 40		66 15
Gateway City.....	4	19 00	15 25	13 75	6 40		54 40
Gladstone.....	5	7 25	7 00	7 25	1 00		22 50
Brandon City.....	6	17 50	17 00	22 25	8 20		64 95
Minnehaha.....	7	29 75	32 75	39 25	15 50		117 25
Crystal City.....	8	5 00	4 75	4 25	1 00		15 00
Nelson.....	9	6 75	8 50	11 00	5 00		31 25
Minnedosa.....	10	6 25	7 75	9 75	18 25		42 00
Western Star.....	11			9 00	55 75	30 00	94 75
Valley.....	1	6 25	6 25	6 50	3 10		22 10
Mosomin.....	2			4 75	14 85		19 60
Alberta.....	1				4 60		4 60
Harmony Encamp't.	1				2 40		2 40
Eureka Encampment	3				1 50		1 50
Friendship Hall.....					5 00		5 00
C. D. Anderson.....					11 00		11 00
Wm. Higgins.....					3 50		3 50
Geo. T. Lundy.....					3 50		3 50
Sundries.....					5 77		5 77
		178 00	181 25	240 25	187 62	30 00	817 12

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 6TH, 1886.

Dr.		Cr.	
Expense account.....	\$570 80	Supplies.....	\$57 94
Postage.....	24 88	Assessment.....	178 00
Books and Stationery.....	32 05	Per Capita Tax.....	421 50
Net Gain.....	59 71	Charter Fee.....	30 00
	\$687 44		\$687 44

ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, AUGUST 6TH, 1886.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$134 89
Supplies as per Inventory.....	26 45
Officers' Jewels.....	33 75
Seal and Electros.....	22 65
	217 74
Less Balance at Credit of Portage Lodge, No. 3.....	5 00
Balance (Capital).....	\$212 74

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STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, AUGUST 5TH, 1885, RECEIVED AND SOLD  
DURING THE YEAR, AND ON HAND AUGUST 6TH, 1886.

TOTAL.	SUPPLIES.	On hand Aug 5 '85	Received	Sold.	On hand Aug 6 '86
165 05	Digests.....	1	4	4	1
64 85	Visiting Cards.....	10	144	139	15
66 15	Withdrawal Cards.....	2	47	43	6
54 40	Dismissal Certificates.....	5	15	13	7
22 50	Rituals, Subordinate Lodge.....		5	4	1
64 95	Anniversary Ceremony.....		1	1	
117 25	Funeral Ceremony.....		2		2
15 00	Odes, Subordinate Lodge.....	22	132	84	70
31 25	“ Anniversary.....		6	6	
42 00	“ Funeral.....		16	6	10
94 75	Degree Charts.....		1	1	
22 10	Charters.....	1	1	1	
19 80	Application for Membership, Old Form.....	350		200	150
4 60	“ “ New “.....		1600	1400	200
2 40	Book, Reports on Character.....		3	3	
1 50	“ Orders on Treasurer.....	1	1	2	
5 00	“ Per Secretary's Receipts.....		3	3	
11 00	“ Treasurer's Receipts.....	1		1	
3 50	“ Orders, A. T. P. W.....		1	1	
3 50	“ Officers' Roll.....		1	1	
5 77	“ Odes and Music.....	1			1
	“ Members' Register.....		2	2	
817 12	“ Visitors'.....		1	1	
	Return Books.....	9		2	7
	Black Books.....	1	1	1	
	Question Books.....	1	1	2	
	Blank Books.....		4	4	
	Book of Forms.....	1	1	1	1
	Robert's Rules of Orders.....		1	1	1
	Lodge Seals.....		2	2	
	Diplomas.....		10	4	6
	Treasurer's Bonds.....	14		9	5
	Trustees' Bonds.....	6		6	
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING  
AUGUST 6TH, 1886.

RECEIPTS.	
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, August 5th, 1885.....	\$ 81 73
Charter Fee.....	\$ 30 00
Special Assessment.....	178 00
Per Capita Tax.....	421 50
Supplies.....	187 62
	<u>817 12</u>
	\$898 85

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Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.  
TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1885.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	LOCATION.	Additional Dur- ing Term.				RANK.				RECEIPTS.							
			Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Total.	Third Degree.	Second Degree.	First Degree.	Initiated.	Degrees Conferred.	Initiations.	Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal.	Deposit of Card.	Re-Instatements.	Degrees.	Dues.	Rents.
Manitoba	1	Winnipeg	212	0	18	3	207	21	86	1	0	24	51	0	0	59	110	50
North Star	2	Portage la Prairie	37	0	12	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portage la Prairie	3	Portage la Prairie	94	0	13	1	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gateway City	4	Emerson	59	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emerson	5	Emerson	59	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gladstone	6	Gladstone	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradston City	7	Bradston	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	8	Winnipeg	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnehaha	9	Winnipeg	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal City	10	Crystal City	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal City	11	Crystal City	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnetonka	12	Minnetonka	114	3	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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The Grand Treasurer presented his annual statement printed, which was received without being read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

*W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer,*

*In account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.*

1885.		Dg.	
Aug. 7.	To balance per report.....		\$81 73
21.	To Cash from Grand Secretary.....		144 75
Sept. 30.	" " " .....		37 70
Oct. 31.	" " " .....		21 05
Nov. 30.	" " " .....		52
Dec. 31.	" " " .....		10 50
Jan. 9.	" " " .....		95 75
14.	" " " .....		42 80
23.	" " " .....		65 35
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Mar. 12.	" " " .....		17 05
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April 30.	" " " .....		2 30
May 24.	" " " .....		10 20
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June 30.	" " " .....		11 80
July 10.	" " " .....		29 35
17.	" " " .....		42 60
26.	" " " .....		46 80
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Aug. 5.	" " " .....		67 80
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Aug. 25.	Paid Order No. 34, Mileage .....		\$81 73
"	35, Representative Tax, S. G. L.....		75 00
Sept. 14.	" 36, Stationery, Geo. C. Mortimore.....		1 65
"	" 37, Geo. Bishop, return book .....		14 00
"	" 38, J. M. Robinson, ptg. Gr. Master's rept ..		9 90
"	" 39, Kenny & Luxton, printing.....		27 50
Oct. 3.	" 40, Supplies, S. G. Lodge .....		10 00
"	" 41, Postage, &c., Grand Secretary .....		9 89
31.	" 42, Supplies .....		10 00
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Dec. 31.	" 44, " " .....		6 00

Dec. 31.	Paid Order No. 45,	Postage, etc., Grand Secretary . . . .	8 47
Jan. 18.	"	46, Supplies, S. G. Lodge . . . . .	6 82
23.	"	47, Per Diem . . . . .	96 00
"	"	48, Stationery, Geo. C. Mortimore . . . . .	11 40
29.	"	49, Supplies, S. G. Lodge . . . . .	6 15
Feb. 15.	"	50, Printing Journal, Kenny & Luxton . . . . .	82 60
27.	"	51, Gr. Secretary, salary 6 months . . . . .	62 50
Mar. 13.	"	52, Supplies . . . . .	10 00
"	"	53, Postage, etc., Grand Secretary . . . . .	8 93
"	"	54, Supplies, Kenny & Luxton . . . . .	5 00
"	"	55, " Geo. C. Mortimore . . . . .	4 15
"	"	56, " Gr. Lodge Ontario . . . . .	5 38
"	"	57, " S. G. Lodge . . . . .	10 00
April 5	"	58, Stationery, J. G. Woodland . . . . .	5 00
May 8.	"	59, Supplies, S. G. Lodge . . . . .	15 00
24.	"	60, " " . . . . .	10 00
July 17.	"	61, " Gr. Lodge Ontario . . . . .	5 12
19.	"	62, " S. G. Lodge . . . . .	7 00
"	"	63, Printing, Walker & May . . . . .	6 00
31.	"	64, Gr. Secretary, salary 6 months . . . . .	62 50
"	"	65, Printing, Kenny & Luxton . . . . .	71 00
Aug. 5.	"	66, Postage, etc., Gr. Secretary . . . . .	9 14
		Balance in Imperial Bank, Winnipeg . . . . .	134 89
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Vouchers 34 to 66 attached.

Winnipeg, Aug. 6th, 1886,

W. J. WATSON,  
Grand Treasurer.

Geo. S. Orpen, P. G., from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Distribution to whom was referred the Grand Master's report, beg leave to submit the following :

1st. That clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order ; also that sections 3 and 4 of clause 21 be referred to the same Committee.

2nd. That clauses 8, 9, 10 and 19 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

3rd. That clauses 14, 16, 17, 18 and 20, and section 2 of clause 21 be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

4th. That clause 13 and section 1 of clause 21 be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

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5th. That clause 11 be referred to a special committee of three members of this Grand Lodge for consideration.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted,

JOHN DODIMEAD.  
JAS. A. PELKEY.  
GEO. S. ORPEN.

Rep. Jamieson, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Returns beg to report having examined the returns of all the lodges in this jurisdiction for the terms ending 30th December, 1885, and June 30th, 1886, and find the same correct in all respects, with the exception of Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, which is not signed by the D. D. G. M., nor attested by the seal of the Lodge.

D. A. MACDONALD.  
H. JAMIESON.  
H. W. SMITH.

The following was presented by Harper Wilson, P. G, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to submit the following :

They have carefully examined the By-laws and Amendments of the undermentioned lodges, and recommend that they be adopted subject to the corrections noted :

MANITOBA LODGE, No. 1.

Two copies of Amendments submitted.

Strike out clauses 44 and 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and insert new By-law :—"Any brother who is 13 calendar weeks in arrears for dues to this Lodge, becoming sick or disabled, shall not be entitled to any benefits during such sickness or disability." New clause not numbered.

Clause 39. Strike out all on the 9th line after the word "given," and the whole of the 10th line until the word "now" on the 11th line.

Approved.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 2.

Two copies of Amendments submitted.

New By-law No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Strike out words "where a certificate is required."

Amend By-laws Nos. 11, 12, 32 and 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

New By-law No. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Payment of dues.

Strike out all this clause:—It is the privilege of a brother to pay his dues at any time. See clause 373, White's Digest.

Amend clauses 34, 35, 41.

Insert new By-law 40½.

New By-law not numbered called "Medical Aid By-law," not approved for the reason, not an amendment to the present By-law governing the duties of Lodge Physician.

PORTAGE LODGE, No. 3.

Two copies of Amendments to By-laws submitted.

Amend clauses 11 and 60.

We would suggest that the word "may," first line By-law 11, be struck out, and the letter s added to the word "owe," same line.

GATEWAY CITY LODGE, No. 4.

Two copies Amendments to By-laws submitted.

Amend clauses 2, 3, 5, 27 and 56. Approved.

GLADSTONE LODGE, No. 5.

Two copies Amendments to By-laws submitted.

Amend clauses 37, 41 and 48. Approved.

MINNEHAHA LODGE, No. 7.

Two copies Amendments to By-laws submitted.

New By-law, not numbered. Duties of Representative to Grand Lodge.

New By-law No. 42½ and 47½.

By-law 47½ returned disapproved. There is a conflict of authority in the 3rd clause, also in the 5th clause. It states the physician shall be subject to all the rules and regulations. The By-law does not state that the physician shall be a member of the lodge or Order. Finally this by-law creates a new office not laid down in the Constitution of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

We would recommend that in future all by-laws and amendments thereto be submitted in detail, that is, the original by-law and the by-law as amended be written in full.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

HARPER WILSON,  
HORACE J. RAYMER,  
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The several clauses were read and considered separately and all adopted excepting the first clause referring to North Star Lodge, No. 2, which was not concurred in. The By-law was therefore approved by the Grand Lodge as submitted by North Star Lodge.

The report as amended was then adopted.

J. R. Jones, M. D., P. G., Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, being in waiting and his certificate previously having been favorably reported on, the Grand Warden retired, instructed, obligated and introduced the brother, who then took his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge.

The following was presented by Rep. Hall, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, and adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence find upon examination that the correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary has been very extensive, to all of which satisfactory replies have been sent. Upon examining the Letter Book of the Grand Secretary we find over six hundred pages filled with answers to correspondence received, all of which is executed in the neat and admirable style peculiar to our respected Grand Secretary. We also find all other papers and documents correct and satisfactory. We wish to record our unlimited admiration of the patience and perseverance of Grand Secretary Conklin in connection with such voluminous correspondence, &c., &c., and our sincere regret that he has been so inadequately remunerated for such onerous duties.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing be adopted.

W. R. HALL,  
D. L. GAUNCE,  
L. M. MORE.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report from the Committee on Distribution, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Distribution to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report, would recommend that the subject matter be referred as follows :

1st. That clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, and section 2 of clause 14 be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

2nd. That clauses 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 to Committee on Legislation.

3rd. That clause 13 to Committee on Finance.

4th. That section 1 of clause 14 to the same Special Committee as clause 11 of the Grand Master's report.

5th. That clause 12 be referred to a special committee of three, on Dues and Benefits

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN DODIMEAD,  
GEO. S. ORPEN,  
JAS. A. PELKEY.

The following resolution, moved by Harper Wilson, P. G., and seconded by C. T. Brown, P. G., was adopted :

That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be instructed to reply to any fraternal telegrams of greetings from sister Grand Lodges now in session.

The Grand Master then announced the names of the following special committees :

On clause 11 of the Grand Master's report, and 14 Grand Secretary's report :—H. B. Rose, P. G., No. 7 ; W. L. Hutton, P. G., No. 1 ; and E. G. Wiswell, P. G., No. 6.

On Dues and Benefits :—Rep. G. C. Mortimore, Rep. D. A. Macdonald and Rep. Atkin.

A. W. McLean, P. G., was appointed on the Committee on the State of the Order, vice J. W. Anderson, P. G., resigned.

Rep. Wm. Atkin presented the By-laws of Western Star Lodge, No. 11, Carberry, duly authenticated, which were referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

The Grand Secretary presented the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, of which the Committee on Revision had given due notice as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,  
WINNIPEG, MAY 5th, 1886.

*To the Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :*

You are hereby informed that the Committee on Revision of the Constitution of

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Grand and Subordinate Lodges have given notice of the following amendments, which will come up for action at the Annual Session to be held in this city, on Wednesday, the Eleventh day of August, next.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES D. CONKLIN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Amend Art. 9, so that it shall read :—“ Every lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of February in each year, nominate and elect by ballot from among its Past Grands in good standing, to serve for a term of one year from the second Wednesday in March following, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say : Where the number of members returned in the semi-annual report for the preceding term shall be one hundred or less, one Representative ; over one hundred members and under two hundred, two Representatives ; over two hundred members, three Representatives ; *provided*, that no lodge shall ever have more than three Representatives.”

Amend Art. 11, so that it shall read :—“ In balloting only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and no vote shall be counted or considered unless it be for a candidate who is in nomination. A majority of all the valid votes cast shall be necessary for election ; in case no candidate has such a majority the ballot shall be continued, but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot, until a candidate is elected : *Provided*, that when only one candidate is in nomination, he shall be declared elected by acclamation.”

Amend Art 19 so that it shall read :—“ Each elective officer shall be chosen separately, by a majority of all the valid ballots cast, and no vote shall be counted or considered unless it be for a candidate who is in nomination. In case no candidate has such a majority the balloting shall be continued, but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot until a candidate is elected : *Provided*, that when only one candidate is in nomination he shall be declared elected by acclamation.”

Amend Art. 40 by striking out the words, “ and per diem.”

Amend Art. 51, so that it shall read :—“ The Committee on Mileage shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to prepare a table of the mileage of the officers and representatives of this Grand Lodge. Each officer and representative in attendance at any regular session of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive the amount paid by him for railroad and stage fare, by the shortest travelled route, between his residence and the place in which the session of the Grand Lodge is held.”

Amend Art. 57 so that it shall read :—“ The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in March, in the city of Winnipeg, unless some other place be designated at the preceding session thereof.”

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Amend Art. 75 by striking out the words, "other than financial," in the fifth line.

Amend Art. 81 by inserting the word "expired" before the word "withdrawal," in the fifth line.

Amend Art. 91 by adding the following clause:—"When any such alteration or amendment comes up for action, it may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, without the aforesaid notice; but whenever it is necessary to change this Constitution in order to conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such change may be made without previous notice."

#### CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Amend Art. 23 so that it shall read:—"Each elective officer or representative to the Grand Lodge shall be chosen separately, by a majority of all the legal ballots cast. At each election the Noble Grand shall appoint two tellers, who shall preside at the ballot box, and allow each member in good standing, as his name is called by the permanent Secretary, to deposit his ballot. When the balloting is completed they shall examine the same and report the result, but no vote shall be counted or considered unless it be for a candidate in nomination: *Provided*, that when only one candidate is in nomination he shall be declared elected by acclamation."

Amend Art. 79 by adding the following clause:—"When any such alteration or amendment comes up for action, it may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, without the aforesaid notice; but whenever it is necessary to change this Constitution, in order to conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such change may be made without previous notice."

The following, moved by W. G. Bell, P.G., and seconded by C. T. Brown, P.G., was adopted:

*Resolved*—That the consideration of the foregoing amendments be the special order of business immediately after the election of officers.

At 17:30 the Grand Lodge adjourned until 20:30.

### EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11th, 1886.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 20:30 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form, the Grand Master presiding; H. B. Rose, P.G., acting as Chaplain *pro tem*.

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Present—all the Grand Officers and Representatives excepting Grand Chaplain Budge and Rep. Jamison, No. 7.

Bro. E. D. Kirby, P. G., of Streator Lodge No. 602, Streator, Ill., a member of the G. L. of Illinois, having been reported in waiting, and his visiting card being regular, the Grand Master appointed J. P. Young, P.G.M., C. D. Anderson, P.G.M., and Harper Wilson, P.G., a committee to retire and examine the brother, which having been done he was introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master.

W. J. Watson, G. T., from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the certificates of the following Past Grands and find them in due form:—James Patterson, M. D., Manitoba Lodge, No. 1; J. A. Pyke, Gateway City, No. 4. Your committee recommend that the above named brothers be introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

*Resolved*, that the foregoing be adopted.

JAS. D. CONKLIN.

W. J. WATSON.

A. McLEAN.

The Grand Warden, by the instruction of the Grand Master, retired to the anteroom and conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Bros. C. A. Schofield, P. G. No. 1; J. A. Pyke, P. G. No. 4; and W. J. Porter, P. G. No. 7, their certificates having been reported correct by the committee on credentials. They then entered and took their seats.

Dr. Patterson, P. G., No. 1, and R. S. Conklin, P. G., No. 7, then entered and took their seats as members of this Grand Lodge, having previously received the Grand Lodge Degree in Ontario.

The minutes of the afternoon session were then read and approved.

The hour of 21 o'clock, fixed at the morning session for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz.: E. D. Kirby, P. G., of Streator Lodge, No. 602, Ill., and J. W. Anderson, P. G., of Brandon City Lodge, No. 6.

The Grand Master then called for nominations for

## GRAND MASTER.

J. D. Bowley, D. G. M., nominated by J. P. Young, P. G. M.  
 J. D. Conkling, G. S., nominated by Jas. A. Payne, Rep. No. 2.

Result of the ballot :

Total votes cast, 62 ; necessary to elect, 32.

J. D. Conklin received 34 and

J. D. Bowley received 28, whereupon

the chair declared Bro. J. D. Conklin duly elected Grand Master for  
 the ensuing year.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

John Dodimead, G. W., by C. D. Anderson, G. Rep.

L. T. Owen, P. G. W., by D. McKay, Rep. No. 4.

H. J. Raymer, by Alex. Pratt, G. Marshal.

Bro. H. J. Raymer declined.

Result of the ballot :

Total votes cast, 61 ; necessary to elect, 31, of which

Bro. John Dodimead received 35 and

Bro. Owen received 26

The chair then declared Bro. John Dodimead elected Deputy Grand  
 Master for the ensuing year.

## GRAND WARDEN.

Alex. Pratt, G. Marshal, by H. Jamison, Rep. No. 7.

H. J. Raymer, P.G., by Jas. Pettigrew, P.G.

The ballot was passed with the following result :

Total votes cast, 62 ; necessary to elect, 32 ;

H. J. Raymer receiving 31 and

Alex. Pratt " 31

There being no election another ballot was ordered.

Total votes cast, 62 ; necessary to elect, 32.

H. J. Raymer receiving	37
Alex. Pratt	" 25

The Grand Master then declared Bro. H. J. Raymer duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Geo. C. Mortimore, P.G.H., by Jas. Payne, Rep. No. 2.

H. W. Smith, P.G., by Jas. Pelkey, Rep. No. 1.

Wm Miller, P.G., by Hy. Jamison, Rep. No. 7.

H. C. Dean, P.G., by Dr. More, P.G. No. 6.

Result of the ballot :

Number ballots cast, 61 ; necessary to elect, 31.

Geo. C. Mortimore received	22
H. W. Smith	" 21
Wm. Miller	" 9
H. C. Dean	" 9

As there was no election another ballot was ordered, which resulted as follows :

Number of ballots cast, 63 ; necessary to elect, 32

Geo. C. Mortimore received	27
H. W. Smith	" 21
H. C. Dean	" 8
Wm. Miller	" 7

There being 63 ballots cast and only 62 Past Grands present, the Grand Master declared the ballot cancelled, and ordered a new ballot, with the following result :

Total ballots cast, 62 ; necessary to elect, 32.

Geo. C. Mortimore received	33
H. W. Smith	" 20
H. C. Dean	" 6
Wm. Miller	" 3

The chair then declared Bro. Geo. C. Mortimore duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing term.

GRAND TREASURER.

W. J. Watson, G.T., by H. W. Smith, P. G. No. 1.

The ballot being passed, W. J. Watson received 52; blank 2.

The chair then declared Bro. W. J. Watson re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

C. D. Anderson, P. G. Rep., by Jas. A. Pelkey, Rep. No. 1.

J. P. Young, P.G.M., by A. W. Shaw, Grand Conductor.

Harper Wilson, P. G., by Dr. More, P. G., No. 6.

L. T. Owen, P. G. W., by W. C. Copeland, P. G., No. 2.

B. D. Deering, G. M., by Jas. Buckham, P. G., No. 1.

Bros. Wilson, Owen and Deering declined.

The ballot was passed with the following result :

Number ballots cast, 62; necessary to elect, 32.

C. D. Anderson receiving 36 and

J. P. Young " 26

The Grand Master then declared Bro. C. D. Anderson duly elected Grand Representative for the ensuing two years.

The following resolution was moved by Grand Secretary Conklin, and seconded by Grand Marshal Pratt, and adopted by a standing vote :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the tellers for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The vote of thanks on being conveyed by the Grand Master, was duly acknowledged by Past Grands Kirby and Anderson.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

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The proposed amendment was not concurred in.

2nd. To amend Art. 9, Constitution Grand Lodge—see page Daily Journal 213—was also lost.

3rd. To amend Art. 11--see page Daily Journal 213—was adopted.

4th. To amend Art. 19—see page Daily Journal 213—was also adopted.

5th. To amend Art. 40—see page Daily Journal 213. On motion, the further consideration of this amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow morning.

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### MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,  
WINNIPEG, August 12th, 1886.

The Grand Lodge, pursuant to adjournment, was convened at 9:30, and was opened in due form, the Grand Master in the chair.

The roll of officers being called, the following answered to their names :

B. D. DEERING,	- - - -	Grand Master.
J. D. BOWLEY,	- - - -	D. G. Master.
JOHN DODIMEAD,	- - - -	G. Warden.
JAS. D. CONKLIN,	- - - -	G. Secretary.
W. J. WATSON,	- - - -	G. Treasurer.
ALEX. PRATT,	- - - -	G. Marshal.
A. W. SHAW,	- - - -	G. Conductor.
D. BUDGE,	- - - -	G. Chaplain.

G. T. LUNDY, - - - - -	G. Guardian.
D. W. DUFF, - - - - -	G. Herald.
C. D. ANDERSON, - - - - -	G. Representative.

And Representatives Hall, Pelkey, Thomson, Mortimore, McDonald, McKay, Dean, Noxon, Jamison, Rollins, Coppinger, Ayearst, Atkin, Gaunce, and McArthur.

The minutes of last session were read and confirmed.

On motion, Jas. A. Payne, Rep. No. 2, was excused from further attendance this session on account of death in his family.

The Grand Master reported that J. H. Chambers, Rep. No. 7, asked to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the Finance Committee and from further attendance this session.

The request was granted, and R. J. Noxon, Rep. No. 6, was appointed chairman of Finance Committee in his place.

H. W. Smith, P. G. No. 1, submitted the following questions, which were referred to the committee on judiciary :

1st. Are the Rituals in the keeping of the N. G. when he allows other members of the Lodge to take them home?

2nd. When the by-laws of a Lodge provide for the election of three Trustees, can a Lodge elect three other trustees, to be known as Hall Trustees, without amending their by-laws?

3rd. Is it part of the duties of the Permanent Secretary to keep an account of the widows' and orphans' fund?

4th. The Lodge by-laws provide that one-fifth of the quarterly dues and all donations are to be placed to the credit of the widows' and orphans' fund. Should it be placed there on receipt of the dues each lodge night, or should it be placed there at the close of each term? Does it require a motion to put it there?

5th. What is the definition of that part of by-law No. 13, page 34, Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, viz: "The Permanent Secretary shall keep a just and true account between the Lodge and its members." Does it

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mean that he is only to keep the account between each individual member of the Lodge and the Lodge? or does it mean that he is to keep accurate accounts of all the money transactions both in the way of receipts and expenditures.

The balance of the questions propounded by P. G. Smith were ordered to be laid on the table until the secret session of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Raymer, from the committee on legislation, made the following report, which was considered seriatim and adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred certain clauses in the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's reports, beg to report as follows:

1st. We approve of the action of the Grand Master *re* the Patriarchial Circle, as per clause 14 of his report.

2nd. Your committee also concur with the Grand Master *re* form of report for D. D. G. Masters, referred to by him in clause 16, and would recommend that the form suggested by him on page of 187 his report be adopted.

3rd. You committee see nothing in clause 17 requiring their attention.

4th. We also approve of the action of the Grand Master as reported by him in clause 18, and recommend that the clause prescribed by him be adopted.

5th. *Re* new form of application referred to in clause 20. Inasmuch as the Sovereign Grand Lodge has not made it compulsory on Grand Lodges to adopt the said form, your committee do not feel justified in recommending its adoption by this Grand Lodge, as we are led to believe from conversations had with our Grand Representative that this action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session of 1885 will be reversed in 1886.

6th. In regard to section 2, clause 21, of the Grand Master's report, we would recommend that this matter be referred to the special committee on constitution.

7th. Your committee find that the subject matter of clauses 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 of the Grand Secretary's report are also contained in the report of the Grand Master. We approve of the action taken in each case.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

HORACE J. RAYMER.  
GEO. C. MORTIMORE.  
WM. ATKIN.

Rep. D. L. Gaunce, from the committee on petitions and correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your committee on petitions and correspondence, to whom was referred clause 5 of the Grand Master's report, beg to report :

That we have examined the applications and cards from Carberry, and find them correct, and approve of the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 11, and would recommend that a charter be granted.

*Resolved*, that the foregoing be adopted.

W. R. HALL.  
D. L. GAUNCE.

P. G. W. L. Hutton presented the following report from the special committee on obituaries, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your committee whose duty it has become to record a memorial of the lamented death of our late Brother William Higgins, who one short year ago was present with us, and taking an active part in the exercise of benevolence and truth, at the session of our annual meeting held at Portage la Prairie.

He was a highly esteemed member of our beloved Order, and an earnest worker, but in the prime and vigor of his active life has been removed to that bourne whence no traveller returns. He was a true friend and brother, a loving husband and fond parent, whose loss to his beloved wife and little children can never be estimated.

But although at the untimely wreck of the ill-fated Algoma, in that awful storm on the night of the 7th of November, 1885, our brother was plunged into the deep waters of Superior, yet do we cherish the scriptural assurance that at the resurrection our FATHER GOD will cause the sea to give up its dead, and our Brother Higgins will rise again and be reunited with his dearest friends.

When here he loved to celebrate our great Redeemer's praises in song, and one hymn, written by Phoebe Carey, a part of which we call to mind, was a special favorite of Brother Higgins—

One sweetly solemn thought  
Comes to me o'er and o'er,  
I'm nearer home each passing day  
Than e'er I was before.

Nearer my Father's home,  
Where many mansions be,  
Nearer my Saviour's glorious throne,  
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Respectfully submitted.

W. L. HUTTON.  
H. B. ROSE.  
E. G. WISWELL.

Bro. Hutton moved, seconded by Bro. Brown, and

*Resolved*—That a copy of the above memorial be sent to Mrs. Higgins, and that a page in our Journal be set apart in memoriam of our late Bro. Higgins.

Rep. Mortimore, from the Committee on Dues and Benefits, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your committee to whom were referred clause 12 in the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows, viz:

That all of clause 12 down to the word future, in the ninth line, be referred to the committee on legislation, as it does not refer to dues and benefits.

In regard to dues and benefits, we would recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, with instructions to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, as we find there is not sufficient time during this session to enter into this important matter in an intelligent manner.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE.  
D. A. McDONALD.  
WILLIAM ATKIN.

P.G. Harper Wilson, from the special committee on illegally established lodges, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your special committee re illegally established lodges in this jurisdiction, beg to report as follows :

Your committee met on the 25th and 28th of August, 1885, and after due inquiry found that certain lodges were illegally instituted, and so reported in detail to Grand Master Deering.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.  
JAS. D. CONKLIN.  
HORACE RAYMER.  
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P.G.M. Young, from the committee on judiciary, presented the following report, which was considered seriatim :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your committee on judiciary, to whom was referred clauses 8, 9, 10 and 19 of the Grand Master's report, beg to report as follows :

Clause 8, sections A and B, we answer yes.

Section C, we answer no.

Sections D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O, we approve of the Grand Master's decisions, as also his decisions in clauses 9 and 10.

Clause 19—we approve of his decision in this matter, and recommend that the D.D.G.M. use every effort to have the books recovered.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

J. P. YOUNG.  
C. D. ANDERSON.  
HARPER WILSON.

The question being on the adoption of the report, a motion was made to amend the report by changing the answer to sec. H, clause 8, from yes to no, which prevailed.

The report was then adopted as amended.

The following was moved by Rep. Jamison, and seconded by P.G. Brown : That this Grand Lodge adjourn till 14 o'clock ; which on being put was declared lost.

P.G. Wilson, from the committee on judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your committee on judiciary, to whom were referred the questions asked by P.G. Smith, beg to report as follows :

Question 1—Ans., no. See White's Digest, clause 1452, page 330. Rituals must not be taken from the lodge room.

Question 2—Ans., no.

Question 3—Ans., yes.

Question 4—Ans. to first clause, on each lodge night ; second clause, no.

Question 5—Ans., it is the duty of the Per. Secretary to keep an account of all receipts, and it is the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all expenditures.

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C. D. ANDERSON.  
HARPER WILSON.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned till 14 o'clock.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge was convened at 14 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Master in the chair.

On the roll being called all the Grand Officers and Representatives were found to be present.

The following account from Messrs. Walker & May, printing Grand Officers' reports, \$33.00, was presented, and referred to the committee on finance.

P.G. Rose, one of the auditors, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Auditors appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg to report that we have carefully audited the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, and find them correct and kept in a first-class manner, and we hope he may long be spared to us in the future as in the past. We have also examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they correspond with those of the Grand Secretary. Proper vouchers were exhibited to us for all amounts paid during the year. The deposit book of the Imperial Bank was produced showing a balance in favor of this Grand Lodge to the credit of the Grand Treasurer of \$124.89.

In closing this report, we would recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their valuable services to this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

H. B. ROSE.  
H. W. SMITH.

Rep. Noxon, from the committee on finance, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your committee on finance beg to report as follows :

1st. We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, and find them correct.

2nd. We recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz. :—Sovereign Grand Lodge, Representative tax, \$75 ; Messrs. Walker & May, printing officers' reports, \$33.

3rd. In regard to clause 13 page 5, Grand Secretary's report, recommending an assessment of 15 cents per capita, we find as per statement below that this amount would be insufficient to meet present liabilities. We would therefore recommend that an assessment of 25 cents per capita be levied on the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, payable 1st October, 1886.

STATEMENT.

Present Liabilities :

Mileage and per diem .....	\$200 00
Representative tax .....	75 00
Grand Officers' reports .....	33 00
Journal of Proceedings .....	60 00
Incidentals .....	5 00
	\$373 00

Assets :

Cash on hand .....	\$134 89
Assessment as recommended .....	240 00
	\$374 89

Estimated Revenue for 1887 :

Per capita tax due January 1st, 1887 .....	\$250 00
"    "    "    June 1st, 1887 .....	260 00
Charter fees .....	30 00
Profit on supplies .....	50 00
	\$590 00

Estimated Expenditure :

Representative tax .....	\$150 00
Mileage and per diem .....	220 00
Grand Secretary's salary .....	125 00
Postage .....	25 00
Books and stationery .....	25 00
Officers' reports .....	30 00
	\$575 00

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structed to amend section 51 by adding these words:—"To such Grand officers and representatives as do not reside in the place where such Grand Lodge is convened.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

R. J. NOXON.  
S. COPPINGER.  
W. A. AYBAST.

Rep. Atkin, of Western Star Lodge, No. 11, asked permission to withdraw the copies of their by-laws submitted for approval, which, on motion, was granted.

P. G. Rose, from the committee on the state of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee on the state of the Order, to whom were referred clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, and sec. 2, clause 14, beg to report as follows :

Clause 1—It is pleasing to note the marked improvement made by the D. D. G. Masters in forwarding their reports so promptly to the Grand Secretary, thus greatly assisting him in his duties.

Clauses 2 and 3—We recommend that these clauses be referred to the committee on correspondence.

Clause 4—We endorse the course pursued by the Grand Secretary, as reported in this clause.

Clause 7—In reference to this matter we would again ask the Representatives to bring the subject of contributing to the fund for the purpose of erecting a memorial monument commemorative of our late brother, Schuyler Colfax, P. G. Rep., before their respective lodges, as his name should ever be cherished in our memories.

Clause 11—We recommend that this clause be referred to the committee on returns.

Sec. 2, clause 14—We are pleased to note that, although the duties of the Grand Secretary have been arduous and important, he has overcome each obstacle, and would therefore recommend that the thanks of this Grand body be tendered to the Grand Secretary on his retiring from this office to one of higher reward.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

H. B. ROSE.  
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P. G. McLean, from the committee on the state of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.:*

Your committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12, and sections 3 and 4, clause 21, Grand Master's report, beg to report as follows:

Clause 1—We have examined this clause and feel grateful to the Bountiful Giver for the prosperity extended to us so liberally during the past year, and it is a matter of congratulation that our progress has been so rapid.

Clause 2—We recommend that this clause be referred to the finance committee.

Clause 3—Although little has been done during the past year in this jurisdiction in the way of establishing new lodges, we feel confident that the incoming year will be more progressive.

Clause 4—We trust that the difficulty in the way of establishing a lodge at Virden will soon be overcome.

Clause 5—It is with pleasure we note the valuable assistance rendered the Grand Master when instituting Carberry Lodge by the Grand Officers and leading brethren of the Order. We approve of the institution of said lodge, and recommend that a charter be granted.

Clause 6—We approve of the Grand Master's action in receiving under our jurisdiction Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, Assa.

Clause 7—We disagree with the opinion of the Grand Master as expressed in this clause *re* suspensions, as we believe the cause rests with the individual member who allows himself to be suspended. Still we are persuaded that more exertion on the part of the Permanent Secretary would partially overcome the difficulty. We are at present unable to offer a more effectual remedy.

Clause 12—We feel sorry that the Grand Master has been unable to visit the lodges under his jurisdiction at least once during his term of office, as your committee feel confident that such visits would be exceedingly beneficial to the Order in general.

Clause 21, sections 3 and 4—We heartily recommend the establishment of libraries in all lodges, as we believe it to be one of the best methods for elevating the mental standing of our lodges. We would also recommend that in future a more liberal support be given to our official organ, the Dominion Oddfellow.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

A. M. McLEAN.

H. B. ROSE.

JAS. PETTIGREW.

Rep. Mortimore, from the committee on legislation, presented the following report which was adopted:

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tary's report, beg to report as follows:—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a circular to all the lodges in this jurisdiction asking for the desired information, and that the semi-annual returns be so amended as to contain such information.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE.  
HORACE J. RAYMER.

Rep. Dean, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that the following amounts are due the Grand Officers and Representatives in attendance at the present session of this Grand Lodge:—

NAME.	RANK.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
B. D. Deering .....	G. M.	.....	\$4 00	\$4 00
J. D. Bowley .....	D. G. M.	5 35	4 00	9 35
John Dodimead .....	G. W.	2 20	4 00	6 20
James D. Copklin .....	G. S.	.....	4 00	4 00
W. J. Watson .....	G. T.	.....	4 00	4 00
Alex. Pratt .....	G. Mar.	.....	4 00	4 00
A. W. Shaw .....	G. Cond.	6 55	4 00	10 55
D. Budge .....	G. Chap.	4 15	4 00	8 15
G. T. Lundy .....	G. G.	4 35	4 00	8 35
D. W. Duff .....	G. H.	6 90	4 00	10 90
C. D. Anderson .....	G. Rep.	.....	4 00	4 00
W. Hall .....	Rep. No. 1	.....	4 00	4 00
J. Pelkey .....	"	.....	4 00	4 00
J. Thomson .....	"	.....	4 00	4 00
Geo. C. Mortimore .....	Rep. No. 2	.....	4 00	4 00
James A. Payne .....	"	.....	2 00	2 00
D. A. Macdonald .....	Rep. No. 3	2 20	4 00	6 20
D. McKay .....	Rep. No. 4	3 55	4 00	7 55
H. C. Dean .....	Rep. No. 5	4 15	4 00	8 15
R. J. Noxon .....	Rep. No. 6	5 35	4 00	9 35
H. Jamison .....	Rep. No. 7	.....	4 00	4 00
J. H. Chambers .....	"	.....	2 00	2 00
R. Rollings .....	Rep. No. 8	6 90	4 00	10 90
S. Cummings .....	Rep. No. 9	4 35	4 00	8 35
W. A. Ayearst .....	Rep. No. 10	6 55	4 00	10 55
W. Atkin .....	Rep. No. 11	4 20	4 00	8 20
D. L. Gaunce .....	Rep. No. 1A	19 55	4 00	23 55
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*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

J. C. McARTHUR,

H. C. DEAN.

JOHN THOMSON.

Grand Secretary Conklin, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Printing beg to report that under instructions from this Grand Lodge, the Journal of Proceedings of the Session 1885, was printed under contract by Messrs. Kenny & Luxton, *Free Press* office, at a cost of \$75.10 for 200 copies, also the Grand Representative's report, 200 copies, for \$63.75, total \$138.85. Fifty additional copies were procured for the Grand Representative at a cost of \$9.50, for which he paid into the funds of this Grand Lodge the sum of \$11.

Your committee also made arrangements with Messrs. Walker & May (they being the lowest tenderers) to print the Grand Officers' reports submitted this session, at \$1.10 per page for 100 copies each report, total cost as per report, \$33. This firm will also print the Journal of Proceedings this session, 200 copies at \$1.15 per page, allowing the Officers' reports to appear at a nominal cost of \$5, and we recommend the acceptance of the same.

The small amount of incidental printing received for the offices of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have been procured by the latter at low prices.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

JAS. D. CONKLIN.

C. D. ANDERSON.

W. J. WATSON.

P. G. Smith moved, seconded by the Grand Guardian, that the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Brandon.

Rep. Jamison moved in amendment, seconded by P. G. Rose, that the words "city of Brandon" be struck out and "Friendship Hall, Winnipeg," inserted.

A vote by lodges having been demanded by Representatives Pelkey and Thomson, of No. 1, gave the following result:

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Jamison, it was resolved in the negative by the following vote:

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**NAYS**—Ayearst, Atkin, Coppinger, Dean, Hall, Macdonald, Mackay, McArthur, Noxon, Pelkey, Rollins, Thompson—12.

The question recurring on the original motion it was resolved in the affirmative as follows :

**YEAS**—Ayearst, Atkin, Coppinger, Dean, Hall, Jamison, Macdonald, Mackay, McArthur, Noxon, Pelkey, Rollins, Thomson—13.

**NAY**—Mortimore—1.

The following, moved by P. G. W. L. Hutton, and seconded by P. G. H. J. Raymer: was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That a form of Medical Examiner's Certificate be prepared by this Grand Lodge, to be used in this jurisdiction and be made binding on all our lodges ; and that the Committee on Constitution be requested and authorized to consider and report to this Grand Lodge at its next session such a form of certificate.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Grand Warden Dodimead, seconded by Rep. Atkin, installation of officers was now proceeded with.

By request, Grand Representative C. D. Anderson and Rep. Atkin presented Bro. Jas. D. Conklin, Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and installed in the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master requested Bro. Deering, P. G. M., and Rep. Noxon, to present the Deputy Grand Master elect, Bro. John Dodimead, when Bro. Dodimead was duly obligated and installed in the office of Deputy Grand Master for the current year.

By request, Bro. Bowley, P. D. G. M., assisted by W. L. Hutton, P. G., presented Bro. H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his chair of office.

By request, Bro. C. D. Anderson and Bro. Hunter, P. G., presented Bro. Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Secretary elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

By request, Bro. Harper Wilson, P. G., assisted by W. L. Hutton, P.

G., presented Bro. W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer elect, who, after being obliged, was conducted to his seat.

At this time the following telegram from the Grand Lodge of Ontario was received, and in pursuance of a former motion, handed to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to answer:—

LONDON, ONT., August 12th, 1886.

The Odd Fellows of Ontario to the Odd Fellows of Manitoba, in Grand Lodge assembled send greeting:—May harmony prevail in your session, and prosperity abound in your jurisdiction, as it does in ours.

N. H. MARTIN,  
Grand Master.

J. B. KING,  
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments:

Bro. W. F. Ross, Winnipeg, Grand Marshal.

Bro. D. Mackay, Emerson, Grand Conductor.

Bro. W. A. Ayearst, Minnedosa, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. S. Coppinger, Morden, Grand Guardian.

Bro. E. G. Wiswell, Brandon, Grand Hearld.

Each of whom was duly installed into his chair of office.

The following question was asked by P. G. Brown, of No. 1, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

*Re* by-law No. 63, of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1. According to this by-law, can a new by-law or an amendment to a by-law be voted on before it has been read at three regular consecutive meetings?

An account from the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges was read, amounting to \$12, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report forthwith.

The following motion by P. G. M. Deering, seconded by Rep. Noxon, was adopted after several amendments thereto had been resolved in the negative:

*Resolved*, That a secret session of this Grand Lodge be held this evening at 21 o'clock.

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P. G. Wilson, from the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the question asked by P. G. Brown, make the following answer—No.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

HARPER WILSON.

C. D. ANDERSON.

Rep. Noxon, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report :

We have examined the account of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and find the same correct, and recommend that it be paid.

*Resolved*, That the forgoing be adopted.

R. J. NOXON,

S. COPPINGER.

W. A. AYEARST.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters to serve during the current year :

Winnipeg .....	William Miller.
Portage la Prairie .....	D. A. Macdonald.
Emerson .....	J. A. Pyke.
Gladstone .....	H. C. Dean.
Brandon .....	R. J. Noxon.
Crystal City .....	D. W. Duff,
Morden .....	C. F. Collins.
Minnedosa .....	A. W. Shaw.
Carberry .....	T. W. Gilbert.
Moose Jaw .....	C. A. Gass.
Moosomin .....	John C. McArthur.

#### COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

B. D. Deering, P. G. M.,

C. D. Anderson, G. Rep.

Geo. C. Mortimore, G. Secy.

## COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

H. Wilson, P. G.  
W. Hunter, P. G.  
J. Pettigrew, P. G.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DUES AND BENEFITS.

H. J. Raymer, G. Warden.  
Geo. C. Mortimore, G. Secy.  
W. J. Watson, G. Treas.

W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer, moved, seconded by Geo. C. Mortimore, G. Secy, the following, which was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of \$91.05, being the amount due for mileage this session.

A motion to adjourn till 20:30 prevailed.

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 EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 20:30, the Deputy Grand Master, John Dodimead, in the chair.

The roll being called the following Grand Officers and Representatives were found absent:—Grand Master Conklin, Representatives Payne and Chambers.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The hour of 21:30, which was fixed for holding a secret session, having arrived, the Grand Lodge was convened in secret session, when Bro. C. D. Anderson, Grand Representative, exemplified the unwritten work.

The questions of P. G. Smith, ordered to be submitted in secret

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session were then considered and, on motion, the Grand Representative was instructed to submit them at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for their decision thereon, after which ordinary business was resumed.

The following was concurred in :—Moved by Harper Wilson, P. G., and seconded by W. R. Hall, P. G.,

*Resolved*, That all questions regarding what construction shall be placed on the Constitution and By-laws of a lodge, shall be presented by the accredited representative of such lodge to this Grand Body.

The following was moved by B. D. Deering, P. G. M., seconded by Harper Wilson, P. G., and adopted :—

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of \$75.00, Representative Tax.

H. J. Raymer, P. G., from the Committee on Legislation, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully suggest that the form of report for D. D. G. M., adopted by this Grand Lodge, be amended by inserting this question : "Have all by-laws, alterations or amendments thereto, passed by the lodges under your jurisdiction this year, been forwarded to me? If not, why not?"

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

H. J. RAYMER.  
GEO. C. MORTIMORE.

The Grand Secretary reported that, under instructions from the Grand Master, he had forwarded the following telegram to the Grand Lodge of Ontario :—

WINNIPEG, Aug. 12th, 1886.

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,  
London, Ont.

The representatives of nine hundred and sixty Manitoba Odd Fellows in Friendship, Love and Truth reciprocate your fraternal greetings.

JAS. D. CONKLIN,  
Grand Master.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE,  
Grand Secretary.

P. G. Orpen informed the Grand Lodge that Grand Master Conklin was seriously ill, and in consequence would not be able to attend this

evening; when the following motion by B. D. Deering, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Noxon, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Grand Master J. D. Conklin be excused from further attendance at this session.

W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer, moved, seconded, by G. S. Orpen, P. G., which was resolved in the negative.

*Resolved*, That in view of the extra expense caused by the meeting in Brandon next August, a further assessment of 15 cents per member, payable at the same time as the usual per capita tax in July, 1887, on the whole number of members reported by the several lodges at that date, be ordered, and that the Grand Secretary notify the lodges accordingly.

The following was moved by the Grand Treasurer, seconded by Geo. Orpen, P. G.:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be \$200 for the present year.

H. B. Rose, P. G., moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. Noxon, that \$200 be struck out and \$125 inserted.

Harper Wilson, P. G., moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Rep. Jamison, that \$125 be struck out, and \$150 inserted.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now being on the original motion as amended, it was declared carried.

The following, moved by Geo. Orpen, P. G., seconded by Rep. Noxon, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their Hall.

The following was concurred in, moved by H. B. Rose, P. G., seconded by W. R. Hall, P. G., and

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the several railway companies for the reduction in fares granted to the Grand Officers and members attending this session.

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The following was presented by Geo. Orpen, P. G., and on motion of Harper Wilson, P. G., seconded by W. F. Ross, P. G., it was indefinitely laid on the table :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge deems it in the interest of the Order, that a clause be inserted in our Constitution to provide :

1st. That any member of this Grand Lodge who shall be known to canvass votes for any candidate for office at an approaching session of this Grand Body, shall be deprived of his right to vote at such election.

2nd. Any candidate for an office at an approaching session of this Grand Lodge, who shall be known to canvass votes for any office or permit such to have been done in his favor, shall be declared ineligible for any office at said approaching election. And that the above be referred to a special committee with instructions to prepare a suitable clause to cover the above at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The following was adopted, moved by B. D. Deering, P. G. M., seconded by Harper Wilson, P. G.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the lodges in this jurisdiction *re* special assessment.

The following, moved by Rep. Jamison, seconded by B. D. Deering, P. G. M., was concurred in :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this G. and Lodge be tendered to the daily papers of this city, for courtesies extended.

Rep. Jamison moved the following, seconded by W. Hunter, P. G., which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to Grand Representative C. D. Anderson, for his kindness in taking care of the Hall during the present session.

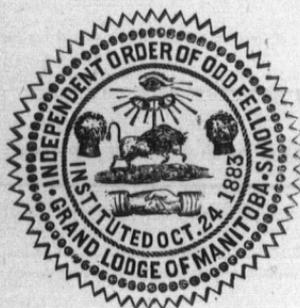
The business of the session being concluded the Grand Lodge was called on, when the Grand Chaplain pro tem., H. C. Dean, addressed the throne of Grace as follows :

Most Gracious God, we thank Thee for the care Thou hast bestowed upon us in all our doing this session. We thank Thee that we have been permitted to enjoy this, another Grand Lodge meeting. May we be more zealous in the future, and may each brother realize the obligations resting upon him to illustrate in his life the great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. We humbly beseech Thee, in thy great goodness and mercy to cherish and protect the widow and orphan, and now as we are about

to separate go with us to our homes, and when life's work is done bring us in peace to Thy home above.—Amen.

The Deputy Grand Master, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge of Manitoba adjourned to meet at the city of Brandon on the second Wednesday in August, 1887.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE,  
*Grand Secretary.*



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# REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

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## SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.,

*At its Annual Session, held at Boston, Mass., Sept. 20th to 25th, A. D. 1886.*

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. :*

Your representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge attended the sixty-second annual session in the City of Boston, commencing September 20th, 1886.

In compliance with my pleasant duty, I present to you an account of such legislation and enactments as are of interest to this jurisdiction.

### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

It is a well established fact that the present condition of business throughout the country is not conducive to large gains in any secret society. Our Order has taken no step backward, although the gain during the last year has been small.

The following table taken from the report of the Grand Secretary will explain itself :

	Dec. 31, 1884.	Dec. 31, 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges. ....	54	54		
Grand Encampments. ....	44	44		
Subordinate Lodges. ....	7,845	7,956	111	
Subordinate Encampments. . .	1,934	1,947	13	
Rebekah Degree Lodges. ....	1,132	1,247	115	
Lodge initiations. ....	41,098	38,340		4,758
Encampment initiations. ....	9,154	7,165		1,989
Lodge members. ....	516,230	517,310	1,080	
Encampment members. ....	94,257	94,376	119	
Rebekah D. L. members. ....	49,943	58,025	8,082	
Relief by Lodges. ....	\$ 1,901,473 78	\$ 1,960,418 00	\$ 58,944 22	
Relief by Encampments. ....	197,533 07	205,620 24	8,087 17	
Relief by Rebekah Lodges. ....	12,920 01	14,863 69	1,943 68	
Total relief. ....	2,111,926 86	2,180,901 93	68,975 07	
Revenue of Lodges. ....	4,736,896 30	4,764,111 96	27,215 66	
Revenue of Encampments. ....	480,978 38	473,652 00		7,326 38
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges. . .	56,493 21	71,924 81	15,431 60	
Total revenue. ....	5,274,307 89	5,309,688 77	35,380 88	

In 1884 (see page 9925, Journal of 1885,) the revenue of Lodges, Encampments and Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah was less than in 1883, the aggregate amounting to \$75,733.58. In 1885, with 4,758 less initiations in lodges, the revenue is reported as \$27,275.66 more than in 1884. There was a decrease of \$7,326.38 in encampment receipts, and a gain of \$15,431.60 in the revenue of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, the total increase amounting to \$35,380.88.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1885.

The table submitted one year ago (Journal, page 9925,) has been revised by adding the information received for the year 1885, and is submitted as follows:

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges .....	1,404,110
Members relieved .....	1,208,180
Widowed families relieved .....	157,063
Members deceased .....	117,904
Total relief .....	\$ 41,154,900 09
Total receipts .....	109,254,362 08

The following (embracing Australasia and Germany) represents the

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31, 1885:

Sovereign Grand Lodge .....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia) .....	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments .....	45
Subordinate Encampments .....	1,958
Subordinate Grand Lodges .....	65
Subordinate Lodges .....	8,181
Encampment members .....	94,791
Lodge members .....	534,233

The returns for 1885 show the total net gain of membership in jurisdictions reporting to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was one thousand and eighty.

I submit from the decisions of the Grand Sire such as are of interest to this jurisdiction, all of which were approved.

DECISIONS.

4. The following query was submitted by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia:

"A brother is indebted to his lodge for one quarter's dues. The lodge is indebted to the brother for salary as secretary to the amount of one quarter's dues. The account stands open. The brother is taken sick and would not be entitled to benefits unless he can offset the amount of his salary due against the dues he owes the lodge. No settlement having been made between him and the lodge, and no order for his salary having been ordered or directed to be drawn on the Treasurer, is he entitled to benefits?"

I answered that, in the case stated, the brother was not entitled to benefits. See Platner's Appeal, 1879, Journal, page 8065

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5. Query—If the Chief Patriarch of an encampment, during his term of office, loses his good standing in his lodge—that is, becomes thirteen weeks or more in arrears for dues—shall the chair of Chief Patriarch be declared vacant and he be suspended from the encampment?

Answer—If a member of an encampment shall be dropped or suspended by his lodge for non-payment of dues, the act of the lodge shall not affect the standing of the member in his encampment for the term of one year thereafter; provided the Patriarch shall not rest under any disability in his encampment, in the interim. 1878, Journal, 7766, 7833. It follows that the question must be answered in the negative, as the facts stated do not affect the standing of the Patriarch in his encampment. See digests section 606a.

6. Query—From the Grand Master of Iowa:

“A member of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 114, desiring to sever his membership with said lodge and become a member of Grinnell Lodge, No. 358, situated fifteen miles distant, while still continuing to reside in Brooklyn, applied for and was granted a withdrawal card by No. 114. Now must No. 358 have or obtain the consent of No. 114 and other lodges nearer this brother's place of residence before it can accept him as a member?”

Answer—Section 171 of Digest (Journal of 1878, pages 7883, 7884) simply decides that the card in question was valid. It further states that no written permission to deposit the card is necessary, “provided the lodge is willing to receive him and no question of jurisdiction being raised.” Section 626a, Digest, cites 1848, Journal 1200, 1240, where it is stated that in the absence of any law on the subject from the analogy of the case, the law should be as herein set forth. The section also cites 1884, Journal 9681, 9773, where the Committee on Appeals says:—“The jurisdiction of Florida having failed to legislate on the subject, a lodge at a distance and in another county has no right to admit a brother by card who lives in a place where a lodge is located without first obtaining the consent of that lodge to join a lodge at a distance.” This seems to be plain that (unless there is a local law to the contrary) a brother with a withdrawal card cannot be admitted as a member upon it in a lodge at a distance and in another county, whilst residing in the place where the former lodge is located, without the consent of that lodge.

7. The resolution in Journal 1885, page 10,111, in express terms reserves to the Uniformed Patriarchs the right to appear on street parades on proper occasions and to wear their uniform in the same manner and to the same extent as before the creation of the Patriarchs Militant. At the same time, I would state that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the last session, was anxious to have all Uniformed Patriarchs join the Patriarchs Militant, but the law is as I have stated it.

12. Where a subordinate lodge constitution provides “that the fourteen nights' service in an appointive office shall qualify a brother for the office of Vice Grand,” it must be constructed to mean that he shall serve the fourteen nights in one whole term of twenty-six weeks. That if he resigns the appointive office before the end of the term he is not eligible to the office of Noble Grand.

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13. The law seems plain that an appointive officer, before he can fill the office of Vice Grand, must serve a full term of twenty-six weeks, must be present at least at fourteen regular meetings of the lodge, and continue in office to the end of his term. See Decision 11 of Grand Sire, Journal 1885, pages 9854, 9855.

14. An appointive officer who serves for nineteen weeks continually and then resigns before the end of the term, cannot be elected and installed Vice Grand.

15. A brother having a withdrawal card from his lodge is in the same relation with it as with any other lodge, excepting only, that the lodge issuing the card has a certain control over him for one year, unless the card has been elsewhere deposited.

16. A brother who deposits his withdrawal card in a lodge is a member of that lodge from the time of his election as a member, unless the local law provides as preliminary to membership that some other condition (for instance, that he shall sign the constitution before becoming a member,) shall be performed by him. See Digest, sections 664, 665.

17. The authority of a District Deputy Grand Master depends, for the most part, upon the local law. The general laws of the Order do not seem to define his duties and powers. See Digest, sections 876 to 883, inclusive.

18. The right to grant a visiting card to a brother who is absent and just elected to membership by deposit of card depends upon local law. If membership began under the law at time of election, the lodge could grant a visiting card and order for the A. T. P., on payment of the amount required by law, as soon as the brother was elected. See Digest, sections 664, 665.

19. A visiting card, if correct upon its face, (in the absence of fraud,) cannot be rejected by a lodge. In such a case it must be received and given full faith and credit. See Digest, sections 1404, 1406. The exceptions are noted in Digest, sections 1411, 1413.

20. Under the provision of section 1245, Digest, when a subordinate lodge surrenders its charter and afterwards applies for its return, "the charter fee shall be required as in case of issuing a new charter."

21. The Order of Hepsatophs, or "Seven Wise Men," is a well known beneficial Order, which is not in any way connected with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge against the Patriarchal Circle.

22. If the ceremony at an anniversary celebration be conducted by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or when the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and their subordinates participate, the titles of the respective officers who conduct the ceremony shall be such as belong to the body conducting the ceremony.

23. The time fixed by its constitution for the meeting of a Grand Lodge must be observed. A Grand Master has no authority to change the time fixed by law to an earlier or later period.

24. The form of application for membership, Journal, 1885, page 10,188, is not mandatory, but has been left to the discretion of the several Grand Jurisdictions.

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25. A brother was suspended for non-payment of dues, and after the period prescribed by law obtained a dismissal certificate from his lodge. He was then re-admitted on the certificate, paid up his accruing dues from the time of such admission, and then applied for a withdrawal card. The lodge refused to grant the card for the alleged reason that he had not paid the arrears due by him at the time of his suspension. I decided that the lodge could not refuse the card for the reason assigned.

26. *Query*—A member of an encampment becomes insane when seven months in arrears for dues. He is sent to an insane asylum, where he remained for more than five months. Can he be suspended for non-payment of dues, nothing having been paid on his account after he became insane, he having no legal guardian or committee to pay the same?

*Answer*—The case is peculiar. If the failure to pay arises from the facts stated, I think the brother should not be suspended. The status of the brother under the local law is not stated, and the principles of the Order would seem to require that he should not be deprived of the fraternal attention of his lodge.

27. A brother was expelled by a lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Since that time it was discovered that he had suffered a great wrong, as the evidence at his trial was false and malicious. The lodge applied to me for permission to re-admit him to membership. Believing such permission was necessary and proper, I granted the petition.

28. The official power of a Grand Master only ceases when his successor is elected and installed.

29. *Query*—Can a brother having an unexpired withdrawal card be re-admitted to membership without being present to sign the constitution, or can he be admitted into another lodge without being present?

*Answer*—It depends upon the local law. If that law requires the constitution to be signed as a condition of membership, he must appear and sign it before he can become a member. If no such provision exists, membership dates from the time of his election.—Digest, sections 664, 665.

30. No lodge has a right to refuse admittance to a brother who has a regular visiting card, and is correct, &c., for the simple reason that his presence is obnoxious to the lodge.

31. *Query*—Is it lawful to confer the Degree of Rebekah upon the wife of a brother belonging to another jurisdiction?

*Answer*—It is, provided the proper certificate, required by law, is presented to the lodge.

32. *Query*—Can a brother and wife of another jurisdiction become members of a Rebekah Degree Lodge?

*Answer*—They can by presenting the certificates required by law from the brother's lodge.

33. *Query*—Has a subordinate lodge the right to celebrate the 26th of April by providing its members and their families a literary and musical entertainment, with a collation and dancing, the expenses to be paid from the funds of the lodge?

*Answer*—Celebrations of the anniversary of the Order are left (with some limitations) to the subordinate lodges.—Digest, section 418. The legitimate purposes for which lodge funds may be expended are defined in Digest, section 420. As this matter stands it must be determined by the local authority.

34. *Query*—A brother having the first degree prefers charges against a third degree member. The trial takes place, under the law, in the third degree. Can the brother of the first degree, who preferred the charges, be present?

*Answer*—In such a case, no member can be present in the lodge at the trial unless he has received the third degree. The accused has the right to be present during the whole of the trial, but a witness has not the same right. It makes no difference if the charges were preferred by the witness. The depositions of absent witnesses may be taken and read in evidence in the cause to which they relate. (1857, Journal, 2738, 2774.) The testimony of non-resident witnesses may be taken in the same manner. (1858, Journal, 2909, 2962.) Of course any witness who is summoned to testify can appear before the trial committee. A witness has no such interest in a trial as allows him to be present on such an occasion except as the lodge and the laws may permit.

35. A brother who is sick and not beneficial cannot receive a visiting card as a beneficial member until he recovers from his sickness and become beneficial. If he has recovered from his sickness, but is not entitled to benefits under the by-laws, he may be granted a visiting card, but the words "is entitled to benefits from the date of this card" must be cancelled and the date when he will become beneficial under the laws of the lodge inserted; *provided*, that he has paid his dues in advance down to the end of the term for which the card is issued.

36. *Query*—A brother expelled by his lodge appealed to the Grand Master, who sustained the lodge and dismissed the appeal. An appeal was then taken to the Grand Lodge, which reversed the Grand Master and directed the lodge to re-instate the brother. A final appeal was taken from this last decision to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. No stay of proceedings is provided by our laws in such cases. Can the brother claim to be re-instated pending the appeal, or does he remain *in statu quo*?

*Answer*—The local law must govern. Unless you have a law staying the effect of such a decision during appeal, the brother can be re-instated.—Digest, section 1355.

37. *Query*—A Grand Master was elected and installed, and some months afterwards gave up his residence in Utah and removed with his family to the State of Nevada, remaining a member in good standing in his lodge. From these facts, was the office of Grand Master vacated by the brother, and did the Deputy Grand Master become Grand Master in accordance with section 6, Article II., Constitution Grand Lodge of Utah, which provides that the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master in case of a vacancy during the term?

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*Answer*—If the removal of the Grand Master from Utah to Nevada was intended to be permanent, his office became vacant, and the Deputy Grand Master, under the local law, became Grand Master. The duties imposed upon the Grand Master, by the laws of the Order, require that he shall (when physically able) be present and active in their discharge. If he removes permanently from the jurisdiction and abandons his work, his office may be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as the local laws may prescribe.

38 In answer to a query as to whether, in conferring the Degree of Rebekah, it is proper to add to or take away anything contained in the ritual furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I answered that the ritual must be conformed to as provided by the by-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Article XX., Digest, page 352.

39. *Query*—Is it proper to appoint a lady Past Grand as District Deputy Grand Master of Rebekah Degree Lodges for the purpose of exercising a general supervision over said lodges and installing their officers?

*Answer*—The power to appoint District Deputy Grand Masters for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah is vested in the Grand Lodges. See Report of Committee on Degree of Rebekah, Journal 1883, page 9411. I think it is not intended to authorize Daughters of Rebekah to officiate as such deputies.

40. A sister who has passed the chairs in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah cannot rightfully act as Grand Warden at an installation in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. A Grand Warden is a Grand Lodge officer, and a sister cannot act as a deputy for any purpose.

41. The Grand Master of Nevada having been installed by a Grand Representative without objection (there being no evidence that a Past Grand Master was present), was legally installed and must be recognized as Grand Master. Journal 1885, page 10,104, Report of Judiciary Committee, which applies as well to Grand Lodges as to Grand Encampments.

42. The law enacted (Journal 1877, page 7462,) would seem to forfeit benefits for more than thirteen weeks' arrears for dues, but was not intended to have that effect. The twenty-ninth decision of Grand Sire (1883, Journal, pages 9262, 9324, 9442), affirmed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, settled the question that there is no general law regulating the granting of benefits; that power has always been left to the local law. See Digest, sections 28, 28a.

43. It is the duty of a subordinate lodge and its officers to obey and enforce the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, anything in the constitution of Grand or subordinate to the contrary notwithstanding.

44. When a member has been adjudged guilty, and the punishment is "expulsion" under the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the lodge *must* expel him. The manner in which, the expulsion is to be declared is left to the lodge. It may be in open session at a regular meeting, by the Noble Grand for the lodge, or it may be by a vote. It must be by the lodge. If the lodge fail to do its duty, it should be put on trial and punished for the offence.

45. Section 2, Article IV., of California Subordinate Lodge Constitution, after providing for sick benefits, says:—"Benefits are rights personal to the member, his family and dependent relatives, and are not payable to the legal representatives of a member's estate." I decided that the section was lawful, and in case of the death of a brother entitled to such benefits, leaving no family or dependent relations, and no other provision was made by law for their payment, then the lodge was not bound to pay the money to any person. Journal 1875, pages 6563, 6629, Ophir Lodge case.

46. A Noble Grand elect having failed to be present on the night of the installation of officers, the installing officer, if no satisfactory excuse was offered, might have required the lodge to elect a qualified member, that he might install him into the office. Decision 11 of Grand Sire, Journal 1854, page 2215.

47. In the absence of any local law on the subject, should a Noble Grand elect fail to present himself for installation, and no brother is elected to fill the vacancy, the Vice Grand, as the presiding officer of the lodge, could appoint the subordinate officers. Decision 12 of Grand Sire, Journal 1854, page 2216.

48. Should a Noble Grand elect fail to appear to be installed, and the lodge declare his election vacated, the installed Vice Grand elect could not be a candidate for Noble Grand unless he is within the provisions of Digest, sections 922, 922a.

49. No failure to be installed, or to serve, on the part of a Noble Grand elect, or vacation of office after he has assumed his place, can entitle the Vice Grand to the office, unless he has lawfully been elected thereto.

50. A Vice Grand cannot be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless he has served a majority of nights in his office or is otherwise competent by reason of the exceptions set forth in Digest, sections 922, 922a.

51. Under the equity of the twenty-fourth decision of Grand Sire (Journal 1882, pages 8839, 9025, 9101), and upon principle, a brother cannot hold the two offices of Recording Secretary and Treasurer at the same time in any lodge, Grand or Subordinate, in the Order, as the case may be. This applies to encampments and Grand Encampments as well as to lodges and Grand Lodges.

52. It is fundamental that the regular meetings of a lodge shall be once a week, and twenty-six of these constitute a six months' term. No Noble Grand is entitled to honors, that is, to rank as a Past Grand, until he has served at least fourteen weeks in the chair of Noble Grand. See decision 11 of Grand Sire, 1885, page 9854.

#### GENERAL LEGISLATION.

*Whereas*, The observance of National Anniversary, Thanksgiving, and other legally established or generally recognized holidays, has become generally acceptable to the people of this country, who very generally avail themselves of the privileges afforded by such occasions to abstain from all secular labor; therefore,

*Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be lawful for the subordinate lodges and encampments of this Order, whenever their regular stated meetings fall upon such occasions, they may be omitted.

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*Resolved*, That in all appeals to this Grand Lodge, it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers, a certified copy of the Constitution and By-laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-laws of the subordinate lodge or encampment involved in the appeal.

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last session, relative to gathering information and statistics in regard to charitable, benevolent, fraternal, beneficiary, and other enterprises subsidiary to the general purpose of the Order, be continued in force, from year to year, until otherwise ordered.

*Resolved*, Whereas, it is not only right and proper, but the very nature, spirit and desire of the I. O. O. F., demands that a day be set apart in each year by which its members may unite in solemn memorial exercises in behalf of their honored dead, and it is believed that the most appropriate time for such service would be upon the 20th day of October, which day is that on which our Past Grand Sire, Wildey, who, after long years of earnest and successful work on our behalf, was gathered to his fathers; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is hereby instructed to issue a proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to October 20th containing the purport of this preamble and resolution, requesting all subordinate lodges to assemble on the day above named and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members, such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion, and said proclamation to embrace the names of such officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term herein named. This resolution to take effect in the year 1887,—*provided, however*, that if a different day be more convenient for any lodge to hold such memorial service, such lodge may select the day.

*Resolved*, That, in addition to the law, as found in Article 508, White's Digest, allowing Grand Lodges to open in the Scarlet Degree during the installation of Grand Officers, Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments, may also provide for the exemplification of the degrees of the Order while open in the Scarlet or Royal Purple Degrees, respectively.

*Resolved*, That a certificate of the Secretary of the subordinate lodge of which the applicant is a member, with the seal attached, shall accompany all applications for membership made to a subordinate encampment, and it is hereby made the duty of every Secretary to fill out and furnish to any Scarlet Degree member of his lodge, who is in good standing, such certificate upon application therefor.

*Resolved*, That, in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Body, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lapel of their coat, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia.

*Resolved*, That the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon prescribed as above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto.

NOTE.—The Grand Sire has since decided that inasmuch as the last two resolutions

are in reality amendments to the By laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and were not properly adopted as such, they are inoperative and void.

#### CONFLICT OF LAWS.

In reply to the following, received September 6th, the Grand Sire stated that, under the provisions of Article IV., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he considered he was not privileged to decide the question :

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,  
Winnipeg, August 31st, 1886.

HON. HENRY F. GAREY,  
*Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been called to an Article (No. 72) in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which seems to be contrary to the law as laid down in the Digest, section 5.

Article 72 reads as follows :—“No public celebration of any kind shall be held by any lodge in this jurisdiction without the express permission of the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master for said Lodge.”

This has been approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The objection is to the District Deputy having this power, which, by the Digest, seems to be restricted to the Grand Master.

Is there any conflict? If so, what shall be done in the matter?

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES D. CONKLIN,  
*Grand Master.*

Your Judiciary Committee, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report found on page 21, in which he decides that he was not privileged to decide the question propounded by James D. Conklin, Grand Master of Manitoba, would respectfully report in favor of approving the answer made by the Grand Sire to said Grand Master.

“Resolved, That the law, as found in section #20a, of White's Digest, be amended by adding thereto the following:—‘But Grand Lodges may elect their Grand Chaplains.’”

#### NEW LEGISLATION.

That Section 1, Article II., of the Constitution for Subordinate Encampments shall hereafter read as follows :

Section 1. No member shall be initiated into this Encampment for a less sum than eight dollars, to entitle him to all the degrees.

The amendments to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Manitoba and Nevada, are approved.

In the consideration of Appeal cases by this Grand Lodge, it is often necessary, for a correct decision thereon, to refer to the organic laws of the jurisdiction, therefore

*Resolved*, That in all Appeals to this Grand Lodge, it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers, a certified copy of the Constitution and By-laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-laws of the subordinate lodge or encampment involved in the appeal.

*Resolved*, That the several Grand Bodies and lodges and encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be required to report to this Grand Lodge: 1st. How many schools and colleges are under their control. 2nd. How many children are attending the same. 3rd. How many children are being kept at other schools not under the control of the Order, and, 4th. How much is paid out per term on account of same."

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies are hereby directed to have printed a sufficient number of copies of the Revised Ritual of Rebekah Degree, and furnish the same to Grand Secretaries at the usual price; provided that the Rituals now in use by Rebekah Degree Lodges may be exchanged for the Revised Ritual, for which old Rituals one dollar each shall be allowed.

*Resolved*, That the special committee who prepared and reported the Revised Ritual on Rebekah Degree be continued another year, to correct and supervise the printing of said Ritual.

*Resolved*, That the Revised Ritual of Rebekah Degree, adopted at this session, shall take effect and be the only authorized work for Rebekah Degree Lodges on and after January 1, 1887.

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three, and the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be raised to carry into effect as speedily as possible, the determination of this Grand Body; to take control of its property and interests in the city of Baltimore, to dispose of the same in such manner and at such time as shall be to the best interests of this Grand Lodge, or to recover compensation therefor in the event of its appropriation, and to make and conclude all contracts and arrangements with the proper authorities which may be necessary to perfect the transfer and locate its offices in the city of Columbus.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were selected as officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for two years:

John H. White, of New York, Grand Sire; John C. Underwood, of Kentucky, Deputy Grand Sire; Theo. A. Ross, of New Jersey, Grand Secretary; Isaac A. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania, Grand Treasurer; W. H. Stephenson, of Connecticut, Grand Marshal; Walter G. Dye, of Minnesota, Grand Guardian; W. H. Fraser, of District of Columbia, Grand Messenger.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

All the proposed amendments were defeated.

## PLACE OF MEETING.

Upon invitation from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Colorado, it was voted to hold the next session at Denver, Colorado.

## PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

The report of the Lieutenant-General shows a remarkable growth in this branch, the membership being more than twelve thousand. The following legislation was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the general parades of the Patriarch Militants shall be formed as prescribed by rules laid down by the Commander, and those within the Patriarchs Militant Tactics

*Resolved*, That in the general parades of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, embracing organizations of Patriarchs Militant, Encampments and subordinate lodges, the formation of the procession shall be as expressed in the foregoing resolution of the Patriarchs Militant; and that the lodges and encampments shall be formed according to law enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session in 1883.

*Resolved further*, That in all general parades of the Order, where one or more divisions of the Army of Patriarchs Militant take part, that said military body shall form on the right of the line, and General in command of the Patriarchs Militant shall take escort charge of and move the procession; and when there are a few detachments of the Patriarchs Militant only, they shall form on the right of the line, and the commanding officer shall report his command to the Chief Marshal as escort to the civic procession.

*Resolved*, That the work on Tactics, as prepared under the supervision of the Lieutenant-General, shall be sold by the Chief of Supplies, as supplies, and that the moneys received for the same shall be covered into the headquarter's fund, and be appropriated toward defraying the general expense account, until further orders by this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That chevaliers, cantons, or other organizations of the Patriarchs Militant, shall be and are hereby prohibited from publishing and selling forms, plates, books, etc., of the nature of those sold by the Chief of Supplies on duty at the headquarters of the army, as supplies, under penalty of paying a royalty for each and every one sold in disobedience to this resolution equal to the profit derived from the sale of said supplies of similar nature,—the Lieutenant-General to determine all cases of infringement on the supply privilege hereby granted to the Patriarchs Militant Headquarters' Fund.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense and feeling of this Grand Lodge that no pronounced changes shall be made in the uniform of the Patriarchs Militant; that the Lieutenant-General shall have power to make such minor alterations, additions, etc., as may be necessary to complete and systematize the uniform, but it is the intention of this Sovereign Grand Body not to alter the uniform adopted at its last session.

*Resolved*, That the Patriarchs Militant uniform be and is hereby denominated a

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regalia, and, as such, can be worn by chevaliers when visiting lodges and encampments of the Order.

*Resolved*, That State, Territorial and Provincial Departments shall sell application blanks to cantons as supplies, and that the Commander of a department, and Brigadiers and Colonels, or Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, or Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors, or Majors, or Commandants of cantons, as the case may be, owing to the command forming the department, shall constitute a board of officers to determine the manner by and through which a military fund sufficient for headquarters' purposes shall be raised, and that all brigades, regiments, battalions, cantons, and chevaliers shall respect and obey the reasonable demands of such boards of officers.

*Resolved*, That after January 1st, 1887, all applicants for warrants to establish cantons shall possess regulation uniforms, and appear dressed in the same, upon the mustering of the canton.

In order to save the expenses of the mustering officer to cantons be it—

*Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-General may, at his discretion, cause the retiring Commandant of a canton, to muster his successor and other officers-elect, and shall at will issue muster-commissions to the effect.

*Resolved*, That, on the night of the regular cantonment next before the 26th of April of each year, that an election shall be held in every canton of Patriarchs Militant for Commandant and subordinate elective officers.

*Resolved*, That the clerks of the various cantons throughout the several departments shall hold elections as named in the preceding resolutions, and make report thereof to the Adjutant of the battalion or regiment, which report shall be attested by the retiring Commandant.

*Resolved*, That the Adjutants of battalion and regiment shall forward the reports of elections held for officers of the cantons in their commands, respectively, through the Adjutant-General of brigade and division, to the Adjutant-General at the headquarters of the army.

*Resolved*, That previous legislation in conflict with the manner of holding elections for canton officers, as expressed in foregoing resolutions, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*Resolved*, That the forms for chevaliers' roster, roll-call of canton, Commandant's money-order book, Accountant's receipt-book and seals for cantons, all as prepared by the Lieutenant-General, be and they are hereby authorized to be sold from General headquarters as supplies, the money to be covered into a headquarters' fund to help defray the expenses of the various officers at general headquarters.

*Whereas*, It is absolutely necessary that some legislation be had looking to the raising of a fund for department purposes; and,

*Whereas*, It is inexpedient to levy a tax upon the chevaliers of a department, except the same be recommended by the military council, a strictly Patriarchs Militant representative body; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-General shall prepare forms for the transfer of the cavalier from one canton to another, within and without the department, a form of honorable discharge from a canton, a form of application to a canton for membership, and which, together with the condensed organic law and by-law for a canton, hereafter to be prepared by the Lieutenant-General, shall be published and sold by the several departments: the proceeds derived from said sales to be covered into a department fund for the purpose of meeting the various incidental expenses at department headquarters.

The work upon organic law of the Patriarchs Militant, including a system of general by-laws for cantons, in process of publication, has been prepared for the purpose of assisting the organization in the beginning. In the preparation thereof, I have received valuable assistance from, and desire to thus publicly thank, Lieutenant-Colonel William S. Johnson, Special Aid-de-camp for Rhode Island, and Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Walter, Assistant Adjutant-General upon my personal staff, for appreciated service rendered.

*Resolved*, That such code of laws be and they are hereby authorized and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, until the military council shall revise and present others, which experience shall teach, as better suited to the requirements of the army.

*Resolved*, That all supplies to be sold by departments to subordinate organizations therein, shall be obtained of the Chief of Supplies at headquarters of the army, for the sake of uniformity, and at a very small wholesale profit above actual cost, in order that the department may derive considerable profit by the sale of said supplies.

*Resolved*, That so soon as the army of Patriarchs Militant shall be organized upon the elective basis, then it shall be improper and irregular for any cavalier to hold two positions at the same time, except that such privilege be granted to him by a dispensation from the Lieutenant-General.

*Resolved*, That a canton or other organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade at any point within the bounds of the department in which it is located, under dispensation from the Commander of the department.

*Resolved*, That a canton or other organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade at any point within the bounds of the grand department or division in which it is located, under dispensation from the officer in command of the grand department and the Major-General of division.

• *Resolved*, That a canton or other organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade anywhere under dispensation from the Lieutenant-General, Commander of Patriarchs Militant.

*Resolved*, That all organized bodies of Patriarchs Militant desiring to go from one point to another, and desiring to parade at places other than at those at which they are located, shall obtain a dispensation order from the proper officers ere they move, and a violation of this law shall be sufficient cause for court-martial.

*Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-General shall have and is hereby clothed with power to convene court-martial for the purpose of investigating any and all acts perpetrated

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by a chevalier, canton, or other organization of the Patriarchs Militant, and shall approve or reject the finding of the court-martial as he may deem proper.

#### FESTIVITIES.

One would think from reading the journal that the representatives spent a large portion of their time in pleasure seeking. Such is not the fact. By far the larger part of the invitations extended the Sovereign Grand Lodge to attend this or that place of amusement or entertainment are accepted as an act of courtesy, and the ladies accompanying the representatives usually attend.

The brothers at Boston did everything in their power to make the session a pleasant one, and they succeeded fully.

The parade of the Order on Wednesday, in which the Patriarchs Militant took such an important part, was the grandest display ever attempted by the Order. There were said to be fully fifteen thousand Patriarchs Militant men in line, and the handsome uniforms, banners, &c., of both officers and men won high encomiums from all who witnessed it.

#### CONCLUSION.

This completes the business of the session so far as it relates in any manner to the Patriarchal branch of the Order, and in closing this report I wish to express to you my high appreciation of the honors conferred upon me, and to return my hearty thanks for your many expressions of confidence and esteem.

Respectfully,

C. D. ANDERSON,  
*Grand Representative.*

Since the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the following has been received :

PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

—OF THE—

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,  
ALBION, N. Y., October, 12, 1886. }

B. C. STONE, *Grand Scribe, Portland, Maine :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been called to the resolutions found on page 176 of the Daily Journal, and adopted on page 215, which are as follows, viz :

“ *Resolved*, That, in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Body, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about an inch in width, on the lapel of their coat, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia.”

“ *Resolved*, That the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon as prescribed above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto.”

These resolutions, if valid, change Article XXII of the By-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but Article XXX of the same By-laws provides that no resolution of the Grand Lodge shall amend these By-laws unless the resolution shall upon its face assume to make such change. The resolutions in question purport to be merely ordinary legislation, and in no way refer to the By-laws. They are not therefore regularly adopted. Again, Article XIX of the Constitution provides that the By-laws can only be amended by a two-thirds vote. These resolutions, purporting on their face to be merely ordinary legislation and not an amendment to the by-laws, it cannot be presumed that they were passed by the vote required by the Constitution, although the Journal says they were adopted. The vote on adopting an amendment to the Constitution or By-laws always should be, and generally is given, so that the Journal shows the fact that it was legally adopted. In view of the foregoing provision of the law, I am constrained to declare the resolutions referred to *inoperative and void*. It is therefore incumbent on you to see that the regalia provided for in Article XXII of the By-laws as they were prior to the last annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be worn in your Grand Body.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. WHITE,  
*Grand Sire.*

ATTEST: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

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In Memoriam.

WILLIAM HIGGINS,

Past Grand of Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7.

Born 20th Nov. 1844.

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AGED 41 YEARS.

"A FAITHFUL ODD FELLOW, AND A DEVOTED FRIEND, HE HAS  
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# GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA I.O.O.F.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

PAST GRANDS, REPRESENTATIVES, NOBLE GRANDS AND SECRETARIES

"By-laws shall immediately be forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its Noble Grand and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be, and no such by-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or in its recess by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates."—Con. Sub. Lodges, Art. 78.

"Semi-Annual Returns shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge, the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said Return."—Con. Sub. Lodges, Art. 40.

No Past Grand can, under any circumstances, be admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge without presenting a regular Past Grand's Certificate. A Past Grand cannot be admitted upon a Representative's certificate, nor upon the semi-annual report of his Lodge, nor upon any voucher, except the certificate required by Article 6 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

If a Representative to the Grand Lodge has not been previously admitted to membership as a Past Grand, and received the Grand Lodge Degree, he must present two certificates before he can be admitted to the Grand Lodge, viz.: a Past Grand's certificate, as stated in the preceding clause, and also a Representative's certificate, as required by Article 7 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, both of which must be signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, and be attested by the Seal of the Lodge.

No Past Grand should start for a Session of the Grand Lodge without knowing that the proper certificates have been mailed to the Grand Secretary, or without duplicate certificates in his pocket.

Representatives to the Grand Lodge should be elected at the first regular meeting of the Lodges in July, to serve for one year. Should a vacancy occur by resignation, suspension or decease, the certificate of the Past Grand elected to fill the vacancy, must set forth that fact upon its face.

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*The Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Brandon, on Wednesday, the 10th day of August, 1887.*

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