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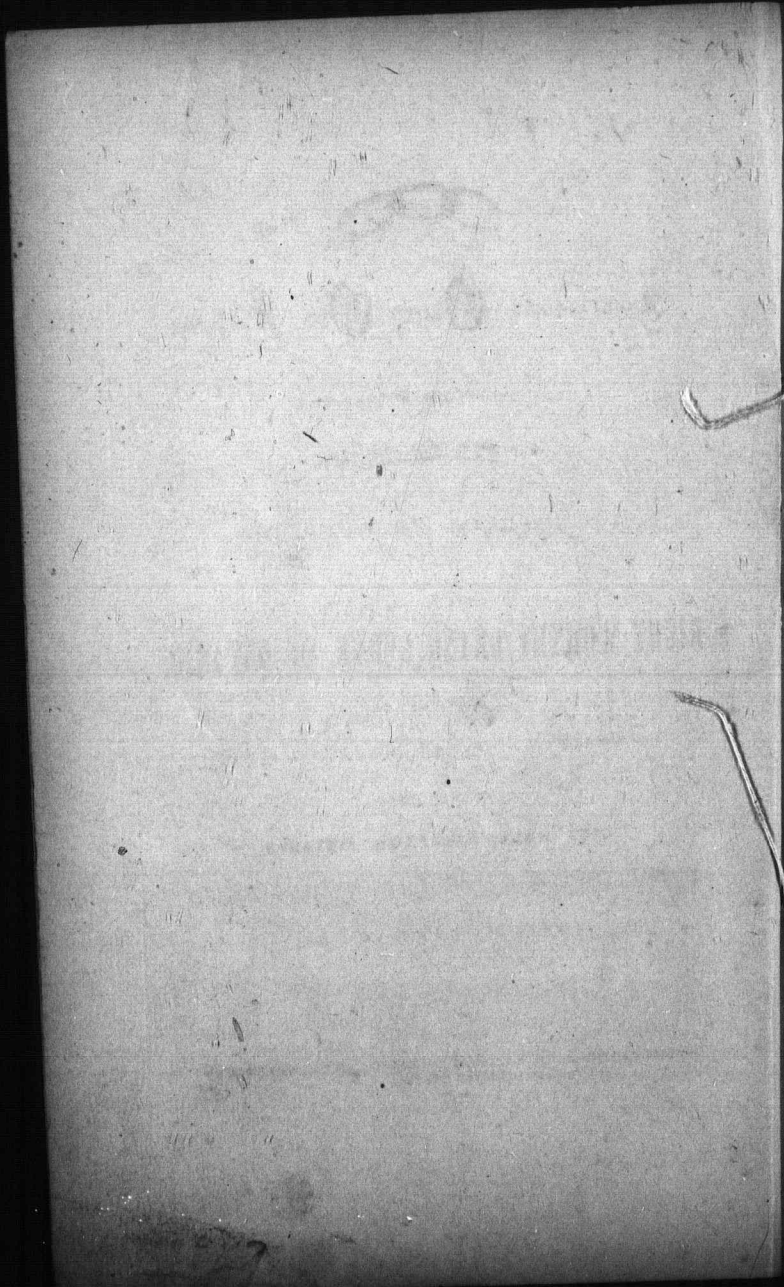
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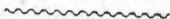
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THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CITY HALL KIRKSTON ONTARIO

THE 54 and 55th OF KING ST. W.

COMMENCED AT 11 O'CLOCK P.M.

Resolved

That we do hereby direct the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Sons of the American Revolution to be held at the City Hall Kirkston Ontario on the 54th and 55th of King St. W. on the 11th of the month of June 1864.

Wm. H. ...

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

HELD IN THE

CITY HALL, KINGSTON.

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KINGSTON, August 5, 1874.

The Grand Lodge met at the City of Kingston and assembled in the City Hall, at 9 o'clock a. m. Grand Master, Bro. George Wright, presiding.

Upon the roll being called, the following were present :

GEORGE WRIGHT.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER
R. WARRINER.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
H. E. BUTTERY.....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN
J. B. KING.....	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY
A. D. CLEMENT.....	R. W. GRAND TREASURER
JOHN GIBSON.....	R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
JAMES WOODYATT.....	DO DO
J. S. McMAHON.....	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL
HUGH McCOLL.....	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR
W. D. GORDON.....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN
WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS.....	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor then, by direction, examined all present and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain offered the following prayer:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver, and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks for that kind care that in Thy name for the transaction of business, and permitted us again to assemble unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favor upon our beloved Order, and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and the orphan, and aid all who are in distress, as Thou seest they grant that the spirit of peace, harmony and love may prevail among us at all times; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever.—Amen.

The R. W. Grand Marshal, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

On motion, duly seconded, P. G. Thomas Woodyatt was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

The chair then named the following Committee on Credentials, viz:

J. B. King, Grand Secretary; and Reps. Charles Paeckert, and R. McWhinnie.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Kingston, August 5, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that, upon examination of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, the following Past Grand have been duly elected Representatives, viz:

HUGH WILKINSON,	}	Brock Lodge,	No. 9
JOHN BOGGS,			
S. G. DOLSON,	}	Union Lodge,	" 16
W. A. RAWLINGS,			
J. B. MCINTYRE,			
JAS. RICHARDSON,	}	Chatham Lodge,	" 29
JAS. MOORE,			

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R. C.
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J. W.
E. G.

E. R. ROBINSON, } GEO. POWELL, SR } R. KIRKPATRICK, }	Eureka Lodge,	No. 80
G. W. PONTINE, } W. S. CAMPBELL, }	Erie Lodge,	" 83
W. W. GRIFFRY, } W. BALLANTINE, }	Gore Lodge,	" 84
	Samaritan Lodge,	" 85
JAMES CRAIG, } W. N. FORD, }	St. Mary's Lodge,	" 86
J. W. FLETCHER, } GEO SHAW, } J. M. WEIR, }	Forest City Lodge,	" 88
N. FLATER } THOMAS HENDERSON, }	Rond Eau Lodge,	" 40
A. SCRIMGOUR, } CHAS. PAECKERT, }	Avon Lodge,	" 41
W. LEWIS, } J. S. MACMAHON, }	Excelsior Lodge,	" 44
THOS. COX, } JAS. S. EDGAR, }	Frontier Lodge,	" 45
THOMAS REID, } W. F. ROOME, }	Mt. Zion Lodge,	" 46
GEO. MIDDLEY, } JAS. H. WILSON, }	Unity Lodge,	" 47
J. C. WILLIAMS, } J. W. JONES, }	Dominion Lodge,	" 48
HENRY BELL, }		
WILLIAM MENZIES, } JOHN G. COLMAN, }	Canada Lodge,	" 49
ROBERT DODDS, } WALTER ALLEN, }	Otter Lodge,	" 50
J. P. LANGLAIS, } J. T. HORNIBROOK, }	Bissel Lodge,	" 50
HUGH BLAIN, } T. G. MCCORMACK, }	Covenant Lodge,	" 52
WM. LACEY, } R. C. GUERRIN, }	Niagara Falls Lodge,	" 53
JAMES HENRY, } JAS. BEATY, }	Collingwood Lodge,	" 54
JOS. WRIGHT, } JAS. RICHARDS, }	Fidelity Lodge,	" 55
J. W. HUNT, } E. G. DUNBAR, }	Queen City Lodge,	" 56
	Maple Leaf Lodge,	" 57

58	THOS. G. STANTON,	Western City Lodge,	No. 98
	JOHN WHITE,	Aylmer Lodge,	" 94
59	THOS. ROBINSON,	Port Stanley Lodge,	" 95
	H. G. FLACK,	Nith Lodge,	" 96
60	WM. JAFFRAY,	Grand Union Lodge,	" 97
	JOHN HENDERSON,	Minto Lodge,	" 98
61	JOHN LOVELL,	Peabody Lodge,	" 99
	E. BENSON,	Lindsay Lodge,	" 100
62	J. J. BUNTING,	Golden Star Lodge,	" 101
	ROBERT COULEY,	Dosoronto Lodge,	" 102
64	CHAS. P. LACY,	Cataract Lodge,	" 103
	E. LARINGBOWE,	Crescent Lodge,	" 104
65	ASAPH EDWARDS,	Manilla Lodge,	" 105
	J. F. ONEIL,	St. Clair Lodge,	" 106
6	H. P. NELLES,	Waterloo Lodge,	" 107
	R. S. CONKLIN,	Royal Oak Lodge,	" 108
7	W. FREEMAN,	Orion Lodge,	" 109
	W. BADENACH,	Laurel Lodge,	" 110
8	W. H. SCOTT,	Peterboro Lodge,	" 111
	GEO. DOUGLASS,	Lucknow Lodge,	" 112
9	CHAS. MCLENNAN,	Trenton Lodge,	" 113
	S. MCCAMMON,	Gananoque Lodge,	" 114
	E. CAMERON,	Harmony Lodge,	" 115
	H. WILSON,	Naomi Lodge,	" 116
	J. B. MEACHAM,	Valley City Lodge,	" 117
	HENRY LANXON,	Shannonville Lodge,	" 118
	S. G. COX,	Maitland Lodge,	" 119
	ASA CRONK,	Sydenham Valley Lodge	" 120
	F. ATKINSON,	Saxon Lodge,	" 121
	D. BRACKENBRIDGE,	Streetsville Lodge,	" 122
	J. W. McMILLAN,	Palmerston Lodge,	" 123
	R. WALLACE,	Dresden Lodge,	" 124
	ROBT. G. RUSSELL,	Stella Lodge,	" 125
	D. MCCALL,	Sarnia Lodge,	" 126
	R. TRACY,	Mizpah Lodge,	" 127
	AMOS GILBERT,	Mystic Lodge,	" 128
	J. LUCAS,	Charity Lodge,	" 129
	F. W. McCASKIL,	Livingstone Lodge,	" 130
	JEREMIAH CHATTERTON,	Marion Lodge,	" 131
	W. J. GALBRAITH,	Oakville Lodge,	" 132
	R. CLANAHAN,	Glencoe Lodge,	" 133
	D. McCONNACHIE,	Orient Lodge,	" 134
	W. THOMPSON,	Peaceful Dove Lodge,	" 135
	ALEX. PRATT,	Cobourg Lodge,	" 136
	J. MENISH,	St. Lawrence Lodge,	" 137

W. H. THURRESON,
H. McAFEE,
JAMES MCGAW,
JAMES BROWN,
JOHN NEWTON,
O. B. HULIN

Ancaster Lodge,	No. 188
Leamington Lodge,	" 140
Capital Lodge,	" 141
Concord Lodge,	" 142
Bay of Quinte Lodge,	" 148
Ridgetown Lodge,	" 144

We find Belleville Lodge has elected two Representatives, but are only entitled to one. The membership of the Lodge being under 100.

We have just received a telegram from Trenton, that Bro. J. W. Beddick has been elected to represent Trenton Lodge, No. 118. We recommend that his name be submitted for C. McLennan, whose name appears on the return.

We have a certificate that Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, of Avon Lodge, has resigned, and Rep. Thos. Henderson elected to fill the place. We recommend that Bro. Henderson's name be inserted in the report.

We also find that Rep. elect R. Barbour of St. Mary's Lodge has resigned, and P.G.M., W. N. Ford elected to fill the vacancy. We recommend that the change be made in the roll.

We find G. W. Jessop of Reliance Lodge has been elected to represent Garnet Lodge 139, but have received official notice that Bro. Jessop has severed his connection with the order. We recommend that the name be stricken from the roll.

We have a certificate that the Representative elect R. Wilson, of Ridgetown Lodge, No. 144 has resigned, and Rep. O. B. Hulin elected to fill the vacancy. We recommend that the change be made.

We also find certificates for the following Past Grands:

John P. Langlais,	Bissel Lodge,	No. 51
Wm. Sunley,	Reliance Lodge,	" 87
J. A. McMurtry,	Lindsay Lodge,	" 100
W. H. Marsh,	Warriner Lodge,	" 75
C. B. Rodgers,	Warriner Lodge,	" 75
Duncan McLean,	Manilla Lodge,	" 105
John Twohey,	Manilla Lodge,	" 105
S. B. Roberts,	Warriner Lodge,	" 75
George Lee,	Kingston Lodge,	" 59
Samuel Barder,	Flo. Nightingale Lodge,	" 66
F. T. Rice,	Frontier Lodge,	" 46

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Representatives and Past Grands above named be admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. KING,
CHAS. PAECKERT,
R. McWHINNIE.

The Representatives and Past Grands were then admitted, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The following was adopted:

Moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M.,
Seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M.,

That the minutes of the last session as printed and distributed be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master rose to read his annual report when the following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by H. McAfee, P.G.M.,
Seconded by Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M., and

Resolved.—That the reports of the M. W. Grand Master, and R. W. Grand Secretary, as printed be distributed, that the reading of the same by the respective officers be dispensed with, and that they be referred to the Committee on distribution.



GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

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

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—At the close of another year's labors in the cause of Oddfellowship we meet again in Annual Session for the transaction of business. It affords me very great satisfaction to be able to congratulate you upon the signal success which has followed our efforts in every department of our benevolent work. We have been providentially preserved from misfortune of a serious nature, and the work has advanced in all directions with a harmony and steadiness in most respects very satisfactory.

1. The following Lodges have been instituted during the year under dispensation, and Charters are herewith recommended for the same:

	1875.
Sydenham Valley.....	Lodge No. 120..Wallaceburg.....Sept. 5
Saxon.....	121..Ailsa Craig....." 17
Streetville.....	122..Streetsville.....Nov. 28
Palmerston.....	123..Palmerston.....Jan. 1
Dresden.....	124..Dresden....." 8
Stella.....	125..Carlton Place....." 23
Sarnia.....	126..Sarnia....." 26
Mizpah.....	127..Belleville.....Feb. 6
Mystic.....	128..Kilbride....." 19
Charity.....	129..Sunderland.....Mar. 3

Livingstone.....	No.	130. Thorold.....	Mar. 8
Marion.....	"	131. Renfrew.....	" 4
Oakville.....	"	132. Oakville.....	" 9
Glencoe.....	"	133. Glencoe.....	" 11
Orient.....	"	134. Welland.....	" 25
Peaceful.....	"	135. Cannington.....	" 26
Cobourg.....	"	136. Cobourg.....	" 30
St. Lawrence.....	"	137. Brockville.....	Apr. 10
Ancaster.....	"	138. Ancaster.....	" 14
Garnet.....	"	139. Mount Forest.....	" 29
Leamington.....	"	140. Leamington.....	May 7
Capital.....	"	141. Ottawa.....	" 13
Concord.....	"	142. Kingsville.....	" 25
Bay of Quinte.....	"	143. Picton.....	June 5
Ridgetown.....	"	144. Ridgetown.....	" 11
Riverside.....	"	145. Iroquois.....	July 22
Vivian.....	"	146. Arnprior.....	" 29
Model.....	"	147. Wyoming.....	" 29

The above list, as will be seen, exhibits a most gratifying advance upon any previous year's operation in the matter of organizing new Lodges. I am sure it will strike the most sanguine as even exceeding what they might reasonably have expected; and is only an additional testimony borne to the increasingly high estimation in which the principles of our beloved institution are held by the public.

With two exceptions, all these Lodges have been instituted by the Deputies of the Districts in which they are located. As you relieved me from visitations by the change you made last year, I have entrusted this part of the work almost entirely to the District Officers; and I think there is no reason to regret that the step was taken.

2. As soon as convenient after entering upon the duties of my office, I issued a circular to the District Deputies throughout the jurisdiction, reminding them of the increased duties and responsibilities of their office, and impressing upon them the importance of using every effort to promote the progress of the Order in their several Districts. I have reason to hope that this circular has not been without favorable results.

3. In the month of October last a very urgent appeal was made by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire to all the jurisdictions upon this continent, in behalf of the sufferers by yellow fever in the cities of Memphis and Shreveport. On mutual consultation, the Executive thought it desirable to send immediate aid. We, therefore, appropriated, and sent with all convenient despatch, \$100 from the Grand Lodge funds. We also thought the case of sufficient import to appeal to the Subordinate Lodges for help, and accordingly issued a circular to this intent. I am pleased to observe that the appeal met with a most liberal response and that the very munificent sum of \$947.50 was contributed by the jurisdiction. I submit the action upon this distressing subject with the fullest assurance that it will meet with your entire approval.

4. A very considerable number of questions have been submitted to me during the year. The greater number of them have been answered so frequently, both by my predecessors and this Right Worthy Grand Lodge,

through its Committee on the State of the Order from year to year, that I deem it unnecessary more explicitly to refer to them. A few, however, demand more than a passing notice.

Query 1.—“Where a Lodge expels a brother, within what time must he appeal from the decision of the Lodge, in order to have the matter brought up before the Grand Lodge?”

My answer was in substance, as follows: The matter has been left for local legislation by the Supreme Grand Lodge. This Jurisdiction has not legislated upon it. I see no hindrance, therefore, to a brother's presenting his appeal at any time convenient to himself before the session of Grand Lodge, following the action of the Subordinate Lodge.

Query 2.—“If a member holding the office of D. D. G. M. takes his Withdrawal Card from the Lodge with which he was connected, and does not deposit it in another Lodge, does he continue to be D. D. G. M. by virtue of his appointment, and can he discharge the duties of the office while he holds the Withdrawal Card?”

Answer.—No.

Query 3.—“Can the installing officer demand the Semi-Annual Returns and Grand Lodge tax, and would he be justified in refusing to proceed with the installation ceremony if, instead of giving them to him, the Lodge decided to send them to the Grand Secretary, as directed by the Constitution?”

Answer.—Yes, if he is a properly authorized officer.

Query 4.—“Can a Lodge pay out of its funds money for the hire of a Band to attend a Brother's funeral?”

My answer was substantially as follows: Local law regulates the matter to some extent; but a Lodge would not be warranted in exceeding the amount specified by its By-laws as the sum devoted to funeral expenses on the decease of a Brother.

I cannot leave this subject without one or two observations. I find that, in very many instances, questions have been submitted to me directly without any recognition of the Deputy for the District whence they emanate. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that this is unjust to your District officers, and, in addition, entails an unnecessary amount of labor upon your presiding officer. I am persuaded that any efficient D. D. could dispose of nine out of ten of all the questions submitted to me during the past year almost at sight. It is most important that it should be distinctly understood by all the Subordinate Lodges that their only legitimate channel of appeal is through the Deputy for their own District. I am sensible that, in most instances, this want of courtesy is not deliberate, and I therefore think it the more desirable that the Lodges should be made to understand their duty, as well as their privilege, upon this important point.

5. After a year's experience of the arrangement consummated at the last session of this R. W. Grand Body, by which the jurisdiction was divided into Districts of certain definite limits, and the management of those Districts placed in the hands of Deputies, it may reasonably be expected that I should offer an expression of opinion upon its success and the expediency of

its continuance. I must own to having felt great anxiety at the beginning of the year, lest the Order might suffer in consequence of the change. I soon became satisfied, however, that under judicious management, and with efficient District officers, the interests of the Order would be materially subserved, and the most unequivocal benefit would result. Additional experience on the part of these officers, with the same amount of fidelity to the trust reposed in them as has characterized many of the District Deputies during the past year, will give results such as, I am sure, will leave it beyond a doubt in the mind of any candid person that the present arrangement, with such modifications as may from time to time be deemed expedient for its greater effectiveness, will prove a great boon to the jurisdiction. Before leaving this branch of my Report, I desire to make one suggestion which commends itself to me from the experience of the past year. In my humble judgment, the rotation of officers is not always expedient. When, for instance, we find that we have a Deputy in any District whose services to the Order in his special jurisdiction have been, in all regards, efficient and acceptable to the majority of those in whose interests he has been laboring, he ought to be continued in the office, if he is willing to accept the honor and responsibility at the hands of the presiding officer. One year's incumbency of the office will only be barely sufficient to enable him to acquire such experience as it is most essential he should have. I shall be glad, therefore, to see this principle adopted, not only with regard to this, but all other offices of the Grand Lodge.

6. I am compelled to repeat the same complaint as I find has been pretty uniformly made by my predecessors, regarding the failure of the District Deputies to report according to instructions. This is a grave omission under the new order of things, as the entire oversight of the Lodges in each District has been placed in the hands of these officers. The presiding officer of the jurisdiction can, therefore, only have a casual knowledge of the condition and prospects of the Order at any point, unless these reports are faithfully forwarded at the proper time. It might be well, for a time at least, for the Grand Master to issue a circular to the Deputies at the close of each term, reminding them of this essential point in their duties. In many cases, doubtless, the omission is the result of forgetfulness until the time has passed.

7. A great many applications have been made during the year for dispensations for various purposes, the most prominent among which have been those to enable the members of Subordinate Lodges to wear regalia at certain public demonstrations. I have invariably discouraged the parade of our regalia outside of our own Lodge rooms, but have, of course, yielded when pressed, to previously established precedent. I should be glad if this Grand Lodge would let its voice be heard upon this question during its present Session.

8. A number of new Halls have been dedicated to the principles and uses of our Order during the year. It has been my privilege to be present and share in the festivities of three of those interesting occasions. I am bound to say that, where I have had the opportunity of judging as to the comfort, convenience and elegance of our Halls, they have uniformly given evidence of a degree of self-denying energy, enterprise and good taste, second to those of no other kindred Society in existence.

9. At the last Annual Session of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States, it was agreed, with very great unanimity, that a history of Odd-

fellowship upon this continent would be highly desirable; and Bro. Ridgely, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, was very judiciously selected to undertake the work. I received a communication from this very worthy Brother in April last, inviting co-operation from this jurisdiction. As a complete history of our Order, from its inauguration in America until the present, would be a most valuable treasure, I trust that you will adopt such legislation in the premises as will materially aid Bro. Ridgely in his work, and give Oddfellowship in Ontario its proper status among the various Jurisdictions on this continent.

10. I venture to submit some suggestions for your consideration during the present session. As the number of Lodges has very considerably increased in some Districts during the past year, thus entailing very heavy responsibilities upon the Deputies, I would suggest a readjustment in several cases.

11. I find that the subject of appeals in its details, has been left entirely to local legislation. As this is a matter of vital importance, and this jurisdiction has adopted no legislation upon the subject, I would suggest the propriety of immediate action. Following precedent, as found in other legislative bodies, there need not be a moment's hesitation. But, apart from this, expediency, in my judgment, demands some judicious modification of our constitution by which this question can be put in definite shape, as to render it necessary that appeals should be presented according to a prescribed form and within some limited time after the action of the Subordinate Lodge.

12. The year has passed without any very serious complications requiring Executive interference. Several appeals have, however, been placed in my hands, one against my own ruling, and others by Brethren against the actions of their Lodges. In the case of one of these appeals, I am pleased to say, such a compromise has been effected by mutual consultation with those more immediately concerned, as is entirely satisfactory to all without the slightest detriment to any of the grand principles of the Order. Others of these appeals have been laid over for your own adjudication. It will, therefore, be unnecessary for me further to refer to them.

13. There is one other subject which, it seems to me, fairly claims some consideration at your hands. The basis upon which representation to this Grand Lodge is established does not strike me as altogether just. As the law now stands, for instance, Subordinate Lodges must pay *per capita* tax upon all their members, while, in the election of representatives, the number of such representatives is regulated entirely by the number of members in good standing. It would seem to me to be only reasonable that, if Lodges are compelled to pay *per capita* tax for all their members, they should be represented at this R. W. Grand Body upon the same principle. I commend the subject to your serious consideration, with full confidence that you will be able to so legislate as to meet the difficulty in a satisfactory way.

14. As will be seen from the report of my predecessor last year, Barrie Lodge had then ceased to be in active operation and grave fears were very justly entertained lest a surrender of the charter would be the issue. It is very gratifying to me to be able to say that negotiations having in view the resuscitation of the Lodge, were opened in the month of May with Bro. King. The necessary instructions were at once communicated to the

Brethren who made the application, and the Grand Secretary and myself visited Barrie on the 15th of July. After a careful enquiry into the previous history of the Lodge and the causes which led to its failure, we reorganized it according to prescribed regulations. I am now hopeful that with the lessons of the past and such aid as I have endeavored to secure towards rendering the Brethren more efficient in the discharge of their official duties, Barrie Lodge need not give us any further cause for solicitude. One observation may not be inopportune before leaving this subject. I was strongly impressed from the history of this Lodge with the urgent necessity there is when a new Lodge is organized at any point distant from those already in operation, for making ample provision that suitable instruction both as to the secret work and as to the proper management of all its affairs may be communicated to its first officers. I very much fear that this is a great want in many of our new Lodges; and I would like to impress upon all Brethren who undertake the work of District Deputies, the imperative duty of watching faithfully over all the Lodges committed to their care. No Brother should accept the position, under the present arrangement, unless he is prepared to pay at least two official visits during the year to every Lodge in his District.

15. Pursuant to the instructions of Grand Lodge at its last session, relative to the case of Bro. McMath vs. Erie Lodge, I entrusted the investigation to Bro. Ferguson, of St. Thomas, the D. D. for that District, and, at his request for aid in the matter, associated with him Bro. McWhinnie, the D. D. for the adjoining District, who very kindly placed his services at my disposal. The report of these Brethren will be submitted for your consideration and will, I trust, be satisfactory to all concerned.

16. I regret to say that in consequence of the severance by Bro. G. W. Jessop, of his connection with the Order, and pressing business engagements in the case of Bro. Mowat, it has been necessary to appoint new Auditors for the year. The securing of substitutes has been a matter of considerable embarrassment by reason of the lateness of the hour at which I became acquainted with the inability of these brethren to discharge the duty to which you appointed them a year ago. I am pleased to say, however, that through the kindness of Bros. W. Badenach, of Toronto, and A. R. Narraway, of Brantford, I succeeded in securing efficient and timely aid; and I am persuaded that the labors of these brethren will be altogether satisfactory.

Lest my arrangement of the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates may strike some brethren as somewhat unusual, I desire to offer a word of explanation. I found, on looking over the list of representatives to this Grand Lodge, that two of the brethren who formerly acted upon this Committee had not been elected by their Lodges as representatives. It was found, moreover, that the expenses of the present session promised to be unusually heavy; because the great majority of the Lodges are situated far to the west of this city, thus rendering mileage and *per diem* a very heavy item of expense. As a matter of economy, therefore, as well as from the assurance that the brethren substituted would give entire satisfaction, I have thought it wise to make the change. This principle, I may add, has been adopted in the arrangement of all the other standing Committees.

I should be doing violence to all the higher and more generous feelings of our nature if I were to conclude this report without a word expressive of

my deep indebtedness to all the Brethren whose aid and counsel I have solicited during my incumbency of the very responsible office to which you elected me a year ago. All with whom I have come in contact in the discharge of my official duties, have treated me with a generosity and consideration above what I felt that I deserved. To the R. W. Grand Secretary I am under special obligation for the promptitude and precision with which he has discharged his duties, and for the many useful hints he has frequently given me, always with a delicacy and courtesy which inspired me with confidence. That he may long be spared to labor in his present capacity with the same fidelity as has thus far characterized the administration of the duties of his office, is my most earnest wish.

And now, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I summon you to the despatch of business, with the devout prayer that you may have Divine direction in all the deliberations of the present Session.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE WRIGHT, *Grand Master.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1874.

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KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

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

In obedience to the law requiring the same, I beg to submit my eighth Annual Report of the doings of the Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction, and in doing so must again congratulate this Grand Lodge upon the very marked progress made during the year—at no time in the history of the Order in this jurisdiction have we had such abundant cause for thankfulness as at present.

1. Immediately after the close of last session I compiled the minutes of the same and called for tenders for printing the Journal of 1873. The tender of Messrs. Siddons & Dawson, of London, was the lowest, but when the cost of sending MSS. and proofs back and forward was considered, in connection with the tender, it made it exceed the tender of the *Espositor* office. I accordingly consulted the M. W. Grand Master and the Committee on Printing on the subject and the contract was awarded to the last mentioned office. As soon as the journal was printed I sent the usual number of copies to each Lodge, also one copy to each officer, Past Grand Master, and to each State Grand Lodge and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

I also asked from the local printing offices tenders for printing circulars, &c., as required during the year. The *Expositor* being the lowest and otherwise satisfactory, I accepted.

2. Agreeably to a resolution, page 1065, Journal of 1873, I forwarded resolution of thanks to the several railway companies, for the reduced rates of fare to our last session, and in May last I requested from the same, as also from the Canadian Navigation Company, reduced rates to Kingston, which I received, as reported to the Lodges by circular of July 1st ult. The Toronto and Nipissing Railway required a guarantee of twenty-five passengers before they would issue tickets at reduced rates. Not being in a position to comply with this requirement I was unable to secure reduced rates by this road.

3. In pursuance of a resolution to that effect, I have prepared a new form of Semi-Annual Returns, which I believe is more simple in its arrangement than the former Returns, therefore, more easily filled up by the Secretaries. It calls for information sought for by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which, if correctly given, will be of incalculable benefit to the Order; it is the cost of working the Lodges. Many Lodges seem, from their Report to be reckless of expenses, regardless of the fact that they promise to each member on his admission a certain benefit, and it is only by a strict economy in the management of the current expenses of the Lodge that it can fulfil its promises. The accompanying statistical Report will show the position of each Lodge in this particular. I would recommend that Lodges having old form of Return book be allowed to exchange the same for the new at cost, say forty cents; other Lodges to be charged (75) seventy-five cents each.

4. At the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the Degree work was revised. It was ordered that the new work should be exchanged for the old at an expense of fifty cents for each copy exchanged. As soon as the new edition was received I issued a circular to the Lodges to that effect. Most of the Lodges have made the exchange. The old books returned by the Lodges have been burned by order of the Grand Lodge, U. S., and a credit allowed for the same.

5. A number of Lodges have sent in their By-Laws for approval, some requesting me to read and return approved or otherwise, at once. Not having such authority I could not comply with their request. New Lodges labor under great difficulty before they get their By-Laws printed, and to obviate this I would suggest that legislation be had, either in the shape of a model code of By-Laws, or empowering the Committee on Laws of Subordinates to approve new By-Laws during the year. All the By-Laws submitted are in the hands of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

6. A number of appeals have been presented and await your action.
7. During the current year, embracing the returns of two full terms ending 30th July, 1874, there has been received the following amounts of money, a detailed statement of which supplements the Report:—

Per Capita Tax.....	\$3864 75
Supplies.....	1887 79
Charters.....	910 00
Interest (as per Grand Treasurer's Statement)	61 04
Total.....	\$6223 58

8. It is of the utmost importance that some legislation be had at the present session with a view to having the Returns of Lodges sent in more promptly, else it will be entirely impossible for your Grand Secretary to submit as correct a report of the doings of the Lodges as you really require. Until my Report closes I cannot make a footing of the various items and consequently cannot give a comparison which would be interesting and instructive. I have kept my Report open from the 15th of July until the 27th, hoping to get in the Returns of Districts Nos. 5 and 8, but at that late date I was compelled to close without them, after which there is barely time to get the books closed and Report printed in time for the Annual Meeting.

9. As soon as the printed Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was received, I sent one copy to each Lodge each Past Grand Master, and each Officer of the Grand Lodge.

10. The printed Proceedings of the several State Grand Lodges have been duly received and are now on file in my office; they contain a vast amount of useful information, and shew that the Order in each State is rapidly progressing, and nobly accomplishing the mission designed by its authors.

11. During the year Warrants has been issued for twenty-eight new Lodges, each of which have been instituted. There are now one hundred and fourteen working Lodges, with a total membership of 8483 members; being an increase of twenty-nine Lodges (Barrie Lodge having been re-suscitated) and 1714 members over last Report; with the Returns of five Lodges to come in, viz: Collingwood, 54; Florence Nightingale, 66; North Star, 68; Durham, 78; and Gananoque, 114. (These returns are now all received and included in statistical tables.)

12. Immediately prior to our last Session, I received notice from Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, that they had delivered two Pictorial Charge Books to the Grand Master, Bro. J. Murray, and requested credit for the same. Having ascertained from Bro. Murray that the books were in his possession,

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I gave the Lodge credit. When the books were returned they proved not to be the Pictorial edition, and I charged the Lodge accordingly. The sum, three dollars, (\$3) has been paid, but under protest.

13. By enactment of the last Session of the Local Legislature, provision was made whereby our Grand Lodge may become incorporated. I therefore requested P. G. Thos. Woodyatt to prepare the necessary papers for that purpose, which are herewith submitted, and on which the necessary action should be taken.

14. The following is a statement of the donations made by the several Lodges, in response to a circular issued by the M. W. Grand Master for aid of the sufferers by Yellow Fever epidemic in Memphis and Shreveport. The correspondence of which is herewith submitted :

STATEMENT OF RELIEF RECEIVED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR MEMPHIS AND SHREVEPORT DURING THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC.

	Memphis.	Shreveport.
Eureka Lodge No. 30.....	\$25 00	
Forest City Lodge No. 38.....	25 00	
Grand River Lodge No. 91.....	10 00	\$10 00
Saxon Lodge No 121.....	5 00	5 00
Lindsay Lodge No. 100.....	33 10	
Peabody Lodge No. 99.....	10 00	
Harmony Lodge No. 115.....	6 25	6 25
Nipissing Lodge No. 79.....	5 00	5 00
St. Thomas Lodge No. 76.....	10 00	10 00
Western City Lodge No. 93.....	10 00	
Howard Lodge No. 58.....	20 00	20 00
Gore Lodge No. 84.....	14 30	12 25
Valley City Lodge No. 117.....	25 00	
Canada Lodge No. 49.....	20 00	20 00
Belleville Lodge No. 81.....	12 50	12 50
Golden Star Lodge No. 101.....	10 00	10 00
Huron Lodge No. 62.....	31 50	31 50
Nith Lodge No. 96.....	10 00	10 00
Unity Lodge No. 47.....	25 00	
Naomi Lodge No. 116.....	8 00	8 00
Royal Oak Lodge No. 108.....		10 00
Crescent Lodge No. 104.....	25 00	
Chatham Lodge No. 29.....	12 50	12 50
Rond Eau Lodge No. 40.....	27 00	
Friendship Lodge No. 65.....	20 00	
Durham Lodge No. 78.....	25 00	25 00
Minto Lodge No. 98.....	10 50	10 50
Milton Lodge No. 92.....	20 00	
Bothwell Lodge No. 74.....	10 00	10 00
Exeter Lodge No. 67.....	5 00	5 00
Lucknow Lodge No. 112.....	27 00	
Port Stanley Lodge No. 95.....	6 75	6 75
Bissell Lodge No. 51.....	15 00	15 00

Fergus Lodge No. 73.....	\$10 00	\$10 00
Peterborough Lodge No 111.....	5 00	5 00
St. Clair Lodge No. 106.....	25 00	
Levan Lodge No. 70.....	12 50	12 50
Covenant Lodge No. 52.....	15 00	15 00
Clinton Lodge No. 83.....	10 00	10 00
Hope Lodge No. 69.....	5 00	5 00
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57.....	12 50	12 50
Kingston Lodge No. 59.....	12 50	12 50
Brock Lodge No. 9.....	50 00	
Corinthian Lodge, No. 61.....	12 50	12 50
Amity Lodge No. 80.....	5 00	5 00
Union Lodge No. 16.....	20 00	
Orion Lodge No. 109.....	20 00	20 00
Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53.....		25 00
Manilla Lodge No. 105.....	10 00	
Grand Union Lodge No. 97.....	12 50	12 50
The Toronto Lodge No. 71.....	40 00	
Otter Lodge No. 50.....	20 00	
Waterloo Lodge No. 107.....	25 00	
Aylmer Lodge No. 94.....		20 00
Queen City of Ontario Lodge No. 56.....		25 00
Maitland Lodge No. 119.....		14 00
	<u>\$600 75</u>	<u>\$360 75</u>

Memphis.....	\$600 75
Shreveport.....	360 75
	<u>\$961 50</u>

15. A change having been made by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the prices of supplies, I would suggest that the present schedule of prices of this Grand Lodge be referred to a Committee for revision.

16. With regard to certain Supplies procured and sold to Lodges during the past year, I would say, that a number of new Lodges requested me to furnish them with a complete outfit, as they could not, in their several localities (some in very small Towns) procure suitable books, blanks, etc. I therefore deemed it for the best interest of the Lodge and of this Grand Lodge to get a number printed, which I did, and have sold them at prices considerably less than the same Supplies could be gotten up for singly, and have given general satisfaction. I submit my action in this respect for your approval, and if satisfactory, would suggest that the course adopted be continued during the coming year.

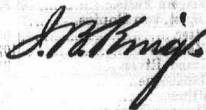
17. The Desk procured a few years since—though thought at the time large enough to meet the requirements of the Grand Lodge for some time to come—is now too small. The very largely increased number of Lodges, makes greater office accommodation necessary. I would suggest that the

Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a suitable Desk for his office, and to sell the Desks now in use.

18. The large and varied correspondence of the past year, together with the accompanying Tables and Statements, are herewith submitted.

19. In conclusion, I have again to tender to all officers and members with whom I have had the pleasure of corresponding during the year my warmest thanks for many courtesies extended, and for their continued confidence.

All of which is fraternally submitted.



GRAND SECRETARY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS,

By Grand Secretary for year ending July 31st, 1874.

Date.	Lodge.	Number.	Charter Fee.		Supplies.		Per Capita Tax.		Total.	
			\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1873										
Aug. 5	Maitland.....	119	\$	30 00	\$		\$		\$	30 00
" 5	Niagara Falls.....	53	..		3 75	..				3 75
" 5	Digest, two Copies.....		..		5 00	..				5 00
" 5	Otter.....	50	..		4 97	..				4 97
" 5	Waterloo.....	107	..		1 80	..				1 80
" 5	Grand River.....	91	..		2 00	..				2 00
" 5	Gananoque.....	114	..		2 50	..				2 50
" 5	Milton.....	92	..		25	..				25
" 5	Florence Nightingale.....	66	..		5 50	..				5 50
" 5	St. Clair.....	106	..		5 00	..				5 00
" 5	Eastern Star.....	72	..		6 50	..				6 50
" 14	Napanea.....	86	..		4 25	..				4 25
" 20	Eureka.....	30	..		2 50	..				2 50
" 20	Sydenham Valley.....	120	30 00			..				30 00
Sept. 10	Eureka.....	30	..		6 00	..				6 00
" 12	Union.....	16	..		6 50	..				6 50
" 22	Sydenham Valley.....	120	..		22 40	..				22 40
" 22	Unity.....	47	..		6 00	..				6 00
Oct. 2	Western City.....	93	..		2 00	..				2 00
" 2	St. Clair.....	106	..		1 50	..				1 50
" 24	Chatham.....	29	..		1 00	..				1 00
" 28	Covenant.....	52	..		22 00	..				22 00
" 28	Palmerston.....	123	30 00			..				30 00
" 28	Collingwood.....	54	..		3 00	..				3 00
" 31	Grand River.....	91	..		6 50	..				6 50
Nov. 11	Streetsville.....	122	30 00			..				30 00
" 12	Union.....	16	..		3 00	..				3 00
" 28	Forest City.....	38	..		3 25	..				3 25
" 28	Manitoba.....	1	..		6 50	..				6 50
" 28	Sarnia.....	126	30 00			..				30 00
Dec. 2	Friendship.....	65	..		12 50	..				12 50
" 13	Fergus.....	73	..		4 03	..				4 03
" 19	Samaritan.....	35	..		2 00	..				2 00
" 20	Dresden.....	124	30 00			..				30 00
" 21	Clinton.....	83	..		3 00	..				3 00
" 31	Golden Star.....	101	..		14 45	..				14 45
1874										
Jan. 1	Nith.....	96	..		37	..				37
" 1	Bissell.....	51	..		10 37	..				10 37
" 5	Friendship.....	65	..			31 50				31 50
" 6	Royal Oak.....	108	..		31 65	..				31 65
" 6	Bissell.....	51	..			23 25				23 25
" 8	Amity.....	80	..		16 50	..				16 50
" 8	Walkerton.....	84	..			12 25				12 25
" 9	Rond Eau.....	40	..			16 75				16 75

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	Lodge.	Number.	Charter Fee.		Supplies.	Per Capita Tax.		Total.		
			\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.	
1874.										
Jan. 9	Sydenham Valley.....	120	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
" 9	Western City.....	93	...	...	...	...	3 75	...	3 75	...
" 9	Chatham.....	29	...	...	...	...	20 75	...	20 75	...
" 10	Dresden.....	124	...	...	25 40	...	41 75	...	41 75	...
" 10	Peabody.....	99	...	...	...	...	...	25 40	...	...
" 15	Forest City.....	38	...	...	...	...	6 00	...	6 00	...
" 15	Howard.....	58	...	...	...	...	72 75	...	72 75	...
" 15	Wardsville.....	60	...	...	...	...	34 25	...	34 25	...
" 15	Hope.....	69	...	...	...	...	12 50	...	12 50	...
" 15	E. R. Robinson.....	...	...	...	2 50	...	5 25	...	5 25	...
" 15	Avon.....	41	...	...	...	...	2 50	...	2 50	...
" 15	Nith.....	96	...	...	...	...	48 00	...	48 00	...
" 15	Grand Union.....	97	...	...	...	...	8 25	...	8 25	...
" 15	Kingston.....	59	...	...	3 00	...	13 00	...	13 00	...
" 15	Napanee.....	86	...	...	...	...	26 75	...	29 75	...
" 17	Stella.....	125	...	30 00	...	...	17 25	...	17 25	...
" 17	Brook.....	9	...	...	...	...	...	30 00	...	30 00
" 19	Frontier.....	45	...	...	...	...	38 00	...	38 00	...
" 19	Beaver.....	82	...	...	...	...	37 50	...	37 50	...
" 20	Amity.....	80	...	...	...	...	9 00	...	9 00	...
" 20	Lindsay.....	100	...	...	40	...	18 00	...	18 00	...
" 20	Royal Oak.....	108	...	...	...	...	17 25	...	17 65	...
" 20	St. Clair.....	106	...	...	...	...	10 00	...	10 00	...
" 20	Aylmer.....	94	...	...	...	...	13 25	...	13 25	...
" 20	Chatham.....	29	...	...	...	...	18 25	...	18 25	...
" 20	Huron.....	62	...	...	3 00	...	50	...	50	...
" 20	Fidelity.....	55	...	...	...	...	23 50	...	26 50	...
" 20	Lucknow.....	112	...	...	...	...	22 50	...	22 50	...
" 20	Clinton.....	83	...	...	...	...	7 00	...	7 00	...
" 20	Maitland.....	119	...	...	...	...	9 50	...	9 50	...
" 20	Exeter.....	67	...	...	2 94	...	8 00	...	8 00	...
" 20	Mizpah.....	127	...	30 00	...	...	8 25	...	11 19	...
" 22	Dominion.....	48	...	...	...	...	...	30 00	...	30 00
" 22	Eureka.....	30	...	...	...	...	33 75	...	39 75	...
" 22	Bothwell.....	74	...	...	...	...	65 75	...	65 75	...
" 23	Samaritan.....	35	...	...	1 00	...	15 00	...	15 00	...
" 23	Western City.....	93	...	...	3 00	...	...	...	3 00	...
" 26	Gore.....	34	...	...	4 50	...	25 25	...	29 75	...
" 26	Grand River.....	91	...	...	...	...	18 25	...	18 25	...
" 26	Waterloo.....	107	...	...	...	...	9 00	...	9 00	...
" 26	Harmony.....	115	...	...	...	...	3 50	...	3 50	...
" 26	Reliance.....	89	...	...	7 43	...	21 75	...	29 18	...
" 26	Fergus.....	73	...	...	1 25	...	18 25	...	19 50	...
" 26	Minto.....	98	...	...	2 00	...	10 50	...	12 50	...
" 27	Excelsior.....	44	...	...	...	...	51 25	...	51 25	...
" 27	Unity.....	47	...	...	...	...	49 75	...	49 75	...
" 27	Crescent.....	104	...	...	...	...	16 00	...	16 00	...
" 27	Valley City.....	117	...	...	36 20	...	8 00	...	44 20	...

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	Lodge.	Number.	Charter Fee.		Supplies.	Per Capita Tax.		Total.		
			\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.	
1874.										
Jan. 27	Victoria	64	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
" 28	Maple Leaf	57	...	...	...	...	22 75	...	22 75	...
" 29	Maitland	119	...	...	...	...	14 00	...	14 00	...
" 29	Otter	50	...	...	29 95	...	...	...	29 95	...
" 29	Samaritan	35	...	...	...	...	22 50	...	22 50	...
" 29	Oxford	77	...	...	...	...	44 50	...	44 50	...
" 29	Olive Branch	88	...	...	...	...	22 00	...	22 00	...
" 29	Constellation	85	...	...	...	...	17 75	...	17 75	...
" 30	Erie	33	...	...	...	...	7 25	...	7 25	...
" 30	St. Thomas	76	...	...	...	...	13 50	...	13 50	...
" 30	Port Stanley	95	...	...	...	...	27 50	...	27 50	...
Feb. 2	Lucan	70	...	...	...	...	7 50	...	7 50	...
" 2	Ivy	90	...	...	...	...	12 75	...	12 75	...
" 2	St. Marys	36	...	...	...	...	16 75	...	16 75	...
" 2	Saxon	121	...	...	...	...	23 00	...	23 00	...
" 2	Union	16	...	...	...	...	6 75	...	6 75	...
" 2	Niagara Falls	53	...	...	...	...	50 75	...	50 75	...
" 2	Empire	87	...	...	...	...	24 00	...	24 00	...
" 2	Cataract	103	...	...	...	...	22 50	...	22 50	...
" 2	Marion	131	30 00	...	...	...	6 25	...	6 25	...
" 2	Belleville	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 00	...
" 2	Desoronto	102	...	...	75	...	25 00	...	25 75	...
" 3	St. Marys	36	...	...	...	...	8 75	...	8 75	...
" 4	Milton	92	...	...	...	...	50	...	50	...
" 4	Golden Star	101	...	...	6 00	...	15 50	...	21 50	...
" 4	Orion	109	...	...	...	...	19 00	...	19 00	...
" 4	Streetsville	122	...	...	...	...	12 50	...	12 50	...
" 4	Mystic	128	...	...	...	...	6 25	...	6 25	...
" 5	Naomi	116	30 00	...	...	...	...	...	30 00	...
" 5	Mt. Zion	46	...	...	33 20	...	...	...	33 20	...
" 6	Glencoe	133	30 00	...	...	...	6 75	...	6 75	...
" 6	Warriner	75	...	...	...	...	30 00	...	30 00	...
" 6	Corinthian	61	...	...	2 00	...	22 25	...	24 25	...
" 6	Manilla	105	...	...	9 00	...	28 25	...	37 25	...
" 6	Nipissing	79	...	...	...	...	12 50	...	12 50	...
" 6	Eastern Star	72	...	...	...	...	13 50	...	13 50	...
" 7	Sarnia	126	...	...	29 95	...	24 50	...	24 50	...
" 17	Shannonville	118	...	...	...	...	...	...	29 95	...
" 17	Trenton	113	...	...	...	...	3 50	...	3 50	...
" 20	Collingwood	54	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	5 00	...
" 20	North Star	68	...	...	...	...	14 50	...	14 50	...
" 21	Excelsior	44	...	...	...	...	7 75	...	7 75	...
" 21	Sydenham Valley	120	...	...	9 25	...	...	...	9 25	...
" 21	Florence Nightingale	66	...	...	5 25	...	...	...	5 25	...
" 21	Durham	78	...	...	...	...	25 00	...	25 00	...
" 21	Peterboro	111	...	...	...	...	15 25	...	15 25	...
" 24	Canada	49	...	...	12 75	...	12 25	...	12 25	...
" 24	Cobourg	136	30 00	...	...	...	...	...	12 75	...
									30 00	...

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	Lodge.	Number.	Charter Fee.		Supplies.	Per Capita Tax.		Total.
			\$	c.		\$	c.	
1874.								
Feb. 24	Rond Eau.....	40	\$					
" 26	Union.....	16	...		3 00			3 00
" 26	Empire.....	87	...		3 00	3 00		6 00
" 26	Livingstone.....	130	30 00		...	...		3 00
" 26	Charity.....	129	30 00		...	...		30 00
" 26	Eastern Star.....	72	...		3 00	...		30 00
" 26	H. W. Murdock.....	...	...		...	25		3 00
" 27	Oakville.....	132	30 00		...	...		25
" 28	Dresden.....	124	...		9 50	...		30 00
Mar. 4	Saxon.....	121	30 00		...	...		9 50
" 4	Gananoque.....	114	...		...	6 00		30 00
" 7	Fidelity.....	55	...		1 00	...		6 00
" 7	Yale Degree.....	4	...		3 50	...		1 00
" 10	Maple Leaf.....	57	...		1 00	...		3 50
" 11	Glencoe.....	133	...		34 20	...		1 00
" 11	Western City.....	93	...		1 00	...		34 20
" 11	Chatham.....	29	...		2 00	...		1 00
" 11	Rond Eau.....	40	...		1 00	...		2 00
" 11	Bothwell.....	74	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 11	Constellation.....	85	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 13	Grand River.....	91	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 13	Fergus.....	73	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 13	Amity.....	80	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 14	Cataract.....	103	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 16	Peaceful Dove.....	135	30 00		...	...		1 00
" 18	Florence Nightingale.....	66	...		1 00	...		30 00
" 18	Golden Star.....	101	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 18	North Star.....	105	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 18	Erie.....	33	...		4 00	...		1 00
" 18	Orient.....	134	30 00		...	...		4 00
" 18	Otter.....	50	...		4 00	...		30 00
" 18	Oxford.....	77	...		1 00	...		4 00
" 18	Samaritan.....	35	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 20	Naomi.....	116	...		50	...		1 00
" 20	Clinton.....	83	...		1 00	...		50
" 20	Beaver.....	82	...		1 50	...		1 00
" 20	St. Lawrence.....	137	30 00		...	...		1 50
" 20	Peabody.....	99	...		1 00	...		30 00
" 20	Covenant.....	52	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 20	Minto.....	98	...		50	...		1 00
" 23	Union.....	16	...		3 00	...		50
" 23	Nith.....	96	...		1 00	...		3 00
" 24	Grand Union.....	97	...		3 50	...		1 00
" 26	Howard.....	58	...		9 50	...		3 50
" 27	Garnet.....	139	30 00			9 50
" 27	Fergus.....	73	...		1 00	...		30 00
" 27	St. Thomas.....	76	...		1 00	...		1 00
" 27	Lucan.....	70	...		1 00	...		1 00

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			\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1874.										
April 1	Royal Oak	108				2 00				2 00
" 2	Frontier	45				8 50				8 50
" 2	Ancaster	138	30	00						30 00
" 2	Wentworth Degree	3				2 25				2 25
" 2	Brook	9				7 50				7 50
" 4	Eureka	30				1 50				1 50
" 4	Forest City	38				1 00				1 00
" 4	Dominion	48				1 00				1 00
" 4	Frontier	45				4 50				4 50
" 4	Capital	141	30	00						30 00
" 4	Minto	98				50				50
" 6	Canada	49				1 00				1 00
" 6	Saxon	121				34 00				34 00
" 6	North Star	68				1 00				1 00
" 6	Niagara Falls	53				1 00				1 00
" 7	Maitland	119				3 00				3 00
" 10	Dominion	48				1 00				1 00
" 10	Howard	58				1 50				1 50
" 15	Oxford	77				50				50
" 15	Amity	80				3 00				3 00
" 16	Durham	78				1 00				1 00
" 16	Milton	92				1 00				1 00
" 17	Excelsior	44				1 00				1 00
" 22	Bissell	51				3 00				3 00
" 23	Samaritan	35				3 00				3 00
" 23	Harmony	115				5 00				5 00
" 25	Leamington	140	30	00						30 00
May 1	Waterloo	107				1 00				1 00
" 1	Crescent	104				12 25				12 25
" 6	Manilla	105				7 50				7 50
" 7	Chatham Degree	6		5 00						5 00
" 9	Bissell	51				2 00				2 00
" 13	Gananogue	114				1 00				1 00
" 14	Livingstone	130				29 70				29 70
" 14	Union	16				3 00				3 00
" 14	Empire	87				1 50				1 50
" 14	Harper Wilson	...				2 50				2 50
" 14	Concord	142	30	00						30 00
" 14	Waterloo	107				3 00				3 00
" 14	Forest City	38				1 75				1 75
" 14	Banner Degree	5		5 00						5 00
" 14	Bay of Quinte	143	30	00						30 00
" 23	Walkerton	84				1 50				1 50
" 23	Ridgetown	144	30	00						30 00
" 23	Milton	92				2 00				2 00
" 28	The Toronto	71				1 00				1 00
June 2	Sydenham Valley	121				5 00				5 00
" 4	Riverside	...	30	00						30 00

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			\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.
1874.									
June 15	Walkerton	84			1 00				1 00
" 19	Belleville	81			2 50				2 50
" 22	Maple Leaf	57			3 00				3 00
" 22	Crescent	104			6 50				6 50
" 22	Howard	58			3 00				3 00
" 22	Wyoming	147							30 00
" 26	Streetsville	122		30 00					33 40
" 27	Chatham	29			33 40				2 00
" 27	Dosoronto	102			2 00				2 00
" 27	Excelsior	44			9 50				9 50
" 30	Unity	47			3 00				3 00
" 30	Fidelity	47			8 00				8 00
" 30	Bissell	55			8 50				5 00
" 30	Friendship	51			1 00				1 00
July 1	Olive Branch	65			5 00				5 00
" 1	Peaceful Dove	88			13 75				13 75
" 4	Western City	135			35 20				35 20
" 6	Waterloo	93			1 50		20 75		22 25
" 6	A Currie	107			2 05				2 05
" 7	Peabody				5 00				5 00
" 8	Otter	99				10 25			10 25
" 8	Avon	50			1 00		21 75		22 75
" 8	Nith	41			4 65		52 75		57 40
" 8	Grand Union	96			7 00		9 00		16 00
" 9	Kingston	97				14 50			14 50
" 9	Napanee	59			3 50		28 50		32 00
" 9	Dosoronto	86			1 25		16 50		17 75
" 10	Amity	102				9 50			9 75
" 11	Capital	80				16 00			16 00
" 11	Naomi	141				2 75			2 75
" 11	St. Lawrence	116			1 50		9 25		10 75
" 11	Belleville	137			39 15		6 75		45 90
" 11	Dresden	81				25 25			25 25
" 11	Rond Eau	124				12 75			12 75
" 13	Mizpah	40				20 25			20 25
" 13	Niagara Falls	127			30 25		6 75		37 00
" 13	Vivian	53			3 00				3 00
" 13	Corinthian	145		30 00					30 00
" 13	Charity	61			1 25		29 50		30 75
" 13	Peaceful Dove	129				5 75			5 75
" 13	Manilla	135				7 25			7 25
" 13	Warriner	105				12 00			12 00
" 13	Eastern Star	75			2 80		23 75		26 55
" 13	Nipissing	72				25 50			25 50
" 13	Maitland	79				15 75			15 75
" 13	Lucknow	119				9 25			9 25
" 13	Huron	112				9 25			9 25
" 13	Fidelity	62			4 00		25 25		29 25
" 13	Fidelity	55					24 75		24 75

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			\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.
1874.									
July 13	Exeter	67					10 50		10 50
" 13	Clinton	83					11 75		11 75
" 13	Walkerton	84					12 25		12 25
" 14	Banner Degree	5					7 00		7 00
" 14	Friendship	65					4 75		4 75
" 14	Durham	78					5 75		5 75
" 15	Barrie	63	30	00			1 91		31 91
" 16	Laurel	110					12 75		12 75
" 16	Covenant	52					63 25		63 25
" 16	Queen City of Ontario	56			15	75	50 75		66 50
" 16	Canada	49					57 25		57 25
" 16	The Toronto	71					31 75		31 75
" 16	Howard	58			3	00			3 00
" 16	Kingston	59					1 50		1 50
" 16	Palmerston	139					4 50		4 50
" 16	Minto	123			35	20	7 75		42 95
" 16	Saxon	98			5	75	10 00		15 75
" 16	Bissell	121					7 75		7 75
" 16	Lucan	51					28 50		28 50
" 16	Ivy	70			4	50	14 00		18 50
" 16	St. Marys	90					16 50		16 50
" 16	Brock	36			2	50	27 00		29 50
" 16	Bothwell	9			5	25	39 00		44 25
" 16	Forest City	74					13 75		13 75
" 16	Mt. Zion	38					71 00		71 00
" 16	Howard	46					6 75		6 75
" 16	Wardsville	58					36 75		36 75
" 16	Hope	60					10 75		10 75
" 16	Glencoe	69					6 50		6 50
" 16	Eureka	133			4	00	6 25		10 25
" 16	Dominion	30					67 50		67 50
" 16	Royal Oak	48					38 25		38 25
" 16	Friendship	108					12 50		12 50
" 16	St. Clair	65					28 75		28 75
" 16	Port Stanley	106					14 75		14 75
" 16	Erie	95					8 00		8 00
" 16	Aylmer	33					9 25		9 25
" 16	St. Thomas	94					18 25		18 25
" 16	Ridgetown	76					29 00		29 00
" 16	Chatham	144					4 25		4 25
" 16	Sydenham Valley	29					40 75		40 75
" 16	Union	120					6 00		6 00
" 16	Niagara Falls	16					57 25		57 25
" 16	Empire	53					26 50		26 50
" 16	Cataract	87					26 25		26 25
" 16	Livingstone	103					9 50		9 50
" 16	Orient	130					13 25		13 25
" 16	Sarnia	134					9 25		9 25
" 16	Sarnia	126			4	95	9 00		13 95

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			\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
1874.										
July 16	Rond Eau.....	40								
" 16	Fergus.....	73					4 00		4 00	
" 16	Frontier.....	46					17 25		17 25	
" 16	Beaver.....	82			2 00		40 25		42 25	
" 16	Leamington.....	140					12 00		12 00	
" 16	Concord.....	142				37 65	4 75		42 40	
" 16	Excelsior.....	44				34 73	3 75		38 48	
" 16	Unity.....	47					52 75		52 75	
" 16	Victoria.....	64					59 75		59 75	
" 16	Crescent.....	104					24 75		25 25	
" 16	Valley City.....	117			4 00		21 25		21 25	
" 16	Ancaster.....	138					11 75		15 75	
" 16	Wentworth Degree.....	3					3 50		3 50	
" 16	Cobourg.....	136				1 25			1 25	
" 16	Maple Leaf.....	57				35 25	6 75		42 00	
" 17	Golden Star.....	101					16 50		16 50	
" 17	Streetsville.....	122					-21 00		21 00	
" 17	Orion.....	109					8 00		8 00	
" 17	Milton.....	92					14 25		14 25	
" 17	Mystic.....	128					14 00		14 00	
" 17	Oakville.....	132			35 20		4 50		4 50	
" 17	St. Clair.....	106				1 00	8 50		43 70	
" 20	Stella.....	125				35 20			1 00	
" 20	Lindsay.....	100							35 20	
" 20	Bellance.....	89				6 05	14 75		14 75	
" 21	Bay of Quinte.....	143					24 00		30 05	
" 22	Gore.....	34				5 22	4 00		4 00	
" 22	Waterloo.....	107					26 00		31 22	
" 22	Harmony.....	115					11 50		11 50	
" 22	Grand River.....	91					5 00		5 00	
" 22	Constellation.....	85					19 75		19 75	
" 22	Oxford.....	77					8 50		8 50	
" 22	Olive Branch.....	88					22 25		22 25	
" 23	Samaritan.....	35					21 25		21 25	
" 23	Marion.....	131					47 25		47 25	
" 23	Clinton.....	83			36 70		5 00		41 70	
" 23	Belleville.....	81				3 75			3 75	
" 23	Shannonville.....	118				13 50			13 50	
" 23	Trenton.....	113				32 20	5 00		37 20	
" 23	Orient.....	134				30 00	5 75		35 75	
" 23	Canada.....	49				31 20			31 20	
" 23	Covenant.....	52					58 25		58 25	
" 23	Queen City of Ontario.....	56					62 50		62 50	
" 23	The Toronto.....	71					49 50		49 50	
" 23	Laurel.....	110					28 75		28 75	
" 23	Naomi.....	116					10 00		10 00	
" 23	Metropolitan Degree.....	2					6 75		6 75	
" 24	Oxford.....	77				7 00			7 00	
" 24	Stella.....	125				2 50			2 50	
							4 50		4 50	

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																	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.		\$	c.
Brock.	9	Brockville.	25	1	1	21	1	21	1	1	152	166	77	4	183	410	89	00	642	10	126	00	137	00	60	60	00	60	60	00	
Union.	16	St. Catharines.	28	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	215	229	147	3	54	11	61	25	1241	85	197	00	55	00	11	50	30	00	28	28	
Chatham.	29	Chatham.	7	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	178	168	35	4	38	8	34	25	734	33	106	00	49	50	60	00	00	00	21	21	
Eureka.	30	London.	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	278	270	46	161	4	22	12	67	50	1147	98	355	00	226	00	60	00	00	00	55	55
Erie.	33	Pt. Burwell.	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	104	104	32	1	92	4	11	25	184	17	35	00	60	00	47	25	36	36	19	19	
Gore.	34	Braantford.	13	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	183	189	12	1	77	13	27	00	535	27	124	00	66	86	2	50	60	00	44	44	
Samaritan.	35	Ingersoll.	13	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	94	108	52	7	45	12	27	00	803	70	213	00	32	50	45	00	45	00	43	43	
St. Mary's.	38	London.	13	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	296	300	40	71	24	71	24	71	25	803	70	213	00	32	50	45	00	45	00	44	44
Forest City.	40	London.	17	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	67	81	25	2134	4	120	25	391	62	35	50	12	00	40	00	45	00	43	43		
Road Eau.	40	Stratford.	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	192	211	48	3754	16	152	75	1508	741	99	67	15	00	40	00	21	00	15	15		
Avon.	41	Hamilton.	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	208	211	56	1	20	9	252	75	830	63	64	50	40	00	21	00	15	15			
Excelsior.	44	Hamilton.	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	161	37	2	20	9	440	25	671	48	60	00	80	00	45	00	32	32			
Frontier.	45	Windsor.	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	161	37	2	20	9	440	25	671	48	60	00	80	00	45	00	32	32			
Mt. Zion.	46	Newbury.	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	161	37	2	20	9	440	25	671	48	60	00	80	00	45	00	32	32			
Unity.	47	Hamilton.	41	6	3	2	1	3	2	1	157	177	7	7	7	28	59	75	1298	71	866	00	76	90	55	50	31	31			
Dominion.	48	London.	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	112	4	2	163	124	6	77	28	59	75	1298	71	866	00	76	90	55	50	31	31	
Canada.	49	Toronto.	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	112	4	2	163	124	6	77	28	59	75	1298	71	866	00	76	90	55	50	31	31	
Bitter.	50	Tilsonburg.	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	87	29	53	78	6	27	25	560	63	210	00	59	50	52	00	20	20			
Russell.	51	Mitchell.	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	87	29	53	78	6	27	25	560	63	210	00	59	50	52	00	20	20			
Niagara Falls.	52	Toronto.	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	114	35	3	15	8	23	50	463	69	89	00	35	00	33	33	27	27			
Collingwood.	54	Collingwood.	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	250	253	59	1	25	25	163	75	1259	83	248	00	20	00	20	50	9	9			
			2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	96	107	49	8	22	7	26	50	443	79	58	70	20	00	20	50	23	23			
											59	49				7	212	25	107	13	20	00	37	50	10	34	10	10			

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																		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.		\$
Fidelity	Seaforth	55	10	4	1	2	1	4	1	1	92	98	63	7	6	3	3	124	50	403	80	18	00	7	50	1	00	64	00	22	
Queen City	Toronto	56	23	1	2	4	1	13	1	1	198	208	71	7	7	10	10	2	94	75	898	31	139	50	12	00	139	95	40	00	37
Maple Leaf	Orangeville	57	14	2	1	5	16	3	1	1	78	66	34	2	48	16	1	1	36	70	547	22	20	8	00	8	00	8	00	8	
Howard	Stratroy	58	16	3	1	3	1	138	126	1	138	126	36	4	4	2	2	1	36	75	779	25	123	08	15	25	15	25	16		
Kingston	Kingston	59	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	48	14	1	1	1	1	1	10	75	211	50	9	50	20	00	30	00	31		
Wardville	Wardville	60	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	117	22	1	32	12	12	1	1	20	25	405	95	95	50	56	67	36			
Corinthian	Oshawa	61	9	2	1	2	4	1	1	1	94	101	12	2	13	5	5	1	1	25	25	328	38	29	00	4	00	10			
Huron	Goderich	62	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	193	101	19	1	16	6	6	1	1	23	25	270	42	10	00	4	00	10			
Victoria	Hamilton	64	10	10	10	6	131	115	51	3	100	163	41	3	30	4	4	1	1	10	25	398	44	90	6	00	30	00	17		
Friendship	Petrolia	65	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	00	65	50	6	00	6	00	6	00	7	
Flo. Nightingale	Baymanville	66	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	24	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	6	50	85	95	6	00	37	50	24			
North Star	Exeter	67	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	25	5	2	4	2	2	1	1	13	75	224	06	17	00	5	00	33	00	12	
Hope	Lucan	69	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115	127	33	7	4	2	2	1	1	31	75	401	75	12	00	5	00	33	00	2	
The Toronto	Toronto	71	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	198	192	17	2	16	5	5	1	1	50	50	690	80	12	50	18	00	403	77	51	00
Eastern Star	Fergus	72	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	74	39	2	2	2	2	1	1	18	50	408	77	51	00	12	00	215	00	24	00
Fergus	Bothwell	73	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	60	60	22	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	215	00	24	00	23	75	372	54	4	00
Bothwell	Port Perry	74	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	23	37	1	2	2	2	1	1	23	75	372	54	4	00	17	00	17	00	17	
Warrior	St. Thomas	75	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	119	43	5	10	6	6	2	2	25	75	510	92	92	18	75	18	75	18	75	9

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																c.	s.	c.	s.			c.	s.			c.	s.		
Oxford	Ingersoll	77	5	1		1	1	2	3	16	89	48	12	15	22	25	344	73	33	300		53	00	23					
Norham	78	6	1	1		1	1	3	1	61	61	48	12	15	25	358	49	15	00	6	00		20	00	9				
Amity	79	10	3	1		1	10	3	1	72	63	25	2	1	15	75	309	81	4	00	6	00		20	00	9			
Baldville	80	10	3	1		1	10	3	1	72	63	25	2	1	15	75	309	81	4	00	6	00		20	00	9			
Beaver	81	11	1	3		1	14	1	1	103	101	39	3	2	25	25	546	40	55	86	15	00		15	00	10			
Clinton	82	11	1	1		1	1	2	1	39	34	47	1	2	30	00	234	45	30	00		1	25	16	00	16			
Walker-ton	83	11	1	1		1	1	3	1	49	39	54	1	1	12	25	139	75	3	00		20	00	21	00	17			
Constellation	84	11	1	1		1	1	2	1	20	66	27	1	1	16	25	230	40	3	00	15	00		21	00	17			
Napanea	85	12	3	1		1	2	10	2	90	105	70	2	1	26	25	548	00	7	00			11	00	3	00	8		
Empire	86	12	1	1		1	1	1	1	71	85	20	4	1	21	25	482	63							11	00	3	00	8
Olive Branch	87	16	1	1		1	1	3	4	91	96	56	5	1	24	00	588	01	21	00	15	00		32	00	12	00	12	
Indiance	88	17	2	1		1	2	1	1	67	66	12	2	1	16	50	223	85	3	00				20	50	13	50	16	
Grand River	89	17	2	1		1	2	1	1	75	79	43	3	2	19	75	461	72	48	00				20	50	13	50	16	
Milton	90	18	1	1		1	1	1	1	82	86	50	3	1	14	00	312	40	47	00				20	50	13	50	16	
Western City	91	18	1	1		1	1	1	1	69	53	35	3	2	12	25	186	80	21	00				20	50	13	50	16	
Aylmer	92	18	1	1		1	1	1	1	83	83	35	3	2	18	25	186	80	21	00				20	50	13	50	16	
Port Stanley	93	4	4	2		2	2	4	4	77	73	13	5	2	1	6	00	132	20	9	00			30	00	30	00	21	
Nith	94	3	3	3		3	3	3	3	30	32	8	10	1	1	6	00	132	20	9	00			30	00	30	00	21	
Grand Union	97	11	1	1		1	1	2	2	62	58	70	2	1	14	50	345	44	21	00				30	00	30	00	21	

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Western City	5	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	52	58	70	2	7	1	1	14	50	345	44	21	00	20	00	20	00	26		
93 Chatham	5	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	83	83	36	3	23	7	1	20	75	313	00	63	50	20	00	20	00	11		
94 Aylmer	6	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	77	73	13	5	7	2	2	18	25	186	80	21	00	30	00	30	00	38		
95 Port Stanley	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30	32	8	2	10	2	1	8	00	152	20	21	00	7	50	20	00	21		
96 New Hamburg	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	33	36	8	2	3	2	2	9	00	135	75	9	00	20	00	20	00	21		
97 Berlin	11	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	52	58	70	2	7	1	1	14	50	345	44	21	00	20	00	20	00	6		
Minto	98	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	40	63	3	1	1	10	00	287	00	9	00	9	00	9	00	15	00	8	
99 Watford	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	41	12	1	23	3	3	10	25	149	41	59	00	6	75	15	00	19		
100 Lindsay	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	69	69	27	4	10	10	10	75	210	42	6	00	6	00	6	00	15	00	17	
Golden Star	101	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	87	27	4	31	16	16	91	75	467	10	62	50	26	40	15	00	23		
Doronto	102	12	12	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	95	98	54	1	11	11	9	50	222	26	26	40	8	00	25	00	17			
Cataract	103	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	38	95	6	4	4	9	20	198	46	8	00	26	40	25	00	23			
Crescent	104	18	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	64	85	36	6	12	12	23	25	385	70	14	00	14	00	25	00	4			
Manilla	105	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	48	53	3	8	8	12	00	345	50	24	00	24	00	10	00	7			
St. Clair	106	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	69	32	3	2	2	14	75	418	90	19	00	19	00	10	00	7			
Waterloo	107	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	46	52	5	8	8	11	50	268	13	17	00	17	00	10	00	6			
Royal Oak	108	11	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	40	47	39	1	6	6	11	75	239	88	18	00	18	00	10	00	6			
Orion	109	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	57	35	5	6	6	14	25	334	25	12	00	12	00	10	00	11			
Peterborough	110	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	64	36	5	2	2	14	25	248	95	18	00	18	00	10	00	3			
111 Yorkville	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	37	40	1	2	2	16	00	210	97	6	00	6	00	6	00	4			
112 Peterborough	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	64	36	5	2	2	14	25	248	95	18	00	18	00	10	00	3			
113 Lucknow	9	9	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	23	23	19	1	2	2	5	75	116	00	6	00	6	00	6	00	3			
Trenton	114	8	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	26	11	1	2	2	7	25	137	75	6	00	6	00	6	00	3			
Gananoque	115	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	20	12	2	1	1	9	25	187	81	6	00	6	00	6	00	3			
Harmony	116	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	37	34	1	2	2	11	75	505	60	14	00	14	00	6	00	3			
Naomi	117	19	19	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	34	47	94	4	6	6	11	75	905	60	14	00	14	00	6	00	3			
Valley City	118	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	20	18	1	1	1	5	00	67	00	6	00	6	00	6	00	3			
Shannonville	118	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	20	18	1	1	1	5	00	67	00	6	00	6	00	6	00	3			

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Maitland	119	Wingham	7	4						22	41	98	1			6	25	237	26						
Sydenham Vally	120	Wallaceburg	10							12	31	6	1			10	00	127	38						
Saxon	121	Alisa Craig		6						27	31	2	1			7	75	108	87	10	00			5	75
Steelesville	122	Steelesville		9		2	1			52	32	78				7	90	316	00						
Dunbarston	123	Palmerston	24	8						31	67	10	3			12	75	410	00	19	00				
Dunbarston	124	Dresden	43	9		1	1			51	52	10				4	50	150	30						
Stella	125	Carteton Place.	13	5						18	36	10				9	00	470	10						
Sarnia	126	Carteton Place.	28	8						36	85	4	2			6	75	378	00						
Mizpah	127	Ballsville	11	7						27	27	2	2			4	50	237	75						
Mytic	128	Kilbride	11	7						38	49	2				4	50	313	00						
Charity	129	Sunderland	14	9						53	54					5	75	313	00						
Livingstone	130	Thorold	43	0						25	88	5				13	25	676	00	6	00				
Marion	131	Renfrew	21	5	6					34	63	1	3			8	50	386	80						
Oakville	132	Oakville	28	6						34	63	1				9	25	250	70						
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	18	7						25	41	3				7	25	338	37						
Drent	134	Welland	32	5						37	51	3				6	75	349	50						
Central Dove	135	Cannington	19	10						29	49					7	25	338	37						
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	20	7						27	88	1				3	50	119	50						
St. Lawrence	137	Steelesville	16	11						14	8	1				3	50	130	00						
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	5	5						18	32					4	50	178	50						
Garnet	139	Mt. Forest.	13	5																					

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			c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.
Leamington	140	Leamington	12	7	8						19	46						4 75	\$ 211 61	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	
Capital	141	Ottawa	3	8							11	4						2 75	81 75					
Concord	142	Kingsville	7	8							15	9						3 75	2-0 64					
Bay of Quinte	143	Pictou	14	10							16							3 75	182 00					
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	12	5							17	11						4 75	135 50					

TOTALS OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

Totals of Above	1183	134	26	927	128	15	7527	8488	4289	208	1661	415	61	2139	00	43928	84	4541	01	1211	78	588	43	939	00		
Totals Dec.31.73.	1084	93	20	29	138	134	81	4	7574	2412	155	284	62	1173	75	30448	37	3077	11	1085	94	833	85	857	00		
Grand Total	2267	227	46	58	412	356	209	19	7527	8488	6701	363	1661	699	123	3912	75	74377	21	7618	12	2297	72	1422	28	1796	00

N.B.—The totals above are to be read as continuations of the columns reading from "Initiated" towards the right. The total per centage of relief being about 17 per cent.

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					\$	c.		\$	c.	
Brook Union.....	9	98 22	521 22	18	458 31	1400 00	1400 00	1838 31	Hugh Wilkinson, John Briggs.	
Chatham.....	16	800 85	1154 35	65	11486 04	4694 86	16174 84	5848 86	G. Dolson, W. A. Wiggins, J. B. McIntyre.	
Durham.....	29	176 27	331 77	24	1361 29	1247 56	2548 85	3879 14	W. A. Moore.	
Durka.....	30	404 17	1045 14	35	3691 64	2387 75	6379 39	8793 74	J. S. Richardson, J. S. Moore.	
Erie.....	33	35 00	70 00	19	839 63	587 00	1426 63	2012 26	E. R. Robinson, Geo. Powell, Sr., R. Kirkpatrick.	
Forest.....	34	169 73	415 48	25	2639 36	1235 26	3274 62	4914 22	G. W. Pontine.	
Greenwich.....	35	236 59	912 15	30	2139 53	2186 00	4325 53	6454 03	W. S. Campbell.	
St. Mary.....	36	77 00	154 00	4	3638 77	2839 18	6477 95	10116 72	W. W. Gruffy.	
Forest City.....	38	306 56	697 24	33	5692 58	2839 18	8531 76	11370 76	J. W. Fletcher, Geo. Shaw, J. M. Weir.	
Rond Kahn.....	40	247 74	295 24	63	569 68	1390 49	1960 17	2750 34	W. N. Foster.	
Avon.....	41	212 70	497 37	14	6762 51	1100 00	7862 51	9989 21	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Excelsior.....	44	313 00	738 50	73	1100 00	810 00	1910 00	3010 00	V. Lewis, J. N. McMalson, Thos. Cox.	
Frontier.....	45	344 51	559 51	51	4469 64	169 70	4639 34	5109 04	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Mt. Zion.....	46	65 00	65 00	171	323 00	152 00	475 00	620 00	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Unity.....	47	2025 53	2423 93	156	359 00	1069 52	1428 52	1787 52	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Dominion.....	48	176 67	298 47	27	2750 00	1200 00	3950 00	5700 00	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Canada.....	49	475 37	796 87	49	2246 83	510 70	2757 53	3494 36	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Queen.....	50	148 91	368 24	26	1179 91	262 46	1442 37	1711 28	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Oswell.....	51	264 70	247 26	42	839 77	223 72	1063 49	1297 21	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Windsor.....	52	613 33	672 13	136	762 56	1033 04	1795 60	2558 10	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Niagara Falls.....	53	614 33	672 13	136	762 56	1033 04	1795 60	2558 10	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	
Collingwood.....	54	4 50	52 34	4	291 55	108 74	390 29	490 03	W. E. Ferringouri, Chas. Paecckert, Thos. Henderson.	

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 745 11 36 2602 97 968 57 3631 54 J. T. Hornbrook, Hugh Elain, T. G. McCormack
 431 61 38 743 29 453 64 1196 39 Wm. Lacey, K. C. Guerin.
 673 63 138 291 53 108 74 400 29 James Henry.

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					\$	%			
Fidelity.....	55	154 51	254 01	38	961 13	324 10	1285 23	James Beatty.	
Queen City.....	56	405 89	737 34	47	1721 86	542 47	2264 33	Jas. Wright, Jas. Richards, J. W. Hunt.	
Maple Leaf.....	57	209 60	237 60	60	173 12	188 00	361 12	F. G. Dunbar.	
Howard.....	58	530 81	653 80	61	1542 44	598 70	2141 20	H. Urquhart, D. M. Telford.	
Kingston.....	59	104 28	129 63	22	638 16	249 65	887 81	E. Fowler, Alex. Smith.	
Wardsville.....	60	94 81	160 48	45	361 00	66 62	427 62	Wm. Marshall.	
Corinthian.....	61	197 76	243 26	49	796 57	402 34	1208 99	Matthew Weston, James Brown.	
Huron.....	62	73 55	107 30	22	1005 65	402 34	1408 99	F. F. Lawrence, F. W. Johnston.	
Victoria.....	64	133 32	179 32	49	882 56	110 50	993 06	B. Evans.	
Friendship.....	65	241 91	361 91	61	1537 20	344 46	1881 66	E. Burnham, J. E. Durham.	
Flo. Nightingale	66	241 91	361 91	61	810 10	265 00	1075 10	D. S. Weir, W. P. Prower.	
Kester.....	67	75 26	81 26	39	233 56	116 70	350 26	C. Senior.	
North Star.....	68	38 91	44 91	45	63 48	15 51	79 34	H. Bishop.	
Hope.....	69	63 00	68 00	28	142 79	74 51	217 30	C. T. Barr.	
Lucan.....	70	117 50	117 50	28	539 76	154 94	694 70	T. Hesseck.	
The Toronto	71	50 00	50 00	28	680 70	147 27	827 97	W. G. Mutton, F. T. Yates.	
Eastern Star	72	228 71	241 21	33	1154 62	327 89	1481 91	J. H. Perry, J. A. Parker.	
Fergus	73	108 71	159 71	40	595 47	312 61	908 08	John Craig.	
Bothwell.....	74	36 00	36 00	57	155 58	89 12	244 70	H. H. Richards.	
Warner.....	75	174 52	178 52	57	826 40	226 97	1053 37	J. J. Davis.	
St. Thomas.....	76	164 23	210 98	32	665 68	253 10	918 78	J. J. Heard, L. Ferguson.	

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Oxford.....	77	214 20	300 26	57	138 27	145 98	284	Jno. H. Syze.
Durham.....	78	196 87	211 87	54	1333 23	152 45	1505 67	J. M. Montgomery.
Amity.....	79	252 56	252 56	81	76 22	146 87	223 09	V. E. Walks.
Belleville.....	80	16 80	166 80	19	417 91	417 91	417 91	J. J. Sisk.
Beaver.....	81	272 02	327 88	49	1315 40	156 64	1472 04	H. Walker.
Clinton.....	82	168	168	72	665 85	49 87	715 72	J. McNeill.
Walkerton.....	84	125 16	146 16	88	292 32	81 51	369 38	Hugh Scott.
Constellation.....	85	22 16	225 50	136	85 72	50 00	135 72	W. H. Dennis.
Napanee.....	86	161 01	159 97	69	123 34	41 19	163 53	John Graham.
Empire.....	87	480 17	498 97	88	249 63	179 69	373 83	C. R. Stevens.
Olive Branch.....	88	127 15	127 15	88	54 47	116 64	171 11	R. McWhinnie.
Rehance.....	89	417 77	485 77	73	1113 24	132 16	1245 40	Hugh Walker.
Grand River.....	90	361 41	417 41	170	179 91	112 67	292 58	E. C. Chipman.
Milton.....	91	180 56	238 56	41	815 90	160 47	976 37	J. Lawrence.
Western City.....	92	132 18	265 68	58	270 63	84 10	354 73	W. P. C. St.
Aylmer.....	93	37 59	118 69	52	444 84	492 11	936 95	John White.
Port Stanley.....	95	48 20	98 75	26	82 56	51 76	134 32	Thomas Robinson.
North.....	96	48 91	77 01	35	176 68	67 70	244 38	H. G. Flack.
Grand Union.....	97	167 11	128 11	31	247 93	81 12	329 05	M. J. Jaffray.

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Grand Union...
Thomas Robinson.
H. G. Flock.
M. J. Jaffray.

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		\$	c.		\$	c.				
Minto	98	7	70	31	70	30	1	79	80	C. John Henderson.
Peabody	99	32	08	83	21	85	40	55	94	C. John Lovel.
Lindsay	100	129	33	135	33	80	11	106	89	E. Benson.
Golden Star	101	188	95	266	45	155	15	229	54	C. J. J. Bunting.
Dosonoto	102	91	41	148	81	116	72	35	03	C. J. J. Bunting.
Catactack	103	124	13	132	13	62	70	45	32	C. J. J. Bunting.
Rescnet	104	170	25	184	25	47	33	37	37	C. J. J. Bunting.
Manilla	105	203	15	227	15	51	24	243	84	C. J. J. Bunting.
St. Clair	106	70	77	99	77	24	429	20	83	C. J. J. Bunting.
Waterloo	107	152	08	169	08	67	20	62	62	C. J. J. Bunting.
Orion	108	10	00	38	00	4	75	85	44	C. J. J. Bunting.
Laurel	109	211	55	229	55	85	155	31	74	C. J. J. Bunting.
Peterborough	110	328	48	328	48	114	496	97	47	C. J. J. Bunting.
Lucknow	111	51	55	57	55	24	176	25	52	C. J. J. Bunting.
Trenton	112	102	50	102	50	88	86	57	15	C. J. J. Bunting.
Genanquo	113	145	18	145	18	105	251	73	54	C. J. J. Bunting.
Harmony	114	48	27	48	27	26	132	16	28	C. J. J. Bunting.
Nesoni	115	176	79	182	79	79	8	47	58	C. J. J. Bunting.
Valley City	117	471	76	485	76	93	25	00	25	C. J. J. Bunting.
Shannonville	118									C. J. J. Bunting.

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Matland	119	131 64	131 64	59	95 62	36	131 64	S. G. Cox
Sydenham Vally	120	115 76	121 51	90	35 67	12	148 98	Ans Cronk
Saxon	121	36 73	46 73	25	55 54	11	67 36	F. Atkinson.
Salisbury	122	282 76	282 36	89	90 00	69	159 70	D. Braekenbridge.
Palmerston	123	324 52	324 75	73	79 35	15	94 55	J. W. McMillon.
Dresden	124	349 52	349 52	70	127 49	23	150 91	R. Wallace.
Stella	125	31 27	31 27	58	61 13	3	65 03	R. G. Russel.
Sarmia	126	339 77	339 77	71	322 63	16	139 33	D. McCall.
Miraph	127	112 50	112 50	47	124 85	6	374 00	R. Tracy.
Mythic	128	277 15	277 15	88	23 45	7	131 70	Amos Gillet.
Charity	129	363 63	363 63	58	269 77	12	282 37	F. W. W. MacCastill
Livingstone	130	276 50	276 50	80	51 07	11	62 94	J. W. MacCastill
Marion	131	286 25	286 25	72	94 85	15	110 65	W. J. Galbraith.
Marville	132	247 65	247 65	90	159 19	6	165 31	D. McConachie.
Gloucester	133	244 06	244 06	60	37 50	8	45 50	W. Thompson.
Peaceful Dove	134	323 25	323 25	85	16 00	.....	16 00	Alex. Pratt.
Cobourg	135	323 25	323 25	73	43 53	.....	43 53	J. Memish.
St. Lawrence	136	136 75	136 75	73	46 32	53 25	W. H. Thuerreson.
Anaester	137	253 70	253 70	142
Garnet	138	253 70	253 70	142
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ABSTRACT FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS—Concluded.

16 00 Alex. Pratt.
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NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Paid for Current Expenses.	Total Expenditure.	Per Centage of Expenses.	General Fund.	W. & O. Fund.	Total Funds.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Leamington	140	205 71	205 71	97	c	42 32	42 32	H. McAfee.
Capital	141	35 25	35 25	43	46 50		46 50	J. James McGaw.
Concord	142	233 09	233 09	116		1 25	1 25	James Brown.
Bay of Quinte	143							John Newton.
Ridgetown	144	17 75	17 75	13	116 85	0 90	117 75	O. E. Hulm.
Totals Dec. 31 '74		227 57 07	31208 32		887315 99	835210 47	123756 36	
Grand Total		227 57 07	31208 32		65736 63	31416 66	97210 29	
					87315 99	35210 47	123756 36	

RECAPITULATION

FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1874.

Number of Lodges	115	
“ Initiated		2439
“ Admitted by Card		226
“ Reinstated		46
Total	2711	
“ Withdrawn by Card	396	
“ Suspended and dropped N. P. D.	436	
“ Expelled	19	
“ Deceased	56	
		907
Increase		1804
Membership per last Report		6774
Present total membership		8578
RELIEF.		
Number of Brothers relieved	639	
“ Widowed families relieved	121	
Amount paid for Sick Benefits		7525 12
“ “ to Widows and Orphans		2260 22
“ “ Burying the dead		1755 75
“ “ Charity		1422 28
Total Relief		\$12,963 37

STATEMENT OF RELIEF AND AVERAGES FOR
PAST HALF YEAR.

Total number of weeks for which benefits were paid	1636
Number of Brothers to whom paid	409
Total amount paid	\$ 7077 47
Average amount to each Brother	17 30
Average amount per week	2 71
Of the Total membership 5 per cent. received relief	
Receipts of Subordinate Lodges	42,861 53
Paid for Current Expenses by Lodges	21,994 61
An average of over 50 per cent. for Expenses and nearly 17 per cent for Relief	
Only 33 per cent. added to the capital of Lodges	33,653 22
Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Lodges	85,711 21
General Fund	
Total	\$119,364 43

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ASSETS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.
27TH JULY, 1874.

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FURNITURE AND REGALIA.

Two Desks.....	\$35 00
Chest	4 00
Letter Press	6 00
Officers' Regalia and Jewels.....	153 35
Valise for do	6 00
Charter Stones	52 50
	<u>256 85</u>

STATIONERY AND POSTAGE.

P. G. and Rep. Certificates.....	7 00
Blank Return Sheets, Bill Blanks, Letter Paper, &c.....	50 00
Postage Stamps	1 32
Account Books	11 50
Letter Clip and File	1 50
6 Sub. Lodge Institution Bkoos	6 25
2 G. L. Degree Books	2 50
2 " Public Installation Books	2 50
	<u>82 67</u>

SUPPLIES.

9 Sub. Lodge Charge Books.....	14 58
11 " Degree Books	13 37
7 " Rebekah Books	8 75
2 Degree Installation Books	2 50
135 Withdrawal Cards.....	16 41
51 Visiting Cards.....	6 21
19 Dismissal Certificates.....	2 32
7 Digests Law G. L. U. S.	14 18
5 sets Interleaves do	0 98
52 Odes	2 35
650 Orders for Supplies	1 95
500 Propositions	1 50
1050 Reports thereon	3 15
240 Treasurer's Bonds.....	2 16
10 Members' Receipt Books.....	13 70
10 Question Books	12 50
8 Receipt "	10 00
9 Letter Books, orders for P. W.	10 08
17 Blank Charters	1 00
	<u>136 69</u>

Digest G. L. of Ontario 16 50

AMOUNTS DUE GRAND LODGE.

Statement A.

T. H. Vann		\$ 2 50
Grand Lodge of Vermont		44 00
Grand Encampment		200 00
Chatham Lodge No. 29		50
Erie " " 38		2 17
St. Marys " " 36		50
Forest City " " 88		1 00
Avon " " 41		9 00
Mount Zion " " 46		1 00
Unity " " 47		4 50
Dominion " " 48		1 00
Covenant " " 52		6 25
Niagara Falls " " 53		1 25
Collingwood " " 54		5 00
Kingston " " 59		3 00
Barrie " " 68		16 00
Victoria " " 64		3 00
Exeter " " 87		75
North Star " " 68		4 00
Fergus " " 78		1 25
The Toronto " " 71		5 75
Bothwell " " 74		1 25
St. Thomas " " 76		75
Nipissing " " 79		2 75
Amity " " 80		7 75
Walkerton " " 84		2 75
Constellation " " 85		2 00
Ivy " " 90		5 15
Aylmer " " 94		5 50
Laurel " " 110		20 86
Peterboro " " 111		11 07
Lucknow " " 112		17 00
Gananogue " " 114		35
Trenton " " 118		48 75
Shannonville " " 118		5 20
Maitland " " 119		1 00
Dresden " " 124		1 00
Mystic " " 128		3 00
Charity " " 129		35 20
Marion " " 181		31 20
Ancaster " " 188		1 50
Garnet " " 189		38 40
Leamington " " 140		38 40
Capital " " 141		4 80
Bay of Quinte " " 148		37 70
Ridgetown " " 144		26 40
Riverside " " 145		26 65
Vivian " " 146		29 65
Model " " 147		28 15
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		\$768 00
Total Assets		1260 71

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AMOUNT OVERPAID TO GRAND LODGE.

Statement B.

Eureka Lodge	No. 30..	\$4 50
Frontier "	" 45..	2 00
Canada "	" 49..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 25
Fidelity "	" 55..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 25
Corinthian "	" 61..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 75
Hope "	" 69..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 50
Lucan "	" 70..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 25
Oxford "	" 77..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 50
Beaver "	" 82..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 50
Empire "	" 87..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 19
Milton "	" 92..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 00
Port Stanley "	" 95..	2 25
Royal Oak "	" 108..	0 75
Saxon "	" 121..	0 05
Mezpah "	" 127..	0 05
Cobourg "	" 136..	0 05
											\$20 84

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MORTALITY TABLE.

Ten years,—from 1865 to 1874 inclusive.—June 30th, 1874.

Year.	Membership.	Deaths	Percentage.	No. relieved.	Am't paid.	Total Relief and W.&O. Benefit.
1865.....	539.....	7.....	1 in 77.....	31.....	\$ 346 98.....	\$ 826 96
1866.....	647.....	11.....	1 in 59.....	82.....	669 00.....	1239 00
1867.....	908.....	1.....	1 in 907.....	79.....	823 00.....	1382 00
1868.....	1103.....	7.....	1 in 157.....	104.....	1335 60.....	2145 24
1869.....	1443.....	7.....	1 in 207.....	111.....	1637 90.....	2547 70
1870.....	1923.....	17.....	1 in 113.....	187.....	2040 54.....	3290 56
1871.....	3442.....	21.....	1 in 159.....	212.....	2707 01.....	4716 53
1872.....	5079.....	25.....	1 in 202.....	309.....	3976 56.....	6277 95
1873.....	6745.....	46.....	1 in 146.....	394.....	6293 64.....	10822 78
1874.....	8222.....	56.....	1 in 139.....	689.....	7525 12.....	12963 27
	Average Deaths.....			1 in 147.....		

Balance Sheet, Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. Year Ending 31st July, 1874.

ACCOUNTS.	PAGE.	INVENT- ORY.		TRIAL BALANCE.		PROFIT AND LOSS.		STOCK.		RESOUR- CES.		LIABIL- ITIES.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Stock	1												
Per Capita Tax	3			4838 55						4838 55			
Treasurer	3			3912 50									
Charters	5												
Supplies	7			4631 87									
Expenses	9												
Stationery and Postage	11	136 69		905 00		905 00					4631 87		
Furniture and Regalia	13			451 10									
Interest and Discount	13	82 67		4235 20									
Dues	17	256 85		180 51		4333 04							
Profit, G. L. of Ont.	17			256 85									
Donations	18	16 50		90 94									
Special Relief	23			16 50		90 94							
Statement	20			30 00		30 00							
Statement	20			100 00		100 00							
Statement	A			768 00									
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		492 71	10218 93	10218 93									
			Net Gain.	1083 19									
				5496 23		5496 23							
			Net Capital.	5871 74									
				5871 74		5871 74							
			Total.	5892 58		5892 58							
			Gain.	1083 19		1083 19							
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Examined and found correct.
 Wm. BADENACH, }
 A. R. NARRAWAY, } Auditors.
 July 31st, 1874.

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A. R. NARRAWAY. }

July 31st, 1874.

The chair announced the following Standing Committees :

COMMITTEES:

Credentials.—J. B. King, Grand Secretary, and Representatives Chas Paeckert, and R. McWhinnie.

Distribution.—Jno. Gibson, P. G. M., and Reprs. J. E. Durham, J. B. Meacham, E. R. Robinson and F. W. Johnson.

Returns.—Reprs. W. Menzies, Wm. Murphy, F. F. Lawrence and John Graham.

Finance.—Reprs. W. Badenach, W. W. Griffy and J. M. Lawrie.

Appeals.—Reprs. Hugh Blain, Fife Fowler, J. Ham Perry, W. H. Scott and Dr. Freeman.

Laws of Subordinates.—Reprs. Cl. T. Campbell, W. A. Rawlings, Robt. Kirkpatrick, W. F. Roome and W. S. Campbell.

Legislation.—H. McAfee, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., W. N. Ford, P. G. M., J. Barr, P. G. M., and Rep. Jno. Lawrence.

State of the Order.—Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., Reprs. W. G. Mutton, and R. Tracey.

Mileage and Per Diem.—Reprs. J. T. Hornibrook, R. C. Guerin and Jas. Richardson.

Petitions and Correspondence.—Reprs. R. Evans, Jos. Wright and L. Ferguson.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE
R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

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

The undersigned would respectfully submit the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Grand Lodge during the past year :

		DR.	
1873.	Aug. 1st, To Balance on hand		\$3854 33
	“ 30 “ Cash from Grand Secretary		104 02
	Sept 30 “ “ “		40 90
	Oct. 31 “ “ “		66 00
	Nov. 29 “ “ “		73 75
	Dec. 31 “ “ “		79 98
1874.	Jan. 30 “ “ “		1427 21
	Mar. 17 “ “ “		733 20
	Apr. 4 “ “ “		244 20
	May 11 “ “ “		161 00
	June 5 “ “ “		169 70
	“ 30 “ “ “		143 07
	July 20 “ “ “		2173 50
	“ 23 “ “ “		752 52
	“ 30 Interest from Bank of Commerce		61 04

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1873.	Aug. 8th	By paid Chas. Lee, Janitor, \$6.00; stationery, \$1.51;	\$ 7 51
	"	" John Murray, services as G.M.....	300 00
	"	" John Gibson, " "	300 00
	"	" Off's. and Reps. mileage per diem, session 1873.....	2130 22
	"	" John Murray, G.M., expenses, \$287.43 less \$50.00, previously paid	237 43
	"	" John E. Cuff, printing, G. M., Report..	13 00
	"	" Expositor Office, " G. S., " ..	37 40
	Sept. 15th	" G.L.U.S. balance of account for supplies, \$188.92, U. S. Cy	169 08
	"	" Grand Master on account of expenses	50 00
	"	" J. B. King, G. S., account of Salary, \$50, Incidentals, \$10.85.....	60 85
	Oct 3rd	" Quarter's Postage account	11 81
	" 20th	" Relief to Memphis.....	100 00
	Dec. 6th	" C. E. Stewart & Co., printing journal &c.	272 00
	1874.		
	Jan. 1st	" Postmaster, Postage account.....	50 14
	"	" H. C. Bingham, services, revising constitution	10 00
	" 26th	" J. B. King, Incidentals.....	13 21
	Feb. 2nd	" Rond Eau Lodge, No 40, Donation	30 00
	" 4th	" J. Sutherland, Supplies and Stationery	31 19
	Mar. 11th	" J. B. King, Incidentals.....	13 55
	" 14th	" Brant Union, Printing.....	9 00
	" 16th	" Grand Lodge United States	364 95
	Apr. 1st	" Postage account.....	24 31
	"	" Grand Secretary, Incidentals.....	11 81
	" 30th	" W. C. Trimble & Co., Printing.....	167 90
	"	" J. Sutherland, Stationery, &c.....	56 80
	May 12th	" Blank Reports, \$9, Charters, \$25, Expenses, of Com. on Digest \$14	48 00
	July 1st	" Postmaster, Postage account.....	25 77
	" 6th	" G.L.U.S., U.S. Cy \$180.83.....	164 55
	" 20th	" Brant Expositor, Printing Supplies	136 00
	" 27th	" G.L.U.S., Supplies	25 35
	"	" J. B. King, Incidentals, \$5.60; do \$13.12	18 72
	"	" Balance of Salary	450 00
	"	" A. D. Clement, Grand Treas., Salary.....	100 00
	"	"	
	"	" Cash on hand to Balance	5440 55
			4692 91
			<u>\$10133 46</u>

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CLEMENT,

GRAND TREASURER.

and referred to the

SURER.

Report of the
the past year:

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The Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, then read the following report:

KINGSTON, August 5th, 1874.

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

In accordance with the requirements of the Law, your Representatives have the honor to submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the 49th Annual Session of the R. W. G. L. U. S., held in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, Sept., 15th, 1873. All the Officers of the Grand Lodge were present excepting the Grand Sire, in whose absence Deputy Grand Sire, M. J. Durham took the chair. Every jurisdiction under its authority was represented, the attendance was greater than at any previous session, and a very large amount of business was transacted.

PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

The reports of the several Grand Officers gave evidence of a most marked and satisfactory progress in the work of Oddfellowship, as the following comparison of the returns of 1871-72 will show :

	1871	4292		Increase.
Lodges	1871	4292		
"	1872	5045		753
Initiations	1871	49,257		
"	1872	59,250		9,993
Revenue G. Lodge and G. Encampment	1871	\$3 310 009 53		
"	1872	\$4 291 071 12		981 061
Relief	"	"	1871	1 092 095 42
"	"	"	1872	1 503 471 40
Members	"	"	1871	327 877 00
"	"	"	1872	885 097 00
				57 220

NEW LODGES.

During the recess dispensations were issued by the Grand Sire for seven new Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the G. L.U.S., being located in the U.S., South America, Europe and Canada. Among these were Mizpah, No. 3, April 9th, 1873, at Montreal and Winnipeg, No. 1 May 21, 1873, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. The action of the Grand Sire was confirmed, and charters granted to the several Lodges. Charters were also granted to three new Grand Lodges; viz: Switzerland, British Columbia and Montana.

LEGISLATION.

Some idea of the legislation of the session may be gained from the following selections from its decisions, and resolutions.

1. A Subordinate Lodge cannot refuse to forward an appeal against its own action—pp. 5834-5877.

2. It is the duty of the Visiting Committee to investigate every case of application for benefits, and report whether or not the applicant is entitled. If the local law forbids benefits in cases of sickness arising from immoral conduct, it is the duty of the Committee to report on that point, and if the applicants sickness arise from such a cause, benefits may be refused without the necessity of a trial.—pp. 5838-5878.

When a Past Grand is called to the chair without objection and does actually preside, the action had during his occupancy of the chair, is not therefore void.—pp. 5582-5937.

3. Re-nunciation of Odd-fellowship by a member of the order does not relieve his Lodge from paying benefits so long as he remains in good standing.—pp. 5889-5938.

4. In a trial for slander it was held that the specification should be definite, and that the proof for the entire sentence used, and of the character of the standard party should be permitted.—pp. 5846-5935.

5. The name of an applicant for membership may be withdrawn before the report of the Committee is presented without consent of the Lodge, but not after.—pp. 5919-5950. (This reverses a decision of the Grand Sire the year previous.)

6. No member or members of any subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question in which he or they may be interested, or in which he or they intend becoming interested by reason of his or their connection or intended connection with any Lodge or encampment of this order, then existing or about to exist or with any other organization, and should a member so vote he shall upon the discovery and proof of the fact be considered guilty of unbecoming conduct, for which he may be suspended from the order, and the Lodge or Encampment in which the offence was committed may in case said member has joined some other Lodge or Encampment, institute charges for said offence in said other jurisdiction, with the right to appeal from its decision should the Brother be acquitted of the charge.—pp. 5776-5785.

7. Hereafter there shall be no forfeiture of membership in degree Lodges of the daughters of Rebecca, except by such rules and usages as apply to Brothers in Subordinate Lodges, and all legislation inconsistent with this resolution is hereby repealed.—pp. 5915-5949.

8. The decision of a Subordinate Lodge is final until reversed by its Grand Lodge, and in case of reversal by the Grand Lodge the Subordinate is bound to obey the mandate of its superior even though an appeal be taken to the G.L.U.S., until that mandate be reversed by the supreme body unless the local law provides for a stay of Proceedings, pending an appeal.—pp. 5945-5953.

9. A State Grand Lodge cannot grant a charter to a Subordinate, outside its own jurisdiction.—pp. 5887-5938.

10. A Grand Lodge cannot refuse admission and membership to a Past Grand, properly accredited from his Lodge.—pp. 5922-5951.

11. Grand Lodges may regulate the matter of the members of extinct Subordinates in their respective jurisdictions that have been extinct more than 20 years.—pp. 5903-5949.

12.—In 1872, Grand Sire Stuart made the following decisions, "in a case when the state law provides that when a vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment, without result in favor of either, the N.G. shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be fixed. I have ruled that such law being in conflict with the law of the G. L. U. S., is of no force or effect, and that a vote of the Lodge refusing it to affix a penalty of expulsion is final subject only to appeal." The Grand Lodge decided that the time and mode of voting upon penalties after conviction for misconduct is a matter for legislation of the several Grand Lodges.—pp. 5279-5919-5950.

13. The law requiring officers to wear jewels is not complied with when they are wrought in the regalia.—pp.5945-5953.

CASE OF W. D. KENNEDY, P. G.

An appeal was presented from John Zimmerman on behalf of W. D. Kennedy, P.G. against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, (see journal Ontario page 866), a majority of the Committee to whom the question was referred reported adversely to the action of our Grand Lodge as follows:

Rep Beharrell, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

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

Your Committee of Appeals, to whom whom was referred the appeal of John Zimmerman, on behalf of William D. Kennedy, P. G., against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, have had the papers referring to this case before them. They present, in a clear manner, all its peculiarities. We find that William D. Kennedy, P. G., made application by card for admission to membership in Toronto Lodge; that his application was referred to a committee and reported on favorably, and a ballot was taken. The Noble Grand of the Lodge announced that the candidate was elected, although there were three black balls in the box. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Noble Grand to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained the Noble Grand, whereupon the said William D. Kennedy was introduced in the Lodge, his election was announced to him; and subsequently he took part in the discussions of the Lodge.

Subsequently, the D. D. Grand Master gave a decision adverse to the action of the Noble Grand and the vote of the Lodge sustaining him, when said Wm. D. Kennedy applied for a withdrawal card, which application brought up the question of the position of Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, in that Lodge. Was he a member of that Lodge or not?

It appears, from a copy of the minutes of "The Toronto Lodge," that he was regularly proposed for admission by card. The committee reported favor-

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ably. A ballot was had, and the Noble Grand declared him elected. The D.D. Grand Master was present on the night when the ballot was had, and was asked for his decision, but he deferred giving it until the next meeting of the Lodge. The Noble Grand was pressed to decide, and accordingly he did so, in accordance with the declaration he had already made, viz: That Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, was a member of "The Toronto Lodge."

An appeal was taken from his decision to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained him in it. Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, seeing there was a difference of opinion as to his election, asked for a withdrawal card. The withdrawal card was not granted, but after a letter was read from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the decision of the D.D. Grand Master was given, the Noble Grand of the Lodge, in accordance with the decision of the D.D. Grand Master, that Bro. Kennedy had not been elected a member of said Lodge, returned the card and accompanying fee to said brother.

Bro. John Zimmerman appealed from the decision of the D.D. Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and said Grand Lodge dismissed the appeal and sustained the action of the Noble Grand of the Lodge in returning W. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, his card and fee.

Your committee are of opinion that section 130 of Digest of Laws, &c., of the Grand Lodge of the United States, covers this case, and according to said section Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, was to all intents and purposes a member of "The Toronto Lodge," though he did not sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution, &c., of Toronto Lodge. We would offer for adoption the following.

RESOLVED, That the appeal be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be reversed.

THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
AARON B. CRANE,
ROBERT LEBBY,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
GEORGE DAMON.

Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

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

The undersigned, a minority of your Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of Wm. D. Kennedy against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, differing in opinion from the majority of the committee, presents his views of the case.

The local law of Ontario enacts that at an election of a candidate for membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, more than two black balls reject.

Bro. W. D. Kennedy made application for admission to "The Toronto Lodge," by deposit of card; when the ballot was taken more than two black

balls appeared. The Vice Grand, to whom, as well as to the Noble Grand, the ballot box had been taken for examination, declared the candidate rejected. The Noble Grand declared the candidate elected. An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Noble Grand to the Lodge; a majority vote sustained the Noble Grand, and the candidate was introduced as a member. He did not, however, sign the constitution of the Lodge, which is required by the local law. An appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who decided that Bro Kennedy was not a member of The Toronto Lodge, and directed said Lodge to hand him back his card and fees, and notify the Lodges in the jurisdiction of his rejection. The Lodge complied with the directions of the Grand Master. An appeal was taken from the action of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which sustained the Grand Master, and it is from the action of said Grand Lodge that this appeal is made.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that when a person has been initiated into the Order, whether his election was legal or not, he must be held to be a member, and that the only mode of dealing with him must be by charges, trial, expulsion, &c.

The reason for such legislation is obvious: the initiate has acquired knowledge and assumed obligations that it would be exceedingly unwise to meddle with by declaring his membership void. He could not be deprived of the knowledge, and he should not be released from the obligation; but in the case of an applicant for membership by deposit of card, the position is entirely different; in such a case as the one here under notice, the party acquired no knowledge, assumed no new obligations; he did not even take upon him the responsibility that would follow the signing the constitution; it therefore seems eminently proper that a law should prevail differing from the law quoted as much as the cases differ, so that improper conduct may be promptly dealt with, and that which is wrong may at once be put right, and that a minority of the members of a Lodge may be efficiently protected.

I respectfully submit the following:

Resolved,—That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be sustained.

JAMES WOODYATT.

Both reports being under consideration, Past Grand Sire Stuart moved "that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until next session, to enable the Jurisdiction of Ontario to file an additional record," which was resolved in the affirmative. (P P. 5857, 5925, 5948.)

The duty will therefore devolve upon this Grand Lodge of placing before the Grand Lodge of the U. S. such a statement of the case as will be most effectual in securing the dismissal of the appeal.

DUES AND BENEFITS.

The Committee appointed at a previous Session to consider the matter of Dues and Benefits made an elaborate report, showing that our system requires immediate reconstruction to place it upon a satisfactory financial basis. The Committee strongly favored the idea of the adoption of a scale of dues rising in accordance with the age of members when admitted. With

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out, however, submitting any seal for the adoption of the Grand Lodge, the Committee asked to be continued for another year, in order to obtain additional information, and recommended the several Grand Bodies to take steps to ascertain the following facts:

1. The number of members at each age.
2. The amount of sick and funeral benefits, as shown by the By-Law of the Grand Lodge.
3. Number of weeks' sickness for which benefits are paid.
4. The amount of productive property, *i. e.*, Real Estate, Notes, Bonds, Mortgages, or any other property yielding a revenue. P. P. 5906, 5949.

The matter is one of vital importance to the Institution, and is earnestly recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates. We are pleased to know that it has already received some attention in this Jurisdiction, for at our last Session a carefully prepared table of yearly dues, upon the same plan as that recommended by the Committee of the G. L. U. S., was submitted by one of our Lodges and approved.

"THE HISTORY OF ODDFELLOWSHIP."

The Grand C. & R. Secretary, Bro. J. L. Ridgely, was requested to act as historiographer of the Order, with authority to supervise and direct the preparation of a History of Oddfellowship for publication under the auspices of the G. L. U. S. The sum of \$3,000.00 was appropriated for the payment of expenses attendant on performance of his duties. P. P. 5832—5877.

It might be well for this Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of making a record of such facts in connection with the history of the Order in this Jurisdiction as might be found useful by the historiographer in the preparation of his work.

CHANGE OF NAME.

In accordance with notice given, Representative Woodyatt brought forward his motion relative to changing the style and name of the G. L. U. S., but it was indefinitely postponed.

The following notice of motion was then given by Representative McKinstry, of Alabama, seconded by Reps. White of New York, Carter and Lindenburg of Ohio, Porter of Mass., Noetner of Oregon, Stokes of Penn., and Dowden of Kentucky: Amend Article I, Section 1, by striking out the words "of the U. S.," so that it shall read, "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

REVISION OF WORK.

The Grand Lodge revised in secret session the Subordinate Degree Book, the Degree Lodge Installation Books, Rebecca Degree Book, Grand Lodge Charge Book, and the Ritual of Grand and Subordinate Encampments.

MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATIONS.

The attention of the Grand Lodge being called to the subject, it was deemed inexpedient to legislate upon it at present, it being thought better to wait and see the results of the experiments made in that direction by the voluntary associations now in existence (p. p. 5946.)

OTHER QUESTIONS.

Several subjects, such as the Sunday law, the color question, the extension of time of Subordinate Lodge officers, &c., were brought up for consideration, but it was deemed advisable to make no alterations in the existing law on these matters.

NEXT SESSION.

The next Session of the G. L. U. S. will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, and will commence on the third Monday in September, 1874.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GIBSON.
JAMES WOODYATT.

The order for presenting Appeals being called, the following were read :

R. H. Dyas	vs.	Ivy Lodge No. 90.
Excelsior Lodge No. 44	"	Grand Master's ruling.
E. K. Land	"	Forest City Lodge No. 38.
John Hebblethwaite	"	Maitland Lodge No. 119.
D. D. Rose	"	Fidelity Lodge No. 55.
Avon Lodge	"	Grand Lodge in matter of account.
H. F. Tuck	"	Reliance Lodge No. 89.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following Petitions were read and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence:

From the following Brothers of Arkona for a Warrant for a Lodge, viz:

W. H. Hoover, H. A. Hoover, Alexander Thomas, J. G. Hoover, E. Kopelberger, J. C. Smith.

From the following Brothers of Almonte for same object, viz:

T. W. Raines, James Patterson, J. H. Munro, John M. Sherlock, M. L. Kilborne.

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From eleven Brothers of late Rose Lodge in regard to resuscitating that Lodge or regaining membership;

We hereby certify that the following persons were members of Rose Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., located in Amherstburg. Said Lodge is now, and has been for some years, defunct, and the undernamed persons are desirous of receiving Cards, so as to enable them to join in some Lodge or resuscitate the defunct Rose Lodge, and would respectfully request the Grand Lodge to grant said Cards: Samuel McGee, P. G., Andrew Botsford, Jonathan Lane, Simon Kemp, Alanson Elliott, John G. Kolfage, Alexander McGee, Charles Cornwall, Thos. M. Kalchtaller, Edmund Anderson.

JAMES DUNBAR,
JOHN CONROY.

Dated at Amherstburg, }
24th July, 1874. }

A communication from Durham Lodge No. 78, in regard to the delinquency of D. D. G. M., T. H. Vann, was referred to Committee on Petitions and Correspondence :

DURHAM LODGE No. 78, I. O. O. F., }
Port Hope, July 30th, 1874. }

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

DEAR SIR & BRO.—At a regular communication of Durham Lodge No. 78, I. O. O. F., held on Tuesday, 21st day of July, it was moved by Bro. E. G. Chant, and seconded by Bro. H. Ross,—

That whereas Bro. Montgomery, a P. G. of this Lodge, having been duly delegated by Bro. T. H. Vann, D. D. G. M., to instal the officers of this Lodge for the present term—his instructions having been received by telegram—and as it was not lawful to communicate the Password by such means, Bro. T. H. Vann informed Bro. Montgomery that he would send the Password for the current Term in next following mail. No Password having been received by Bro. Montgomery or the N. G. of this Lodge from Bro. Vann; that Bro. Montgomery informs this Lodge, that in his regular returns to Bro. Vann he requested the Password to be forwarded to him, and that since that date Bro. Montgomery has telegraphed and written to Bro. Vann in reference to the Password. No answer has been received.

Be it Resolved,—That Bro. T. H. Vann, D. D. G. M. of this District, in not sending the Password to this Lodge at the appointed time, and for his discourtesy in not replying to the letters and telegrams of Bro. Montgomery, is in the opinion of this Lodge guilty of a gross violation of the duties of his office, and of his obligation as an Odd Fellow.

And be it further Resolved,—That a copy of the above be sent to the M. W. G. M., Bro. Dr. Wright, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, with the request that the same be laid before the Grand Lodge at its next ensuing session.

And furthermore be it Resolved,—That the Secretary be instructed to at once communicate with the Grand Master and request him to send the Password of the current Term to our N. G., without further delay.

E. G. CHANT
R. Secretary.

J. Gibson, P. G. M., from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Distribution.

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Distribution submit the following Report, viz:

- CLAUSE 1. Grand Master's Report to Committee on Petitions.
 CLAUSE 2. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, (middle clause 16) Committee on State of the Order.
 CLAUSE 3. Committee on Finance.
 CLAUSE 9. A Special Committee of nine.
 CLAUSE 10. A Special Committee of five to re-adjust the Districts.
 CLAUSE 11—13. Committee on Legislation.
 CLAUSE 1 & 16. Grand Secretary's Report Committee on Printing.
 CLAUSE 3, page 15 to 27. Returns.
 CLAUSE 7, 17. A on page 29; pages 7 to 14, and 28 to 31. Finance.
 CLAUSE 8 & 13. Legislation.
 CLAUSE 11, 12, 14. State of the Order.
 CLAUSE 15. Special Committee of five.
 CLAUSE 18. Correspondence.
 Grand Representatives' Report, so much as refers to the case of William D. Kennedy, to a Special Committee of five.

So much as refers to Dues and Benefits, to a Committee of five.

So much as relates to the History of Odd Fellowship, to the Special Committee appointed to consider clause 9 of the Grand Master's Report.

Resolved.—That the above Report be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON,
 E. R. ROBINSON,
 FRED. W. JOHNSTON,
 J. B. MEACHAM,
 J. E. DURHAM.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by P. G. Master McAfee, seconded by P. G. M. James Smith, that there be added to the Committee on Legislation two more members.

The following was adopted:

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahan, seconded by Bro. McColl, and

Resolved.—That suitable tables and stationery be procured for the use of members of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

At one o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned till 8 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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WEDNESDAY, Aug. 5, 1874, }
1 o'clock p. m. }

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, having examined all present, declared them duly qualified; whereupon the Grand Marshal declared the Grand Lodge open.

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

Rep. Dr. F. Fowler, on behalf of Kingston Lodge No. 59, invited the Grand Lodge and ladies accompanying Representatives, to attend a steamboat excursion to take place this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

On motion of Rep. J. B. McIntyre, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. R. McWhinnie, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

KINGSTON, 5th August, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that Bay of Quinte Lodge No. 143 omitted to insert the name of its Representative in the Report submitted for last term; also that there is no Seal attached, in consequence of the Lodge being unable to procure one yet; but sufficient evidence has been produced to satisfy your Committee as to the identity of Bro. John Newton, and that he is the legal Representative.

Resolved,—Therefore, that John Newton, P. G., be admitted to represent Bay of Quinte Lodge No. 143.

We also find the Certificate of J. M. Wingfield, P. G., in due form, and recommend his admission.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

R. McWHINNIE,
J. B. KING,
CHAS. PAECKERT,

Roll of Lodges called for questions, when the following were presented :

By Rep. John Size, of Oxford Lodge No. 77 :

Is it lawful to keep the inner door closed against the admission of members under any other head of business than opening and initiation ?

By Rep. J. J. Davis, of Warriner Lodge No. 75 :

Within what time can a brother apply for a Degree after being rejected ?

By Rep. W. Murphy, of Wardsville Lodge No. 60 :

Where a number of persons join the nearest Lodge to their locality for the express purpose of becoming the Charter members of a new Lodge, has the Lodge which they join the power to return the initiation and degree fees to them if it sees fit, and under what heading shall the payment of said money be returned in the Semi-Annual Report ?

By Rep. R. C. Guerin, of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53 :

Whether there is any law stating that Lodges have to provide Past Grands and members with Regalia? If not, do Past Grands and members have to furnish their own ?

By Rep. D. M. Telford, of Howard Lodge No. 58 :

1st. Can the N. G., at an election of officers, compel all members entitled to vote, including the candidates, to do so ?

2nd. Can the N. G. admit members during the progress of a ballot ?

3rd. During the progress of an election of officers, when several ballots are taken without decision for the same office, should members be admitted between the several ballots, or not until a decision is arrived at? Or is the same to be held as a continuous ballot ?

4th. When blanks are cast at an election of Subordinate Lodge officers, should they be considered as votes ?

By Rep. E. R. Robinson, of Eureka Lodge No. 80 :

Can a Past Grand in good standing be elected Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge, he being absent on the night of the election, and not having signified his intention to serve, either verbally or in writing ?

By Rep. Jas. Moore, of Chatham Lodge No. 29:

Is a Noble Grand who has served 26 nights in that office, and before his successor is installed, eligible as a Representative to the Grand Lodge?

By Rep. Thos. Henderson, of Avon Lodge No. 41:

Is it right for reports to be read *seriatim* at the request of one member, without motion?

Are men who are in business, although not able to attend to it themselves, entitled to benefits, said business still going on?

By Rep. T. G. Stanton, of Western City Lodge No. 98:

I would respectfully ask if any Lodge can legally fine any of its officers for being absent from a regular meeting, when there is not a quorum?

By Rep. J. M. Lawrie, of Empire Lodge No. 87:

Is a Scarlet member eligible for an elective office, if having been appointed to an appointed office, but absented himself from the same during a majority of the meeting nights during said term?

By Rep. Hugh Walker, of Belleville Lodge No. 81:

Is it the duty of a Committee on Character to see the applicant personally, and examine him previous to their reporting to the Lodge?

2nd. Must all communications from a Subordinate Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be forwarded only by the D. D. G. Master? If so, do the answers to said communications become the property of the Subordinate Lodge, or can the D. D. G. Master retain them, and communicate verbally such parts of said answers as he thinks proper?

3rd. Must all moneys for supplies due to the R. W. G. Secretary from a Subordinate Lodge be paid to the D. D. G. Master, and can he refuse to install the officers elect if said money is not paid to him?

By Rep. J. W. Jones, of Dominion Lodge No. 48:

1st. In electing Representatives to the Grand Lodge, is it necessary that the roll of members in good standing at the time be called before the ballots are cast?

2nd. Is it necessary, in the election of Grand Representatives, that nominations be made, or may the Lodge proceed to ballot for any P. G. in good standing whether he has been nominated or not?

3rd. Does not Clause 3, Article 6 of Constitution of Subordinates conflict with Clause 1838 of Digest, particularly with reference to the implied indefinite suspension of a member?

By Rep. C. B. Stevens, of Walkerton Lodge No. 84 :

1st. Can a N. G. rule a Report out of order emanating from the Finance Committee while in the discharge of their duties as Auditors, because the Finance

Committee reported that the officers were guilty of dereliction of duty in not holding Degree meetings at the appointed time, also for not declaring members suspended for non-payment of dues, according to the By-Laws of the Lodge?

2nd. Has a N. G. the right to act upon a telegram received from the M. W. G. M., simply signing his name without attaching his official initials?

By Rep. Weston, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61 :

1st. After the Vice-Grand declares the ballot against the candidate, can the Noble Grand ask for another ballot without the consent of V. G., before he declares the candidate rejected?

2nd. Is it proper for the Noble Grand to take the book on his passing out of the Lodge Room?

3rd. If any Lodge Grants aid to a brother of any other Lodge in good standing, can the said Lodge claim the amount granted from the Lodge to which the brother belongs?

4th. If a candidate for admission is balloted for and accepted, and on being examined by the Lodge Surgeon is found unsound, can the candidate be initiated?

Reps. L. Ferguson and R. McWhinnie, a Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which on motion was ordered to lie on the table until Thursday :

Report of Special Committee.

KINGSTON, 5th August, 1874.

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

JOHN McMATH,

vs.

ERIE LODGE No. 33. }

We, the undersigned District Deputy Grand Masters, appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Master, under the authority of the Report adopted at the last Session of the Grand Lodge held at Stratford, and recorded in "Journal of Proceedings," page 1017, beg to report as follows:

1st. That we examined the Minutes of Erie Lodge touching the matter in question, and found them to be regular, with the exception that there is a motion recorded for the reception of the Report of the Committee appointed to try the charge against Bro. McMATH, which advised his expulsion, but there is no motion recorded for the adoption of said Report.

2nd. That Erie Lodge did commit gross irregularities in loaning the funds of the Lodge to members thereof, contrary to its By-Laws and the well established principles of the Order, and afterwards destroying the notes held in security for the same, by authority of a resolution recorded in the Minutes.

3rd. That in consequence of a note for the sum of \$20, ordered to be destroyed by the above resolution, and saved through the intervention of a friend of Bro. McMath, and his (McMath's) subsequent connection with regard to the collection of the same, he was charged, tried and expelled, as set forth in the first section of this Report.

4th. That your Committee are of opinion, from admissions made by prominent members of Erie Lodge, that the expulsion of Bro. McMath was predetermined upon, and that the brethren who had been prominently connected with the illegal handling of Lodge funds, were only too glad to get hold of anything upon which to rest a charge and to secure the expulsion of, to them, a troublesome member.

5th. That the evidence produced on the trial of Bro. McMath, that he had violated his sacred pledge, wherein he promised not to "defraud the Lodge to the amount of anything," and all the circumstances surrounding the said charge do not, in the opinion of your Committee, warrant his expulsion.

6th. That your Committee fully concur in the principle of common justice, that no man's position and character should be injured or prejudiced before the public through his connection with a *Secret Society*; and being fully convinced that had Bro. McMath been a member of a Lodge where such irregularities and illegal handling of Lodge moneys could not be tolerated, he would now, in all probability, be found a member enjoying all the privileges and freedom guaranteed to members who conduct themselves honestly.

7th. Your Committee would, in consequence of the points set forth in this Report and information had, most respectfully recommend that Bro. McMath be reinstated, on payment of the ten dollars in dispute and such other amount as demanded by the laws of the Order.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted

Yours in F. L. & T.

LEONARD FERGUSON,
ROBT. McWHINNIE.

An appeal was presented : W. A. Roblin vs. Belleville Lodge No. 81, and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. Thos. Henderson, and

Resolved,—That two more names be added to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The chair added to the Committee, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., and Rep. J. B. McIntyre.

Rep. W. Badenach, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

KINGSTON, 5th August, 1874.

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

Your Committee beg leave to report in reference to Clause 3 of your M. W. Grand Master's Report, that they heartily support the action of your executive officers in donating the sum of one hundred dollars to our suffering brothers in Memphis and Shreveport, and congratulate your R. W. Grand Body on the very liberal response made by the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction to the appeal made to them.

Referring to Clause 7 of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, we find amounts to be correctly given, and we would greatly commend the present improved system of keeping separate accounts for the different sources of revenue.

Clause 17. We would recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be empowered to procure suitable office and desk accommodation, as the proper classification of reports and other papers is indispensable.

Statement of Receipts and Balance Sheet has already been certified to by the Auditors appointed by your R. W. Grand Body; we therefore deem it unnecessary to give them our particular attention, but would point out an error of the printers in the stationery and postage account, the amount being printed \$82.76 should be \$82.67, as per the written report of your Auditors.

Referring to your R. W. Grand Treasurer's Report, we would submit the following summary of the year's business:

Balance.....	\$3854 33
Receipts for year.....	6279 13
	\$10133 46
Expenditure.....	5440 55
	\$4692 91

in which we are happy to notice an item of \$61.04 to the credit of Interest account, owing to the improved system of keeping the books and accounts adopted this year.

We would also commend the system adopted last year of having the books and accounts of your R. W. Grand Lodge thoroughly audited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

WM. BADENACH,
JOHN M. LAWRIE,
W. W. GRIFFEY.

The following accounts of District Deputy Grand Masters for expenses in visiting, &c., during the past year, were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance :

D. D. G. M.	F. F. Lawrance,	\$60 00
do	H. McAfee.....	15 00
do	Cl. T. Campbell,	13 16
do	O. E. Hulin,	27 50
do	Harper Wilson,	16 50
do	W. N. Ford,	15 30
do	R. McWhinnie	18 00
do	E. R. Robinson	15 00
do	Geo. Midgeley	4 60
do	L. Ferguson,	20 00
do	G. W. Jessop	17 30
do	J. D. Matheson	42 32
do	R. Tracy.....	33 59
do	J. Elias Durham	26 16

Also the following :

Naomi Lodge, amount paid installing officer	\$ 4 00
Special Committee, L. Ferguson and R. McWhinnie, visiting Erie Lodge in the matter of J. McMath vs. Erie Lodge,	16 00
W. C. Trimble & Co., printing Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports.....	52 50

Rep. Robert Evans, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on Petitions, beg to report as follows :

That Cards be granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge to the following Bros. of Rose Lodge No. 28, of Amherstburg, now defunct: Samuel McGee, P. G., Andrew Botsford, Jonathan Lane, Simon Kemp, A. Elliot, J. G. Kolfage, Alex. McGee, Chas. Cornwall, Thos. M. Kalchtallar, and Edmund Anderson, provided they did not take part or share in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of said Lodge, and would suggest that the Grand Master, or his Deputy, make inquiry into this matter before said Cards are granted.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
L. FERGUSON.

Rep. Robt. Evans, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, beg to report as follows:

That the petition of Bros. T. W. Raines, J. M. Munroe, Jas. Patterson, J. M. Sherlock, and M. L. Kilborne, be received, and that this Grand Lodge do grant said brothers a Charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in the town of Almonte.

Also, that Bros. W. H. Hoover, H. A. Hoover, Alexander Thoman, J. G. Hoover, and J. C. Smith, of Arkona, be granted a Charter by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of opening a Lodge in said town.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
L. FERGUSON.

Rep Geo. Midgely, of Unity Lodge No. 47, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

The N. G. of a Lodge resigns his position during the term, say three or four nights before its close. Can a brother, who is otherwise eligible, be nominated and elected the same evening that the resignation is received? And can any Past Grand present proceed to instal the N. G. elect on the evening of such an election, the D. D. G. M. not having been notified of such resignation, election or installation, and not being present, from the fact of not knowing that such installation would take place?

Rep. J. B. Meacham submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Can a Lodge pass a By-Law to the effect that no brother should receive the Password until he has paid up his dues three months in advance?

2nd. In the absence of the Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, and all Past Grands, and a quorum of members present, can a Lodge be opened, and how?

3rd. Can a member of the Manchester or Canadian Order, become a member of our Order?

Rep. Brown, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee :

Is it lawful for a Lodge to loan the funds to any brother of the Lodge, by mortgage, note, or otherwise ?

Rep. J. A. Montgomery submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee :

Would it not be conducive to the interests of our Order to abolish the use of our Charge Books during the initiatory ceremony, and during the opening and closing exercises ?

H. McAfee, P. G. M., submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee :

Can a member of this Grand Lodge be placed on Committee or Committees of this Grand Lodge, against whom charges have been made and are now pending in his Lodge ? and is such member entitled to speak, make motions, or vote in this Grand Body ?

Rep. J. A. Parker submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee :

Is it lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to nominate Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge on the regular night of nomination of the elective officers for current term ?

The following was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

J. B. KING, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary :

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Will you be kind enough to submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, of the I. O. O. F., my claim to rank as a Past Grand Master of the Order.

My Clearance Card, which I brought from the Pioneer Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of Dunedin, New Zealand, and which you received at the time I claimed to be admitted as a Charter member of Capital Lodge at Ottawa, and of which I am here, as its Representative, bears testimony to my rank in the Order.

I also enclose herewith a report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., held at Melbourne, Victoria, in August, 1861, as confirmatory evidence of my rank in the Order.

I beg, also, to call your attention to a paragraph in the Grand Secretary's Report, page 2, and a letter from Bro. J. L. Ridgley, G. S., in which mention is made of the affiliation then in progress, and which, you know, has since taken place.

I therefore expect to rank in the Order here as a Past Grand Master.

I am, my Dear Sir & Bro.,

Yours in F. L. & T.,

JAMES MCGAW, P. G. M.

The chair named the following Special Committees:

On Clause 10, Grand Master's Report: J. Gibson, P. G. M., and Reprs. J. A. Parker, J. Dodds, Thos. Henderson, N. Flater.

On Dues and Benefits in Grand Representatives' Report: Reprs. Robt. Kirkpatrick, J. M. Lawrie, J. Henry, F. G. Dunbar, I. J. Davis.

On Clause 9 of Grand Master's Report, and so much of Grand Representatives' Report as relates to the History of Odd Fellowship: J. Murray, P. G. M., Reprs. J. W. Fletcher, J. Henry, J. W. Jones, and D. McConachie.

On Grand Representatives' Report, that which refers to the case of Bro. W. D. Kennedy, P. G.: Reprs. S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., Geo. Midgely, J. W. Hunt, H. Walker.

On Clause 15, Grand Secretary's Report: J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., and Reprs. J. A. Montgomery, F. T. Yates, T. G. McCormick, J. Craig.

The following notices of motion, to amend the Constitution, were read, and referred to the Committee on Legislation:

By UNION LODGE No. 16.

To amend Article 5, Clause 6, of Constitution governing Subordinate Lodges of Ontario, by striking out the following: "Provided always that such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the general benefit fund." Also, amend Clause 10, same Article, by striking out the following: "Provided always, that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member to such Widows' and Orphans' Fund within the space of twenty-five years, and that if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities."

By EMPIRE LODGE No. 87.

Article 5, Clause 6. Strike out the words: "Provided always that such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the general benefit fund."

Article 5, Clause 10. Strike out the words: "Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member to such Widows' and Orphans' Fund within the space of twenty-five years under the By-Laws of the Lodge, and that if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities."

The following was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon,
Seconded by Rep. Charles Paekert, and

Resolved.—That the words "good standing" in Clause 9 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, where it relates to the number of members of Subordinate Lodges, shall be taken to mean the number of members on which per capita tax is paid to this Grand Lodge.

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon,
Seconded by Rep. W. Lewis, and

Resolved.—That it be referred to the Committee on Legislation to report on the advisability of erasing the word "Elective," in Clause 8 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so that it might read : "And all officers in this Grand Lodge shall have the right of debating and making motions."

The following was read :

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon,
Seconded by Rep. R. McWhinnie, and

Resolved.—That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage, by the nearest traveled route of Officers and Representatives attending the present session of this Grand Lodge, at five cents per mile for the total distance in coming and returning, and the per diem at two dollars.

Moved in amendment by Rep. J. Craig,
Seconded by J. Gibson, P. G. M., and

Resolved.—That the word (5) five be erased, and the word (4) four be inserted.

The amendment prevailed.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND DAY.

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MORNING SESSION.

Kingston, Aug. 6th, 1874.

The Grand Lodge assembled at nine o'clock, a. m.

Grand Master, Geo. Wright, in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Roll Called. Present;

GEORGE WRIGHT	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
R. WARRINER,	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
H. E. BUTTERY	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JOHN GIBSON,	R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.
JAMES WOODYATT	do do
J. S. McMAHON	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
HUGH McCOLL,	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
W. D. GORDON,	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS,	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rep. C. Paekert, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Credentials.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that we have examined the Certificate of W. N. Hoey, P. G. of Napanee Lodge No. 86, and find it correct, and would recommend that he be admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree.

We submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

CHAS. PAECKERT,
R. McWHINNIE,
J. B. KING.

The following questions were presented, and severally referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

By Rep. John Heard, of St. Thomas Lodge No. 76 :

1st. Can a N. G. declare a member suspended for N. P. D., at the commencement of the quarterly term, which makes him twelve calendar months in arrears—the By-Laws providing that the quarterly contributions shall be paid in advance? Or should such declaration by the N. G. be made at the last of said quarterly term?

2nd. Has a N. G. the power to draw on the Treasurer of his Lodge or the amount of a member's sick benefits, without a vote of his Lodge for the same, or without having first announced his intention to his Lodge of so doing?

By Rep. H. C. Flach, of Nith Lodge No. 96:

Do the nights, when officers are absent without excuse, count in the number of nights requisite to fill up the term of office for qualification for higher office?

By Rep. C. B. Stevens, of Walkerton Lodge No. 84 :

Can a N. G. declare an election void, and order a new ballot?

By Rep. Weston, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61:

Can a Subordinate Lodge make such By-Laws as will cut a member off from benefits, if his dues are not paid within a given time?

By Rep. J. Craig, of Fergus Lodge No. 73:

The By-Laws of Fergus Lodge require the Trustees to invest the Lodge funds "either in some chartered institution of this Province, or in a *bona fide*

real estate security." During the year 1873 the N. G. decided that the clause quoted forbids the Lodge funds being invested in the purchase of Township School Debentures. Was his ruling correct?

John Murray, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Special Committee.

KINGSTON, 6th August, 1874.

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

We, your Special Committee, appointed to examine Clause 9 of the Grand Master's Report, and also that portion of Grand Representatives' Report which relates to the compiling of a History of our Order, most respectfully submit the following:

That we are of opinion that such a History would be conducive to the best interests of the Order,

And would recommend that this R. W. Grand Body do appoint a Committee of two to co-operate with the R. W. Grand Secretary, Jas. L. Ridgely, for the consummation of the same.

And we further recommend, that P. G. M., Jas. Woodyatt, and our R. W. Grand Secretary, J. B. King, constitute said Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JOHN MURRAY, P. G. M.
J. W. JONES,
D. McCONACHIE,
J. ROBERSON,
J. W. FLETCHER.

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Appeals.

KINGSTON, August 6th, 1874.

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

R. H. DYAS }
vs. }
IVY LODGE }

In the matter of the above appeal of R. H. Dyas, from the action of Ivy Lodge No. 90, the facts of the case appear to be as follows:

Bro. R. H. Dyas borrowed the sum of \$700 from Bro. Isaac Frederick, and some months subsequently failed in business, making an assignment.

Bro. Frederick, together with other creditors, (necessary to do so) accepted a compromise from Bro. Dyas.

Bro. Frederick afterwards preferred a charge against Bro. Dyas for maliciously defrauding him out of a large sum of money, and conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

The trial Committee reported that Bro. Dyas acknowledged that he had wronged Bro. Frederick, but not intentionally, and recommended his expulsion, which was adopted by the Lodge.

Your Committee submit that the above was purely an account between two members, and according to Clause 1082, Digest: "The Lodge has no right to interfere in the matter."

Resolved,—That the appeal be sustained, and Ivy Lodge be instructed to reinstate Bro. R. H. Dyas to membership.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

HUGH BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN.

Rep. J. Ham Perry gives notice, that on to-morrow he will move the following:

Resolved,—That no questions proposed by Representatives, to be referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Order, will hereafter be entertained by this R. W. Grand Lodge, unless notice of such proposed questions be furnished in writing to the Grand Secretary, at least ten days before the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. J. Ham Perry, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report:

Report of Committee on Appeals.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

WM. A. ROBLIN,
vs.
BELLEVILLE LODGE No 81.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows:

In this case the Committee have only the statement of the appellant to the effect, that on the 30th day of July, 1874, he being good on the books of the Lodge and under no charges, applied for a Withdrawal Card, which was balloted for and refused.

Resolved,—That if, upon the examination by the Grand Master, the above statement prove to be true, Belleville Lodge No. 81 is hereby directed to grant such Card within thirty days, and in the event of the Lodge not complying with this direction, the Grand Master is hereby instructed to suspend said Belleville Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

HUGH BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN.

On motion to adopt the Report, it was moved in amendment by Rep. H. Blain, seconded by J. Murray, P. G. M.,

That the further consideration of this Report be laid on the table till this afternoon.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rep. Jaffray, seconded by Rep. Brown,

That the Report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to examine the Representatives of Belleville Lodge No. 81 upon the appeal, and report this afternoon.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment by Rep. Jaffray, it was declared lost.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. H. Blain, it was declared lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the same committee, presented the following report :

Report of Committee on Appeals.

Kingston, 6th August, 1874.

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

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 44.)

vs.)
THE GRAND MASTER.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows :

1.—In April, 1872, Bro. Pryke applied for withdrawal card from above Lodge. The ballot was taken, and the N. G. declared the card not granted.

2.—Some weeks after, the N. G. remarked in the Lodge room, that he had made some mistake of Bro. Pryke's application, as there were a majority of white balls in the ballot.

3.—At the annual meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, held at Windsor, in August, 1872, Rep. Griffith, of Excelsior Lodge, 44, submitted two questions touching the above points, and which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order, for report of said Committee, and the adoption of the same. See pages 901, 902, Journal 1872.

4.—On the visit of P. G. M. Murray, to said Lodge, (during the year of his incumbency), Bro. Griffith asked the Grand Master (referring to above proceedings held at Windsor), "whether Bro. Pryke was a member of our Lodge?" The official answer of Grand Master Murray was "Brothers, I would rather you would settle this matter among yourselves," instead of complying with the instructions of this R. W. Grand Lodge, as set forth in the above named report, mentioned in section three of this report.

5.—In September, 1873, Bro. Griffith asked the N. G., "if Bro. Pryke was a member of Excelsior Lodge." The N. G. answered yes. Bro. Griffith appealed from the chair to the Lodge, and the ruling of the chair was sustained.

6.—Bro. Griffith then appealed from the Lodge, to the D. D. Grand Master. The D. D. G. M., in the presence of the present Grand Master, declared "that Bro. Pryke was not a member of any Lodge." The Grand Master confirmed this decision.

7.—From April, 1872, to October, 1873, Bro. Pryke regularly paid his dues, acted on Standing Committees, and also held an office in the Lodge.

8.—Your Committee find that the decision of the Grand Master was grounded, on the before mentioned report of the Committee on the State of the Order. Pages 901, 902, Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge, 1872, previously quoted.

Therefore Resolved, that the above appeal of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, be not sustained.

Resolved.—That the foregoing report be adopted.

H. BLAIN.
FIFE FOWLER.
J. HAM PERRY.
WM. FREEMAN.

At the request of Rep. J. S. McMahon, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, the appeal of Excelsior Lodge was read.

On motion to adopt the report, it was moved in amendment by Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. W. Lewis,

That the word "not" in the resolution accompanying the report be stricken out.

Pending the consideration of the Report, the following was resolved in the negative :

Moved by Rep. J. F. O'Neil,
Seconded by Rep. J. E. Durham.

Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, until two o'clock p. m.

The question being upon the adoption of the amendment of Rep. J. S. McMahon, it was declared lost.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. J. S. McMahon, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which was granted on motion of Rep. H. Blain.

Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was considered seriatim and adopted :

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, report upon the questions of Rep. Jones, of Dominion Lodge, as follows :

1.—In electing the Representatives to the Grand Lodge, is it necessary that the roll of members in "good standing," be called before or at the time the ballots are cast ?

Answer—Yes, if the By-laws require it, or a member in "good standing," demands it before the ballot is taken.

2.—Is it necessary in election of Grand Representatives that nominations be made, or may the Lodge proceed to ballot for any P. G. in good standing whether he has been nominated or not ?

Answer.—See page 73, Digest, Ontario, 2nd Decision.

3.—Does not clause 3, article 6, of Constitution of Subordinates conflict with clause 1338, of "White's Digest?" particularly with reference to the implied indefinite suspension of a member ?

Answer.—Yes, inasmuch as suspensions, other than for non-payment of dues must not be for an indefinite time.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT.
ROBERT TRACY.
J. B. McINTYRE,
H. C. BINGHAM.
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. R. Tracy, from the same Committee, presented the following Report, which was considered seriatim and adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

§ KINGSTON 6th August, 1874.

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the following questions, submit as follows:

Question by Representative Weston, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa.

1.—Is it proper for the Noble Grand to take the book in his possession out of the Lodge Room?

We reply—No. See Charge Book.

Question of Representative H. Syze, of Oxford Lodge, No. 77.

2.—Is it lawful to keep the inner door closed against the admission of Members under any other head of business than opening and initiating?

In reply we answer—No.

Question of Rep. I. J. Davis, of Warriner Lodge, No. 75.

3.—Within what time can a Brother apply for a degree after being rejected?

Answer.—See page 44, Ontario Digest, Decision second.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

ROBERT TRACY.
JAMES WOODYATT.
J. B. McINTYRE.
H. C. BINGHAM.
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. R. Tracy, from the same Committee, presented the following report, which was considered seriatim and adopted.

Report of Committee On State Of the Order.

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred certain questions, submit as follows:

Question by Representative B. C. Guerin, of Niagara Falls Lodge, No 53.

Whether there is any law stating that Lodges have to provide Past Grands and members with regalia? If not, do Past Grands and Members have to furnish their own regalia?

Answer—The Lodge must provide suitable Regalia. See Digest, Section 1648.

Questions of Representative W. Murphy, of Wardsville Lodge, No. 60.

1st When a number of persons join the nearest Lodge to their locality for the express purpose of becoming the charter members of a new Lodge, has the Lodge which they join the power to return the initiation and degree fees to them if it sees fit?

Answer—The Lodge has the right. See page 79, Ontario Digest.

2nd If so, under what heading shall the payment of said money be returned in the Semi-annual report?

Answer—Under a special head.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

R. TRACY.
W. GEORGE MUTTON.
JAMES WOODYATT.
H. C. BINGHAM.
J. B. McINTYRE.

Rep. W. G. Mutton, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered seriatim as read, and adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

KINGSTON, August 6th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, and part of clauses 2 and 16 of the M. W.

Grand Master's Report, and clauses 11, 12 and 14 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg to say:

That we have duly considered the several matters, which are touched upon in the above clauses, and with a view of preventing any misunderstanding in the matter, we shall speak of them in rotation as they appear in the several Reports. We therefore respectfully submit as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

CLAUSE 2.—We think that on account of the changes made at the last session of the Grand Lodge, in the duties of the M.W.G.M., the circular was required, and that the results were favorable to a great extent.

CLAUSE 3.—We concur in the opinion, that the case was of sufficient import, that an appeal should be made to the Subordinate Lodges, and are very much pleased to hear that it met with such a liberal response.

CLAUSE 4.—With regard to the four questions which are answered in the clause, we would say that the answer to query one is in our opinion correct, see Con. of Sub., article 6, clause 15. Likewise the answer to Query 2, see D. White's Digest, 261 and 304. Also that to query 3, see Ont. Dig. pp. 104 and Con. of Sub., article 4, clauses 8, 9, and 10. We agree with the answer to query 4, as regards the funds proper of the Lodge, but think that where there is a contingent fund in connection with the Lodge, it is sometimes expedient to pay out for special purposes, more than the amount specified by the By-laws.

We agree with the observations made at the latter end of this clause, and certainly think that a great many unnecessary questions are asked which a careful examination of the Digest would answer. We also think that it should be distinctly understood that the only legitimate channel of communication is through the Deputy of the District, and sincerely trust that on the part of every Lodge, no such want of courtesy shall occur during the present year.

CLAUSE 5.—We fully agree with the first part of this clause but do not concur in the latter part, as we think the present system is all that is necessary, and that the services of any efficient officer will hardly be overlooked.

CLAUSE 6.—We agree in the opinion that the failure of a Deputy District Grand Master to report is a grave omission on his part, and think that if the proposed circulars were issued they would perhaps help the matter to some extent.

CLAUSE 7.—We heartily concur in the opinion of the M. W. Grand Master with regard to outside parades of our order.

CLAUSE 8.—We are glad to hear that during the year a number of New Halls have been dedicated to the principles and uses of our Order, and are pleased to find that the order is so prosperous.

CLAUSE 12.—We are very pleased to find that there have been so few appeals, and think that this is a sign, that most of the Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction are working in harmony.

CLAUSE 14.—We congratulate the M.W.G.M., and the Order in Ontario, upon the success that attended the efforts to resuscitate Barrie Lodge, and are very pleased to observe that this is the only Lodge which had to give up its charter for some time past, and that now it has been resuscitated, it leaves the list of Lodges unbroken from No. 44 to the last Lodge instituted, No 144.

CLAUSE 16.—We concur in the M.W.G. Master's arrangements with regard to the appointment of the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates, and think that the same principle, upon which the other Standing Committees were appointed, will give general satisfaction.

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CLAUSE 2.—With regard to this clause, we must say that we highly deprecate such a state of affairs, and think that the parties to blame, be they the District Deputies or the Subordinate Lodges mentioned, should receive a reprimand from this B. W. Grand Body, so that a like state of affairs, should not occur again.

CLAUSE 12.—We think that this clause should be referred to the Finance Committee.

CLAUSE 14.—We highly appreciate the action taken by the M. W. Grand Master in the Memphis and Shreveport affair, and think the Subordinate Lodges are to be complimented upon their liberal response, and the magnificent sum donated by them for that purpose.

Your Committee submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

W. GEORGE MUTTON.
ROBERT TRACY.
H. C. BINGHAM.
J. B. McINTYRE.
JAMES WOODYATT.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Special Committee, in the matter of the appeal of John McMath vs. Erie Lodge No. 33, was then taken up, considered and adopted.

Rep. Chas. Paeckert, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of the Committee on Credentials.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report, that we have examined the Certificate of Bro. Thomas Rice, Past Grand of Brock Lodge No. 9, and find it correct, and recommend that he be admitted and instructed in G. L. Degree.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PAECKERT,
J. B. KING.

Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on the State of the Order.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. McAfee, P. G. M., of No. 142, as follows, viz :

"Can a member of this Grand Lodge be placed on Committee or Committees of this Grand Lodge, against whom charges have been made and are now pending in his Lodge? And is such member entitled to speak, make motions, or vote in this Grand Lodge?"

The Committee report that the answer to the above question is fully set out in Section 325 A of "White's Digest," and your Committee express their surprise that such a question should be asked.

We submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
W. GEORGE MUTTON,
J. B. McINTYRE.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted :

Report of Committee on the State of the Order.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the questions of Rep. Henderson, of Avon Lodge No. 41 :

Question 1st. Is it right for reports to be read *seriatim*, at the request of one member, without motion?

We reply: See Rule of Order 7, Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

Question 2nd. Are men who are in business, although not able to attend to it themselves, entitled to benefits, said business still going on?

We reply: See page 27, Ontario Digest, 5th decision.

In reply to question of Rep. E. R. Robinson, of Eureka Lodge No. 30 :

Can a Past Grand in good standing be elected Representative to this R. W. Grand-Lodge, he being absent on the night of election, and not having signified his intention to serve, either verbally or in writing?

We reply: Yes. See page 106 Ontario Digest, decision 6.

In reply to question of Rep. Jas. Moore, Chatham Lodge No. 29:

Is a Noble Grand, who has served 26 nights in that office, and, before his successor is installed, eligible as a Representative to the Grand Lodge?

We reply: Yes. See Ontario Digest, page 106, decision 4.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

J. B. McINTYRE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
R. TRACY,
JAMES WOODYATT,
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on the State of the Order.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th. 1874.

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

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred question of Rep. J. A. Parker, of Eastern Star Lodge No. 72:

Is it lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to nominate Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge on the regular night of nomination of the election of officers for the current term?

We reply: No.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

J. B. McINTYRE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
R. TRACY,
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. W. Badenach, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee On Finance.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

Your Finance Committee beg to report, that they have examined the following accounts of your D. D. G. Masters for the past year, and recommend the payment thereof :

D. D. G. M., F. F. Lawrence.....	\$60 00
do H. McAfee.....	15 00
do Cl. T. Campbell.....	13 16
do O. B. Hulin.....	27 50
do Harper Wilson.....	16 50
do W. N. Ford.....	15 30
do R. McWhinnie,.....	18 00
do E. R. Robinson,.....	15 00
do Geo. Midgely,.....	4 60
do L. Ferguson.....	20 00
do.....	4 00
Naomi Lodge, for expenses installing officers.....	
From L. Ferguson, expenses incurred investigating appeal of John McMath, of Erie Lodge No. 33.....	\$16 00
W. C. Triffable, printing Reports of M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary.....	52 50

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved.—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

WM. BADENACH,
W. W. GRIFFEY,
JOHN M. LAWRIE.

Rep. W. W. Griffey, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Finance.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

The Finance Committee beg respectfully to submit the following :

That we have examined the following D. D. Grand Master's Reports, and would recommend the payment of such as entered below :

Geo. W. Jessop.....	\$17 30
J. D. Matheson,.....	42 32
Dr. R. Tracy.....	33 59
J. E. Durham.....	26 16

In reference to Clause 12 of the Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee beg leave to report that the protest in reference to the \$3 has been withdrawn, and the affair satisfactorily settled.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. BADENACH,
W. W. GRIFFEY,
J. M. LAWRIE.

Rep. R. Evans, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

We, the undersigned Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, would beg leave to submit the following Report, upon the communication of Durham Lodge, complaining of a laxity of duty on the part of Bro. Vann, D. D. G. M., towards the said Lodge :

Resolved,—That the said Bro. Vann, in neglecting to send the Semi-Annual Password to the said Lodge, according to his obligation, and frequent promises made by telegraph and letter, is guilty of negligence of his obligation ; and we, the Committee, consider that Bro. Vann is deserving of the censure of this R. W. Grand Body.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
LEONARD FERGUSON.

Rep. Jos. Wright, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

KINGSTON, 6th August, 1874.

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

We, the undersigned Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submit the following Report :

Resolved.—That the following Lodges which have been working under dispensation during the last year, be granted Charters, viz :

	Lodge No.	
Sydenham Valley	120.	Wallaceburg
Saxon	121.	Ailsa Craig
Streetsville,	122.	Streetsville
Palmerston	123.	Palmerston
Dresden	124.	Dresden
Stella	125.	Carlton Place
Sarnia	126.	Sarnia
Mizpah	127.	Belleville
Mystic	128.	Kilbride
Charity	129.	Sunderland
Livingston	130.	Thorold
Marion	131.	Renfrew
Oakville	132.	Oakville
Glencoe	133.	Glencoe
Orient	134.	Welland
Peaceful Dove	135.	Cannington
Cobourg	136.	Cobourg
St. Lawrence	137.	Brockville
Ancaster	138.	Ancaster
Garnet	139.	Mount Forest
Leamington	140.	Leamington
Capital	141.	Ottawa
Concord	142.	Kingsville
Bay of Quinte	143.	Pictou
Ridgetown	144.	Ridgetown
Riverside	145.	Iroquois
Vivian	146.	Amprior
Model	147.	Wyoming

We therefore move the adoption of the above Resolution

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
LEONARD FERGUSON.

Rep. L. Ferguson, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence,

KINGSTON 6th August, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred the letters and communications of the G. Master to the G. Secretary, also the communications written to the Grand Secretary, find all papers correctly filed, reflecting great credit upon the Grand Secretary, considering the immense amount of matter which passed through his hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved.—That the foregoing be adopted.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
LEONARD FERGUSON.

Rep. G. W. Pontine was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

J. Gibson, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on Districts, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Special Committee on Districts.

KINGSTON, August 6th, 1874.

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

We, your Committee appointed to consider Clause 10 of the M. W. G. Master's Address, beg leave to submit the following Report:

Your Committee deem it advisable to reduce the number of Districts, and beg leave to recommend the following:

District No. 1:

To comprise all east of the County of Frontenac.

District No. 2:

To comprise the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, Prince Edward, Hastings, and Addington.

District No. 3:

To comprise the Counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, Durham and Ontario, with the exception of Nipissing Lodge No. 79.

District No. 4:

To comprise the Counties of York, Peel and Simcoe, Nipissing Lodge No. 79, and Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57.

District No. 5:

To comprise the Counties of Halton, Wentworth and Wellington.

District No. 6:

To comprise the Counties of Welland, Haldimand, Norfolk and Lincoln.

District No. 7:

To comprise the Counties of Waterloo, Brant and Oxford.

District No. 8:

To comprise the Counties of Perth and Huron.

District No. 9:

To comprise the Counties of Grey and Bruce.

District No. 10:

To comprise the Counties of Middlesex, Elgin and Lambton.

District No. 11:

To comprise the Counties of Essex and Kent.

Your Committee would recommend the District Deputies to visit each Lodge once a year, officially, the expense of such visit to be borne by this Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON,
ROBT. DODDS,
JNO. A. PARKER,
NATHAN FLATER,
THOS. HENDERSON.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, being fixed by the Constitution for the election of officers, the chair declared that order of business now open.

The chair named Reps. W. G. Mutton and J. D. Matheson, tellers.

Nominations for Grand Master being called, the following were made:

GRAND MASTER.

P. G., W. Fitzsimmons,	nominated by	Rep. H. Blain.
P. G., R. Warriner,	“ “ “	M. Weston.
Rep. F. Fowler,	“ “ “	Jno. Graham.
“ H. E. Buttery,	“ “ “	T. Healey

Rep. H. E. Buttery declined.

Rep. W. Fitzsimmons was elected on first ballot.

Nominations for R. W. Deputy Grand Master being called for, the following were made:

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

H. E. Buttery,	nominated by	.....	H. McAfee, P.G.M.
R. Evans,	“	.....	S.G. Dolson, P.G.M.
J. B. McIntyre,	“	.....	Rep. J. M. Laurie,
E. Beltz,	“	.....	“ W. Badenach,
F. Fowler,	“	.....	“ T. McCormack,
H. Blain,	“	.....	“ W. F. Roope,

Reps. J. B. McIntyre, E. Beltz and H. Blain declined.

Rep. H. E. Buttery, elected on first ballot.

Nominations for R. W. Grand Warden, were made as follows :

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

J. T. Hornbrook, nominated by	.....	Rep. H. Wilson,
Hugh McCall,	“	..... “ J. Urquhart,
W. D. Gordon,	“	..... “ J. A. Parker,
Isaac Smith,	“	..... “ H. McAfee, P.G.M.
R. Evans,	“	..... “ Jas. Smith, P.G.M.
C. S. Male,	“	..... “ R. Warriner,

Rep. R. Evans, declined.

Rep J. T. Hornbrook elected on 3rd ballot.

Nominations for Grand Secretary, was then called.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

J. B. King, nominated byRep. Hugh Blain.

Elected by Acclamation.

Nominations for Grand Treasurer were made as follows :

GRAND TREASURER.

P. B. Hatch, nominated by.....	Rep. J. B. McIntyre,
Geo. Irwin, “	..... “ Thos. Reid,
Dr. J. Lawrence “	..... “ J. E. Durham,
A. D. Clement, “	..... “ H. Blain,

P. G. Treas. A.D. Clement's name was withdrawn.

Geo. Irwin, P. G., elected on 2nd ballot.

Nominations were then called for a representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

REPRESENTATION TO G. L. U. S.

W. N. Ford, nominated by.....	H. McAfee, P.G.M.
Jno. Murray, "	Rep. H. Wilson,
Jno. Barr, "	" J. T. Hornbrook,
Geo. Wright, P.G.M. "	" J. H. Perry,
Jno Gibson, P.G.M. "	" Dr. J. Lawrence,
H. McAfee, P.G.M. "	" E. Beltz,
S. G. Dolson, " "	E. Beltz,

G. Wright, P. G. M., H. McAfee, P.G.M., and S. G. Dolson, P.G. M., declined.

John Barr, P.G.M., elected on 3rd ballot.

The following was resolved in the affirmative.

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon,
Seconded by Rep. J. C. Williams, and

Resolved—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, its stands adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.



KINGSTON, AUG. 6th 1874.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Several accounts were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the hour of nine o'clock was set apart for the exemplification of the secret work.

H. C. Bingham, P.G.M., from the Committee on State of the Order submitted the following Report, which was considered seriatim, and adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

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

The Committee on the State of the Order submit the following:

On question of Rep. Hugh Walker of Belleville Lodge No. 81.

Must all communications from a Sub-Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be forwarded only by the D.D. G. Master?

Answer.—Yes, see Ontario Digest, page 52, 1st decision.

From the same. Do the replies to Communications so forwarded to the Grand Secretary by a Sub. Lodge, become the property of the Sub-Lodge, or can the D.D.G.M., retain them and communicate verbally such parts of said answers as he thinks proper.

Answer.—They become the property of the Subordinate Lodge.

From the same, Must all money's due the R. W. Grand Secretary, for supplies by a Subordinate Lodge be paid to the D.D.G. Master, and can he refuse to install the officers elect if said money is not paid to him.

Answer.—Yes.

From the same. Is it the duty of a Committee on character to see the applicant personally, and examine him previous to their reporting to the Lodge.

Answer.—See Ontario Digest, Page 43, 6th decision.

On question by Rep. Weston of Corinthian Lodge, No. 62, Oshawa.

If a candidate for admission is balloted for and elected, and on being examined by the Lodge Surgeon is found unsound, can the candidate be initiated?

Answer.—Yes, if the Lodge see fit to incur the responsibility.

From the same. After the Vice Grand declares the ballot against a candidate, can a Noble Grand ask for another ballot without the consent of the Vice Grand before he declares the Candidate rejected.

Answer.—The action of the Vice Grand need not effect the course to be pursued by the Noble Grand, but the Noble Grand's action should be guided by Ontario Digest, page 81, 3rd Decision.

From the same. If any Lodge grants aid to a brother of any other Lodge in good standing, can the said Lodge claim the amount granted from the Lodge to which the brother belongs.

Answer.—No, except such as is provided for by the By-Laws of his Lodge or by his card.

Question by Rep. J. M. Lawrie of Empire Lodge, No. 87, St. Catharines

Is a scarlet member alligible for an elective office, if having been appointed to an appointed office, but absents himself from the same during a majority of the meeting nights.

Answer.—No, if there are other qualified members in nomination.

Question of Rep. Telford of Howard Lodge, No. 58.

Can the N.G., compel all members entitled to vote, including the Candidates, to do so.

Answer.—See rule of Order, No. 17, Subordinate Lodge.

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From the same. Can the N.G., admit members during the progress of a ballot.

Answer.—Yes.

From the same.—During the progress of an election of Officers, when several ballots are taken without decision for the same office, should members be admitted between the several ballots or not, until a decision is arrived at, or is the same to be held as a continuous ballot.

Answer.—Members should be admitted at any time during a ballot.

From the same. When blanks are cast at an election of Subordinate Lodge Officers, should they be considered as votes?

Answer—The usage in this jurisdiction is to count no ballots except those for parties in regular nomination.

In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the foregoing Report and Answers.

H. C. BINGHAM.
 J. B. McINTYRE.
 W. GEORGE MUTTON.
 R. TRACY.
 JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. Jno. Graham, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report:

Report of Committee on Returns.

KINGSTON, AUG 5th, 1874.

We your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the returns from the different Subordinate and Degree Lodges, and find the following errors and omissions:

	TERM ENDING DEC. 31st, 1873.	TERM ENDING, JUNE 30th, 1874.
Chatham, No. 29,	Error of 2 in total membership, 50c. per Capita short.	Error carried from Dec.
Eureka, No. 30,	Correct.	Error of ten in membership per Dec. report overpaid per capita, \$5.
Erie, No. 33,	Correct.	Error of 12 in total membership, per Capita \$2 short.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS, (CONTINUED.)

	TERM ENDING Dec. 31st, 1873.	TERM ENDING, JUNE 30th, 1874.	
Gore, No. 34,	Error of 3 in Total membership.	Error of Dec. carried to June report, and per capita overpaid 75c.	Oxford,
Forest City, No. 38.	Error of one in suspensions. Five to many in total membership.	Error carried forward from Dec., overpaid Capita tax \$1.25, error \$108 total receipt.	Durham
Rondeau, No. 40.	No statement of dues, initiation or degrees.	Correct.	Amity,
Mt. Zion, No. 46,	No account of two admitted by card in summary, and no names in columns of two admitted by card.	Error of \$10 in total amount of all funds.	Beaver,
Dominion, No. 48,	Correct.	Night of meeting omitted.	Walkert
Covenant, No. 52.	No Seal attached.	Correct.	Crescent
Fidelity, No. 55.	Error of fourteen in members in good standing, and error in total membership of two, and two little per capita of 50c.	Error of 1 in membership per last report.	Waterloo
Corinthian, No. 61.	Error of one in total membership.	Error carried from Dec. to June Report.	Royal O
Victoria, No. 64,	Error of two in membership, and 50c. to little per capita.	Error of 2 members and 50c. to little per Capita.	Maitland
Exeter, No. 67,	Correct.	Overpaid per Capita 25c	Marion,
North Star, No. 68,	No account of money in Treas hands neither in G. B. Fund nor W. & O. F.	Name of Bro. withdrawn not inserted no total of amounts of cash \$36 of a discrepancy in cash.	Cobourg,
Fergus, No. 73,	Error of 9 in total membership \$1 short in per capita.	Correct.	Leaming
Bothwell, No. 74,	Correct.	Error of 2 in present membership, 50c. per Capita too little.	Bay of Q
St. Thomas, No. 76,	Correct.	Error of three short in total membership last report.	Metropol Lodge Banner D No. 6 The r

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS, (CONTINUED.)

	TERM ENDING Dec. 31st, 1873.	TERM ENDING, JUNE 30TH, 1874.
Oxford, No. 77,	One mass of mistakes and marginal notes.	Error of 2 in membership, figures so badly blotted cannot make them out.
Durham, No. 78,	Correct.	Error of 1 in total membership, per last report 25c., overpaid per Capita.
Amity, No. 80,	Correct.	Mistake, 11 in Total Membership.
Beaver, No. 82,	Correct.	Overpaid Capita tax on \$1.50
Walkerton, No. 84,	Mistake of one in numbers in good standing.	Correct.
Crescent, No. 104,	Correct.	Error in total membership from last report overpaid Cap. tax 25c.
Waterloo, No. 107,	Correct.	Mistake of one in membership, overpaid Capita tax 25c.
Royal Oak, No. 108,	Correct.	Mistake of three in members overpaid Capita tax 75c. per last report.
Maitland, No. 119,	Correct.	Error of four in total number as per last report, due Grand Lodge, \$1.
Marion, No. 131,	Correct.	Overpaid Capita tax \$1.50.
Cobourg, No. 136,	Sec. name not signed, no seal.	
Leamington, No. 140,	Widow and Orphans fund not separated from general fund.	
Bay of Quinto, No. 143,	No statement of Division of total funds.	
Metropolitan Degree Lodge, No. 3,	Correct.	
Banner Degree Lodge, No. 5,	Correct.	
The returns of all other Lodges are correct.		

In conclusion, we your committee would respectfully suggest the necessity of the D.D.G. Master be instructed to impress upon the minds of the Secretary the importance of their being more careful in filling out their semi-annual return, as the unsatisfactory manner in which they are at present made out, especially among the older Lodges is very much to be regretted, and would recommend that Lodges having old form of return books, be instructed to return them to Grand the Secretary, and obtain the new ones, as they are superior in convenience and arrangement.

A large proportion of the mistakes have taken place in the transfer of total membership from the old to the new forms, from the fact of the suspended numbers not being included in the total decrease, the re-instated members being included in the increase. This mistake is not liable to occur again, with the new forms, and would recommend that Secretary's carefully revise their book in order to start their returns upon a correct basis.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. MENZIES,
WM. MURPHY.
F. F. LAWRENCE
JNO. GRAHAM.

Rep. W. Menzies from the Committee on Returns, made following Reports, which was considered and adopted.

Report of Committee on Returns.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

We your Committee on Returns beg leave to say that we have examined a communication from the D.D.G.M., of Belleville Lodge No. 81, enclosed in the returns in which he gives the names of the total amount of members on the books of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, which shows four members less than their return sheet, thus reducing their Representation one. We would strongly urge on D.D.G.M.'s to examine the books of each Lodge before installation to prevent such errors in future.

We submit as follows,

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. MENZIES.
W. MURPHY.
F. F. LAWRENCE.
JNO. GRAHAM.

Rep. F. F. Lawrence, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Returns.

KINGSTON, 6th August, 1874.

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

We, your Committee, to whom was referred Clause 3 of the G. Secretary's Report, and Abstract from the Semi-Annual Returns for the year ending June 30th, 1874, beg leave to say :

1st. That we approve of the change in the Semi-Annual Return sheet, being more simple and less liable to mistakes, and would recommend that Lodges be instructed to procure the new Return Book, at a cost of forty cents per book.

2nd. That we have carefully examined the Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns for the year ending June 30th, 1874, all of which we find correct.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Faternally submitted.

WM. MENZIES,
WM. MURPHY,
F. F. LAWRENCE,
JNO. GRAHAM.

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report :

Report of Committee on Appeals.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

D. D. ROSE,
vs.
FIDELITY LODGE No 55. }

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of D.D. Rose against the action of Fidelity Lodge No. 55, have carefully considered the facts as presented.

It does not appear from the papers that the proper notice has been given to the Subordinate Lodge, and therefore your Committee have only the statement of the appelliant.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the further consideration of this appeal be laid over to the next Session of this Grand Lodge, without prejudice to either party concerned.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

HUGH BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN.

On motion to adopt the Report,

Rep. Jas. Beatty moved,
Seconded by Rep. J. P. Langlais,

That all after the word "That," in the first resolution accompanying the Report, be stricken out, and the following substituted: "The appeal be dismissed."

Resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the Report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. J. H. Perry, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Appeals.

KINGSTON, August 6th, 1874.

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

AVON LODGE No. 41 }
 vs. }
GRAND LODGE. }

Your Committee, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows:

1st. Your Committee find, that on the 10th December, 1872, the Grand Secretary posted by letter, post-paid, to Avon Lodge No. 41 12 Visiting Cards and 12 Withdrawal Cards.

2nd. Your Committee find that said Cards have not been received by said Avon Lodge.

Therefore Resolved,—That the appeal of Avon Lodge No. 41 be sustained, and that the said charge in the Grand Lodge account against Avon Lodge be expunged.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

HUGH BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN,

Rep. H. Blain, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report :

Report of Committee on Appeals

KINGSTON, AUG. 6th, 1874.

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

H. F. TUCK,
vs.
RELIANCE LODGE No. 89.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report, as follows :

Among the papers submitted in this matter, we do not find that Reliance Lodge No. 89 was served with notice of Appeal. Neither do we find any certified papers containing the charge—the action of the committee appointed by the Lodge to try the same—nor do we find, action of the Lodge thereon. The only evidence before your Committee is the statement of the appellant.

Therefore Resolved,—That the further consideration of this appeal be postponed until the next annual Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

H. BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN.

On motion to adopt the Report, it was

Moved in amendment by Rep. H. Walker,
Seconded by Rep. Wm. Jaffray,

That all after the words "Therefore resolved" in the first resolution accompanying the Report, be stricken out, and the following substituted : "That the appeal be dismissed."

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the Report, it was agreed to.

Rep. H. Blain gives notice, that at this afternoon's session he will move the adoption of the following amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, viz :

To amend Clause 5, Art 2, as follows :

After the word "Clearance" in the second line, insert, "or Dismissal Certificate."

To amend Clause 8, Art. 2. by adding, "and to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, monthly."

To amend Clause 13, Art 2, by adding, "except by dispensation."

Clause 14, Art. 2. To be placed under a special heading, to be termed "CARDS."

Clause 15, Art 2. To be placed under a special heading, to be termed, "RE-ADMISSION."

To amend Clause 7, Art. 3, by striking out "declared elected by acclamation," and substitute "balloted for by some member, and declared elected unanimously."

To amend Clause 1, Art. 4, as follows :

Strike out the word "semi-monthly," and substitute the word "fortnightly."

To amend Clause 3 and 4, by striking out the second "the" in the third line.

To amend Clause 4, Art. 4, as follows :

Strike out the words "other Lodges" in the first line, and substitute the words "the Order ;" before the word "term" in the second line, insert the word "current," and after the same word "term," insert the words "upon presentation of a proper Card," and before the word "officer" in the same line, add the word "elective."

To amend Clause 6, Art. 4, as follows :

After the word "semi-annual" in the first line, insert, "or annual, as provided by its by-laws ;" and after the word "respectively," add "if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting in July, if annual."

To amend Clause 3, Art. 6, as follows :

Strike out the words "an indefinite," in the first line, and substitute the words "a definite ;" also strike out the words, "for any other cause than for non-payment of dues," and strike out the word "shall," and substitute the word "may" in the third line.

Strike out Clause 4, Art. 6, entire.

Clause 5 to be numbered Clause 4; rest of Clauses to be re-numbered accordingly.

To amend Clause 10, Art. 6, as follows:

After the word "three" in the third line, add, "or more."

To amend Clause 12, Art. 6, as follows:

After the word "one" in the second line, add the words, "more or."

Nine o'clock having arrived, being the hour set apart for the exemplification of the secret work, the Grand Representatives proceeded with that business.

After some time spent in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its regular business, when on motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD DAY.

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MORNING SESSION.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

The Grand Lodge met, and opened by the M. W. Grand Master.

Roll Called. Present:

GEORGE WRIGHT.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
R. WARRINER,.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
H. E. BUTTERY.....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING.....	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT.....	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JOHN GIBSON,.....	R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
JAMES WOODYATT.....	do do
J. S. McMAHON.....	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
HUGH McCOLL,.....	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
W. D. GORDON,.....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS,.....	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

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

The Committee on State of the Order submit the following:

Question from Rep. James A. Montgomery:

"Would it be conducive to the interests of the Order to abolish the use of Charge Books during the initiatory ceremony, and during the opening and closing ceremony?"

Answer.—Yes, so far as possible. See Ontario Digest, page 121, 7th decision.

Question of Rep. Brown, Corinthian Lodge No. 61:

"Is it lawful for a Lodge to loan the funds to any brother of the Lodge by mortgage, note, or otherwise?"

Answer.—The only legislation (affecting this matter) by this Grand Lodge, is embodied in Ontario Digest, page 60, 1st decision.

Question of Rep. Stanton, of Western City Lodge No. 93:

"Can a Lodge legally fine any of its officers for being absent from a regular meeting, when there is not a quorum?"

Answer.—Yes, if the By-laws provide for fining such officers for absence. In this case the fine seems the more reasonable, because the absence of said officer might have been the cause of the want of a quorum referred to.

Question of Rep. Meacham, of Valley City Lodge:

"Can a Lodge pass a By-law to the effect that no brother should receive the P. W. until he has paid up his dues six months in advance?"

Answer.—Yes. See Ontario Digest, page 88, 3rd decision.

From the same:

"Can a member of the Manchester or Canadian Order become a member of our Order?"

Answer.—Yes. Ontario Digest, page 73, 3rd decision.

From the same :

“In the absence of the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and all Past Grands, with a quorum of members present, can a Lodge be opened, and how?”

Answer.—In the absence of all parties properly qualified to preside, a Lodge cannot be opened.

Question of Rep. George Midgely, Unity Lodge No. 47 :

“If the N. G. of a Lodge resigns his position, say three or four months before the close of his term, can a brother who is eligible be nominated and elected the same evening that the resignation is received?”

Answer.—No. Ontario Digest, page 124, 2nd decision. Constitution Subs., Art. 3, Clause 4.

From the same :

“Can any Past Grand present proceed to instal a Noble Grand (elected to fill a vacancy) on the evening of election, the D. D. G. M. not having been notified of the resignation, election or installation, and not being present, from the fact of not knowing that such installation would take place?”

Answer.—Yes. O. Digest, page 69, 7th decision; also page 70, 4th decision.

Question from Walkerton Lodge No. 84 :

“Can a Noble Grand rule a report out of order, emanating from the Finance Committee while in the discharge of their duties as Auditors, because the Finance Committee reported the officers guilty of dereliction of duty in not having degree meetings at the appointed time, and for not declaring members suspended for non-payment of dues, according to the by-laws of the Lodge?”

Answer.—It is impossible to define the limit of a Noble Grand's right in deciding questions of Order, because so much is left to his own judgment, subject always to an appeal to the Lodge from his decision; but judging of what seems set forth in this question, we should not deem the report out of order for the causes stated.

Your Committee have several questions in hand, received too late to entitle them to consideration, but would state that the most of them have repeatedly been answered, as will be seen by reference to Ontario Digest.

In conclusion, we submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report and answers be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
W. GEORGE MUTTON,
J. B. McINTYRE.

Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M., from the Special Committee on Digest, Grand Lodge of Ontario, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Report of Special Committee.

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

Your Special Committee appointed at the last session to compile and publish a book of Laws, Decisions, &c., &c., respectfully report:

That as early as possible they took the matter into consideration, and finding that, in order to insure completeness, the work must of necessity be largely done by one person, and being fully persuaded that H. C. Bingham, P. G. Master, was quite competent to perform the duty, the Committee requested him to prepare the manuscript, subject to revision and final approval of the whole Committee, for which purpose a meeting was had in Stratford, when the work was approved and after mature deliberation it was decided to ask for tenders for the printing and binding of 500, 800 and 1000 copies, in half and full law sheep, on the supposition that the book would contain about two hundred pages.

Tenders were received from the Brantford EXPOSITOR, London ADVERTISER, Stratford BEACON, London HERALD, and MESSRS. BELL & Co., of Toronto.

After examination of the Tenders and consultation with all the Elective Grand Officers, the tender of Bro. M. D. Dawson, of the London HERALD was accepted for one thousand copies in full law sheep binding, the printing and paper for \$282, and the binding at 30 cents per copy. If over two hundred pages the extra number to be paid for at the same rate for the printing and paper as per tender.

It was expected that the work would be ready for sale by the time the Grand Lodge assembled or before. This we regret is not the case, at the same time no blame can be attached to the printer, who we feel sure has used due diligence, and has done his utmost to meet the wishes of the Committee; but the time was too short. It is so far advanced as that the style and character of it can be seen and judged of.

Bro. R. Mathison P. G., a practical printer, kindly responded to the request of the Committee to undertake the proof reading and supervision of the work while in the printers hands.

Your Committee hope and believe that they have succeeded in producing a digest of the Laws and Decisions of this R. W. Grand Lodge, which will be of immense usefulness and advantage to the members of the order in this jurisdiction, one that if carefully read by them will in great measure render unnecessary, many of the calls again and again made on the M. W. Grand Master for decisions, and one that is confidentially submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge with the hope that the entire edition will at an early day be in the hands of attentive and appreciative readers.

It has been the aim and desire of your Committee to keep the expense as low as was consistent with having the work well done, and this they hope they have accomplished. The cost over and above the tender has been One Hundred

and Fifty Dollars, which added to the printing and binding will make the whole cost of the work about eighty three cents per copy for a book that your Committee deem well worth one dollar.

We respectfully request that an order in favor of the Committee may be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of \$150, less \$14, the amount paid for the committee in attending the meeting in Stratford.

We submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT.
 CL. T. CAMPBELL,
 H. C. BINGHAM.
 J. B. KING.
 A. D. CLEMENT.

The Report of the Committee on re-distribution of Districts being the special order for this hour was taken up.

Moved by Rep. Flack,
 Seconded by Rep Wm. Jaffrey.

That the report of the Committee be amended by taking Nith Lodge, No. 96, and Grand Union Lodge No. 97, out of the seventh District, and associating them with the eighth district.

Moved in amendment by Rep W. N. Ford, P.G.M.,
 Seconded by Rep. J. Craig.

That report of the Committee on dividing the jurisdiction into districts be not received, but that the same be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report that the number of districts be not reduced, and that only one Official visit to each Lodge be required.

The amendment of Rep. W. N. Ford, P.G.M., prevailed.

Rep. Jos. Wright, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

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

—We the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence to whom has been submitted the M. W. Grand Master's correspondence would beg leave to report as follows:

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Having examined the same, we find them properly filed and of ready access in case of reference, and the Committee would suggest that all questions relative to the working of Subordinates be sent to the D.D.G.M.'s for solution and in event of their being unable to decide the same, the said officers to submit them to the G.M., inasmuch as a very great amount of work is now imposed upon the Grand Master, which if sent through the proper channel might be avoided and the arduous duty of that Officer would be materially lessened.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

JOS. WRIGHT.
L. FERGUSON.
ROBT. EVANS.

Rep. J. H. Perry, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Report of Committee on Appeals.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

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

BRO. THOMAS FIDDES, }
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FOREST CITY LODGE, No. 38. }

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows :

1st.—Bro. Fiddes was taken sick, in the year 1873, and received from the Lodge his sick benefits up to 11th August, 1873.

2nd.—A doubt arising in the Lodge as to the exact state of health of Bro. Fiddes, and his ability to perform daily work, a special Committee of three Physicians was appointed to visit, examine and report on these points.

3rd.—The reports of the three Physicians given separately, did not agree as to Bro. Fiddes' state of health, or his ability to perform daily work. In addition to above, the regular Lodge Physician reported, "his sickness is more imaginary than real," and "his inability to do ordinary labor is in my mind owing to a want of ambition, and the exercise requisite to the maintenance of good health."

4th.—On the evidence before the Lodge, furnished by the four Physicians—the Visiting Committee, and statements from members of the Lodge who had at different times visited Bro. Fiddes, it was resolved by the Lodge not to pay any sick benefits subsequent to 11th August, 1873.

5th.—The health of Bro. Fiddes in January and February, becoming more impaired, on 23rd February, 1874, the question again coming before the Lodge, Bro. Fides on the report of the Visiting Committee, and by vote of the Lodge, was again paid his benefits commencing from that date.

6th.—Bro. Fiddes presented his claim for sick benefits, from 11th August, 1873, to 23rd February, 1874, and the Lodge resolved not to admit or pay the claim.

7th.—From this action of the Lodge, Bro. Fiddes appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and prays that Forest City Lodge, No. 38, be directed and requested to pay his claim for said benefits.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Lodge with all the evidence before it, and fully knowing all the local circumstances, is the best judge of the claim of Bro. Fiddes for sick benefits, between the 11th August, 1873, and the 23rd February, 1874. No sufficient evidence has been placed before your Committee to prove that the Lodge has acted unfairly or illegally, in rejecting the claim while it is the undoubted right of a brother to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge on the points taken, by Bro. Fiddes. Still the action and decision of a subordinate Lodge in such cases should not be changed or interfered with, except on the clearest and most satisfactory evidence.

Therefore Resolved, that the appeal be dismissed.

Resolved.—That the foregoing report be adopted.

H. BLAIN.
FIFE FOWLER.
J. HAM PERRY.
WM. FREEMAN.

Rep. W. Badenach, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was considered seriatim and adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

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

Your Finance Committee beg to submit the following Report, and would recommend the undermentioned accounts to be paid.

M. W. G. Master, Geo. Wright's account.....	\$50 00
R. W. G. Sec'y, Express charges	8 50
Rep. W. Badenach, act.....	6 00
D. D. G. M., F. Fowler's act	10 00
D. G. M., R. Warriner, act	33 00

Your Committee would make the following recommendations:

That the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary for the present year, be Six Hundred Dollars—\$600.

That Bro. Thos. Woodyatt be paid the sum of Twenty Dollars for services as Assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be paid the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

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That the Auditors W. Badenach and A. L. Narraway, be paid the sum of (\$15) Fifteen Dollars each, for services auditing the books and accounts of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

That Bro. Perry, Janitor, and Lanigan caretaker be paid each \$6.

That the sum of Thirty Dollars be granted to Barrie Lodee, No. 63.

Therefore be it,

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

WM. BADENACH.
W. W. GRIFFEY.
J. M. LAWRIE.

Rep. H. Blain, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Appeals.

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

JOHN HEBBLETHWAITE }
 vs. }
MAITLAND LODGE, 119. }

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the case of John Hebblethwaite, appealing against the action of Maitland Lodge, No. 119, beg to present the following report.

We learn from the papers which we have carefully examined that the committee refused to take evidence in the case except as to such circumstances as occurred after the accused Brother had become a member of the order.

We also find that although the Brother admitted his guilt as to part of the charges of a most painful and disgraceful nature, the committee at their request were discharged without imposing any penalty whatever on the Brother for his offence.

We are of opinion that a most unquestionable want of fairness was shown the appellant, and therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained, and the Maitland Lodge, No. 119, be required to hold a new trial, and to receive all evidence bearing upon the question, whether the circumstances occurred before or after the Brothers admittance, or whether from Brother's, or persons outside of our order.

Resolved—That the foregoing be adopted.

Hu. BLAIN.
FIFE FOWLER.
WM. FREEMAN.
J. HAM PERRY.

The following was adopted.

Moved by Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M.,
Seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M.

That the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay Bro M. D. Dawson, the Publisher of the "Ontario Digest," the amount of the tender for said work, when the same shall have been delivered to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Report of Special Committee.

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

Your Special Committee to whom was referred clause 15, of the Grand Secretary's report, having reference to price of supplies respectfully report:

That having carefully considered the matter we recommend the adoption of the following.

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to sell all supplies received from the Grand Lodge of the U. S., to Subordinate Lodges in this Province at a uniform advance of 33½ per cent on prices charged by the Grand Lodge of U.S.

Your Committee are lead to make this recommendation in consequence of the inequality of the rate hitherto charged, some of the supplies having been sold at an advance of nearly 70 per cent., while others have been sold at an actual loss to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

We submit as follows,

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report and resolution be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT.
JAMES A. MONTGOMERY.
JOHN CRAIG.
T. G. McCORMACK.
FREDERICK T. YATES.

The following was resolved in the affirmative.

Moved by Rep. C. B. Stevens,
Seconded by Rep. Jno. Lawrence, and

Resolved,—That the amendments to the Constitution of Subordinates, as passed, be referred to a Special Committee, who are requested to submit an amended Constitution for adoption at the next annual Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

John Gibson, P. G. M., from the Committee on that subject, submitted their report, amended as instructed, as follows:

Report of Committee on Districts.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on Re-division of Districts, to whom was referred back their Report on Clause 10 of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, would submit the following Report, as instructed, viz:

Resolved,—That the Districts remain the same as last year, and that the District Deputy Grand Master visit officially once a year.

JOHN GIBSON,
ROBT. DODDS,
JNO. A. PARKER,
THOS. HENDERSON,
NATHAN FLATER,

The question being to adopt the report the following amendment was adopted.

Moved by Rep. R. Kirkpatrick,
Seconded by W. N. Ford, P.G.M., and

Resolved,—That the following be added to the Report "at the expense of this R. W. Grand Lodge."

The question being to adopt the Report as amended, when the following was agreed to.

Moved by Rep. H. G. Flack,
Seconded by Rep. Wm. Jaffrey, further to amend by adding the following.

Resolved,—That Nith Lodge, No. 96, be taken from District No. 14, and added to District No. 24.

The question now being to adopt the report as amended, the following was agreed to.

Moved by Rep. S. McCammon,
Seconded by Rep. W. D. Gordon, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on re-adjustment of Districts be further amended by adding the following:

Resolved.—That Gananoque Lodge be taken from District No. 1, and added to District No. 2.

The report as amended was adopted.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on the State of the Order.

KINGSTON, Ang. 7th, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the claim of Rep. James McGaw, of Ottawa, for admission to rank in this Jurisdiction as a P. G. Master, submit as follows:

We find from a Report of the eighth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, I. O. O. F., of 1861, that he was there acting as Grand Master of the same; that since that he has become a member of our Order in this Jurisdiction, by Card, and your Committee recommend that he be allowed to rank as a Past Grand Master.

Resolved.—That the above Report be adopted.

J. B. McINTYRE,
W. GEORGE MUTTON,
H. C. BINGHAM.

Rep. W. N. Ford, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Legislation.

KINGSTON 7th August, 1874.

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

We, your Committee on Legislation, submit the following resolutions on the matters referred to us, viz :

As to Clause 11 of the M. W. Grand Master's Report,

Resolved.—That Clause 15, Art. 6, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by adding: "Provided always that such appeal be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge in the matter to be appealed against."

Resolved.—That a short and concise form of charge and appeal be prepared by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

As to Clause 13 of the Grand Master's Report,

Resolved,—That Clause 9, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words, "in good standing," in the fourth line,

As to Clause 8, R. W. Grand Secretary's Report,

Resolved,—That for the purpose of avoiding delay in securing the Returns from the several Subordinate Lodges, that hereafter the Per Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge shall transmit direct to the Grand Secretary all returns and moneys for per capita tax or supplies.

Also, as to the same clause,

Resolved,—That hereafter it shall not be necessary or imperative that all communications with Lodges shall take place only through the District Deputy Grand Master.

As to Clause 13, R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, having reference to the documents with declaration, &c., prepared by P. G. Thos. Woodyatt, with a view of having this Grand Lodge incorporated,

Be it Resolved,—That the Grand Officers procure the incorporation of this Grand Lodge with as little delay as possible.

With regard to the amendments proposed by Union Lodge No. 16, and Empire Lodge No. 87,

Be it Resolved,—That Clause 6, Art. 5, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the words: "Provided always that such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the general benefit fund."

Resolved,—That Clause 10, Art. 5, be amended by striking out the words: "Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member to such Widows' and Orphans' Fund within the space of twenty-five years under the By-Laws of the Lodge, and that if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities."

As to the resolution of Rep. McMahon, to alter Clause 8 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so that all officers of the Grand Lodge shall have the right to make motions and debate questions,

Be it Resolved,—That the Constitution be not changed in this respect.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report and accompanying Resolutions be adopted.

HENRY McAFEE,
W. N. FORD,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.,
Seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M., and

Resolved.—That the Grand Master be instructed to sign an order for payment of the necessary expenses of having this Grand Lodge incorporated, during recess.

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. H. McAfee, P. G. M.,
Seconded by Rep. L. Ferguson, and

Resolved.—That whereas the Rev. St. George Caulfield, a member of Elgin Lodge, located at St. Thomas, had taken a Withdrawal Card from said Lodge previous to its becoming defunct, and that said Card having been lost or mislaid for a number of years, that the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to issue a duplicate Withdrawal Card to P. G. St. George Caulfield.

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. H. Blain,
Seconded by Rep. _____ and

Resolved.—That the notice of motion given by Rep. H. Blain, at the session of 1873, page 1064, be laid over until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Jno. T Hornibrook, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

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

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, herewith submit tabular statement of mileage and per diem which Officers and Representatives are entitled to receive, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present Session, and offer the following :

Resolved.—That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. HORNIBROOK,
R. C. GUERIN,
JAMES RICHARDS,
JOHN F. O'NEIL,
D. M. TELFORD.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Number of Miles Travelled.	Rate per Mile.		Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Day.		Total amount per Diem.	Amount for each Representative.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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GRAND OFFICERS.												
Grand Master	Toronto	322	4	12 88	3	2	00	6 00	18 88	George Wright, M. D.	
D. G. Master	Port Perry	300	4	12 00	3	2	00	6 00	18 00	R. Warriner.	
Grand Warden	London	532	4	22 08	3	2	00	6 00	28 08	H. E. Battery.	
" Secretary	Brantford	454	4	18 16	5	2	00	10 00	28 16	J. R. King.	
" Treasurer	"	454	4	18 16	3	2	00	6 00	24 16	A. D. Clement.	
" Rep.	"	454	4	18 16	3	2	00	6 00	24 16	James Woodlyatt.	
" Marshal	Stratford	488	4	19 52	3	2	00	6 00	25 52	John Gibson.	
" Conductor	Hamilton	400	4	16 00	3	2	00	6 00	22 00	J. S. McMahon.	
" Chaplain	Stratboro	522	4	23 68	3	2	00	6 00	29 68	Hugh McColl.	
" Guardian	Brockville	94	4	3 76	3	2	00	6 00	9 76	William Fitzsimmons.	
Brock	Brockville	94	4	3 76	3	2	00	6 00	9 76	W. D. Gordon.	
"	"	94	4	3 76	3	2	00	6 00	9 76	Hugh Wilkinson.	
Union	St. Catharines	464	4	18 56	3	2	00	6 00	24 56	S. G. Dolson.	
"	"	464	4	18 56	3	2	00	6 00	24 56	W. A. Rawlins.	
"	"	464	4	18 56	3	2	00	6 00	24 56	J. B. McIntyre.	
Chatham	Chatham	680	4	27 20	3	2	00	6 00	33 20	Jas. Richardson.	
"	"	680	4	27 20	3	2	00	6 00	33 20	James Moore.	
Eureka	London	532	4	23 08	3	2	00	6 00	29 08	E. R. Robinson.	
"	"	532	4	23 08	3	2	00	6 00	29 08	Geo. Powell, Sr.	
"	"	532	4	23 08	3	2	00	6 00	29 08	R. Kirkpatrick.	
Erie	Port Burwell	504	4	20 16	3	2	00	6 00	26 16	G. H. Pontine.	
Gore	Brantford	454	4	18 16	5	2	00	10 00	28 16	W. S. Campbell.	

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—(CONTINUED.)

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodges.	LOCATION.	Number of Miles Traveled.	Rate per Mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per day.	Total amount per Diem.	Amount for each Representative.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	514	4	20 56	3	3	6 00	26 56	W. W. Griffee.
"	35	"	514	4	20 56	3	2	6 00	26 56	W. Ballantine.
St. Mary's	36	St. Marys	518	4	20 72	3	3	6 00	26 72	James Craig.
"	36	"	518	4	20 72	3	3	6 00	26 72	W. A. Ford.
Forest City	38	London	522	4	22 08	3	3	6 00	28 08	W. A. Fisher.
"	38	"	522	4	22 08	3	3	6 00	28 08	George Shaw.
"	38	"	522	4	22 08	3	3	6 00	28 08	J. E. Weir.
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	704	4	28 16	3	2	6 00	34 16	N. Flaker.
"	41	"	498	4	19 92	3	2	6 00	25 92	John Henderson.
Am	41	Stratford	498	4	19 92	3	2	6 00	25 92	Alexander Scrimgeour.
"	41	"	498	4	19 92	3	2	6 00	25 92	Chas. Paecckert.
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	400	4	16 00	3	2	6 00	22 00	W. Lewis.
"	44	"	400	4	16 00	3	2	6 00	22 00	J. S. McMahon.
"	44	"	400	4	16 00	3	2	6 00	22 00	Thomas Reid.
Frontier	45	Windsor	723	4	30 88	3	2	6 00	36 88	Joseph S. Reid.
"	45	"	723	4	30 88	3	2	6 00	36 88	Thomas Reid.
Unity	47	Hamilton	400	4	16 00	3	2	6 00	22 00	George Midgley.
"	47	"	400	4	16 00	3	2	6 00	22 00	Joseph H. Wilson.
"	47	"	400	4	16 00	3	2	6 00	22 00	J. C. Williams.
Dominion	48	London	552	4	22 08	3	2	6 00	28 08	J. W. Jones.
"	48	"	552	4	22 08	3	2	6 00	28 08	Henry Bell.
Canada	49	Toronto	322	4	12 88	3	2	6 00	18 88	William Menzies.
"	49	"	322	4	12 88	3	2	6 00	18 88	J. G. Coleman.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—(CONTINUED.)

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Number of Miles Traveled.	Rate per Mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Day.	Total Amount per Diem.	Amount for each Representative.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Canada	49	Toronto	322	4	1288	3	2 00	6 00	2	Robert Dodds.
Otter	50	Tilksburg	324	4	2096	3	2 00	6 00	26 96	Walter Allen.
Bissell	51	Mitchell	324	4	2096	3	2 00	6 00	26 96	J. P. Lainglais.
Covenant	52	Toronto	322	4	1288	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	J. T. Hornbrook.
"	52	"	322	4	1288	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	Hugh Blain.
"	52	"	322	4	1288	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	T. J. McCormack.
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	486	4	1944	3	2 00	6 00	25 44	William Lacey.
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	510	4	2040	3	2 00	6 00	25 44	R. C. Guerin.
Fidelity	55	Seaford	516	4	2184	3	2 00	6 00	25 40	James Henry.
Queen City of Ont.	56	Toronto	322	4	1288	3	2 00	6 00	27 84	James Beatty.
"	56	"	322	4	1288	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	Joseph Wright.
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	420	4	1680	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	J. W. Hunt.
Howard	58	Strathroy	592	4	2368	3	2 00	6 00	22 80	F. G. Dunbar.
"	58	"	592	4	2368	3	2 00	6 00	23 68	H. Urquhart.
Kingston	59	Kingston	592	4	2368	3	2 00	6 00	23 68	D. M. Telford.
"	59	"	592	4	2368	3	2 00	6 00	6 00	F. Fowler.
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	632	4	2528	3	2 00	6 00	31 28	Alexander Smith.
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	254	4	1016	3	2 00	6 00	16 16	Wm. Murphy.
"	61	"	254	4	1016	3	2 00	6 00	16 16	Mathew Weston.
Huron	62	Goderich	588	4	2352	3	2 00	6 00	29 52	James Brown.
"	62	"	588	4	2352	3	2 00	6 00	29 52	F. J. Lawrence.
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Victoria.....	64	Hamilton.....	400	4	16 00	3	2 00	6 00	223 00	R. Evans.
Friendship.....	65	Petrolia.....	644	4	25 76	3	2 00	6 00	31 76	E. Burnham.
".....	65	".....	644	4	25 76	3	2 00	6 00	31 76	R. Durham.
Flor. Nightingale.....	66	Bowmanville.....	236	4	9 44	3	2 00	6 00	15 44	W. P. Prower.
".....	66	".....	236	4	9 44	3	2 00	6 00	15 44	D. S. Weir.
Exeter.....	67	Exeter.....	576	4	23 04	2	2 00	6 00	29 04	C. Senior.
North Star.....	68	Stayner.....	491	4	19 76	3	2 00	6 00	25 76	H. Bishop.
Hope.....	69	Harrisville.....	534	4	21 36	3	2 00	6 00	27 36	C. Barr.
Incant.....	70	Tacant.....	529	4	21 16	3	2 00	6 00	27 16	W. Roscock.
The Toronto.....	71	Toronto.....	329	4	12 88	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	P. T. Yarn.
".....	71	".....	329	4	12 88	3	2 00	6 00	18 88	P. T. Yarn.
Eastern Star.....	72	Whitby.....	262	4	10 48	3	2 00	6 00	16 48	J. H. Parker.
".....	72	".....	262	4	10 48	3	2 00	6 00	16 48	J. H. Parker.
Fergus.....	73	Fergus.....	450	4	18 00	3	2 00	6 00	24 00	John Craig.
Bothwell.....	74	Bothwell.....	633	4	25 44	3	2 00	6 00	31 44	H. Richards.
Warriner.....	75	Port Perry.....	300	4	12 00	3	2 00	6 00	18 00	T. J. Davis.
St. Thomas.....	76	St. Thomas.....	582	4	23 28	3	2 00	6 00	29 28	J. Heard, Jr.
".....	76	".....	582	4	23 28	3	2 00	6 00	29 28	L. Ferguson.
Oxford.....	77	Ingersoll.....	514	4	20 56	3	2 00	6 00	26 56	J. H. Syze.
Burnham.....	78	Port Hope.....	436	4	14 56	3	2 00	6 00	13 84	J. A. W. White.
Norwich.....	79	Wentworth.....	364	4	11 56	3	2 00	6 00	10 80	John Steitz.
Amey.....	80	Prescott.....	126	4	4 80	3	2 00	6 00	10 80	John Steitz.
Belleville.....	81	Belleville.....	96	4	3 84	3	2 00	6 00	9 84	H. Walker.

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Beaver	82	Rathven	830	4	33 20	3	00	6 00	39 20	J. McNutt.
Clinton	83	Clinton	564	4	22 56	3	00	6 00	29 56	Hugh Scott.
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	558	4	22 52	3	00	6 00	28 52	A. B. Stevens.
Constellation	85	Burgessville	520	4	20 80	3	00	6 00	26 80	W. H. Dennis.
Nepausa	86	Nepausa	524	4	2 05	3	00	6 00	8 08	John Graham.
Empire	87	St. Catharines	464	4	18 56	3	00	6 00	24 56	John M. Lawrie.
"	87	"	464	4	18 56	3	00	6 00	24 56	John Read.
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	496	4	19 84	3	00	6 00	25 84	R. McWhinnie.
Reliance	89	Guelph	578	4	16 72	3	00	6 00	22 72	Hugh Walker.
Ivy	90	Parkhill	578	4	24 12	3	00	6 00	29 12	E. E. Chipman.
Grand River	91	Paris	418	4	18 32	3	00	6 00	24 32	John Lawrence.
Milton	92	Milton	410	4	16 40	3	00	6 00	22 40	W. Panton.
Western City	93	Chatham	650	4	27 16	3	00	6 00	33 20	Thos. G. Stanton.
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	554	4	24 08	3	00	6 00	30 08	John White.
Port Stanley	95	Port Stanley	602	4	18 88	3	00	6 00	24 88	Thomas Robinson.
Nith	96	New Hamburg	472	4	18 88	3	00	6 00	24 88	H. G. Flaek.
Grand Union	97	Berlin	446	4	17 84	3	00	6 00	23 84	Wm. Jaffray.
Minto	98	Harrison	514	4	20 56	3	00	6 00	26 56	John Henderson.
Peabody	99	Watford	618	4	24 72	3	00	6 00	30 72	John Lovel.
Golden Star	101	Brampton	364	4	14 56	3	00	6 00	20 56	R. J. Bunthig.
Desoronto	102	Millpoint	78	4	3 12	3	00	6 00	9 12	Robert Conley.
Cataract	103	Drummondville	487	4	19 48	3	00	6 00	25 48	Thas. F. Lacey.
Crescent	104	Hamilton	400	4	16 00	3	00	6 00	22 00	F. Claringbowl.

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Manilla	105	Manilla	322 4	3	966 8	3	3 00	6 00	50	Asaph Edwards.
St. Clair	106	Ft. Edwards	638 4	3	1914 8	3	3 00	6 00	30	J. F. O'Neil
Waterloo	107	Falt	413 4	3	1239 8	3	2 00	6 00	23	H. P. Nellis.
Royal Oak	108	Forrest	413 4	3	1239 8	3	2 00	6 00	30	R. S. Conklin.
Orion	109	Yorktown	380 4	3	1140 8	3	2 00	6 00	21	W. Freeman.
Lawrd	110	Yorkville	324 4	3	972 8	3	2 00	6 00	18	W. Badenach.
Pawson	111	Peterboro'	628 4	3	1884 8	3	2 00	6 00	31	George Douglass.
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	120 4	3	360 8	3	2 00	6 00	10	J. W. Riddick.
Trenton	113	Trenton	120 4	3	360 8	3	2 00	6 00	7	S. McCammon.
Gananogue	114	Gananogue	34 4	3	102 8	3	2 00	6 00	24	H. Cameron.
Harmony	115	Brantford	454 4	3	1362 8	3	2 00	6 00	29	J. B. Meacham.
Naomi	116	Markham	326 4	3	978 8	3	2 00	6 00	28	Henry Leaxon.
Valley City	117	Dundas	412 4	3	1236 8	3	2 00	6 00	30	S. G. Cox.
Shannonville	118	Shannonville	62 4	3	186 8	3	2 00	6 00	33	Asa Cronk.
Statenland	119	Wilmington	688 4	3	2064 8	3	2 00	6 00	20	F. Atkinson.
Wyanetham Valley	120	Wyanetham	564 4	3	1692 8	3	2 00	6 00	20	D. Beckenridge.
Saxon	121	Ailes Creek	370 4	3	1110 8	3	2 00	6 00	16	J. W. McMillan.
Stearnsville	122	Stearnsville	504 4	3	1512 8	3	2 00	6 00	33	Richard Wallace.
Palmerston	123	Palmerston	682 4	3	2046 8	3	2 00	6 00	18	R. G. Russell.
Dresden	124	Dresden	682 4	3	2046 8	3	2 00	6 00	32	D. McCall.
Stella	125	Carleton Place	184 4	3	552 8	3	2 00	6 00	9	E. Tracey.
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	658 4	3	1974 8	3	2 00	6 00	9	E. Tracey.
Misspah	127	Belleville	96 4	3	288 8	3	2 00	6 00	9	E. Tracey.

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Mystic	128	Kilbride	422 4	4	4	16 88	3	2 00	6 00	22 88	Amos Gillott.	
Charity	129	Sunderland	388 4	4	4	15 52	3	2 00	6 00	21 52	J. Lucas.	
Livingstone	130	Thorold	468 4	4	4	18 72	3	2 00	6 00	24 72	F. W. McCaskill.	
Marion	131	Renfrew	266 4	4	4	10 64	3	2 00	6 00	16 64	Jeremiah Chatterton.	
Oakville	132	Oakville	374 4	4	4	14 96	3	2 00	6 00	20 96	W. J. Galbraith.	
Glenora	133	Glenora	614 4	4	4	24 56	3	2 00	6 00	30 56	K. Cavanah.	
Priest	134	Welland	492 4	4	4	19 68	3	2 00	6 00	25 68	R. McConachie.	
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	400 4	4	4	16 00	3	2 00	6 00	22 00	W. Thompson.	
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	184 4	4	4	7 36	3	2 00	6 00	13 36	A. Alexander Pratt.	
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	94 4	4	4	3 76	3	2 00	6 00	9 76	V. H. Menish.	
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	414 4	4	4	16 56	3	2 00	6 00	20 56	N. H. Thuresson.	
Garnet	139	Mount Forest	495 4	4	4	19 80	3	2 00	6 00	25 80	N. of Present.	
Cannington	140	Leamington	838 4	4	4	33 52	3	2 00	6 00	39 52	H. McAfee.	
Capital	141	Ottawa	240 4	4	4	9 60	3	2 00	6 00	15 60	James McGraw.	
Concord	142	Kingsville	822 4	4	4	32 88	3	2 00	6 00	38 88	James Brown.	
Royal of Quinte	143	Pictou	100 4	4	4	4 00	3	2 00	6 00	10 00	John Newton.	
Edison	144	Ridgetown	676 4	4	4	27 04	3	2 00	6 00	33 04	O. B. Hulin.	
H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Compiler of Digest, Grand Lodge of Ontario,			552 4	4	4	22 08	3	2 00	6 00	28 08		
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On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: All the Grand Officers, (excepting the Grand Treasurer) and a quorum of Representatives.

The Warden and Conductor having examined all present, declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Pending the reading of the Minutes, the following was adopted:

Moved by Rep. J. W. Redick,
Seconded by Rep. John Graham, and

Resolved,—That Reps. Henry Lanxon and H. Walker be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

The Minutes of the former Session were read and adopted.

George Irwin, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, submitted his bond, which on motion was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the notice of motion given at the last Session by Rep. W. J. Diamond, the following amendment was considered, and resolved in the negative:

Moved by Rep. Hugh Walker,
Seconded by Rep. J. W. Redick, and

Resolved,—That Clause 5 of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge be amended, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

“Every Lodge within the Jurisdiction shall at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from its Past Grands in good standing,

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a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding Semi-Annual Report shall be 100 or less; over 100, two Representatives, and no more."

The reading of the Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was under consideration when the Grand Lodge adjourned, was continued, and the Report adopted.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Rep. J. Craig,
Seconded by Rep. C. B. Stevens, and

Resolved.—That leave of absence be granted Rep. W. J. McMillan, of Palmerston Lodge No. 123; Rep. John Henderson, Minto Lodge No. 93; Rep. H. Walker, Reliance Lodge No. 89; Rep. Wallace and Rep. J. Henry, of Collingwood Lodge No. 54, for the remainder of the Session.

Rep. J. W. Hunt, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Special Committee on the matter of W. D. Kennedy's Appeal.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

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

Your Special Committee, appointed touching the matter of appeal in the case of W. D. Kennedy, which was before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and referred back by them to this Grand Lodge for additional records, beg leave to report as follows:

That in our opinion—as the whole matter rests on the fact that the said W. D. Kennedy did not sign the Constitution and By-Laws of Toronto Lodge on the night of his admission; and as Clause 6, Article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction states: "That every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge, and pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member," (which clause has been confirmed by subsequent decision: "Membership commences with the introduction to the Lodge after the candidate has signed the Constitution and By-Laws.")

Therefore your Committee maintain that the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in dismissing the appeal of W. D. Kennedy, was correct and proper, for the following reasons:

1st. Clause 1132 of White's Digest, states that "The time at which a person who is elected to membership, either by Card or on an original application for initiation, is to be considered a member of the Lodge electing him, is a matter that can very properly be left to local legislation. This Grand Lodge not hav-

ing decided whether it shall date from the time of his election, or the time he signs the Constitution and By-Laws. So, also, as to a ceremony of introduction of a brother admitted by Card."

2nd. Clause 1133 of Digest reads: "Whether a brother who has applied for membership by Card in an Encampment or Lodge, can be considered a member thereof before he has been introduced and signed the Constitution and By-Laws, or whether he is a member and subject to dues from his election, is a matter for local legislation." 1858 Journal 2954, 2976.

3rd. Clause 1145 of Digest reads: "When a brother applies for membership on deposit of Card, and is elected and signs the Constitution, his Card should remain in the Lodge. But if the local law date membership from the time of signing the Constitution, the brother elect who fails to appear and sign the same, may demand the return of his Card; because, until he signs the Constitution, he is not a member of the Lodge."

4th. Clause 1925: "When Card may be withdrawn after deposit."

When a brother applies for membership on deposit of Card, and is elected and signs the Constitution, his Card should remain in the Lodge.

So, also, if the local law date membership from the time of the applicant's election, the Card should then remain in the Lodge after election, and the applicant cannot demand its return whether he signs the Constitution or not.

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the foregoing extracts from the Digest clearly show that Local Laws govern the case entirely, and as (as before stated in this Report) our Constitution states that a candidate must sign the Constitution and By-Laws at the time of his admission before becoming a member;—Therefore we consider that this Right Worthy Grand Lodge has clearly proven its case, and hope our Representative to the G. L. U. S. will press the matter before that R. W. Grand Body to the utmost of his ability.

We submit the following: That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a copy of the above Report, that the same be certified as correct, and signed by the M. W. G. M. and R. W. G. S., and attested by the seal of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
J. WALTER HUNT,
GEORGE MIDGLEY,
GEORGE SHAW,
H. WALKER.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Fletcher,
Seconded by Rep. E. R. Robinson, and

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it do so to meet in the city of London, on the first Wednesday in August, 1875.

Moved by Rep. C. B. Stevens,
Seconded by Rep. F. W. Johnston, in amendment, and

Resolved,—That the word "London" be stricken out, and the word "Walkerton" be inserted.

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Amendment lost.

The question being on the motion of Rep. J. W. Fletcher, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by Rep. J. E. Durham, of Friendship Lodge No. 65,
Seconded by Rep. J. W. Hunt, of Queen City Lodge No. 56, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge present to each of the members of the Committee on Digest, and to Bro. R. Mathison, the proof reader, one copy each of the said work.

The following notice of motion to amend the Constitution was made by Rep. J. W. Fletcher :

I beg leave to offer the following notice of amendment to the Report of the Committee on Legislation, page 1049, 1st clause, of Journal of Proceedings of 1873: That all the words after "I. O. O. F." in the first line be struck out, and the following inserted: "That a District Deputy Grand Master be appointed in each place where a Lodge or Lodges exist."

Rep. W. S. Campbell, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report :

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

KINGSTON, August 7th, 1874.

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

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates have examined the Constitution and By-Laws submitted to them as carefully as the time at their disposal would permit, and recommend them approved, with the exceptions hereinafter noted. We find that very many of the Lodges have failed to mark the necessary corrections in their Constitutions, consequent upon the legislation of this Grand Lodge during the last few years. Other Lodges have failed to comply with the instructions of the Grand Lodge; and instead of making the corrections on printed slips, pasted in their appropriate places, have written them on fly leaves at the beginning or end of the book. We have called the attention of the Lodges in our Report to the alterations in the Constitution which they should have made. Instead of repeating the authorities for the corrections required in the body of the report, we have given references to foot notes at the end, as was done by your Committee last year.

MAITLAND LODGE, No. 117.

By-Laws in MSS. only submitted.

a. Art. 1, Section 1, Clause 1, strike out, "nor beyond the age of fifty,"

b. Art. 3, Section 1, Clause 6, strike out entire clause.

c. Art. 3, Section 5, Clause 1, after word "committees" in the 22nd line, insert "originally appointed by him."

d. Art. 6, Section 2, Clause 1, strike out last sentence, "but in no case shall benefits be granted to a brother for the first week of sickness."

e. Art. 7, Section 1, Clause 3, strike out entire clause.

f. " Section 4, Clause 4, after word "effect" in fifth line insert, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

NITH LODGE, No. 96.

* Art. 4, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

NIAGARA FALLS LODGE, No. 58.

a. By-Law 34, 6th line, strike out, "after which none shall be admitted by initiation." Corrections in Constitution and By-Laws are inserted at the end of the book, instead of in their appropriate places.

LINDSAY LODGE, No. 100.

k. Only one copy submitted, and not certified.

g. By-Law 1, strike out, "or by the V. G. or Secretary."

a. " 34, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

a. " 35, make the same correction as in 34.

MYSTIC LODGE, No. 128.

* Art. 5, Clause 4, and Art. 6, Clause 5 of Constitution incorrect.

a. By-Law 27, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

h. By-Law 42, 13th line, strike out \$4.00 and insert \$3.60.

GRAND UNION LODGE, No. 97.

* Art. 2, Clauses 8 and 9; Art. 4, Clause 9; Art. 5, Clause 4; and Art. 6, Clause 5, of Constitution incorrect.

c. By-Law 10, after word "committee" in 16th line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

HOWARD LODGE, No. 58.

c. By-Law 17, strike out all after "\$5.00."

a. By-Law 37, strike out, "after which none shall be admitted by initiation."

VALLEY CITY LODGE, No. 117.

Copy of By-Laws not certified.

g. By-Law 1, strike out, "by the V. G. or Secretary."

i. By-Law 46, strike out entire by-law.

RONDEAU LODGE, No. 40.

k. Copies submitted are not certified. No seal.

* Art. 2, Clauses 1 and 8 of the Constitution incorrect.

a. By-Law 1, strike out, "between the age of 21 and 50 years," and insert "not less than 21 years of age."

l. By Law 21, 7th line, strike out "two" and insert "one;" 9th line, strike out "three" and insert "two."

c. By-Law 27, 29th line, after word "committee," insert, "originally appointed by him."

CHARITY LODGE, No. 129.

k. Copies submitted not properly certified.

c. By-law 9, 23rd line, after word "committee," insert, "originally appointed by him."

e. By-law 55, after word "him" in 2nd line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

LIVINGSTONE LODGE, No. 130.

* Art. 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

a. By-laws, Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "nor beyond the age of 50 years."

b. " Art. 3, Clause 2, strike out all after the word "vote" in 9th line.

k. " Art. 6, Clauses 7 and 8, strike out "\$40" and insert "\$30."

ORION LODGE, No. 109.

* Art. 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

m. By-law 38, Clause 3, after word "time," insert "all fines for neglect of duty."

k. By-law 47, after word "sums" in 11th line, insert, "not exceeding \$30."

NIPISSING LODGE, No. 79.

Strike out, "and not over 50 years of age."

* Art. 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

Clause 9, strike out all after "rejection" in third line.

a. By-law 27, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

Page 50, form of appeal to a "District Grand Committee" inappropriate.

ORIENT LODGE, No. 134.

Strike out, "and not over 50 years of age."

* Art. 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

a. Art. 2, Clause 1, By-laws, strike out, "nor beyond the age of 50 years."

b. Art. 3, Clause 2, strike out all after the word "vote" in 8th line.

MILTON LODGE, No. 92.

* Art. 2, Clause 4, Constitution, strike out all after word "quarter" in 5th line, and insert, "this Lodge shall place such portion of its quarterly dues to the credit of the W. and O. Fund as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund."

a. By-law 27, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

SARNIA LODGE, No. 126.

c. By-law 13, after word "committees" in 11th line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

b. By-law 53, strike out "\$40" and insert "\$30."

* Rules of Order. By removing from its proper place Rule of Order No. 2, which contains the "Order of Business," the remaining rules are all incorrectly numbered. Rule 2nd should be 3rd, and so on.

MARION LODGE, No. 131.

k. Only one copy submitted, and that not certified. No Seal.

For Clause 1, see Journal, page 1089; for Clause 8, see Journal 1873, page 1090; for Clause 9, see Journal 1873, page 1090.

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* Art. 2, Clauses 1, 8 and 9; Art. 4, Clause 9; Art. 5, Clause 4, and Art. 6, Clause 5, incorrect.

a. By-laws, Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "and not over 50."

c. Art. 4, Clause 2, after word "committees" in 21st line, insert "originally appointed by him."

e. Art. 12, Clause 3, strike out entire clause.

f. Art. 15, Clause 4, after word "effect" in 5th line, insert, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues."

STREETSVILLE LODGE, No. 122.

k. Only one copy, and that not certified. No Seal.

* Art 2, Clauses 1 and 8, incorrect. Art. 2, Clause 2, incorrect.

c. By-laws, Art. 3, Clause 2, after word "committees" in 23rd line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

a. Art. 7, Clause 1, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

* Rule of Order 1, incorrect.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 80.

k. One copy of a resolution passed, amending one of the By-laws of this Lodge, which one is not stated. The substance of the amendment is given, however, and is approved.

HURON LODGE, No. 62.

Amendment to Art. 3, Clause 1 of By-laws, abolishing the office of Per. Secretary, not approved. [See Journal G. L. Ontario, pp. 661-664.]

PEACEFUL DOVE LODGE, No. 185.

k Two copies, not certified, of certain amendments are submitted, but not attached to any By-laws which they might be supposed to amend. We have also two copies of By-laws of Manilla Lodge, with a statement on a slip of paper attached, that "we have adopted the Manilla By-laws, and are now working under the same." But we are not told who has adopted the Manilla By-laws, there being neither seal, signature of officer, nor name of Lodge. On an examination of the amendments of Peaceful Dove, however, and a comparison of the By laws of Manilla, your Committee think it possible they may be related to each other. If that be so, we recommend Peaceful Dove to make the following corrections in two copies of Manilla By-laws, viz: Append the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary, and the Seal of Peaceful Dove, and submit to the Grand Master for approval.

* Art. 2, Clauses 1 and 8, incorrect.

c. By-law 9, after word "committees" in 23rd line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

e. By-law 55, after word "him" in 2nd line, insert, "pertaining to his right to benefits."

Wherever "Manilla Lodge, No. 105," occurs, strike out and insert, "Peaceful Dove, No. 135;" and wherever "Manilla" occurs, referring to location, strike out and insert, "Cannington."

ST. LAWRENCE LODGE, No. 137.

k. Two copies of By-laws in MSS, submitted without Seal.

a. Art. 1, Clause 1, strike out. "not over 50."

b. Art. 3, Clause 6, strike out entire clause.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 87.

h. By-law 2, Art. 6, strike out "\$4.00" and insert "\$3.60." Constitution and By-laws submitted.

WALKERTON LODGE, No. 84.

h. By-law No. 44, strike out "\$40," and insert "\$30." Constitution and By-laws submitted.

PORT STANLEY LODGE, No. 95.

k. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted without seal, and not certified.

* Art. 2, Clause 2, Constitution, incorrect.

New By-law, No. 86, approved.

New By-law, No. 87, after word "be" in 5th line, insert, "reprimanded."

GRAND RIVER LODGE, No. 91.

Constitution and By-laws submitted.

a. Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "and not over 50."

* Art. 2, Clause 2, Constitution, incorrect.

By-laws Nos. 35 and 66, approved as amended, and new By-laws Nos. 70 and 71, approved of.

FRONTIER LODGE, No. 45.

k. One copy Constitution and By-laws submitted, without Seal of Lodge, and not certified.

h. Amend By-law 49, strike out "\$40" and insert "\$30."

a. Art. 2, Clause 1, Constitution, strike out the words in second line, "and not over 50."

* Art. 2, Clause 2, Constitution, incorrect.

c. Amend by-law 12, after word "committees," in ninth line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

GLENCOE LODGE, No. 188.

One copy of Constitution and By-laws submitted; examined and found correct.

CATARACT LODGE, No. 108.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted.

a. Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "and not over 50."

b. Art. 3, Clause 2, strike out all after word "vote" in 8th line. Amendments to By-laws Nos. 15 and 16, approved.

UNION LODGE, No. 16.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted.

* Art. 2, Clause 2, Constitution, incorrect.

b. Art. 3, Clause 2, By-laws, strike out all after word "vote" in 8th line.

h. By-law 2, Art. 6, strike out "\$4.00" and insert "\$3.60."

DRESDEN LODGE, No. 124.

k Two copies of By-laws in MSS., without seal of Lodge, and not certified.

a. By-law 1, strike out first line, and insert, "any person of the full age of 21 years."

l. By-law No. 21, strike out the entire by-law, and insert, "this Lodge shall at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say, one Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding Semi-Annual Report shall be 100 or less; over 100, and under 200, two Representatives; if over 200, three Representatives."

By-law No. 23, strike out all after word "Lodge" in 9th line.

c. By-law No. 27, strike out "to name" in 21st line, and after word "committees" in 22nd line, add, "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law No. 51, strike out word "from" in 14th line, and insert, "anterior to."

e. By-law No. 66, after word "rank" in 5th line, strike out, "or while under charges duly preferred against him, he shall not be permitted to speak in the Lodge on any subject other than such charges, nor to vote on any question whatever."

f. By-law No. 76, after word "effect" in 4th line, insert, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto."

Though summoned to meet two days prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the large amount of work devolving upon your Committee in the examination of the By-laws of so many different Lodges, has rendered it difficult for us to perform our duties as thoroughly as we could have wished, and makes it possible that some errors may have escaped our notice. Considering this fact, and also considering the impropriety of Lodges working for months under By-laws which have not been approved, it appears to us highly advisable that some alteration in the existing custom should be adopted, by which by-laws might be revised and approved during recess, subject to a reference to the Grand Lodge at the session following. At the last two sessions, had not a considerable share of the work been accomplished prior to the meeting of the Committee by the brothers who severally filled the office of chairman, it would have been almost, if not altogether, impossible for us to have satisfactorily performed our duty.

In revising the By-laws of the different Lodges, numerous inconsistencies, ambiguities of expression, errors in grammar, and mistakes of various kinds, have come under our notice; but as they have not been in direct conflict with the laws and usages of the Order, we have not thought it our duty to lengthen out our Report by any reference to them. We consider, however, that it would be of great advantage to have a model code of By-laws drawn up by this Grand Lodge. The adoption of this code by the Lodges would not, of course, be compulsory; but the recommendation of the Grand Lodge would have the effect of securing its adoption very generally, especially by those that may hereafter be organized.

Many of the older Lodges, and a number of Lodges organized during the last two years, have not submitted their By-laws for revision, though expressly ordered so to do by the Constitution, Art. 8, Clause 2. Among them are: St. Clair, 105; Lawrel, 110; Peterboro', 111; Trenton, 113; Gananoque, 114; Naomi, 116; Sydenham Valley, 120; Saxon, 121; Palmerston, 123; Stella, 125; Mizpah, 127; Oakville, 132; Cobourg, 136; Ancaster, 138; Garnet, 139; Leamington, 140; Capital, 141; Concord, 142; Bay of Quinte, 143; Ridgton, 144; Riverside, 145; Vivian, 146; Model, 147.

In conclusion, your Committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That the By-laws of the Lodges above reported on be approved, subject to the corrections made by the Committee.

Resolved,—That the attention of the Lodges that have not submitted their By-laws be especially called to their violation of the Constitution.

Resolved,—That all Lodges be instructed to forward their By-laws to the Grand Secretary immediately after adoption, as required by Art. 8, Clause 2 of their Constitution, instead of waiting, as many of them now do, till the Session of Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the Grand Master be authorized to convene the Committee on Laws twice during the recess of the Grand Lodge, should he deem it advisable, for the purpose of revising such By-laws as may be submitted.

Resolved,—That the recommendations of the Committee at its interim sessions, on being confirmed by the Grand Master, shall be binding upon the Subordinates, until the Session of the Grand Lodge following, when the Committee shall make its Report.

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to prepare a model code of By-laws for Subordinates, to report at next Session of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee desire to express their obligations to their worthy chairman, Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, for the great assistance rendered them by his having gone over a portion of the work of said Committee previous to the assembling of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and their deep regret that owing to sickness in his family he has been prevented from meeting with your Committee.

Your Committee find that some of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction still continue to pay a larger amount of benefits than is authorized by the Constitution for Subordinates, Art. 5, Clauses 6 and 8. Your Committee are of opinion that Art. 5, Clauses 6 and 8, are not in accordance with the oft-repeated decisions of the R. W. G. L. U. S. (See Digest G. L. U. S., page 27, sec. 106; page 38, sec. 159 a; page 39, sec. 164; page 123, sec. 574; page 223, sec. 1074.) And your Committee would recommend that Clauses 6 and 8, Art. 5, Laws for Subordinates, be amended so as to agree with the above mentioned decisions.

We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the above Report and accompanying Resolutions be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. S. CAMPBELL,
WM. A. RAWLINGS,
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK

NOTES TO THE ABOVE REPORT.

* Lodges that have their Constitution incorrect, are referred to Journal of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for 1873, pp. 1089-1101.

a. Cannot restrict membership to persons not over a certain age—Journal G. L. U. S., pp. 5461, 5524, 5549.

b. Votes in blank must be counted—Digest, sec. 1914.

c. N. G. has no power to fill vacancies, except in offices originally filled by his appointment—Journal Ontario, pp. 1029-1048.

d. Some weekly benefits must be paid—Digest, sec. 154, Journal Ontario; pp. 1029-1048.

e. A member under charges retains all his rights—Digest, sec. 1823, 1832.

f. Suspended members cannot be restored before the term of suspension has expired, unless by action of the Grand Lodge—Digest, 1877.

g. Authority is only given to the N. G. to call special meetings—Constitution Subordinates, Art. 4, Clause 2.

h. Constitution Subordinates, Art. 5, Clauses 6-10. The amounts specified by the Committee are the highest that can be given, unless the dues be increased. Lodges may give as benefits a less amount if they wish.

i. Qualifications for elective officers are defined in Constitution of Subordinates, Art. 3. If a candidate possesses these, he is eligible for office.

j. Constitution Subordinates, Art. 5, Clauses 7-8, defines who shall receive funeral benefits. Others can only receive as a special grant.

k. By-laws must be forwarded in duplicate, signed by the N. G. and Secretary, and sealed.—Article 8, Clause 2.

l. Constitution Grand Lodge, Art. 9.

m. All fines collected go to W. & O. Fund—Constitution Subordinates, Art. 5, Clause 5.

On motion to adopt the Report, Rep. J. B. McIntyre, seconded by Rep. D. McConachie, moved the following, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates be amended by striking out such portions of Report as are in conflict with legislation had this morning.

The question now being to adopt the Report as amended by the above resolution, it was agreed to.

Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. W. G. Mutton, moved the following :

Resolved,—That the amendments to the Constitution, notice of which were given at yesterday's session, page 1214, Journal, be now considered.

The motion prevailed.

The amendments were accordingly considered and severally adopted.

(For the amended Clauses, as they now read, see Appendix.)

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. Cox,
Seconded by Rep. Allen, and

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be presented to the Brothers of Kingston Lodge, for the efforts they have put forth for the entertainment of this Grand Lodge during its present Session.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M.,
Seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., and

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to receive Tenders for the printing of 1,000 copies of the Journal of this Session, and also for the printing of such supplies as may be required for the use of the Subordinate Lodges during the year.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by Rep. D. M. Telford,
Seconded by Rep. Wm. A. Rawlings, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the different Railway Companies and Canadian Navigation Company, for their courtesy in extending the special rates granted to it on this occasion.

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. H. Richards,
Seconded by Rep. M. Weston, and

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be presented by this R. W. Grand Lodge to the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Kingston, for the use of the City Hall on the present occasion.

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. J. T. Hornibrook,
Seconded by Rep. J. B. Meacham, and

Resolved,—That the Reps. to the Grand Lodge of United States be instructed to try, if possible, to have that R. W. Grand Body, at its next annual Session, take some steps to form an amalgamation between the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows and the Independent Order.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of officers, as under :

William Fitzsimmons, M. W. Grand Master elect, was presented by Past Grand Masters S. G. Dolson and H. McAfee, and duly obligated and conducted to the chair, and proceeded with the installation, as under :

H. E. Buttery,.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. T. Hornibrook,.....	“ “ Warden.
J. B. King,	“ “ Secretary.
George Irwin,	“ “ Treasurer.

The Grand Master made the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge, viz :

Geo. Wales, of Union Lodge, No. 16.....Grand Marshal.
 F. W. Johnston, of Huron Lodge, No. 62... " Conductor.
 Joseph Craig, of St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, " Guardian.
 W. Bissell, P.G.M., Forest City Lodge No. 38, " Chaplain.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by Rep. W. S. Campbell,
 Seconded by Rep. H. Walker, and

Resolved.—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Warden of the Penitentiary, and Dr. Dixon of the Asylum, the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the courtesies extended to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge at their respective institutions.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters :

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

NAME.	DISTRICT.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Wm. Mowatt.....	1.....	Prescott.
Dr. F. Fowler	2.....	Kingston.
G. A. Simpson.....	3.....	Belleville.
J. A. Montgomery.....	4 and 5.....	Port Hope.
R. Warriner	6.....	Port Perry.
Wm. Geo. Mutton.....	7.....	Toronto.
Jas. Henry.....	8.....	Collingwood.
J. D. Matheson.....	9.....	Milton.
Chas. B. Stevens	10 and 11.....	Walkerton.
F. F. Lawrence.....	12.....	Goderich.
John Craig.....	13.....	Fergus.
Dr. Jno. Lawrence.....	14.....	Paris.
Robert Evans.....	15.....	Hamilton.
W. B. Gilleland.....	16.....	St. Catharines.
L. Ferguson	17.....	St. Thomas.
F. G. Lewis.....	18.....	Ingersoll.
D. M. Telford.....	19.....	Strathroy.
W. N. Ford, P.G.M.....	20.....	St. Marys.
H. McAfee, P.G.M.....	21.....	Windsor.
John Turner.....	22.....	Chatham.
J. F. O'Neil.....	23.....	Sarnia.
Cl. T. Campbell.....	24.....	Stratford.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 5.30 p. m., the third day of the Session.



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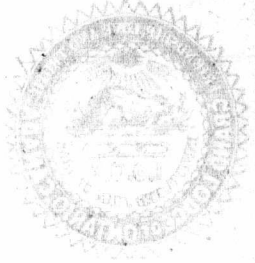
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CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE
LODGES.

AS THEY ARE MADE TO READ BY LEGISLATION AT THE SESSION OF 1874,
AT KINGSTON.

CONSTITUTION OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CLAUSE 9.—Every Lodge within the Jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding semi-annual report shall be 100 or less; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives; over 200, three Representatives.

CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ARTICLE II.

CLAUSE 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

CLAUSE 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village in which such rejection takes place, and to the R. W. Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, monthly.

CLAUSE 13.—No Brother having been less than one month in membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting, except by dispensation.

CARDS.

CLAUSE 14.—Any Brother in good standing, and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

RE-ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 15.—Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a member of this Lodge and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

ARTICLE III.

CLAUSE 7.—If, for any elective office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be balloted for by some member, and declared elected unanimously; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

ARTICLE IV.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or fortnightly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided

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by its By-laws; Provided always, that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

CLAUSE 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

CLAUSE 4.—Members of the Order may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the current Term, upon presentation of a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 6.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual or Annual, as provided by its By-laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively if semi-annual; and on the first regular meeting in July, if annual. Should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

ARTICLE V.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws; and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

CLAUSE 10.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widow and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit.

ARTICLE VI.

CLAUSE 3.—When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, desires to be reinstated, his case may be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

CLAUSE 4.—Struck out entirely.

Clause 5 to become Clause 4, and the rest of the Clauses re-numbered.

CLAUSE 10.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number, in their name.

CLAUSE 12.—The Lodge shall have the power at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

CLAUSE 15.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved, but not otherwise, the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 7 to 12 of this Article; Provided always that such appeal be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge in the matter to be appealed against.

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REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES
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R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF THE
UNITED STATES,
SESSION OF 1874.
HELD AT ATLANTA, GA.

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States submit the following synopsis of the proceedings of that R. W. Grand Body at its session of 1874, held at Atlanta, Ga., on the 21st to the 26th days of Sept.

In the absence of the M. W. Grand Sire the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire presided.

The Reports of the several Grand Officers show a continued increase in membership and great prosperity in the Order generally. The following from the Grand Secretary's Report contrasts the returns for the past two years:

Grand Lodges.....	1872.	1873.
Subordinate Lodges.....	41	46
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	5,045	5,486
Grand Encampments.....	158	512
Subordinate Encampments.....	36	36
Lodge Initiations.....	1,393	1,512
" Members.....	59,250	57,454
Encampment Members.....	385,048	414,815
Relief by Lodges.....	73,963	80,131
" Encampments.....	\$1,342,890 08	\$ 1,335,937 33
" Rebekah Lodges.....	160,649 94	150,787 06
Aggregate Relief.....	516 70	3,550 33
Revenue of Lodges.....	1,504,056 72	1,490,274 72
" Encampments.....	3,828,809 05	3,939,793 02
" Rebekah Lodges.....	462,891 17	478,469 06
"	6,640 12	15,738 40
Total Revenue.....	4,297,841 24	4,434,001 08

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Grand Lodges.....	5	
Subordinate Lodges.....	441	
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	354	
Grand Encampments.....		119
Subordinate Encampments.....		1,796
Lodge Initiations.....	29,767	
" Members.....	6,168	
Encampment Members.....		\$6,952 75
Relief by Lodges.....		9,862 88
" Encampments.....		
" Rebekah Lodges.....	\$3,033 63	13,782 00
Aggregate Relief.....		
Revenue of Lodges.....	111,483 67	
" Encampments.....	15,577 89	
" Rebekah Lodges.....	9,098 28	
Total Revenue.....	136,159 84	

The Grand Secretary says:

Apparently we have again cause to congratulate ourselves upon the prosperous aspect disclosed by the figures presented in the above table. Our numbers are rapidly gravitating toward half a million in compliance, and our aggregate annual revenue in gross, approximates five millions of dollars. These are grand figures, but do they represent a solid and healthful condition? This is an important inquiry. We have no means from our present system of ascertaining the amount of our net gain per annum in the general revenue, hence, until some plan is adopted to obtain light on this subject we shall ever be in a sea of doubt touching the pecuniary solidity of the Order. We should know, with equal certainty, the disbursements of the Subordinates as their receipts; in fact, the knowledge of the latter, in the absence of the former, is comparatively valueless. It would appear that such information is an indispensable element of knowledge in reaching just conclusions as to the solvency and proper prosperity of the Subordinates. True it is, that as a general principle, our laws refer to these bodies' exclusive control over their finances, within their legitimate application; but the Grand Lodge may, which nobody doubts, inquire into and collect data, with a view to legislation on the subject of the proper relation between dues and benefits; it may, with equal propriety, make like inquiries upon cognate subjects in contemplation of the general welfare. It is not at all improbable, that out of the four and a half millions of gross annual aggregate revenue reported, fifty per cent. of the amount is consumed in disbursements other than relief. If thirty-three per cent. be added to this for relief, as returned, viz: \$1,490,274.72, their remains but seventeen per cent., or \$726,725.82, as actual gain to the aggregate capital of the Order. This would present a comparatively unstable system, looking to the inevitable increased responsibilities of the Subordinates, as their membership advance in years. This suggestion is made with diffidence. Ought not our statistical returns to be enlarged so as to supply light in this direction?

The following are the decisions of the Deputy Grand Sire during the recess, with the action of the Grand Lodge upon the same:

SECOND. Can the Officers of a Degree Lodge, after conferring the Scarlet Degree upon brothers, then confer the Degree of Rebekah upon them and others who have taken the Scarlet Degree? *Answer.* No.

THIRD. Can a brother who holds an unexpired Withdrawal Card from his Lodge be a competent petitioner for an Encampment? *Answer.* No.

FOURTH. Is it admissable for Odd Fellows to appear in regalia at the funeral of a Daughter of Rebekah, the friends of the deceased requesting the same? *Answer.* No.

FIFTH. Is it competent for a Lodge or committee thereof, on the trial of a brother under charges, to refuse admission to or exclude from the room during such trial any member of the Lodge who is in good standing, except as is provided in the proceedings of the G. L. of U. S., Journal, 1872, at page 5563? *Answer.* In the negative.

SIXTH. I have decided, upon inquiry, that the report of the Committee on Constitutions of the last session, found on pages 5836-7 and 6348-9, so far as the second, fourth, and ninth paragraphs of the first report relate thereto, and paragraphs ten and eleven of report number three, applies to all Subordinate Lodges, whether under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or not.

The first, second, third and fifth decisions were approved.

The fourth decision was modified so as to read, "Odd Fellows may appear in regalia at the funeral of a Daughter of Rebekah, in case they first obtain permission so to do from the proper Grand Officers of the jurisdiction." See § 1622, Digest G. L. of U. S.

The sixth decision, in so far as it holds that the decisions of 1873, therein referred to, in respect to the Vice-Grand examining the ballot and announcing the result, apply to all Subordinate Lodges, whether under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or not, was disapproved; and the true rule in this case is, that a Subordinate Grand Body may allow its Subordinates to enact By-laws providing for the examination by the Vice-Grand, or other officer, of the ballot, and for his making known the result of his examination to the Lodge, it being the business of the Noble Grand alone of deciding the question of the election or rejection of the candidate.

"A Past Grand who has been appointed by a D. D. G. M. to instal the officers of the Lodge, is not entitled to the honors of the Order when he appears for that purpose." This answer the Judiciary Committee confirmed as a correct exposition of the law on the subject, and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The following questions were also propounded to the Deputy Grand Sire:

1. When a member is in arrears to an amount that, under the laws of his Lodge or Encampment, disqualifies him from receiving benefits in case of his sickness, is he entitled to admission to his Lodge or Encampment and to the S. A. P. W.?

2. Is a member not entitled to the S. A. P. W. to be permitted in his Lodge or Encampment? Is not every member who, by the laws, is permitted to be in his Lodge or Encampment entitled to vote and participate in any business that may come before the Lodge or Encampment?

They were answered as follows:

1. A member is entitled to admission into his Lodge, and to the S. A. P. W. until he is dropped, suspended or expelled.

2. A member is entitled to be in his Lodge-room, and to vote, until he is dropped, suspended or expelled.

The Judiciary Committee decided, and the Grand Lodge concurred, that these two answers require qualification, so as to conform to § 1538, Digest, which provides that,

"Whether a member of a Subordinate Lodge must have his account settled up to the last day of the past term to entitle him to receive the P. W. of the current term, and whether a brother thus in arrears has a right to sit in his own Lodge without the P. W., prior to suspension, are questions to be determined by the proper authorities, and according to the laws of the State jurisdictions in which they arise, and not by this Grand Lodge."

NEW LEGISLATION.

The following was adopted, amending the law of 1864, p. 3709, § 1047, Digest :

Resolved, That all spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge-rooms and ante-rooms or halls connected with or adjoining thereto, when under the control of any Subordinate or Degree Lodge or Encampment of this Order.

Resolved, That every provision in conflict with the foregoing resolution, as well as all regulations respecting the use of Edibles in Lodge or Encampment rooms, heretofore passed, be and the same are hereby repealed.

§ 1919a of Digest was amended to make it better understood, without changing its meaning, and now reads :

Every brother present in a Lodge or Encampment, if qualified to vote, is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment; and no particular number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

Resolved, That Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah are authorized to grant, by ballot vote of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting, Withdrawal Cards to members who may apply in person or by letter for such cards.

Resolved, That Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah are authorized to admit to membership by deposit of card, by such vote as is required for ordinary admission, the holders of Regular Withdrawal Cards granted as above provided.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions subordinate to this B. W. Grand Lodge, be and they are hereby authorized to cause to be conferred the honorary degree of Past Secretary on any Past Grand in good standing who has served a lawful term as Vice-Grand and Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge commends the great work of the General Relief Associations, instituted by members of this Order, to the fostering care of the several State Grand Jurisdictions, and hereby recommends such action as may induce each jurisdiction to make ample provision for compensating other jurisdictions for expenses paid and costs incurred in the relief of brothers in distress, who claim the same under a Visiting Card, as brothers in good standing.

Resolved, That a member of the Order in good standing, evidenced by holding an unexpired Visiting Card, issued in conformity to the laws of the Order by his Lodge or Encampment, and having the A. T. W. P., being in distress, or pretending so to be, and needing money, and who having asked for and received from a Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, a sum of money under the assurance and promise that he will return or repay the same within a given time, or so soon as he returns home, but who shall neglect so to do after a reasonable time thereafter, without a satisfactory excuse being rendered shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; and due notice of such facts having been officially communicated to his Lodge by the Lodge or Encampment so loaning him the money, it shall be the duty of his Lodge to notify him of such indebtedness or loan, and to demand payment thereof, and if he then refuse or neglect to pay the same, his Lodge shall prefer charges against him, try him, and if found guilty, and without sufficiently mitigating circumstances, to expel him from the Order. If there be such mitigating circumstances, then to impose such penalty as the Lodge may deem best.

Resolved, That the respective State Grand Lodges cause the foregoing resolution to be embodied in their proceedings, and the attention of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments especially called to it.

The special committee on dues and benefits report that during the past year they have had ample evidence of the great interest felt by the Subordinate Lodges in their financial standing; yet the data furnished has not reached that degree of completeness essential to a final and satisfactory report. Twenty-four jurisdictions made ample returns as to the number of weeks' sickness paid; and others have supplied information of more or less value. But the statistics, so far as they have been gathered, are merely approximations to the actual facts. This is clearly shown by a careful examination of the semi-annual reports in relation to management expenses. By deducting the amount expended for relief from the total expenditures, the amount paid for working expenses ought to appear. Yet many Secretaries, notwithstanding they are requested on the blank report not to do so, persist in adding the amount of money invested during the term to the expenditures; thus swelling the latter out of all due proportion, and creating erroneous impressions as to the cost of maintaining a Lodge. An examination of five reports will show this conclusively. They report \$5,408.00 expended for relief, and the total amount paid out as \$9,985.90. A statistician examining those reports would conclude that the cost of running each of the Lodges was \$1,791.56 per annum. A false conclusion, as inquiries have shown that in each instance the investment of funds had been charged as an expense. Attention is called to this subject, in the hope that Secretaries and auditing committees will exercise more care and judgment in their reports, so that greater accuracy may be eventually reached.

As the committee is continued, with instructions to further report at the next session, they therefore desire to urge upon Grand Lodges a steady compliance with the recommendations made in their report of 1873; and by so doing, in a few years we will have sufficient and reliable data upon which to base practical action for the guidance of Lodges when considering how much dues should be paid into their treasuries in order to enable them to pay a certain amount of benefits, and thus give each and every Lodge the ability to fulfil its engagements to its members.

Cases have occurred in which a person had entered the Order under an assumed name, and desired to resume his proper name; but on two occasions the G. L. U. S. decided that neither his Lodge nor his Grand Lodge could give him relief by allowing him a card by his real name, or by using it on their records. This harsh and hardly reasonable restriction is removed by the declaration that the subject is a proper one for local legislation.

A new form of funeral ceremony and also a form for anniversary celebrations was adopted, the full text of which will be found in the revised journal of the G. L. U. S.

In preparing the Digest of Ontario the committee inadvertently included certain forms, the copyright of which is vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States and the following was adopted in reference thereto:

Resolved, That all Grand and Subordinate Bodies, and individual members thereof, of this Order, are hereby directed to refrain from printing, publishing, and issuing any article entered upon the list of supplies that form a part of the source of revenue of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or its agents, discontinue the sale and issue of any Digest or Book of Forms containing the established forms of this Grand Lodge.

The following reports of the committee on appeals were adopted. They are given in full because each of them contains points of considerable import to the whole Order.

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

On the appeal of Lincoln Lodge, No. 44, of the State of Indiana, against Seymour Lodge No. 204, of the same State, report that the facts of the case are as follows:

Be it resolved by Seymour Lodge No. 204, I. O. O. F., "1st. That we believe it would be for the good of the Order in Seymour, that another Lodge of Odd Fellows be instituted in this city.

"2nd. That in case a part of the members of Seymour Lodge desire to start another Lodge in Seymour, that this Lodge shall divide its General and Orphan Funds with said new Lodge, equally in proportion to the members that go into the new Lodge, as compared with those that remain in this Lodge in good standing.

"3rd. That should a Lodge be instituted as provided in the foregoing

resolutions, that the two Lodges, should they so desire, shall occupy the same Hall and hold the lease and fixtures in common, and each according to their membership bear their proportion of the expense, and receive their proportion of the income of the same.

"4th. That these resolutions, when adopted by the Lodge, shall be spread on the minutes of the Lodge, and shall be binding on the same, and shall not be changed or modified, except by a written resolution offered and read in open Lodge, at least one week before final action is had on the same; and no change shall be made to the detriment or disadvantage of the new Lodge after cards have been drawn and steps taken to institute the same."

Acting on the good faith of said Seymour Lodge in passing said resolutions, forty-four members of said Lodge, on the 13th of May, 1873, withdrew therefrom and organized said Lincoln Lodge. Afterwards, to wit: on the 10th of June, 1873, said Lincoln Lodge, by a Committee, made a demand on Seymour Lodge for a division of the property thereof, as provided for by said resolutions, which demand said Seymour Lodge refused to comply with. Lincoln Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, asking that Seymour Lodge should be compelled to comply with the resolutions, and divide the property accordingly. The said Grand Lodge sustained the appeal, and ordered Seymour Lodge to comply. From which action of the Grand Lodge this appeal is taken by Seymour Lodge.

By a resolution of the G. L. U. S., passed in 1868, (*White's Digest*, 1062) it is provided that donations made to assist petitioning brothers * * * by the parent body, * * * for the purpose of instituting new lodges * * * are allowable, and in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the lodge. In consonance with the said resolution of the G. L. U. S., it is provided by the general laws of the jurisdiction of Indiana—*chapter VII, section 1*—that the funds, property, etc., of Subordinate Lodges are not * * * to be divided * * * among the members individually, or between one lodge and another, *except* to those who may withdraw therefrom for the purpose of organizing a new lodge. * * *

Your Committee therefore find that said Seymour Lodge, in 1871, at the time of the passage of said resolutions, had a right to pass the same. It will be seen by reference to pp. 5776 and 5785, journal proceedings of the G. L. U. S. that at the present time the members withdrawing from the parent lodge would not have the right to vote on the proposition of dividing the funds, but that was not the law in 1871. The resolutions aforesaid having been lawfully passed, and the withdrawing members having acted thereon in good faith, it was clearly the duty of the said Seymour Lodge to have complied with the same in letter and spirit, and your Committee recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Seymour Lodge be dismissed.

NATHAN PORTER,
AMOS JONES,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES WOODYATT,
N. P. RICHMOND,
AARON B. CRANE,
HENRY LINDENBERG,
J. S. TICKNOR.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States :

In the appeal brought by J. S. McMahon against Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, of Ontario, the Committee report. The facts of the case are as follows :

1st. Bro. John Pryke, of said Excelsior Lodge, in April, 1872, applied for a withdrawal card. A ballot was taken, and the N. G. declared that the card was *not* granted. With this result the applicant was satisfied. He did not question the vote or the decision of the N. G. He did not receive a card, nor was there one ever tendered to him, and he was content to remain a member in the Lodge, which he did from choice.

2d. Some weeks after the vote was taken, in a casual conversation, the N. G. remarked that he had made a mistake in declaring the vote, as there were a majority of white balls in the ballot.

3d. About eighteen months after said vote was had, during all of which time Bro. Pryke remained a respected and faithful member of said Lodge, the Grand Master of Ontario declared in effect that by said vote a withdrawal card was granted to Bro. Pryke, and that he thereby ceased to be a member of said Lodge, by reason of which decision he has ever since been refused admittance to the Lodge and the privileges of membership—in short is suspended.

The above are all the facts properly belonging to the case, and which it is necessary for the Grand Lodge to consider; but as belonging to the incidents of the case your Committee further report, that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which convened between the time of the ballot and that of making said decision by the Grand Master, certain abstract questions were asked bearing on the case, though the fact was not made known, and the Committee of said Grand Lodge, to which they were referred, was ignorant thereof. These questions were, as abstract questions, answered correctly by said Committee, and approved by said Grand Lodge, and were as follows :

1st. A brother applies for a withdrawal card; four black balls are cast against the granting of the same—there being seventeen balls in all cast; the N. G., in error, declares the card refused. No objection being taken to the said decision at the time; but some weeks afterward a brother objects to the decision of the N. G., and claims that the card was granted.

QUESTION.—Is the decision of the N. G. binding?

ANSWER.—No. The vote of the Lodge granted the card, Section 243, Digest.

2d. Referring to the above, what action, if any, should the Lodge take in the matter?

ANSWER.—It should give the brother the card.

It appears that the said Grand Master assumed that the said questions and answers applied to this case, and that by the adoption thereof by the Grand Lodge, it became his duty to decide that a card was granted to Bro. Pryke, and that thereby Bro. Pryke ceased, in fact, to be a member of said

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Excelsior Lodge. In this your Committee believe that said Grand Master erred. In the first place, said questions and answers covered more than appears in the case, and yet did not embrace all the elements thereof, and should not have been made the basis of said decision. For instance, the facts of the case, as described by the record, do not show the number of ballots cast, or that four black balls were adversely cast, yet the first question assumes this. Nor is it stated, in putting the interrogations, that the applicant for the card was content with the result, and no longer desired his card. Had the questions contained these elements, the answers thereto would, no doubt, have been different, and the Grand Master could not have reached his conclusions. And this Committee finally declare that brother Pryke did not lose his membership in Excelsior Lodge. The decision of the N. G. was *prima facie* conclusive that the card was not granted, and that decision has never been lawfully questioned or reversed.

Had Brother Pryke ascertained that the ballot entitled him to a card, he might have demanded and obtained it. It was *his right*, but being content with the ruling and the result, the Grand Master had no authority, and especially against the desire of the Lodge, to declare that he was no longer a member, and thus effect his suspension.

Your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following :

Resolved, That Brother John Pryke was a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, of Ontario, at the time of the decision of the Grand Master; that his appeal be sustained, and that said Excelsior Lodge is hereby instructed to forthwith readmit him to the privileges of membership in said Lodge.

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Rep. Hiokok, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States :

In the matter of the appeal of Isaac Elsasser, D. D. G. M., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, your Committee offer the following report, viz.:

It appears that Bro. William Cooper, of Bayou City Lodge, No. 121, was elected to serve the unexpired term of the Vice Grand, was duly installed, and served in the same to the end of the term, a period of three weeks. Bro. Cooper was not elected Noble Grand for the next succeeding term, but the Noble Grand elected, served until nearly the close of the term when he resigned.

Bro. Cooper was then elected Noble Grand to serve the remainder of the term. Bro. Elsasser, D. D. G. M., "refused to install" Bro. Cooper, on the ground that he "was not eligible for advancement as Noble Grand, as he served only three nights as Vice Grand, and, in accordance with our laws, it requires a majority of the nights of the term to entitle one to receive the Past Official Degrees."

From this decision Bro. Cooper appealed to the M. W. Grand Master of

Texas, M. B. Highsmith, who reversed the decision of the D. D. G. M., and Bro. Cooper was installed. The Grand Lodge of Texas sustained its Grand Master, and from this action Bro. Elsasser appealed to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is true that the general law requires service of a majority of the nights of a term to entitle a brother to the honors of the office, but there is an exception set forth in Article 1391, Digest G. L. U. S., giving said honors to the brother who may be elected to fill an unexpired term.

Bro. Cooper was, therefore, as fully entitled to honors and Past Official Degrees as Vice Grand, and eligible for election and installation as Noble Grand as if he had served a majority of nights in other circumstances.

Your Committee offer the following, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the appeal of Isaac Elsasser vs. the Grand Lodge of Texas be dismissed, and the action of the said Grand Lodge affirmed.

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

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Benj. Fletcher, r., P. G. B., of New Hampshire, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, beg leave to respectfully report:

The Grand Master's decision was made on the following question: "Can a Lodge compel the Noble Grand to give the number of black balls cast in case the applicant is rejected?" He decided that they cannot; an appeal was taken from this decision to the Grand Lodge, and that body refused to sustain the appeal.

Your Committee believe that the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was correct, and therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption.

Resolved, That the appeal of Benj. Fletcher, Jr., P. G. R., be dismissed.

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

Past Grand L. F. Delesdernier appeals from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, declaring the legality of Article No. 32 of the General Law for subordinate Lodges of that jurisdiction. This Article, after providing for the mode of petition, appointment of the Committee of Investigation etc., in case of applications for membership in subordinate Lodges, continues:

"Should the report of the Committee be favorable, the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for the candidate, and if, after balloting, the balls should be white in the ballot-box, the applicant shall be declared duly elected; if

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should there be one black ball, the balloting shall be renewed, and if on the second ballot one black ball still appears, the election shall lie over until the next regular meeting, when a ballot shall again be entered into. (In the interim of the first and second night's balloting, it shall be the duty of the brother who cast the black ball to state to the Noble Grand his reasons for his vote, which shall be made known to the Lodge by the Noble Grand, without giving the name of the brother, previous to the second balloting.) And on the second night's balloting, if not more than one black ball appears, the applicant shall be considered duly elected; but should there be two or more black balls, either on the first, second or third ballot, the applicant shall be considered rejected, and notice thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary. Nevertheless, such person may again be proposed at the expiration of six months from such ballot, and, if elected, shall be received into the Order. In case the brother casting the black ball does not give his reasons to the Noble Grand by or before the next Lodge night, then the Noble Grand shall so announce to the Lodge, and the applicant shall be declared elected without a further ballot."

Your Committee is of opinion that this law is a clear violation of the well established principle, that "a Grand Lodge has no right (to permit its subordinates) to grant more than *one ballot* and *one reconsideration* of the same to a candidate for membership in a subordinate Lodge," (see Digest, section 139) and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand L. F. Delesdernier be sustained.

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Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of A. D. Jones, P. G. M., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, most respectfully report that they have considered the same and find the facts to be as follows:

Section 2 of Article 13, of the Constitution of Subordinates, requires that application for Cards shall be made personally, or in writing. In accordance with this law, at a meeting of State Lodge No. 10, Omaha, held April 21st, 1873, Bro. H. Webber, a member of said Lodge, made application personally for a Withdrawal Card. Before the ballot was had, a motion to adjourn was adopted, and the Lodge proceeded to close. At the next meeting of the Lodge, April 28th, the N. Grand stated that no application for a Withdrawal Card was before the Lodge, from which an appeal was taken, and the appeal sustained by the Lodge. From the decision of the Lodge an appeal was taken to the D. D. G. M., and then to the Grand Master, who sustained the Lodge. The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska at its session, May 19, 1873, reversed the decision of the Grand Master, from which action A. D. Jones, P. G. M., appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

In the opinion of the Committee the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska was correct, as an application being once made in accordance with the law it is not necessary to renew it. We, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved.—That the appeal of Alfred D. Jones, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be dismissed.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Joseph S. Brewster, P. G. M., and ten other members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the case of Charles Wallace vs. Lehiton Lodge No. 244, would respectfully report : That it appears from the record before us, that this case is on all fours with the case of Hermitage Lodge No. 165, vs. the Grand Lodge of New York, decided in 1869. Journal p. 4591, 4614. White's Digest, Section 102. In this case as in that, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, reviewed upon an appeal, a question of fact after it had been passed upon by the proper tribunal under the local law, in direct contravention to its own By-Laws, which say "such appeal must be confined to matters of law, or of irregularity or unfairness in the proceedings of the Appeal Committee." The Grand Lodge of Pa., in the case of Wilson vs. Friendship Lodge No. 23, decided that such a review could not be had. Journal Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, semi-annual session 1862, p. 364, 365 ; and what is still more curious, is the fact, that in this same case, said Grand Lodge made the same ruling, (see the same Journal p. 372.) If then this Grand Lodge was right in 1869, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was right in the Wilson case in 1872, the decision here appealed from must be reversed. We might rest this case here, but as there is another point in the appeal of some importance to the brotherhood, we can confidently ask to be pardoned for referring to it, and that is, that the punishment imposed was excessive. In this case the charges was, by the law of the land, (if committed) a misdemeanor. We do not desire to palliate the offence, but simply call it what the law calls it ; and we cannot but express the view, that the punishment imposed by the Lodge was excessive, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should have reversed the decision of the Lodge on that ground alone, even if the other ground had been untenable. *Ten years' suspension* is practically an expulsion : the former may be imposed by a mere majority, according to the Pennsylvania law, whilst the latter penalty requires a two-thirds vote. This Lodge ought to declare that under the name of suspension, by a mere majority vote, that a Lodge shall not practically expel a member for an alleged offence.

We therefore offer the following :

Resolved,—That the appeal of Joseph S. Brewster, P. G. M., and others from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be sustained, and said decision be reversed, and that said Grand Lodge be instructed to direct Lehiton Lodge No. 244 to reinstate Bro. Charles Wallace to his former rank and standing in said Lodge.

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

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Hugh Latham, P. G. M., in relation to the difficulty existing between Bro. Newman Cross and Potomac Lodge No. 38, of the jurisdiction of Virginia, respectfully report, that the said Cross was on the sick list and receiving benefits from his Lodge, and without notice to him a committee was appointed, to enquire into the state of his health ; the committee made inquiry *ex parte*, and upon their report the Lodge ceased to pay him benefits.— Afterwards, and on the 2nd of August, 1872, charges were preferred against said Cross for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow on the following grounds : 1st. For

receiving benefits when not sick, and when he was able to work to the following degree, "that a citizen saw him saw and split wood and carry it in his house," and another person saw him "mend his fence and clean up his yard." A committee tried the case, who reported that the charges were not sustained, but volunteered to report to the Lodge that he was not then entitled to benefits under the law, (a most extraordinary conclusion) and the Lodge do not restore him to benefits, although he claimed to be sick, and so far as the record is concerned he was in the same condition as when he was receiving benefits, and had not been reported as well to his Lodge except as reported by said committee. There are four certificates from respectable physicians in the record, showing that Bro. Cross was an invalid, suffering from organic affection of the heart, which incapacitates him necessarily from the performance of manual labor, and thereby renders him incapable of supporting himself by his own exertions. One of the physicians had been Vice Grand and Noble Grand of Potomac Lodge, and during the entire time Bro. Cross received his benefits. Your committee have come to the conclusion that said Cross was sick and entitled to his benefits when his Lodge ceased to pay them, wherefore they recommend that the appeal be sustained with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the appeal of Hugh Latham, P. G. M., be sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Master of Virginia be directed to order Potomac Lodge to reopen the case of Bro. Cross, and give him an opportunity to be heard.

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

The undersigned, the minority of your Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of WILLIAM D. KENNEDY, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, differing in opinion from the majority of the committee, presents his views of the case.

The local law of Ontario enacts that "at an election of a candidate for membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, more than two black balls reject."

Bro. William D. Kennedy made application for admission to The Toronto Lodge by deposit of card; when the ballot was taken more than two black balls appeared. The Vice Grand, to whom, as well as to the Noble Grand, the ballot box had been taken for examination, declared the candidate rejected; the Noble Grand declared the candidate elected. An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Noble Grand to the Lodge. A majority vote sustained the Noble Grand, and the candidate was introduced as a member. He did not, however, sign the constitution of the Lodge, which is required by the local law. An appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who decided that Bro. Kennedy was not a member of "The Toronto Lodge," and directed said Lodge to hand him back his card and fees, and notify the Lodges in the jurisdiction of his rejection. The Lodge complied with the directions of the Grand Master. An appeal was taken from the action of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which sustained the Grand Master, and it is from the action of said Grand Lodge that this appeal is made.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that when a person has been initiated into the Order—whether his election was legal or not—he must be held to be a member, and that the only mode of dealing with him must be by charges, trial, expulsion, etc. The reason for such legislation is obvious: the initiate has acquired knowledge and assumed obligations that it would be exceedingly unwise to meddle with by declaring his membership void. He could not be deprived of the knowledge and he should not be released from the obligation. But in the case of an applicant for membership by deposit of card the position is entirely different. In such a case as the one here under notice the party acquired no knowledge, assumed no new obligations; he did not even take upon him the responsibility that would follow the signing of the Constitution. It therefore, seems eminently proper that a law should prevail differing from the law quoted as much as the cases differ, so that improper conduct may be promptly dealt with, and that which is wrong may at once be put right, and that a minority of the members of a Lodge may be efficiently protected.

I respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be sustained.

It will be seen from the above that the two appeal cases from Ontario, have been decided, the one so long pending, Zimmerman vs. the Grand Lodge, in favor of the Grand Lodge, and the more recent one of McMahon vs. the Grand Lodge, against that body.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were submitted:

ARTICLE 4, Sec. 3.—In case of death, resignation, or removal from office of the M. W. Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office, and at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a M. W. Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be construed as to work a forfeiture of the office.

By Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts; seconded by J. S. Ticknor, of Illinois; J. H. White, of New York; Charles P. Blanchard, of New Hampshire; Charles H. Rich, of Maine; B. B. Barnes, of Lower Provinces; Purves, of Ontario; John W. McQuiddy, of Indiana; George A. Callahan, of Maine; H. R. Dyer, of Vermont; George N. Nichols, of Georgia; C. N. Hickok, of

Pennsylvania; John Hamlin, of Nebraska; John F. Driscoll, of Rhode Island; I Harris, of New Jersey; G. Nungesser, of Louisiana; W. C. Earl, of Ohio:

Amend Article I. Section I. by striking out the words Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of, so that it shall read as follows:

ARTICLE I. SEC. I.—This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of The Supreme Lodge of American Odd Fellowship.

Amend Article I. Section I. by striking out the words "of the United States" so that it may read:

ARTICLE I. SEC. I.—This Lodge will be known by the name, style and title of the Supreme Grand Lodge of American Odd Fellowship.

Seconded by Representatives

J. C. SMITH, of Illinois,

JOHN W McQUIDDY, of Indiana;
T. B. NEEDLES, of Illinois;
SAMUEL RYAN, JR., of Wisconsin;
THOS. C. PORTER, of Massachusetts;
JAMES WOODYATT, of Ontario;
B. J. F. HANNA, of Kansas.

Resolved, That Bro. J. L. Ridgely, the present Historiographer of this Grand Lodge, be earnestly requested to retain that position, and to write, as soon as his health permits, the history of the first decade of the Order in America; and that he be authorized to employ an assistant or assistants at an expense not exceeding \$500 during the ensuing year.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The officers elected and installed for the ensuing two years are:

M. W. Grand Sire—M. J. Durham, Past D. G. Sire, of Kentucky.

R. W. Deputy Grand Sire—John W. Stokes, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary—James L. Ridgely, P. G. M., of Maryland.

R. W. Grand Treasurer—Joshua Vansant, P. G. M., of Maryland.

The Grand Secretary appointed Theodore A. Ross, G. Rep., of New Jersey, as Assistant Grand Secretary; and the Grand Sire appointed the following subordinate Grand Officers, all of whom were duly installed:

R. W. Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky.

R. W. Grand Marshal—John R. Tompkins, of Alabama.

R. W. Grand Guardian—Wm. H. Foulk, of Delaware.

R. W. Grand Messenger—John W. Hudson, of Wisconsin.

The next annual session of the Grand Lodge is to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in September, 1875.

The following preamble and resolutions convey the sentiments of the members of the Grand Lodge in their appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality of the fraternity and citizens of the Sunny South:

WHEREAS, The reception that has been accorded to the Grand Lodge of the United States by the brotherhood, as well as by the citizens of Atlanta and of the State of Georgia, has been most cordial and generous, almost oppressive in its kindness, not only to the Grand Lodge as a body, but personally to its Representatives, and the members of their families accompanying them, and

WHEREAS, We cannot do justice to the pleasurable and grateful emotions which throng our hearts in contemplation of a greeting so kind and noble, without at least attempting to give them expression, therefore be it

Resolved, That the associations connected with this annual session are ever to be remembered with peculiar pleasure, and that we tender to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Georgia, and to the Lodges and brethren of Atlanta, the acknowledgment of this Body of the distinguished respect evinced toward it, and our warmest thanks as individuals for their fraternal hospitality given to us in so princely a manner.

Resolved, That to the Hon. Ex-Gov. Brown, His Honor S. B. Spencer, Mayor, and to the Hon. H. V. M. Miller, and to the authorities and citizens of the beautiful city of Atlanta, whom they represent, we offer expressions of our warm appreciation of their courteous attentions, assuring them that we shall bear with us to our homes and various State and Provincial Jurisdictions memories the most delightful of our sojourn in the "Empire State of the South," and of our intercourse with its warm-hearted, hospitable people; and last, but not least, would we mention with especial gratitude the kindness shown by the fair ladies of Atlanta to the ladies accompanying our various delegations.

Resolved, That to the Sir Knights of Cœur-de-Lion Commandery of Knights Templar, of Atlanta, we tender the assurance that the recollection of our visit to their Asylum, and of their magnanimous reception of our fraternity, will ever be cherished by us as the tarrying for a brief but most pleasant period in one of the green spots by the wayside of life's rugged journey.

Resolved, That we appreciate the courtesy and hospitality of the distinguished gentlemen of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and beg to return to them our warmest thanks for the pleasure they have given us, and to reciprocate the hope expressed by so many of our newly-made Southern acquaintances, that the feelings and interests of all sections of our common country may be, for all time to come, mutual and indissolubly united.

Resolved, That as a slight token of the good faith of the foregoing resolutions, and of our desire to leave in the city of Atlanta some memento of our visit, which we trust may not be unacceptable to our kind friends of the South, the R. W. Grand Secretary is hereby requested to forward, as soon as it can conveniently be done, a full set of the bound Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, including the proceedings of the present session,

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to the State Library of Georgia, asking acceptance of the same as a slight indication of the pleasurable experiences of the members of this Body at this annual communication.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and attested by the Grand Secretary, be sent severally to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to each of the Subordinate Lodges of Atlanta, the Mayor of Atlanta, Cœur-de-Lion Commandery, and the Atlanta Board of Trade, and also be furnished to the papers of the city for publication.

In conclusion, it may be necessary to offer an explanation for the appearance of this report in the appendix of the Journal of Ontario for 1874. Having noticed that the same course has been taken in other jurisdictions and by that means the information contained in the Report is given to the several Lodges nearly a year sooner than it could be by the course hitherto adopted, consultation was had with all the Elective Officers and several other prominent members of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and finding it to be the unanimous opinion of those brothers that such action would be decidedly advantageous, the publication of the Journal has been delayed beyond its usual time for the purpose of including this report.

Trusting that the course taken will meet the approval of the Grand Lodge, and being deeply impressed with the sense of the responsibility resting upon us and the high honor conferred in being your representatives, the whole is respectfully submitted.

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Amongst the proceedings the following was adopted :

Resolved.—That a short and concise form of Charge and Appeal be prepared by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

(Report of Committee on Legislation, pp. 1236.)

In obedience thereto the following code of procedure and forms are submitted :

FORM A.

CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Lodge No..... I. O. O. F. :

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

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

Contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date.....(Signed)

B. B.

FORM B.

NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date).....187

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

Fraternally,

(Seal.) Sec'y.

FORM C.

NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Date).....18

To Bro.....

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

Fraternally,

..... Sec'y.

FORM D.

NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date).....18

To..... A. B. or C. D. (as the case may be, one to each party.)

The Committee on trial of the charge and specifications made by..... against..... will meet at..... on the..... day of..... at..... o'clock p. m., to hear and determine the same. You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (prosecute or defend the same, as the case may be.)

I am, yours Fraternally,

..... Convener of Committee.

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FORM E.

PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred by B. B. on the.....day of.....say :

1st.—That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

2nd.—That I am not guilty.

3rd.—Guilty.

4th.—I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.

5th.—The complaint is frivolous.

A. B.

FORM F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

ToLodge No. I. O. .O. F. (Date) 18

The undersigned, (a majority of the) Committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by..... against.....respectfully report as follows: (State the finding on each specification.) The minutes of the Committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

(Signed by Committee.)

FORM G.

DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

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

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RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

1st.—All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be submitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2nd.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a committee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the convener thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
- II. The exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.
- III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.
- IV. All documentary evidence marked as exhibits.

9th.—The finding of the committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

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

11th.—The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

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

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SECTION II.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

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

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

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

c. Regularly certified minutes of Lodge.

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

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

3.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

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

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGES.	Number.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Brock	9	Brockville	Tuesday.
Union	16	St. Catharines	Monday.
Chatham	29	Chatham	Tuesday.
Eureka	30	London	Tuesday.
Erie	33	Port Burwell	Thursday.
Gore	34	Brantford	Thursday.
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	Wednesday.
St. Marys	36	St. Marys	Tuesday.
Forest City	38	London	Monday.
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	Friday.
Avon	41	Stratford	Wednesday.
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	Thursday.
Frontier	45	Windsor	Wednesday.
Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	Thursday.
Unity	47	Hamilton	Wednesday.
Dominion	48	London	Wednesday.
Canada	49	Toronto	Friday.
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	Monday.
Bissell	51	Mitchell	Monday.
Covenant	52	Toronto	Tuesday.
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	Tuesday.
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	Alternate Thursday.
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	Wednesday.
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	Wednesday.
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	Thursday.
Howard	58	Strathroy	Wednesday.
Kingston	59	Kingston	Friday.
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	Monday.
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	Thursday.
Huron	62	Goderich	Thursday.
Barrie	63	Barrie	Monday.
Victoria	64	Hamilton	Tuesday.
Friendship	65	Petrolia	Friday.
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	Wednesday.
Exeter	67	Exeter	Tuesday.
North Star	68	Stayner	Alternate Friday.
Hope	69	Harretsville	Saturday.
Lucan	70	Lucan	Tuesday.
The Toronto	71	Toronto	Monday.
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	Tuesday.
Fergus	73	Fergus	Tuesday.
Rothwell	74	Bothwell	Tuesday.
Warriner	75	Port Perry	Monday.
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	Wednesday.
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	Wednesday.
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LODGES.	Number.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Amity	80	Prescott	Wednesday.
Belleville	81	Belleville	Thursday.
Beaver	82	Ruthven	Tuesday.
Clinton	83	Clinton	Tuesday.
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	Friday.
Constellation	85	Burgessville	Tuesday.
Napanee	86	Napanee	Tuesday.
Empire	87	St. Catharines	Thursday.
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	Monday.
Reliance	89	Guelph	Thursday.
Ivy	90	Parkhill	Monday.
Grand River	91	Paris	Thursday.
Milton	92	Milton	Thursday.
Western City	93	Chatham	Alternate Tuesday.
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	Wednesday.
Port Stanley	95	Point Stanley	Tuesday.
Nith	96	New Hamburg	Monday.
Grand Union	97	Berlin	Thursday.
Minto	98	Harriston	Friday.
Peabody	99	Watford	Friday.
Lindsay	100	Lindsay	Thursday.
Golden Star	101	Brampton	Thursday.
Dosoronto	102	Mill Point	Thursday.
Cataract	103	Drummondville	Monday.
Crescent	104	Hamilton	Thursday.
Manilla	105	Manilla	Friday.
St. Clair	106	Port Edward	Wednesday.
Waterloo	107	Galt	Thursday.
Royal Oak	108	Forest	Monday.
Orion	109	Georgetown	Monday.
Laurel	110	Yorkville	Monday.
Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	Monday.
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	Thursday.
Trenton	113	Trenton	Friday.
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	Tuesday.
Harmony	115	Brantford	Monday.
Naomi	116	Markham	Tuesday.
Valley City	117	Dundas	Monday.
Shannonville	118	Shannonville	Thursday.
Maitland	119	Wingham	Wednesday.
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	Thursday.
Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	Friday.
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	Wednesday.
Palmerston	123	Palmerston	Friday.
Dresden	124	Dresden	Thursday.
Stella	125	Carlton Place	Tuesday.
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	Monday.
Mizpah	127	Belleville	Monday.
Mystic	128	Kilbride	Friday.
Charity	129	Sunderland	Monday.
Livingstone	130	Thorold	Tuesday.
Marion	131	Renfrew	Wednesday.

SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONCLUDED.

LODGES.	Number.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Oakville	132	Oakville	Monday.
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	Wednesday.
Orient	134	Welland	Tuesday.
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	Friday.
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	Monday.
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	Monday.
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	Tuesday.
Garnet	139	Mt. Forest	Thursday.
Leamington	140	Leamington	Friday.
Capital	141	Ottawa	Friday.
Concord	142	Kingsville	Wednesday.
Bay of Quinte	143	Pickton	Wednesday.
Ridgtown	144	Ridgtown	Friday.
Riverside	145	Iroquois	Friday.
Vivian	146	Arnprior	Monday.
Model	147	Wyoming	Monday.

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List of Past Grand Masters.

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*THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.	BROCKVILLE, 1866 to 868.
†CHAUNCEY YALE	ST. CATHARINES, 1859.
S. G. DOLSON	do 1860.
WILLIAM BISSELL	LONDON, 1861.
H. C. BINGHAM	BRANTFORD, 1862.
JAMES WOODYATT	do 1863.
JAMES SMITH	LONDON, 1864.
JAMES D. TAIT	ST. CATHARINES, 1865.
RICHARD WIGMORE	LONDON, 1866.
HERRY McAFEE	WINDSOR, 1867.
JOHN BARR	HAMILTON, 1868.
THOMAS PARTRIDGE	LONDON, 1869.
WILLIAM N. FORD	ST. MARYS, 1870.
JOHN GIBSON	STRAFORD, 1871.
JOHN MURRAY	CLIFTON, 1872.
GEORGE WRIGHT	TORONTO, 1873.

* Died 14th September, 1859.
 † Died 15th April, 1866.

Special attention of Subordinate Lodges is called to the following resolutions, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session held in Atlanta, Ga., in Sept., 1874 :

IMPOSTERS TO BE EXPELLED.

Resolved,—That a member of the Order in good standing, evidenced by holding an unexpired Visiting Card, issued in conformity to the laws of the Order by his Lodge or Encampment, and having the A. T. P. W., being in distress, or pretending so to be, and needing money, and who having asked for and received from a Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, a sum of money under the assurance and promise that he will return or repay the same within a given time, or so soon as he returns home, but who shall neglect so to do after a reasonable time thereafter, without a satisfactory excuse being rendered, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; and due notice of such facts having been officially communicated to his Lodge by the Lodge or Encampment so loaning him the money, it shall be the duty of his Lodge to notify him of such indebtedness or loan, and to demand payment thereof, and if he then refuse or neglect to pay the same, his Lodge shall prefer charges against him, try him, and if found guilty, and without sufficiently mitigating circumstances, to expel him from the Order. If there be such mitigating circumstances, then to impose such penalty as the Lodge may deem best.

Resolved,—That the respective State Grand Lodges cause the foregoing resolution to be embodied in their proceedings, and the attention of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments especially called to it.

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Report by James Woodyatt, P. G. M.,—adopted 1196

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3rd.—That a P. G. in good standing, being absent, can be elected to represent his Lodge in the Grand Lodge, though he has not notified his Lodge of his willingness to serve. The Committee quote Ontario Digest, page 106, decision 6.

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3rd.—That all moneys due the Grand Lodge must be paid to the D. D. G. M., and that said officer can refuse to instal the officers elect until such moneys are paid to him. (This also is altered by late legislation, the Per. Secretary being authorized to send all moneys due the Grand Lodge direct to the Grand Secretary.)

4th.—That it is the duty of a Committee on Character to visit personally an applicant for membership before reporting to the Lodge. Committee quote Ontario Digest, page 43, 6th decision.

5th.—That, if after the election of a candidate, he is found by the Lodge Surgeon to be unsound, the Lodge can initiate him if it is willing to incur the risk.

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8th.—That the N. G. can compel all qualified members present to vote. Committee quote Rule of Order 17.

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Report by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.,—adopted 1207

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That it is advisable to abolish the use of the Charge Books during Initiation and Opening and Closing. Ontario Digest, page 121, 7th decision.

Disapproving the loaning of Lodge funds to brothers. Ontario Digest, page 60, 1st decision.

That although there may not be a quorum present, it is legal to impose a fine on absentee officers.

That a Lodge can legally have a by-law requiring brothers to pay six months dues in advance, before they would be entitled to the P. W. Ontario Digest, page 88, 3rd decision.

That members of the Manchester Unity can join this Order. Ontario Digest, page 73, 3rd decision.

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That a vacancy cannot be filled on the same evening in which it occurs. Ontario Digest, page 124, 2nd decision.

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Report by Rep. Hugh Blain—Adopted.....1188

On the appeal of D. D. Rose vs. Fidelity Lodge, No. 55. The Committee report that proper Notice of Appeal had not been given to the Lodge, in consequence of which the Committee had only the appellant's statement to guide them. The Committee recommend that the appeal be laid over until the next session, without prejudice to either party concerned.

Report by Rep. H. Blain.—Adopted.....1212

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Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.....	0 07
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Anniversary Service or Form.....	0 35
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Member's Register.....	2 75
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