REPORT

OF THE

Twenty-Third Annual Meeting

OF THE

SUPREME GRAND LODGE



Sons of England Benefit Society

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HELD IN THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, 1898.

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Twenty-Third Annual Meeting

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OF THE

SUPREME GRANDLODGE

Sons of England Benefit Society.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., March 8th, 1898.

The twenty-third annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit Society was duly opened by the Supreme Grand President in the Victoria Chambers, in the City of St. Catharines, Province of Ontario, on Tuesday, March 8th, 1898, at 2.30. The following Supreme Grand Lodge Officers were present: Barlow Cumberland, Supreme Grand President; E. Parnell, jr., Supreme Grand Vice-President; J. W. Loudon, Past Supreme Grand President; B. Hinchcliffe, Supreme Grand Treasurer; John W. Carter, Supreme Grand Secretary; Rev. James Boydell, Acting Supreme Grand Chaplain. The Supreme Grand President appointed Brothers G. Merrifield and F. A. Jackson First and Second Grand Guides, and Brothers Bliss ard Bennett Inside and Outside Guards.

The Supreme President addressed a few words of welcome to the delegates, and asked their co-operation and assistance during the session of Supreme Grand Lodge.

The General Purpose Committee then presented Report No. 1 on Credentials as follows :

Nos. 1, Albion, W. G. Partridge; 2, Middlesex, J. Jones; 3, Kent, S. W. Burns; 5, Sussex, F. J. Jones; 7, Brighton, Dr. Chas. A. Hodgetts; 8, Britannia, A. Hannaford; 9, Old England, T. J. Widden; 10, Somerset, T. P. Worth; 11, Surrey, T. Cannon; 12, Victoria, Hy. Williams; 13, Warwick, W. H. Randall; 14, Manchester, J. W. Carter; 15, Durham, A. George; 17, Oxford, F. D. Ford; 18, Chester, F. S. Lewis; 19, Wellington, W. I. Bragg; 20, Westminster, James Boxall; 21, Bedford, E. T. Brett; 23, Rose of Couchiching, J. L. Jenkins; 25, Lansdowne, H. L. Beal; 26, Royal Oak, Jesse Welland; 27, St. George, A. J. Moody; 28, Southampton, C. Swinnerton; 29, Acorn, W. Hancock; 30, Derby, John Hunt; 31, London, A. V. Carter; 32, Stafford, W. Mitchell; 33, Leicester, T. Lambert; 34, Canterbury, John Nettleton; 35, Windsor, Jas. Fawcett; 36, Excelsior, E. T. Perry; 37, Chelsea, Thos. Spettigue; 38, Lancaster, Rev. James Boydell; 40, Buckingham, F. N. Raines; 41, Victoria Jubilee, A.

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Tattersdall ; 42, Salisbury, W. Irwin ; 44, Bowood, S. J. Davis ; 45, Portsmouth, W. G. Skelcher ; 47, Worcester, C. Topping ; 49, Primrose, W. C. Blake ; 51, Trafalgar, R. Madge · 52, Prince of Wales, Hy. Slater ; 53, British Lion, A. T. Cooper; 54, Cambridge, W. H. Clay; 55, Stanley, C. G. Folkes; 56, Russell, James Hope; 57, Norfolk, C. W. Aldred; 61, Prince Albert, H. W. Wright; 62, Truro, S. Birdsey; 65, Richmond, Thomas Riley, jr. ; 66, Kensington, W. Tyler ; 67, Preston, C. Weatherilt ; 69, Birmingham, S. G. Leveratt; 70, Sherwood, H. H. Ball; 72, Dover, C. E. Gibbons; 73, Royal City, J. H. Doughty; 74, Loyalty, T. H. Lennox; 76, St. Albans, L. A. Howard; 77, Wilberforce, W. D. Kent; 80, Rugby, J. C. Swait ; 81, Mercantile, T. H. Cramp ; 82, British Oak, R. H. Cullis; 84, Cromwell, Frank Cook; 85, Croydon, Jos. Kitchin; 89, Exeter, G. A. Bickel; 90, Bristol, S. Wilkinson; 94, Hearts of Oak, Sam. Hull; 98, Westward Ho! E. J. Reynolds: 99, Winchester, C. G. Patey; 100, Norwich, G. Merrifield; 101, Thames, B. Longley; 103, Gloucester, C. J. Pearce ; 104, Hull, T. Ferguson ; 105, Wolfe, George Kent ; 106, Grimsby, Peter Holt; 110, Darlington, Joseph Clatworthy; 111, Guildford, A. L. Wright ; 114, Albert, Thomas Symons ; 120, Grosvenor, E. J. Lowe ; 122, Osborne, H. W. Hedges; 123, Hamilton, Fred Sculthorp; 126, Macclesfield, H. Leverton; 128, Wolverhampton, John J. Honey; 129, Boston, H. A. Seaton ; 130, Royal George, R. Edmonds ; 140, Liverpool, Thomas Jarvis; 142, Chatham, John Jeffrey; 143, Londesboro, J. E. Taylor; 144, Neptune, Jas. Fry; 146, Lichfield, James R. Hancock; 147, Royal Rose, F. McCormick; 149, Kenilworth, Walter Legg; 151, Islington, C. J. Sherwood ; 154, Launceston, Thomas Sargant ; 156, Burlington, W. Fleetham; 158, Shewsbury, W. N. Banfield; 159, Enfield, F. Wilson; 161, Coventry, Jas. Jackson; 163, Clifton, E. C. Walker; 166, Newton, W. Williams; 171, Beaconsfield, R. T. Woolley; 173, Victory, J. W. Kempling; 176, Imperial, Jos. Gibson; 177, Empress of West, J. J. Pritchard; 178, Cheltenham, Geo. Clatworthy; 179, Fidelity, W. H. Killingbeck; 183, Hammersmith, R. A. Rogers; 184, Lydford, John Newton; 185, Duke of Cornwall, Rev. W. Craig; 186, Manitoba, Hedley Mason; 190, Lancashire, Dr. Delaski Marr; 191, Chilliwack, H. P. Nicholson; 192, Forest of Dean, John Aldridge; 195, Derbyshire, A. W. Rowsell; 199, Mitchell, W. R. Cole; 200, Commercial, R. G. Smyth; 201, Union Jack, Frank Bassett; 204, Bridgewater, E. Everett ; 208, Shaftesbury, H. Bliss ; 209, Beresford, Thomas Cole; 213, Rosebery, Geo. Millen; 217, Great Grimsby, G. W. Meyer; 221, Westmount, F. A. Jackson; 223, Chebucto, E. M. Studd; 225, Welland, W. H. Crowther; 226, St. Aidens, J. A. Stansfield; 227, Dudley, H. Furze ; 230, Queen of the West, F. Vipond ; 233, Queen's Own, E. Presland ; 234, Britain, F. W. Hall ; 236, Diamond Jubilee, Geo. Clay.

Dr. Hodgetts moved, Bro. Thomas Elliott, P.S.G.P., seconded, that the report of the Committee (No. 1) on Credentials be received and adopted and the delegates allowed to take their seats. Carried.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Supreme Grand President instructed the delegates to give the countersign on entering and leaving the room to the Supreme Grand Vice-President instead of to himself, in order to facilitate the business of the Supreme Lodge.

Bro. Jesse Welland moved, Bro. W. D. Kent seconded, that the sessional hours of Supreme Grand Lodge be from 9 a.m. to 12 ; from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Carried.

Bro. R. Ivens, P.S.G.P., moved, Bro. S. W. Burns seconded, that the following telegram be sent to P.S.G.P., Bro. Thos. R. Skippon: The Brethren in Supreme Grand Lodge assembled greatly regret your absence, and earnestly hope for your speedy recovery. Carried by unanimous standing vote.

The Supreme Grand Vice-President announced the Mayor of St. Catharines in attendance. The Supreme Grand President called the Lodge off and requested Bro. Nicholson, District Deputy, to introduce his Worship the Mayor, who was accompanied by Bro. Ald. W. B. Burgoine. On being introduced, the Supreme Grand President invited the mayor and alderman to the platform. Mayor W. B. Gilliland then addressed the Supreme Grand Lodge at considerable length, referring to the aims and objects of the society as worthy the approval of all men. He eulogized the society for the good it had accomplished in the past, and wished them God speed in the future. He extended to the Supreme Grand President, officers and members of the Grand Lodge a most sincere and hearty welcome, and offered them the freedom of the city. The address was received with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Ald. Burgoine also addressed the meeting, and in very flattering terms congratulated the society on its noble work.

The Supreme Grand President, on behalf of the Supreme Lodge, thanked the mayor for his hearty welcome, and called upon the members to give three cheers for the Mayor and Corporation of the City of St. Catharines, which was done in a manner worthy of the gathering, and closing with "He's a jolly good fellow," during which the mayor and Ald. Burgoine retired.

Bro. Walter Legg, President of Lodge Victory, then read and presented the following address of welcome :

Supreme Grand President, Officers and Members of Supreme Grand Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society :

WORTHY SIRS AND BRETHREN :

I have much pleasure in offering you on behalf of the officers and members of Lodge Victory, No. 173, a most hearty welcome. I trust that your official visit to this the border city of the Niagara peninsula will be one of gratified pleasure, and that your deliberations will be replete with wisdom. If time permits we will gladly show you points of historic interest; for what Quebec and the plains of Abraham are to the Lower, this Niagara peninsula

is to the Upper Province. Hushed is the voice of the red man, silent is the rifle of the hardy frontiersman, no longer is heard the clash of arms in the struggle for mastery of a continent. 'Twas here our forefathers, aided by the loyal and true friends, fought against great odds; but brave men count not odds, they fought to the end, and the end was triumphant. Queenston Heights, Lundy's Lane, the Beaver Dams are all within range of our vision. But what was once the battle-field of the Province has become the garden of our country. We are proud of the monuments that keep green in our memories the heroic and successful struggles of the past, and we are also proud of our grand orchards and magnificent vineyards. We welcome you to our hearths and homes and bid you come again when the air is laden with the sweet perfume of the apple blossom and very nature is tinted with the delicious bloom of miles of peach orchards. Sirs and Brethren, I bid you a long, long welcome.

WALTER LEGG, President of Lodge Victory.

Moved by P. S. G. P. T. Elliott seconded by Bro. Geo. Clay, that the address be received and referred to a special committee composed of Bros. T. Riley, F. Vipond and E. T. Perry to draft a suitable reply. Carried.

The Supreme Grand President then read his report as follows :---

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPREME GRAND PRESIDENT.

ST. CATHARINES, March 8th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Lodge S. O. E. B. S.

I. I have great pleasure in welcoming the representatives of the subordinate Lodges of the Sons of England to the twenty-third annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and respectfully present to them my report upon the proceedings of the year, and of the impressions which I have formed during my term of office.

The year has been one of active work, and for convenience of consideration I have divided my remarks under several headings.

MEMBERSHIP.

2. Twenty-one hundred members were added during the year, of whom more than half were added during the Jubilee period while charters were opened, and the total membership now stands at the highest point in the history of the Order, there being over thirteen thousand on the books. This substantial increase is the source of great gratification. So many applications were received for an extension of the Jubilee rates beyond the 31st December that the executive considered it well to extend the period for a further six months, so that those whose attention had been aroused to the work and benefits of the Society might still be accepted upon the most favorable terms. I rejoice from my own personal observation to note how largely the new membership is composed of native Canadians, thus strongly evidencing the increasing hold which the patriotic objects of our Society are taking in our land. In this connection it may be interesting to note the gradual extension which has taken place in the franchise of our membership. At first the Society was composed only of those who had emigrated from the old land. The sons of these members were next admitted, then followed the admission of men who could trace their ancestry to English sources on their father's side. A further extension was made in 1894 a lmitting those who could trace on their mother's side. By this gradual widening of the Constitution, taking place through the 23 years of its existence, provision has been made for the entrance to our Society, and of joining in its national work in this new land, of numbers who are faithful to the constitution of the land from which their ancestors came, loyal to this fair Canadian land of their birth, and devoted to their Queen.

If the Lodges would bear in mind the possibilities which are opened to them by these gradual extensions of the franchise, I feel sure that the membership of the Society can be greatly increased.

NEW LODGES.

3. It has not been the policy of the Executive during this year to seek for new Lodges but rather to further the strengthening of the Lodges already existing. Notwithstanding this, ten new Lodges have been created by the local enthusiasm and national devotion of the localities in which they have been created. Had Grand Lodge provided the Executive with funds whereby an active canvass for the creation of new Lodges would have been promoted, much larger results could have been affected, and I express my earnest hope that at this session Grand Lodge will accept the suggestions of the Executive in this direction.

RITUAL.

4. I am glad to notice from the reports of the District Deputies tha increased attention is being made to the performance of the Ritualistic work in our Lodges. This is a matter of the utmost importance, as in no way can lessons of self-control, manliness and patriotism be better learned than through the beautiful Ritual with which the Sons of England are endowed. This more particularly applies to the White Rose Degree and if additional funds are granted I trust that official exemplifications under the charge of properly instructed officers may be arranged for in succession in the several districts.

REGALIA.

5. I have noticed a want of attention to the instructions of the Constitution that the proper regalia shall be worn by all members in Lodge. I would urge that this very necessary regulation should be completely fulfilled. I would add that in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge at Brantford, a standard form of Past President's Jewel has been adopted by the Executive. The details of this design, or the jewels themselves, may be obtained from the Supreme Office, and I urge the necessity of uniformity so that the jewels of these officers may be recognized throughout the Lodges.

BY.LAWS.

6. Nineteen Lodges during the year sent in their by-laws for revision and approval by the Executive. In view of the results of recent litigation in other Societies the importance of the local provisions of the by-laws of Subordinate Lodges has been made manifest. I thought it desirable that a standard code of Subordinate Lodge by-laws should be adopted, not only for the purpose of supplying them at less expense to the Lodges, but that the provisions should throughout be uniform. The matter was referred to a special committee, but the pressure of other business has prevented any definite action being taken, and the separate by-laws have in the meantime been approved,

and returned to the Lodges. I would suggest that this matter be brought to a conclusion by the incoming Executive.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

7. The official means of communication between the members by means of a paper owned by the Society, continued under the arrangements made last year for the first six months of this year. On the first of June the present OFFICIAL RECORD came into existence, and I am sure that the advantage to the Society of having such a paper has already produced good results. Every member of the Society is entitled to receive each month a copy of the paper. In the initiation of all new enterprises there are difficulties to be met, but much can be overcome by earnest endeavor. Complaints have been received respecting the non-delivery of the successive numbers. These can be remedied if members would be careful to provide the secretaries with their exact addresses, and notify them of any changes which are made in their places of residence. Some instances of non-delivery have been traced to failure in transmission through the post, but by far the majority have occurred by inattention to the providing of proper addresses. I have proposed that mailing sheets shall be returned from THE RECORD Office quarterly to each of the Secretaries, giving a list of the members as entered on THE RECORD mailing sheets. If these are corrected and returned, there should be no further difficulties. And if, in addition, the Lodges will forward the information of what is going on within the Society in their neighborhood, the interest of the paper to the membership at large will be greatly increased. It is further to be remembered that this paper is owned by the Society itself, and exists solely for the purpose of extending its interests.

DOMINION INCORPORATION.

8. Correspondence was conducted during the year with a view of ascertaining the possibility of obtaining Dominion Incorporation, but the Executive did not feel that the funds at their disposal permitted of their taking any action.

JUVENILES.

9. I have had great pleasure in inspecting several of the Juvenile Lodges of the Society and of seeing the stalwart material which is being educated for entrance into our adult Lodges. I commend this movement to the hearty assistance of our members, for, by thus training the youth of our land in ways of providence and patriotism, we shall be fulfilling some of the great objects of our existence.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

10. These have been prepared with great care, and the details will be found in the several reports of the Supreme Secretary and of the Auditors. I have, however, introduced a new form of stating the financial accounts which will enable the Grand Lodge to see more clearly than previously the actual

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financial results of each year and the income and expenditure in each department, and I have to express my thanks to the Supreme Secretary and the Auditors for their cheerful and able work in effecting these changes. A steady improvement throughout will be noticed, and the financial position of the Subordinate Lodges particularly shows a decided gain.

During the year there has been paid out for medical attendance \$15,036.77, and for sick dues \$23,264.12, making \$38,300.89 paid out by the Subordinate Lodges, and there has been paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge for Funeral Benefits \$10,047.50 and Beneficiary Insurance \$21,000, making \$31,047.50 or a total in benefits paid of \$69,348.39. A Society which can do so much is worthy of still greater extension.

The expenditure has been kept within the strictest bounds. I stated, when elected, that I would restrict myself to the amount which the Society put for the year at the disposal of the Executive. This would have been insufficient had it not been for the exceptional activity in the supplies department; and I desire to record my strong opinion that the size of this Society has grown to such an extent and its sphere of action been so widened that the old provisions for its active expansion are not adequate. I trust that the Grand Lodge will accept the suggestions made by the Executive in the sessional papers for providing for this further development.

DIVISION OF BANK ACCOUNTS.

11. The funds of the Society received at the Grand Lodge office were, prior to my appointment, deposited in three separate accounts.

(1) The Beneficiary-Including all receipts or payments of the Beneficiary Department.

(2) The Guarantee Fund-Including all receipts and payments of the Guarantee Department.

(3) The General Fund-Including all other receipts and payments. In this last account were merged all the receipts and expenditures of the Funeral Department, and, as a result, the Funeral moneys have been from time to time encroached upon for the purpose of meeting the current Grand Lodge expenses, as shown in the Grand Lodge reports of my predecessors. I was of opinion that the Funeral moneys should be treated as Trust Funds, and as such should be kept entirely separate. I therefore, with the cordial assent of all members of the Executive, created a new deposit account called the Funeral Fund, in which are deposited, and from which are paid, all moneys connected with the Funeral Department. There are now, therefore, four bank accounts, all of which require the signature of three officers of the Society, the Supreme Grand President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The detailed statements of these four accounts are duly submitted with the Supreme Secretary's and Auditors' reports.

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FUNERAL DEPARTMENT.

12. It is with a reverend sense of gratitude that I find it my happiness to report that the claims made upon the Funeral Department have this year been exceptionally lower than usual, and that, as a consequence, the Funeral Fund is in a better position than in the average course of events could have been expected.

In July the Executive considered it advisable, in order to prepare for any emergencies, that the Supreme Trustees should return the sum of two thousand dollars from the Reserve Fund in their hands so that it might be immediately available for the cash purposes of the Fund. This amount was received and duly deposited in the bank in the Funeral Fund. The subsequent claims did not amount to so much as had been expected, and we close the year with a balance of \$6,665 in cash in the new Funeral Fund in addition to the reserve of \$3,000 in the hands of the Grand Lodge Trustees.

The present condition of the cash available is partly due to the increase of assessments received from the increase of membership but has arisen mostly from the happy fact that our death claims have been thirty-one hundred dollars less than in the previous year.

The papers forwarded for claims have been rigidly examined. I have personally scrutinized all the details myself, believing that the utmost care should be observed by the officers in keeping the details and forwarding the information called for by the Constitution to the fullest extent. It has not been a pleasant duty to me to have exercised some firmness in insisting upon the maintenance of these requirements, but I trust that the members and secretaries will accept my action as having heen for the benefit of the Order and the strict protection of its funds.

It will be remembered that the Funeral levy was reduced in 1894 from 25c. per quarter to 20c. per quarter. Since the time of that reduction experience has proved that the assessment is not sufficient to keep the Fund in permanent strength, and that in each year a varying amount has been obliged to be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund to meet the current payments, as follows:

1805	Funeral	Assessments	received	\$8,947,	Payments	\$11,190	
1896		"	"	\$8,444,		\$13,140	
1897	61		"	\$8,850,	**	\$10,047	

I have to express my strong conviction that the experiment of 1894 has not been satisfactory, and that the Society should immediately return to its previous rate of assessment, and legislation for this purpose will be laid before you.

GUARANTEE FUND.

13. I am glad to report that no defalcation has occurred during the present year, but regret that the Fund has been subjected to heavy expenses in a suit arising out of matters which had occurred in previous years.

The amount of guarantee required from the officers of the Subordinate Lodges was reduced at the last session of Grand Lodge, but it is open to question as to whether the premium at present paid is sufficient for the strengthening of the Fund. The truest protection of the Society's funds in the hands of the Subordinate Lodges is to be found in the vigilant and careful work of the local auditors of each Subordinate Lodge.

BENEFICIARY.

14. The condition of the Beneficiary Department is the brightest side of the Society's work. A constant increase of membership, an improvement in surplus, and the healthy general advance is due to the wise legislation introduced in 1895. The new rates of graded assessment have only been in force some thirty months and the advantageous result of that period is shown so conclusively that any opponents of the monthly assessments system then introduced must feel perfectly satisfied with the change. I have to advise that instead of grouping the rates of assessment as at present into periods of five years each, they should be separated into graded assessments of single years and based, as in other societies, upon the actual age of the member entering the Beneficiary Department. Legislation to this end will be placed before you.

My observation of the Society's working leads me to the belief that a still greater improvement is desirable in order that the advantages of this department may be more widely availed of. At the present time the applicant for a Beneficiary Policy must first be a member in the Sick Benefit Department. I believe that if candidates proposing to become members of the Order were given an option of taking either the Sick and Funeral benefit, or only a Beneficiary Policy, or both, as they might elect, a great addition might be made to our membership, and the possibilities of the expansion of our Society greatly enlarged. Legislation in this direction will be proposed to you.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

15. Eleven Executive meetings have been held during the year, two of which extended over two days. All members of the Executive have been present. A mass of work, which would be surprising to the general membership, has been presented and dealt with with expedition, and I am glad to say in every case with unanimity.

Monthly statements of the financial affairs of the Society have been presented by the Supreme Secretary at each meeting, so that the Executive have been able to keep themselves informed of the matters occurring in the Subordinate Lodges, and also of the general condition of the Society's affairs.

HEAD OFFICE.

16. I have to express my great satisfaction at the way the work of the Society is attended to by members of the staff in the Head Office. I have found the Supreme Secretary most anxious in furthering all my views, and spend Socie whic work staff

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spending his exertions, time, and thought upon the work and interests of the Society in a way which, in my opinion, exceeds the value of the remuneration which he receives. As the size of the Society increases, so also must the work in the Head Office, and additions must be expected to be made in the staff commensurare with the work which it is called upon to perform.

PERSONAL WORK.

17. I have paid thirty-six official visits, mainly to lodges outside the city of Toronto, three of which were District meetings, at which all the Lodges in the several districts were represented.

It is impossible for the Executive to pay individual visits to very many of the Lodges, and I believe that if the system of holding District gatherings were extended it would be of much advantage to the Order and of strength to the Lodges.

In addition to the attendance at the Executive meetings, I have been present in the office one hundred and five days, with an average duration of two and one-half hours each. I do not consider that attendance to such an extent should be expected from your Supreme Officer, nor do I consider it as a rule to be necessary, but this was an exceptional year with exceptional demands, and I have endeavored to live up to its requirements. I have good hopes that the increased vitality of the membership, the greater promptitude now evidenced on the part of the Subordinate Secretaries, together with some reforms which have been introduced in the carrying on of the work with the Head Office, will have made the duties of my successors much easier.

THE SONS OF ENGLAND DIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICE AROUND THE WORLD, 20TH JUNE, 1897.

Singing the "Diamond Anthem."

18. It has been my happy lot to be the President of the Sons of England during the record year of Her Majesty's reign, an epoch year in the history of our British Empire, and it has given me the intensest pleasure to devote whatever power lay within me toward sustaining the loyal sentiments which have been evoked in so remarkable a degree.

The Foreign nations were amazed at the wondrous attachment with which the subjects of Queen Victoria, at home and all over the world, joined in rejoicing over her welfare, and in attesting their loyalty to her person and her crown, but the Jubilee home-coming was a revelation also to the people of the Home Land, who found thus vividly brought before their eyes the marvellous area over which our fathers and we, who had emigrated from her shores, have spread her power, and at last seemed to "understand" how real is the blood union existing between the Sons who have gone out into the world, and the brothers who have remained at home.

Summoned by the magic call of the Empress Queen, "Greater Britain" suddenly stepped forward on the field as an actual and integral part of her Realm and Empire.

In accordance with the instructions of the Supreme Grand Lodge at Brantford, an address, most beautifully and appropriately illuminated, was forwarded to Her Majesty conveying our devotion, and stating the belief "that the personality of the Crown is the strongest and most stable bond of union between the millions of people who spread in a world-embracing circle around the old Home-Kingdom, delight in proving faithful allegiance, and doing loyal service."

Our Society also joined heartily with all other societies in testifying together with them our united affection and loyalty upon the 22nd of June, the officially appointed Jubilee day.

It occured to me, however, that the Sons of England owed it to their Queen, and earnestly desired to do something more and I therefore organized the "Jubilee Service of a continuous anthem around the world," to take place on Sunday, the 20th of June, the actual anniversary day of Her Majesty's accession.

The idea when first mooted met with immediate acceptance as a happy conception, but many doubts were expressed as to the possibility of its being actually accomplished, for it seemed to the faint-hearted almost an impossibility to arrange for a connecting line of services, which should take place in succession around the whole circle of the earth for the space of twenty four hours. Yet I have much pleasure in informing Supreme Grand Lodge that the "continuous Anthem and Prayer offered," as stated in the Official Circular issued by me on the 8th April, "as the loyal and affectionate tribute of the Sons of England to their Gracious Queen upon the Diamond Jubilee of her accession to the Throne," has been carried out in actual fact, and in completest detail.

It is not possible within the limits of this report to give more than a sketch, but some record is due of a "service" which was so universally and ardently adopted, which is absolutely unique in history, and is one capable of being carried out only by our nation, upon whose Sovereign's dominions the sun never sets.

The intention was that commencing from the hour of 4.05 in the morning at Windsor Castle on the 20th of June, the Sons in the Colonies should join in a world-wide carol, and encircle their Queen with the continuous singing of the National Anthem all through the hours of that great day of her life, and on through the night until daylight the next morning.

On the opposite side of the world from the Heart of the Empire at Windsor Castle are the *Fiji Islands*, the Colony situate nearest to longitude 180, where it is 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the same moment at which it is 4 o'clock in the morning of the same day in England at Greenwich.

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Fiji at the beginning of Her Majesty's day, and sung thereafter precisely at 4 p. m., as the sun arrived at that moment in succession over each place in the Colonies, and passed onward around the world.

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A form of service was devised suitable for any Sunday afternoon service, to commence at 3.30, in which the National Anthem should be sung at the appointed moment of 4 o'clock.

Full descriptive circulars, forms of service, and a time-table of longitudes, prepared by the Meteorological Department of Canada, and showing the meridian or sun time at each place, were sent in multitude to friends and correspondents in every Colony and Dependency owning allegiance to the Union Jack.

With the co-operation of the Right Rev. The Bishop of Toronto, who is a member of our Order, communications were opened up with all the Colonial bishops and clergy, and their services were enlisted. Patriotic societies and the secretaries of the Royal Colonial Institute were asked by me to assist. Letters were sent to the captains of every British passenger ship which would be at sea on the 20th of June, asking them to sing the Anthem, fire a gun, and note the position of their ship at 4 p.m. on that day.

Our own brethren in Newfoundland and Canada and patriots in the United States took the service up with energy and enthusiasm. The Sons of England in South Africa answered with alacrity, Australia and New Zealand joined in heartily, and thus, by prompt and efficient action, the organization was completed and ready for the eventful day. Copies of the time-table were sent to Her Majesty, by reference to which it could be seen at any hour how far the Anthem had proceeded on its way and in what colony it was at any moment being sung.

In acknowledging receipt, the Colonial Secretary, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, says to His Excellency Lord Aberdeen: "I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of the 24th April with its enclosures on the subject of the Continuous Service around the World which is being arranged by the Sons of England in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne. I have to inform you that, in accordance with your request, the matter has been brought before the notice of the Queen, and that Her Majesty was graciously pleased to express her sincere appreciation of the loyal feelings that have prompted this interesting method of Commemoration."

The 20th of June came and the Anthem passed around the world.

Reports and letters kept coming in month after month in reply to my request and giving an account of the proceedings held in each place. A few extracts only can be given here as samples of many hundreds of similar character which have been received from the continuous line now recorded around the world.

The service commenced on Sunday afternoon, 20th June, in Levuka, Fiji Islands. Dr. Garner Jones, head master of the Levuka Public Schools,

writes: "Owing to geographical position—viz., 178.51 E. long.—the inhabitants of Levuka, Fiji Islands, enjoyed the unique honor of initiating 'The Wave of Song' that hailed the (Diamond Jubilee) of Her Majesty's Ascension, a wave which travelled from colony to colony in order of longitude, encircling the entire globe.

"The service was an open air one, being held in the Government school grounds, Rev. W. Floyd, vicar of the Episcopal English Church officiating. The attendance was large and included representatives of various races who claim Her Majesty as their Sovereign. English, Scotch, Irish, Australian and New Zealand Colonials, Chinese, Germans, Swedes, among whom the characteristic bushy hair of the Fijian and other South Sea Islanders was also prominent, and all there found themselves shoulder to shoulder in the antipodes of the British Empire earnestly rolling forth our grand old National Anthem, thus giving the keynote of thanksgiving to the entire world. The Masons and Odd Fellows appeared in regalia and the Levuka brass band was in attendance. Surrounding the main body of the assembly were the Levuka school boys, drawn up with their wooden rifles at the 'Order.'

"Punctually at five minutes to 4 o'clock the procession of choristers left their temporary vestry and slowly approached their stand. At 4 o'clock precisely, meridian time, the British Ensign was hoisted, which was the prearranged signal, the band immediately struck up and every throat commenced 'God Save the Queen,' while the public school guard stood at the 'Present.'

"Undoubtedly the occasion was unique, and Levuka never forgot for a moment that her geographical position was unique also, in so far as she enjoyed the proud distinction of being allowed to start the wave of song which in its course would pass over in rotation all the British possessions on the face of the globe."

At that same time, and while Her Majesty slept at 4.05 a.m. at Windsor, the Executive of the Sons of England and Lodge Commercial were in meeting at Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto. Precisely at 10.55 p.m. on Saturday, 19th, they sang the National Anthem, commenced that same moment on Sunday afternoon in Levuka, and which for the next 17¹/₄ hours was to be coming steadily nearer with the sun until it was over Toronto at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, when the Sons of England in Toronto again joined in the loyal strain as it passed by them onwards toward the West.

Three minutes after Levuka had commenced, Suva, the Fiji capital, took up the strain. Mr. Hamilton Hunter says: "I am glad to report that the Special Jubilee Service was a great success in this Colony. It was not merely confined to the English Church, but was heartily taken up by the Roman Catholics, Presbyterian and Wesleyan Churches. The National Anthem was sung on the stroke of four. I have to thank you for having enabled us to set 'The Wave of Song' in motion by your timely warning, and I can assure you that, though our numbers are small and consequently the

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volume of sound was less than in larger colonies, yet the loyalty shown in Fiji to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the 60th anniversary of her reign, could not have been exceeded in any other part of the Empire."

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Nineteen minutes later, or before the services in the Fijis had closed, the Anthem was taken up in Napier, New Zealand. The report says : "The Jubilee services at the cathedral yesterday will be remembered by the Napier people for many a long year, and it is questionable whether a more imposing ecclesiastical spectacle was ever witnessed in New Zealand. The cathedral was crowded to excess, all the friendly societies of Napier being present." The Dean writes : "As Dean of the easternmost cathedral in the British Empire, the cathedral upon which the rays of the rising sun first fall, I have to report that, in accordance with your wishes, we commenced the great circle of Anthem singing, as arranged for by the Sons of England, at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday last. The service was a very magnificent and enthusiastic one. I convey my most hearty good wishes to you and to the members of the great organization you represent."

The wave swept across Australia. At Melbourne, Victoria, B. Cowderoy, Esq., Secretary R.C.I., reports : "Both cathedrals, Anglican and Roman Catholic, were crushingly full. In the Exhibition building several thousands, after addresses by leading Wesleyans, took up the National Anthem at our standard time. In the town hall the Anthem was sung with fervour at 4 p.m. by 4,000 voices with most impressive effect. I am an octogenarian, but in this matter I am as young as my eight grandsons, and thank you, Mr. Cumberland, for your happy suggestion which has given added interest to all that is being done." Adelaide, S. Australia, reports : "The Bishops of the Diocese entered heartily into the scheme. The Governor and his staff were present. The National Anthem was sung with intense fervour and most thrilling effect." So it passed through the other cities and over the continent of Australia.

Across the Indian Ocean. *Empress of India* marked the lat. 26.6.n.; long. 120. 26. e. "Rockets fired and National Anthem sung at 4 p.m. off Alligator Rock." It first touched Africa and was hailed by the lodge of the Sons of England at Durban, Natal, and then, in continuing line across South Africa, in all the principal cities and Cape Town, the record was maintained.

On the Atlantic Ocean it was taken up on many British ships at sea, among whom a few only may be mentioned. R.M.S. *Tantallon Castle*, lat. 7. 17. n.; long. 14. 33. w., off west coast of Africa : "Guns fired and Anthem sung at 4 p.m." S.S. *Greek*, lat. 18. 10. n. ; long, 17. 38. w. : "Fired rocket and sang National Anthem." S.S. *Numidian* : "God Save the Queen sung precisely at 4 p.m.; ship's position, lat 54. 42. ; long. 20. 43. w." S. S. *Ca'alonia* : "At 4 p.m. I had two explosive gun signals fired on my ship in lat. 50. 12. n. ; long. 22. 6. w. It was blowing a south-west gale with high seas, and it was a great disappointment to me that we could

not hold the service I had intended, but all classes of passengers were so sea-sick."

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By the equivalent time of 7.31 p.m. at Windsor Castle the Anthem had crossed the Atlantic, and first touched the shores at St. John's, Newfoundland, when it was met by Lodge Dudley, S.O.E., assembled, together with the Governor-General and all the Friendly societies in the Cathedral. "The service was impressive in the extreme." From here westward through Canada I need not dilate how that as the sun crossed the continent the line through the villages, towns and cities of Canada was so complete that the singing of the Anthem in one place had not ceased before it was taken up in the next. So says the report from Orillia, "as the familiar words were sung with lusty fervour by nearly a thousand voices, until the volume almost raised the roof, the sun passed the hour of four. In imagination the congregation could hear the strains as they rolled up from the east and died away into the west." At Toronto, 3,000 people were packed in the Cathedral-After completion of the prayer there remained four minutes before it was our turn to take our place in the circle of song. By direction of His Lordship, the Bishop, the congregation knelt in silent prayer for Her Majesty and the welfare of the Empire. An immense throng of 6,000 to 7,000 people filled the grounds and the adjacent streets outside, and a Regimental Band had been stationed on the Cathedral steps to lead their singing. At the stroke of the Cathedral bell, which had been arranged to ring at 4.18 p.m., being the real meridian time for 4 p.m. at Toronto, the congregation rose and joined with those outside in uplifting with heart and voice their loyal prayer, "God save our gracious Queen." Those were moments of a life-time while we "waited in silence for the coming of the Anthem." Thus actually minute after m nute the Anthem strain followed the hours across this continent to the shores of the Pacific at Victoria, British Columbia, where an open-air service was held at the equivalent of 12.13 midnight at Windsor Castle. "Among those present at Beacon Hill Park were the Lieutenant-Governor, the Mayor, the Admiral and officers of the ships in harbor. At 4 o'clock the bugles rang out, the royal standard was run up to the masthead, and the National Anthem was sung with full force by an assemblage of 12,000 people."

From here, leaving the land, the Anthem wafted its way back to the place of beginning, being joined as it passed by the S.S. Aorangi, in lat. 32.25 n.; long. 147. 49. w., and by the *Empress of China*, lat. 41. 16. n.; long. 152. 30. w., until at length it came to the little island, which is as far on one side of long. 180, the central degree of longitude, as Levuka from where it had started, is on the other. Here the West had met the East. I will give the last letter in full, as it deserves, from the light-house keeper on the island:—

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26th September, 1897.

"My DEAR SIR,-As you expressed a wish in your circular to hear how the anniversary of the day on which Her Majesty began her happy reign was observed in each locality, and also on board passenger ships at sea, I hope you will be pleased to hear that all your instructions were carried out here, as fully as circumstances permitted, my situation here being unique. As this is the connecting link between the western and eastern hemispheres, it may happen that you will find by overlooking the places where the ceremony was observed, that my endeavors were successful in commencing or finishing the general celebration of the world. Being only 54 minutes west of the meridian, all ships passing either way ought to change the name of the day on their reckoning while within sight of this island. I obtained the correct astronomical time from the captain and officers of the steamer that calls here every three months. A doubt being expressed about the proper day, and as good action could not be performed too often, I observed both the 20th and 21st June in the same way. I also had a bonfire lit on both nights, so that ships passing either eastward or westward could see that the anniversary was being kept to suit either contingency. I would have written you earlier but there has been no means of communication between this island since the 16th of June last until to-day."

ALFRED F. FRENCH, Lighthouse-keeper.

To BARLOW CUMBERLAND, ESQ.

Here the circle of the world was complete, and the Anthem had come back to the place of its beginning.

Thus have we Sons of England linked our fellow-colonists hand in hand in one continuous line around the world, and changed the ideal but historic "dumbeat" of the "Martial Airs of England" into the absolute fact of the "Diamond Anthem" with which we have encircled the earth and accompanied the hours throughout the Diamond Jubilee Accession Day of our beloved Queen.

One of the great records of Her Majesty's Reign is the marvellous increase of her Colonial Kingdom. It has been largely through her own personal influence that during those sixty years it has been extended and cared for. Gladly has this tribute of affection been given by her grateful Colonists to their Queen by thus joining together in their rejoicings in a way, " Hands all Round," which was impossible at the beginning of her reign, but which she has, by her broad-minded advocacy, herself made practicable, and which, therefore, has marked a record of her great life work.

In conclusion, I express my thanks to the staff of the Head Office for their cheerful aid in the vastly increased correspondence entailed by the Jubilee Work, to our own District Deputies and Officers, and to the Officers and members of other Societies and to the members of the Clergy for the

efficient and enthusiastic arrangements they made for the Sons of England service in their separate localities. I hope and feel that our united labors will have been for the strengthening of our patriotism, the awakening of new energies for Union and the deepening of British interests throughout our Empire.

Trusting that my actions through the year will have received your approval,

I have the honor to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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DECISIONS OF SUPREME GRAND PRESIDENT, 1897-8.

STAFFORD LODGE, APRIL 8TH.

I. If a member who is suspended for non-payment of dues rejoins the same Lodge, can he draw his clearance without paying his Lodge the sixteen weeks' dues that they kept him good on the books? ANS.—In the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges under Clause 4I, a member suspended may be re-admitted upon payment to the Lodge from which he was suspended, of the arrears of dues, capitation tax and fines for the sixteen weeks during which the said Lodge carried him in good standing on its books. If the Lodge re-admitted him without payment of these dues they resigned all claim thereafter, and the member is entitled to obtain his clearance certificate in accordance with the provisions of Clause 52.

MIDDLESEX LODGE, APRIL 14TH, 1897.

2. Is an honorary member in good standing in the Red Rose Lodge entitled to be a full member of the White Rose Degree, subject to fulfilment of conditions laid down in the Constitution? ANS.—As the Constitution does not provide for, or in any way refer to, benefits in the White Rose Degree, I do not give any decision. I might say further that it seems to me that the Secretary of the White Rose could ascertain from the Red Rose whether a member kept his fees paid up or not.

UNION JACK, APRIL 21ST.

3. In reference to Lodge using funds to buy badges for members. ANS.—The Supreme President decides that the Lodge can use the funds to buy the badges, but that the members must pay for them afterwards. That means that you can order one dozen or two dozen and the members pay for them after you get them. They are \$6 a dozen.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, MAY 13TH, 1897.

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4. Respecting the sick dues of a member. ANS.—The article of the Constitution on the subject is No. 115, page 96. On December 31st the brother was in arrears 13 weeks, on January 21st he was in arrears 16 weeks, and if he had paid up his dues on that date would not have been entitled to benefits until the space of one month after such dues had been paid, namely February 21st. The brother fell sick on February 26th, and not having paid up, or even if he had paid up, was not entitled to benefit. On March 2nd he paid one quarter's dues. He was at the time 21 weeks in arrears, and even if he had paid up his whole arrears, would not have been entitled to benefits until after April 2nd. The whole of his sickness, therefore, took place within the period during which he could not, under any circumstances, have been entitled to benefits.

The enactments of the Constitution are intended for the protection of those members who pay up their dues and keep themselves in good standing. Unless these enactments are upheld there can be no security that the funds of the Lodge will be available and sufficient for the purposes for which they are intended.

I do not see that I can vary the Constitution in favor of the brother, although it is very evident that he has intended to do his part well. I am glad, however, to note that the Lodge has recognized this fact by their paying the March dues for the brother, and making him a contribution out of their Contingent Fund.

BRITANNIA LODGE, JUNE IOTH, 1897.

5. The Supreme President decides that he has no power to reduce the initiation fee of 2 for candidates under the age of 30.

D. D. NEWFOUNDLAND, JUNE 14TH.

6. Replying to your question—No Lodge funds except those in the Contingent Fund can be used for the purchase of an organ for Lodge work.

LOYALTY LODGE, JUNE 14TH.

7. Replying to favor would refer to Clause 43 of Subordinate Lodge Constituion—* Any proposition may be referred to a Committee, and upon receipt of their report may be withdrawn, and ballot taken on a subsequent night."

EMPRESS OF THE WEST LODGE, JUNE 23RD.

8. Re member in Winnipeg Hospital. "The Funeral Benefit is paid to the Lodge, and through it to the family of the member; the Lodge, therefore, may deduct advances properly made."

VICTORIA'S JUBILEE, JUNE 29TH.

9. Re failure to pay dues, Clause 168. The wording of the clause is ambiguous, and might be improved. The intention is to promote the

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punctual paying up of all arrears, so that the Secretary's books may be closed at the end of each quarter. To reach this result the clause is imperative. All members whose dues are in arrears, no matter how much or how little, and who do not clear themselves upon the Secretary's books upon the quarterly night, must be fined 10c. This is a proper provision for the efficient protection of the Order, and for those members who pay with regularity.

LANSDOWNE LODGE, JULY 22ND.

10. The Lodge has a perfect right, by vote of its members, to accept the responsibility of the additional expenditure, and order its payments, providing it does not come out of the General Fund.

C. W. A., TORONTO, AUGUST 27TH.

11. Can a Lodge working under its open charter re-admit into membership expelled or suspended members without collecting the arrears and dues for the time his former Lodge carried him in good standing? ANS. —No.

Would an expelled or suspended member be liable for the six months' dues? ANS.—No; it should be sixteen weeks' dues instead of six months'.

What redress has a Lodge against another Lodge accepting the proposition of a former member, knowingly? ANS.—The Lodge the member previously belonged to should make a claim on the Lodge accepting the member, and if the Lodge refuses, then the matter is one for investigation.

BRANDON LODGE, SEPTEMBER 14TH.

12. (1) The candidate aged 52, having been initiated prior to receip of advice, his initiation is confirmed, but no further candidates beyond the age of 50 years can be admitted as financial members.

(2) Temporary presiding officer. Referring to your meeting of the 3rd of August, there was a quorum of members present, but only one officer who, being a Past President, in the absence of all the other officers, the meeting was called to order, and by vote, Bro. Giles (who had previously filled offices in the Lodge) was appointed President. It would be a hardship upon the candidates that their initiation should be cancelled in consequence of the non-attendance of the officers of the Lodge; I therefore confirm the initiation, and would respectfully urge upon the absent officers that they should more earnestly attend to the duties which they have been elected to fulfil.

LONDON LODGE, SEPT. 16TH.

13. Is a brother who has been in arrears and paid such arrears entitled to sick pay four weeks after such arrears have been paid, if this sickness commences during the four weeks and continues longer than the four weeks?

ANS.—Under Clause 372 of the Constitution, no member indebted to the Society or his Lodge for more than sixteen weeks' dues and paying up

his arrears is entitled to any sick allowance for any sickness commencing during the period in which he was in arrears.

A member falling sick during the time that he is in arrears cannot become entitled to any sick allowance for the sickness arising during that time, even though he should pay up his arrears.

A member in good health paying up his arrears does not become entitled to receive any sick allowance until after the expiration o four weeks from the date of paying such indebtedness. That is to say, if a member falls sick during these four weeks he does not receive any sick allowance except for the fifth and any subsequent weeks.

Proviso.—There must be *bona fide* proof produced that the sickness has actually commenced during the four weeks and is not in any way the result of any condition which may have occurred during the prior term in which he has been in arrears.

C. H. T., PICTOU, N.S., SEPT, 7TH.

14. So far as the details are known here, you were suspended for six months for violating your obligations in accordance with the finding of the Arbitration Committee held the 17th of March, 1897. You would therefore be eligible for re-admission to full privileges on the 18th of September. The question is what dues should be paid by you for the intervening six months.

ANS.—Under Section 164 of the Constitution for 1895, the Lodge could have either fined, suspended or expelled you. Under Clause 41 of the same Constitution, a member suspended for non-payment of dues must pay initiation fee, produce a certificate of good character and in addition pay the Lodge from which he was suspended sixteen weeks' arrears. As you were not fined and were not expelled, I take it that under Clause 164 you are entitled to readmission to the Lodge upon payment of the dues for the six months during which you were under suspension, and that it is not necessary for you to pay the initiation fee or produce other certificates called for under Clause 41.

J. H. B., BROCKVILLE, OCT. 7TH.

15. Under the Constitution the arrangements made with the Doctor of the Lodge are to include the providing of certain necessary medicine in addition to recompense for his personal attendance. Whatever the Lodge pays the doctor, therefore, includes the cost of the medicine, and they, therefore, practically pay for medicine, which by your own choice of another doctor you do not use. Subordinate Lodges are entitled to make their own arrangements. I have not the by-laws of your Lodge before me, but I presume this is the form in which they stand, which is virtually stated in the letter of the Secretary which I herewith return. Individual instances unfortunately have to be subjected to general law.

DENBIGH LODGE, NOV. 4TH.

16. Re Agenda. New Agenda allowed to replace lost one, on payment of \$5, to be paid by instalments of \$1 per quarter.

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VICTORIA'S JUBILEE, NOV. 23RD.

17. The time limit of six months was intentionally taken out of the Constitution, and the clause altered to read as Section 377 of 1897 Constitution. A member, after no matter how long an interval, begins his sick pay from the place at which he previously ceased receiving pay.

R. N. R., D.D., NOV. 23RD.

18. Re Bro. D., of Sussex Lodge. This is a Lodge matter. The Lodge had agreed with the brother. Then if he pays his fees to them for 20 years he need not pay them thereafter. If the Lodge pays his dues to Grand Lodge out of their Contingent Fund, the member will be entitled to the funeral benefit, but not otherwise.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE, JUNE IITH.

19. The business of the Lodge is conducted under the guardianship of the password. Whatever business is conducted in the Lodge within tyled doors must not be made known to anyone who is not a member in good standing, and therefore must not be communicated to the public press.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE, NOV. 30TH.

20. If a candidate is proposed, ballotted for and accepted, and has paid his initiation fee before the 31st of December, he will be entitled to the minimum rates of the Jubilee year. He may be initiated within three months, under Clause 292 of the Constitution.

MERCANTILE LODGE, JAN. 4TH, 1898.

21. Bro. J. W. W. cleared from Lodge Windsor on 15th April, 1897; deposited his clearance with Lodge Mercantile 12th June, 1897; declared on Sick Fund 13th June, 1897; declared off Sick Fund 3rd July, 1897; was paid sick dues, \$9 for three weeks, 14th August.

ANS.—It appears to me that Lodge Windsor was responsible for half the sick dues of the brother for six months, namely until the 15th Oct. The brother deposited his clearance within the constitutional time of two months and was entitled to sick dues. Under the Constitution Windsor Lodge would be entitled to pay their share of the sickness which ensued. There is a further constitutional provision, that the original Lodge shall be notified of the sickness immediately upon its occurring; this was not done until the 14th of August, or a month after the brother had recovered. Under the Constitution Windsor Lodge is relieved from the obligation of paying any share of these sick dues. It is, however, open to them if they consider well, and having regard to your having only just then taken the position of Secretary, to pay their portion if they feel disposed to do so.

WESTERN JUBILEE LODGE, JAN. 15TH.

22. The Secretary of a Lodge must be a member of the Lodge in which he acts as Secretary.

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LYDFORD LODGE, JAN. 17TH.

23. If the sickness has not arisen from improper conduct, then the member is entitled to sick benefits, all other conditions having been complied with, a copy of surgeon's certificate to be first obtained.

SALISBURY LODGE, JAN. 18TH.

24. Re Quarterly Nights. Section 426 of the Constitution settles the question of quarterly nights. The quarterly night in December may be either the first or second meeting. The Constitution also provides in section 343 that the secretary shall have his books ready and balanced for the auditors' inspection within seven days after quarterly night, so that the secretary is fully justified according to that section in doing the best he can between the quarter night and the meeting of the auditors. In answer to second question, re candidates proposed in 1897—will they be allowed to join the Society at charter rates in 1898? (See ruling for Hammersmith, Nov. 30th, Fol. 4.)

HAMMERSMITH LODGE, JAN. 25TH.

25. The charges made by one member against another may be withdrawn at any time, either before or after their submission to the Arbitration Committee, as the sole desire of such proceedings is to obtain a fraternal settlement of the points of difficulty.

WESTMINSTER LODGE, JAN. 25TH.

26. As the member has not declared on the sick fund as provided in Clause 375 of the Constitution, he has hereby forfeited all claims to sick pay.

MANCHESTER LODGE, JAN. 28TH.

27. A member struck off the books in the R.R. Degree is thereby struck off also in the W. R. Degree. If he is reinstated in the R. R. Degree he is at the same time reinstated into the privileges of the W. R. Degree without payment of any further White Rose initiation fee, but he is not restored to benefits in the W. R. Degree except under such conditions as may be provided in the special by-laws of that lodge in that degree.

HALIFAX LODGE.

28. Must the Arbitration Committee be White Rose Degree members to try a charge against a Red Rose Degree member? ANS.—No. Minute Book Folio 41.

ROSE OF COLUMBIA LODGE.

29. Does the Constitutional amount held by the Treasurer, viz. \$50, include the White Rose Degree funds? ANS. — Yes. M. B. F. 65.

NEWTON LODGE.

30. Can the amount for the service of a nurse be taken out of the

General Funds? ANS.—No; it must come from the Contingent Fund or by a special assessment. M. B. F. 71.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE.

31. Can the Lodge do without a lodge surgeon? ANS.—The Lodge must have candidates examined and sick benefits must be certified to. M. B. F. 5.

LYDFORD AND CHELTENHAM LODGES, FEB. 9TH, 1898.

32. If a member in good standing in the Order shall become a lunatic he shall be entitled to receive sick pay in the usual way upon fulfilment of the Constitutional requirements. When the full sick pay to which he is entitled shall have been paid, if he shall have been declared by legal process to be a lunatic, he is no longer to be continued as a member of the Society, excepting he shall be a member of the Beneficiary Department, in which case for the maintenance of his Beneficiary Policy he may be transferred to the list of honorary members. L. B. F. 556.

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Bro. John Aldridge moved, P.S.G.P. Bro. Clatworthy seconded, that the report of the Supreme Grand President be received and referred to the Committee of General Purposes. Carried.

The Supreme Grand Secretary then presented his Annual Report and Financial Statement.

SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY'S Annual Report and Financial Statement.

ST. CATHARINES, MARCH 8TH, 1898.

To the Supreme Grand President, Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Lodge Sons of England Benefit Society.

BRETHREN :

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I. In compliance with the Constitution I respectfully submit my Annual Report with Financial Statement, tables, and statistics compiled from returns of the subordinate lodges, showing the numerical and financial standing of each branch, general cash statement of Supreme Grand Lodge, funeral, guarantee and beneficiary departments to December 31st, 1897, which have been duly signed by the auditors.

GENERAL CASH STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To cash from	m Subordinate	Lodges,	S.G.L\$	7,807	12
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STATE OF THE ORDER.

3. The closing of the Supreme Lodge books promptly on the 31st of December, at the request of the Supreme Auditors, prevented several subordinate lodge returns reaching us by that date. There is, consequently, a corresponding reduction in the amount your Executive should have received from Capitation Tax and supplies. In many instances the accounts were passed, but not being forwarded in time could not be entered in our books.

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NEW LODGES.

4. Number of lodges instituted during the year in addition to the four lodges reported in our last year's returns, six, as follows :

236	Diamond Jubilee	Harbor Grace, Nfld.	May 24th, 1897.
237	Western Jubilee	Vancouver, B.C.	June 24th, 1897.
238	White Oak	Hamiota, Man.	Nov. 10th, 1897.
239	Cobourg	Cobourg, Ont.	Dec. 16th, 1897.
240	Calgary	Calgary, Alberta.	Dec. 20th, 1897.
241	Nelson's Queen	Nelson, B.C.	Dec. 21st, 1897.

One in Ontario, one in Newfoundland, two in British Columbia, one in Manitoba, and one in the Northwest Territories.

NUMERICAL STANDING.

5. Number of members initiated during the year, 2,054, 305 over 1896. Number in good standing, 11,881, an increase of 1,030 over last report. Number of members clear on the books December 31st, 8,492, an increase over last year of 767. Owing less than 13 weeks' dues, 1,656, or 195 more than in 1896. Owing less than 16 weeks' dues, 1,733. There are 1,080 members owing over 16 weeks' dues. The present membership, after deducting 1,020 struck off the lodge books, is 13,362, including South Africa. Number of honorary members, 243. Number of White Rose Degree members, 4,782, with several lodge returns incomplete.

FINANCIAL STANDING.

6. Amount of cash received by subordinate lodges during the year, \$81,822.75, an increase of \$5,860.20 over last report. Paid for sick benefits, \$23,264.12, an increase of \$592.89 over last year. Paid for medical services, \$15,036.77, an increase of \$1,280.23. Cost of management, 22,741.66, as against \$21,196.90, being an increase of \$1,831.34 over the previous year. Cash to credit of subordinate lodges, in bank and other securities, \$56,289.57, an increase of \$3,062.62 over last year. The liabilities of lodges on the 31st December, 1897, \$3,675.48, or \$378.26 less than the previous year. Total funds of the lodges, after deducting the liabilities, \$60,808.44, an increase of \$3,535.80.

SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

SICK FUNDS.

7. Upon the whole this may be considered satisfactory. We must not, however, lose sight of the fact that the demands upon the sick funds of the Society are increasing every year. That some of the older lodges are beginning to feel the strain is apparent from the condition of their funds as shown in the statistics.

8. While the cash receipts of the Subordinate lodges have increased, we must not forget that the responsibilities of the same have become greater, and I feel it a part of my duty to advise this Supreme Grand Body to consider whether the payments by members for the sick and funeral benefits, as provided by the Constitution, are sufficient to give proper security for the fulfilment of those constitutional claims, also to consider how far this Supreme Grand Body is responsible for such benefits if the Subordinate lodges fail to carry out their part of the contract. While some of the Subordinate lodges are in a good financial position, many of the lodges are not so favored, as can readily be seen from the tables accompanying this report.

9. While upon this point I would respectfully refer to another very important matter bearing upon the sick question. That is the free and easy manner with which some members secure their admission to the Society and obtain their Sick Benefits. I do not, for a moment, desire to say one word against our medical staff, but I do suggest that examining candidates at sight in the ante-room for sick and funeral benefits, or allowing members to go on the sick funds because they may unfortunately be out of work and disheartened, is not in the interest of the members themselves, who expect, when a real or serious sickness is upon them, to have all their benefits promptly paid.

10. While a grand and noble work is being done in this branch of our Society work, every precaution should and must be taken to prevent imposition, as the success of this work depends entirely on the ability to fulfil your obligations; and as the work is performed at the lowest possible cost, everything must be carried on with honesty and consistency to enable the Society to meet its liabilities.

11. Before closing the subject of sick benefits, I suggest that this Supreme Body consider how far the Subordinate Lodges are responsible for sick benefits brought on by accidents caused through games, such as baseball, hockey, bicycle racing, and other similar sports, as there are various opinions as to whether the lodges are liable in such cases. I respectfully ask this Supreme Body to express an opinion on the subject.

12. The cost of management deserves very serious consideration. I do not say that Subordinate Lodges can be managed more economically, but I beg to suggest that the members do not pay for management purposes. It would therefore be wise to make every provision so as to prevent disappointment when legitimate claims are made upon the funds.

SOUTH AFRICA.

13. I have pleasure in submitting the sixth annual report of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Port Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25th, 26th and 27th, 1897, with official correspondence.

NUMERICAL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF LODGES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

No.	LODGE.	Income.	Sick Pay.	Funeral.	Doctor and Chemist.	Management.	Cap. Tax.
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MEMBERSHIP RETURNS.

No.	LODGE.	Last year.	Resigned.	Struck off.	Initiated.	Present Membership.	Full.	Honorary.	Arrears.	Average age.
22	Victoria	71	3	14	5	57	48	4 26	5	33
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SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

I respectfully refer the accompanying statistics, showing the Numerical and Financial Standing of the Lodges, to the consideration of the Representatives to this Supreme Lodge.

Number.	LODGE.	No. at Last Report.	No. Initiated.	No. Clear on Books	No. less than 13 weeks in arrears.	No. from 13 to 16 weeks in arrears.	No. over 16 weeks.	No. Deceased.	No. Honorary Members.	Present Membership.	No. W. R. D. Memhers.	No. Struck Off Books and Expelled.	No. of Clearances Granted.
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STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS-Continued.

Received and Expended for Sick Benefits, and Financial Standing of each Lodge.

Number.	LODGE.	Amount of Cash Received.	Amount Paid Sick Benefits.	Amount Paid Doctor.	Amount Paid for Management,	Cash in Bank and Invested.	Cash in Treasurer's Hands.	Liabilities,	Total Funds of Lodge,
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LODGES PAYING CAPITATION TAX, BONDS AND SUPPLIES. (Statement Continued.)

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44	Portsmouth	16 20	88	I 21		2 75	21 04		11 40	
45	Newcastle	23 70 8 10	I 26	5 65		2 90	33 51			
47	Worcester		I 25	8 82		I 25	19 42			
48	Leeds	45 20 8 00	I 26	7 66		5 75	59 87			
49	Primrose	8 00 59 80	2 50	14 75			22 75		40	
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52	Prince of Wales	19 90	5	23 50		I 85	42 55			
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73	Royal City	18 05	2 50	0		2 25	- 0			
74	Loyalty	33 80	2 50			4 75			2 20	25
76	St. Albans	17 00	I 25	6 41		2 25			2 20	
77	Wilberforce	31 30	2 00	52 57 .		3 25				
78	Queen Victoria	20 70.		42 32		2 65	-			• • •
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LODGES PAYING CAPITATION TAX, BONDS AND SUPPLIES.

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143	Londesboro	17 20	25			2 10		• • • • •		
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157	Black Prince	9 60	-	70		60	-			
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LODGES PAYING CAPITATION TAX, BONDS AND SUPPLIES.

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230 231 232 233 234 236 237 238 239 240 241	Queen of West Pride of England Sydenham Queen's Own Britain Diamond Jubilee Western Jubilee White Oak Cobourg Calgary. Nelson's Queen		88 25 25 25 25 25	27 00 43 05 47 55 83 88 20 00 6 00 31 50	3 00	I 30 2 15 90 I 50 I 10	47 30 28 20 61 90 53 50 93 43 25 40 6 00		65 9 20 45 35 1 00 17 25 49 50 4 25 14 30
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1. Amount received from registration fees for 1836 members, \$918 – \$230.50 increase over last year. From assessments \$8,850.25, \$405.90 more than last report. Wife's registration fees \$2.00. Total cash receipts \$9,770.-25, an increase of \$622 40 over the year 1896.

Funeral claims for 67 members, \$6,550.00, a decrease of \$2,600; 63 members' wives, \$2,950.00, a decrease of \$500; 38 children's claims, \$547,50, an increase of \$7.50.

Total payments \$10,047.50, a decrease of \$3,092.50 from last report.

2. Notwithstanding the low death rate during the past year, with a decrease in payments of 3,092.50 (which is gratifying), and an increase of registration fees and members' assessments amounting to 636.40, there is a small decrease in the general balance to the credit of this department of 19.49. This is a very serious item, and when considering the fact that during the month of January, 1897, only 195 was paid out for funeral claims, the corresponding month of 1898 shows 1,060, an increase of 865, making it apparent that the revenue is not by any means sufficient to meet the increasing calls upon this branch of our Society work. As the Supreme Grand President is dealing particularly with this subject I do not propose to add more.

DISPUTED CLAIMS.

3. There were five disputed claims during the past year, four wives and one member. Wife's claim in connection with Lodge Essex No. 4, Oshawa, member out of benefits. Wife's claim in Lodge Sussex No. 5, Whitby, wife sick when member married. Member's claim in Lodge Alexandra No 116, Victoria, B.C., member out of compliance. Lodge Victoria No. 12, Cornwall, second wife's claim. Wife's claim in Lodge Rose of England No. 119, Hamilton, member out of benefits.

PAYMENTS OF DEATH CLAIMS.

4. Some little delay has been occasioned by the claims not being properly filled in, and the particulars regarding the age of members not comparing with the statement in the Supreme Lodge register; and I would strongly advise our Lodge Secretaries to be particular in regard to the age, occupation, and whether married or single, as these particulars are all entered in the Supreme Grand Lodge books. I respectfully refer you to the accompanying statistics and balance sheets.

FUNERAL FUND DEPARTMENT.

TABLE SHEWING PAYMENTS OF ASSESSMENTS, REGISTRATION FEES, AND FUNERAL CLAIMS.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FUNERAL FUND-DECEMBER 31ST, 1897. RECEIPTS.	" Less amount in Trustees' Account. 5,100 00 " Less amount in Trustees' Account. 5,100 00 " Cash received from Registration\$ 4,444 24 Fees	Cash received from Registration 23 00 Juveniles		To Transfer from Funeral Fund\$5,100 00 TRUSTEES' A('' Interest 241 40 \$5,341 40	

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SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT.

1. I am pleased to report that the financial year has passed without any claim having been made upon the funds of this department for defalcations during 1897. The amount paid out this year for legal expenses is the largest ever paid out in one year, and was in connection with the difficulty in the city of Montreal, where the Society was defendant in a suit for damages. This case is not yet settled.

2. The payment of the amount of shortages of the late secretary of Lodge Lichfield has been paid as per instructions of this Supreme Body at its last annual meeting. The difficulty in connection with both these cases occurred two or three years ago.

3. I have had occasion frequently to call the attention of the lodges to the fact that the treasurers were holding larger balances than the constitution allowed, and that by doing so the conditions of the agreement for the guarantee were not complied with. I am pleased to report that in many instances this has been remedied. There are cases, however, where the law is not strictly carried out, this can be seen from the amount of cash in hands of treasurers in the statistics. This is one of the important duties of the auditors, who should insist upon the conditions of the guarantee agreement being complied with as per constitution.

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4. I beg to suggest that there is not sufficient importance attached to lodge auditors and their duties. The auditing of lodge books in the lodge room half an hour before lodge commences is an unwise and very unsafe way of checking books and accounts, and should not be allowed only under very extreme circumstances. It cannot do justice to the officers' books which are audited, and certainly cannot give the auditors a proper insight into the way the books and accounts are kept. The selection of auditors is another very important consideration, these are very often left to volunteers. The law disqualifying executive officers from holding non-executive office should be altered to allow any officer (except the President, Secretary or Treasurer) to hold the office of auditor.

5. The amount of receipts during the year from premiums on offlcers' bonds is \$171.75. Received from C. H. Ward \$16; bank interest \$12.99, added to a cash balance of \$1,112.51 last report, makes a total of \$1,132.25. Paid for legal expenses \$444,85; Lodge Lichfield \$89.04; printing \$5.00 total \$538.89, or \$338.15 more than receipts. Balance to credit of fund, December 31st, 1896, \$1,168.62. Balance to credit of fund December 31st, 1897, \$814.47. This cannot be considered as satisfactory, and I am bound to advise that the premium rates be raised, or the guarantee will have to close its books. The following is a statement of accounts to December 31st, **1897**, which were duly audited:

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GUARANTEE FUND.

INCOME.

		\$1,313	25
	Bank Interest	12	99
66	Cash, C. H. Ward	10	
66	Sundry Receipts	171	75
Го	Balance of last Account	\$1,112	51

EXPENDITURE.

By Loan to S. G. Lodge		
Less, repaid since	\$ 550	15
" Lichfield Lodge (Re late Secretary)	89	
" Legal Expenses (in Montreal)	444	-
" James and Williams, Bond forms.	5	
" Balance	224	21
	\$1,313	25

LIABILITIES.

Nil.....

ASSETS.

By	Balance	due by C. H. Ward			\$ 550 40	15 11
"	Cash in	Bank\$	206	51	224	
					 814	47

Examined and found correct.

GEO. CLAY, HARRY FURZE, S. G. L. Auditors.

February 19th, 1898.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

I. The receipts from Capitation Tax \$4,376.35, \$194.69 over last report. Receipts from cash sales \$2,836.97, an increase of \$147.81 over the year 1896. These are the two principal sources of revenue for the Supreme Lodge General Fund, in addition to the ten per cent. office expenses received from the Beneficiary Board, which amounted this year to \$544.33. This sum very materially assisted the Supreme Executive in carrying through the year's work with only \$70.26 overdraft, an improvement over the last three or four years. Though it might be explained that the overdraft during those years was caused chiefly by organizing in the North-West, the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

2. The General Expenditure includes cost of last Supreme Lodge meeting at Brantford, the opening of new lodges, the District Deputies' expenses, Supreme Officers' visits, printing officers' reports, also journal of proceedings and amendments to the constitution. From a careful perusal of these items you will notice a reduction from previous years, the result of the Supreme President's determination to keep within the amount at his disposal for carrying on the affairs of the Society. The spending powers of the Society must be limited to the amount at its disposal. This policy has been strictly adhered to during the financial year of 1897.

UNCONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS.

3. What may be understood as one feature of the uncontrollable income and expenditure in our Society is the merchandise account. We have to buy and sell as occasion requires. During the past year the Jubilee celebration inaugurated by our Supreme Grand President gave considerable impetus to the business side of our work. Several lodges, with a view of giving more importance to the occasion, ordered new regalia, hundreds of new badges were obtained to add to the illustrious event, and the result was a profit which greatly assisted your Executive.

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES.

4. The Management Expenses include salaries of officials, executive meetings, rent, postages, express charges, and vary very little from year to year.

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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

5. The Miscellaneous Expenditure embraces government registration, legal expenses, officers' bonds, fraternal association, advertising, exhibition tent, and are not materially changed.

BANK ACCOUNTS.

6. The Supreme President insisted at the commencement of his term of office (perhaps wisely so), upon changing the system of banking the general and funeral funds in separate accounts. This caused us some considerable difficulty at the outset, but I am pleased to report that the inconvenience has been overcome, and I feel satisfied now that the course taken was a step in the right direction, and will assist in simply/ying the financial statements in the future.

THE RECORD.

7. The funds of the Record are kept for that purpose, and are paid regularly every month upon orders from the Record Committee.

8. The accounts this year, in compliance with instructions from the Supreme President, are printed in three different forms :

1st. The receipts and payments.

2nd. A summary of income and expenditure.

3rd. The balance sheet, showing the merchandise account, profit and loss account, and assets and liabilities. I am satisfied this will give the members a better opportunity of understanding the different departments.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS-GENERAL FUND.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Го С	apitation Tax for the year 1897\$4,	376	35		
		531			
E	Beneficiary Board, 10% office expenses	544	33		
ŀ	Hull Lodge, re-payment of loan	50	00		
F	Fines	3	00		
I	Ionorary Members' fees	4	00		
I	nterest	4	40		
F	Receipts on behalf of defunct lodges	5	70		
				\$5,518	88

To Cash Received from Sales of Merchandise-		
To cash sales M. Badges	\$826	42
Ballots	2	63
Ballot boxes	9	25
Books	132	60
Charters, R. R.	55	00
Charters, W. R	9	00
Constitutions	207	15
Clearances	5	81
Certificates		50
Emblems	144	80
Flags	92	00
Gavels	4	50
Histories		30
Jewels	314	85
Jubilee services	104	50
Odes		54
Pads	152	80
Regalia	475	71
" Chaplains	25	80
" Surgeons	26	90
Roses	15	67
Rituals	35	00
Seals	35	40
Subscription books	61	24
W. R. D. Supplies	23	50

To Juvenile Department-

To Books	13	30		
Charters	I	00		
Constitutions	3	21		
Certificates		60		
Emblem Pins	6	00		
Flags	8	00		
Odes		12		
Pads		40		
Rituals	2	00		
Subscription books	3	47		
			\$2,836	97
To balance			70	26

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PAYMENTS.		
By expenses of S. G. Lodge, March, 1897 General Purpose Committee	\$ 60 00	241 47
Motion and By-Laws	76 00	
Printing G. L. Officers' Reports	127 80	
" sessional papers	17 50	
" G. L. Reports	213 70	
" circulars	3 75	
		498 75
Opening new lodges		106 05
Official visits S.G. President	20 75	
P.S.G. "Clatworthy	16 05	
S.G.V. "	16 00	
S.G. Secretary	25 00	
P.D.D., C, A. Hodgetts	5 70	83 50
Executive meetings		251 55
D. Deputies' expenses		421 97
Salaries. S.G. Secretary	1,200 00	4 21
S.G. Treasurer	150 00	
Clerks	899 00	
Auditors	150 00	
		2,399 00
Postage S. Secretary's office, Jubilee\$ 32.09		
General 225.49	257 58	
S. Treasurer	54 22	
P.S.G. President	2 00	
		313 80
Discounts and drafts	7 39	
Express charges	108 35	
Telegrams	9 11	124:85
Sundry Printing Expenses-		124105
To Phillips & Smith, receipt books	19 50	
Quarterly Report forms	35 00	
Envelopes	25 65	
Barber, Ellis & Co., envelopes	I 75	
James & Williams, D.D. Report Forms	4 00	
Rolph, Smith & Co., letterheads	38 55	
Hope & Sons, Aims and Objects	16 25	
J. D. Kelly, drawing flags for cut, electrotype	3 00	
		143 70

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Circulars, etc., re Jubilee	\$ 53 08		
Winnipeg Printing Co., advertising	21 25		
Address to Queen	25 00	99 33	
J. W. London, certificates	9 00	99 33	
D.D. Commissions	2 50		
W.R. Rituals	15 00		
Interleaving Constitutions for Ex-	- 5		
ecutive	I 50		
Hart & Riddell, I Order on Treasurer, book	4 00		
		- 32 00	
By Miscellaneous -			
Typewriting machine.	80 00		
Telephone Renewal of Registration	45 00		
Guarantee Grand Lodge Officers	25 00		
	20 00		
Rent	300 00		
Legal expenses	25 00		
Letter books	3 75		
Twine	7 75		
Office supplies	17 65		
Insurance on office property and stock	24 00		
Expenses re Exhibition tent	39 00		
Fraternal Association fee	45 00		
" Delegates' expenses	6 00		
P. G. P. jewel	48 75		
Seal S.G. Lodge	3 50		
Advertising	113 22		
D.D. badges	18 00		
Sundries, petty cash	40 16		
In re Account of Defunct Lodges—			
Prince George, clearance and honorary members'			
fees to Albion Lodge	2 50		
	- 30	864 28	
S. O. E. Record to 30th November		442 61	
Total Payments for Grand Lodge		\$6,022 86	
Loan to Scarborough Lodge		25 00	
By Cash paid for Merchandise			
Agendas, R.R.	\$ 10 00		
Badges	850 00		
Ballot boxes	2 00		
Books	94 10		

	Charters, R.R.	\$ 25 00	
	Clearances	2 50	
	Constitutions (including cost of index)	367 80	,
	Constitutions, Juvenile	18 00	,
	Emblems	5 50)
	Flags	30 00)
	Jewels	363 25	5
	Jubilee services	58 oc)
	Pads	109 50)
	Regalia	346 50)
	" Chaplain's	I 50)
	Roses	16 50	D
	Seals	31 50	0
	W.R. supplies	46 60	C
			2,378 25
			\$8,426 11
Ov	erdraft, December 31st, 1896	\$778 2	I
	" " 31st, 1897		
			- \$ 848 47

GENERAL FUND.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

EXPENDITURE.

			EAFENDITORE.		
То	Special	Committee	appointed by Grand Lodge,		
	Bra	antford		5 76 00	•
	General	Purpose Con	mittee	60 00	
	Printing		e Officers' Reports	127 80	
	66	-	e Reports	213 70	
	66	Sessional Pa	pers (\$12.00 not paid)	29 50	
	66	Circulars	••••••	3 75	
	~	a 11 1	-		- 510 75
			ge, Brantford		241 47
				20 77	106 05
	Official v		President	20 75	
			. Clatworthy	16 09	-
			7	16 00	
	66		Secretary	25 00	
		•• P, D, I	D., C. A. Hodgetts	5 70	- 83 50
	Executiv	a meetings			251 55
			nses		421 97
			G. Secretary	1,200 00	
	Galary 2		G. Treasurer	150 00	
	"		rks	899 0	
	"		ditors	150 0	
		114			- 2,399 00
	Rent				300 00
	Statione	ry Account-	-Receipt books	19 5	0
	**	66	Quarterly Report forms	35 0	0
	66	66	Envelopes	27 4	0
	* *	66	D. D. Report forms	4 0	0
	66	**	Letter heads	38 5	5
	66	**	Certificates	90	0
	**	" "	D. D. Commissions	2 5	0
		**	W. R. Ritual	15 0	0
	* 6	66	Interleaving Constitutions	I 5	0
	**		Letter books (\$1.25 not paid)	5 0	
	" "	66	Office supplies, sundry items	57 8	I
	"	66	Order on Treasurer, book	4 0	0
	""	"	Twine	77	5
	**	66	Cash book (not paid)	7 5	
	**	"	Stationery (not paid)	5 2	20
	6	66	Seals (not paid)	I 5	
					- 241 21

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Postage Account—General " S. Treasurer	\$227 49 54 22	\$281 71
General Expense Account – Telephone " " Telegrams " Discounts and drafts	45 00 9 11 7 39	
Advertising Account—Aims and objects	19 25	61 50
" Record and Anglo-Saxon		
(\$12.50)	113 22	132 47
Jubilee expenses—Advertising, Winnipeg Ptg. Co.	21 25 53 08	
" Address to Queen " Postage	25 00 32 09	
S. O. E. Record to June 1st		131 42 153 40
Renewal of registration Guarantee G. L. Officers		25 00 20 00
Legal expenses Insurance		25 00 24 00
Exhibition tent expenses Fraternal Association		39 00 51 00
P. G. P. jewel, \$48.75; D. D. badges, \$18.00		66 75
		\$5.566 75

INCOME.	
By Cap. Tax for year 1897 \$4,37	5 35
Beneficiary Board, 10 per cent. of expenses	+ 33
Fines	3 00
Honorary members' fees	00
Interest	4 40
Total income\$4,93	2 08
Balance (to be made up) 63	4 67

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	\$ 3065 07 914 28 \$ 3979 35	\$ 1216 03 597 04 \$ 1813 07	\$ 200 00 175 00 903 51 914 28 914 28 914 28	\$ 3096 59
MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.	By Sales	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.\$ 37 40By Balance of Assets over Liabilities, Jan.\$ 634 67\$ 1141 00\$ 1813 07	BALANCE SHEET—GENERAL FUND. ASSETS. 765 52 8765 52 8765 52 8765 52 8765 52 876 53 876 53 876 55 877 39 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	69
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SUPREME GRAND LODGE.

SONS OF ENGLAND BENEFIT SOCIETY STOCK SHEET FOR DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

Rituals, R. R. D \$	37	40
Rituals, Juveniles	16	38
Ballots	8	69
Ballot Boxes		60
Badges	3	15
Constitutions	190	78
" Iuvenile	17	19
Emblems	9	12
Jewels (officers)	2	00
Flags	IO	00
" Juvenile	22	75
Histories	IO	15
Histories		80
Odes, Adult		
" Juveniles	4	49
Roses, Red	7	80
" White	'	
Certificates, Members	200	12
" Juveniles	94	45
Regalia	10	00
White Rose Supplies, II. W	5	; 80
" " " Sk	26	00
" " Surplices	16	5 20
Surprises		

Books-

Ledger	1	10
Minute	-	10
Medical on and off fund.	15	
" Examination	21	26
Order on Treasurer		90
Registration	6	00
Roll Calls	9	50
Subscription Book.	9	02
Secretary's Cash	34	40
Treasurer's Cash	9	92

GEO. CLAV. HARRY FURZE, S. G. L. Auditors.

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Examined and found correct, Feb. 19th, 1898.

Pads—		
Quarterly		
Propositions		
Writing, Large	\$8	3 89
" Small		
Special Notices		
Call on Doctor		
Charters, R. R	2	4 50
" W. R	:	2 95
" Juvenile		25
	\$ 91	4 28

SUPREME GRAND LODGE OFFICE FURNITURE.

To	Safes\$1	001	00	To Boxes and valises\$	20	00
	Office desks	25	00	G. Officers' regalia	5	00
	Secretary	20	00	Office fittings	20	00
	Seals	5	50	Office cabinet	50	00
	Typewriting machine	105	00	Wardrobe	9	75
	Letter press	2	00	Scales	4	75
	Cyclostyle	2	00	Small sundries	5	00
					374	00
	Less depreciation		• • •		37	40

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BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

I. I am pleased to report a steady growth in this branch of our Society work, though the increase in membership is not so great as we would desire; the improved condition both of the Surplus and Reserve Funds of the Department is of a satisfactory character; we have had no paid organizers, costing thousands of dollars, to canvass for this branch; but the earnest and gratuitous efforts of the members in this connection are thoroughly appreciated and well repaid for their labours by the results of the year's work.

2. During the year 184 new members joined the Department, four members increased their policies; of this number 145 were in Ontario, 18 in Quebec, 8 in Manitoba, 2 in the North-West Territories, 2 in British Columbia, 5 in Nova Scotia, 4 in New Brunswick and 4 in Newfoundland. Of these, 37 certificates were for \$2,000, \$74,000; 3 at \$1,500, \$4,500; 141 at \$1,000, \$141,000; 3 at \$500, \$1,500, and 4 certificates increased to \$2,000, representing \$225,000 for the year; an increase of \$59,0.0 over the year 1896. During the year eight applications were rejected.

Number of members December 31st, 1896, 2440, representing \$2,747,-000; accepted during the year and policies issued for 184, \$225,000; six reinstated, \$7,000; total \$2,979,000

LAPSES.

3. During the year there were 82 lapses ; 67 in Ontario, 7 in Quebec, 8 in Manitoba, 1 in British Columbia, 1 in the North-West Territories. Of the 84 lapses 70 were married and 14 single.

The number and ages of lapses members: 18 to 30 years, 27; 30 to 35, 17; 35 to 40, 13; 40 to 45, 14; 45 to 50, 11 Age of member resigned 29, age of member expelled 39.

DEATH CLAIMS.

4. During the year twenty-one members died. Fourteen deaths occurred during the first half of the year, seven during the second half of the year. Twenty claims have been paid as follows: Two at \$2,000, one at \$1,500, seventeen at \$1,000; the liability of one claim for \$1,000 has been paid since closing the books.

Of these deaths nineteen were in Ontario and one in Quebec. The death rate is 7.91 per thousand, the average age of deceased members, forty-

seven years three and a half months. The average duration of membership, six years and seven months. Deaths from constitutional causes 2.37, from consumption 79, from local diseases 3.96, from accident .79.

AGED POLICY HOLDERS.

5. In my ast report to this Supreme Body I suggested that some action be taken in the matter of aged policy holders, with a view of relieving, to some extent, those who unfortunately might be unable to keep up their regular monthly payments, and as this is strictly a mutual benefit association I cannot see any objection to making some provision to relieve our less fortunate members who have for years assisted in paying the claims of those who have died and passed away. And I beg to suggest for the consideration of this Supreme Body that a percentage from the Surplus Fund be placed to the credit of a special fund, for the purpose of paying the monthly assessments of members who are not in a position to do so after they have attained the age of seventy years.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

6. In order to remove any doubts in the minds of our members respecting the necessity of having their assessments paid promptly in order to secure their benefits, I refer to the clause in the Act touching this point.

Section 165, chapter 203, R. S. O., 1897, reads: No forfeiture or suspension shall be incurred by any member of a friendly society, nor person insured therein, by any default in paying any contributions or assessments, *except such* as are payable at fixed dates. "Fixed date," in this sub-section, shall include any numbered day, as the case may be. From this it will be apparent that members run a very great risk after the first of the month, the date fixed for the payment of the assessment. Members must also remember that they are not called upon to pay an advance assessment, as required by other similar societies. Every member on joining this department received thirty days notice of his assessment being due on the first day of the following month.

QUEBEC LEGISLATION.

7. The recent legislation affecting Friendly Societies passed by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, deserves due consideration by this Supreme Body, not only as affects the conditions of registration, but more seriously still the rates of payments required by that Act. This is entitled "An Act respecting the operations in this Province (Quebec) of Mutual Benefit Societies and Benevolent Associations incorporated outside this Province (Quebec)." 61 Victoria, chapter 39. Assented to 15th January, 1898. By direction of the Supreme President I beg to lay the same before this Supreme Body.

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TABULATED STATEMENT.

8. From the tabulated statements will be gathered the following particulars: Number of members carrying \$2,000 certificates, 358; number of members carrying \$1,500, 5; number carrying \$1,000, 2,121; number carrying \$500, 42.

The ages from 18 to 30, 710; from 30 to 35, 436; from 35 to 40, 431; from 40 to 45, 521; from 45 to 50, 371; from 50 to 55, 42; from 55 to 60, 10; over 60, 5. The average age of members in this department is 3534 years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

9. Amount received from application fees \$704.50; being \$140 more than in 1896. New policies \$17; total \$721.50. 5 per cent. of the assessment, \$1,295.32; making the total receipts for management purposes \$2,016.82. The expenditure for management has exceeded the income by \$410.58. This is due to the fact that legal proceedings were taken to prevent the payment of a disability claim, the cost of which, up to 31st December, 1897, is \$434.69, exclusive of the \$800 in the hands of the Court; but for this the management would have paid its way without leaving any liability.

The balance to credit of the General Fund, \$11,226.78, exclusive of \$800 paid into Court, is \$670 18 less than 1896. This is more that accounted for by the two items, legal \$434.69, and the beneficiary share of advertising in the Rocord, \$377.83. It is gratifying that after the expenditures are met the Department has to its credit in the General Fund the sum of \$11,226.78. The Reserve Fund shows a very steady and satisfactory growth. Amount to credit of Reserve, 1896, \$5.399.00; amount to credit, December 31st, 1897, \$8,498.58, an increase on the year's work of \$3,399.58.

Following is a tabulated form showing number of policies and the various scales of assessments, also a duly certified copy of the financial statement and balance sheets of this Department.

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BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT

TABLES COMPILED FROM THE GRAND LODGE REGISTER,

Showing the number of Policies issued under the various scales of Assessment.

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Number.	LODGE.	No. holding \$2.000 Policies.	No. holding \$1,500 Policies.	No. holding \$1,000 Policies.	No. holding \$500 Policies.	Age 18 to 30.	Age 30 to 35.	Age 35 to 40.	Age 40 to 45.	Age 45 to 50.	Age 50 to 55.	Age 55 to 60.	Age over 60.	No. in each Lodge.
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113	Britannic	1.		7		6	I	Ι.						8
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129	Boston	_		7.		2.	4	2	I	2		••••	•••	14
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131	Pride of Island			3.		2	2.	• • • •	•••	I			• • •	3
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BENEFICIARY—Continued.

Showing the number of Policies issued under the various scales of Assessment.

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No. in each Lodge.

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Number.	LODGE.	No. holding \$2,000 Policies.	No. holding \$1,500 Policies.	No. holding \$1,000 Policies.	No. holding \$500 Policies.	Age 18 to 30.	Age 30 to 35.	Age 35 to 40.	Age 40 to 45.	Age 45 to 50.	Age 50 to 55.	Age 55 to 60.	Age over 60.	No. in each Lodge
136	Clarence			3			I	1	I					3
137	Gainsboro'			I		1								I
140	Liverpool			7		I	2	I	Ι	2				7
141	Ludlow			3			I		I	I				3
142	Chatham			3		I			I	I				3
143	Londesboro'					8	4	3		3				18
144	Neptune	4		12		5	I	4	4	2				16
145	Epping			6		4	I			I				
146	Lichfield	2		6		3	2		3					8
147	Royal Rose			9		3	3	1	I	I				9
148	Eton	I		2					J	I				3
149	Kenilworth	1						I						I
150	Halifax			I			I							I
151	Islington			I						1				I
152	Lincoln	5		8		5	I		I	6	· · · ·			13
153	Kempenfeldt			3	I	I	2		I					4
154	Launceston			7		3	I	2	I					7
155	Runnymede													
156	Burlington			12		6	2		. 3	1				12
158	Shrewsbury			8		2	4	I	1					8
159	Enfield			I		I		I						. 2
161	Coventry		1	5		2		2	2					. 6
163	Clifton	3		14		4	5	I	3	; 2	2 2	2		. 17
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BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

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SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT. FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

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Table showing the amounts paid each year since 1886.

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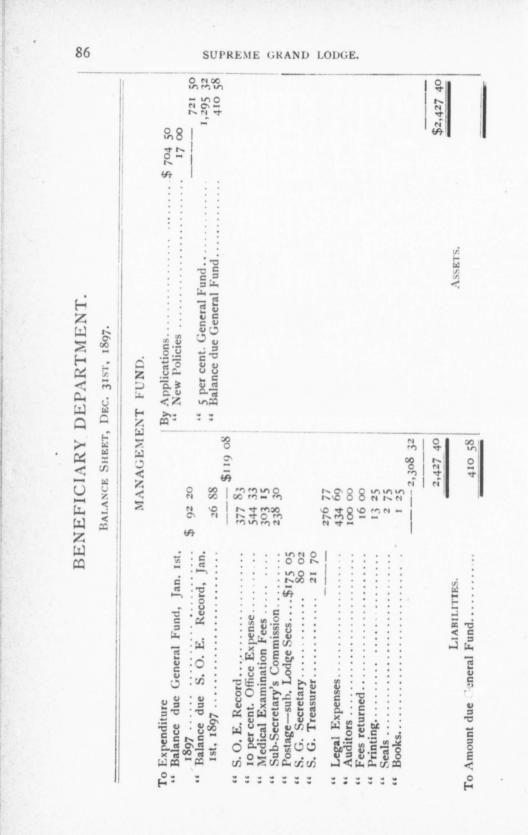
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LIABILITIES.

SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT,

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Number of members admitted to this branch, 125.

The Juveniles should receive every encouragement; they are the young saplings, and if properly cared for will grow and represent the mighty oak. The progress of this branch during the year is in keeping with the assistance received from the adult lodges and members. The adult lodges have received thirty-two clearances from the Juvenile branch, thus proving the usefulness of the department in preparing the Juveniles in the younger for advancement into the older branches of the Society.

Amount paid out for sick benefits during the year, \$336.67; for doctor, \$330.46; total, \$667.13. The funds to the credit of this branch on the 31st of December, 1897, are \$2,166.31. Credit to the funeral, \$399.00.

The following is a statistical statement of their numerical and financial standing :

JUVENILE LODGE-STATEMENT.

SHEWING NUMERICAL STANDING.

1 Hamilton 39 2 Victoria's Jubilee 62 *4 Queen's 25 5 London 62 *0 Prince Edward 27 7 Middlesex 21 9 Lion 27 10 Alma 29 *13 Waterloo 18 14 Oxford 14 *16 Star of England 19 21 Royal Crown 8 22 Denbigh 10 23 Worcester 10 24 Prince Alfred 24	6 2 4	44 · · · 68 27 66	2	 13 	8 3 2 11
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JUVENILE LODGE—STATEMENT.

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SHEWING AMOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED AND EXPENDED.

* Three Quarters Only.

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JUVENILE FUNERAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts from Juvenile Lodges and Disbursements in each year in the Funeral Benefit Department since under control of Supreme Grand Lodge:

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CHESTERFIELD.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
To balance credit, Jan. 1, '97.\$35 18 Regalia 8 00	By balance, credit\$43 18
\$43 18 By balance stock	on hand, \$23.00.

DEVON.

To cash balance, Jan. 1, 97\$ 6 00 Regalia 4 25	By balance credit\$10 25
\$10 25 By balance stock	\$10 25

By balance stock on hand, \$3.25.

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Gavels Ballots and box Chaplain's regalia 3 W.R. surplices	50 1 49 2 50	By goods Balance credit	\$ 8	30 99
	512 89		\$12 8	39

By balance stock on hand, \$21.00.

PRINCE GEORGE.

 To cash balance, Jan. 1, '97...\$56 00
 By T. L. Englefield's fees to

 Albion Lodge.........\$ 2 50

 Balance credit.........................

 \$56 00

By balance stock on hand, \$30.50.

VANCOUVER.

To cash balance, Jan. 1, '97\$90 15	By balance credit\$90 15
AVON	DALE.
To cash balance, Jan. 1, '97\$17 47 I blank book 50	By balance credit\$17 97
\$17 97	\$17 97

By balance stock on hand, \$20.50.

NORTHUM	BERLAND.
To cash\$ 40 Balance D	By balance, Jan. 1, '97 \$ 8 18 Cap. tax 40
\$ 8 58	\$ 8 58

By balance stock on hand, \$12.50.

EDDYSTONE.

To balance D\$22 13 By balance stock on hand, \$4.88.

INSURING LODGE PROPERTY.

I. I desire once again to call the attention of lodge officers to the neces sity of having their lodge regalia, books, and other property properly insured. Two lodges suffered loss by fire during the past year; one was not insured, the other being insured, was in a position to replace a full set of new regalia, books, Charter and other lodge property without a dollar expenditure from their General Funds or being under obligation to anyone.

I regret to report that sixty-six lodges have no insurance on their lodge property, and would recommend the same to be done at once.

APPEALS.

2. I am pleased to report only one appeal for presentation to this Supreme Body. This appeal is from a member of Lodge Commercial against the decision of your Executive. The appeal with all the papers relating thereto will be laid on the table.

MEMBERS' CERTIFICATES.

3. I would remind the members that we have a large number of members' certificates on hand, and would strongly recommend that the price be reduced to the lodges, so that a certificate might be presented to every new member. A considerable reduction could be made for that purpose. This would also apply to the certificates for the Juvenile branch.

EMBLEM PINS.

4. We have a new consignment of the Emblem pins, and I would recommend all our members to purchase one. They are registered, and are the sole property of the Supreme Lodge.

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE.

5. I would beg to suggest that Sunday, May 22nd, be the day set apart by this Supreme Lodge for the annual church parade, as far as it can be practically carried out.

EXHIBITION TENT.

The tent at the Exhibition during the two weeks has become quite a popular resort for our members during their visit. The headquarters are almost transferred to the tent for that time. Hundreds of members enrolled their names on the register. We recommend its continuance.

DIAMOND JUBILEE.

7. The All-round-the-world celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, inaugurated and carried out so successfully by our Supreme Grand President, will ever form a memorable page in the history of the Society. It was a magnificent national tribute in honor of a splendid reign and as a humble thanksgiving for so true a monarch and so good a Queen. The Supreme President deserves the special thanks of Supreme Grand Lodge for his work and interest in this connection.

IN MEMORIAM.

8. The death roll contains two members who were present at the last session of this Supreme Lodge. Bro. Geo. Hoerner, aged 26, a young man full of life and youthful vigor, an earnest advocate of the principles of the Society, cut down on the very threshold of a useful and prosperous life by a sad accident, caused while following his occupation.

Bro. Aaron Riddiford, who for many years represented Lodge Warwick at the Supreme Lodge, passed away to his reward, having lived out his threescore years and ten. He was a true son of England. His familiar face will be missed at Supreme Grand Lodge meetings, also by the Beneficiary Board.

9. In closing my report I desire to express my appreciation for all the kind words spoken on behalf of myself and our office staff, also the very kind and generous sympathy shown by the Supreme Grand President and colleagues in office, and the officers and members of the Society.

Fraternally submitted,

Show Tarter.

Supreme Grand Secretary.

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In Memoriam

NAME.	Age.	Birth- place.	Date of Death,	Cause of Death.	Lodge.
R. C. Worsdall Henry James Collett W. Evans R. Down J. Washington Benj. Allen T. M. Buley Jno. Sewell Charles Savory James Cridland Sidney Pankhurst James Cridland Sidney Pankhurst Henry Mortimer Henry Mortimer Henry Day Benj. Goodman H. E. F. Sendell Charles Bennett Geo. F. Lott A. Riddiford Jacob Pearson John A. Lea Wm. Kempt H. J. Elliott Stephen Roadhouse George Hawks Joseph Valker John Russell Joseph J. Tolfree A. E. Parker W. G. Parker Chas. Watts Frank Christie James Morley James Parish. Geo. I. Wilson	34 38 54 63 42 43 5366 300 48 506 300 48 506 300 48 500 310 5000 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500	England England. Engl	Feb. 6 March 4. July 11. Oct, 12 Nov. 7. Dec. 21. June 13. May 4. April 19. Aug. 17. Nov. 11. June 7. Sept. 20. Aug. 5. July 9. Dec. 22. May 18. Nov. 22. Oct. 200 March 20. July 2. Aug. 16. March 21. July 2. Aug. 16. March 21. Aug. 17. March 21. Aug. 16. March 21. Aug. 17. March 21. Aug. 16. March 21. Aug. 17. March 21. Aug. 16. March 21. March 21. Aug. 17. March 21. March 21. Aug. 16. March 21. March	Typhoid pneumonia Diabetes Consumption Stricture Concussion of the brain Acute mania Pneumonia Cancer of stomach Pneumonia Cancer of liver and stom'h Lumbar abscess Septicæmia Cuberculosis Phthisis Cerebral hemorrhage Pneumonia Epilepsy Leukæmia. Stricture Exhaustion of mania Pneumonia Broncho pneumonia Inflammation of bladder Drowned Dislocation of spine Hip joint disease Disease of liver Crushed between 2 cars Carcinoma Heart failure.	 Middlesex Middlesex Kent Essex Brighton Britannia Somerset Surrey Warwick Manchester Chester Westminster R. of Couchich'g Lansdowne Southampton Derby Windsor Lancaster Salisbury British Lion Stanley Russell

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JUVENILE MEMBERS.	Haigh Bell Thanet T. Hudson Joseph Pridding Squire Jouett Jas. Hawken James A. Mussell Ernest A. Parsons John Money B. Lammiman Geo. Gardner Robert W. Chanter Robert W. Chanter Geo. Gardner Sobert W. Chanter Geo. Gardner John Bradley Scharles E. Pace W. J. Treveylan Edgar K. Johns Geo. A. Hoerner Geo. J. Charlton Geoter J. Charlton J. R. Clogg	31 England. 30 England. 30 England. 30 England. 55 England. 55 England. 55 England. 55 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 50 England. 51 England. 52 England. 53 England. 54 England. 55 England. 56 England. 57 England. 58 England. 59 England. 50 En	March 30 V Feb. 14 . A Aug. 26 . M Dec. 21 . P April 24 P April 24 P Jan. 23 P Jan. 23 P Jan. 28 . A April 6 P Feb. 6 0 Nov. 20 . L May 7 Ca June 15 H Sept. 28 Pr Sept. 2 O Aug. 24 . Fy Feb. 14 . Ac May 8 Ap Jan. 14 . Co May 1 In June 4 Ac March 30 Tu June 3 . Bri Aug. 21 . Ne May 10 . Pn uly 7 Act April 29 . Con ge of memb	cute tuberculosis leningitis hthisis	 Queen Victoria Mercantile Mercantile Bristol Hearts of Oak Norwich Gloucester Wolfe Darlington Albert Rose of Engl'nd Grosvenor Cornwall Osborne Macclesfield Kenilworth Lincoln Kempenfeldt Enfield Clifton Beaconsfield Fidelity Monarch Hereford Algoma Commercial Great Grimsby

SUPREME GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion, the Report was received and referred to Committee of General Purposes.

The Reports of the Supreme Grand Treasurer and Supreme Grand Auditors were presented to Supreme Grand Lodge and, on motion, referred to Committee of General Purposes.

REPORT OF SUPREME GRAND TREASURER.

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To the Supreme Grand President, Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Seventeenth Annual Report as Supreme Grand Treasurer.

During the past year there has been an increase in nearly all the expenditure departments, excepting the Funeral Department. In it there has been a decrease in expenditure of \$2,348.50.

The Grand Lodge Beneficiary and Management Fund have all increased slightly.

BALANCE SHEET OF SUPREME GRAND LODGE FUNERAL AND GUARANTEE FUNDS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
1897. To Orders Received\$23,496 97	1897. By Supreme Grand
	Lodge Accounts \$12,140 58 "Funeral Accounts 10,817 50 "Guarantee Accounts 538 89
Total \$23,496 97	Total\$23,496 97

Received copies of Bank Slips, showing cash paid into Bank by Supreme Grand Secretary, amounting to \$24,891.21.

We have examined the above accounts, together with the Orders for payment, also the Vouchers, and have checked the Bank Slips with the Bank Pass Book, and do hereby certify the same to be correct.

> GEO. CLAY, (Supreme Grand HARRY FURZE, Lodge Auditors.

TORONTO, February 12th, 1898.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. HINCHCLIFFE, Supreme Grand Treasurer.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
1897. To Orders for Payment received from Su-	1897. By Death Claims\$24,500 00 "Management Fund. 2,960 82
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Total\$27,460 82	Total \$27,460 82

Received copies of Bank Slips, showing cash paid into Bank by Supreme Grand Secretary, amounting to \$30,000.86.

We have examined the above accounts, together with the orders for payment, also the Vouchers, and have checked the Bank Slips with the Bank Book, and do hereby certify the same to be correct.

> WM. BARKER, Beneficiary Department GEO. CLAY, Auditors.

TORONTO, February 9th, 1898.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. HINCHCLIFFE, Supreme Grand Treasurer

REPORT

OF

THE SUPREME GRAND AUDITORS.

To the Supreme Grand President, Officers and Delegates of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit Society:

BRETHREN,—We, your Supreme Grand Auditors, beg to report as follows :

I. After having carefully examined the books, vouchers and other securities in the possession of the Supreme Grand Secretary and the Supreme Grand Treasurer, we have duly certified that the various statements are correct.

2. We beg to report that the Supreme Grand Treasurer and Secretary are under bond to the Society for \$1,000 each in the London Guarantee.

3. The \$3,000 balance remaining in the Trustees' hands is invested by them as a loan in the Sons of England Hall Company, Limited, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

4. The bank accounts for each department are now kept separate.

5. In conclusion, we beg to say that every assistance has been rendered us by the Supreme Grand Secretary and his staff to enable us to make a satisfactory audit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. CLAY, HARRY FURZE, S. G. L. Auditors.

February 26th, 1898.

The Supreme Grand Secretary then presented the Report of the Grand Lodge meeting in South Africa, held at Port Elizabeth in August, 1897. On motion the Report was received and referred to the Committee of General Purposes.

The Supreme Grand Secretary presented appeal of J. Yorke Brown, also Report of Special Committee appointed at last Grand Lodge *re* Sick Funds, which, on motion, were referred to Committee of General Purposes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "REFERRED NOTICES OF MOTION FOR '98."

The Supreme Grand President, S. O. E. B. S. :-

The Committee, appointed at the last session of Supreme Grand Lodge to consider the several questions referred to it, beg to report as follows :

SICK BENEFIT DEPARTMENT OF SUPREME GRAND LODGE .--- IST.

I. That Supreme Grand Lodge, acting under the powers conferred in Article I, Clause 27, establish under the direct control of S.G.L. a "Sick Benefit Department," and recommends the following be enacted for the government of the same :

2. This Department shall be known as the Sick Benefit Department of Supreme Grand Lodge and it shall be optional for any member within thirty days of his initiation and passing the medical examination to participate in its benefits, which shall be at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per week for the first two weeks and four dollars (\$4.00) per week for the next eleven weeks and two dollars (\$2 00) per week for the next twenty-six, conditional to clause 18, for any one illness within twelve calendar months, but a member who has received benefits for the full time shall not recommence until he shall have resumed and continued his occupation for twelve calendar months.

3. And he shall pay an enrolment fee of one dollar and thereafter on the last day of each month for the next succeeding month, the monthly assessment provided for his age in Section.....of the Constitution and Laws. (Clause 5).

4. Whereupon he shall be forthwith entitled to benefits if taken ill or disabled, provided that the claim therefor be made on the prescribed form No.....and within the time set forth in Section. of the Constitution (Clause 8) and he has otherwise complied with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws.

5. The following shall be the monthly assessments paid by each member:---

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AGE.	MONTHLY RATE OF ASSESSMENT.		MONTHLY RATE OF ASSESSMENT.
18	23c.	34	31c.
19	5	35	32c.
20	0	36	33c.
21		37	34c.
22		38	35c.
23	5	39	36c.
24		40	37c.
25		41	38c.
26		42	39c.
27	27c.	43	40c.
28		44	41C.
29	28c.	45	42c
30	290.	46	43c.
31		47	44c.
32		48	45c.
33	0	49	46c.

TABLE A. TABLE OF MONTHLY RATES FOR SICK BENEFITS.

The first of the above monthly assessments shall be paid with the enrolment fee and thereafter as provided in section 3.

6. No member shall receive Sick Benefits until he shall have been ill, or disabled more than one full week. He shall then be entitled to benefits for the whole period of his illness, including the first week, not exceeding thirteen weeks; after the first week he shall be paid for each week or part of a week. A week shall consist of seven days.

7. A member shall not be entitled to Sick Benefits unless his illnes shall have been duly certified to by the Lodge Physician or declared to by some duly qualified physician, or if his illness has been brought on by intemperance or immoral habits.

8. A member shall notify within 48 hours of the commencement of an illness the Secretary of his Subordinate Lodge as also the Supreme Grand Secretary of such illness or injury and the nature thereof.

9. Failing to give notice provided for in the next preceding section, a member shall not be entitled to any benefits except from the date at which he does give such notice.

10. All claims for any illness or disability must be made on form No..... and must be filed with the Sup. Sec. within thirty days from the date the claimant is discharged. A failure to do so shall *ipso facto* forfest all

claims for any sick benefit which would otherwise be valid on account of such illness or disability, and further, no claim shall be deemed valid unless the provisions of Clause 8as well as all other sections relating to this Department shall have been complied with.

11. A member who is on the funds of this Department shall be lable for all dues and assessments and must pay as provided in the Constitution and Laws the same as other members.

12. A member of the Sick Benefit Department may withdraw from it at any time by giving notice to the Secretary of the Subordinate Lodge, who shall immediately notify the Supreme Grand Secretary.

13. A member failing to pay the fees in this Department at the time laid downinSec.....(clause 3) of this Constitution shall stand suspended in this Department, but he may be re-instated without passing the medical examination if payment be made within thirty-one days and he satisfy the Medical Referee of good health.

14. A member failing to pay into his Subordinate Lodge any extra assessment ordered by the S. G. E. within thirty days from the date of the Sup. Sec. call, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended in this Department.

15. A member who has been suspended or voluntarily withdrawn from this Department for a longer period than thirty-one days may be again enrolled if he apply in the necessary form, pass the medical examination, pay the enrolment fee and the rate of advanced age if any.

16. The moneys received by the Subordinate Lodge Secretary for this Department shall be forwarded by the Lodge Treasurer to the S.G. Secretary on the eighth days of the month for which the assessment is due, and shall be deposited by him in a chartered Bank to the credit of this Department.

17. Subordinate Lodges failing to transmit extra assessments within forty days from the date of the Sup. Grand Executive's call for the same shall stand suspended in so far as this Department is concerned.

18 Whenever and so long as the surplus funds in this Department shall exceed the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) the further benefit of Two Dollars per week shall be paid for twenty-six weeks in addition to the thirteen weeks' benefits hereto provided.

19. Whenever and as often as the available benefit funds of this Department shall become reduced to less than the total amount of Sick Benefit claims duly passed by the S. G. Executive within the then preceding sixty days the Sup. Grand Executive shall order an extra assessment which shall be paid by each member of the Department to the Secretary of his Subordinate Lodge within thirty days of the date of the call, and the same shall forthwith be transmitted by him to the Sup. G'd Sec'y, provided also

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that the S. G. Ex. shall have power at any time and from time to time to order such extra assessment in the manner provided for in this section.

20. Any officer of the Society knowingly or negligently certifying to any illegal or improper claim upon this or any other funds of the Departments of the Supreme Grand Lodge, in addition to all other penalties prescribed in the Constitution and Laws, shall personally become liable to the Supreme Grand Lodge to an amount double that paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge upon such improper certificate, and such officer or officers may be sued for the recovery of the penalty at the discretion of the Supreme Executive.

21. The Medical Referee shall be elected annually by the Supreme Grand Lodge. He shall prepare and submit to the Grand Lodge an annual report; he shall carefully examine all applications and claims appertaining to either the Beneficiary, Funeral and Sick Benefit Departments, and, if in his opinion any fraud exists or has been perpetrated, notify the Supreme Grand President, who shall take the necessary steps for a thorough and complete investigation; he shall hand over all the books, papers, etc., in his possession to his successor when elected and he shall receive for his services the sum of \$200 per annum.

22. The Supreme Grand Lodge shall not be responsible for any Sick Benefits provided for by Subordinate Lodge by-laws or for any Sick Benefits other than those provided by this Department.

23. No payment out of funds of the Subordinate Lodge shall be made without a vote of the Subordinate Lodge and upon an order signed by the W. P. and Secretary with the seal of the Lodge attached, except for dues, capitation tax, assessments and other fees payable to the Supreme Grand Lodge, which shall be immediately paid by the Treasurer at the time required by the Constitution and Laws and on completion of the required returns, but in all such cases the Treasurer shall report such payments to the Lodge at its next regular meeting, whereupon the W. P. and Secretary shall issue the necessary order upon the Treasurer to cover such payments.

24. It shall be optional with Subordinate Lodges to provide a fund for the payment of Sick Benefits and medical attendance, and maintain a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members, and it shall be optional with members if they participate in such funds.

25. It is hereby specially provided that all Financial members in good standing in the Society on theday of......, 189.., shall be admitted to membership in this department and rated at the age at which they joined the Society without passing the medical examination, provided the application be made on or before theday of, 189..; failing so to apply, a member is subject to the same rules and ratings at the age when applying.

26. In the case of Subordinate Lodges as a whole deciding to participate in the benefits of this Department the entrance fee of one dollar shall be paid from the Lodge funds and the entrance fees paid by the Lodge, and members joining this Department before the specified date shall be credited to the fund of this Department.

FUNERAL BENEFITS. - 2ND.

1. That membership in the Funeral Benefit Department be made optional—that the benefits be the same as at present, with the exception of that paid to members' children, but the monthly rates be as follows :

AGE.	MONTHLY RATE OF ASSESSMENT.	AGE.	MONTHLY RATE OF ASSESSMENT.
18, 19, 20, 21, 22	8c.	44	
23, 24, 25, 26, 27	9c.	45	1
28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33	IOC.	46	0
34, 35, 36, 37	IIC.	47	
38, 39, 40	I2C.	48	1
41, 42, 43	13c.	49	

2. That an enrolment fee be charged of fifty cents. The above fees to be paid in the same manner as those of the Sick Benefit Department, and also subject to the same rules in so far as applicable. That the benefit in so far as it relates to members' children be discontinued.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT. - 3RD.

That the Beneficiary Department be placed in the same position as the other two by doing away with the Beneficiary Board, charging an enrolment of one dollar, and making the time and manner of payment the same as for the other two departments, being governed by a graded scale of monthly rates.

FEES.-4TH.

I. That the scale of fees as found in Section 364, Constitution 1897, be amended as follows :

18	to	30	years																	S	2	00	
30	to	40	66																				
10	to	50	66																		3	00	
40	10	20		٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•								5	00	

2. That the annual fee for ordinary membership in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be less than one dollar and fifty cents, which shall be for management expenses, and also the capitation tax of forty cents annually, payable quarterly in advance to Supreme Grand Lodge. These fees shall be payable by all members other than Honorary Life members—honorary membership being done away with.

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LODGE SURGEON.-5TH.

That the minimum fee for the Lodge Surgeon shall be one dollar per member per annum, payable quarterly, and the minimum fee, when the physician provides the medicine, shall be fifty cents extra per annum payable in a similar manner—and participation in these benefits shall be optional.

ORGANIZER. -6TH.

I. That the Supreme Executive be authorized to engage for the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia and the North West Territories special organizers, resident in the several districts, who shall have a knowledge of locality and thoroughly qualified to perform the duties to the satisfaction of the Supreme Grand Executive. Such organizers to be engaged from time to time as in the opinion of the Executive may be necessary.

2. That the organizer shall have full authority to visit any part of his territory where, in his opinion, the Order can best be served.

3. That, for his services and expenses, an organizer be paid \$3.00 for each charter member up to the number of twenty-five, no remuneration being allowed for any beyond that number. Provided also no payment shall be made for the institution of a Lodge where the number of charter members does not exceed twelve, in which case only travelling expenses shall be paid.

4. That an organizer while actively engaged in the work shall be paid travelling expenses, not including hotel expenses. Provided a Lodge is established whose number of charter members exceeds twelve, the organizer shall pay all expenses himself. He shall be required to produce to the Supreme Grand Executive satisfactory evidence he has incurred such expense for organization prior to any claim being paid.

5. That 25% of the fees due an organizer be retained by the Supreme Grand Executive until the first full quarterly returns of the Lodge opened by him have been filed with the Supreme Grand Secretary, when, if satisfied with the conditions of the Lodge, the Supreme Grand Executive shall pay the amount retained.

6. That organization be conducted by the District Deputies or such other person as the Supreme Grand Executive may appoint in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec who shall be remunerated on the same basis as the special organizers.

SUPREME GRAND LODGE MANAGEMENT FUND. -7TH.

That the management fund of Supreme Grand Lodge shall be derived from

- (a) The capitation tax of 40c.
- (b) Charter fees of new Lodges, \$20 per Lodge.
- (c) 5% of the total receipts of each of the Departments.

(*d*) Registration fees of the Departments.

(e) A levy on members of defunct Lodges who may be carried by Supreme Grand Lodge. 75 cents each, payable quarterly.

(f) Profits on supplies, etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. - 8TH.

That the Constitution be altered and amended to meet these changes, as per appended, and that all sections relating to Sick Benefits shall be considered as applying only to the Sick Benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SWAIT, Chairman.	HARRY FURZE,
JOHN ALDRIDGE,	R. PATCHING,
CHAS. A. HODGETTS	, Secretary.

To amend the Constitution in conformity with the foregoing recommendations, the following changes must also be made :

Section.	Page.
3	8-7th line strike out "and children."
4	8-4th line after "honorary" add "life."
27	14-2nd line after the second "department" add "Beneficiary, Funeral Benefit and Sick Benefit Department."
158	49-Ist line strike out "shall" and substitute "may."
185	59-Strike out the section.
254	71-16th line after "lodge" add "less the charter fee of \$20."
263	73-Ist line strike out "shall" and substitute "may."
302	84—1st line add " and life."
303	84-Strike out the section.
394	84— do do
308	86-9th line after "join" add "if he wishes to participate in
	Subordinate Lodge benefits." 10th line strike out all the words after "same" to "which" in 12th line.
314	88 -Add to clause, "where he participates in the Sick Benefits of the Subordinate Lodge."
64	101-Amend clause in accordance with recommendation.
367	102—Add to clause " when subscribing to the Sick Benefit Fund of the Subordinate Lodge in addition to the amount necessary for management expenses and capitation tax."
369	102-Strike out clause and substitute "the fee for Hon. Life membership shall be \$15."
370	102—Strike out "all" in first line and substitute "may" for "shall." After word "lodges" second line add " participation then to be optional."
377	106-Add to caption " of Subordinate Lodges."

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Page. Section. 106-do do do "on Sick Fund of Subordinate Lodge." 378 "-Substitute "may" for "shall." 378 " -Add to caption "of Subordinate Lodge Sick Benefit." Strike 380 out "the Constitution" after "by" in 2nd line and substitute "by Subordinate Lodge Sick Fund." 381 107 382 108 To be indicated as applying only to Sick Benefit Fund of 383 Subordinate Lodge. 66 384 66 385 66 386 109-Strike out the words after wife in 3rd line to end of sentence. 387 110-Substitute the recommendation for this section. 392 428) 472 129 475 Strike out. 66 477 478 66 133-1st line substitute "Supreme Executive" for "Beneficiary 49I Board." 133-7th line substitute "Supreme Executive" for "Beneficiary 492 Board." 134-6th line substitute "Supreme Executive" for "Beneficiary 492 Board." 134-4th line substitute "Supreme Executive" for "Beneficiary 493 Board." 502, 503, 504, Page 138--Strike out. 138-Strike out and substitute under duties of Supreme Grand 505 Secretary. 140-1st line substitute "Supreme Medical Examiner" for 507 " Beneficiary Board." 508 140-Strike out. 141-1st line substitute "Supreme Grand Lodge" for "Benefi-510 ciary Board." Strike out all words after "thereon" in fifth line. 142-Strike out "submit the same to the Beneficiary Board," and 512 substitute for the next clause: "If approved by him the Supreme Grand Secretary shall forthwith issue a certificate of membership of the applicant." 143-Line 5. Strike out "Beneficiary Board" and substitute 514 "Supreme Medical Examiner." -Strike out "Beneficiary Board" and substitute "Supreme 519, 520 Grand Executive." -Strike out "Board" and substitute "Supreme Grand 520 Executive."

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143—Strike out "Beneficiary Board" and substitute "Supreme Grand Executive."

Appendix A, page 172, under order of business 13. Strike out "Beneficiary Dues" and substitute "Beneficiary Funeral Benefit and Sick Benefit Departments."

The Committee of General Purposes then presented Report No. 2, re Sessional Papers.

REPORT NO. 2-COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Your Committee, having considered the Sessional Paper, beg to recommend as follows :

Clause 1. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 2. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 3. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 4. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 5. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 6. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 7. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 8. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 9. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 10. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 11. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 12. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 13. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 14. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 15. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 16. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 17. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 18. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 19. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 20. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 21. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 22. Strike out "5" and insert "10," and half-yearly returns in June and December of each year.

Clause 23. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 24. That action be deferred-laid over till next year.

Clause 25. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 26. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 27. That the Constitution be amended as proposed with the addition of the word "so" between the words "certificate" and "filed."

Clause 28. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 29. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

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Clause 30. That the proposed amendment be not approved, but Article 145 be made to harmonize with 295 by substituting the word "three" for "six."

Clause 31. That the proposed amendment be not approved. Clause 32. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 33. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 34. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 35. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 36. That the proposed amendment be not approved. Clause 37. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 37a. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 37b. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 38. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 39. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 40. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 41. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 42. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 43. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 44. Amend special clause drawn up by Dr. Hodgetts.

Clause 45. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 46. Clause be struck out, as District Councils are not empowered to place amendments on the Sessional Paper.

Clause 47. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 48. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 49. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 50. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 51. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 52. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 53. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 54. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 55. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 56. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 57. That the Constitution be amended as follows: "Funeral benefits shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge through the Subordinate Lodge Secretary, who shall pass the same through his books and hand the same over to the Subordinate Lodge Treasurer, who shall pay over the amount to the proper parties. Provided always that the member is in good standing upon the books of the Supreme Grand Lodge."

Clause 58. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 59. That the proposed amendment be approved.

Clause 60. That the Constitution be amended as follows: "At the expiration of 12 months from *his* initiation, a member in good standing shall

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be entitled to \$50 on the decease of his wife. On the death of a member in good standing," etc., etc.

Clause 61. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 62. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 63. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 64. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 65. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 66. That the proposed amendment be not approved.

Clause 67. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 68. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 69. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 70. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 71. That the Constitution be amended by substituting the word "issuance" for "issuing" and "insurance."

Clause 72. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 73. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 74. That the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "Beneficiary Board" in fifth line and inserting the words, "Medical Referee," who shall report at next meeting of the "Beneficiary Board."

Clause 75. That the Constitution be amended by striking out the words " postal card " in third line and inserting the words "registered letter," and also substituting "IO" for "5" in eighth line.

Clause 76. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 77. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 78. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 79. That the Constitution be amended as proposed.

Clause 80. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 81. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 82. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 83. That the Constitution be not amended for two years.

Clause 84. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 85. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 86. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 87. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 88. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

Clause 89. That the Constitution remain unchanged.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. HODGETTS,

Chairman.

Moved by Dr. Hodgetts, seconded by Bro. John Aldridge, that the Report be received, lie on the table and be taken up in the proper order of business Wednesday morning. Carried.

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A petition from Lodge Marlborough, St. John, New Blunswick, was read by the Supreme Grand President, and, on motion, referred to Committee of General Purposes.

The Supreme Grand Secretary then presented a Report from the Winnipeg District Council *re* the Sessional Papers, also copy of the Act recently passed by the Quebec Legislature. The report of Winnipeg District Council was referred to the Committee of General Purposes, and on motion of P.S.G.P. Bro. Elliott the Quebec Act was referred to a special committee of the General Purpose Committee on Laws and Legislation ard all the delegates from the Province of Quebec.

The Supreme Grand President appointed Bros. F. Vipond and Walter Legg a press committee during session of Supreme Grand Lodge.

It being 4.30, the Supreme Grand Lodge adjourned to attend divine service in St. George's Church, the Standard-bearer being Bro. B. Back; Marshal of the Members, Bro. C. G. Patey; Marshal for the Supreme Officers, Bro. Hy. Bliss.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Supreme Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ST. CATHARINES, March 9, 1898.

Supreme Grand Lodge came to order at 9.10. Supreme Grand Secretary called the Roll, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Supreme Grand President appointed Bro. Folkes Grand Guide during the absence of Bro. Jackson.

Lodge Dudley No.227, in St. John, N. B, , telegraphed the following fraternal greeting :

"Loyalty-confidence in Supreme Grand Lodge. Prosperity; successful deliberations."

Moved by Bro. G. Clatworthy, seconded by Bro. Dr. Chas. A. Hodgetts, that the congratulatory telegram from Dudley Lodge be received, and that the Supreme Grand President and Bro. Geo. Clatworthy be a committee to send a suitable reply. Carried.

Supreme Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Report No. 2 of the Committee of General Purposes re Sessional Papers. Bro. J. C. Swait in the chair.

Supreme Grand Lodge resumed business at 11.45.

Mr. J. Howard Hunter, Registrar of Friendly Societies, sent a telegram and papers re the Quebec Act affecting fraternal societies operating in Quebec.

They were referred to the Committee of General Purposes.

The following notices of motion were received and read :

By BRO. A. HANNAFORD,—Proposed resolution presented by Britannia Lodge, No. 8, S.O.E.B.S. to the Supreme Grand President for discussion at session of Supreme Grand Lodge. Britannia Lodge begs to submit the following :

Whereas, there appears to be a growing dissatisfaction in our Order as to our methods of making and altering the Constitution, the reason being principally that a large number of the Subordinate Lodges being located every few miles between Newfoundland and the Pacific coast would be bankrupted by the expense of sending their representatives to even one Supreme Grand Lodge meeting;

And whereas the present method, although intended to give every member of our Order a voice and a vote through his duly appointed delegate, for the above reason falls short of its object, as appears by the last report of the Supreme Grand Lodge, only 110 lodges out of 234 being represented, leaving more than half of the lodges of our Order unable to express their views on the important legislative matters up for discussion;

And whereas there is a movement on foot (see Sessional Papers, Clause 13) to enable the unrepresented lodges to secure representation by Grand Lodge paying the expenses, which Grand Lodge cannot afford, and, even if it could afford, ought not to expend, because (first) the good accomplished in the past has not justified the past expense of \$2,500 per year; and (second) if Grand Lodge paid expenses the cost would be doubled and the work remain almost the same as in the past;

Therefore, Britannia Lodge begs to suggest a much more excellent, equitable, economical and just method of legislating for our Order, to carry out which,

Be it Resolved that, first, when this Grand Lodge adjourns it do stand adjourned for three years, and the officers elected at this session do hold office for that term.

Second, proposed amendments to the Constitution are to be sent to the Grand Executive, as heretofore in every year, and printed in the Sessional Papers, and a number sufficient for distribution, one to each member in good standing in his Lodge, be sent to each Subordinate Lodge Secretary.

Third, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to distribute said copies of the Sessional Papers among the members of his Lodge, so that each and every member of our Order will have a chance to say yea or nay to the amendments or enactments proposed, and he shall keep a

record of the votes on all papers returned to him, and then forward the originals to the Supreme Grand Secretary on or before the 1st day of March in each year.

Fourth, the Supreme Executive shall count the votes for and against each proposed enactment or amendment, and shall declare the law to be as the majority of the members voting shall have decided.

By this method we shall have government of the Order by the Order for the Order, and we submit it is impossible in any other way to get the opinion of our brethren living at great distances from our place of Grand Lodge meeting.

Notice of motion for next year.

Moved by Bro. Thos. Elliott that notices of motion to be dealt with by this. Grand Lodge shall be presented before 12 o'clock on Thursday. Carried.

Moved by Bro. S. W. Burns that Section 124, Article 22, be amended by adding thereto the following words: "And the passwords used in Subordinate Lodges shall be taken up from all present before opening the council and from all entering the council after the same has been opened."

Notice of motion for next year.

Moved by Bro. J. Jones—That the Supreme Grand Secretary be instructed to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office of Supreme Grand Secretary of the Sons of England Benefit Society. Lost.

Moved by Bro. W. G. Skelcher—That the Supreme Grand Secretary shall employ members of the Order only to assist in the clerical work of his office. Lost.

Moved by Bro. Frank Vipond—That a committee consisting of Bros. Vipond, Kent, Clatworthy, Reynolds and Rev. Bro. Craig be appointed to consider, and report to Grand Lodge on Thursday, some plan whereby Grand Lodge can give assistance to distant lodges in the matter of sending delegates to Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. T. Cannon—That the delegates to Supreme Grand Lodge be instructed to sign the register at every meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge. Lost.

Moved by Bro. W. G. Partridge—That members elected on Committee of General Purposes, and not being returned as delegates by their own lodges, shall be disqualified from serving on said committee; all vacancies on said committee shall be filled according to Clause 99, page 35, of the Constitution.

Notice of motion for next year.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Randall-That the Beneficiary Board be allowed

to extend the age limit from 45 to 50 years for the space of three months to enable members between these ages who are already carrying \$1,000 insurance an opportunity of increasing the same to \$2,000.

Notice of motion for next year.

Supreme Grand Lodge adjourned at 12.10.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARCH 9, 1898.

Supreme Grand Lodge came to order at 2.10. Committee of General Purposes presented report.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSES,

Being Report No. 2 of Committee on Credentials: That the following brethren are entitled to seats on the floor of Grand Lodge: Geo. Coulson, Lodge Burnaby, 218; Alfred W. George, Lodge Durham, 15, in place of Bro. White.

CHAS. A. HODGETTS, Chairman.

Supreme Grand Lodge was called off for the purpose of receiving Mr. J. B. Leubsdorf, Secretary of the Canadian Fraternal Association. Mr. Leubsdorf addressed Supreme Grand Lodge re the action of the Quebec Legislature re Fraternal Association Insurance, after which Supreme Grand Lodge resumed the order of business. Supreme Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Sessional Papers at at 2.45 p.m., Bro. J. C. Swait in the chair.

The Supreme Grand Lodge resumed business at 5.50.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Thos. Donnelly, President of the Canadian Fraternal Association: "I extend our heartiest greetings to Sons of England; may your deliberations meet with the success your noble Order merits. God save the Queen."

Telegram from Lodge Royal Oak, of Galt : "Greetings to Supreme Grand Lodge. Meet us at Galt next year. (Signed) E. Lowe, President.' Referred to Committee of General Purposes.

Supreme Grand Lodge adjourned till 9 a.m. to-morrow (Thursday) March 10.

> JOHN W. CARTER, Supreme Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING.

MARCH 10, 1898.

Supreme Grand Lodge came to order at 9.15.

Supreme Grand Secretary called the Roll, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The following telegram was received from Bro. R. Patching, Winnipeg :

"Brethren in Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and elsewhere have charged me to convey warm fraternal greetings to Supreme Grand Lodge; greatly regret it is impossible to deliver them personally. Pray do something definite this session to relieve disabilities of distant lodges; believe me the matter is urgent. Accept sincerest wishes for harmonious and beneficial meeting."

Telegram from Bro. W. R. Stroud, sending fraternal greetings and inviting Supreme Grand Lodge to Ottawa for next session.

Moved by Bro. J. Gibson, seconded by Bro. T. Ferguson, That we, the officers and members of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England, desire to express our thanks to the members of the local Lodge, Victory, for the very delightful treat which we enjoyed last night in the Opera House, when the life's work of England's greatest naval hero was presented with such thrilling effect, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to send a copy of this resolution to Lodge Victory. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Williams, seconded by Bro. H. Furze, That this Grand Lodge grant permission to Victoria Lodge, No. 12, Cornwall, to issue an appeal to the various Lodges on behalf of Bro. Hurst, who has been unable to earn anything for himself or family for the past two and a half years. Carried.

Bro. J. Gibson gave notice of motion that he will introduce a resolution having for its object the recognition of the great services rendered by the Supreme Grand President, Bro. Cumberland, during the Jubilee year.

Notice of motion : By Bro. J. Jones—That the Grand Lodge Trustees be bonded to the extent of \$2,000 each. Lost.

Notice of motion for next year: By Bro. E. J. Reynolds—That the whole of Article 37, page 59, and all clauses bearing upon the official organ be eliminated from the Constitution.

Notice of motion: By Bro. J. J. Pritchard—That it is inexpedient and contrary to the 187th and 268th Clauses of the Constitution for the Supreme Grand President or Executive to order that the amendments made to said Constitution shall come into force at any other time than that which is provided by Constitution or Supreme Grand Lodge in session. Carried.

Supreme Grand Lodge proceeded to Election of Officers.

NOMINATIONS.

For Supreme Grand President-Bro. E. Parnell, jr., Bro. F. B. Cumberland.

Bro. F. B. Cumberland withdrew, Bro. E. Parnell, jr., receiving the unanimous vote.

For Supreme Grand Vice-President-Bros. Dr. Chas. A. Hodgetts, J. Aldridge and F. A. Jackson.

The Scrutineers declared 115 votes cast, of which Bro. Dr. Chas. A. Hodgetts received 60.

Bro. Dr. Hodgetts was declared elected Supreme Grand Vice-President.

Bro. John W. Carter was elected Supreme Grand Secretary by acclamation.

Bro. B. Hinchcliffe was elected Supreme Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

Bro. T. N. Dyer, of King William Town, was re-elected Deputy Grand President for South Africa.

For Trustees-Bros. S. J. Davis, W. Boxall, J. Fry, T. Elliott, L. A. Howard, E. T. Perry and T. Sargant were nominated.

Bros. T. Elliott, T. Sargant and W. Boxall, having received the highest number of votes, were declared elected.

The following question was asked by Bro. Banfield: Clause 3 of the Report of the Supreme Grand Auditors reads thus: "The \$3,000 balance remaining in the Trustees' hands is invested by them as a loan in the Sons of England Hall Company, Limited, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum." Had the Trustees the authority from Grand Lodge to invest that money in the company?

The Grand President gave the following answer: The Trustees have authority from Supreme Grand Lodge to invest in such securities as may be permitted by law.

Bro. W. J. Williams asked the following question: I wish to call your attention to Clause 377, page 106, of the Constitution, and will kindly ask you to give the proper meaning of same.

Supreme Grand President answered as follows: The meaning of Clause 377 is that a member, after no matter how long an interval between his sickness, begins his next sick pay from the place at which he had previously ceased to receive pay.

Bro. W. H. Banfield asked : Is it within the power of Lodges to hold entertainments either during Lodge hours, or immediately thereafter, where

intoxicating liquors are brought into Lodges or ante-rooms, and are the nature of such entertainments not according to the spirit of either the Constitution or obligation of our Order?

The Supreme Grand President answered : The Constitution governs this question distinctly and fully.

Supreme Grand Lodge adjourned at 12.10.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

MARCH 10, 1898.

Supreme Grand Lodge came to order at 2.10, roll call dispensed with.

Bros. T. Sargant, F. Cook and E. T. Perry were appointed Scrutineers on the election of Committee on General Purposes, who reported the following were elected :

J. Aldridge, J. Gibson, J. Fry, T. Elliott, A. Tattersall, F. Vipond, J. W. Kempling, H. Bliss, G. Clatworthy, J. C. Swait, J. W. London, W. Hancock, A. Hannaford, S. Wilkinson, S. J. Davis, R. Ivens, W. Irwin, H. Leverton, S. W. Burns, W. G. Partridge.

The following were the next six highest : T. Cannon, Thos. Spettigue, T. Riley, J. L. Jenkins, C. G. Folkes and Dr. D. Marr.

Committee of General Purposes presented reports 4 and 5.

Reports received and laid on the table, to be taken up in Committee of the Whole.

Supreme Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole at 2.45, Bro. J. C. Swait in the chair.

Supreme Grand Lodge resumed business at 4 p. m.

REPORT NO. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSES.

Your Committee of the General Purpose beg to report that the following clauses of the sessional papers be not approved, viz :

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 60, 61, 64, 66, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 88, 89.

That the following clauses be amended as proposed, viz : Nos. 10, 14, 18, 19, 28, 32, 33, 43, 58, 62, 63, 65, 67, 78.

That Clause 3 be approved with the addition of the words "and forward an acknowledgment to the Sub. Secretary of the receipts, setting out the nature of such papers in detail.

That Clause 12 be approved with the addition of the words "the Trustees shall report annually to the Supreme Grand Lodge the nature of all securities, the amount invested and the terms of each investment in detail, and this shall be shown in the reports to the Subordinate Lodges.

That Clause 16 be amended to read "that per capita tax be 50c annually, payable quarterly."

That Clause 27 be approved with the addition of the word "so" between the words "certificate" and "filed."

That clause 145, page 47, of the Constitution and page 81 be made to harmonize with Clause 295, page 82, by changing the word "six" to "three" whenever it occurs.

That Clause 44 be amended by substituting the words "that in the case where a member is attended by other than his own Lodge Surgeon and the Lodge so decides, he shall before receiving any sick pay allow of a consultation of his own physician and the Lodge Surgeon for the proper verification of his illness by the latter."

That the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "Funeral benefits shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge to Subordinate Lodge Secretary, who shall pass the same through his books and hand the same over to the Subordinate Lodge Treasurer, who shall pay over the amount to the proper parties, provided always that the member is in good standing upon the books of Supreme Grand Lodge."

That Clause 70 be amended by substituting the word "issuance" for "issuing" and "insurance."

That the Constitution, Section 514, page 143, be amended by striking out the words "Beneficiary Board" in fifth line and inserting the words "Supreme Medical Examiner, who shall report at the next meeting of the Beneficiary Board."

That the Constitution (Section 515, page 143) be amended by striking out the words "postal card" in third line and inserting the words "registered letter," and also substituting "10" for "5" in eighth line.

That Clause 86 and 87 be referred to the Beneficiary Board for their consideration, and that they report at the next meeting of Supreme Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. HODGETTS,

Chairman.

Moved by Bro. Dr. Hodgetts, seconded by Bro. Geo. Clatworthy, that the Report be adopted. Carried

Bro. T. Sargant presented financial statement of THE RECORD from 1st of June to 31st December, 1897.

Receipts.

897.		
Dec. 31-From Supreme Executive. 10,000 members, 5c., for		
seven months	\$291	65
Supplementary for Beneficiary Board	291	65
Supreme Grand Lodge advertising	116	70
Advertisements.	48	84
		8.
Total	\$740	04

Disbursement ..

1897.		
E. B. Robinson, seven months, as per contract	\$677	18
Commission on advertisements	12	20
Canadian Photo Company		25
Phillips & Smith, printing postcards	4	00
J. C. Swait, books, stationery and postage	7	50
Balance on hand	38	71
Total	\$748	8.
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Moved and seconded the Report be adopted. Carried.

Supreme Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole at 4.30 p.m.

Supreme Grand Lodge resumed business at 5.15.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The following places were nominated for next place of meeting: Windsor, Galt, Ottawa, Sarnia. The ballot being taken, the Scrutineers reported Ottawa as having a majority of all votes cast, and the Supreme Grand President declared Ottawa to be the next place of meeting.

The request of Bro. Williams, Lodge Victoria, Cornwall, for leave to issue an appeal to the Lodges on behalf of Bro. R. Hurst of that Lodge, was, on motion, granted.

Supreme Grand Lodge adjourned at 6.10.

J. W. CARTER, Supreme Grand Secretary.

FRIDAY MORNING.

MARCH 11, 1898.

Supreme Grand Lodge came to order at 9.05 a.m.

The Supreme Secretary called the Roll and read minutes of previous session, which, on motion, were received and adopted.

PAST GRAND PRESIDENT'S JEWEL.

Moved by Bro. J. Gibson, seconded by Bro. John Hunt, That the Supreme Grand Executive be authorized to purchase a Past Supreme Grand President's Jewel commensurate with the distinguished services rendered by Supreme Grand President Bro. Barlow Cumberland during the Jubilee year-services which the most distinguished Englishman might well desire to copy. Carried.

REPLY TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

The special committee appointed to draft a reply to Address of Welcome, presented following Report :

To the Worthy President, Officers and Members of Lodge Victory, No. 173.

BRETHREN,—It is the unanimous desire of the members of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the S.O.E.B.S., now in session, to convey to you an expression of their keen appreciation of the earnest efforts you have made to ensure the enjoyment and comfort of the delegates during their sojourn in your city, and of the warm, brotherly greeting contained in the address presented to Grand Lodge through your worthy President, Bro. Walter Legg.

The members of Grand Lodge fully recognize the claims of St. Catharines to consideration as one of the landmarks around which clusters so much of that which is most inspiring in Upper Canada's eventful early history, and as the centre of one of the fairest and most fruitful districts in the broad Dominion. The members of Grand Lodge have experienced the greatest satisfaction in the many evidences vouchsafed them of the thoroughness with which the officers and members of Lodge Victory carry out what they undertake, and feel compelled to place on record their high opinion of the manner in which they have seen the ritualistic work of both degrees exemplified.

It is the earnest hope of Grand Lodge that the brethren of Lodge Victory will, individually and collectively, long continue in health, happiness and prosperity, and that, through their unremitting efforts, the principle of loyalty to God, to Sovereign and to man, on which our Order is founded, may become implanted more deeply than ever in the hearts of all Englishmen in the peninsula.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The special committee appointed to draft reply to congratulatory telegram from Lodge Dudley, Newfoundland, reported as follows:

Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England congratulate Dudley as the Lodge showing most progress during the year, and heartily reciprocate their loyal greetings.

Report received and adopted.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON "RECORD " COMMITTEE.

Bro. Geo. Clatworthy was elected Grand Lodge representative on the Management Board of THE RECORD.

The election of the members of the Beneficiary Board was left over till the afternoon session.

Supreme Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole at 10 a.m.

Supreme Grand Lodge resumed business at 11.30 a.m.

The Committee of General Purposes presented Report No. 4 as amended.

Your Committee having considered the "deferred" and "referred" Clauses of the Sessional Papers beg to report as follows :

That Clauses 22, 24, 34, 35, 36 and 37 be not approved.

That Clauses 25, 26 and 59 be approved.

That action in Clause 24 be deferred until next Grand Lodge meeting.

That the principle of the permitting of an option of Benefits be adopted, and that clauses 37a and 37b be referred to the Executive to make such additional regulations, after report of the Beneficiary Board, as will permit full membership after fulfilment of the other conditions of the Constitution, and payment of the General Fund of the Subordinate Lodge of subscriptions of 75c. per quarter for Subordinate Lodge dues and Grand Lodge capitation tax and entering the Beneficiary Department only.

Your Committee recommend that the "Report of Committee on referred notices of motion for 1898" bc laid on the table and the Committee discharged, and consideration of the same be deferred until the meeting of the next Grand Lodge.

That the Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances as finally presented be approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Ist. In re appeal of J. Yorke Brown, from the decision of the Supreme Grand Executive confirming the decision of the Arbitration Committee of Lodge Commercial No. 200, whereby the said J. Yorke Brown was expelled

from said Lodge Commercial, your Committee recommend that the decision of the Supreme Grand Executive be sustained.

2nd. In re appeal of Lodge Beaconsheld No. 171 from the decision of the Supreme Grand Executive refusing to entertain the claim for funeral benefits of \$100 on account of the death of the late Bro. Henry Hall, who died 29th Jan., 1897, and who was at the date of his initiation into the Society on 23rd Jan., 1893, more than 63 years of age, your Committee, while regretting the unfortunate circumstances connected with the case, recommend that the appeal be not allowed.

We recommend that those clauses on the Sessional Papers which are either "approved" or "amended" at this Grand Lodge be printed in the "Annual Report."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. HODGETTS,

Chairman.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Committee of General Purposes presented Report No. 5, which was received and laid on the table.

The hour of 12 noon having arrived the Supreme Grand President declared Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Supreme Grand Lodge called to order 2 p.m., when the Scrutineers declared the following brethren elected as the Beneficiary Board for 1898:

BENEFICIARY BOARD.

T. Cannon, sr., Jno. Aldridge. Geo. Clatworthy, W. H. Clay, W. G. Partridge, F. N. Raines, Thos. Ferguson, W. Mitchell, J. C. Swait, H. Seaton, Jas. Poffley, F. Vipond, J. J. Pritchard, W. G. Skelcher, J. W. Carter (Manchester Lodge).

Report No. 5 of Committee of General Purposes taken up.

1st. The Committee beg to report as follows on the Report of the Supreme Grand President :

That Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be approved.

That Clause 6 be not approved.

That Clauses 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 be approved.

That Clause 12 be amended to harmonize with the Supreme Grand

Secretary's Report, by substituting the words "invested by the Grand Lodge Trustees in a loan to the S. O. E. Hall Co." for the words in the 14th line.

That Clause 13 be approved.

That Clause 14 be approved, with the exception that the words commencing with "at the present time, &c.," down to "department" be not approved.

That Clauses 15, 16, 17 and 18 be approved.

That all the decisions from 1 to 31, inclusive, be approved.

That No. 32 be referred to the Supreme Solicitor for his opinion.

2nd. Report of the Supreme Grand Secretary :

That Clauses I to 12, inclusive, be approved.

That Clause 13, under the caption South Africa, be approved.

That tables on pages 5 to 10, inclusive, be approved.

That tables (statements of amounts), pages 11 to 16, inclusive, be approved.

That tables (capitation tax), pages 17 to 22, inclusive, be approved.

That Clauses, No. 1 to 4, inclusive, on page 23, under caption Funeral Benefit Department, be approved.

That tables under the caption "Funeral Fund Department," pages 24 to 29, inclusive, be approved.

That Statement of accounts, Funeral Benefit Department, page 30, be approved, except the last item in Trustees' account, which is amended to read "balance by investment in a loan to S.O.E. Hall Co."

That Clauses 1 to 5, inclusive, under caption "Guarantee Department," page 32, be approved.

That accounts under caption "Guarantee Fund," page 33, be approved.

That Clauses on pages 34 and 35, from 1 to 8, under caption "General Balance Sheet," be approved.

That "Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments, General Fund," pages 35 to 39, inclusive, be approved.

That Statement under caption "General Fund," pages 40 and 41, be approved.

That Statement under caption "Merchandise Account," page 42, be approved.

That Statement of accounts under caption "S.O.E. Stock Sheet for Dec. 31, 1897," on pages 43 and 44, be approved ; also Statement "Supreme Grand Lodge Office Furniture" be approved.

That clauses under the caption "Beneficiary Department" on pages 48 to 53, inclusive, be approved.

That Financial Statement under caption "Beneficiary Department," pages 54 and 55, be approved.

That Balance Sheet under caption "Beneficiary Department," on pages 56 and 57, be approved.

That Statement and tables under caption "Juvenile Department," pages 58 to 61, inclusive, be approved.

That Statement under caption "Defunct Lodges" account, on pages 62 and 63, be approved.

That Clause 1 under caption "Insuring Lodge Property," be approved. That Clause 2, under caption "Appeals," be approved.

That Clause 3, under caption "Members' Certificates," be approved.

That Clause 4, under caption "Emblem Pins," be approved.

That Clause 5, under caption "Church Parade," be approved.

That first clause under caption "Exhibition Tent," page 64, be approved.

That Clause 7, under caption "Diamond Jubilee," be approved.

That Clauses 8 and 9, under caption " In Memoriam," be approved.

3rd. That the Supreme Grand Treasurer's Report be approved.

4th. That the Supreme Grand Lodge Auditors' Report be approved.

5th. That the Report of the Sub. Committee on "Written and Unwritten Work," which Report is herewith submitted, be received and adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. HODGETTS,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WRITTEN AND UNWRITTEN WORK.

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the matters submitted to them and recommend that the words referring to (page 17) in the Red Rose Ritual be omitted.

Your Committee submit for your approval a copy of the Ritual for the dedication of Sons of England Halls and Lodge Rooms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. IVENS, P.S.G.P. G. CLATWORTHY, P.S.G.P. W. G. PARTRIDGE, P.P.

On motion, Report No. 5 of the General Purpose Committee was adopted.

The General Purpose Committee presented Report No. 6 on "State of the Order."

I. We were pleased to see that our brethren in South Africa were not behind in their celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

We regret that Lodge Rose of Africa, No. 16, had to surrender its charter.

We congratulate our esteemed Brother Dyer on his elevation to the honorable position of Muyor of King William's Town, and we are sure that he will in the future, as in the past, continue his interest in our beloved Order.

We, your Committee, cannot close this report without calling the attention of the Supreme Grand Lodge to the R.W. Grand Vice-President's report at the last Grand Lodge (page 6) of the proceedings.

This, in our opinion, should be contradicted at once, or it may do this Order great damage.

2. Your Committee, after considering the correspondence, find that the matter referred to in the letter from St. John, N.B., will be dealt with at this Grand Lodge.

3. We recommend that the petition from the District Council, Winnipeg, be not considered, as the matter to which they refer has been referred to next Grand Lodge.

4. Re Quebec Friendly Societies Bill, your Committee would recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the incoming Executive to take immediate steps to comply with the Insurance Act of the Province of Quebec.

5. Report No. 2 of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

In re appeal of Lodge Lydford No. 184 as to payment of sick benefits to a member of said Lodge who has become insane : Your Committee recommend that in order that the legal aspect of the case may be ascertained this appeal be referred to the Supreme Grand Executive to consult with the Supreme Grand Solicitor and act on his advice in regard thereto.

As decision 32 of the Supreme Grand President's Report, page 20, is upon the same matter, your Committee recommend that the Supreme Grand Lodge deal therewith in a similar manner to above.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. HODGETTS, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Bro. Woolley, seconded by Bro. Reynolds, "That Supreme Grand Lodge pay the widow of the late Bro. Henry Hale the sum of \$50." Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. S. W. Burns, "That the expenses of this Grand Lodge be paid by the Supreme Grand Executive." Carried.

' Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. S. W. Burns, "That the

Supreme Grand Lodge Auditors receive the sum of \$75 each for their services." Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. J. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. J. L. Jenkins, "That the Supreme Executive, if they deem advisable, instruct the Society's Solicitor to have all necessary papers prepared to submit to the next Supreme Grand Lodge *re* Dominion Incorporation." Carried.

There being no further business Past Supreme Grand President, Bro. J. W. Kempling, installed the officers for the ensuing term.

The newly installed officers addressed the members of Supreme Grand Lodge on the various branches of the work and value of the Order.

The Supreme Grand Secretary then called the Roll and the Supreme Grand President formally declared the twenty-third session duly closed, and the Supreme Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again in the City of Ottawa on the second Tuesday in March, 1899, at 2 p.m., except in case of emergency of which, however, Constitutional Notice would be given. The members of Supreme Grand Lodge then joined in singing the National Anthem—

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



SUPREME GRAND SECRETARY.

MARCH, 1898.

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CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED BY SUPREME LODGE AT ST. CATHARINES, 1898—THE SECTION NUMBERS ARE THE SAME AS 1897 CONSTITUTION, AND EMBRACE ALL AMENDMENTS.

The following are the changes made in the Constitution by Supreme Grand Lodge at St. Catharines meeting, and which will come into force on and after 15th May.

By order,

JOHN W. CARTER, Supreme Grand Secretary.

62. He shall require from all Grand Lodge Secretaries a financial return of the assets and liabilities of each Grand Lodge, together with the assets and liabilities and numerical strength and other particulars of membership of all Subordinate Lodges in each Grand jurisdiction, annually, according to a form to be approved by the Supreme Grand Executive; and similar returns quarterly from the Secretaries of all Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Lodge; in every case to be properly attested by the proper officers and bearing their appropriate seal.

He shall require from said Secretaries with such quarterly returns all candidates' applications and Medical certificates filed with them during the previous quarter, and when received shall register and file the same, and for ward an acknowledgment to the Sub-Secretary of the receipts, setting out the nature of such papers in detail.

90. The Supreme Grand President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees shall place their annual reports before the Supreme Grand Executive not later than February 28th in each year, and a copy of such reports shall be forwarded to each member of the General Purposes Committee and all Grand Lodge Delegates, at least one week before the meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

100. Three Supreme Grand Lodge Trustees, who shall be members in good standing of the Supreme Grand Lodge, shall be elected by the Supreme Grand Lodge each session; and all the funds of, or held by the Supreme Grand Lodge for any department, and which the Supreme Grand Executive may deem unnecessary to be held for current use, shall be invested in the name of the Sons of England Benefit Society, in such securities as may be permitted by law.

They shall report annually to Supreme Grand Lodge the nature of all securities, the amount invested and the terms of each investment in detail, and this shall be shown in the reports to the Sub-Lodges.

124. Every such District Council shall be conducted and carried on under the charter or dispensation of one of the Subordinate Lodges in such District, and the passwords used in Subordinate Lodges shall be taken up from all present before opening the Council, and from all entering the Council after the same has been opened.

133. All Subordinate Lodges in jurisdictions where no Grand Lodge exists shall be under the immediate control of the Supreme Grand Lodge until the formation of a Grand Lodge for that jurisdiction, and shall pay the Supreme Grand Lodge while under its control a Supreme Lodge due of 50c. per capita per annum on each member in good standing, payable quarterly.

145. The applicant shall be then balloted for by secret ballot, subject to sec. 288, page 81, and if approved he may be admitted; should three black balls appear against a candidate, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should three or more appear on the second ballot, he shall be declared rejected, and no other ballot shall be taken in his case for the space of three months thereafter.

164. An appeal shall be taken from the action or decision of any Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Lodge to the Supreme Grand Executive and thence, if desired, to the said Supreme Grand Lodge, and also from the action or decision of the Beneficiary Board to the Supreme Grand Lodge by any member of such Subordinate or Grand Lodge, or member of the Beneficiary Department, or by any other person whose rights have been denied by such action or decision, upon giving written notice to said Subordinate Lodge, or Grand Lodge or Beneficiary Board, or to the Supreme Grand Executive, as the case may be, of said appeal, within thirty days from and after such action or decision ; provided that appeals and grievances to the Supreme Grand Lodge, of which ten days' notice in writing must be given to the Supreme Grand Secretary, accompanied by six printed or type-written copies in each case, the expense whereof shall be borne by the party taking the appeal.

Sections 165-66-67 be amended accordingly, also Constitution of the Beneficiary Department.

284. Every application for membership must be upon the form prescribed and provided by the Society, and shall be accompanied by the proposition fee of fifty cents. Such application form must be signed by the petitioner; state that he is an Englishman within the constitutional definition of that term, his age, where born, residence, occupation, religion and wife's religion. He shall declare his wife and children, if any, to be in good health, if such is the fact, his ancestors' nationality, whether he has ever been a member of the Society or was ever rejected, and if so, when and where.

286. Any misstatement made by an applicant on the application form

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or on the doctor's certificate as to his bodily health, shall exempt any Subordinate Lodge of which he may thereafter be a member, as well as the Society, from the payment of any sick benefits or funeral benefit on account of his death; and, if married, any misstatement as to his wife's health shall disentitle him to receive from the Society any funeral benefit on account of her death. If the applicant is unable to make satisfactory declaration as to the health of his wife and children, he shall give the Society a release from the payment of any funeral benefit on account of her or their death or deaths, as the case may be.

287. The application and medical certificate produced in compliance with the section next following, with all the terms and declarations therein contained, shall form part and parcel of the contract between the member and Society, including the member's Subordinate Lodge for the time being. All applications and medical certificates so filed in the Lodge during the quarter shall be remitted to the Supreme Grand Secretary by the Subordinate Lodge Secretary with the quarterly returns. The above provisions and stipulations as to health shall apply to all members joining any Subordinate Lodge by clearance certificate from any other Subordinate Lodge or from the Supreme Grand Executive.

288. Every candidate before being balloted for as a financial member shall produce a certificate of good health, signed by the Surgeon of the Lodge he wishes to join, and upon the form prescribed and approved by the Supreme Grand Executive. The certificate shall be signed and certified by the candidate himself.

290. Should three or more black balls appear against the candi. date, and a request for a new ballot be made, the ballot shall be repeated immediately; should they appear again on the second ballot, he shall be declared rejected, and no other ballot shall be taken in his case for the space of three months thereafter.

325. Members shall not be elected to hold more than one executive office. Executive officers of lodges shall not hold non-executive office, except those of Surgeon, Supreme Grand Lodge delegate and chaplain. No member shall be eligible for the office of president unless he has filled some executive office in the lodge for at least one month, nor for the office of Secretary unless he has filled an office in the lodge for one month.

345. He shall make quarterly returns to the Supreme Grand Secretary upon a form supplied for that purpose of such information as may be required for the purposes of the Order; such returns, with the capitation tax, and the amount of all lodge accounts due to Supreme Grand Lodge, together with all candidates' applications and medical certificates in his hands, shall be forwarded within one month after each quarterly night; and a duplicate of such

quarterly returns shall be placed on file with the lodge papers. Lodges may appoint an assistant secretary if necessary.

364. The initiation fee into this Society shall be paid before the candidate is initiated, less fifty cents paid on application. All accepted candidates for financial membership, who shall enter for sick and funeral benefits, shall pay not less than according to the undermentioned graduated scale, but lodges may increase the same if they so desire :

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All accepted candidates for financial membership, who shall not enter for sick and funeral benefits, and shall enter the Beneficiary Department only, shall pay an initiation fee as follows :

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366. Charter members' initiation fees shall be three dollars for financial members. Weekly subscriptions the same as in the next succeeding clause.

367. The subscription of financial members shall be according to the following scales :

In the Sick and Funeral Benefits only-

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In the Beneficiary Department only-

Subordinate Lodge General Fund dues, and Supreme Grand Lodge Capitation Tax, per month, 25c.

368. The above Sick Benefit rates apply to the ages of candidates at their initiation; provided the lodge becomes so depleted as to be insufficient for the payment of sick benefits, the Lodge shall have power at any meeting of which proper notice has been given to make a special levy upon members in the Sick Benefit Department of any amount sufficient to meet the necessities of the case.

374. Any notice or communication sent by post directed to a member at his address as registered in the Lodge roll-book shall be deemed to have been delivered to such member, and shall be a good and sufficient notice to such member of the contents of the document or documents so sent. If such member shall allow his dues to remain unpaid so that he fall in arrears for 26 weeks, he shall stand suspended. The Lodge may, however, keep his name on the Lodge roll for a further period of six months. Members desiring to pay up their dues, fines and arrears during the said six months' extension

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must produce the Surgeon's certificate of good health, but need not be balloted for.

375. Members falling sick shall, within forty-eight hours of commencement of such sickness, report to the secretary of their Lodge, or forfeit benefits for the time prior to notification. Members shall also produce at least once every week during such sickness to the Lodge Secretary the Surgeon's certificate, stating that they are still unable to follow their employment, or, failing to do so, shall forfeit said week's sick benefit. In the case where a member is attended by other than his Lodge Surgeon, and the Lodge so decides, he shall, before receiving sick pay, allow of a consultation of his own physician and the "Lodge Surgeon," for the proper verification of his illness by the latter. A member who has declared on the sick fund, and is being treated by any surgeon other than the Lodge Surgeon shall, if physically able, or when he shall have become physically able, attend the Lodge Surgeon for examination once each week during such sickness or forfeit all claim to benefit.

387. Funeral benefits shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Secretary, who shall pass the same through his books and hand the same over to the Subordinate Lodge Treasurer, who shall pay over the amount to the proper parties. Provided always that the members are in good standing upon the books of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

388. At the expiration of twelve months from the date of his initiation, a member in good standing shall be entitled to \$50 on the decease of his wife, and \$15 on the decease of any of his children between the ages of 5 and 15 years, whose names appear upon the register of Supreme Grand Lodge. So soon as a member's child shall reach the age of five years, the member shall, for the purpose of registration, notify the Supreme Grand Secretary of the fact upon the form prescribed, and in default of such notification the member shall forfeit all benefits in connection therewith. On the death of a member in good standing \$100, less any sum or sums he may be owing to his Subordinate Lodge or the Supreme Grand Lodge, shall be paid to his nominee, executors or administrators. At the expiration of six months from the date of their initiation, members in good standing shall be entitled to half such funeral benefits.

392. Twenty-five cents per quarter shall be paid by the respective Lodges for each member returned as in good financial standing on the quarterly report to the Supreme Grand Lodge. This sum shall be paid in quarterly instalments in advance. A registration fee of fifty cents shall be paid by the respective Lodges for each new member returned to the Supreme Grand Lodge (Juvenile transfer excepted), which sum shall be applied to the General Fund of the Supreme Grand Lodge. New Lodges shall be exempt

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from paying the registration fee of fifty cents for charter members, but shall pay the usual assessment fees with the quarterly returns.

457. Members belonging to Subordinate Lodges not three months in existence shall be allowed to take the White Rose Degree in less than the above stipulated time, under the following circumstances: For the purpose of holding office in a Subordinate Lodge, or any other justifiable cause, provided a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Executive be obtained.

480. Members between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and in good standing in their respective lodges shall be eligible to join this department; honorary members shall also be eligible to join. Should a member of this department be expelled from his Lodge for any cause, or withdraw from membership in it, he shall cease to be a member of this department; and in case of his death his representatives shall not be entitled to any benefit from the funds of this department.

514. A member so suspended, whose dues are more than one month in arrear, but not four months in arrear, may be reinstated upon producing a certificate of good health from a regularly appointed Medical Examiner, satisfactory to the Medical Referee, who shall report at the next meeting of the Beneficiary Board, and upon payment of all dues owing at the date of his suspension, as well as all dues that may have accrued up to the time of his reinstatement.

515. On receiving the Subordinate Lodge Secretary's monthly return, the Supreme Grand Secretary shall at once notify by registered letter all members of this department who are returned to him as being in arrear for three monthly assessments, of their suspension, stating the amount owing by them to this Department, and particularly directing their attention to this clause of the constitution. The sum of ten cents for each such notice sent shall be chargeable to and paid by each member so in arrear before his reinstatement.

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