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—OF THE—

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

R. W. GRAND { ENCAMPMENT }

OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

Held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, St. Catharines, August 1st, 1876

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R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario assembled in annual session at the Odd Fellows' Hall, City of St. Catharines, at 9 a. m. Present:—

HARPER WILSON.....	M. W. Grand Patriarch.
W. H. COLE.....	M. E. Grand High Priest.
JAMES P. YOUNG.....	R. W. Grand Sen. Warden.
M. D. DAWSON.....	R. W. G. Grand Scribe and Treasurer.
E. R. ROBINSON.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
JOHN HAM PERRY.....	R. W. Grand Rep. Gd. Lodge U. S.
JOHN GIBSON.....	do do do do
E. E. HENDERSON.....	W. G. Marshal.
JOHN G. MOORE.....	W. Grand Sentinel.
GEORGE MIDGLEY.....	W. Grand O. Sentinel.

Also the following P. G. Patriarchs :

Adam Purves, James Woodyatt, S. G. Dolson and a constitutional quorum of Representatives.

The R. W. Grand Encampment was then opened with usual ceremonies, and declared ready for the dispatch of such business as may constitutionally be brought forward.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch announced the following named members as Committee on Credentials, with instructions to report forthwith.

M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe, John Gibson, R. W. Grand Rep. Gd. Lodge, U. S. and Rep. C. S. Male

The Committee on Credentials brought in the following report :

ST. CATHARINES, August 1st., 1876.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. of Ontario.

PATRIARCHS ;

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that from an examination of the certificates of Representatives elect, we

find the following P. C. Patriarchs are entitled to seats in this R. W. Grand Encampment:—

Union No. 1.—Alexander Crichton.
 Frontier No. 2.—J. P. Guillot.
 Harmony No. 3.—Edmond Beltz and Geo. Powell, Sr.
 Brant No. 4.—Wm. Smith.
 Charity No. 5.—A. M. Campbell and Thomas Henderson.
 Beaver No. 6.—William Box.
 Burlington No. 7.—J. C. White.
 Toronto No. 8.—G. H. Carey and Robert Dodds.
 Brock No. 9.—John Kyle.
 Chatham No. 10.—James H. Oldershaw.
 Ontario No. 11.—John Bales.
 Albert No. 12.—Wm. Jennings.
 Whitley No. 13.—C. S. Male.
 Fidelity No. 14.—Hector Urquhart.
 Kingston No. 15.—W. D. Gordon.
 Mt. Ararat No. 16.—W. N. Hosey.
 Hebron No. 17.—William Reid.
 Northern Star No. 18.—J. J. Davis.
 Quinte No. 19.—J. H. Post.
 Elgin No. 20.—Leonard Ferguson.
 Unity No. 21.—James R. Harris.
 Guiding Star No. 22.—Asaph Edwards.
 Niagara Falls No. 23.—John Coulson.
 Friendship No. 24.—J. Elias Durham.
 Alpha No. 26.—Henry Neal.
 Seaforth No. 27.—John Campbell.
 Huron No. 28.—Isaac F. Toms.
 Livingstone No. 29.—William Williams.
 Wellington No. 31.—Edward Grigg.
 Exeter No. 33.—John Campbell.

Your Committee find on enquiry that Cf. Patriarch Atkinson of Newmarket Enc. No. 32 is not yet a P. C. P., as having not served the requisite number of nights to entitle him to the honors of the office was re-installed into the same office, and according to resolution previously passed in this Grand Encampment at its session in Windsor, has no right to take his seat here as Representative. We also find Patriarch John H. Beck the properly accredited Representative to this Grand Encampment, from Peel Encampment No. 34, Brampton, which was organized on the 5th of May last, with Patriarch Beck as its presiding officer. This Encampment saw fit to re-elect a new set of officers, instead of continuing the same Patriarchs in office, for the present term, as is customary with newly instituted Encampments, so as to entitle them to the honors of office, therefore we submit that neither Patriarch Atkinson of Newmarket Enc. No. 32 or Patriarch John H. Beck of Brampton Enc. No. 34, are entitled to represent those new Encampments in this Grand Encampment.

Exeter Encampment No. 33 remains unrepresented as P. C. P., J. Campbell of Seaforth Encampment who was their representative elect is the representative of his own Encampment, and consequently cannot represent both.

Your Committee are again compelled to express their regret, that notwithstanding the explicit instructions given to scribes of Encampments to forward the certificates of their Representatives with the returns to the Grand Scribe, that again this year not more than half of them paid any attention to the matter. This accounts for the loss of time in your Committee making their report.

We find that the following P. C. P's are in waiting and recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree, viz :

Alex. Crichton.....	Union Enc., No. 1.
Joseph S. Edgar.....	Frontier Enc., No. 2, Windsor.
J. P. Guillott.....	
Wm. Smith.....	Brant Enc. No. 4, Brantford.
A. M. Campbell.....	Charity Enc., No. 5, Stratford.
John Kyle.....	Brock Enc., No. 9 Brockville.
James H. Oldershaw.....	Chatham Enc., No. 10, Chatham.
John Bailes.....	Ontario Enc., No. 11, Oshawa.
William Jennings.....	Albert Enc., No. 12, Bowmanville.
W. N. Hosey.....	Mt. Ararat Enc., No. 16, Napanee.
Wm. Reid.....	Hebron Enc., No. 17, Parkhill.
J. H. Post.....	Quinte Enc., No. 19, Belleville.
Leonard Ferguson.....	Elgin Enc., No 20, St. Thomas.
Daniel Ferguson.....	
James R. Harris.....	Unity Enc., No. 21, Ingersoll.
J. McLean.....	Guiding Star Enc., No. 22, Manilla.
John Coulson.....	Niagara Falls Enc., No. 23, Clifton.
Isaac. F. Toms.....	Huron Enc., No. 27, Goderich.
Wm. Williams.....	Livingstone Enc., No. 29, Thorold.
Edward Grigg.....	Wellington Enc., No. 21, Guelph.

Respectfully submitted.

M. D. DAWSON, }
 JOHN GIBSON, } Committee.
 C. S. MALE, }

On motion the foregoing report was adopted :

All the named candidates being in waiting were received and installed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

On motion the proceedings of last session as printed, was adopted without being read.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

On Finance—W. D. Gordon, Edmond Beltz and John Ham Perry.

On Correspondence.—Geo. H. Carey, Wm. Reid and Leonard Ferguson.

On By-Laws.—I. F. Toms, Edward Grigg, Thos. Henderson, J. H. Post and Robert Dodds.

On Returns.—Asaph Edwards, Wm. Box, Geo. Powell, sr, Wm. Williams and J. E. Durham.

On Mileage and per Diem.—J. J. Davis, John Campbell, John Kyle, John Bailes, and W. N. Hosey.

On Distribution.—Alex. Crichton, Hector Urquhart and Geo. H. Carey.

On Appeals.—Henry Neal, Wm. Smith, A. M. Campbell and J. C. White.

State of the Order.—John Gibson, Jas. H. Oldershaw, Wm. Jennings, W. N. Ford and John Ham Perry.

On motion it was carried that the Reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and R. W. Grand Reps. of G. L. U. S. be received and distributed.

GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—

At the close of my official year, I welcome you to our annual council in this beautiful Hall. This is truly the Patriarchal Tent, for here is the birthplace of the first Patriarch's of this Province, Union Encampment No. 1, being the first Encampment instituted. May we never forget that in union there is strength. I now submit for your consideration a report of my work during the year.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the last session of this Grand Encampment, dispensations have been granted for the following Encampments:

Livingstone Encampment No. 29, Thorold. Instituted Dec. 24, 1875.

Wentworth Encampment, No. 30, Dundas. Instituted Feb'y 1st, 1876.

Wellington Encampment, No. 31, Guelph. Instituted Feb'y 9th, 1876.

Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket. Instituted April 6th, 1876.

Exeter Encampment, No. 33, Exeter. Instituted April 27th, 1876.

Peel Encampment No. 34, Brampton. Instituted, May 5th, 1876.

I therefore request that my action will meet with your approval, and that Charters will be granted the Patriarchs.

VISITATIONS.

I am sorry to say that owing to circumstances I found it impossible to make many visits. I believe, however, that my staff of D. D. G. Patriarchs were equal to the occasion, and have attended to the duties of their office in such a way that no loss has been sustained by the Patriarchs in this jurisdiction.

CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

I would recommend strongly that three permanent Camps of Instruction be formed and located in London, Hamilton and Toronto, where at stated seasons the D. D. G. Patriarchs could meet and be instructed in the secret work by the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

STATISTICS.

I refer you to the report of the Grand Scribe for statistics. Our progress has been steady during the year, notwithstanding the extreme hard times, "go on" seems to be the word, and Ontario will compare favorably with any other jurisdiction.

DECISIONS AND APPEALS.

I am happy to state that there were but few questions submitted for my decision, and but one appeal which has been satisfactorily settled.

A question was asked—Could a D. D. G. P. grant a Dispensation to confer the Second and Third Degrees in one night? Answer—Yes.

Another question was asked—Can a proposer of a candidate for membership in an Encampment withdraw the proposition after one of the committee has signed the Report? Under the circumstances, I answered yes.

Question—Can an Encampment receive and ballot on the report of one of the Committee, the others not liking to sign it? Answer—No.

Question by D. D. G. P., Geo. W. Carey, Toronto—Is there any law allowing the H. P. to preside in an Encampment, in the absence of the C. P., S. W., and J. W., there being a P. C. P. present? Answer—See section 1410 White's Digest.

Also, If the H. P. presides would business be legal? Answer—Yes, that is if the business so done would be legal if the C. P. was in the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.

I received a communication from Grand Secretary, Ridgely, in regard to a public demonstration to be made by our Order in Philadelphia on the 26th of September, 1876. I requested the G. Scribe to notify the several Encampments in regard to the same, and to take such action thereon as they deem fit.

Also, a communication from Bro. Nicholson, who is to act as Grand Marshal on the 20th September, wishing to know how many of the brethren were coming from this jurisdiction, so that he could give them a place in the line. I instructed the Grand Scribe to notify the several Encampments of the same.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the several D. D. G. Patriarchs for the assistance given me, and also the Grand Officers for their attention to the business of their several offices, and may the Grand Patriarch above give you wisdom to conduct your deliberations and crown you with success.

HARPER WILSON, G. P.

ST. CATHARINES, AUGUST 1st, 1876.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND SCRIBE AND
TREASURER.

To the Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

PATRIARCHS:—

It is my pleasing privilege to again congratulate you, after the lapse of another year, on the substantial increase and exceedingly healthful condition of this branch of our beloved order. The rapid progress of Odd Fellowship in Canada is abundant evidence that its sublime teachings and benevolent purposes are fully recognized by our people, and although we have passed through a year of unexampled financial depression and mercantile disaster, our Lodges and Encampments have flourished both numerically and financially beyond our most sanguine expectations, and many places have received with open arms new links of brotherhood which we trust will never be broken. Seven years ago this Grand Encampment came into existence with six tents in its fold and only a handful of members, and the most hopeful of us little thought then that in so short a time thirty-four Encampments, dotted here and there over our fair Province, with a membership reckoned in the thousands, and an influence which is a power in the land, would to-day be represented in annual session. But one Encampment, Victoria No. 25, Port Hope, has failed for two consecutive terms to send in their report, which is the result of the withdrawal of the charter from Durham Lodge by the Grand Lodge, for non-compliance with the mandates of that M. W. Grand Body, Durham Lodge being the principal feeder to Victoria Encampment. This is to be regretted, as it was a fine, loyal Encampment, with many excellent true hearted Odd Fellows as members, and we trust that wise legislation this year may restore both Lodge and Encampment to their former privileges.

Our membership, not counting our absent sister in, foots up an increase of 203 over our report of the past year, and all the D. D. G. P.'s report harmonious working and the best prospects for the future.

In accordance with resolution, I had 300 copies of the Journal of proceedings printed and distributed in the usual way and received copies of journals from various State Grand Encampments in return, besides exchanging with our own R. W. Grand Lodge.

This being the Centennial of American Independence, and the Grand Lodge of the United States having adopted important resolutions touching the great celebration of the brotherhood on this continent in Philadelphia next month, by command of the M. W. Grand Patriarch I issued a circular to all the subordinates inviting their co-operation, by sending delegations from their Encampments, and instructed each to notify Bro. John P. Nicholson, the Secretary of management at Philadelphia, of their individual action. The cordial invitation extended also to this M. W. Grand Encampment, is certainly entitled to recognition, and no doubt some recommendation will be offered by the M. W. Grand Patriarch to this Grand Encampment.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—Five new Encampments have been organized during recess, at all of which I had the pleasure of assisting, excepting Peel Encampment No. 34, Brampton, viz.: Livingstone Enc. No. 29, Thorold, December 2nd, 1875; Wentworth Enc. No. 30, Dundas, February 1st, 1876; Wellington Enc. No. 31, Guelph, February 9th, 1876; Newmarket Enc. No. 32, Newmarket, April 6th, 1876; Exeter Enc. No. 33, Exeter, April 27th, 1876, and Peel Enc. No. 34, Brampton, May 5th, 1876. All are in good localities, and from appearances bear evidence of prosperity. I notified all the Encampments that had not previously sent in to the Grand Encampment duplicate certified copies of their By-Laws to do so at once. The following are the only Camps who have responded to the request: Brantford Enc. No. 4, Brantford, and Huron Enc. No. 28, Goderich.

STATISTICS.—The returns from many of the subordinates came in promptly as requested, but there were two or three that did not arrive till the last moment, and the manifest carelessness on the part of some of the Scribes in making out their returns is certainly reprehensible. A committee ought to be appointed by each Encampment, of intelligent Patriarchs, to examine their

returns before sending away, and then we could rely not only on promptness, but statistics that are reliable. Until some reform of this kind is effected, incorrect returns will be sent in and Encampments will be subjected to reproach from the errors reported by the committee appointed to examine returns. Last year out of 28 Encampments only 12 were reported correct in both semi-annual returns, and those were mainly the younger Encampments, which I am pleased to say to their credit. The certificates from Representatives have also failed to come in although the instructions are very particular in that respect, and continual grumbling does not appear to remedy the evil—consequently the short time set apart for our annual session is invariably encroached upon, and the work has to be finally rushed through with indecent haste, sadly interfering with useful legislation. The total revenue amounts to \$6,436.74, an increase of \$41.95 over last year. 317 have been initiated, 61 admitted by card, 5 rejected, 8 re-instated, 60 suspended, while 5 have been expelled and 9 have died. The dues to this Right W. Grand body amount to \$825.00, an increase of \$119.79 over last year. The following is the abstract of semi-annual Returns:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Encampments to Grand Encampment of Ont., I. O. O. F., for the term ending Dec. 31, '75.

NAME.	NO.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Adm'd. by C'd.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Re-instated.	Sus. or Prop'd.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Conferred.	Members on the Books.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.	DATE OF MEETING.
Union	11	St. Catharines	11	1	1	17					62	102	\$25	\$150	37 1st and 3d Wednesday.
Frontier	12	Windsor	12	1	1	17					56	100	83	25 2nd and 4th Friday.	
Harmony	11	London	11	1	1	10	2		1		28	40	25	25 2nd and 4th Thursday.	
Brant	4	Brantford	12	1	1	10	1				38	161	40	25 2nd and 4th Thursday.	
Charly	3	Stratford	3								32	94	23	50 90 35 2nd and 4th Friday.	
Beaver	6	St. Marys	4								11	50	12	50 1st and 3d Thursday.	
Barrington	8	Hamilton	3			9		14			27	85	21	25 201 83 2nd and 4th Monday.	
Toronto	9	Brockville	3	1	1						12	130	37	50 113 10 2nd and 4th Thursday.	
Chatham	10	Chatham	1								11	32	13	00 60 65 1st and 3d Friday.	
Ontario	11	Oshawa	1			1			1		5	94	16	00 28 28 1st and 3d Thursday.	
Albert	12	Bowmanville	1			1					5	94	16	00 28 28 1st and 3d Thursday.	
Whitby	13	Whitby	2								5	94	16	00 28 28 1st and 3d Thursday.	
Fidelity	14	Stratford	3	1	1		5		2		5	62	15	40 38 58 2nd and 4th Monday.	
Kingston	15	Kingston	3	1	1						10	50	12	50 64 00 1st and 3d Tuesday.	
Mt. Ararat	16	Napanee	2								6	32	8	00 36 00 2nd and 4th Thursday.	
Nevron	17	Park Hill	2								31	34	8	50 122 00 2nd and 4th Monday.	
Northern Star	18	Port Perry	11	1	1			2	1		31	34	8	50 122 00 2nd and 4th Monday.	
Quine	19	Port Perry	12			1					20	5	00 207 60 2nd and 4th Wednesday.		
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	12			1					36	51	12	75 69 57 1st and 3d Monday.	
Unity	21	Ingersoll	7			8					19	43	10	75 69 57 1st and 3d Monday.	
Guiding Star	22	Manilla	7			8					15	39	17	25 33 73 2nd and 4th Friday.	
Niagara Falls	23	Clifton	1								1	32	8	00 28 16 2nd and 4th Tuesday.	
Friendship	24	Petrolia	2			2					6	35	8	75 51 50 2nd and 4th Tuesday.	
Victoria	25	Port Hope	1								1	26	6	50 132 50 1st and 3d Wednesday.	
Alpha	26	Sarnia	1	1	1						17	26	6	50 87 00 1st and 3d Thursday.	
Seaforth	27	Seaforth	6								10	22	5	50 51 25 1st Tuesday and 3d Friday.	
Huron	28	Goderich	4								4	31	7	75 132 00 1st and 3d Friday.	
Livingstone	29	Thorold	16	15	15						43	31	7	75 132 00 1st and 3d Friday.	
			141	18	348	337	2	6	423	1574	\$383	50	\$2680	73	

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Encampments to Grand Encampment of Ont., I. O. F., for the term ending June 30, 76.

NAME.	No.	WHERE HELD.	Returns of Subordinate Encampments to Grand Encampment of Ont., I. O. F., for the term ending June 30, 76.										Revenue.	DATE OF MEETING.
			Initiations	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Reinstated.	Suspended or Dropped.	Expelled.	Deaths.	DePees Confired.	Members on Books.	Dues to Grand Encampment.		
Union	1	Catharines	4	1	1	1	6	12	100	25	\$32 30	1st and 3d Wednesday.		
Frontier	2	Windsor	6	1	1	1	19	138	35	136 60	2d and 4th Friday.			
London	3	London	15	1	1	1	35	162	35	43 25	2d and 4th Thursday.			
Branford	4	Branford	12	1	1	1	21	103	25	195 18	1st and 3d Friday.			
Brant	5	Stratford	10	1	1	1	21	103	25	130 65	2d and 4th Friday.			
Charity	6	St. Marys	9	1	1	1	57	11	20	11 57	1st and 3d Wednesday.			
Beaver	7	Hamilton	9	1	1	1	53	156	39	17 68	2d and 4th Thursday.			
Burlington	8	Brockville	17	1	1	1	60	12	60	37 04	1st and 3d Friday.			
Toronto	9	Brockville	6	1	1	1	16	53	13	120 80	1st and 3d Thursday.			
Crockham	10	Charham	6	1	1	1	16	53	13	120 62	2d and 4th Friday.			
Ontario	11	Oshawa	3	1	1	1	8	68	16	48 30	2d and 4th Monday.			
Albert	12	Rowmanville	3	1	1	1	12	33	13	84 50	1st and 3d Tuesday.			
Whitby	13	Whitby	4	1	1	1	9	33	18	83 47	2d and 4th Monday.			
Fidelity	14	St. Catharines	3	1	1	1	19	39	9	32 00	2d and 4th Thursday.			
St. Catharines	15	Kingston	3	1	1	1	8	22	5	91 30	2d and 4th Monday.			
Maple	16	Napanee	6	1	1	1	8	22	5	99 20	1st and 3d Wednesday.			
Maple	17	Parkhill	6	1	1	1	17	47	14	39 30	1st and 3d Monday.			
Northern Star	18	Port Perry	6	1	1	1	3	23	8	52 75	2d and 4th Friday.			
Quinte	19	Belleville	6	1	1	1	3	23	8	40 30	1st and 3d Wednesday.			
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	1	1	1	1	3	23	8	45 64	2d and 4th Tuesday.			
Unity	21	St. Thomas	1	1	1	1	3	23	8	37 00	2d and 4th Friday.			
Angels	22	Malton	1	1	1	1	3	23	8	66 00	1st and 3d Wednesday.			
Guiding Star	23	Clifton	2	1	1	1	15	34	8	126 25	1st and 3d Thursday.			
Friendship	24	Petrolia	7	1	1	1	26	27	6	176 35	1st Tuesday and 3d Friday.			
Victoria	25	Port Hope	9	1	1	1	14	33	8	175 36	1st Tuesday and 3d Friday.			
Alpha	26	Sarnia	9	1	1	1	11	12	3	109 50	1st Tuesday in each month.			
Seaforth	27	Georgetown	4	1	1	1	43	24	6	285 35	2d and 4th Friday.			
Huron	28	Georgetown	2	1	1	1	9	16	4	152 40	1st and 3d Thursday.			
Windsor	29	Thorold	4	1	1	1	21	16	4	46 00	2d and 4th Thursday.			
Windsor	30	Dundas	4	1	1	1	18	13	3	312 75	1st and 3d Friday.			
Wellington	31	Guelph	15	1	1	1	50	1738	50	\$37 46	(No report.)			
Newmarket	32	Newmarket	7	1	1	1	42	23	5	2690 73				
Exeter	33	Exeter	6	1	1	1	35	25	5	\$353 50				
Peel	34	Brampton	6	1	1	1	100	14738	100	\$257 74				
Dec. Term.	174		174	43	3	4	50	1738	50	\$37 46				
	111		111	26	3	5	42	23	5	2690 73				
	317		317	101	6	9	100	14738	100	\$257 74				

FINANCE.—The past year has been an exceedingly prosperous one, and the reduction in our representation will enable us to leave something to the good, and we trust in another year to be able to wipe off our indebtedness and be able to procure a charter. Considerable profit is derived from the purchase, by subordinates, of all their supplies from this Grand Encampment, besides being an advantage to themselves, and securing an uniformity in all the blanks used throughout the jurisdiction, and we trust that representatives will instruct their Encampments to be particular in carrying out the law in this respect. Our account has been paid in full to the R. W. Grand Lodge, U. S., also Representative tax for the current year, and all incidental expenses to date, and we have a balance of cash in Treasury and supplies as annexed statement :

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand August 1st, 1876.....		\$737 13
Amounts due by subordinates.....	\$ 53 03	
20 Withdrawal and Visiting Cards at 25c.....	5 00	
11 Encampment Charge Books at \$2.00.....	22 00	
1 Digest.....	2 50	
5 Black Books at \$2.00.....	10 00	
6 Register Books at \$3.50.....	21 00	
6 Proposition Books at \$3.25.....	19 50	
12 Order Books at \$2.00.....	24 00	
10 Receipt Books at \$1.75.....	17 50	
180 Rep. and P. C. P. Certificates at 2c.....	3 60	
800 Notices to attend Meetings at \$1.00 per 100.....	8 00	
200 Notices of Arrears at \$1.00 per 100.....	2 00	
700 Notices of Rejections at \$1.00 per 100.....	7 00	
30 Treasurer's Books at \$1.00 each.....	30 00	
5 Return Books at 60c.....	3 00	228 13
Total.....		\$ 965 26

The following statement exhibits the Receipts and Disbursements for the past year :

LONDON, ONT., AUGUST 1ST, 1876.

M. D. DAWSON, R. W. GRAND SCRIBE AND TREASURER.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

1875.		Dr.
AUG. 1	To cash on hand.....	\$480 80
3	Seaforth Enc. No. 27, dispensation fee and supplies.....	51 50
12	Toronto Enc. No. 8, supplies.....	3 50
12	Guiding Star No. 22, Manilla, supplies.....	3 00
SEPT. 7	Ontario Enc. No. 11, Oshawa, supplies.....	7 00
NOV. 11	Thorold Patriarchs, dispensation fee.....	30 00
DEC. 10	Livingstone Enc., Thorold, supplies.....	19 24
29	Guelph Patriarchs, dispensation fee.....	30 00
30	Charity Enc. No. 5, Stratford, supplies.....	35
1876.		
JAN. 6	Fidelity Enc. No. 14, Strathroy, capitation tax.....	12 50
7	Guiding Star Enc. No. 22, Manilla, capitation tax.....	5 75
7	Alpha Enc. No. 26, Sarnia, capitation tax.....	6 50
		169 34
		\$650 14

Newmarket 7
 Exeter..... 33
 Brampton 31
 Peel..... 3

312 75	01	\$2746	01	\$4130	74
3 25	3	25	3	25	
13	13	\$132	50	\$383	50
18	13	509	1738	383	50
21	16	1	423	1	423
25	35	2	3	2	3
35	35	3	6	3	6
43	43	3	3	3	3
43	43	3	3	3	3
176	176	111	12	111	12

		Dr.	
		To amount brought forward.....	\$650 14
1876.			
Jan.	8	Elgin Enc. No. 20, St. Thomas, capitation tax.....	10 75
	11	Brant Enc. No. 4, Brantford, capitation tax.....	12 75
	11	Brant Enc. No. 4, Brantford, supplies.....	6 00
	12	Burlington Enc. No. 7, Hamilton, capitation tax..	21 25
	12	Burlington Enc. No. 7, Hamilton, supplies.....	3 00
	12	Chatham Enc. No. 10, Chatham, capitation tax....	16 00
	12	Dundas Patriarchs, dispensation fee.....	30 00
	14	Niagara Falls Enc. No. 23, Clifton, capitation tax..	8 00
	14	Northern Star Enc. No. 18, Pt. Perry, capit'n tax.	5 00
	14	Brock Enc. No. 9, Brockville, capitation tax.....	13 00
	15	Livingstone Enc. No. 29, Thorold, capitation tax..	7 75
	15	Union Enc. No. 1, St. Catharines, capitation tax..	25 50
	15	Mt. Ararat Enc. No. 16, Napanee, capitation tax..	8 00
	18	Hebron Enc. No. 17, Parkhill, capitation tax.....	8 50
	19	Ontario Enc. No. 11, Oshawa, capitation tax.....	14 25
	19	Kingston Enc. No. 15, Kingston, capitation tax..	9 50
	19	Charity Enc. No. 5, Stratford, capitation tax.....	23 50
	20	Quinte Enc. No. 19, Belleville, capitation tax....	12 75
	22	Beaver Enc. No. 6, St. Mary's, capitation tax....	12 50
	27	Albert Enc. No. 12, Bowmanville, capitation tax..	14 25
	29	Frontier Enc. No. 2, Windsor, capitation tax.....	14 00
	29	Toronto Enc. No. 8, Toronto, capitation tax.....	37 50
	29	Whitby Enc. No. 13, Whitby, capitation tax.....	15 50
	29	Harmony Enc. No. 3, London, capitation tax.....	40 25
FEB.	1	Wentworth Enc. No. 30, Dundas, supplies.....	18 24
	18	Seaforth Enc. No. 27, Seaforth, capitation tax....	6 50
MAR.	26	Huron Enc. No. 28, Goderich, capitation tax.....	5 50
	4	Newmarket Patriarchs, dispensation fee.....	30 00
	22	Unity Enc. No. 21, Ingersoll, capitation tax.....	17 25
	23	Toronto Enc. No. 8, Toronto, supplies.....	1 50
	31	Exeter Patriarch, dispensation fee.....	30 00
APR.	7	Newmarket Enc. No. 32, supplies.....	18 00
	7	Friendship Enc. No. 24, Petrolia, capitation tax..	8 75
	21	Brampton Patriarchs, dispensation fee.....	30 00
MAY	1	Charity Enc. No. 5, Stratford, supplies.....	3 00
	10	Peel Enc. No. 34, Brampton, supplies.....	18 50
	11	Unity Enc. No. 21, Ingersoll, supplies.....	3 50
JUNE	21	Error in report of Committee on mileage & per diem	18 08
JULY	5	Guiding Star Enc. No. 22, Manilla, capitation tax..	5 75
	5	Fidelity Enc. No. 14, Strathroy, capitation tax....	13 25
	7	Huron Enc. No. 28, Goderich, capitation tax.....	6 25
	7	Huron Enc. No. 28, Goderich, capitation tax.....	6 75
	8	Seaforth Enc. No. 27, Seaforth, capitation tax....	6 75
	10	Brant Enc. No. 4, Brantford, capitation tax.....	15 50
	10	Alpha Enc. No. 26, Sarnia, capitation tax.....	8 50
	11	Brock Enc. No. 9, Brockville, capitation tax.....	12 75
	12	Newmarket Enc. No. 32, Newmarket, capit'n tax..	3 50
	12	Peel Enc. No. 34, Brampton, capitation tax.....	3 25
	12	Wentworth Enc. No. 30, Dundas, capitation tax..	3 00
	12	Whitby Enc. No. 13, Whicby, capitation tax.....	16 50
	13	Friendship Enc. No. 24, Petrolia, capitation tax..	8 75
	13	Union Enc. No. 1, St. Catharines, capitation tax..	25 00
	13	Livingstone Enc. No. 29, Thorold, capitation tax..	8 25
	13	Beaver Enc. No. 6, St. Marys, capitation tax.....	14 25
	14	Niagara Falls Enc. No. 23, Clifton, capitation tax.	8 25
	14	Elgin Enc. No. 20, St. Thomas, capitation tax....	11 75
	14	Burlington Enc. No. 7, Hamilton, capitation tax..	20 25
	15	Exeter Enc. No. 33, Exeter, capitation tax.....	4 00
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1876.		To amount brought forward.....	\$1424 31
July	15	Northern Star Enc. No. 18, Port Perry, capit'n tax	5 50
	15	Mt. Ararat Enc. No. 16, Napanee, capitation tax	8 75
	15	Unity Enc. No. 21, Ingersoll, capitation tax	17 50
	17	Frontier Enc. No. 2, Windsor, capitation tax	15 00
	17	Toronto Enc. No. 8, Toronto, capitation tax	39 00
	17	Toronto Enc. No. 8, Toronto, supplies	5 75
	17	Wellington Enc. No. 31, capitation tax	6 00
	18	Ontario Enc. No. 11, Oshawa, capitation tax	13 25
	18	Kingston Enc. No. 15, Kingston, capitation tax	10 25
	18	Seaforth Enc. No. 27, Seaforth, supplies	50
	18	Charity Enc. No. 5, Stratford, capitation tax	25 75
	19	Frontier Enc. No. 2, Windsor, supplies	35
	20	Harmony Enc. No. 3, London, capitation tax	43 25
	21	Chatham Enc. No. 10, Chatham, capitation tax	15 00
	21	Frontier Enc. No. 2, Windsor, supplies	25
	21	Union Enc. No. 1, St. Catharines, supplies	3 00
	21	Fidelity Enc. No. 14, Strathroy, supplies	3 84
	21	Guiding Star Enc. No. 22, Manilla, supplies	60
	22	Elgin Enc. No. 20, St. Thomas, supplies	35
	25	Albert Enc. No. 12, Bowmanville, capitation tax	14 00
	25	Hebron Enc. No. 17, Parkhill, capitation tax	9 75
	26	Quinta Enc. No. 19, Belleville, capitation tax	14 00
	27	Friendship Enc. No. 24, Petrolia, supplies	3 68
	27	Kingston Enc. No. 15, Kingston, supplies	1 10
	27	Harmony Enc. No. 3, London, supplies	10 256 17
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Acc.	3	By cash as per Pay Roll.....	\$459 82
	3	John Gibson's account.....	\$ 11 50
	3	Printing and Publishing account, Stratford.....	2 25
	3	Grant to Grand Scribe.....	75 00
1876.		Postage account.....	12 80
		Drafts to Bro. Ridgely.....	224 78
		Express charges, freight, incidentals, &c.....	18 70
		Printing Journal and supplies.....	138 50
		Balance.....	483 53
			737 13
		Total.....	\$1680 48

CORRESPONDENCE.—The correspondence during the year has been quite extensive, involving considerable time and labor; but of the most friendly and fraternal character. No new appeals have arisen, and the D. D. G. P.'s report harmony and continued progress, and the prospects for the coming year are indicative of advancement.

In conclusion I have to offer my thanks to the M. W. Grand Patriarch for the kindest courtesy and consideration, and to the grand officers generally for many little acts of kindness and assistance, and I have no doubt this session will be marked with the utmost harmony and wise legislation.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

London, August 1st, 1876.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES,

J. HAM PERRY and JOHN GIBSON, to the R. W. GRAND LODGE
of the UNITED STATES, Session of 1875.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND PATRIARCHS,—

Your Representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge
of the United States, I. O. O. F., respectfully report:

That they attended the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, at the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, from the 20th to the 25th days of September, 1875, both inclusive.

On the morning of September 20th, the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Temple, M. W. Grand Sire M. J. Durham, presiding.

All the officers were present. Also, Past Grand Sires Sherlock, Ellison, Nicholson, Sanders and Stewart.

One hundred and forty members, representing forty-six Grand Lodges and thirty-eight Grand Encampments, were present, all the jurisdictions being represented except Montana, British Columbia and Switzerland.

The reception of the Grand Lodge was held at the Academy of Music, where addresses of welcome were delivered by His Excellency Governor Hendricks, Senator Morton, Mayor Cavan and Past Grand Rep. Bro. Schnyler Colfax, and which were responded to by Grand Sire M. J. Durham and Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgley. In the evening, Governor and Mrs. Hendricks held a reception at their residence, largely attended by Representatives to the Grand Lodge, with members of their families, and many of the leading and most influential citizens of the city of Indianapolis.

On Wednesday, 22nd, the public procession, in honor of the Grand Lodge, took place; and in the evening, a grand banquet was given at the Occidental Hall.

The reports, decisions, and proceedings, more especially interesting to the Order in Ontario, and the Encampment Branch in particular, we now beg to submit.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES.—One year ago we met in legislative council in the sunny South, in her Empire State; to-day we meet in the great Mississippi valley, in one of its most populous and powerful States. There we were welcomed to that hospitable region, by the authorities of one of her most beautiful cities, by an honored and respected jurisdiction, and by a devoted and zealous brotherhood. Here the authorities of this great and prosperous State and of this beautiful city, the representatives of this honored and enlightened jurisdiction, and of this intelligent fraternity, welcome us to their midst, to their homes, and their hospitalities. These evidences of honor and respect should impress us with the high position attained by this body in public esteem, and stimulate us to maintain in the future its past reputation and standing. * * * * I am glad to be able to announce to you the continued increase and prosperity of our Order at home and abroad, and to a kind Providence we should render hearty thanks for all his mercies to us individually and collectively.

WARRANTS ISSUED.—GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

OREGON.—Warrant issued January 14, 1875. Instituted March 29, 1875.

NEVADA.—Warrant issued February 17, 1875. Instituted March 2, 1875.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

MONTREAL, No. 1, at Montreal, Canada. Instituted November 6, 1874.

ALPHA, No. 1, Olympia, Washington Territory. Instituted April 14, 1875.

YANKTON, No. 2, at Yankton, Dakota Territory. Instituted May 4, 1875.

HESPERIAN, No. 3, at Elk Point, Dakota Territory. Instituted July 6, 1875.

KEY WEST, No. 5, at Key West, Florida. Instituted July 5, 1875.

COMMISSIONS.

On the application of eight brothers in Olympia, Washington Territory, I issued a commission to A. Noltner to confer the Encampment Degrees upon the properly qualified brothers there. And on a similar application of ten brothers in Key West, Florida, I commissioned Chas. A. Fulwood to confer the said degrees upon the brothers there, which commissions were duly executed.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Hearing that there was a good prospect to establish the Order in the "*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*," and knowing that P. G. Rep. Bro. R. H. Morrison, of Michigan, was about to sail for that country, and he being willing to undertake so important and delicate a trust, I, on the 19th of August last, gave him a commission as special deputy to organize and establish Lodges and Encampments of Odd Fellows within the limits of said kingdom. Said commission was to run for one year. I also commissioned him D. D. Grand Sire for said kingdom, with the same powers, duties, &c., as similar officers. I have many reasons to believe that our distinguished brother will be successful in his efforts, thus opening up another field for the spread of this institution.

[Since the meeting of the R. W. G. L., of U. S., Brother Morrison has returned from England, and reports having succeeded in instituting a Lodge and an Encampment in the City of London, with the most cheering prospects of permanent success.]

VISITATIONS.

The Grand Sire alludes to his visit to Ontario, on the occasion of the dedication of Eastern Star, No. 72, Lodge Room, Whitby, May 24th, 1875, in the following words :

"I have not made many visitations, because I did not regard it as important, as the Grand Lodges everywhere seemed to be doing well. I did, however, visit the Grand Lodge and Encampment of Pennsylvania, in session, in May last. Having been invited by the brethren of Whitby, in Ontario, to participate in the dedication of a new hall there on the 24th of May, I accepted the invitation and was present at those imposing and interesting ceremonies. I also attended a called session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario on the same day. I was pleased with the general look and appearance of the members of this body; they seemed to be men of respectability and character, and thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Odd Fellowship. I should have been greatly delighted to have seen them in regular session. These exercises were participated in by P. G. Rep. Colfax, Rep. White, of N. Y., Grand Master Stebbins, of N. Y., Grand Treasurer Morrison, of Michigan, and many brothers from Rochester, N. Y., as well as a large number of brothers from all parts of Ontario. I believe the result of this gathering will be wonderful for good to the Order in that jurisdiction; and our brothers there deserve infinite credit for the beautiful hall erected; for the orderly and superb manner in which the exercises were conducted, and the princely hospitality extended to the visiting brotherhood. I also visited Toronto, Hamilton, and a Lodge at the Suspension Bridge, and with Bro. Colfax

addressed the Lodges at each place. In honor of the American visitors the brothers of Toronto gave us the hospitalities of that city, and also gave one of the finest banquets I have ever seen; indeed it was a continued ovation from the time we entered till we left Ontario. I desire to mention one fact remarkable in itself, and which made a deep impression everywhere and fully illustrated the fact that we know no State or National lines, but all may be brothers of a common brotherhood. I never made a speech, visited a Lodge, sat down at a banquet, but what I stood or sat beneath the flag of my own country, as well as the flag of the British Empire."

DECISIONS.

The Grand Sire reported the following decisions, which he had made during the recess, for the approval or rejection of the Grand Lodge :

First. A member in good standing in his Lodge is entitled to pecuniary benefits while sick and unable to attend to his ordinary avocation, although he may have an income sufficient for his support. Approved.

Second. It is lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to donate its funds for any purpose within the object and scope of the Order. Approved.

Fourth. That a Grand Lodge of a State must grant an appeal from its decision to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.; and that in vacation the Grand Master cannot grant said appeal.

The 4th was modified to read thus :

4th. The Grand Master cannot grant an appeal from the action of his Grand Lodge.

Fifth. That a Subordinate Encampment should not use its funds to procure street uniform. Approved.

Sixth. That a member of a Subordinate Lodge desiring to join an Encampment should join the nearest Encampment in the jurisdiction.

Is modified to read thus :

6th. It is left to local State legislation to regulate whether a member of a Lodge shall join the nearest Encampment to his residence. Digest 1718.

Seventh. That a brother in good standing cannot be kept out of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge while the minutes of the preceding meeting are being read, if he desires to enter and can work his way into the Lodge. Approved.

Ninth. That the law authorizing the N. G. of a Lodge to communicate the semi-annual password to a brother of another Lodge, at the request of the N. G. of the Lodge to which he may belong, under the seal of the Lodge, applies to the N. G.'s in the same jurisdiction, and not in different jurisdictions. Approved.

Tenth. That when a member of an Encampment has been dropped for the non-payment of dues, it is not imperative upon the Encampment to reinstate him, although he may offer to pay up all his dues; but if they refuse to reinstate him, they should grant him a Dismissal Certificate. Approved.

Eleventh. That when a person has been elected to receive all the Encampment Degrees, and a dispensation has been granted to confer them all at the same meeting, it is lawful for another Encampment in the same jurisdiction to confer said degrees at the request of the Encampment in which he was elected.

Modified thus :

11th. That when a person has been elected to receive all the Encampment degrees, and has received the patriarchal degree, and a dispensation has been granted to confer the other degrees at the same meeting, it is lawful for another Encampment in the same jurisdiction to confer these degrees at the request of the Encampment in which he was elected and admitted to the Initiatory or Patriarchal degrees.

Thirteenth. That while Subordinate Encampments are in session, transacting their ordinary business, the members should not wear their street uniform. Approved.

Fourteenth. That a member of an Encampment, clothed in street uniform, presenting himself for admission while the Encampment is transacting its ordinary business, may be admitted; but should be compelled to clothe himself in proper regalia while he remains in the Encampment.

The decision was modified to read thus :

14th. That a member of an Encampment, clothed in street uniform, presenting himself for admission while the Encampment is transacting its ordinary business, shall be treated the same as if he presented himself without such uniform.

Fifteenth. That what is meant by a ballot, is when the N. G. declares the ballot closed, and announces the result.

Modified to read :

15th. A ballot is closed when it is so decided by the presiding officer.

Sixteenth. That a Lodge or Encampment, with its officers, can, in a body, visit another Lodge or Encampment outside of its jurisdiction without cards or the A. T. P. W.

Modified thus :

16th. That a Lodge or Encampment, with its officers, can, in a body, visit another Lodge or Encampment outside of its jurisdiction without cards or the A. T. P. W., but it is necessary that one of their first two officers in charge of such visiting body must be in possession of the A. T. P. W., and have his card.

Eighteenth. That the law of the last session, prescribing a street uniform, is supreme, and virtually abrogates any law of a State jurisdiction in conflict with it. Approved.

Nineteenth. That a P. G. of the R. P. Degree can and may wear a jewel of yellow metal. (See Digest, 1655.) Approved.

Twentieth. That a record of a trial in the Courts upon a charge of the violation of the laws of the land, is *prima facie* proof of the facts appearing therein, and where charges are preferred against a brother for a violation of the laws of the Order, the same he has been tried, for in the Courts, the record in the Courts is competent proof in the trial in the Lodge, and is conclusive, unless other evidence be introduced besides that in the record; and on such trial either party may introduce such evidence as is not embraced in the record. Approved.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

I am glad to say, in accordance with my proclamation, this day was generally observed throughout our entire borders and foreign lands. The beautiful ceremony adopted at the last session for such occasions seems to have added much to the exercises on these occasions. The demonstrations everywhere show how deeply our Order is implanted in the hearts and affections of the members, and how fervently they hail the return of this natal day. May it thus ever be cherished and celebrated !

CONCLUSION.

And now, Representatives and brothers, having laid before you this report of the condition of this institution and of my official acts for the past year, the more important duty devolves upon you by proper and prudent legislation to shape the future destiny and success of this grand enterprise, organized and

built up to magnificent proportions by our fathers. Guard well the good and wise legislation handed down by them, and preserve the same intact.

Yours fraternally,

M. J. DURHAM,
Grand Sire.

REPORT OF GRAND-SECRETARY J. L. RIDGELY.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the year has been as voluminous as in any of its predecessors. The foreign as well as the home Grand Bodies, through their Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, have generally promptly advised of the condition and progress of the Order in their several jurisdictions, and it will be seen that the laborers have been earnest and active, though in some instances unsuccessful in retaining the membership held a year ago.

The following summary, presenting a view of the condition of the Order, in the several jurisdictions, more closely connected with Ontario, is submitted:

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this Province was received on the 13th of April, from Bro. James D. Rebinson, R. W. Grand Secretary, and exhibits a small increase in membership since the institution of the Grand Lodge, April 25th, 1874.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, continues subordinate to the Grand Encampment of California, and reported to that body a membership of fifty-six on the 31st of December, 1874.

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—Under date of June 23rd, Bro. W. Kilby Dimock, the energetic Grand Secretary, furnishes an interesting and cheering letter accompanying the report of the Grand Lodge. An increase of 313—making the aggregate membership 1,169—entitles this jurisdiction to another Representative.

ONTARIO.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this highly prosperous jurisdiction was received on the 13th of April from the esteemed and able Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, and presents a noble exhibit of the work of the year, 1,700 having been added to the membership.

The efficient and worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. M. D. Dawson, accompanied the report of the Grand Encampment with the following letter, dated March 31st: "I beg to inclose you the annual return for the past year; am sorry that I could not have sent it sooner, but the delay was occasioned by two of the Subordinates failing to report, and now I have to send off without them. We are, however, in a highly prosperous condition, and, since the last session of our Grand Encampment, have added two new tents to our fold. New halls are also being erected in this jurisdiction, in various places, strengthening the bond that binds our brotherhood together."

QUEBEC.—Bro G. Varey, the untiring and talented District Deputy Grand Sire for this Province, instituted Montreal Encampment, No. 1, on the 6th of November, 1874. The communications of this faithful officer have been frequent and interesting, and we are advised, from time to time, of the condition of the Subordinates under his charge.

A movement towards establishing a Lodge in the city of Quebec has been made, and the indications are favorable for its accomplishment.

CONCLUSION.

I rejoice with you, my brethren, that, by the favor of a kind Providence, we are assembled in our fifty-first Annual Communication, as the supreme council of a brotherhood, united in a cause which binds us by the cords of love, and which we cherish as among the noblest in which men could be engaged.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

Odd Fellowship—its promotion, diffusion, and preservation *alone*, assembles this body of citizens from every State, District and Territory of our confederacy, and from the neighboring nationality of Canada. Like all other institutions devised for the benefit of mankind, it is the fruit of progressive civilization. By this power has been wonderfully advanced and developed in the expansion of its capabilities, and the enlargement of its field of labor. After more than fifty years of unremitting effort in its proper sphere, it has become a fixed institution of society as a reliable secular aid against the pressure of suffering humanity.

Who can calculate the value of such institutions, not only to their immediate membership, but as substantial public supports? Their withdrawal would be seriously felt, not only as the loss of an immense moral power in society, but also from the fact that their absence would necessarily transfer the burden which they bear to the public. Among the many tributaries to the general welfare of this character which are diffusing blessings upon men, from year to year, noiselessly, yet most effectively, Odd Fellowship by its widely extended resources has done a colossal work. A brief statement from our records, without the aid of comment, will abundantly verify this fact:

From 1830 to December 31, 1874—

Initiations.....	924,428
Members relieved.....	685,963
Widowed families relieved.....	91,095
Members deceased.....	60,776
Total receipts.....	\$55,339 108.82
Total relief.....	20,543,136.71

At the present time, as reported December 31, 1874, there are—

Grand Lodges.....	46
Grand Encampments.....	38
Subordinate Lodges.....	5,987
Subordinate Encampments.....	1,634
Lodge members.....	438,701
Encampment members.....	83,692

The Lodges in Australia and Germany are not included in the above statement.

These figures are presented, not as a vindication of our Order against aspersions which are sometimes cast against it, as a selfish community, but to show the practical value of such agencies to society at large, in strengthening the arm of government, adding, as they do, immense power to it, by the moral supports which they supply. Not that we would boast or be vain-glorious of our good works, but that necessarily, in describing our mission during half a century and more, its fruits must appear, and illustrate as a natural outgrowth, the divine principles upon which Odd Fellowship rests. * * * * In another half century it will in all probability have girdled the earth with its golden chain, and diffused its blessings upon millions. Can it be a matter of wonder, that in such a cause, we should be here to counsel together for its welfare, to renew our vows of fidelity and devotion to it, and to each other, and to supplicate with uplifted hearts for the continued favor of *Him*, who has ever been its firm friend and support, and for the promotion of whose original intentment of fraternity among men, it has unremittingly toiled for so many years? Oh! no, the wonder would be that we could be such unworthy descendants of the noble sires who have bequeathed to use the legacy, as to fail to realize its value and our duty to preserve and perpetuate it.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Office Cor. & Rec. Secretary,
Baltimore, September, 1875.

Cor. & Rec. Secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF G. L., U. S.

The following amendment was adopted :—

Amend Article IV of the Constitution, by striking out the whole of Section 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to-wit :

SECTION 3. In the case of death, resignation or removal from office of the M. W. Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upward, beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American Possessions, or in case of his inability, from physical causes, to discharge the duties of his office, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence, or inability of both the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office, and at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a M. W. Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office. Yeas, 123; nays, 3.

The three separate notices, to change the name of the Grand Lodge, were indefinitely postponed.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

By-Law 14, G. L. of U. S., was amended to read as follows :—

Resolved, That Article XIV. of the By-Laws be stricken out and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :—

ARTICLE XIV. No brother can be admitted to visit or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment of which he is a member, and signed on the margin in his own proper handwriting, and prove himself in the A. T. P. W., and in the degree in which the Lodge is open; provided, nevertheless, a brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative, or any elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, Grand Representatives of either branch being hereby authorized to introduce visiting brothers into both Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in their several jurisdictions; but in all such cases the presiding officer of the same shall be satisfied that the brother introducing such visitor is a Grand Representative of the jurisdiction to which said Lodge or Encampment belongs. *And provided further*, That the holder of a Dismissal Certificate regularly issued by a Lodge or Encampment may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the jurisdiction in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe; but he shall not be required to be in possession of the A. T. P. W., nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such certificate.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Notice of the following amendment was given, to be considered and disposed of at the Annual Session, September, 1876 :—

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. G. Lodge by striking out the word "third" in the first line, and inserting the word "first," so that the article shall read as follows :—

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday of September, at nine o'clock a. m., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communication to them the pur-

pose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

JOHN MEDOLE, of New York,
E. GOVER COX, of Maryland,
S. B. KROGMAN, of Massachusetts,
WILLIAM STEDMAN, of Pennsylvania,
J. G. MCAULEY, of Alabama.

CONSTITUTION GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ontario were considered and confirmed by the G. L., U. S., viz. :—

SESSION 1872, WINDSOR, page 77.—Defining qualifications of Elective Grand Officers of Grand Encampment.

SESSION 1873, STRATFORD, pages 112, 113.—Amending Section 6, of Article 8, striking out the words ‘good standing,’ and inserting the words ‘on the roll of membership.’

SESSION 1874, KINGSTON, page 50.—Amending Sec. 4, Art. 1, by substituting ‘first regular session in July,’ for ‘last regular session in June.’

SESSION 1875, LONDON, page 185.—Fixing the basis of representation to Grand Encampment.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in all authorized processions of the Order, those patriarchs entitled to a place in the procession, who may be present, clothed with the prescribed uniform, shall be assigned to the place and perform the duty of an escort to the procession, and while so engaged shall be under the exclusive charge and direction of a chief captain and such subordinate captains as may be required; said officers to be elected or appointed in such manner and for such time as the local laws may authorize.

SPECIAL RELIEF FUND.

It was decided that in the future, should a call for a general relief arise, and a general call be made, that—

First, The Treasurer of such fund should give bond to the Grand Master of his jurisdiction in a sufficient amount.

Second, One of the conditions of the bond shall be an obligation to pay any surplus to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the order of the Grand Sire.

Third, That a full report shall be made by the committee to the Grand Master.

Fourth, That should there be a surplus the Grand Master shall notify the Grand Sire.

Fifth, That any such surplus so received shall be invested by the Grand Treasurer, under order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for such purposes of special relief as said Grand Body may select.

Resolved, That Royal Purple and Scarlet Degree members could not be present at the exemplification of the Secret work in Grand Encampment and Grand Lodges.

AN ENCAMPMENT MUST PAY BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS IN CASES OF SICKNESS OR DISABILITY.

The following was adopted :—

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri, on the subject of the payment of benefits by the Encampment Branch of the Order, beg leave to report :—

That the suggestion made is at variance with the whole system under which we have been working from the beginning. Though the finances of Subordinates are under their control, yet such control is limited by supreme law. One of the ancient landmarks, never yet departed from, requires payment of dues, and as correlative to such payment that *benefits* shall be paid; to leave such a feature

optional is simply revolutionary. No reason has been offered for this change, and the committee can not conceive of any worthy of consideration.

THE COLOR QUESTION.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That admission to our Order has always been restricted to the white race; that this law has been, and is now, well established and understood wherever American Odd Fellowship is known, and that any attempt to change the same should not be countenanced by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

RENUNCIATION.

The following was adopted:—

Resolved, That if an Odd Fellow shall renounce the Order, he thereby forfeits all benefits to which by law he may be entitled, from the time of his renunciation.

HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

The Grand Lodge of the United States expressed its gratification at the labors of the Historiographer, J. L. Ridgley, and the prospect of the completion of the work. The sum of \$1,000 was voted to him as a partial compensation. An assistant was authorized at a compensation of \$500. A special committee of three on the subject was appointed: Reys. Garey, Given and Latham. It was ordered, when completed, that proposals be invited for the publication of the same. The committee highly indorsed the plans and syllabus submitted by the Historiographer.

DRILL OF UNIFORMED PATRIARCHS.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report to the next annual session of this Grand Lodge a "System of Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs."

ATHEISTS—Report of Judiciary Committee, adopted.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry from the Grand Encampment of Iowa, submitted by Rep. Hartman, of that jurisdiction, "Whether a member of the Order who does not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, declaring himself to be an Atheist, is a proper applicant to petition for membership in an Encampment," respectfully report:—

By constitutional requirement, belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, is made a qualification for membership. (Digest, 1095.) Such a belief is essential to the proper reception and appreciation of the principles, teachings and ritual of Odd Fellowship. And if it is an established fundamental qualification for admission to a Subordinate Lodge, much more is it necessary for admission to the higher branch of the Order. To commend to the avowed Atheist the men of faith who trusted in God, to introduce him among those who acknowledge and reverence Him as the Father of all men, to ask him to participate in prayer and praise to the Creator and Preserver whom he denies, would be a hollow mockery.

Your committee are of opinion that the Atheist is disqualified for election and admission to an Encampment.

PASSING BALLOT BOXES—AND ROBES OF C. P. AND S. W.

The following report was adopted:—

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the interogatories presented by Rep. Stern, of Nevada, as follows:—

First.—Is it necessary to pass the ballot-box to the Senior Warden, either before or after balloting?

Second.—Is it obligatory upon the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden to wear the robes (prescribed by this R. W. Grand Lodge) during the conferring of the degrees?

Respectfully report, as to the first, that the whole matter is left to local legislation. This Grand Lodge decided last year that "State Grand jurisdictions might authorize their Subordinates to enact By-Laws providing that the V. G.,

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or other officers, might assist the N. G. in the examination of the ballot, and make known the result of his examination, the N. G. alone having the prerogative of *deciding* whether the candidate is elected or rejected" (see 127b, Digest), and this rule applies equally to Encampments.

The second question assumes that there are robes prescribed by the Grand Lodges of the United States for the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden, which is not the case. The revised Encampment ritual contains all the prescribed robes, which are those of the High Priest, Guards, etc., and when they shall be worn; and it nowhere speaks of robes for the Chief Patriarch or the Senior Warden, and, as a consequence, those officers are not required to wear robes during initiation.

THE HON. TAL. P. SHAFFNER, LL. D., AND P. G. R.—One of the most pleasing incidents of the session was the presence of Hon. Tal. P. Shaffner, Past Grand Rep. of the State of Kentucky, and who presented to each Grand Officer and Representative a splendid volume, magnificently bound, published by himself, entitled "Odd Fellowship Illustrated." It is the purpose of this distinguished brother to present a copy of his book to each of the crowned heads of the various European and other foreign Governments.

The Grand Lodge of the United States adopted the following by a unanimous vote:—

"The laudable efforts made by individuals to disseminate the principles of our beloved institution, should not only be encouraged, but highly commended; and the latest example displayed in the noble, unselfish action exhibited by Past Grand Representative Tal. P. Shaffner, in his desire to spread a knowledge of the Order throughout the civilized world by the issue of an expensive and elaborately gotten up work on the subject, and distributed by him free of charge, merits at the hands of the Grand Lodge an expression of thanks; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., be and they are hereby tendered to Past Grand Representative Tal. P. Shaffner, LL.D., for the generous gift of a copy of his publication on Odd Fellowship to each of the officers and members in attendance at this annual session."

In reply to the resolution, Brother Shaffner said:—

"MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, PAST GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES:—It is difficult to tell the emotions of my heart, or fitly acknowledge the obligation I feel at this great compliment of being permitted to speak a few fraternal words to this distinguished body—this national Senate of American Odd Fellowship—which has grown to such magnificent proportions since I first had the honor and privilege to take my seat in its council, nearly a third of a century ago. I hail its progress, and that God may speed you is the desire of my heart. For many years since then I have been in foreign lands, amid the pomp, pride and magnificence of empires, monarchies, and thrones, with emperors, kings and queens; but, notwithstanding all this, I have never for a moment forgotten my first love, Odd Fellowship, my native land, or "my old Kentucky home." Whether icy regions surrounded me, or equatorial suns burned above me—though other scenes and other beauties have crossed my path, the bright star of Odd Fellowship has ever been my beacon light; and if I have failed in doing my duty to my Order, let the head and not the heart be responsible."

I have prepared special copies of this work to be forwarded to the powers that rule the nations of the earth, with many of whom I have the honor of a personal acquaintance, believing that it will familiarize them with our principles, and open up the world for our onward march, to which I desire to append the autographs of the members of this Supreme Body.

Again thanking you for the courtesy, the privilege afforded me—again reiterating my prayers for the welfare, progress, and happiness of the fraternity and members, I now have the honor of requesting your acceptance of this memento.

It gives me great pleasure, and I feel it a high honor, to present the first copy to my old, esteemed, and beloved brother, James L. Ridgely.

The following series of resolutions were unanimously adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge on the last day of the session :

First—Thanks to the public press of Indianapolis for prompt and correct reporting of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Second—Fraternal thanks to the State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Indiana, for the reception of the G. L. U. S.

Third—Thanks to the committee of management in Indianapolis, for complete arrangements and brotherly attention during session of Grand Lodge.

Fourth—Thanks to the citizens at large for princely hospitalities and kindly greetings.

Fifth—Thanks to Governor Hendricks, of Indiana, Mayor Caven, of Indianapolis, Senator Morton, and P. G. Rep. Hon. Schuyler Colfax, for joining in the Odd Fellows' demonstration of the session, and extending words of welcome, brotherly love and affection to the Grand Representatives.

Sixth—Thanks to the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana for that warm and generous welcome to their "hearths and homes," for which the citizens of that State and city are known world-wide.

APPEAL FORMS.

A set of forms to be used in appeals to the G. L. U. S. was approved of and their adoption recommended by the several State Grand Jurisdictions.

The following resolution relative to filing appeal papers with the Grand Secretary was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter no appeals will be considered by this Grand Body, at any session thereof, unless the papers in such an appeal be placed in the hands of Grand Secretary on or before the first day of the session.

The next session of the R. W. G. L., U. S., will be held in the city of Philadelphia, commencing Monday, 18th September, 1876.

CONCLUSION.

From the length of our report we have been forced to omit many questions of interest to the Order at large, not only in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario, but on the continent of America. However, Odd Fellows more especially interested in details, will find the proceedings of the session full and complete in the journals issued under the direction of Brother, the Right Worthy Corresponding and Recording Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, of Baltimore.

The undersigned highly value the honor of representing the Grand Encampment of Ontario, in the Supreme G. L., U. S., and sincerely thank the members of this R. W. Grand Body for their confidence and ask approval of this, their report.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. HAM PERRY, ^{Whitby,}
JOHN GIBSON, ^{Stratford,}

St. Catharines, 1st August, 1876.

On motion, it was carried that the Reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Rt. W. Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Distribution then presented the following report :—

To the Most Worthy G. Patriarch and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

PATRIARCHS :—We, your Committee on Distribution, beg leave to submit the following report :—

That so much of Grand Patriarch's report as relates to Dis-
pensation be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Also, that the clauses under the headings of Visitations and
Decisions be referred to the same Committee.

Also, the clause under the heading of Camps of Instruction be
referred to the same Committee.

That so much of G. P.'s Report as refers to Communications
be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much of the Grand Scribe's Report as is contained on
pages one, two and three be referred to the Committee on State
of the Order.

That the matter contained on pages four and five be referred
to the Committee on Returns.

And that contained on pages six, seven and eight, be referred
to the Committee on Finance.

And that all correspondence be referred to the Committee on
Correspondence.

That the Report of the Grand Representatives be referred to
the Committee on State of the Order.

ALEX. CRICHTON,
HECTOR URQUHART, } Committee.
GEO. H. CAREY.

Committee Rooms, St. Catharines, Aug. 1st, 1876.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted. Carried.

On motion, the Grand Encampment adjourned at 11 o'clock
to assemble again at 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present : All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Repre-
sentatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following
report :—

To the M. G. Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

PATRIARCHS :

We, your Committee on Correspondence, beg to submit the following report, That we have carefully examined the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Patriarch and R. W. Grand Scribe for the previous year, and would recommend that the papers in the Grand Patriarch's correspondence, containing an appeal from Patriarch Geo. Wright, Toronto, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

That papers of questions submitted to the Grand Patriarch be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

That the communications to the R. W. G. S. from the R. W. Grand Secretary G. L. U. S., containing an invitation to Philadelphia, be referred to a special committee.

That communications from Patriarch E. G. Chant, Victoria Encampment, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

We find the same has been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. H. and C.,

GEO. H. CAREY, WM. REID, LEONARD FERGUSON.	}	Committee.
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Committee Rooms, Aug. 1st, 1876.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted. Carried.

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following special Committee on Invitation to Philadelphia :—Reps. Ford, Beltz and Neal.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BINGHAM APPEAL.

The special committee appointed at the last session of this Rt. Worthy Grand Encampment presented the following report :—

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario.

The Select Committee—to whom was referred the Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee on Appeals of this R. W. Grand Encampment, at its last annual session of August, 1875, in the matter of appeal: Patriarch H. C. Bingham against Harmony Encampment No. 3—beg to report

That we have had before us the minute book of Harmony Encampment No. 3, the proceedings and evidence taken before the trial Committee of said Harmony Encampment, and the evidence taken before the Committee on Appeals, with the Majority and Minority Reports of said Committee, and have fully and carefully examined the same.

That according to Sec. 6 of Article 5, Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, appeals to this Grand Encampment can only be made by a Patriarch on the grounds of "informality or want of fairness, and if such informality or want of fairness" be established, then, on the command of the Grand Encampment, the Patriarch may be tried anew for the same offence.

That although the record of the original charge in this case of Partridge vs. Bingham, and the Encampment proceedings thereon as shown in the minute book of Harmony Encampment; the record of evidence taken before, and the minutes of the proceedings of the trial Committee of said Harmony Encampment, are not of that general, complete and satisfactory character so desirable in all cases of charges and trials before a Subordinate Encampment, or Committee thereof. Nevertheless, there does not appear to have been "informality or want of fairness" in the proceedings, conduct and final decision of this case.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that said appeal of Patriarch H. C. Bingham be dismissed, and report the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the appeal of Patriarch H. C. Bingham be not sustained.

Resolved, That this report be and is hereby adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HAM PERRY, Chairman,	} Committee.
W. H. COLE,	
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St. Catharines, 1st August, 1876.

Rep. Geo. H. Carey, of Toronto Enc. No. 8, asked permission of this Rt. W. Grand Encampment for the appellant to appeal against the expressed decision of this Grand Encampment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S.

On motion, duly seconded, permission was granted.

P. G. Patriarch Jas. Woodyatt submitted some proposed amendments to the Constitution for Subordinates, and moved, seconded by Rep. Beltz, that the same be referred to a special Committee to be appointed by the chair. The motion was put and declared carried.

The G. P. then appointed the following committee:—

Committee—P. G. P.'s Jas. Woodyatt, A. Purves and Rep. Geo. H. Carey.

Moved by Rep. Perry, seconded by Rep. Coulson, that the nomination and election of officers of this Grand Encampment take place at 4 o'clock this day. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:
To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario.

PATRIARCHS:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that we have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer and compared the vouchers, and find them correct.

We find that the Grand Scribe and Treasurer has opened a Day Book and Cash Book as recommended by the Finance Com-

mittee last year, and we have much pleasure in stating that all the financial accounts have been kept by your Grand Treasurer in a correct, systematic and satisfactory manner.

We find the following amounts due by Subordinates:

Brant.....	\$5 00	Northern Star.....	\$ 60
Charity.....	50	Quinte.....	60
Beaver.....	85	Unity.....	3 60
Burlington.....	60	Niagara Falls.....	60
Toronto.....	25	Victoria.....	4 00
Brock.....	2 50	Alpha.....	50
Chatham.....	85	Wentworth.....	56
Ontario.....	8 60	Huron.....	50
Albert.....	85	Wellington.....	18 54
Whitby.....	31	Newmarket.....	56
Mt. Ararat.....	60	Exeter.....	60
Hebron.....	60	Peel.....	56

The cash balance on hand is \$737.13, out of which is to be taken the mileage, per diem and expenses of the present session, after which a balance will be to our credit to carry forward to next year's account.

We have examined the account of the Select Appeal Committee *in re* Bingham, amounting to \$22.18, and recommend the payment of the same.

Following the recommendation of your Finance Committee of last year, we recommend that the salary of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer for the year ending June 30th, 1876, be \$75, and in view of the largely increased work of the duties and responsibilities of your Grand Scribe and Treasurer, your Committee recommend that the annual salary of that officer be \$150, commencing on the 1st day of July, 1876.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

W. D. GORDON, Chairman, }
 EDMUND BELTZ, } Committee.
 J. HAM PERRY. }

St. Catharines, Aug. 1st, 1876.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

This Committee presented the following Report:—

On By-Laws—I. F. Toms, Ed. Grigg, Thos. Henderson, J. H. Post and Robt. Dodds.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Sub-

ordinates, beg to report that they have examined the following By-Laws, and submit the following;

BRANT ENCAMPMENT No. 4—Clause 4—Strike out words "Ancient Patriarch" in the clause and where it occurs throughout the By-Laws.

Clause 27—Strike out words commencing on fourteenth line and ending on sixteenth line—"nor shall any absent member ever be entitled to more than four weeks for any undrawn weekly benefits, unless it be in the case of a member at sea as aforesaid," your Committee are of opinion that weekly benefits to non-resident members in good standing cannot be restricted as to time. See—

Clause 31—This clause should provide for payment of dues in advance, but should not debar the Patriarchs from recovering benefits if dues paid in advance for any time. [See White's Digest 560.

BURLINGTON ENC., No. 7—Amendments to former By-Laws.

Art. V, Class 1—Strike out words "Working in obedience to and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario."

The By-Laws of Huron Encampment No. 28 we find correct. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. TOMS,	} Committee.
ROBT. DODDS,	
E. GRIGG,	
T. HENDERSON,	
JASON H. POST.	

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

P. G. Patriarch James Woodyatt, seconded by Rep. Gordon, moved to amend the report by striking out that part of the same amending clauses 27 and 31 of the By-Laws of Brant Encampment No. 4.

The amendment was carried, and the Report as amended was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns presented the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, St. Catharines, Aug. 1st, 1876.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

PATRIARCHS.

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the semi-annual returns of the Encampment in this jurisdiction for the terms ending 31st Dec. 1875, and June 30th, 1876, and find errors and omissions as follows:

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	DEC. 31st, 1875.	JUNE 30th, 1876.
Union No. 1.....	{ No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.	Correct.
Frontier No. 2.....	{ No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.	Name of Patriarch suspended omitted. Percentage to Grand Encampment should be \$14.50 instead of \$15.
Harmony No. 3.....	{ Correct.....	Number received during term should be 17 instead of 15. No. Degrees conferred should be 43 instead of 47. No. of Patriarchs relieved omitted.
Brant No. 4.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Charity No. 5.....	{ Correct.....	No. Degrees should be 21 instead of 12.
Beaver No. 6.....	{ Correct.....	No. members per last report should be 50 instead of 54. \$1 per capita tax overpaid.
Burlington No. 7.....	{ Correct.....	No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.
Toronto No. 8.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Brook No. 9.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Chatham No. 10.....	{ Correct.....	No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.
Ontario No. 11.....	{ Correct.....	Nights of meeting on omitted.
Albert No. 12.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Whitby No. 13.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Fidelity No. 14.....	{ No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.	Correct.
Kingston No. 15.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Mt. Ararat No. 16.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Hebron No. 17.....	{ No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.	Correct.
Northern Star No. 18.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Quinte No. 19.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Elgin No. 20.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Unity No. 21.....	{ Correct.....	No. Patriarchs relieved omitted.
Guiding Star No. 22.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Niagara Falls No. 23.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Friendship No. 24.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Alpha No. 26.....	{ Correct.....	No. members per last report should be 26 instead of 27. 25c per capita tax.
Seaforth No. 27.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Huron No. 28.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Livingstone No. 29.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Wentworth No. 30.....	Correct.....	Correct.
Wellington No. 31.....	Correct.....	Correct.

We find that several of the Encampments have reported funds paid out for current expenses which your Committee are of opinion should be counted as funds invested.

Your Committee would recommend that there be a separate heading for funds invested in paraphernalia, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. ELIAS DURHAM, A. EDWARDS, WILLIAM BOX, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, GEORGE POWELL, SR.	}	Committee.
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Moved and seconded that the foregoing Report be adopted.
Carried.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Past Grand Patriarchs Purves and Woodyatt Scrutineers.

The nomination and election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following result:—

W. H. COLE, Brockville, (Acclamation).....	M. W. Grand Patriarch.
J. P. YOUNG, Chatham, (Acclamation).....	M. Ex. Grand High Priest.
E. R. ROBINSON, London, (Acclamation).....	Rt. W. Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON, London, (Acclamation)...	Rt. W. Grand Scribe and Treasurer.
THOS. WOODYATT, (1st Ballot).....	Rt. W. Grand Junior Warden.
JOHN HAM PERRY, (1st Ballot).....	Rt. W. Grand Rep. Grand Lodge U. S.

Moved by P. G. Patriarch Gibson, and seconded, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Scrutineers. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report:—

ENCAMPMENT ROOMS, St. Catharines, Aug. 1st, 1876.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to report that the following Patriarchs be paid four cents per mile and two dollars per diem for their attendance at the present session of the R. W. Grand Encampment:—

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Harmony.....	3 London.....	Ed. Beltz.....	110	8 80	2 00	10 80
Harmony.....	3 London.....	Geo. Powell, Sr.	110	8 80	2 00	10 80
Brant.....	4 Brantford.....	Wm. Smith.....	59	4 72	2 00	6 72
Charity.....	5 Stratford.....	A. M. Campbell..	92	7 36	2 00	9 36
Charity.....	5 Stratford.....	Thos. Henderson	92	7 36	2 00	9 36
Beaver.....	6 St. Marys.....	Wm. Box.....	102	8 16	2 00	10 16
Burlington.....	7 Hamilton.....	J. C. White.....	32	2 56	2 00	4 56
Toronto.....	8 Toronto.....	G. H. Carey.....	72	5 76	2 00	7 76
Toronto.....	8 Toronto.....	R. Dodds.....	72	.....	2 00	2 00
Brock.....	9 Brockville.....	J. Kyle.....	280	22 40	2 00	24 40
Chatham.....	10 Chatham.....	J. H. Oldershaw	172	13 76	2 00	15 76
Ontario.....	11 Oshawa.....	J. Bailes.....	106	8 48	2 00	10 48
Albert.....	12 Bowmanville..	W. Jennings....	115	9 20	2 00	11 20
Whitby.....	13 Whitby.....	C. S. Male.....	102	8 16	2 00	10 16
Fidelity.....	14 Strathroy.....	H. Urquhart.....	128	10 24	2 00	12 24
Kingston.....	15 Kingston.....	W. D. Gordon....	233	18 64	2 00	20 64
Mt. Ararat.....	16 Napanee.....	W. N. Hosey.....	207	16 56	2 00	18 56
Hebron.....	17 Parkhill.....	Wm. Reed.....	132	10 56	2 00	12 56
Northern Star..	18 Pt. Perry.....	J. J. Davis.....	122	absent	.....	.....
Quinte.....	19 Belleville....	J. H. Post.....	185	14 80	2 00	16 80
Elgin.....	20 St. Thomas...	L. Ferguson.....	125	10 00	2 00	12 00
Unity.....	21 Ingersoll.....	J. R. Harris.....	189	15 12	2 00	17 12
Guiding Star..	22 Manilla.....	A. Edwards.....	137	.....	2 00	2 00
Niagara Falls..	23 Clifton.....	John Coulson....	11	88	2 00	2 88
Friendship.....	24 Petrolia.....	J. E. Durham....	156	12 48	2 00	14 48
Alpha.....	26 Sarnia.....	Henry Neal.....	240	.....	2 00	2 00
Seaforth.....	27 Seaforth.....	J. Campbell.....	110	.....	2 00	2 00
Huren.....	28 Goderich.....	I. F. Toms.....	130	10 40	2 00	12 40
Livingstone...	29 Thorold.....	W. Williams....	4	32	2 00	2 32
Wellington.....	31 Guelph.....	Ed. Grigg.....	78	6 24	2 00	8 24
		Harper Wilson..	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
		W. H. Cole.....	280	22 40	2 00	24 40
		J. P. Young.....	172	13 76	2 00	15 76
		M. D. Dawson...	110	8 80	2 00	10 80
		J. H. Perry.....	102	.....	2 00	2 00
		J. Gibson.....	92	7 36	2 00	9 36
		E. R. Robinson..	110	8 80	2 00	10 80
		J. G. Moore....	185	14 80	2 00	16 80
		Geo. Midgely...	32	2 00	2 00
		E. E. Henderson	178	14 24	2 00	16 24
		Arthur Boulden.	janitor.....	2 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
JOHN KYLE,
W. N. HOSEY,
JOHN BAILES. } Committee.

On motion the foregoing report was adopted seriatim.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVITATION OF M. W. G. L. U. S. TO CENTENNIAL.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the invitation of the M. W. Grand Lodge U. S. to this Grand Encampment, to visit Philadelphia, presented the following report:—

To the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch and the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the invitation of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the U. S. to visit (at their meeting in September next) Philadelphia, beg leave to submit the following report:—

We are satisfied from the cordiality of the invitation and the known hospitality of the brethren in Philadelphia that a pleasing and profitable entertainment will be provided for all Patriarchs who may find it convenient to accept the invitation, and would recommend all who may desire to attend, to report their names to the Grand Representatives at Philadelphia.

Your Committee regret that the funds of the Grand Encampment does not permit any appropriations towards a general attendance of the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge as a body at the great assemblage of Odd Fellows at Philadelphia on the 20th of September next.

We beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

WM. N. FORD,
EDMUND BELTZ, } Committee.
HENRY NEAL.

Committee Rooms, August 1st, 1876.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report:—

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario I. O. O. F.

PATRIARCHS:

The appeal of Dr. Wright, of Toronto Encampment No. 8, referred to your Committee from the Committee on Correspondence, we beg leave to report that we find that the matter was amicably adjusted by the Grand Patriarch and referred to in his report, and as it was informal in its nature, request that the

Committee be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

HENRY NEAL,
WM. SMITH,
S. P. GUILLOT,
A. M. CAMPBELL,
J. C. WHITE.

} Committee.

Committee Rooms, August 1st, 1876.

On motion it was—

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

On motion it was carried that this Grand Encampment do now adjourn to meet again at 7 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

The Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the amendments offered to the Constitution of Subordinates presented the following report:—

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the Amendments to the Constitution for Subordinates, submitted by James Woodyatt, P. G. P., respectfully report: recommending the adoption of the said amendments, and that the "Forms of Rules in Procedure in Trials" accompanying said amendments be printed as an appendix to the Constitution.

We submit the following:

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

A. PURVES,
JAMES WOODYATT,
GEO. H. CAREY.

} Committee.

St. Catharines, Aug. 1st, 1876.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Strike out Articles and Sections and have all numbered consecutively.

ART. II, SEC. 6.—Strike out whole section.

ART. IV, SEC. 3.—Strike out all after word "Patriarch" in the fifth line, and all of Sections 4 and 5, and insert: "and the

mode of trial and procedure shall be in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure in Trials as appended to this Constitution."

SEC. 6.—Strike out whole section and insert, "Any Patriarch interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Encampment of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Scribe within three months from the date of the final action of the Encampment on the matter to be appealed against, and the Encampment shall be required to provide the appellant with a copy of all the proceedings in the case, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same, which charges shall be refunded to the appellant in the event of his appeal being sustained, and in the event of informality or unfairness being shown by such appeal (and not otherwise) the Grand Encampment may order a new trial to be had."

SEC. 7.—Strike out all between the word "Patriarch" in the first line and the word "who" in the third line.

FORM A.

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Encampment No.....I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....Encampment No....., does hereby charge Patriarch A. B., of Encampment No..... with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to-wit:

1st, For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....day of.....187 , at the.....(Specify the offence and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be under a separate place in the charge).....contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date

(Signed)

B. B.

FORM B.

NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

Date.....187 .

Patriarch.....:—I herewith enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by.....of..... The same was referred to a Committee consisting of.....(give names)..... You are required to file your answer to the charge and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one week from the service of this notice, with the first named member of the Committee, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,

(Seal)

Scribe.

FORM C.

NOTICE TO CONVENOR OF COMMITTEE.

Date.....18 .

To Patriarch.....:

I enclose you a charge preferred by.....against..... which charge was referred to.....(give names).....for trial, of which Committee you are convenor. The accused was served with a copy of the charge on the.....day of.....and notified to file his answer thereto with you within one week, when you will cause the Committee to meet and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally,

Scribe.

FORM D.

NOTICE TO THE ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

Date.....18 .
 To..... A. B. or C. D. (as the case may be, one to each party) :
 The Committee on trial of the charge and specifications made by.....
 against.....will meet at.....on the day of.....
 at.....o'clock, to hear and determine the same. You are required to
 attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend the same, as the case may be.*)
 I am yours fraternally,
 Convenor of Committee.

FORM E.

PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred by B. B. on
 the.....day of.....say :—
 1st, That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal juris-
 diction of the Encampment.
 2nd, That I am not guilty.
 3rd, Guilty.
 4th, I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.
 5th, The complaint is frivolous. A. B.

FORM F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

To.....Encampment No.....I. O. O. F.
 Date.....18 .
 The undersigned (a majority of the) Committee appointed to investigate the
 charge and specifications preferred by.....against.....
 respectfully report as follows : (state the findings on each specification). The
 minutes of the Committee, evidence taken and papers pertaining to the trial are
 submitted herewith. (Signed by Committee.)

FORM G.

DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence
 you shall give in the matter of.....against....., now pending,
 shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you de-
 clare.

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

- 1st. All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be submitted direct to the Encampment of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.
- 2nd. The Encampment shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a Committee of five, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written

upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the convenor thereof.

3rd. The accused or accuser, or any member of the Encampment acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on a ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated, and considered by the Encampment, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

4th. The Scribe shall affix the seal of the Encampment to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Scribe shall also certify under seal the duplicate charge and deliver it to the convenor of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C" of these rules.

5th. The accused shall within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications serve his plea or answer to the same upon the convenor of the Committee by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

6th. The convenor of the Committee shall, on the receipt of the pleas in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser and the accused shall be served with personal notice if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time fixed for trial.

7th. At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed, and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings by leave of the Committee.

8th. The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Encampment within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the Committee should show:—

- I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
- II. The exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.
- III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.
- IV. All documentary evidence marked as exhibits.
- V. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession,

upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he refuses, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

9th. The finding of the Committee shall be entered on the Encampment minutes by the Scribe, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

10th. The Encampment shall take up the report for consideration at the next regular meeting after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm, or reverse the finding of the Committee, upon any one, or all of the allegations in the charge, or their ruling thereon.

11th. The final decision of the Encampment shall be notified to both parties by the Scribe immediately.

12th. Either party may appeal from the decision of the Encampment to the Grand Encampment within three months from the action of the Encampment thereon. The Encampment shall transmit to the Grand Scribe a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

SECTION II.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1st. The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of trial shall be:—

(a) Parol evidence (*i. e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the Committee).

(b) Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

(c) Regularly certified minutes of Encampment.

(d) Regularly proved documentary evidence. Heresay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

2nd. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

3rd. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by

the Grand Lodge of the United States, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

4th. The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

Moved by M. E. Gd. H. Priest Cole, seconded by P. Grand Patriarch Purves, and

Resolved, That in view of the important changes made at this session of the Grand Encampment in the Constitution of Subordinates, the Grand Scribe be instructed to correspond with the different Subordinate Encampments by circular, enquiring how many copies each Encampment would require of the said revised Constitution, and that the Grand Scribe have a sufficient number printed and distributed to each Subordinate Encampment as they may require at cost price.

Moved by Rep. Geo. H. Carey, and seconded by Rep. W. D. Gordon, that as the election of officers in Peel Encampment No. 34 held on their last meeting in June was irregular; that the officers installed at the institution on May 5th, be instructed to take the offices to which they were then installed, and hold the same until the end of the present term, and that the Grand Scribe notify the Encampment to that end. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report, which was taken up *seriatim*:-

The Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report on the matters submitted to them:

We recommend that charters be granted to-

Livingstone Encampment No. 29.....	Therold
Wentworth Encampment No. 30.....	Dundas
Wellington Encampment No. 31.....	Guelph
Newmarket Encampment No. 32.....	Newmarket
Exeter Encampment No. 33.....	Exeter
Peel Encampment No. 34.....	Brampton

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the D. D. G. P's have so satisfactorily performed the duties assigned them by the Grand Patriarch for the benefit and advancement of this branch of the Order.

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campments of instruction located at convenient points in the jurisdiction, and regret that the recommendation of the Grand Patriarch in Sec. 9 of his report in the year 1874, approved by the special Committee (see page 154, Journal 1874) confirmed by a vote of the Grand Encampment, has not been taken advantage of by the Subordinate Encampments in this jurisdiction, the machinery having been already provided and the authority of this Grand Encampment already granted for the establishment and carrying on of such schools of instruction so soon as five Subordinate Encampments desire it.

A question answered by the Grand Patriarch in the affirmative, that a D. D. G. P. can grant dispensations to confer the last two degrees in one night, was submitted to your Committee. They beg leave to dissent, and submit that, according to the decision of the Grand Sire as reported to the G. L. U. S. 1875, and modified by the Supreme Grand Lodge, is a case in point and is as follows: "That on a dispensation being granted by the proper officer (which according to our law is the Grand Patriarch) the last two degrees can be conferred in one night by the Encampment of which he is a member, or by any other Encampment requested to confer them by his Encampment.

We approve the second decision of the Grand Patriarch.

The third decision of the Grand Patriarch should be answered as follows: Yes, provided the other members of the Committee refuse to sign a report. Negatived.

The fourth decision of the Grand Patriarch should have been no. In the absence of the C. P. and Senior Warden if a Past C. P. is present and a member of the Encampment he should preside. Confirmed.

Also, if the H. P. presides would business be legal? Answer—Yes, that is if the business so done would be legal if the C. P. was in the chair. Answer should be no. Confirmed.

We heartily join in the congratulation of the Grand Patriarch on the increased prosperity of the Order. It is to be regretted that Subordinate Encampments do not send in their By-Laws for confirmation by this Grand Encampment, and unless they are promptly sent in stringent measures must be taken. Confirmed.

The paragraph referring to statistics in the Grand Scribe's Report we recommend to the Committee on Returns.

Your Committee are pleased to learn from the Report of the Grand Representative to the G. L. U. S. of the satisfactory progress of our Order in all its branches, in all countries where it has been established, and especially of the establishment of a Lodge and Encampment in the City of London, in England.

Your Committee would further recommend that the appeal forms approved by the G. L. U. S. in 1875 be adopted by this R. W. Grand Body as law, and that the Grand Scribe print them for the guidance and instruction of the Encampments, Carried.

RE VICTORIA ENCAMPMENT NO. 25.—From the Report of the Grand Scribe we learn that no half-yearly reports of this Encampment have been received for the past two terms. And we further learn from the communication addressed to the Grand Scribe by J. G. Chant, D. D. G. P., of said Encampment, that no meetings have been held for the past six or eight months; the failure to hold such meetings being the impossibility of obtaining a quorum, Durham Lodge having been suspended by the Grand Master last January. We therefore recommend that the charter, books, properties and money of said Encampment be delivered over to the Grand Patriarch in trust till the next meeting of this Grand Body unless a legal quorum of qualified members of said Encampment in the meantime notify, in writing, the Grand Patriarch, their willingness and ability to carry on the work of said Encampment, and on the receipt of said application satisfactory to the Grand Patriarch, then the charter, books, properties and money shall be returned to said petitioning Patriarchs. Carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON, J. H. PERRY, W. N. FORD, WM. JENNINGS, JAMES H. OLDERSHAW.	}	Committee.
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The foregoing report was then adopted.

Moved and seconded that the Janitor be paid \$2.00 for his services to this Grand Encampment. Carried.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch then proceeded to install the

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Grand Officers for the ensuing year in the following order, viz:—

W. H. Cole.....	M. W. Grand Patriarch.
James P. Young.....	M. E. Grand High Priest.
E. R. Robinson.....	Rt. W. Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. Dawson.....	Rt. W. Grand Scribe and Treasurer.
Thos. Woodyatt.....	Rt. W. Grand Junior Warden.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch then made the following appointments of his Subordinate Officers, all of which were approved, and duly installed into their respective offices:

Henry Neal.....	Grand Sentinel.
.....	O. Sentinel.
John G. Moore.....	Grand Marshal.

The following are the D. D. Grand Patriarchs for the ensuing year:

D. D. GRAND PATRIARCHS.

W. A. Rawlins.....	Union No. 1.
Joseph S. Edgar.....	Frontier No. 2.
George Shaw.....	Harmony No. 3.
A. R. Narraway.....	Brant No. 4.
A. M. Campbell.....	Charity No. 5.
John McLean.....	Beaver No. 6.
George Midgley.....	Burlington No. 7.
J. L. Bird.....	Toronto No. 8.
James Curle.....	Brook No. 9.
John Turner.....	Chatham No. 10.
Robert Gott.....	Ontario No. 11.
Sam'l Burden.....	Albert No. 12.
W. Adams.....	Whitby No. 13.
S. G. Chamberlain.....	Fidelity No. 14.
W. D. Gordon.....	Kingston No. 15.
W. N. Hosey.....	Mount Ararat No. 16.
W. Reid.....	Hebron No. 17.
J. J. Davis.....	Northern Star No. 18.
James H. Post.....	Quinte No. 19.
Angus Murray.....	Elgin No. 20.
James McDonald.....	Unity No. 21.
A. Edwards.....	Guiding Star No. 22.
John Coulson.....	Niagara Falls No. 23.
John Walker.....	Friendship No. 24.
Henry Neal.....	Alpha No. 26.
John Campbell.....	Seaforth No. 27.
I. F. Toms.....	Huron No. 28.
W. Williams.....	Livingstone No. 29.
Geo. Midgley.....	Wentworth No. 30.
E. Grigg.....	Wellington No. 31.
J. L. Bird.....	Newmarket No. 32.
John Campbell.....	Exeter No. 33.
J. L. Bird.....	Peel No. 34.

Moved by Rep. Thos. Henderson, seconded by Rep. A. M. Campbell, that the thanks of this Rt. W. Grand Encampment be tendered to Union Enc. No. 1 and the Subordinate Lodges of this city for the use of this beautiful hall during the present session. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Wm. Box, seconded by Rep. Geo. H. Carey, that the Grand Scribe be authorized to have 350 copies of the Journal of Proceedings printed and distributed in the usual way. Carried.

Business being concluded, the Grand Encampment was closed at 11 o'clock to meet again on Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in August 1877 at 9 o'clock a. m. at such place as the Rt. Worthy Grand Lodge may decide upon.

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.



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NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE OFFICERS

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Right Worthy Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F.

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, FOR 1876 AND 1877.

W. H. COLE, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....	Brookville.
JAS. P. YOUNG, M. E. Grand High Priest.....	Chatham.
E. R. ROBINSON, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.....	London.
M. D. DAWSON, R. W. Grand Scribe and Treasurer.....	London.
JOHN HAM PERRY, R. W. Grand Rep. Grand Lodge U. S.....	Whitby.
JOHN GIBSON, R. W. Grand Rep. Grand Lodge U. S.....	Stratford.
THOS. WOODYATT, Grand Junior Warden.....	Brantford.
JOHN G. MOORE, Grand Marshal.....	Belleville.
HENRY NEAL, Grand Sentinel.....	Sarnia.

In Memoriam.

Patriarch Wm. Peck, Frontier Enc. No. 2, Windsor,
Died March 19th, 1876.

P. C. Patriarch Geo. Irwin, Frontier Enc. No. 2, Windsor,
Was killed by accident on the G. W. R. May 18th, 1876.

Patriarch C. Greiner, Harmony Enc. No. 3, London,
Died August 26th, 1875.

P. C. Patriarch John Weir, Harmony Enc. No. 3, London,
Died June 19th, 1876.

Patriarch G. M. Debus, Charity Enc. No. 5, Stratford,
Died April 14th, 1876.

Patriarch R. Fraser, Whitby Enc. No. 13, Whitby,
Died August 28th, 1875.

Patriarch Alex. Armstrong, Whitby Enc. No. 13, Whitby,
Died December 27th, 1875.

Pat. W. J. Dafore, Northern Star Enc. No. 18, Pt. Perry,
Died August 31st, 1875.

Patriarch W. E. Miles, Quinte Enc. No. 19, Belleville,
Died August 14th, 1875.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following Patriarchs have been suspended during the past year :—

Union Enc. No. 1, St. Catharines—E. Lindsay, Alf. Ralph, Wm Hope, Jas. Waddell, Walter Fralick and R. W. Craig—cause not stated.

Harmony Enc. No. 3, London—Richard Anderson, W. H Skinner, Wm. Joanes and James Fitzgerald for N. P. D.

Brant Enc. No. 4, Brantford—G. W. Pontine, N. P. D.

Beaver Enc. No. 6, St. Marys—D. H. Harrison, C. S. Jones, W. McGregor and A. Sinclair for N. P. D.

Burlington Enc. No. 7, Hamilton—James Hughes, P. Lambert, M. Isbester, S. Wheeler, J. R. Crockett, J. Cooper, L. Thompson, L. Acheson and W. J. Moore for N. P. D.

Toronto Enc. No. 8, Toronto—G. Barber, suspended on account of being suspended in Subordinate.

Brock Enc. No. 9, Brockville—G. L. Landon for N. P. D.

Chatham Enc. No. 10, Chatham—Thos. French, Wm. Barclay, John McKay, L. A. Blackburn, L. W. Taylor, A. K. Reely, H. Nagle, Wm. Smyth, Jas. Smyth and Wm. N. Smyth—cause not given.

Albert Enc. No. 12, Bowmanville—T. H. Vann, F. Hoskin, W. Perie, F. W. Coles and R. Adair for N. P. D.

Whitby Enc. No. 13, Whitby—W. F. Collins, Andrew Mason, G. Blair, Levi Fairbanks and Alex. Chute for N. P. D.

Northern Star No. 18, Port Perry—D. Mc Kercher, John Fox and Wm. Hern for N. P. D.

Quinte Enc. No. 19, Belleville—D. Thompson, N. P. D.

Elgin Enc. No. 20, St. Thomas—Jas. Meek, cause not given.

EXPULSIONS.

The following Patriarchs have been expelled during the past year :—

Harmony Enc. No. 3, London—Wm. Walmsely, for immoral conduct, and S. G. Moore for contempt.

Ontario Enc. No. 11, Oshawa—Wm. H. Luke, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

Northern Star Enc. No. 18, Port Perry—J. J. Shaw, expelled from Subordinate.

Elgin Enc. No. 20, St. Thomas—A. J. Arnold, cause not given.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS AND OFFICERS

No.	Encampment.	Post Office.	Night of Meeting.	Chief Patriarch.	Patriarch.	W. C.
1	Union	St. Catharines	1st & 3rd Wednesday	C A Case	Jas W	W C
2	Frontier	Windsor	2nd & 4th Friday	Wm A Allan	Jno	Jno
3	Harmony	London	2nd & 4th Thursday	Sol Perry	T G	T P
4	Brant	Brantford	1st & 3rd Friday	J J Dickson	Jon	A R
5	Charity	Stratford	2nd & 4th Friday	Jno Pethick	T H	J T
6	Beaver	St. Marys	1st & 3rd Thursday	Thos Greenill	on	Jas
7	Burlington	Hamilton	2nd & 4th Monday	M Wilson	Thos	John
8	Toronto	Toronto	2nd & 4th Thursday	M E Snider	Dr G	W F
9	Brock	Brockville	1st & 3rd Friday	H Wilkinson	G T	W C
10	Chatham	Chatham	1st & 3rd Thursday	S J Somerville	Dr W	J E
11	Ontario	Oshawa	2nd & 4th Friday	W H Clark	R Z	W C
12	Albert	Bowmanville	2nd & 4th Monday	E W Taylor	Wm	Sam
13	Whitby	Whitby	1st & 3rd Friday	J R Bryan	Chas	N F
14	Fidelity	Stratroy	1st & 3rd Tuesday	Robt Deprose	Disay	John
15	Kingston	Kingston	2nd & 4th Monday	S N Andrews	Geo	Chas
16	Mt. Ararat	Napanee	2nd & 4th Thursday	John A Reid	John	Jno
17	Hebron	Parkhill	2nd & 4th Monday	Alex Burns	Jas	E E
18	Northern Star	Port Perry	1st & 3rd Wednesday	J W Isaacs	Geo	W H
19	Quinte	Belleville	2nd & 4th Wednesday	Allan McFee	D J	J H
20	Elgin	St. Thomas	1st & 3rd Monday	O C Jarvis	J C	W T
21	Unity	Ingersoll	2nd & 4th Friday	Wm W Griffey	Al	Geo V
22	Guiding Star	Manilla	1st & 3rd Monday	L G McDonald	Ed	J A
23	Niagara Falls	Clifton	2nd & 4th Wednesday	Robt C Guerin	R F	R F
24	Friendship	Petrolia	2nd & 4th Tuesday	John Mearns	Geo	Chas
25	Victoria	Port Hope	2nd & 4th Friday			
26	Alpha	Sarnia	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Alex Taylor	Chas	J J
27	Seaforth	Seaforth	1st & 3rd Thursday	C Armstrong	Jas	Wm
28	Huron	Goderich	1st Tues'd & 3rd Frid'y	Neil Campbell	Fred	Wm
29	Livingstone	Thorold	1st & 3rd Friday	Wm Hendershot	Sam	nd.
30	Wentworth	Dundas	1st Tuesday each m'th	George Lees	E A	A Co
31	Wellington	Guelph	2nd & 4th Friday	Wm Sunley	H H	C Ma
32	Newmarket	Newmarket	1st & 3rd Thursday	L Atkinson	Al	nd.
33	Exeter	Exeter	3rd & 4th Thursday	Geo Thexton	U	J E H
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