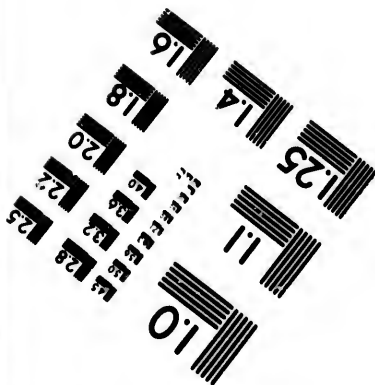
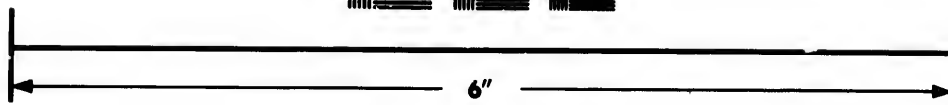
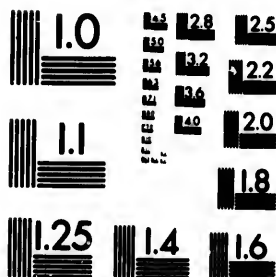


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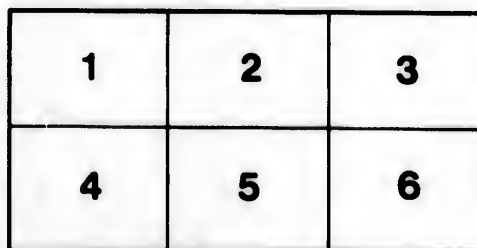
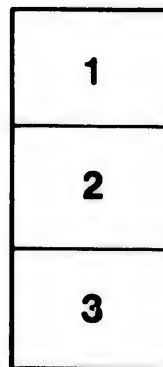
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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

HALL OF NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

8th February, 1888.

The Grand Lodge assembled on the above date at three o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

Present :—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
J. H. Meldram.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
H. Hoy.....	Grand Marshal.
S. T. Mackintosh.....	Act'g Grand Guardian.
J. E. Phillips (No. 4).....	Act'g Grand Herald.
F. Carne, P. G. M.....	Act'g Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined those present, and announced them duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine blessing.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The following Committee on Credentials was appointed:
 Rep. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; Rep. Fawcett, No. 2; Rep.
 Scoullar, No. 3; Rep. Phillips, No. 4; Rep. Scott, No. 6;
 and Rep. Henderson, No. 7.

Report read from Committee on Credentials.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 8th February, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that we have examined the certificates, and find the following accredited as Representatives to this Grand Lodge :—

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

T. R. Mitchell,	F. Davey,	W. Steele,
R. McIntosh,	W. H. Flewin,	W. E. Holmes,
J. Dixon,	A. Phillips,	J. G. Taylor,
W. H. Huxtable,	C. Hayward,	G. Williams,
F. Carne,	D. Dale,	F. Page,
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FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

J. Fell,	G. H. Maynard,	W. H. Mixer,
J. Sears,	J. Pope,	H. Waller,
W. J. Pendray,	W. Croft,	F. Norris,
M. Baker,	J. H. Meldram,	P. W. Dempster,
R. W. Fawcett,	M. Young,	

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

E. S. Scoullar,	B. W. Shiles,	W. McColl,
S. T. Mackintosh,	P. J. Foulds,	J. E. Phillips,
H. Elliott,	G. Turner,	H. Hoy,
C. R. Monek.		

FROM DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

W. D. McKillican,	J. Wriglesworth,	W. Walker,
J. E. Phillips,	T. Bamford,	F. T. Sherborne,
Alex. McCandless,	L. Cousins,	P. A. Babington,
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FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, No. 5.

E. Quennell,	H. McAdie,	W. H. Morton,
J. Wilcox,	J. Hemer,	A. Galloway,
J. Crossan,	R. Rivers,	A. McGregor,
M. Bate,	G. Ramsay,	B. Baker.

FROM HARMONY LODGE, No. 6.

R. Scott,	G. Williams,	J. Green.
A. Clarkson,	E. Hoskins,	J. Hoskins,
J. L. Work,	J. A. Thompson,	B. Sheering.

FROM EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 7.

J. C. Henderson,	J. A. Campbell,	J. McCutcheon,
R. Campbell.		

FROM VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 8.

W. Vivian,	T. C. Gray.
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FROM TATNAI LODGE, No. 9.

Wm. Edmunds.

And that from the Certificates received, the following Past Grands are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge :

FROM VICTORIA LODGE No. 1.

J. Weiler,	C. Gowen,	J. Davies,
J. D. Robinson,	S. T. Styles,	J. M. Read,
G. W. Anderson,	J. Gosnell,	E. Fawcett,
M. Hart,	W. Irvine,	A. Rome,
R. Roberts,	J. Jackson,	J. Doughty,
T. J. Partridge.		

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

M. Humber,	W. Harrison,	A. B. Gray,
J. P. Goodhue,	W. F. Archibald,	J. Partridge,
J. E. McMillan,	J. W. Carey,	R. Hall,
S. Adler,	J. Hawkins.	

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

W. J. Armstrong,	A. Ewen,	L. F. Bonson,
J. A. Calbick.	R. H. Baker,	A. McCorvie,
N. A. White.		

FROM DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

H. Smith,	C. Todd,	A. J. Gray,
E. H. Fletcher,	J. Creeden,	O. Warner,
J. D. Ford,	W. Ralph.	

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, No. 5.

G. Norris,	J. Mahrer	W. Wilks,
J. Phillips.		

Also, that the following are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:—

W. E. Holmes, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
 A. Henderson and P. W. Dempster, of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
 N. A. White and C. R. Monck, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
 L. Cousins and A. J. McCandless, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
 B. Baker, of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
 B. Shearing, of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.
 R. Campbell, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.
 W. Vivian and T. Gray, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.
 W. Edmunds, of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

All of which is Fraternally submitted in F. L. & T.,

F. CARNE, No. 1,
 R. W. FAWCETT, No. 2,
 E. S. SCOLLAR, No. 3,
 J. E. PHILLIPS, No. 4,
 ROBERT SCOTT, No. 6,
 JNO. C. HENDERSON, No. 7.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted and read.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill vacancies on Committees:—

FINANCE.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; T. C. Gray, No. 8; W. Tempman, No. 1.

APPEALS.—R. McIntosh, No. 1; H. McAdie, No. 5; F. Carne, P. G. M. No. 1; E. Hoskins, No. 6.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—W. Edmunds, No. 9; W. D. McKillean, G. M., No. 4.

PETITIONS.—F. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4; B. Baker, No. 5,

LEGISLATION.—P. W. Dempster, No. 2; W. E. Holmes, No. 1; Vivian, No. 8; J. E. Phillips, No. 4.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the Grand Master appoint the following Special Committees in addition to the Standing Committees, viz., Correspondence, Judiciary and Standing Resolutions.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the Special Committees before named:—

CORRESPONDENCE.—W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; B. Scott, No. 6.

JUDICIARY.—W. Templeman, No. 1; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; B. W. Miles, P. G. M. No. 3.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.—J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4; E. S. Scoullar, No. 3; R. McIntosh, No. 1.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Brothers, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred:

W. E. Holmes, No. 1; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; C. R. Monck and S. T. Mackintosh, No. 3; B. Baker, No. 5; R. Campbell, No. 7; W. Vivian and T. C. Gray, No. 8; W. Edmunds, No. 9.

Rep. Scoullar requested that his name might be removed from the Special Committee on Standing Resolutions, which was on motion permitted, and the Grand Master appointed Rep. G. Turner, No. 3, to fill the vacancy.

The Grand Master presented and read the following report:

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., February 8th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, I. O. O. F:

REPRESENTATIVES:—I give expression to the pleasure it is to meet you all, and to extend to you my fraternal greeting at this our fourteenth annual session. It is just ten years ago since we first assembled in the Queen City as Odd Fellows, to unite in promoting the interests of our Order and to extend its usefulness, and I hope that our present deliberations will be marked with the same fraternal spirit, thankful that the work we have long been engaged in has been crowned with success. We have cause for congratulation that Odd Fellowship has increased with the growth of the Province, having at present 15 Lodges, occupying positions in all the prominent business centres, and with a promise of a further extension by the establishment of lodges at

Chemainus, Alberni, Donald, Spallumcheen, and I hope of another at our important city of Vancouver, its increasing population fully justifying the desire.

LEGISLATION REQUIRED.

I issued a proclamation in December asking for answers to questions, showing how the funds of Subordinates were invested, and I regret that New Westminster, No. 3, and Excelsior, No. 7, have sent no replies, so that I am unable to fully give you the result of my enquiry. I gather, however, that the total assets of all kinds, taking the reports as furnished to the Grand Secretary as a basis for the two Lodges that have sent no statement, and accepting, as correct, the answers from the seven that have replied, to be as follows: that is, total assets, \$62,381.74; approximated value of assets allowing for increased value of investments in real estate, \$78,878.16, showing an increased value of assets of \$16,496.42.

The various other statistical information will in a great measure be furnished in our Grand Secretary's report, and I will only allude to one or two questions which require your closest scrutiny and careful deliberation so that the results of your labor may be for the best interest of our order.

The Grand Secretary reported that we paid for relief per member \$9.55 and for the 106 members relieved it would show an average paid of \$50.66. Taking \$9.55 paid for relief, we would have only \$2.45 remaining from the Dues received for current expenses and all other demands on us. This brings us to a question that has and is occupying the attention of the best and most prominent members of the Order, and I am interested in a report by James B. Nicholson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Sire on

DUES AND BENEFITS,

from which I extract some important data. Brother Nicholson says:--

The first duty of a Lodge should be to see that the benefits received by its members are in proportion to the duties they perform to the lodge.

The aggregate cost of the expenses for rent, light, fuel, stationery, advertising, regalia, *per capita* tax, etc., for Pennsylvania Lodges in 1875, when reduced to one individual member, was \$2.15 for the year.

He lays down for a general principle--

That a Lodge with an average membership as to numbers, age, and healthful pursuits, cannot pay five dollars per week to the members when sick for less than fifty cents per week for dues.

Our rate of dues under this rule ought to be 30 cents per week, or \$15.00 per year instead of twelve dollars as now.

The funeral benefits should be paid out of assessments made upon the members by adding the actual cost of insurance to the weekly dues.

Brother Amos Henderson, G. M., Illinois, 1877, reports--

The older lodges in the jurisdiction are about reaching their average mortality and disclose the fact that our present system of dues and benefits are not based on sound financial principles,

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Stimulated by Acts of Parliament the Manchester Unity collected statistics and a Board of Actuaries framed a series of tables to which all the Friendly Societies are compelled to conform. The dues increase with age. An abstract of one is here given.

Table from calculations of rates of dues, confirmed by twenty-five years' positive experience, showing the lowest rate that can be safely secured till twenty years of age, *five dollars per week* during sickness.

Age at Initiation in periods of five years.	Dues Annually.	Dues Weekly. Cents.	When rates vary in periods of ten years.	Dues Yearly.	Dues Weekly. Cents.
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If we should adopt the English rate, it would require members to pay 61 cents per week to secure ten dollars per week during sickness, or \$31 72 per annum; an amount far beyond what the membership in our jurisdiction are called upon to pay. I desire to emphasize my remarks, and will quote from Victoria Lodge Statement :

CHRONIC CASES.

- 1, B. Age 60, Paralysis, 1875, total amount paid - - - \$5,257 00
- 2, R. " 64, " 1875, " " - - - 3,915 00
- 3, F. " 34, Asthmatic, 1874, " " - - - 920 00
- 4, G. " 68, Paralysis, 1886, " " - - - 555 00

Total paid to four members - - - - - \$10,647 00

Total Dues from these four members, - - - - - \$ 48 00
 Total liability of Lodge for Benefits for these four - - - 1,040 00
 Annual dues from 177 members - - - - - 1,921 75
 " expenses of Lodge - - - - - 901 39
 Total receipts from all sources - - - - - 3,728 40
 Total number of weeks paid sick benefits—292.

So that this Lodge had to pay for the four chronic cases and Lodge expenses nearly their entire receipts for dues, and only for their large

accumulated funds, drawing 8.7 per cent. per annum, the oldest, largest and wealthiest Lodge would not be able to pay its benefits.

INITIATION AND DEGREE FEES.

My attention was called by my District Deputy of District No. 4 to the fact that Black Diamond Lodge No. 5 had reduced these fees to \$30, while District No. 4 was charging \$50, and that applications of residents of No. 4 were being made to No. 3, and were refused. I intimated that the work could be done by one Lodge as reasonable as the other, and recommended a reduction of the fees to conform with the rate adopted by Black Diamond Lodge and which rates had been in force in District No. 1 for three years. My opinion is that the Order would be benefitted if the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction would adopt the minimum fees of \$10 for initiation and \$5 each for degrees. In fact, young and healthy members of good habits is the one thing just now the most needed, and every endeavor should be made by each individual member of the Order towards this end. The strength of a Lodge is its collections for dues. In my opinion its fees for entrance and degrees are of small moment; the rates of dues and benefits is the most important consideration.

MEDICAL OFFICER.

I would recommend that each Lodge should elect a medical officer whose duty it shall be to examine all candidates for admission to membership.

To examine and furnish certificates to all members upon their being reported sick and entitled to benefits.

To furnish certificates when members are reported convalescent by the Visiting Committee,

No person should be eligible to membership unless having a favorable certificate from a Lodge doctor.

No member should be reported sick unless a certificate of such member's sickness shall be furnished with the report.

A clause should be added to our Subordinate Constitution that a member is entitled to benefits if he is not capable of following his profession, trade, calling, or earning his livelihood by some other occupation.

No benefits should be paid until the Lodge is in possession of the doctor's certificate of the Brother's sickness.

No sick member in receipt of benefits should be allowed out before 7 A. M. or later than 7 P. M., from 1st May to October 31st, or before 9 A. M. or later than 4 P. M. from November 1st to April 30th.

Any member found imposing on the Lodge or doing anything that may retard his recovery while drawing sick benefits, should be expelled, reprimanded or fined, as the Lodge may direct.

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DECISIONS.

Question—What disposition should we make of the "order" for the A. T. P. W. when presented by a visiting brother? Answer—You will retain or destroy it.

Question—Can a brother by refusing to receive the A. T. P. W., claim his "order" back after being admitted? Answer—No.

These questions being asked from several locations, I issued the following circular :

To all Lodges Subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:—

I desire to call your attention to section 176, page 46, "White's Digest," therein you will find the proper form of a letter, which accompanies a visiting or final card when a Brother cannot obtain the A. T. P. W. with his card in person, and I herewith rejoin you that you must comply with such instruction, the letter being only intended for the transmission of the A. T. P. W., and has reached its final destination whenever delivered to a Noble Grand.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

Question—Has the V. G. the right to give the A. T. P. W. after investigation of a brother with card? Answer—Yes, if the V. G. is presiding during N. G.'s absence ; otherwise, no.

A visiting member of our jurisdiction was present in a lodge room prior to opening of the lodge, being in possession of the term P. W. and P. W. of the degree in which the lodge was opened. Was it right to order the brother out for examination? Answer—No. The Warden was the proper officer to be satisfied.

Question—Can a lodge refuse to pay benefits to a brother on account of his being out late at night gambling, while receiving benefits from his lodge? Answer—Yes.

Question—Is gambling a crime against our order? Answer—Yes, because it is a vice against which we are taught to war, and no lodge can pay benefits to a brother who, while receiving benefits, acts to the detriment of his recovery.

Question—Can a lodge bring charges against a brother for gambling and being out late at night, while receiving benefits from his lodge? Answer—Not only the lodge can, but must, protect itself from fraud, and insist on its members obeying the laws of the order. See Cons., Sub. sec. 2, art. vii, and sec. 20, White's Digest, "intent is the gist of every offence," and every brother must be held strictly accountable for his conduct, in and out of his lodge, and the lodge and its members claim a privilege of watching over his actions, and preventing any illegal distribution of the lodge funds.

District Deputy John Hemer asked whether Black Diamond lodge could initiate to membership an applicant nearer Wellington than Nanaimo, and

asked me to define Art. 2, sect. 5, Sub. Cons. Answer—Your lodge is in District No. 4, you cannot receive an application for membership from a resident nearer Wellington, unless by consent of Harmony Lodge. Decision No. 22, Grand Sire White's.

VICTORIA, B. C., November 12th, 1887.

Thos. S. Bone *vs.* Columbia Lodge No. 2—

On October 26th I received through the Grand Secretary a communication from Bro. Thos. S. Bone, complaining that a claim for three weeks' benefits, from February 16th to March 9th, amounting to thirty dollars, was refused payment by his Lodge, and that no official reply had been received.

On October 31st, acting on authority of Article IV, Section 11 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, I forwarded Bro. Bone's letter to Columbia Lodge No. 2, asking their reply to this complaint, and on the 11th of November I received from the hands of Bro. R. W. Fawcett, the Secretary, a copy of No. 2's By-Laws and a detailed statement of the case taken from the "Records of the Lodge."

Section 5, Article XX of the By-Laws of the Lodge reads as follows: "That the Lodge has authority to engage a physician to visit any sick member for the purpose of ascertaining the nature, cause and origin of his sickness or affliction, and report the same to this Lodge, the physician to be accompanied, if possible, by one of the visiting committee, etc.

The statement taken from Columbia Lodge Records is substantially as follows:

Bro. Bone was reported sick on September 22nd, 1886, and on September 29th received ten dollars' sick benefits, and was declared convalescent. On October 20th, 1886, Bro. Bone was reported as having fractured his knee, and benefits were regularly paid until January 12th, 1887, amounting to one hundred and twenty dollars, and on February 16th, 1887, fifty dollars was paid, making a total of one hundred and seventy dollars paid for benefits from October 20th, 1886, to February 16th, 1887, for seventeen weeks, being all the Brother could claim on the Lodge was bound to pay on this score, but Bro. Bone's claim is for three weeks from February 16th to March 9th, thirty dollars. The Lodge's reply to this is, that the Brother was visited continuously until the 12th of January, when, upon report of the visiting committee, Bro. Bone was declared convalescent. On February 3rd, Bro. Bone objecting to the Lodge's action, the Lodge upon resolution appointed Bro. Dr. J. Davie, Victoria Lodge's physician, to visit professionally Bro. Bone and to report upon the case to the Lodge, Bro. Henderson, the then S. G. accompanying. The certificate of Dr. Davie, M. D., was that on the 16th of February, the day of the examination, "Bro. Bone was then convalescent; that the fractured bone was well knit; but that improvement

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I am personally acquainted with Bro. T. S. Bone; know that he is a man of years, retired from business, engaged in no occupation for the purpose of gaining his livelihood other than collecting his own rents and looking after his own interests, and we did not accept the employment, for the purpose of clearing land, nor could he do work of the sort. Such are the facts of the case as known by me and given by the complainant and Columbia Lodge, and upon which I have arrived at the

DECISION.

First—That Bro. Bone's livelihood is not endangered nor his occupation interfered with;

Second—That Columbia Lodge No. 2 has acted in the fairest manner towards Bro. Bone;

Third—That Bro. Bone has no claim on Columbia Lodge No. 2 in any amount whatever, and that her action has been strictly constitutional, erring probably in favor of the complainant.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 22nd, 1887.

John H. Meldram vs. Columbia Lodge No. 2.

On December 5th I received a communication from my District Deputy, enclosing an appeal from John H. Meldram against his Lodge refusing to pay him three weeks' benefits.

The complainant alleged that he had met with an accident "which prevented his following his usual occupation or any other occupation," and had furnished a medical certificate and had been under medical treatment. On December 16th the Brother handed me a further communication which stated that he did not depend upon his store for a living; that he was not in a condition to stand in his store from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.; that he was unable to attend to his cow or do other work requiring one to be well to perform it; that his wife attended to the business of the store; that he was working at his trade and had had to pay seven dollars for work which had to be done while he was laid up.

Brother Meldram admitted that he was in town continuously after the accident attending to various duties, and had been in the city in the evenings on Lodge business, and claiming "that there is nothing in the by-laws of Columbia Lodge to prevent a Brother being out after sundown."

Columbia Lodge refuses the payment of the benefits as claimed, on the grounds "that the Visiting Committee had visited Bro. Meldram and had reported that they did not consider that the accident prevented him from attending to his bar and store; that he had not been confined to his bed during his reported sickness; that he had been seen by many members walking about the streets attending to his business, and that the Brother's injuries were not of that nature to entitle him to receive pecuniary benefits from his Lodge." In addition to this, two Brothers appointed by Columbia Lodge to interview the medical advisor of the complainant, gave evidence to the effect that the doctor had placed no restriction upon his attending to his store or bar, but was prohibited from walking about or doing any laborious work, and that the Brother only casually worked at his trade, and was only putting up a fence, and not at work ship carpentering.

The Brothers also made mention that the Order of Foresters, which pay benefits when advised by their medical officer, under whose control benefits are paid, had refused benefits in this case; that the doctor's certificate presented by Brother Meldram had been procured by representing that he was a ship carpenter and caulker, actively engaged, whose business was often to carry heavy timbers and stand in water; that the doctor, under these circumstances, "that there was some danger to be apprehended in the possibility of inflammation taking place from the reasons mentioned," had given a certificate; but added, "yet I have often engaged in foot ball games with much worse injuries."

Such is a statement of the evidence presented to me, and on which I am appealed for my decision.

I have taken time and have carefully examined into this case, as the question of "benefits" is one where doubt exists and misapprehension often prevails, and besides the complainant, holding a position which is but a stepping stone to that of Grand Master, must have considered that he was entitled to what he has made claim to.

The evidence shows that the Brother is a ship carpenter by trade but not actively engaged, and I am of opinion that his store and bar provides his principal means of support; probably his accident was painful, but not serious, as he was constantly using his injured leg. The evidence was produced showing when he was last engaged at ship carpentering, and as to his standing in his store from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. a wayside inn would not require it, and it is open to doubt if he has been required to stand in his store during the long hours named.

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Sec. I, Art. XX, of the By-Laws of his Lodge reads: "A member not disqualified to receive benefits, who, by sickness or accident may be rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, shall receive from the funds of the Lodge," etc.

The question is narrowed down under this By-Law as to whether the Brother was rendered incapable of earning a livelihood in consequence of the accident received.

I hold that the Brother was to a great extent able to follow his usual occupation, and by that means was capable of earning a livelihood; and he is therefore not entitled to benefits. Columbia Lodge is therefore sustained.

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

PROCLAMATIONS.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION, SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

In accordance with the time-honored custom and usage of our Order and by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I, John H. White, Grand Sire, do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies, under this jurisdiction, to set apart and dedicate the 25th day of April, 1887, the Sixty-Eighth Anniversary of our Order, to appropriate exercises and to thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all Good for the many blessings showered upon the Order and its membership, individually and collectively.

Done at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, U.S., this the fourth day of February, 1887, and of our Order the sixty-eighth year.

THEO. A. ROSS,

Grand Secretary.

JNO. H. WHITE,

Grand Sire.

I. O. O. F.—PROCLAMATION.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE }
OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, }

OF FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH, SENDETH GREETING, —

The present year is the fiftieth anniversary in the glorious reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and the Provincial Government has, in recognition of this event, and upon the representation "that twenty thousand dollars would be donated by voluntary subscription for the

erection of an Hospital" made by the Directors of the Royal Hospital and others interested in the care of the sick, passed an act granting a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars for the erection of such Hospital as a memorial of the jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to be located at Victoria, and to be known as the "Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital."

The Citizens' Committees have reported that so far, eighteen thousand dollars have been promised, and I deem it the proper moment for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to take action in a body and complete the subscription, thus proving to all that our aim is the relief of humanity, besides enabling us to carry out our laws of "visiting the sick," and "relieving the distressed," more effectually. With this object in view, and in recognition of the Order's fealty to Her Most Gracious Majesty and our Country, I herewith fraternally hand you a copy of correspondence referring to the establishment of a Ward, being and forming a portion of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital property to be known as the I. O. O. F. Ward, and in presenting this subject for your consideration and action through your lodges, I am convinced that the object is of such a progressive nature that the brotherhood can only have a favorable opinion of it.

The Grand Master's power is of a limited nature, suggestions and advice being in many instances his only authority, but aided by eight hundred fellow workers the Order can accomplish anything in reason. To you, individually and collectively, I appeal for support and assistance in a movement that must necessarily benefit the Order for all time.

You must all recognize that the Canadian Pacific Railroad has made for our Order a new era of great possibilities and probabilities, and that we must, to keep pace with the times, advance with the growth of the Province and with the teachings of Odd Fellowship. If our Order is progressive, we must move onward, we must not be satisfied with what we have done in the past, but should aspire to nobler deeds of usefulness for the advancement of the Order. We must show those within and without the Order that we are one of the leading societies in the Province and that by deeds we aim to merit the highest consideration.

We will, by such action, enjoy the greatest respect, and gather within our ranks the best and foremost of our citizens.

Heretofore our sick and distressed could not be relieved as our Order desired, owing to the isolated nature of our lodges, and the time and cost necessary to confer with one another, so that the lodges in each city or town were compelled to operate only in their several localities, but now 26 hours' notice is sufficient for a representative from Kamboj, the farthest east, to reach this city. We are therefore able to collectively aim for an object, and I desire to draw your attention to the formation of a charitable fund, which being a subject entirely left to legislation, I submit, should be at once recognized as desirable and be-

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I suggest our Charitable Fund should be used for building or endowing Hospital Wards or Beds in Wards, building Homes for aged brothers, their widows and orphans, and for Schools where trades are taught, and generally for the protection and care of our brothers and families and their advancement in life.

The Grand Lodge having no funds from which to draw for this object, I desire to have your authority: First—That I shall in the name of the Order subscribe to the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Funds two thousand dollars, a sum estimated sufficient to build a ward equal to the best, and that for this object you will authorize me, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, to borrow from our lodges or members the amount so named, bearing interest not to exceed 7 per cent. per annum.

Second—That the Grand Lodge shall collect for the Charitable Fund a per capita tax of one dollar per year for each member of your lodge, payable half-yearly, in June and December, with the Grand Lodge dues.

Third—That the Grand Lodge shall make provision at its next session for a by-law allowing lodges the power to charge one dollar per year to each of their members towards the charitable fund, which can be collected or paid out of the general fund of their lodge as they may see fit.

I estimate that the Order will have, at the end of the year, eight hundred members, and the contribution of each member for the building of the Jubilee Ward will be only two dollars and a half, covering a period of two and a half years, the interest decreasing as each payment falls due, which will doubtless be more than provided for by the increase of membership.

I am of the opinion that the Order should make provision for their beds and be prepared to purchase the right of one or more beds at all points of the Province where lodges of our Order are established or where the Government have hospitals located. That the difference of one or two dollars per week, and ten or perhaps fifteen dollars and no more for nurses or maintenance, would, in case of an epidemic be a great help, saving the treasuries of the lodges from depletion. That it would be satisfaction to lodges to know that their members would, in case of sickness, be cared for at a known nominal cost, at any prominent point of our Province.

Another:—In presenting to you the subject of building an I. O. O. F. Hospital, being and forming a portion of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, and the formation of a Charitable Fund for the further expansion of provision for the care of the sick, relief of the distressed and support of the orphan, I hope it will meet with your cordial approba-

tion and prompt support. I feel that you will not fail me in my endeavors for the "Good of the Order," but will assist me towards the success of probably the most important subject that is likely to occur during my official term.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

Victoria, B. C., June 10th, 1887.

MEMORIAL DAY—PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 6th, 1887.

To Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:—

Pursuant to instructions contained in a Proclamation issued on the fifteenth day of August, 1887, by John H. White, Grand Sire, I, Joshua Davies, Grand Master, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction to assemble at their respective Lodge rooms on the 20th day of October, 1887, the anniversary of the death of Thomas Wildey, Past Grand Sire, and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members, such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Should a different day be more convenient, any Lodge is permitted to hold such service on any day such Lodge may select.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

FREDK. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
ALBION, NEW YORK, December 12, 1887.

To the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

BROTHERS:—Your attention is called to a law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge enacted 1884, Journal 9761, 9804, in reference to the work of the Order. It is as follows:—

Resolved.—That any member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who shall in any way aid or abet in composing, or writing, or printing, or exhibiting, or using any publication, or writing or other device purporting to be the True Work of Odd Fellowship, or any part, abbreviation or memorandum of such True Work, shall be deemed guilty of conduct grossly unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and shall, upon conviction, be expelled from the Order.

A very large number of members has been initiated since its enactment and but a small percentage of the other members is aware of its existence. Such being the case, I deem it my duty to advise you of it, and to urge all persons in authority to promulgate it to the organizations under their charge, and to see that it is rigidly enforced. It will be observed that the offence against the Law of the Order to have in possession, or use, or

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE }
OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. }

VICTORIA, B. C., 22d December, 1887.

ALL LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F. OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:—

The Grand Sire having decided that his Proclamation, issued December 23rd, 1886, (Proceedings 1886, pages 506-7-8) as amended by the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1887, *is in force*, and having also called on me to see that the same is obeyed.

Now therefore I, Joshua Davies, Grand Master, do hereby direct and enjoin on all and every of you, that the commands of the Grand Sire, as contained in the amended Proclamation aforesaid, be immediately and strictly enforced, under the penalties attached thereto for its neglect.

Your attention is specially directed to the following extract from the aforesaid Proclamation relating to the admission of members, which is imperative you should take steps to carry out at once:

"2. No person shall be elected to or be received into membership in any Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless he shall subscribe an application for membership which shall contain a declaration, upon his honor, that he will not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle, or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called."

Forms of application for membership (as per copy enclosed), embodying the recommendation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session of 1886, which was endorsed by the session of this Grand Lodge, 1886, like those containing the declaration now required by law, have been prepared and can be obtained from the Grand Secretary at \$1.50 per 100.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

W. D. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

PROCLAMATION, I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., 28th December, 1887.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—You are enjoined to promptly return through my District deputy for transmission of the Grand Secretary the Semi-Annual and Annual Reports, together with the per capita tax, and you are to include in said Report the age of each member of your Lodge.

You will also please give me the information asked by filling in the blank spaces the questions herewith forwarded, retaining one copy for your own use and ready information, returning the other at your earliest possible moment after the 31st December, 1887.

Yours fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE)
OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.)

VICTORIA, B. C., 25th January, 1888.

TO ALL LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:—

I desire to inform you that our Grand Lodge has the requisite Rituals for conferring the Rebekah Degree in Subordinate Lodges, and that all Elective Officers should be in possession of this degree prior to installation. The Grand Secretary has in stock all the necessary supplies for the establishment of Rebekah Degree Lodges, including the *Benedictifed Work*.

The interest taken by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, added to the special direction of our Grand Sire, John H. White, in the extension of Rebekah Degree Lodges, has resulted in their formation throughout nearly every jurisdiction, and the institution of Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, at Victoria, with ladies filling nearly every office, has proven of much benefit by the interest manifested in the work and the large attendance at its meetings, convincing in its results, that the institution of Rebekah Lodges in every district can be made a source of profit to our Order and pleasure to our members.

From every State Grand Lodge jurisdiction the concensus of opinion is, that wherever Rebekah Degree Lodges are thoroughly established they have proven themselves powerful auxiliaries towards the advancement of Odd Fellowship.

I would therefore fraternally urge upon each Lodge to take such steps as may be deemed most suitable towards establishing Rebekah

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Degree Lodges, and would recommend that not only our brothers become members thereof, but that all ladies entitled to membership be invited to join with us so that all may participate in the many advantages to be obtained and thus augment the marked revival of interest in the work of our Order and the addition to our membership.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
BALTIMORE, Md., May 20th, 1887.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Esq., Grand Master,

Dear Sir and Brother:—Every year appeals come to this office, not certified in accordance with the law and defective in other respects, so that unless corrected the Committee on Appeals would probably refuse to consider them.

I beg to state the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on this subject, briefly, as follows:

1. Appeals must be filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of the Committee (Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge)—*Rules of Order*, 5.
2. The appeal must show that the Grand Body appealed from has given its consent to the appellant, except in the case of a suspended or expelled subordinate that has surrendered its effects.—*Constitution, Article I, Section 4; Digest, Sections 1362, 1369, 1374.*
3. The statement of facts must be certified under the seal of the Grand Body, and the signatures of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, as the case may be. *Digest, Section 1373. The signatures must be written.*
4. Appeal papers must be furnished by the appealing parties, printed in pamphlet form on a page of the same size as that of the printed Journal of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. (Type $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{3}{8}$ inches.)—*Digest, Section 1377.*
5. Appellants must furnish two hundred copies of all appeal papers.—*Journal of 1885, page 10,049.*
6. Appellants must send with their papers a certified copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment involved in appeal.—*Journal of 1886, page 10,431.*
7. Applications to open, rehear, or review decisions of Sovereign Grand

Lodge in appeal cases, whether by petition, memorial, or otherwise, are subject to the above rules.—*Journal of 1885, pages 10,060, 10,169.*

Fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

CORRESPONDENCE.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 31st, 1887.

A. McLean, Esq., Chairman of the Committee Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:—

DEAR SIR:—I understand that from the present outlook the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Fund Collections will hardly exceed the sum of \$18,000, and with the view of aiding your efforts, I have conceived the idea that a scheme can be laid before the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows" to build upon plans to be furnished by your Committee, a building to be known as the I. O. F. Ward; which upon being completed shall be handed to the officers of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital for its free use and benefit. In return for this, the Odd Fellows are to be allowed entry to this ward upon furnishing certificates from their lodge under seal, such lodge to pay six dollars per week for each and every Odd Fellow so entered, during his stay in the ward. I shall be pleased to discuss any suggestion your committee would have to offer; but would request that for the present, that the question under discussion or consideration may not be made too public, as much preliminary business must be gone through and the matter laid before the lodges for their consideration. I would here mention that our Order is strictly a representative one, and from its members in session in their lodges, power is vested; and although I am at present the official head, I can only suggest and advise in this matter and must look to the members for the support that can give life to the movement contemplated and desired by me. I have spoken to several members of the Order and have mentioned a sum not exceeding \$2,500 as the cost of the ward mentioned; and it is from their encouragement as well as a late conversation with yourself and Mr. Chudley, that my opinion is that the effort can be successfully carried out to its completion.

I have the honor to be,

Yours, truly,

JOSHUA DAVIES.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 6th, 1887.

Joshua Davies, Esq.,—

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 31st May, regarding the proposal of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows building a ward to be named after the same Order in connection with the proposed Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital. I have mentioned your

communication to several gentlemen duly interested in the success of the proposed Hospital, and your proposal is considered by them exceedingly favorable; and not only so but it is regarded liberal in the extreme, and the step that you have taken is worthy of imitation by other kindred societies in providing for the sick and needy. I am confident that the terms proposed and mentioned by you will be accepted by the general committee. In my opinion, the only suggestion that the Jubilee Committee could recommend for your favorable consideration would be that they could receive the amount in such a manner as to be included in the \$20,000 that they are subscribing by public subscription to enable them to receive the same amount as proposed by the Government. I will be pleased to assist you in any way I can.

I am, truly yours,

A. MoLEAN.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 24th, 1887.

H. White, Esq., Grand Sire, Albion, New York:—

I find that the general attendance of members in the city lodges has been limited to a few active workers who while deserving much credit for their personal and material assistance in advancing our Order, receive only the recompense of being continuously called upon for subscriptions towards many objects and appropriate exercises, which have been permitted, assisted and suggested by me, and held in the name of the Order. By the prominence of these public workings, attention has been drawn to our Order, producing much life and activity throughout the jurisdiction. This augmented interest, shown both by members as well as non-members, is a subject of general comment, and the applications for membership are increasing. Our desire is to keep ourselves prominently before our citizens as the first, most active and largest beneficial society in the Province, and is the object I have in addressing you for a decision on the following question:

Has our Grand Lodge the power to allow our Subordinates to set aside, say, five per cent. of the gross receipts as shown by the preceding annual report, for such purposes as a dispensation would issue?

Sections 418, 420 and 427 Digest, and recent decisions, leave a doubt to the meaning of "legal expenditures."

The Constitution of our Subordinates allows "expenditures for the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or Order," and a general opinion prevails here that it is unfair for a few active workers to be continuously subscribing funds for objects where the Lodge and the Order generally is advanced and benefitted. The Lodges are able and desirous to extend their usefulness, using recognized, legitimate means for reaching the general public, from whose ranks we must increase our membership, and granting power to vote limited sums for such objects is the method I at present see, by which all members contribute an equal

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"Legitimate expenditures" of the Lodge or Order has been construed to have a wider meaning, and Lodges have paid for pictures of P. G. M.'s to place in their Lodges as a recognition of services rendered; they have purchased cemeteries, and contemplate setting aside and subscribing funds for widows and orphans homes, schools, hospitals and such other institutions recognized not only by the State but by Odd Fellows in other Jurisdictions as the proper aim of our Order.

This Jurisdiction has a large accumulation of funds, owns real estate and propose to conduct their business in a thoroughly constitutional manner. We rank 39 out of 54, G. L. Jurisdictions, and our position is 32, in the amount paid for benefits; an average of nearly 90 members to each Lodge will probably compare favorably with the membership of Lodges in other Jurisdictions. We are therefore desirous of having and encouraging every good object or institution which any other State Grand Lodge possesses or controls, and it is my desire to have your matured experience and judgment to guide our actions in framing laws for the guidance of our Subordinates and the advancement of the Order here.

There is one other question I desire you to decide:

Applicants for membership must be "free white males." So reads our law.

Is it necessary where little or no signs are apparent to ask this question of candidates?

Do you consider one who has the slightest Indian blood in him eligible for membership?

Would you consider the Lodges justified in accepting to membership applicants who are known to have Indian blood in them: but without such knowledge would be taken for "free white males," who associate with the best in the Province, who are well educated, hold positions of trust under the government, and who are prominent both in public as well as private life, and who marry white ladies. Does the law contemplate the exclusion of this desirable class of our citizens, and if so, what is the meaning for our expressing a desire for universal brotherhood?

Yours, fraternally.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
ALBION, N. Y., January 4th, 1888

JOSHUA DAVIES, GRAND MASTER:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It would be well, perhaps, for the Sov

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Sovereign Grand Lodge to authorize Subordinates to set aside a per centage of their receipts for the purposes suggested in your communication, but as the law now stands "A Grand Lodge has not the power to allow its Subordinates to set aside, say, five per cent of their gross receipts as shown by the preceding annual report for such purposes as a dispensation would issue."

The decision of the Grand Sire at last session, Decision No. 15, Journal, page 10,714, contains an epitome of some of the purposes for which money may and may not be expended by Subordinates; others are contained in the decisions of the Digest which you quote.

I am sorry to say that the class of persons mentioned by you are not eligible to membership in our Order. "The term, free, white males, in Art. 16, Sec. 2 of the Constitution, is descriptive of the pure white Caucasian race, and excludes all other races and colors from membership in our Order." Digest Sec. 600.

I suppose that the desire for "universal brotherhood" is a desire that this may be the case, and it also requires good moral character and belief in a Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

It was deemed by the makers of the Constitution that it would be unsafe to open the door so that the barbarous and heathen nations and races might perchance gain admission into the Order; that while a few of them might be competent as members of the Order the great bulk of the excluded races were entirely unfit for social intercourse with enlightened and educated races.

I rejoice in the prosperity of your jurisdiction, and trust that notwithstanding the obstacles placed in your way, yours will yet become one of the grandest jurisdictions under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Had I been in your place I would not have asked the question, for if the persons indicated by you could not be distinguished from pure white Caucasians I do not think a Lodge would have been very culpable had they received such into membership.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. WHITE,

Grand Sire.

VICTORIA, B. C., January 16th, 1888.

John H. White, Esq., Grand Sire, Albion, New York:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Replying to your communication of 4th January, I find that decision No. 15, page 10,714, solely refers to the introduction of Odd Fellowship in America, and that while this defines legal expenditure for the observance of the 26th April, it makes no provisions for any expenditure for the observance of any other ceremonial promulgated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, nor does it permit any expenditure to be incurred for any local anniversary or public demon-

stration, even when sanctioned by our Provincial Grand Lodge. There must be some reason not known to me why the Sovereign Grand Lodge declines giving powers to Subordinate Grand Lodges in the matter of regulating expenditures of their Subordinates for the objects under discussion. To my mind it is a subject which State Grand Lodges ought to be the best judges of, they having a more intimate knowledge of the requirements of their Jurisdiction. The law is an unpopular one here because it is not a just one to our Jurisdiction, which so carefully guards its expenditures, and in the absence of a representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I must needs state my opinion to the Sovereign Head.

I presume that the Sovereign Grand Lodge is of opinion that a financial restriction must be held over the Order so as to prevent extravagance; that they know that "the present is peculiarly the age of display;" that the Militant Branch of Odd Fellowship has demonstrated this fact, and that the establishment of Cantons with military discipline and regulations adds to this display; they know that a large proportion of the members of the Order are of an age unsuited to military movements and object to military rule, and probably the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are least adapted for active service in the Odd Fellows army. They are acquainted with the fact that the founders of American Odd Fellowship were plain, ordinary, self-made men, eschewing display, and that they gathered to their ranks like fellow-men, with the simple object of carrying out your command "to visit the sick," "relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan." This command is our shibboleth, and we find quite enough to do in its continuous practice without using extravagantly our funds for uniforms, regalia, etc., which might be construed for the legitimate purposes of the Order.

I am in accord with the opinion of Lieut.-General John C. Underwood, D. G. Sire, "that the present is peculiarly the age of display," "providing," he adds, extremely an American characteristic as regards modern Odd Fellowship; but either not understood or foreign to the present idea of our British Columbia Jurisdiction. Besides, I find myself in accord with the opinion of our oldest and most prominent members who go so far as to say that the Order would be better if the esoteric work was simpler, and instead of adding degrees it would be in keeping with the aims and objects of the founders of our Order if the Encampment branch was reduced to an honorary degree.

Your remarks at Denver describing "what kind of men Odd Fellows are," is exactly descriptive of our members; if you substitute the word *none* for *few*, referring to millionaires, and end at the word *brains*, and it seems to the head of your most western jurisdiction an incomprehensible problem why your principal legislation of 1887 should have been mostly referring to the Patriarchs Militant, and so much good legislation referring to Subordinates should have been negatived, as though grasping after the shadow and leaving the substance to take care of itself.

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The negative legislation I refer to, which this Jurisdiction so much required, was:

1. Changing qualification for membership;
2. Working regalia for members in Lodges to be badges or ribbons;
3. Authority for State Grand Bodies to construe their laws for the government of their Subordinates;
4. Power of State Grand Bodies to denominate "legal expenditures;"
5. Creating a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows (which might be attached to our Rebekah Lodges.)

As to the first, I would like to know why foreign jurisdictions are granted power to legislate towards admitting to membership applicants younger than 21 and our Order on this continent refused?

And again, referring to the "color" question, this Jurisdiction never had an idea of admitting the objectionable persons to membership such as you class "barbarians" and "heathen;" but to us who know those who have some native blood in them who are the descendants of the pioneers of this province, it seems absurd to refuse them membership on the race or color restriction, and I am certain that any Lodge in this Jurisdiction that would accept as a member any person debarred from membership for the cause named, that that same person could gain membership in any jurisdiction under your Sovereign Grand Lodge as *free white person* and would be acceptable as a member.

You express an opinion that a Lodge would not have been very culpable had they received as members those who could not be distinguished from pure white Caucasians, but knowing that they had native blood in them. Query: Would the act with knowledge before not be just as culpable before as after, and if the desire that "ultimately" a universal brotherhood shall prevail, ought we not to begin with those who are akin to ourselves.

I have the honor to be,

Yours, fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I. O. O. F.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS,

COVINGTON, Ky., December 28, 1887.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Esq.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I write for the purpose of requesting your assistance in further introducing and advancing the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, which has proven of such great service in influencing young men to the Order, and causing Odd Fellows to take the Degrees to and include the Royal Purple, that they might be qualified to obtain membership in

The present is peculiarly the age of display, and the Militant branch of Odd Fellowship has thoroughly demonstrated the advantage such Organization has been to the Order. Besides the military discipline and admirable teachings, the Degree has served as an indirect means of replenishing the treasuries of the Lodges and Encampments in every section where it has been introduced by the successful formation of Cantons.

Initiates and other members of the Order of Odd Fellows who are desirous of becoming Chevaliers must obtain the Royal Purple Degree, and keep their membership active in both Lodges and Encampments to which they belong, therefore those bodies are the recipients of the money advantages derived from the advancement of members for the purpose of placing them in condition to become Chevaliers, consequently, I would ask your aid in furthering the P. M. movement, feeling confident that any assistance you give will redound to the interest of the branch of the Order you specially represent.

I shall be very glad to give you such detailed information with regard to the formation of Cantons as you may desire, and request that you communicate with the influential members of the Order in your jurisdiction and write me in the premises.

Truly and Fraternally,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,

Lieut.-General.

VICTORIA, B. C., 16th January, 1888.

John C. Underwood, D. G. S., Lieutenant-General, Covington, Kentucky.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Replying to your favor of Dec. 28th 1887, I would state that I have conferred with many members of our Order on the subject of introducing the Canton Degree, and my opinion is fully endorsed by them, that we are not inclined to display, and our members would probably take little interest in the Encampment Militant, our opinion being that thorough work in the Subordinate Lodges is all we require, and, that the practice of its teachings provides all the 'enthusiasm' necessary for the advancement of our Order in this jurisdiction. Our idea of the aims and object of our Order is simply carrying out the command as lettered on the Seal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the simpler the form the more eloquent its portrayal.

Yours, fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 27th, 1887.

DEAR BROTHER DAVEY:—I have been endeavoring to ascertain the reason for your having declined to attest, under seal of your office, the instructions I issued to my District Deputies not to install officers to the chairs of N. G. and V. G. unless they had their charges memorized, and after carefully looking into the matter of your refusal, I can only arrive at the conclusion, that in the compliance of my request you must have

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considered that you were accepting a responsibility as a Grand Lodge Officer in a matter in which you had a doubt as to its legality. The written law as to a document to be authentic is possibly covered by section 1228, and can properly be applied to all matters issued by the Grand Master or his District Deputies; but as to commissions appointing an officer for any purpose, I am inclined to the belief that it is a document that should issue from the Grand Secretary's office and would be governed by section 802. I find, however, in the absence of any specific legislation of our Grand Lodge, that the Grand Master has much power given to him at his installation, such as placing all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction under his care; impressing him with the fact that it is his duty to see that the officers of those Lodges conduct the business in a becoming manner; to enforce uniformity in all signs and charges as well as the mode of working, besides which the whole tenor of his obligation impresses me with the fact that the function attaching to the position of Grand Master makes him the responsible head of the Order, and as such the use of the Seal on any official document is at his bidding. I am therefore inclined to the belief that your refusal to attest under seal to the documents under discussion was a mistake on your part. My reason for addressing you on the subject is, that a similar question may arise on the same subject, and unless defined by legislation may cause friction between the two most important officers in the Order on some future occasion. And as your position has heretofore been, and is at present, filled so acceptably, and will probably be tendered to you so long as you are able and desire the Grand Secretaryship of the Order, I shall be pleased to have your suggestions on the subject to recommend to the Grand Lodge.

I shall also be pleased to have your views on any subject that you may desire to have brought forward at our next annual communication.

Yours, fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES.

COVENANT MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, GALESBURG,
ILLINOIS.

Herewith present you with all the information I have as to the status of the above-named Association, being anxious in the absence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge providing our Order with a mutual life insurance, to present to the notice of members of this Jurisdiction the best association that makes a specialty of insuring the lives of Odd Fellows. The Subordinate Lodges have to some extent a responsibility attaching to them in the matter of the care of the families of our departed Brethren, and in the interest of all it would be best if our members would give this matter their serious attention by providing for those dependent upon them, and thereby relieving the Lodges from this responsibility. From Grand Secretary Davey members can obtain full information.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 21st, 1887.

Wm. Stevenson, Esq., P. G., Agent Covenant Mutual Benefit Association of Illinois:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have read the report of the proceedings of the ninth annual meeting of the Company you represent, together with your introductory letters, which latter I now herewith return, and it appears to me that your Company supplies just what the Order here has wanted, a cheap and safe life insurance for its members; and I hope that the members of the Order in this Province will examine into your Company's method of doing business, as they must, if provident, avail themselves of your presence here.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA DAVIES, G. M.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 19th, 1887.

A. W. Berggren, Esq., President of the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association of Illinois:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—On the 12th of November I addressed a communication to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois asking certain questions relative to the above-named Association, so that I could refer and recommend your Company to the consideration of the Brotherhood of this Jurisdiction. To neither letter have I received as yet an answer. I herewith send you a copy of the letters sent, and would request a reply from you and Secretary Phelps at your earliest opportunity, and shall be pleased to have any other information on the subject you may desire to mention.

Yours, fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., November 12th, 1887.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Acting upon the report of the Committee of the State of the Order upon Grand Sire White's report relating to Insurance, Endowment and benefit associations, I have the honor to request that you will give me such information as may be of benefit to the Order in this Jurisdiction by replying to the following questions:—

First—Does your Grand Lodge regulate and manage the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association of Galesburg, Ill., or exercise any supervisory control over said association.

Second—Was it created by authority of the Grand Lodge of Illinois?

Third—Do you consider it is working on sound business principles?

Fourth—Has the Grand Lodge of Illinois passed any rules and regulations for inquiring into the condition, business methods and management of this association.

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Yours fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

To the Grand Secretary I. O. O. F., Illinois.

OFFICE OF THE COVENANT MUTUAL BENEFIT }
ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS, }

GALESBURG, December 29th, 1887.

JOSHUA DAVIES, ESQ., VICTORIA, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your favor of the 19th inst. just at hand. We have made copies of the letter containing the questions you wished answered and sent them to the Grand Secretary and Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, requesting that they answer and forward to you, and I am sure they would have both willingly answered the questions had they received the letter.

In reply to your first question, would say that the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction does not regulate or control or manage the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association.

Second: would say that it was not created by the Grand Lodge, and that it does not use the name or emblems of the Order; but its connection with the Order is simply that it selects its membership entirely from the membership of the Order, and that all the officers, directors and managers must be members of the Order in good standing.

Third: We certainly consider it organized and working upon sound business principles. It is not yet eleven years old, yet has over 27,000 active members, carrying insurance of over \$76,000,000, and has already paid in death losses to the widows and orphans of deceased Odd Fellows more than \$2,250,000; that it is to-day the largest assessment association, with two exceptions, on this continent, and for its age, the largest life insurance company or association in this country, with possibly one or two exceptions.

Fourth: The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois has not passed any rules or regulations, or inquired into its condition, business methods, or management; but that it is managed by a Board of some thirty-six Directors, a large majority of whom now hold or have held the highest offices in their Grand Jurisdictions. I enclose a circular, giving the names of the Officers and Directors, from which you will see the offices the Directors have held in the Grand Lodge and in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They are not only prominent, well-known Odd Fellows, but all business men of high standing in the community in which they reside.

We might say further that the cost of insurance in this Association is and has been less than in any other of any considerable size, and the management expenses have been remarkably low, being less than 5¢ per thousand dollars at risk during 1886. We shall be pleased to answer any further questions or furnish more explicit information on any point.

The Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1887 has not yet been printed. In writing the Secretary, I have requested him to send you copy when printed. Our Session was held the latter part of November. With kind personal regards, and trusting that the information you have received will be sufficient to justify you in recommending the Association to the members of the Order in your Jurisdiction, I am, with the compliments of the season,

Fraternally yours,

A. W. BERGGREN,

President.

I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

OFFICE OF F. E. HUDDLE, GRAND SECRETARY,
BLOOMINGTON, Illinois, January 2nd, 1888.

JOSHUA DAVIES, ESQ., GRAND MASTER I. O. O. F., VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In reply to your questions of December 19th, which came to me through Past Grand Master Phelps, I would say as follows:

First.—Our Grand Lodge exercises no supervising control nor does it manage or regulate the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association of Galesburg, Illinois.

Second.—It was not created by authority of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Third.—I not only consider that it is working on sound business principles, but that it is the best and safest mutual insurance company in existence.

Fourth.—The Grand Lodge of Illinois has not passed any rules or regulations for inquiring into its condition, business methods, and management, but its directory and membership are all good Odd Fellows, and the former are able men in the Grand Lodge who annually thoroughly investigate its accounts and management.

Fifth.—My personal opinion of the Association is that it is a decided honor and benefit to our grand Fraternity. That its directory is the best in both talent and honor that you could wish for in this locality. That there is nothing improper in recommending it to members of our

Order; but on the contrary, that it is fraternal favor to such of them as desire life insurance, to do so.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

F. E. HUDDLE,

Grand Secretary.

P. S.—I send you a Journal by this mail.

I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

PARIS, ILLINOIS, January 23th, 1888.

OSHA DAVIES, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—A copy of your letter of the 12th of November, 1887, addressed to Brother J. S. Carr, who was then Grand Master of this State, has been forwarded to me by Brother E. F. Phelps, and I submit the following as my answer to your questions—

First—Our Grand Lodge does not manage or exercise any control over the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association of Galesburg.

Second—It was not created by any authority of this Grand Lodge.

Third—I do consider it working on sound business principles. I belong to myself, and have done so for some years.

Fourth—This Grand Lodge has not passed any rules for inquiring into the condition, etc., of this Association, but nearly all the members of the Order in this State keep informed as to the management of the Association.

a. My personal opinion of the C. M. B. A. is, that every Odd Fellow should belong to it, and by that means provide for his wife and children when he is called hence.

b. The directorate is composed of the best men of our Order; nearly all of them are Past Grand Masters of this State.

c. I should certainly recommend the Association to the members of our Jurisdiction (knowing what I do of it) if I was situated as you are.

Hoping this information will be what you need, if not I shall be only too pleased to answer further questions. I have forwarded your request for a copy of the Journal of 1887 to our Grand Secretary, with instructions to send you one at once.

Yours, Fraternally, in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

GEORGE F. HOWARD,

Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., January 13th, 1888.

E. Huddle, Esq., Grand Secretary G. L. Illinois:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have your favor of 2nd instant, also a copy of your Journal, 1887, for which I thank you. I am of opinion that the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association would, so far as this

Jurisdiction is concerned, find it to their advantage to have the Grand Lodge of Illinois exercise some control over its workings and be represented on the Board of Directors, such representative to report at each session of your Grand Lodge. Personally your explanation of the status of the Association is satisfactory.

Yours, fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

OFFICE OF F. E. HUDDLE, GRAND SECRETARY,
BLOOMINGTON, Illinois, January 24th, 1888.

Joshua Davies, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F., Victoria, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In reply to yours of the 13th instant, I would say that under the present management of our Order I cannot see how our Grand Lodge could in any way assume control over or direction of the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association, further than to make such investigations as were authorized by the resolutions adopted in the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1885, 1886 and 1887. I can assure you, however, that that institution is as reliable, safe and well managed as if the Grand Lodge itself conducted the business, and you need have no fear about it.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. HUDDLE,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE
OF WYOMING, I. O. O. F.

LARAMIE, Wyoming, Dec. 13th, 1887

To the Grand Master I. O. O. F., British Columbia:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER;—I can truthfully recommend the Covenant Mutual Association of Galesburg, Ill., as one of the most beneficial insurance organizations connected with our Order. I have been a member of it for the past 5 years, as are also a great number of the members belonging to the Lodges in this city, and have heard them endorse it very highly; we are always glad to see Bro. Stevenson, the agent, come around, for he is sure getting a hearty welcome, and adds members to his list every time. While the amount of good it does for so small an outlay, in relieving the families of deceased brothers, is taken into consideration, I think it cannot be too highly spoken of and recommended amongst the members of the different jurisdictions. Hoping it will flourish and prosper in yours,

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. T. GALE,
Grand Master of Wyoming

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OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER, I. O. O. F., COLORADO,
GOLDEN, Colo., January 3rd, 1888.

To all whom it may Concern, Greeting:

Know YE, That I can unhesitatingly recommend the Covenant Mutual Association of Galesburg, Ill., as one of the most reliable, safe and cheap insurance companies of any in or out of the Order.

All brother Odd Fellows of my acquaintance who have taken out policies with it, speak very highly of its honorable and fair dealings.

And it cannot be too highly recommended when we take into consideration the great amount of relief furnished to the widows and orphans of Odd Fellows.

Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH MANN,

Grand Master.

This Association reports to the S. G. L. for the year ending 1887 as follows:

Receipts—\$695,290.95.
Paid to Families of Deceased Members—\$482,054.01.
Paid for Expenses—\$70,636.19.
Number of Members Received—5,614.
Number of Members Lapsed—1,924.
Deaths—211.
Members in Good Standing—26,361.
Money on Hand, Invested or on Deposit June 30th, 1887—\$282,103.27.

Being by far the largest and strongest company insuring solely members of our Order.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

In the absence of a Grand Representative from this jurisdiction to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I herewith present you a collected report, which, if distributed to each member, would be of interest and benefit to the Order generally and of information to our brotherhood; a charge covering the printing would doubtless be satisfactory to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

The annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held at Denver, Colorado, September 19th to 24th, and was pronounced by those who were best able to judge as having been one of the most harmonious, profitable, and pleasant sessions in its history.

The Grand Officers and Representatives were escorted at 8 a.m. from the Windsor Hotel to the Tabor Grand Opera House by the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the local Committee of Arrangements and Patriarchs Militant under the command of Col. I. N. Rogers, department commander and staff.

His Excellency, Alva Adams, Governor of Colorado, extended a hearty welcome to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Red Rock State in an address bristling with good will, noble sentiments of respect and love, for our Order.

Major Lee's welcome was as warm and earnest as that of the Governor although not an Oddfellow.

Grand Secretary Norman, on behalf of the Hon. David Riegler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, said:—

We welcome you from a heart whose language is love; whose simple words rebounding in joyous echoes from the mountain sides of high, holy ambition, live eternal through the valleys of life.

Grand Sire White's address in response was pronounced one of the best, if not *the* best, effort of his long and active career in the Order.

At the conclusion of these exercises, the line of march was resumed to the Chamber of Commerce, where the Sovereign Grand Lodge was received and welcomed by its President, who tendered the use of its hall for the session.

The Grand Lodge was then formally opened, Grand Sire White presiding with marked ability, his knowledge of the laws of the Order and Parliamentary usages expediting the business and promoting the success of the session now closed.

All the officers were present, the representatives of forty-one Grand Lodges and twenty-three Grand Encampments, also five Past Grand Sires.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The year ending December 1886 was a prosperous one.

The increase in membership has been notably marked, with indications of greater prosperity in the future.

STATISTICS OF SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

	Dec. 31st, 1885.	Dec. 31st, 1886.	Increase.
Grand Lodges.....	54	54	.....
Grand Encampments.....	44	44	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	7,056	8,100	1,044
Subordinate Encampments.....	1,947	1,900	47
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	1,247	1,345	98
Lodge initiations.....	30,340	44,000	13,660
Encampment initiations.....	7,165	9,037	1,872
Lodge members.....	517,310	580,300	62,990
Encampment members.....	94,376	97,773	3,397
Rebekah D. L. members.....	58,025	67,201	9,176
Relief by Lodges.....	\$1,060,418 00	\$2,002,418 77	\$1,941,999 77
Relief by Encampments.....	205,020 24	208,614 02	3,593 78
Relief by Rebekah Lodges.....	14,803 00	16,200 81	1,397 81
Total relief.....	2,180,001 00	2,227,232 50	47,231 50
Revenue of Lodges.....	4,704,111 00	5,070,880 00	366,769 00
Revenue of Encampments.....	473,052 00	400,208 05	22,843 95
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges.....	71,024 81	83,024 32	11,999 51
Total revenue.....	5,300,088 77	5,550,772 37	250,683 60

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The annual reports show that from 1873, when the first reports on the subject were made, to 1886, inclusive, 3,613,448 weeks' benefits have been paid by Lodges, increasing from 115,289 in 1873 to 300,817 in 1886. For several years after 1873, several Grand Bodies failed to furnish this information, but in recent years all, or nearly all, have reported the item.

The following statements embrace the statistics compiled from returns to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and, so far as the information could be obtained, from Bodies reporting to the Grand Lodges of Australasia and Germany:

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST., 1886.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	1,460,496
Members relieved.....	1,295,268
Widowed families relieved.....	163,573
Members deceased.....	124,000
Total relief.....	\$43,580,001 87
Total receipts.....	115,014,145 25

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia).....	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	47
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,016
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	65
Subordinate Lodges.....	8,334
Encampment members.....	100,223
Lodge members.....	547,850

The Treasurer received from all sources during the year, including interest on bonds, \$48,161.63, paid vouchers \$44,639.03.

AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash in treasury.....	\$25,819
United States 4% per cent bonds.....	55,800
Total.....	<u>\$81,619</u>

The total assets of every shape amounts to \$118,130.06.

The expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was ascertained to be \$50,567.02.

DECISIONS.

The Grand Sire rendered 37 decisions during the year, all of which, with one or two modifications, were approved. The following are of most interest to this jurisdiction.

1. A member in good standing in a Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is sick with a cancerous tumor in his nose and mouth. He is a Judge of the Supreme Court, and when the court sits *in banc* to hear cases on appeal, his presence is required to complete the full bench, and he has been permitted by his physician to attend at such terms three times, one day in a week, during a period of four months of such sickness. He is not allowed to speak, but communicates in writing. His monthly salary has been paid during his sickness, the same as if he were attending regularly to business. The By-Laws of the Lodge provide for benefits, "in case of being rendered incapable by sickness or accident of providing for his own support." The case is not free from doubt. The Brother is, however, able to some extent to follow his usual occupation, and by that means does and is capable of "pro-

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caring the means of subsistence for himself." Article III., Section 6, Constitution of Subordinates.

The question of income from investments (Section 73, Digest) has nothing to do with it. Here the income is the fruits of his employment. I therefore hold that the Brother is not entitled to benefits.

2. Our law does not recognize collateral relatives at all, unless they were members of the family at the time of his death and dependent on him for support. The right of property to the funeral benefits is in the family of the deceased, and not in the Brother. It does not begin to exist until after his death, and if there are no dependent relatives, no benefits are to be paid. The law does not, in such a case, cast the estate anywhere, because there is no estate to be cast.

The law covering the entire case of benefits may be found in the Digest, S. G. L., Sections 86, 87, 88, 89 *et seq.*, and in Journal S. G. L., 1880, pages 40, 254, 40, 187, 40, 511.

3. The By-Laws of a Lodge debar its members from benefits who are more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. The Lodge appointed a collector to present and collect, at the end of each quarter, all dues owing by the members. A Brother was thirteen weeks behind in his dues, October 1st. On October 12th he paid the collector the amount due, and on October 13th he had to quit business on account of sickness. The next Lodge meeting, which was October 18th, the money was credited to the Brother's account by the Secretary, who was not the collector. The Lodge has a law, approved by the Grand Lodge, that all moneys paid to the Lodge officers before an adjournment of the Lodge at one meeting and the opening of the Lodge at the next meeting, shall be credited as paid at the meeting after it was paid to the collector in such a case the Brother is not entitled to benefits. The Lodge-room is the place to pay dues, and if paid in recess to any member or officer, that member or officer is simply the agent of the Brother in the matter, and, as a general rule, the Lodge is only bound by it as a payment when it comes to the hands of the proper officer in the Lodge-room to be credited in his account. There is no safety in any other rule. The words "at any time," in Section 373, Digest, should be construed "at any Lodge meeting," and not in recess.

IN REFERENCE TO DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

5. A Daughter of Rebekah who received her degree in her husband's Subordinate Lodge during his life, and after his death and her remarrying to one not a member of the Order, eligible for membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. *Digest, Section 341; Journal, S. G. L., 1858.*

The policy of the law seems to be not to deprive her of any privilege which she possesses, but not to grant her any additional ones. *Digest, Sections 211, 345.*

6. An unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow, after joining a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, married a man not a member of the order. Her dues are paid, and since her marriage she has been elected to office. In such a case she does not by her marriage forfeit her membership, and it can in no way affect her standing in the Lodge. *Digest, 341.*

7. The widow of an Odd Fellow, who had received the Degree of Rebekah during the life of her husband, in his Subordinate Lodge, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge upon a card from the Subordinate of which her husband was a member, although her husband at the time of his death was not in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge.

In 1874 the Grand Lodge (Sections 333, 359, Digest) authorized Withdrawal Cards to be issued by Rebekah Lodges, and provides that they may admit to membership by deposit of card. In view of the usually liberal construction of all the laws relating to the Degree of Rebekah, I am constrained to hold that the Sovereign Grand Lodge when it provided that such Lodges might admit to membership by deposit of card intended to cover all the cases in which cards were then authorized to be issued by a Lodge, either Rebekah or Subordinate. It will be observed that all the legislation

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which good standing is required, has reference to conferring the degree and not to membership. The question whether she could now receive the degree is quite another thing, although it is worthy of note that the legislation of 1868 as amended in 1871 (Digest, Section 323), authorizing the Lodges to confer the degree, says nothing about good standing in cases of certificates presented by Subordinate Lodges.

8. An unmarried step-daughter of an Odd Fellow of the Degree of Truth, if eight years of age is eligible to membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. See Journal, S. C. L., 1846, pages 10,520, 10,659.

9. Since the enactment of the law (Digest, Section 3516), all officers of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whether Brothers or Sisters, must wear the uniform described in that section.

10. Subordinate Lodges are not entitled or allowed to purchase or use the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, and consequently cannot exchange their old Rituals for the new.

11. Rebekah Degree Lodges working under the new Ritual cannot lawfully give that Work before a Subordinate Lodge open in the Degree of Rebekah. The Law Ritual is for the exclusive use of Rebekah Lodges.

REBEKAH SUPPLEMENTARY.

1. *Question.* Can a team gotten up for the purpose of working the Rebekah Degree be allowed to take the places of the officers and work the Degree?

Answer. A Noble Grand or Vice Grand of any Lodge, Subordinate or Rebekah, is not obliged to surrender his chair to a Team in conferring the Degrees, although I think those officers in a Rebekah Lodge should allow it to be done, unless they are capable of doing it in a creditable manner themselves. As a rule the ladies take more trouble in the matter than the male members, and the times are such as to require a departure in some cases from the old rules.

2. The question which you ask, viz., "Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate, in whole or in part, its Lodge funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, which association is to erect a building for Lodge purposes, among other things?" is of very great importance and very far reaching. That there should be some limit to the power of Lodges to appropriate their funds in this direction must be apparent to every one, but I find nothing that throws much light on the subject. I do not think that a lodge should invest its funds to such an extent in anything as to render it unable to respond to calls likely to be made upon it for the relief of its distressed members, but it may and should invest its surplus funds in such a way as to produce an income by way of interest, dividends or rentals. It is my opinion that it is not advisable for Lodges to take stock in associations which are organized by others than Odd Fellows, unless it be in some business corporation. Therefore, at present advised, I think the rule should be, and I decide, that an Odd Fellows' Lodge may, for the purpose of providing a place for its meetings, use a reasonable portion of its funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, although such hall or building when erected will be in part used for other than Odd Fellow purposes.

3. To your question, "Do you understand, by the report of the committee, page 321, on Decision 33, and adopted page 10,659, that a Lodge cannot expend any money on observing April 26th, or only forbids expending money for a collation and dance?"

Ans. I do not understand that, by that report, a lodge cannot expend any money on observing April 26th, nor do I understand that it "only forbids expending money for a collation and dance."

It seems to me to be almost impossible to lay down any general rule applicable to any conceivable set of circumstances, but I think the principle to be evolved from the decisions is about as follows:

A Subordinate Lodge may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the

necessary expenses incident to the celebration of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in America, in such a manner as shall tend to promulgate and illustrate its principles or to elevate it or dignify it in the eyes of the community, such as hiring halls, paying for printing, procuring orators, etc., but not for those things which contribute merely to the pleasure or gratification of the individual member, such as parties, balls, picnics, excursions, banquets and the like, and that, within these limits, the question is one for the Subordinate or its immediate Grand Jurisdiction.

20. Section 289, Digest, requiring balloting for degrees to be upon the same evening on which application is made therefor, is doubtless applicable to Encampment as well as to Lodges, though as to the latter, the subject may now be regulated by the local legislation.—*Journal, S. G. L.*, 1885, page 10,089.

21. A Brother holding a Withdrawal Card out of date, or a Dismissal Certificate may join in applying for a Charter for a new Lodge of Odd Fellows, but the application must be signed by five Third Degree members who hold unexpired Withdrawal Cards.—*Digest, Sections 1162a, 1177, 1178.*

The term "Brothers of the Order in good standing," as used in Article I. of the By-Laws, Sovereign Grand Lodge, Digest, Section 1162, must be construed to mean Brothers holding unexpired Withdrawal Cards.

22. The law of New Jersey provides that "A person cannot be initiated in any Lodge than the one nearest or most convenient to his residence, without the consent of said Lodge." A person applied to his nearest Lodge, Clinton, for membership, and was rejected, of which rejection Harrison Lodge was notified. Notwithstanding this Harrison Lodge elected and initiated such person. On complaint to the Grand Master the Lodge pleaded guilty. No fraud was practiced upon Harrison Lodge, as the applicant informed the committee that he had been rejected by Clinton Lodge. On this state of facts the Grand Master issued his mandate forbidding Harrison Lodge from conferring the Degrees upon the person initiated, and asks what is the remedy and whether the law, Section 62, Digest, applies.

Answer—Harrison Lodge is guilty of a wilful violation of law and is liable to such penalty as the Grand Lodge may deem adequate to the offence. I do not see that the membership of Feindt can be disturbed, but the Lodge can be prohibited from conferring the Degrees upon him; at all events, this is my present opinion, and I would advise you to make the prohibition permanent, unless the consent of Clinton Lodge be first obtained. I hardly think Section 620 applies to the case, although the Grand Lodge may doubtless fine the Lodge, on conviction, to that extent, or even much more.

23. Applications for permission to initiate residents of territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, into Lodges under State Jurisdictions, have been made to me from time to time, and I have decided to grant and have granted those applications only where the jurisdictions were contiguous and the Lodge in which it was proposed to initiate was the nearest one to the residence of the applicant. It is the general rule that persons can be admitted only into Lodges nearest the places of their residence. This was first held in 1848 (*Digest, 626*), and reaffirmed many times since, the last time in 1884. (*Digest 615, 618, 619, 627*). But this is the rule only in the absence of local legislation. (*Digest, 626a, 628*.) This general rule has been held to apply to all cases of admissions in a jurisdiction different from that of the applicant (*Digest, 615, 616, 618, 619*), save the exceptional decision in 1884 (*Digest, 622a*). The rule is a salutary one, as the health, character, and standing of the applicant are usually well known to the members of the Lodge, and the dangers of receiving a bad man is comparatively little. The decision of 1883 goes upon the theory that Section 3, Article XVI., of the Constitution of 1854, authorizes admissions in any other jurisdiction, if consent be obtained, which is a mistake. That section simply prohibits admissions without consent, and of course the consent is to be obtained in the cases and under the circumstances authorized by the law as it existed when the section was adopted, there being no such provision in the old Constitution. In 1883 the Legislative Committee reported, and the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution authorizing

ing Subordinates in contiguous or adjacent jurisdictions to admit to membership persons whose residence "though not actually in said jurisdiction is nearest the place of location" of such Subordinate (Digest, 617) thus giving a legislative construction to the Constitutional provision. This was re-affirmed in 1865. (Digest, 618). The decision (622a) seems to violate another long-established principle, that of admitting a temporary resident. (Digest, 622, 623, 624). For these reasons, and believing that the decision of 1884, in effect, overrules that of 1883, I have followed the long-established rule, that the applicant must live in an *adjacent jurisdiction*, and apply to the Lodge nearest his residence.

24. When the officers at installation retire in charge of the Grand Marshal for examination, they should retire in form—that is, address the Chairs.

25. A Grand Master, when introducing a visiting Brother, enters the Lodge in his official capacity. He announces himself as Grand Master with a visiting Brother, and is entitled to be received with the honors of the Order, and must be so received. The honors are not to be given to the visiting Brother, unless he also be entitled thereto.

26. Appeal of CHARLES J. FISHEL from the decision of the D. D. Grand Sire of the Sandwich Islands.

The facts in this case, as it appears from the concurring statements of the appellant and the D. D. Grand Sire, are as follows:

Harmony Lodge No. 3. failed to hold one of its regular meetings for the term ending December 31st, 1883, from want of a quorum, occasioned by the celebration of the Fourth of July, occurring on the fifth of that month, the fourth being Sunday, the appellant, the then Noble Grand, claiming that he was present at the Lodge-Room, but that he could not procure the attendance of sufficient members to open the Lodge, The Noble Grand and Vice-Grand were both actually present in said Lodge during said term and served more than fourteen meeting-nights of the term, and held their respective offices until their successors were installed, on the first meeting of January last. It appears, also, that on three meeting-nights of the preceding term the Lodge failed to hold a meeting for want of a quorum. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand of that term also served a majority of nights and held office until its close. After the installation of officers in January last, it was claimed that the appellant was not eligible to the position of Noble Grand when he was elected thereto, by reason of the failure to hold the three meetings above specified, and that he was not entitled to the honors of Past Grand by reason of the failure to hold the one meeting in the last term, as above mentioned. The D. D. Grand Sire, on the authority of Section 265, Digest, so decided, and from this decision the appeal is taken.

I decided as follows:—Perhaps the literal interpretation of Digest, 265, would justify your decision, but on a thorough examination of the question, and the way it came up, I am compelled to think that you have fallen into an error. The history of the matter is as follows: On the first organization of our Order the terms of Subordinate Lodges were thirteen weeks, and there appears to have been no regular time for the terms to end. It would seem that the term commenced at the first meeting after the Charter was granted and ended thirteen weeks from that time. They were not quarterly or half-yearly terms, commencing and ending with certain months in the year. Grand Sire KENNEDY, in his annual report in 1842, says: "The periods at which terms of Lodges and Encampments commence and end are as greatly diversified as the number of them could possibly permit." (Journal, 445). To remedy this defect, and so that proper statistics could be collected it was enacted (Journal, 491) that annual reports be made from July 1st to June 30th; semi-annual, if any, from July 1st to December 31st, and quarterly reports on the first days of July, October, January and April in each year, and that when the longest part of the term (seven weeks or more) under the present regulation shall have expired, Subordinates were authorized to make one short term, so as to end the quarter as above specified, and the officers would be entitled to the honors; and when less than seven weeks of a quarter shall have expired, they are directed to extend the term, and (Journal, 494) that the officers hold for the remnant of that quarter and to the end of the next quarter. By this law the

terms were changed from a given number of consecutive meeting-nights to periods of time, and all had a uniform ending. Now, terms end either in January and July or April and October, six months, and the term ends when the period arrives, whether twenty-six or six meetings have been held. It may have been from a misapprehension of these things that the latter part of Section 265 was enacted. A dispensation with Lodge-meetings is undoubtedly illegal and improper, but it cannot be that an illegal dispensation of one of twenty-six Lodge meetings, against the protest, perhaps, of the Noble Grand, would deprive that officer, who had faithfully served for twenty-six nights of a term, of the honors due to his faithful service. There is no justice in this. Besides, it has been decided, over and over again, that an officer who has served a majority of the nights of a term (fourteen), if in office at the end of the term, is entitled to the honors of the office. The enactment (Section 265) cannot be upheld unless it can be construed to mean that the dispensation spoken of prevented the officer from serving a majority of the nights of the term. This can, however, hardly be claimed for it. I have never had occasion before to critically examine the question, but am clear that the foregoing views are correct.

I therefore decide that the retiring officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, are entitled to the honors of the term if they were present in the Lodge-room a majority of the meeting-nights of the term, and held their offices to the close of the term.

I must also overrule your decision as to the preceding term upon substantially the same principle. If the officers served a majority of the nights of the term, they are not debarred from the honors of those offices from the fact that the Lodge failed, for want of a quorum, to hold three meetings out of the twenty-six. If three meetings would do it one would, and if that were so a large number of the officers would fail their honors for the same reason.

29. "A Brother paid his fee for the Second Degree, and before he was ready to take it was called away to another jurisdiction. He made no provision for the payment of his dues." In such a case the Lodge cannot apply the money so paid in discharge of his dues, nor can he demand it back unless the Lodge refuses to confer the degree on demand. The demand must be made before suspension for non-payment of dues, otherwise the degree-fee is forfeited unless the Brother be re-instated.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The Grand Sire reports that among the proposed amendments to the Constitution pending, is one of which I trust it may not be inappropriate for me to say a few words. That amendment is the one to Article XVI, Section 2, found on page 10, 183 of the Journal, relating to the age of applicants. Long and careful reflection and study, extending over a number of years, have convinced my naturally conservative mind that this amendment ought to be adopted. The age fixed is an entirely arbitrary one. When established it was so fixed from the experience of past ages as the proper period at which to invest the youth with the exercise of certain rights not enjoyed by those tender years, it being considered that they had then arrived at such an age as to be qualified by education and experience to properly discharge the duties devolving upon them. This standard, entirely proper in the past, is not suited to this age. No young men at eighteen are much better qualified to exercise the rights of number than those at twenty-one were when the rule was established. With the introduction and establishment of the common school, the newspaper, the telegraph and other helps to education and civilization, the boy of eighteen of to-day is more experienced, further advanced in education, and better qualified for business than the man yesterday was at twenty-five or thirty. Why, then, retain this arbitrary period of twenty-one? The usual objection is, that the laws of the land not recognizing the individual as competent to enter into contracts, it would be a source of trouble and responsibility to Lodges liable to law-suits on their behalf. The experience of other Orders does not bear out this assertion, and, besides, it is a fact within the knowledge of any Fellow of ten years' standing, that it is not the young men in the Order who make the most trouble, it is the old members who create all or nearly all the disturbance. And that it would be of great benefit to our Order I have no doubt. It would infuse

and blood into it and give it an unwonted vitality. The class who would naturally be brought by this amendment are the class to don the uniform of the Patriarchs and thus increase that branch of the Order. It would also be of incalculable benefit to large numbers of worthy young men by bringing them within the influence and under the teachings of our Ritual. The good seed would thus be sown on a pure virgin soil, and be much more apt to take root and bear fruit, such as pure Odd Fellowship only can bring forth. Allow me to repeat that, after a most careful and painstaking examination and consideration of the subject, I have come to the conclusion that this amendment ought to, and I trust it will, be adopted. The growing movement of the Order will compel it ultimately, and there are many reasons why it is the accepted time.

ENCAMPMENTS.

A resolution was passed in 1885 that all of the Encampments in British Columbia be hereafter to be organized, be and they are hereby transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Washington Territory until a Grand Encampment is organized in said British Columbia, provided said Encampments request to be so transferred; otherwise to remain under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Encampment. — *Journal*, 10,527, 10,661.

Bro. JOHN WELER, D. D. Grand Sire of British Columbia, was informed October 20th of the above action, and under date of October 30th he advised: "I have communicated to the various Encampments the resolutions in regard to jurisdiction, and await their decision."

The Encampments affected by the above action are Vancouver, No. 1, Victoria; Harmony, No. 2, New Westminster; Nanaimo, No. 4, Nanaimo. November 17th, 1886, Vancouver, No. 1, indicated its desire to be under the Grand Encampment of Washington. March 23d, 1887, a similar request was made by Harmony, No. 2, and November 18th, 1886, by Nanaimo, No. 4; therefore all the Encampments in British Columbia are now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Washington.

In Grand Secretary Theo. A. Ross' report I find the following: —

HOMES.

The feeling seems to be growing that the time has arrived when suitable provision should be made for the care of aged and indigent members of the Order in their declining years, and for widows and orphans left destitute by the removal by death of the breadwinner for support. In several States organizations of this truly benevolent character are in successful operation, and in other jurisdictions projects for "Homes" are assumed definite shape, promising encouraging results in the near future in this important field of labor. Certainly no worthier object than the relief of the helpless and the hour of need can enlist the attention and the energies of the members of an organization organized for the help of the afflicted and distressed, the protection of the widow and orphan, and efforts in this direction demonstrate that the well-known

"Failing not when life has perished,
Living still beyond the tomb."

is not meaningless professions. In view of the movements referred to, it is hoped that future reports from Grand Bodies will show a grand work accomplished in the direction indicated.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

In the absence of official statistics relating to this Order, the following extract from a newspaper publication is submitted:

The Annual Movable Committee was held in Dover, England, on the 30th day of October, 1887. The address of the Grand Master stated the strength of the order 617,587 members, a net increase of 11,665 during the past year. The Juvenile branch numbers 27,815, making the total membership of the Unity, 648,962. Of 27,815 initiated, 72 per cent were under 25 years of age. The Grand Master hopes that the correspondence with Grand Sire HENRY F. GAREY, last year, will eventually result in a system of

intercommunication being established between the Manchester Unity and the Independent Order, so that members may be allowed to visit each other's Lodges, under proper restrictions, have an oversight of members in sickness and in distress.

The following is the legislation of special interest to our jurisdiction:

Changing qualification for membership from 21 to 18. REJECTED (Journal 10920).

Authority for State Grand Bodies to construe their laws for government of their subordinates. Indefinitely postponed. (Journal 10921.)

Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah, by Mrs. Louise B. B. of Evansville, and to be printed and sold as other supplies.

DUES AND BENEFITS.—The Committee reported that the Sovereign Grand Lodge should compel the adoption of sound business regulations by all subordinates, and recommends:

"That a pamphlet not exceeding twenty pages be prepared containing extracts from the various reports of Special Committees on Dues and Benefits, and that a copy be sent to each Subordinate Lodge, together with a circular directing that action be taken thereon." That your Committee be continued, and that the Grand Sire fill vacancies therein. Considered and adopted. (Journal 10952, 11005).

ENDOWMENT.—Upon the Memorial from the Grand Lodge of Nevada desiring an insurance or endowment feature, as auxiliary to the I. O. O. F. the Committee reported, "they were not prepared" at this time to endorse it, submitting the following resolution:

"That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit to the various Grand Jurisdictions the following query: 'Does your Grand Jurisdiction favor insurance or endowment department under the supervision and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?' and to further request that the various Jurisdictions shall if they see proper, instruct their Representatives in accordance with the action taken on the query, whether favorable or otherwise. Considered and not adopted. (Journal 10972, 11025).

I would recommend that this Grand Lodge express an opinion; the question will without doubt be brought again forward, the vote standing 55 for and 58 against. I consider that the adoption of the Endowment or Insurance feature under the Sovereign Grand Lodge would be a benefit to the Order.

On Creating a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows: The Committee "deem it very advisable that something be done to conserve to the Fellowship the boys and young men not yet of sufficient age to enter the Order," and recommended a Committee be appointed to report at the next regular session. Considered and indefinitely postponed. (Journal 11037.)

A. J. Smith and others vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana, appeal sustained, Wabash Canton being compelled to give good security with interest or repay borrowed money used in purchasing uniforms and regalia.

It was the sense of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that no Lodge should divert its funds from the uses for which they were paid in, nor loan the same at any time without the proper security being given and a reasonable interest being paid."

I mention this matter as such transactions as this is to the injury of the State Grand Body, and in a very great measure probably decides the Sovereign Grand Lodge in refusing authority for State Grand Lodges to construe their laws for the government of their subordinates, and further that the Canton Degree is to my mind productive of extravagant expenditures and is foreign to the aims and objects of the foundation of our Order.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

Reports show a large increase in the number of Lodges, membership, and finances.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Resolved.—That Grand Masters of the various State jurisdictions in which Degree of the Daughters of Rebekah exist are authorised to appoint Deputies from the Past Noble Grands of such Lodges, to exercise the duties of installation and such other duties in said Lodges as their office empowers them to do; and be it further resolved that installing officers for the Rebekah Degree Lodges are authorised to fill the various positions in the installation of officers of such Lodges with Past Noble Grands. "That a lady member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, being in good standing, has the right to ask and receive a Withdrawal Card and the right to demand the same for re-admission to the Order under the same rules and regulations as in that subject in subordinate Lodges." (Journal, 11,015, 11,034).

Subordinate Lodges must have Rebekah Degree Ritual, and all electing Officers must be instructed in the work of the degree before installation. Your attention is called to Section 930, White's Digest, also Journal, 11,029 and 11,035.

This Grand Lodge was relieved from the payment of the Representation Tax for the year 1887.—(Journal, 10,916, 10,977.)

The only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the orphaned dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. Dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased, and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death.—(Journal, 10,908, 10,976).

The Committee on the use of badges in lieu of collars recommended a badge two inches wide by six inches long in colors as collars now worn. Not adopted. (Journal, 11,003, 11,004).

It is the opinion of the Committee that the adoption of this resolution would be the means of saving much money to the order, and would go a great way towards preventing extravagance. I would recommend in this matter that the Lodges limit their expenditures to the smallest possible amount, and endeavoring to comply with the legal requirements.

Resolving that changing membership without first obtaining Withdrawal Card, the following was adopted:—

That any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon removal of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge

or Encampment without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Body in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a visiting card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership.

Upon election of such Brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he seeks to apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which he is a member of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees upon proper application he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card or Dismissal Certificate.

Upon deposit of said Card or Certificate with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fee required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment.

HOMES.

The State Grand Lodges and Encampments may provide by Constitutional amendment for the erection and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows. *Provided, however,* said bodies shall not make assessments on their Subordinates for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the same.

Lodges were recommended to set aside a fund for the maintenance of Homes (Journal, 10,016, 11,002).

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Grand Bodies are instructed to see that the law relating to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is observed by their subordinates.

That the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers at their death were members in good standing in said Lodge or Encampment; and it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds to do other than appropriate said funds, or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever, except the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment; *Provided, however,* nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, from using their widows' and orphans' fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates. (Journal, 10,986, 11,027).

DUTY OF MEMBERS.

That it is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his brethren in distress, and watch for the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; and further that it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick, who like himself are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report shall not be entitled to affiliation with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy brother. (Journal, 10,900, 11,028).

BENEFITS.

A provision in the By-Laws of a Lodge or Encampment that on a claim for benefits

decision of the physicians appointed by it shall be final, is construed to mean only the time of examination.—(Journal, 10,855, 10,858, 10,933).

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATIONS.

The Grand Sire was empowered to appoint a committee of five to investigate into the management of endowment associations, and report the facts at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, also to recommend rules for the inquiring into their constitution, business methods, and managements of such associations.—(Journal, 10,011, 10,020).

FRANCE.

The institution of Concorde Lodge No. 1 at Havre, with propositions to institute Lodges at Elboeuf and Rouen is worthy of mention.

The foregoing is a synopsis of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge including my comments thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY.

I have been impressed throughout my term that to our Grand Secretary's faithful work we are indebted more than to any other member for our present standing, and for much gratuitous brotherly work. I am conscious also that his every action has been but an honest expression of his opinion, and although we have differed on occasions there never has been any friction; his services were always volunteered on every occasion, but when I considered the emoluments of his office, I declined his offer, as it appeared to me that it would be but simple justice on my part to relieve rather than increase his labor; and in recommending that this Grand Lodge pay its Grand Secretary a salary commensurate with the labor attached to the care of one Grand Lodge, one Subordinate, and one Rebekah Lodge, I am thoroughly convinced that the increase will be well earned if the work necessary is as faithfully performed as it has been done by the present incumbent. The Grand Secretary will present you with a full statistical report, showing our increase in membership and our financial standing.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I soon found, after taking office, that there was a lethargic feeling prevailing, seemingly general throughout the jurisdiction, and especially noticeable in the older lodges—the attendance at their meetings was anything but satisfactory. Financially these lodges were strong and with a good membership, still their condition was inactive, and can be best described by saying, *the Order was simply drifting*. This was forcibly brought to my notice by the lack of answers received to my proclamation on the subject of an Odd Fellows' Ward in conjunction with the "Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital." This apathy on the subject mentioned caused me to examine critically into the state of the Order, with a convincing result to me that I had taken upon myself a duty that would take all the time I had at my command, and would require my utmost energy to remove this dormant feeling. On June 11th I communicated with Lodges 1, 2, and 4, and afterwards

addressed them on the subject of the Initiatory and Degree work, impressing upon them that the city Lodges should represent models of excellence in the rendition of the work of the Order, and that they owed it to themselves to select the most fitted, educated, and capable of their members to be their office-bearers. With the view to giving effect to this recommendation, I adapted, copied, and arranged an amplified form of the Initiatory Ceremony, and took charge of the *team* at the initiations in the city Lodges. My visitations during the last half of my term, varying from two to five nights each week. This amplified form of the Initiatory Ceremony I will submit to you when this Grand Lodge is in secret session.

PROGRESS.

This amplified work, together with a picnic, given for the benefit of the Jubilee Hospital Fund, various socials, balls, memorial celebrations, decoration of the graves of our departed members, conferring of the Rebekah Degree, institution of Lodges, parades, laying of the corner-stone of New Westminster Hall, banquets, speeches, carrying out Brother Thornton Fell's Christmas Tree, magic lantern entertainment for children, added to my official visitations; installations of officers, demands made upon Lodges and officers for information, and a friendly press has resulted in a larger attendance at Lodge meetings, produced a greater interest in the work, and had the effect of gathering to my aid a number of brothers, whose assistance I fully appreciate, and the result is that I am able to report to you that the Order enjoys general prosperity, and increase to our membership exceeds any similar period, and the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction are awakening into active life and usefulness. This prosperity exceeds that of any term since our organization, and it only requires, my brothers, to exercise energy and interest in the work of the Order to keep Odd Fellowship always in the van, and without a peer in the accomplishment of good works in this jurisdiction. Remember that it is by personal effort and the union of individual influence almost any great work, however difficult, can be accomplished. Each one of us has power over some one for good; and we have instances in every Lodge of what can be accomplished by the efforts of a single member in forwarding its interest. Let us each, therefore, strive by every laudable means to make the coming year stand out prominently in advance of any preceding it, in the increase of membership and in deeds of benevolence and charity.

To the Press the Order is under obligations for their many favorable and friendly mentions of its doings.

Our Grand Secretary reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge that the current expenses, of the subordinates in this jurisdiction amounted to \$5,652.86; and the total of their invested funds, \$54,828.64.

There are only five other Grand Lodges having lower current expenses. In increase of membership for 1886 we rank 32 on the list of 49

Grand Lodges, exceeding Alabama, Arizona, Denmark, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces of British North America, Michigan, Quebec, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. British Columbia exceeds Arizona and Chili in the number of Lodges and members, and Idaho, Switzerland, Florida, Utah, Wyoming, and South Carolina in members. We relieved 106 brothers, stand No. 41 on the list of brothers relieved, and rank No. 39 in amount, having paid a total for relief of \$6,544.75; paid for burying the dead \$542; in special relief we are among the six giving nothing. Our total receipts were \$13,621, placing us No. 38.

IMPORTANT EVENTS.

This year has been one of notable events, proving the progressive character of our order.

On May 16th, assisted by Grand Secretary Davey; P. G. Masters, McColl and Roberts, Brothers Taylor, P. G., Henderson, P. G., and Magazzoni, I dedicated at Kamloops an Odd Fellows Hall, instituted a Mutual Lodge, No. 9, assisted at the initiation and conferring of the three degrees on ten members, installed into their respective chairs W. Almonds, N. G.; F. Schenk, V. G.; S. Clarke, Rec. Secy.; J. T. Edwards, Treas.; E. H. Jones, Perm. Secy., together with all the appointed officers. From the hour we left Victoria until our return we were everywhere treated most hospitably. Kamloops was *en fete*, and we seemed to be the guests of its inhabitants. To the enthusiasm and energy of Brother Almonds this jurisdiction is under obligation for an increase of 62 on the roll of members.

On August 27th I laid the corner-stone of an Odd Fellow's Temple, New Westminster, which was notable, if for no other reason, than demonstrating the fraternal feeling it brought out and the cordiality evinced and expressed by representatives of the two strongest and foremost Orders, on this continent. Arrangements had been made by the New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and Union Lodge, No. 9, of the Masonic Fraternity, that the two Lodges should build jointly upon their adjoining lots, and plans and designs for a \$35,000 temple when completed was decided upon. Each lodge issued invitations to their respective Grand Masters to perform the ceremony of laying their separate corner-stones, and I have the gratification to state that for the first time in our history the Odd Fellows and Masons came together in the most pronounced manner, assisting by their presence in emphasizing each other's work, and I hope establishing for all time a precedent of warm fraternal feeling. The hospitality of our New Westminster brethren was all that could be wished and more than was expected. The banquet in the evening was unique in many respects. A Noble Grand and a Worshipful Master presiding over two brotherhoods; Grand Past Grand officers and members of each order seated around them. The speeches were received with much favor, and were imbued with the noblest feeling and good fellowship. I was able, from a personal

knowledge, to explain the main differences which exist in the aims and objects of the two Orders, and was gratified to find that my remarks were so kindly taken. The property is situated on the principal street and I am informed is all rented. I approve of Lodges judiciously investing in the place of their location, where there is a reasonable prospect of its permanence and progress, as the growth of the locality conduces to the stability of the Lodge.

REBEKAH DEGREE.

I notice from reading the proceedings of the several State Grand Lodges that all their Grand Masters report in the highest terms as to the worth of the Rebekah Lodges, and upon investigation I ascertained that the Degree of Rebekah had not been conferred for years upon any lady at Victoria, and that officers had passed through the chairs without having this degree. At my request the Victoria Lodges convened meetings, and assisted by W. W. Evans, G. C. P., and my Grand Officers, I conferred the Rebekah Degree on a number of sisters and brothers. The Order in this jurisdiction should give this degree the fullest consideration in order to make amends for its apathy and neglect in the past, besides which, we are bound by good faith, prompted by justice, courtesy, and gentlemanly feelings to act strictly to our professions and teachings.

All progressive Grand Lodges recognise the establishment of Rebekah Lodges throughout their jurisdiction as being a branch of Odd Fellowship that materially affects the good of the Order. To Grand Secretary Lyon of California, as well as Grand Secretary Terwilliger of New York, I am indebted for information and courtesies in this matter, and I would recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt for the present the beautified work as prepared by the Grand Lodge of California, copies of which are now in stock.

On the 15th December, 1887, I instituted

COLFAX REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, NO. 1.

with W. W. Evans, N. G., R. McIntosh, V. G., W. Christie, Secretary, and Sister A. Young, Treasurer. On January 9th, 1888, assisted by Grand Officers I installed the following officers of this Lodge for the current term: M. Young, N. G.; Mrs. Bishop, V. G.; Wm. Christie, Rec. Secy.; Miss Huxtable, Fin. Secy.; Miss A. Evans, Treas.; Mrs. Dempster, War.; Miss A. Carr, Con.; Miss F. Evans, R. S. N. G.; Miss S. Neil, L. S. N. G.; W. H. Huxtable, O. G.; A. Graham, I. G.; Mrs. Clyde, R. S. V. G.; Miss C. Robertson, L. S. V. G. Colfax Lodge has the best prospect of being successful and soon becoming numerically strong and influential. The ladies have memorized the duties of their offices, and will soon initiate under the beautified form. The Grand Siro says, "Those who decry Rebekah Lodges need not join them; they can keep away and allow those who take pleasure in those meetings and their association to go on doing good in their own way."

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations to celebrate the 26th April in conformity with the proclamation of our Grand Siro.

On 24th of May, for Lodges Nos. 1, 2 and 4 to hold a picnic at Shawnigan Lake for benefit of the funds of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

31st July, to Harmony Lodge, No. 6, to hold a picnic at Shawnigan Lake on 16th August in regalia.

4th August, to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to attend Divine Service in regalia on 1st August.

22nd September, I granted to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, permission to appear in public in regalia at the funeral of our late Brother Robert Lipsett.

October 8th, granted dispensation to Columbia and Dominion Lodges to attend Divine Service on Sunday, 9th October, but not in regalia; officers to wear their jewels.

October 18th, granted to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, permission for memorial day exercises, officers wearing jewels.

November 3rd, granted to Columbia Lodge permission to use the letters "I. O. O. F." at the heading of the advertisement announcing entertainment for 25th, and subsequent ones of same nature.

November 17th, granted to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, permission to hold a ball on the evening of 24th November, but not in regalia.

December 17th, granted same Lodge permission to elect a member of the degree of Truth to the position of Noble Grand, providing all qualified Brothers refuse to serve.

7th January, 1888, granted to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, permission to wear jewels and badges and to use the emblems of the Order upon the cards of invitation on the occasion of a ball to be held on 24th January, 1888, providing Section 588 be strictly adhered to.

TATNAI AND VANCOUVER LODGES.

A slight misunderstanding occurred between these two Lodges which I was able to adjust satisfactorily.

HARMONY LODGE.

I visited Harmony Lodge upon a special invitation, and with the assistance of Brothers McFutosh, P. G., Holland, Christie and R. W. Fuweett, P. G., initiated the team work. I was much impressed by the reception accorded myself and the visiting brothers and the kind feeling evinced.

NANAIMO AND WELLINGTON COLLIERY DISASTERS.

I have to record the loss of nine members of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and one member of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, leaving 6 widows and 16 children.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Bro. F. Norris, P. G., Deputy for District No. 1, reports the granting of a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to confer the degrees on a Brother in less time than the law permits. He also reports the receipt of an appeal from Bro. J. H. Meldrum, P. G., v. Columbia Lodge, No. 2, but having expressed his opinion on the case at issue, in his own Lodge, he thought himself dis-

qualified thereby to adjudicate in the matter, and therefore transmitted the same for my decision.

No reports have reached me from Bro. McCorvie, Deputy for District No. 2.

From District No. 3 Brother Hemer reports that he installed the officers in Black Diamond Lodge on July 6th, 1887, and January 4, 1888, respectively.

He decided the question that membership by initiation must be in the lodge nearest the candidates residence.

He reports Black Diamond Lodge in a healthy condition considering the blow it received on the fatal 3rd of May, 1887.

He particularizes the loss in the colliery disasters as follows:—

William Bone	aged 42,	leaving a wife and three children.
John Miles	“ 35,	single.
Edward Wilkin	“ 26,	“
Herbert Bevelockway	“ 25,	“
Wm. Ridley	“ 28,	“
Robert Nicholson	“ 34,	leaving a wife and two children.
Joseph Forest	“ 28,	“ “
William Hagne	“ 24,	“ “ 1 child.
Wm. Wilkes	“ 42,	“ “ 3 children.

District Deputy Geo. Williams, District No. 4, reports that he installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, in July and January respectively, on both occasions assisted by Grand Warden Scott; that, taking all things into consideration, No. 6, has prospered during the year and is in a sound financial position. The attendance at meetings was small, but expresses a hope of a larger attendance in the future. Reports an official visit from the Grand Master and visiting brothers, which was productive of much good.

He reports the death of Lancelot Robson of Sunset Lodge, No. 51, of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, a native of England, Harmony Lodge according the remains the usual burial; that the government had taken charge of the deceased's effects. At the disaster at Wellington, Bro. McNeil lost his life, leaving a widow with six children; the late brother was a member of our Auxiliary Endowment Association.

Bro. J. C. Henderson, P. G., Deputy for District No. 5, reports the installation of the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, in July and January last.

District Deputy Edmunds of District No. 6 reports:—The likelihood of lodge being instituted at Spallumcheen; that Tatnai Lodge is flourishing funds on hand \$400; Number of members, 62. Officers very proficient in their work. Installed their officers on 2nd January, 1888.

APPOINTMENTS.

On 30th June appointed S. Adler, P. G., Special Deputy for the purpose of installing the officers of Tatnai Lodge; if absent, then W. Edmunds, P. G.

November 1st, appointed W. Edmunds, P. G., Special District Deputy

with same instructions as my other Deputies regarding officers being required to memorize their work.

January 25th, 1888, appointed W. Christie of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to obtain information on Wellington Colliery disaster, and on matters contained in a report furnished by Harmony Lodge.

IN MEMORIAM.

I have to inform you that the following Past Grands have been removed from our ranks by death:

Robert Lipsett, of No. 2; C. N. Trew of No. 3; W. Bone, of No. 5; Thos. Harris, of No. 5;

And I would suggest that memorial pages be inserted in these proceedings, as has been the practice.

PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

At a special meeting of the Committee appointed to select a site for the above-named institution, of which I was a member, it was ascertained that it would, according to plans furnished, cost \$4,000 for a Ward, instead of \$2,000 as at first supposed, and secondly, that the Committee were of opinion that the full \$20,000 would be collected, and it was suggested that any Lodge could make satisfactory arrangements by a yearly donation or fees to secure a number of beds in the pay patients' wards if they desired, therefore I concluded to go no further in carrying out the project as proclaimed to you on June 10th last.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

On the 24th May the Lodges in Victoria held an excursion to Shawnigan, and devoted the proceeds for the benefit of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, which resulted in something over one hundred dollars being given to this worthy object.

INSTALLATIONS.

I installed the officers of Columbia Lodge in June.

ORDER TO MY DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

On November 1st I instructed all my deputies to notify all Lodges in their District that the officers elected to the positions of N. G. and V. G., must in every instance have their charges memorized previous to their installation, otherwise the ceremony must not be proceeded with. This order I considered necessary with a view of enforcing uniformity in the signs, charges and mode of working. I was invited by Lodges Nos. 1, 2 and 4 to install their officers on the 9th, 11th and 12th of January last, and, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, I was present and presided. My instruction to Grand Instructor Harry Waller, P. G. M., who officiated as Grand Marshal, was, that the N. G. and V. G. elect must have memorized the charges for opening and closing the Lodge, the whole of each of their parts of the initiatory work, written and written, and all the secret work, to enable either of them to examine another visiting on a card. On the 9th January, 1888, at Victoria Lodge, No. 1, the G. Marshal in reply to my question, as to whether the N. G. elect was

sufficiently acquainted with the various lectures and instructions to enable him to deliver them according to his office, the Grand Marshal replied that that officer was not, but added, "the brother has promised me to have it learned during the week;" I thereupon postponed the installation until the 16th. This act of mine appeared arbitrary; but it was necessary, and resulted in the officers of Nos. 2 and 4 passing their examinations with much credit and praise from Grand Instructor Waller, and they were installed in their respective chairs on the 11th and 12th of January.

On the 16th January, accompanied by my Grand Officers, I proceeded with the installation of the officers of No. 1. The N. G. elect retired with Grand Marshal Waller for examination, and the G. Marshal almost immediately returned and announced that the N. G. elect "was no better able to pass an examination, and that he had made no attempt during the week to learn." Under these circumstances I ordered and conducted a new election and requested nominations for the position of N. G., which resulted in the election of R. McIntosh, P. G., by unanimous consent. The elective officers then retired for examination, and the Grand Marshal stated that the N. G. elect had passed the most brilliant and thorough examination in every particular of any officer he had ever examined. I can therefore safely report that the officers now in charge of Nos. 1, 2 and 4 are competent, capable and thoroughly acquainted with their duties, and with their youthful enthusiasm I anticipate a successful term for their Lodges.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

TERMS.

I am of opinion that if all elective officers were elected to hold office for one year instead of six months it would be a step in the right direction.

RETURNS—BOOKS.

That a uniform method of keeping Subordinate Lodge books and accounts be prepared by the Grand Secretary, so that their inspection may be easy and returns asked for be forwarded more expeditiously.

ANNUAL SESSION.

I am of opinion that the time has arrived when a change in the date of our annual sessions should be made.

REPRESENTATION.

I am of opinion that it would be to the interest of this Grand Lodge and of benefit to the Order if the number of representatives was reduced.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The 20th October is too late in the year for good weather to be depended upon. I would recommend that we select a day not later than the 20th of September for the observance of memorial or decoration ceremonies.

That this Grand Lodge continue to urge on the Sovereign Grand Lodge the advisability of admitting to membership persons at the age of eighteen.

That this Lodge earnestly request all Subordinate Lodges to organize teams for the purpose of conferring the Initiatory and Degree work.

I would also recommend that the Grand Master shall have authority when in his judgment he deems it for the good of the Order, to authorize, by special dispensation, the consolidation of two or more Subordinate Lodges, under such restrictions and regulations as he may set forth in his proclamation.

That there be appropriated one hundred dollars, to be known as the "Grand Master's Contingent Fund," which he should be authorized to expend when, in his judgment, it can be used with benefit to the order in this jurisdiction, and that he make a report of the disposition of said fund at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

I would recommend that whenever the regular stated meetings of any subordinate falls upon a legal or a generally recognized holiday that such meeting shall be omitted.

That only one degree shall be conferred on a candidate at any one meeting of a subordinate unless allowed by dispensation on the plea of emergency; the mixing together of the work of our Order produces inefficiency, in fixing the lessons intended to be taught.

I am of opinion that the bound journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge ought to be given to the State Grand Lodges, to be their property, to remain in the custody of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction for the time being, and not as now, the private property of the Rep. to the S. G. L., and have to thank Bro. W. W. Evans, G. C. P. of Washington Territory for the use of his journals, our Grand Lodge not having them.

EXPENSES AND INVESTED FUNDS OF SUBORDINATES.

It being within the power of our Grand Lodge to enact a law making it imperative for subordinates to report fully on these subjects, I would recommend that a law be passed requiring our Subordinates to make such returns to be inserted on the blanks furnished, and to accompany the Semi-Annual and Annual Reports.

CONTINGENCIES.

The Grand Secretary reported that only a nominal sum was voted for contingencies, and as my postages exceeded the amount I left it intact.

WEST VIRGINIA.

At the request of Thos. S. Spates, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I beg to notify you that the withdrawal cards granted by Milton Lodge No. 45 of the Jurisdiction of West Virginia, on September 28th, 1886, unto Thomas Congleton, Noble Grand; William Potts, Secretary; and John J. Williams, George Golden, Reece Williams, Roger B. Reece, Samuel Golden and William Short, were declared null and void. The reasons given were "wilfully violating the laws, usages and regulations of the Order by illegally distributing the funds of said Lodge, and for granting unto each other withdrawal cards, etc.

You are therefore directed to be careful that none of the men holding these cards are permitted to deposit them in any Lodge in this Province.

ARIZONA.

A notable feature in Proceedings of 1887 of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was a banquet in which ladies for the first time were present.

CONCLUSION.

REPRESENTATIVES,—I have presented to you a full statement of my official doings during the recess, which I trust may have your best attention approving where your judgment so directs, and correcting any error that may have occurred; remembering that your first duty is the good of the Order; that the Grand Master, being human, is liable to make mistakes, and it is your duty to critically examine, and if you think fit to, disapprove, alter, revise, and correct any act or decision of his, or recommended by him. Praise undeserved is sarcasm in disguise. Let your criticism, however tempered with kindly feelings, be so open that all may learn, so as to prevent similar errors in the future. I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have endeavored in all cases to enforce the laws of the Order, and have given all the time at my disposal to the duties of my office. I have no doubt, that in the carrying out of those duties, and in the decisions I have rendered, I have come in direct conflict with the opinions of others, but the wounding of the pride or feelings of anyone must not and has not biased my opinion or decision in any one case, and in the selection of brothers to assist me in any duty, I have invariably used my judgment to secure the best, no matter from which Lodge the selection was made, nor what rank the brother held.

The enforcement of disused and unpopular laws may not have been received by the brothers with good grace, but the Lodges have obeyed them without opposition, and in this respect I desire to say that attention was called to them in the endeavor on my part to administer the laws to the utmost of my power, and in conformity with the obligations I had taken.

This session is probably the most important yet convened. The constitutions of this Grand Lodge and its Subordinates need examination and revision, and the constitution of the Rebekah Degree Lodges must be made anew, one present one being obsolete.

I trust that each Representative will give his best services, his strictest attention and deliberate judgment to the business at hand, so that when we have completed our labors we shall feel a satisfaction in having done our whole duty to the Order we represent, and that each particular district has been equally favored. I thank all the Brothers and Lodges who have assisted me in advancing the Order for the courtesies shown me during my term of office.

I am, yours fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

It was on motion Resolved, That the report be received and referred to a Committee to distribute the same to the several committees.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on distribution, Rep. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; Rep. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; and Rep. W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3.

Report read from Grand Secretary:

Office of the Grand Secretary,

Victoria, B. C., 7th February, 1888.

of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

The following report of the work of this office, and of the present condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction, is respectfully submitted:—

		Increase.	Decrease.
of Subordinate Lodges	9	1	
of Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	1	1	
of Members in good standing.....	802	102	
Initiated during the year.....	135	34	
Admitted by Card.....	21	7	
Reinstated to membership.....	2		
Withdrawn.....	8		
Deceased	22	16	
Ceased membership by N. P. D.....	25	8	
Expelled.....	1	1	
Rejected.....	16	15	
Past Grands.....	130	13	
Brothers relieved.....	11½	8	
Widowed families relieved.....	7	2	
Weeks' sick benefits paid.....	658		4
Amount paid for the relief of brothers. \$	5,446 75		\$328 00
Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.....	610 00	382 00	
Amount paid for burying the dead.....	1,635 00	1,093 00	
Total relief paid.....	7,711 75	1,167 00	
Current expenses.....	7,674 54	2,021 68	
Annual receipts.....	17,616 06	3,995 06	
Amount of Assets.....	61,175 66	6,347 02	
Average amount of Sick Benefits paid to each sick member.....	47 77		
Average amount expended for relief per member.....	9 61		
Average duration of sickness to each sick member.....	5 wks. 5 dys.		
Average duration of sickness per member, 5¼ days			
Average amount of Assets per member.. \$	76 28		
Total amount paid for relief since formation of this Grand Lodge, 1874.....	63,396 50		

W. A. DAVIES,
Grand Master.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount of cash received during the year.

From whom received.	Supplies.	Tax term ending 30th June, 1887.	Tax term ending Dec 31st, 1887.	Charter Fees.	Total
Victoria Lodge No. 1	\$ 10 75	\$ 89 50	\$ 88 50		\$ 188
Columbia " 2	10 25	68 00	66 00		144
N. Westminster " 3		39 50	38 00		77
Domunion " 4	3 75	35 00	38 50		77
Bl'k Diamond " 5	4 00	50 00	50 00		104
Harmony " 6	16 00	53 50	57 00		126
Excelsior " 7	4 00	16 00	16 00		36
Vancouver " 8	11 75		20 50		32
Tatnai " 9	40 50		26 50	30 00	97
Colfax Degree of Rebekah Lodge No. 1	18 00			15 00	33
Sundry persons.	7 00				7
	\$ 126 00	\$ 351 50	\$ 401 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 923

Orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer during the year.

1887.

Feb. 11, No. 1, W. McColl, Mileage.....	\$ 1
" " 2, B. W. Shiles, "	
" " 3, E. S. Scoullar "	
" " 4, P. J. Foulds, "	
" " 5, H. Hoy, "	
" " 6, A. McCorvie, "	
" " 7, A. Galtoway, "	
" " 8, W. Bone, "	
" " 9, J. Phillips, "	
" " 10, T. Harris, "	
" " 11, A. McGregor, "	
" " 12, R. Rivers, "	
" " 13, J. Mahrer, "	
" " 14, J. Crossan, "	
" " 15, H. McAdie, "	
" " 16, E. Quennell, "	
" " 17, G. Norris, "	
" " 18, J. C. Henderson "	
" " 19, J. A. Campbell "	
" " 20, R. Scott, "	
" " 21, J. Hoskins, "	
" " 22, G. Williams, "	
" " 23, E. Hoskins, "	
" " 24, W. H. Huxtable, janitor and cleaning Grand Secretary's office 12 mos.	
April 20, " 25, Sovereign Grand Lodge for supplies, etc.	
May 12, " 26, F. Davey, Grand Secretary, 3 months salary.....	
June 1 " 27, M. Miller, printing proceedings, 1887.....	
July 29, " 28, Sovereign Grand Lodge for supplies, etc.....	
" " 29, M. Miller, printing, etc.....	

Carried forward.....

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the year.

Charter Fees.	Total
30 00	33 7
15 00	48 7
\$ 45 00	\$ 92 4

		Brought forward.....	\$588 00
Aug. 18	No. 30, F. Davey, Grand Secretary, 3 months salary.....		45 00
"	" 31, " Customs duty, etc., on goods supplied by Sovereign Grand Lodge.....		9 10
"	" 32, F. Davey, postage and Telegram.....		6 55
Sept. 30,	" 33, Grand Lodge California, 10 copies beautified work Rebekah Degree.....		5 00
Oct. 21,	" 34, M. Miller, printing, etc.....		34 85
Nov. 13,	" 35, Grand Secretary for seal.....		9 00
"	" 36, Oddfellows Union 12 months rent Grand Secretary's office.....		60 00
Dec. 2,	" 37, Hibben & Co. for stationery.....		8 22
"	" 38, R. Jamieson for stationery.....		3 15
"	" 39, Grand Secretary 6 months salary.....		90 00
"	" 40, " postage and sundries.....		5 40
Jan. 4,	" 41, M. Miller, stationery, etc.....		6 00
	Total payments.....		\$870 27

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer last report.....	\$ 310 67
Total amount of cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer.....	923 50
	<u>\$1234 17</u>
Orders drawn.....	870 27
	<u>\$ 363 90</u>

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand at last report.....	\$124 27	
PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:		
3 Subordinate Lodge Charters, @ 60c.....	\$ 1 80	
1 Rebekah Degree Lodge " @ 60c.....	60	
2 Degree Charts, @ 2.00.....	4 00	
6 Subordinate Lodge Rituals, @ 2.00..	12 00	
8 Rebekah Degree Rituals, @ 2.00....	16 00	
8 " " Charge Books, @ 2.00	16 00	
4 " " Institution and Installation Books @ 2.00.....	8 00	
10 Rebekah Degree California Beautified Work @ 50c.....	5 00	
100 Odes, Subordinate Lodge, @ 5c.....	5 00	
50 do Rebekah Degree Lodge, @ 5c..	2 50	
6 Digests @ 2.50.....	15 00	
100 Visiting Cards, Subordinate Lodge, @ 20c.....	20 00	
25 Visiting Cards, Rebekah Degree, @ 20c.....	5 00	
50 Withdrawal cards, @ 20c.....	10 00	
100 Petitions for membership, @ 1/2c....	1 00	
100 " " ".....	6 00	
1 Lodge Seal.....	9 00	
4 Order Books on Treasurer, @ 87 1/2c.	21 00	
Customs Duty, Postage, etc., on the above	13 01	
	<u>170 91</u>	

Carried forward.....\$ 295 18

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STOCK ACCOUNT.—Continued.		Dr.	Cr.
Brought Forward.....		\$ 295 18	
Profit during the year.....		25 19	
SOLD DURING THE YEAR:			
11 Books of Forms.....	9 50		
4 Whites' Digest, @ 3.50.....	14 00		
873 Petitions for membership.....	11 73		
6 Subordinate Lodge Rituals, @ 3.00..	18 00		
2 " " Degree Charts... 5 50	5 50		
32 Withdrawal Cards, @ 25c.....	8 00		
68 Visiting Cards, @ 25c.....	17 00		
1 Black Book.....	3 00		
1 Question Book.....	3 00		
100 Odes, Subordinate Lodge, @ 10c....	10 00		
25 Odes, Rebekah Degree, @ 10c.....	2 50		
20 Orders for P. W., @ 5c.....	1 00		
2 Books of Odes with music, @ 1.00...	2 00		
5 Order Books on Treasurer, @ 1.50...	7 50		
4 Rebekah Degree Rituals, @ 3.00.....	12 00		
4 " " Visiting Cards, @ 25c 1 00	1 00		
1 " " Charge Book..... 3 00	3 00		
2 " " Beautified Work, @ 75c.....	1 50		
1 Lodge Seal.....	10 00		
			\$ 140 2
STOCK STILL ON HAND:			
48 Books of Forms, @ 85c.....	40 80		
1 Book of Odes with music, @ 65c.....	65		
450 Initiation Petitions.....	3 00		
Orders for P. W.....	4 50		
4 Rebekah Degree Charge Books (old) @ 1.25.....	5 00		
7 Rebekah Degree Charge Books (new) @ 2.25.....	15 75		
44 Diplomas, @ 65c.	28 60		
1 Officers Roll Book.....	1 00		
30 Withdrawal Cards, @ 22c.....	6 60		
11 Dismissal Certificates, @ 22c.....	2 42		
60 Visiting Cards, @ 22c.....	13 20		
21 " " Rebekah Degree, @ 22c 4 62	4 62		
8 Vols. Proceedings Grand Lodge B. C., @ 1.25.....	10 00		
3 Subordinate Lodge Charters, @ 60c..	1 80		
1 Rebekah Degree Lodge " @ 60c..	60		
1 White's Digest.....	2 50		
20 Rebekah Degree Lodge Odes, @ 5c..	1 00		
4 " " Rituals, @ 2.25.....	9 00		
4 " " Institution and Installation Books, @ 2.25.....	9 00		
8 Rebekah Degree Beautified Work, @ 50c.....	4 00		
19 Order Books on Treasurer, @ 90c....	17 10		
Being balance Dr. to said account per balance sheet.....			180
		\$320 37	\$320

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BALANCE SHEET.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F.

February 8th, 1888.

Folio.	Accounts.	Dr.	Cr.
3	Sovereign Grand Lodge		3 51
25	Vancouver Encampment No. 1.....	1 50	
28	Grand Treasurer	363 90	
42	Profit and Loss		770 36
44	Furniture and Regalia.....	224 25	
47	Excelsior Lodge No. 7.....	50	
51	New Westminster Lodge No. 3.....	60	
53	Vancouver Lodge No. 8.....	78	
55	Dominion Lodge No. 4.....		30
60	Stock Account.....	180 14	
66	Tatnai Lodge No. 9.....	1 00	
78	Colfax Degree of Rebekah Lodge No, 1	1 50	
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Representation to this Grand Lodge.

Victoria Lodge No. 1 is entitled to 17 representatives.

Columbia	"	2	"	14	"
New Westminster	3	"	"	10	"
Dominion	"	4	"	10	"
Black Diamond	5	"	"	11	"
Harmony	"	6	"	12	"
Excelsior	"	7	"	7	"
Vanconver	"	8	"	8	"
Tatnai	"	9	"	8	"
Total.				<hr/> 97	

Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association.

of members per last report.....	145
" admitted during the year.....	8
" reinstated.....	1
Total.....	<hr/> 154
" deceased.....	3
" suspended for non-payment of assessments.....	10
" members in good standing.....	<hr/> 141

Being a loss of four members.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer last report.....	\$235 40
Received for assessments.....	427 25
Total.....	\$662 65

PAYMENTS.

1887.

March 22, order No. 1, Benefit on death of Bro. D. Palmer, \$231 00	
June 9, " 3, " " J. Forrest 210 25	411 25
Balance.....	\$221 40

RESERVE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Transfer from Management Fund per resolution of last session..	\$300 00
Reinstatements.....	8 65
Total.....	\$308 65

PAYMENTS.

1887.

June 9, Order No. 4, Benefit on death of Bro. Hudson.....	210 25
Balance.....	\$ 98 40

MANAGEMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer last report.....	\$348 06
Entrance Fees.....	8 00
Dues.....	192 88 1/2
Total.....	\$648 94 1/2

PAYMENTS.

1887.	Transfer to Reserve Fund.....	\$300 00	
	June 1, order No. 2, M. Miller, printing.....	2 50	
	July 29, " 5, ".....	1 75	
	Aug. 20, " 6, Grand Sec'y, 6 mos. salary... ..	25 00	
	" " 7, " postage, etc....	3 78	
1888.	Feb. 2, " 8, " 6 mos. salary... ..	25 00	
	" " 9, " postage, etc....	3 20	\$ 361 23
	Balance.....		\$ 187 71½

SUMMARY.

Balance Endowment Fund.....	\$ 221 40
Reserve Fund.....	98 40
Management Fund.....	187 71½
Total in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 507 51½

It will be seen by the foregoing that the Association has sustained loss of three members by death during the year, viz., Bro. D. Palmer, Victoria Lodge No. 1, Bro. J. Forrest of Black Diamond Lodge No. 5, and Bro. S. Hudson of Harmony Lodge No. 6. The benefits in the first two cases were paid from the Endowment Fund and in the latter from the Reserve Fund. Two assessments have been levied to satisfy these claims and there is \$221.70 in hand to meet the next loss. I regret to learn that two members of this Association were victims in the late disaster at Wellington but am not yet in possession of the necessary proofs of death. I would suggest that \$123.30 be transferred from the Management Fund to the Reserve Fund to make it equal to the amount of the Endowment Fund and that one claim be paid from the Reserve Fund.

I have experienced considerable inconvenience on account of not receiving the reports and tax from the subordinate lodges in proper time. The annual Relief Report of Excelsior Lodge No. 7 has not yet reached me and consequently the information furnished thereby is not incorporated in this report. I find that for some unaccountable reason, Sec. 4 of Art. VIII, which deals with the time when these Returns should be rendered, has been omitted from the reprint of the Grand Lodge Constitution attached to the Proceedings of 1883. This section of the original Constitution adopted in 1876 and appended to that year's Proceedings, reads as follows: "No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be entitled to have its officers installed, or to receive the travelling or term money, until the semi-annual reports to the Grand Lodge shall have been received in the hands of the Installing Officer, and assessments paid." and Art. 4, provides that the Installing Officer "shall collect from the lodges in his District all returns and moneys due the Grand Lodge and forward them immediately to the Grand Secretary." Steps should

be taken to insert this omission in the next print of the Constitution and to enforce the law in future.

I am not aware that there is at present any rule governing the profit to be charged on supplies from this office, and would submit that instructions be given on this subject as the business is growing and the charges should be made on some fixed scale.

New By-Laws for Vancouver Lodge, No. 8 and Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, a revision of the By-Laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 2 and amendments to those of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3 and Harmony Lodge, No. 6, have been received and transmitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. I would advise that a By-Law or Standing Resolution, of this Grand Lodge, be passed requiring, that in future, By-Laws and Amendments thereto shall be submitted in duplicate, so that one copy may be retained in this office. I am unable to submit the approved By-Laws of Vancouver and Tatnai Lodges, because only one copy was sent, and that had to be returned for the printer's use.

I am in receipt of an appeal, transmitted through Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on the 3rd instant, from Bro. Thos. Bone, a member of said Lodge, against the decision of the Grand Master, on a claim preferred by this brother against his Lodge for three weeks' sick benefits, and which is submitted herewith.

As directed last session a petition was forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge praying for the remission of the Representative Tax charged against this Grand Body for last year, which was granted and the Tax remitted.

I would recommend that authority be granted to obtain a cupboard for this office to hold the stock kept on hand, of supplies, for Subordinate Lodges. These articles are now stored in the vault, and are subject to mildew and consequent deterioration.

Bro. Huxtable, P. G., is entitled to consideration at your hands for services rendered in keeping the office clean, lighting fires, etc., during the past year.

I beg to submit herewith Abstracts of the Reports of the Subordinate Lodges for insertion in the printed proceedings.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the Report be received and handed to the Committee on distribution of Grand Master's report.

The Grand Secretary explained that the Grand Treasurer was prevented from attending on account of sickness in his family, that he had sent his books and vouchers but had not forwarded a report.

It was on motion Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 7:30 p. m.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 7:30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present :—

J. Davies	Grand Master.
J. H. Meldram	Deputy Grand Master.
R. Scott	Grand Warden.
F. Davey	Grand Secretary.
H. Hoy	Grand Marshal.
S. T. Mackintosh	Act'g Grand Guardian.
F. Jarne, P. G. M.	Act'g Grand Chaplain.
J. E. Phillips	Act'g Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported them duly qualified.

The Grand Marshal retired and returned with Bros. N. A. White and R. H. Baker, of No. 3, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred.

The Grand Secretary read a petition from eight members residing at Kamloops praying for a charter for a Lodge at that place, and also the petition of forty nine Brothers and Sisters duly qualified residing at Victoria asking that a charter may issue for a Rebekah Degree Lodge in that city. It was on motion Resolved, That the petitions be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Report read from Committee on Distribution of the Grand Master's Report :—

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Distribution, of the Grand Master's Report, beg to recommend that all that portion contained on pages 1 to 3, from 14 to 17, and from 37 to the end, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order. All that portion from page 21 to 32 to the Committee on Correspondence, omitting that portion referring to Grand Secretary Davey, that portion from page 4 to 7 be referred to Committee on Appeals; that portion on pages 28 and 29 referring to Grand Secretary Davey be referred to the Judiciary Committee, also to same committee pages 4, 8 to 13 and a part of page 17, also from 20 to 21. That portion on page 14 referring to the Grand Secretary's salary be referred to the Finance Committee.

WM. McCOLL,

H. WALLER,

F. CARNE,

Committee on Distribution.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Monek, No. 3, on the Committee on State of the Order vice Rep. H. Elliott, No. 3, absent, also Rep. Hoy, No. 3, Rep. E. S. Scoullar, No. 3, and Rep. Baker, No. 5, on the Committee on Correspondence vice Rep. McColl, P. G. M., Rep. Fawcett, No. 2, and Rep. Scott, No. 6, engaged on other Committees.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Columbia Lodge No. 2, enclosing an appeal from Bro. T. S. Bone, a member of that lodge against the decision of the Grand Master in his case. It was moved, seconded and carried, That the appeal be handed to the Committee on Appeals.

It was on motion Resolved, That the Committee on Appeals be requested to receive any statement or evidence from Rep. Meldram D. G. M., No. 2, respecting his case and the Grand Master's decision thereon.

Report read from Committee on Petitions.

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NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 8th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS :—Your Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the petition from members of the order residing at Kamloops, for a charter for a lodge at that place, to be called Tatnai Lodge; also the petition of members of the Rebekah Degree residing at Victoria, for a charter for a Rebekah Degree Lodge in that city, to be called Colfax Lodge; beg to report as follows : We recommend that the two charters be issued by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED CARNE,
R. W. FAWCETT,
J. WIGLESWORTH,
S. T. MACKINTOSH.
Committee on Petitions.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 25th, 1887.

F. DAVEY, Esq., Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The undersigned committee have carefully examined the By-laws of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., and approve the same with the following exceptions, viz :

"ART. 13."—Is in conflict with Section 884 and 1014 of White's Digest.

The Junior Past Grand is not an officer of the Lodge. The office is post of honor and he cannot be removed for non-attendance.

"ART. 19."—The Lodge may employ a physician if they wish, but Constitution does not provide for one.

"ART. 37."—Is in conflict with Section 740 of White's Digest.

Brothers must be allowed to vote if in the Lodge.

"ART. 59."—Is in conflict with Section 3, Art. IV of the Constitution.

All fines and assessments become dues at the end of each term only.

"ART. 60 and 62."—Are in conflict with Sections 677 and 1305 of White's Digest

No brother can be punished without a fair trial unless for non-payment of dues for which he can be suspended only.

"ART. 71."—Is contrary to Section 2, Art. XIII of the Constitution.

The by-laws take effect as soon as passed, subject to the approval of Committee.

Articles 19, 37, 59, 60, 62, and 71, may be amended so as to make them conform to the Constitution and the Digest.

H. WALLER,
CHAS. HAYWARD,
P. A. BABINGTON,
Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates approving of amendments to Articles XVI and XX of the By-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 6. Moved, seconded and carried, That the report lay on the table until to-morrow.

Report read from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates approving an amendment to Art. XX of the By-laws of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3; and also of the revised By-laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 2. Moved and seconded, That the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Holmes, of No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Dempster, of No. 2, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended as follows :—

Sec. 5, Art. 6.—Strike out the whole of this Section and insert the following in lieu thereof :—“Nominations for Elective Officers shall be made on the second and succeeding regular meeting in the months of May and November, except when the nominees for an office all decline.”

Sec. 6.—Strike out the words “each term” in the second line and substitute therefor “Months of May and November.”

On being submitted to the vote the motion was declared to be lost.

The hour fixed by law for the election of officers having arrived, the following nominations were made :

FOR GRAND MASTER.

Joshua Davies, No. 1.....Nominated by G. Williams, No.
J. H. Meldram, No. 2..... Nominated by W. E. Holmes, No.

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FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. Scott, No. 6.....Nominated by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

H. Fletcher, No. 4...Nominated by W. D. McKillican, P. G. M., No. 4.

S. Scoullar, No. 3.....Nominated by J. C. Henderson, No. 7.

E. Phillips, No. 4.....Nominated by J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M. No. 4.

Bro. Fletcher declined the nomination.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

F. Davey, No. 1.....Nominated by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

H. Maynard, No. 2.....Nominated by W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3.

Rep. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; Rep. W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3 and Rep. T. Gray, No. 8, were appointed as Tellers.

The Ballot was spread for the election of Grand Master, and the following result announced:

of votes cast.....	33
Davies.....	Received 21 votes
H. Meldram.....	" 11 "
Bank.....	1 "

The Grand Warden declared J. Davies, of No. 1, duly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

R. Scott, No. 6, being the only nominee for the office of Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary was on motion directed to cast the ballot for his election which was done and Bro. Scott declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Ballot was spread for Grand Warden, and the following result announced:

of votes cast.....	34
S. Scoullar, No. 3.....	Received 20 votes
E. Phillips, No. 4.....	" 14 "

Bro. Scoullar was declared duly elected as Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

F. Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee for Grand Secre-

tary the Grand Master was, on motion, directed to cast the ballot for his election. which was done, and Bro. Davey declared duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

G. H. Maynard, No. 2, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Treasurer, the Grand Warden was directed by motion to cast the ballot for his election which was done and Bro. Maynard declared duly elected as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Rep. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1, requested to have his name removed from the Committee on Appeals, having openly expressed his opinion on the case to be considered by the Committee. It was on motion resolved, That the request of Rep. Carne be granted. The Grand Master appointed Rep. Holmes, No. 1, to fill the vacancy on the committee thus occasioned.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, and Rep. Gray, No. 8, additional members of the Judiciary Committee.

Report read from the Committee on Correspondence.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. Feb. 8th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

We your committee on Correspondence of the Grand Master be leave to report as follows : That we recommend that portion of the report referring to appeals, to the attention of all parties intending to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

2nd.—We regret that the Order did not see fit to adopt the scheme suggested by the Grand Master in the building of the Jubilee Hospital.

3rd. — With reference to that portion of the correspondence between the Grand Master and Grand Sire on the subject of admission of any but free white males as members of the Order, we beg to report that the position of the Grand Sire seems unassailable, and the law as laid down by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, very clear and explicit on this point. We are not aware that its strict enforcement bears harshly in this jurisdiction.

4th.—Regarding the militant branch of the order, we approve of the opinion advanced by the Grand Master, we do not think that any such show would meet with the approval of the members of this jurisdiction.

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5th.—Referring to that portion of the correspondence dealing with the question of the Covenant Benefit Association we consider it to be a sound and safe company and we confidently recommend it to all members of the Order and advise them to join its ranks and secure their families from want should they suddenly be called upon to cross the great divide.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

E. S. SCULLAR,
R. W. FAWCETT,
H. HOY,
BEN. BAKER.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the Grand Lodge reopen under the head of Election of Officers for the purpose of electing a Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The following nominations were offered :

Bro. Roberts, P. G. M., No. 1.....Nominated by F. Davey, No. 1
Bro. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2.....Nominated by R. W. Fawcett, No. 2
Bro. McColl, P. G. M. No. 3.....Nominated by W. Vivian, No. 8

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; Rep. Phillips, No. 4 and Rep. Vivian, No. 8, as Tellers.

The Ballot was spread and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast.....	32
Bro. Roberts.....	Received 4 votes
Bro. Waller.....	“ 12 “
Bro. McColl.....	“ 16 “

Neither candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, Bro. Roberts' name was dropped, and a second ballot spread with the following result :

No. of votes cast.....	32
Bro. Waller.....	Received 14 votes
Bro. McColl.....	“ 18 “

Moved, seconded and carried, That the election of Rep. McColl, P. G. M., be declared unanimous.

Bro. McColl, P. G. M., was, accordingly, declared unanimously elected as Grand Representative.

Report read from Committee on Distribution.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F:

We, your Committee to whom the Grand Secretary's report was referred for distribution, beg to report that pages 1 and 2, the lower half of page 8, and pages 13 to 16 be referred to the Committee on State of the Order: that part of pages 11 and 12 be referred to Committee on Legislation; the balance of report to be given to Finance Committee.

WM. McCOLL, } Committee on Distribution,
H. WALLER, }

Moved, seconded and carried That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Appeals.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that we have carefully examined into all the evidence and facts in the case of the appeal of Bro. Thos. S. Bone vs Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and we recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be sustained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. W. SHILES,
ROBT. McINTOSH,
E. A. HOSKINS,
HENRY McADIE,
W. E. HOLMES.

Moved, seconded and carried That the report be received and adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 9.30 a. m. tomorrow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

9th February, 1888.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9.30 a. m. on this date pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
J. H. Meldram.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
F. Carne, t. G. M.,.....	Act'g Grand Marshal.
G. Maynard.....	Act'g Grand Guardian.

The Grand Marshal examined all present, and reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present:

The Grand Lodge was declared, by the Deputy Grand Master, opened for business.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and, on motion, adopted as read.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Feb. 9th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master's report, beg to report as follows:—We approve the Grand Master's action in endeavoring to obtain fuller information respecting the condition of the Order in this Province, and think that when the reports required from Subordinate Lodges are reprinted, that the form might be altered so as to include some of the questions asked by him.

The Grand Master deserves credit for the trouble he has taken in obtaining statistics from so many sources as to the ratio that should exist between dues and benefits and his report will materially aid the Lodges in dealing with this question. We are of opinion that there is not sufficient data as yet before this Grand Lodge to enable it to legislate thereon. The Sovereign Grand Lodge have collected considerable information on the point from various reports of committees to that Grand Body which is now in the possession of the Lodges of this jurisdiction.

We approve of the Grand Master's recommendation as to the appointment by each Lodge of a medical officer, believing that the adoption of such a measure will tend to protect the funds and settle many vexed questions as to whether a member is entitled to benefits.

We cordially approve of those portions of the Grand Master's report

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under the various heads of "State of the Order," "Progress," "Important Events," "Rebekah Degree," etc. We think the Grand Master has been indefatigable in his efforts to advance and improve the status of the Order in this Province and commend his example to his successors.

The synopsis of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is copious and contains many important decisions, but calls for no remarks from this committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. McKILLICAN,
C. R. MONCK,
GEO. H. MAYNARD,
Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Report read from Committee on Appeals.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Appeals beg to report that in its opinion the case of Bro. Meldram which was by resolution referred to it for consideration does not strictly come within the purview of the functions of this committee. There is no appeal in this case and therefore nothing for this committee to consider. If Bro. Meldram thinks himself aggrieved by the decision of the Grand Master there is a remedy provided for him of which he must be fully aware, that is, to appeal in regular form. If the Grand Lodge decide to re-open and review the case we recommend that it be referred to a special committee. We ask therefore to be discharged from any further consideration of the matter.

B. W. SHILES,
ROBT. McINTOSH,
E. A. HOSKINS,
W. E. HOLMES,
HENRY McADIE.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read, and a Special Committee be appointed to receive evidence in Bro. Meldram's case, and report the facts so obtained to this Grand Lodge. The Chair appointed the following Committee:—Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; Rep. J. C. Henderson, No. 7; Rep Geo. Williams, No. 6.

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, gave the following notice of motion which was laid on the table under the rule:—

"I hereby give notice that I will move to-morrow to amend Sec.

"Article II, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by striking out the word 'February' in the 2nd line, and substituting therefor the word 'May.'"

"Also to amend Sec. 3, Article II, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by striking out the words 'five representatives for its Charter, and' in the second line."

Report read from Judiciary Committee.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., British Columbia.

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the decisions given by the Grand Master during the recess, report that they have carefully considered the several points raised and the replies thereto, and find that the law has been interpreted correctly, and in the manner most conducive to the best interests of the Order.

The institution of Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge at Victoria, and the probability that other branches will be formed in other districts, renders legislation necessary, as the constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges must be made anew. We therefore suggest that the revision of the constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges together with whatever amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge may at this session be found necessary, be referred to the legislative committee.

We approve of the recommendation that statements of funds and uniformity in keeping books and accounts in subordinate lodges should be aimed at.

We endorse the suggestion that a day earlier than the 20th October should be fixed for Memorial Day.

We advise the adoption of the recommendation that only one degree be conferred on a candidate at any one meeting of a subordinate, unless in an emergency; as the present method of "cramming" degrees is calculated to bewilder and confuse candidates.

We are unable to approve of the recommendation that the Grand Master shall have authority, in his judgment, to issue dispensations for the consolidation of two or more subordinate lodges. The power would seem to us to be an extraordinary one, and subject to abuse, especially, as the Grand Lodge has already taken action on the point.--See proceedings G. L., '85, p. 428.

The introduction of teams for initiatory work, by the Grand Master, has infused new life into the Order, at Victoria, and we would recommend their adoption in every lodge in the jurisdiction.

We are of opinion that the date of meeting of this Grand Lodge should be changed to the month of May, as recommended by the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted

WM. TEMPLEMAN,
WM. EDMUNDS,
T. C. GRAY,
J. H. MELDRAM.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be taken up and considered *seriatim*.

Clause 1, respecting decisions of Grand Master read. Moved, seconded and carried, That the clause be adopted as read.

Clause 2, respecting Constitutions of Grand Lodge and Rebekah Degree Lodges, read. Moved, seconded and carried, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Clause 3, respecting Statements of Funds and uniformity of keeping Subordinate Lodge Books, read. Moved seconded and carried, That the clause be adopted as read.

Clause 4, relating to Memorial Day, read. Moved, seconded and carried, That the clause be passed, as read, and the matter left in the hands of the Grand Master to issue his Proclamation in the month of August.

Clause 5, respecting conferring of Degrees, read. Moved, seconded and carried, That the clause be adopted, as read, and the Committee on Legislation be instructed to draft an Amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges in conformity with the recommendation.

Clause 6, respecting Consolidation of Lodges, read. Moved, seconded and carried. That the clause be adopted as read.

Clause 7, respecting Team Work, read. Moved, seconded and carried, That the clause be adopted, as read.

Clause 8, respecting alteration of date of meeting of this

Grand Lodge, read. Moved, seconded and carried, That the consideration of this subject be deferred till to-morrow, when the amendment to the Constitution will be moved.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 9th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers.—Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred a portion of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report.

We recommend that the recommendations therein contained be adopted and that the Legislative Committee of next year be directed during recess to collect all the amendments adopted since the framing of the constitution, and also all standing resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge together with others they may deem applicable and submit them at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. HOLMES,
WM. VIVIAN,
P. W. DEMPSTER.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Report read from Special Committee on Bro. Meldram's case.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 8th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Special Committee appointed on the case of Bro. Meldram v. s. Columbia Lodge, No. 2, after going into particulars and hearing evidence on both sides beg leave to report.

The question is narrowed down under Sec. 1, Art. 20, of the by-laws as to whether the Brother was rendered incapable of earning a livelihood by the accident.

We consider that the Brother is a carpenter to the extent of superintending his own buildings, that he has other ways and means of earning a livelihood.

We do not consider that the Brother received the certificate mentioned in the Grand Master's Report, through any misrepresentation, but the certificate would not grant the Brother benefits constitutionally.

We therefore sustain the judgment of the Grand Master.

Your committee further recommend the fostering of the funds of the different lodges in this jurisdiction and the necessity of sick members after being reported to their lodge being required to take proper care of themselves.

All of which is submitted in F. L. and T.

B. W. SHILES,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JNO. C. HENDERSON.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Moved and seconded, That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon. Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 4 p. m., pursuant to adjournment

Pre-ent:—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
J. H. Meldram.....	Deputy Grand Master
F. Carne, P. G. M.,.....	Acting Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
H. Hoy.....	Grand Marshal.
G. H. Maynard.....	Act'g Grand Guardian.

The Grand Marshal, after due examination, announced all present properly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, when the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Feb. 9th, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Legislation beg to report that it appears to them inadvisable that the Constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges

should be revised and reconstructed at this meeting on account of insufficiency of time to deal with the matter efficiently, we therefore recommend that the matter be considered by the Legislative Committee during the coming year, with instructions to report to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

In compliance with your directions we beg to submit the following amendment to Sec. 1, Art. V., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges. Strike out the words "and may confer the three degrees on a member at the same meeting" in line 6, and insert the following after the word "business" in line 8, "but shall not confer more than one degree on a member at the same meeting except in case of emergency, for which a dispensation must be obtained from the D. D. G. M. of the district,"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
W. E. HOLMES,
WM. VIVIAN,
P. W. DEMPSTER.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted,
as read.

Report read from the Judiciary Committee.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee to whom were referred that portion of the Grand Master's report, bearing upon the custody of the seal, and the attestation by the Grand Secretary of documents issued by the Grand Master, beg leave to report.

1st. The order of the Grand Master to his District Deputies to the effect that the N. G. and V. G. must be required to memorize their charges, etc., before installation was eminently proper, expedient, and, in our opinion, legal. There has been, in the past, too much laxity in this important matter, and practice has shown that when officers have been installed before committing to memory that portion of the ritual, which it will be their duty during their terms to impress upon others, they have continued, during their incumbency of the chairs, to remain in the same profound ignorance of the impressive ceremony, which is the very foundation of the structure of Odd Fellowship. There are some exceptions; it is true, but they only prove the rule. The propriety and expediency of the instructions will not, we apprehend, be questioned; it is the legality of the *ultimatum* that has been disputed. We are of opinion, in the absence of any explicit law on the point, that the answer of the Grand Marshal, when asked by the installing officer if he has examined the N. G. and V. G. with the view of ascertaining their proficiency, covers the point; and if that answer is to the effect that the candidate is not com-

petent, he should not be installed. The very fact that an examination is made is evidence of the intent of the law; for if it were permissible to allow the presiding officer to use the books an examination in the written work would be supererogatory. Proof of the fact that the N. G. elect could read would, in that case, be all that would be necessary, and any person who could read would be competent to do the work.

2. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the seal, the possession of which implies the right to use for all legal purposes.

3. The seal, in our opinion, is the engraved stamp, in the custody of the Grand Secretary, which is printed or impressed upon all important documents, which are to have the force of law, and not the printed *fac simile* on the letter heads.

4. The personal responsibility of the Grand Secretary in attesting and "sealing" documents issued under instructions from the Grand Master must be admitted, otherwise that important officer would be a mere automaton. He is more than a "witness" of the signature of the Grand Master, and this Grand Lodge, for instance, would most undoubtedly hold him, almost equally with the Grand Master, responsible for any flagrant departure from the law by subordinates, which was brought about by instructions signed by him in conjunction with the Grand Master. It follows, therefore, that the Grand Secretary must approve of all documents signed by him, in conjunction with the Grand Master.

5. To remove the possibility of friction which under this interpretation of the law may again arise, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be not required to attest documents, of the legality of which he entertains doubts, in any other capacity than that of a "witness" to the seal of the Grand Lodge, and the signature of the Grand Master, when I shall preface his signature by the words "By Order," thus relieving him of all personal responsibility for the acts of his superior officer.

WM. TEMPLEMAN,
T. C. GRAY,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
WILLIAM EDMUNDS.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Report read from the Committee on Correspondence.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 9th. 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Correspondence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's report relating to a specimen form of By laws for Subordinate Lodges in force in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania beg to recommend its adoption by all Subordinate Lodges requiring

new By-laws or when revising old ones, and we would respectfully suggest that the Grand Secretary keep on hand a few copies of this form so that any Lodge could have the benefit of them.

Yours in F. L. and T.

E. S. SCOULLAR,
R. W. FAWCETT,
H. HOY.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates on an amendment to the by-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, laid over from yesterday, taken from the table. Moved, seconded and carried, That inasmuch as the section of by-laws approved by the committee contains the words "and previous to the election of officers or he shall not be entitled to vote," which is in conflict with Art. 740 of White's Digest; that the Article be referred back to Harmony Lodge, No. 6, with a direction to eliminate these words.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the Committee on Taxation of Lodge property appointed last session be continued.

It was on motion resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

10th February, 1888.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 a. m., on the above date.

Present :

J. Davies.....	: ... Grand Master,
J. H. Meldrum	Deputy Grand Master,
F. Carne, P. G. M.	Acting Grand Warden,
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary,
H. Hoy.....	Grand Marshal,
R. W. Fawcett.....	Acting Grand Guardian.

The Grand Marshal examined all in the Grand Lodge Degree and reported them duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The minutes of preceding day's session were read and approved.

The Grand Master appointed the following Special Committee to report on those portions of the Grand Master's report not yet dealt with: Rep. Hoy, No. 3, Rep. McKillican, P. G. M., No. 4, Rep. McIntosh, No. 1.

The above committee presented the following report:

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 10th February, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee on matters not yet dealt with in the Grand Master's Report, beg to report as follows:—

The question of the basis of Representation to this Grand Lodge can only be dealt with by an amendment to its Constitution, in regular form, but in order to obtain an expression from this meeting we submit that the following basis would be fair and equitable to all concerned, secure a sufficient number to transact the Grand Lodge business, and tend to reduce the annual expenses of this Grand Body, viz.: Each Lodge should have one representative for 25 members and under, and an additional representative for each additional 25 members or fraction over 20 members.

With reference to the admission to membership of persons of 18 years of age, we would recommend that the matter be referred to the Grand Representative to support the necessary legislation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

With regard to the supply of Bound Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to this Grand Body, we find that the Grand Representatives receive these, and they become their private property. We are of opinion, however, that this Grand Body should be in possession of them, and therefore advise that they be purchased as soon as the finances of the Grand Lodge will admit:

We deem it inadvisable to change the term in Subordinate Lodges

present, but recommend that the Representatives be requested to ascertain the views of their respective Lodges on this question, so that the matter may be dealt with next session if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HOY,
ROBT. McINTOSH,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted, and read.

Report read from Finance Committee.

to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the books, Vouchers and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find the same are correct, with a few exceptions, viz., we find no orders drawn in favor of two representatives from Nanaimo last session amounting to \$25. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to debit the Grand Treasurer with the same which will balance the Grand Lodge accounts. That the small accounts paid out by the Grand Treasurer for exchange, etc., be adjusted by orders being drawn in favor of the Grand Treasurer.

We would recommend that the Grand Secretary be paid one hundred dollars per annum for his duties as Secretary of the Endowment Association. We would also recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Secretary be carried out, viz., that \$121.30 be transferred from the Management Fund to the Reserve Fund.

We would suggest that all monies over and above \$300 of the Endowment Fund (which the law requires shall be placed in the Savings Bank) be placed in Garesehe, Green & Co's Bank, at Victoria, at interest. The reason for this is that the Savings Bank will not receive more than 3% per annum from any one depositor, and we would strongly recommend that the Grand Master give his attention to this matter, in future, as the Law does not seem to have been carried out in this particular, and as the Grand Treasurer is not present we cannot get an explanation.

We would recommend that the per capita tax of Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, be 1; seventy-five cents to be paid on 30th of June, and 25 cents on 31st of December.

Estimate of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year.

REVENUE.	
Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 363 90
Per capita tax 802 members, @ \$1 each.....	802 00
	\$1,165 90

EXPENDITURE.

Printing.....		\$150 00	
Cupboard for Grand Secretary.....		20 00	
Salary Grand Secretary.....		180 00	
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....		60 00	
Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax.....		75 00	
Grand Herald.....		10 00	
Janitor.....		10 00	
Postage.....		15 00	
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12 Representatives from Victoria, @ 15.....		180 00	
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3 " " " Wellington, @ \$20.....		60 00	
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Balance.....			\$266 90

H. WALLER,
E. S. SCOULLAR,
T. C. GRAY,
W. McCOLL,

Finance Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, moved the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution of which notice was given yesterday, viz: Strike out the words "Five representatives for its charter and" in Sec. 3, Art. 2. Seconded by Rep. McIntosh, No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, and seconded by Rep. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1, That Sec. 1, Art. 2 of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by striking out the word "February" and inserting the word "May" in lieu thereof. On being submitted to the vote, the motion was declared lost by a vote of 10 for and 15 against.

It was on motion resolved, That the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Victoria.

Moved by Rep. Davey, No. 1, seconded by Rep. McKilligan, P. G. M., No. 4, and carried.

This Grand Lodge having elected a Grand Representative, it is expedient that it should express an opinion on some of the prominent questions which are being agitated and will in all probability be presented for consideration at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in order that he may be acquainted with the feeling of this Grand Body and govern himself accordingly.

In the matter of the proposed reduction of the age at which persons may be admitted to membership, this Grand Lodge has previously expressed its approval of the age being reduced to 18 years, and the Grand Representative is hereby instructed to support the proposed amendment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution having this end in view.

DUES AND BENEFITS.

This question has been under consideration in the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a number of years and sufficient statistics and data have been collected on this subject in our opinion to enable that Grand Body to deal intelligently with this vital question, therefore in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the Sovereign Grand Lodge should frame such scales of dues and benefits as will embrace the necessities of the various localities and make it compulsory on each state jurisdiction to adopt one of these scales for incoming members.

The matter of establishing an Endowment or Insurance department of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is in the judgment of this Grand Body worthy of encouragement and our Grand Representative is hereby requested to give the same his support.

Juvenile branches have been found to be of great assistance in connection with other kindred societies acting as nurseries to the parent body, we therefore think that this feature could with advantage be added to our present organization.

Extravagant expenditure of Lodge funds is to be deprecated, and it is not fitting that such a sentiment should be backed up by a disposition on the part of Grand Bodies to reduce any unnecessary expense at their own meetings, we therefore desire the Grand Representative to assist in any movement tending to accomplish a reduction on this point that may be presented at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge which will permit the substitution of a simple badge or ribbon in the place of expensive regalia.

Resolved, That the installation of Grand Lodge Officers this evening be held in the third degree.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and

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are hereby tendered to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, for the use of the hall, etc., during the present session.

Resolved, That the representatives of the Lodges who have lost members of this Grand Lodge by death during the past year be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with the necessary particulars respecting the deceased brothers for insertion in the Memorial Page to be included in the printed proceedings of this session.

Moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 8 o'clock p. m. in accordance with the resolution for adjournment.

Present :

J. Davies.....	Grand Master,
J. H. Meldram.....	Deputy Grand Master,
Fred. Carne, P. G. M.....	Acting Grand Warden,
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary,
H. Hoy.....	Grand Marshal,
R. W. Fawcett.....	Acting Grand Guardian.

The Grand Marshal having examined all present announced them duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Lodge was declared open for business by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and re-opened in the Third Degree. All qualified brothers being admitted, Rep. B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, took the chair at the request of the Grand Master.

The chair appointed Rep. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2,

Rep. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3, to present the Grand Master elect for installation. Bro. Joshua Davies, P. G. M., No. 1, was presented, duly obligated and installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following officers elect in their respective chairs: R. Scott, No. 6, as Deputy Grand Master; E. S. Scoullar, No. 3, as Grand Warden; F. Davey, No. 1, as Grand Secretary and G. H. Maynard, No. 2, as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments: W. H. Flewin, No. 1, Grand Marshal; T. C. Gray, No. 8, Grand Guardian; J. Pope, No. 2, Grand Conductor; W. H. Huxtable, No. 1, Grand Herald; F. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1, Grand Chaplain; R. McIntosh, No. 1, and S. T. Mackintosh, No. 3, Grand Instructors.

Bro. T. C. Gray, No. 8, was presented and duly installed as Grand Guardian.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputies:

- J. E. Phillips, No. 4, for District No. 1.
- J. E. Phillips, No. 3, for District No. 2.
- H. McAdie, No. 5, for District No. 3.
- A. Clarksen, No. 6, for District No. 4.
- J. C. Henderson, No. 7, for District No. 5.
- W. Vivian, No. 8, for District No. 6.
- W. Edmunds, No. 9, for District No. 7.

Also the following Brothers to form the Standing Committees:—

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—C. Hayward, No. 1; W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; T. C. Gray, No. 8; F. Page, No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; F. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; W. Walker, No. 4; J. Pope, No. 2; T. C. Gray, No. 8.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; C. Hayward, No. 1; P. A. Babbington, No. 4; P. J. Foulds, No. 1; A. Campbell, No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—W. D. McKillican, P. G. M., No. 4; B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; W. Templeman, No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.—J. Weiler, P. G. M., No. 1; J. H. Meldram, No. 2; A. J. McCandless, No. 4; W. Edmunds, No. 9.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.—J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 1; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; F. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1; C. Hayward, No. 1; W. D. McKillican, P. G. M., No. 4

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT.—F. Carne, P. G. M. No. 1; J. H. Meldram, No. 2; B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; W. Walker, No. 4; W. H. Morton, No. 5; G. Williams, No. 6; J. C. Henderson, No. 7; W. Vivian, No. 8; W. Edmunds, No. 9.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Rep. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2, at the request of the Grand Master, exemplified the secret work of the Degrees.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Third Degree and on the retirement of all not qualified, was re-opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the Grand Master for his efficient services in that capacity during the past year.

The minutes of this day's session were read and on motion adopted as read.

Moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge now adjourn.

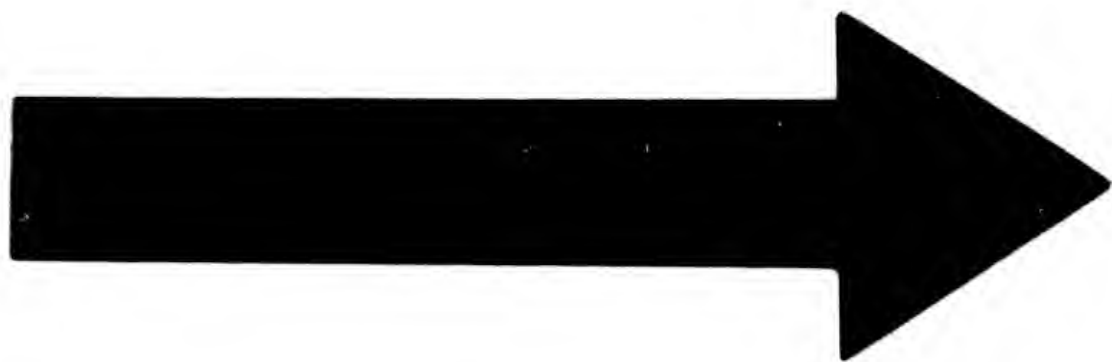
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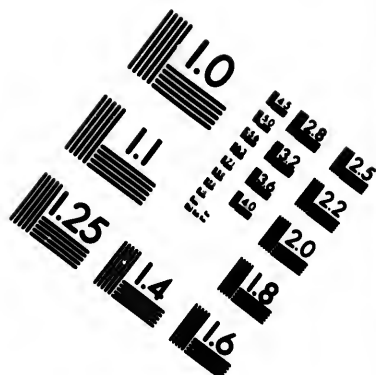
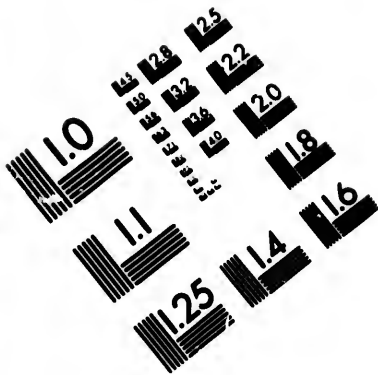
FRED'K DAVEY,
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ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES
 Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending
 30th June, 1887.

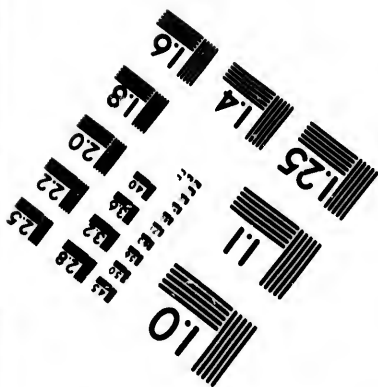
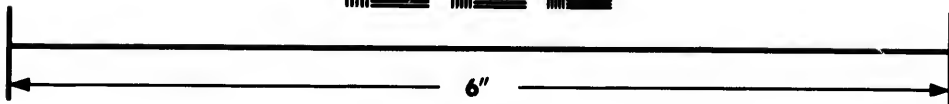
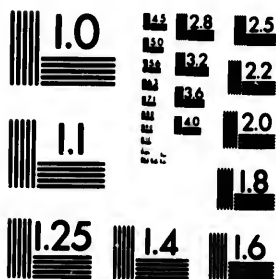
NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	INITIATED.	ADMITTED BY CARD.	REINSTATED.	WITHDRAWN.	DECEASED.	CEASED MEMBERSHIP BY N. P. D.	REJECTED.	NO OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.	REVENUE.
Victoria, No. 1.....	Victoria.....	Monday.....	5	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	179	\$ 1,919 62
(Columbia, No. 2.....	do	Wednesday.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	186	1,072 00
New Westminster, No. 3.....	New Westminster.....	Thursday.....	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	79	727 00
Dominion, No. 4.....	Victoria.....	Thursday.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	79	552 75
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	Nanaimo.....	Wednesday.....	4	.....	.....	.....	9	6	.....	100	1,112 00
Harmony, No. 6.....	Wellington	Monday.....	3	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	107	1,108 50
Excelsior, No. 7.....	Chilliwack	Tuesday.....	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	399 00
Vancouver, No. 8.....	Vancouver.....	Friday.....	25	7	1	32	435 50
Tatnai, No. 9.....	Kamloops.....	Monday.....	25	8	14	3	33	1,298 50
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ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES
 Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term
 ending 31st December, 1887.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	INITIATED.	ADMITTED BY (AID).	REINSTATED.	WITHDRAWN.	DECEASED	(PASSED MEMBERSHIP BY N. P. D.)	REJECTED.	EXPELLED.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.	REVENUE.	
Victoria No. 1.....	Victoria.....	Monday.....	3	1	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	177	\$ 265 02
Columbia, No. 2.....	do	Wednesday.....	2	.....	.....	1	1	4	1	.....	132	1075 00
New Westminster, No. 3.....	New Westminster.....	Thursday.....	3	.....	1	1	1	4	1	1	76	773 25
Dominion, No. 4.....	Victoria.....	Thursday.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	77	836 25
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	Nanaimo.....	Wednesday.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	100	1148 50
Harmony, No. 6.....	Wellington.....	Monday.....	8	1	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	114	1188 36
Excelsior, No. 7.....	Chilliwack.....	Tuesday.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	32	161 00
Vancouver, No. 8.....	Vancouver.....	Friday.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	41	430 50
Tatnai, No. 9.....	Kamloops.....	Monday.....	20	1	.....	1	.....	.....	4	.....	53	1089 41
			55	5	1	5	1	16	12	1	502	\$ 5763 19	
			1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			2nd and 14th, Tuesday in each month.									Brothers 294 Sisters 214	\$ 79 00
			Gulfax Degree of Hibernia, Lodge No. 1, Victoria										

Vancouver, No. 3..... Vancouver, No. 4..... Monday..... 20 1 1 \$ 5783 19
 Tatum, No. 9..... Kamloops..... 55 3 1 5 1 16 12 1 812
 Officers: 274
 Stewards: 214 50 \$ 29 00
 Colfax Degree of Rebekahs, Lodge No. 1, Victoria..... 2nd and 4th, Tuesday
 as each month.

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS
 of the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.,
 for the year ending 31st December, 1887.

Lodge.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Weeks Sick Benefits Paid.	Amounts paid for		Total Relief Paid.	Amount of Current Expenses.	Total Assets.
				Relief of Brothers, Families.	Relief of Widowed Families, Burying the Dead.			
Victoria, No. 1.....	31	2	292	\$ 222 00	\$ 195	\$ 252 00	\$ 91 39	\$ 17,311 16
Columbia, No. 2.....	16	.....	68	706 00	.....	846 00	734 86	15,250 00
New Westminster, No. 3.....	9	.....	42	420 00	.....	530 00	516 61	7,088 83
Dominion, No. 4.....	5	2	67	685 00	115	820 00	380 70	8,346 65
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	24	3	70	750 00	150	1725 00	1487 00	6,000 00
Harmony, No. 6.....	21	.....	89	630 00	150	1005 00	1740 75	4,915 57
Excelsior, No. 7.....	1	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	87 50	740 00
Vancouver, No. 8.....	4	.....	25	203 75	.....	203 75	330 45	538 35
Tatum, No. 9.....	1	.....	5	30 00	.....	30 00	1572 78	1,425 00
	115	7	658	\$ 5471 75	\$ 610	\$ 7,786 75	\$ 7,762 04	\$61,915 66

LIST OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES I. O. O. F.,
of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the term commencing 1st January, 1888.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Noble Grand.	Vice-Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary.
Victoria.....	1	Victoria.....	R. McIntosh, P. G.	F. Sylvester.....	F. Davey, P. G.....	J. Weiler, P. G.....	F. Davey, P. G.
Columbia.....	2	Victoria.....	R. P. McLennan.....	Wm. Craft.....	R. W. Fawcett, P. G.	G. H. Maynard, P. G.	R. Jones.
New Westminster...	3	New Westminster	G. R. Raymond.....	T. J. Forfar.....	W. H. Kelly.....	P. J. Foulds, P. G...	J. E. Phillips, P. G.
Dominion.....	4	Victoria.....	Geo. Bishop.....	J. Holland.....	T. Bamford, P. G....	W. Walker, P. G....	T. Bamford, P. G.
Black Diamond.....	5	Nanaimo.....	John Hilbert.....	William Miller.....	W. H. Morton, P. G.	J. Crossan, P. G....	W. H. Morton, P. G.
Harmony.....	6	Wellington.....	R. Kilpatrick.....	W. Humber.....	W. Rafter.....	G. Williams, P. G....	W. Rafter.
Excelsior.....	7	Chilliwack.....	M. McSween.....	D. J. Kennedy.....	S. A. Cawley.....	J. McCutcheon.....	J. Peers.
Vancouver.....	8	Vancouver.....	W. Beavis.....	J. B. Henderson.....	R. Holmes.....	W. Vivian, P. G....	T. C. Gray, P. G.
Tatnai.....	9	Kamloops.....	S. Clark, M. D.....	Geo. Loney.....	W. E. McCartney.....	R. E. Smith.....	W. E. McCartney.
Colfax Degree of Rebekah	1	Victoria.....	Mrs. M. Young.....	Mrs. H. Bishop.....	Bro. W. Christie.....	Miss A. Evans.....	Miss A. Huxtable.

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In Memoriam.

ROBERT LIPSETT, P. G.

Initiated in Columbin Lodge, No. 2, 15th Dec., 1875.

Died 20th Sept , 1887.

CHAS. NEWLAND TREW, P. G.

Initiated in New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, 19th June, 1872

Died 28th Oct., 1887.

THOS. HARRIS, P. G.

Initiated in Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, 6th Aug., 1884.

Died 19th April, 1887.

WILLIAM BONE, P. G.

Initiated in Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, 15th Feb., 1882.

Died 3rd May, 1887.

WILLIAM WILKS, P. G.

Initiated in Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, 26th Dec., 1874.

Died 24th January, 1888.

JOHN McNEIL, P. G.

Initiated in Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, 27th Dec., 1875

Joined Harmony Lodge, No. 6, by deposit of Card,
11th Feb., 1884.

Died 24th January, 1888.

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PAST GRAND MASTERS
 —OF THE—
 GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 I. O. O. F.

J. S. DRUMMOND.....	1874.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
JOHN WEILER.....	1875.....	" "
J. P. DAVIES.....	1876.....	Columbia Lodge, No 2
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W. J. JEFFREE.....	1878.....	Columbia Lodge No. 2
CHARLES GOWEN.....	1879.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	1880.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4
B. W. SHILES.....	1881.....	New Westm's't'r Lodge, No. 3
HENRY WALLER.....	1882.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS.....	1883.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
W. D. McKILLICAN.....	1884.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4
WM. McCOLL.....	1895.....	New Westm's't'r Lodge, No. 3
FRED'K CARNE.....	1896.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
JOSHUA DAVIES.....	1887.....	" " "

*Died 6th February, 1884.

†Died 20th September, 1879.

‡Died 18th March, 1885.

ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
—OF THE—
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

JOSHUA DAVIES.....	Grand Master.....	Victoria
ROBT. SCOTT.....	Deputy Grand Master.....	Wellington
E. S. SCOULLAR.....	Grand Warden.....	New Westminster
FRED'K DAVEY.....	Grand Secretary. P. O. Box 481.	Victoria
GEO. H. MAYNARD.....	" Treasurer.....	Victoria
WM. McCOLL, P. G. M.....	" Representative. New Westminster	
W. H. FLEWIN.....	" Marshal.....	Victoria
T. C. GRAY.....	" Guardian.....	Vancouver
J. POPE.....	" Conductor.....	Victoria
W. H. HUXTABLE.....	" Herald.....	Victoria
F. CARNE, P. G. M.....	" Chaplain.....	Victoria
R. McINTOSH	} Grand Instructors.....	Victoria
S. T. MACKINTOSH		

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1.....	J. E. PHILLIPS.....	Victoria
" No. 2.....	J. E. PHILLIPS.....	New Westminster
" No. 3.....	H. McADIE.....	Nanaimo
" No. 4.....	A. CLARKSON.....	Wellington
" No. 5.....	J. C. HENDERSON.....	Chilliwack
" No. 6.....	W. VIVIAN.....	Vancouver
" No. 7.....	W. EDMUNDS.....	Kamloops

The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Victoria on Wednesday, the 13th day of February, 1889.

SUPPLIES.

The following Rates will be charged for Supplies, all Orders for which must be signed by the Secretary and bear the Seal of the Lodge.

Subordinate Lodge Ritual.....	\$3 00
Degree of Rebekah Charge Books.....	3 00
Ritual for Rebekah Degree Lodges <i>only</i>	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates.....	25
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Lodges.....	25
Books of Forms.....	1 25
Books of Odes, with Music.....	1 00
White's Digest.....	3 50
Additions to Digest 1882-1884, bound.....	75
Lodge Odes (Subordinate and Rebekah).....	10
Anniversary Odes.....	10
Funeral Hymns with responses.....	18
Funeral Ceremony.....	30
Anniversary Ceremony.....	25
Burial Ceremony, Daughter of Rebekah.....	25
Certificates of Membership, on Plate paper.....	75
Rebekah Certificate, on Plate paper.....	75
Officers' Roll Books.....	1 00
Question Book, 150 Questions.....	1 50
Order on Treasurer's Book, 250 Orders.....	1 50
Initiation Petitions, form recommended by Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$1.50 per 100
Subordinate Lodge Degree Chart.....	\$3 00
Bound Proceedings, Grand Lodge of B. C., 1874-1885.....	2 00

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