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OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

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—ON—

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 12, 13 & 14th, 1884.

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BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY :

JOHN W. CARTER, - - - Toronto.

DIRECTORY OF LODGES.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Place of Meeting.	Name of Secretary.	Address.
Albion....	1	Toronto	2nd & 4th Wednesdays.	Philharmonic Hall, Adelaide st.	E. L. Barstow ..	39 Bell street, Toronto.
Middlesex ..	2	Toronto	Alternate Tuesdays, from January 1st.	Cor. Richmond & Bathurst sts.	T. R. Skippon ..	82 Baldwin street, Toronto.
Kent	3	Toronto	2nd & 4th Mondays	Philharmonic Hall, Adelaide st.	P. Rigby	106 Church street, Toronto.
Essex	4	Oshawa	Alternate Fridays, from January 26th.	Sons of England Hall	Thomas Martin ..	P. O. Oshawa.
Sussex	5	Whitby	Alternate Fridays, from January 4th.	Brock Street Hall	T. Dixon	Box 61, Whitby.
York	6	Toronto	Alternate Tuesdays, from February 5th.	Cor. Cameron and Queen streets.	J. Weeks	36 Markham street, Toronto.
Brighton	7	Toronto	1st & 3rd Fridays	Cor. Yonge and Albert streets ..	W. Pugh	31 Nelson street, Toronto.
Britannia	8	Hamilton	1st & 3rd Mondays	Foresters' Hall, James street	J. B. Buckingham	Foresters' Hall, James street Hamilton.
Old England }	9	Port Perry	Alternate Tuesdays, from January 8th.	Orange Hall	C. Hunt	Port Perry.
Somerset	10	Parkdale	2nd & 4th Thursdays ..	Somerset Hall	E. Crowhurst	P. O. Parkdale.
Surrey	11	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from January 7th.	Hinchliff's Hall	T. Cannon	212 College street, Toronto.

Victoria	12	Cornwall	Alternate Fridays, from January 11th.	Sons of England Hall	H. R. Nicholls ..	Canada Cotton Co., Cornwall.
Warwick ..	13	Toronto	2nd and 4th Thursdays.	William street, Yorkville	Hy. Amos	102 Scollard street, Toronto N
Manchester . }	14	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from January 14th.	Winchester Hall	W. Toms	215 Seaton street, Toronto.
Durham	15	Port Hope	2nd & 4th Wednesdays.	Sons of England Hall	W. H. Wright ..	P. O. Port Hope.
Rose of Africa.	16	Uitenhage	Alternate Mondays	Sons of England Hall	A. M. Spence	Uitenhage, South Africa.
Oxford	17	Belleville	1st & 3rd Wednesdays.	Temperance Hall	Hy. Tammadge ..	P. O. Belleville.
Chester	18	St. Thomas	Alternate Tuesday, from January 1st.	Foresters' Hall	P. R. Williams ..	Box 433 St. Thomas.
Wellington ..	19	Bowmanville ..	1st & 3rd Tuesdays ..	Foresters' Hall	M. A. James	P. O. Bowmanville.
Westminster ..	20	Lindsay	1st & 3rd Wednesday ..	Sons of England Hall	Joseph Ingles ..	P. O. Lindsay.
Port Elizabeth.	21	Port Elizabeth.	.....	.....	.....	Port Elizabeth.
Bedford	22	Woodstock	1st & 3rd Thursdays ..	Sons of England Hall	J. Lee	186 Woodstock.
Rs Couchiching	23	Orillia	Alternate Monday, from January 7th.	Sons of England Hall	W. H. Warren ..	Box 222 Orillia.
Trenton	24	Trenton .....	.....	.....	J. Richardson ..	P. O. Trenton.
Lansdowne	25	Peterborough ..	1st & 3rd Mondays	Orange Hall	Geo A. Milner ..	Brock street, Peterborough.
Royal Oak .. }	26	Galt	Alternate Wednesdays, from January 2nd.	Orange Hall	James Shepherd.	P. O. Galt.
St. George	27	.....	1st & 3rd Mondays	Price's Hall, Queen Street E..	J. Hall	199 Ontario street.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
GRAND LODGE
SONS OF ENGLAND
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

BELLEVILLE, February 12th, 1884.

The Ninth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society was opened in the Oddfellows Hall, Belleville, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 12th, at 2 p.m., the following Grand Lodge Officers were present:—J. W. Higginbotham, M. W. G. P.; J. Clayton, R. W. G. V. P.; B. Hinchcliff, R. W. G. T.; John W. Carter, R. W. G. Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened by the Most Worthy Grand President, Bro. Rev. E. W. Sibbald, acting Grand Chaplain.

The Grand President then appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—Bros. Skippon, Lomas, Partridge, Southcombe and Worth.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

BELLEVILLE, February 12th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Officers of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following brethren as legally appointed delegates to this Grand Lodge:

Lodge Albion, Bros. C. E. Smith and A. Partridge; Lodge Middlesex, Bros. T. R. Skippon and T. B. Heard; Lodge Kent,

Bros. A. Watkins and G. Haskings ; Lodge Essex, Bros. R. R. Southcombe and W. Allchine ; Lodge Sussex, Bros. J. R. Philp and G. Hall ; Lodge York, Bros. J. H. Venables and Jno. Mellon ; Lodge Brighton, Bros. J. G. Coleman and Dr. Pollard ; Lodge Britannia, Bros. T. Ham and C. O. Reeves ; Lodge Old England, Bros. W. Edmett and E. J. Wheeler ; Lodge Somerset, Bros. T. P. Worth and P. Peppratt ; Lodge Surrey, Bros. T. Cannon and B. Lowen ; Lodge Victoria, Bro. Jas. Hanson ; Lodge Warwick, Bros. T. A. Hastings and R. Slee ; Lodge Manchester, Bros. J. Lomas ; Lodge Durham, Bros. G. S. Edmunds and Josh. Brundreeth ; Lodge Oxford, Bros. R. C. Hulme and Dr. Tracy ; Lodge Westminster, Bros. H. Chester and J. Calvert ; Lodge Rose of Couchiching, Bro. G. Matthews ; Lodge Lansdowne, Bros. J. S. Hall and Mannell ; Lodge St. George, Bros. W. McCartney and Bickell.

The report was received and delegates took their seats.

Moved by Bro. Smith, seconded by Bro. Partridge,

“That the sessional hours of the Grand Lodge be from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m., and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.”—Carried.

Bro. H. Tammadge, Oxford Lodge, was appointed Assistant G. L. Secretary.

The minutes of last Grand Lodge meeting was received as read, and on motion of Bro. Skippon, seconded by Bro. Hastings, adopted and duly signed by the M. W. G. President.

The Grand President then appointed the following Committees :
Audit and Finance.—Bros. Edmett, Ham, Edmunds, Hauson and Matthews.

Correspondence.—Bros. Southcombe, Smith, Wheeler, Heard, Calvert, Mannell, Slee and I. S. Hall.

Constitutions and Laws.—Bros. Phelp, Hulme, Allchine, Brundreeth, Peppiatte, Reeves, Skippon and Cannon.

Insurance.—Bros. Dr. Tracey, Dr. Pollard, McCartney, Trebilcock, Haskings, Lomas, Chester, Skippon and Toms.

Appeals.—Bros. Brundreeth, Worth, Hanson, Heard, G. Hall, Slee and Bickell.

Widow and Orphans.—Bros. Chester, Partridge, Hastings, Mellon, Lowen, Bickell, Coleman and Heard.

Officers' Reports.—Bros. Venables, Southcombe, Brundreeth, Watkins and Wheeler.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., February 12th, 1884.

DEAR BRETHREN,—By the rapid progress of time, another year has passed away and you are again called upon as representatives of the different Lodges of our Order to deliberate upon the various questions which shall be brought before you, and to legislate and determine upon such a course for the future, as shall tend to the growth and upbuilding of our beloved Order, and to promote the interests of all its members.

I feel that in the past nine years of our existence as a Society, we have been, as it were, undergoing an experiment, and have been put to the test. Our enemies have reviled us, our friends have keenly criticised us, and even our own country men have sometimes differed from us, but here we are to-day, a *permanent institution*, needing no apology for our existence, but full of buoyancy and hope, with the brightest possible prospects before us, and the promise of a long career of usefulness.

The year just closing has been an unusual prosperous one, the number of our membership has considerably increased, and our financial resources have been largely augmented, whilst all of our varied interests seem to be in a healthy and hopeful condition, for which under the mercy of a Divine Providence we have reason to feel grateful.

Under such pleasing and favorable circumstances it is my privilege as your presiding officer to greet you and to heartily bid you welcome to this the Ninth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society.

Personally I can say this has been a year of deep interest to me. I have frequently enjoyed the pleasure of meeting you in the social festivities of anniversary occasions. I have watched with deep interest and profit, the earnestness, facility, and accuracy with which you have conducted the business of the lodge room. I have also been called upon to assist in the solemn duty of paying the last sad tribute of our Society, to those of our brethren

who have passed from earth away, and in all these duties I have been so aided and encouraged by my brethren everywhere, that no language of mine however eloquent could sufficiently express the thanks I desire to convey.

We have been called upon to mourn the loss by death of two of our distinguished Grand Lodge Officers, both of whom were honorable brethren, who gave promise of great usefulness and whose kindly counsel and cheering words will be missed by all, and whose lives we should all cheerfully strive to emulate. We all feel that when Bros. Rev. Dr. Clarke and Rev. H. J. Nott, passed away from earth, this Society lost two of its best men, others too have been called away, men who perhaps occupied a lowlier place in our Order and in the walks of life but whom we remember, with affection, and whose memory we will ever revere, all of which afflictions ever remind us who are left to follow, that

“There is a stream whose narrow tide
The known and unknown worlds divide,
Where all must go.”

During the year six new Lodges have been instituted, viz., at Woodstock, Orillia, Trenton, Peterborough, Galt and Toronto.

I have been called upon from time to time to decide upon a variety of questions arising in the different Lodges, and to place a construction upon various clauses in our Constitution and By-laws, and in a few cases to decide differences existing between members, and to answer voluminous correspondence from all quarters, upon a multitude of technical questions, and it affords me no small degree of satisfaction to find that, thus far, there has been but one appeal entered against any ruling that I have given.

Early in April, after duly receiving tenders, I instructed the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to order five hundred members' certificates from a firm in the city of Hamilton. The design and workmanship I think were well executed and seem to have been satisfactory to all as they were readily taken up by our members, and were a source of profit to the Grand Lodge. I also in this connection, instructed the Right Worthy Grand Secretary not to issue them directly to members but to place them in the hands of subordinate Lodge Secretaries for disposal.

During the year we have introduced the New Ritual of the Second or White Rose Degree. I have carefully watched its workings and have gathered information from all sources, both *pro* and *con*, and I have become convinced, that where it has been heartily entered into, with a Lodge fully equipped for the work, it has proven itself to be not only more solemn and impressive in its character than the old, but of immensely greater value to its members.

At the request of the members of Marlborough Lodge, I granted permission for them to change the name to that of Bedford Lodge, for reasons stated in their application.

I have also carefully considered and perused the new By-laws of Albion, Brighton, and Kent Lodges, and, having found them in strict conformity with our Constitution, have approved of and sanctioned the same.

In December I had the pleasure of issuing a dispensation to Bro. Bland, of Brighton Lodge, giving him authority to organize Lodges, (under the approval of our Grand Lodge,) in Australia, and, we hope during the coming year, to hear of his success in that far off country in planting the standard of our Order.

There will be brought before your notice at this Session a scheme or plan of insurance known as the Sons of England Mutual Provident and Endowment Society, and whilst at this stage of the meeting, I will forbear to give an opinion, I would merely state that most, if not all the Lodges, are looking forward with deep concern and anxiety to your decision in this very important matter.

Brethren, I might enter into many more details as to the work of the year, but they will all be found in the more minute report of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and I will therefore leave the rest in his hands.

I ask your forbearance and indulgence, whilst I occupy this chair, and as I cannot undertake any further duties in an official capacity for the coming year, I trust that some other more capable will be selected by you to fill the arduous but honorable position of Most Worthy Grand President.

But I cannot close this somewhat rambling report without thanking with all the feeling of which I am capable, my colleagues in office. We have worked together harmoniously and pleasantly, they have always responded to any demands I have been obliged to make upon them, cheerfully and with promptness. Our R. W. Grand Secretary, especially, has been willing to sacrifice his own time and interests, ever and always, to serve you, and I would suggest here and now, that owing to the increased amount of work our growing institution demands, we seriously consider the advisability of considerably increasing the salary of the last named official.

Now, my dear brethren, I have placed before you a partial resume of my work and some of the thoughts I would suggest, and trust that this Session of our Grand Lodge will be harmonious and profitable under the blessing of God, to all interested in the growth and success of our cause.

I remain,

Yours in fidelity,

JNO. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,

M. W. Grand President S. O. E. B. S.

Moved by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Dr. Pollard, that the address be received and referred to Committee on officers reports.—Carried.

GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BELLEVILLE, February 12th, 1884.

To the R. W. G. President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, S. O. E. B. S.

BRETHREN,—In presenting to you this the first G. V. P.'s Report that has ever been brought in at our annual gatherings. I do so without diffidence on my part, knowing full well that any short comings on my part will be kindly looked over, as they will be faults of the head and not of the heart.

As we look back through the past year to our meeting in Grand Lodge at Toronto, we cannot but note with sorrow that two of our brethren who were elected to offices of Grand and Deputy Grand Chaplains respectively. I refer to Rev. Bro. Clarke, of this city, and Rev. Bro. Nott, of Bowmanville, have been taken from our midst to swell the ranks of the Grand Lodge above. During the past year six new lodges have been opened in Ontario, of which I have signed the Charter of two, and had the pleasure with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, of opening and installing the officers of the Rose of Couchiching Lodge, Orillia.

I have visited during the year the following Lodges, viz :—Albion, Middlesex, Kent, Brighton, Somerset, Surrey, and Warwick, in Toronto ; Britannia, Hamilton ; Victoria, Cornwall ; Chester, St. Thomas ; and Bedford, Woodstock.

The whole of whom I saw doing the work of the Lodge with a uniformity that deserves credit especially to those Lodges outside Toronto, isolated as they are in some cases even from visiting brethren.

On the 24th of last May, I went by invitation from the Sons of St. George in Buffalo, to a banquet held in honor of our beloved Queen's birthday, and the hearty welcome they gave me as representing this grand body, and the sentiments expressed there and since, I hope in unison with them that Englishmen on this continent will soon be brought together in one great bond of brotherhood. At the annual day of both St. George's and St. Andrew's Society, also at the meeting of the High Court of Foresters. I was invited to be present as your Grand Vice President.

I have attended every meeting of the Executive to which I have been

summoned, except the one in April last when I had but little notice and had already accepted the invitation of the St. George's Society.

I am sorry, and for my part do apologize for not doing all we promised to do. At the last meeting of the Executive, I was at in last September, we promised to get up in a short and concise way that portion of our constitution showing the privileges and benefits that our countrymen would get by joining with us, it was to be got up for free distribution among our friends and fellow workmen, thereby saving money, by not having to give away constitutions to every one applying to us if they think of joining with us, hoping that our gathering here and the work that will be done will be for the good of the whole Order.

I remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN CLAYTON,

G. V. P. S. O. E. B. S.

Moved by Bro. Skippon, seconded by Bro. Reeves, that the address be received and referred to Committee on officers reports.—
Carried.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, February 12th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, S. O. E. B. S.

BRETHREN,—I have great pleasure in once more having the honor of standing before you as your Treasurer, and submitting to your notice my report for the past year, which I am pleased to say is a great improvement on the year preceding. During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary the sum of \$1,107.97, and with the balance I had on hand of the preceding year of \$47.43, makes a total of \$1,155.40. I have received orders from the Grand Secretary for the payment of bills amounting to \$1005.97, which, after duly paying, I am pleased to tell you leaves me with a balance of \$149.43. Trusting that the Order may still continue to prosper, and thanking you sincerely for the kind manner in which you have received me on every occasion, and hoping I have filled my office as Grand Treasurer to the satisfaction of all, which I have endeavored to do to the best of my ability.

I will remain, brethren, yours fraternally,

BENJ. HINCHCLIFFE,

Grand Treasurer S. O. E.

Moved by Bro. Cannon, seconded by Bro. Hulme, that the report be received and referred to Committee on officers reports.—Carried.

The Grand Secretary then read his annual report and financial statement.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., February 12th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society:

In conformity to the Constitution, and with much pleasure, I beg to submit this my third annual report and financial statement, with statistics compiled from the returns of the various Lodges for the past year, together with receipts from all sources, and a balance sheet to February 1st, 1884, copies of which are printed and distributed among the several representatives to this Board. Immediately after the close of last Grand Lodge Session, by request of the Grand President, I solicited tenders for printing the Grand Lodge proceedings, said tenders will be laid upon the table. In this connection I beg to remark, that while the reports were prepared with the greatest possible dispatch, and the price fixed so much lower than the preceeding year, still there seemed to prevail a general disinclination to purchase said reports, owing, I believe, more to the lack of interest of the officers than the members, as an example, one Lodge with over a hundred members took ten copies, some other Lodges would not take any, on the other hand, several Lodges through the efforts of the officers, disposed of a large number, while I have to report a deficit of some seventeen dollars in this connection, still I am confident that a vast amount of good is accomplished in the circulation of these reports, copies of which find their way to different parts of the world. Several has been sent to England, Africa, Australia, British Columbia, Manitoba, and a number distributed through Ontario and Quebec, the good results from which it is imposible at present to determine, and in consideration of the importance of these official reports, I again suggest to this honorable body, the desirability of having the proceedings of this Session printed for distribution.

In accordance with recommendation of Committee on Correspondence, see printed report, page 31, on the 20 of February. I instructed the agents of the American Express Company to return the goods sent to Winnipeg on the 10th of August, 1882, considerable delay in returning the goods was caused by the neglect of the company's servants, and it was not until after we had instructed Bro. Caddick to take legal steps to recover the same, that

we received them on the 16th of June, with a bill of seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents express charges and storage. On the 20th of June, I wrote to Mr. Thos. Robinson in the very kindest of terms respecting the matter, and charged him with the cost of the expenses, which he had in a former communication desired us to do. I am sorry to say he did not answer that communication, and I heard no more in reference to that matter. For copy of correspondence see letter book, folio 188. I desire upon this point to express my surprise, that an old and well know member of the Order, often a delegate to the Grand Lodge, should have allowed matters to go so far without giving us the fullest information and advice, I refer to Bro. G. Hodder, of Essex Lodge.

In connection with same report (viz. correspondence) I wrote to Bro. Williams, of Victoria Lodge, and referred him to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, and urged him to use all possible means to keep the Lodge together. This has been done with very great success as the statistics will show. For official correspondence see letter book "Fol." 618, 619.

In accordance with report of Committee on Suspensions and Appeals, page 27 printed proceedings, I wrote to Oxford Lodge informing them of the decision of the Grand Lodge on their appeal, and requested an early settlement. I am pleased to report the request was complied with without delay. I also wrote to Britannia Lodge in the same connection, and am pleased to say with the same results. For correspondence see folio 582, 583.

In compliance with resolution of Grand Lodge, see page 35 printed proceedings, Bro. Venables was presented with a Past Grand Jewel at a cost of \$35.

In compliance with resolution at last Grand Lodge session, see printed proceedings page 36, I prepared numerical and financial statistics of the lodges and had them printed with the Grand Lodge report.

In compliance with resolution of the Grand Lodge appointing a committee to draw up and obtain a suitable emblem for the Order. See printed proceedings, page 29. I instructed Bro. Mills in the matter, and requested him as convenor of the Committee, to report as early as possible, I beg to say that after considerable delay, a report was presented, together with a drawing, which had been unanimously adopted by the Committee. The same was forwarded to the Grand President, who, though approving of the report, thought it best to lay over for the sanction of the Grand Lodge, the report with the drawing submitted by the Committee will be laid upon the table.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Session, see printed proceedings, page 28. I forwarded to Bro. Dr. Clarke, R. W. G. Chaplain, a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, also expressed the sympathy of the same in his afflictions, for copy of correspondence see letter folio. 653.

In consequence of the adoption by the last Grand Lodge of the suggestion in the Grand Secretary's Report, for the publishing in pamphlet form the object and benefits of our Order, see printed proceedings, page 14. I wrote the Secretary of Brighton Lodge, asking for the copy which they had drawn up, with a view of submitting the same to the Executive Officers, although I wrote for that statement on the 31st of March, we did not receive it till the 10th of August, the same was however discussed by the Executive Officers, who left it in the hands of the Grand President to complete. I beg to report, that the Grand President after due consideration, thought it advisable to again refer the matter to this Grand Lodge. A copy of the report as drawn up by the Committee of Brighton Lodge, and submitted to the Executive, by request of the Grand President, will be laid on the table.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Session, see Record Book, page 90. I wrote the Secretary of each Lodge, instructing the destruction of the old Second Degree goods, and informed them officially of the change. I am sorry to report, that on account of considerable delay in obtaining the necessary Tracing Board, as required by the Ritual, the Second Degree in connection with the Lodges were left in a very unsatisfactory state, this, however, was remedied at the very earliest opportunity, and I have every reason to believe, that in every Lodge, everything is being carried on with some degree of success, though I cannot help thinking that officers are not properly instructed, and with a view of giving instruction, I have visited some Lodges, and the results I find to be favorable. In the matter of the Ritual, it was found that some mistake had occurred, and the Executive Officers after consulting with Past Grand President Venables, concluded to strike out certain words in the Ritual and substitute others, the same being left for your endorsement. I am sorry to remark in this connection, that there seems to be a general indisposition on the part of a large number of our initiatory members to take the Second Degree. I am sorry also to remark, that many of our officers in conducting the Second Degree work, are not so near up to the mark of proficiency as they might and ought to be, in some instances, the officers not being able to give the proper signs and symbols. I am thoroughly convinced that the uninteresting and apparently low condition of the Second Degree is owing chiefly to the apathy and indifference of many of our officials, these remarks do not apply to all. Some of our Lodges have their Second Degree in good working

order, and has already accomplished a great deal of good. I desire to suggest for the special benefit of our Second Degree Lodges, that certain meeting nights be set apart for special instruction, and that proper officers attend, and assist at these meetings, much good will then be accomplished.

By instructions from the Grand President, I obtained tenders for providing members certificates, and we succeeded in getting at very low rates 500 copies, which we have been able to sell to the Lodges at 25 cents each, being a very large reduction on the original price, which was \$1.25, the result of this transaction has proved beneficial to the Grand Lodge in particular, and the order generally. I regret that I am not yet in a position to report the remittance of the balance due from South Africa, nor am I in possession of any report from the Grand Lodge officer in that district, though I have no reason to doubt but that the same has been sent, and delayed on its transit, though I have not received any official report for the year 1883, I did receive on the 19th of April last year, what might be considered Bro. Spence's official report up to Dec. 1882, with that letter Bro. Spence sends two quarter'y returns, which, while it does not show much improvement, nevertheless proves that the efforts to keep their position is meeting with success, Bro. Spence acknowledges the honor conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge, and his efforts to establish Lodges in other places is a proof that confidence in him is not misplaced, unfortunately for the order, but far more so for Bro. Spence, his business establishment was burned down, and as a consequence other matters had to be laid aside for awhile, Bro. Spence's loss seems to have been considerable, the value of the machinery, costing in the neighborhood of £3000. Bro. Spence asks for your sympathy, and I am satisfied with myself that this Grand Lodge do truly feel that the unfortunate circumstance of Bro. Spence deserves the heartiest consideration of this Grand Lodge. Bro. Spence acknowledged the receipt of the goods sent for Port Elizabeth, and stated that by some means the invoice of the goods had been lost, and requested another copy, and that the amount should be forthcoming, you will be pleased also to learn that the amount for cap. tax up to December, 1882, was enclosed in the letter, in the shape of a post office order, which, on account of being payable in London, had to be sent there to be cashed, I forwarded Bro. Spence a receipt for the cash, also new invoice and statement of accounts, with the password for each quarter. For official correspondence with Bro. Spence, see Letter Book, fol. 649, 679, 722, 844, and 50 in the new Letter Book.

On the 9th of March, application being made for a new Lodge at Woodstock. The Grand President instructed me to go and institute the Lodge, which I did on the 5th, and with the assistance of Bros. Jones and Lee, of Chester Lodge, organized and dedicated Lodge Marlborough, No. 21, for

reasons contained in an application from the Lodge at a late date, the name of the Lodge was changed to Bedford by permission of the Grand President. Bro. Jones, of Chester Lodge, deserves special mention for his exertions in organizing the Lodge in this district.

On the 7th of July, application having been made for a new Lodge at Orillia, I was instructed by the Grand President to go with the Grand Vice-President and institute the Lodge. According to instructions I went on the 9th of July, and with the Grand Vice organized and dedicated Lodge Rose of Couchiching, No. 23, and duly installed their officers. A public reception was accorded your Grand Lodge officers, who were also received by the Mayor and prominent citizens of Orillia, with great favor. 2

On the 8th of July, I received instructions from the Grand President to go to Trenton and organize a new Lodge, which I did, and with the assistance of the President, and a large number of the officers and members of Oxford Lodge, Trenton Lodge was dedicated, not under the most favorable circumstances, that fact will, to a large extent, account for the unsatisfactory condition of the Lodge at the present time, though some hopes are yet entertained that in the near future such steps will be taken that will insure success. I respectfully urge that a committee of the members of Oxford Lodge, be appointed to investigate the circumstances in connection with Lodge Trenton, with a view of bringing it into full working order, and if necessary of suggesting some means of assistance. On the occasion of my going to Trenton, by request of the Grand President, I paid an official visit to Oxford Lodge, and desire to place on record, the excellent manner in which the business of the Lodge is conducted, and the spirit and energy of its officers and members. 3

Application having been made for a new Lodge at Peterborough, by instructions from the Grand President, who was at that time seriously ill, I went there on the 6th of August, and with the assistance of Bro. Mason, at that time President of Durham Lodge, Bro. Lloyd, Past President of Westminster, Bro. Wright, Past President of Durham, and a number of brethren from Durham and Westminster Lodges, organized and dedicated Lodge Lansdowne, No. 25, duly installed officers; your officer, with the visiting brethren, were received in the most loyal manner, the hospitalities of the town being shown with much enthusiasm. 4

On the 17th of October, formal application was made for a new Lodge at Galt, which was duly accepted, by instructions of the Grand President, and with the assistance of Bro. Jones, of Chester Lodge, and Bro. Walbourne, President, and a large number of the members of Bedford Lodge, we organized and dedicated Lodge Royal Oak, No. 26, this time, also under 5

very favorable circumstances. We were received in a manner befitting the occasion, I desire to make special mention of Bro. Thomas, an old member of Albion Lodge, and Bro. Besswick, an old member of Kent Lodge, to whose exertions the establishment of the Lodge is due, and to Bro. Jones, who left his business in St. Thomas for two or three days, to assist in the said work. While on this trip, by request of the Grand President, and an application from the members of Bedford Lodge, I went to Woodstock the following day and instituted the Second Degree to several of the officers, and instructed them in their work.

Application having been made for a new Lodge, in the south-eastern portion of the city of Toronto, on the 12th of November, through instructions received from the Grand President, I proceeded to organize and dedicate Lodge St. George, No 27. The Dedicatory Ceremony took place in the rooms of Kent Lodge, kindly lent for the occasion, on account of former Lodge room not being properly furnished. Several Grand Lodge officers, and a large number of brethren of the city Lodges, assisted at the dedication. Past Grand Presidents. Caddick and Mills, conducting the principle parts of the Ceremony. The officers were duly installed, and the Lodge promises to become a large and influential addition to the Order. It is with considerable satisfaction we report to your honorable body, that with the exception of Lodge Trenton, all the other Lodges organized during the past year, are making good and reasonable progress. We desire also to bear testimony to the kindly spirit and willingness of all our officers and members in assisting on the occasion of the opening of new Lodges. I am pleased to report in this connection, that the Lodges opened during the past year, have paid off their liabilities, thus commencing business without any burden or liabilities to carry over.

I desire in my report to call the attention of your honorable body to the necessity of holding out some inducement to the charter members of new Lodges, the vague wording of the Constitution on this point has led to some little difficulty, not so much in the city as in the out-lying districts where explanations of the Constitutions cannot be so readily given. Quite a large number read the Constitution to mean, that all charter members has to pay is just the proposition money, which is forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and afterwards returned to the Lodge. A large number on the other hand understand that charter members are all taken in at one payment, irrespective of age. I have experienced some little difficulty in this respect, and after some very careful consideration, am strongly of opinion, that with the view to encourage the formation of new Lodges, all charter members should they join the first night, ought to be admitted on the first scale, of payments, that is, providing they have not previously belonged to the Order,

and in places and districts where there are not already Lodges in existence. Many delegates to this present Session are fully aware of the fact, that larger and more extensive institutions than our own offers similar inducements, with the view of bringing the matter legally before your honorable body. I have given notice of this matter for the sessional papers, see motion (8,) Grand Secretary's motion. I regret to say that efforts to organize a Lodge in Brantford was not so successful. I believe there is a good opening for a Lodge. Bros. Jones and Lee of Chester Lodge, St. Thomas, used every effort to organize a Lodge, called a meeting of Englishmen there, and put themselves to considerable trouble and expense, with no results at present, though I believe the ground work is laid for a Lodge at no distant date. I have also communicated with London, with no apparent result. Bro. Clayton and Bro. Jones has also been in communication with parties in London, though we cannot expect many months to pass over without a Lodge being formed in London, still I do regret that up to the present time we have not been successful in inducing twelve Englishmen to join together to form a Lodge. We have two members in active connection with our Order living in London, one belonging to Albion Lodge, Bro. Fowler, and one to Surrey, Bro. Fairhead. I cannot possibly think they have a very lively interest in the institution, or they would work night and day to form a Lodge. I cannot lose sight of the fact, that London is one of the strongholds of Forestry, and as a large proportion of the members of the Order of Foresters are Englishmen, it should be comparatively easy to found a Lodge in connection with our institution. I have every reason however, to be hopeful that before long, we shall have a strong and prosperous Lodge in the city of London, Western Ontario. Efforts are being made in the other directions, both East and West of Toronto, and we trust at no distant day, to have to record another as successful a year for new Lodges as the one just closed, while on this point of my report I wish to say, that the rapid extension of our Order depends upon the undivided energy and support given to it by our officers and members, I say undivided specially for a purpose. My observations and experiences of the past year has led me seriously to consider how far it is consistent with the energetic and rapid extension of our Order, for a large number of our prominent officers and members being too closely allied and responsible for the extension of similar organizations. It is because I am so seriously impressed with this aspect of the question, that I venture to suggest to your honorable body, the absolute necessity of all our officers and members giving their undivided help and assistance in this direction for a few years longer, with a view of establishing beyond any doubt, this institution in certain security. It needs no demonstrative facts to prove, that you will do the most for that which you love the best, and I say it with very great regret, that

some of our members and even officers have slackened considerable of their energy in this Order to push the interests of other institutions. Brethren, without for one moment detracting from the importance of any kindred or sister institution, I maintain and am strongly convinced, that a grand united effort and determination on the part of our own officers and members would soon place us in the vanguard of all other societies. I state this as a fact that members of our Order who has been induced to join other societies by our own members, has before many months had passed been entirely lost to us. I trust your honorable body will feel called upon to express their opinion on so important a point, while on this subject I desire to call the attention of your honorable body to the very large increase of poor and unfortunate immigrants arriving in this country, and especially in the Province of Ontario. Many and terrible are the sufferings of hundreds of our own fellow countrymen, who are induced by the false and highly colored statements of unscrupulous agents, to come to this country during bad seasons of the year. Your Grand Secretary's office has over and again been sought out by many ill clothed and half-fed Englishmen, whose tale of sorrow and distress would make a stout man's heart give way. I ask this meeting of representatives to express their opinions in no uncertain sound upon this question, even if we could agree that these poor unfortunates should be brought here, there certainly should be none brought before the month of May, and none after the month of August in any year; but, brethren, from the facts and cases that come to my personal knowledge week after week, I have no hesitation in urging upon this meeting the desirability of petitioning the Dominion and Ontario Governments, praying them to stay their hands in this connection. I again state as a positive fact that numbers of Englishmen have applied to your Grand Secretary for assistance, even begging for bread. With the object of relieving to some extent the great distress among Englishmen, I have thought it necessary to suggest to this meeting of Grand Lodge delegates the advisability of recommending the establishing in the city of Toronto of a relief committee composed of one member of each Lodge, to meet once a week during the winter months, and once a month during the summer for the purpose of assisting poor and distressed members and others moving from place to place. For in addition to our own members, a large number are directed to your Secretary's office, under the impression that our Society is a charity institution and not a benefit society. I am, however, pleased to say that we have rendered some timely assistance to a few deserving cases.

I now desire to call your attention to another important matter, and ask for the approval of your honorable body to certain steps which has already been taken, and which must take place during the coming season, and

which will be a means of bringing the institution more prominently before the public than any previous event. I refer to the semi-centennial celebration which takes place in the city of Toronto during the month of June, and which will surpass any previous effort of the kind. As far back as a year ago. Bro. Venables, then Grand President, with myself, were invited to attend a meeting of representatives of all societies to act in concert in celebrating the 50 Anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Toronto. Things had not assumed any very definite shape at that time, consequently I did not feel it my duty to report, since then however, things has taken a most decided form, all societies similar to our own are actively engaged in preparing for a grand demonstration on that occasion. The Committee of Management has set apart a certain day during the week for the special parade of National and Benovolent Societies, and it is with the view of getting the institution well organized and prepared to take our proper place on that occasion, that I ask the sanction of the Grand Lodge now in Session, for any steps that the city Lodges with the assistance of all other Lodges, may deem it necessary to take for the proper representation of our Order, on the day set apart for that purpose. After a careful consideration of the matter, I have thought it advisable to suggest that a Committee of four from each Lodge, consisting of the President, Secretary, and two other members be appointed, to carry out the arrangements for our Society. No time must be lost. I respectfully ask the approval of this Grand Lodge in the matter. I propose to call two mass meetings of our members, one in the east and one in the west, and take immediate steps to organize the same, as hundreds and thousands of Englishmen will be visiting Toronto during that week. I suggest the greatest energy and spirit on the part of our officers and members, and we may reasonably expect a very large increase.

I desire to call your attention to matters more closely connected with the Order, and which shows to what extent the order has progressed during the past year. The printed statistics will prove I am convinced, interesting and valuable, and compiled as they are, with the very greatest care and accuracy, from the returns of the Lodges, give reliable information, though I must admit that some of the returns are not so complete as they might be. We have initiated during the past year, about 500 members, which is within four of the preceding year 1882. This is not so encouraging, considering that out of this number, seven new Lodges were dedicated, the number outside of these new Lodges being only 415, or 39 less than 1882. Middlesex stands first as having initiated most members, the number being 63, Oxford next with 45, Victoria 41, Albion 38, Kent 29, Warwick 26. The increase of members in good standing for the year is 264. There is an increase of three who are six months in arrears over the

preceding year, but an increase of 76 over the previous year, of those over six months in arrears. This, I believe, is chiefly owing to the dull state of trade, we have also, from the same cause probably suspended some 43 members more this year than the preceding year. The death rate has also largely increased. In 1882 the deaths all told were six ; in 1883 they numbered 17 ; or an increase of eleven. The numerical increase of the Order during the year does not seem to be so great as one would naturally expect, yet there is a net gain of 332 over the preceeding year, which, after allowing for all suspensions and other causes is an encouraging record, for it must be borne in mind, that in many of the country towns and places where some of our Lodges are situated, the population is more of a stationery character than it would be in Toronto, Hamilton, Belleville, and other large towns and cities, it, however, our members do not increase so rapidly, our financial aid and benefit does, In 1882 we paid out for sick benefits \$1,384.16, while in 1883 we paid out \$2,303.25, or an increase of \$511. In point of fact, while in 1882, we expended for the benefit of members \$3,062 ; in the year 1883, we expended \$4,764, or an increase of \$1,702, which, while it may shew that a large amount of sickness has prevailed, demonstrates beyond a doubt, the good accomplished by the institution ; but, while our sick benefits has largely increased, and not an over rapid increase of membership. Our Lodge finances has made even more marked increase. The Lodge funds invested in 1882, was \$9,435, while in 1883, the amount invested to the credit of the Lodges is \$12,719, or an increase of \$3,284 over the year 1882, and even after paying all Lodge liabilities, the total fund of the Lodges on the 31st of December, 1883, is \$13,918, or a net increase of \$2,910 over the same period in 1882, and it is with the greatest satisfaction we report, that while we have paid out for the benefit of our members over \$20,000, we have still to our credit the sum of \$13,918. All our Lodges are financially in advance of last year. Two Lodges, Albion and Middlesex, has over \$2,000 ; Kent and Britannia over \$1,000 ; Essex over \$800 ; Oxford and Warwick over \$700 ; Sussex over \$600 ; Surrey over \$500 ; the other Lodges in small sums ; some Lodges has increased far more than others ; Albion has only increased \$166, while Middlesex has increased nearly \$600 ; Britannia nearly \$400 ; Oxford has increased \$272. We report with more than ordinary pleasure the satisfactory turn of things in Victoria Lodge, Cornwall. In 1882, no returns were sent, the statistics show 10 members, and about as many dollars, now there are 35 members, with \$197 in the treasury. I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the amount of cash in the hands of Lodge treasurers, which is decidedly too large, namely, \$1,742, with only liabilities of \$533 to meet, our Lodge Treasurers are holding \$1,000 more than they ought, or the constitution allows. York Lodge shows no money invested,, but \$200 in the hands of the Treasurer, with only \$40 liability to cover, this is in

direct contradiction to the constitution. In calling your attention to these matters, it is for the very best purposes, monies lying in the hands of officers should be drawing a reasonable interest, and under no circumstances should Lodge Treasurers hold more than the amount stipulated by the constitution, which is sufficient to meet all reasonable demands from week to week. One more matter for congratulation in connection with the annual statistics, is the increase of members in good standing, namely, 174 over last year, also an increase of 199 paying cap. tax, over that of last year. With a view of compiling statistics from the commencement of the Order, and submitting the same for the perusal of this Grand Lodge, I wrote to all the Lodge Secretaries, asking for information as to number proposed, initiated, and suspended. I am sorry to say that they are so incomplete that I have decided to lay the same over for another year, when myself, or my successor, shall have an opportunity by giving the Secretaries more time for preparing the same. I do desire, however, to state in this connection, that a very large number of candidates who are proposed for membership, are never brought up for initiation, are allowed to lapse, and are entirely lost sight of, as an illustration, one Lodge alone, whose name I need not mention, received 397 propositions, and only initiated 267. The Lodge lost, not only the Lodge, but the Order lost 130 members, who might have been a very great service, this is only one Lodge, I might illustrate others, but as the returns are so incomplete and misunderstood, I propose to lay them for future reference. The returns of Bedford and Wellington Lodges has been received since the statistics were printed, consequently could not appear.

I now ask you to turn to appendix (A) on the same printed paper. Cash received during the year and handed over to the Grand Treasurer, \$1,107.97, being an increase of \$89.47 over the previous year. The receipts from cap. tax for 1882, was \$497.60, this year it is \$531.20, or an increase of \$133.60. The total receipts for the year, including balance from last year, is \$1,155.40, or an increase of \$132.90 over the previous year. It is with pleasure that we report that in addition to paying all our legitimate expenses, we have been enabled to repay \$200 to the Grand Treasurer, leaving only \$100 of a liability in that connection. The greatest economy was followed out in the opening of new Lodges, though we have organized and dedicated seven new Lodges during the year, the expenses in that connection has only been \$52.35, of this sum \$30 has been repaid back in the shape of Lodge Charters. I am pleased to report that after the re-payment of \$200 with the interest, and all other expenses, we have a cash balance of \$149.43, or an increase of \$142 over last year. The item miscellaneous expenditure for \$173.50, is made up by the purchase of Members Certificates, \$38; Jewels, \$65; Seals, \$14; W. R. D. Charts, \$25; purchase of Constitutions, \$9;

incidentals, \$5.25 ; express charges, \$17.25. I am pleased to report further, that our assets are such as to place beyond doubt, the sound and satisfactory state of the Grand Lodge, the principal asset is \$226.20 from Port Elizabeth ; the asset from Britannia Lodge has been paid since balance sheet was printed. It is with great pleasure that we refer you to the present financial standing of the Grand Lodge, which would be even more satisfactory if our officers used their influence in this direction.

I trust the time is not far distant when supplies of every description will be obtained through the Grand Lodge, then things would be more uniform and the Lodges would receive far more benefit. I desire to ask this Grand Lodge to pass a law requiring all members to appear in regalia in the Lodge room, and that a cheap regalia be provided for that purpose. By reason of a large number of our members desiring some scarf pin appropriate to the Order, I have ordered a sample to be made and submit it for the approval of this Grand Lodge. I have also procured a sample of funeral badge according to motion on the sessional papers. I cannot close my report without a pause while I state that during the year just closed, many true and noble Sons of England has gone to their last home. Some cut down in the very prime of life ; some in the early years of manhood ; while some after a well spent life has gone to their reward. Prominent among the list are two Grand Lodge officers, Bro. Dr. Clarke, of Belleville, Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Nott, of Wellington Lodge, Deputy Grand Chaplain. Among the remaining number, both officers and members has been stricken down, while peacefully slumbering we laid them in the silent grave, to meet again on the morn of the resurrection. I am sorry that the effect of our beautiful funeral ceremony is often lost through the careless and mumbling manner in which it is read. I am pleased however to note a general spirit and manifestation of sympathy by our number on these sad occasions.

Before drawing my report to a close, I desire to suggest that some means be adopted whereby the attendance at Lodge meetings should be increased, while a few of our Lodges are well attended, others are very poorly attended, anything that will tend to increase the popularity of our meetings will be a lasting benefit.

The management expenses of our Lodges has been somewhat large during the past year, amounting to over 2,500 dollars. It will be understood that a considerable portion of this sum is for Regalia and Expenses of Delegates. Notwithstanding this outlay, I am pleased to report all our Lodges are in a better financial condition than last year. In closing my report, I desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness shown me on all occasions, and for the respect shown to the position I hold on your behalf. I have endeavored as

far as possible to assist our officers and members in carrying out their duties, visited as often as I conveniently could, advised and encouraged our members, and endeavored on all occasions to promote the peace and happiness of our Order. I desire to thank many of our Lodge officers for their kind assistance and consideration, my Bro. Grand Lodge officers for their kindly support, and trust that this Grand Lodge will be noted for its wise and prudent legislation. May the allwise and ever guiding Providence direct and guard us through this tempestuous sea of troubles, and land us and ours safely in the Harbor of eternal rest and security.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bro. Worth, seconded by Bro. Hanson, that the report be received and referred to Committee on officers report.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. I. H. Venables, seconded by Bro. Hastings, that a vote of condolance from this Grand Lodge be passed to the widows of our late esteemed and beloved R. W. G. Chaplain Bro. Rev. Dr. Clark, and R. W. Deputy Grand Chaplain Bro. Rev. H. J. Nott. The same to be engrossed and forwarded to the President of Oxford and Wellington Lodges for presentation.—Carried.

The Grand Secretary read a letter addressed to the Grand Lodge from C. R. King & Co., respecting a patriotic song, called our "Family Royal." The letter was received and laid on the table.

The report of the Committee appointed at last Grand Lodge session, respecting an emblem for advertising purposes, and for all official documents, was read, and on motion received and laid on the table.

Moved by Bro. Cannon, seconded by Bro. Heard, that the Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole on the sessional papers, Bro. Hastings in the chair.—Carried.

After discussing motions, one and two on the sessional papers, the Committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

It being six o'clock, the Grand President declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

BELLEVILLE, February 13th, 1884.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand President at 9 a.m.. Prayer being offered by Bro. G. L. Edmunds.

Minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted, with slight amendments. The Committee on Credentials reported Bro. Toms, of Manchester Lodge, and Trebilcock, of Wellington Lodge, as duly accredited delegates to this Grand Lodge. Report received and delegates took their seats.

Officers Report :—The Committee on officers reports, presented their report, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

BELLEVILLE, February 13th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society.

SIRS AND BRETHREN,—We, your Committee on Officers Reports, beg to report that we have carefully perused the M. W. G. P. and R. W. G. V. P. addresses to this Grand Lodge, now assembled, recommend the same to be adopted and printed in annual report, also the Grand Treasurer's financial statement for the year, and we commend the admirable manner in which the accounts are kept, and commend the same for adoption. We have also examined the Grand Secretary's statement, and recommend

the admirable manner in which our R. W. G. Secretary carries out his duties, and have great pleasure in recommending that his report be adopted and printed in the annual report, also that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to him. We also recommended that the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. VENABLES,
JOSH. BRUNDREETH,
R. R. SOUTHCOMBE,
A. WATKINS,
E. J. WHEELER.

The Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund reported progress.

The Committee on Audit and Finance presented their report, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE AND AUDIT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society :

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND PRESIDENT AND BROTHERS,—We, your Committee on Finance and Audit, beg leave to report that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the W. Grand Secretary and W. Grand Treasurer, and find them to agree and be correct.

We herewith annex balance sheet for year ending, February 1st, 1884.

We find an asset of \$2.70 against Warwick Lodge, which has been brought down some time back, which we would recommend be charged to profit and loss.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. EDMETT,
JAMES HANSON,
GEO. L. EDMUNDS,
THOMAS HAM,
GEO. MATTHEWS.

Nominations of Officers :—For Grand President, J. H. Venables, York Lodge ; Dr. Pollard, Brighton Lodge ; J. Clayton, Britannia Lodge, and R. C. Hulme, Oxford Lodge.

For Grand Vice :—W. Edmett, Old England Lodge ; Brundreeth, Durham Lodge ; Hastings, Warwick Lodge ; Philp, Sussex Lodge.

For Grand Chaplain—Bro. Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Oxford Lodge.

“ “ Treasurer—B. Hinchliffe, Surrey Lodge.

“ “ Secretary—J. W. Carter, Albion Lodge and T. R. Skippon, Middlesex Lodge.

“ Deputy Grand Lodge Officer for South Africa—Bro. A. M. Spence, Rose of Africa Lodge.

“ Deputy Grand Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Dr. Wirgman, Rose of Africa Lodge for the South African District, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Britannia Lodge.

Three brothers from Oxford Lodge were appointed scrutineers.

Election of Officers—For Grand President—Bro. R. C. Hulme, Oxford Lodge.

For Grand Vice—Bro. Hastings, Warwick Lodge.

“ Grand Treasurer—Bro. Hinchcliffe, Surrey Lodge.

“ “ Secretary—J. W. Carter, Albion Lodge ; Bro. Skippin having resigned.

“ “ Chaplain—Bro. Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Oxford Lodge.

“ Deputy Chaplains — Bro. Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Britannia Lodge, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Wirgman, Rose of Africa Lodge.

Deputy Grand Lodge Officer—Bro. A. M. Spence, Rose of Africa, for the South African District.

The Grand Secretary read an appeal from Bro. Toms, of Manchester Lodge, against the ruling of the Grand President, on matters set forth in statement. Report was received and referred to Committee on Appeals.

Moved and carried that the Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole on the sessional papers. Bro. Clayton in the chair. The Committee sat till 12 o'clock, when they rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

The Grand President took the chair, and declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President called the Grand Lodge to order at 2 p.m. Roll call and dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, extending a cordial invitation for the Grand Lodge delegates to pay them a visit during their stay in Belleville. It was moved and carried that the invitation be received, acknowledged, with the extension of time permitted to visit the Institute on Friday afternoon.

A communication was also read from the Secretary of the Mechanics' Institute, extending an invitation to the Grand Lodge delegates, while in Belleville, to the privileges of the reading rooms. The Committee was received and the Secretary instructed to acknowledge the same.

Notice of motion by Bro. Venables, for Thursday morning, that a new note, amounting to \$100, be drawn up and signed by the Grand Lodge officers, the present note, held by the Grand Treasurer, and signed by J. H. Venables and J. W. Carter, to be destroyed.

Notice of motion by Bro. Venables, for Thursday morning, that the Grand Lodge officers take charge with a Committee from each Subordinate Lodge, in getting up suitable Tableaux for the semi-Centennial Celebration, in the city of Toronto, during the month of June, and that all expenses shall be charged to the Grand Lodge, the said expense to be levied by the Grand Secretary upon each subordinate Lodge, pr. capita.

Notice of motion by Bro. Venables, for Thursday morning, that a Past Grand President's Jewel be obtained and sent to the President of Essex Lodge, to present to Bro. Higginbotham, on some

suitable occasion.

Notice of motion by Bro. Skippon, for Thursday morning, that the Vice-President's duties be amended, so as to receive direct answers to the question at the initiation.

Notice of motion by Bro. Bickell, for Thursday morning, that clause 10, page 24, be struck out and be embodied in clause 9.

Notice of motion by Bro. Reeves, for Thursday morning, that this Grand Lodge appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of the Sons of St. George, with a view of amalgamation or affiliation of the orders.

Notice of motion by Bro. Reeves, for Thursday morning, that certain parts of the 1st degree ritual, be struck out.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

BELLEVILLE, February 13th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report on Widows' and Orphans' Fund:

Clause 1.—That we think it advisable to establish a Widows' and Orphans' Fund in connection with the Order.

Clause 2.—That in order to provide for the carrying out of the above, we suggest that the sum of two cents per week be added to the present contributions of members, said fund to be paid to the subordinate Lodges, and be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, with the capitation tax every quarter. And said fund to be under control of Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—That this contribution be compulsory on all members.

Clause 4.—That in the case of a brother being deceased, his widow shall be entitled to the sum of fifty dollars per annum during widowhood and a moral life.

Clause 5.—That the children of the said deceased brother's shall receive the sum of ten dollars per annum, in the case of female children, until the age of thirteen, and in the case of male children, until the age of eleven.

Clause 6.—That in case of the widow marrying again, she and her children shall forfeit all claims against this Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Bro. CHESTER, Chairman.
 “ MELLON, Sec'y of Com.
 “ PARTRIDGE,
 “ LOWEN,
 “ BICKEL,
 “ HASTINGS,
 “ COLEMAN,
 “ HEARD.

The report of Committee on Widows and Orphans' Fund was received and ordered to be laid on the table.

The report of Committee on Insurance was received and ordered to lay on the table.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on the sessional papers, Bro. Brundreeth in the chair. The Committee sat till 6 o'clock, having got through the sessional papers, with the exception of the Insurance Fund.

Moved and carried that the Committee do rise and report. The Grand President took the chair. Committee of the Whole was received and ordered to be laid on the table.

The Grand President then declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till Thursday morning, 9 a.m.

A cordial invitation was then given by the President of Oxford Lodge to the visiting delegates, to attend a banquet to be given in the Dafoe House, at 9 o'clock.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

BELLEVILLE, February 13th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Members of the Grand Lodge :

Your Committee on Insurance, after due consideration, deem it advisable that a means to secure a benefit to widows, heirs, etc., of deceased members, should be adopted by this Grand Lodge, and recommend for your adoption, the scheme as prepared, and issued in pamphlet form to the various subordinate Lodges by the General Committee on Insurance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. B. POLLARD, Chairman.
WM. McCARTNEY,
JAS. LOMAS.
H. CHESTER,
THOS. R. SKIPPON,
WM. TOMS,
P. TREBILCOCK.

THURSDAY MORNING.

BELLEVILLE, February 14th, 1884.

The Grand Lodge was opened in legal form by the Most Worthy Grand President, at 9 a.m. Prayer being offered by Bro. the Rev. E. W. Sibbald. After roll call, the minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, February 13th, 1884.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Brethern of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society :

We, your Committee on Appeals, beg leave to report, that having carefully perused the correspondence on appeals, *Re Manchester Lodge*, find that when the G. P. declared the motion to be at variance with the Constitution, he did not order it to be canceled, the order of cancelation having been misconstrued by the Grand Secretary. We find that the Grand President is entirely exonerated in the matter.

As to the questions asked, we beg leave to submit to your Grand Lodge, the following answers :

Question No. 1.—Has the President or any one power to cancel any resolution or minute after it has been entered in the Minute Book and confirmed? *No.*

Question No. 2.—Has the President power to do so under the instructions of the Grand Secretary? *No.*

We consider that the Grand President has a right to order any Lodge to rescind any motion contrary to the Constitution.

Bro. JOS. BRUNDREETH, Chairman.

“ WORTH,
“ HEARD,
“ HANSON,
“ BICKEL,
“ HALL,
“ SLEE.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Emblems. Dr. Pollard in the chair. After a short discussion and alterations in the Emblem, the Committee rose. On the Grand President resuming the chair, the Committee reported on the Emblem.

On motion, the report as amended, was received and adopted.

The next order being Insurance, the Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, with Bro. Hastings in the chair.

The Committee discussed the proposed scheme, clause by clause, also the duties of officers, till noon, when the Committee rose. The Grand President took the chair. Bro. Hastings presented the report of the Endowment scheme as amended in Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the report was received and ordered to lay on the table.

It being 12 o'clock, the Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President took the chair at 2 p.m. Roll called and dispensed with.

The Grand President, in answer to a question from Bro. Cannon (in reference to the ruling of the Chairman in Committee of the Whole on sessional papers), stated that he sustained the Chairman in his ruling.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

BELLEVILLE, February 14th, 1884.

We, your Committee, recommend that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Bro. Spence, D. G. L. O., of South Africa, for the loss sustained by his disastrous fire.

And, we also recommend correspondence from Brighton Lodge, referring to pamphlets, be laid over indefinitely, as your Committee cannot see that it would be any benefit to the Society or saving of expense.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. B. HEARD, Chairman.
CHAS. E. SMITH,
R. R. SOUTHCORBE,
J. H. CALVERT,
E. J. WHEELER,
E. MANNELL,
R. SLEE,
J. S. HALL.

On motion, the report was received, and after some discussion, amended by striking out the latter clause and inserting the following:—That the Grand Lodge be instructed to issue a pamphlet setting forth the objects and benefits of the Order.

The next order was the adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole on Insurance.

Moved by Bro. Hastings, seconded by Bro. Skippon, that the report be adopted. Moved in amendment by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Hulme, that the report be not adopted,

and that this Grand Lodge disapprove of an Insurance scheme under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The motion was carried on the following division, the yeas and nays being called for :—

YEAS.—Bros. Hastings, Dr. Pollard, S. J. Hall, Mannell, G. Hall, Peppiatte, Worth, Partridge, Matthews, Skippon, Haskings, Watkins, Lomas, Toms, Heard, Lowen, Cannon, Allchine, Trebilcock, Ham, Hanson and Reeves—22.

NAYS.—Bros. Smith, Southcombe, Edmunds, Wheeler, Edmett, Calvert, Chester, McCartney, Bickell, Mellon, Coleman, Brundreeth and Venables—13.

Moved by Dr. Pollard, seconded by Bro. Skippon, that the constitution and laws of the Sons of England Mutual Provident and Endowment Society, as adopted by this Grand Lodge, be placed in the hands of the Committee from the various Lodges in the City of Toronto, to suggest certain forms, etc., necessary to the carrying out of the objects of the Endowment, and that the Finance Committee be, and are hereby authorized to adopt the same in conjunction with the Executive of the Grand Lodge.—Carried.

Election of Finance Committee:

Moved by Bro. Hastings, seconded by Bro. Dr. Tracey, that the Finance Committee be elected by ballot.—Carried.

The following were nominated : Bros. Skippon, London, Higginbotham (declined) ; Trebilcock, Chester, Toms, Clayton, J. S. Hall (declined) ; Bickell, Dr. Pollard.

The ballot resulted as follows : Bro. Skippon, Middlesex, 30 ; Bro. Clayton, Britannia, 29 ; Bro. London, Oxford, 23 ; Bro. Toms, Manchester, 23 ; Bro. Trebilcock, Wellington, 20.

Bro. Clayton afterwards resigned, and Bro. Cannon, Surrey Lodge, was elected to fill his place.

Motion of Bro. Reeves to alter the wording of the first degree,

Ritual, was seconded by Bro. Trebilcock and carried.

Moved by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Hastings, that a new note amounting to \$100 be drawn up and signed by the Grand Lodge officers, the old note signed by J. H. Venables and J. W. Carter, to be destroyed.—Carried.

Next Place of Meeting of Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. Brundreeth, seconded by Bro. Edmunds, that Port Hope be the next place of meeting. Moved by Bro. Chester, seconded by Bro. Calvert, that Lindsay be the next place of meeting. Moved by Bro. Hastings, seconded by Bro. Skippon, that Toronto be the next place of meeting, on being put to the vote, Lindsay was carried.

Bro. Dr. Pollard and A. Watkins asked leave to return home that evening. Leave granted.

Moved and carried that when the Grand Lodge rises, it stand adjourned till 7.30 p.m.—Carried.

It being six o'clock, the Grand President left the chair.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand President took the chair at 7.30.

Roll call dispensed with.

The Grand President ruled that Grand Lodge officers when in Committee of the Whole, had the power to move resolutions and speak upon any question before the chair.

Question by Bro. Reeves : Should the Grand Secretary send to subordinate secretaries a semi-annual statement of the numerical and financial standing of each Lodge ? Answer. Yes.

Motion by Bro. Venables, providing for a Past Grand President's Jewel, was seconded by Bro. J. G. Coleman, and carried.

Moved by Bro. Skippon, seconded by Bro. Heard, that direct answers be received from candidates during initiation.—Carried.

Immigration.

Moved by Bro. Mellon, seconded by Bro. Hastings, that the Grand Lodge express its disapproval of bringing out to this country indiscriminately, pauper and indigent emigrants, and would also suggest that if assisted, passage are necessary, it should be confined to the months of May and August.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Reeves, seconded by Bro. Ham, that the executive be empowered to open up correspondence with the Order, Sons of St. George, with a view of amalgamating or affiliating the two Orders.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Hastings, that the Grand Lodge officers take charge with a Committee from each subordinate Lodge, in getting up suitable Tablaux for the semi-centennial celebration in the city of Toronto, during the month of June, and that all expenses be charged to the city Lodges.—Carried.

Question by Bro. Toms in explanation to article 20, clause 12, does the words ten days after the decision mean ten days after the decision of the Arbitration Committee, or ten days after the Arbitration Committee make their report to the Lodge.

Answer by Grand President. Ten days after the Arbitration Committee has reported their decision.

Question by Bro. J. Clayton. Are the officers of the red rose degree the officers of the white rose degree also?

Answer by Grand President. Optional with the white rose degree Lodge.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee of the Whole on sessional papers be adopted.

Amendment, that the report be decided, clause by clause, the original motion was carried.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the patriotic song, entitled our "Family Royal," by C. E. King & Co., be recommended to our Order.

Question by Bro. Edmunds, Durham Lodge. Can a member when sick receive payment for less than one week.

Answer by Grand President. He cannot.

Moved by Bro. G. E. Hall, seconded by Bro. Cannon, that the Executive be empowered to procure a number of constitutions as amended, also procure fly sheets containing amendments passed by this Grand Lodge for use of Lodges having constitutions on hand. Carried.

Question by Bro. Chester, Westminster Lodge. Can we admit a candidate, whose father was born in England, and the candidate born on a British man-of-war, in British waters.

Answer by Grand President. Yes, if facts are as stated.

Motion by Bro. Venablas, seconded by Bro. Smith, that the Grand Secretary's salary be raised to \$250 from January 1st, 1884. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hastings, seconded by Bro. Partridge, that the subject of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the whole Order, be left in the hands of a Special Committee to draft a bill and submit to the various subordinate Lodges for their approval, and report at next Session of Grand Lodge.—Carried.

The following Committee was appointed for that purpose:—Bros. Partridge, Mellon, Bickell, Edmett, Reeves, Venables and Chester.

Moved by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Hulme, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Skippon for having prompted and perfected an insurance scheme. Carried by a rising vote.

Moved by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Coleman, that this

Grand Lodge conveys through the delegates of Oxford Lodge, our heartfelt thanks for the many kind and generous considerations during our sojourn in Belleville, also for the magnificent banquet, and we close by wishing Oxford Lodge and its members every success.

Moved by Bro. Venables, seconded by Bro. Hulme, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Mizpah Lodge, I. O. O. F., for their kindness to this Grand Lodge for the use of their beautiful Lodge room.

Application by Bro. Brundreeth, Durham Lodge, for power to become incorporated, was granted by the Grand Lodge.

Application by Bro. Reeves, Britannia Lodge, for power to incorporate. Granted.

Application from Oxford Lodge to the same effect. Granted.

Bro. Hulme gave notice that he would move at next Grand Lodge meeting, that the Grand Lodge deem it advisable not to make any alterations in the Constitution or Ritual of this Order for the space of five years after passage of said resolution.

The next order being installation of officers. A recess of fifteen minutes was called, after which the officers elect were duly and legally installed by the retiring Past Grand President, Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, assisted by Past Grand President Venables, retiring Grand Vice President Clayton. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their past services, which was responded to by Bros. Higginbotham, P. G. P., and Bro. Clayton, P. G. V. P.

After short speeches from the newly installed officers, the Most Worthy Grand President closed in due form the ninth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society, at 11.30 p.m.

God save the Queen.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

The following are the alterations and amendments to the Constitution passed by the Grand Lodge, February, 1884 :—

Article 4, strike out the words, "shall grant dispensation for the opening of new Lodges, and higher degrees," and substitute the words, "shall have the power to grant Charters for the opening of new Lodges, and higher degrees."

Article 5, strike out all words after "business," on the 8th line, the same being covered in clause 2 of the General Laws.

Grand Secretary's duties.

Strike out the words, "and their names and addresses," on the 15th and 16th lines.

Article 11, clause 1, after the word "Charter," on the 13th line, add the following : "All Charter members shall be received into the Order, on the first scale of payments, as laid down in Article 15, clause 1, page 32, providing they have not previously belonged to the Order.

Strike out clause 4, page 22.

Article 12, add the following to clause 7, page 23 : "Members expelled for non-payment of dues, shall be eligible for re-admission, unless said member has been convicted with fraud or misdemeanor from date of expulsion."

Clause 15, page 26, add the following : "Said honorary member shall be subject to suspension and expulsion for non-payment of dues, as in the case of financial members."

Article 15, insert after the word "scale," on 4th line, the words "charter members excepted."

Article 19, clause 6, add the following :—"No member shall be admitted without the password, unless vouched for by two members,

Funeral Regalia. Strike out clause, and substitute the following: "The funeral regalia of the Order shall be a small black rosette, with purple ribbon six inches long, with gold fringe, and emblem of the Order stamped in gold on the centre, with white gloves. No regalia to be worn except the Marshall, who shall have the roses on his collar draped, and his staff trimmed with blue and black ribbon, each member to pay for his own.

That in cases of dispute in any Lodge that has not a sufficient

Arbitration Committee, or, whose Arbitration Committee, failed from any cause to settle ; or, in any case, where the desire of such Lodge is expressed by vote ; such Lodge may have power to solicit the services of second degree members of other Lodges, to act in the capacity of arbitrators, and that their decision may have the same authority in the settlement of disputes as the Constitutional Arbitration Committee of Lodges.

The following to be added to Lodge Secretaries' duties :—

That upon receipt of notice from a member declaring on the Sick Fund, he shall at once notify the first Managing Committee man and two members residing near the sick member's residence, to visit him.

Page 33, article 16, clause 1. The following words be struck out :—"When his case may be considered by the Lodge as to any further benefits being granted."

Clause 10, page 24. Strike out the word "received" and add "balloted for."

Article 10, clause 2, strike out the words "within six months" on first line, page 21, and substitute the following "as soon as practicable."

APPENDIX (B).

ANNUAL STATISTICS

SHOWING THE NUMERICAL AND FINANCIAL STANDING OF EACH LODGE TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1883.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Members at last report.	No. of Members in good standing.	No. six months in arrears.	No. over six months in arrears.	Honorary.	No. initiated during year.	No. suspended, withdrawn or expelled.	Deceased.	Present Membership.	Amount Paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount Paid for Funerals.	Surgeon's Fees.	Capitation Tax.	Invested.	In Treasurer's hands.	Liabilities.	Total Fund of Lodge.	No. Paying Capitation Tax.	INSTITUTED.	
1	ALBION	213	175	17	21	4	38	21	2	228	\$464 50	\$127 00	\$248 11	\$67 10	\$2,396 65	\$42 31	\$121 32	\$2,317 64	174	December 12th, 1874.	
2	MIDDLESEX	174	194	10	13	6	63	13	1	223	269 50	40 80	172 63	66 90	2,271 75	131 97	110 75	2,292 97	180	September 21st, 1876.	
3	KENT	132	80	17	15	12	29	13	8	131	141 50	270 00	122 80	39 40	1,104 04	37 97	.....	1,141 01	98	March 16th, 1877.
4	ESSEX	48	37	.....	7	4	5	4	.....	48	36 50	7 00	37 00	14 50	780 00	42 86	.....	822 86	37	October 12th, 1877.
5	SUSSEX	60	47	3	11	3	4	4	1	64	81 00	50 00	46 50	18 10	611 30	39 72	29 02	651 02	50	September 12th, 1877.	
6	YORK	57	63	6	1	.....	18	7	1	76	91 00	70 00	70 84	23 40	.....	300 81	46 90	253 91	63	March 17th, 1879.
7	BRIGHTON	58	38	9	13	.....	14	11	.....	60	44 00	.....	78 74	21 00	306 78	50 16	17 00	356 94	50	March 12th, 1879.
8	BRITANNIA	162	140	6	7	2	19	33	.....	168	247 54	.....	124 50	36 30	1,523 62	53 57	.....	1,577 19	.....	April 8th, 1878.
9	OLD ENGLAND.....	33	48	.....	9	2	18	.....	1	51	81 32	.....	26 75	11 50	225 76	41 62	.....	267 38	38	September 10th, 1878.
10	SOMERSET	69	61	6	13	2	16	5	.....	80	62 85	20 00	84 75	22 60	397 86	79 50	.....	477 36	57	December 19th, 1879.
11	SURREY	58	52	2	8	2	13	5	.....	64	151 25	5 75	75 69	20 90	537 25	92 12	41 00	588 37	53	May 19th, 1879.
12	VICTORIA	10	35	.....	17	.....	41	18	.....	35	29 05	.....	34 25	17 30	172 00	27 45	2 35	197 10	40	March 23rd, 1880.
13	WARWICK	88	76	13	18	.....	26	8	.....	107	138 00	.....	99 96	33 30	731 07	50 00	73 50	707 57	86	September 27th, 1880.
14	MANCHESTER	68	49	7	5	1	19	21	.....	62	129 00	.....	70 32	22 20	200 00	94 64	.....	294 64	58	March 9th, 1881.
15	DURHAM	59	65	3	5	.....	17	.....	1	73	78 00	50 00	89 01	23 60	375 07	46 00	.....	424 07	60	May 2nd, 1881.
16	ROSE OF AFRICA	50	40	1	5	.....	6	2	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	9 20	300 00	10 00	.....	301 40	30	August 17th, 1881.
17	OXFORD	96	133	3	4	.....	45	2	.....	141	87 00	120 00	91 90	43 10	761 21	110 43	91 19	780 45	119	December 19th, 1881.
18	CHESTER	23	30	3	3	.....	11	5	1	33	87 00	.....	28 50	11 60	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	32	January 19th, 1882.
19	WELLINGTON	23	28	.....	5	.....	9	1	1	33	.....	50 00	19 50	10 40	.....	56 12	.....	56 12	26	February, 1882.
20	WESTMINSTER	26	26	2	2	3	5	1	.....	37	84 25	.....	23 00	9 50	124 85	11 73	.....	136 58	26	March 1st, 1882.
21	BEDFORD	33	2	33	33	5 20	March 15th, 1883.
22	PORT ELIZABETH	No returns
23	ROSE OF COUCHICING	28	.....	2	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	132 19	.....	132 19	25	July 9th, 1883.
24	TRENTON	No returns	July 18th, 1883.
25	LANSDOWNE .....	.....	16	.....	.....	2	18	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	6 00	1 60	.....	.....	44 16	16	August 6th, 1883.
26	ROYAL OAK	11	11	11	15 38	15 38	October 31st, 1883.
27	ST. GEORGE	16	16	16	71 51	71 51	November 12th, 1883.
		1,507	531	112	182	41	523	174	17	1,839	\$2,303 26	\$810 55	\$1,650 75	\$531 20	\$12,719 39	\$1,742 42	\$533 03	\$13,918 36	1,332		

GRAND LODGE BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING, FEBRUARY 1st, 1884.

RECEIPTS	
1883.	
To Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1883..	\$47 42
" from Oxford Lodge, Feb. 1st, 1883....	20 00
Sale of Grand Lodge Reports.....	\$25 91
" Members' Certificates.....	93 00
" Constitutions.....	12 66
" Books and Forms	72 99
" Second Degree Goods.....	26 75
" Seals and Jewels.....	29 00
" Lodge Charters.....	30 00
" Regalia.....	252 85
Cash Sales.....	4 61
	<u>1,087 97</u>
	<u>\$1,155 40</u>

ASSETS.	
Port Elizabeth Goods.....	\$226 20
Britannia Cap. Tax.....	12 10
Sundries.....	31 03
	<u>\$269 33</u>

FINANCIAL STANDING OF GRAND LODGE.

To Cash Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1884.....	\$149 43
Asset " in favor of Grand Lodge, " "	169 33
Value of Grand Lodge Property.....	280 00
	<u>\$598 76</u>

Grand Secretary's Office, February 1st, 1884.

Audited and found correct.

EXPENDITURE.	
1883.	
By Expenses of Grand Lodge at Toronto, 1883.....	\$60 65
" in opening new Lodges.....	\$52 35
Printing.....	118 30
Regalia.....	146 30
Grand President's Expenses.....	32 00
" Vice-President's Expenses	26 90
" Treasurer's Expenses.....	6 00
Interest on \$300 loan.....	15 00
Repaid loan to G. T.....	200 00
Postage and Stationery for the year.....	24 97
Miscellaneous Expenditure.....	173 50
Grand Secretary's salary for the year.....	150 00
	<u>\$945 32</u>
	<u>\$1,005 97</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1884..	149 43
	<u>\$1,155 40</u>

LIABILITIES.	
By loan due Grand Treasurer.....	\$100 00
Balance in favor of Grand Lodge.....	169 33
	<u>\$269 33</u>

Balance in favor of Grand Lodge, Feb. 1st, 1884..	<u>\$598 76</u>
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JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary.

W. EDMETT, Chairman of Committee.