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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF

The Grand Lodge of Canada West,

HELD IN THE CITY OF LONDON,

ON THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 1857

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the Annual Communication, when the roll being called, the following members were found to be present :

THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D., *M. W. Grand Master.*

B. F. VAN BROCKLIN, *R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*

JOHN CAMERON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*
 W. FITZSIMMONS, *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
 HENRY MEARS, *W. Grand Conductor.*
 HIRAM BELL, *W. Grand Guardian.*

The credentials of the Grand Representatives in attendance from the various Lodges within the jurisdiction, having been received and referred to a Committee on Credentials, consisting of D. G. M. Van Brocklin, and P. G.'s Yale and Morgan, and the Committee having submitted the following report, viz.:

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

Your Committee on Credentials would submit the following List, as the result of their examination, the names contained in which they find have been duly elected and accredited to sit as Representatives in this Grand body, viz. :

P. G.	CHARLES PERLEY.....	Imperial Lodge, No. 37.		
"	B. F. VAN BROCKLIN.....	Gore do do	34.	
"	JOHN CAMERON.....	Gore do do	34.	
"	G. W. MORGAN.....	Elgin do do	32.	
"	W. A. GLOVER.....	Erie do do	33.	
"	C. YALE.....	Union do do	16.	
"	S. G. DOLSON.....	Union do do	16.	
"	G. D. BRADWAY.....	Forest City do	38.	
"	WM. TAYLOR.....	Industry do do	25.	
"	THOS. REYNOLDS.....	Brock do do	9.	
"	W. FITZSIMMONS.....	Brock do do	9.	
"	WM. HEDLEY.....	Rose do do	28.	
"	JAMES HENRY.....	Chatham do do	29.	
"	EDWARD LONG.....	St. Marys do do	36.	
"	— WESTLAND.....	Eureka do do	30.	

Your Committee find trifling informalities in some of the credentials, but deem them of no importance. They find that Rep. Hedley, of Rose Lodge 28, is without his credentials, the same having been lost or mislaid,

but are satisfied that he has been duly elected and entitled to a seat here. Samaritan, Morpeth and Ontario Lodges are as yet unrepresented.

Your Committee would express the great pleasure they feel in being able to report so full a representation at this, the third annual communication of the Grand Lodge, indicating as it does the steady march, increasing prosperity, and future success of the noble order, of which this Grand Lodge is as yet a young, and, comparatively speaking, feeble branch.

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. VAN BROCKLIN; P. G.

C. YALE, P. G.,

GEO. W. MORGAN, P. G.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Van Brocklin, the report was adopted.

The following Past Grands presented certificates of their being entitled to membership, and were accordingly admitted and received, viz.:

P. G. GEO. VAREY.....	Gore Lodge,	No. 34.
" ST. GEO. CAULFIELD.....	Elgin do	do 32.
" W. A. GLOVER.....	Erie do	do 33.
" G. H. DENNISON.....	Union do	do 16.
" JOHN CHAPIN.....	Union do	do 16.
" W. SMITH.....	Eureka do	do 38.

A quorum being present:

The Grand Master, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. St. George Caulfield, Grand Chaplain; Rep. W. A. Glover, Grand Warden; and P. Rep. Henry Mears, Grand Marshall, *pro tem.*, which being done, the R. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer having been offered up by P. G. the Rev. St. George Caulfield, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*

The Grand Master announced the following Committees, viz. :

On the State of the Order—Reps. Bradway, Mears and Glover.

Lodge Returns—Reps. Henry, Westland and Hedley.

Finance—Reps. Fitzsimmons and Taylor.

Laws of Subordinates—Reps. Van Brocklin, Yale and Cameron.

Appeals—Reps. Van Brocklin, Yale and Fitzsimmons.

On motion of Grand Secretary Cameron, seconded by Grand Treasurer Fitzsimmons, all communications and papers apertaining to the business of the said committees respectively, were referred to them, to enable them to report.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two O'Clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met.

The Grand Master presiding, and the same Officers and Representatives present, and Rep. Dixon, of Ontario Lodge, and Morrison of Samaritan Lodge, having entered and presented their credentials, took their seats.

The R. W. Grand Master then delivered the following Annual Address and Report :

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN :

Once more we have the privilege of assembling together as Representatives of the Lodges of the Order, in Canada West ; banded together by links which hold us by none other than a moral force ; associated in a common cause of philanthropy ; armed with no other weapons but such as should be in the hands of every good subject and every Christian man. Our little community consisted a twelvemonth ago of 12 Lodges and 603 members ; our labours have been blessed with a good increase ; while we have been under the necessity of lopping off many useless and decayed members, the parent stock has been strengthened by the addition of timber of a better growth. We now number 15 Lodges and 738 members in good standing. In recording the removal of several from our ranks for their own carelessness ; and a few who proved themselves recreant to their duty and unworthy of a seat within our councils, we have, with thankfulness to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift, to report that of those who met

with us in solemn deliberation this time last year, but one has been called to the dread bar of judgement. P. G. Osborne, of Union Lodge, St. Catherines, whose zeal for the advancement of the great work in which we are engaged was unflinching, whose great pleasure it was at all times to obey the commands of our order, has been called from our midst. "Within our jurisdiction," says the worthy brother who reports to me this bereavement, "we have lost a bright example of unswerving fidelity and attachment to our noble Institution and its heaven-born principles." His relations and friends have our sincere sympathy; we trust that their loss is his eternal gain; that he has his reward in the mansions of eternal bliss.

It is also my painful duty to announce to you the decease of another highly respected brother, who though not living within our jurisdiction was always considered one of our very selves. He was one of the little band who united with and counselled me cordially in the movement to which we owe our present existence as a Grand Lodge. P. G. T. McClaren of Quebec, perished in the late heartrending steamboat disaster—one of the victims of the sad mismanagement of the ill-fated *Montreal*. Brother McClaren struggled manfully to keep alive the small remaining flame of Odd Fellowship flickering in Canada East; but I am sorry to add, without the success which his exertions merited. A few days before his sad end he wrote me, "although envy is a sin, I feel almost inclined to commit it, when I see the position you occupy in respect to our beloved Order; your circular calling the meeting of the Grand Lodge at London, has caused me some pain as it arrived at a time when we were about committing suicide, and by the time your meeting is held we shall be no more. The skill of one physician has kept the Order alive in Canada West, but I fear it would require half a dozen such to resuscitate it in Canada East." We hope he was spared the pain of seeing the last Lodge in his jurisdiction broker up and the funds divided as was contemplated—a measure which he had for a long time, contended against almost single-handed. I cannot refrain from transcribing the words of the Quebec paper which brought me the notice of his melancholy death: "He was a man who proved by his example that intellect can elevate and Christianity soften the rigor of any office, who brought to the management of a jail an amount of judgement, sagacity, resolute intrepidity, and the power of methodical management, which might have sufficed for the command of a fleet or the generalship of an army." I may only add that his remains were followed to their last resting place by the principal citizens of Quebec, and by what would more than anything else have been a gratification to him, the children of St. Peter's School of which he was the superintendent. It is recorded "inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these little ones, ye did it unto me." His fidelity to his trust has verily not been without its reward.

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to appear at Baltimore as your representatives to the Grand Lodge, U. S., that I was unable to thank our brethren for their many acts of kind consideration towards us. The proceedings of this communication are in your hands and you will observe that our interests were not left unprotected. You are I dare say aware that although I could not from pressure of professional engagements leave home, as strong a representation as possible was made for the remission of the claim against us by the G. L., U. S. The application at first was unsuccessful, but upon reconsideration by the committee; through the kind offices of the R. W. G. Secretary, B. Ridgely, whose name is dear to us all, and especially to those who have the high privilege of his acquaintance, all that we asked was granted, our representation of the case was sufficient to satisfy those who were adverse to our petition. The question in which some of you expressed a strong interest at our last meeting, the merger of the Encampment order has not yet been settled. It is too long a subject to enter upon, but I am happy to tell you that the growing desire to satisfy the requirements of the Order in this respect is likely to meet with a generous response from all parties. I must not now omit to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt from the various Grand Lodges of the Union, of copies of their proceedings in the past year, and at the same time to apologise to them for not returning the compliment to all who so favored us. Most of these documents are replete with matter of the deepest interest and instruction, and I trust the several Grand bodies will excuse us for exercising a rigid economy in our management, putting up with the inconvenience of not having appropriate regalia and jewels for our Grand Lodge, in preference to incurring a debt upon the head of our successors. We hope that this explanation will be accepted, and that we may be found to have engraven in our hearts the stern realities of which these emblems and symbols speak so plainly to the external senses.

Much exertion has been made for the advancement of the Order in the western section of the Province by our worthy D. D. G. Masters. I have looked in vain for some sign for good in the East, but the cloud is yet "no bigger than a man's hand." Three new Lodges have been opened whose names will be found in our Report—the one at Mt. Vernon, instituted by the D. G. Master and Grand Secretary, the Lodge at St. Mary's, and the very promising Lodge, taking the name "Forest City," by our highly respected and energetic Brother Bissell, who I am proud to say yields to no one in zeal for the cause in which we are laboring. I am happy to lay before you Reports from our Deputies Van Brocklin, Bissell, Henry and Claris, with the hope that others will be stimulated by their good example—will be prompted to go and do likewise. While upon this subject allow me to suggest to you the propriety of sending an officer of this Grand Lodge to the several Towns where Lodges formerly existed or where new ones

are likely to be formed, imparting necessary information, stirring up our Brethren to renewed exertion, collecting the scattered properties of the order, and inducing the Lodges in good standing to work uniformly. I endeavored but in vain to procure the services of an efficient visitor for the Lodges since last session. A system of proselytizing is at all times to be deprecated, but at the same time it must be admitted that by judicious visitation of the kind I refer to, much good would undoubtedly accrue to the order. There was an appeal case of some importance from one of the Lodges, which I intended to submit for your adjudication, but as the party has since been expelled from the order and is consequently beyond our control, it will be unnecessary to lay the matter before you or take up your time. I have had a good many decisions to make since last session, and have endeavored as far as possible to be guided by the laws of the Grand Lodge, U. S. Among others I decided that when the fact of a candidate's predisposition to ill health or his liability in any way to become a burden to the Lodge, is discovered between the time of his election and the time of initiation, the Lodge, is at liberty and will be justified in refusing him admission. I also rule that a P. G. depositing his card in a Lodge is entitled to his rank in that Lodge, but is otherwise governed by the local By-laws. The name under which the dispensation for a Lodge at Mt. Vernon was granted was Kirby Lodge, but upon a petition of the members and with the advice of the D. G. M. Van Brooklin, it has been changed to Imperial Lodge No. 37. I am very happy to notice that through the exertions of our worthy Bro. D. D. G. M. Claris, the ladies of St. Thomas have shown an interest in our order, and a goodly number have received the degree of Rebecca. It is pleasing to notice the advancement of this branch of the order. Wherever the influence of woman is exerted in a labor of love good must result.

" Her freedom spreads unféver'd and serene,
And sovereign man can condescend to see
The throne and laws more sovereign still than he."

It is in the day of affliction—it is in the hour of adversity, when the false friends of the world frown instead of fawning upon us as they are wont to do in the sunshine of our prosperity, that woman's true nobleness of heart is felt—woman's cheering council is given. What greater blessing can there be than the embodiment of

" A perfect woman, nobly plann'd,
To warn, to comfort and command ;
And yet a spirit still and bright
With something of an angel light."

There are several matters which will engage your consideration at this

session and I trust that they will meet with free and fair discussion. If anything should occur in which my little experience can be made available for the general good, freely as I have received information from others, am I as freely disposed to impart it. I have to thank the officers of the Grand Lodge who have so kindly co-operated with me in the work, and to express the sincere hope that my successor may be equally well supported. Ours is a cause to which the energies we are possessed of, should most unre- servedly be devoted. It gives us free scope for the exercise of principles founded upon justice to ourselves and our fellow men. We claim no prominent place—we say not “stand off, we are holier than thou;” but we do say that if we have attained to “light and liberty” we are the more responsible for it. We ask others to examine our fellowship, and if they see aught of good in it to follow our example. To our own members we say be not weary in well-doing—be not satisfied in having filled the chairs of your Lodge; the command of your order is still binding upon you—the purpose for which the Order was Instituted never dies—persevere then in the good cause while this earthly tenement incases the brighter spirit within!

“Eadure and shrink not, we of nobler clay,
May temper it to bear, 'tis but for a day.”

London, C. W., 5th August, 1857.

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REPORT

OF
Thos. Reynolds, M. D., Grand Master Grand Lodge, C. W. for the year ending 30th June, 1857.

NAME.	No.	Initiation.	Admitted by Cards.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deceased.	Degrees Conferred.	Men's in good standing.	Widows.	Amount paid sick benefits.			Funeral Benefits.			Widows' and Orphan's Fund.			General Fund.			Percentage to Grand Lodge.			WHERE SITUATED.	WHEN INSTITUTED.	REMARKS.
												£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Brock	9	5	1	1				18	62	1	14	15	0	240	5	6	42	16	0	9	5	0	Brockville..	5 March, 1846	Maintains its good stand- [ing.]				
Union	16	9	3	1	1			33	46	9	14	15	0	70	13	0	82	10	8	5	15	2	obourg...	do	1846	Vigorous & well worked.			
Industry	25	4	2	1	1			22	10	9	7	10	0	30	0	0	65	13	3	13	15	3	St. Cath'ns.	17 do	1846	Largest Lodge in Prov.			
Rose	28	7	2	1	1			23	28	3	2	0	0	32	4	8	48	12	11	6	10	0	Amherstb'k.	13 June, 1854	Advancing slowly. [rept.]				
Chatham	29	10	2	2	1			25	85	1	10	0	0	9	13	8	25	17	9	6	1	7	Chatham..	do	1854	Management very satisfac- [ing.]			
Eureka	30	13	1	7	11	2		30	44	10	0	0	0	210	9	5	111	15	7	10	4	5	London...	2 Feb., 1854	A good Lodge. [oury.]				
Morpeth	31	0	1	1	1			20	20	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	22	10	0	0	0	0	Morpeth...	Feb., 1854	Deficient in last return.				
Erin	33	12	1	1	1			25	57	1	20	10	0	81	11	6	181	15	3	7	15	3	St. Thomas.	3 May, 1854	Rebecca degress conf'd				
Gore	34	31	1	1	1			103	79	1	7	10	0	31	0	0	102	0	0	7	7	2	Pt. Burwell.	6 Oct., 1854	Valuable ally in the cause				
Samastax	35	31	1	1	1			137	54	1	3	15	0	150	11	4	13	14	10	7	2	0	Bramford...	30 Dec., 1856	One of the best Lodges in				
St. Mary's	36	25	1	3	1			80	26	1	5	6	0	0	12	6	50	0	0	0	0	0	St. Mary's.	6 Nov., 1856	Nearly getting into the cause				
Imperial	37	9	1	1	1			3	15	1	0	0	0	7	6	5	12	18	3	1	9	8	Mt. Vernon.	9 Jan., 1857	New Lodge but promise'd				
Forest City	38	18	4	1	1			24	28	1	0	0	0	5	6	3	6	4	4	6	8	9	London...	9 Feb., 1857	Made a good commence- [ment.]				
		200	12	22	35	39	7	2,649	733	10	180	5	0	13,300	13	6	1,992	6	10	114	18	6							

The Grand Secretary then submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

It has been the commendable custom and practice of those who have been appointed to fill a similar office to the one which you at your last Annual Communication did me the honor (much against my wish, for reasons which I then expressed,) to confer upon me, to lay before the Grand body in which they may have held the office, a detailed report or statement of the manner in which they may have discharged the duties thereof during their respective incumbencies, and I have observed that many of these Reports are the result of much, and oftentimes great labour and consideration.

It has, however, been my good fortune to have been so honored under and during the administration of one, I mean the honored originator and founder of your noble institution in this section of the Province, who has watched over its every interest, and been unto it a nursing father from its birth up to the present cheering, gratifying, and (as I hope from the bottom of my heart it may prove) auspicious moment, that I have had little or nothing to do, indeed, he feels such a paternal regard and solicitude for all its interests, both physical and mental, as to be unwilling to trust even the least of them in the hands of any of his subordinates without his supervision; and while those interests have been thus better promoted and protected, the labour of his subordinates has been rendered comparatively light and easy, and, therefore, I, as one of them, have very little to say on this occasion, indeed nothing, unless it is by way of apology.

When I accepted the post assigned me, I did it most reluctantly, fearing, as I did at the time, and as I then stated to you, that my official and professional duties were likely to be such as to render it out of my power to discharge those which would necessarily devolve upon me by its acceptance in a manner worthy of their importance, and my fears have been more than realized, as I feel that I have come far short of my duty in many if not in every respect.

I am consoled, however, in the reflection, that the great interests of our beloved and heaven-born institution, under a good and all-wise Providence, in the hands of our noble, most excellent, and highly esteemed Grand Master, have not suffered in any manner, but contrariwise have been promoted beyond anything we could have anticipated under all circumstances, and such being the case, I can and do with some degree of confidence throw myself upon your kind and fraternal indulgence for all my short comings, and sins of commission and omission, since I was honored with the office which I now surrender up to your hands.

A statement of any financial matters that may have passed through my hands will be duly laid before you, and all books, papers, documents, and other things appertaining to, or belonging to the office will be handed over to my successor.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JNO. CAMERON,
Grand Secretary, G. L. C. W.

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
London, C. W., August 5th, 1857. }

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Perley, the very able and eloquent Annual Address and Report of the R. W. Grand Master, delivered this day were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to which was added the names of Reps. Yale and Van Brocklin.

On motion of Rep. Van Brocklin, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, the Report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Westland, so much of the annual address of the Grand Master as refers to the very melancholy death of that most worthy and justly esteemed and now lamented brother P. G. McClaren, of Canada East, was referred to a Committee consisting of Reps. Van Brocklin, Yale, Mears, Glover, and Bradway, to report thereon.

On motion of Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, the Grand Lodge was closed in its degree, and opened in the Scarlet for the transaction of business, to enable brethren of that degree to be present and witness its proceedings.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Van Brocklin, it was ordered that the R. W. Grand Master do endeavour to obtain an appropriate and suitable design for a charter for Lodges in this jurisdiction, and submit the same at the next session.

Rep. Dixon having read a letter from Ontario Lodge, asking that the next session of the Grand Lodge might be held at Cobourg; on motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Van Brocklin, the same was ordered

to lie on the table until after the election of Grand Officers.

The R. W. Grand Master and Treasurer, having submitted their Financial statement of the Grand Lodge for the past year: On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Yale, the same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge feels most painfully and acutely the great loss which it and the Order generally have sustained in the inscrutable decree of an All-wise Providence, which in its wisdom has called from labour to reward, our departed and deeply lamented Brother, Representative William Osborne, of Union Lodge, No. 16; that in his unexpected death we feel that our beloved Institution has lost a bright example of unswerving fidelity and attachment to its noble and heaven-born principles, and this Grand body, of which he was a most worthy and truly exemplary member, deeply deploring and lamenting the loss which it has thus been called upon to endure, would convey to Union Lodge and the bereaved and afflicted widow and fatherless children of that departed and lamented Brother its sincere, deep, and heartfelt sympathy for the great and irreparable bereavement which, in the dispensations of Providence, they have been called upon to suffer. With him,

“Life's labor's done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like twilight hues when the bright sun has set.”

Resolved,—That a copy of the above Resolution, and of the Grand Master's Annual Address, in which the melancholy event is so beautifully and appropriately brought under our notice, be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Noble Grand of Union Lodge, of which he was a distinguished Member, to be by that Officer delivered to his bereaved and afflicted widow and family, to be by them preserved as an expression of the high estimation in which he was held by this Grand body, of which he was a bright ornament and most exemplary Member.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the same were ordered to be carried into effect.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, }
London, 5th August, 1857. }

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the financial matters of the lodge, beg leave to report that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's bonds, and find that they are duly executed to the Grand Lodge; they have also carefully examined the Report of the Grand Treasurer, and the vouchers accompanying the same, and find them correct, showing a balance on hand of £120 1s. 8d. They have also to congratulate the Lodge upon the economical financial management of the past year, and are happy to hear from the Grand Master, that the Lodge will be in a position to defray half the expenses of the present meeting, which proposition they cordially recommend for the action of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, seconded by Rep. Perley, the same was adopted.

The Committee on Official Returns submitted the following report :

LODGE ROOM, LONDON, C. W.,
August 5th, 1857.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Your Committee appointed to report on the Official Returns from subordinate Lodges, most respectfully report :

That having carefully examined the said returns, they find that through error and misapprehension of the heading of said returns, many inaccuracies have occurred therein, and would draw the attention of Secretaries to one especial fact, which will prevent many errors in returns, viz., that the word "Dues," means only such portion of dues as is placed to the credit of the "General Fund," omitting under that head all monies placed to the credit of the Widow and Orphan's Fund, and would further direct your attention to the following notes on each report :

Brock Lodge, No. 9, Report for 30th June, 1857—The per centage due Grand Lodge should be 1s. 6d. c'y. more than is stated.

Ontario Lodge, No. 12—Return not signed by the proper Noble Grand.

Union Lodge, No. 16—Return incorrect as to number of members in good standing.

Return, 31st December, 1856, state, Members good..	103
Do 30th June, 1857, states, admitted.....	10

Making	113
Return 30th June, 1857, states, Suspended, expelled and deceased	33

Real number of good members	80
Return states it to be.....	109

We also find they return the per centage as £6 10s., when it should really be £5 5s.—being £1 5s. overpaid.

Industry, No. 25—Correct.

Rose Lodge, No. 28—Return 85 members good, whereas it should be only 42.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29—Perfectly correct.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30—Return 44 good; should be 36.

Morpeth Lodge, No. 31—No report since 31st December, 1856.

Elgin Lodge, No. 32—Correct.

Erie Lodge, No. 33—Return 56 good members, should be only 54.

Gore Lodge, No. 34—Return 79 good members, should be only 63; also, per centage in report 30th June, 1857, is only \$29 13, should be \$36 70—leaving a balance due by Gore Lodge, of \$7 57.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35—Returns 54 good; should be 71.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36—Overpaid 70 cents.

Imperial Lodge, No. 37—Correct.

Forest City Lodge, No. 38—Correct.

Your Committee would further strongly recommend, that in future the Grand Secretary should, previous to the Grand Lodge meeting, examine the returns, and find what number of Delegates each Lodge is entitled to send, as by the returns as forwarded, some Lodges have entitled themselves to more delegates than the laws allow, and would further recommend that the reports of Lodges being incorrect, be returned to the various Lodges for correction.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

(Signed)

JAMES HENRY,
JAMES WESTLAND,
WM. HEDLEY.

On motion of Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Henry, the same was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the very sudden and truly melancholy death of P. G. Brother McClaren, referred to in the Grand Master's address submitted its Report, as follows :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Grand Master's Annual Address, as relates to the melancholy death of P. G. McClaren, of Québec, beg leave to report the following resolutions.

Whereas, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death P. G. Brother McClaren, of Canada East,

Be it therefore *Resolved*—That the Representatives of the various lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, now in Grand Lodge assembled, while we must deeply deplore the great loss which has thus been sustained by the brotherhood generally, we would especially sympathize with the jurisdiction of Canada East, in which the Grand Master truly says, that lamented brother "struggled manfully to keep alive the small remaining flame of Odd Fellowship flickering there," and we feel that our noble Order has lost in our departed brother a bright and illustrious example of unswerving love and attachment to its great and heaven-born principles, one who for a long series of years had toiled and labored without ceasing, under most adverse and dispiriting circumstances, that it should have "a local habitation and a name" in Canada East, and who remained its constant and abiding friend to the last moment of his useful and exemplary life, and we entertain and would express the hope that his remaining brethren in that jurisdiction, and indeed throughout the world may emulate his private virtues, and be animated by the same love, fidelity and attachment for our noble Institution and its great principles, which characterized his whole connexion with it, convinced as we are, that such a noble course, faithfully followed, would place our Order in that position in the world, which every friend of man and true Odd Fellow should like to see, and strive to make it occupy.

Resolved—That in testimony of our profound respect and esteem for the memory of our lamented brother, and of our heartfelt sympathy for his bereaved widow and children, these resolutions be entered upon the journals of this Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof transmitted to his afflicted family.

GEO. D. BRADWAY,
HENRY MEARS,
W. A. GLOVER,
B. F. VAN BROCKLIN,
C. YALE.

On motion of Rep. Van Brocklin, seconded by Rep. Bradway, the said report was adopted and ordered to be carried into effect.

At 6 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment—The R. W. Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master laid before the lodge Reports from D. D. G. Masters Van Brocklin, Claris, Bissell, Henry and Mears, relating to the affairs of the Order, within their respective Districts, during the past year.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, viz.:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodg of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following Report:

Your Committee, in looking over the Report of our Worthy Grand Master, and the different District Deputies under him, find much that is encouraging to all well wishers of our beloved Order.

In comparing the report of the Worthy Grand Master for the year ending the 30th of June 1857, with that of the previous year, we find that the order is steadily increasing in numbers as well as financial ability.

At the close of the year ending June 30th, 1856, we numbered within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge 605 members in good standing, with a Widows and Orphans' Fund of £1033, and a General Fund of £1223. At the close of the present year, we have the gratification of saying that we have 738 members in good standing, showing an increase of 133; with a Widows and Orphans' fund of £1330 13s. 6d., and a General Fund of £1592 6s. 10d. This, compared with the report of last year, cannot but be gratifying to every Odd Fellow, and is an earnest of what may be expected in the future, when the energies of the Order are fully developed, and we all engage as *one* man to spread the knowledge of its principles.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to take up each lodge in order to report on its standing and progress, and the usual matters contained in the Reports of the different District Deputies, as these have all been discussed in the very lucid and interesting report of the Right Worthy Grand Master.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge upon the different Representatives the necessity of renewed exertion in diffusing the principles of our order in the different localities to which they are about to return. They should remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," as well as the source of all success; that without exertion on their part, in connection with those of the brothers of the Order, Lodges will languish and finally become extinct. This state of things is to be deprecated; and can only be avoided by every Odd Fellow doing his duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. BRADWAY,
HENRY MEARS,
W. A. GLOVER,
B. F. VAN BROCKLIN,
C. YALE.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Taylor, the same was adopted.

The same Committee made a second report, as follows, viz.:

ODDFELLOWS HALL, LONDON,
August 5th, 1857.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to submit the following:

That this Grand Lodge do highly appreciate the able and efficient services of that Grand officer during the past year, and your Committee cannot let this opportunity pass without saying, that with the assistance of such Officers as your present Grand Secretary the prosperity of our order is certain, and it cannot fail of success, and that it is to be hoped that we may always have the advice of such Officers, and tendering him thanks for past services we feel that the interest of this Grand Lodge will be greatly enhanced by the re-election of that worthy Officer for another term.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. BRADWAY,
HENRY MEARS,
B. B. VAN BROCKLIN,
C. YALE,
W. A. GLOVER.

On motion of Rep. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Rep. Dixon, the said Report was adopted.

The Grand Master conferred the Past Officers degrees on all present duly accredited as entitled to receive the same.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Cameron, Rep. Parsons of the G. L. of Western New York being present, was required by the R. W. G. M. to assist in giving instruction in the secret work of the order, which assistance being kindly and fraternally extended and the secret work of the order being gone through and concluded,

The R. W. G. M. called upon the Representatives of the G. Lodge to elect its Grand Officers for the current year. Whereupon the following nominations were made, that is to say:

Rep. Dixon nominated the present R. W. G. M. for re-election.

" Bradway	do	Rep. Yale as Grand Master.
" do	do	" Morgan as D. G. Master.
" Dixon	do	" VanBrocklin do do.
" Bradway	do	" Westland as Grand Secretary.
" Dixon	do	" Cameron as do do
" VanBrocklin	do	" Fitzsimmons as Grand Treasurer.
" do	do	" Bradway as Grand Warden.

Rep. Bradway nominated Rep. Morrison as Grand Warden.
 " Morrison do " Glover as do do
 " Dixon do " Taylor as do do
 P. G. Caulfield do " VanBrocklin as Grand Representative.
 P. Rep. Laing do " Yale as do do
 Rep. Long do " Bradway as do do

The Grand Master having appointed the required number of Tellers, they proceeded with the ballot box to each Representative present for the election of Grand Officers from the nominations just made, and having received the various ballots upon those nominations as the law requires, they reported the final results as follows, viz :

FOR R. W. G. MASTER.—P. R. W. G. M. THOS. REYNOLDS,—
 Re-elected.

FOR R. W. D. G. MASTER.—Rep. GEO. W. MORGAN,—Elected.

FOR R. W. G. WARDEN.—Rep. JOHN MORRISON,—Elected.

FOR R. W. G. SECRETARY.—P. R. W. G. SECRETARY JOHN
 CAMERON,—Re-elected.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.—Rep. CHAUNCEY YALE—Elected.

These being on y one nominee for the Office of R. W. G. Treasurer, P.
 R. W. G. Treasurer Wm. Fitzsimmons was declared duly re-elected.

The next order of business being the installation of the Grand Officers elect,

The Deputy G. Master, Bela F. VanBrocklin presided; when the R.
 W. G. M. elect, Thos. Reynolds, M. D., was presented and duly installed
 according to ancient form in that high office.

The Deputy G. M. having vacated the chair and the newly installed G.
 Master having taken the same, he proceeded to install the following sub-
 ordinate Grand Officers, viz :

G. W. Morgan,.....	R. W. D. Grand Master.
John Morrison.....	" " Warden.
John Cameron,.....	" " Secretary.
Wm. Fitzsimmons,.....	" " Treasurer.
Chauncey Yale,.....	" " Representative.

After which he announced the following appointments, filling up the remaining Grand Lodge Officers, and they were duly installed, viz :

P. G. the Rev. St. George Caulfield,.....	Grand Chaplain.
Rep. Hiram Bell,.....	“ Conductor.
“ W. Bissell,.....	“ Guardian.

The R. W. G. Master, with the concurrence and approval of the Grand Lodge, then appointed the following Representatives, District Deputy Grand Masters, to take charge of the various Subordinate Lodges within their respective jurisdictions, for the current year, as follows, that is to say :

For Kent and Lambton,.....	P. G. James Henry,
“ Middlesex and Perth,.....	“ W. Bissell,
“ Elgin West,.....	“ Joseph Laing,
“ do East,.....	“ W. A. Glover,
“ Brant and Haldimand,.....	“ Jas. Woodyatt,
“ Lincoln and Welland,.....	“ Chauncey Yale,
“ Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro, and Victoria,.....	“ Anthony Dixon.
“ Leeds and Grenville,.....	“ Wm. Fitzsimmons.
“ Oxford,.....	“ John Morrison.
“ Huron and Bruce,.....	“ Edward Long.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Taylor, that it be Resolved
--That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it do stand adjourned to meet at
the Town of Cobourg, on the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1858.

It was moved in amendment by Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Van Brocklin, That this Grand Lodge do hold its next session at the Town of Brantford.

It was then also moved in amendment, by Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Bradway, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held at the Town of Chatham.

The G. M. having submitted the last amendment, and the same being lost; he submitted the first amendment, and the same being carried, the

original motion was also lost : So the next session of the Grand Lodge is to be held at the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in August next.

It now being past midnight, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again in the morning at 9 o'clock.

6TH AUGUST, 1857—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The R. W. Grand Master, compelled by urgent, important and unavoidable duties imperatively requiring his presence elsewhere, having taken his departure,

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master took the Chair, all the other officers and members being present.

Lodge opened in usual form. The reading of the minutes of yesterday having been dispensed with,

It was moved by Rep. Bradway, seconded by Rep. ———, That this Grand Lodge purchase for the use of its members one dozen sets of P. G.'s regalias, at a price not exceeding \$1 50 a set. The same being put, was lost.

Moved by Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Cameron, that this Grand Lodge pay its Representatives at the rate of five cents. per mile, and one dollar per diem, for attendance, and that the same be placed to the credit of the respective Lodges represented at the present session, such mileage to be computed according to railway distances, and the number of days allowed to be three.

Moved in amendment, by Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Bradway, That one half of the Delegates' expenses, as passed yesterday, be defined to be as follows, five cents per mile and three dollars for time.

The amendment, being put, was lost, and the original motion was carried.

On motion of Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Yale, this Grand Lodge recommends Gore Lodge No. 34 to refund the monies received by them for Initiation and Degrees from the Members of Imperial Lodge No. 37, the same having been done by other Lodges in like circumstances.

P. G. Laing gave notice, that at the next Session of the G. Lodge, a motion will be made to the effect that power may be vested in each Subordinate to appoint a Physician, whose duty it shall be to examine all Candidates for initiation, as to their general health, without a satisfactory certificate from whom, in that respect, they shall not be admitted, although in other respects worthy.

Rep. Westland gave notice of alteration, at next Grand Meeting, that Clause I, Sec. 2, Art. 2 be altered and defined fully, such alteration to be made as may be then deemed necessary.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Yale, it was unanimously *Resolved*—That a vote of thanks be, and the same is hereby tendered to the Officers and Brethren of Eureka and Forest City Lodges, Nos. 30 and 38.

for the use of their Lodge Room, and for the very great kindness and courtesy manifested by them to the Grand Lodge, during its present Session.

The business of this Session of the Grand Lodge having been brought to a close, it adjourned to meet again at the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D. 1858, in accordance with the Resolution of yesterday.

Attest:

JNO. CAMERON,
Grand Secretary, G. L. C. W.



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 OF THE
OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
 OF
CANADA WEST,
I. O. O. F.,
 AND OF THE
DISTRICT D. GRAND MASTERS
 OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION, VIZ.:

GRAND OFFICERS.

THOS. REYNOLDS, M. D, *M. W. Grand Master*,... Brockville.
 GEO. W. MORGAN, *R. W. Deputy Grand Master*,... St. Thomas.
 JOHN MORRISON, *R. W. Grand Warden*, Ingersoll.
 JOHN CAMERON, *R. W. Grand Secretary*,..... Brantford.
 WM. FITZSIMMONS, *R. W. Grand Treasurer*,.... Brockville.
 CHAUNCEY YALE, *R. W. Grand Representative*,.. St. Catharines.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

Rep. JAS. HENRY, (*Kent & Lambton*),..... Chatham.
 Rep. WM. BISSELL, (*Middlesex & Perth*),..... London.
 Rep. EDW'D. LONG, (*Huron & Bruce*),..... St. Mary's.
 Rep. W. A. GLOVER, (*East Elgin*),..... Port Burwell.
 P. G. JAS. WOODYATT, (*Brant & Haldimand*),... Brantford.
 Rep. CHAUNCEY YALE, (*Lincoln & Welland*), .. St. Catharines.
 Rep. WM. FITZSIMMONS, (*Leeds & Grenville*),... Brockville.
 Rep. JOHN MORRISON, (*Oxford*), Ingersoll.
 Rep. JOSEPH LAING, (*West Elgin*),..... St. Thomas.
 Rep. ANTHONY DIXON, (*Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro' & Victoria*), Cobourg.