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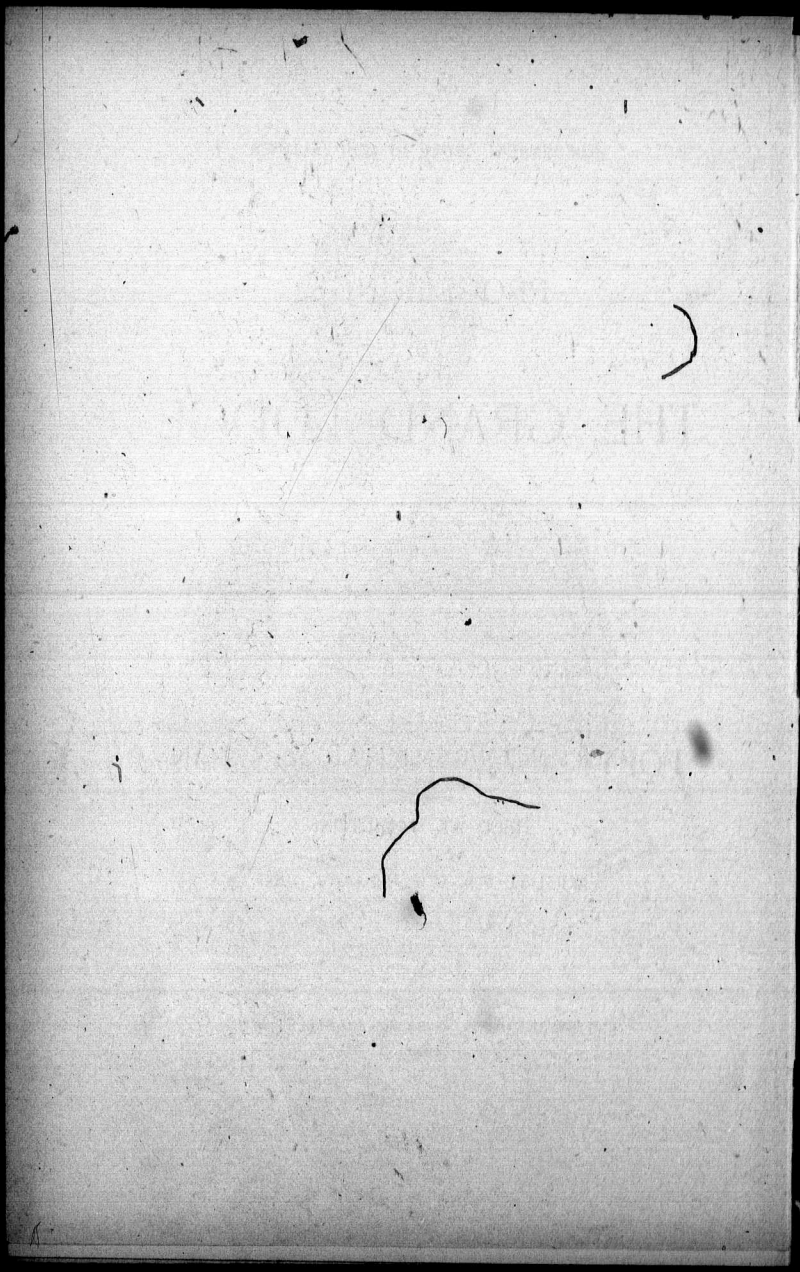

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ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO

I.O.O.F.

YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1901

O. L. Lewis, Grand Master	Chatham
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R. R. Brett, Grand Conductor	Essex
Jas. Hewer, Grand Guardian	Guelph
A. S. Murray, Grand Herald	Niagara Falls South
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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH

FORTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO

HELD AT

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

COURT HOUSE,

HAMILTON, August 8th, 1900.

The Grand Lodge convened in the City of Hamilton to hold its forty-sixth annual session.

The Grand Officers, Representatives, and a number of ladies, amongst whom were many members of the Rebekah Assembly, were assembled in the Court Room, Court House, Hamilton.

His Worship, Mayor Teetsell, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton, and of its citizens, extended a most cordial greeting and welcomed the Grand Lodge to the Ambitious City.

The Grand Master made an excellent reply, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge accepted the extended courtesies.

(These addresses, being extempore, though worthy, they cannot be given in full.)

Bro. J. B. Turner, D.D.G.M., on behalf of the Odd Fellows of the City and District of Hamilton, presented the following address:

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BRETHREN,—It is my pleasant duty on this the occasion of the assembling of Grand Lodge in its Forty-sixth session to extend to you on behalf of the Odd Fellows of Hamilton and District a hearty and fraternal welcome to our city.

Representing as you do a membership of over Twenty-three Thousand, and an organization which during the last year distributed, within our own Province, almost Eighty-five Thousand Dollars in Benefits and Relief, we recognize the honor of having the opportunity of welcoming so large and influential a body at its annual session.

Since the occasion of your last meeting here the progress of Oddfellowship in this District has been steady and the growth in every direction has been of a healthy character. In our city there are six Lodges and in our District, altogether, ten Lodges all of which are in a healthy condition and we point with pardonable pride to the fact that one of these Lodges is the largest Lodge while another is among the largest under the jurisdiction of our Grand Body, and what is a source of still greater satisfaction the membership of our Lodges is steadily increasing. This healthy progress we feel sure will receive an increased impetus by reason of this meeting of Grand Lodge in our midst.

We are particularly pleased to have this meeting in our city at this time. The members of the Order in the city and the district of which the city is the centre are desirous of having the Home for Aged Odd Fellows in this vicinity. The Brethren of the District, knowing the advantages of this locality for such an institution—the beautiful situation, the healthful character of the neighborhood, the facilities for transport and the unequalled fertility of the soil—are desirous, in order to insure the success of the Home from the outset, of having it located here. For this reason we are glad that the members of Grand Lodge are with us before this question is finally settled in order that the Representatives may see for themselves the desirability of choosing this locality for the site of the Home. The members have only to take a short ride on any of our radial roads and they will see for themselves the most convincing evidence of the fact that our fair city is justly entitled to be called the Centre of the Garden of the Province.

We have no desire to unduly distract the attention of the Brethren from the very important business that is to come before this session of Grand Lodge but we do ask that the Brethren avail themselves of every opportunity of seeing these advantages before deciding the important question of the location of the Home.

Permit me, Grand Master, on behalf of the Odd Fellows of this District to congratulate you on your elevation to the important position in the Order which you now occupy, and now that your term of office is about expired to express our appreciation of your efforts on behalf of Oddfellowship. May you long be spared in order that you may see the ripening of the fruit from the good seed you have sown.

As Odd Fellows of a District in which our principles have long had a firm hold, as citizens of a city to whose beauties and advantages we can point with pardonable pride, we welcome you and trust that the deliberations of your honorable body will be of advantage not only to those immediately interested but to the larger Brotherhood-man.

Signed on behalf of the Odd Fellows of the District.

J. B. TURNER, D.D.G.M.,
Chairman of Reception Committee.

The Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Jas. McLurg, replied in a most happy speech.

The courtesies over, the Grand Master took the chair and called the Grand Lodge to order.

All present having been reported as qualified to remain in the Grand Lodge and a quorum having been reported, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

O Thou that dwellest in light and hast all knowledge and all joy. Thou to whom all things come in their ripeness and their beauty. Thou art the centre of this wide-lying universe beholding the steps of unfolding life afar off rude and imperfect and yet drawing all things steadfastly upward into more perfect circles of blessedness and immortality. To Thee we come and we thank Thee that Thou hast brought together this large, active and intelligent Brotherhood that they may deliberate upon and perfect such measures as shall be for the greatest good to our beloved Order. We ask for wisdom in perplexity, knowledge in our ignorance, and strength in our weakness, so that we may perceive all needs and secure relief. Help us to appreciate the good which has been done and distress relieved, and may we obtain all needed wisdom and grace for a judicious discharge of the responsibilities of the hour. May love, harmony and forebearance characterize our deliberations and may all be done to the honor and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

Bro. J. W. Cunningham, Thamesford Lodge, No. 258, Press Reporter.

Bro. G. G. Henderson, Hamilton, Janitor.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Jos. Powley of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, as his assistant for the session.

These appointments were duly confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

The Chair named the following Committee on Credentials:

Bros. J. B. King, Grand Secretary; Jas. Hewer, Progress Lodge, No. 158; Jas. Stitt, Princeton Lodge, No. 307.

Report No. 1.—Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials presented the following Report which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report:

We find that the Brothers whose names appear herein were reported on the return of their several Lodges as having been duly elected as Representatives to this Session.

We find that the rule which requires that a certificate of such election shall be sent with the return has not been complied with as it should have been. The

neglect in this respect has prevented the names of those Representatives from being placed on the list of Representatives reported by the Grand Secretary.

Since the returns were received several changes have been made. Owing to illness or other cause, the regularly elected Representative has resigned and and another Brother elected. In all such cases a certificate of that fact, with the certificate of the newly-elected Representative, has been presented to your Committee.

Your Committee recommend that the Past Grands herein reported have the Grand Lodge Degree conferred on them at this Session, should they present themselves.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Brothers named herein be recognized as legal Representatives of their respective Lodges and that they be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Your Committee would recommend that all Representatives who may hereafter present themselves during this Session, and all Past Grands who may present properly attested certificates, be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree by the Grand Warden in the ante-room and admitted as members of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KING,
JAS. HEWER,
JAS. STITT.

Consecutive Numbers.	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
1	Wm. Rathwell	Brock	9	Brockville
2	C. E. Woodcock			
3	Robert Meek	Cataraqui	10	Kingston
4	Jas. Dennison			
5	W. A. Warrens			
6	W. D. Jewett	Otonabee	13	Peterboro
7	H. W. Morgan			
8	M. C. Goodsie	Union	16	St. Catharines
9	Godfrey Ward			
10	J. H. Butler	Phœnix	22	Oshawa
11	A. R. Coulthard			
12	F. M. Falls	Rose	28	Amherstburg
13	Wm. Wanless	Chatham	29	Chatham
14	Wm. Fullerton			
15	George Smithson			
16	S. W. Priestly	Eureka	30	London
17	Adam Brown	Elgin	32	St. Thomas
18	Wm. Fullerton			
19	George Strecks			
20	J. H. Hoshal	Erie	33	Port Burwell
21	John Muirhead	Gore	34	Brantford
22	John Smith			
23	Wm. McIntosh			
24	R. Gemmell	Samaritan	35	Ingersoll
25	L. Henderson			
26	W. D. Spence	St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's
27	J. W. Fletcher	Forest City	38	London
28	David Tedford	Rond Eau	40	Blenheim
29	Amos Jacklin			

Consecutive Numbers.	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
30	John Welsh	Avon	41	Stratford
31	H. J. Norfolk			
32	Alex. Abraham			
33	Henry Day			
34	Wm. McAndrew	Excelsior	44	Hamilton
35	Geo. Latcham			
36	James R. Thomson	Frontier	45	Windsor
37	Joseph S. Edgar			
38	A. Fennell, Sr	Mount Zion	46	Newbury
39	R. S. Doidge	Unity	47	Hamilton
40	O. Beatty, Jr.			
41	P. McCandlish			
42	R. K. Cowan	Dominion	48	London
43	Wm. Angus			
44	Geo. A. Porter	Canada	49	Toronto
45	Joseph Bell			
46	W. B. Dack			
47	B. L. Baker	Otter	50	Tilsonburg
48	Wm. McDonald			
49	J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M.	Covenant	52	Toronto
50	J. H. Humphrey			
51	George H. Clark	Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls
52	Wm. McFaul			
53	Albert Gibson	Collingwood	54	Collingwood
54	Jas. H. Richardson			
55	Wm. Schlater	Fidelity	55	Seaforth
56	W. J. Foster	Queen City of Ont.	56	Toronto
57	Jos. Oliver, P.G.M.			
58	H. E. McDonald			
59	D. B. Brown	Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville
60	W. T. Gunn	Howard	58	Strathroy
61	J. T. Nichols			
62	Robert Diack	Kingston	59	Kingston
63	Marshal P. Reid			
64	Peter M. Thomson			
65	A. E. Webster	Corinthian	61	Oshawa
66	T. E. Lane			
67	Jas. Boddy			
68	Geo. Porter	Huron	62	Goderich
69	Dudley Holmes			
70	John Payne	Barrie	63	Barrie
71	Jas. H. Peatfield	Victoria	64	Hamilton
72	Jas. Whitehead	Friendship	65	Petrolea
73	J. J. Mathews			
74	F. F. Norris	Flo. Nightingale	66	Bowmanville
75	A. L. Nichol			
76	S. A. Popplestone	Exeter	67	Exeter
77	C. E. Jackeway	North Star	68	Stayner
78	S. E. Facey	Hope	69	Harrietsville
79	Geo. A. Stanley	Lucan	70	Lucan
80	W. H. Aiken	The Toronto	71	Toronto
81	Wm. Robson	Eastern Star	72	Whitby
82	David Murray	Fergus	73	Fergus

Consecutive Numbers.	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
83	W. A. Scott	Bothwell	74	Bothwell
84	.....	Warriner	75	Port Perry
85	A. Barber	St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas
86	W. H. Welter			
87	R. F. Oakes			
88	E. F. Waterhouse	Oxford	77	Ingersoll
89	J. S. Hambly	Durham	78	Port Hope
90	S. Alcott			
91	J. H. Bustin	Nipissing	79	Uxbridge
92	A. M. Halliday	Amity	80	Prescott
93	W. J. Robinson			
94	Fred. Lamble			
95	Nelson Thompson	Belleville	81	Belleville
96	Wm. Nelson			
97	A. L. Geen			
98	T. H. Wigle	Beaver	82	Ruthven
99	F. C. Allcock	Clinton	83	Clinton
100	Hugh Beattie	Walkerton	84	Walkerton
101	John Crawford			
102	Chas. H. Bates	Constellation	85	Burgessville
103	Hiram Cline	Napanee	86	Napanee
104	George Kalls	Empire	87	St. Catharines
105	Nelson Newhouse			
106	W. L. McWhinnie	Olive Branch	88	Woodstock
107	E. W. Featherston			
108	Robert Tovell	Reliance	89	Guelph
109	W. J. Graham			
110	Geo. Fraser	Ivy	90	Parkhill
111	John Newton	Grand River	91	Paris
112	W. Clouston	Milton	92	Milton
113	Richard Chrysler	Western City	93	Chatham
114	W. E. Sterens	Aylmer	94	Alymer
115	C. S. Bridgeman			
116	Alex. Fraser	Nith	96	New Hamburg
117	G. A. May	Grand Union	97	Berlin
118	Fred. Kress			
119	Joseph Grisch	Minto	98	Harriston
120	H. A. Middleton	Lindsay	100	Lindsay
121	Robt. C. Chambers			
122	J. M. Warren	Golden Star	101	Brampton
123	W. H. Harvey	Deseronto	102	Deseronto
124	W. A. Kennedy.	Cataract	103	Niagara Falls S.
125	J. B. Turner	Crescent	104	Hamilton
126	John Fotheringham			
127	R. H. Jackson			
128	R. J. Crosson	Manilla	105	Manilla
129	J. F. O'Neil	St. Clair	106	Pt. Edward
130	Peter Henderson	Waterloo	107	Galt
131	A. H. Blackeby			
132	C. L. McWilliams			
133	Robt. Scott	Royal Oak	108	Forest
134	S. Nevins	Orion	109	Georgetown

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135	C. W. Robinson	Laurel	110	Toronto
136	W. C. Macdonald			
137	M. W. Matchett	Peterboro	111	Peterboro
138	R. M. Scott			
139	G. E. Gilbert			
140	Geo. H. Laurence			
141	J. D. Scott	Lucknow	112	Lucknow
142	C. Crowe			
143	R. J. Webster	Trenton	113	Trenton
144	C. R. Cotton	Gananoque	114	Gananoque
145	R. J. Chadwick			
146	S. M. Thomson			
147	A. E. Brown	Harmony	115	Brantford
148	Fred. Reid			
149	Alex. Monkhouse	Naomi	116	Markham
150	Jno. Douglass	Valley City	117	Dundas
151	J. B. Manson			
152	J. A. Morton	Maitland	119	Wingham
153	A. D. Thornton	Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg
154	J. Hendershott			
155	D. Fraser	Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig
156	Jas. Dandy	Streetsville	122	Streetsville
157	Wm. Barnes	Dresden	124	Dresdon
158	R. R. Wright			
159	Jas. H. Munro	Stella	125	Carleton Place
160	J. M. Wilkins	Sarnia	126	Sarnia
161	W. J. Barrie			
162	Geo. E. Fax			
163	Samuel Symons	Mizpah	127	Belleville
164	Herb J. Thompson			
165	A. Laughlin	Charity	129	Sunderland
166	Jas. Clark	Livingstone	130	Thorold
167	A. L. Handford	Marion	131	Renfrew
168	Jno. Whittaker			
169	Geo. Parrott	Oakville	132	Oakville
170	W. H. Lowe	Glencoe	133	Glencoe
171	S. H. Glassford	Orient	134	Welland
172	W. J. Hamilton	Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington
173	H. A. Knapp	Cobourg	136	Cobourg
174	Omer Truesdall	St. Lawrence	137	Brockville
175	Jno. Brandon			
176	Richard Ainley	Ancaster	138	Ancaster
177	Almanson Malott	Garnet	139	Mt. Forest
178	Jno. Connors	Leamington	140	Leamington
179	Albert Pulford			
180	H. M. Love	Concord	142	Kingsville
181	J. A. Seeds	Bay of Quinte	143	Picton
182	Chas. A. Dunkelly			
183	Robt. H. Knox	Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown
184	J. C. Williams	Riverside	145	Iroquois
185	George Stilson	Vivian	146	Arnprior
186	George Bowman	Model	147	Wyoming
187	A. McGuire	Aurora	148	Aurora
		Western Star	149	Brussels

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188	Elmer Muma	Sycamore	151	Arkona
189	D. S. Pitcher	Hayden	152	Norwich
190	Horace German	Wildey	153	Granton
191	Albert E. Keays	Alpha	154	Almonte
192	Robt. McKenzie			
193	Alpheus Hoover	Brougham	155	Whitevale
194	J. E. Hughes	Pyramid	156	Newmarket
195	Philip Facey	Thamesville	157	Thamesville
196	Jas. Hewet	Progress	158	Guelph
197	Geo. J. Brill			
198	Thos. G. Anderson	Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton
199	F. R. Blewett	Listowel	160	Listowel
200	Wm. Sutton	Simcoe	161	Simcoe
201	Mark Hernmiston	Oriental	163	Cornwall
202	H. E. Vaux	Romeo	164	Stratford
203	Geo. T. Jones			
204	Thos. Cookwell	Beethoven	165	Brooklin
205	A. L. Sproule	Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg
206	Richard Burch	Sutton	168	Sutton
207	W. B. Vollett	Grey	169	Durham
208	George Chapman	Denovo	170	Port Elgin
209	Mal. D McPhail	Penetangore	172	Kincardine
210	W. J. Clement			
211	Donald Simpson	Emerald	173	Dunnville
212	Jas. W. Hall	Dolman	174	Ayr
213	Wm. Manson			
214	Jno. B. Rankin	Dauncey	176	Thedford
215	Jno. A. Barnard	Montana	177	Wroxeter
216	Jno. Forth	Wellington Square	178	Burlington
217	Jas. White	Madoc	179	Madoc
218	Benson O'Hara			
219	J. Knox Christie	Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound
220	E. Merriam	Tecumseh	182	Otterville
221	Wallace Thornton	Teeswater	183	Teeswater
222	A. B. McBride	Germania	184	Waterloo
223	J. S. Lockie			
224		Dufferin	186	Flesherton
225	Fred. Levandusky	Cambridge	188	Preston
226	R. G. Ord	Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound
227	Jared Tinning	Chorazin	190	London E.
228	Fred. C. Durain			
229	J. N. James	Jarvis	191	Jarvis
230	Robt. Young	Howick	192	Gorrie
231	R. N. Sheppard	Albert	194	Toronto
232	Jno. T. Flowers			
233	D. McLachlan	Cicerone	195	Woodville
234	Isaac Answorth	Florence	196	Florence
235	Jno. Thompson	Minerva	197	Hamilton
236	Henry Braun	Britannia	198	Drayton
237	F. H. Simpson	Weston	200	Weston
238	Jno. Cook	Beacon	201	Port Colborne
239	W. J. Saurin			
240	Chas. Spencer	Silver Star	202	Milverton

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241	Thos. Coram	Pembroke	203	Pembroke
242	Wm. Dudley			
243	H. Ramshaw	Acton	204	Acton
244	Jas. McLelland			
245	P. C. Kennedy	Ahiram	205	Paisley
246	Peter McPherson			
247	Richard Brock	Silver City	206	Tiverton
248	J. L. McLandress	Egremont	207	Kerwood
249	Wm. Gillespie	Alvinston	208	Alvinston
250	Andrew Scott	Millbank	209	Millbank
251	C. Morrison	Brucefield	210	Brucefield
252	W. M. Sills	Lilly	211	N. Dorchester
253	F. H. Carson	Argyll	212	Napanee
254	J. J. Elliott			
255	F. S. Prudhomme	Clifford	214	Clifford
256	R. C. Jackson	Freestone	215	Beamsville
257	D. J. Donaldson	Elmira	216	Elmira
258	Wm. Hetley	Mt. Brydges	217	Mt. Brydges
259	Jos. Mayville			
260	R. R. Brett	Enterprise	218	Essex
261	Thos. H. Carter			
262	Andrian Brooker	Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene
263	Fred. Christoffer	Woodslee	220	Woodslee
264	Geo. J. Sutherland	Chesley	221	Chesley
265	George Bell	Hensall	223	Hensall
266	R. Rowan	Ottawa	224	Ottawa
267	E. P. Bagley			
268	J. N. Halliday	Norfolk	225	Port Dover
269	J. J. Corbett	Merlin	226	Merlin
270	A. A. Coulthurst	Sauble	227	Tara
271	H. Robbins	International	228	Bridgeburg
272	M. Murray			
273	I. E. Allen	Embro Star	229	Embro
274	R. J. Johnston	Prince of Wales	230	Toronto
275	Henry Clarke			
276	R. McDonald	Elora	231	Elora
277	Simon Young	Equity	232	Hagersville
278	E. Ironside	Hanover	233	Hanover
279	F. S. Marlatt	Ilderton	234	Ilderton
280	Andrew Lunam	Waterford	235	Waterford
281	C. L. Lamb	Acorn	236	Camlachie
282	G. B. Hagerman	Farmersville	237	Athens
283	Jno. E. Helliwell	Stirling	239	Stirling
284	E. B. Butterworth			
285	Jno. Carruthers	Carleton	240	Ottawa
286	A. T. McKinnon			
287	J. A. Johnston			
288	W. M. Everts	Rideau	241	Smith's Falls
289	J. J. Fee			
290	A. E. Boucher	Wilton	242	Toronto
291				
292	F. B. Allen	Thornbury	243	Thornbury
293	C. A. McDonald	Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur
294	Alf. Knowles	Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown
		Gordon	247	Palmerston

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295	E. T. Morton	Campbellford	248	Campbellford
296	L. J. Cameron	Beaverton	249	Beaverton
297	Q. Zimmer	Ridgely	250	Ridgely
298	M. J. Dukie	Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge
299	Geo. E. Buck	Floral	252	Toronto
300	Fred. F. Crawford			
301	J. W. Avery	Caledonia	253	Caledonia
302	Geo. Y. Scott	Alba	254	Pakenham
303	George Swain	Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley
304	C. F. Byam	Credit	257	Erin
305	R. F. O'Neill	Thamesford	258	Thamesford
306	D. Reavely			
307	S. J. Atkins	Lynden	259	Lynden
308	A. McK. Cameron	Meaford	260	Meaford
309	P. H. Clark	Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage
310	Jas. C. Baxter			
311	J. N. Ackerman	Norwood	262	Norwood
312	W. H. Givens	East Toronto	263	East Toronto
313	D. Reid	Fraternity	264	Perth
314	Wm. Sheridan	Delta	265	Delta
315	Henry Curran	Missanabie	266	Chapleau
316	J. T. Hollingshead	Algoma	267	Fort William
317	J. F. Jackson	Stanley	268	Lanark
318	Geo. Davidson	Woodstock	269	Woodstock
319	Walter James			
320	D. McLaughlin	Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne
321	D. Hill	North Bay	271	North Bay
322	Robt. Leachman	Lakeview	272	W. Toronto Jct.
323	J. H. McLelland	Hastings	273	Hastings
324	Joshua Hill	Midland	274	Midland
325	Thos. Whaley	Fairy	275	Huntsville
326	John J. Hayne	Lambton	277	Brigden
327	L. R. Stevens	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa
328	Chas. A. Abbott			
329	Geo. W. Griffith	Grenville	279	Kemptville
330	M. Silver	Balmoral	280	Merrickville
331	Alex. McCormic	Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie
332	A. H. Beath	Sudbury	282	Sudbury
333	Wm. McAdam	Earnscliffe	283	Cumming's B'ge
334	J. Turnbull			
335	D. H. McGreery	Lyn	284	Lyn
336	Wm. Campbell	Morewood	285	Morewood
337	Jesse Campney	Royal	286	Havelock
338	Rod. Martyn	Ripley	287	Ripley
339	W. J. Nash	Chesterville	288	Chesterville
340	David Stevenson	Glanworth	289	Glanworth
341	N. M. Lloyd	Tweed	290	Tweed
342	D. Mistele	Rodney	291	Rodney
343	Jno. M. Armstrong	Minnetonka	292	Keewatin
344	Wesley Morton	Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg
345	Geo. T. Pendrith	Broadview	294	Toronto
346	R. S. Grundy			
347	Geo. Clark	Manotick	295	Manotick

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348	Wm. Spofford	Pontypool	296	Pontypool
349	Rich. Hamilton	Mayflower	297	Parham
350	N. Gordon Ainslie	Comber	298	Comber
351	Fred Clarke	Comucopia	299	McLaren's D'pt
352	N. Hickson	Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon
353	H. McKie	Plattsville	301	Plattsville
354	R. A. Barker	Aberdeen	302	Aultsville
355	W. J. Ransom	Fellowship	303	Dickenson's Ldg
356	David Longfield	Star	304	Crampton
357	Andrew Hasbill	Valentine	305	Mooretown
358	Wellington P. Walker	Athena	306	Harrowsmith
359	Jas. Stitt	Princetown	307	Princetown
360	W. S. Given	Millbrook	308	Millbrook
361	C. J. Pastorius	Harrow	309	Harrow
362	Melvin White	Shedden	310	Shedden
363	G. E. Myers	Zeta	311	Morrisburg
364	Stewart Atcheson	Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton
365	G. Land	Electric City	313	Chippewa
366	E. E. Short			
367	H. H. Brooks	Prospect	314	Toronto
368	E. D. Flynn			
369	Richard Avery	Mountain	315	Mountain
370	Wm. Begley	Britain	316	Little Britain
371	Wm. Henderson	Laurentian	317	Westport
372	W. Irving	Bervie	318	Bervie
373	J. D. Knox	Webbwood	319	Webbwood
374	G. Boynton	Geneva	320	Orillia
375	W. S. Johnston	Hespeler	321	Hespeler
376	Wm. Fountain	Central	322	Toronto
377	W. H. Seague			
378	Jno. R. Winter	Liberty	323	Berlin
379	Wm. Foote	Ontario	324	Pickering
380	W. J. Mandley	Southampton	325	Southampton
381	Jas. Sproule	Strathcona	326	Shelburne
382	Dougald McKinnon	Saugeen	327	Markdale
383	H. L. Stratton	Underwood	328	Underwood
384	W. C. Dainty	Prosperity	329	Delhi
385	A. J. Kennedy	Wheatley	330	Wheatley
386	Jno. Roger	Maxville	331	Maxville
387	A. Rose	Atwood	332	Atwood
		Social	333	Toronto

The following Lodges were not represented at the Session: North Starr, No. 68, Stayner; Sutton, No. 168, Sutton; Grey, No. 169, Durham; Equity, No. 232, Hagarsville; Hanover, No. 233, Hanover; Thornbury, No. 243, Thornbury; Grenville, No. 279, Kemptville.

PAST GRANDS.

B. J. Leubsdorf	Union	16	St. Catharir
Wm. Rogers	Unity	47	Hamilton
Frank E. Walker	Victoria	64	Hamilton
Jno. Kimball	Royal Oak	108	Forest
Jno. A. Mowatt	Maitland	119	Wingham
Wm. Andrew	Ottawa	224	Ottawa
A. E. Flatters	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa

The Representatives and Past Grands present were then admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree, Bro. C. C. Lyman, Grand Warden, officiating, Bro. J. A. Young, Grand Representative, instructed in the secret work by the request of the Grand Warden.

The following invitation was on motion accepted:

HAMILTON, August 8th, 1900.

J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary,

Dear Sir and Bro.,—The Odd Fellows of Hamilton invite the Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives to accompany them to Hotel Brant on Hamilton Beach, on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Trains leave Gore Street Station every hour.

Yours fraternally,

OLIVER BEATTY, Jr., Secretary of Committee.

On motion the Minutes of the last Session as printed in the JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS, 1889, were adopted as printed.

The Grand Master named the following as Press Committee:

Representatives: Robert Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10; W. S. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 322; R. R. Brett, Enterprise Lodge, No. 218.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was now called when all the Grand Officers and most all of the Representatives were recorded as present.

GRAND OFFICERS:

JAS. MCLURG, Grand Master.....WOODSTOCK
O. L. LEWIS, Deputy Grand Master.....CHATHAM
C. C. LYMAN, Grand Warden.....BROCKVILLE
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary.....TORONTO
Room 68 Canada Life Building
W. J. MCCORMACK, Grand Treasurer.....TORONTO
26 Grosvener Street
HENRY WHITE, Grand Representative.....PORT HOPE
J. A. YOUNG, Grand Representative.....THAMESFORD
A. MACOOMB, Grand Marshall.....TORONTO
FRED. GALLAGHER, Grand Conductor.....OTTAWA
W. A. DENNIS, Grand Guardian.....GALT
R. N. JENNINGS, Grand Herald.....PALMERSTON
REV. T. W. LEGGOTT, Grand Chaplain.....CLAREMONT
J. E. FAREWELL, Junior Past Grand Master.....WHITBY

The Grand Master Bro. Jas. McLurg presented his Report, printed, before having it referred to the usual Committee, the Grand Master read the following letter from the Chairman of the Fire Relief Committee of Ottawa, which had been received too late to include in his message and report.

The Report and letter were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

OTTAWA, ONT., August 6th, 1900.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Regret to say, that the Fire Committee has not their Report ready for the meeting of the Grand Lodge. We have disbursed so far about one thousand dollars. When you have time, on your return to Toronto, kindly let us know how much you have on hand. It is our intention to wind it up as quick as possible, for the good of it will all be gone if we do not give it out soon. Of course, the Brothers have not filed their claims any too promptly and correctly, so that keeps us back somewhat.

August 3rd, held a special meeting and granted partial relief to several claims, amounting to $700.00, ranging from $10.00 to $25.00 to each claim as the Committee saw fit to do on the merits of the case.

We have some claims referred back to look into, not being quite satisfied with them. Our full total loss is about ($40,000.00), "forty thousand dollars," ranging from $100.00 to $3,000.00. We require to be careful and exercise good cool judgment in adjusting these claims. I trust that your meeting at Hamilton will be one of profit "to our beloved Order."

I think what may be done will be for the best interests of our Order.

We had the Grand Lodge Representatives, Bros. Featherston and Hill at our last meeting. I am pleased to state that they most heartily ratified the actions of your Representative, Bro. J. B. King; Bro. J. H. Featherston is the right man "*in the right place.*" All other members are of the best standing and type that Oddfellowship can produce anywhere.

Hope you are quite well,

I remain yours,

in F. L. and T.,

WM. ANDREW,

Chairman.

To BRO. JAS. MCLURG,
Grand Master, I.O.O.F.,
HAMILTON, ONT.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

HAMILTON, Aug. 8, 1900.

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

GRAND OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN: It gives me much pleasure to extend a hearty welcome, not only to the older members of the Grand Lodge who have on previous occasions contributed their time and talents to the furtherance of the good of our noble Order, but also to those representatives who meet with us for the first time. We are pleased to see so many of the former with us to guide the deliberations of the new representatives, who, I trust, will take a deep interest in the work of the sessions so that they may in after years fill the places of the older ones and continue the good work of the Order.

We meet to-day in our 46th annual session to take a retrospect of the work of the past year, and to adopt such legislation as is deemed expedient, owing to the changed conditions that are appearing from time to time. According to custom I herewith submit a report of my offical acts during the past year, together with some suggestions for your consideration, which I trust may be beneficial to the Order.

I.—CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I am pleased and gratified to be able to inform you that the Order is progressing in nearly ever part of the jurisdiction, and that at no time in its history has it been in a more healthy and prosperous condition, the increase of membership being greater during the last year than for many years previously. In 1897 there was a net increase of only 88 members, in 1898 311, in 1899 545, and this year I expect it will reach nearly the 1,000 mark. This is owing to many causes; among others, to the committee appointed to assist the financial secretaries as suggested by P.G.M. Farewell. This has done much to lessen the suspensions from non-payment of dues, which is the great source of the loss of membership. I would strongly urge that each lodge in the

jurisdiction appoint such a committee who can look after negligent and careless members, and thus prevent their loss to the Order. It is just as important to retain the old and tried members as to secure new ones, and it is more creditable to the Order.

We had at the end of 1899 a membership of 23,597, and I hope and believe that before the close of the present century we will number 25,000. This will require a net increase of 1,403 for the year 1900, which can easily be accomplished if the entire membership will only do their duty, and I think the great majority will. We expended in relief for the year nearly $90,000, which shows a gradual annual increase as our Order grows in extent and influence.

II.—NEW LODGES.

I have been much disappointed with regard to the formation of new lodges, as many likely places were named by the D.D.G.M.'s, in which a new lodge might be established. In all cases I instructed the D. D. G. M.'s to endeavor to act as local organizers, but they have met with little success. I believe that more can be done in this way than by employing paid organizers, if it is made part of the duty of the District Deputy. Only one lodge has been instituted during the year, and I therefore recommend that a charter be granted to Social Lodge, No. 333, Toronto. This lodge was instituted by myself on June 6, 1900, assisted by D.D.G.M. Bro. Pendrith, W. S. Johnston, Grand Secretary J. B. King, J. Oliver, P.G.M. and others. The nucleus of this lodge is composed principally of unaffiliated Odd Fellows living in Toronto, to the number of 14. This lodge has bright prospects before it. We have been endeavoring in the past to establish lodges in the small villages throughout the province, while the more populous centres have been neglected, and I am of the opinion that much good to the Order would result by giving more attention to the cities.

Since sending my report to the printer, I have commissioned Bro. G. W. Griffith, D.D.G.M., of Kemptville District, No. 43, to institute a subordinate lodge of the Order in the Village of Avonmore, County of Stormont, to be known as Avonmore Lodge, No. 334, and to be instituted on Thursday, August 9th, and will ask that a charter be

granted as soon as I am informed by wire that the lodge has been instituted.

III.—RESUSCITATED LODGES.

Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, which was reported to be in such a dormant condition that fears of losing their charter were entertained by the few remaining members, I am now gratified to report it has again become an active lodge. In January last only three members resided in the village and thus no meetings could be held. I allowed them some latitude by permitting them to hold meetings and initiate candidates by the assistance of brothers from neighboring lodges. In this way many new members have been added, and it is to be hoped that the lodge will now grow and flourish. At the election in June I granted them a dispensation, permitting them to elect the best men to the various offices, regardless of previous service in an inferior office.

Oxford Lodge, No. 77, Ingersoll, that was reported upon at last Grand Lodge meeting as being on the down grade, has taken upon itself new lease of life, and is again doing good work and adding to its membership, and I have no doubt will again be one of the progressive lodges of the West.

Embro Star Lodge, No. 22, of Embro, which has been going behind for some time, has been awakened from its lethargy, and at its last meeting reinstated five old members and initiated four candidates. This lodge will be assisted in the degree work for a time by the lodges in Woodstock and Thamesford, which have promised to render them aid at any time when called upon. I shall have a fatherly care over this lodge myself.

Warriner Lodge, No. 75, Port Perry, I am pleased to be able to report, has settled the difficulty with Mrs. Leonard, a widow, who would not accept a reasonable sum in lieu of annuity. In my report of visitations I reported that this lodge had sent in its charter on two different occasions to the Grand Secretary, which, for certain reasons, I refused to accept. Since my visit there, on Thursday, July 19th, the widow has consented to accept the sum offered by the lodge, $150, in lieu of all claims for annuity,

and the lodge has paid her the money and sent for the charter and books, so that it is again untrammelled, and I am sure, after the long rest, we will hear good reports from this once live lodge.

IV.—REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

The following lodges have been instituted in the Rebekah Degree:—

Erie, No. 65, Wheatley, instituted January 10th, 1900, by Mrs. Edgar, Windsor.

Riverside, No. 66, Florence, instituted January 12th by Mrs. Dodson, Chatham.

Golden Rule, No. 67, Thamesford, instituted March 26th by P.G.M. J. A. Young.

I recommend that charters be granted these lodges.

V.—CHARTER RECLAIMED.

I have been informed by Mrs. Waddell, Secretary of the Assembly, that Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, Collingwood, has become defunct, and I have requested that the charter and effects of this lodge be surrendered.

VI.—OFFICIAL VISITS.

During my term of office I made as many official visits as, and probably more, than my professional business would permit. I endeavored to visit all lodges to which I was invited, but owing in some cases to previous engagements with other lodges, I had to forego the pleasure. In many cases I visited lodges where I thought a visit from the chief executive officer would be beneficial to the Order, where I gave addresses suitable to the occasion, not only to members of the Order but at concerts, etc., to which the public were invited. In all my visits throughout the jurisdiction I met with that courtesy, brotherly love and hospitality so characteristic of Odd Fellowship. This was more especially the case during my two week's visitation through New Ontario where the members and lodges seemed to vie with each other in showing me hospitality.

On Saturday, August 19th, 1899, it was my sad duty to visit Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, of my own town, and

assist in paying the last sad office of respect to my old friend and brother Jno. Brotchie, one of the pioneer members of Odd Fellowship in our beautiful and prosperous town. There was a large attendance of members present. I was requested to perform the duties of Chaplain, which I did, the D.D.G.M. Bro. A. J. Watford acting as N.G.; and so impressive was the service that a number of outsiders expressed their pleasure (if it can be called a pleasure on such an occasion) at being present to witness it.

On Tuesday, August 22nd, I visited Rose Rebekah Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, and witnessed the degree team initiate a candidate in the mysteries of the degree. The marching was perfect and the charges delivered as only the sisters can deliver them in a highly efficient manner. This lodge is doing good work and is in a flourishing condition. I gave an address suitable to the occasion, after which refreshments were served to refresh the inner man and woman too.

On Wednesday, September 6th, I visited the tent at the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, where I met the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, Bro. Shepherd who had charge of the tent, and many others. Bro. Shepherd was indefatigable in his efforts to make the call of the brothers and sisters pleasant and enjoyable. The tent seemed to be well patronized, especially by brethren outside the city, where they met many brethren from all parts of the province, and in many cases discussed questions of vital importance to the Order. It was a quiet resting place for those who had become tired and wearied from visiting the various departments of the exhibition. It is to be hoped that this institution will be continued, as it affords not only a place where the brethren attending the exhibition may meet by appointment or otherwise, but is a useful means of disseminating information regarding our great brotherhood.

On the evening of September 25th, after only a few hours' notice, I visited a joint meeting of Queen City of Ontario, No. 56, and Laurel, No. 110, being accompanied by Grand Sire Pinkerton and a number of representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We witnessed the initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of the Order by a team composed of members of the two lodges, which was performed in such a manner as to draw encomiums from the

visiting brethren present, the marching being particularly good. We were afterwards entertained to a banquet in another part of their fine building, where addresses were delivered by the Grand Sire, P.G.M. Farnham, of Rhode Island, and others, the speakers were particularly happy in their remarks. The Grand Sire, though quite a young man, is an old legislator of his State, and gave an able address on Odd Fellowship in general. All were delighted at the opportunity to meet with and hear the legislators of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A LETTER FROM GRAND SIRE PINKERTON.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 5th, 1899.

JAMES MCLURG, Grand Master,
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary,

Brothers,—Permit me on behalf of my associates and myself to thank you, and through you the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the brothers who entertained us during our stay in Toronto for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to us upon that occasion. Merely stopping in your city for rest and recreation on our way home from the session in Detroit, we did not intend or expect to trespass on your kindness, but the fraternal greeting accorded us and the hospitality exhibited on every side requires from us an acknowledgement of our appreciation.

We all enjoyed our stay among you exceedingly, and were very much gratified to receive this renewed assurance of the loyalty and fraternal fellowship of the brethren in Ontario.

With best wishes for the welfare of every member of our fraternity within your jurisdiction, I am,

Fraternally yours,
ALFRED S. PINKERTON, Grand Sire.

On Friday evening, October 6th, I visited a special meeting of Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Smiths' Falls, on a very short notice to the lodge. About forty members were present out of a membership of 175, which was a large number considering the short notice. It was a pleasing feature to witness the interest all the members took in the discussions, especially the younger members. The lodge-room gives brothers an opportunity to round up their education by expressing their thoughts on the various questions that arise in the business of the lodge. They have a fine lodge-room and use it to the best advantage. That even-

ing they chose sides for a competition in degree work, the N.G. and the V.G. acting as captains, three visiting brethren to act as judges the losing side to pay for the oyster supper. I have since been informed that great interest was taken in the competition and that good results accompanied and followed the contest. I was well entertained by the brethren to a banquet afterwards, where I gave an address, and also to a drive around their beautiful and prosperous town. I enjoyed my visit immensely and hope again to be able to visit this thriving young lodge.

On Saturday evening, October 7th, I visited a joint meeting of Ottawa, Carleton and Rockliffe Lodges. In the afternoon I was entertained in a drive to Aylmer, Quebec, by a committee from the lodges, composed of P. C. P. Bro. Geo. Bell, P.G. A. W. Cameron, and D.D.G.M. Bro. Ackers, and shown many points of interest in the city. In the evening I was presented with a finely engrossed and complimentary address by the District Committee, to which I replied in suitable terms, giving them at the same time some information regarding the work performed by our noble Order in other jurisdictions as well as our own. The officers of Carleton Lodge conferred the initiatory degree upon a candidate in a manner that was pleasing even to the most fastidious.

I was sorry I could not remain longer with them as I had to leave to catch the 10.30 train for home, being accompanied to the depot by a number of the brethren. The Ottawa brethren are noted for their hospitality, and my official visit, as well as my visit while Deputy Grand Master, will remain fresh in my memory as long as memory lasts.

On Tuesday evening, October 17th, I visited Hayden Lodge, No. 152, Norwich, and attended a smoking concert given by the members at my suggestion, to which a number of likely candidates were invited. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, the rain pouring down during the afternoon and evening, there was a fair attendance, a number of outsiders being present. The programme consisted of music by the orchestra and others, games of various kinds interspersed with light refreshments. I gave them an address more particularly suitable for new members, which was well received, and I have since been informed

that some good members have been obtained as a result. I received another invitation to visit this lodge and preside at a concert, but had to decline owing to a previous engagement in the city of Toronto.

On Friday evening, November 10th, I visited my own lodge, where I was tendered a grand reception, the town hall having been converted into a lodge room for the occasion, about 300 members being present. A special train conveyed about 60 brethren from Brantford, among whom was the degree team of Gore Lodge, who conferred the first degree in their usual able and efficient manner, the floor work being especially fine; an equal number came from Waterloo Lodge, Galt, whose degree team made full-fledged Odd Fellows of six members by giving them the Degree of Truth. The work was splendidly performed, though they were handicapped by their regalia having gone astray. I was especially pleased with the exemplification of the secret work by the Noble Grand. A complimentary address was presented to me, to which I replied thanking the brethren of my own lodge for sending me as a repressntative to Grand Lodge year after year, and those of other lodges who had assisted to elect me as their chief elective officer. A banquet followed, at which A. Pattullo, M.P.P., gave an excellent address in reply to the toast "Our Country." D.D.G.M. A. J. Watford acted as chairman, and Jas. Smily, P.G. of Princeton Lodge, as vice-chairman. This was the largest banquet ever given in the town, and the members of Woodstock Lodge did themselves proud on the occasion. This is one of the most prosperous lodges in the jurisdiction, being only eleven years old, and has 130 members.

On Wednesday evening, November 15th, I visited Shedden Lodge, No. 310, and attended a smoker given at my suggestion by the members of the lodge, the object being to increase their membership. They are located in a small village in the county of Elgin, and have to draw largely from the rural population. All the available young men in the vicinity were invited, and were much pleased with the entertainment provided, which consisted of music, recitations and table games of various kinds. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the non-members expressed themselves as delighted. I gave an address, pointing

out the strong points, the extent and strength of, and the advantages obtained by members of our Order.

On Friday evening, November 24th, I visited, by invitation, Sycamore Lodge, No. 151, Arkona, and presided at a banquet and concert given in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge. Dr. Gibson, of Watford, was good enough to drive me over from Watford and convey back again, a distance of ten miles, and gave us an excellent speech on the occasion. The families of the members, as well as other outsiders, were present and enjoyed themselves to their fullest extent, both at the banquet and the concert which followed. D.D.G.M. Joseph Cairns was present and assisted at the concert. Bro. A. Thoman, R. S., was the only charter member present, as were also three old veterans, Bros. J. Detwiler, A. Bartram and J. C. Jaynes, who were initiated into the Order at the first meeting of this lodge. While there I obtained evidence of the minute books of 1883 and 1886, to forever prevent a certain widow imposing on the lodge by claiming continuous annuity, to which she was not entitled.

On Thursday evening, December 7th, I visited Huron Lodge, No. 62, Goderich, and had the honor and pleasure of dedicating the handsome and commodious new hall of this prosperous lodge, being assisted by D.D.G.M. Bro. J. M. Proudfoot and the brethren of the lodge. This lodge has now a fine lodge-room, 58 ft. by 25 ft., with a fine polished hard-wood floor, and excellent ante and cloak rooms, and should be able to put on the floor work in good style. There is a large concert and banquet hall beneath. It is doubtful if a building of this kind is a paying investment, as very little revenue can be derived from its use; but the brethren had been handicapped for many years owing to the want of a decent hall in which to hold their meetings. It was opened by a grand ball, given in the lodge-room in the evening, where I met many of the fair sex—the wives, sisters and daughters of Odd Fellows. I thoroughly enjoyed this part of the day's proceedings, and many happy recollections of the evening still lurk in my memory, including the mazy waltz, the quick two-step, and the gliding Jersey, not to speak of the pleasant sit-outs with a lady of rare literary ability, being not only an able correspondent of some of our weeklies, but a songstress

as well, having composed an ode to the Order many years ago.

On Tuesday evening, January 2nd, 1900, I visited St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, St. Mary's, during the greatest snow-storm of the winter, when everything looked and felt frigid outside, and this feeling was also perceived inside of their large, bleak lodge-room. A mistake was made here twenty years ago, first in selecting the site in the wrong part of the town because it was bought a little cheaper than one could be purchased on the business street, and secondly in erecting such a building at such a cost. This lodge twenty years ago had assets to the amount of $14,000, and now after having paid $19,000 on the building there was then a a mortgage of over $4,000, which has since been reduced by $1,000 through the generosity of Mr. Hutton, the mortgagee, who, at my suggestion, donated them this sum, as the building could not be disposed of for the amount of the mortgage. The work was performed very slovenly, the members having become disheartened. After talking with them I gave them a choice of one of two things, either to get to work and get in new members (they had not initiated one in three years) or I would put an organizer in the field and institute a new lodge as they were merely occupying the ground and allowing other societies to obtain the members that would otherwise join our ranks. As a result of this I am more than gratified to be able to report that a number of candidates have since been initiated. I was sorry I was unable to accede to their request to assist them to initiate eight candidates one evening in April.

On Wednesday evening, January 3rd, I visited a joint meeting of Avon, No. 42, and Romeo, No. 164, and assisted at the installation of the officers of these two lodges by D.D.G.M. Bro. Joseph Gibson, of Millbank, who performed the ceremony in an able manner, assisted by brothers of the two lodges. He is made of the right material and does his work neatly and up to the mark. I assisted by delivering the closing charges and giving an address. These lodges are in a flourishing condition. The building is owned by Avon Lodge and is a fine property in the business part of the city, the hall being well proportioned, of proper dimensions, the walls and ceiling being finely decorated with paintings executed by a brother of the Order. Both lodges

looked well after collecting the dues, Romeo, at the time of my visit having only nine members not fully paid up. Neither lodge had been so aggressive as I could have wished, but as a result of the meeting it is to be hoped that new life would seize each lodge. We adjourned to the Albion Hotel, where a splendid repast was partaken of by some 135 members. P.G.M. Bro. John Gibson came all the way from Port Huron to be present. P.C.P. Bro. John Walsh acted as chairman at the banquet and gave life to the proceedings.

On Monday evening, January 8th, I visited Princeton Lodge, No. 307, which I instituted when D.D.G.M., in company with D.D.G.M. A. J. Watford, and his installing team and degree team of Woodstock Lodge. The installation was performed in the very efficient manner for which this district has been noted for many years, without the use of rituals, followed by an able address by the D.D.G.M. Woodstock Degree team then conferred the Third Degree on three members in a manner that surprised me, as I had not seen them put on this work for some time. This lodge was formed of the members that seceded from the C.O.O.F., has a membership of forty-nine and over $1,000 in cash and mortgages. I gave them an address on some vital points of the Order, after which we adjourned to the banqueting hall, where speeches were made by resident ministers, members of the School Board and others.

On Tuesday evening, January 9th, I visited Constellation Lodge, No. 85, and dedicated their new hall, which is a credit to the village and the Order. The lower flat has a fine entertainment hall with stage and foot lights, the second flat being composed of a lodge-room, 47 ft. by 38 ft. with fine ante-rooms. The whole is lit by acetylene gas. I was assisted in the dedicatory service by D.D.G.M. W. M. Bell and A. McFarlane, whom we had as associates, and four young ladies who acted as heralds. The work was beautifully performed, and at the close I gave an address. The D.D.G.M. and his installing team then installed the officers of the lodge in a highly creditable manner. Ladies were present at both functions, and they put on the fourth degree which surpassed the previous performances. The tables fairly groaned at the beginning, but towards the close the audience did that part of the work for them. Constel-

lation has now an attractive home, which should have a beneficial effect upon the lodge.

On Thursday, January 11th, I visited, or rather attempted to visit, the two St. Thomas lodges to instal their officers, but owing to the railroad being out of repair the work was over before my arrival, having been done by D.D.G.M. Bro. Morrison. When I arrived at one a.m. I found the tables had been swept clean of everything and the majority of the brethren had retired to their homes for the night. About twenty remained playing games, and these entertained me for a couple of hours. I met Bro L. Ferguson and others, who were sorry at my detention.

On Tuesday evening, January 23rd, I visited, by invitation Crampton Lodge, No. 304, which is located at the cross-roads in the Township of Dorchester, about four miles from any railway station. I assisted the D.D.G.M. Bro. Morrison to instal the officers, and gave an address. This is a good live lodge, having been instituted just six years ago by the then Grand Master Oliver and Grand Secretary King. It is related of these two worthies that they imagined they were being duped by a second Birchall, who drove them out, for they wished to retrace their steps out of the wilderness, and even after arriving at the scene they were doubtful about proceeding with the ceremony. They could not forsee that in six years this would be one of the live lodges. It has now a membership of 63 and over $1,000 in the bank. They exemplified the work of the initiatory degree in a manner that would do credit to any city lodge.

On Monday evening, January 29th, I attended by invitation a banquet given by Prospect Lodge, No. 314, Toronto, in the Temple Café. This is an annual affair, given to the brothers and a few invited guests for the purpose of getting the brothers together for social intercourse. It was well attended by the members who are a bright lot of mostly young men, and I have no doubt they have a good lodge. P.G.M. Farewell was present and gave one of his characteristic addresses and presented two veterans with jewels. The Grand Secretary Bro. King, Bro. Pendrith, D.D.G.M. and the Grand Marshall Bro. Macoomb were present and each gave addresses. After delivering an address suitable

to the occasion, in company with Bro. King I retired to another function.

At 11 p.m. Monday evening, January 29th, Bro. King and I left the banquet at Prospect Lodge and attended a similar function at Broadview Lodge, No. 294, in the eastern part of the city. This lodge won the banner in the competition between the various lodges in the city and gave a banquet in honor of the event to hear the report of the judges. There I met P.G.M. Bro. Oliver, Bros. W. S. Johnston, Coyell and Terry, and judging from the speeches of some of the judges I have no doubt of the excellence of the work performed, especially by the winning team.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th, I visited Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, and heard a favorable report. During the time the Dues and Benefits were under discussion, from August '98 to August '99, they lay dormant, but since that time they have been active, taking in many new members. This is a live lodge in a good live town and its finances are in a healthy condition. After the lodge closed I attended their annual dinner and banquet in the Brown House, at which 277 sat down, including the females and other friends of the brothers. Bro. W. Warnock presided in his usual able manner. I replied to the toast "The Grand Lodge," touching on many points calculated to excite the interest of non-members.

On Monday evening, Feb. 12th, I visited, by invitation, a joint meeting of Reliance, No. 89, and Progress, No. 158, Guelph, and witnessed an initiation by a team composed of members of both lodges, and was much pleased with the ceremony. About 100 members were present. These lodges are not making much progress, both having suspended a greater number than they initiated. We afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall in the Commercial Hotel, where the fourth degree was exemplified in a manner equally as well as the initiatory, but the team was larger and equally well prepared; an enjoyable time was spent. The following morning a committee, headed by Bro. Hamilton, took me over the model farm, where I enjoyed every minute of my visit. Guelph is the height of hospitality.

On the evening of Feb. 13th, I visited Wilton Lodge, No. 242, Toronto, where I found nearly every officer in his place and witnessed the first degree conferred. This lodge

is progressing, having taken in seven members during the term. It has now a membership of 115, who are young and active and transact the routine business of the lodge in good style.

On Tuesday Evening, Feb. 13th, I visited Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto, and was much pleased to see a candidate receive his initiation, the work being done by regular officers of the lodge and very satisfactorily. I also witnessed a candidate receive the First Degree. They have now 160 members, having taken in two and lost three for N.P.D. I gave an address, drawing their attention to the fact that the older lodges must not rest on their laurels, but must be active in securing new members.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st, I visited, by arrangement, Saxon Lodge, No. 121, Ailsa Craig, where I found a good, active lodge, the officers doing their work in good form. They have a membership of about 50, and assets of $3,000; and though they have been in existence for 26 years, they have only two widows, and are in healthy condition. They discussed very intelligently some changes proposed in their by-laws. I was well entertained and gave them an address on some current topics relating to our Order.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 22nd, I visited, by invitation, Ivy Lodge, No. 90, Parkhill, where they entertained the brethren and a number of invited guests to a smoking concert. An enjoyable evening was spent in games of various kinds, followed by a concert and an address by myself on the origin, growth and extent of our Order. It is expected that such a gathering will do good, not only by stimulating the members of the lodge to renewed activity, but also by adding to their ranks many of those who were present as visitors.

On Monday evening, Feb. 26th, by previous arrangement, I visited Otter Lodge, No. 50, Tilsonburg, and saw a candidate initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship by the degree team and officers. The work, excepting the marching, was good, and they are excusable for the latter as they have had very little practice of late. It is a live, healthy lodge, having a membership of 173, and meets in a fine lodge room, one of the best in the province. We were afterwards entertained at the Queen's Hotel both bodily and

mentally, for the menu was good and the speeches were of a superior nature.

On the afternoon of March 8th I visited the two Chatham lodges and dedicated their new hall to the purpose of Odd Fellowship, being assisted by the Deputy Grand Master O. L. Lewis and members from each lodge. The ceremony was performed in public, and the various officers, headed by Bro. Lewis, who acted as Grand Marshal, performed their allotted parts without a hitch. They were ably assisted by a choir got together for the occasion. Grand Secretary Bro. King, P.G.M.'s Bros. Hoyle, Young and Gibson gave brief addresses at the close. This is one of the finest halls in the province, and is well supplied with ante and cloak rooms and a large concert hall beneath on the second storey.

In the evening, Chatham degree team exemplified the work of the second degree successfully and introduced a novel picture which pleased the visitors very much. This was followed by a banquet, the caterers being the W.C.T.U., who did themselves proud. About 250 guests sat down to the tables. The toast list was only half completed when we had to leave to catch the 2.30 train for home.

On the evening of March 14th I attended a mass meeting of Odd Fellows, affiliated and unaffiliated, in Central Hall, Toronto, and gave an address on the Order, the object being to have many of the 1,500 unaffiliated Odd Fellows in the city again become active members by connecting themselves with some lodge. Hon. G. W. Ross and P.G. M.'s Hoyle and Farewell gave practical and eloquent addresses, which will greatly assist to obtain the end in view. This was followed by a banquet, given by the District Committee, under whose auspices the meeting was held. The result of this meeting is the formation of a new lodge within eight weeks.

On Thursday evening, March 16th, I visited, after only a few hours' notice, Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, and though the notice was short and the meeting a special one, about forty members were present. This is a live lodge and numbers most of the business men of the town among its 120 members. They have assets to the amount of $3,000. R. Lee, the active D.D.G.M., is doing good work in the district. I exemplified the secret work, but learned

that it was useless, for some of the brothers could give it even more perfectly than I could at the time.

On Tuesday evening, March 20th, I visited, by invitation, Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr, and witnessed the initiation of two candidates by the degree team. This lodge numbers over 100 members, and, having taken on a spurt, are adding to their membership. Being only a village lodge, they have to draw largely from the rural districts, and thus obtain the sons of farmers, who make good Odd Fellows. This lodge is noted for the beautiful Decoration services it holds each summer, and I may say here that I was sorry I was unable to accept their kind invitation to partake in them in June.

On Thursday evening, April 5th, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Brantford, aud attended an "At Home," to which the ladies were invited, about 200 guests being present. A social time was spent in games, concert, refreshments and dancing. Bro. Preston, M.P.P., ably presided, and P.G.M. Woodyatt and I each gave a short address. This lodge is progressive, having initiated about twenty candidates during the term.

On the evening of June 6th I visited Toronto and instituted Social Lodge, No. 333, which has started under very favorable auspices, with a good set of officers. This lodge is a result of the large mass meeting of unaffiliated Odd Fellows previously alluded to, and so far is composed principally of such brothers who have removed to the city from outlying places. The main credit is due to D.D.G.M. Bro. Pendrith and Bro. W. S. Johnston, who were indefatigable in their efforts to start a new lodge. This baby lodge did not forget the social function at the close, which was very much enjoyed.

On Saturday evening, June 30th, I visited Owen Sound Lodge, No. 180, who called a special meeting to receive me, and gave the initiatory degree to a candidate, to show the way in which they did the work. The charges given by the officers were particularly well executed. I exemplified the secret work and answered many questions relating to it, and gave an address, when I had to leave to catch the boat for Sault Ste. Marie. D.D.G.M. J. H. Packham, accompanied by a few other members, entertained me to a

drive in the evening around their beautiful and picturesque town, which I enjoyed very much.

Leaving Owen Sound on the Britannica, belonging to the Northern Navigation Company, I set sail for the Soo, where I arrived on Monday evening, July 2nd, at six o'clock, and visited Arthur Lodge, No. 281, in special session assembled to receive me. I, assisted by D.D.G.M. Brown and other members of the lodge, installed their officers and gave an address. They have a large, well-proportioned lodge room and do good work. We were afterwards entertained at a banquet, where many good things were said. This is a growing town, owing to the establishment of the large pulp mill, and Odd Fellowship should increase in proportion. I visited the American Soo and was shown their I.O.O.F. lodge room which is well equipped and richly furnished.

On the afternoon of Wednesday I set sail in the C.P.R. steamer Alberta, for Fort William, and visited Algoma Lodge, No. 267, on Thursday evening, July 5th, when I installed the officers of that and Port Arthur Lodges who came up for the purpose. I was highly pleased with the stamina of the officers installed. We were well entertained while here, and on the afternoon of the 6th enjoyed a drive around the town and up the Kaminestiqua river as far as the Old Fort, being accompanied by D.D.G.M. Bro. McNaughton, Rev. Bro. Rowand and Bro. Johnston. This is a great shipping port and I look for bright prospects for this lodge.

On Friday evening, July 6th, I visited Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, and installed their appointed officers and exemplified by request the secret work, inviting discussion. We had a pleasant and profitable time, and I am sure much good will result from my visit. We were entertained in the afternoon of the 7th to a drive around town and along the old Dawson road, over which Lord Wolseley marched with his men to suppress the Red River Rebellion. Bro. H. B. Dawson and others left nothing undone to make our stay enjoyable.

We left Fort William at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 7th, and arrived by the C.P.R. imperial express at Rat Portage on Sunday morning at 2.30, where we were met by eight or ten

of the brothers who conducted us to our hotel. On Monday afternoon we enjoyed a sail on their beautiful steamer among the islands in Lake of the Woods, and again in the evening, when we were accompanied by the Keewatin band. On the afternoon of Tuesday we were shown through the Ottawa Reduction Works and the Lake of the Woods flour mill, Keewatin, and in the evening visited a joint meeting of Minnetonka Lodge, No. 292, Keewatin, and Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261, Rat Portage, and installed their officers, being assisted by that old veteran Bro. Francis, of Port Arthur, who acted as Grand Marshal. By request I exemplified the secret work and gave a short address, and thus ended my visits to the lodges in New Ontario. At all places I was most hospitably entertained, and I have the honor of being the first Grand Master to visit these western lodges, everyone of which are prosperous.

We left on the Imperial Limited at 2.36, July 11th, for Winnipeg, and were met at the depot by Grand Secretary, Bro. Shanks, P.G.M. Bro. Baker, N.G.'s Rose and Barkley, and escorted to the Leland Hotel, where a room had been engaged for us. In the afternoon we were shown the various points of interest in their new and progressive city, during a drive with Bros. Shanks and Baker. On Thursday evening I visited Minnehaha Lodge, and on Friday evening Manitoba Lodge, which claims to be the largest lodge in the Dominion, but is excelled in membership by two lodges in Ontario, but not in hospitality. I witnessed work in both lodges, but was particularly carried away with the floor work in Manitoba Lodge. During our four days' stay in Winnipeg (I was accompanied by Mrs. McLurg on this trip), everything was done to give us enjoyment, and we shall not soon forget the good brothers of what will soon be the great metropolis of the West, for the many kindnesses and acts of courtesy shown us.

On Thursday evening, July 19th, I visited Warriner Lodge, No. 75, Port Perry, to endeavor to arrange a difficulty between the lodge and one of its widows, who will not accept a reasonable cash settlement in lieu of annuity. They had previously surrendered their charter, but owing to some irregularity I would not accept it. She has already received $475 in annuities, and the lodge offered her $150 in cash in lieu of the annuity, which she refused to accept.

On Monday evening, July 30, I visited Olive Branch Lodge No. 88, Woodstock, and was highly pleased with the work of the Initiatory degree, which was conferred upon one candidate. This is a good strong lodge, which moves along steadily, and I find on looking over the members' book that P.G.S. Dr. Cl. T. Campbell was one of its charter members, and he made the first entry in the book, that a member of the Dominion Cabinet, Hon. Jas. Sutherland, claims it still as his Odd Fellows' home.

An address of welcome was presented to me during the evening, to which I replied, dwelling on some points of interest to the Order in general, and to this lodge in particular. D.D.G.M. A. J. Watford, who filled the office so ably during the past year, also gave an address, which was much appreciated. We were afterwards entertained to a luncheon in the lodge room. This lodge promises to do its share to swell our numbers up to 25,000 before the close of the year.

On Tuesday evening, July 31st, by request I visited Embro Star Lodge No. 229, Embro, and spent a very enjoyable evening. A number of members of Olive Branch and Woodstock Lodges, of Woodstock, accompanied me in order to render encouragement and assistance to this lodge, which has been struggling for existence for some time. The efficient degree team of Woodstock Lodge conferred the Initiatory and First Degree on three candidates in a manner highly pleasing to all present, and such work cannot but be a great stimulus to the Embro brethren. This degree team does its work well, and the crack teams of the cities will have to look to their laurels if they should ever attempt to cross swords with the team of this young lodge. We were well entertained to a banquet afterwards, when I gave an address.

VII.—COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed during recess, as provided by our constitution:

On Laws of Subordinates.—Bro. Henry White, P.G.M., Port Hope; Bro. J. H. McGill, Port Hope; Bro. D. Robertson, St. Catharines.

On General Purposes.—Bros. W. F. Mountain, W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer; J. B. King, Grand Secretary, Toronto.

Advisory Committee on Odd Fellows' Relief Association.—Bros. H. J. Guppy, Ottawa; G. G. Henderson, Hamilton; A. McFee, Belleville.

Special Commission on Cost of Grand Lodge Session.—Bros. J. B. Turner, Hamilton; H. B. Dawson, Port Arthur; H. E. Terry, Toronto; F. H. Gisborne, Ottawa; G. S. Seber, Smith's Falls.

Grand Auditor.—Bro. Abner Fraser, Hamilton.

Committee on New Constitution Continued.—Bros. J. A. Young, P.G.M., Thamesford; Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.S., London; R. K. Cowan, Solicitor, London.

VIII.—DECISIONS.

During the year a great number of questions were submitted to me for information and decision, many of which could as readily have been answered by the Noble Grand by referring to past decisions or the digest.

The following are some of the more important decisions given by me:

1. A lodge has no right to initiate a member suffering from a chronic disease upon his signing an agreement not to claim benefits from sickness or disability arising from such disease. Such an agreement would be null and void and, therefore, not binding on either party.

2. Statement—An aged person, living with an unmarried son who has a good trade and plenty of work, is an invalid from kidney trouble. Is he entitled to benefits?

Answer—Yes. His support does not devolve upon his son. All members, whether old or young, rich or poor, rendered incapable of following their usual or other attainable occupation, are entitled to benefits.

3. The present N.G. of a lodge, though he has been re-elected, is the Junior Past Grand. The requisites for obtaining past official honors are service for a majority of the nights of a term and until the end thereof. He, having fulfilled those conditions, is entitled to the honors of the office and to vote for Grand Lodge officers, and to be elected to Grand Lodge as representative.

4. Question—If a member of any lodge in the jurisdiction of Ontario presents an official receipt to the N.G.

of our lodge, should our N.G. give him the password, or does the receipt just admit him without the password?

Answer—The possession of an official certificate or receipt for dues paid to a date later than that on which the same is presented, properly signed and sealed, by a member of any lodge in the jurisdiction, entitles such member, upon presentation of this receipt to the N.G. of the lodge which he is about to visit, to the password. Therefore, upon proper identification the N.G. must give him the password and admit him.

5. Statement—A brother paid his dues by postal note, which arrived at the post office of the P.S. on October 3rd, the regular meeting of the lodge being that evening. The P.S. neglected calling at the post office that evening, but called and received the letter next morning. The brother was not credited with the payment until the next lodge night, the 10th. Was he in arrears from the 3rd to the 10th?

Answer—No. The postal note being in the post office of the P.S. on the 3rd, and that officer neglecting to call for it that day previous to the meeting, it was the fault of the P.S. and therefore of the lodge, he being its officer, and not of the brother, that his dues were not received and placed to the credit of his account on the night of the 3rd. He should, therefore, not be considered in arrears. It injures a lodge materially to make technical objections in a case of this kind, and, therefore, I hope you will act generously and brotherly in all such cases, and thus insure to absent brothers that their rights will be looked after by the members who are privileged to be in attendance at lodge meetings.

6. A subordinate lodge has not the power to compel brothers to address the N.G. by the sign of the degree when crossing from one side of a lodge-room to the other, nor has the N.G. power, under the instructions of the lodge, to make a rule compelling a brother to cross the room at the centre and on the square; though I think it would be well for the brothers, on entering or in crossing from side to side, to do so on the square, and not obliquely. The latter is a "go-as-you-please" way of moving about the room, and a lodge in which the members enter and cross in that way may be put down as slovenly in other matters of

business. I think a suggestion of this kind, made by either the lodge or the N.G. should be carried out as faithfully as possible by the members, though a brother cannot be compelled to do so.

7. A brother not having paid his dues at the end of September, as required by by-law, but who paid on the 17th day of October, is clearly not entitled to benefits for the sickness beginning on the 16th of October, for two reasons: 1st. Article 51 of your by-laws states distinctly that no brother who is indebted to this lodge to the amount of one year's dues shall be entitled to benefits. 2nd. A brother, after being taken sick cannot pay up his arrears and be entitled to benefits.

8. The phrase "having no available means of support," in clause 55 Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, refers to the infirm from old age immediately preceding, and should not be separated from it by a comma, but should read thus: "By reason of infirmity from old age and having no available means of support, etc." It refers to a different class of invalids from those rendered incapable by sickness or disability.

9. Question.—"Has the N.G. alone the authority to examine the ballot-box?

Answer.—No. It must first be submitted to the scrutiny of the V.G. and afterwards to the N.G. for examination and the result of the ballot to be declared by the latter.

10. Question.—In the absence of the N.G. the V.G. takes his chair, there being no P.G. present. Where it would be necessary to appoint a Scarlet degree member as V.G., can a ballot be taken on a candidate and the result declared?

Answer.—Yes. In the absence of the N. G. it is not only the privilege but the duty of the V.G. to take his chair and fulfil his functions. He may even confer the degrees. He is in fact the N.G. for the time being. A ballot can be taken with him in the N.G's chair and a Scarlet degree member in his chair. In that case the ballot box will be examined by the acting V.G. and declared by the V.G. of the lodge who is acting as N.G.

11. A brother has the annual or travelling password, but has left behind or mislaid his official receipt. Is he

qualified upon making application to be admitted to a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction?

Answer—No. He must present a card or an official receipt. No brother belonging to one Grand Lodge jurisdiction can be permitted to visit a lodge in another jurisdiction unless he presents a visiting card or an official receipt. He may be without the A.T.P.W. but he must have either a card or the receipt.

12. A brother has his official receipt duly signed in the margin, but does not possess the A.T.P.W. Is he eligible to admittance into a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction?

Answer—Yes, if the official receipt shows that the dues are paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed and sealed, the N.G. of the lodge in a foreign jurisdiction must give him the A.T.P.W. and admit him.

13. Statement—A N.G. becomes J.P.G. and is now running for the office of N.G. again in opposition to the sitting V.G. who is legally qualified to run.

Question 1—Is the said J.P.G., under the circumstances above related, qualified to oppose the sitting V.G. for the office of N.G.?

Answer—Yes. Any brother after having passed the V.G.'s chair is qualified, if elected, to fill the N.G.'s chair.

14. Candidates between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one cannot be initiated into the Order. Several attempts have been made at succeeding sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to have such legislation become law, but so far without success.

15. The Grand Master has no authority to grant a dispensation to permit a candidate to be initiated in any other lodge than that in which he has been elected. After he has been initiated and applied for the degrees, been accepted and paid for the same, these latter may be conferred on him by another lodge at the request of his own lodge, but he must be initiated in the lodge in which he made the application.

16. Question—Can a brother Odd Fellow lay a charge against another brother without a motion and vote of the lodge?

Answer—Yes. When a charge duly specifying the alleged offence against a brother is submitted to the lodge in writing by one or more members of the Order in good standing, it shall be referred to a committee of five members to be chosen by ballot. The lodge has no right to take a vote on the charge until after the committee has reported.

17. Can a candidate be initiated after the ballot has been taken and declared favorable, if, upon closer scrutiny of the medical examination paper, he is found to be under twenty-one years of age? Is it the duty of the N.G. to refuse to initiate the candidate under the circumstances?

Answer to Question 1—No. A candidate must be twenty-one years of age before he can be initiated, and he must answer the question that he is of that age in the question book and subscribe his name thereto previous to entering the lodge for initiation.

Answer to Question 2—As the N.G. in his installation has obligated himself to support, maintain and abide by the constitution of the Grand Lodge as well as of his own lodge, and as the constitution requires a candidate to be twenty-one years of age before he can be initiated, it is the duty of the N.G. to refuse to initiate him until he is of that age.

18. Statement—A brother has served one term as left supporter of the V.G., and at the recent nominations was nominated for V.G., was present and did not withdraw, but remained silent, the only other nominee being the brother who was afterwards elected N.G. The question of the brother's eligibility was then raised on two points: first, for not accepting the nomination in writing and secondly because he was not present at every lodge meeting during the term. It was ruled that he was not eligible, and another brother was elected V.G. Question—Who is the legal V.G. for the term?

Answer—The brother first mentioned is the legal V.G. for the term and should have been declared elected by acclamation as there was no other candidate in nomination. He was perfectly eligible for V.G. as he had filled an inferior office one term, though not present every night, and as he did not withdraw his name from the nomination. It is not necessary to accept the nomination in writing.

Question—Is a bartender eligible to fill the chair of N.G. if he is elected?

Answer—Yes, if he is a scarlet degree member and has filled for one full term the V.G.'s chair. You will, however, observe that no saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order. This legislation was made in the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1895. If the brother became a member previous to that time I can see nothing debarring him from holding any office in the lodge.

20. A non-resident brother does not require to sign the constitution on being reinstated. If he applies for reinstatement within one year after supension no more than one year's dues can be charged.

21. Attentive and pecuniary benefits must not be confounded; the latter depends on good standing in a lodge while the former does not. A brother in arrears, though not suspended, is not entitled to pecuniary benefits, but is entitled to attentive benefits including watchers.

22. An office in a subordinate lodge becoming vacant by resignation can only be filled as in Article 37 Ontario Digest, by the election taking place on the second night of nomination.

23. A brother having been suspended for non-payment of dues, and making application for re-instatement within twelve months from the date of supension, on being received is charged the same dues and enjoys the same privileges as before suspension. In case of graded dues he does not require to pay the rate at the age of re-instatement.

24. Question—Can an hotel-keeper who attends his own bar occasionally, be admitted to membership in our Order?

Answer—No. No saloon-keeper or bartender shall be eligible for membership in our Order. Of course that will depend to what extent he attends his own bar. If he should attend bar a part of each day, and not only very occasionally, he is ineligible.

25. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in a lodge in another jurisdiction than that in which he was suspended, shall be entitled to receive, and the lodge to which he belonged shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar. This refers to any brother, whether suspended for five years or less, and is mandatory.

26. The examining physician is entitled to whatever your by-laws allow. If he agrees to examine all candidates for his dues, he cannot claim a greater amount, though such examinations are afterwards made use of by the Relief Association for the purpose of granting insurance to the candidates.

27. It is illegal to appropriate any sum of money out of the funds of a subordinate lodge to the Patriotic Fund of the Canadian contingent, for they are trust funds, and only to be used for the legitimate objects of the Order; but it is legal to appropriate a sum for the erection of a home for the infirm and aged and orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

28. "Good standing" in a lodge, referred to in Section 1223, White's Digest, means that a brother has not been suspended for non-payment of dues during the twenty-five years. He may have been in arrears at some time or other during the twenty-five years, but as long as he has been a member of a lodge continuously for that time, or had not taken a withdrawal card and held it for a longer term than one year, he is entitled to the veteran jewel.

29. Question—Can a lodge admit to membership a man having Indian blood in him?

Answer—No. I assume a man having Indian blood in him is not a white person, and is, therefore, not entitled to membership in the Order. (See Clause 2, Constitution of Subordinates.)

30. Non-affiliated Odd Fellows who have retained membership in the Order for at least five years, and who are over fifty years of age and not under expulsion for any cause, may be admitted as non-beneficial members. The dues of such members shall be fixed by the by-laws of the lodge, but shall not be less than $1.00 per annum.

31. Statement—A brother was duly elected N.G. His business engagements required his absence from home so frequently that he filled the chair only nine meetings during the term.

Question—Is he entitled to the honors of Past Grand?

Answer—No. Unless an officer is present in the lodge-room a majority of the meeting nights of the term (unless excused through sickness), he is not entitled to the

honors of the office. The N.G.'s absence for a majority of the nights being caused by business engagements, and not by sickness, he is not entitled to the honors of the Past Grand Degree, even if he had been excused by the lodge, and the lodge has no power to grant him the honors of the office.

32. A brother was duly elected V.G. for the same term as the preceding, and was present ten meetings during the N.G.'s regime. There being no other members eligible, and the N.G. being unable to accept the chair for another term owing to his business engagements requiring him to be absent. Is the V.G. eligible to be elected N.G., not having been present a majority of the meeting nights during his term?

Answer—Yes. Any Scarlet Degree member may be elected, there being no other member eligible, but a dispensation for the purpose must first be obtained before he can be elected to the position. He is not eligible by virtue of having filled the V.G.'s chair for ten nights, as the law requires at least attendance at fourteen meetings to entitle him to the honors of the office.

33. It is not legal for one member of a lodge to be elected as both Financial Secretary and Treasurer. These offices must be filled by separate individuals, though the offices of R.S. and P.S. may be filled by the same person.

34. An aged brother, having retired from business for some years, and therefore having available means of support, is now suffering from heart-failure accompanied by la grippe, his legs being weak and unable to walk. Is he entitled to benefits?

Answer—No. The brother is infirm from extreme old age, the heart failure being the result of his age, and he is not disabled from pursuing his usual occupation or otherwise gaining a livelihood, he having available means of support, he is not entitled to benefits. (See Clause 55, Constitution of Subordinates, also White's Digest, page 56, Sections 49 and 50.)

35. If a brother has been suspended for N.P.D. for one year or more, can he pay up all his back dues and thus become a continuous member from the time of his initiation, and would a lodge be doing right in accepting a

brother's application in that way, or would it have to accept him at the rate set down in the By-laws for re-instatement of members?

Answer—A brother suspended for N.P.D. being out of the lodge for one year or more, can be re-instated in only one way, *i.e.*, by making application for re-instatement and by paying the fee charged an initiate of the same age or such less sum as the By-laws may prescribe. It would not be legal to allow him to pay up all his back dues and become a continuous member from the time of his initiation, for he ceased to be a member during suspension.

36. It is not legal for a lodge to pay a death benefit to a brother on the loss of his wife. That old law was repealed and has not been received.

37. A lodge is not compelled to pay benefits for the first week's sickness, in fact it is advisable not to do so; but after that time it must pay $2 per week for 52 weeks, when the payment may be reduced by by-law to $1 per week for the remainder of the sickness. In no case shall a smaller sum than $1 be paid. It would not be legal to pay $1 for the second week.

38. I know of no way in which a candidate can be admitted for a less sum than is stipulated in the By-laws of a lodge.

39. The Constitution will not allow any lodge to accept a candidate as a non-beneficial member unless he had previously been a member of some defunct lodge, or is a suspended member, after having retained membership in the Order for at least five years.

40. In donating money to the Home Fund, it is not necessary to give two weeks' notice of motion, but the proposition shall lie over for one week before taking final action.

41. It is not legal to pass a by-law taxing the brothers of a lodge 5 cents a month or 60 cents per annum for the purpose of forming a contingent fund. A lodge can frame a by-law setting aside not more than 5 per cent. of the dues to form such a fund.

42. Question—A brother is transferring his membership from one lodge to another, what amount should the former remit the latter and what is the cost to the brother?

Answer—The brother transferring must pay the proposition fee of $2, and the lodge from which he withdraws must pay the balance of the admission fee; but in no case the amount to be remitted to exceed $3. If the charge for affiliation is $4 he must pay the proposition fee of $2 and the lodge he is withdrawing from will remit to the lodge with which he is affiliating the balance, which is $2. Again, if the charge is $7, he must pay the proposition fee of $2 as before, and the lodge from which he withdraws must remit the $3, and the member must pay the $2 additional to make up the $7.

43. A brother having died without leaving any family or dependent relatives, and no other provision having been made by law for the payment of funeral benefits, the lodge is not authorized to pay the money to any person. Our law does not recognize collateral relatives unless they were members of the family of the deceased at the time of his death and dependent on him for support. Funeral benefits belong to the family or dependent relatives of the deceased, and do not begin to exist till after his death, and there being no dependent relatives, no benefits are to be paid. This makes no difference whether another society to which the brother belonged paid the funeral expenses or not, but as such has been done in this case your consciences may rest at ease, and no relative has any claim on the benefits.

44. A lodge in its by-laws agrees to pay in death benefits upon the death of a member in good standing, a sum of money equal in dollars to seven times the number of years he was a member of the lodge.

Question—Is this legal?

Answer—Yes. This is a stated sum dependent upon the time he remained a member of the lodge, and is therefore not in conflict with the enactments of the Ontario Insurance Act.

45. Question—Have we authority or power to change our by-laws with regard to the sick benefits which should be paid a sick brother, either in time or amount? Must we pay $3.00 per week for 52 weeks, and must we pay not less than $1.00 per week after that, and for what time?

Answer—You have power to change your by-laws in regard to sick benefits, paying not less than $2.00 per week

for 52 weeks, and after that time not less than $1.00 per week for the remainder of the sickness. If your by-laws state that you pay $3.00 per week, you must continue paying that sum during the sickness, unless it is stipulated that after 52 weeks you will pay a less sum, but in no case to be less than $1.00 per week.

46. A by-law agreeing to pay $3.00 per week for 26 weeks, and 50 cents per week after that time is illegal. I think you will find out that such a by-law has never been ratified by the Grand Lodge for it is not in conformity with the constitution. See sec. 12, page 49, White's Digest.

47. A brother who has paid his dues to the lodge by note is not in good standing, and is therefore not entitled to benefits should he become disabled. Freedom from disability by reason of dues of every kind is one of the requisites of good standing, and no member is in good standing in a lodge while his note is held for dues. The indebtednesss by note is a new form, not a discharge of the debt.

IX.—REBEKAH LODGE DECISIONS.

1. Subdivision 2 of section 6 of the code for the government of Rebekah Lodges was changed at the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Detroit last year, and now reads as follows: All Oddfellows in good standing, and their wives, their daughters, their sisters, and their mothers, and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Oddfellows, as well as all unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, etc., are eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge. The daughters, sisters and mothers above described are therefore eligible for membership even if married to a man who is not an Odd Fellow.

2. The resignation of the Vice Grand thereby forfeits her right to the privileges and honors of the office though she has served a majority of the meetings of the term. In order to be entitled to this she must complete the term. The election of her successor, even if by acclamation, will not entitle the latter to the honors of the office, as she will not have filled the chair a majority of the nights, though she has completed the term. Both conditions are necessary.

3. It is illegal and unwise for a lodge to hold its meetings in a private house, more especially when the lodge-

room belonging to the subordinate lodge can be obtained for that purpose.

4. Rebekah Lodges are not permitted to pay stated sick benefits to members, but may vote such a sum of money to a sick member as a majority of the members present at the meeting may determine. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has refused to legislate in favor of permitting Rebekah Lodges to pay stated sick benefits, and I have no power to grant a request to do this.

5. Question—Is a married lady whose husband is not an Odd Fellow, eligible for the Rebekah degree?

Answer—No, unless she is the daughter, sister or mother of an Odd Fellow or deceased Odd Fellow.

6. Question—If the said lady of question 5 has a son a member of the Order is she eligible?

Answer—Yes.

7. Are widowed ladies eligible?

Answer—Yes.

8. Is a married lady having a brother a member of the the Order but her husband not a member, eligible?

Answer—Yes.

9. Is a married daughter of an Odd Fellow eligible if her husband is not a member of the Order?

Answer—Yes.

10. Can a Rebekah Lodge not having a past N.G. of its own elect as its representative to the Rebekah Assembly a P.G. of a subordinate lodge who is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge?

Answer—Yes, (see page 725, sec. 2. of the report from the committee on Rebekah degree, Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1899).

11. If the said past Grand be N.G. of the Rebekah Lodge, is he eligible for election as representative to the assembly?

Answer—Yes, on account of his being a P.G. of the subordinate.

12. Is an initiatory member of a subordinate lodge eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer—Yes, if he is in good standing.

13. Can the wife of an initiatory member become a member of a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer—Yes, if her husband is in good standing and she is accepted.

X.—CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the chief executive officer of such an Order as the Odd Fellows must necessarily be very heavy, and is rendered more so by the executive officers of the subordinate lodges not making themselves acquainted with the constitution and by-laws governing their respective lodges, so that they are unable to give information which they could readily supply if a little more attention were given to this part of the work. The communications between the lodges and myself have been very agreeable. I have endeavored to answer all correspondence as it was received, except when away from home for a few weeks on a visiting tour, and to render such assistance to lodges and members that could be given in this way. I have answered many questions from individual members who should first have applied to the District Deputy, finding it as easy to supply them with the required information as to direct them to write the D.D.G.M.

Some lodges have been very derelict in answering my letters, especially if there was any dispute about sick benefits between the lodge and a brother, showing, to my mind, that they feared they were in the wrong and were not anxious to find it out. I will afterwards report on a few of those cases.

XI.—NEW ONTARIO.

In the early part of July I visited some of the lodges in New Ontario that had never before been visited by a Grand Master of the Order, commencing at Sault Ste. Marie and ending with Keewatin, the most western point in the jurisdiction in which our Order is established, and everywhere I found strong, healthy lodges, and active, energetic and whole-souled Odd Fellows. In every lodge which I visited we had large meetings, and I experienced no discontent regarding their connection with our jurisdiction, and I believe my visits will assist materially in allaying any feeling that had existed with regard to their withdrawing from us

and connecting themselves with the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. I was most hospitably entertained by each lodge and by individual members of the Order, one seeming to vie with the other in giving the Grand Master a good time, and the farther west I went the more this feeling seemed to exist. There are very few places in this part of the province that have a population large enough to justify an attempt being made to establish a lodge of our Order, but wherever we have obtained a foothold, success has followed, for the Order seems to satisfy the young men of the West as no other institution does.

XII.—PROCLAMATIONS.

In compliance with the instructions of Grand Sire Pinkerton, proclamations directing the brethren to celebrate the 81st anniversary of the Order were issued, the official column of the *Independent Odd Fellow* being used for that purpose.

These services were very largely carried out, and the decoration of the graves of deceased Odd Fellows in many places have already been observed, and many more intend to hold these services later in the summer and fall. This in my opinion is a service that should not be neglected by any lodge, as the ceremony when well performed, as it is in many places, is very impressive and calculated to benefit the Order very greatly. Let us show, by this act, to the relatives and friends of our deceased brothers that though absent they are not forgotten.

XIII.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I find, in visiting lodges, that there is a great lack of uniformity, not so much in the unwritten work as in the degree and floor work, and as the Grand Master cannot visit every lodge in the jurisdiction, and, even if he could, he is not always an adept at such work, it has been suggested by some District Deputies that a Lodge of Instruction should be held in each district once a year, for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the degrees, including the unwritten work. I am of the opinion, if this were carried into effect where possible, that it would render the district system more popular and, therefore, more effective than at the present time. The following is an abstract

from the report of Wm. Henderson, D.D.G.M. of Bervil District :

"A new departure in our district, and one in my opinion calculated to stimulate in perfecting the work in conferring the degrees, was the holding of a Lodge of Instruction for the district, on Thanksgiving Day, in the afternoon and evening, at Kincardine. The two sessions were well attended, over 100 members being present. The work of the Initiatory and the Three Degrees were all exemplified in a very creditable way by the lodges of the district, the work of the Second Degree by Kincardine Lodge and the Third Degree by Lucknow brethren being especially worthy of notice for the perfection and accuracy of the exemplification, manifesting the thorough manner in which each officer must have been drilled in order to so perfectly exhibit the various parts in these degrees."

XIV.—DUES AND BENEFITS.

While these remained in an unsettled condition during 1898 and 1899, many lodges were inactive and made no attempt to bring in new candidates, and thus the increase in membership was not as great during that time as it otherwise would have been. This goes to show that a financial question of that kind should not be allowed to remain in abeyance, but should be decided as speedily as possible, one way or the other, so that candidates may know what is expected of them. Too many still join our Order from financial considerations, and not for the purpose of elevating the character of man, etc., but as the true teachings of the Order are being daily more diffused through the land, the percentage of this class is becoming less and less.

Those lodges that were inactive are now doing good work again, and the membership throughout the jurisdiction will be increased accordingly. The general expression of opinion regarding dues and benefits is that such legislation should be left in the hands of subordinate lodges, who claim to be the best judges of their ability and requirements. Wherever the subject has come up for discussion during my official visits, I have recommended that an increase graded scale of dues be adopted, in order to strengthen the financial standing of the lodge.

XV.—ENTERTAINING GRAND SIRE.

During the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Detroit, I was informed by our Grand Secretary that the Grand Sire, Bro. Pinkerton, with the representatives from the Eastern States and Provinces would return *via* Toronto, where they would remain for a day or two, and that they would arrive in the city on the morning of September 25th. We decided to make their stay in our beautiful metropolis as pleasant as possible, and accordingly gave them and their lady friends who were accompanying them a drive about the city, showing them the various points of interest, and afterward entertained them to luncheon at the Granite Club, where the Grand Sire, on behalf of the representatives, expressed his pleasure at the hospitality of the Ontario Grand Lodge and the Toronto brethren in entertaining them as they had done. He also expressed himself as delighted with our city, referring especially to the superiority of our city hall and parliament buildings, and also to the beautiful residences and lawns. P.G.M. Hornibrook and the Grand Master spoke in behalf of the city. The G.S., with a number of the representatives, visited a joint meeting of two of the local lodges in the evening as reported elsewhere and gave excellent addresses. They were all gratified and pleased that they had stopped over in the city on their homeward journey, and promised to return this year after the meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

XVI.—RESUSCITATED AND WEAK LODGES.

I am pleased to be able to report that Erin Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, has been brought out of the "Slough of Despond" by allowing the few remaining members resident in the village a little latitude in adding to their membership. I believe at last Grand Lodge meeting only one member was reported good on the books by the D.D.G.M. I permitted them to hold meetings and initiate candidates with the assistance of neighboring lodges, and they have been so successful that they are again in a good, healthy condition. The few remaining members were loath to surrender their charter which they had held for so many years, and so made an extra effort to build up their lodge.

Jubilee Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, Chatham, which had only four members remaining, was allowed similar latitude,

with the result that their membership has been largely increased and the lodge is in a flourishing condition. This lodge had been permitted to meet in a private house and nothing but failure could have been expected under such conditions. I decided that this was illegal and that they must meet in a lodge-room or I would re-call their charter. They are now meeting in the new Odd Fellows' Hall with beneficial results.

Harwick Lodge, No. 192, Gorrie, and Equity, No. 232, Hagersville, are reported by the D.D.G.M.'s as being in an unhealthy condition. Something should be done to stimulate weak lodges such as these, and I would recommend that the Grand Master be empowered to secure a competent brother that he might send him to those places where the lodge is weak and dormant and assist the brethren to secure new members, the object being to get the lodge started to work, for if a few candidates are obtained the brothers will, in all likelihood, keep on with the work and materially increase their membership. The cost for work of this kind need not be very great, and I believe it would be money well spent. If this cannot be done I would recommend that the names of weak and dormant lodges be drawn specially to the attention of the incoming Grand Master that he may arrange meeting in these places, to which non-members may be invited, so that he may give an address suited particularly to outsiders. I have found this work well in places of this kind, where I have spoken at smoking concerts, etc.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, had been lying dormant, so far as increase of membership was concerned, for three years. When I visited this lodge in January I advised them to get to work or I would send an organizer to institute a new lodge in the town for they were merely occupying the ground and thus preventing young men joining our Order who would do so if we had a live lodge. The result has been an awakening of old St. Mary's Lodge so that many good members have been obtained.

XVII.—DEDICATIONS.

On Thursday, December 7th, 1899, I dedicated the fine new hall, built by Huron Lodge, No. 62, Goderich, being assisted by the members of the lodge.

On Tuesday, January 9th, 1900, I dedicated the new hall built by Constellation Lodge, No. 85, Burgessville, being assisted by D.D.G.M. Bro. W. M. Bell and Bro. A. McFarlane, of Otterville.

On Thursday, March 8th, 1900, assisted by Deputy Grand Master, A. L. Sims, Grand Secretary J. B. King, P.G.M's Hoyle, Gibson and Young, and P.C.P. A. H. Blackeby, I dedicated the handsome and commodious new hall built by Chatham Lodge, No. 29. This lodge now owns fine property and I believe it will be a good paying investment.

XVIII.—DISPENSATIONS.

On January 5th, 1900, I signed a dispensation to Ridgetown Lodge, No. 144, giving permission to continue the work of the lodge, the charter having been destroyed in the fire which consumed their lodge room, also to wear regalia in the procession at the anniversary services. I would recommend that a new charter be granted without cost and that an order be accordingly made.

On May 21st, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Alvinston Lodge, No. 208, giving the members permission to wear the lodge regalia on the street on the occasion of meeting the Canton from St. Thomas on the 24th of May.

On May 10th, 1900, I granted a dispensation permitting the Lindsay brethren to advertise a first of July celebration in the name of the Order, in aid of the hospital.

On December 12th, 1899, I granted a dispensation to Carnation Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, Wallaceburg, permitting them to elect an appointed officer to the N.G's chair as there was no eligible member available.

In June, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, to elect the most efficient brothers in the lodge to even the highest office, regardless of offices previously held by them, for the purpose of stimulating this lodge as much as possible.

XIX.—CHANGE OF LOCATION.

On April 14th, 1900, I gave permission to Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Janeville, to change the place of meeting from Janeville to the City of Ottawa, at the request of the lodge, and upon the recommendation of D.D.G.M. Bro.

Ackers and the District Committee and with the consent of the three Ottawa Lodges. My reasons for doing so was as follows: The lodge has in the past been permitted to obtain its candidates from both the City of Ottawa and the Township of Gloucester, in which Janeville is situated; that any increase of membership must come from the city as the rural municipality is almost exhausted; that the hall in Janeville is not suited for lodge purposes, being on the ground floor, and there is no other obtainable, and that Janeville is only a very short distance from the city boundary. I recommended that a hall be selected as near the eastern boundary of the city as possible so as to be convenient to the rural members.

The change has since gone into effect and my recommendation carried out, with the result that the lodge is prospering and will in all probability in the near future become one of the strong lodges of the city. I ask that Grand Lodge ratify my actions in this respect.

XX.—TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.

The legislation of last Grand Lodge session contained on page 7132, bearing on this question seems to have given very general satisfaction, though many brothers think that the change was not radical enough, as they hold that it should not cost a member anything to transfer his membership from one lodge to another, and that such cost, if any, should be borne entirely by the lodge from which he withdraws. The legislation of last session will be the means of lessening the suspensions from N.P. of D's, and I believe that if the cost were entirely removed that great benefits to the Order would be the result, and would therefore recommend that action be taken thereon.

XXI.—DISTRICTS.

Bro. J. D. Donaldson, of Kingston, who has been nominated as D.D.G.M. for Kingston District, writes that Cornucopia Lodge be placed in Lanark District and that Landsdowne Lodge be attached to St. Lawrence District, No. 41.

I have written these lodges and find the former is content to remain as it is while the latter would prefer being placed in St. Lawrence District, it being more convenient.

Atwood Lodge, No. 332, claims that through some mistake it was placed in Perth District, No. 16, instead of Harriston District, No. 22, and desires the change made.

The communications will be laid before the Committee on Districts.

XXII.—REBEKAH LODGES.

There seems to be much activity in some localities in the Rebekah branch of the Order while in others there is a lack of that enthusiasm that is desirable in order that good progress may be made. This is due in some places to the fact that they are not allowed to have stipulated dues and benefits, and one lodge has sent out a circular to the various Rebekah Lodges, joint action being taken in asking that the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to use their influence in seeking to obtain such legislation from that Grand Body as will clothe them with such power.

The Rebekah Assembly at the meeting in August last passed a motion requesting the Grand Master to divide the jurisdiction into districts, as the present system of appointing a member of each lodge District Deputy does not meet with their approval, as it does not give to that officer the dignity that the office demands. On September 2nd, 1899, I was requested by the Secretary of the Assembly to do this, but as the commissions had already been issued to the District Deputies of Rebekah Lodges, I fancied it more convenient not to do so, but to report to this Grand Lodge for action thereon.

XXIII.—DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration abstracts from the reports of the district meetings. I find that in too many cases the only question acted upon is the nomination of a brother for D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, while in many others many subjects have been discussed and reported upon and suggestions made that the Grand Lodge may take action thereon. The following are a few of the most important :

1. Bothwell District recommends that the district meetings be abolished and that the D.D.G.M. be elected by the representatives of the district at Grand Lodge meeting.

2. Perth District recommends (*a*) that each subordinate lodge govern its own degree and initiation fees. (*b*) That members be admitted at the age of eighteen years.

3. Victoria District, No. 34: That the age limit be reduced from twenty-one years to eighteen.

4. Royal City District, No. 17:

(*a*) That the district within which the Grand Lodge meets should be circumscribed, thereby saving from $1,000 to $1,500 per annum, and amount saved be applied on the subscription of the Grand Lodge to the Home Fund.

(*b*) That no brother, not a representative, should be brought to the sessions of Grand Lodge for the purpose of serving on Sessional Committees, and having his expenses paid out of the Grand Lodge funds, the roll of representatives being sufficiently large to select all committees required therefor.

(*c*) That this District Committee place on record our entire disapproval of the financial clause introduced in the proposed new constitution for subordinate lodges, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

5. Welland District, No. 7, reports that the district meeting concurs in recommendations Nos. 2 and 3, but dissents from recommendation No. 1 of special committee.

6. Harriston District, No. 22, recommends that Grand Lodge be held within a certain radius of Toronto, Hamilton or Galt, but not a fixture in any one place, and that the Constitution of Grand Lodge be so amended as to provide that each subordinate lodge be allowed one representative to Grand Lodge, but that the method of voting be changed in such a way as to preserve those rights of the several subordinate lodges which the present system is intended to give.

7. Sauble District, No. 26, recommends that there be one representative from each lodge to Grand Lodge, giving him the full vote of the lodge he represents.

8. Durham District, No. 35, reports:

(*a*) That it does not endorse the limitation of lodge delegates to one for each lodge.

(*b*) That we do not approve of the suggestion that the Grand Master appoint his committees for the session before the meeting of Grand Lodge, that they may meet the day previous to the session, as many good, new men might

be left off committees on account of not being known to the Grand Master, whereas, if the committee were appointed on the spot, the Grand Master could have the advice of many good brothers from every district as to the qualifications of new men. Further, as the committees are large, the saving (per diem) would be small.

(*c*) That the mileage and per diem are quite low enough, if it is intended that the ordinary expenses of the delegate shall be paid.

9. Niagara District, No. 8, recommend:

(*a*) That the annual sessions of Grand Lodge should be centralized.

(*b*) That steps should be taken to do away with the pleasure-seeking of Grand Lodge.

(*c*) That the session might be shortened.

10. St. Clair District, No. 14, reports:

(*a*) That the report of the special committee was not favorable to the representatives of this district.

(*b*) That the age limit be eighteen years, instead of twenty-one years.

11. Oxford District, No. 11, suggests that Grand Lodge should earnestly endeavor to devise a plan whereby the small country lodges could be made more attractive to the members—perhaps by some system of visitation by officers of Grand Lodge, or something of that sort.

12. Toronto District, No. 19, recommends that juvenile lodges be established.

13. Kent District, No. 2, recommends that a suitable jewel be presented to each retiring D.D.G.M.

XXIV.—VDISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

I have been very fortunate during my term of office to have been so ably supported by the District Deputy Grand Masters whom I appointed on the recommendation of the District Committees. As the years go by, these committees are seeing the folly of selecting a brother for this position merely on account of belonging to a lodge whose turn it is to be honored by this office, and are in the great majority of cases selecting the brother most capable of filling the position with the greatest degree of efficiency. Occasionally it happens that a brother is chosen from some lodge which does not believe in the district system and who therefore

gives no time or attention to the duties devolving upon him, and is hence a failure. I have reports from some of my Deputies who would do honor to any position in the Grand Lodge.

A great many have conducted the installation of officers in January and July without the use of the ritual as it should be done in all cases, while others have done so with an installing team, no member of which required the use of the ritual. The use of this book in the lodge room should be discouraged as much as possible and I hope the time will soon come when it will not be allowed even in conferring degrees, the effect of the ceremony upon the minds of candidates being more impressive when given in this way. Many public installations were conducted throughout the jurisdiction during the year and when these are well performed, as they have been in many cases, good results to the local lodge or lodges have followed. I think it would be advisable in case of weak lodges that outsiders be invited to the installation of their officers when such can be well done.

The brother nominated by the District Committee should be the first representative of his lodge to the Grand Lodge in order that he may become better qualified to fill the position of D.D.G.M., and I would therefore recommend that Grand Lodge enact such legislation as will cause this to become law.

XXV.—GRAND LODGE SOLICITOR.

Although no cases for litigation have come up during the year, I have had occasion to consult our Grand Lodge Solicitor, Bro. R. K. Cowan, who went into the cases thoroughly and gave me his legal opinion and advice, which was very valuable, and rendered me good service in dealing with a few important cases. Mayflower Lodge, No. 297, wished to know how to proceed to protect the rights and property of two orphan children of a deceased Odd Fellow, whose widow married a man who had been disposing of stock and such like and pocketing the proceeds to enrich himself at the expense of the children. No letters of administration had been taken out. The Grand Solicitor wrote the lodge directing the brethren how to proceed and

I have no doubt that ere this they have taken steps preventing the robbing of these orphans.

He also gave me good advice *re* Warriner Lodge, No. 75, Port Perry, who had surrendered its charter, but whose affairs were so complicated that I was unable to decide the line of action I should take in the matter.

XXVI.—APPEALS.

Several appeals have been made to me for settlement during the year, the majority of which were of minor importance and easily adjusted. The following I present to the Grand Lodge for action thereon :

J. Y. Foster *vs.* Glencoe Lodge, No. 133.
Jas. L. Johns *vs.* Ottawa District Committee.
Jas. Cleeve *vs.* Western City Lodge, No. 93.

XXVII.—THE "INDEPENDENT ODD FELLOW."

We have now in the *Independent Odd Fellow* one of the best fraternal papers published in Canada to-day, and it is improving every month, but in order to bring it up to that state of perfection that the most fastidious could wish for, it is necessary not only that it should receive the financial support of every member of the Order but also that all brothers throughout the jurisdiction qualified to contribute articles of interest, both local and general, should make use of its pages for such purpose. We have used the official columns to some extent during the past year in circulating information to the lodges, but I fear that in too many cases this column is never read to the lodge by the Recording Secretary who considers it as his private property because it is addressed to him. It has done much good during the past two years and if it were only placed in the hands of each member of the Order, it would be a material factor in increasing our membership by preventing brothers becoming careless and negligent, and as a result becoming suspended for non-payment of dues.

XXVIII.—THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

During the year many lodges in the jurisdiction have been pleased to contribute to the Home Fund, which now amounts to nearly $10,000 in cash and subscriptions, and it

is to be hoped that those lodges that have not already subscribed will do so in the near future, as every brother in the Order should have an interest in the Home, either directly by contributing himself or indirectly by his lodge contributing.

On November 28th I issued a circular to the lodges, to which was attached a copy of one issued by Past Grand Sire Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Home.

APPENDIX A.

Toronto, October 1st, 1899.

Brothers,—It has been decided that an Odd Fellows' Home is required in Ontario. There are brethren, old and infirm, who are looking forward to anchoring in this haven of rest. There are orphans, the children of brothers with whom you have entered into solemn covenant, who are sadly in need of the shelter such a Home will afford.

We do not now need resolutions of sympathy with regard to this Home; we need the necessary funds with which to commence work. Remember that he who gives quickly gives twice. Will you give now?

Some offers of excellent sites have been made; but we are hampered in commencing operations because we have not all the money required. We have now about $8,000 in cash and subscriptions; we should have at least $20,000. Several lodges have subscribed from $50 to $250 each; will you not give your subscription, and give it now? You best know what amount would be within your means. Will you vote that amount at once, and notify our Treasurer of your subscription, or send him the money?

It is quite legal to vote money from your General Fund for the Home. All amounts or subscriptions received will be acknowledged in the *Independent Oddfellow*. Send to the Treasurer, who is also the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Bro. W. J. McCormack, 26 Grosvenor St., Toronto, Ont.

Fraternally yours,

J. B. KING, Secretary.
CL. T. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Woodstock, Nov. 28, 1899.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I desire hereby to direct the attention of your members to the circular recently issued by the Past Grand Sire, Dr. Campbell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Odd Fellows' Home, a copy of which is attached hereto.

It is very desirable that every lodge should contribute something to the fund now being raised in this jurisdiction for the Home. With that object in view I have to request that your lodge will set apart its last meeting night in December for the discussion of this subject and of the amount which you can contribute to the Home Fund. You will have, in all probability, a fairly good representative meeting that night, and in that way can secure an expression of the opinion of your lodge. I understand from the chairman that plans are now being prepared, but the directors do not wish to commence building until a sufficient sum is guaranteed to complete the work.

The four commands of the Order have been fully made known to every Odd Fellow. They are, to visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead and to educate the orphan. The first three have been well lived up to, the last duty has scarcely been entered into so far as this jurisdiction is concerned.

The names of the lodges which have already contributed appear in this letter. If your lodge is one of these, this appeal is not addressed to it, unless it desires to supplement the amount there given with a further contribution. Hoping to have a hearty and unanimous response to this request, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MCLURG, Grand Master.

XXIX.—THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

The official certificate is now one of the most useful institutions of the Order, as the possession of it dispenses entirely with the necessity of the visiting card, which has served its day and generation, and should now be discarded, and every brother, upon paying his dues, should receive this receipt, properly signed and sealed. By the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Detroit last year the possession of the official receipt for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed and sealed, authorizes any Noble Grand, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the A.T.P.W., and if the brother is visiting a lodge in his own Grand Lodge jurisdiction he is entitled to receive from the N.G. the term password. It thus dispenses with the necessity of a brother at a distance from his own lodge asking that an order for the password be sent him.

XXX.—OTTAWA AND HULL CALAMITY.

Upon learning by telegrams from P.C.P. Bro. Geo. Bell and P.G. Bro. A.W. Cameron, of the distress to many

brethren of our Order, caused by the calamitous fire that swept over the cities of Ottawa and Hull, the former city, Ottawa, in our own Province, and the latter, Hull, in our sister Province of Quebec, on April 26th last, being unable at the time to leave home, I requested the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, to proceed to Ottawa and ascertain the nature and extent of the distress caused to our brothers, and also an approximate of the amount of relief that would be required to tide over present distress, and assist our brothers to commence life over again. Accordingly, Bro. King went to Ottawa, spent two days among the brethren, visiting their lodges and the local Relief Committee of the Order, and on his return to Toronto reported the circumstances fully to me. He ascertained that over sixty Odd Fellows' families, representing some 300 souls, had been rendered homeless, having lost everything, the brothers having even lost their employment by the destruction of the shops and mills in which they had been employed. I considered this a fitting opportunity to carry out one of the great principles of our Order—to relieve the distressed—as it is the proud boast of our Order that we are abundantly able and nobly willing to relieve our own members in times of distress, and issued a circular to each lodge in our own jurisdiction, and asked permission from the Grand Masters of our sister Provinces and of our neighboring State Grand Lodges to appeal to the subordinate lodges of their jurisdictions for such financial aid as they considered right to give to our distressed brothers. The result of this appeal has been a generous response from most of the neighboring Grand Lodge jurisdictions, especially from those of Manitoba and Michigan, as well as from most of our own subordinate lodges. Nearly $6,000 have been sent in from all sources, and more is continuing to come. The Grand Secretary will give a detailed statement of the receipts, as well as the amounts sent to the Executive Committee in Ottawa, whom I appointed to distribute the monies. This committee is composed of Bros. Wm. Andrew, of Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Chairman; L.R. Stevens, Secretary; Geo. Bell, P. G. Rep., Treasurer, and Bros. J. P. Featherstone, P.G.; John R. Reid, P.G.M.; John Smith, E. B. Butterworth, F. H. Gisborne, J. H. Hill.

I expected to have a report from this committee to include in this for your consideration. It may come later,

and, if so, will be presented to you. The following is a copy of each of the letters received from the Grand Masters of the neighboring Grand Lodges, in reply to our circular:

Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., New Hampshire.
Manchester, N. H., May 10th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The request of the Grand Master of Ontario to solicit aid for the distressed sufferers in Ottawa is granted. You will early receive list from the Grand Secretary of New Hampshire. Yours in F. L. T.,

(Signed) GEORGE WINCH, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Michigan.
Adrian, Mich., May 10th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to yours of the 7th, I most cheerfully grant the request to solicit aid in this jurisdiction for the relief of the suffering members of the Order in the cities of Ottawa and Hull. It is a terrible calamity, and one that every Odd Fellow should seek to relieve by every means in his power. I would suggest that the appeal be sent to the D.D.G.M. of the lodges, and you will find the list on pages 281 to 295 of the Journal sent you by our Grand Secretary, E. H Whitney. If I can at any time be of any assistance in the matter, I hold myself at your disposal. Hoping that the response may be generous and hearty, and that it can be said that no member of the Order received aid or relief from any other source than through the channel that he should, I am, truly and sincerely yours.

(Signed) F. E. ANDREWS, Grand Master.

I.O.O.F, Grand Lodge of Quebec.
Farnham, P. Q., May 14th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Yours of the 8th inst. to hand re permission to appeal to Quebec lodges in aid of Ottawa-Hull brothers. It affords me pleasure to grant your request, and sincerely hope your appeal will meet with the approval it merits from the several lodges. I will instruct Bro. Potter, Grand Secretary, to send you a list of the lodges, together with the Secretaries' addresses. Wishing your effort every success.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) A. H. EAGER, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I.O.O.F.
Minnedosa, Man., May 17th, 1900.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., has applied for a dispensation to permit such Grand Lodge, or a committee thereof, to appeal to the subordinate lodges within this jurisdiction for aid to relieve the distress of our brothers who have suffered loss in the recent disastrous fires in the cities of Ottawa and Hull: Therefore, I, Robert Hill Myers, Grand Master, do grant such dispensation to the said Grand Lodge of Ontario, and express the hope that our subordinate lodges will respond liberally to such appeal.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) R. HILL MYERS, Grand Master.

I.O.O.F., Grand Lodge of Vermont.
Windsor, Vermont, May 18th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your letter to G. M. Bartlett asking permission to appeal to lodges of our State for aid for the destitute brothers of Ottawa, was referred by him to me. I have just returned this morning from Grand Lodge and this will be my first official act. While I do not approve under ordinary circumstances of this manner of doing, in this case, being a calamity to your country as well as our Order, I cheerfully give my consent for such appeal. I send you the sympathy of the Grand Lodge of Vermont in your great loss and hope your appeal will result in a liberal return.

Fraternally yours.

(Signed) E. H. JACKSON, Grand Master.

Springfield, Ill., May 21st, 1900.

JAMES MCLURG, Grand Master, I.O.O.F.,
Woodstock, Ont.

Dear Brother,—Your communication of the 10th concerning the distress among the Odd Fellows of Ottawa and Hull, has been submitted to Grand Master L. L. McKinley of this jurisdiction, and I am this day in receipt of a communication from him authorizing me to draw a warrant for $100 on the Special Relief Fund to be forwarded to your jurisdiction.

You will therefore find enclosed a warrant on our Grand Treasurer for $100, made payable to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

I will inform you that these warrants are commercial and are taken at the banks the same as any current paper.

Trusting that this contribution may assist in giving the relief that is so necessary in behalf of the Grand Master I subscribe myself, Yours fraternally,

JAS. R. MILLER, G.S.

Springfield, Ill., May 28th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary,
Canada Life Bldg., Toronto, Canada.

Dear Bro. King,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th, and the acknowledgement of the draft for $100 sent to Grand Master McLurg by me as instructed by Grand Master McKinley of this jurisdiction, and I also received the circular letters enclosed.

In reply to your letter I will state that I have not heard from Grand Master McKinley since forwarding the draft to Grand Master McLurg, but I took it for granted when I received the letter from the Grand Master instructing me to forward the $100 to your jurisdiction, that he meant this $100 to cover the contribution from this jurisdiction.

Trusting that the generosity of the Order may place within the reach of your jurisdiction abundant relief to meet the necessities of the calamity, I am,

Fraternally yours,
JAS. R. MILLER, G.S.

Halifax, N. S., May 23rd., 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, Ontario,
Toronto, Ont

Dear Brother King,—Your favor of the 17th inst. was duly received and yesterday the circulars and envelopes containing an appeal to our lodges for aid for the sufferers by the Ottawa and Hull fire came to hand. I have directed the envelopes and mailed them as requested. I trust you will meet a prompt and generous response.

Fraternally yours,
J. G. P. FRAZEE, Grand Secretary.

Columbus, Ohio, May 11th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have yours of the 8th inst. As our Grand Lodge meets on next Monday I have concluded to refer your request to that body, with a recommendation that the same be granted. I assure you that the good citizens of Ottawa and Hull have the sympathy of our citizens and especially do the Odd Fellows of this country sympathize with their brethren in your afflicted cities.

Sincerely hoping and trusting that the effects of this terrible calamity will soon be repaired and the loss recovered and with kind regards I am

Truly and fraternally yours,
IVOR HUGHES, Grand Master.

Columbus, Ohio, July 3rd, 1900.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary I.O.O.F.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your favor of the 26th came duly to hand. I have waited a few days in order that I may consult P.G. M. Hughes as he was away on a little outing. Bro. Hughes returned yesterday and I submitted your letter to him. He admitted of writing a letter and fully contemplated at the Grand Lodge asking permission for your jurisdiction to solicit aid in Ohio and he is sorry to say that the matter slipped his mind and he allowed the Grand Lodge to adjourn without doing anything in the matter.

I feel very sorry for this for had I been made acquainted with the facts I would have used my influence to have the permission granted, but as I stated in my former letter I knew nothing about your request until I received your letter.

Our laws are such that it is not permissible for the Grand Master to grant cases of aid. They must be recommended by the Grand Lodge itself.

Bro. Hughes feels it keenly that he overlooked this matter.

I am glad to say that my eyes have entirely recovered. I am enjoying my usual health. I have just completed my Journal of Proceedings and will now have a breathing spell.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I am,
Yours fraternally,
C. H. LYMAN, Grand Secretary.

Madison, Maine, May 16th, 1900.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
J. B. KING, Sec'y.

Request having been made, consent is hereby given to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F. to solicit funds of the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction to aid the subordinate lodges in Hull and Ottawa, and to relieve the distress of the brothers of said lodges.

It is advised that in sending your notices or requests for aid to the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, you request them to remit all contributions to Russel G. Dyer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, and the same will then be paid

over by him to our Grand Treasurer, Wm. E. Plummer, and by him remitted to you or to your Relief Committee.

Our Grand Secretary advises me that he will either send you a list of the subordinate or Rebekah lodges of this jurisdiction so that you can mail your requests direct, or, if you will send your notices to him he will see that they are properly addressed and mailed from his office.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS. O. SMALL, Grand Master.

Amsterdam, N.Y., May 24th, 1900.

J. B. KING, Esq., Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I replied to your communication stating in effect that the Grand Lodge of this State did not countenance the granting by the G.M. of permission to solicit aid within this jurisdiction. I presume as you have written the Grand Secretary that you have not received my letter.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot grant your very courteous request for so worthy an object, but I am prohibited from doing it by the action of our Grand Lodge.

With best wishes for the success of yourself and our brethren of Ontario, and trusting that the misfortunes that have overtaken our brethren at Ottawa and Hull may be speedily relieved, I am,

Fraternally yours,
H. P. BARST.

XXXI.—ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

I visited, in my official capacity, the annual meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association in Kingston on Wednesday, July 18th, and was gratified to learn that this institution has been more successful than in any previous year of its history, having had an increase of membership from 10,849 in June, 1899, to 11,961 in June, 1900, and in amount of insurance in force from $14,366,000 in June, 1899, to $15,684,500 in June, 1900, being an increase in membership of 1,112 and of insurance in force of $1,318,500. This result must indeed be a source of gratification to those members of our Order who are so fortunate as to have insured their lives in this Association, and I am pleased to learn that the majority of young men who are now joining our ranks are also taking out some insurance in this prosperous and well-managed fraternal Insurance Association.

Since the annual meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Detroit last September, the Relief Association of Kings-

ton has occupied a unique position among such insurance societies using the title and emblems of the Order, being in fact the only one permitted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to employ the term "Odd Fellow" in its designation. This no doubt has given a great stimulus to the institution throughout the whole of Canada, for we find not only an increase in its former strongholds, but new doors are being opened to it, the last acquisition being British Columbia, where it is now permitted to do business. Though not an integral part of our Society, it is a material factor in giving it stability, and therefore every member of the Order, whether insured or not, will receive with delight the information that it is progressing so favorably. I strongly recommend it to any brother wishing fraternal insurance.

District Committee of Essex District No. 1 claims $19.35 from Frontier Lodge No. 45, Windsor, who refuses to pay on account of not having any representative at the district meeting. Their pro rata share of the cost of that meeting is $19.35, as will be seen by the statement contained in the report of the meeting. All papers will be submitted.

XXXII.—UNSETTLED CLAIMS.

Bro. H. Jones, of Argentine, Kansas, a member of St. Clair Lodge No. 106, Point Edward, claims sick benefits from his lodge, which they refuse to pay. I have endeavored to obtain a settlement of this claim, but cannot get St. Clair Lodge to answer my letters. All the correspondence will be laid before you. Boulder Lodge No. 9, Colorado, claims the sum of $9.00 from Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville, as a refund for sick benefits they paid a brother now deceased. I might have secured a settlement in this case had I received the communication earlier, but, not coming into my hands until the 30th ult., I refer it to Grand Lodge for settlement.

XXXIII.—MEMBERS AT THE FRONT.

Among the many young men who volunteered to join one of the several contingents sent to South Africa in defence of the British Empire and the British flag, were many members of our Order from all parts of the jurisdiction, whose devotion to Queen and country impelled them to accompany the soldiers from other parts of the British Empire and to

risk their health and lives in the wild fastnesses and among the various kopjes in that distant land. The patriotism that filled the breasts of these Canadian brothers with such ardor as to induce them to volunteer in defence of their country I am sure merits the approbation of our entire membership. We have had many accounts of their bravery and deeds of valor in fighting an enemy so strongly entrenched, and we have cause for great thankfulness that so few casualties have occurred among them. We shall all rejoice when the bloody war is over, and we will have the joy and privilege of welcoming those brave brothers amongst us again. The extension of the British Empire in Southern Africa will in all probability be closely followed by the establishment of our Order in those Southern climes, for our wings spread even wider than those of our Empire, on whose broad domains the sun never sets.

XXXIV.—CONCLUSION.

Several weak lodges have been resuscitated and strengthened during the year, and have secured such a foothold as will enable them in the future to make good progress. These include Erin No. 33, Port Burwell; Oxford No. 77, Ingersoll, and Embro Star No. 229, Embro, while there are others requiring the fostering care of the Grand Lodge, such as Howick No. 192, Gorrie; Woodslee No. 220, South Woodslee; Midland No. 274, Midland; Bothwell No. 74, Bothwell, and Equity No. 232, Hagersville. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge take these lodges under its special care, and have the Grand Master or some well-skilled brother visit those lodges and endeavor to arouse them from their lethargy. The D.D.G.M's have written me regarding those lodges, to the effect that they have done all in their power to infuse life into them, but without success, and they think if some brother who is specially adapted for work of this kind would pay them a visit, meet and talk with them, and possibly address a public gathering of some kind, setting forth the strong points of the Order, that many members might be added to their numbers, which would cause them to take courage and thus stimulate them to action. I believe some money could well be spent in this direction, as the revival of an old lodge is often as important as the institution of a new one. Several places have been recom-

mended by the D.D.G.M's as suitable for the institution of a lodge of our Order, among others being the following - Marlbank, Dundalk, Marmora, Omemee, Warkworth, Lakefield, Merritton, Dutton, Tilbury, Newburgh, Tavistock, Burford, Rockwood, Mitchell, Blyth, Gravenhurst. Attempts have been made in some of these, but so far without success; but I believe some of them are good, available points, to which I would direct the attention of the incoming Grand Master and his District Deputies. Being away on a visiting tour in July for a longer time than I had intended, I have found the time at my disposal for preparing this report to be insufficient to report as fully on some matters as I had intended, and in the hurry probably some have been omitted entirely.

During the year that I have occupied the honorable position of Chief Executive Officer of an Order that has no competitor, there being no other doing the same kind of work that we are engaged in, I have enjoyed the work devolving upon me to the greatest degree possible. I have visited lodges in all parts of the Province and met with brothers who showed me every courtesy, and always endeavored to make my stay among them as pleasant and entertaining as possible. I regret that I have been unable to visit many places in which I might have done some good, but I found that I could not devote too much of my time to work of this kind without jeopardizing my practice, which I have done to some extent. I have endeavored to fill the office to the best of my ability, and for any shortcomings, for shortcomings there must be, I trust the brethren of the jurisdiction will forgive me, and place them where they rightly belong, as errors of the brain and not of the heart. I do not regret the time and energy I have spent in adding my small mite in furthering the interests of the largest and most important beneficial Order of the present century.

I have to thank Deputy Grand Master Lewis, P. G. M. S. Hoyle, Farewell, Reid, Oliver, Young, Gibson, White, P.G. Sire Campbell, Past Chief Patriarchs Hornibrook, Bell, Buckley, Walsh, and the several District Deputy Grand Masters for the assistance rendered me during the year. I have depended very largely upon the advice of the Grand Secretary Bro. King, which has always been given so freely and cheerfully, and I have formed such a friendship for him

as I believe death only will rend asunder. He is so affable, free, easy to reach, and brim full of information regarding the various questions that necessarily arise in an Order so extensive as ours.

I trust that the deliberations of the Grand Lodge in session now assembled will be progressive in their character and have a tendency to more firmly establish the Order in the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Fraternally yours,

Jas. McClurg

Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, presented his Annual Report, Financial Statements, and Statistics, which were on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Hamilton, Aug. 8th, 1900

GRAND LODGE ONTARIO, I.O.O.F.,

At the close of another Grand Lodge Year, thanks to our Heavenly Father we are permitted to assemble in this beautiful city of Hamilton to review the work of the past and to consider and adopt such measures as we trust will tend to uplift humanity and to the strengthening of our glorious fraternity. It is with great pride and greater satisfaction that your Grand Secretary is permitted to report that the past year has been one of far more than ordinary prosperity, and whilst the days in their flight have brought sorrow and distress to many homes, into others they have brought sunshine and happiness.

War with its direful results has spread horror on all sides, yet it has brought forth from many of our citizens and not a few Odd Fellows that spirit of loyalty which is characteristic of Canadians everywhere, and has called forth hundreds of our citizens to help in upholding the glory and honor of Britain.

The world knows more, and the Motherland appreciates better than ever before, the value of Canadian loyalty; and the glorious deeds of valor of our Canadian contingents have made the fame of our noble volunteers a household word the wide world over.

There is no doubt that when record of the cruel war in South Africa is finally written up, many instances will be brought to light of the value of membership in our great fraternity. The lessons taught in our lodge room have been so impressed upon the brothers that the cry of distress, wherever heard, has brought forth from the brother Odd Fellow that ready response that distress ever calls for. Doubtless the heart of many an Odd Fellow has oftentimes been cheered on the battlefield by the kindly word and act of his brother when otherwise all would have been dark and drear.

Fire, relentless fire, has brought its devastation to many homes in the Ottawa district. At the same time it has brought out that noble, God-given sympathy which has caused our lodges and members to hasten to the relief of the unfortunate, lodges and members promptly hastening to the relief of distress at the first call. The

liberal responses made to the appeal of the Grand Lodge for help for our distressed Ottawa brethren add a fresh lustre to the grand work Odd Fellowship is doing in fair Canada.

Death has also played its part and many homes are sad thereby, but in every instance the ready relief and kindly spoken words of comfort and consolation has satisfied everyone that there is still a "Balm in Gilead" and that Odd Fellowship is nobly performing its duty, pouring that balm into wounded hearts. May the good work of pure Odd Fellowship go on, and not rest until the most remote parts of our fair Province, aye, of our whole Dominion, can boast of having its lodge, its band of brothers, carrying out the noble work of fraternity and humanity.

Since we met in this hospitable city five years ago, the Order in Ontario has grown steadily in membership and in financial strength; the record of the past year being one of the best for a number of years. In 1895 we had 262 lodges with 21,685 members; to-day we have 282 lodges with 24,299 members—rapidly approaching the goal we have been aiming for—25,000,—an increase of membership of 665 for the past 6 months or over 1,000 for the year ending June 3rd, 1900.

The several lodges have also prospered financially in a fair ratio with the numerical increase. While we cannot boast of adding many new lodges to our roster, we have not lost any, and there has been a general activity throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The underlying principles as taught in our lodge rooms are having their desired effect and are gradually moulding the lives of our brothers to higher standards, thus giving abundant cause for us to believe that Odd Fellowship is a great factor in everything that pertains to the prosperity of the country as well as to the elevation of human character, and gives abundant cause to hope for increased prosperity during the years to come. To the success of the past year the city of Hamilton has contributed its full share, and those brothers who have been guiding the destiny of the Order in this grand city are to be congratulated on the success that has crowned their labors and rewarded their faithfulness, Unity Lodge, No. 47, being the banner lodge in membership, having over 400 members, with Crescent, No. 104, following closely in its wake.

The several duties imposed by routine or by special resolutions have been attended to.

Clause 1.—As promptly as possible after the close of the last session the Journal of Proceedings of 1899 were compiled and

printed, and issued to the several lodges as directed by resolution. The work was done by the Bryant Press Printing and Publishing Co. to the entire satisfaction of the committee having the work in charge.

Clause 2.—Arrangements have again been made with the several railroads and the Ontario Navigation Company for reduced rates to representatives and ladies. The several railroads give the round trip for a single fare, provided that 300 or more full single fare tickets are issued The thanks of the Order for this liberal courtesy will doubtless be voiced in a suitable resolution.

Clause 3.—A number of new By-laws of lodges and of amendments to old By-laws have been received during the year, and in each case where they have been sent in, duplicate certified, as required by the laws governing amendments, they have been at once sent to the chairman of the Committee on Laws, and on their return promptly transmitted to the lodges certified as required by law.

Clause 4.—A bound copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Vol. XVIII, being the proceedings of 1897-1898, has been duly received from Bro. J. Frank Grant, Grand Secretary, and has been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

Under recent Legislation by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the number of copies of the Journal of Proceedings of that body which has been sent to Ontario has been so limited that a copy could not be sent to each District Deputy, as has been our wont. Nor could any copies be sent to the Rebekah Assembly, save, it may be, to the principal officers. We received 298 copies That number gave us but one copy for each subordinate lodge and Grand Officer. It is important that the District Deputies should have a copy of the S. G. L. Proceedings if we are to expect them to keep in close touch with all the work of the Order and its newest legislation, and, thus enabled, act intelligently on all matters that may come before them.

As we have 282 lodges, 53 District Deputies and the Rebekah Assembly, I am of the opinion that the Grand Lodge should ask for 350 copies at least. The expense of sending them out from this office would be more than justified by the benefit of all interested parties having a copy of so valuable a book.

Clause 5.—The reports of the special committees on constitutions and on the reduction of Grand Lodge expenses were printed and a copy sent out to each lodge as promptly as possible after receipt of the copy from the chairman of the committee. These re-

ports have been stitched in with the officers' reports and will thus be more convenient for use when they come before the Grand Lodge for consideration.

Clause 6.—The badge, ordered by the Grand Lodge to be worn by officers and representatives in lieu of other regalia, has been provided.

Clause 7.—The annual report to the Department of Insurance, as required under the Insurance Act, was duly made and the certificate of registration under that Act has been received and is now in the Grand Lodge offices.

Clause 8.—While general prosperity has attended most of the lodge throughout the year, there are a few lodges that are weak and should receive all possible attention if they are to be continued in the work. Equity Lodge No. 232, of Hagersville, and Howick, 192, of Gorrie, are two which could be helped very much; their membership is very small and it is questionable if they are holding meetings as provided by the law.

Clause 9.—A copy of the Souvenir Number issued by the Grand Lodge of California, entitled, "Fifty Years of Odd Fellowship in California," has been received from the Grand Secretary, Bro. George T. Shaw. The book is certainly a credit to the committee under whose auspices it was gotten up, and is an invaluable history of the Order in the Golden State.

However, it does seem a pity that the beauty of so valuable a record should be spoiled by having "an ad." in every possible spot. It makes the elegant book appear more of a money-making scheme than a record of the fifty years' work of a grand society, and it can, without a question, be said that in no state under the jurisdiction of Odd Fellowship have the principles of the Order been more nobly exemplified than in the State of California.

The book is replete with the biographies of its members, portraits of its leading members and elegant buildings. On the title page, the motto of the Order has been, if possible, a trifle improved. It says, "To visit the sick, bury the dead, educate the orphan, and provide homes for the aged of both sexes is our mission."

The book has been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

Clause 10.—It is to be regretted that the official certificate has not been in as great a demand as it should be. These receipts or certificates are the greatest boon that has ever been given to the Order and no lodge should use any other. We boast of our loyality! Let us be loyal in all things.

In regard to this valuable certificate—a veritable boon to the membership—it would seem that the officers of many lodges have not taken the pains to post themselves on the legislation enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, whereby the value of the official receipt was greatly enhanced by virtually doing away with the necessity of the holder of one being required to have an order for the A.T.P.W. or T.P.W. Every N.G. should make himself acquainted with the laws governing the body if he would be a successful officer.

The legislation referred to reads: —

Resolved, That the possession of a visiting card, the date of which extends to a date later than when the same is presented, or an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed and sealed, be, and the same is hereby declared, sufficient, proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch or Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the annual traveling password, or the annual password of the Rebekah Degree (as the case may be), and if the holder of a visiting card or official certificate, as above mentioned, is a member of a lodge, encampment, or Rebekah Lodge in the same jurisdiction as the lodge encampment or Rebekah Lodge to which the said visiting card or official certificate is presented, then and in that event the Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch or Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge is authorized to communicate to the holder of said visiting card or official certificate the semi-annual password or checkword (as the case may require).

Resolved, That all laws in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.—S.G.L. Journal, 1899, pp. 344-374.

Condensed, it would say, "The holder of a visiting certificate in date—or dues paid in advance—does not require any order for P.W. to enable him to visit any lodge, anywhere."

Clause 11.—It is gratifying to report that the ceremony of decorating the graves of deceased members is being more generally adopted each year. In June last the lodges in the city of Toronto, for the first time, decorated the graves of their deceased brothers in the several cemeteries of the city. The service brought out a large number of interested members and was conducted with all the solemnity due to the occasion. It is to be hoped that this beautiful ceremony will be observed by every lodge in the jurisdiction which has a member lying in the city of the silent dead.

Clause 12.—It is very gratifying to report that the Independent Odd Fellow has been supplied to every lodge as directed by the Grand Lodge at its last session. Brother Johnston has kept up his reputation for giving the brethren a live, newsy paper, and should be encouraged in his effort to advance the interests of the Order by every Odd Fellow in the province. A society newspaper, to be as interest-

ing as it can be, should have the sympathy and support of every member of the Order. There are hundreds of brothers who can, if they would, supply an item of interest for each issue of the paper, as well as become a subscriber to it Were this interest taken by our members there would be no questi n as to the success of the paper and of its lasting benefit to the Order.

Clause 13.—The following letter from a worthy Past Grand member of this Grand Lodge is worthy of careful consideration.

If it were adopted no little saving would result to our lodges, and the funds of many lodges would be much better safe-guarded than they are at present. The suggestion is a good one, and though the Grand Lodge has repeatedly advised that only Company guarantee bonds be taken by lodges, yet no effort has been made to arrange with some reliable company to guarantee all of our lodges. Bro. W. H. Read, Past Grand Secretary, of Union Lodge, No 16, St. Catharines has also written as follows ....."I am of the opinion that the Grand Lod e of Ontario should endeavor to make arrangements with some rel able guarantee company for bonds that may be requ red for officers, and thus a great saving and greater security would result to the Order. These letters are now laid be-for you."....

J. B. KING, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary I.O.O.F., Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—

I wish to draw your attention to the matter of the rate of premium of guarantee bonds of officers of lodges in the I.O.O.F. This lodge has for some time been obtaining bonds from The London Guarantee and Accident Co., paying therefore 1 per cent. premium.

I am Recorder of the A.O.U.W. lodge here, and through that medium learn that owing to the Company receiving all of that Society's business, the rate charged is only ½ of 1 per cent.

It appears to me that a very material saving would be made to the individual lodges of the I.O.O.F. if a similar arrangement could be made, and I think this is a matter that you could take up, and possibly arrange for without formal notice to the Grand Lodge. It is simply an ordinary business money-saving transaction that the Grand Lodge officers might do well to arrange.

Yours fraternally,
C. P. STOCKING, Secretary.

Clause 14.—When the tocsin of war was sounded and it became our Empire's duty to settle the disturbances in South Africa by the arbitrament of the sword, every British colony rose to the necessities of the occasion and volunteered to assist Queen and Empire in their effort to retain equal rights and justice for everyone in that far-off land.

Our loved Canada was neither last nor least in asking that her sons and h r other resources be accepted as a pledge of loyalty to aid the Motherland in her determination to defend and maintain the right, and the record of the glory which has covered Canada's sons on the field of battle and in the hospital service, is a theme with which the heart of every Canadian, yes, every British subject, may swell with pride and gratification.

Amongst those Canadians who have been in active service in South Africa, the following are members of our Order in Ontario; a request was made to each lodge to send in the names of any members they had who had gone out for active service. This list is the result and it may well be called the Honor Roll of patriotic Odd Fellows. If it is not complete, any additional names may be added, if sent in promptly.

The only Odd Fellow killed in battle so far as your Grand Secretary has learned is Bro. W. S. Brady, P.G., of Earnscliffe Lodge No. 283, of Ottawa, whose portrait is presented herewith, and who was killed in battle at Paardeberg on February 27th, 1900, and for whose death not only Odd Fellows but the whole Dominion mourns.

That the fatality amongst our members has been so slight is a great cause for gratitude to Almighty God for His loving watch and care over those who have been exposed to so many dangers.

So far as I have been informed, the following Brothers are serving Queen and country in South Africa:

Geo. F. Robinson, Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville, C. Battery, 2nd Contingent.
Adam Armstrong, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston.
Col. W. D. Gordon, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston.
W. J. Robertson, Unity Lodge, No. 47, Hamilton. 1st Contingent.
John C. Gare, Empire Lodge, No. 87, St. Catharines. Field Artillery.
Ed. H. Tripp, Concord Lodge, No. 142, Kingsville.
J.F. Macdonald, Emerald Lodge, No. 173, Dunville. Strathcona Horse.
W. M. Anderson, Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr.
Major S.M. Rogers, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa. 1st Contingent.
A. F. Landels, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa. 1st Contingent.
——Morrison, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa. 1st Contingent.
John Smith, Thamesford Lodge, No. 258, Thamesford.
Major W. G. Hindman, Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa. Field Battery.
E. S. Bott, Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa. 2nd Contingent.
Geo. H. Burritt, Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa. Strathcona Horse
R. J. Elliott, Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa. Strathcona Horse.
W. S. Brady, P.G., Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Ottawa. Killed in battle at Paardeberg, February 27th, 1900.
Jos. Gillespie, Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Ottawa.

D. Turnbull, Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Ottawa.
W. D. Leach, Millbrook Lodge, No. 308, Millbrook. With D. Battery Artillery.
Wm. Burton, Athena Lodge, No. 306, Harrowsmith. With second Contingent.

BRO. W. S. BRADY, P.G.

"Soldier, rest thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking,
Dream of battlefields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking."—*Journal, 421.*

Clause 15.—Soon after the return of our Bro. George Varey, P.G., of Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford, to his home in Montreal, after visiting this Grand Lodge at its session in Toronto last year, that good brother sent to and asked the acceptance by the Grand Lodge of a complete year (12 numbers) of the *Covenant* Official Magazine, G.L., U.S., fo· 1842. This publication was a credit to the Order and to its publishers at that early date in our history, and its make up and typography would do credit to any jurisdiction at the present date.

I thanked Bro. Varey for the kindness which prompted the gift, and under direction of the Committee on General Purposes have had the volume neatly bound and placed in the library of the Grand Lodge.

The volume contains very much valuable information as well as matters of interest to Odd Fellows in general, as to the working of the Order in its early days.

Clause 16.—In February of this year the following circular was received from Bro. J Frank Grant, Grand Secretary, giving the design and particulars of an elegant jewel for District Deputy Grand Masters, which had been provided under direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The restriction placed on these jewels that only a District Deputy Grand Master was entitled to wear it, together with its price, prevented the circular being sent out to our District Deputies this year. A letter since received from Bro. Grant indicates that possibly some slight change will be made in the jewel at the coming session of the Soverign Grand Lodge, so that it may be worn by a Past District Deputy. It will then undoubtedly be in demand and will be worn with pride and satisfaction as an evidence of the distinction and honor the wearer has attained amongst his brethren. This jewel, as well the veteran jewel, should be an *open sesame* to any lodge without the owner having to wear any other regalia.

It is to be hoped that the great spread of "Patent right" will be kept off the reverse side of this beautiful jewel, so that the effect of any desired engraving of presentation may not be entirely marred.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I.O.O.F.
Office of the Grand Secretary,
Baltimore, Md., U.S.A., February 10th, 1900.

To Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries.

Greeting:—Under instructions from the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Journal of 1899, pp. 381-397), the Committee on Printing Supplies have prepared a jewel for District Deputy Grand Masters, of which the accompaning cut is a good illustration. This jewel is made of sterling silver with red, white and blue enamel (the colors of the subordinate lodge), as shown in the cut. It is so constructed that it may be worn as a pin, or as a pendant attached to the coat by a piece of ribbon. It is finely finished, very durable and is one of the handsomest jewels peculiar to our Order.

The price has been fixed by the Committee on Printing Supplies at Five Dollars each, and they will be furnished as desired upon the order of Grand Secretaries only. No one is entitled to wear this jewel except a District Deputy Grand Master.

The jewels are now ready and orders will be promptly filled.

Fraternally yours,
J. FRANK GRANT,
Grand Secretary

Clause 17.—A copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Royal City District, No. 17, held at Fergus, has been received, and a perusal shows that many questions of interest to the Order were discussed at the meeting, more particularly those matters which will be brought before the Grand Lodge at its present session. If other districts were to take the active interest that has for years been taken by District No. 17, there would not be heard any of the complaints now unfortunately often heard, "There is no work for the district to do." There is plenty of work to do in every district, and that in the noblest cause that can possibly affect our great humanity. Every hour spent in perfecting this great Order is time nobly spent.

Clause 18.—The day after the great fire at Ottawa and Hull, under instructions from the Grand Master I visited the Capital, and ascertained the extent of the fire and in how far it affected the members of our Order residing in the burned district After reporting to the Grand Master and after that officer had received permission from several sister jurisdictions to ask for aid to help relieve the great distress the fire had caused, circulars were issued, appealing to the lodges in Quebec, Michigan, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Manitoba, Lower Provinces B.N.A.

In response to these appeals the sum of $5,704.24 has been received, and as received has been promptly sent to the fire relief Committee at Ottawa. Of this sum $505 were sent direct to Ottawa In lieu of permission to appeal to the lodges in Illinois. the Grand Master of that State sent a contribution from the Grand Lodge of one hundred dollars.

A complete list of all contributing lodges in Ontario and lodges in our sister jurisdictions is herewith presented, and in order that the generous and liberal-hearted Brothers of the contributing jurisdictions may have due recognition, I would advise that the complete list of lodges in the several jurisdictions which so kindly and so timely came to the aid of our unfortunate brothers, with the amounts sent by them, be printed in detail in the Journal of Proceedings for this year.

No words are adequate to express in full the value of the great heart of sympathy that flows through the large amount of correspondence that has been received from lodges and individuals, with their contributions. Thanks to a kind and all-wise Providence this is the first great calamity which has befallen our fair Province, which has made necessary an appeal to the fraternity, and most loyally and lovingly has the appeal been responded to. Odd Fellowship in Canada, yes, the continent over, has reared to itself a noble and lasting monument more endurable than granite, one which has

again proven to the world, that the command, made a part of the foundation on which Odd Fellowship has been builded, "We command you to relieve the distressed"..... are talismanic words, and when the appeal goes forth, the response is prompt and the relief generous.

The amount received, though liberal, will not place any of the brothers in affluence, which some of the enquiries made would indicate was feared in some localities. There were 66 brothers who lost their all; all but some six of them had families varying form two to eight children—taking a fair average of five to a family, 330 souls.

The expenses attending the administration of this relief fund, $105.92, have been charged against it. It is for the Grand Lodge to say if that course is approved, or if the amount should be charged to the Grand Lodge expense account.

The sum of $5,199.24, as received by your Grand Secretary direct, was made up as follows:—

Ontario	$ 1,947.45
Michigan	802.95
Lower Provinces	416.00
Quebec	267.25
Manitoba	643.30
Maine	600.00
New Hampshire	364.29
Vermont	58.00
Illinois	100.00
	$5,199.24

To this sum will be added the several amounts secured since closing the Grand Lodge books, viz.:—Lower Provinces, $15.00; Manitoba, $50.00; Vermont, $5.00; Maine, $46.50=$116.50; making the total of $5,315.74.

Clause 19.—The following letter was received from Mrs. E. A. Parkhouse, of London, and its receipt promptly acknowledged:—

J. B. KING, ESQ., December 26th, 1899.
Grand Sec'y I.O.O.F., Toronto.

Dear Sir:—I called on Mr. R. K. Cowan, solicitor for Dominion Lodge, No. 48, I.O.O.F., of this city, in regard to my husband's benefit from said lodge, and he told me I had better write to you about it. You no doubt remember the trouble between my husband and Dominion Lodge and how the lawsuit went against him. We did not know it had gone to Appeal until after it was entered. We did not wish it taken

there. The costs, Mr. Cowan claims, amount to three hundred and six dollars—two hundred for himself and balance for other things. Mr. Parkhouse has not received any benefits from Dominion Lodge for two years, and we saw in a paper report that the Grand Lodge had given Dominion Lodge half the expenses of the lawsuit, also one hundred dollars. I went to Mr. Cowan to enquire if the lodge would not see fit to pay my husband's benefit now. The dispute as to what the Grand Lodge gave to Dominion Lodge is nothing to us now. Mr. King, will you please decide the question. You have the minutes of the Grand Lodge on the matter. We have not received any communication from Dominion Lodge, nor receipt for dues, since the lawsuit. I am writing this in behalf of my husband, as Mr. Cowan requested me to do so.

I remain, yours truly,

E. A. PARKHOUSE,
96 Cartwright St., London, Ont.

Clause 20.—The relation of dues to benefits has not been given the same attention by lodges during the past year as it has had during the previous year or two; but the question is a live one nevertheless, and possibly, when too late, some of our excellent lodges will awake to the fact that the law of average as regards age, sickness and death is an inexorable law. The record of the past 25 years, as given in the accompanying table, proves beyond a question the fact that as lodges and their members grow older, just so does the rate of sickness increase. In 1875, with 10,188 members, there were 3,566 weeks' sickness, or a trifle over 2¼ days per member. In 1899, with 23,590 members, there were 19,319 weeks' sickness, a trifle over 5½ days' sickness per member, the average having steadily increased each year.

This statement, verified by the returns of the several lodges, should justify every member to give careful heed to this question of the relation of dues to benefits.

The experience of the Grand Lodge of Ohio as regards the steady increase in the average sickness per member as shown in the table continued by our esteemed Bro. C. H. Lyman, Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, is very similar to that of Ontario, and not until jurisdiction after jurisdiction takes up this vital question and gives its members an insight into the stern fate which awaits them, will the lodges awake to the necessity of more careful legislation in this all important matter.

The record of increasing sickness in the lodges of Ontario for the past twenty-five years, 1875 to 1899, are as plain as facts and figures can make them. A steady and not by any means slow yearly increase is shown, and even though the truth in this matter may not be an agreeable one to every brother, yet the figures contain in themselves a warning that should be heeded by every lodge, and unless

they do it needs no prophetic vision to forecast the disaster that, sooner or later, must inevitably come. Fortunate it will be for those lodges which have trimmed their sails for the coming breeze.

AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP AND SICKNESS FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER.

YEAR.	Membership	Weeks' Sickness	GENERAL AVERAGE PER MEMBER.			
			Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds
1875	10,188	3 566	2	8	26	51
1876	11.322	4,938¼	3	1	15	60
1877	12,172	4,430¾	2	13	8	53
1878	12,332	4.267	2	10	7	47
1879	12,442	5,024	2	19	50	14
1880	12,168	5,009⅝	2	21	14	45
1881	12,776	5.316	2	21	54	12
1882	13,861½	2.755⅝	1	9	24	00
1883	14,173	6,682¾	3	7	12	48
1884	14,330	7,202¾	3	12	26	13
1885	14,591	7.754	3	17	16	42
1886	14,847	7,896¾	3	17	21	10
1887	15.353	8,624	3	21	22	4
1888	16 060	10,231⅛	4	11	1	5
1889	16,940	10,261¼	4	5	45	44
1890	17,707	12,539¾	4	22	58	21
1891	18,390	11,842¼	4	12	12	57
1892	19,452	14,946¾	5	1	19	30
1893	20,558	14,695	5	00	5	11
1894	21,685	14,558⅝	4	16	32	1
1895	22,178	14,600	4	14	35	45
1896	22,669	16,052	4	22	57	41
1897	22,742	17,570⅛	5	8	44	28
1898	23,052	17,642¾	5	8	34	32
1899	23.590	19.319	5	13	20	43

Clause 21.—It is certainly a matter for congratulation that the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session enacted the legislation asked for by the Grand Lodge of Ontario in the interests of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, whereby that excellent organization has been strengthened and its usefulness greatly increased.

That the Odd Fellows' Relief Association has been of great benefit to the Order in Ontario cannot well be gainsaid, and when any department of the work is successful it adds of its success to every other department, and it is thus that, all its branches working hand in hand, the Order has had so successful a year. The Grand Lodge Advisory Committee of this association will doubtless present an exhaustive report of its good work during the past year, giving

particular mention of the very important legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I do not think that this association can be too greatly encouraged by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 22.—The total expenditure of the Order in Ontario in all its departments, for Sick Benefits, Relief of Widows and Orphans, Funeral Benefits, Death Indemnity, and Special Relief since 1856, and including the year ending 31st December, 1899—forty-three years—aggregates the magnificent sum of $————, and adding the expenditures for relief for the past term would swell the amount past the two and a quarter million mark, a vast sum spent in this province alone by our Order in works of relief, benevolence and humanity. A portion of the money has been paid out by the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, but nearly all in Canada, and that association being an Ontario institution, we feel an honest pride in its success and in referring to its ever-increasing usefulness; and the hands of Odd Fellows are also open when worthy general or public appeals for charity or benevolence make their claims known. This grand result is made up as follows:—

Paid by Subordinate Lodges, Sick Benefits, Relief, etc	$1,395,785.05
Paid by Subordinate Encampments	55,407.00
Odd Fellows' Relief Association, Death Claims paid	829,437.00
Odd Fellows' Relief Association, Disability Claims	15,400.00
Mutual Aid Association, London, Death Claims paid	1,261.90
Funeral Aid Association, Lincoln and Welland, Death Claims paid	6,265.00
	$2,303,555.95

Clause 23. — During the year there have been 106 Veteran Jewels issued under the regulations governing their issue. Of these 93 have been the ordinary plated jewels, and 13 8-karat gold.

The suggestion of your Grand Secretary, approved by the Grand Lodge, re making the words "Patented, etc.," on the back of the elegant Veteran Jewels smaller, less objectionable, and at the same time leave more room for an inscription of presentation which nearly every recipient so much desires, was not laid before the Sovereign Lodge. I would therefore submit the following resolution and ask that, if approved, it be made an instruction to the representatives from Ontario to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to endeavor to have it adopted, viz.,

Resolved: "That the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to reduce to the smallest size consistent with the patent laws the words on the back of the elegant Veteran Jewels, thus giving a better opportunity for such engraving as may be desired without the effect being destroyed as it is by the present unseemly large space occupied by the patent mark."

Your Grand Secretary is under the impression that there is no jewel worn by an Odd Fellow in Ontario which is such a source of pride and gratification as the Veteran Jewel, especially when that jewel is presented by the lodge to a brother who, by his active services to the lodge, has earned it. When the Sovereign Grand Lodge in its wisdom shall make this jewel a sufficient "Regalia" to be worn by its owner at all and every meeting of our Order, then its value will be still more greatly enhanced, and one of the objects at least of its issue—an inducement for members to retain their membership and be privileged to wear this Veteran Jewel—be attained.

VETERAN JEWELS.

352	Bro. M. Mowry	Otonabee Lodge		13	Peterborough.
353	" Alex. Brodie	Aurora	"	148	Aurora.
354	" Chas. A. Frink	Sarnia	"	126	Sarnia.
355 and 356 reported last year. See Foot Note.					
357 * "	Finlay S. Scot.t	Western Star Lodge		149	Brussels.
358 * "	G. B. Joy	Napanee	"	86	Napanee.
359 * "	John McIntyre	Fergus	"	73	Fergus.
360 "	John S. Moore	Amity	"	80	Prescott.
361 "	Albert Pay, P.G	Empire	"	87	St. Catharines.
362 "	L. H. Pease, P.G	The Toronto	"	71	Toronto.
363 "	Wm. Hinchcliffe	Peterborough	"	111	Peterborough.
364 "	Geo. Henry Johnston	"	"	111	"
365 "	A. J. Johnston, P.G	"	"	111	"
366 "	D. H. Moore, P.G	"	"	111	"
367 "	John Sawers	"	"	111	"
368 "	John Brownlee	"	"	111	"
369 "	A. McFarlane	"	"	111	"
370 "	Jas. McKellar	"	"	111	"
371 "	Edward Flander	Gananoque	"	114	Gananoque.
372 "	Smith Hamill	Aurora	"	114	"
373 "	John Rouse	Queen City	"	148	Aurora.
374 "	James Robertson, P.G.	"	"	56	Toronto.
375 "	Alex. Manier	"	"	56	"
376 "	Wm. Jessop	"	"	56	"
377 "	John Morris, P.G	"	"	56	"
378 "	John Ball, P G	"	"	56	"
379 "	John Callendar	Clinton	"	56	"
380 "	Rich. Millward	Valley City	"	83	Clinton.
381 "	Wm. Minton	"	"	117	Dundas.
382 "	John Brandon	Ancaster	"	117	"
383 "	George D. Oakley	Queen City	"	138	Ancaster.
				56	Toronto.

384		Bro. W. H. Way	Prospect	Lodge	314	Toronto.
385	*	John Thomson	Fergus	"	73	Fergus.
386	*	Joseph Oliver, P.G.M.	Queen City	"	56	Toronto.
387	*	J. O. Donogh, P.G.M.	"	"	56	"
388	*	George Sleeman	Progress	"	158	Guelph.
389		John S. Bond	Prospect	"	314	Toronto.
390		James Moore	Western City	"	93	Chatham
391		Thos. H. Werns	Kingston	"	59	Kingston.
392		Jeremiah G. Bastow	"	"	59	"
393		Wm. Reynolds	"	"	59	"
394		Jas. E. Dillon, P.G.	"	"	59	"
395		Byron H. Carnovsky	"	"	59	"
396		Adam Bell	Laurel	"	110	Toronto.
397		Joseph Collett	"	"	110	"
398		Chas. Collett	"	"	110	"
399		Alfred Simpson	"	"	110	"
400		Thos. Steel	Rond Eau	"	40	Blenheim.
401		A. L. Bisnett	"	"	40	"
402		Mathew Steele	"	"	40	"
403		Robert Percival	Brock	"	9	Brockville
404		Jas. Nicholson	"	"	9	"
405		Wm. Wood	"	"	9	"
406		George Nicholson	"	"	9	"
407		Wm. Stein	"	"	9	"
408		Wm. E. Myers	Excelsior	"	44	Hamilton.
409		S. W. Robins, P.G.	"	"	44	"
410		James Burton, P.G.	"	"	44	"
411		Thos. Rodway	Hope	"	69	Harriettsville.
412		Wm. Fitzpatrick	"	"	69	"
413		Aug. D. Ellis, P.G.	Simcoe	"	161	Simcoe.
414	*	Jas. W. Tutt, P.G.	Harmony	"	115	Brantford.
415	*	B.F.Richardson, P.G.	Victoria	"	64	Hamilton.
416	*	Walter Hunter	Sydenham Valley	"	120	Wallaceburg.
417	*	W. H. Shaw	Lily	"	211	Dorchester.
418		Wm. Rudd	Dresden	"	124	Dresden.
419		J. M. Graham	"	"	124	"
420		G. B. Rush	"	"	124	"
421		Robert Aiken	"	"	124	"
422		John Turner	"	"	124	"
423		Redford Kimmerly	"	"	124	"
424		William Virgo	"	"	124	"
425		Allen McDonald	"	"	124	"
426		L. M. Lent	"	"	124	"
427		Joshua Wright	"	"	124	"
428		Bryan Holmes	"	"	124	"
429		Daniel A. Dell	Simcoe	"	161	Simcoe.
430		R. Spong	Cataract	"	103	Niagara Falls S.
431		H. G. A. Cook	"	"	103	"
432		E. J. Wilkins	Waterloo	"	107	Galt.
433		H. B Adams, P.G.	Harmony	"	115	Brantford.
434		Ewen Cameron, P.G.	"	"	115	"
435		Henry J. Cole	"	"	115	"
436		Benjamin Jackson	"	"	115	"
437		Stephen Tomlinson	"	"	115	"
438		J. R. Vanfleet, P.G.	"	"	115	"
439		Wm. Earon	"	"	115	"

440	Bro.	Will J. Vale, P.G.	Oak Leaf	Lodge	159	Hamilton.
441	"	Joseph Greenfield	"	"	159	"
442	"	James C. Taylor	"	"	159	"
443	"	Wm. Nash	"	"	159	"
444	"	W. J. Whitlock	Walkerton	"	159	"
445	"	Daniel King	Mt. Zion	"	84	Walkerton.
446	"	Willoughby Cowper	Valley City	"	46	Newbury.
447	"	George Coote	"	"	117	Dundas.
448	"	T. S. Hodges	Sydenham Valley	"	117	"
449	"	John A. Burgess	"	"	120	Wallaceburg.
450	"	John Howard	"	"	120	"
451	"	Wm. Howard	"	"	120	"
452	"	Geo. Mitchell, P.G.	"	"	120	"
453	"	Jas. Hendershott	"	"	120	"
454	"	John F. Jewell	Forest City	"	120	"
455	"	John Myers	Canada	"	38	London.
456	"	Wm. H. Goodwin	Cataraqui	"	49	Toronto.
457	"	Isaac Wilkinson	Maple Leaf	"	10	Kingston.
473 *	"	James Marshall	Ridgely	"	57	Orangeville.
474 *	"	J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M.,	Covenant	"	250	Oil Springs.
					52	Toronto.

Numbers 352, 353, 354 were inadvertantly omitted from last report.
Numbers 352, 353 in last report should have been 355, 356.
Numbers * 357, 358, 359, 385, 386, 387, 388, 414, 415, 416, 417, 473, 474, were each 8k gold jewels.

Clause 24.—The Annual Statistical Report of the Rebekah Assembly on year ending 31st December, 1899, as well as the summary of the work of the Rebekah branch of the Order for the past half year, given herewith, shows that the work of that noble auxiliary of the Order is flourishing. Owing to the delay in sending in returns by the Rebekah Lodges, the Secretary, Sister Maggie Waddell, could not send in time for this report that complete record she desired to. Sister Waddell deserves every possible credit for being an earnest worker, devoted to the cause she has so long served.

SUMMARY FROM RETURNS.

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total
Initiated during terms ending June 30th, 1900	144	266	410
Died	5	9	14
Ceased	88	107	287
Membership, June 30th, 1900	1228	1842	3070
Net Gain	51	116	201

Paid for Relief of Members	$142 00
Paid to Grand Treasurer McCormack on Account of Home Fund	135 21
Relief paid out	98 73

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

LODGES.

No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1898		278
Instituted during the year 1899		3
Resuscitated during 1899		
No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1899		281

MEMBERSHIP.

Initiated	1,643	
Reinstated	124	
Admitted by Card	109	
		1,876
Suspended for cause	3	
" N. P. D.	925	
Withdrawn	222	
Expelled	4	
Died	184	
		1,338
Net Increase		538
Membership 31st December, 1898		23,052
Membership 31st December, 1899		23,590

Average Membership per Lodge, 83.95.

RELIEF FOR YEAR 1899.

Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits	3,662	
Amount paid Sick Benefits		$56,854 53
" Surgeons' Fees		6,560 80
" Nursing Sick Brothers		1,591 10
" Relief of Widows		13,369 10
" Burying Deceased Brothers		8,188 89
" Special Relief and Charity		3,724 43
" Burying Brothers' Wives		381 00
Total		$90,669 85

An average of $245.12 for each day of 1899.

Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits	3,662	
Being one in each 6.44 of the entire membership.		
Number of Weeks' Sickness	193,183	
Amount paid for Sick Benefits		$56,854 53
Average amount received by each Sick Brother		15 52
Average cost per Member for Sick Benefits		2 40

Average duration of Sickness....5 weeks, 1 day, 22 hours, 15 minutes, 46 seconds.

Average duration of Sickness if spread over the entire membership....5 days, 17 hours, 44 minutes, 56 seconds.

Amount paid Surgeons' Fees and Nurses		8,151 90
Average cost per Member		34

Amount paid Burying Wives		$ 381 00
Amount paid to Widows and Orphans		13,369 10
Average cost per Member		56
Number of Brothers died	179	
Ratio per 1000	7.765	
Amount paid Funeral Benefits		8,188 89
Average cost per Member		33
Average paid		43 21
Amount paid Special Relief and Charity		2,832 04
Average cost per member		0 12
Total paid Relief and Charity		84,208 49
Total paid Current Expenses		63,406 07
Total Disbursements		$146,686 28
Average cost per Member for Relief and Charity	$ 3 65	
" " Current Expenses	2 71	
Total average cost per Member for all purposes	$ 6 36	
Total Receipts per Member		$10 77
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure per Member		4 41

RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiation, Admission by Card, and Degrees		$ 22,314 44
Average per Member	$0 92	
Dues and Reinstatements		135,728 68
Average per Member	5 69	
Rents and Invested Funds		37,653 10
All other sources		53,929 04
Average per Member	4 16	
Total Averave per Member	$10 77	
Total Receipts		$249,625 26

ASSETS AND HOW INVESTED.

Cash in Bank and in Treasurer's hands		$262,372 50
Invested in Mortgages and Securities		273,116 67
Invested in Buildings, Lands, etc		322,436 62
Invested in Furniture and Regalia		181,366 88
All other Assets		41,484 59
Total Assets		$1,080,777 26
Less due on Buildings and Lands	$65,839 36	
Other Liabilities	15,660 47	
Total Liabilities		81,499 83
Assets over Liabilities		$999,277 43

FUNDS.

General Fund	$918,772 87
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	65,417 92
Contingent Fund	14,724 43
Nurse Fund	362 21
Total Funds	$999,277 43

An average of $42.35 per Member.

The following is an abstract made from the returns of the several lodges for the past term. The increase is keeping up and let us hope the close of the year 1900 will show a still greater increase, even exceeding our coveted 25,000:

ABSTRACT FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE **SIX MONTHS** ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1900.

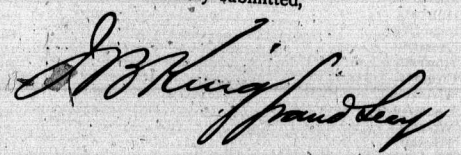
Number of Lodges			282
Membership, 31st Dec., 1899			23468
Initiated during Term ending 30th June, 1900	1105		
Admitted by Card " "	75		
Reinstated " "	97		
		1277	
Suspended for Cause	2		
Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues	442		
Withdrawn by Card	95		
Expelled	2		
Died	81		
		622	
Net increase for six months			655
Membership 30th June, 1899			24123

Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits	1669	
Number of Weeks for which Sick Benefits were paid	9574½	
Amount paid Sick Benefits, Nursing and Surgeons		$31,590 52
Amount paid Funeral Benefits		3,150 15
Special Relief to Widows and Orphans		9,762 43
Total Relief		$72.503 10

In concluding this report your Grand Secretary desires to express his thanks and appreciation to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Jas. McLurg, to the several District Deputies and to the various Secretaries with whom official relations have existed during the year, for the kind acts and courteous consideration he has received. Their courtesies have made what otherwise would have been arduous duties a pleasure.

Trusting that the successes of the past year are a true index of a great oncoming tidal wave of prosperity setting in for our Order, one which will continue to rise higher and higher, until every vestage of evil and selfishness will be submerged in the influences for good which Odd Fellowship exerts, and whose glorious principles are fast encircling the earth.

Fraternally submitted,



STATEMENT "A."

BEING THE AMOUNTS DUE BY LODGES DECEMBER 31ST 1899.

NAME OF LODGE	FOLIO.	AMOUNT.
Otter	50	$ 25
Maple Leaf	57	3 50
Kingston	59	75
North Star	68	1 75
Warriner	75	75
Napanee	86	75
Reliance	89	1 00
St. Clair	106	19 00
Orion	109	11 00
Laurel	110	50
Sydenham Valley	120	25
Saxon	121	1 00
Sarnia	126	2 75
Glencoe	133	25
Cobourg	130	3 50
Aurora	148	4 00
Sycamore	151	75
Romeo	164	2 20
Hillsburg	167	3 25
Cambridge	188	50
Chorazin	190	1 00
Howick	192	25
Cicerone	195	2 50
Alvinston	208	9 00
Georgian Bay	219	75
Woodslee	220	25
Hensall	223	1 00
Merlin	226	1 50
Embo Star	229	1 00
Prince of Wales	230	75
Equity	232	50
Hanover	233	2 25
Stirling	239	1 25
Thornbury	243	3 50
Bracebridge	251	25
Floral	252	25
Meaford	260	1 00
Algoma	267	50
Woodstock	269	25
Fairy	275	25
Arthur	281	1 00
Sudbury	282	75
Tweed	290	50
Minnetonka	292	50
Comber	298	1 00
Bobcaygeon	300	50
Aberdeen	302	50
Fellowship	303	1 00
Valentine	305	10 00
Princeton	307	50
Millbrook	308	25
Harrow	309	50
Mountain	315	1 63
Laurentain	317	75
Webbwood	319	1 00
Saugeen	327	1 25
Prosperity	329	1 00
Maxwell	331	7 00
Atwood	332	1 70
		$ 116 03

STATEMENT "B."

BEING THE AMOUNTS DUE TO LODGES DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

NAME OF LODGE	FOLIO.	AMOUNT.
Gore	34	$ 25
Rond Eau	40	11 00
Huron	62	1 50
Barrie	63	50
Lucan	70	25
Eastern Star	72	1 25
Oxford	77	1 25
Deseronto	102	25
Crescent	104	25
Naomi	116	75
Saxon	121	1 00
Dresden	124	2 00
Bay of Quinté	143	75
Alpha	154	41
Brougham	155	1 25
Listowell	160	1 00
Alliston	171	159 46
Emerald	173	25
Wellington Square	178	25
Owen Sound	180	2 60
Silver Star	202	1 00
Acton	204	1 25
Brucefield	210	25
Freestone	215	25
Waterford	235	25
Farmersville	237	1 25
Carleton	240	1 75
Port Arthur	244	25
Gordon	247	2 25
Ridgely	250	50
Caledonia	253	1 25
Alba	254	75
Grand Valley	256	75
Credit	257	1 00
Gold Hill	261	2 25
Norwood	262	25
Lansdowne	270	25
Lakeview	272	25
Midland	274	2 00
Rockcliffe	278	50
Balmoral	280	1 25
Lyn	284	2 75
Morewood	285	2 50
Ripley	287	25
Pontypool	296	25
Cornucopia	299	3 20
Spirit Rock	312	85
Hespeler	321	1 25
Wheatley	330	25
		$216 80

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND WITH THEIR VALUE, DECEMBER 31ST, 1899

No.	Supplies.	Cost Each.	Total Cost.
7	Floor Work	$ 30	2 10
10	Rituals	2 00	20 00
160	Odes—Cards	03	4 80
45	Odes—Cards with Music	10	4 50
1	Odes—Books with Music	50	50
25	Prayer Cards	03	75
50	Visiting Cards	20	10 00
95	Withdrawal Cards	20	19 00
56	Dismissal Certificates	20	11 20
2	Digests, Sovereign Grand Lodge	2 50	5 00
492	Digests, Ontario	45	221 40
16	Funeral Ceremony	20	3 20
1	Anniversary Ceremony	20	20
1175	Decoration Ceremony	01	11 75
1	Book of Forms	75	75
2000	Propositions for Membership, 12 cents per 100		2 40
81	Reports on Character	30	24 30
9000	Medical Examination Blanks, 35 cents per 100		31 50
2500	Sick Claims	00½	6 25
34	Orders A.T.P.W	50	17 00
60	Orders Term P.W	27	16 20
72	Question Books	27	19 44
7	Treasurer's Receipts	50	3 50
23	Recording Secretary's Books (Packerts)	1 10	25 30
75	Financial " " (Packerts)	90	67 50
43	Member's Receipt Books	85	36 55
139	Official Receipts, Books, per 100	80	111 20
35	Member's Registers	78	27 30
36	Visitor's Registers	75	27 00
58	Ante-Room Registers	1 20	69 60
385	Photogravures P.G.M's	30	115 50
78	Orders on Treasurer	48	37 44
5	Officer's Roll Call	40	2 00
362	Treasurer's Bonds	01½	4 53
165	Trustee Bonds	01½	2 07
2	Minute Books	1 00	2 00
5	Thought Links, S.G.L	10	50
9	Veteran Jewels	3 50	31 50
			$ 995 73

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Supplies.	On Hand 31st Dec., 1898.	Sold during the Year 1899.	Bought during the year 1899.	On Hand 31st Dec., 1899.
Floor Work				
Rituals	18	11	.....	7
Ode Cards	14	20	16	10
Ode Cards with Music	325	165	.....	160
Funeral Hymns	45	.....	.....	45
Prayer Cards	52	52	.....	.....
Visiting Cards	5	7	27	25
Withdrawal Cards	100	150	100	50
Dismissal Certificates	90	245	250	95
Veteran Jewels	54	98	100	56
Degree Charts	29	114	94	9
Digests, Sovereign Grand Lodge	4	4	.....	.....
Digests, Ontario	4	16	14	2
Funeral Ceremony	492	.....	.....	492
Anniversary Ceremony	9	45	52	16
Decoration Ceremony	7	6	.....	1
Book of Forms	1300	125	.....	1175
Propositions Forms	6	17	12	1
Reports on Character	9400	7400	.....	2000
Medical Examination Blanks	88	7	.....	81
Sick Claims for Benefits	3026	4026	10000	9000
Orders A.T.P.W.	3700	1200	.....	2500
Orders Term P.W.	50	16	.....	34
Question Books	79	19	.....	60
Treasurer's Receipts	82	10	.....	72
Member's Receipt Books	27	20	.....	7
Recording Secretary's } Packert's	43	.....	.....	43
Financial " } Packert's	29	6	.....	23
Treasurer's } Packert's	86	11	.....	75
Members' Registers	3	3	.....	.....
Visitors' Register	38	3	.....	35
Officer's Roll Call	37	1	.....	36
Orders on Treasurer	31	26	.....	5
Odes—Books with Music	24	46	100	78
Ante-Room Register	.....	3	4	1
Minute Books	70	12	.....	58
Visiting Certificates (Receipts)	1	17	18	2
Photogravures of P.G.M's	20000	27700	21600	13900
Treasurer's Bonds	385	.....	.....	385
Trustee Bonds	437	75	.....	362
Thought Links	190	25	.....	165
	.....	1	6	5

BALANCE SHEET—GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, I.O.O.F., DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Folio.	Accounts.	Inventory.	Ledger Balances.		Profit and Loss.		Stock Account.		Assets.	Liabilities.
			Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.		
		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
439	Stock			1,826 39				1,826 39		
424	Printing		393 80		393 80					
427	Office Expenses		114 59		114 59					
429	General Expenses		736 27		736 27					
431	Salaries		2,298 47		2,298 47					
440	Grand Master		531 43		531 43					
448	Mileage and Per Diem		250 00		250 00					
449	Postage, Express, Etc		5,013 91		5,013 91					
451	Special Committees		431 74		431 74					
458	Rent		81 65		81 65					
459	Ontario Government		400 00		400 00					
460	Stationery		25 00		25 00					
461	Journal Annual Session		197 05		197 05					
462	Journal 1899		46 00		46 00					
463	Advertising		780 66		780 66					
467	Supplies		196 70		196 70					
437	Capita Tax	995 73	1,095 18		99 45				995 73	
442	Interest			11,532 75		11,532 75				
447	Charters			20 56		20 56				
436	Grand Treasurer			90 00		90 00				
444	Furniture		732 82						732 82	
456	Rebekah Assembly	810 04	810 04						810 04	
443	Funds of Defunct Lodges		19 00						19 00	
446	Special Relief			513 72						513 72
	Statement A			80 90						80 90
	Statement B	116 03		216 82					116 03	
	Orangeville Rebekah Lodge		5 00		5 00					216 82
			14,281 14		35 79			35 79		
	Net Gain				11,643 31	11,643 31				
	Net Capital							1,862 18		
									2,673 62	811 44
	Net Assets									1,862 18
	Net Liabilities									
	Capital									
									2,673 62	2,673 62

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

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

We, your auditors, beg to report that we have made a careful audit of the Books of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer from date of last audit to the 20th July, 1900, and compared the several accompanying statements therewith and found them correct, the balance at the credit of the Grand Treasurer in the Imperial Bank, being seven thousand one hundred and forty-seven 03/100, $7,147 03/100.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PACKERT,
ABNER FRASER, } Auditors.

Toronto, August 1st, 1900.

MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS AND AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1899.

Lodges in Groups of 24.	Number of Members.	Number of Brothers Sick.	Average Age of Sick.	Average Duration of Sickness.	Ratio of Members Sick.	Number of Weeks of Sickness.	Average Sickness per Member.	Sick Benefits.—Nursing and Surgeon.	Cost per Member.	Number of Brothers Died.	Ratio of Members Died.	Average Age at Death.
				Wks. Dys.			Dys. Hrs.				1 in	
9 to 51.....	3735	690	43.33	6 2	1 in 5.41	4,359.5	8 4	12,876.96	3-44	41	91.09	55.82
52 " 76.....	2775	465	44.21	5 2	1 " 5.96	2,506.6	6 7	8,836.78	3.17	21	132.14	49.42
77 " 102.....	2403	408	44.75	5 5	1 " 5.88	2,337.6	6 19	7,419.77	3.08	16	150.18	47.75
103 " 129.....	2766	493	41.09	4 2	1 " 5.60	2,131.4	5 9	8,589.78	3.10	28	98.71	42.82
130 " 156.....	1646	208	45.35	5 4	1 " 7.91	1,180.4	5 0	3,810.89	2.31	13	126.61	43.46
157 " 184.....	1638	270	41.43	4 6	1 " 6.06	1,348.2	5 18	4,526.21	2.76	9	182.00	46.33
186 " 215.....	1477	218	42.78	6 1	1 " 6.77	1,343.6	6 9	4,594.05	3.11	16	92.31	42.56
216 " 242.....	1994	254	39 64	4 0.4	1 " 7.85	1,032	3 14	3,830.67	1.92	13	153.38	41.15
243 " 267.....	1327	184	31.32	5 2	1 " 7.21	980.4	5 4	3,604.20	2.71	9	158.55	43.22
268 " 291.....	1469	177	38.81	3 6	1 " 8.29	702.2	3 8	2,558.37	1.74	6	244.83	42.00
292 " 315.....	1355	197	39.84	3 5	1 " 6.87	747.6	3 20	2,824.35	2.08	6	225.83	41.50
316 " 333.....	1005	98	24.69	4 2	1 " 10.25	430.4	3	1,534.40	1.52	6	167.50	30.33
	21591	3662										

TABLE SHOWING THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE ORDER IN ONTARIO—JULY, 1856, TO DECEMBER 31, 1899.

Year.	No. of Lodges.	Members.	Initiated.	By Card.	Re instated	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Revenue.	Benefits.	Average Lodge Membership
1856	12	605	171	11	....	21	38	20	2	*	$299 00	50.46
1857	15	738	200	12	7	22	58	39	2	*	796 00	49.20
1858	15	738	167	7	16	17	59	67	4	*	467 74	49.20
1859	12	556	196	3	4	23	56	108	6	*	596 00	46.30
1860	13	534	96	4	6	19	72	48	6	*	1338 00	41.00
1861	14	544	105	2	13	14	79	43	4	*	1242 68	31.93
1862	15	500	92	7	3	27	63	29	4	*	803 00	33.37
1863	15	573	82	5	9	15	94	31	6	$3174 60	858 48	38.21
1864	16	512	148	10	5	12	62	....	5	4104 24	1040 20	32.03
1865	14	539	155	7	5	16	65	2	7	4165 41	826 98	38.50
1866	15	647	211	11	8	26	36	3	11	6013 84	1239 00	43.20
1867	14	907	287	24	12	89	49	2	1	8635 23	1382 00	64.80
1868	17	1103	399	29	7	44	35	....	7	9948 27	2148 24	64.88
1869	20	1443	484	40	14	67	113	7	7	13332 59	2547 70	72.15
1870	30	2302	758	91	13	109	147	3	17	18611 56	3990 26	76.73
1871	44	3495	1259	141	24	184	177	7	21	28865 97	4716 53	79.43
1872	66	5079	1864	206	18	294	334	7	25	44974 33	6277 95	76.95
1873	86	6774	2108	223	20	355	412	16	46	58615 37	10822 78	78.76
1874	115	8578	2439	226	46	396	436	19	56	74861 53	12063 37	74.60
1875	141	10188	2369	351	85	448	617	23	52	8999 50	16187 92	72.25
1876	156	11322	2269	266	65	386	980	22	73	98214 07	19403 20	73.28
1877	175	12172	1981	296	276	470	886	30	89	107561 30	22080 84	69.55
1878	180	12332	1776	190	88	339	3316	23	77	106866 19	21287 92	68.51
1879	186	12441	1400	190	203	337	1206	51	79	101723 94	25141 47	66.89
1880	188	12168	1305	97	250	287	1553	23	87	102424 38	26075 76	64.72
1881	192	12776	1783	251	177	318	1038	60	74	113951 81	29719 47	66.54
1882§	192	13088	808	76	276	117	485	16	49	58824 53	16205 67	68.13
1883	202	13861	1084	296	82	370	1089	26	98	141474 28	34488 07	68.61
1884	204	14173	1538	265	239	474	1169	10	84	129375 50	38881 72	69.47
1885	204	14330	1453	132	218	261	1186	23	86	129832 74	41224 56	70.24
1886	208	14501	1305	200	118	234	1076	8	91	126787 60	44072 38	70.15
1887	211	14847	1524	139	140	214	1130	9	94	136536 10	47507 13	70.36
1888	254	15353	1606	140	141	225	1047	7	99	137981 19	52232 68	71.41
1889	218	16060	1799	152	161	264	1021	10	103	150975 91	53878 67	73.66
1890	214	16940	1854	210	159	256	929	8	110	162758 02	62522 04	75.60
1891	222	17707	1950	183	209	289	1136	16	134	166533 52	71374 90	76.31
1892	237	18390	1841	162	156	264	1063	15	123	170454 09	65293 84	77.59
1893	234	19452	2155	144	168	305	918	14	157	181509 48	77344 94	79.72
1894	254	20558	2262	167	153	342	981	7	145	192557 15	75176 75	80.90
1895	262	21685	2256	202	166	296	1050	13	138	202780 47	79555 44	82.73
1896	269	22178	1784	143	190	265	1198	12	149	212970 85	75548 79	82.45
1897	272	22669	1808	187	155	266	1210	10	173	233483 78	82430 75	83.35
1898	274	23042	1424	102	129	289	1254	10	154	220450 25	82618 89	82.28
1899	278	23590	1643	209	124	222	925	7	184	248463 32	84208 49	82.89
	281							7	179	249625 26	90669 85	83.95

*Annual Receipts not given on the Returns.
†Expulsions for cause only; hitherto members were expelled for N.P.D.
‡This is the term ending 31st December, 1881.
§This is for the year ending 31st December, 1882, from which date all yearly statements are afterwards made.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS, ETC., WITH AVERAGES FOR THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1883	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
No of Members.	14847	15354	16066	16940	17707	18390	19452	20558	21685	22178	22669	22742	23046	23590
No. of Members who received Sick Benefits..	1668	1787	1952	2091	2972	2407	3037	3317	3019	2865	3113	3328	3013	3662
Ratio.....	1in8.90	1in8.58	1i 8.23	1 in 8.10	1 in 5.96	1 in 7 64	1 in 6.40	1 in 6.48	1 in 7.18	1 in 7.74	1 in 7.28	1 in 6.83	1 in 7.68	1 in 6 44
Average amount paid each.	$14 27	$17 15	$15 98	$15 22	$13 33	$15 19	$14 53	$16 72	$14 73	$15 40	$16 06	$18 12	$17 20	$15 52
Total No. of weeks' sickness	7896¼	8624	10231⅞	10261⅞	12539¼	11842	14046⅜	14695¼	14558⅝	14600	16052	17510⅜	17642⅜	19318⅜
Av. days' sickness per member...	3.72	3.93	4.45	4.24	4.95	4.50	5.05	5.02	4	4.68	4.95	5.38	5.34	5 75
Average cost per member for sick benefits.....	$1 60½	$1 73	$1 82	$1 88	$2 23	$1 99	$2 26	$2 55	$2 05	$2 00	$2 21	$2 27	$2 25	$2 41
No. of deaths...	94	99	103	110	134	123	157	145	138	149	173	154	179	184
Ratio per 1000..	6.33	6 44	6.41	6 49	7.56	6.68	8.07	7.05	6.367	6.71	7.63	6.74	7.76	7.79
Average funeral benefits paid in each case.	$30 14	$31 20	$30 85	$26 87	$36 22	$42 20	$42 15	$41 00	$24 52	$40 79	$36 22	$43 42	$43 21	$44 50
Average cost per member for Funeral Benefits...	$0 19	$0 20	$0 19⅜	$0 17⅓	$0 28									

Average cost per member for Funeral Benefits...	$0 19	$0 20	$0 19½	$0 17⅞	$0 28	$0 28	$0 34½	$0 28⅝	$0 26½	$0 27½	$0 27⅞	$0 29	$0 33	$0 34											
Av. cost per member for Sick and Funeral Benefits	1 79½	1 93	4 07⅜	2 05⅛	2 50	2 27	2 60½	2 83⅛	2 31¼	2 27½	2 48⅜	2 57	2 58	2 75											
Av. receipt from each member for Dues.....	5 38	5 39	5 49	5 49	5 52	5 57	5 45½	5 47⅜	5 60	5 48	5 57	5 71	5 69	5 75											
Av. receipt per member for Initiations & Degrees	1 72	1 66	2 00	1 78	1 75	1 63	1 68¼	1 69	1 50	1 15	1 16	90	0 92	0 94											
Av. receipt per member from all other sources...	2 09	1 93	2 48	2 33	2 13	1 07	2 19½	2 19⅜	2 25	2 96	3 57	3 31	4 16	3 84											
Av. total receipt per member....	9 19	8 89	9 57	9 60	9 40	9 27	9 33	9 36	9 35	9 59	1 30	9 95	10 77	10 53											
Av. cost per member for current expenses.....	3 59	3 64	4 36	4 37	3 96	4 14	3 13	2 43⅜	3 50	2 82	3 30	2 84	2 71	2 68											
Av. cost per member for Sick and Funeral Benefits and current ex..	5 38	5 57	6 43⅜	6 42⅜	6 46	6 41	5 73½	5 27½	7 16	5 08	5 78⅜	5 41	5 62	5 43											

TABLES SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, AGE, AND AVERAGE AGE OF THE SEVERAL LODGES, IN GROUPS OF TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.
9	128	5012	39.15	52	156	6674	42.78	77	43	1741	40.48	103	54	2150	39.81	130	31	1431	46.16	157	82	3078	37.53
10	320	11422	35.69	53	161	5919	36.76	78	123	5378	43.72	104	308	11784	38.25	131	104	3692	35.50	158	115	4769	41.46
13	131	4465	34.08	54	134	5252	39.11	79	57	2759	48 40	105	32	1405	43 90	132	65	3309	50.90	159	63	2479	39.34
16	162	7742	47.78	55	32	1258	39.31	80	234	9385	40.10	106	71	3364	47 38	133	50	2017	40.34	160	61	2429	39.81
22	107	4052	37.86	56	197	8645	43.88	81	205	6700	32.68	107	281	10181	36.23	134	21	852	40.59	161	65	2501	38.47
24	79	3264	41.31	57	34	1320	38.82	82	82	3018	36.80	108	75	3017	40 22	135	49	2059	42.02	163	88	3272	37.18
29	213	8375	39.31	58	113	4529	40.07	83	62	2281	36.79	109	44	2018	45.86	136	91	3404	37.40	164	179	7042	39.95
30	83	3671	44.20	59	308	12104	39 33	84	123	4586	37.28	110	124	3965	31.97	137	133	3781	28.42	165	38	1680	44.21
32	213	8085	37.96	61	263	10409	39.57	85	44	1802	40.95	111	203	8305	40.91	138	54	2061	38.16	167	23	895	38.91
33	7	395	56.42	62	136	5281	38.83	86	...	.....	.....	112	100	3847	38.47	139	73	2682	36.73	168	28	1164	41.57
34	287	11542	40 21	63	85	4103	48.27	87	112	4519	40.34	113	50	2079	41.58	140	106	3832	36.15	169	24	883	36.78
35	163	6701	41.11	64	60	2336	38.93	88	121	5241	43.31	114	203	8187	40.33	142	81	3070	37.90	170	65	2219	34.53
36	77	3965	50.18	65	115	4676	40.66	89	168	6792	40.42	115	208	7390	35.52	143	128	5231	40.86	171	...	.....	.....
38	80	4354	54.45	66	144	5977	41.50	90	60	2238	36.30	116	49	1464	29 87	144	...	.....	.....	172	162	6028	37.20
40	124	4823	38.95	67	47	1787	38.02	91	99	4765	48.13	117	147	5778	39.30	146	61	2281	37.39	173	78	2736	35.07
41	262	11276	43.01	68	31	1442	46.51	92	79	2524	31.94	119	63	2443	38.77	147	44	1632	37.09	174	105	3880	36 95
44	150	6175	41.16	69	95	3308	34.82	93	94	3620	38 51	120	173	6758	39.06	148	73	3084	41.75	176	12	441	36.75
45	216	9718	44.09	70	17	807	47.47	94	156	6709	43.00	121	47	1812	38 55	149	76	2672	35.15	177	14	446	31.85
46	30	1212	40.40	71	82	2844	34.68	96	43	2120	49.30	122	36	1166	32.38	151	46	1933	42.02	178	47	1814	38.59
47	377	17357	46.03	72	71	3420	47.88	97	103	3922	38.07	124	115	4691	40.79	152	69	2724	39 47	179	101	3993	39.53
48	148	6537	44.17	73	85	3623	42.62	98	61	2302	37.73	125	91	3228	35 47	153	59	2308	39.28	180	76	2941	36.06
49	205	9670	47.17	74	18	907	50.39	100	121	5532	45.71	126	128	4928	35.71	154	109	4606	42.25	182	77	3152	40.93
50	173	6644	38.40	75	...	.....	.....	101	26	1299	49.96	127	128	4511	35 24	155	19	809	42.57	183	...	.....	.....
51	...	.....	.....	76	345	15038	43.58	102	93	3641	39 15	129	20	844	42.20	156	28	928	33.14	184	121	4412	36.46

TABLES SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, AGE, AND AVERAGE AGE OF THE SEVERAL LODGES, IN GROUPS OF TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, 31ST DECEMBER,

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Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.
186	22	775	35.22	216	36	1311	36 42	243	29	1255	43.27	268	28	1019	36.31	292	76	2601	34.21	316	40	1431	35.77
188	41	1689	41.19	217	114	4620	40.12	244	62	2381	38.40	269	118	4587	38.87	293	55	2088	37.96	317	28	908	35.64
189	88	3284	37.31	218	123	4799	39.76	245	58	2060	35.51	270	59	2291	38.83	294	148	5000	33 78	318	44	1416	32.17
190	129	4964	38.48	219	76	3162	41.60	246	....	....	....	271	88	3130	35.56	295	28	972	34.71	319	39	1299	33.30
191	35	1126	32.17	220	47	1574	33.48	247	71	2421	34.09	272	75	2603	34.70	296	63	2209	35.06	320	36	1364	37.88
192	10	424	42.40	221	54	1798	33 29	248	53	2127	40.13	273	34	1212	35.64	297	45	1524	33.86	321	47	1585	33.72
194	162	6379	39.38	223	50	1976	39.52	249	49	1914	39.06	274	26	979	37.65	298	59	2116	35.83	322	164	5446	33.20
195	14	530	37.85	224	170	6197	36.46	250	55	2044	37.16	271	36	1306	36.27	299	52	1849	35.55	323	51	1707	33.47
196	89	3690	41.46	226	49	1553	31.67	251	58	2331	40.18	276	....	....	....	300	40	1535	38.37	324	49	1624	33.14
197	52	1935	37.21	227	55	1742	31.67	252	115	3786	32.92	277	62	2392	38.58	301	35	1145	32.71	325	33	1145	34.69
200	25	1015	10.60	228	166	6160	37.10	253	27	1054	39.03	278	184	6264	34.04	302	19	742	39.05	326	49	1698	34.65
201	97	3301	34.03	229	40	1304	32.60	254	52	1989	38.24	279	75	2680	35.73	303	34	1105	32.50	327	30	920	30.66
202	45	1710	38.00	230	103	3568	34.54	256	25	1000	40.00	280	65	2161	33.24	304	61	2099	34.40	328	42	1306	31.09
203	110	4452	40.47	231	63	2320	36.82	257	25	861	34.44	28.	62	2225	35.88	305	39	1279	32.79	329	17	621	36.52
204	10	474	47.40	232	11	364	33.09	258	117	4124	35.24	282	79	2521	31.91	306	43	1209	28.11	330	47	1007	21.42
205	124	4577	36.91	233	16	556	34.62	259	31	1044	33.67	283	108	4193	38.82	307	49	1667	34.02	331	35	1133	32.39
206	75	2749	36.65	234	39	1209	41.68	260	74	2744	37.08	284	25	852	34.08	308	84	2885	34.34	332	31	1119	36.07
207	29	1149	39.62	235	82	3122	38.07	261	140	4800	35 58	285	62	2115	34.11	309	54	1896	35.11	145	67	2288	34.14
209	34	1258	37.00	236	27	966	35.77	262	26	926	35.61	286	58	1958	33.75	310	27	878	32.51	198	47	1674	35.61
210	22	835	37.95	237	18	826	45.94	263	59	2084	35.32	287	69	2403	34.82	311	69	2328	33.73	208	36	1355	37.64
211	60	2309	38.48	239	129	5360	41.55	264	59	2140	36.42	288	20	894	44.70	312	47	1668	35.48	225	67	2376	35.46
212	113	4149	36.71	240	250	8586	34.35	265	35	1286	36.74	289	36	1331	36.97	313	39	1327	34.02				
214	76	3172	41.73	241	175	6163	35.21	266	53	1756	33.13	290	57	1953	34.26	314	150	5026	33.50				
215	23	1034	44.95	242	113	4122	36.47	267	61	2245	36.80	291	44	1757	39.93	315	38	1267	33.34				

OLDEST TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, NOS. 9 TO 52* INCLUSIVE. (CALENDAR YEAR.)a

Year.	Number of Members.	Number of Sick.	Ratio.	Number of Weeks Sick.	Average Duration of Sickness by Weeks and Days.	Average Sickness per Member, Weeks.	Amount Paid for Sick Benefits.	Average Amount per Week.	Average Cost per Member.	Number of Deaths.	Ratio of Deaths.	Number Initiated.	Ratio of Initiations.	Receipts for Dues and Reinstatements.	Average per Member.	Total Initiation Fees and Degrees.	Average per Member.	Actual Cost of $4 per Week, S. B.
			1 in		W. D.		$ c.	$ c	$ c	[in			1 in	$ c	$ c	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
1882	3,456	428	8.07	2,143	4/5 0	.617	6,373 82	2 98	1 81	35	99	380	9.00	20,336 045	5 88	7,790 80	2 25	2 46
1883	3,502	516	6.53	2,208	1/74 1	.630	6,940 26	3 17	2 00	18	194	299	11.71	19,921 87	5 68	5,538 85	1 58	2 52
1884	3,509	498	7.02	2,317	1/74 4	.660	7,164 69	3 09	2 04	16	219	278	13.08	20,160 98	5 74	4,777 91	1 36	2 64
1885	3,462	494	7.00	2,714	4/75 3	.78 3	8,127 60	2 99	2 34	24	144	188	18.41	20,736 97	5 99	3,098 74	89	3 13
1886	3,370	443	7.60	2,511	4/75 4	.745	7,563 153	3 01	2 24	32	105	214	15.75	21,069 73	6 25	3,554 90	1 05	2 98
1887	3,348	472	7.09	2,565	5/75 3	.766	7,625 90	2 97	2 28	27	124	214	15.64	21,220 87	6 34	4,384 24	1 31	3 06
1888	3,386	531	6.37	2,779	6/75 14	.821	8,641 63	3 10	2 55	27	125	269	12.59	22,814 87	6 74	4,384 24	1 31	3 28
1889	3,580	521	6.87	2,834	2/75 3	.792	8,561 03	3 02	2 39	21	170	322	11.11	22,829 13	6 37	6,438 01	1 80	3 16
1890	3,653	688	5.31	3,434	4/75 0	.940	10,666 96	3 11	2 92	42	87	269	13 58	22,166 07	6 07	4,194 00	1 15	3 70
1891	3,722	546	6 81	3,444	2/76 2	.925	10,300 72	2 99	2 76	36	103	274	13.58	22,790 17	6 12	4,527 32	1 23	3 69
1892	3,740	708	5.28	4,037	2/75 43	1 079	13,100 67	3 24	3 50	47	79	264	14 16	22,898 10	6 12	4,184 97	1 11	4 31
1893	3,913	740	5.28	4,260	4/75 5	1 088	12,761 79	2 99	3 23	33	118	346	11.30	23,823 64	6 08	5,015 06	1 28	4 35
1894	3,988	669	5.96	3,888	4/75 5	0 975	11,306 29	2 90	2 83	46	91	265	15 04	24,725 96	6 20	3,890 99	0 98	3 80
1895	3,931	612	6.42	4,101	2/76 43	1 04	11,872 02	3 03	3 02	40	98	190	20.68	24 943	8 16	2,826 28	0 72	4 16
1896	3,807	621	6 13	4,374	3/77 0	1 15	12,960 90	2 96	3 41	42	91	236	16 13	23,520 89	6 18	3,169 93	0 83	4 60
1897	3,796	670	5 66	4,805	3/77 24	1 265	13,814 76	2 87	3 63	32	118	233	16.29	23,482 17	6 18	3,169 93	0 84	4 60
1898	3,698	616	6 00	4,602	2/77 3	1 024	12,576 17	2 73	3 39	47	79	141	26.23	23,380 28	6 32	2,938 40	0 79	4 09
1899	3,715	690	5 28	4,359	5/76 2	1 191	11,546 59	2 64	3 09	41	91	209	17 81	23,462 32	6 31	2,818 25	0 75	4 76

* No. 51 defunct.

a First 24 Lodges—containing 5 resuscitated Lodges—and the average age of the 24 being 19 years on December 31, 1882.

TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, NOS. 209 TO 234 INCLUSIVE. b

TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, NOS. 209 TO 234 INCLUSIVE. *b*

Year.	Number of Members.	Number of Sick.	Ratio.	Number of Weeks Sick.	Average duration of Sickness by Weeks and Days.	Average Sickness per Members, Weeks.	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Average Amount per Week.	Average cost per Member.	Number of Deaths.	Ratio of Deaths.	Number Initiated.	Ratio of Initiations.	Receipts for Dues and Reinstatements.	Average per Member.	Total Initiation Fees and Degrees.	Average per Member.	Actual Cost of $4 per Week S.B.
			I in		W. D.		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.		I in		I in	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
1882	991	89	11.13	401	2/7	4....1	.404	1,004 58	2 50	4	248	253	3.09	4,613	864 65	6,157	486 21	1 61
1883	1,089	125	8.07	452	4/7	3....4½	.415	1,519 15	3 36	01	155	178	6.11	4,051	104 27	3,100	602 84	1 66
1884	1,105	111	10.86	422	4/7	3....5⅝	.382	1,206 15	3 85	00	7	157	8.30	5,069	304 58	2,257	551 95	1 52
1885	1,117	129	8.59	459	5/7	3....4	.411	1,431 72	3 11	2½	5	233	8.52	5,224	434 67	2,081	171 86	1 64
1886	1,123	128	8.78	461	4/7	3....4½	.411	1,317 72	2 85	17	10	112	8.57	5,616	725 00	2,012	251 79	1 64
1887	1,116	122	9.15	489	4/7	4....0	.410	1,498 72	3 06	34	5	228	9.14	5,410	494 84	1,846	481 63	1 64
1888	1,148	127	9.00	471	4/7	3....5	.438	1,412 56	3 00	23	8	143	6.63	5,584	194 86	2,459	312 14	1 75
1889	1,226	126	9.73	535	5/7	4....1⅜	.436	1,557 13	2 90	27	2	613	7.57	5,705	294 65	2,381	481 94	1 74
1890	1,230	187	6.58	594	5/7	3....1½	.483	1,817 94	3 05	48	6	205	7.83	6,018	174 89	2,206	201 79	1 93
1891	1,217	172	7.07	578		3....2	.556	2,366 14	3 29	83	10	157	10 86	6,698	465 50	1,981	981 62	1 90
1892	1,290	217	5.94	718		3....2½	.475	1,775 33	3 07	45	14	87	10 86	6,802	515 29	2,181	741 69	2 22
1893	1,294	210	6.19	817	3/7	3....6	.629	2,706 86	3 12	16	11	118	10 69	7,007	735 39	1,900	451 46	2 51
1894	1,353	190	7.12	759	1/7	4....0	.562	2,521 92	3 34	86	12	113	9.84	7,412	265 47	2,070	501 53	2 24
1895	1,424	172	8.27	657	4/7	3....5⅝	.462	1,980 41	3 00	39	5	284	8.88	6,901	184 83	2,073	301 46	1 84
1896	1,452	187	7.76	725		3....2½	.499	2,393 18	3 01	55	7	207	8.23	7,347	345 06	1,472	151 01	1 75
1897	1,449	205	7.06	661	6/7	3....1	.456	2,272 76	3 43	56	10	144	13 32	7,949	735 47	1,560	751 07	1 82
1898	1,478	173	8.54	82	7/5	4....5½	.521	2,575 12	3 11	74	11	134	11.97	7,811	605 28	1,271	100 86	2 08
1899	1,528	217	7.04	861	2/7	3....6½	.563	2,732 04	3 17	78	9	340	14.21	8,251	905 40	1,765	501 15	2 25

a First 24 Lodges—containing 5 resuscitated Lodges—and the average age of the 24 being 19 years on December 31, 1882.

b Average age of these Lodges 21-8 years on December 31, 1882. *c* Five new Lodges in 1882.

TABLE SHOWING TOTAL SICK BENEFITS, NURSING AND SURGEON, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, DEATH BENEFIT AND AVERAGE COST PER MEMBER OF THE ORDER, FOR BENEFITS.

	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Number of Members	16680	16940	17707	18390	19450	20558	21685	22218	22687	25742	23058	23590
Number Sick	1949	2091	2072	2407	3032	3182	3019	2868	3113	3328	3014	3662
Paid for Sick Benefits, Nursing and Surgeon	$35437.85	$38183.03	$43998.75	$42523.33	$51328.04	$52498.19	$53056.37	$53107.79	$59454 70	$60395 06	$60441.51	$69006.43
Average paid each	18.18	18.26	14.57	17.67	16.92	16.49	17.57	18.52	19.09	18 12	19.73	17.75
Average cost per member	2.20	2.26	2.44	2 32	2.64	2.55	2.45	2 39	2.62	2 65	2.62	2 76
Paid to Widows and Orphans	12424.14	18490.17	17089.62	12766.20	14540.46	12695 14	16958.57	12729.63	13935.64	12218 98	13119.88	13369.10
Average cost per member	.78	1.09	.97	.70	.75	.62	.82	.69	.62	.53	.57	.56
Number Died	101	110	134	123	151	145	138	149	173	154	170	184
Paid Death Benefit	4509.00	4377.93	6118.85	6653.50	4250.16	7323.50	6899.26	6077.77	6965.54	6737 35	7715.06	8188 89
Average cost per member	.28	.26	.35	.39	.22	.35	.32	.27	.28	.29	.32	.34
Paid for Special Relief and Charity	1399.18	2310.91	2420 86	3352.81	2835.34	2677.87	2641.24	3795 97	2774.87	3336.61	2832.04	3724.43
Average cost per member	.09	.14	.14	.18	.15	.13	.12	.17	.12	.14	.12	.15
Total Paid Benefits and Relief	53770.17	63362.04	68928.58	65093.84	77222.93	75194 70	79555.44	75611.17	84430.75	82618 00	84208.49	90669.85
Average cost per member	3.35	3.74	3.90	3.55	3.97	3.66	3 67	3.49	3 65	3.63	3.65	3.81

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I.O.O.F., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

No. of Members as per last Report			3,396
Initiated during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1899	150		
Admitted by Card	12		
Reinstated	13		
			175
Total			3,571
From which deduct :			
Withdrawal by Card	21		
Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues	138		
Suspended for cause	1		
Deceased	28		
			188
Total in membership Dec. 31st, 1899			3,883
No. of Patriarchs Relieved	398		
No. of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	2,010		
Amount paid for Burying the Dead		$ 167 00	
" " Special Relief		115 00	
" " Relief to Widowed Families		12 50	
" " Relief to Patriarchs		3,349 42	
		$ 3,643 92	
Invested Funds of Subordinates		$21,058 61	
Total Amount of Annual Revenue		10,300 00	

(Signed) M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe.

RECORD OF THE ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION, MAY 12, 1874, UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

Year.	Period.	Number of Members.	Deaths.	Average Age.	Mortuary Rate.	Total Revenue.	Death Claims.	Disability Claims.
1875	12 months.	364	....	.....	.....	$ 952 01	.....	.....
1876	do.	810	3	41.66	3.69	3,385 90	$ 1,400 00	.....
1877	do.	878	7	33.43	7.91	5,388 52	3,255 00	.....
1878	do.	849	5	41.80	5.85	7,615 66	5.700 00	.....
1879	do.	828	4	44.75	4 81	4,874 23	4.125 00	.....
1880	18 months.	974	10	38.20	6.78	11,494 11	8,075 00	$ 400 00
1881	12 months	1,034	6	42 16	5 77	8,214 64	6,000 00	.....
1882	do.	1,182	11	40.72	9.22	14,921 15	11,800 00	500 00
1883	do.	1,487	7	44.28	4.68	12,454 37	7,000 00	.....
1884	do.	1,869	7	41.85	3.73	13,850 81	10,500 00	.....
1885	do.	2,187	16	44.18	7.26	20,718 91	14,500 00	.....
1886	do.	2,408	10	45.30	4.14	19,220 73	15,000 00	.....
1887	do.	2 623	18	33 94	6.82	19,644 34	15,500 00	.....
1888	do.	2,829	19	42.21	6 67	31,972 94	29.000 00	.....
1889	do.	3,074	25	46.40	8.07	42,523 57	26,282 00	.....
1890	do.	4,009	27	45 33	6.69	50,359 62	42,500 00	.....
1891	do.	5,102	33	44.48	6.43	62,421 87	40,000 00	1,000 00
1892	do.	5.935	37	43.16	6.20	81,053 60	57,100 00	1.000 00
1893	do.	6,825	42	44.62	6.12	86,998 54	53,700 00	1,000 00
1894	do.	7,677	51	43.23	6.60	97,313 35	60,000 00	1,500 00
1895	do.	8,372	51	43.51	6.05	105,165 93	73,500 00	3,000 00
1896	do.	9,058	69	43.58	7.56	114,808 15	93,500 00	1,000 00
1897	do.	9,571	51	43.66	5.32	123,340 88	65,500 00	2,500 00
1898	do.	10,362	71	42.90	6.85	133,965 50	95,000 00	1,500 00
1899	do.	11,083	69	.....	6.22	145,656 56	90,500 00	2,000 00
Totals.	.....	.....	649	.....	6.40	1,218,315 89	825 437 00	15,400 00

Death Claims	$829,437 00
Disability Claims	15,400 00
	$844,837 00

RECORD OF THE ODD FELLOWS' FUNERAL AID ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN AND WELLAND.

For the year ending December 31st, 1899.

Admitted during the year.	Age when admitted.	
Godfrey Wand	30 years.	
George Spearm	26 "	
Wm. C. Cambley	34 "	
Number of Members dropped or lapsed		106
Total Membership		3
Number died		
Age at death	58, 70, 61 years respectively.	
Receipts during the year	$240 40	
		$240 40
Amount paid in death claims		300 00
Expenses paid for management		26 72
Balance on hand at end of year		421 27

(Signed.) THEO. PARNELL, *President.*
JAS. A. SWINTON, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF REBEKAH LODGES.—ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS OF REBEKAH LODGES TO THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Name.	No.	Location.	Admitted.		Died		Ceased.		Members per Last Report			Members per Present Rpt			Relief.	Expenditure.	Receipts.	Assets Last Report.	Assets Present Report.
			Brothers	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.					
Victoria	1	London	2	4			4	7	7	20	29	7	17	24	$22 0	$27 63	$36 50	$76 47	$63 34
Ruth	2	Stratford	1				8	8	35	60	95	28	52	80	.....	93 35	113 03	82 46	102 14
Oshawa	3	Oshawa						1	8	25	33	8	24	32	5 00	24 18	58 60	224 52	254 04
May Queen	5	London	2	9					13	40	53	15	49	64	29 00	116 73	278 16	205 27	337 70
Naomi	6	Windsor	9	11			2	11	16	58	74	23	58	81	.....	116 18	140 59	841 17	865 58
Our Sisters	7	Pt. Edward		2			1	1	19	41	60	18	42	60	.....	29 85	41 50	18 84	30 49
Louise	10	Kingston	4	5			7	12	38	51	89	35	44	79	.....	331 22	318 98	459 91	447 67
Beatrice	12	Guelph		6			3	7	29	39	68	26	38	64	56 50	77 78	128 49	272 93	267 14
Jubilee	13	Chatham						1	2	6	8	2	5	7	.....	1 40	7 75	37 09	43 44
Edna	14	St. Thomas	3	7			2	7	18	39	57	19	39	58	15 00	58 98	110 89	415 10	452 01
Harmony	15	Gananoque							7	47	54	7	47	54	.....	15 50	34 80	382 18	401 48
Olive Branch	16	Toronto	24	7			3	1	66	66	132	87	72	159	.....	205 80	202 76	311 41	308 37
*Myrtle	17	Elora					4	15	4	15	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 34	.....
Excelsior	18	Bridgeburg	1	3			2	9	19	35	54	18	29	47	5 00	73 57	151 05	588 81	661 29
Mizpah	19	Collingwood							22	23	45	22	23	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Donalda	20	North Bay							8	12	20	8	12	20	.....	.....	.....	16 47	.....
Flora	21	Saulte Ste Marie							11	8	19	11	8	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inglewood	23	Waterford	2	3			4	4	10	15	25	8	14	22	.....	22 31	35 60	22 26	35 55
Prudence	24	Brantford	2				6	25	14	43	57	10	18	28	.....	31 80	26 75	18 44	13 39
Alberta	25	Kincardine	4			1			23	28	51	27	27	54	9 00	25 25	26 14	8 11	.....
Ivy	26	Galt	15	6			25	2	91	81	172	81	85	166	.....	117 76	147 94	436 82	467 00
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	1	2	1		8	6	31	44	75	23	40	63	.....	140 50	82 71	65 40	7 61
Colfax	28	Sarnia	1	3			5	7	29	43	72	25	39	64	5 00	93 51	84 95	26 40	12 84
At-the-well	29	Almonte	2	3			3	5	18	32	50	17	30	47	.....	39 85	60 46	38 71	59 32
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	19	5		1	34	12	51	48	99	36	40	76	.....	51 65	83 56	18 08	49 99

Colia	32	Cumming's B'dg		8		4	6	25	33	58	21	35	56	.....	70 42	55 80	21 99	2 37	
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville		3		3	2	29	37	66	26	38	64	10 10	76 60	103 52	35 02	51 94	
Olivette	34	Wingham	2				1	13	13	26	15	12	27	....	17 25	8 40	14 79	5 94	
Pansy	35	Amherstburg	1	1			1	13	19	33	11	15	26	.....	16 32	21 10	9 66	5 94	
Rowena	37	Paris				4	5	14											
Justitia	38	Hamilton						7	24	31									

Colia	32	Cumming's B'dg		8			4	6	25	33	58	21	35	56		70 42	55 80	21 99	2 37
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville		3			3	2	29	37	66	26	38	64	10 10	76 60	103 52	35 02	51 94
Olivette	34	Wingham	2					1	13	13	26	15	12	27		17 25	8 40	14 79	5 94
Pansy	35	Amherstburg	1	1			4	5	14	19	33	11	15	26		16 32	21 10	9 06	13 84
Rowena	37	Paris							7	24	31	7	24	31					
Justitia	38	Hamilton	11	12	1		8	3	50	40	90	52	49	101	20 0	104 73	187 75	30 08	93 10
Margaret	39	Waubaushene		1			4	6	23	33	56	19	28	47	10 0	35 53	51 50	31 18	37 15
Hazel	40	Ottawa	7	8	1		19	33	48	59	107	35	34	69		105 07	89 25	28 48	12 66
Florence	41	Harriston	1				8	15	11	27	38	4	12	16		17 00	13 25	12 41	8 66
Pandora	42	Blenheim					3	4	16	26	42	13	22	35		18 62	18 20	49 43	49 01
Rose	43	Woodstock	25	12			4	5	23	34	57	44	41	85	22 20	76 60	93 10	33 00	26 90
Harriet	44	Renfrew	1	2			13	10	37	49	86	25	41	66	42 37	42 59	75 00	54 84	44 88
Peachland	45	Leamington	7	11			6	7	15	14	29	16	18	34		34 11	30 05	7 71	3 65
Ideal	47	Ruthven	3	3			3	2	10	18	28	10	19	29		9 20	12 25	20 22	23 27
Eastern Star	48	Cornwall	1	6			12	12	31	34	65	20	28	48		50 57	36 7·	31 31	17 49
Lilly	49	Kingsville	5	2		2	11	10	17	25	42	11	15	26		25 02	25 15	8 55	8 58
Fern	50	Simcoe		11			5	3	20	36	56	15	44	59	10 0	47 53	66 90	19 62	28 89
Thamesville	51	Thamesville	16	24			2	8	31	27	58	45	43	88		120 61	169 50	78 10	12 [illegible]
Violet	52	Otterville	19	6			6	10	33	40	73	46	36	82		45 05	59 45	50 50	6[illegible] 90
Viola	53	Toronto	15	18			9	17	33	67	100	39	68	107		131 40	236 30	19 74	124 [illegible]
Queen	54	Hespeler		14			1	11	8	29	37	7	32	39		54 59	63 97	12 72	22 10
Woodslee	55	Woodslee	7	14			2		11	12	23	16	26	42		48 45	89 38	45 74	86 67
Ruby	56	Mt. Forest		2			4	1	22	36	58	18	37	55		75 40	68 95	7 80	1 35
Endeavor	57	Forest	2	1			2	3	15	17	32	15	15	30		22 11	37 06	9 86	24 81
Carnation	58	Wallaceburg	10	23					27	54	81	37	77	114		161 38	140 84	40 31	19 77
Primrose	59	Dundas	3	8					18	18	36	21	26	47	5 0	45 90	93 27	43 07	85 44
Triple Link	60	Petrolia		5					21	22	43	21	27	48		138 94	136 65	6 74	4 45
Brilliant	61	Berlin	43	64								43	64	107		171 15	316 27		145 12
Sydenham	62	Owen Sound	22	28								22	28	50		134 83	143 50		8 67
Bethel	63	Harrietsville	18	19								18	19	37		53 01	81 01		28 00
Ivy Leaf	64	Parkham	11	20								11	20	31		22 25	43 25		21 00
			322	402	3	4	254	315	1206	1751	2957	1271	1834	3105	266 07	3672 03	4738 58	5332 58	6133 06

Certified to as correct,

MRS. NELL ACKLAND, PRESIDENT, Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F. of Ontario.

MRS. MAGGIE WADDELL, SECRETARY, " " "

*Charter surrendered.

RECORD OF THE ODD FELLOWS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO.

From January 1st, 1898, to December 31st, 1898.

Number admitted during the year	2
Age when admitted	27, 32 years respectively.
Number of Members dropped or lapsed	5
Number of Members entitled to indemnity	89
Number died	3
Age at death	67, 67, 42 years respectively.
Receipts during the year	$221 87
Death claims	125 00
Expenses of Management	19 85
Balance on hand at close of year	77 02
Amount of call on each death	50

(Signed.) JOHN J. REED, *President.*
A. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

BRETHREN:——Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit his Annual Report of the Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending December 31st, 1899, also a supplemental report for the six months ending June 30th, 1900.

DR.—GRAND TREASURER.

1899.						
Jan.	1	To Balance				$265 76
	31	" Cash from Grand Secretary		$5,275 34		
Feb.	28	" " " "		588 83		
Mar.	31	" " " "		320 70		
April	30	" " " "		160 97		
May	31	" " " "		113 75		
June	30	" " " "		78 91		
July	1	" Interest to May 31st, 1899		20 56		
	24	" Cash from Grand Secretary		6,011 57		
Aug.	31	" " " "		208 75		
Sep.	30	" " " "		67 97		
Oct.	31	" " " "		43 58		
Nov.	30	" " " "		84 00		
Dec.	31	" " " "		155 04	13,129 97	
					$13,395 73	

CR.—GRAND TREASURER.

1899.			Order No.	
Jan.	1	By J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	265	$166 67
	2	" Canada Life Ass. Co., rent to Jan. 1st	266	100 00
		" Bell Telephone, rent to Dec. 31, '98	267	31 75
	17	" A Kent & Sons, engraving on jewels, seals, etc.	268	35 72
	18	" Advisory Committee, expenses of meeting	269	30 90
		" Bryant Press, Journal of 1898	270	787 06
		" " Rebekah Minutes	271	27 50
	23	" C. W. Chadwick, Actuary's tables	272	10 00
	28	" G. M. Hamilton, expenses visiting Lily lodge	273	3 00
	31	" Incidentals, telegrams, sundries	274	26 55
		" Postage stamps	275	25 25
Feb.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	276	166 66
	14	" Barclay, Clark & Co., letter heads, souvenirs, etc	277	135 00
	28	" Incidentals	278	9 83
		" Postage account	279	26 75
		" Brown Bros., stationery and supplies	280	25 15
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	281	184 50
Mar.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	282	166 66
		" W. & E. A. Badenach, G. Treas. bond	283	30 00
		" " " fire insurance premium	284	6 12

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.—*Continued.*

1899.			Order No.	
Mar.	9	By Forest City Lodge, No. 38, law costs	285	$100 00
		" Dominion " " 48, "	286	100 00
	28	" R. K. Cowan, Grand Lodge solicitor, fee	287	50 00
		" Postage account	288	20 40
		" Incidentals	289	5 72
April	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	290	166 66
		" Canada Life Ass. Co., rent to April 1st	291	100 00
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, representation tax	292	150 00
	29	" " " " supplies	293	137 50
May	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	294	166 66
		" J. E. Farewell, Grand Master, account of Grand Master's appropriation	295	100 00
	18	" Barclay, Clark & Co., supplies	296	213 15
		" Dunlop & Co.,	297	12 00
		" Ontario Government, registration fee	298	25 00
	31	" Postage account	299	47 72
		" Incidentals	300	18 25
June	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	301	166 67
	2	" Moore & Alexander, two half-tones	302	6 50
	3	" Daily Mail one year	303	4 00
		" Daily Globe one year	304	5 00
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	305	34 50
	15	" Bryant Press, printing	306	33 50
	16	" Independent Oddfellow, printing and supplies	307	85 10
July	3	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	310	166 67
		" Postage account	308	29 35
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	309	10 00
		" Canada Life Ass n. Co., rent	311	100 00
		" Bell Telephone Co., rent	312	31 75
		" Warwick Bros. & Co., cut	313	1 80
		" John Kay, Son & Co., office curtains, rods, etc.	314	11 80
	7	" John Irwin, upholstering Allerton lodge chairs	315	9 54
	10	" C. W. Chadwick, tables	316	10 00
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	317	10 00
	12	" " " " "	318	127 50
	20	" " " " "	353	225 00
		" C. L. Lewis, expenses funeral W. H. Ryal	319	17 60
		" J. G. Harkness, account Grand Master	320	10 00
		" H. W. Eggman, " "	321	7 00
	28	" C. Packen, auditor	322	35 50
		" Abner Fraser "	323	33 00
		" J. E. Farewell, Grand Master	324	264 43
Aug.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	324½	166 67
	11	" Jos. Powley, asst. to Grand Secretary	325	15 00
		" J. H. Lumsden, G. L. messenger	326	6 00
		" J. W. Cunningham, press reporter	327	15 00
		" W. Lee, janitor	328	10 00
		" Henry White, chairman by-law committee	329	75 00
		" W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer	330	200 00
		" J. A. Young, chairman committee	331	32 55
	16	" Bryant Press, Grand Officers' reports, etc.	334	259 20
		" Mileage and per diem, 1899	334½	5013 01
	31	" Postage account	335	48 37

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.—*Continued.*

1899.			Order No.		
Aug.	31	By Incidentals			26 44
Sept.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	336		$166 66
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	337		160 00
		" London Guarantee Co., bond Grand Secretary	338		5 00
		" Dominion Regalia Co., badges for Grand Lodge	339		16 10
	8	" Brown Bros., stationery and supplies	340		36 15
	15	" Jas. McLurg, Grand Master	341		50 00
	27	" Entertaining Grand-Sire and other officers	342		93 25
	30	" Bryant Press, supplies and stationery	343		60 75
Oct.	1	" J. B. King, Grand secretary, salary	344		166 67
	3	" Committee on General Purposes	345		16 00
	26	" Canada Life Assn. Co., rent	346		100 00
		" R. N. Sheppard, tent at exhibtion	347		50 00
Nov.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	348		166 66
		" Postage and express	349		90 91
	24	" W. S. Johnson, one copy of I. O. F. to each lodge as ordered by Grand Lodge	350		196 70
		" W. S. Johnson, stationery and printing	351		34 50
	25	" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	352		10 00
		" Incidentals	353		28 64
		" Postage, express, stamps, etc.	354		75 55
Dec.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	355		166 66
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	356		87 60
		" J. H. Templeman, writing souvenirs	357		4 00
		" John Irwin, packing chairs, etc.	358		4 00
	15	" Jas. McLurg, Grand Master	359		100 00
	24	" Incidentals	360		27 50
		" Postage account	360½		24 63
		" Incidentals	361		12 70
			362		
		Balance			$12,662 91
					732 82
					$13,395 73

Toronto, 23rd July, 1900.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, JANUARY TO JULY 23, 1900.

1899. Dec.	31	To Balance			$ 732 82
1900. Jan.	31	To Cash	$ 5,254 10		
Feb.	28	"	520 84		
March	31	"	145 93		
April	39	"	200 69		
May	31	"	1,870 43		
June	30	"	2,179 89		
July	25	"	6,622 95		
					$16,794 83
					$17,527 65
		By Paid Orders, Nos. 363 to 418			10,380 62
					$ 7,147 03

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. PACKERT, } *Auditors.*
ABNER FRASER, }

Toronto, July 28, 1990,

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS BY THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1st, 1899, TO DECEMBER 31st, 1899.

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
Jan. 1	Star	304	$15 25	$15 25			
	Pembroke	208	30 25	30 25			
	Durham	78	54 00		$54 00		
	Hillsburg	167	50		50		
3	Ridgetown	141	3 00		3 00		
	Georgian Bay	219	2 00		2 00		
	Thomasburg	288	14 50	14 50			
	Walkerton	84	50		50		
	The Toronto	71	21 00	21 00			
	Ripley	287	17 00	17 00			
4	Marion	131	27 00	27 00			
	Waterloo	107	67 75	68 75	1 00		
5	Garnet	139	2 75		2 75		
	Durham	78	30 14		30 14		
	Mizpah	127	33 25	33 25			
	Jarvis	191	60		60		
	Madoc	179	25 00	25 00			
	Glencoe	133	12 50	12 50			
	Central	322	50		50		
	North Bay	322	36 75	36 75			
6	Lynden	271	21 25	21 25			
	Mallorytown	259	8 00	8 00			
	Flo. Nightingale	245	12 50	12 50			
	Algoma	66	35 75	35 75			
	Fergus	267	16 25	16 25			
	Strathcona	73	1 60		1 60		
	Royal Oak	326	40		40		
	Beacon	108	2 00		2 00		
	Listowel	201	22 25	22 25			
	Millbank	160	17 50	17 50			
	Mayflower	209	1 00		1 00		
7	International	297	1 25		1 25		
	Bervie	228	45 50	45 50			
	Earnscliffe	318	9 25	9 25			
	Collingwood	283	26 50	26 50			
	Leamington	54	2 00		2 00		
	Merlin	140	29 25	29 25			
	Elmira	226	11 50	11 50			
9	Amity	216	9 25	9 25			
	Chatham	80	59 25	59 25			
	Bobcaygeon	29	48 50	48 50			
	Elora	300	1 25		1 25		
	Stella	231	14 25	14 25			
	Deseronto	125	23 85	23 85			
	Cataraqui	102	22 25	21 25			
	Progress	10	80 00	79 25	75		
	Albert	158	28 75	28 75			
	Vivian	194	40 50	40 50			
	Strathcona	146	16 25	16 25			
	Walkerton	326	11 25	11 25			
	Peaceful Dove	84	29 50	29 50			
	Rose	135	11 50	11 50			
	Grand River	28	20 75	20 75			
	Corinthian	91	24 75	24 75			
	Millbrook	61	63 75	63 75			
	Alba	308	19 75	19 75			
		254	12 50	12 50			

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS. *Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
Jan. 9	Lakeview	272	$17 50	$17 50			
	Lucknow	112	24 50	24 50			
	Broadview	294	33 50	33 50			
10	Minto	98	4 00		4 00		
	Lyn	284	7 50	7 50			
	Laurentian	317	8 25	8 25			
	Cataract	103	8 85		8 85		
	Howard	58	27 75	27 75			
	Harmony	115	49 25	49 25			
	Oriental	163	21 75	21 75			
	Port Arthur	244	15 25	15 25			
	Floral	252	22 00	22 00			
11	The Toronto	71	2 50		2 50		
	Wilton	242	25 75	25 75			
	Maitland	119	17 50	17 50			
Jan. 11	Silver City	208	17 25	17 25			
	Underwood	328	9 25	9 25			
	Charity	129	5 50	5 50			
	Ilderton	234	6 25	6 25			
	Owen Sound	180	19 75	19 75			
	Lindsay	100	1 75	1 75	1 75		
	Sarnia	126	31 50	31 50			
	Georgian Bay	219	22 50	22 50			
	Otonabee	13	1 50		1 50		
	Mayflower	297	10 75	10 75			
	Royal	286	13 75	13 75			
	Niagara Falls	53	37 75	37 75			
	Covenant	52	38 50	38 50			
	Lily	211	15 25	15 25			
	Liberty	323	12 75	12 75			
	Rideau	241	42 00	42 00			
	Prince of Wales	280	18 25	18 25			
12	Aurora	148	18 25	18 25			
	Beaver	82	21 75	21 75			
	Arthur	281	15 50	15 50			
	Meaford	280	18 25	18 25			
	Hastings	273	9 50	9 50			
	Chesley	221	60		60		
	Chorazin	190	1 40		1 40		
	Delta	265	6 75	6 75			
	Fellowship	303	2 80		2 80		
	Dolman	174	25 75	25 75			
	Emerald	173	14 00	14 00			
	Eastern Star	72	19 50	19 50			
	Otter	50	44 25	44 25			
	Grand Valley	256	8 25	8 25			
	Olive Branch	88	30 00	30 00			
	Pyramid	156	6 00	6 00			
	Beethoven	185	9 75	9 75			
	Grey	189	6 00	6 00			
	Alpha	154	27 25	27 25			
	Gananoque	114	55 00	55 00			
	Comber	298	13 50	13 50			
	Florence	196	20 50	20 50			
	Victoria	64	15 75	15 75			
	St. Mary's	36	19 25	19 25			
13	Bracebridge	251	15 75	14 75	1 00		

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1899							
Jan. 13	Spirit Rock	312	$ 10 00	$ 10 00			
	Huron	62	29 25	29 25			
	Britannia	198	11 50	11 50			
	Phoenix	22	27 75	27 75			
	Dufferin	188	10 75	10 75			
	Acorn	236	6 00	6 00			
	Concord	142	18 50	18 50			
	Beaverton	249	12 25	12 25			
	Saxon	121	3 50		3 50		
	Saxon	121	11 75	11 75			
	Bay of Quinte	143	30 75	30 75			
	Fidelity	55	7 50	7 50			
	Sycamore	151	14 00	12 50	1 50		
	Harrow	309	13 75	13 75			
	Fellowship	308	50		50		
	Crescent	104	75		75		
	Cataraqui	10	11 75		11 75		
	Ancaster	138	12 25	12 25			
	Cornucopia	299	15 50	15 50			
16	Garnet	139	16 75	16 75			
	Prospect	314	35 50	35 50			
	Millbank	208	7 70	7 50	20		
	Zeta	311	17 25	17 25			
	Mountain	315	7 75	7 75			
	Valentine	305	8 75	8 75			
	Missanabie	266	13 00	13 00			
	Gold Hill	261	34 75	34 75			
	Nith	98	11 50	11 50			
	Chatham	29	1 35		1 35		
	Silver Star	202	14 25	14 25			
	Simcoe	161	16 00	16 00			
	Jarvis	191	8 25	8 25			
	Waterford	235	22 00	22 00			
	Norfolk	225	17 75	17 75			
	Mt. Zion	46	7 50	7 50			
	Rodney	291	11 75	11 75			
	Grand River	91	23		23		
	Enterprise	218	29 75	29 75			
	Glanworth	289	9 00	9 00			
	Minerva	197	16 00	16 00			
	Belleville	81	53 75	53 75			
	Embro Star	229	9 45	9 00	45		
	Fraternity	264	14 75	14 75			
	Wellington Square	178	11 75	11 75			
	Aberdeen	302	5 25	5 25			
	Excelsior	44	36 75	36 75			
	Maple Leaf	57	8 00	8 00			
	Penetangore	172	39 00	39 00			
	Union	16	42 00	42 00			
	Valley City	117	31 25	31 25			
	Model	147	10 75	10 75			
	Hanover	258	7 50	7 50			
	Fergus	73	22 25	22 25			
	Prosperity	329	8 75	8 75			
	Woodslee	220	9 50	9 50			
	Cambridge	188	9 00	9 00			
	Minnetonka	202	17 50	17 50			

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1899							
Jan. 16	Western Star	149	$ 20 50	$ 20 50			
	Saugeen	327	7 50	7 50			
	Millbrook	308	2 00		$ 2 00		
	Equity	232	2 75	2 75			
	Collingwood	54	34 50	34 50			
	Ridgetown	144	3 84	3 84			
	Fergus	73	60	60			
	Parry Sound	189	20 75	20 75			
	Webbwood	319	11 00	11 00			
	Tecumseh	182	18 50	18 50			
	Unity	47	85 75	85 75			
	Chesley	221	14 00	14 00			
	Campbellford	248	16 50	16 50			
17	Model	147	10 50	10 50			
	Ridgetown	144	22 75	22 75			
	Grand Union	97	25 50	25 50			
	St. Lawrence	137	32 00	32 00			
	Hespeler	321	9 75	9 75			
	Kingston	59	77 75	76 75	1 00		
	Naomi	116	11 00	11 00			
	Sydenham Valley	120	1 50		1 50		
	Denovo	170	12 00	12 00			
	Warriner	75	14 00	14 00			
	Sauble	227	14 50	14 50			
	Ahiram	205	29 00	29 00			
	Barrie	63	22 00	22 00			
18	Midland	274	8 75	8 75			
	Gore	34	69 50	69 50			
	Thamesford	258	29 25	29 25			
	Ivy	90	15 00	15 00			
	Thornbury	243	7 25	7 25			
	Elgin	82	1 00		1 00		
	Oak Leaf	159	14 25	14 25			
	Samaritan	35	42 00	42 00			
	Reliance	89	43 25	43 25			
	Earnscliffe	283	50	50			
	Princeton	307	11 25	11 25			
	Athena	306	9 00	9 00			
	Durham	78	31 50	31 50			
	Prospect	314	1 08		1 08		
	Woodstock	269	27 25	27 25			
	Rebekah Assembly		10 00		10 00		
	Milton	92	50		50		
19	Chatham	29	2 00		2 00		
	Norwood	282	6 00	6 00			
	Grenville	279	18 75	18 75			
	Thamesville	157	17 25	17 25			
	Manilla	105	8 75	8 75			
	Lambton	277	16 25	16 25			
	Howick	192	2 50	2 50			
	Erie	33	2 00	2 00			
	Hillsburg	167	5 50	5 50			
	Riverside	145	16 50	16 50			
	Balmoral	280	16 25	16 25			
	Nipissing	79	16 50	14 50	2 00		
	Livingstone	130	7 50	7 50			
	Sutton	168	6 75	6 75			

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1899							
Jan. 19	Constellation	85	10 25	10 25			
	Otter	50	1 00		1 00		
	Ottawa	224	3 00		3 00		
	Exeter	67	12 25	12 25			
	Mt. Brydges	217	50		50		
20	Tweed	290	13 00	13 00			
	Ottawa	224	41 75	41 75			
	Rockliffe	278	1 00		1 00		
	Cobourg	136	23 50	23 50			
	Wildey	153	16 00	16 00			
	Dauncey	176	4 00	4 00			
	Star	304	50	50			
	Orient	134	5 25	5 25			
	Laurel	110	1 00				
	Brougham	155	4 75	4 50	25		
21	Balmoral	280	75		75		
	Cataract	103	13 50	13 50			
	Romeo	164	44 00	44 00			
	Niagara Falls	53	1 00		1 00		
	Crescent	104	74 00	74 00			
	Peaceful Dove	135	1 25		1 25		
	Geneva	320	1 00		1 00		
	Canada	49	48 25	48 25			
	Gordon	247	19 00	19 00			
23	Mt. Brydges	217	27 25	27 25			
	Plattsville	301	9 75	9 75			
	Ridgely	250	14 00	14 00			
	Aylmer	94	37 25	37 25			
	Alvinston	208	9 25	9 25			
	Britain	316	10 00	10 00			
	Queen City of Ontario	56	49 25	49 25			
	Forest City	38	24 50	24 50			
	Ripley	287	2 00		2 00		
	Rondeau	40	3 00		3 00		
24	Farmersville	237	4 50	4 50			
	Streetsville	122	8 75	8 75			
	Stanley	268	7 25	7 25			
	Golden Star	101	6 75	6 75			
	Friendship	65	27 75	27 75			
	Chesterville	288	5 00	5 00			
	Ontario	324	12 00	12 00			
	Hope	69	25 50	25 50			
	East Toronto	283	15 50	15 50			
25	Electric City	318	10 75	10 25	50		
	Empire	87	25 75	25 75			
	Otonabee	13	30 50	30 50			
	Freestone	215	5 75	5 75			
	Southampton	325	8 00	8 00			
	Milton	92	12 38		12 38		
	Spirit Rock	312	25		25		
26	Emerald	173	2 00		2 00		
	Royal Oak	108	18 75	18 75			
	Sarnia	126	4 00		4 00		
	Pontypool	296	14 70	11 00	3 70		
	Geneva	320	8 75	8 75			
	Eureka	30	21 00	21 00			

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1899							
Jan. 27	Elmira	216	1 50		1 50		
	Sydenham Valley	120	39 50	39 50			
	Rondeau	40	34 50	34 50			
	Dresden	124	28 00	28 00			
	Western City	93	23 00	23 00			
	Carleton	240	57 75	57 75			
	Manotick	293	7 00	7 00			
	Fellowship	303	9 00	9 00			
	Bobcaygeon	300	10 00	10 00			
	Shedden	314	7 25	7 25			
	Frontier	45	1 90		1 90		
28	Valley City	117	33 25	33 25			
	Sudbury	282	16 25	16 25			
	Egremont	207	6 50	6 50			
	St. Thomas	76	86 75	85 75	1 00		
	Bay of Quinte	143	1 00		1 00		
30	Montana	177	3 50	3 50			
	Hayden	152	15 75	15 75			
	North Star	68	24		24		
31	Harmony	115	25		25		
	Friendship	65	1 90		1 90		
	Kingston	50	4 73		4 73		
Feb. 1	Rockliffe	278	44 75	44 75			
	Laurel	110	30 50	30 50			
	Clifford	214	18 25	18 25			
	Waterloo	107	75		75		
	Gananoque	114	50		50		
	Caledonia	253	6 00	6 00			
2	Argyll	212	22 25	22 25			
	Trenton	113	14 50	14 50			
	Oakville	132	14 25	14 25			
	Morewood	285	13 75	13 75			
4	Peterboro'	111	53 25	53 25			
	Oxford	77	3 00		3 00		
	Waterford	235	1 25		1 25		
	Silver City	206	50		50		
7	Elgin	32	56 75	56 75			
	Norwood	282	6 00	6 00			
	Clinton	83	15 60	15	60		
8	Weston	200	7 00	7 00			
	Nith	96	1 00		1 00		
	Empire	87	1 00		1 00		
	Mallorytown	245	1 50		1 50		
	Germania	184	29 75	29 75			
	Concord	142	2 25		2 25		
9	Chorazin	190	32 75	32 75			
10	Stirling	239	37 10	32 25	4 85		
	Cheerone	195	2 50	2 50			
13	Otonabee	13	16 73		16 73		
	Alvinston	208	3 00		3 00		
	Rodney	291	1 00		1 00		
14	Grand Union	97	2 75		2 75		
15	Oxford	77	12 50	12 50			
	Victoria	64	1 70		1 70		
	Waterloo	107	1 00		1 00		
	Western City	93	40		40		
16	Britannia	198	1 75		1 75		

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1899							
Feb. 16	North Star		6 50	6 50			
	Albert	98					
	Comber	194	2 10		2 10		
17	Listowel	298	5 00		5 00		
	Sauble	160	4 00		4 00		
20	Naomi	227	25		25		
	Harmony	116	25		25		
	Crescent	115	2 35		2 35		
	Brock	104	4 00		4 00		
	Wheatley	9	29 75	29 75			
	Madoc	337	30 00				
	Strathcona	179	85		85		30 00
22	Fergus	326	2 00		2 00		
	Supplies	73	21 25	21 25			
	Meaford		1 00		1 00		
	Credit	260	60		60		
23	Supplies	257	6 75	6 75			
	Tecumseh		1 00		1 00		
23	Chesterville	182	50		50		
25	Floral	288	1 20		1 20		
	Carleton	252	2 95		2 95		
	Reliance	240	5 00		5 00		
	Deseronto	89	2 50		2 50		
Mar. 1	Lindsay	102	1 50		1 50		
	Olive Branch	100	25 25	25 25			
	Brucefield	88	5 25		5 25		
	Acton	210	6 75	6 75			
	Napanee	204	2 50	2 50			
	Prospect	8	17 75	17 75			
	Brock	314	1 00		1 00		
2	Alliston	9	28 00		28 00		
	Star	171	118 00			118 00	
3	Elmira	304	50		50		
	Saxon	216	2 00		2 00		
	Prince of Wales	121	85		85		
6	Elgin	230	40		40		
	Athena	32	85		85		
	Amity	306	3 25		3 25		
	Peterboro'	80	10 00		10 00		
7	Mt. Zion	111	1 50		1 50		
	Kingston	46	3 00		3 00		
	Minto	59	4 00		4 00		
	Gore	98	15 00	15 00			
9	Ripley	34	1 00		1 00		
	Sutton	287	50		50		
	Webbwood	168	1 00		1 00		
	International	319	60		60		
	Cambridge	228	50		50		
13	Queen City of Ontario	188	85		85		
	Woodstock	56	1 90		1 90		
	Sarnia	269	1 00		1 00		
	Eureka	126	4 00		4 00		
	Argyll	30	75		75		
	Dominion	212	50		50		
15	Lambton	48	37 25	37 25			
17	Dolman	277	1 85		1 85		
		174	50		50		

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1899							
Mar. 17	Sarnia	126	80		80		
	Western City	93	3 00		3 00		
	Amity	80	2 00		2 00		
18	Ahiram	205	25		25		
20	International	228	50		50		
21	Peaceful Dove	135	75		75		
	Huron	62	1 00		1 00		
	Fellowship	303	40		40		
22	Supplies		85		85		
	Montana	177	75		75		
	Parry Sound	189	1 00		1 00		
	Valley City	117	4 00		4 00		
24	Star	304	50		50		
25	Alba	254	1 25		1 25		
27	Hayden	132	1 60		1 60		
	Niagara Falls	53	40		40		
	Chatham	29	2 00		2 00		
29	Silver City	206	1 60		1 60		
April 1	St. Lawrence	137	16 00		16 00		
	Bothwell	74	6 00	6 00			
	Milton	92	8 75	8 75			
	Gananoque	114	16 00		16 00		
	Milton	92	1 00		1 00		
	Gordon	247	2 00		2 00		
	Comber	292	1 00		1 00		
	Pyramid	156	40		40		
3	Maitland	119	8 00		8 00		
	Stella	125	2 00		2 00		
	Broadview	294	1 00		1 00		
4	Fraternity	264	85		85		
5	Electric City	313	1 00		1 00		
	Marion	131	1 00		1 00		
	Chatham	29	4 00		4 00		
6	Strathcona	328	60		60		
6	Huron	62	40		40		
8	Rose	28	85		85		
	Peaceful Dove	135	1 00		1 00		
	Gold Hill	261	1 50		1 50		
10	Britannia	198	25		25		
	Norfolk	225	2 50		2 50		
	Crescent	104	2 40		2 40		
11	Morewood	285	1 22		1 22		
	Embro Star	229	50		50		
	Sudbury	282	1 00		1 00		
13	Denovo	170	1 75		1 75		
14	Samaritan	135	1 85		1 85		
	Empire	87	1 00		1 00		
	Fairy	275	7 50	7 50			
	Naomi	116	1 00		1 00		
15	Garnet	139	16 00		16 00		
	Waterloo	107	27 00		27 00		
19	Floral	252	40		40		
	Otter	50	5 00		5 00		
	Ridgely	250	85		85		
02	Balmoral	280	2 25		2 25		
	Sarnia	126	4 00		4 00		

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1899							
April 22	Comber	298	1 25		1 25		
24	Crescent	104	4 00		4 00		
	Minto	98	1 00		1 00		
	Unity	47	40		40		
25	Eastern Star	72	1 00		1 00		
26	Kingston	59	2 25		2 25		
27	Listowel	160	1 00		1 00		
	Manotick	295	25		25		
May 1	St. Mary's	36	4 00		4 00		
	Wheatley	330	27 60		27 60		
	Western Star	149	5 00		5 00		
2	Minto	98	4 50		4 50		
6	Napanee	80	40		40		
	Flo. Nightingale	66	1 25		1 25		
6	Mt. Brydges	217	2 00		2 00		
9	Niagara Falls	53	5 00		5 00		
10	Concord	142	85		85		
	Harrow	309	1 25		1 25		
11	Rebekah Assembly		30 15		30 15		
	Hespeler	321	1 80		1 80		
12	Floral	252	75		75		
	Mt. Zion	46	70		70		
15	Peterboro'	111	25		25		
	Ahiram	205	11 00		11 00		
17	Denovo	170	25		25		
	Glencoe	133	2 00		2 00		
19	Otonabee	13	3 00		3 00		
20	Central	322	2 00		2 00		
22	Amity	80	25		25		
	Algoma	267	2 00		2 00		
	Howard	58	1 50		1 50		
	Lindsay	100	1 50		1 50		
23	Sydenham Valley	120	1 00		1 00		
	Princeton	307	1 25		1 25		
29	St. Mary's	36	2 00		2 00		
	Erie	33	50		50		
June 2	Missanabie	266	2 00		2 00		
	Bay of Quinte	143	4 00		4 00		
	Spirit Rock	312	1 00		1 00		
5	Maitland	119	4 00		4 00		
8	Germania	184	3 90		3 90		
9	Oak Leaf	156	1 00		1 00		
12	Central	322	3 78		3 78		
	Woodstock	266	25		25		
	Marion	131	18		18		
16	Maxville	331	30 00		30 00		
	Star	304	1 60		1 60		
	Trenton	113	1 00		1 00		
	Deseronto	102	1 00		1 00		
	Fergus	78	50		50		
June 16	Listowel	160	5 50		5 50		
20	Waterford	235	20		20		
	Grand Union	97	2 00		2 00		
22	Otter	50	1 00		1 00		
23	Frontier	45	4 00		4 00		
	Lynden	259	8 00	8 00			
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
24	Broadview	294	2 00		2 00		

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1899							
June 26	Floral	252	1 00		1 00		
July 1	The Toronto	71	21 50	20 50	1 00		
	Aylmer	94	75		75		
	Cataraqui	10	3 50		3 50		
	Woodslee	220	1 50		1 50		
	Pembroke	208	28 50	28 50			
3	Aberdeen	302	5 00	5 00			
	Atwood	332	30 00				
	Madoc	179	25 25	25 25			
4	Georgian Bay	219	19 00	19 00			
	Oriental	163	3 00		3 00		
	Peterboro'	111	11 00		11 00		
5	Minnetonka	292	3 35		3 35		
	Reliance	89	85		85		
	Lindsay	100	1 84		1 84		
	Marion	121	25 50	25 50			
	Liberty	323	12 50	12 50			
	Ripley	287	17 25	17 25			
	Waterloo	107	68 75	68 75			
	Chesley	221	09		09		
	Bracebridge	251	14 75	14 75			
	Huron	62	32 25	32 25			
6	Cataraqui	10	80 75	80 75			
	St. Mary's	36	19 75	19 75			
	Listowel	160	14 75	14 75			
	Howick	192	2 50	2 50			
	Oak Leaf	159	15 25	15 25			
	Glencoe	133	11 25	11 25			
	Acton	204	2 50	2 50			
7	Rondeau	40	23 00	23 00	23 00		
	Lyn	284	7 00	7 00			
	Harmony	115	52 75	52 75			
	Dauncey	176	3 00	3 00			
	Millbank	209	8 00	8 00			
8	Argyle	212	1 00		1 00		
	Flo. Nightingale	66	35 75	35 75			
	Alba	254	12 50	12 50			
	Teeswater	253	4 75	4 75			
	Beacon	201	23 25	23 25			
	Grand River	91	25 00	25 00			
	Ivy	90	16 75	15 50	1 25		
	East Toronto	263	15 75	15 50	25		
	North Star	68	7 75	7 75			
	Britannia	198	12 00	12 00			
	Corinthian	61	65 00	65 00			
	Covenant	52	75		75		
10	Arthur	281	15 25	15 25			
	Elora	231	16 50	15 50	1 00		
	Western Star	149	3 15		3 15		
	Walkerton	184	30 00	30 00			
	International	228	43 50	43 50			
	Thomasburg	293	85		85		
	Lucknow	112	25 25	25 25			
	Hayden	152	3 00		3 00		
	Thomasburg	292	14 75	14 75			
	Peaceful Dove	135	11 25	11 25			
11	Owen Sound	180	19 00	19 00			
	Excelsior	44	37 50	37 50			

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1899							
July 11	Western Star	401	$ 20 00	$ 20 00			
	Wheatley	423	10 25	10 25			
	Concord	401	19 50	19 50			
	Leamington	129	28 00	28 00			
	Stirling	239	32 00	32 00			
	Hensall	223	14 00	14 00			
	Southampton	325	8 25	8 25			
	Wildey	153	1 00		$ 1 00		
	Laurel	110	1 00		1 00		
	Vivian	146	16 00	16 00			
	Sycamore	151	13 50	11 50	2 00		
	Gordon	247	19 25	19 25			
	Hope	69	2 00		2 00		
	Ridgetown	144	20 50	20 50			
	Floral	252	27 75	27 75			
	Broadview	294	34 50	34 50			
	Maitland	119	18 00	18 00			
	Woodstock	269	28 25	28 25			
12	Warriner	75	14 75	13 75	1 00		
	Harrow	309	14 00	14 00			
	Forest City	38	75		75		
	Rodney	291	11 75	11 75			
	Zeta	311	17 00	17 00			
	Grenville	279	18 75	18 75			
	Brock	9	31 75	31 75			
	Rideau	241	43 75	43 75			
	Prince of Wales	250	23 00	23 00			
	Milton	92	2 00		2 00		
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
13	Central	322	39 25	39 25			
	Wilton	242	27 50	27 50			
	Covenant	52	39 50	39 50			
	Silver City	206	17 75	17 75			
	Otter	50	43 25	43 25			
	Sauble	227	1 50		1 50		
	Denovo	170	15 25	15 25			
	Underwood	328	10 00	10 00			
	Victoria	64	15 00	15 00			
	Minerva	197	15 75	15 75			
	Phœnix	22	27 75	27 75			
	Ancaster	138	12 50	12 50			
	Acorn	436	6 25	6 25			
	Lucan	70	11 00	11 00			
	Hastings	273	8 75	8 75			
	Equity	232	2 75	2 75			
	Millbrook	308	20 25	20 25			
	Dolman	174	26 25	26 25			
	Athena	306	10 75	10 75			
	Comber	208	14 75	14 75			
	Durham	78	31 50	31 50			
	Florence	196	21 00	21 00			
	Union	16	41 00	41 00			
	Emerald	178	18 75	18 75			
	Fidelity	55	8 00	8 00			
	Penetangore	172	39 50	39 50			
14	Hespeler	321	10 75	10 75			
	Clinton	83	16 00	16 00			
	Algoma	267	15 75	15 75			

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
July 14	Rebekah Assembly	....	$ 24 00	.....	$ 24 00	.....	.....
	Wildey	153	50	.....	50	.....	.....
	Howard	58	28 25	$ 28 25	.....	.....	.....
	Pontypool	206	13 50	13 50	.....	.....	.....
15	Deseronto	102	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Union	97	28 25	28 25	.....	.....	.....
	Exeter	67	12 25	12 25	.....	.....	.....
	Stella	125	23 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....
	Mt. Zion	46	7 25	7 25	.....	.....	.....
	Star	304	15 75	15 75	.....	.....	.....
	Mallorytown	245	11 75	11 75	.....	.....	.....
	Strathcona	326	12 25	12 25	.....	.....	.....
	Pyramid	156	6 75	6 75	.....	.....	.....
	Cambridge	188	10 25	10 25	.....	.....	.....
	Western City	93	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....
	Nith	96	11 50	11 50	.....	.....	.....
	Canada	49	52 25	50 25	2 00	.....	.....
	Amity	80	60 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....
	Peterborough	111	52 25	52 25	.....	.....	.....
	St. Clair	106	19 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....
	Webbwood	319	10 25	10 25	.....	.....	.....
17	Thamesford	258	29 25	29 25	.....	.....	.....
	Frontier	45	53 75	53 75	.....	.....	.....
	Alvinston	208	9 25	9 25	.....	.....	.....
	Elmira	216	9 50	9 50	.....	.....	.....
	Belleville	81	53 50	53 50	.....	.....	.....
	Stanley	268	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....
	Farmersville	237	4 50	4 50	.....	.....	.....
	Tweed	290	12 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....
	Albert	194	39 50	39 50	.....	.....	.....
	Balmoral	280	17 25	17 25	.....	.....	.....
	Olive Branch	88	31 25	31 25	.....	.....	.....
	Egremont	207	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....
	Simcoe	161	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....
	Ottawa	224	43 75	43 75	.....	.....	.....
	Carleton	240	61 00	61 00	.....	.....	.....
	Rockliffe	278	44 50	44 50	.....	.....	.....
	Earnscliffe	283	27 25	27 25	.....	.....	.....
	Manotick	285	7 25	7 25	.....	.....	.....
	Ahiram	205	28 50	28 50	.....	.....	.....
	Oriental	168	21 50	21 50	.....	.....	.....
	Manilla	105	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....
	Bothwell	74	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
	Fraternity	264	14 75	14 75	.....	.....	.....
	Simcoe	161	15 75	15 75	.....	.....	.....
	Waterford	285	22 25	22 25	.....	.....	.....
	Jarvis	191	8 25	8 25	.....	.....	.....
	Norfolk	225	18 25	18 25	.....	.....	.....
	Silver Star	202	11 50	11 50	.....	.....	.....
	Shedden	310	6 75	6 75	.....	.....	.....
	Mountain	315	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....
	Bervie	318	10 75	10 75	.....	.....	.....
	Constellation	85	10 50	10 50	.....	.....	.....
	Unity	47	91 00	91 00	.....	.....	.....
	Crescent	104	75	.....	75	.....	.....
18	Progress	158	31 50	29 50	2 00	.....	.....
	Barrie	63	22 25	22 25	.....	.....	.....

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
July 18	Aylmer	94	$37 25	$37 25			
	Clifford	214	18 75	18 75			
	Chesley	221	14 75	14 75			
	Tecumseh	182	19 00	19 00			
	Friendship	155	27 75	27 75			
	Beacon	201	20 75	20 75			
	Grand Valley	256	8 00	8 00			
	Elgin	32	54 00	54 00			
	Ilderton	234	7 25	7 25			
	Cobourg	136	22 25	22 25			
	Glanworth	289	9 00	9 00			
	Mayflower	297	11 50	11 50			
	St. Thomas	76	86 60	86 00	$ 0 60		
19	Naomi	116	14 25	14 25			
	Teeswater	183	4 50	4 50			
	Orion	109	11 00	11 00			
	Wellington Square	178	11 75	11 75			
	Streetsville	122	8 75	8 75			
	Electric City	312	10 25	10 25			
	Cornucopia	299	15 50	15 50			
	Mayflower	297	1 00		1 00		
	Mt. Brydges	217	28 25	28 25			
	Sudbury	282	18 75	18 75			
	Otonabee	13	31 25	31 25			
	Lilly	211	15 75	15 75			
	Royal Oak	108	19 00	19 00			
	Beethoven	165	9 75	9 75			
	Valley City	117	37 75	37 75			
	Golden Star	101	6 50	6 50			
	Sarnia	126	33 25	33 25			
	Valentine	305	8 75	8 75			
	Oxford	77	11 50	11 50			
	Charity	129	5 25	5 25			
	Model	147	10 50	10 50			
	Royal	286	14 75	14 75			
	Gananoque	114	51 50	51 50			
	Phœnix	22	1 25	1 25	1 25		
	Prospect	314	36 00	36 00			
	Sutton	168	25	25			
	Oakville	132	15 75	15 75			
	Geneva	320	9 00	9 00			
	Gold Hill	261	34 50	34 50			
	Kingston	58	77 50	77 50			
20	Haydn	152	16 75	16 75			
	Orient	134	5 00	5 00			
	Strathcona	326	1 80		1 80		
	Credit	257	6 75	6 75			
	Eastern Star	72	19 50	19 50			
	Princeton	307	12 25	12 25			
	Alpha	154	27 00	27 00			
	Chatham	29	50 25	50 25			
	Rondeau	40	33 50	33 50			
	Western City	98	23 75	23 75			
	Sydenham Valley	256	42 00	42 00			
	Dresden	124	26 75	26 75			
	Merlin	226	12 25	12 25			
	Lansdowne	270	14 50	14 50			

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
July 20	Sutton	168	$ 6 75	$ 6 75			
	Lambton	277	15 50	15 50			
	Romeo	164	44 75	44 75			
	Eureka	30	20 75	20 75			
	Meaford	260	18 25	18 25			
	Aurora	148	18 00	18 00			
	Montane	177	3 50	3 50			
	Brougham	155	4 50	4 50			
	Thamesville	157	18 75	18 75			
	Caledonia	253	6 50	6 50			
	Gore	34	72 00	72 00			
21	Plattsville	301	9 50	9 50			
	Brucefield	210	5 50	5 50			
	Spirit Rock	312	12 00	12 00			
	Milton	92	19 25	19 25			
	Crescent	104	76 00	76 00			
	Campbellford	248	15 00	15 00			
	Thornbury	243	7 50	7 50			
	Collingwood	54	35 25	35 25			
	Missanabie	266	13 00	13 00			
	Saxon	121	50	50			
	Parry Sound	189	21 75	21 75			
	Minnetonka	292	17 25	17 25			
	Minto	98	17 25	17 25			
	Hope	69	23 75	23 75			
	Garnet	139	18 25	18 25			
	Wildey	153	15 25	15 25			
	Saxon	121	12 00	12 00			
	Ridgely	250	13 75	13 75			
	Embro Star	229	9 75	9 75			
	Enterprise	218	31 75	31 75			
24	Atwood	332	28 13		$ 28 13		
	Hensall	223	14 00				
	Avon	41	132 75	129 75	3 00		
	Weston	200	6 75	6 75			
	Queen City of Ont	56	51 25	50 25	1 00		
	Lindsay	100	28 25	28 25			
	Britain	316	10 00	10 00			
	Bay of Quinte	148	31 00	31 00			
	Beaverton	249	10 75	10 75			
	Woodslee	320	11 25	11 25			
	North Bay	271	21 75	21 75			
	Prosperity	229	4 55	4 25	30		
	Prospect	314	1 00		1 00		
	Hanover	233	3 75	3 75			
	Reliance	89	48 00	48 00			
	Peaceful Dove	135	1 50		1 50		
	Port Arthur	244	2 00		2 00		
	Lakeview	272	16 75	16 75			
	Laurentian	317	6 75	6 75			
	Morewood	285	15 75	15 75			
	Empire	87	25 25	25 25			
	Norwood	262	6 00	6 00			
	Mizpah	137	32 25	32 25			
	Napánee	86	20 25	20 25			
	Cicerone	195	3 00	3 00			
	Fellowship	303	9 25	9 25			

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
July 24	Bobcaygeon	308	$ 10 00	$ 10 00			
	Woodstock	289	75		$ 0 75		
	Laurel	110	30 50	30 50			
	Fairy	275	7 50	7 50			
	Trenton	113	14 25	14 25			
	Port Arthur	244	15 50	15 50			
	Rose	28	20 00	20 00			
	Dominion	48	36 75	36 75			
	Chesterville	288	5 00	5 00			
26	Livingstone	130	7 75	7 75			
	St. Laurence	137	33 00	33 00			
	Niagara Falls	53	40 75	40 75			
	Maxville	331	4 50	4 50			
27	Forest City	38	20 25	20 25			
	Hillsburgh	167	5 00	5 00			
	Hope	69	60		60		
	Ontario	324	12 25	12 25			
	Argyle	212	25 50	25 50			
	Sauble	227	14 25	14 25			
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
	Chorazin	190	31 50	31 50			
	Maxville	331	24 63		24 63		
	Germania	184	29 75	29 75			
	Denovo	170	2 95		2 95		
	Midland	274	7 25	7 25			
	Underwood	328	1 25		1 25		
29	Corinthian	61	1 50		1 50		
	Millbrook	308	1 00		1 00		
	Napanee	86	18		18		
Aug. 1	Rebekah Assembly		26 50		26 50		
	Cataract	108	13 50	13 50			
	Saugeen	327	8 75	8 75			
	Samaritan	137	42 00	42 00			
	Maple Leaf	57	8 00	8 00			
	Carleton	240	60		60		
	Fergus	73	21 25	21 25			
	Silver City	206	2 00		2 00		
	Minto	98	50		50		
8	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
12	Bervie	318	1 00		1 00		
	Brock	6	75		75		
	Delta	265	7 25	7 25			
	Beamsville	215	5 75	5 75			
	Union	16	1 50		1 50		
	Grey	169	6 00	6 00			
	Milton	92	1 00		1 00		
	Dufferin	186	5 50	5 50			
	Maliorytown	245	80		80		
	International	228	5 25		5 25		
	Florence	196	2 35		2 35		
	Minto	98					
	Model	147	12 65		12 65		
14	Erie	33	2 00	2 00			
	Gananoque	114	1 50		1 50		
	Valley City	117	1 60		1 60		
	Millbrook	308	60		60		
15	Rockliffe	278	5 00		5 00		

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
Aug. 15	Lakeview	272	$ 0 75		$ 0 75		
	Nipissing	79	14 25				
25	Vivian	146	1 10		1 10		
26	Broadview	294	1 90		1 90		
28	Enterprise	218	1 50		1 50		
	Supplies		1 75		1 75		
30	Otonabee	13	90		90		
31	Webbwood	319	1 00		1 00		
	Aurora	148	1 00		1 00		
Sept. 6	Defunct lodges		1 00				
8	Electric City	318	1 00		1 00		
	Ahiram	205	25		25		
12	Marion	131	2 00		2 00		
	Valley City	117	3 50		3 50		
	Campbellford	248	4 25		4 25		
	Grand Union	97	80		80		
	Thamesville	257	2 00		2 00		
	Alpha	54	3 50		3 50		
	Amity	80	3 50		3 50		
	Georgian Bay	219	85		85		
	St. Mary's	36	3 50		3 50		
	Farmersville	237	1 00		1 00		
	Reliance	89	2 00		2 00		
	Gore	34	1 00		1 00		
	Riverside	145	16 50	$ 16 50			
	Star	304	1 00		1 00		
	Maple Leaf	57	1 25		1 25		
	Argyle	212	80		80		
19	Floral	252	2 00		2 00		
	Chesley	221	1 00		1 00		
20	Prince of Wales	290	70		70		
21	Empire	87	1 00		1 00		
	Pembroke	203	2 60		2 60		
22	Merlin	226	2 00		2 00		
23	Waterford	235	25		25		
25	Zeta	311	50		50		
	Peterboro'	111	1 13		1 13		
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
	Cataraqui	10	85		85		
	Aylmer	94	2 65		2 65		
27	Mizpah	127	1 00		1 00		
28	Fellowship	303	1 50		1 50		
Oct. 1	Sarnia	126	6 16		6 16		
	Flo. Nightingale	66	1 00		1 00		
	Deseronto	102	5 00		5 00		
6	Ancaster	138	1 00		1 00		
7	Emerald	173	2 20		2 20		
	Reliance	89	50		50		
	Bervie	318	2 50		2 50		
10	Fraternity	264	1 00		1 00		
11	Rideau	241	2 75		2 75		
	Dominion	48	1 70		1 70		
12	Union	16	75		75		
	Waterford	235	1 00		1 00		
14	Millbrook	308	1 00		1 00		
	Spirit Rock	312	2 00		2 00		
	Bay of Quinte	143	85		85		

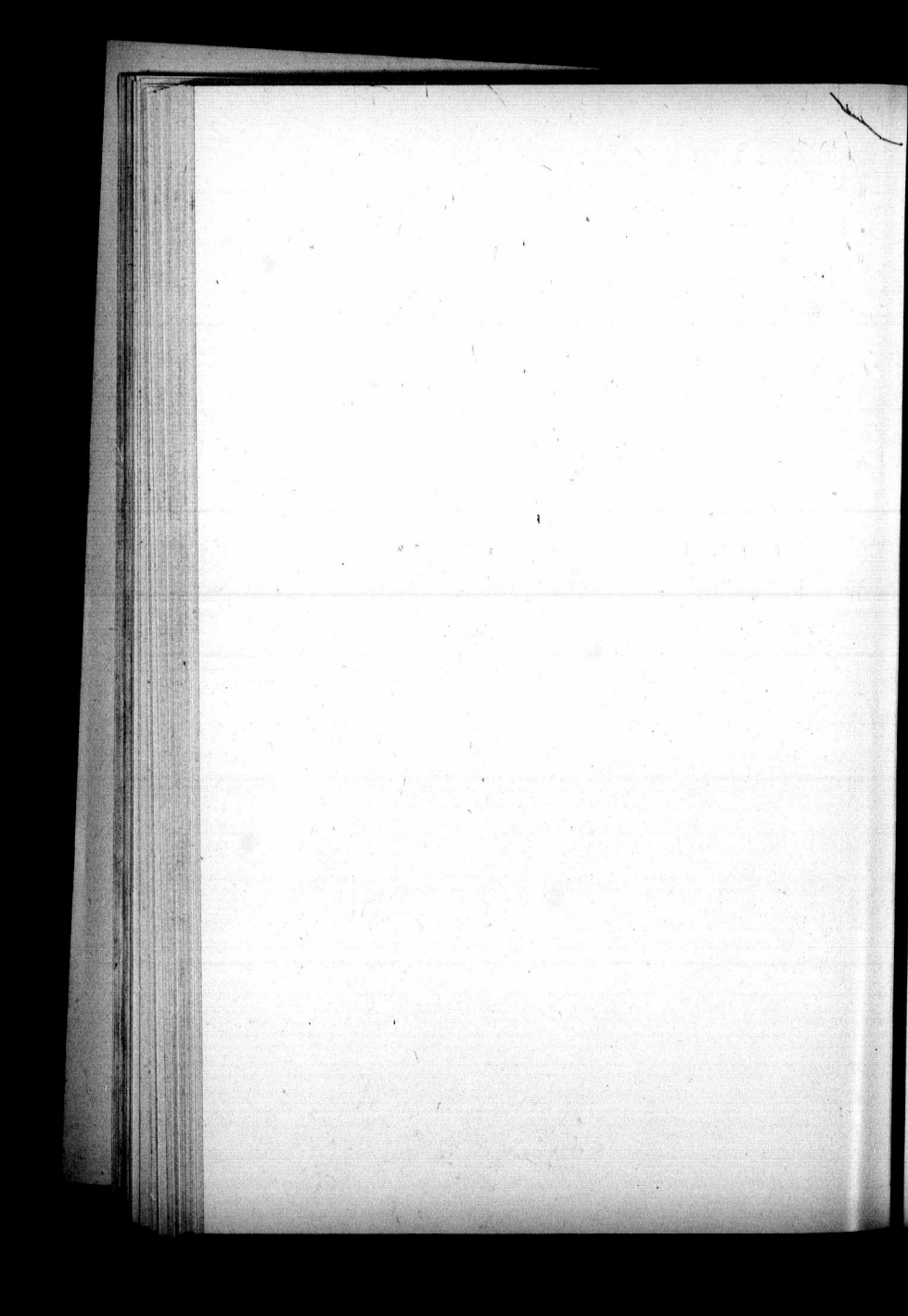
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
Oct. 16	Niagara Falls	53	$0 85		$0 85		
21	Lakeview	272	40		40		
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
	Woodstock	269	2 00		2 00		
	Beacon	201	1 77		1 77		
	Wellington Square	178	2 95		2 95		
	Olive Branch	88	2 00		2 00		
27	Dresden	124	1 25		1 25		
	Stirling	239	25		25		
	Rockliffe	278	85		85		
	Spirit Rock	312	85		85		
Nov. 1	Western Star	149	12 70		12 70		
	Napanee	86	11 00		11 00		
	Rebekah Assembly		5 00		5 00		
	Saugeen	327	1 25		1 25		
	Lindsay	100	50		50		
2	Napanee	36	30		30		
3	Central	322	2 00		2 00		
	Laurel	110	2 25		2 25		
6	Broadview	294	2 00		2 00		
	Concord	142	3 50		3 50		
7	Germania	184	75		75		
	Lakeview	272	1 00		1 00		
	Dresden	124	1 50		1 50		
	Lily	211	3 50		3 50		
10	Port Arthur	244	1 00		1 00		
13	Samaritan	35	1 50		1 50		
	Pembroke	203	75		75		
	Ridgetown	144	6 90		6 90		
15	Thamesville	257	1 00		1 00		
16	Aurora	148	4 00		4 00		
	Empire	87	1 90		1 90		
	Prince of Wales	230	1 00		1 00		
17	Huron	62	1 00		1 00		
	Albert	194	1 00		1 00		
18	Sarnia	126	4 00		4 00		
	Argyll	212	2 00		2 00		
21	Supplies		50		50		
	Royal Oak	108	2 00		2 00		
	Otonabee	13	1 85		1 85		
	Germania	184	1 00		1 00		
	Peterboro	111	1 40		1 40		
24	Valentine	306	1 00		1 00		
	Prospect	314	1 75		1 75		
25	Chatham	26	40		40		
	Argyll	212	80		80		
Dec. 1	Amity	80	4 00		4 00		
	Acorn	236	85		85		
	Bay of Quinte	143	50		50		
4	Rondeau	40	4 00		4 00		
8	Gold Hill	261	40		40		
9	Mallorytown	245	1 50		1 50		
	Brock	9	2 24		2 24		
	Glanworth	283	1 00		1 00		
11	Ahiram	205	1 51		1 51		
	Clifford	214	2 00		2 00		
13	Reliance	89	3 50		3 50		

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Concluded.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1899							
Dec. 13	Peteboro'	111	$28 00		$28 00		
	Madoc	179	24		24		
	Gananoque	114	8 00		8 00		
	Haydn	152	60		60		
	Wheatley	330	1 30		1 30		
14	Millbank	209	2 50		2 50		
	Aurora	148	4 00		4 00		
	Wildey	158	85		85		
	Riverside	145	50		50		
	Lynden	259	25		25		
15	Maxville	331	2 95		2 95		
16	Princeton	307	40		40		
18	Excelsior	44	1 50		1 50		
	Peterboro'	111	1 15		1 15		
19	Prospect	314	25		25		
21	Oakville	132	1 00		1 00		
	Clinton	88	4 00		4 00		
	The Toronto	71	4 00		4 00		
	Cicerone	195	1 00		1 00		
22	Mallorytown	245	2 50		2 50		
	Britannia	198	2 00		2 00		
	Atwood	330	53 30		53 30		
	Western City	93	3 00		3 00		
26	Sudbury	282	1 00		1 00		
	Waterford	235	1 00		1 00		
27	Grand Union	97	50		50		
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
29	Prince of Wales	230	1 70		1 70		
	St. Mary's	36	1 00		1 00		
	Flo. Nightingale	66	1 00		1 00		
	Mayflower	297	3 05		3 05		
	Total		13129 97	11598 00	1391 26	50 71	90 00

Odd Fellows. Monument Erected by the Odd Fellows of Brockville on Victoria Square Oakland Cemetery to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Order in Ontario Foundation Stone laid on the 5th day of August 1896 unveiled and dedicated on 22nd June 1897 (Jubilee day) being the first Public Monument put up by the Order in the Dominion of Canada



In Memoriam

The accompanying is a complete list of the Deaths for the year ending 31st December, 1899, with age, etc. :

Name.	Age	Lodge.	No.	Location.	Married or Single	Children	Date 1899.
Wood, John T., P.G.	48	Brock	9	Brockville	S		March 14
Campbell, H.	36	Cataraqui	10	Kingston	M	4	Sept. 21
McCaugherty, D.	36	"	10	"	M	2	Nov. 16
Amey, J. R.	50	"	10	"	M	1	March 22
Gordon, Robert	49	"	10	"	M	3	June 22
Metcalfe, J. C.	42	"	10	"	M	3	June 12
Connal, Thos. F.	29	Otonabee	13	Peterborough			May 7
Gelleland, W. B.	58	Union	16	St. Catharines	M		July 24
Kernahan, Jas.	70	"	16	"	M		Aug 11
House, T. McD.	42	"	16	"	M		March 1
Harris, W. B.	67	"	16	"	M	2	May 8
Rawlings, W. A.	70	"	16	"	M	2	May 19
Carey, G. W. M.	70	"	16	"	M		May 21
Taylor, Geo.	52	Rose	28	Amherstburg	M	6	Jan. 20
Burns, Geo.	41	"	28	"			Jan. 28
Ellis, Thos.	73	Eureka	30	"	M		June 18
Williams, J.	72	"	30	"	M		June 24
Milks, V. S.	85	Erie	33	Port Burwell			Dec. 15
Harrison, John.	37	Gore	34	Brantford	M		April 17
Crawford, Thos.	63	Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	M	3	Oct. 7
Curry, R. N.	69	Forest City	38	London			Mar. 20
Johnson, John	72	"	38	"			Jan. 4
Mathews, R. F.	67	"	38	"			Mar. 18
McLeod, John.	30	Rondeau	40	Blenheim			Aug. 23
Nash, Albert E.	26	"	40	"			Sept. 17
Anderson, D. S.	60	Avon	41	Stratford			May 23
Perry, John	67	"	41	"			
Osborne, Wm.	73	"	41	"			Aug. 14
Collomore, O.	77	Excelsior	44	Hamilton	M		Sept. 25
Reid, J. B.	57	"	44	"	M	3	Oct. 1
Epps, Foster.	28	"	44	"	M	2	Dec. 4
Lewis, Wm.	63	"	44	"	M		June 9
Cheseman, Benjamin	50	Frontier	45	Windsor	M		April 1
Sandercock, John	46	Unity	47	Hamilton	M	3	June 12

LIST OF DEATHS.—*Continued.*

NAME.	AGE	LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.	Married or Single	Children	DATE 1899
Hobden, W. H....	55	Unity	47	Hamilton.....	M	..	Sept. 16
Fairley, Wm.....	55	"	47	"	M	4	Oct. 19
Baker, Josiah.....	73	"	47	"	.....		Oct. 31
Haney, W. H.....	40	Canada	49	Toronto ...	M	1	Feb. 18
Breddin, Julius, P.G.	66	"	49	"	M	..	June 26
McDonald, Chas....	38	Otter.....	50	Tilsonburg.....	M	2	Mar. 1
Wooley, J. S.....	44	"	50	"	M	3	Sept. 12
Greig, John.....	65	Covenant.....	52	Toronto	M	..	Mar. 11
Smith, John.....	54	"	52	"	M	..	April 9
Going, Fred	45	"	52	"	M	..	April 24
Mills, J. A.....	58	"	52	"	M	..	July 30
Campbell, Jas. R...	40	Niagara Falls..	53	Niagara Falls..	M		Feb. 22
Smith, S. T..	54	Collingwood....	54	Collingwood ...	M	3	Oct. 18
McCammon, John..	53	Kingston.....	59	Kingston.....	.....	..	April 25
Fleming, John.....	23	"	59	"	.....	..	July 14
Pellow, Jas.....	50	Corinthian	61	Oshawa.....	M	1	Feb. 8
Cornell, A. W.....	29	Huron	62	Goderich.....	M	0	Feb. 18
Bernie, Alex.....	38	"	62	"	S	..	Aug. 13
Spence, Joseph.....	62	Victoria	64	Hamilton	.....	..	Jan. 29
Watt, John.....	71	"	64	"	...		Sept. 17
Hunter, Thos.....	58	Friendship.....	65	Petrolia.....	.....	..	April 25
Kellogg, Milton....	37	Hope.....	69	Harrietsville ..	S	..	June 20
McBrean, Jos.....	33	Eastern Star....	72	Whitby	S	..	April 16
Smith, David.....	58	Fergus.....	73	Fergus.....	S	..	April 20
Cardy, Hugh.....	30	"	73	"	M	..	April 18
Rosebrugh, W.....	65	Bothwell	74	Bothwell	M	6	July 16
Jewett, Jas.....	60	Warriner.....	75	Port Perry	M	6	June 14
McKay, Rob't.....	65	St. Thomas....	76	St. Thomas....	M	..	Dec. 23
Trick, Wm.....	29	Durham	78	Port Hope.....	S	..	Feb. 14
LaBatt, Chas. R....	25	Amity.....	80	Prescott.....	S	..	June 23
Reynolds, J..... ..	61	"	80	"	M	..	Sept. 26
Jordan, A.....	49	"	80	"	M	1	Nov. 15
Gould, E. W.....	55	Belleville.....	81	Belleville.....	M	3	May 15
Carscallen, W. H ..	50	"	81	"	M	3	Oct. 11
Henderson, W. G..	51	"	81	"	M	..	Nov. 5
Goodman, R. F....	53	Empire.....	87	St. Catharines..	M	1	April 6
Brotchie, John	65	Olive Branch...	88	Woodstock	M	5	Aug. 17
Hunter, Jas	42	Reliance.....	89	Guelph.....	M	1	Feb. 10
Liddell, R. B.....	38	"	89	"	M	5	June 2
Watson, W. J.	44	"	89	"	M		Dec. 16
McIntyre, D. G....	23	Ivy.....	90	Parkhill	S	..	June 2

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Landor, Robert	65	Grand River	91	Paris	M	2	Feb. 10
Seyler, Jacob	65	Nith	96	New Hamburg			Dec.
Whiting, A. M.	49	Grand Union	91	Berlin	M	5	Jan. 27
Broadbent, C.	29	Crescent	104	Hamilton	S		Sept. 11
Home, Wm.	45	"	104	"			Jan.
Kivell, Sam'l N.	55	Manilla	105	Manilla	M	1	Sept. 16
Todd, Thos.	68	Waterloo	107	Galt	M		Jan. 11
Hickland, E.	31	Waterloo	107	Galt	M	1	Jan. 31
Irwin, J. B.	33	"	107	"	M		April 12
Barbour, Robert	44	"	107	"	M		Oct. 16
Shepherd, John A.	34	Royal Oak	108	Forest			Sept. 14
Sole, Fred.	46	Laurel	110	Toronto	M		Jan. 13
Atkinson, Jas.	27	"	110	"	S		Sept. 16
McCrea, W. C.	32	Peterborough	111	Peterboro'	M		Jan. 16
Nicholls, Nat.	47	"	111	"	M	4	Feb. 8
Gillespie, L. E.	28	"	111	"	S		Mar. 18
Clark, M.D., John.	48	"	111	"	S		April 12
Morris, W. H.	52	"	111	"	M	4	Oct. 25
Vanderwort, B.	41	Trenton	113	Trenton	M		Oct.
Wing, David S.	39	Gananoque	114	Gananoque	M	3	May 8
Younger, R. R.	52	"	114	"	M		Jan. 24
Raymond, W.	36	"	114	"			Nov. 16
Mason, C. F.	48	Valley City	117	Dundas			Mar. 27
Connell, Wm.	54	"	117	"	M	2	Nov 20
Sudd, T.	36	Sydenham Val'y	120	Wallaceburg	M	4	April 13
Burse, Wilson.	51	Dresden	124	Dresden	M		Oct. 15
Breckenridge, David	51	Stella	125	Carleton Place	M	5	Sept. 27
Kerr, Sam.	39	Sarnia	126	Sarnia			
Bassett, R. W.	30	Mizpah	127	Belleville	M		Nov. 5
Tickell, Geo. S.	70	"	127	"			May 8
Jardine, J. G.	33	Charity	129	Sunderland	M		Jan.
Robertson, Wilbert	22	Oakville	132	Oakville	S		
McAlpine, Peter J.	50	Glencoe	133	Glencoe	M	5	Sept. 7
Hunt, Reuben	65	Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	M		June 22
Isaac, Wm.	33	Cobourg	136	Cobourg	M	1	
Ryall, W. H.	52	Leamington	140	Leamington	M	1	July 11
McDonald, Jason	41	Concord	142	Kingsville	M	1	Feb. 27
Ferguson, C. H.	33	Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	M	1	Jan. 27
McKerracher, A. R	23	Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	S		Dec. 12
Clubine, E. J.	36	Aurora	148	Aurora	M	3	Sept. 10
Miller, D. N.	72	Haydn	152	Norwich	M		June

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Neilson, Wm	38	Alpha	154	Almonte	M		Jan. 6
Dunlop, John	62	"	154	"	M	9	Dec.
Armstrong, Alex.	38	Brougham	155	Whitevale	M	2	Oct. 21
Draper, Geo.	73	Simcoe	161	Simcoe	M		March 7
Johnson, W. W.	40	"	161	"	M	2	March 8
Piercy, Alex.	68	Oriental	163	Cornwall		7	Jan. 30
Willis, W. G.	32	Romeo	164	Stratford	S		June 6
Cox, H. G.	28	"	164	"			June 12
Sarvis, Louis	41	"	164	"	M		July 11
Brown, Thos.	55	Penetangore	172	Kincardine	S		Sept. 17
Lockie, Wm.	38	Emerald	173	Dunnville	M	1	Feb. 2
Machell, A. G.	42	Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	M	1	Mar. 4
Elder, W. H.	49	Dufferin	186	Flesherton			May 30
Rolling, Harry	45	Cambridge	188	Preston			Dec. 22
Willis, W. G.	41	Chorazin	190	London East	M		Jan. 27
Mock, J. H.	30	"	190	"	M		May 28
Linfoot, Chas.	39	"	190	"	M		May 29
Hopkirk, Thos.	53	Albert	194	Toronto	M		July 9
Willcock, G. A.	29	"	194	"	M	1	Sept. 1
Collins, J. W.	50	"	194	"	M	4	Nov. 15
Houghton, Jas.	32	Minerva	197	Hamilton	M	1	Sept. 20
Tanner, Geo. B.	34	Pembroke	203	Pembroke	M	3	Oct. 13
Chamberlain, W. A.	41	"	203	"	M	4	Nov. 22
Sadler, Thos. L.	42	"	203	"	M	4	Dec. 17
Robertson, Jno. A.	62	"	203	"			Dec. 20
McInnes, John	29	Silver City	206	Tiverton			May 23
Graham, James.	40	"	206	"	M	1	Sept. 11
Scott, M. W.	65	Argyle	212	Napanee			June
Fonger, Henry	37	Mt. Brydges	217	Mt. Brydges	M	5	Jan. 8
Cox, James	53	"	217	"	M		Sept. 30
Latta, Geo	45	Hensall	223	Hensall			Aug. 9
White, Joseph	41	Ottawa	224	Ottawa			Aug. 16
Halliday, W. W.	31	Merlin	226	Merlin	S		Jan. 27
Gerrard, C.	33	International	228	Bridgeburg	M	5	May 4
Bowen, F.	39	"	228	"	M	2	July 6
Finlay, H. M.	38	"	228	"	M	5	Dec. 6
McMichael, Calvin.	58	Waterford	235	Waterford	M	1	Nov. 28
Duncomb, Chas. O.	29	"	235	"	M		Sept. 13
McMurray, D.	43	Stirling	239	Stirling	S		April 17
Thead, Ed.	41	"	239	"	M	3	
Drage, Wm.	47	Wilton	242	Toronto	M		May 23

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Waldon, John	67	Gordon	247	Palmerston		7	Sept. 4
Scheifle, Wm.	25	"	247	"			Sept. 21
Scott, F.	33	Campbellford	248	Campbellford	M	2	April 7
Morton, Thos.	42	Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	M		Dec. 28
Gaviller, A. C.	41	Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	M	4	Jan. 7
McRitchie, W. R.	28	Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage			Dec. 30
Densmore, J. P.	74	"	261	"			June 3
Yule, W.	43	Missanabie	266	Chapleau	M	5	April 5
Veal, W.	36	Algoma	267	Ft. William			Dec. 17
Cornett, W. J.	41	Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	M	3	June 23
Barnes, Sidney	40	Lakeview	272	Toronto Junct'n	M	2	
Orr, Andrew	34	Hastings	273	Hastings	M		May 27
Benbow, T. J.	51	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	M	4	Oct. 3
Cowan, H. T.	47	"	278	"			Jan. 7
Cracknel, Arthur	39	Arthur	281	Sault Ste Marie	M		April 15
Wilson, W.	43	Pontypool	296	Pontypool	M	1	Jan. 4
Barnes, Chancey	52	Valentine	305	Moore	M	5	Dec. 21
Allen, Geo.	39	Shedden	310	Shedden	S		Feb. 27
Pickard, John	57	Electric City	312	Chippawa			June 1
Eckhart, F. W.	23	Prospect	314	Toronto	M	1	Feb. 15
Stevenson, T. J.	35	"	314	"			May 6
Flaherty, Jas.	38	Laurentian	317	Westport			Jan. 15
Arkell, Jas.	22	Hespeler	321	Hespeler	S		Aug. 24
Stewart, Chas. B.	43	Central	322	Toronto	M		Jan. 11
Freeman, Samuel	25	"	322	"			May 24
Mill, Harry	31	"	322	"	M		Aug. 6
Strange, Chas. F.	23	"	322	"	S		July 7

There is no Death! What seems so, is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.

—*Longfellow.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF I.O.O.F HOME FUND

TORONTO, August 8th, 1900.

To the Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

Dear Sir and Brother:—As Treasurer of the I.O.O.F. Home Fund, I beg to submit for the Grand Lodge the following report, which contains the amount of cash received, and amounts promised since our last meeting on August 10th, 1899:—

CASH RECEIVED

On hand, August 9th, 1899	$1,827 58
Gordon Lodge, No. 247	18 00
Prudence Reb. Lodge, No. 24	13 60
Cornucopia Lodge, No. 299	3 66
Ontario Lodge, No. 324	7 77
Elmira Lodge, No. 216	5 42
Bracebridge Anniversary	12 00
Thamesford Lodge, No. 258	10 69
Riverside Lodge, No. 145	15 00
Oriental Reb. Lodge, No. 63	8 75
Rideau Lodge, No. 241	30 00
Ancaster Lodge, No. 138	25 00
Florence Lodge, No. 196	25 00
Alpha Lodge, No. 154	25 00
International Lodge, No 228	100 00
Toronto District Com., No. 9	40 00
Riverside Lodge, No. 145	25 00
Model Lodge, No. 147	25 00
Spirit-Rock Lodge, No. 312	10 00
Deseronto Lodge, No. 102	50 00
Madoc Lodge, No. 179	50 00
Walkerton Lodge, No. 84	50 00
Ripley Lodge, No. 287	25 00
Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53	50 00
Western Star Lodge, No. 149	25 00
Pontypool Lodge, No. 296	25 00
Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46	10 00
Milton Lodge, No. 92	10 00
Star Lodge, No. 304	5 00
Carleton Lodge, No. 240	100 00
Sycamore Lodge, No. 151	25 00

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 230	30 00
Meaford Lodge, No. 260	10 00
Lake View Lodge, No. 272	25 00
Crescent Lodge, No. 104	75 00
Lyn Lodge, No. 284	25 00
Denovo Lodge, No. 170	25 00
Webbwood Lodge, No. 319	10 00
Sudbury Lodge, No. 282	25 00
Floral Lodge, No. 252	25 00
Peterboro Lodge, No. 111	100 00
Gore Lodge, No. 34	100 00
Ideal Reb. Lodge, No. 47	5 00
Covenant Lodge, No. 52	25 00
Exeter Lodge, No. 67	20 00
Alba Lodge, No. 254	10 00
Balmoral Lodge, No. 285	5 00
Hamilton Anniversary	49 15
Peachland Reb. Lodge, No. 45	38 20
Western Star Lodge, No. 149	12 00
Ilderton Lodge, No. 234	25 00
Gold Hill, No. 261	20 00
St. Catharines Anniversary	50 00
Dresden Lodge, No. 124	6 05
Naomi Reb. Lodge, No. 6	15 00
Louise Reb. Lodge, No. 10	26 00
North Bay Lodge, No. 271	10 00
Algoma Lodge, No. 267	20 00
Liberty Lodge, No. 323	5 00
Acorn Lodge, No. 236	10 00
Fraternity Lodge, No. 264	50 00
Exeter Encampment, No. 33	10 00
Ontario Encampment, No 11	25 00
Brucefield Lodge, No. 210	5 00
Glencoe Lodge, No. 133	25 00
Comber Lodge, No. 298	5 00
Beaver Lodge, No. 82	5 00
Ottawa Lodge, No. 224	100 00
Brant Encampment, No. 4	50 00
Grand Union Lodge, No. 97	25 00
Prospect Lodge, No. 314	25 00
Garnet Lodge, No. 139	50 00
Grenville Lodge, No. 279	2 00
Kingston Lodge, No. 39	10 00
Lyndon Lodge, No. 259	5 00
Wheatley Lodge, No. 330	15 40
Jarvis Lodge, No. 191	25 00
Queen City Lodge, No. 56	100 00
Listowel Lodge, No. 160	10 00
Louisa Reb. Lodge, No. 10	10 00
Hespeler Lodge, No. 321	6 35
Corinthian Lodge, No. 61	50 00
Norwood Lodge, No. 262	5 00
Rodney Lodge, No. 291	5 00
Morewood Lodge, No. 285	10 00
Olive Branch Reb., No. 16	5 00

Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 56	10 00
Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120	25 00
Hayden Lodge, No. 152	30 00
S. M. Cee and W. S. Halls	4 00
Oriental Lodge, No. 163	16 25
Adelphian Encampment	25 00
Woodslee Reb. Lodge, No. 55	1 50
Galt Encampment, No. 62	25 00
St. Thomas Anniversary	36 00
Germania Lodge, No. 184	10 00
Streetsville Lodge, No. 122	10 00
Toronto Lodges, New Year's Concert	196 25
Grand Lodge of Ontario	1000 00
Cash on hand	$5,476 67
Subscriptions previous to August 12th, 1899, and reported last year	$7,319 50

SUBSCRIBED DURING THE YEAR.

I. B. Aulph, Bracebridge	$ 5 00	
Jas. McLurg, G.M	25 00	
Alba Lodge, No. 254	10 00	
Ivey Lodge, No. 90	25 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 48	50 00	
Oretangore Lodge, No. 172	50 00	
Merlin Lodge, No. 226	15 00	
Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40	50 00	
Enterprise Lodge, No. 218	25 00	
Wellington Encampment	25 00	
Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	50 00	
Fairy Lodge, No. 275	40 00	
St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 137	25 00	
		$ 395 00
Total		$7,714 50

LESS PAID ON SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CREDITED IN CASH RECEIVED.

Peaceful-Dove Lodge, No. 135	$ 10 05	
Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 230	30 00	
Milbrooke Lodge, No. 308	20 00	
Britania Lodge, No. 198	10 00	
International Lodge, No. 228	100 00	
Rideau Lodge, No. 241	30 00	
Ottawa Lodge, No. 224	100 00	
Thamesford Lodge, No. 258	15 01	
Cataract Lodge, No. 103	5 00	
Covenant Lodge, No. 52	25 00	
Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	10 00	
Hespeler Lodge, No. 321	5 00	
Marion Lodge, No. 131	28 60	
Grand Lodge of Ontario	1000 00	
		$1,388 66
Total Subscriptions due to Aug. 1st, 1900		$6,325 84

Report No. 2—Bro. J. A. Young presented the printed Report of the Special Committee on revision of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, Rebekah Assembly and Rebekah Lodges, and seconded by Rep. R. K. Cowan, moved the adoption of the following resolution,—which was agreed to, viz.:

Resolved,—That the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on Constitutions be made the first order of business at Thursday afternoon's Session.

The following letter from the Rebekah Assembly was read, and on motion of Bro. Jno. Gibson, P G.M., seconded by Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, the following was adopted:

Resolved,—That the request of the Rebekah Assembly for a loan of Forty Dollars be granted, and the Grand Master be authorized to issue a warrant for that amount on the Grand Treasurer.

Hamilton, Ont., August 8, 1900.

To the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

BROTHERS,—Owing to the fact that the Finances of this Assembly have come short at this Session, a resolution was passed to ask your Grand Body to kindly loan us the sum of Forty Dollars to complete the payment of our mileage and per diem. In compliance with the aforesaid resolution I now present this letter.

Signed,

NELL ACKLAND, *President.*
MAGGIE WADDELL, *Secretary.*

The Grand Master announced the following Regular and Special Committees, viz.:

ON CREDENTIALS—

Reps. J. B. King, G.S.; Jas. Hewer, Progress Lodge, No. 158, Guelph; Jas. Stitt, Princeton Lodge, No. 307, Princeton.

ON DISTRIBUTION—

Reps. R. Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston; A. Barber, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, St. Thomas; J. M. Wilkins, Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, Sarnia.

ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES *(appointed in interim)*—

Reps. H. White, P.G.M. Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope; D. Robertson, Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines; J. H. Magill, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope.

ON FINANCE—.

Reps. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., Queen City of Ont. Lodge, No. 56, Toronto; B. L. Baker, Otter Lodge, No. 50, Tilsonburg; Wm. Nelson, Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Belleville; W. L. McWhinnie, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, Woodstock; Jas. Dennison, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston; H. E. Vaux, Romeo Lodge, No. 164, Stratford; A. B. McBride, Germania Lodge, No. 184, Waterloo; J. A. Johnston, Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Smith's Falls; W. C. Goodsir, Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines; A. McK. Cameron, Meaford Lodge, No. 260, Meaford; Jas. Clark, Marion Lodge, No. 131, Renfrew.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE—

Reps. R. N. Sheppard, Albert Lodge, No. 194, Toronto; N. D. Jewett, Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterboro'; Adam Brown, Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas; Jno. Muirhead, Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford; Geo. H. Clark, Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, Niagara Falls; R. J. Webster, Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, Gananoque; Jno. Brandon, Ancaster Lodge, No. 138, Ancaster; Walter James, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock; W. Irving, Webbwood Lodge, No. 319, Webbwood.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER—

Reps. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135, Cannington; Wm. Rathwell, Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville; Wm. Wanless, Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham; A. Gibson, Collingwood Lodge, No 54, Collingwood; A. E. Webster, Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa; T. Coram, Pembroke Lodge, No. 203, Pembroke; W. M. Sills, Argyle Lodge, No. 212, Napanee: L. J. Cameron, Beaverton Lodge, No. 249, Beaverton; Wm. Manson, Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr.

ON LEGISLATION—

Reps. R. K. Cowan, Dominion Lodge, No. 48, London; Henry Clarke, Elora Lodge, No. 231, Elora; J. D. Knox, Geneva Lodge, No. 320, Orillia; E. E. Short, Prospect Lodge, No. 314, Toronto; Alex. Abraham, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; Peter M. Thompson, Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston; S. A. Popplestone, Exeter Lodge, No. 67, Exeter; Phillip Facey, Thamesville Lodge, No. 157, Thamesville; L. R. Stevens, Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa; J. M. Armstrong, Minnetonka Lodge, No. 292, Keewatin.

ON ELECTION RETURNS—

Reps. Hy. Clark, Elora Lodge, No. 231, Elora; J. J. Matthews, Friendship Lodge, No. 65, Petrolia; E. W. Featherston, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, Woodstock; W. Foote, Southampton Lodge, No. 325, Southampton.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—

Reps. S. M. Thompson, Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Brantford; G. E. Buck, Floral Lodge, No. 252, Toronto; Wm. Robson, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, Whitby; A. Knowles, Gordon Lodge, No. 247, Palmerston; J. H. Hoshal, Erie Lodge, No. 33, Pt. Burwell; Jno. Newton, Grand River Lodge, No. 91, Paris; S. H. Glassford, Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135, Cannington; Melvin White, Shedden Lodge, No. 310, Shedden: Jno. A. Barnard, Montana Lodge, No. 177, Wroxeter.

ON JUDICIARY—

Reps. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto; A. H. Blackeby, Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt; Jno. Welsh, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; W. D. Spence, St. Mary's Lodge, St. Mary's; F. R. Blewett, Listowel Lodge, No. 160, Listowel; R. Ronan, Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa; F. B. Allen, Pt. Arthur Lodge, No. 244, Pt. Arthur; R. Diack, Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston; B. O'Hara, Madoc Lodge, No. 179, Madoc; W. E. Stevens, Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer.

ON APPEALS—

Reps. J. A. Morton, Maitland Lodge, No. 119, Wingham; W. P. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 322, Toronto; Geo. Latcham, Frontier Lodge, No 45, Windsor; O. Beatty, Jr., Unity Lodge, No. 47, Hamilton; Geo. Porter, Huron Lodge, No. 62, Goderich; A. M. Halliday, Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott; J. S. Hambly, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Pt. Hope; H. M. Love, Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 143, Picton; J. E. Hughes, Pyramid Lodge, No. 156, Newmarket; J. J. Fee, Wilton Lodge, No. 242, Toronto.

ON GENERAL PURPOSES *(appointed in interim)*—

Reps. W. F. Mountain, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto; J. B. King, G Sec.; W. J. McCormack, G. Treas.

ON DISTRICTS—

Reps. G. T. Pendrith, Broadview Lodge, No. 294, Toronto; Wm. Henderson, Bervie Lodge, No. 318, Bervie; J. Turnbull, Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Ottawa; J. T. Hollingshead, Algoma Lodge, No. 267, Ft. William; D. J. Donaldson, Mt. Brydges Lodge, No. 217, Mt. Brydges; Jno. Cook, Beacon Lodge, No. 201, Pt. Colborne; J. M. Warren, Golden Star Lodge, No. 101, Brampton; M. McConnell, Lansdowne Lodge, No. 270, Lansdowne; Neil McPhail, Penetangore Lodge, No 172, Kincardine; J. Roger, Atwood Lodge, No. 332, Atwood.

ON REBEKAH DEGREE—

Bro. Jno. Gibson, P.G.M., Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; Reps. G. A. Porter, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto; G. E. Fax, Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, Belleville; A. McGuire, Western Star Lodge, No. 149, Brussels; Jno. W. Hall, Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr; A. D. Thornton, Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120, Wallaceburg; Chas. A. Abbot, Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa; T. H. Wigle, Beaver Lodge, No. 82, Ruthven.

ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS—

Reps. J. A. Young, P.G.M., Thamesford Lodge, No. 258, Thamesford; G. B. Hagerman, Stirling Lodge, No. 239, Stirling; R. Hamilton, Mayflower Lodge, No. 297, Parham; Fred. Levandusky, Cambridge Lodge, No. 188, Preston; Stuart Atcheson, Spirit Rock Lodge, No. 312, Wiarton; W. B. Dack, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto.

SPECIAL NO. 1—

Reps. J. B. Turner, Crescent Lodge, No. 104, Hamilton; A. Barber, St. Thomas, No. 76, St. Thomas; G. W. Griffith, Grenville Lodge, No. 279, Kemptville; J. H. Butler, Phoenix Lodge, No. 22, Oshawa; W. C. McDonald, Laurel Lodge, No. 110, Toronto; Wm. Barnes, Dresden Lodge, No. 124, Dresden; Horace German, Wildey Lodge, No. 153, Granton; Jos. Mayville, Enterprise Lodge, No. 218, Essex; G. H. Lawrence, Lucknow Lodge, No. 112, Lucknow.

SPECIAL No. 2—

Reps. A. L. Geen, Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Belleville; Jas. Clark, Marion Lodge, No. 131, Renfrew; D. Fraser, Saxon Lodge, No. 121, Ailsa Craig; J. H. Peatfield, Victoria Lodge, No. 64, Hamilton; W. T. Gunn, Howard Lodge, No. 58, Strathroy; S. W. Priestly, Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London; R. G. Ord, Parry Sound Lodge, No. 189, Parry Sound; Wm. Spring, Arthur Lodge, No. 281, Sault Ste. Marie; C. E. Jackeway, North Star Lodge, No. 68, Stayner.

SPECIAL No. 3—

Reps. W. J. Hamilton, Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, Cobourg; E. F. Waterhouse, Oxford Lodge, No. 77, Ingersoll; Jno. Payne, Barrie Lodge, No. 63, Barrie; J. W. Fletcher, Forest City Lodge, No. 38, London; J. Knox Christie, Owen Sound Lodge, No. 180, Owen Sound; W. B. Vollett, Grey Lodge, No. 169, Durham; E. T. Morton, Campbellford Lodge, No. 248, Campbellford; A. A. Coulthurst, International Lodge, No. 228, Bridgeburg; Jno. Crawford, Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, Walkerton.

SPECIAL No. 4—

Reps. Geo. Bell, Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa; A. E. Keayes, Alpha Lodge, No. 154, Almonte; Jno. Forth, Wellington Square Lodge, No. 178, Burlington; Jared Tinning, Chorazin Lodge No. 190, London East; Jas McLelland, Ahiram Lodge, No. 205, Paisley; J. E. Allen, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 230, Toronto; W. H. Givens, East Toronto Lodge, No. 263, East Toronto; W. H. League, Liberty Lodge, No. 323, Berlin.

SPECIAL No. 5—

Reps. A. B. Butterworth, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa; F. M. Falls, Rose Lodge, No. 28, Amherstburg; R. Gemmell, Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll; A. Fennell, Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46, Newbury; W. Sclater, Fidelity Lodge, No. 55, Seaforth; F. F. Norris, Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 66, Bowmanville; S. E. Facey, Hope Lodge, No. 69, Harrietsville; Wm. McAndrews, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Hamilton.

SPECIAL No. 6—

Reps. W. T. Given, Millbrook Lodge, No. 308, Millbrook Geo. Stilson, Model Lodge, No. 147, Wyoming; T. G. Anderson Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 159, Hamilton; D. Simpson, Emerald Lodge, No. 173, Dunville; D. Tedford, Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, Blenheim; Geo. Swain, Grand Valley Lodge, No. 256, Grand Valley; J. W. Avery, Caledonia Lodge No. 253, Caledonia; Geo. Strecks, Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas; Jos. S. Edgar, Frontier Lodge, No. 45, Windsor.

SPECIAL No. 7—

Reps. Isaac Unsworth, Florence Lodge, No. 196, Florence; G. A. May, Grand Union Lodge, No. 97, Berlin; Jno. Douglas, Valley City Lodge, No. 117, Dundas; J. H. Munro, Stella Lodge, No. 125, Carleton Place; Geo. Parrott, Glencoe Lodge, No. 133, Glencoe; Chas. A. Dunkley, Ridgetown Lodge, No. 144, Ridgetown; Mark Hernmiston, Oriental Lodge, No. 163, Cornwall; R. H. Knox, Riverside Lodge, No. 145, Iroquois; E. Ironside, Ilderton Lodge, No. 234, Ilderton.

SPECIAL No. 8—

Reps. W. H. Lowe, Orient Lodge, No. 134, Welland; W. Thornton, Teeswater Lodge, No. 183, Teeswater; Wm. Gillespie, Millbank Lodge, No. 209, Millbank; And. Scott, Brucefield Lodge, No. 210, Brucefield; G. J. Sutherland, Hensall Lodge, No. 223, Hensall; F. S. Marlatt, Waterford Lodge, No. 235, Waterford; J. H. McLelland, Hastings Lodge, No. 273, Hastings; Peter McPherson, Silver City Lodge, No. 206, Tiverton; A. H. Beath, Sudbury Lodge, No. 282, Sudbury.

SPECIAL No. 9—

Reps. D. B. Brown, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, Orangeville; Robt. Tovell, Reliance Lodge, No 89, Guelph; J. H. Bustin, Nipissing Lodge, No. 79, Uxbridge; C. Crowe, Trenton Lodge, No. 113, Trenton; W. J. Ransom, Fellowship Lodge, No. 303, Dickenson's Landing; W J. Mandley, Strathcona Lodge, No. 326, Shelburne; H. L. Stratton, Prosperity Lodge, No. 329, Delhi; Geo. Davidson, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock; R. J. Johnston, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 230, Toronto.

PRESS COMMITTEE—

Reps. R. Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston; W. S. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 322, Toronto; R. R. Brett, Enterprise Lodge, No. 218, Essex.

Report No. 3—Rep. J. B. Turner from the Special Committee on Reduction of Grand Lodge Expenses presented the Report of that Committee, which had already been laid before the Subordinate Lodges.

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

Any change in our present system of representation and payment of expenses of representatives to Grand Lodge involves two important considerations: FIRST: The efficiency of our Grand Lodge; SECOND: The doing of no injustice to any of the interests affected.

There are three ways by which the expenses of Grand Lodge sessions may be reduced, either by reducing the number of representatives, by reducing the allowance to each representative, or by reducing the number and length of the sessions. The committee is of the opinion that to reduce the number of sessions might seriously interfere with the usefulness of Grand Lodge and consequently would not recommend that any action be taken in that direction.

There remains for consideration then, First, a reduction in the number of representatives, Second, a reduction in the length of the session of Grand Lodge, Third, a change in the basis of payment of the expenses of the representatives. In order to have data for the comparison of our system with that of other Grand Lodges, the committee, through the Grand Secretary, addressed a circular of inquiry to the Grand Secretaries of all the jurisdictions under the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Forty-five answers have been received and the following tables show a comparative statement of the number of Subordinate Lodges, their membership, the number of representatives to Grand Lodge, the cost of the last session of each Grand Lodge, the principle of representation and the basis of payment of the expenses of the representatives in each case, all of which it is hoped will be useful data in considering the proposed changes.

TABLE NO. 1.

NAME OF GRAND LODGE.	Number of Subordinate Lodges in each Grand Lodge.	The number of members under the jurisdiction of each Grand Lodge.	Number of representatives at last session of each Grand Lodge.	Total cost of the last session of each Grand Lodge.	Cost of last session of the Grand Lodge per member of the Subordinate Lodges.
Alabama	130	5000	130	$3009 00	$0 60
Arkansas	147	4230	130	1252 93	29
British Columbia	38	2845	62	1115 10	39
California	356	30768	629	4186 10	14
Connecticut	86	16878	3 to 400		
Delaware	34	2582			
Florida	34	1125	48	625 25	55
Georgia	109	4904	140	1489 53	30
Idaho	55	2000	110	1314 60	65
Illinois	878	51863	786	8969 76	17
Indiana	645	49800	655	5304 05	11
Indian Territory	71	2700	67	2100 40	77
Kansas	440	23500	510	4461 21	19
Kentucky	175	9500			
Lower Provinces	70	5244	92	796 47	15
Maine	140	20705			
Manitoba	54	3642	69	654 83	18
Massachusetts	237	51558	500		
Michigan	475	27000	575	6800 00	25
Minnesota	243	15069	242	3172 00	21
Missouri	560	30000	100	2300 00	08
Montana	66	3567	68	1812 35	50
Nebraska	210	10504	225	2408 55	23
Nevada	24	1252	157	448 79	35
New Hampshire	99	13000			
New Mexico	18	859	24	441 10	51
New York	804	76663			
North Carolina	112	5400	97	1150 29	21
North Dakota	61	2400	81	639 74	26
Ohio	720	62372	97	2828 08	05
Oklahoma	55	2669	61	614 79	23
Ontario	278	23052	378	4882 95	21
Oregon	131	6800	291	2521 00	37
Pennsylvania	1090	106121	919	9087 85	09
Quebec	39	2945	96	488 60	16
Rhode Island	51	6150	316		
South Dakota	95	3813	106	1194 06	31
Tennessee	195	8627	180	3439 31	39
Texas	293	11383	257	4404 45	38
Vermont	64	5229	180	745 00	14
Virginia	193	10500	166	1951 00	18
Washington	151	7769	153	2832 05	36
West Virginia	174	9693	172	2471 04	25
Wisconsin	336	15602	290	2639 68	17
Wyoming	24	1290	30	662 11	51

TABLE NO. 2.

ALABAMA—1 representative for each Lodge; 80 members, two representatives; 1 representative for each additional 50 members. 8 cents per mile. $3.00 per diem.

ARKANSAS—1 representative for each Lodge. 4 cents per mile. $1.50 per diem.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1 representative for each 50 members. 5 cents per mile. $2.00 per diem.

CALIFORNIA—1 representative for 50 members; 1 for each additional 50, and 1 for each additional fraction over 30. Actual travelling expenses. No per diem.

CONNECTICUT—Not a representative body. Delegates pay their own expenses.

DELAWARE—Not a representative body. No expenses paid by Grand Lodge.

FLORIDA—1 representative for each Lodge; 100 members, 2 representatives; 1 for each additional 50. Actual travelling expenses; $2.00 per diem.

GEORGIA—1 representative and 1 additional for every 50 members over the first 50. Actual expenses incurred by representatives.

IDAHO—1 representative for charter and 1 for each 30 or majority fraction thereof. Actual expenses to one delegate and the Grand Officers.

ILLINOIS—1 representative to each Lodge. 4 cents per mile one way. $2.00 per day for 3 days.

INDIANA—1 representative to each Lodge. 5 cents per mile one way. $2 per day for 2 days.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1 representative for each 100 or fraction thereof. 8 cents per mile. $2.00 per day from home to home.

KANSAS—1 representative to each Lodge, 200 members or over, 2 representatives. Actual railroad fare, and $2 per day for two days.

KENTUCKY—1 representative for every 25 members. Subordinate Lodges bear the expenses.

LOWER PROVINCES—2 representatives, plus 1 for every 25 members. 3 cents per mile one way. $2 00 per diem.

MAINE—Every Past Grand is entitled to attend Grand Lodge. No expenses paid by Grand Lodge.

MANITOBA—Under 100, 1 representative; up to 199, 2 representatives; over 200, 3 representatives. Actual fare and $2.00 per day for 2 days.

MASSACHUSETTS—Lodges can elect all Past Grands as representatives. No expenses paid by Grand Lodge.

MICHIGAN—1 representative for 100 members; over 100, 2 representatives. 6 cents per mile one way. $2.00 per day.

MINNESOTA—All Past Grands have a vote in Grand Lodge; Grand Lodge pays for one representative. 4 cents per mile, and $2.00 per diem.

MISSOURI—District representation; 100 districts. 3 cents per mile. $3 per diem.

MONTANA—1 for first 100, 1 for next 50, or fraction over 25. 10 cents per mile one way. $4.00 per diem.

NEBRASKA—1 representative, and one additional for each 100 members. 5 cents per mile one way. $2.00 per day up to 4 days.

NEVADA—3 representatives for charter, 1 for every 15 members. One rate both ways for one representative only. No per diem.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Representation is voluntary. Actual travelling expenses to Grand Officers and Committees.

NEW MEXICO—1 representative for each 100 members; 1 for each additional 100, or major fraction thereof. Actual expenses travelling. $2.00 per diem.

NEW YORK—1 representative with a proxy. Grand Lodge pays no expenses.

NORTH CAROLINA—1 representative, whose expenses are paid by Grand Lodge. Actual expenses on accounts rendered.

NORTH DAKOTA—1 representative for each Lodge. 6 cents per mile one way. $2.00 per diem.

OHIO—District representation, 78 districts. 8 cents per mile. $4.00 per diem.

OKLAHOMA—1 representative for each 100 and one for each additional 100 or fraction thereof. 2 representatives the limit. 7 cents per mile one way. $2.00 per diem.

ONTARIO—One representative for 100 or less. Over 100 and under 200 2 representatives. 200 or more, 3 representatives. 5 cents per mile. $2.00 per diem.

OREGON—1 representative for charter. 1 for each 50 members and 1 for a fraction of 50 over 25. Actual travelling expenses to and from the Grand Lodge and $2.50 per day for one representative only.

PENNSYLVANIA—1 representative. 3 cents per mile each way. No per diem.

QUEBEC—100 members, 2 representatives. Over 100 members, 3 representatives. Actual travelling expenses. $2 per diem.

RHODE ISLAND—Not a representative body. Grand Lodge pays no expenses.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1 representative for each Lodge. 4 to 6 cents per mile, and from no per diem to $1.50 per day.

TENNESSEE—1 representative. 6 cents per mile one way. $2.50 per diem.

TEXAS—1 representative. 4 cents mileage. $2.00 per diem.

VERMONT—1 representative for 50 members; over 50, 2 representatives. Actual travelling expenses. $2.00 per diem.

VIRGINIA—1 representative. Actual travelling expenses going to and coming from, and at Grand Lodge.

WASHINGTON—1 representative. Actual travelling expenses and $2.00 per diem.

WEST VIRGINIA—1 representative. Actual expenses travelling and at Grand Lodge.

WISCONSIN—1 representative for each 50 or fraction thereof. 3 cents per mile for one representative. No per diem.

WYOMING—1 representative up to 60 members; 2 representatives if over 60 members. Actual travelling expenses and $2.00 per diem in 1899.

The cost per member of the Subordinate Lodges of the sessions of the Grand Lodges varies from 5 cents in the State of Ohio with a membership of 62,372, to 77 cents in the Indian Territory with a membership of 2,700. The cost of our Grand Lodge session is 21 cents per member with a membership of 23,052. For the purpose of further comparison the following table is submitted of Grand Lodges, the membership of whose Subordinate Lodges, except in one case, is greater than those of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The Grand Lodge of the State of Maine is included on account of its proximity to our jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge.	No. of Lodges.	Members.	No. of Reps.	Total Cost.	Cost per Member.
California.....	356	30768	629	$4186 40	14 cents.
Illinois.....	878	51863	786	8969 76	17 "
Indiana.....	645	49800	655	5304 05	11 "
Kansas.....	440	23500	510	4451 21	19 "
Maine.....	140	20705	300		
Massachusetts....	237	51558	500		
Michigan.....	475	27000	575	6800 00	25 "
Missouri.....	360	30000	100	2300 00	8 "
New York.....	804	76663			
Ohio.....	720	62372	97	2828 08	5 "
Ontario.....	278	23052	378	4882 95	21 "
Pennsylvania.....	1090	106121	919	9087 85	9 "

Of the Grand Lodges included in this last table, Indiana holds its sessions semi-annually, Maine is not a representative body, and pays no expenses to those who attend Grand Lodge, similarly for Massachusetts. In New York each Lodge is entitled to one representative, but Grand Lodge pays no mileage or per diem. A reference to the second table will show the composition, length of session, mileage, etc., of these Grand Lodges. It is thus shown that taking into account those jurisdictions with which ours may reasonably be compared, the sessions of our Grand Lodge cost more per member than any of those, except one, with the same or greater membership. Michigan alone of these Grand Lodges costs more per member than our Grand Lodge, and as its system is similar to our own, it but furnishes a strong argument in favor of a change. It must also be remembered that the Grand Lodges referred to are principally those of long standing, and presumably have learned their lesson from experience.

Having thus shown that a considerable number of the other jurisdictions are able to conduct their business more economically than we are doing, the next thing to do is to point out some way by which we may arrive at a like desirable result. As has already been pointed out, three plans are possible for carrying out this object, and the committee is of the opinion that something could be done in all these directions without impairing the efficiency of Grand Lodge. As everyone knows who has attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge very little business is done on the first day of the session, an adjournment generally being made

early in the day until the following morning, in order that the committees may get to work and prepare the business for presentation to the Grand Body. This loss of time to a large number of the representatives could be avoided if the principal committees were summoned the day previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge, so that the delegates to Grand Lodge would have work to occupy their attention from the outset, and the business that now consumes three days could be disposed of in two. This scheme has also another strong point in its favor. As matters are at present necessarily many of the most experienced members of Grand Lodge are out at committee work when the body is in session. This great disadvantage would be overcome by the plan suggested and the Grand Lodge would have the benefit of the experience of these members throughout the business of its whole session.

As a general principle, a small and compact body will transact a given amount of business better and more expeditiously than a large body, such as our Grand Lodge is. That being the case, a material reduction in the number of representatives might be made without impairing the usefulness of the Grand Lodge or prejudicially affecting any of the interests involved. There are two ways by which this may be done. First: The adoption of the system of district representation. Second: The retention of the system of Lodge representation but changing the basis of election in such a way as to decrease the number of delegates and yet retain for each Lodge an interest in Grand Lodge proportionate to its membership. The present district system that is working so satisfactorily throughout the jurisdiction would naturally call for district representation to the Grand Lodge. The saving effected by the adoption of a system of district representation must necessarily be considerable, the exact amount depending upon the basis of representation adopted by Grand Lodge. At the same time, the representative character of Grand Lodge would not be interfered with and the usefulness of the present district system would be greatly increased by giving the district committees a standing that is not now possessed by them.

Maintaining the system of representation, as it is at present, but reducing the session to two days instead of three, there would have been a saving in 1897 of $722.00, the per diem of 361 members; in 1898 of $730.00, the per diem of 365 members; in 1899 of $756,00, the per diem of 378 members. If an allowance be made for 100 members, a very large allowance, as is suggested for committee work the day previous to the regular session of Grand Lodge, in a previous part of the report, the saving for the last three sessions would have been as follows: For 1897 session $560.00, for 1898 session $576.00, for 1899 session $604.00, an average of $580.00 per session. If at the same time only actual travelling expenses had been allowed the saving in travelling expenses would have been approximately as shown in the following table:

SESSION AT BELLEVILLE, 1897.

71277 miles at 5 cents per mile.....	$3,563 85	
71277 miles at 3 cents per mile..	$2,138 31	
Saving.		$1,425 54

SESSION AT GALT, 1898.

50602 miles at 5 cents per mile.....	$2,530 10	
50602 miles at 3 cents per mile.....	$1,518 06	
Saving.....		$1,012 04

SESSION AT TORONTO, 1899.

51490 miles at 5 cents per mile.....$2,574 50
51490 miles at 3 cents per mile $1,544 70

Saving $1,029 80

The allowance for extra mileage to representatives from the West is not included in this calculation, as that would still have to be made. These amounts added to the amounts given just above would effect an annual saving of about $1,600. It will thus be seen that a very considerable saving could be effected by the adoption of the above scheme either in whole or in part.

The following table shows the saving to Grand Lodge if there had been but one representative from each Subordinate Lodge, at each of the three last sessions of Grand Lodge :

1897. 266 Lodges.

	1 representative each.	
Mileage	$2,620 00	
Per diem	1,596 00	
		$4,216 00
Committees.		
Mileage	$ 26 20	
Per diem	24 00	
		$ 50 20
Officers.		
Mileage	$ 84 50	
Per diem	84 00	
		$ 168 50

Cost of Session of 1897, $5,843 85.
Saving to Grand Lodge over present system, $1,408 75.

1898. 270 Lodges.

	1 representative each.	
Mileage	$1,815 35	
Per diem	1,618 00	
		$3,433 35
Committees.		
Mileage	$ 38 90	
Per diem	60 00	
		$ 98 90
Officers.		
Mileage	$ 63 25	
Per diem	84 00	
		$ 147 25

Extra mileage to representative from West Algoma.....$ 18 00
Cost of Session of 1898, $4,889 05.
Saving to Grand Lodge with single representation, $1,191 55.

1899. 276 Lodges.

	1 representative each.	
Mileage	$1,841 25	
Per diem	1,650 00	
		$3,497 25
Committees.		
Mileage	$ 43 55	
Per diem	60 00	
		$ 103 55
Officers.		
Mileage	$ 49 15	
Per diem	78 00	
		$ 127 15

Extra mileage to representative from West Algoma.....$ 18 00
Cost of Session of 1899, $5,013 01.
Saving to Grand Lodge with single representation, $1,267 06.

It will thus be seen that if the representation to Grand Lodge be restricted to one for each Subordinate Lodge, the cost of the sessions of Grand Lodge would be reduced on the average about $1,200. This large saving annually would mean either the reduction of the charges of Grand Lodge on each Subordinate Lodge, or the extension of the useful work of Grand Lodge that is being left undone for the lack of funds to undertake the work.

Having in view what has been done in other jurisdictions towards reducing the working expenses of Grand Lodge, and also having in view what is possible to be done in our own, as has been pointed out in the earlier part of this report, we would recommend:

FIRST: That the Constitution of Grand Lodge be so amended as to provide that each Subordinate Lodge be allowed but one representative to Grand Lodge, but that the method of voting in Grand Lodge be changed in such a way as to preserve those rights of the several Subordinate Lodges, which the present system is intended to give.

SECOND: That the Constitution of Grand Lodge be so amended that the Sessions of Grand Lodge shall last for only two days, and in order to make this change practicable the reports of the Grand Officers be in shape for presentation to Grand Lodge not later than the Monday preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master, in accordance with the power granted him by the Constitution, shall appoint the Standing Committees on such a date as will permit them to be notified of their appointment in time to be in attendance at the committee meetings, which shall be held the day previous to the first day of meeting of Grand Lodge.

THIRD: That in future only actual travelling expenses be allowed to the representatives with the per diem as it is at present, and that this provision be incorporated in the Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. TURNER, P.G.
H. E. TERRY, P.G.
H. B. DAWSON, P.G.
G. S. SEEBER, P.G.
Committee.

On motion of Rep. Robt. Meek, seconded by Rep. R. Diack, the following was adopted:

Resolved,—That the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on reduction of Grand Lodge expenses be made the first order of business after the election of Officers tomorrow morning.

Report No. 4—The Committee on Distribution recommend the following references:

To the Committee on the State of the Order—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 1, 2, 3, 6, 16, 17, and 35. Grand Secretary's Report, the preface: Clauses 8, 22, and all the statistical tables.

To the Committee on the Rebekah Degree—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 4, 5, and 22. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 24.

To the Committee on Judiciary—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 8, 9, 18, and 25.

To the Committee on Legislation—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 20 and 30. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 10.

To the Committee on Finance—Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 12 and 13; tables on pages 7245 to 7248, inclusive. Auditors' Report. Grand Treasurer's Report, pages 7265 6-7. Auditors' Supplemental Statement. Grand Master's Report: Clause 27.

To the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem—List of Representatives, and usual recount of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence—Grand Master's Report: Clause 10 Letter from the Grand Sire, and Correspondence re Ottawa fire. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 15.

To the Committee on Districts—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 21 and 23. Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 16 and 17.

To the Committee on Appeals—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 16 and 33. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 19.

To the Committee on General Purposes—Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 1, 4, and 5.

To the Committee on Election Returns—The records of the Lodges voting for the several Grand Offices, as remitted to the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Laws of Subordinates—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 3.

To the Advisory Committee on the O.F.R.A.—Grand Master's Report: Clause 32. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 21.

To Special Committee No. 1—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 11 and 12. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 11.

To Special Committee No. 2—Grand Master's Report: Clause 2.

To Special Committee No. 3—Grand Master's Report: Clause 3, Sec. 2 of Clause 23. Grand S cretary's Report: Clause 20.

To Special Committee No. 4—Grand Master's Report: Section 37, Clause 23 and Clause 19.

To Special Committee No. 5—Grand Master's Report: Clause 15. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 10.

To Special Committee No. 6—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 11, 12, and 13.

To Special Committee No. 7—Grand Master's Report: Clause 24, three paragraphs. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 6.

To Special Committee No. 8—Grand Master's Report: Clause 31. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 18.

To Special Committee No 9—Grand Master's Report: Clause 34. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 14. Six paragraphs.

To the Special Committee on the Cost of Grand Lodge Session—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

To the Committee on Odd Fellows' Home—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 28 and 29. Grand Treasurer's Report on Home Fund.

To the Committee on Fraternal Relations—Grand Master's Report. Letters on pages 7214, 7215, 7216, 7217, and 7218, re fire, and communication to Grand Master. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

R. MEEK, Chairman.
JOHN M. WAKINS.
H. BRAUN.

On motion of Bros. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire., and O. L. Lewis, D.G.M., the following was adopted:

Resolved,—That the hours of meeting for the present Session be as follows, viz.: From nine o'clock a.m. to 12 o'clock noon; two o'clock p.m. to six o'clock p.m.; and when evening Sessions are to be held, to meet at eight-thirty (8.30 and adjourn at will.

Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock.

JAMES SMITH, P.G.M.

GRAND MASTER
1864

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26TH NOV., 1890

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HAMILTON, Aug. 9, 1900.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock a.m., and was opened in regular form.

The Grand Master, Bro. Jas McLurg, in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. T. W. Leggott.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called, when the following Officers and a majority of the Representatives were present :

JAS. MCLURG	Grand Master
O. L. LEWIS	Deputy Grand Master
C. C. LYMAN	Grand Warden
J. B. KING	Grand Secretary
W. J. MCCORMACK	Grand Treasurer
HENRY WHITE	Grand Representative
J. A. YOUNG	Grand Representative
A. MACOOMB	Grand Marshal
FRED. GALLAGHER	Grand Conductor
W. A. DENNIS	Grand Guardian
R. N. JENNINGS	Grand Herald
REV. T. W. LEGGOTT	Grand Chaplain
J. E. FAREWELL	Junior Past Grand Master

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

Report No. 5—Rep. H. Clark, from the Committee on Election Returns, made the following Report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Committee on Election Returns beg to report as follows :—

We find the result of the vote to be :—

For Grand Master :

Bro. O. L. Lewis 979

For Deputy Grand Master :—

Bro. C. C. Lyman..... 983

For Grand Warden :—

Brother	J. K. Cowan	681
"	Geo. Bell	557
"	J. B. Turner	183
"	Isaac Unsworth	141
"	Rev. A. L. Geen	118
"	F. R. Blewett	97
"	W. B. Dack	95
"	Alfred Coyell	78
"	Alex. McFarlane	77
"	J. R. Oliver	74
"	W. J. Hamilton	74
"	D. B. Brown	62
"	A. Macoomb	47
"	Wm. Dickie	34
	Total vote	2318
	Necessary for choice	1160

None of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes there is no election for Grand Warden.

For Grand Secretary:—

Brother J. B. King 959

For Grand Treasurer :—

Bro. W. J. McCormack 959

For Grand Representative :—

Brother J. E. Farewell..... 959

Forty one Lodges sent in no election returns. They are as follows :—

Fidelity, 55 ; Lucan, 70 ; Nipissing, 79 ; Empire, 87 ; Olive Branch, 88 ; Milton, 92 ; Nith, 96 ; Dsoronto, 102 ; Saxon, 121 ; Streetsville, 122 ; Livingstone, 130 ; Garnet, 139 ; Thamesville, 157 ; Montana, 177 ; Teeswater, 183 ; Dufferin, 186 ; Howick, 192 ; Weston, 200 ; Pembroke, 203 ; Egremont, 207 ; Freestone, 215 ; Elmira, 216 ; Equity, 232 ; Hanover, 233 ; Acorn, 236 ; Thornbury, 243 ; Norwood, 262 ; Delta, 265 ; Arthur, 281 ; Glanworth, 289 ; Cornucopia, 299 ; Bobcageon, 300 ; Valentine, 305 ; Athena, 306 ; Shedden,

310; Britain, 316; Ontario, 324; Southampton, 325; Prosperity, 329; Atwood, 332; Social, 533.

With the returns of several Lodges were enclosed Representative Certificates, duplicate returns, and in some instances no name or number of Lodge.

Your Committee would strongly recommend the representatives to impress upon the secretaries of the various Lodges the necessity of properly filling up these returns.

All of which is repectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

HENRY CLARK,
J. J. MATTHEWS,
E. W. FEATHERSON,
WM. FOOTE.

The Grand Master thereupon declared as follows:

Brother Osric Leander Lewis, Chatham.....Grand Master
" C. C. Lyman, Brockville .....Deputy Grand Master
" J. B. King, Toronto.....Grand Secretary
" W. J. McCormack, Toronto.....Grand Treasurer
" J. E. Farewell, P.G.M., Whitby.....Grand Representative

There has been no election for Grand Warden.

Thereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Warden.

The Chair named Reps. Robt. Meek, J. A. Morton and W. E. Stevens as Scrutineers.

Bro. R. K. Cowan, Dominion Lodge, No. 48, was declared elected on the second ballot.

Rep. W. B. Dack nominated Bro. Chas. Packert, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford, Auditor for the coming year.

There being no further nominations, the Grand Master declared Bro. Chas. Packert duly elected Auditor.

The term of Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, as a member of the Home Committee having expired, Grand Representative Hy. White moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That Bro. Dr. Cl. T. Campbell be re-elected a member of the Home Committee for the full term of three years.

The Grand Master declared accordingly.

Report No. 6—Rep. S. M. Thomson, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following Report, which was adopted :—

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

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to recommend :

That the Grand Officers, Representatives and others serving on Committees entitled to mileage and per diem at this session of Grand Lodge, be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way of the usual travelled route, and two dollars per diem while in session of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore move the adoption of the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. M. THOMSON.

The Report of the Special Committee on Reduction of Grand Lodge Expenses, which had been made the special order for this hour, was now considered.

Rep. J. B. Turner explained at length the objects sought for in the Report, and moved the adoption of the first resolution, viz. :

FIRST : That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be so amended as to provide that each Subordinate Lodge be allowed but one representative to Grand Lodge, but that the method of voting in Grand Lodge be changed in such a way as to preserve those rights of the several Subordinate Lodges which the present system is intended to give.

Which was declared lost on a standing vote.

Rep. J. B. Turner moved the adoption of the second resolution, viz. :

SECOND : That the Constitution of Grand Lodge be so amended that the Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall last for only two days, and in order to make this change practicable the Reports of the Grand Officers be in shape for presentation to the Grand Lodge not later than the Monday preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master in accordance with the power granted him by the Constitution shall appoint the Standing Committees on such a date as will permit them to be notified of their appointment in time to be in attendance at the committee meetings which shall be held the day previous to the first day of meeting of Grand Lodge.

Reps. John Welsh and W. H. Lowe moved as follows :

Resolved,—That the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

Rep R. N. Sheppard rose to a point of order, viz. : That the Grand Lodge did not possess the power to limit the sessions.

The Chair declared the point of order to be well taken.

The question recurring on the adoption of Rep. Turner's Resolution.

Reps. Robert Meek and James Dennison moved to amend the clause by striking out the words "Constitution of the Grand Lodge be so amended that the."

The amendment was adopted.

Rep. J B. Turner moved the adoption of the third resolution, viz:

THIRD: That in future only actual travelling expenses be allowed to the Representatives with the per diem as it is at present, and that this provision be incorporated in the Constitution.

Reps. Robert Meek and M. P. Reed moved in amendment as follows:

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee be thus amended:

1. That paragraph two be numbered one.

2. That paragraph three be expunged and replaced by the fol'owing: That in future the Grand Lodge be limited in its places of meeting to the centre of the Province, the sessions to be continuous and without break.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. J. B. Turner, on behalf of the Committee, accepted the proposed amendment and withdrew the "Third" resolution, Bro. Meek's amendment to become Clause 2.

On motion of Reps. Robt. Meek and J. Cook the following was adopted:

Resolved,—That Clause 1 of the Report, as amended and adopted, be reconsidered at the afternoon session.

The following was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee:

BY AVON LODGE, NO. 41, STRATFORD:

A Brother dies; he has no dependent relatives; no expense is incurred by the Lodge; should the Lodge pay the funeral benefit under the By-law No. 35, hereto attached, and which reads:

35.—On the decease of any qualified Brother of this Lodge the sum of fifty dollars ($50) shall be granted as a funeral benefit. The said benefit to be paid to his dependent relatives; provided always that if the duty of burying and paying the funeral expenses of any deceased qualified Brother as aforesaid shall devolve upon this Lodge, then that this Lodge shall have the privilege of appropriating said benefits for such purposes.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 12.20.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

HAMILTON, August 9, 1900.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in regular form.

The Roll call and reading of the morning minutes were on motion dispensed with.

The first order being the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on Constitution, that order was, on the motion of Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, and Rep. Geo. Latcham, laid over for half an hour.

The next order being the re-consideration of Clause 2 of the Report of the Special Committee on reduction of Grand Lodge expenses, that order was taken up.

The question being on the adoption of the Clause, the following, moved by Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., was adopted :

Resolved,—That the second Clause of the Report of the Committee on Representation be referred back to the said Committee, to draft a Clause in lieu thereof, and to report at this session of the Grand Lodge, the mover of this resolution to be added to said Committee.

Rep. A. Rose moved in amendment as follows :

Resolved,—That said second Clause be adopted, after striking out all of the words in the second line after the word "that," and those in the third line to the word "the," after the word practicable.

The Grand Master ruled the amendment of Rep. A. Rose to be out of order.

The question recurring on the resolution of Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., it was declared lost.

The question now being on the adoption of the re-considered Clause 2, it was adopted.

The Report and Resolutions as amended were considered and adopted.

Report No. 7—Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

1st.—Your Committee on Finance have had before them the report of the Auditors for 1899 and are pleased to be able to state that the balance on hand at the close of the year was $732.82, which is some $487.00 more than was on hand at the close of the year 1898.

2nd.—We recommend the payment of the following amounts to the sessional officers:

Assistant Secretary	$15.00
Messenger, per diem, $2.00	6.00
Press Correspondent, per diem	5.00
Janitor	10.00

3rd.—In reference to Clause 27, of the Grand Master's report: We would recommend that the arrangements entered into last year with the proprietor of the Independent Oddfellow be continued for another year. And that the Representatives here present be requested to call the attention of the Secretaries of their Lodges to said Clause 27, of the Grand Master's report, in reference to same.

4th.—That the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and members of all committees appointed during the recess of this Grand Lodge, be paid for all meetings called during recess at regular return fare and $2.00 per diem.

5th.—That the Chairman of the Committee on General Purposes be paid mileage and per diem for attendance at this session of Grand Lodge at the same rate as is allowed Representatives.

6th.—That the Chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates be allowed the sum of $75.00 for his services during the year.

7th.—That the salary list be the same as last year, viz.:

Grand Secretary	$2,000.00
Grand Treasurer	200.00

8th.—That the Grand Auditors be paid $25.00 each for their services in addition to the regular mileage.

9th.—That the sum of $500.00 be placed to the credit of the Grand Master to be drawn on from time to time during the year to meet the requirements of the office.

10th.—We recommend that the usual retainer free be paid Bro. R. K. Cowan, of London, as Solicitor for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

11th.—We recommend that the Committee on General Purposes be instructed to procure 1,200 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this session.

12th.—We recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Hamilton Electric Light and Power Company	$ 20.00
Bryant Press, Reports	184.50
Grand & Toy, Envelopes	1.00
Toronto Engraving Company	9.25
Doane Bros.	10.00
	$224.75

13th.—We have examined the bonds of the Grand Treasurer, also the insurance receipts, and find them correct.

14th.—We again call the attention of the Representatives to the necessity of continuing to meet in a central place so that we can pay the $2,000 which we owe the Home Committee.

15th.—We cannot close this report without bearing testimony again to the efficient manner in which the Grand Secretary attends to his duties.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OLIVER.

The following, moved by Rep. A. H. Blackeby, seconded by Rep. Jas. Hewer, was adopted :

Resolved,—That the fixing of the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge for next year—1901—be made the first order of business after roll call on Friday morning.

The hour fixed for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Constitutions having arrived, that report was taken up.

The Preamble was adopted.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as printed, were adopted by a two-third vote.

On the motion to adopt Clause 6, Rep. A. H. Blackeby moved the following :

Resolved,—That in the third line, after the word "meeting," insert the words "or appoint another meeting night for that week." Also add to the clause after the last word "following" the words "or at the substituted meeting."

Clause 6, as so amended, was adopted by the required two-third vote

Clauses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were considered and adopted by the necessary two-third vote.

Clause 15 was amended by adding after word "examiner," in the last line, the words "or Physician when provided for by the By-Laws"

The Clause 15, as so amended, was adopted by the necessary two-third vote.

The same words were on motion added to Clause 16, after the word "Examiner," in the third line, by a two-third vote, viz.: "or Physician when provided for by the By-Laws."

Clauses 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 were severally adopted by the necessary two-third vote.

The word "Physician" was added to Clause 24, after the word "Solicitor," in the second line.

Clauses 25, 26 and 27 were severally considered and adopted by the required two-third vote.

Clause 28 was amended by adding after word "Lodge," in the seventh line, the words, "or also may for the time being be resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge."

Clauses 29, 30 and 31 were severally adopted by the necessary two-third vote.

Clause 31 was amended by substituting the word "may" for the word "shall" in the line next to the last.

Clause 32 was adopted.

Clause 33 was amended by striking out the words "with at least two sureties" in the line next to the last, and substituting therefor the words "of some chartered guarantee company authorized to do business in the Province of Ontario."

Clause 34, Duties of Warden, was adopted.

Clause 35 was amended to read:

"This Lodge may elect three Trustees, whose term of office shall commence on the first regular meeting in January following their election, and who shall retain office for such time as the Lodge may by By-law direct, or until their successors assume office."

Clause 36 was amended so as to read:

"The duties of such Trustees shall be to invest the funds of the Lodge, as the Lodge may direct, and perform such other duties as may be entrusted to them. Each Trustee, before entering upon his term of office, may be required to give a bond, to be approved by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties as Trustee. All members elected Trustees must be in good standing and members of the Degree of Truth, at the time of their election."

Clauses 37, 38, 39, 40 were severally adopted.

Clause 41 was amended by adding "and a Membership Committee," the clause to read as follows:

Clause 41.—The N.G., on the night of his installation, shall appoint, subjeect to the approval of the Lodge, the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz.: A Finance Committee, a Property Committee, a Visiting Committee and a Membership Committee.

Clause 42 adopted.

Clause 43 was amended by striking out the last paragraph.

Clause 44 was adopted.

Clause 45 was amended by substituting "a" for "the" in the first line, and by adding after the word "Brothers" in the seventh line, the words "or the services of a nurse where the By-laws of the Lodge so provide."

Clause 46 was amended to read as follows:

Clause 46.—Every member resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and claiming sick benefits under these laws, shall notify the Lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of his sickness or disability within one week of the commencement of such sickness or disability; but in the event of failure to give notice, no sick benefit shall be paid for any portion of the time the member was sick prior to the date of giving such notice.

Add a new clause as follows:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Clause —.—The Membership Committee shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to visit members who may have become in arrear for dues, and to use their best endeavors to prevent the suspension or to secure the reinstatement of such members.

Clauses 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, were severally adopted.

Clause 55, the *Form of Petition*, was amended by substituting the word "before" for "only, without" in the sixth line, and by striking out the words "in any event or for any purpose" in the last line.

Clause 56 was adopted.

The form accompaning Clause 57 was amended by striking out the words "only without" and inserting the word "before" and by striking out the words "in any event or for any purpose."

Clauses 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 were severally adopted.

Clause 85 "Fees" was amended by subsituting "five" for "two" in the first line and "two dollars" for "one dollar" in the third line.

Clauses 86, 87, 88, were adopted.

The following was substituted for Clause 89 and the table attached thereto.

Clause 89.—The contribution of each member to the General Fund of this Lodge shall be determined by the By-laws, provided it be not less than $6.00 per annum, payable in quarterly instalments.

The following was substituted for Clause 90.

Clause 90.—Every member of this Lodge who shall have attained the Third Degree, if under no charge regularly perferred against him, and if free from all disabilities by reason of non-payment of dues and fees, whenever rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation through illness of any kind not caused by drunkenness or other immoral conduct, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefits as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge, not being less than two dollars per week during the first year, and one dollar per week during the continuation of the sickness. Except that no benefits shall be paid for the first week of sickness; but after the first week of sickness the member shall be entitled to benefits for each day he may remain ill.

Clauses 91, 92, were adopted.

The fo lowing was substituted for Clause 93:

Clause 93.—On the death of any member entitled under this Constitution to sick benefits there shall be paid to the widow or orphans under the age of twenty-one years, or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at his death, such sum as the By-laws may determine, not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00). The several beneficiaries above mentioned shall be entitled to the widows' benefits in the order above named, and no person except one bearing the relationship to the deceased herein defined shall be entitled to receive a widows' benefit. This benefit shall be paid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund if any such there be; and if there be no such Fund it shall be paid from the General Fund.

The following was substituted for Clause 94 :

Clause 94.—On the death of any member entitled under this Constitution to sick benefits, there shall be paid to assist in defraying the funeral expenses such sum as the Lodge may by its By-laws determine, not exceeding the sum of forty dollars ($40.00). But no portion of such amount shall be paid to any person where no funeral expenses have been incurred by the Lodge or by the family or estate of the deceased member.

Clauses 95, 96 and 97 were adopted.

Clause 98 was amended by substituting the word "for" for the words "to the amount of one quarter's."

Clause 99 was amended by substituting the word "for" for the words "to the amount of one quarter's."

Clause 100 was amended by i serting the word "who" after the word "or" in the 2nd line, and by inserting after the word "sickness," in the 4th line, the words "in case the By-laws of this Lodge provide for a reduction of sick benefits at the expiration of one year."

Clauses 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 were severally adopted.

Clause 116 was amended by adding after the word "and" in the 2nd line the words "if provided for by By-law."

Clauses 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133. 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142 and forms connected therewith, 143, 144 a, b, c, d, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154 Rules of Order were each severally adopted.

The motion being to adopt the Constitution as amended.

Rep. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., moved that Clause 15 be amended by striking out the words "May" and "November" and inserting the words "June" and "December," which was not agreed, the vote being 113 yeas and 120 nays.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Constitution as amended

Rep R. N. Sheppard raised the point of order, viz : That the adoption of Clause 15 would make a conflict with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, Sec. 5, in so far as the election of Representatives was concerned.

The Chair declared the point of order well taken.

Pending the further consideration of the question, six o'clock was announced, and the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet this evening at 8.30.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 9, 1900.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8.30, pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form.

Present, all the Grand Officers and a majority of representatives.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The minutes and calling the roll were dispensed with on motion.

The report of the Committee on Constitution, which was under consideration at adjournment, was the first order of business. Prior to its being considered, the following letter was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

HAMILTON, Ont., August 9, 1900.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIRS,—The Chief Ranger, Officers and members of Court Pride of Ontario, No. 5640, Ancient Order of Foresters, in meeting assembled, do on behalf and for the members of the Order and its branches in the City of Hamilton, extend to your honorable body cordial and fraternal greetings on the occasion of your annual Parliament, now being held in our city. We do sincerely trust that your stay within our walls will be most pleasant, and that your deliberations will be conducive to the best interests of your society in particular and to our friendly and fraternal societies generally, and while we may be working in different ways with the betterment of humanity as our beacon star, we feel that we cannot allow the opportunity to pass without adding our word of greeting as part of our great fraternities. Wishing your noble Order Godspeed and a safe return to your respective homes, with pleasant recollections of the hot time you experienced while at Grand Lodge in the City of Hamilton in the year 1900.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN B. BUCKINGHAM, P.H.C.R.,
Secretary.

Attest
L. R. WOODSROFT,
Chief Ranger.

The following resolution by Grand Representative J. A. Young, and Representative R. K. Cowan, made in pursuance of notice given at the last session of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted by the required two-third vote:

Resolved:—That Sec. 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "June" in the second line and inserting the word "May."

On motion of Grand Representative J. A. Young the Constitution as amended was adopted by the necessary two-third vote.

Bro. J. A. Young Grand Representative from the Special Committee on Constitution for the Rebekah Assembly, presented the new Constitution as it had been adopted by the Rebekah Assembly, and on his motion the same was unanimously adopted.

The new Constitution, as adopted, will be found in the Appendix.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Bro. J. A. Young, Grand Rep., and Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire:

Resolved:—That the Special Committee on Constitution be empowered to make any and all necessary changes in the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly and of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, which may be rendered necessary by any action or legislation which may be taken by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the Session to be held in September next.

The following was adopted:—Moved by Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.Sire, Chairman of the Home Committee:

Resolved:—That the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the Oddfellow's Home be made the second special order of bus ness for Friday morning.

Report No. 8.—Rep. A. H. Blackeby, of Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee have examined the decisions of the Grand Master, and beg leave to report that the following be approved:—Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8, 10 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 38, 42, 44, 45 and 47. Also Rebekah decisions Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BLACKEBY.

Report No. 9.—Rep. J. A. Morton, of Maitland Lodge, No. 119, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

To your Committee was referred that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the claim of Boulder Lodge, No. 9, Colorado, against Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville, for a refund of $9, paid by the former as sick benefits to the late Bro. James Crosier.

It does not appear that Brock Lodge, No. 9, has been notified that the matter would come up at this Grand Lodge, and as it does not appear that it is a case which cannot be amicably adjusted, your Committee recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master for adjustment.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

J. A. MORTON.

Report No 10.—Rep. J. A. Morton, of Maitland Lodge, No. 119, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report:

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
HARRY JONES
v.
ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 106.

Bro. Harry Jones, a member of St. Clair Lodge No. 106, I.O.O.F., claims benefits from the 4th May, 1899, to the 22nd August, 1899.

St. Clair Lodge agreed to pay him sick benefits from the 4th to 22nd May, 1899, but refused to pay him any further benefits for that sickness on the ground that his occupation—that of engine driver—was a strong inducing cause of his sickness.

Your committee find on the merits that Bro. Harry Jones is entitled to benefits from the 4th May, 1899, to 12th August, 1899, the latter being the date up to which we have any proof of his having been certified as having been still sick.

We therefore recommend that his appeal be allowed accordingly.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

J. A. MORTON.

Reps. J. F. O'Neil and A. McCormack, moved the following, which was not adopted:

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Appeals be laid over and referred to the incoming Grand Master for final decision.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report it was adopted.

Report No. 11.—Rep. J. E. Hughes, of Pyramid Lodge, No. 156, from the Commitee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Appeals beg to report that they have considered the matters referred to in Clause 19 of the Grand Secretary's report concerning the claim of Bro. Parkhouse against Dominion Lodge, No. 48, for sick benefits. The documents and evidence submitted are insufficient to enable us to make an intelligent decision thereon. We therefore do not see our way clear to deal with the matter at the present time, and request that we be relieved from further consideration of the matter at the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HUGHES.

Report No. 12.—Rep. J. S. Hamly, of Durham Lodge, No. 78, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
GEORGE LEDGETT,
v.
BROUGHAM LODGE, No. 155.

This is a matter of an appeal by Bro. Ledgett, of Brougham Lodge, No. 155, against the action of said Lodge respecting the amount of benefits payable to him under their By-laws.

Your Committee on Appeals find that they attempted to amend their By-laws reducing the amount paid for sick benefits. Amendment was not approved by the Grand Lodge, or the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Your Committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the Brother is entitled to sick benefits at the rate of three ($3) per week, as provided in the By-laws of the Lodge, and recommend that the appeal be allowed.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. HAMLY.

Report No. 13—Rep. W. S. Johnston, of Central Lodge, No. 322, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
JAMES CLEEVE,
v.
WESTERN CITY LODGE, No. 93.

This is a case in which Bro. James Cleeve, a charter member of Western City Lodge, No. 93, Chatham, appeals against the action of the Lodge in suspending him for non-payment of dues during his absence in Australia.

Your Committee, after going over the documentary evidence presented, and after hearing explanations of the case from Deputy Grand Master Lewis and Past Grand Patriarch Potter, are of the opinion that all the provisions of the By-laws of Western City Lodge in force at the time were not carried out in the action taken by the Lodge.

We therefore find that Bro. Cleeve was not legally suspended, and recommend that his appeal be allowed accordingly.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. JOHNSTON.

Report No. 14.—Rep. J. A. Morton, of Maitland Lodge, No. 119, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
JAMES T. JOHNS,
v.
OTTAWA LODGE, No. 224.

In respect to its action with regard to his charges against Bro. F. L. Vandusen, Bro. W. T. Pinkerton, Bro. W. L. Moore and Bro. Wm. Andrew.

In the matter of the charges of the said Bro. Johns in respect of the election by said Lodge of Bro. Yule to the office of Vice-Grand.

In the matter of the charges of the said Bro. Johns in respect of the election by said Lodge of Bro. F. C. Vandusen as Noble Grand and Bro. A. E. Wright as Vice-Grand; and

In the matter of the appeal of said Bro. Johns against District Committee of District No. 44, I.O.O.F.

Your Committee find the evidence submitted is insufficient for an intelligent consideration of the several matters referred.

Your Committee ask to be relieved of further consideration thereof.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MORTON.

Report No. 15—Bro. W. F. Mountain, from the Committee on General Purposes, presented the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. John Welsh, laid on the table until to morrow morning:

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

Your Committee on General Purposes beg to report:

Promptly on the re-appointment of Bro. W. F. Mountain, the Committee met and organized for the year. The officers, as last year, were again selected, viz.: W. F. Mountain, Chairman; J. B. King, Secretary; W. J. McCormack, Treasurer.

It was ordered that the circulars required for the year be procured from Bro. W. S. Johnston at the same prices as last year.

The JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS of 1899 was printed as speedily as possible, and as soon as completed was sent out as directed by the report of the Finance Committee. As authorized by the Grand Lodge, 1,200 copies of the JOURNAL OF 1899 were printed.

Tenders were asked for printing the reports of the Special Committees and of the Grand Officers to the present session, the tenders including the printing of JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS of the present session.

The Bryant Press being the lowest, and the work hitherto done by that Company being entirely satisfactory to your Committee, the contract was let to the Bryant Press. Your Committee recommend that 1,200 copies be procured this year.

Tenders were asked for supplying badges ordered by the Grand Lodge for Representatives. That of Messrs. Ambrose Kent & Sons being the lowest, was accepted and the badges supplied accordingly.

The Society Row at the Toronto Exhibition was not as prominent a feature

as it has been for several years. Your Committee are under the impression that the Management made an error in disturbing the arrangements for Society Row last year, as it was undoubtedly an attraction to the Exhibition, and, while of benefit to the several societies, was an undoubted benefit to the Exhibition Association. We understand that the Society Row is to be restored this year; if so, we would recommend that the sum of $50 be granted to help defray the expenses borne by Toronto District in keeping up the Tent, which sheltered for the time many a weary Odd Fellow and his wife. [Amended by adding "if the Society Row is restored, then $50 be granted."]

Each year the Grand Lodge offices are visited more and more by our Brothers of Ontario and by Brothers of other jurisdictions who are touring through Canada. The Grand Secretary always delights in paying all possible attention to visitors, and points with pride to the comfortable and elegant offices occupied. The carpet on the main offices has become so worn as to mar the otherwise fine room. Your Committee would recommend that the Committee on General Purposes be authorized to procure a new, suitable carpet.

It will be noticed from the Financial Statement that no money has been spent on our Grand Lodge offices for the past two years. The present requested expenditure is simply to keep up the dignity of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the Independent Odd Fellow has been a great help to the Order since a copy of it has been, by direction of the Grand Lodge, sent to each Subordinate Lodge. The paper has been very much improved and we would recommend that the resolution of last year (p. 7130) be re-enacted for the current year.

Your Committee have carefully looked into the question and would recommend that the JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Lodge be paged, each year beginning with 1, and that the change be made on the Journal of 1900. It is quite as easy to find any desired information by referring to the page of the Journal of Proceedings of the year, as under the present system of continuous paging.

Your Committee are under the impression that it would be but a courteous act, one which in future years will reflect beneficially upon the Order, for the Grand Lodge to pass a resolution authorizing each retiring Grand Master to have a life-size photograph taken, the same to be framed and hung up in the Grand Lodge offices, at the expense of this Grand Lodge. It would be but slight recognition of years of faithful work done for the Grand Lodge and the Order. True, the Brother may have had the honor, but he has also had the inconvenience and expense which the honor often costs—and the Order has reaped the full benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MOUNTAIN
J. B. KING
W. J. MCCORMACK } Committee

Report No. 16.—Bro. H. J. Guppy, from the Advisory Committee on Odd Fellows' Relief Association, presented the following report, which was adopted.

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

The Advisory Committee on Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee were in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, held in the City of Kingston, on the 18th day of July, 1900.

There were present at this meeting the Grand Masters of the Provinces of

Ontario and Quebec and Past Grand Masters from the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, also active and representative Odd Fellows from Manitoba and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec to the number of over one hundred, who evinced a most searching and lively interest in the matters affecting the Association.

At Detroit last year the Sovereign Grand Lodge repealed its legislation of 1898 after an examination into the methods of work, the standing, and the connection between the Association and the Order of Odd Fellows, and as a result of its investigation granted the Association the privilege of continuing in the use of the title under which it had been incorporated, viz.: "The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada," and closed its report with the following: "That the Association is a highly solvent and far-reaching, helpful, fraternal organization."

At the annual gathering at Kingston the receipts and expenditures were carefully looked into and intelligently debated, the Association officers being ever ready and most willing to give every explanation.

The financial standing of the Association is much more satisfactory even than last year—showing a prosperous and steady growth in the Reserve Fund.

In 1887 the Reserve Fund was reported to be.....$ 4,812 52
Ten years later it had reached..... 105,000 00

During the last three years it has nearly doubled, $43,000.00 being added thereto during the past year, the Reserve Fund now being $200,000.00, besides leaving in other funds the amount of $13,244.19.

The securities agree with the reports of the Auditors, and the surplus funds are invested in municipal debentures, deposit receipts and real estate ($185,758.80 in municipal debentures alone).

Your Committee call attention to the reports of the Association distributed at this Grand Lodge, and ask a careful perusal of the comparative tables therein.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
Death rate.....	6.28	6.98	5.83	5.74	5.74	6.90
Average age of deceased members...	43.53	45.30	45.67	42.31	41.58	45.35
Age of new members	29.11	29.15	30.69	31.16	30.78	30.40
Average age of total membership.....	36.22	36.49	36.87	37.20	37.33	37.30

The Association has during the year obtained the consent and approval of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to do business in that Province, so that now the Canadian field is open to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association from ocean to ocean.

During the past year there were 1,073 applications for membership in the Association from Ontario, 178 from Province of Quebec, 196 from Province of Manitoba, 165 from Maritime Provinces, and 12 from British Columbia.

Death claims to the amount of $89,500.00 have been paid out in relieving the widows and orphans of deceased members; ($64,000 paid in Ontario).

The Committee on Finance stated that the increase of the Reserve Fund from $4,812.52 to $200,000.00 in less than 13 years indicates a remarkably prosperous growth in the financial conditions of the Association.

The Committee on Statistics, who made a most thorough and critical report, states that it knows of no fraternal society that could show more favorable results.

The Association is composed of 11,961 members located as follows:

In Province of Ontario	8,757
" " Quebec	991
" " Manitoba	936
" Maritime Provinces	733
" British Columbia	119
Living in other countries	425
	11,961

Your Committee realize from the above that over one-third of the membership of Ontario Odd Fellows are members of the Relief Association, and that the majority of applicants for membership in our Lodges also make application for insurance in the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada.

Your Committee heartily coincide with the Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in reporting the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to be a highly solvent, far-reaching, and helpful auxiliary to our Order, and recommend that the support and recognition of this Grand Lodge be continued thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY J. GUPPY,
GEORGE G. HENDERSON.

Report No. 17.—Bro. Jno. Gibson, P.G.M., from the Committee on Rebekah Degree, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree to whom were referred Clauses 4, 5 and 22 of the Grand Master's Report, and Clause 24 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to report as follows:

I.—Your Committee is pleased to note the progress made by the Rebekah branch of the Order, 3 new Lodges having been instituted during the year and the membership increased from 2957 to 3105, a gain of 148. Your Committee are pleased to note this increase in the membership, which speaks well for the activity manifested by this branch of our Order. $142.00 was devoted to relief and $135.21 to the augmentation of the Home Fund.

II.—Your Committee met the Executive of the Rebekah Assembly, when the following requests were made and on which your Committee beg to recommend as follows:

(*a*)—That a word of recognition be granted to enable the Sisters to make themselves known where the sign now in use could not be observed and that the representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to secure the same.

(*b*)—Our attention has also been called to the fact that confliction is likely to arise between the Ritual and the proposed amendments to their Constitution with reference to the wearing of Regalia by Brothers holding office in a Lodge. If such confliction exists your Committee recommend that the Constitution be amended so that such confliction may be avoided.

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GIBSON, P.G.M.

Report No. 18.—Rep. D. B. Brown of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57, from Special Committee No. 9, made the following report:

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

1.—Your Special Committee No. 9, to whom was referred Clause No. 34 of the Grand Master's Report, and Clause No. 14 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to submit the following:

2.—We endorse the sentiment so clearly expressed in the clauses referred to above.

3.—The patriotism that filled the breasts of these Canadian Brothers with such ardor as to induce them to volunteer in defence of their Queen and Country, we are sure, merits the approval of our whole membership. We have had many reports of their bravery and deeds of valor in fighting the Boer enemy so strongly entrenched in the kopjes. We have cause for thankfulness that so few casualties have occurred among them, and we deeply regret the death of our late brother W. S. Brady, Past Grand, of Earnscliffe Lodge No. 283, Ottawa.

4.—We shall rejoice when we have the privilege of welcoming those brave Brothers back to Canada.

5.—We realize that all of us have not been privileged to enlist in active service in defence of our beloved Queen and of the British Empire, of which we so proudly form a part.

6.—We recommend that the Grand Master appoint a Committee to obtain a medal suitably inscribed, and have the same presented by this Grand Lodge to each surviving member of the Order in this jurisdiction as soon as it conveniently may be done after his return from South Africa, and the cost of each medal not to exceed the sum of five dollars.

Resolved, that this report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. B. BROWN, Chairman of Committee No. 9.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. Jas. Clarke moved, Rep. Jno. Welsh seconded, that Clause 6, re medals be struck out, which was agreed to.

The report as so amended was adopted.

Report No 19.—Rep. A. L Geen, of Belleville Lodge No. 81, from Special Committee No. 2, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered Clause 2, Grand Master's Report.

That they join with him in regret that notwithstanding that he authorized D. D. G. M's. to take such action as he believed to be the most effectual for adding to the number of our Lodges that only one has been instituted during the year.

Your Committee are of the opinion that while our D.D.G.M's. may be well qualified for their usual work, not many would be suited for the special work of orgarizing new Lodges, and would recommend that if they are expected to perform such duties, brothers qualified for such duties should be chosen for the office.

Your Committee suggest that while much preliminary work in connection with the formation of new lodges may be done by active members in the locality or connected with lodges close by, that it would tend to the advancement of the work if the G.M. would arrange for public meetings in the vicinity, at which he or some other qualified Brother delegated by him should be present and lay before the meeting the objects of Oddfellowship.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT L. GEEN.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 30 p.m.

THIRD DAY.

HAMILTON, Aug. 10, 1900.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock and was opened in regular form, the Grand Master, Bro. Jas. McLurg, in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. All the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives present.

On motion the Roll Call and reading of the minutes of the previous session were dispensed with.

Application was made on behalf of Bro. Jas. Clarke, to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

On motion the application was granted.

Report No. 20.—Rep S. M. Thomson, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee find that the sum of five thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty cents are necessary to meet the expenses of this Grand Lodge for mileage and per diem, and would recommend that the Grand Master issue his order on the Grand Treasurer for that amount. Your Committee wish to add that through the characteristic and thoughtful kindness of Grand Secretary, Bro. King, their labors have been greatly lessened.

Your Committee therefore move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. THOMSON, Chairman.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, SESSION AT HAMILTON, AUGUST, 1900.

Officers.	No.	Location.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	Name of Representative.
Jos. McLurg, Grand Master		Woodstock	47	$2 35	3	$6 00	$8 35	
A. L. Lewis, Dep. G. Master		Chatham	140	7 00	3	6 00	13 00	
C. C. Lyman, Grand Warden		Brockville	248	12 40	3	6 00	18 40	
J. B. King, Grand Secretary		Toronto	39	1 95	5	10 00	11 95	
W. J. McCormack, Grand Treas.		"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	
J. A. Young, Grand Rep.		Thamesford	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00	
Henry White, Grand Rep.		Port Hope	103	5 15	3	6 00	11 15	
A. Macoomb, Grand Marshal		Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	
Fred. Gallagher, G. Con		Ottawa	300	15 00	3	6 00	21 00	
W. A. Dennis, Grand Guardian		Galt	30	1 50	3	6 00	7 50	
R. N. Jennings, Grand Herald		Palmerston	89	4 45	3	6 00	10 45	
Rev. T. W. Leggott, G. Chap.		Claremont	67	3 35	3	6 00	9 35	
J. E. Farewell, Junior P.G.M.		Whitby	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	
			1271	$63 55	41	$82 00	$145 55	
Name of Lodge.								
Brock	9	Brockville	248	12 40	3	6 00	18 40	Wm. Rothwell.
"	9	"	248	12 40	3	6 00	18 40	C. E. Woodcock.
Cataraqui	10	Kingston	203	10 15	3	6 00	16 15	Robt. Meek.
"	10	"	203	10 15	3	6 00	16 15	Jas. Dennison.
"	10	"	203	10 15	3	6 00	16 15	W. H. Warren.
Otonabee	13	Peterboro'	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	W. D. Jewett.
"	13	"	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	H. W. Morgan.
Union	16	St. Catharines	32	1 60	3	6 00	7 60	W. C. Goodsir.
"	16	"	32	1 60	3	6 00	7 60	Godfrey Waud.
Phœnix	22	Oshawa	73	3 65	3	6 00	9 65	J. H. Butler.
Phœnix	22	Oshawa	73	3 65	3	6 00	9 65	A. R. Coulthard.
Rose	28	Amherstburg	202	10 10	3	6 00	16 10	Frank M. Falls.
Chatham	29	Chatham	140	7 00	3	6 00	13 00	

Phœnix	22	Oshawa	73	3	65	3	6	00	9	65	A. R. Coulthard.
Rose	28	Amherstburg	202	10	10	3	6	00	16	10	Frank M. Falls.
Chatham	29	Chatham	140	7	00	3	6	00	13	00	Wm. Wanless.
"	29	"	140	7	00	3	6	00	13	00	Wm. Fullerton.
"	29	"	140	7	00	3	6	00	13	00	Geo. Smithson.
Eureka	30	London	76	3	80	3	6	00	9	80	S. W. Priestly.
Elgin	32	St. Thomas	91	4	55	3	6	00	10	55	Adam Brown.
"	32	"	91	4	55	3	6	00	10	55	Chas. Rowley.
"	32	"	91	4	44	3	6	00	10	55	Geo. Strecks.
Erie	3	Port Burwell	79	3	95	3	6	00	9	95	J. H. Hoshal.
Gore	34	Brantford	24	1	20	3	6	00	7	20	Jno. Muirhead.
"	34	"	24	1	20	3	6	00	7	20	Jno. Smith.
"	34	"	24	1	20	3	6	00	7	20	Wm. McIntosh.
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	57	2	85	3	6	00	8	85	R. Gemmell.
"	35	"	57	2	85	3	6	00	8	85	C. L. Henderson.
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	71	3	55	3	6	00	9	55	W. D. Spence.
Forest City	38	London	76	3	80	3	6	00	9	80	J. W. Fletcher.
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	152	7	60	3	6	00	13	60	David Tedford.
"	40	"	152	7	60	3	6	00	13	60	Amos Jacklin.
Avon	41	Stratford	60	3	00	3	6	00	9	00	Jno. Welsh.
"	41	"	60	3	00	3	6	00	9	00	H. J. Norfolk.
"	41	"	60	3	00	3	6	00	9	00	Alex. Abraham.
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	....	....		3	6	00	6	00	Henry Day.
"	44	"	....	....		3	6	00	6	00	Wm. McAndrew.
Frontier	45	Windsor	186	9	30	3	6	00	15	30	Geo. Latcham.
"	45	"	186	9	30	3	6	00	15	30	Jas. R. Thomson.
"	45	"	186	9	30	3	6	00	15	30	Jos. S. Edgar.
Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	112	5	60	3	6	00	11	60	Amos Fennell, Jr.
Unity	47	Hamilton	....	....		3	6	00	6	00	R. S. Doidge.
"	47	"	....	....		3	6	00	6	00	Oliver Beatty, Jr.
"	47	"	....	....		3	6	00	6	00	P. McCandlish.
Dominion	48	London	76	3	80	3	6	00	9	80	R. K. Cowan.
"	48	"	76	3	80	3	6	00	9	80	Wm. Angus.
Canada	49	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	George A. Porter.
"	49	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	Jos. Bell.

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Canada	49	Toronto	39	$1 95	3	$6 00	$7 95	W. B. Dack.
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	B. L. Baker.
"	50	"	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	Wm. McDonald.
Covenant	52	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M.
"	52	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	J. H. Humphrey.
Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	43	2 15	3	6 00	8 15	G. H. Clark.
"	53	"	43	2 15	3	6 00	8 15	W. McFaul.
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	Alex. Gibson.
"	54	"	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	Jas. H. Richardson.
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	84	4 20	3	6 00	10 20	Wm. Sclater.
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	W. J. Foster.
" "	56	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	Jos. Oliver, P.G.M.
" "	56	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	H. E. McDonald.
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	67	3 35	3	6 00	9 35	D. B. Brown.
Howard	58	Strathroy	96	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	W. T. Gunn.
"	58	"	96	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	J. T. Nichols.
Kingston	59	Kingston	203	10 15	3	6 00	16 15	Robt. Diack.
"	59	"	203	10 15	3	6 00	16 15	Marshal P. Reid.
"	59	"	203	10 15	3	6 00	16 15	Peter M. Thompson
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	73	3 65	3	6 00	9 65	A. E. Webster.
"	61	"	73	3 65	3	6 00	9 65	T. E. Lane.
"	61	"	73	3 65	3	6 00	9 65	Jas. Boddy.
Huron	62	Goderich	106	5 30	3	6 00	11 30	George Porter.
"	62	"	106	5 30	3	6 00	11 30	Dudley Holmes.
Barrie	63	Barrie	95	4 75	3	6 00	10 75	Jno. Payne.
Victoria	64	Hamilton	....	....	3	6 00	6 00	Jas. H. Peatfield.
Friendship	65	Petrolea	127	6 35	3	6 00	12 35	J. J. Mathews.
Friendship	65	Petrolea	127	6 35	3	6 00	12 35	Jas. Whitehead.
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	F. F. Morris.
"	66	"	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	A. J. Nicholl.

Victoria	64	Hamilton	....	....		3	6 00	6 00	Jas. H. Pearfield.	
Friendship	65	Petrolea	127	0 35	3	6 00	12 35	J. J. Mathews.		

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Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	F. F. Morris.		
"	66	"	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	A. L. Nicholl.		
Exeter	67	Exeter	107	5 35	3	6 00	11 35	S. A. Popplestone.		
Hope	69	Harrietsville	67	3 35	3	6 00	9 35	S. E. Facey.		
Lucan	70	Lucan	86	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	Geo. A. Stanley.		
The Toronto	71	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	W. H. Aiken.		
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	Wm. Robson.		
Fergus	73	Fergus	62	3 10	3	6 00	9 10	David Murray.		
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	118	5 90	3	6 00	11 90	W. A. Scott.		
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	A. Barber.		
"	76	"	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	W. H. Welter.		
"	76	"	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	R. F. Oakes.		
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	57	2 85	3	6 00	8 35	E. F. Waterhouse.		
Durham	78	Port Hope	103	5 15	3	6 00	11 15	J. S. Hamly.		
"	78	"	103	5 15	3	6 00	11 15	S. Alcott.		
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	81	4 05	3	6 00	10 05	J. H. Bustin.		
Amity	80	Prescott	259	12 95	3	6 00	18 95	A. M. Halliday.		
"	80	"	259	12 95	3	6 00	18 95	W. J. Robinson.		
"	80	"	259	12 95	5	6 00	18 95	Fred. Lamble.		
Belleville	81	Belleville	153	7 65	3	6 00	13 65	Nelson Thompson.		
"	81	"	153	7 65	3	6 00	13 65	Wm. Nelson.		
"	81	"	153	7 65	3	6 00	13 65	A. L. Geen.		
Beaver	82	Ruthven	183	9 15	3	6 00	15 15	T. H. Wigle.		
Clinton	83	Clinton	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	F. C. Allcock.		
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	Hugh Beattie.		
"	84	"	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	Jno. Crawford.		
Constellation	85	Burgessville	56	2 80	3	6 00	8 80	Chas. H. Bates.		
Napanee	86	Napanee	175	8 75	3	6 00	14 75	Hiram Cline.		
Empire	87	St. Catharines	32	1 60	3	6 00	7 60	George Kalls.		
"	87	"	32	1 60	3	6 00	7 60	Nelson Newhouse.		
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	47	2 35	3	6 00	8 35	W. L McWhinnie.		
"	88	"	47	2 35	3	6 00	8 85	E. W. Featherston.		
Reliance	89	Guelph	46	2 30	3	6 00	8 30	Robt. Tovell.		
"	89	"	46	2 30	3	6 00	8 30	W. J. Graham.		

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Ivy	90	Parkhill	100	$5 00	3	$6 00	$11 00	George Fraser.
Grand River	91	Paris	29	1 45	3	6 00	7 45	Jno. Newton.
Western City	93	Chatham	140	7 00	3	6 00	13 00	Richard Chrysler.
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	74	3 70	3	6 00	9 70	W. E. Steveas.
"	94	"	74	3 70	3	6 00	9 70	C. S. Bridgeman.
Nith	96	New Hamburg	58	2 90	3	6 00	8 90	Alex. Fraser.
Grand Union	97	Berlin	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	G. A. May.
"	97	"	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	Fred. Kress.
Minto	98	Harriston	94	4 70	3	6 00	10 70	Jos. Grisch.
Lindsay	100	Lindsay	109	5 45	3	6 00	11 45	H. A. Middleton.
"	100	"	109	5 45	3	6 00	11 45	Robt. C. Chambers.
Golden Star	101	Brampton	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	J. M. Warren.
Deseronto	102	Deseronto	173	8 65	3	6 00	14 65	W. H. Harvey.
Cataract	103	Niagara Falls	44	2 20	3	6 00	8 20	W. A. Kennedy.
Crescent	104	Hamilton	....	....	3	6 00	6 00	J. B. Turner.
"	104	"	....	....	3	6 00	6 00	Jno. Fotheringham.
"	104	"	....	....	3	6 00	6 00	R. H. Jackson.
Manilla	105	Manilla	97	4 85	3	6 00	10 85	R. J. Crosson.
St. Clair	106	Pt. Edward	137	6 85	3	6 00	12 85	J. F. O'Neil.
Waterloo	107	Galt	30	1 50	3	6 00	7 50	Peter Henderson.
"	107	"	30	1 50	3	6 00	7 50	A. H. Blackeby.
"	107	"	30	1 50	3	6 00	7 50	C. L. McWilliams.
Royal Oak	108	Forest	118	5 90	3	6 00	11 90	Robert Scott.
Orion	109	Georgetown	37	1 85	3	6 00	7 85	S. Nevens.
Laurel	110	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	C. W. Robinson.
"	110	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	W. C. Macdonald.
Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	M. W. Matchett.
"	111	"	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	R. M. Scott.

Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	G. E. Gilbert.
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	129	6 45	3	6 00	12 45	Geo. H. Laurence.
"	112	"	129	6 45	3	6 00	12 45	Jno. Hall.

Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	115	5	75	3	6	00	11	75	G. E. Gilbert.
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	129	6	45	3	6	00	12	45	Geo. H. Laurence.
"	112	"	129	6	45	3	6	00	12	45	J. D. Scott.
Trenton	113	Trenton	140	7	00	3	6	00	13	00	C. Crowe.
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	222	11	10	3	6	00	17	10	R. J. Webster.
"	114	"	222	11	10	3	6	00	17	10	C. R. Cotton.
"	114	"	222	11	10	3	6	00	17	10	R. J. Chadwick.
Harmony	115	Brantford	24	1	20	3	6	00	7	20	S. M. Thomson.
"	115	"	24	1	20	3	6	00	7	20	A. E. Brown.
"	115	"	24	1	20	3	6	00	7	20	Fred. Reid.
Naomi	116	Markham	62	3	10	3	6	00	9	10	Allen Monkhouse.
Valley City	117	Dundas	5		25	3	6	00	6	25	Jno. Douglass.
"	117	"	5		25	3	6	00	6	25	Jas. B. Manson.
Maitland	119	Wingham	116	5	80	3	6	00	11	80	J. A. Morton.
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	164	8	20	3	6	00	14	20	A. D. Thornton.
"	120	"	164	8	20	3	6	00	14	20	J. Hendershott.
Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	92	4	60	3	6	00	10	60	D. Fraser.
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	35	1	75	3	6	00	7	75	Jas. Dandy.
Dresden	124	Dresden	152	7	60	3	6	00	13	60	Wm. Barnes.
"	124	"	152	7	60	3	6	00	13	60	R. R. Wright.
Stella	125	Carleton Place	267	13	35	3	6	00	19	35	Jas. H. Munro.
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	135	6	75	3	6	00	12	75	J. M. Wilkins.
"	126	"	135	6	75	3	6	00	12	75	W. J. Barrie.
Mizpah	127	Belleville	153	7	65	3	6	00	13	65	George E. Fax.
"	127	"	153	7	65	3	6	00	13	65	Sam'l Symons.
Charity	129	Sunderland	92	4	60	3	6	00	10	60	Herb. J. Thompson.
Livingstone	13	Thorold	38	1	90	3	6	00	7	90	A. Laughlan.
Marion	131	Renfrew	268	13	40	3	6	00	19	40	Jas. Clark.
"	131	"	268	13	40	3	6	00	19	40	A. L. Handford.
Oakville	132	Oakville	22	1	10	3	6	00	7	10	Jno. Whittaker.
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	106	5	30	3	6	00	11	30	Geo. Parrott.
Orient	134	Welland	43	2	15	3	6	00	8	15	W. H. Lowe.
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	99	4	95	3	6	00	10	95	S. H. Glassford.
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	109	5	45	3	6	00	11	45	W. J. Hamilton.
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	248	12	40	3	6	00	18	40	H. A. Knapp.

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St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	248	$12 40	3	$6 00	$18 40	Omer Truesdell.
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	7	35	3	6 00	6 35	Jno. Brandon.
Garnet	139	Mount Forest.	104	5 20	3	6 00	11 20	Richard Ainley.
Leamington	140	Leamington	180	9 00	3	6 00	15 00	Almanson Malott.
"	140	"	180	9 00	3	6 00	15 00	J. Conners.
Concord	142	Kingsville	188	9 40	3	6 00	15 40	Albert Pulford.
Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	172	8 60	3	6 00	14 60	H. M. Love.
"	143	"	172	8 60	3	6 00	14 60	S. A. Seeds.
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	Chas. A. Dunkley.
Riverside	145	Iroquois	273	13 65	3	6 00	19 65	Robt. H. Knox.
Vivian	146	Arnprior	291	14 55	3	6 00	20 55	J. C. Williams.
Model	147	Wyoming	121	6 05	3	6 00	12 05	Geo. Stilson.
Aurora	148	Aurora	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	Geo. Bowman.
Western Star	149	Brussels	116	5 80	3	6 00	11 80	A. McGuire.
Sycamore	151	Arkona	121	6 05	3	6 00	12 05	Elmer Muma.
Hayden	152	Norwich	48	2 40	3	6 00	8 40	D. S. Pitcher.
Wildey	153	Granton	81	4 04	3	6 00	10 05	Horace German.
Alpha	154	Almonte	274	13 70	3	6 00	19 70	Albert E. Keayes.
"	154	"	274	13 70	3	6 00	19 70	Robt. McKenzie.
Brougham	155	Whitevale	61	3 05	3	6 00	9 05	Alpheus Hoover.
Pyramid	156	Newmarket	74	3 70	3	6 00	9 70	J. E. Hughes.
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	125	6 25	3	6 00	12 25	Philip Facey.
Progress	158	Guelph	46	2 30	3	6 00	8 30	Jas. Hewer.
"	158	"	46	2 30	3	6 00	8 30	Geo. J. Brill.
Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	....	....	3	6 00	6 00	Thos. G. Anderson.
Listowel	160	Listowel	89	4 45	3	6 00	10 45	F. R. Blewett.
Simcoe	161	Simcoe	43	2 15	3	6 00	8 15	Wm. Sutton.

Oriental	163	Cornwall	505	15 25	3	6 00	21 25	Mark Hermiston.
Romeo	164	Stratford	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00	H. E. Vaux.

Oriental	163	Cornwall	505	15	25	3	6	00	21 25	Mark Hermiston.
Romeo	164	Stratford	60	3	00	3	6	00	9 00	H. E. Vaux.
"	164	"	60	3	00	3	6	00	9 00	Geo. T. Jones.
Beethoven	165	Brooklin	76	3	80	3	6	00	9 80	Thos. Coakwell.
Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg	73	3	65	3	6	00	9 65	A. L. Sproule.
Denovo	170	Port Elgin	143	7	15	3	6	00	13 15	Geo. Chapman.
Penetangore	172	Kincardine	144	7	20	3	6	00	13 20	M. D. McPhail.
"	172	"	144	7	20	3	6	00	13 20	W. J. Clement.
Emerald	173	Dunnville	36	1	80	3	6	00	7 80	Daniel Simpson.
Dolman	174	Ayr	42	2	10	3	6	00	8 10	Jas. W. Hall.
"	174	"	42	2	10	3	6	00	8 10	Wm. Manson.
Dauncey	176	Thedford	110	5	50	3	6	00	11 50	Jno. B. Rankin.
Montana	177	Wroxeter	108	5	40	3	6	00	11 40	Jno. A. Barnard.
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	9		45	3	6	00	6 45	John Forth.
Madoc	179	Madoc	182	9	10	3	6	00	15 10	Jas. White.
"	179	"	182	9	10	3	6	00	15 10	Benson O'Hara.
Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	140	7	00	3	6	00	13 00	J. Knox Christie.
Tecumseh	182	Otterville	52	2	60	3	6	00	8 60	E. Meriam.
Teeswater	183	Teeswater	126	6	30	3	6	00	12 30	Wallace Thornton.
Germania	184	Waterloo	46	2	30	3	6	00	8 30	A. B. McBride.
"	184	"	46	2	30	3	6	00	8 30	J. S. Lockie.
Cambridge	188	Preston	35	1	75	3	6	00	7 75	Fred. Levanduskey.
Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	243	12	15	3	6	00	18 15	R. G. Ash.
Chorazin	190	London	76	3	80	3	6	00	9 80	Jared Vinning.
"	190	"	76	3	80	3	6	00	9 80	Fred. C. Duram.
Jarvis	191	Jarvis	33	1	65	3	6	00	7 65	J. N. James.
Gorrie	192	Gorrie	106	5	30	8	6	00	11 30	Robt. Toung.
Albert	194	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	R. N. Sheppard.
"	194	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	Jno. T. Flowers.
Cicerone	195	Woodville	103	5	15	3	6	00	11 15	D. McLauglin.
Florence	196	Florence	125	6	25	3	6	00	12 25	Isaac Unsworth.
Minerva	197	Hamilton	.....		.....	3	6	00	6 00	Jno. Thompson.
Britannia	198	Drayton	78	3	90	3	6	00	9 90	Henry Braun.
Weston	200	Weston	49	2	45	3	6	00	8 45	T. H. Simpson.
Beacon	201	Port Colborne	56	2	80	3	6	00	8 80	Jno. Cook.

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Beacon	201	Port Colborne	56	$2 80	3	$6 00	$8 80	W. J. Saurin.
Silver Star	202	Milverton	74	3 70	3	6 00	9 70	Chas. Spencer.
Pembroke	203	Pembroke	302	15 10	3	6 00	21 10	Thos. Coram.
"	203	"	302	15 10	3	6 00	21 10	Wm. Dudley.
Acton	204	Acton	44	2 20	3	6 00	8 20	H. Ramshaw.
Ahiram	205	Paisley	133	6 65	3	6 00	12 65	P. C. Kennedy.
"	205	"	133	6 65	3	6 00	12 65	Jas. McClelland.
Silver City	206	Tiverton	153	7 65	3	6 00	13 65	A. G. Montgomery.
Egremont	207	Kerwood	103	5 15	3	6 00	11 15	Richard Brock.
Alvinston	208	Alvinston	117	5 85	3	6 00	11 85	T. L. McLandress.
Millbank	209	Millbank	77	3 85	3	6 00	9 85	Wm. Gillespie.
Brucefield	210	Brucefield	98	4 90	3	6 00	10 90	Andrew Scott.
Lily	211	Dorchester	68	3 40	3	6 00	9 40	C. Morrison.
Argyll	212	Napanee	175	8 75	3	6 00	14 75	W. M. Sills.
"	212	"	175	8 75	3	6 00	14 75	F. H. Carson.
Clifford	214	Clifford	100	5 60	3	6 00	11 00	W. J. Elliott.
Freestone	215	Beamsville	21	1 05	3	6 00	7 05	F. S. Prudhomme.
Elmira	216	Elmira	56	2 80	3	6 00	8 80	R. Jackson.
Mount Brydges	217	Mount Brydges	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	D. J. Donaldson.
"	217	"	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	W. Hetley.
Enterprise	218	Essex	184	9 20	3	6 00	15 20	Jos. Mayville.
"	218	"	184	9 20	3	6 00	15 20	R. R. Brett.
Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	138	6 90	3	6 00	12 90	Thos. H. Carter.
Woodslee	220	Woodslee	180	9 00	3	6 00	15 00	Adrian Brooker.
Chesley	221	Chesley	125	6 25	3	6 00	12 25	Fred. Christoffer.
Hensall	223	Hensall	104	5 20	3	6 00	11 20	Geo. J. Sutherland.
Ottawa	224	Ottawa	295	14 75	3	6 00	20 75	George Bell.
"	224	"	295	14 75	3	6 00	20 75	R. Ronan.

Norfolk	225	Port Dover	40	2	00	3	6	00	8	00	E. P. Bagley.
Merlin	226	Merlin	159	7	95	3	6	00	13	95	J. N. Halliday.
Sauble	227	Tara	140	7	00	3	6	00	13	00	J. J. Corbett.
International	228	Bridgeburg	61	3	05	3	6	00	9	95	A. A. Coulthurst.
Embro Star	229	Embro	53	2	65	3	6	00	8	65	M. Murray.
Prince of Wales	230	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	J. E. Allen.
"	230	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	R. J. Johnston.
Elora	231	Elora	60	3	00	3	6	00	9	00	Henry Clarke.
Ilderton	234	Ilderton	86	4	30	3	6	00	10	30	E. Ironside.
Waterford	235	Waterford	43	2	15	3	6	00	8	15	F. S. Marlatt.
Acorn	236	Camlachie	127	6	35	3	6	00	12	35	Andrew Lunam.
Farmersville	237	Athens	256	12	80	3	6	00	18	80	C. L. Lamb.
Stirling	239	Stirling	171	8	55	3	6	00	14	55	G. B. Hagerman.
"	239	"	171	8	55	3	6	00	11	55	Jno. E. Halliwell.
Carleton	240	Ottawa	295	14	75	3	6	00	20	75	E. B. Butterworth.
"	240	"	295	14	75	3	6	00	20	75	Jno. Carruthers.
"	240	"	295	14	75	3	6	00	20	75	A. T. McKinnon.
Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	250	12	50	3	6	00	18	50	J. A. Johnston.
"	241	"	250	12	50	3	6	00	18	50	N. M. Everts.
Wilton	242	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	J. J. Fee.
"	242	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	A. E. Boucher.
Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	889	44	45	3	6	00	50	45	F. B. Allen.
Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	235	11	75	3	6	00	17	75	C. A. McDonald.
Gordon	247	Palmerston	89	4	45	3	6	00	10	45	Alf. Knowles.
Campbellford	248	Campbellford	147	7	35	3	6	00	13	35	E. T. Morton.
Beaverton	249	Beaverton	111	5	55	3	6	00	11	55	L. J. Cameron.
Ridgely	250	Oil Springs	135	6	75	3	6	00	12	75	O. Zimmer.
Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	153	7	65	3	6	00	13	65	Moses J. Dickie.
Floral	252	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	G. E. Buck.
"	252	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	F. F. Crawford.
Caledonia	253	Caledonia	16		80	3	6	00	6	80	J. W. Avery.
Alba	254	Pakenham	285	14	25	3	6	00	20	25	Geo. Y. Scott.
Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	79	3	95	3	6	00	9	95	George Swain.
Credit	257	Erin	60	3	00	3	6	00	9	00	C. F. Byam.
Thamesford	258	Thamesford	60	3	00	3	6	00	9	00	R. F. O'Neil.

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Thamesford	258	Thamesford	60	$3 00	3	$6 00	$9 00	D. Reavely.
Lynden	259	Lynden	15	75	3	6 00	6 75	S. J. Atkins.
Meaford	260	Meaford	131	6 55	3	6 00	12 55	A. McK. Cameron.
Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage	1187	59 35	3	6 00	65 35	P. H. Clark.
"	261	"	1187	59 35	3	6 00	65 35	Jas. C. Baxter.
Norwood	262	Norwood	129	6 45	3	6 00	12 45	I. N. Ackerman.
East Toronto	263	East Toronto	42	2 10	3	6 00	8 10	W. H. Givens.
Fraternity	264	Perth	237	11 95	3	6 00	17 95	D. Reid.
Delta	265	Delta	267	13 35	3	6 00	19 35	Wm. Sheridan.
Missanabie	266	Chapleau	512	25 60	3	6 00	31 60	Henry Curran.
Algoma	267	Ft. William W.	894	44 70	3	6 00	50 70	J. T. Hollingshead.
Stanley	268	Lanark	249	12 45	3	6 00	18 45	Jno. F. Jackson.
Woodstock	269	Woodstock	47	2 35	3	6 00	8 35	Geo. Davidson.
"	269	"	47	2 35	3	6 00	8 35	Walter James.
Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	226	11 30	3	6 00	17 50	D. McLaughlin.
North Bay	271	North Bay	260	13 00	3	6 00	19 00	D. Hill.
Lakeview	272	Tor. Junction	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	Robt. Leachman.
Hastings	273	Hastings	137	6 85	3	6 00	12 85	J. H. McClelland.
Midland	274	Midland	152	7 60	3	6 00	13 60	Joshua Hill.
Fairy	275	Huntsville	178	8 90	3	6 00	14 90	Thos. Whaley.
Lambton	277	Brigden	141	7 05	3	6 00	13 05	Jno. J. Hayne.
Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	295	14 75	3	6 00	20 75	L. R. Stevens.
"	178	"	295	14 75	3	6 00	20 75	Chas. A. Abbott.
Balmoral	280	Merrickville	256	12 80	3	6 00	18 80	N. Silver.
Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie	518	25 90	3	6 00	31 90	Alex. McCormic.
Sudbury	282	Sudbury	339	16 95	3	6 00	22 95	A. H. Beath.
Earnscliffe	283	Cummings Br.	297	14 85	3	6 00	20 85	W. McAdam.
"	283	"	297	14 85	3	6 00	20 85	J. Turnbull.

Lyn	284	Lyn	243	12 15	3	6 00	18 15	D. H. McCrady.
Morewood	285	Morewood	297	14 85	3	6 00	20 85	Wm. Campbell.
Royal	286	Havelock	140	7 00	3	6 00	13 00	Jesse Campney.
Ripley	287	Ripley	136	6 80	3	6 00		
Chesterville	288	Chesterville						
Glanworth								

Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie	518	25	90	3	6	00	31	90	Alex. McCorkle.
Sudbury	282	Sudbury	339	16	95	3	6	00	22	95	A. H. Beath.
Earnscliffe	283	Cummings Br.	297	14	85	3	6	00	20	85	W. McAdam.
"	283	"	297	14	85	3	6	00	20	85	J. Turnbull.

Lyn	284	Lyn	243	12	15	3	6	00	18	15	D. H. McCrady.
Morewood	285	Morewood	297	14	85	3	6	00	20	85	Wm. Campbell.
Royal	286	Havelock	140	7	00	3	6	00	13	00	Jesse Campney.
Ripley	287	Ripley	136	6	80	3	6	00	12	80	Rod. Martyn.
Chesterville	288	Chesterville	290	14	50	3	6	00	20	50	W. J. Nash.
Glanworth	289	Glanworth	85	4	25	3	6	00	10	25	David Stevenson.
Tweed	290	Tweed	170	8	50	3	6	00	14	50	N. M. Lloyd.
Rodney	291	Rodney	121	6	05	3	6	00	12	05	D. Mistele.
Minnetonka	292	Keewatin	1191	59	55	3	6	00	65	55	Jno. M. Armstrong.
Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg	177	8	85	3	6	00	14	85	Wesley Morton.
Broadview	294	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	Geo. T. Pendrith.
"	294	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	R. S. Grundy.
Manotick	295	Manotick	288	14	40	3	6	00	20	40	Geo. Clark.
Pontypool	296	Pontypool	94	4	70	3	6	00	10	70	Wm. Spofford.
Mayflower	297	Parham	219	10	95	3	6	00	16	95	Richard Hamilton.
Comber	298	Comber	172	8	60	3	6	00	14	60	N. Gordon Ainslie.
Cornucopia	299	McLaren's Dep	226	11	30	3	6	00	17	30	Fred. Clarke.
Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	137	6	85	3	6	00	12	85	N. Hickson.
Plattsville	301	Plattsville	46	2	30	3	6	00	8	30	H. McKie.
Aberdeen	302	Aultsville	289	14	45	3	6	00	20	45	R. A. Baker.
Fellowship	303	Dickenson's L.	296	14	80	3	6	00	20	80	W. J. Ransom.
Star	304	Crampton	65	3	25	3	6	00	9	25	David Longfield.
Valentine	305	Moore	145	7	25	3	6	00	13	25	Andrew Haskill.
Athena	306	Harrowsmith	195	9	75	3	6	00	15	75	Wellington P. Walker.
Princeton	307	Princeton	36	1	80	3	6	00	7	80	Jas. Stitt.
Millbrook	308	Millbrook	120	6	00	3	6	00	12	00	W. S. Given.
Harrow	309	Harrow	196	9	80	3	6	00	15	80	C. J. Pastorius.
Shedden	310	Shedden	100	5	00	3	6	00	11	00	Melvin White.
Morrisburg	311	Morrisburg	280	14	00	3	6	00	20	00	G. E. Myers.
Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	160	8	00	3	6	00	14	00	Stewart Atcheson.
Electric City	313	Chippewa	46	2	30	3	6	00	8	30	G. Land.
Prospect	314	Toronto	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	E. E. Short.
"	314	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7	95	H. H. Brooks.
Mountain	315	Mountain	276	13	80	3	6	00	19	80	E. W. Flynn.
Britain	316	Little Britain	104	5	20	3	6	00	11	20	Richard Avery.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, SESSION AT HAMILTON, AUGUST, 1900.—*Continued.*

Name of Lodge.	No.	Location.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	Name of Representative.
Laurentian	317	Westport	284	$14 20	3	$6 00	$20 20	Wm. Begley.
Bervie	318	Bervie	152	7 60	3	6 00	13 60	Wm. Henderson.
Webbwood	319	Webbwood	387	19 35	3	6 00	25 35	Wm. Irving.
Geneva	320	Orillia	118	5 90	3	6 00	11 90	J. D. Knox.
Hespeler	321	Hespeler	34	1 70	3	6 00	7 70	G. Boynton.
Central	322	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	W. S. Johnston.
"	322	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	Wm. Fountain.
Liberty	323	Berlin	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	W. H. Leage.
Ontario	324	Pickering	62	3 10	3	6 00	9 10	John R. Winber.
Southampton	325	Southampton	147	7 35	3	6 00	13 35	Wm. Foote.
Strathcona	326	Shelburne	85	4 25	3	6 00	10 25	W. J. Mandley.
Saugeen	327	Markdale	114	5 70	3	6 00	11 70	Jas. Sproule.
Underwood	328	Underwood	154	7 70	3	6 00	13 70	Dugald McKinnon.
Prosperity	329	Delhi	51	2 55	3	6 00	8 55	H. L. Stratton.
Wheatley	330	Wheatley	179	8 95	3	6 00	14 95	W. C. Dainty.
Maxville	331	Maxville	342	17 10	3	6 0	23 10	A. J. Kennedy.
Atwood	332	Atwood	102	5 10	3	6 00	11 10	Jno. Roger.
Social	333	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	A. Rose.
Total Mileage and Per Diem 376 Reps			49692	2484 60	1128	2256 00	1740 60	

	Location.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.
Committee on General Purposes—						
W. F. Mountain	Toronto	39	$1 95	3	$6 00	$7 95
Committee on Odd Fellows' Home—						
Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire	London	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80
W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M.	Cannington	99	4 95	3	6 00	10 95
Committee on Subordinate Laws—						
Donald Robertson	St. Catharines	32	1 60	3	6 00	7 60
J. H. McGill	Port Hope	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15
Special Committee—						
Jno. Gibson, P.G.M.	Stratford	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
H. E. Terry	Toronto	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95
Advisory Committee O.R. Association—						
H. J. Guppy	Ottawa	295	14 75	3	6 00	20 75
G. G. Henderson	Hamilton			3	6 00	6 00
Total		643	$32 15	24	$48 00	$89 15

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, SESSION AT HAMILTON, AUGUST, 1900.—*Concluded.*

RECAPITULATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.
Grand Lodge Officers	1271	$ 63 55	41	$ 82 00	$ 145 55
Representatives	49692	2484 60	1128	2256 00	4740 60
Special Committees	394	19 70	12	24 00	43 70
Committee on General Purposes	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95
Committee on Odd Fellows' Home	175	8 75	6	12 00	20 75
Committee on Laws	95	4 75	6	12 00	16 75
Total	51666	$2583 30	1196	$2392 00	$4975 30

The following letters, referring to the holding of the Session of 1901, were read.

Guelph, Ont., Aug. 9, 1900.

Grand Master McLurg, I.O.O.F., Hamilton:—Telegram.

Guelph city council and citizens heartily invite members of Grand Lodge to hold Session of 1901 in Guelph. Be sure and decide for Guelph.

R. E. NELSON, Mayor.

GUELPH, Aug. 7, 1900.

Dr. McLurg, Grand Master, I.O.O.F., Hamilton:

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the Corporation of the Royal City of Guelph, I am instructed to invite the Grand Lodge to hold their next Session in this city. I have very great pleasure on behalf of the Municipal Council in placing at the disposal of the Grand Lodge the City Hall buildings during the Sessions, free of charge. There are numerous committee rooms in connection with the buildings that are admirably adapted for the purposes of the several committees. I can assure you that your honorable body will receive a very hearty welcome from the corporation and the citizens generally, and Oddfellowship being so largely represented in our city I trust your choice may be favorable to Guelph. Again repeating the invitation to come, I am,

Yours very truly,

RICHARD MITCHELL, City Clerk. R. E. NELSON, Mayor.

ST. THOMAS, AUGUST 4, 1900.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. of Ontario, Hamilton, Ont.:

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the corporation and people of the City of St. Thomas, I beg to extend to your Grand Body a hearty and cordial invitation to hold your next annual meeting in this city. It is now sixteen years since your meeting was held here, and such pleasant recollections of it remain that our people are anxious to be given the opportunity to once more welcome you to the most prosperous and up-to-date city of its size in Ontario.

Since you last met here many improvements have taken place which will attract the attention of every one who takes an interest in seeing a progressive city governed and managed according to modern ideas. Within the last two or three years there have been erected in this city a new City Hall, that for architectural beauty, interior accommodation and public convenience will bear comparison with any in the Province outside of Toronto and Hamilton—a new Court House that cannot be surpassed in Ontario, and two of the finest and best-equipped public schools that can be found anywhere. Our streets are acknowledged to be the finest in the Province, our main street being paved with brick for more than a mile, and most of our residential streets macadamized.

The hotel accommodation of the city is ample; I know of no other city of its size that has so many excellent hotels, all convenient to the business part of the city, and all on the line of the electric street railway; and there are several large halls, commodious, convenient and suitable for your place of meeting.

Our railway facilities are unexcelled, no place is more easily reached, as the following roads run through St. Thomas—M.C.R., C.P.R., G.T.R., Wabash, and L.E. & D.R. Ry.

I trust, therefore, that you will see your way clear to choose St. Thomas as your next place of meeting, and that we will have the pleasure of entertaining you all next year.

Yours faithfully,

P. MEEHAN, Mayor.

ST. THOMAS, ONT., August 3, 1900.

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

Dear Sir,—The St. Thomas Board of Trade beg to invite your Grand Lodge to hold their next annual meeting, 1901, in our city, and we will endeavor to make your visit to the "Railway City" a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Wishing your organization every success, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. W. STEWART,
Vice-President.

J. McADAM,
Secretary.

ST. THOMAS, August 4, 1900.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Brethren,—On behalf of Elgin Lodge No. 32, St. Thomas Lodge No. 76 and Elgin Encampment No. 20, we do hereby extend to you a cordial invitation to hold your next annual session in this city. As it is sixteen years since we were honored by the presence of your Grand Body within our borders we hope you will kindly accede to our request at this time, and we can assure you a most hearty welcome both from our citizens at large and from your brother Odd Fellows. We have a beautiful city, with ample hotel accomodation of the first class, and good, commodious halls in which to conduct your business.

In point of economy St. Thomas is a good place in which to hold your meeting. Being an important railroad centre it is easy to reach from any point, and as it is central to the majority of Oddfellows of Ontario the cost will bear lightly on Grand Lodge funds.

With the hope that your next meeting may be held in St. Thomas in 1901, we are,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

FRED DOGGETT, P.G.P.,
Chairman of Committee.

W. J. SHAW, P.C.P.,
Secretary of Committee.

SARNIA, ONT., August 4, 1900.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., in session at Hamilton:

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the Council and citizens of Sarnia I beg to extend to your honorable body a cordial and earnest invitation to hold the next meeting of Grand Lodge in our town.

I assure you we shall deem it a great honor to entertain your Grand Lodge and will do all we possibly can to make your visit to the "Tunnel Town" a pleasant and happy event.

Trusting your honorable body will be pleased to accept this invitation, and wishing your noble Order every success,

I am, gentlemen, respectfully yours,

FRED C. WATSON,
Mayor of Sarnia.

Rep. Stevens, seconded by Rep. Geo. Strecks, moved the following:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns it does so to meet in the City of St. Thomas.

Reps. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., and Rev. Bro. T. W. Leggatt, moved an amendment that St. Thomas be struck out and Guelph inserted.

The amendment prevailed, and the resolution as amended, substituting Guelph for St. Thomas, was adopted.

Report No. 21.—Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, from the Special Committee on Odd Fellows' Home, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Special Committee on the Ontario Odd Fellows Home beg leave to submit their report of the year's proceedings in this connection. The Board of Directors for the ensuing year consists of the following persons:

From the Grand Lodge—O. L. Lewis, G.M.; C. C. Lyman, D.G.M.; J. B. King, G. Sec.; W. J. McCormack, G.T.; W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M.; Henry White, P.G.M.; Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.S.

From the Grand Encampment—M. D. Dawson, G.S.; A. H. Blackeby, P.G.P.

From the Rebekah Assembly—

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Cl. T. Campbell, chairman; W. H. Hoyle, vice-chairman; J. B. King, secretary; W. J. McCormack, treasurer.

During the year the Board has endeavored to add to the fund at its disposal by appeals to the Lodges and Encampments, and with a fair measure of success. By the Treasurer's report it appears that we now have:

Cash	$ 5,476 67
Due by the Grand Lodge	2,000 00
Subscriptions	4,325 84
	$11,802 51

Or, making a reasonable allowance for a few personal subscriptions that may not be collected, an estimated sum of $11,500.

There still remain, however, a number of lodges and encampments that have not contributed. Of the 281 lodges in the jurisdiction about 100 have subscribed; while scarcely one-seventh of the encampments have given anything. It is not credible that all these lodges which have failed to respond to our frequent appeals are either unable or unwilling to do so. It is only fair to assume that in most cases, where a letter or a circular has been received by the lodge urging its co-operation, action has been deferred with the intention of doing something when the Home is established. The brethren fail to realize that the Directors do not wish to commence operations with a burden of debt. We want sufficient subscribed to enable us to start the Home free from all encumbrance. For that reason we again urge the claim of this part of our work upon the members of the Order; and ask each individual representative in this body whose lodge has not yet subscribed, to bring the matter before his lodge immediately on his return from this session. Let there be no further delay. Do something at once. We want at least $10,000 more. If all the lodges that have not yet contributed would give on an average of $35 each, and the encampments $20 each, the amount would be made up. Some few lodges may be unable to give anything, some may not feel able to give the average asked for; but, on the other hand, there are lodges that can give from $50 to $100.

There is ample room also for individual effort. Somewhere about 100 members have contributed from $1 to $50 each. There is not one of our 24,000 members who cannot do something if opportunity were offered. While some of them might not feel sufficient interest in the work to mail their contributions to the treasurer, yet they would give if there were a personal appeal. It only needs that a committee of one or more brothers in each lodge should take the matter in hand, and $50,000 could be raised without difficulty.

The sisters of the Rebekah Branch have given zealous service on behalf of the Home. The first cash contributions came from them. Many of their lodges have subscribed, and in proportion to their means have done far better than the subordinate lodges.

During the year, for the purpose of supplying information as to the methods of operating this work, the Board adopted certain rules for the government of the Home, subject, of course, to future amendment as experience might dictate. These are appended to this report.

The Directors have not yet been able to decide on a site for the location of the proposed Home. Were they in possession of sufficient funds to enable them to purchase or build there would be no delay in this matter. Meanwhile they are considering propositions from the brethren of different localities. Beaverton, Collingwood and Orillia have made definite proposals. The brethren in Hamilton, Toronto and Brantford are also prepared to contribute largely to secure the Home for their respective localities, but have not completed their subscription lists. It is hoped that ere long the Board will be in a position to make a choice of location.

The work of establishing and maintaining Homes for the orphan children and the aged members is progressing rapidly throughout the world of Oddfellowship. More than half of the jurisdictions have Homes in operation—some have as many as four, while those who have not are engaged in making preparation for their speedy establishment. No other society on the continent has so many of these beneficent enterprises in active service. But Canada still lags behind. Ontario, the premier province, should be in the van—not in the rear. The need for this Home grows more pressing each year. The number of orphans and aged brethren is steadily increasing. How soon will our task be accomplished and ample provision made for those who need our care? It may be done at once. It is for you to do it.

In view of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, we do not ask for the usual grant this year; but we submit the following resolutions:

1.—That every Lodge that has not yet contributed to the Fund for establishing the Home is earnestly requested to attend to this matter at once and give to the best of its ability.

2.—That the members of the Order in Ontario are again urged to give their personal influence and aid to increase the Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

Cl. T. CAMPBELL,
W. H. HOYLE,
HENRY WHITE.

O. F. HOME RULES.

1. The property owned and managed by the O. F. Home Association shall be known as House.

2. The Board of Directors shall at each annual meeting appoint for the immediate management of the Home an Executive Committee, a Residence Committee, and a Committee on Supplies.

3. The Executive Committee shall consist of 5 members, and shall, during the recess of the Board, have general control of the Home, management of finances, etc., except as otherwise provided.

4. The Residence Committee shall consist of three members, and to it shall be referred applications for admission to the Home, and matters connected with the continuance in residence of the inmates.

5. The Committee on Supplies shall consist of three members, and to it shall be referred matters connected with the procuring of supplies, the management of the farm, and the control of the subordinate employees.

6. The Board may add to any of its committees associate members, connected with the Order in the locality of the Home.

7. The following persons shall be eligible for admission to the Home:

(*a*) Aged members in good standing of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges.

(*b*) Orphan children of Odd Fellows between the ages of——and——whose parents were in good standing in the Order.

(*c*) Widows of Odd Fellows, whose husbands were in good standing in the Order.

(*d*) Orphan children of Odd Fellows who were not in good standing.

(*e*) Aged members of Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges who were not in good standing, and widows of Odd Fellows who were not in good standing, according to precedence as above, subject to the decision of the Residence Committee in any special case.

(*f*) A person in "good standing" shall be understood to mean one who was a contributing member of a lodge of Odd Fellows against whom there was no charge (financial or otherwise) on the books of the lodge to which he or she belonged.

8. No person who is of unsound mind, or who is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease will be admitted to or allowed to remain in the Home.

9. Adults desiring to reside in the Home shall make application by letter, endorsed by the lodge of which he or she is a member, or of which her deceased husband was a member.

10. Application on behalf of children shall be made by the lodge of which the child's deceased parent was a member.

11. The individual applicant for admission, or the lodge endorsing the application, shall guarantee the charges for board and pay the expenses of transportation.

12. Persons for whom admission is desired, presenting the necessary certificate of good standing in the Order, or of relationship to an Odd Fellow in good standing, and guaranteeing the payment of charges for board, may be admitted without delay by the Superintendent (or Matron), subject to ratification of Residence Committee; all other applications for admission must be first submitted to the Residence Committee.

13. Any lodge that has contributed to the establishment of the Home may have the amount of its cash contribution appropriated to paying the board charges of any member or beneficiary of such lodge admitted to the Home, subject to the provisions of clause 14.

14. All benefits due inmates of the Home must be assigned by the inmate, and by the lodge paying such benefit, to the Directors of the Home, and shall be applied by them to the payment of charges for board and maintenance of such beneficiary.

15. In cases where neither the applicant for admission nor the lodge endorsing the application is able to pay the charges for board and maintenance, (or is able to pay only a portion thereof) the Residence Committee shall have power to decide as to terms of admission.

16. The charges for board at the opening of the Home shall be for adults, $— per week; and for children, $— per week, payable in advance; but these rates will be modified by the Board from time to time, so that they shall not exceed the actual cost of maintenance.

The Report of the Committee on General Purposes, which was laid over yesterday, was now taken up and considered.

On motion, clause 6, referring to having a tent at the Toronto Exhibition, was amended by adding thereto:

Provided that the Exhibition Association restore Society Row, then the sum of fifty dollars be granted to the Toronto District as last year.

The report as so amended was adopted.

The following was adopted: Moved by Rep. A. H. Blackeby, seconded by Rep. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M.:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge provide a sufficient number of mite boxes to provide each Lodge in the jurisdiction with one, to be placed in the anteroom for the purpose of receiving the contributions of the members towards the Home Fund.

Report No. 22.—Rep. J. A. Morton, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
JOHN Y. FOSTER,
v.
GLENCOE LODGE, No. 133.

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

This is an appeal of a Brother against the action of Glencoe Lodge No. 133, in suspending him for a term of two years for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

Your Committee find that there is evidence in support of the finding of the Trial Committee, and there is no proof that the proper proceedings were not duly taken.

Your Committee do not feel justified in recommending any interference with the punishment inflicted by the Lodge.

The Committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

J. A. MORTON.

Report No. 23.—Rep. W. A. Wanless, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred Clause 2 of the Grand Master's Report, regret that more new lodges have not been instituted during the past year.

This, however, does not reflect in any manner upon the efforts made by the Grand Master to extend the boundaries of our Order in the Province of Ontario. A variety of causes are operating to-day which did not previously exist to retard the rapid development of our Order in new districts, and we must continue to rely upon the zeal and efficiency of our district system to extend our borders.

Without endorsing anything approaching to the employment of paid organizers to the extension of our Order, we recommend that the Grand Master should be empowered to employ prominent members of the Order to deliver public addresses on the principles of the Order wherever such services are likely to result in the institution of new lodges.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

W. A. WANLESS.

Report No. 24.—Rep. L. J. Cameron, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 1 of the Grand Master's Report, cannot refrain from expressing their appreciation of the renewed energy and increased prosperity, numerically and financially, of the Order in this grand jurisdiction. Your Committee fully endorses the recom-

mendation of the Grand Master to prosecute our work during the ensuing year, so that the twenty-five thousand mark can be reached before the close of the present century.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

L. J. CAMERON.

Report No. 25.—Rep. Wm. M. Sills, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the preface of the Grand Secretary's report, concur with him in his sentiments expressed in reference to the loyalty and prowess of the Canadians in South Africa, and the part taken by Odd Fellows in the contingent sent out by the Dominion of Canada. The fire at Ottawa, which involved the financial welfare of so many Odd Fellows in that city, called out a noble response for aid by the Brethren of this jurisdiction, and we trust that the report which will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge by the Relief Committee for the distribution of the funds will clearly indicate that the aid given was impartially administered to those deserving recognition at their hands.

We also concur with the Grand Secretary's remarks in the losses we have sustained through the agency of the ever king-reaper, Death, and recommend the continuance and extension of the decoration services throughout the jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

WM. M. SILLS.

Report No. 26.—Rep. W. Manson, of Dolman Lodge No. 174, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee in regard to the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses 8 to 22 of the Grand Secretary's report, note with approval the various matters that came under his supervision during the past year, and would recommend that every representative to this Grand Lodge bring the same before his Subordinate Lodge, so that a large amount of correspondence can be dispensed with by the careful perusal of the topics so clearly presented by the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. MANSON.

Report No. 27.—Rep. N. Rathwell, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses 3, 6, 16, 17 and 35 of the Grand Master's report, congratulate the Grand Master, and through him, the Grand Lodge, upon the revival of interest in the Order that was manifested in the resuscitation of Erie Lodge No. 33, Port Burwell;

Oxford Lodge No. 77, Embro Star Lodge No 22, and the successful termination of the difficulty that existed between Warriner Lodge No. 75, Port Perry, and Mrs. Leonard, as to the amount payable to her as a beneficiary of the Lodge.

The number of official visits made by the Grand Master during the past year to the Subordinate Lodges in the different sections of the province cannot fail to promote a deeper interest in the welfare of the Order.

Your Committee approves of the recommendation of the Grand Master to send a competent Brother to Harwick Lodge No. 192, Gorrie, and Equity Lodge No. 232, also the methods adopted by the Grand Master to awaken the latent energies of St. Mary's Lodge No. 36.

The dedication of the new halls at Goderich, Burgessville and Chatham are events in the history of the Order that should find a fuller description in the archives of the Order than is generally submitted, so that the future historian of the Order may have access to these documents whereby the progress of the Order can be duly tabulated.

The Grand Lodge has been very fortunate during the past year in having such an efficient Executive Officer as Bro. Dr. McLurg, and we trust his successor in office will emulate the noble examples of his predecessors in this respect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

N. RATHWELL.

Report No. 28.—Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., of Peaceful Dove Lodge No. 135, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the "Statistical Tables" on pages 33 to 47 (both inclusive) of the Grand Secretary's report, admire the painstaking manner in which that worthy official furnishes the Grand Lodge with the details and averages from a number of standpoints calculated to set forth the growth and development of the I.O.O.F. from the year 1886 to the present time.

Without any desire on the part of your Committee to minimize the value of such tables dealing with averages and grouping lodges of 24 for the purpose of showing similar results, we question their relative importance to our organization owing to its method of dealing with benefits from a lodge standpoint instead of a central fund, the latter system being the only one to whom such statistics can be made of practical value. Having regard therefore to the cost of printing these tables and the amount of labor involved in their compilation, your Committee recommend that no tables be printed in the future in the annual report of the Grand Secretary, beyond those applicable to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, and said table or tables not to cover a period of more than three years for purposes of comparison.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

W. H. HOYLE, P.G.M.

Report No. 29.—Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Clause No. 8, Grand Master's report, beg leave to report as follows :

We recommend that the following changes and amendments be made :—

Decision No. 4.—Strike out the words "or receipt" in the 1st and 2nd lines.

Decision No. 5.—Change "P.S." to "F.S." in the 2nd and 4th lines and strike out all after the word "arrears" in 7th line.

Decision No. 6.—Strike out all after the word "square" in the 6th line.

Decision No. 7.—Strike out the word "years" in the 7th line and insert the word "quarters.

Decision No. 9.—Strike out the word "first" in the 1st line and all after V.G. in the 2nd line, so that answer will read "No,—it must be submitted to the scrutiny of the V.G."

Decision No. 11.—Strike out the word "receipt" in 2nd, 5th and 6th lines and insert the word "certificate."

Decision No. 12.—Strike out the word "receipt" in the 1st line and insert the word "certificate."

Decision No. 19.—Strike out all after the word "chair" in the second line

Decision No. 22.—Strike out the words and figures ("Art. 37, Ontario Digest") and insert "Constitution Subordinates Clause 36."

Decision No. 24.—Strike out all after the word "no."

Decision No. 26.—Insert after the word "allow" in the 2nd line the word "only" and strike out the remainder of the decision—so that said decision will read—"The examining physician is entitled to whatever the By-laws allow only."

Decision No. 29.—Strike out all after the word "no" in 1st line except the reference.

Decision No. 31.—Strike out all after the word "no" in the first line.

Decision No. 33.—Strike out all after the word "eligible" in the 2nd line.

Decision No. 33.—Change "P.S." to "F.S." in last line.

Decision No. 37.—Strike out the words "in fact it is not advisable to do so" in 2nd line, and in the 3rd line insert after the word "pay" the words "not less than."

Decision No. 39.—Strike out all after the word "member" in second line and insert "except as therein provided in clauses 12 and 13."

Decision No. 43.—Strike out all after the word "paid" in 11th line.

Decision No. 2.—Strike out all after the word "term" in the 4th line. (See sec. 1009 White's Digest.)

Decision No. 13.—Strike out all after the word "standing."

Your Committee disapprove of decisions Nos. 3, 34, 36-40 and 41, and would recommend that they be struck out and the following be inserted in lieu thereof :

Decision No. 3.—It is not illegal for a lodge to hold its meetings in a private house.

Decision No. 34.—Yes. (See Clause 55 Constitution of Subordinates.)

Decision No. 36.—It is legal for a lodge to pay a death benefit to a brother upon the demise of his wife, if so provided by its by-laws. (See clause 57 Cons. of Subs.)

Decision No. 40.—The proceedings necessary in donating money to the "Home Fund" are governed by the respective by-laws of the lodges.

Decision No. 41.—It is legal to pass a by-law taxing the brothers of a lodge 5 cents a month or 60 cents per annum for the purpose of forming a contingent fund, or to set aside not more than 5 per cent. of the dues to form such a fund.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HORNIBROOK.

Report No. 30.—Rep. F. R. Blewett, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred clause 18 of the Grand Master's report, beg to report as follows:

That the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation to Ridgetown Lodge No. 144 to continue the work of the lodge, the charter having been destroyed in the fire which consumed their lodge room, and to wear regalia at the anniversary services, be approved, and that the recommendation that a new charter be granted without cost and that an order be made accordingly, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Your said Committee approve of the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation to Alvinston Lodge No. 208, giving the members permission to wear the lodge regalia on the street on the occasion of meeting the Canton from St. Thomas on the 24th of May; and also in granting a dispensation permitting the Lindsay brethren to advertise a First of July celebration in the name of the Order, in aid of the hospital.

Your Committee are of the opinion, regarding the dispensation granted to Carnation Rebekah Lodge No. 58, Wallaceburg, permitting them to elect an appointed officer to the N.G's chair, as there was no eligible member available, that no dispensation was necessary.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the Grand Master had no power to grant the dispensation to Erie Lodge No. 33, Port Burwell, to elect the most efficient brothers in the lodge to even the highest offices, regardless of offices previously held by them, for the purpose of stimulating this lodge as much as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

F. R. BLEWETT.

Report No. 31.—Rep. Robt. Diack, from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was considered and adopted.

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

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the question of Avon Lodge, No. 41, I.O.O.F., beg to report:

Question—"A brother dies in good standing; he has no dependent relatives; no expense for funeral is incurred by the lodge. Should the lodge pay the funeral benefit?"

Your committee find, that according to the by-laws of Avon Lodge, the lodge should pay the funeral benefit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. DIACK.

Report No. 32.—Rep. W. E. Stevens, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred clause No. 25, of the Grand Master's report, beg leave to report as follows:

The committee approve of the course pursued by the Grand Master, and as there is no judicial question involved or other matter requiring our consideration, we have nothing further to add.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. STEVENS.

Report No. 33.—Rep. R. O. Hamilton, from the Special Committee on Fraternal Relations, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your committee beg leave to report that we received a communication of fraternal greetings from Court Pride of Ontario of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and would recommend that the greetings be received most cordially, and that this Grand Lodge of Ontario do most heartily reciprocate the same, and wish the Ancient Order of Foresters and Court Pride of Ontario of the same, every success and prosperity in the advancement of the interests of fraternity and of our common humanity.

Your committee recommend that a copy of this report be send to Court Pride of Ontario, A.O.F.

Fraternally submitted,

R. O. HAMILTON.

Report No. 34.—Rep. W. J. Hamilton, from Special Committee, No. 3, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Special Committee No. 3, to whom was referred clause 3, and section 2 of clause 23 of the G. M.'s report, and also clause 20 of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:—

We congratulate you, Sirs, and also the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the act that four lodges which had seemingly outlived their usefulness, and had become almost non-existent, have taken to themselves a new lease of life; and we trust they may have such success in their good work that they shall, at no distant date, find themselves in the fore-front of the lodges of our jurisdiction. We heartily commend your wisdom, Sir, in allowing certain latitude in cases where your leniency will not be abused, and where good is sure to ensue.

With regard to the recommendations from Perth District, we cannot recommend that each subordinate lodge should govern its own degree and initiation fees. With respect to paragraph 2 of above recommendations, we would recommend that our Grand Representatives be instructed to take such steps as they deem advisable, in order to again bring this matter to the notice of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, with a view to its adoption by Sovereign and Grand Lodges.

With respect to clause 20 of the Grand Secretary's report, we would draw the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact, that the average time of sickness has increased over two-fold in the past 25 years. Your Committee is under the impression that the legislation enacted at this session of Grand Lodge, in cutting off the first week's benefits, will tend very materially to reduce the average length of sickness per member.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. HAMILTON.

Report No. 35.—Rep. W. S. Given, from Special Committee, No. 6, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee appointed to consider clauses No. 11, 12 and 13 Grand Master's report beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We are pleased that the Grand Master was able to visit the rapidly-developing district of New Ontario and by wise advice and personal contact with the brethren there dispel any disposition they had of breaking away from this grand jurisdiction to join the more convenient jurisdiction of Manitoba, and recommend that a fatherly and fraternal interest be continued by the incoming Grand Master towards our brethren in the north country.

2nd. Regarding the anniversary of our Order, we would urge upon all lodges to observe the occasion by attending divine service as a token of thanksgiving to the Almighty for His goodness and mercy, but the idea of street parade and show be kept in the background as much as possible.

The publication of the official notice in the *Independent Odd Fellow* in conjunction with the circular to the lodges we think advisable, it being thus directly brought to the notice of the members. We also recommend a week-night "At Home," concert, or social gathering, when those outside of the Order may be invited, and thus perhaps be led to think favorably of the Brotherhood. At this gathering the advantages and history of the Order should be presented rather than at the Sunday service.

The decoration of the graves of deceased brothers, although a recent feature of our fraternal obligations, has been ennobling in its influence, carrying, as it does, brotherhood beyond the grave, and we recommend its observance once a year, at such season as may be most convenient to the lodges when flowers are easiest procured, thus keeping the expenses at a minimum.

3rd. The suggestion of the Grand Master that "Lodges of Instruction" be held where practicable, we think a good one, the expenses of which would have to be met, however, by those in attendance; but if some convenient time be chosen, such as a public holiday, when the greatest number would be free to attend, and expenses would be lighter, we have no doubt of its helpful effects on the Order. If the annual district meeting day were chosen it might be a convenient time for many districts.

Any scheme that will promote further accuracy in the unwritten work and more uniformity in the floor work must add to the influence and usefulness of our beloved Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. GIVEN.

Report No. 36.—Rep. J. B. Turner, from the Special Committee. No. 1, on clause 11, Grand Master's report, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Special Committee No. 1, to whom was referred clause 11 of Grand Master's report *re* Naw Ontario, beg leave to report as follows:

It is with pleasure we note the visit of our Grand Master to this new territory, as ir will undoubtedly have a beneficial effect on the membership of the several lodges there. We note with satisfaction the good feeling shown by brethren toward the Grand Master, and are particularly gratified to notice that all desire to separate from our Grand Lodge has disappeared throughout the district.

We wish to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the rapid increase in population that is taking place in New Ontario and would recommend that the attention of the District Deputies in that locality be called to this fact, and that they be requested to take advantage of every opportunity of extending our Order throughout this part of our Province.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. TURNER.

Report No 37.—Rep. J. B. Turner, from the Special Committee No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Special Committee No. 1, to whom was referred clause 12, Grand Master's report, and clause 11, Grand Secretary's report, beg leave to report as follows:

We notice with satisfaction that the practice of decorating the graves of our departed brethren is becoming more general throughout the jurisdiction. There are still many places in which this beautiful ceremony is not conducted. We would therefore recommend that the subordinate lodges give their attention to this matter, and thus carry out one of the principles of our Order.

Your Committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. TURNER.

Report No. 38.—Rep. W. H. Lowe, from Special Committee No. 8, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Special Committee No. 8, to whom was referred clause 31, Grand Master's report and clause 18, Grand Secretary's report, beg leave to report as follows:

We fully sympathize with our Brethren in Ottawa, in the terrible calamity that befell them on April 26th last, when some sixty Odd Fellows with their families, over three hundred in all, were rendered homeless by fire, the majority of whom lost everything they possessed, and in some cases it was the savings of a lifetime. There was some insurance but it was small compared to the loss they sustained.

We fully endorse and compliment the Grand Master on his prompt action in making an appeal in the name of this Grand Lodge for our destitute Brethren and also in the appointment of an Executive Committee at Ottawa to disburse the same on behalf of this Grand Body.

We deplore the fact that through a mistaken idea of some of the Ottawa Brethren in reference to the personality of the Executive Committee at Ottawa, some slight friction has taken place, which has not conduced to as early a settlement of the affairs as we believe would have been desirable, but, by the tact and generosity of the Grand Master, the affair has been amicably settled. When we consider the difficulties in making a just and equitable settlement where there are so many questions to be considered it is not difficult to see that it requires considerable time to make a final adjustment.

We have the assurance of the Chairman of the Executive Committee at Ottawa, (Bro. Wm. Andrew who appeared before the Committee and gave them valuable information) that the matter will be settled within a short time and we would recommend that the incoming Grand Master see that there are no unnecessary delays.

We recommend that the receipts to the fund be printed in the Grand Lodge Journal.

Your Committee would recommend that no deductions be made from the Relief Fund for expenses of the administration of the same at the Grand Secretary's office.

We cannot close this report without calling your attention to the generous manner in which the call for relief was responded to, not only by the Order in Ontario, but also by our Brethren in the surrounding jurisdictions.

Resolved, that this report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. LOWE.

Report No. 39.—Rep. I. Unsworth, from Special Committee No. 7, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred clause 24,—3 paragraphs of the Grand Master's report, beg leave to report, that we are pleased to learn from the report of the Grand Master, that the District Deputy Grand Masters have given him able support. We quite agree with his suggestion that the District Grand Masters should be selected for fitness rather than for their town or location.

We also approve the Installation being done without the use of the Ritual and think that any brother appointed to the office of District Deputy Grand Master should commit the work to memory, and would also agree with the use of a team for Installing where practicable, but in some Districts the Lodges are so situated, that the expense would be too great. We would approve of Public Installations only when done by a competent team without the use of a Ritual.

In reference to the D.D.G.M. being the Representative to the Grand Lodge from his own Lodge, a matter for legislation by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee find that the Grand Secretary has provided the necessary badges ordered by the Grand Lodge for the use of the Officers and Members, in his usual efficient manner.

Your Committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC UNSWORTH.

Grand Rep. J. A. Young, P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. Sire, moved the following:

Resolved:

1st. That the Committee on General Purposes be instructed to have the revised Constitutions for subordinate and Rebekah Lodges printed and present each lodge with four copies as soon as possible, and

2nd. That a supply of Subordinate Lodge Constitutions be kept on hand for sale to lodges at the usual advance on cost.

3rd. That the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly and of Rebekah Lodges be printed and sold to the Rebekah Assembly at cost.

4th. That the final revision and correction of the aforementioned Constitutions be made by the Special Committee, and that the Grand Secretary be added to this Special Committee.

Rep. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., moved to strike out clause 2, which was not agreed to.

The four resolutions were severally adopted.

Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., moved the following:

Resolved: That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges which was adopted at yesterday's session, be now reconsidered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Constitution, Rep. R. N. Sheppard moved to amend by inserting under the heading of Transfer of Membership the following:

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.

In the case of a member who has changed his place of residence, or who, on account of the starting of a new Lodge, shall find himself nearer to some other Lodge in the jurisdiction than the one of which he is a member, and who, having been granted a Withdrawal Card, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the Lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid by the Lodge he is leaving the balance of his admission fee (that is, his admission fee, less the proposition fee already paid by him), provided that in no case shall the Lodge be compelled to pay more than $3.00 on account of any one brother.

which was adopted by unanimous vote.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Constitution as amended, it was unanimously adopted.

Report No. 40.—Rep. R. K. Cowan from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred clauses 20 and 30 of the Grand Master's report, and clause 10 of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

That in the opinion of your Committee, the cost of transfer of membership should be limited to $3.00, payable by the lodge from which the member withdraws, and we recommend that the law be changed accordingly.

In regard to the clauses referring to the use of the official certificate, your Committee regret to learn that the use of the same is not as universal as desired. We suggest that in the next official circular issued, the attention of lodge officers be called to the matter, and that the use of these certificates be enforced.

Your Committee therefore move the adoption of this report.

All of which is repectfully submitted.

R. K. COWAN.

Report No. 41.—Rep. Geo. Bell from Special Committee No. 4, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Re clause 19, Grand Master's report, your Committee unanimously endorse the Grand Master's decision in allowing Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, to meet in the City of Ottawa.

Committee move the adoption of the report.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE BELL.

Report No. 42.—Rep. R. N. Sheppard, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred clause 10 of the Grand Master's report, beg to report as follows:

We desire to congratulate the Grand Master on the good feeling existing between himself and the different subordinate lodges.

We commend his zeal displayed in the manner in which he has attended not only to the matters which properly came before him, but also his attention to the many items of correspondence which could very properly have been relegated to others.

We hope lodges before sending questions to the Grand Master will consider first, whether the printed authorities, if consulted, are not sufficient; and second, should not the D.D.G.M. be consulted before enquiring elsewhere?

As to the failure of lodges to reply to important correspondence affecting the rights of others, we think a visit to the offending lodge by the D.D.G.M. as the agent of the Grand Masters ought to bring about the desired result.

Your Committee therefore move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted.

R. N. SHEPPARD.

Report No. 43.—Rep. Wm. Irving, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred clause 15 of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

We appreciate the kindness of Brother Varey in presenting to this Grand Lodge such a valuable and interesting collection of literature, and approve of the action of the Committee on General Purposes in having the same bound.

We look upon this as a very valuable addition to the records of the Order.

Your Committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. IRVING.

Report No. 44.—Rep. W. D. Jewett, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to which was referred the letter of Grand Sire Pinkerton, report:

That we believe such courtesies and kindnesses are most beneficial in promoting the fraternal relations of our Order, and would impress upon the members of the Grand Lodge the lesson to be learned in the hope they will transmit it to their subordinate lodges.

Your Committee move the adoption of the report.

Fraternally submitted.

W. DIXON JEWETT.

Report No. 45.—Rep. G. T. Pendrith, from the Committee on Districts, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred clauses No. 21 and 23 Grand Master's report, and clauses No. 16 and 17 Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

Clause 22.—We recommend that no change be made in the matter of Cornucopia Lodge, No. 299, and Lansdowne Lodge, No 270.

We also recommend that Attwood Lodge, No. 332, be transferred to Harriston District.

Clause 23.—This Committee is of the opinion that it would not be in the interests of Oddfellowship to elect the D.D.G.M. at the Grand Lodge Meeting. We believe that the members of the District Committee, who have held office for a year, are better fitted to judge of the qualifications of the Brother who is to be nominated, than would the Representatives at Grand Lodge.

Clause 23.—This Committee is distinctly and emphatically against Subordinate Lodges fixing their own Degree and Initiation Fees. We are firmly convinced that this Order will never prosper as it should do, until there is an uniform rate of fees, dues and benefits throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

Your Committee is of the opinion, that the mileage and per diem are quite low enough, and would not recommend any reduction in the amount paid to Representatives.

Your Committee are not in favor of the establishment of Juvenile Lodges.

The reduction of the age limit to 18 years would, we believe, tend more than anything else to increase the membership of the Order, and we would strongly recommend that our Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to press this matter upon this Supreme Body.

Clause 16, Grand Secretary's Report.—We also think that every D.D.G.M. should wear a suitable Jewel, emblematic of the office, which should become the property of the retiring D.D.G.M., the expense of purchasing such Jewel to be borne by the Committee of his District.

Clause 17.—With regard to the lack of interest shown in the meetings and work of the District Committees, your Committee is of the opinion that, were the members of the committees alive to their duties and responsibilities, they would not lack for matters of interest to engage their attention. There are so many subjects of interest to the Order to be discussed, official visits to be paid, installation ceremonies to be conducted, the visiting of weak lodges, the consideration of any changes that might be made to further the interests of the Order, and various other items that will come up during the term,—that we think there is plenty of work for the District Committees to do, were some member to take the initiative—properly the D.D.G.M.—if not that officer, then some other energetic and enthusiastic member who has the interests of the Order at heart and who has the ability to enthuse and interest the members.

In conclusion your Committee would suggest that it would be advisable to appoint the Committees at least a week prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge and supply them with copies of Grand Lodge official reports, so that they could give the various matters due consideration and be better able to deal intelligently with all matters referred to them, than under the present system, which allows only a few hours for the consideration and presentation of the reports.

Your Committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. T. PENDRITH.

Report No. 46.—Rep. G. H. Clark, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence made the following report, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Master with surrounding Jurisdictions, *re* the Ottawa and Hull Fire, beg leave to submit, that we heartily endorse the Grand Master's action in soliciting aid from outside Jurisdictions, and that the Grand Secretary, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, be instructed to thank the various Grand Masters who so promptly gave permission to solicit aid on behalf of our distressed brethren, and also thank them for the substantial assistance given in response to the solicitation.

Your Committee therefore move the adoption of the report.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. H. CLARK.

Report No. 47.—Grand Rep. J. A. Young, from the Committee on Fraternal Relations, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

Resolved : That this Grand Lodge extends to the various Jurisdictions its high appreciation of the prompt and liberal manner in which they came to the help and relief of our Brother Odd Fellows in Ottawa, in their distress caused by the fire there last May ; and this Grand Lodge prays that they may receive a rich blessing and prosperity, in return for their liberality.

Giving to the needy is like mercy, it is twice blessed ; it blesses him who gives, as well as him who receives.

Resolved : That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to extend the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges in other Jurisdictions, for their timely financial aid in this hour of our brethren's distress at Ottawa and Hull.

Resolved: That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of the above Resolutions to the various Jurisdictions mentioned in the Grand Master's report.

We therefore move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. YOUNG, P.G.M.

Report No. 48.—Bro. H. White, P.G.M., from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report on the new By-laws and amendments to By-laws passed upon during the year. The interim reports made thereupon are presented herewith and made a part of this report, and no new questions or legal or technical points are involved. The later amendments to the Constitution appear in many cases to have been overlooked by lodges in amending their By-laws, more particularly the provisions whereby the payment of an old age disability benefit was made mandatory. A ruling of the Grand Master was asked early in the year on the question as to whether, as a mortuary benefit, the refund of all moneys paid into a lodge during membership was such a definite payment as would in his judgment be permissible under the insurance regulations. His affirmative ruling on the submitted point, if endorsed by the Grand Body, sets at rest a somewhat doubtful point, and will be of much value in future adjudication on proposed lodge benefits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore move the following :

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

HENRY WHITE,
D. ROBERTSON,
J. H. MAGILL,
Committee.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.

Two copies of new By-laws submitted, duly certified and attested.

By-law No. 9. Strike out the initials "R.S." in the twentieth line and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof.

By-law 16. Insert the letter "s" after the word "supporter" in the second and third lines.

By-law 24. After the word "determine" in the last line, add the words "after due trial in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution regulating trials."

By-law 27. After the word "disability" in the ninth line, insert the words "if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part), or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

Strike out the words "or for a sickness or disability arising from the same cause" in the twelfth and thirteenth lines.

Strike out all from the word "provided" in the sixteenth line to the word "age" in the twenty-fifth line.

NOTE.—The Lodge has no power to appropriate a member's sick benefits to anyone but himself.

By-law 29. Not approved.

NOTE.—Payment of Sick Benefits is the inalienable right of every member of the Order.

By-law 33. Strike out the words "relatives of the deceased who were dependent on him" in the fifth and sixth lines, and insert in lieu thereof the words "widow, children or other relatives who may at the time of his death have been depending on him."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 57.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Avon Lodge, No. 41.

One copy of Amendment to By-law, fixing night of meeting and changing the same from Wednesday to Thursday, received in manuscript form, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

Otter Lodge, No. 50.

Two copies in proof form of proposed new By-laws received, the same being under the seal of the Lodge but not signed by Noble Grand and Secretary.

By-law 16, Subsection 10. Strike out the words "Recording Secretary" and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof.

By-law 54. Not approved. The amount to be paid must be a definite fixed sum to conform to the regulations of the Insurance Department of the Province.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Kingston Lodge, No. 59.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws in manuscript received, duly certified.

Clause 21. Not approved so far as relates to benefits being deferred for two weeks.

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

NOTE.—Lodges have no power to provide that laws shall be retroactive.

Clause 39. Not approved in default of authorization to this effect by Grand Lodge.

See White's Digest, 1895, Clause 977.

In other respects amendments approved.

Second Report.

Amendment to By-law regulating night of meeting received in manuscript, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 61.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws regulating dues and benefits received, duly certified.

Amendment to By-law 47. This By-law as it stands does not provide for an old age infirmity benefit as provided in clause 55 of existing Constitution, and should be amended accordingly.

Subject to amendment of By-law as above, amendments now submitted are approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws relating to sick and widows' benefits and alterations in By-laws received, not certified by Recording Secretary and Noble Grand.

Amendments approved.

DURHAM LODGE, NO. 78.

Two copies of proposed new By-laws submitted, duly attested and certified.

By-law 20. Strike out the words "of the said Trustees" in the sixth line. The Lodge being incorporated all investments should be made in its name as a Corporation.

By-law 32. Insert the word "neglecting" in lieu of the word "respecting" in the caption of the clause.

By-law 37. Strike out the last clause. No such provision is allowable. Benefits must be continuous and date from commencement of sickness.

By-law 38. Strike out last clause.

See note to By-law 37 above.

By law 49. Strike out the words "also than" in the twenty-fifth line of the clause.

By-law 55. Strike out the words "and in the names of" in the fourth line, and insert the words "in the name of" after the word "Trustees" in the same line.

See Note to By-law 20 above.

In other respects By-laws approved.

AMITY LODGE, No. 80.

Amendment to Clause 63 of By-laws, relating to applications for sick benefits, received, not under seal of Lodge.

Amendment approved.

BELLEVILLE LODGE, No 81.

Two copies of proposed new By-laws received, duly certified.

By-law 12. Strike out the letters "R.S." in the twelfth line of page three, and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof.

By-law 16. The Treasurer's bond should be given to the Lodge if incorporated. If not incorporated, the same should be at once obtained.

By-law 40. Clause 55 of the Constitution does not in any way refer to assessments.

By-law 55. Strike out the figures "53" in the eighth line and insert "57" n lieu thereof.

By-law 62. Not approved. No extension of time can be given to a member eighteen months in arrear.

Constitution of Subordinates, clause 72.

In other respects By-laws approved.

WALKERTON LODGE, No. 84.

Two copies of amended By-law, No. 42, relating to sick benefits received, duly certified.

After the word "usual," in the fourth line, insert the words "or other attainable."

After the word "part," in the sixth line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

In other respects By-law approved.

EMPIRE LODGE, No 87.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws regulating dues and charges for degrees submitted in copy and duly certified.

Amendments approved.

NOTE.—The approval to second amendment is given subject to the Initiation Fee being not less than five dollars.

Second Report.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws regulating Sick and Funera Benefits received, duly certified and attested.

Amendments approved.

NOTE.—This approval is given subject to the By-law providing for payment of one year's sick benefits after first week.

It is desirable that copy of original By-law proposed to be amended should be forwarded with amendments.

Aylmer Lodge, No. 94.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws, one in manuscript, the other a letter-press copy submitted. The manuscript is signed by Secretary, but not by Noble Grand and no seal attached.

Amendments approved.

Deseronto Lodge, No. 102.

One copy of proposed amendments to By-laws regulating Initiation and Degree Fees received, signed by Secretary and under seal of Lodge.

Amendments approved.

Waterloo Lodge, No. 107.

First Report.

One copy of proposed amendments to By-laws governing Sick and Widow's Benefits received, duly certified.

By-law 46, page 30. Insert "if" for "is" in fourth line. After the word "from" in the sixth line, insert the words "drunkenness or other", after the word "part" in same line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support." As the further intention of this amendment, though somewhat ambiguous, appears to be to confine calculation of benefits to "working" days, the By-law is referred back for explanation and correction in this regard.

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

Clause 53. This amendment, if intended to reduce all Widow's Benefits to one hundred dollars, is approved but the amendment should be worded so as to strike out all the words after "Lodge" in the sixth line to and inclusive of "receive" in the ninth line.

Second Report.

One copy of amendments to By-laws regulating Sick and Funeral Benefits received, duly certified.

Amendments approved.

Harmony Lodge, No. 115.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws relating to Sick Benefits received in manuscript, duly certified.

Amendments approved.

Maitland Lodge, No. 119.

Two copies in manuscript of amendments to By-laws regulating Benefits received, duly certified.

Amendments approved.

Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws received, duly certified.

Clause 19. The Trustees Bond should be given to the Lodge if incorporated. If not incorporated, same should be obtained as soon as practicable.

Clause 46. After the word "part" in the fifth line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."
See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.
In other respects amendments approved.

STELLA LODGE, No. 125.

Two copies of By-law changing night of meeting received, duly certified.
By-law approved.

OAKVILLE LODGE, No. 132.

Two copies of proposed new By-law submitted, duly certified.
By-law 13. Strike out the initials "R. S." in the 21st line, and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof.
By-law 45. After the word "part" in the sixth line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support."
See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.
By-law 63. Not approved. No extension of time can be given when a member is eighteen months in arrear. Constitution of Subordinates, clause 72.
In other respects By-laws approved.

GLENCOE LODGE, No. 133.

Two copies of By-laws re Contingent Fund and Sick Benefits received in manuscript, duly certified.
Amendments approved.

ST. LAWRENCE LODGE, No. 137.

Two copies of Constitution, Rules of Order and new By-laws submitted, duly certified.
The Constitution submitted does not appear to be in accordance with latest revisions, a copy of which should be procured from Grand Secretary.
NOTE.—Whenever the words "Permanent Secretary" or the initials thereof, appear in these By-laws, the words "Financial Secretary" or initials "F. S." should be substituted therefor.
By-law 6. Strike out the words "The N. G. shall then ask if any member wishes to inspect the ballot". The ballot under Ontario Constitution of Subordinates is within the purview of the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand only.
By-law 12. Strike out the letters "R. S." in the twentieth line and substitute the word "Lodge" therefor.
By-law 16. After the word "bond" in the twenty-fourth line insert the words "to the lodge."
By-law 19. Strike out "58-68" in the last line and substitute "62-67" therefor.
See Constitution of Subordinates.
By-law 41. Strike out the words "or dangerous amusements participated in on his part" and insert the words, "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support."
See Constitution of Subordinates, sec. 55.

The latter part of this By-law is not approved. Sick Benefits must be a certain definite fixed sum, and a year's benefit at this rate must be paid, before any reduction can be made.

Constitution of Subordinates, clause 56, also Minimum Benefit Law; White's Digest, 1895, page 50, clause 13.

A week is seven days, and benefits must be so proportioned.

By-law 55. Not approved. The Benefit must be a sum certain in order to comply with the regulations of the Insurance Department of Ontario.

By-laws 65-66. Not approved. A brother shall be suspended when one year in arrears for dues, unless the Lodge by resolution extends the time, but such extension must not exceed six months.

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 72.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Riverside Lodge, No. 145.

Two copies of amended By-laws received, duly certified.

By-law 54. This By-law now stricken out should remain. Visiting cards are still in use.

By-law 64. Insert after the words "immoral conduct on his part" the words, "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

By-law No. —, to replace 72, 73, 74, 75. Not approved. Benefit if provided, must be paid to widow, children or other relatives who may, at the time of the member's death, have been depending on him.

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 57.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Western Star Lodge, No. 149.

Amendments to By-laws regulating Initiation Fees and Quarterly Dues received in manuscript, duly certified.

Amendments approved subject to charges for Degrees aggregating not less than six dollars.

Brougham Lodge, No. 155.

Amendment to By-law No. 47 received, not certified.

Amendment not approved.

Sick Benefits must continue until one year's benefits have been paid. The reduction to minimum benefit can only be made after one year.

Listowel Lodge, No. 160.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws in manuscript received, duly certified.

Amendment No. 5. Strike out all the words between "incapable" in the sixth line and "shall" in the twelfth line and insert in lieu thereof the following, "of following his usual or other attainable occupation, by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part) or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See clause 55, Constitution of Subordinates.

Same amendment. After the word "for" in the twentieth line insert the words "longer than." Strike out the words "the expiration of the year" in the twenty-second and twenty-third lines, and insert the words "one year's benefits have been paid" in lieu thereof.

White's Digest 1895, clause 12, page 50.

Amendment 6. Not approved.

The benefit must be a definite fixed sum, payable at a stated time or times, to comply with the requirements of the Provincial Insurance regulations, as laid down by J. Howard Hunter.

In other respects amendments approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws in manuscript received, duly certified.

Amendments approved.

Romeo Lodge, No. 164.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws as to Physician and Applications for Membership submitted in manuscript.

Amendments approved.

Beethoven Lodge, No. 165.

Two manuscript copies of amendment to By-law regulating Sick Benefits received, duly certified.

Amendment not approved.

Reduction to minimum benefit not permissible until one year's benefits have been paid.

See White's Digest, page 50, section 13.

Penetangore Lodge, No. 172.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws relating to admission fees, dues, and sick benefits submitted duly certified.

Clause 44. If this is intended to cover not only admission fees but fees for degrees, it is not approved, as it is in conflict with unrepealed clause 50, and admission fees and degree charges must be separate with a separate amount for each degree.

Clause 46. Insert the words "in membership on the first day of January, A.D. 1900," after the word "lodge" in the second line.

This is recommended to remove any possible ambiguity.

Clause 58. This clause is very ambiguous and might very well be simplified as follows:

Every member of this lodge who has been in membership for six months and is in good standing as defined in these By laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part), or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support, shall be entitled to

receive from the general fund of this lodge the sum of three dollars per week during such sickness or disability, provided always that no benefits shall be paid for the first week's sickness or for any period of sickness less than two weeks in duration.

NOTE.—Sick benefits must be paid in accordance with clause 55, Constitution of Subordinates. The lodge has power of course to say what evidence they will require, and the requirements in this regard should be added to above, which is only suggested for the consideration of the lodge.

Clause 69. Sub-clause 3. Strike out all after the word "children" in the third line and insert the words "the said sum of $100 shall be paid to any relative of the deceased who may, at the time of his death, have been depending on him for support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 57.

In other respects amendments approved.

DOLMAN LODGE, No. 174.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws regulating Sick Benefits received, duly certified.

After the word "part" in the seventh line of proposed By-law insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support."

The portion of this By-law from the word "week" in the twelfth line to the word "week" in the eighteenth line is not approved. The lodge must pay benefits after one week's sickness. See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55. Seven days constitute a week, and the By-law cannot provide for benefits on the basis of six days to the week.

Second Report.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws regulating Sick Benefits and Financial Secretary's duties received in manuscript, duly certified.

Amendments approved.

WELLINGTON SQUARE LODGE, No. 178.

First Report.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws received, duly certified.

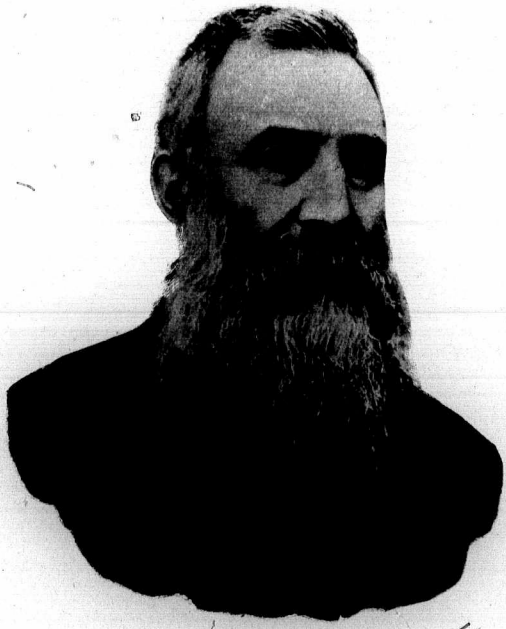
Amendment to Clause 44. If it be the intention in all cases to pay no benefit for the first week's sickness, the provision should be made to regulate other degrees as well as the degree of truth. This By-law is defective, as it provides no Old Age Benefit as required under clause 55, Constitution of Subordinates. The Constitution printed with the By-laws is not correct and should be made to conform to the existing Constitution.

In other respects amendments approved.

Second Report.

Two copies in manuscript of proposed amendment to By-law, No. 44, relating to Sick Benefits received, duly certified.

Amendment approved.



R. J. C. DAWSON, P.G.

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SEPT. 23RD, 1900

Mount Brydges Lodge, No. 217.

Two copies of proposed By-laws in manuscript received, duly certified.

Duties of Noble Grand. Strike out the letters "R.S." in the eighteenth line and substitute the word "lodge" in lieu thereof. Strike out the words "for whom the lodge may be chargeable with a funeral benefit" in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth lines.

Note.—A member of the lodge is entitled to "attentive benefits" even if not to "pecuniary benefits."

Duties of Treasurer. The Treasurer's bond should be given to the lodge if incorporated. If not now incorporated the same should be obtained at once through the Grand Secretary.

Sick Benefits. Clause 2. Strike out the words "for Third Degree members and for members who have not attained the Third Degree" the Sick Benefit shall cease."

Note.—Sick benefits of not less than one dollar per week must be paid throughout the sickness to all members when the minimum benefit is reached.

Same By-law. Strike out the words "in the case of Third Degree members."

As the By-law stands members of the lower degrees would receive a larger benefit in this case than Third Degree members.

Death or Mortuary Benefit. Section 1. Not approved. A definite fixed sum at a definite date or dates must be paid to conform to the requirements of the Provincial Insurance Department.

Section 2. Not approved. The benefit must be paid to "widow, children or other relatives who may at the time of his death have been depending on him for support." See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 57.

Section 3. Not approved. Same reason as section 1.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Ottawa Lodge, No. 224.

Two copies of amended By-law 45 relating to Sick Benefits received, duly certified.

After the word "part" in sixth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support."

See Constitution Laws of Subordinates.

In other respects By-law approved.

International Lodge, No. 228.

First Report.

Two copies of amendment to By-law 43 regulating Sick Benefits received regularly certified.

Amendment not approved on ground of ambiguity. Members of the Degrees of Brotherly Love, Friendship and Initiatory, under this amendment will receive two dollars per week in addition to nursing or attendance, which is apparently not the intention as disclosed in the previous provisions of original By-law.

Second Report.

On amendment to By-law 43 re Sick Benefits and referred to in first report. Proposed amendment after explanation is now approved with the suggestion that the words "in all the degrees" be inserted between the words "paid" and "at" in the second line of the amendment.

ELORA LODGE, NO. 231.

Two copies of proposed new By-laws submitted in manuscript form, duly certified.

By-law 5. Strike out the letters "P. S." in second line and substitute letters "F. S." therefor.

NOTE.—Wherever the words "Permanent Secretary" or initials "P. S." appear, the words "Financial Secretary" or initials "F. S." should be substituted therefor.

By-law 20. Strike out the letters "R. S." in the twenty-third line and substitute the word "lodge."

By-law 23. Fill in blank for salary of Recording Secretary in last line.

NOTE.—By-law should state salary or provide for its being left to resolution of lodge.

By-law 24. Same remark as to By-law 23 above.

By-law 26. Same remark as to By-law 23 above.

By-law 27. Strike out the words "the N. G. or V. G. or to" in the second line.

NOTE.—The Bond must be given to the lodge if incorporated. If not incorporated, incorporation should be secured.

By-law 32. Strike out the words "sections 61 to 68" in the last line.

NOTE.—As the Constitution may be changed it is not desirable to refer specifically to numbered Sections.

By-law 52. Strike out the words "said quarter to commence."

NOTE.—The Insurance Department of Ontario require dues to be paid on specified dates. This By-law should also be amended to set fixed dates for payment of dues by non-beneficial members.

By-law 67. After the word "part" in the fifth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age having no available means of support."

Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

By-law 74. Strike out all after the word "to" in the third line and substitute therefor the following, "any other relative who may at the time of his death have been depending on him for support."

Constitution of Subordinates, clause 57.

By-law 81. The number of months' membership entitling to benefits should be definitely stated.

In other respects By-laws approved.

FARMERSVILLE LODGE, NO. 237.

Two copies of amended By-laws received, duly certified.

Clause 42. Amendment. Strike out the words "or dangerous amusement participated in" in the seventh line. After the word "part" in eighth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available

means of support." Strike out from the word "week" in the nineteenth line to the word "amount" in the twenty-seventh line.

NOTE.—Benefits must be paid on a basis of seven days to the week, and the reduction to a minimum benefit can only be made after one year's benefits have been paid, and the reduction after thirteen weeks is improper, under Constitution of Subordinates, clause 56.

Clause 54. Amendment not approved. The benefit must be a definite fixed sum to comply with requirements of Provincial Insurance Department regulations.

Other amendments approved.

CARLETON LODGE, No. 240.

Two copies in manuscript of amendment to By-law regulating Lodge Funds received, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

PORT ARTHUR LODGE, No. 244.

Two copies of By-law regulating Admission and Annual Fees of non-beneficial members received, duly certified.

By-law approved.

GORDON LODGE, No. 247.

Two copies of amended By-law relating to Sick Benefits received, duly certified.

By-law not approved for the following reasons:—

1.—No provision is made for an Old Age Benefit as required by clause 55, Constitution of Subordinates.

2.—Benefits can only be reduced to the minimum after payment for twelve months.

Constitution of Subordinates, clause 56.

FLORAL LODGE, No. 252.

Two copies of proposed new By-laws received, duly certified.

By-law 50. After the word "part" in the fifth line of the clause, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

By-law 64. Strike out all after the word "death" in the eleventh line of the clause. This part of the By-laws appears to be very ambiguous as at present worded, and under clause 57, Constitution of Subordinates, the benefit must be paid to dependent relatives only.

By-law 67. Strike out the words "clause 58 of" in the fourth and fifth lines.

NOTE—The clauses of the Constitution governing trials are 62 to 67.

By-law 69. Strike out the words "clause 62 of" in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines.

See note to clause 67.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 253.

Two copies of proposed new By-laws received not under seal of the lodge.

Note.—Wherever the words "Permanent Secretary," or the initials thereof, occur in these By-laws the words "Financial Secretary," or the initials thereof, should be substituted therefor.

Clause 14. The Treasurer's bond should be given to the lodge if incorporated. If not incorporated steps should be at once taken to procure same.

Clause 27. After the word "direct" in third line insert the words "in accordance with the Constitution."

Clause 32. Strike out the words "of the Trustees" in the third line of the clause.

See remarks to clause 14 as to incorporation.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Fairy Lodge, No. 275.

Two copies in manuscript of proposed amendment to clause 35 of By-laws regulating Entrance Fees submitted, duly certified and attested.

Amendment approved.

Note.—This approval is given conditionally on the fee for initiation and degrees aggregating not less than eleven dollars as required by Constitution of Subordinates, clause 51.

Grenville Lodge, No. 279.

Two copies of new By-laws submitted, duly certified.

By-law 13. After the word "part" in the fifth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

By-law 28. Not approved. No extension of time can be given where a member is in arrears for eighteen months.

Constitution of Subordinates, clause 72.

By-law 46. Strike out the initials "R.S." in the nineteenth line and insert the word "lodge" in lieu thereof.

By-law 49. Strike out "seventeen" in the eighth line and insert "fourteen," to conform to provisions of By-law 27. Strike out "eighteen" in twelfth line and insert "fifteen" for same reason.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Arthur Lodge, No. 281.

One copy in manuscript of proposed amendment to By-law 35, regulating admission fee on deposit of card received, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

Manotick Lodge, No. 295.

First Report.

Two copies of By-law changing night of meeting received, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

NOTE.—To comply with the Constitution, there should be a By-law providing for the terms of the lodge which, in view of the above change, will be annual.

Second Report.

Two copies of proposed amendment to By-law, changing Terms from semi-annual to annual, received in manuscript, duly certified.
Amendment approved.

COMBER LODGE, No. 298.

Two copies of amendment to By-laws regulating nights of meeting and Election of Officers received in manuscript, duly certified.
Amendment approved.

ELECTRIC CITY LODGE, No. 313.

One copy of proposed amendments to By-laws regulating Sick Benefits, Nursing Fund and Lodge Physician, received not certified by Noble Grand, not under seal of lodge.
Amendments approved.

PROSPECT LODGE, No. 314.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-law, relating to Widows and Dependent Relatives' Benefit received, duly certified.
Amendment approved.

MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 315.

Two manuscript copies of amendments to By-law relating to Sick Benefits duly certified.
Amendment not approved.
Reduction to minimum benefit can only be made after one year's benefits have been paid. White's Digest, Sec. 13, page 50. Provision should be made for disability from old age.
Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 325.

Two type-written copies o fnew By-laws received, duly certified.
By-laws approved but referred back in order that provision be made for a scale of dues and regulating payment of same.

STRATHCONA LODGE, No. 326.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws with amendment of By-law relating to dues received, duly certified.
Amendment approved.

UNDERWOOD LODGE, No. 328.

Two copies of Constitution and proposed By-laws submitted, one copy duly certified and attested.

NOTE.—Wherever the words "Permanent Secretary" or the initials "P.S." occur in these By-laws, the words "Financial Secretary" or the initials "F.S." should be inserted in lieu thereof.

By-law 12. Strike out the initials "R.S." in the twenty-second line and insert the word "lodge" in lieu thereof.

By-law 15. The blank for salary of Recording Secretary in the last line should be filled in or the line struck out and the words "such sum as the lodge may by resolution from time to time appoint."

By-laws 16 and 17. The bonds of the Treasurer and Trustees should be given to the lodge only if it be incorporated, and these By-laws amended accordingly. If the lodge be not incorporated incorporation should be at once secured through the Grand Secretary.

By-law 21. Strike out 55-61 in the fifth line and insert the numbers 62-67 in lieu thereof. See Constitution.

By-law 43. After the word "part" in the sixth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See Constitution, clause 55.

Special clause. After the word "members" in the first line insert the words "qualified as required under clauses 12 and 13 of the Constitution."

The qualification for non-beneficial membership is strictly limited, and no membership of an honorary character is allowable.

In other respects By-laws approved.

WHEATLEY LODGE, No. 330.

First Report.

One copy of proposed By-laws submitted, not certified or under seal of lodge.

By-law 15. Strike out the letters "R.S." in the twenty-third line and insert the word "lodge" in lieu thereof.

By-law 18. Strike out the word "over" in the sixth line. Insert the words "twelve and" after the word "are" in the ninth line, and strike out the words "and over" in the same line.

By-law 19. Strike out the words "to the N.G. and the V.G. or" in the twenty-seventh line, and strike out the words "as the lodge may require" in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth lines.

NOTE.—The lodge should be incorporated and bond given to it in its corporate capacity.

By-law 20. Insert the word "be" after the word "shall" in third line. The Trustees' bonds should be given to the lodge and this By-law amended accordingly.

See Note above.

By-law 45. Strike out the words "(if incorporated) or in the name of the Trustees of the lodge in trust for the lodge" in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines.

See Note above as to incorporation.

By-law 47. Strike out the word "remunerative" in the third line and in-

sert the word "attainable" in lieu thereof. Strike out the words "dangerous amusement participated in."

Strike out the words "old age" in the sixth line and insert in lieu thereof the words "by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

See Constitution of Subordinates, which enforces payment of benefits for old age disability.

By-law 52. Not approved on account of ambiguity. The definite amount and definite date of payment should be stated to comply with Ontario Insurance Department Regulations. If the intention be to place this payment within the discretion of the lodge it should be so stated, and there would be no necessity for the minimum regulations. If the intention be to pay a certain amount, this amount should be definitely named.

Same remarks as to By-laws 53 and 54.

Second Report.

One copy of amendments to By-laws 52, 53 and 54 submitted in manuscript, certified by Noble Grand under seal of lodge.

Amendments approved.

ATWOOD LODGE, NO. 332.

Two copies of new By-laws submitted, duly certified by Noble Grand and Recording Secretary but not under seal of lodge.

NOTE.—Wherever the words "Permanent Secretary" or the initials thereof occur in these By-laws the words "Financial Secretary" or the initials "F.S." should be substituted therefor.

By-law 13. The bond should be given to the lodge if incorporated. If not incorporated same should be procured as soon as possible.

By-law 14. Same remarks as above *re* By-law 13.

By-law 38. After the word "part" in the fifth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

In other respects By-laws approved.

The following moved by Rep. R. N. Sheppard, seconded by Rep. J. T. Flowers, was adopted.

Resolved: That a special committee be appointed to report to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, some system whereby the election of officers will be effected by the vote of the Past Grands.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. Sire, moved that the time fixed for adjournment be extended until the close of the business of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Nominations for Grand Officers were now called for under Grand Lodge By law No. 16.

GRAND MASTER.

Rep. R. K. Cowan nominated Bro. C. C. Lyman, of Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, nominated Bro. R. K. Cowan, of Dominion Lodge, No. 48, London.

GRAND WARDEN.

Rep. W. D. Spence nominated Bro. J. R. Oliver, of Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock.

Rep. A. T. McKinnon nominated Bro. George Bell, of Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa.

Rep. E. Ironside nominated Bro. Isaac Unsworth, of Florence Lodge, No. 196, Florence.

Rep. Jas Hewer nominated Bro. A. B. McBride, of Germania Lodge, No. 184.

Bro. A. A. Coulthurst nominated Bro. W. J. Hamilton, of Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, Cobourg.

Bro. H. A. Middleton nominated Bro. Thos. Donnelly, of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston.

Bro. R. J. Johnston nominated Bro. W. B. Dack, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto.

Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., nominated Bro. A. Macoomb, of Queen City of Ontario Lodge, No. 56, Toronto.

Bro. J. H. Bustin nominated Bro. D. B. Brown, of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, Orangeville.

Bro. Jos. Edgar nominated Bro. W. Bushell, of Frontier Lodge, No. 45, Windsor.

Bro. J. H. Richardson nominated Bro Theo. Lawrence, of Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, Collingwood.

Bro. J. T. Hollingshead nominated Bro. W. F. Hogarth.

Bro. John Welsh nominated Bro. J. B. Turner, of Crescent Lodge, No. 104, Hamilton.

Bro. G. J. Sutherland nominated Bro. S. A. Popplestone, of Exeter Lodge, No. 67, Exeter.

Bro. F. F. Morris nominated Bro. E. B. Butterworth, of Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa.

Bro. R. H. Knox nominated Bro. J. E. Ryan, of Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott

Bro. J. T. Flowers nominated Bro. R. N. Sheppard, of Albert Lodge, No. 194, Toronto.

Bro. Hy. Clark nominated Bro. A. L. Geen, of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Belleville.

Bro. D. Holmes nominated Bro. F. R. Blewett, of Listowell Lodge, No. 160, Listowell.

Bro. Geo. Strecks nominated Bro. W. E. Stevens, of Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. Wm. Sutton nominated Bro. J. B. King, Past Grand Secretary, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. H. H. Brooks nominated Bro W. J. McCormack, Past Grand Treasurer, of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Bro. W. L. McWhinnie nominated Bro. Dr. Jas. McLurg, P.G.M. of Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock.

The following, moved by Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. J T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., was unanimously adopted.

Resolved—That the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to our sister jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces now in session at Halifax, and that the Committee on Fraternal Relations prepare and telegraph a message giving effect to this resolution.

The following, moved by Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. J. Oliver, P.G.M., was unanimously adopted.

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to his Worship, the Mayor, Mr. J. V. Teetzell, the City Council and citizens generally of the City of Hamilton, for the very kind and courteous reception received at

their hands, during our stay in their city. Also to the District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. B. Turner, and Members of the Reception Committee of the Odd Fellows of Hamilton, for generous, fraternal reception accorded to this Grand Body at the present Session.

Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., moved the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Bro. McLurg for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged during the past year the onerous duties of Grand Master, and also to record our appreciation of the courteous and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the present session of Grand Lodge.

The retiring Grand Master made a most feeling reply, and thanked the Grand Lodge for the support it had so generously given him.

The Installation of Officers was then proceeded with.

Past Grand Masters J. T. Hornibrook and W. H. Hoyle, by request of the Chair, presented the Grand Master-elect, Bro. Osric L. Lewis, who was obligated and installed by Bro. Jas. McLurg, who thereupon took his seat as Junior Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master, Bro. O. L. Lewis, then installed the remaining Grand Officers-elect as follows:

Past Grand Masters J. A. Young and Jas. McLurg presented Bro C. C. Lyman, Deputy Grand Master-elect, who was obligated and installed Deputy Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters Henry White and J. T. Hornibrook, presented Bro. R. K. Cowan, Grand Warden-elect, who was obligated and installed Grand Warden.

Past Grand Masters J. T. Hornibrook and W. H. Hoyle presented Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary-elect, who was obligated and installed Grand Secretary, it being his thirty-third consecutive installation.

Past Grand Masters Jno Gibson, P.G.M., and J. T. Hornibrook presented Bro. W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer-elect, who was duly obligated and installed Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments. The brothers named were regularly installed into their respective offices :

Bro. J. R. Oliver, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Grand Marshal.

Bro. R. R. Brett of Enterprise Lodge, No. 218, Grand Conductor.

Bro. Jas. Hewer of Progress Lodge, No. 158, Grand Guardian.

Bro. A. S. Murray, Electric City Lodge, No. 313, Grand Herald.

Rev. Bro. E. A. Anderson of Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., announced that the sum of ninety dollars ($90.00) had been taken from the mite-box, as an offering by the Grand Representatives to the Home Fund. The announcement was received with great satisfaction.

The following obituary has been received of Bro. R. J. C. Dawson, who has recently died.

Bro. R. J. C. Dawson was born at Bathurst, N.B., on the 3rd of October, 1835. Died in London, England, September 23, 1900.

In 1851, with his father and family he removed to London, Ontario. The following year he went into the London Post Office as a junior clerk. A few years later he was accepted as a member of the Civil Service. At that time there were but four clerks in the London office. In 1860 he was promoted to the position of assistant postmaster, which he held for 21 years. Upon the superannuation of the late Lawrence Lawless he was made acting postmaster, and proving a capable and efficient executive officer was appointed postmaster. He made the office one of the most successful in the Province. After nearly fifty years in the public service he was superannuated.

Retired to inactive life he could not endure enforced idleness, and the change made a sad change in his health. His daughter's meeting with the sad accident on the electric railroad, thereby losing a leg, had also a serious effect upon him. He aged beyond his years. He came from long lived parentage, and in all his history was without serious sickness.

Early in May of this year with his family he went to London, England, intending to remain away for a year. But it was willed that he should not return to his native land. Suddenly in the bosom of his family the dread summons came. He died from heart failure after a few hours' illness. Without pain or a struggle he fell asleep.

Bro. Dawson joined Forest City Lodge, No. 38, I.O.O.F., when a young man and became one of its most prominent members. He filled every position in the lodge with credit and ability. In conferring degrees or routine work he never had occasion to refer to a book. He often represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and was a well-known figure in that body. He was also a member of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, and was a delegate from that body at Hamilton in 1869, and assisted at the instituting of the Grand Encampment. Faithful and active unto death, and a constant attendant at both lodge and encampment for over thirty years. The subordinate lodge meeting was the last public place he visited before leaving home, and he parted from the members present in the best of spirits.

Bro. Dawson was best known; however, in the Queen's Ave. or First Methodist Church. For over forty years he was an active and consistent member;- was recording steward for years, and a member of the Trustee Board. In Sabbath School work he was very prominent. For years he taught an advanced Bible Class and filled the position of superintendent. He died on Sunday, the 23rd of September, and the cablegram announcing his death was a great shock to the school of 600 persons assembled. The great bell of the church was tolled for an hour by order of the Trustee Board, and also when the funeral was taking place in England the following Tuesday.

As Odd Fellows we mourn a good Brother gone. He rests from his earthly labors, and his many good works and kindly deeds are a sweet remembrance to the family and loved ones left behind. He sleeps in beautiful Marylebone Cemetery—buried without pomp or display.

"So dearest, now thy brows are cold,
I see thee what thou art, and know
Thy likeness to the wise below,
Thy kindred with the great of old.

"But there is more than I can see,
And what I see I leave unsaid,
Nor speak it, knowing death has made
His darkness beautiful with thee."

The Grand Master announced the following appointments to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, for the incoming year, viz. :—

LIST OF DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS	LODGES.	No.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting.	Members.	Name and P.O. Address of D.D.G.M.
Essex, No. 1.	Rose	28	Amherstburg	Wednesday	78	T. H. Wigle, Ruthven.
	Frontier	45	Windsor	Wednesday	213	
	Beaver	82	Ruthven	Tuesday	85	
	Leamington	140	Leamington	Thursday	107	
	Concord	142	Kingsville	Friday	98	
	Enterprise	218	Essex Centre	Thursday	130	
	Woodslee	220	South Woodslee	Wednesday	34	
	Comber	298	Comber	Tuesday	61	
	Harrow	309	Harrow	Monday	53	
	Wheatley	330	Wheatley	Friday	47	
Kent, No. 2.	Chatham	29	Chatham	Tuesday	229	Chas. E. Nightingale, Wallaceburg.
	Rondeau	40	Blenheim	Friday	124	
	Western City	93	Chatham	Monday	96	
	Sydenham Val'	120	Wallaceburg	Friday	174	
	Dresden	124	Dresden	Monday	109	
	Merlin	226	Merlin	Thursday	52	
Bothwell No. 3.	Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	Thursday	30	Isaac Unsworth, Florence.
	Bothwell	74	Bothwell	Tuesday	18	
	Glencoe	133	Glencoe	Tuesday	45	
	Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	Wednesday	84	
	Thamesville	157	Thamesville	Thursday	80	
	Florence	196	Florence	Monday	93	
	Alvinston	208	Alvinston	Friday	39	
	Rodney	291	Rodney	Friday	46	
Elgin, No. 4.	Elgin	32	St. Thomas	Friday	216	George Craik, Crampton.
	Hope	69	Harrietsville	Saturday	94	
	St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	Thursday	349	
	Aylmer	94	Aylmer	Tuesday	161	
	Glanworth	289	Glanworth	Tuesday	34	
	Star	304	Crampton	Tuesday	64	
	Shedden	310	Shedden	Wednesday	32	
Otter, No. 5.	Erie	33	Port Burwell	Thursday	18	W. M. Bell, Springford.
	Otter	50	Tilsonburg	Monday	175	
	Constellation	85	Burgessville	Tuesday	45	
	Hayden	152	Norwich	Friday	72	
	Tecumseh	182	Otterville	Monday	79	
	Prosperity	329	Delhi	Wednesday	15	

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Long Point, No. 6.	Simcoe	161	Simcoe	Friday	59	Henry R. Smale, Waterford.
	Jarvis	191	Jarvis	Monday	34	
	Norfolk	225	Port Dover	Tuesday	69	
	Equity	232	Hagersville	Wednesday	6	
	Waterford	235	Waterford	Thursday	85	
Welland, No. 7.	Orient	134	Welland	Tuesday	21	James O'Neil, Welland.
	Emerald	173	Dunnville	Tuesday	74	
	Beacon	201	Port Colborne	Wednesday	101	
	International	228	Internat'l Bridge	Thursday	170	
Niagara, No. 8.	Union	16	St. Catherines	Monday	157	Adam Haines, St. Catherines
	Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	Tuesday	159	
	Empire	87	St. Catherines	Thursday	151	
	Cataract	103	Niagara Falls S.	Thursday	50	
	Livingstone	130	Thorold	Tuesday	25	
	Freestone	215	Beamsville	Monday	21	
	Electric City	313	Chippewa	Monday	40	
Hamilton, No. 9.	Excelsior	44	Hamilton	Thursday	157	J. B. Turner, Hamilton.
	Unity	47	Hamilton	Wednesday	403	
	Victoria	64	Hamilton	Alt. Tues.	63	
	Crescent	104	Hamilton	Friday	325	
	Valley City	117	Dundas	Thursday	147	
	Ancaster	138	Ancaster	Monday	54	
	Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	Alt. Tues.	64	
	Wellington Sqr.	178	Burlington	Alt. Mon.	49	
	Minerva	197	Hamilton	Alt. Wed.	58	
	Caledonia	253	Caledonia	1 & 3 Friday	41	
Brant, No. 10.	Gore	34	Brantford	Monday	286	T. L. Wood, Brantford.
	Grand River	91	Paris	Thursday	100	
	Harmony	115	Brantford	Tuesday	223	
	Dolman	174	Ayr	Tuesday	109	
	Lynden	259	Lynden	1 & 3 Wed.	28	

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Oxford, No. 11.	Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	Thursday	165	Jas. Stitt, Princeton.
	Oxford	77	Ingersoll	1 & 3 Mon	61	
	Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	Monday	127	
	Embro Star	229	Embro	Tuesday	29	
	Thamesford	258	Thamesford	Thursday	119	
	Woodstock	269	Woodstock	Friday	131	
	Plattsville	301	Plattsville	Wednesday	35	
	Princeton	307	Princeton	Monday	49	
London, No. 12.	Eureka	30	London	Tuesday	82	J. H. McCrae, Ilderton.
	Forest City	38	London	Monday	78	
	Dominion	48	London	Wednesday	149	
	Howard	58	Strathroy	Wednesday	109	
	Chorazin	190	London East	Monday	139	
	Egremont	207	Kerwood	Friday	29	
	Lilly	211	Dorchester	Monday	61	
	Mount Brydges	217	Mount Brydges	Friday	112	
	Ilderton	234	Ilderton	1 & 3 Thurs.	30	
North Middlesex, No. 13.	Ivy	92	Parkhill	Thursday	63	Joseph Cairns, Camlachie.
	Royal Oak	108	Forest	Monday	78	
	Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	Wednesday	54	
	Sycamore	151	Arkona	Tuesday	46	
	Dauncey	176	Thedford	Wednesday	12	
	Acorn	236	Camlachie	2 & 4 Tues.	27	
St. Clair, No. 14.	Friendship	65	Petrolia	Friday	107	W. J. Barrie, Sarnia.
	St. Clair	100	Point Edward	Thursday	128	
	Sarnia	126	Sarnia	Tuesday	147	
	Model	147	Wyoming	Alt. Mon.	44	
	Ridgely	250	Oil Springs	Monday	55	
	Lambton	277	Brigden	Tuesday	66	
	Valentine	305	Mooretown	Wednesday	42	
Huron, No. 15.	Fidelity	55	Seaforth	Wednesday	32	W. F. Clarke, Goderich.
	Huron	62	Goderich	Thursday	139	
	Exeter	67	Exeter	Tuesday	47	
	Lucan	70	Lucan	Tuesday	14	
	Clinton	83	Clinton	Tuesday	62	
	Brucefield	210	Brucefield	2 & 4 Frid.	22	
	Hensall	223	Hensall	Friday	50	

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Perth, No. 16.	St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	Tuesday	83	W. D. Spence, St. Mary's.
	Avon	41	Stratford	Wednesday	265	
	Nith	96	New Hamburg	Thursday	44	
	Wildey	153	Granton	Wednesday	58	
	Romeo	164	Stratford	Tuesday	183	
	Silver Star	202	Milverton	Friday	44	
	Millbank	209	Millbank	1 & 3 Wed.	36	
Royal City, No. 17.	Fergus	73	Fergus	Tuesday	85	W. J. Graham, Guelph.
	Reliance	89	Guelph	Monday	171	
	Grand Union	97	Berlin	Friday	104	
	Waterloo	107	Galt	Monday	296	
	Progress	158	Guelph	Thursday	116	
	Germania	184	Waterloo	Thursday	123	
	Cambridge	188	Preston	Wednesday	41	
	Elmira	216	Elmira	Wednesday	36	
	Elora	231	Elora	Thursday	59	
	Hespeler	321	Hespeler	Tuesday	46	
	Liberty	323	Berlin	Wednesday	50	
Credit. No. 18.	Milton	92	Milton	Tuesday	93	Geo. Hilmer, Oakville.
	Golden Star	101	Brampton	Thursday	24	
	Orion	109	Georgetown	Monday	37	
	Streetsville	122	Streetsville	Friday	36	
	Oakville	132	Oakville	Monday	65	
	Acton	204	Acton	2 & 4 Mon	9	
Toronto, No. 19.	Canada	49	Toronto	Friday	208	W. S. Johnston, 34 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.
	Covenant	52	Toronto	2 & 4 Tues.	154	
	Queen City of O	56	Toronto	Monday	206	
	The Toronto	71	Toronto	Monday	84	
	Laurel	110	Toronto	2 & 4 Mon.	137	
	Naomi	116	Markham	Wednesday	60	
	Albert	194	Toronto	Friday	161	
	Weston	200	Weston	1 & 3 Tues	23	
	Prince of Wale	230	Toronto	Tuesday	107	
	Wilton	242	Toronto	Tuesday	116	
	Floral	252	Parkdale	Monday	126	
	East Toronto	263	East Toronto	1 & 4 Tues.	62	
	Lakeview	272	W. Toronto Jct'n	Friday	76	
	Broadview	294	Toronto	Monday	151	
	Prospect	314	Toronto	Friday	155	
	Central	322	Toronto	1 & 3 Fri.	166	
	Social	333	Toronto		19	

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North York, No. 20.	Barrie	63	Barrie	Monday	84	A. Brownlee, Barrie.
	Aurora	148	Aurora	Tuesday	69	
	Pyramid	156	Newmarket	Tuesday	35	
Dufferin, No. 21.	Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	Thursday	33	W. J. Mandlay, Shelburne.
	Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg	Friday	24	
	Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	Friday	25	
	Credit	257	Erin	Alt. Tues.	24	
	Strathcona	326	Shelburne	Tuesday	56	
Harriston, No. 22	Minto	98	Harriston	Friday	60	W. B. Vollett, Durham.
	Garnet	139	Mount Forest	Tuesday	73	
	Listowel	160	Listowel	Tuesday	63	
	Grey	169	Durham	Monday	24	
	Britannia	198	Drayton	Wednesday	54	
	Clifford	214	Clifford	Thursday	72	
	Gordon	247	Palmerston	Thursday	75	
	Atwood	332	Atwood	Wednesday	34	
Wingham, No. 23.	Maitland	119	Wingham	Thursday	74	Amos Tipling, Wingham.
	Western Star	149	Brussels	Thursday	78	
	Montana	177	Wroxeter	Monday	13	
	Teeswater	183	Teeswater	Wednesday	17	
	Howick	192	Gorrie	Tuesday	10	
Bervie, No. 24.	Lucknow	112	Lucknow	Friday	102	Col. McDougall, Underwood.
	Penetangore	172	Kincardine	Tuesday	167	
	Silver City	206	Tiverton	Friday	81	
	Ripley	287	Ripley	Monday	65	
	Bervie	318	Bervie	Thursday	47	
	Underwood	328	Underwood	Monday	51	
Walkerton, No. 25.	Walkerton	84	Walkerton	Friday	124	David Geddes, Port Elgin.
	Denovo	170	Port Elgin	Monday	73	
	Ahiram	205	Paisley	Tuesday	151	
	Southampton	325	Southampton	Friday	81	

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Sauble, No. 26.	Chesley	221	Chesley	Tuesday	57	Edward Jones, Wiarton.
	Sauble	227	Tara	Friday	62	
	Hanover	233	Hanover	Wednesday	12	
	Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	Monday	50	
Owen Sound, No. 27.	Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	Thursday	77	R. W. Ennis, Markdale.
	Dufferin	186	Flesherton	Tuesday	20	
	Saugeen	327	Markdale	Friday	38	
Georgian Bay, No. 28.	Collingwood	54	Collingwood	Thursday	128	A. McK. Cameron, Meaford.
	North Star	68	Stayner	Thursday	37	
	Thornbury	243	Thornbury	Friday	34	
	Meaford	260	Meaford	Monday	77	
Orillia, No. 29.	Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	Thursday	75	J. D. Knox, Orillia.
	Midland	274	Midland	Friday	19	
	Geneva	320	Orillia	Monday	38	
Parry Sound, No. 30.	Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	Monday	93	A. M. Curry, Parry Sound.
Muskoka, No. 31.	Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	Monday	56	M. J. Dickie, Bracebridge.
	Fairy	275	Huntsville	Monday	34	
Sutton, No. 32.	Sutton	168	Sutton	1 & 3 Mon.	28	J. Habgood, Sutton.
Ontario, No. 33.	Phœnix	22	Oshawa	Tuesday	107	R. L. Haggard, Whitby.
	Corinthian	61	Oshawa	Thursday	265	
	Flo. Nightingale	66	Bomanville	Wednesday	159	
	Eastern Star	72	Whitby	Tuesday	68	
	Warriner	75	Port Perry	Monday	51	
	Brougham	155	Whitevale	Thursday	18	
	Beethoven	165	Brooklin	1 & 3 Fri.	38	
	Ontario	324	Pickering	Friday	47	

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Victoria, No. 34.	Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	Thursday	53	A. S. Hardy, Uxbridge.
	Lindsay	100	Lindsay	Monday	128	
	Manilla	105	Manilla	Monday	32	
	Charity	129	Sunderland	Monday	17	
	Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	Friday	52	
	Cicerone	195	Woodville	Tuesday	20	
	Beaverton	249	Beaverton	Monday	56	
	Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	Tuesday	40	
	Britain	316	Little Britain	1 & 3 Mon.	40	
Durham, No. 35.	Durham	78	Port Hope	Tuesday	125	H. C. Webb, Cobourg.
	Cobourg	136	Cobourg	Wednesday	83	
	Millbrook	308	Millbrook	Tuesday	82	
Peterboro', No. 36.	Otonabee	13	Peterboro'	Monday	136	M. W. Matchett, Peterboro'.
	Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	Thursday	207	
	Norwood	262	Norwood	Tuesday	24	
	Royal	286	Havelock	Thursday	55	
	Pontypool	296	Pontypool	Friday	68	
Midland, No. 37.	Stirling	239	Stirling	Wednesday	132	W. T. Sine, Sine P.O.
	Campbellford	248	Campbellford	Tuesday	55	
	Hastings	273	Hastings	Monday	35	
Madoc, No. 38.	Madoc	179	Madoc	Monday	101	R. A. Morton, Thomasburg.
	Tweed	290	Tweed	Tuesday	63	
	Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg	Friday	54	
Bay of Quinte, No. 39.	Belleville	81	Belleville	Thursday	210	Robt. Jack, Deseronto.
	Napanee	86	Napanee	Tuesday	90	
	Deseronto	102	Deseronto	Wednesday	104	
	Trenton	113	Trenton	Wednesday	53	
	Mizpah	127	Belleville	Monday	129	
	Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	Wednesday	129	
	Argyll	212	Napanee	Thursday	107	
Kingston No. 40.	Cataraqui	10	Kingston	Tuesday	325	J. Donaldson Kingston.
	Kingston	59	Kingston	Friday	303	
	Gananoque	114	Gananoque	Monday	207	
	Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	Tuesday	63	
	Mayflower	297	Parham	Monday	53	
	Cornucopia	299	McLaren's Dep.	Wednesday	42	
	Athena	306	Harrowsmith	Wednesday	42	

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St. Lawrence, No. 41.	Brock	9	Brockville	Tuesday	148	Jno. A. Reid, Smith's Falls.
	St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	Thursday	152	
	Farmersville	237	Athens	Wednesday	24	
	Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	Monday	182	
	Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	Wednesday	70	
	Delta	265	Delta	Tuesday	31	
	Balmoral	280	Merrickville	Monday	63	
	Lyn	284	Lyn	Wednesday	23	
	Laurentian	317	Westport	Thursday	29	
Eastern, No. 42.	Amity	80	Prescott	Thursday	239	F. S. Evanson, Prescott.
	Riverside	145	Iroquois	Tuesday	75	
	Oriental	163	Cornwall	Tuesday	85	
	Aberdeen	302	Aultsville	Saturday	20	
	Fellowship	303	Dickinson's Ldg	2 & 4 Tues.	34	
	Zeta	311	Morrisburg	Thursday	68	
Kemptville, No. 43.	Grenville	279	Kemptville	Thursday	76	Jno. McCormack, Morewood.
	Morewood	285	Morewood	1 & 3 Wed.	57	
	Chesterville	288	Chesterville	Friday	19	
	Mountain	315	Mountain	Thursday	42	
Ottawa, No. 44.	Ottawa	224	Ottawa	Tuesday	180	Albert Dousley, Ottawa.
	Carleton	240	Ottawa	Thursday	244	
	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	Tuesday	173	
	Earnscliffe	283	Janesville, Cumming's Bdg. P.O.	Wednesday	110	
	Manotick	295	Manotick	Thursday	28	
	Maxville	331	Maxville		49	
Lanark, No. 45.	Stella	125	Carleton Place	Friday	98	Jas. H. Munro, Carleton Place.
	Alpha	154	Almonte	Monday	109	
	Fraternity	264	Perth	Monday	64	
	Stanley	268	Lanark	Thursday	28	
Renfrew, No. 46.	Marion	131	Renfrew	Monday	102	Richard Miller, Renfrew.
	Vivian	146	Arnprior	Tuesday	48	
	Alba	254	Pakenham	Thursday	52	

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Pembroke, No. 47.	Pembroke	203	Pembroke.....	Tuesday ..	121	Jas. McLean, Pembroke.
North Bay, No. 48.	North Bay	271	North Bay ...	Tuesday ..	89	Wm Martin, North Bay.
Sudbury, No. 49.	Sudbury	282	Sudbury	Alt. Wed..	81	Ed. Garrow, Webbwood.
	Webbwood....	319	Webbwood	Friday....	33	
Sault Ste. Marie, No. 50.	Arthur.....	281	Sault Ste. Marie	Thursday .	66	Jno. Dawson, Sault Ste. Marie.
Chapleau No. 51.	Missanabie....	266	Chapleau.....	Tuesday ..	64	N. L. Best, Chapleau.
Thunder Bay, No. 52.	Port Arthur. ..	244	Port Arthur....	Wednesday	62	Alex. Allen, Port Arthur.
	Algoma	267	Fort William ..	Thursday .	65	
Rainy River, No. 53.	Gold Hill.	261	Rat Portage ...	Thursday .	145	Fred. A. Hudson, Rat Portage.
	Minnetonka. ..	292	Keewatin.	Wednesday	81	

The Grand Master in closing the Forty-Sixth Session made a few happy, well-chosen remarks, expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by selecting him to preside for the coming year over this great and growing Order. He outlined many of his desires for the future, and asked the hearty co-operation of every member of the Order in making this year the banner year for Odd-Fellowship in Ontario, for without their earnest, active, honest support the future he aimed at and so much desired could not be confidently expected.

The Grand Lodge closed, all joining in singing the closing ode and God Save the Queen.

APPENDIX

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Suspended for cause.	Suspended for N.P.D.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Died.	Membership per last Report.	Present membership.
9	Brock	9				7	4		1	119	127
10	Cataraqui	19		1		1	2		3	317	323
13	Otonabee	6	1				1		1	122	125
16	Union	1					1		4	168	164
22	Phoenix	1					1			111	111
28	Rose								2	83	80
29	Chatham	6		1						194	201
30	Eureka	2					1		2	84	83
32	Elgin	2				12	1			227	216
33	Erie			1			1			8	8
34	Gore	9	2				1		1	278	287
35	Samaritan	1					1			168	168
36	St. Mary's	1		1						77	79
38	Forest City					13	1		3	98	81
40	Rond Eau					4				138	134
41	Avon	4					1		2	259	260
44	Excelsior	11				6	1		1	147	150
45	Frontier	8	1						1	207	215
46	Mount Zion	2				2	1			30	29
47	Unity	22							1	343	364
48	Dominion					2				149	147
49	Canada	10	1			1			2	193	201
50	Otter	1				3	2		1	178	173
51	Bissel										
52	Covenant	7	1				1		3	154	158
53	Niagara Falls	23				6	4		1	151	163
54	Collingwood	3								138	141
55	Fidelity	2								30	32
56	Queen City	5	1				2			197	201
57	Maple Leaf									34	34
58	Howard	2								111	113
59	Kingston	10		2		7	2		1	308	310
61	Corinthian	10				3	1		1	255	260
62	Huron	15	1			3			1	115	127
63	Barrie	1								88	89
64	Victoria	2				4			1	63	60
65	Friendship	3		1		3			1	111	111
66	Flo. Nightingale	1				1			1	143	142
67	Exeter	1		1		2				49	49
68	North Star			5						27	32
69	Hope					6			1	102	95
70	Lucan	1								21	22
71	The Toronto					2				84	82
72	Eastern Star	2					1		1	77	77
73	Fergus	3					1		2	85	85
74	Bothwell					4				24	20
75	Warriner	2		1		3			1	57	56
76	St. Thomas	5				2	2			343	344
77	Oxford					3	1			49	45
78	Durham	1							1	126	126
79	Nipissing						1			58	57
80	Amity	5	1			2			1	237	240
81	Belleville	9	1	1		3	1		1	215	214
82	Beaver	3		1		8				87	83
83	Clinton	3	1							60	64
84	Walkerton	2								118	120
86	Constellation				1					41	42

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			$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
127	9	40-2	80 50	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	110 50	9
323	32	95-1	289 50	330 00	60 00	10 00	6 00	75 00	770 50	10
125	8	24-4	97 98	.....	40 00	.....	.....	6 00	198 98	13
164	11	92-2	297 86	240 00	375 00	5 00	.....	.....	917 86	16
111	13	38-1	113 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 50	149 50	22
80	11	101-3	196 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	236 00	28
201	23	76	226 00	123 00	.....	10 00	.....	117 37	476 37	29
83	19	132	300 00	.....	156 00	.....	.....	.....	456 00	30
216	29	140-4	409 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	79 50	588 50	32
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
287	39	210-3	1049 96	400 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	1529 96	34
168	25	214	685 00	70 00	.....	18 00	.....	3 00	776 00	35
79	7	54	107 00	75 00	40 00	5 00	.....	.....	227 00	36
81	22	205-1	380 00	.....	120 00	20 00	10 00	.....	530 00	38
134	14	48-3	194 22	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 22	40
260	38	183-4	500 46	50 00	50 00	20 00	33 00	.....	653 46	41
150	20	55	123 85	20 00	.....	10 00	.....	50 00	203 85	44
215	11	117	254 00	.....	40 00	.....	30 00	6 00	330 00	45
29	3	11	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	46
364	40	261	619 10	315 00	75 00	10 00	.....	140 50	1159 60	47
147	19	126	302 00	5 00	.....	7 50	.....	.....	314 50	48
201	25	178	438 00	.....	50 00	25 44	.....	47 00	560 44	49
173	20	86-6	255 65	119 00	60 00	.....	7 00	2 00	473 65	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
153	11	72-4	289 70	.....	100 00	57 32	.....	70 00	517 02	52
163	17	71-2	176 12	100 00	.....	.....	31 00	52 25	359 37	53
141	11	42-5	128 46	.....	.....	35 00	.....	69 00	247 46	54
32	8	33	99 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 00	55
201	13	47	185 25	40 00	.....	5 00	.....	88 75	319 00	56
34	7	34	102 00	100 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	242 00	57
113	9	56-5	151 85	.....	.....	.....	12 00	50 00	213 85	58
810	31	148-4	433 19	107 50	30 00	15 00	.....	62 50	648 19	59
260	31	123-6	370 49	125 00	40 00	26 97	5 00	96 00	663 46	60
127	17	102-6	331 93	120 00	40 00	.....	22 72	.....	514 65	62
89	13	46-6	138 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	173 29	63
60	4	11	30 00	165 00	50 00	.....	.....	25 50	270 50	64
111	13	42	115 00	.....	30 00	10 00	.....	.....	155 00	65
143	14	73-5	221 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 50	271 00	66
49	5	13	39 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	87 00	67
32	1	1	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	68
95	5	41-4	58 68	.....	42 00	3 00	46 00	5 00	154 68	69
22	6	43-4	130 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 72	70
82	3	9	35 96	.....	.....	14 15	12 86	34 00	97 00	71
77	2	4-5	14 30	.....	30 00	.....	.....	57 00	101 30	72
85	6	62-4	188 00	200 00	74 60	.....	9 00	42 50	514 11	73
20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74
56	10	97-3	171 66	.....	40 00	20 00	16 50	18 00	266 16	75
344	44	262-2	752 04	65 00	.....	5 00	14 00	.....	836 04	76
45	5	40	120 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00	77
126	13	52-4	157 57	170 00	30 00	.....	10 00	57 63	425 20	78
57	3	22-3	67 50	100 00	50 00	70	.....	33 75	251 95	79
240	33	85	255 00	237 00	40 00	20 00	3 00	3 00	558 00	80
214	26	207	571 90	150 00	61 00	.....	68 50	100 00	951 40	81
83	1	6	14 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	39 00	82
64	5	65	137 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 00	83
120	19	85-3	256 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	256 38	84
42	8	18-5	56 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 50	85

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MEMBERSHIP.

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86	Napanee	10	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	73	80
87	Empire	3	....	....	....	4	....	....	1	103	101
88	Olive Branch	6	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	120	125
89	Reliance	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	2	172	172
99	Ivy	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	60	62
91	Grand River	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	99	100
92	Milton	42	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	77
93	Western City	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	92	95
94	Aylmer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	149	149
96	Nith	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	46	46
97	Grand Union	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	102	105
98	Minto	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	62
100	Lindsay	14	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	101	113
101	Golden Star	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	27	26
102	Deseronto	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	85	80
103	Cataract	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	54	54
104	Crescent	12	2	....	....	2	....	....	1	296	307
105	Manilla	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	35	32
106	St. Clair	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	76	76
107	Waterloo	10	....	....	....	3	....	....	3	271	275
108	Royal Oak	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	75	76
109	Orion	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	44
110	Laurel	4	....	1	....	4	....	....	1	122	122
111	Peterborough	8	1	1	....	7	3	....	4	213	209
112	Lucknow	3	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	98	101
113	Trenton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	58	57
114	Gananoque	2	....	....	....	12	2	....	2	220	206
115	Harmony	22	....	....	....	7	1	....	....	197	211
116	Naomi	9	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	54
117	Valley City	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	133	143
119	Maitland	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	70	72
120	Sydenham Valley	12	....	2	....	3	....	....	1	158	168
121	Saxon	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	48
122	Streetsville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	35
124	Dresden	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	112	115
125	Stella	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	93	92
126	Sarnia	7	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	131	135
127	Mizpah	1	....	....	....	4	....	....	1	133	129
129	Charity	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	22	21
130	Livingstone	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	31
131	Marion	1	....	....	....	5	2	....	....	108	102
132	Oakville	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	57	63
133	Glencoe	1	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	50	45
134	Orient	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	21	20
135	Peaceful Dove	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	46	45
136	Cobourg	1	1	....	....	7	....	....	....	96	91
137	St. Lawrence	7	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	128	132
138	Ancaster	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	49	50
139	Garnet	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	67	73
140	Leamington	2	....	2	....	5	4	....	....	117	112
142	Concord	6	....	1	....	2	....	....	1	74	78
143	Bay of Quinte	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	123	124
144	Ridgetown	....	....	....	....	8	1	....	....	91	82
146	Vivian	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	65	64
147	Model	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	42
148	Aurora	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	77	76
149	Western Star	4	....	....	....	5	1	....	....	82	80

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
8	37-4	113 10	.....	.....	.....	13 90	.....	127 00	86
8	21	56 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00	87
21	99	296 67	.....	.....	.....	6 00	73 00	375 67	88
22	131	402 87	100 00	40 00	28 00	.....	.....	570 87	89
13	55	154 00	30 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	224 00	90
11	66-1	198 40	150 00	30 00	10 00	.....	.....	388 40	91
2	10	39 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00	42 00	90 00	92
9	26	78 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	46 00	150 00	93
16	85	203 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	209 00	94
4	28	84 00	150 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	314 00	96
15	46	141 50	200 00	40 00	.....	.....	33 50	415 00	97
7	12	47 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 28	98
8	73-3	207 26	1 78	.....	.....	16 00	.....	225 04	100
4	8-2	24 86	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 75	45 61	101
7	27-3	82 25	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	87 25	102
7	19	57 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 24	83 24	103
27	152-6	488 38	20 00	50 00	5 00	.....	116 00	679 38	104
5	41	66 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 00	105
17	.....	242 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	242 06	106
42	120	357 00	450 00	120 00	.....	.....	76 50	1003 50	107
6	28	84 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	184 00	108
5	15	60 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	80 00	109
7	8-3	45 71	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	55 71	110
23	.....	394 23	137 22	120 00	18 00	.....	104 50	773 95	111
6	36	108 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	133 00	112
5	28-5	86 50	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	101 50	113
26	149-3	446 42	70 05	30 00	.....	49 75	.....	596 22	114
23	136-6	546 50	215 00	50 00	14 55	31 75	.....	857 80	115
4	9	27 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	30 00	116
26	48-1	192 53	.....	.....	160 00	.....	90 50	493 03	117
7	32-6	98 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 57	119
21	98	241 52	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	291 52	120
6	15	45 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 05	121
4	7	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	122
8	91	217 00	165 00	.....	20 24	.....	43 75	445 99	124
4	16-5	50 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 50	125
18	46	117 05	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	147 05	126
13	24-4	54 41	4 00	50 00	.....	.....	54 25	162 66	127
1	2	6 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	46 00	129
3	12	35 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 72	130
5	47-6	105 78	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	185 78	131
4	.....	398 00	.....	80 00	.....	8 50	.....	486 50	132
3	22	63 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 00	133
2	6-4	19 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 68	134
.....	.....	66 43	.....	.....	16 25	.....	.....	82 68	135
8	27	79 00	.....	.....	6 75	.....	.....	85 75	136
15	38	146 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	188 00	137
5	18	54 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 75	74 50	138
2	22-4	67 50	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	68 90	139
6	31-1	93 65	.....	.....	.....	18 50	.....	112 15	140
6	53	101 68	75 00	30 00	3 00	12 30	5 20	227 18	142
10	27-3	78 85	73 40	40 00	.....	.....	.....	192 25	143
10	52	155 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	160 00	144
6	23-6	74 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 80	146
6	13	39 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	54 00	147
8	56-2	162 82	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	187 82	148
4	25-3	76 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 50	149

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151	Sycamore	....	....	....	....	....	4	....	1	63	67
152	Hayden	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	64	61
153	Wildey	1	....	....	....	4	....	....	1	109	108
154	Alpha	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	17
155	Brougham	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	24	27
156	Pyramid	5	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	69	75
157	Thamesville	5	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	115	118
158	Progress	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	57	61
159	Oak Leaf	3	1	1	....	....	12	....	....	70	59
160	Listowel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	64	63
161	Simcoe	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	87	86
163	Oriental	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	176	179
164	Romeo	5	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	39	39
165	Beethoven	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	23
167	Hilisburg	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	27	27
168	Sutton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	24
169	Grey	19	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	48	61
170	Denovo	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
171	Alliston	7	....	1	....	6	....	....	....	156	158
172	Penetangore	20	....	2	....	3	....	....	1	56	74
173	Emerald	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	103	105
174	Dolman	....	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	16	12
176	Dauncey	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	14
177	Montana	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	47
178	Wellington Square	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	101	101
179	Madoc	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	1	79	76
180	Owen Sound	2	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	74	76
182	Tecumseh	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	18	17
183	Teeswater	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	119	119
184	Germania	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	23	22
186	Dufferin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	42
188	Cambridge	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	88	87
189	Parry Sound	4	....	1	....	2	1	....	3	131	126
190	Chorazin	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	33	33
191	Jarvis	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	11
192	Howick	1	....	....	....	5	1	....	....	162	158
194	Albert	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	12
195	Cicerone	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	82	84
196	Florence	1	....	1	....	3	....	....	....	64	63
197	Minerva	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	28	27
200	Weston	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	89	93
201	Beacon	....	....	....	....	9	2	....	....	57	46
202	Silver Star	1	....	....	....	5	3	....	....	121	114
203	Pembroke	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	9
204	Acton	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	116	114
205	Ahiram	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	69	71
206	Silver City	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	28
207	Egremont	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	30	32
209	Millbank	3	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	27	22
210	Brucefield	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	61	63
211	Lilly	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	89	102
212	Argyle	12	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	73	75
214	Clifford	3	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	23	22
215	Freestone	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	37	38
216	Elmira	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	109	113
217	Mount Brydges	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	119	127
218	Enterprise	8	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....

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		$ c	$	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
3	29	41 00						41 00	151
7	43-3	77 42			5 00			82 42	152
4	17-2	52 00			67 00			119 00	153
16	54-2	163 00						163 00	154
4	14-3	43 28						43 28	155
		10 00						10 00	156
3	7	21 00					54 50	75 50	157
14	70	229 00					2 00	231 00	158
4	33	123 70					20 50	144 20	159
4	11	33 00			2 85			35 85	160
8	29	87 00		30 00	25 00		4 00	146 00	161
8	38-2	114 87		35 00				149 87	163
31	117-6	374 33		125 00	5 00	30 00		534 33	164
3	51-6	103 57					18 50	122 07	165
3	9	27 00		40 00				67 00	167
2	15	45 00						45 00	168
1	1	3 00						3 00	169
2	4	12 00						12 00	170
									171
22	103-5	311 50				10 00		341 50	172
9	40	121 50	100 00	50 00	5 00			276 50	173
6	38-6	130 50			12 50		64 80	207 80	174
1	4	9 00						9 00	176
2	2	6 00						6 00	177
6	68	194 00						194 00	178
2	13	39 00						39 00	179
11	43-1	129 50	87 78	40 00	15 00	33 75	6 00	312 03	180
7	34-3	104 12				28 00		132 12	182
5	9	27 00						27 00	183
12	34	102 00			26 00			128 00	184
2	8	24 00						24 00	186
8	22	66 00						66 00	188
2	5	12 75				2 75		15 50	189
19	76-4	263 00		200 00		14 00	53 00	530 00	190
3	27	81 00						81 00	191
									192
20	119-4	478 28			12 96			491 24	194
									195
8	21	63 00					3 00	66 00	196
2	28	44 00					17 00	61 00	197
1	48								200
5	19	60 00			5 00			65 00	201
1	2	6 00			19 45			25 45	202
15	74-2	208 00			27 90	8 67		244 57	203
									204
4	47-4	142 50			14 00			156 50	205
4	66	198 00		30 00			25 00	253 00	206
3	17	51 00						51 00	207
1	4	16 00						16 00	209
2	5	15 00			5 00			20 00	210
10	26-3	77 00				10 00		87 00	211
12	85	101 15	15 00	30 00			15 00	161 15	212
13	36-1	140 56	140 60					281 16	214
4	22-6	68 40						68 40	215
3	3-4	11 00			5 42			16 42	216
9	49	147 00						147 00	217
8	18	54 00						54 00	218

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219	Georgian Bay	...	...	...	...	13	1	...	...	90	76
220	Woodslee	7	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	38	45
221	Chesley	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	59
223	Hensall	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	56	56
224	Ottawa	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	167	175
226	Merlin	6	1	2	...	6	1	...	1	48	49
227	Sauble	3	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	58	57
228	International	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	1	182	174
229	Embro Star	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	39
230	Prince of Wales	18	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	73	93
231	Elora	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	57	62
232	Equity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11
233	Hanover	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	15
234	Ilderton	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	29
235	Waterford	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	86	89
236	Acorn	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	25
237	Farmersville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	17
239	Stirling	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	130	129
240	Carleton	15	2	1	...	7	...	...	...	230	241
241	Rideau	6	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	168	175
242	Wilton	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	103	109
243	Thornbury	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	32
244	Port Arthur	6	...	2	...	4	2	...	...	60	62
245	Mallorytown	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	50	47
246	Orillia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
247	Gordon	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	74
248	Campbellford	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	66	60
249	Beaverton	3	...	...	...	8	1	...	...	49	43
250	Ridgely	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	56	55
251	Bracebridge	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	59	59
252	Floral	21	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	88	111
253	Caledonia	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	23	25
254	Alba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	50
256	Grand Valley	1	1	1	...	11	...	...	1	33	24
257	Credit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	27
258	Thamesford	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	117	117
259	Lynden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	32
260	Meaford	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	73	73
261	Gold Hill	3	2	...	...	5	...	...	1	138	137
262	Norwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23
263	East Toronto	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	62	62
264	Fraternity	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	59	59
265	Delta	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	29
266	Missanabie	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	52	52
267	Algoma	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	66	65
268	Stanley	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	32
269	Woodstock	9	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	109	114
270	Lansdowne	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	1	68	57
271	North Bay	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	86	87
272	Lakeview	5	1	...	...	6	2	...	...	69	67
273	Hastings	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	38	35
274	Midland	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	33	27
275	Fairy	4	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	30	31
276	Sheard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
277	Lambton	2	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	65	62
278	Rockliffe	5	1	1	...	7	...	...	1	179	178
279	Grenville	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	75	75

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
8	34	91 51				101 00		192 51	219
2	9	27 00						27 00	220
5	9–3	28 26						28 26	221
9	32	95 15						95 15	223
19	87 1	246 29		8 84	5 00			260 13	224
3	13–2	39 85		40 00	7 00			86 85	226
4	6	18 00						18 00	227
15	40	159 98	100 00	60 00		21 00		340 98	228
1	2	6 00						6 00	229
7	14	41 13			17 00		44 37	102 50	230
4	8	24 00			10 00		45 00	79 00	231
3	13	39 00						39 00	232
									233
2	9	27 00						27 00	234
14	36–3	109 32			8 00	8 00		125 32	235
2	5	15 00						15 00	236
2	12–3	80 75						80 75	237
14	68	210 45		30 00				240 45	239
16	71	212 15			11 06			223 21	240
9	56–4	130 79						130 79	241
5	13	51 98	100 00				49 50	201 48	242
3	13 2	39 80					16 75	56 55	243
3	15–2	61 75			5 00			66 75	244
3	7	21 00			25 00			46 00	245
									246
10	68–2	206 00	20 00	38 00				264 00	247
6	24–3	73 00	67 09	30 00	10 00	9 85		189 94	248
2	4	12 00			5 00			17 00	249
3	16	45 00						45 00	250
4	36–3	109 50					3 00	112 50	251
11	68–4	205 50			5 00		43 75	254 25	252
									253
5	11	33 00			5 00			38 00	254
2	1–6	35 58	100 00	40 00				175 58	256
3	8	24 00			2 00			26 00	257
12	35–3	166 50			5 00		42 00	213 50	258
									259
7	18–5	54 00			4 00		12 50	12 50	260
7	49–1	148 20	69 50	50 00	81 15		34 60	92 60	261
1	1–3	4 29						348 85	262
8	18	59 50						4 29	263
8	44–3	133 50					20 75	80 25	264
								133 50	265
13	60–6	227 10	100 00	40 00				367 10	266
7	36–1	145 50			50 00			195 50	267
5	13–4	40 87						40 87	268
8	14–3	43 30			5 00		33 25	81 55	269
3	32	68 00	17 00	30 00				115 00	270
10	30–6	108 00						138 00	271
4	19	76 00	10 00	40 00	5 00		50 50	183 50	272
3	5	13 00						126 00	273
3	4	11 98						13 00	274
							25 17	37 15	275
									276
7	21	55 98						55 98	277
12	38–4	115 86			10 00	22 00		147 86	278
3	11–3	34 00						34 00	279

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MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Suspended for cause.	Suspended for N.P.D.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Died.	Membership per last Report.	Present membership.
280	Balmoral	4					2			65	68
281	Arthur	2					2			62	61
282	Sudbury	8	3	1						66	76
283	Earnscliffe	3				3				108	111
284	Lyn					1				28	25
285	Morewood	9				4				54	62
286	Royal	5		3		2				55	59
287	Ripley	3					2			68	69
288	Chesterville	2								20	20
289	Glanworth					2				36	36
290	Tweed						1			52	50
291	Rodney	1								47	47
292	Minnetonka	3	1			3				70	71
293	Thomasburg	1								68	59
294	Broadview	5				1				134	138
295	Manotick	2					1			28	29
296	Pontypool	11							1	44	54
297	Mayflower	4					1			43	46
298	Comber	5								55	60
299	Cornucopia									62	62
300	Bobcaygeon									40	40
301	Plattsville					1				39	38
302	Aberdeen	1				2				22	21
303	Fellowship	3				2	2			38	37
304	Star	4				2				61	63
305	Valentine	1				1				43	43
306	Athena	5	1	1						36	43
307	Princeton	3				1				47	49
308	Millbrook	5				2	1			79	81
309	Harrow									56	56
310	Shedden	1				1	1	1	1	29	27
311	Zeta	1				2				69	68
312	Spirit Rock	7	1						1	40	48
313	Electric City	1								41	41
314	Prospect	1		1		4	1		2	142	144
315	Mountain	8		1						31	36
316	Britain	3	1	1						40	40
317	Laurentian	1				6			1	34	28
318	Berire	6			1	1				37	43
319	Webbwood	1				2	2			44	41
320	Geneva	1								35	36
321	Hespeler	4							2	38	42
322	Central	12				2				147	157
323	Liberty	1								51	50
324	Ontario	1								48	49
325	Southampton	4								32	33
326	Strathcona	5								45	49
327	Saugeen	2	1							30	35
328	Underwood	2								37	40
329	Prosperity	31	9				1			15	17
330	Wheatley	1					1				40
145	Riverside	1					1			66	66
208	Alvinston	2		1			1			37	37
225	Norfolk	2								71	73
198	Britannia	13	5							46	48
331	Maxville										18
	Total	995	64	65		459	145		104	23052	23468

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
3	5-4	13 25						13 25	280
3	5-1	19 48	80 00		5 00			104 48	281
4	14	56 00						56 00	282
11	38-4	110 00						110 00	283
3	16	47 00						47 00	284
7	26	78 00						78 00	285
2	28-4	86 00						86 00	286
4	12-1	36 81			5 00			41 81	287
									288
4	5	15 00						15 00	289
3	12	36 00	50 00	25 00	5 00	8 00		124 00	290
7	35	104 90				7 00		111 90	291
9	46-5	132 15			10 00	18 00		160 15	292
1	4	12 00						12 00	293
23	56	223 85					83 50	307 35	294
1	2	6 00						6 00	295
3	11	42 28	50 00	32 50			16 25	141 03	296
4	25-6	69 00				25 25		94 25	297
3	15	45 00			45 00			90 00	298
5	16-5	50 50						50 50	299
									300
6	16	48 00						48 00	301
3	5	10 00						10 00	302
4	12	36 00						36 00	303
13	44-5	135 50						135 50	304
4	35	105 00						105 00	305
5	15-3	46 50						46 50	306
8	10	30 00						30 00	307
8	5-4	22 00						22 00	308
									309
1	2	6 00		30 00				36 00	310
4	8	24 00						24 00	311
5	11	33 00						33 00	312
9	23-6	95 98		30 00	4 00	4 00		133 98	313
10	65-3	229 00		180 00	31 86	9 00	70 94	520 80	314
2	13	39 00						39 00	315
2	6	18 00						18 00	316
				23 00				23 00	317
1	2	6 00						6 00	318
1	5	15 00			16 34			31 34	319
2	3	9 00						9 00	320
1	3	9 00						9 00	321
13	56-6	227 28	100 00	40 00			83 12	450 40	322
4	13-5	48 00						48 00	323
4	55	113 43						113 43	324
1	5	15 00						15 00	325
3	7-4	22 50						22 50	326
1	3	9 00					6 00	15 00	327
									328
									329
3	11	33 00							330
5	28	79 00			15 00			48 00	145
7	13 5	41 72						79 00	208
2	9	27 00			25 00		6 00	72 72	225
					10 00			37 00	198
									331
2313	10703	32681 26	6782 92	4165 95	1554 76	872 55	3287 44	49560 88	

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	226 34		20 00	15 45	372 31
10	Cataraqui	494 37			66 18	1331 05
13	Otonabee	280 77			19 68	499 44
16	Union	333 19			106 50	1358 55
22	Phoenix	93 49			28 94	271 93
28	Rose	76 41			25 64	338 05
29	Chatham	246 27		2300 00	150 22	3172 86
30	Eureka	80 25			166 03	702 28
32	Elgin	194 98		269 92	158 15	1211 55
33	Erie	15 05			14 19	29 24
34	Gore	341 19			233 50	2104 65
35	Samaritan	222 25			40 35	1038 60
36	St. Marys	47 50			333 28	607 78
38	Forest City	102 37			260 00	392 37
40	Rond Eau	161 06			30 00	391 28
41	Avon	171 75	114 64	358 66	200 00	1498 51
44	Excelsior	186 43	3 00		5 00	398 28
45	Frontier	145 95			534 08	1010 03
46	Mount Zion	26 05				56 05
47	Unity	200 70		110 00	22 81	1493 11
48	Dominion	134 04			120 23	568 77
49	Canada	255 58			155 51	971 53
50	Otter	195 09		2100 00	77 43	2846 17
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	205 69			73 03	795 74
53	Niagara Falls	282 74	900 60	333 97	62 79	1939 47
54	Collingwood	95 61			19 37	362 44
55	Fidelity	64 65			32 00	195 65
56	Queen City	314 72				633 72
57	Maple Leaf	90 50				332 50
58	Howard	109 81			2 24	325 90
59	Kingston	530 36			49 05	1227 90
61	Corinthian	242 14			14 75	920 35
62	Huron	116 81			66 80	698 29
63	Barrie	148 71				322 00
64	Victoria	117 36			3 95	391 81
65	Friendship	113 05			260 08	528 13
66	Flo Nightingale	173 63	3 50		5 00	453 13
67	Exeter	72 50		180 00	14 80	354 30
68	North Star	75 42				93 42
69	Hope	42 92				197 60
70	Lucan	88 47		9 44		1103 19
71	The Toronto	98 05			25 80	220 85
72	Eastern Star	124 77			23 01	249 08
73	Fergus	107 18	15 24		5 62	642 15
74	Bothwell	124 80			4 25	128 75
75	Warriner	145 41		97 54		509 31
76	St. Thomas	345 51			141 35	1322 90
77	Oxford	52 35				187 35
78	Durham	232 01	14 50			671 71
79	Nipissing	87 16				339 11
80	Amity	282 36		4 50	17 25	1307 61
81	Belleville	307 47			249 13	1508 00
82	Beaver	63 14			22 64	124 78
83	Clinton	124 50				261 50
84	Walkerton	130 28	15 50		77 50	479 64
85	Constellation	68 70		3 00	23 25	463 45

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Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
87 00	349 00	223 04	31 00	690 04	9
228 50	875 50	227 80	82 15	1413 95	10
151 00	473 75	79 01	15 60	719 36	13
12 06	527 00	439 44	434 70	1413 14	16
17 00	345 83	36 94	1 00	400 77	22
.....	253 00	23 70	30 70	307 40	28
148 00	677 83	388 00	2071 05	3284 88	29
17 00	317 30	78 16	289 70	702 16	30
36 00	745 75	172 50	144 00	1098 25	32
.....	16 50	5 00	30	21 80	33
168 00	1127 32	492 74	411 44	2199 50	34
20 00	453 00	371 04	39 40	883 44	35
5 00	212 58	315 04	7 25	539 87	36
.....	367 60	224 31	186 00	777 91	38
6 45	530 47	50 98	2 00	589 90	40
48 00	864 51	450 64	81 09	1444 24	41
95 00	527 85	10 57	14 95	648 37	44
61 00	634 16	65 00	294 21	1054 37	45
12 00	100 60	29 50	.....	142 10	46
168 00	1275 60	104 35	17 65	1665 60	47
.....	413 34	17 56	420 41	851 31	48
102 00	568 67	240 00	4 25	914 92	49
16 00	538 73	712 40	71 10	1338 23	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
107 00	542 80	252 00	30	902 10	52
249 00	413 25	274 76	452 84	1389 85	53
42 00	393 81	167 80	401 51	995 12	54
24 00	92 70	145 00	.....	261 70	55
52 00	745 25	191 49	21 05	1009 79	56
.....	76 50	4 70	304 57	385 77	57
38 00	315 55	261 90	36 00	651 45	58
195 00	844 40	16 27	781 44	1837 11	59
135 00	889 56	228 15	3 55	1256 26	61
164 00	331 00	223 50	23 36	741 86	62
6 00	303 20	21 66	265 00	595 86	63
47 00	217 00	.....	12 15	276 15	64
27 00	350 11	145 81	100 50	623 42	65
10 00	412 00	173 39	29 42	624 81	66
11 00	151 40	121 50	2 96	286 86	67
69 00	.....	20 00	.....	89 00	68
.....	244 26	64 85	1 05	310 16	69
.....	86 71	43 39	945 00	1075 10	70
.....	274 10	20 00	180 25	474 35	71
22 00	147 93	.....	50	170 43	72
30 00	265 70	249 70	40 00	585 40	73
.....	96 00	2 96	6 40	105 36	74
32 00	168 90	29 85	300 00	530 75	75
113 50	1074 35	352 12	47 18	1587 15	76
.....	138 00	.....	.....	138 00	77
8 00	409 98	112 89	3 30	534 08	78
30 00	145 99	42 63	.....	218 62	79
108 75	713 55	26 25	221 69	1063 24	80
67 00	635 85	148 38	55 75	906 98	81
54 75	176 00	13 00	117 35	361 10	82
36 00	180 10	57 05	1 00	274 15	83
84 00	320 33	224 00	45 40	673 73	84
.....	126 00	51 00	65 49	212 49	85

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	236 22			101 05	363 22
87	Empire	195 81	223 65		6 25	576 51
88	Olive Branch	176 49	127 55		8 50	685 96
89	Reliance	363 99		1500 00	35 00	883 36
90	Ivy	78 84			4 72	1837 84
91	Grand River	38 13			123 40	531 25
92	Milton	105 09				318 49
93	Western City	125 66			42 25	284 66
94	Aylmer	177 38			46 32	428 63
96	Nith	66 70			22 37	427 02
97	Grand Union	173 52			93 00	610 89
98	Minto	72 62	69 20		47 20	282 10
100	Lindsay	240 55		3 50		512 79
101	Golden Star	28 47				424 08
102	Deseronto	224 86		165 37		312 11
103	Cataract	149 34	104 20		31 90	502 15
104	Crescent	180 88	100 00		11 75	992 16
105	Manilla	13 19				90 94
106	St. Clair	109 25		700 00	201 80	351 31
107	Waterloo	328 33				2233 63
108	Royal Oak	111 55		100 00		295 55
109	Orion	49 53			70 81	229 53
110	Laurel	117 11			107 80	243 63
111	Peterboro	444 54		1000 00		1326 29
112	Lucknow	125 50				1258 50
113	Trenton	87 28		5283 00	63 40	188 78
114	Gananoque	249 74				6192 36
115	Harmony	467 06	90			1324 86
116	Naomi	110 23			60 25	141 13
117	Valley City	200 16	10 00		33 20	783 44
119	Maitland	86 73		456 79	48 68	675 29
120	Sydenham Valley	195 85	46 00	65 81	33 38	647 86
121	Saxon	78 56			8 00	156 99
122	Streetsville	66 41			84 42	95 41
124	Dresden	56 87			40 20	587 28
125	Stella	178 98	14 73		50 42	284 41
126	Sarnia	193 96			1 50	391 43
127	Mizpah	212 90	177 50			554 56
129	Charity	66 75				112 75
130	Livingston	79 05			103 83	114 77
131	Marion	171 60			28 75	461 21
132	Oakville	102 86			2 00	618 11
133	Glencoe	91 38				156 38
134	Orient	91 43	105 40		3 00	216 51
135	Peaceful Dove	72 55			106 00	158 23
136	Cobourg	51 65		60 13	11 34	243 40
137	St. Lawrence	142 31	11 45			413 23
138	Ancaster	34 30				108 80
139	Garnet	217 46	20 00	1000 00	7 50	306 96
140	Leamington	194 52			175 00	1314 17
142	Concord	98 68		237 09	5 00	500 86
143	Bay of Quinte	150 87			7 10	580 12
144	Ridgetown	120 25		500 00		287 35
146	Vivian	118 75				693 55
147	Model	67 60			44 75	121 60
148	Aurora	65 88	1 13		10 00	299 58
149	Western Star	218 28				304 78

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
70 00	257 24	162 00	66 00	555 24	86
52 00	271 50	175 15	1801 05	2299 70	87
15 00	411 50	124 46	81 87	632 83	88
61 00	586 14	108 29	21 00	776 43	89
14 00	197 53	128 35	26 00	365 88	90
22 00	277 70	108 67	576 82	985 19	91
182 00	163 79	.....	55	346 34	92
64 00	352 91	54 00	7 50	478 41	93
.....	371 75	230 25	107 00	709 00	94
.....	142 75	250 00	.....	392 75	96
58 00	338 43	91 45	36 95	524 83	97
22 00	192 00	54 00	13 30	281 30	98
197 00	448 08	.....	16 85	661 93	100
.....	79 50	104 80	5 30	189 60	101
.....	266 85	62 60	2 50	231 95	102
6 00	100 07	37 50	224 02	367 59	103
155 00	966 50	.....	13 65	1135 15	104
.....	96 75	8 00	1 00	105 75	105
.....	314 00	70 50	.....	384 50	106
173 00	919 60	320 75	319 50	1732 85	107
84 00	193 50	153 50	.....	381 00	108
.....	128 12	98 50	.....	226 62	109
48 00	297 75	80	23 45	370 00	110
141 00	714 13	39 62	348 75	1243 50	111
48 50	295 58	187 80	501 00	1032 88	112
.....	188 88	.....	8 48	197 36	113
64 00	811 55	109 98	2 20	987 73	114
364 00	789 27	347 25	2 25	1502 77	115
80 00	136 00	36 58	2 00	254 58	116
119 00	527 57	260 51	575 01	1482 09	117
13 00	232 11	206 79	30 00	481 90	119
207 00	517 25	.....	65 00	789 25	120
28 00	145 49	59 38	5 30	238 17	121
.....	90 00	12 00	1 00	103 00	122
36 00	343 00	182 59	45 50	609 09	124
12 00	307 25	.....	37 30	356 55	125
98 00	464 11	55 00	50 42	667 53	126
17 00	375 25	29 96	38 65	460 86	128
.....	57 00	24 00	80	81 80	129
5 00	55 00	12 89	3 30	76 19	130
13 00	309 71	59 40	240 67	622 78	131
67 50	175 30	52 00	300 35	595 15	132
12 00	196 67	4 50	200 00	413 17	133
5 00	52 50	.....	.....	57 50	134
12 00	178 08	.....	8 45	198 45	135
26 00	232 00	.....	.....	258 00	136
98 00	421 25	60 13	16 81	596 19	137
22 00	135 11	.....	1 00	158 11	138
66 00	164 36	112 00	.....	342 36	139
49 05	252 25	19 64	95	321 89	140
139 15	227 05	25 00	166 98	558 18	142
40 00	418 61	22 25	31 80	512 66	143
8 00	293 15	20 00	2 50	323 65	144
.....	191 00	34 75	311 70	537 45	146
.....	123 50	63 25	43 16	229 91	147
.....	214 75	102 85	13 05	330 65	148
68 10	248 29	12 00	10 50	338 89	149

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
		47 74		90 00	16 00	194 74
151	Sycamore	113 16			2 00	197 58
152	Hayden	74 20			30 04	223 24
153	Wildey	184 75			19 24	386 99
154	Alpha	25 48				68 76
155	Brougham	161 88				171 88
156	Pyramid	100 05		225 00	6 63	407 18
157	Thamesville	274 53		4500 00	1 25	5006 78
158	Progress	74 22			17 50	235 92
159	Oak Leaf	132 44	11 50	1900 00	19 17	2098 96
160	Listowel	136 97			8 93	291 90
161	Simcoe	180 68		799 95		1130 50
163	Oriental	196 20		356 17		1086 70
164	Romeo	42 50				164 57
165	Beethoven	13 50				80 50
167	Hillsburg	24 25			46 60	115 85
168	Sutton	78 50			9 00	90 50
169	Grey	113 20	194 00		289 38	408 58
170	Denovo					1106 86
171	Alliston	265 36		500 00		805 21
172	Penetangore	119 55	9 16	400 00	23 45	307 39
173	Emerald	76 14				19 71
174	Dolman	10 71			75	41 75
176	Dauncey	29 00	6 00			234 11
177	Montana	40 11			1 70	168 06
178	Wellington Square	127 36				431 40
179	Madoc	119 37			13 86	211 21
180	Owen Sound	65 23			1 75	192 75
182	Tecumseh	24 00	140 00		190 28	359 75
183	Teeswater	114 47		300 00		559 80
184	Germania	35 80			75	109 02
186	Dufferin	42 27			501 13	1005 47
188	Cambridge	52 21	4 50	432 13	161 02	883 75
189	Parry Sound	192 73			2 75	138 69
190	Chorazin	54 94				6 95
191	Jarvis	6 95			2 10	616 48
192	Howick	123 14				33 45
194	Albert	33 45				161 80
195	Cicerone	95 80				137 41
196	Florence	76 41			160 50	201 01
197	Minerva	40 51			20 00	215 94
200	Weston	130 94		200 00	1 60	259 30
201	Beacon	32 25				371 05
202	Silver Star	126 48			3 15	28 00
203	Pembroke	24 85			40 50	306 93
204	Acton	109 93			55	375 21
205	Ahiram	115 65	6 01		3 00	84 89
206	Silver City	30 89			1 20	84 94
207	Egremont	67 74				87 90
209	Millbank	67 90			5 35	322 02
210	Brucefield	47 60	157 07	25 00	10 20	370 89
211	Lilly	132 99		66 55		1040 89
212	Argyll	129 73		630 00		126 21
214	Clifford	57 81		6 00		714 87
215	Freestone	98 45		603 75	2 50	819 55
216	Elmira	65 05	1 25	470 26	323 00	1597 75
217	Mount Brydges	750 49				
218	Enterprise					

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
2 00	125 40	35 41	6 15	168 96	151
50 00	166 75	.....	30 00	246 75	152
6 00	188 04	78 50	.....	272 54	153
.....	309 30	110 43	5 40	425 13	154
.....	54 50	.....	46 80	101 30	155
57 00	75 75	7 50	14 75	155 00	156
69 00	179 52	52 90	1 95	303 37	157
50 50	377 80	112 50	3 00	543 80	158
35 00	198 50	.....	12 15	245 65	159
3 00	191 42	.....	21 07	215 49	160
18 00	179 72	49 50	1 40	248 62	161
25 00	282 43	29 10	1 00	337 53	163
63 00	587 62	137 51	234 65	1022 78	164
.....	123 50	30 00	7 10	160 60	165
4 00	55 80	12 42	04	72 26	167
.....	71 00	119 50	.....	190 50	168
.....	34 50	32 00	.....	66 50	169
201 50	206 25	119 03	30	527 08	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
95 00	509 65	191 38	259 12	1057 15	172
226 00	267 35	36 63	17 13	547 11	173
43 00	355 50	29 90	4 15	432 55	174
4 00	27 00	.....	.....	31 0	176
.....	52 00	16 00	.....	68 00	177
.....	139 00	30 00	60 00	229 00	178
.....	183 50	.....	.....	183 50	179
42 58	242 24	55 41	100 00	441 23	180
22 00	247 50	28 58	4 75	302 83	182
.....	70 93	16 29	50	87 72	183
43 00	403 11	217 00	39 00	702 11	184
8 00	43 95	.....	.....	51 95	186
87 00	97 00	2 00	.....	186 00	188
88 00	229 88	660 75	.....	978 63	189
6 00	507 34	132 00	317 36	962 70	190
30 00	87 67	48 50	4 23	170 40	191
11 00	2 40	33 00	50 00	96 40	192
48 00	567 50	86 72	55	702 77	194
21 00	28 00	.....	2 99	49 99	195
30 00	248 50	261 25	.....	539 75	196
8 00	191 50	25 22	14 15	238 87	197
5 00	58 00	49 50	60	113 10	200
73 00	219 16	62 00	3 00	357 16	201
.....	129 88	100 00	.....	229 88	202
21 00	352 85	177 53	4 70	556 08	203
.....	27 50	.....	.....	27 50	204
9 00	352 85	203 20	6 30	571 35	205
49 64	231 06	81 60	.....	362 30	206
18 00	63 37	40 00	.....	121 37	207
35 00	107 50	.....	5 50	148 00	209
.....	58 50	.....	.....	58 50	210
29 00	187 00	21 95	68 70	306 65	211
163 25	156 95	31 55	50	352 25	212
64 00	224 00	28 00	751 00	1067 00	214
.....	82 50	69 47	62 35	214 32	215
31 00	94 00	31 11	6 42	162 53	216
61 25	324 25	34 00	3 50	423 00	217
115 25	356 50	128 40	569 91	1170 06	218

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	64 80			27 07	284 38
220	Woodslee	13 75				40 75
221	Chesley	95 95			60	124 81
223	Hemsall	43 50			50	139 15
224	Ottawa	270 14			72 70	602 97
226	Merlin	44 46			14 00	145 31
227	Sauble	53 52	26 20			97 72
228	International	194 02			3 00	538 00
229	Embro Star	66 65		140 43		313 08
230	Prince of Wales	193 51	56 05		40	352 46
231	Elora	88 54	9 25		14 39	191 18
232	Equity	19 17				58 17
233	Hanover	33 50				33 50
234	Ilderton	69 54				87 54
235	Waterford	182 17				307 49
236	Acorn	68 80				83 80
237	Farmersville	74 74				155 49
239	Stirling	136 62		68 59		445 66
240	Carleton	394 26			3 20	620 67
241	Rideau	355 70	44 25	356 90	30 00	917 64
242	Wilton	203 92			26 34	431 75
243	Thornbury	11 21				67 76
244	Port Arthur	290 57	3 55		5 12	365 99
245	Mallorytown	24 33				70 33
246	Orillia	63 00			9 25	336 25
247	Gordon	132 18		50 50		372 62
248	Campbellford	92 43		75 00		184 43
249	Beaverton	114 54		380 34	13 85	553 73
250	Ridgely	192 15				304 65
251	Bracebridge	114 34			45 90	414 49
252	Floral					
253	Caledonia	278 05		1000 00		1316 05
254	Alba	47 74				223 32
256	Grand Valley	33 34			2 75	62 09
257	Credit	79 12			10 69	303 31
258	Thamesford	37 52		50 00		100 02
259	Lynden	89 57				182 17
260	Meaford	243 55	19 00	1103 91	452 32	2167 63
261	Gold Hill	84 98				89 28
262	Norwood	99 94				180 19
263	East Toronto	91 81		200 00		425 31
264	Fraternity	37 87				37 87
265	Delta	118 47			4 75	490 32
266	Missanabie	74 44	3 30		186 00	459 24
267	Algoma	54 05			3 63	98 55
268	Stanley	176 84	6 70	200 00	25 56	490 65
269	Woodstock	16 75				131 75
270	Lansdowne	166 24			2 85	297 09
271	North Bay	86 94			19 46	289 90
272	Lakeview	44 25			5 00	175 25
273	Hastings	75 42				88 42
274	Midland	79 00			39 00	155 15
275	Fairy					
276	Sheard	55 53			1 85	113 36
277	Lambton	351 10			7 00	505 96
278	Rockville	113 69		59 00	34 50	241 19
279	Grenville					

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	359 64	68 75	8 03	436 42	219
77 00	73 09	.....	.....	150 09	220
36 00	158 25	24 43	14 56	233 24	221
16 00	165 25	57 00	1 75	240 00	223
92 00	369 25	.....	74 33	535 58	224
92 00	123 45	52 19	30	267 94	226
25 00	112 67	27 50	.....	165 17	227
4 00	645 50	161 77	42 59	853 86	228
46 25	91 67	.....	.....	137 92	229
227 00	226 55	88 60	61 50	603 65	230
3 00	187 50	23 69	12 89	227 08	231
.....	10 50	12 00	.....	22 50	232
25 00	18 00	.....	.....	43 00	233
44 00	99 31	67 30	12 10	222 71	234
14 00	246 30	13 90	80	275 00	235
11 00	81 69	7 00	.....	99 69	236
.....	39 50	.....	.....	39 50	237
25 00	276 57	70 80	136 25	508 62	239
266 50	695 90	28 50	103 14	1094 04	240
111 75	521 00	179 65	58 50	870 90	241
75 00	420 07	.....	22 63	517 70	242
12 50	80 80	30 69	.....	123 99	243
62 50	255 60	79 00	66 60	463 70	244
.....	171 00	53 70	.....	224 70	245
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246
33 00	247 72	86 50	7 40	374 62	247
.....	221 30	.....	176 15	397 45	248
33 00	196 00	30 55	.....	259 55	249
10 00	150 25	157 50	25 75	343 50	250
60 00	194 56	88 66	204 31	547 53	251
237 75	315 85	16 51	1 00	571 11	252
.....	28 50	.....	.....	28 50	253
.....	119 00	80 40	.....	199 40	254
12 00	75 00	.....	2 25	89 25	256
.....	77 50	.....	2 00	79 50	257
13 00	331 00	98 26	115 50	557 75	258
6 00	99 30	24 00	5 22	134 52	259
22 00	131 41	24 00	20 29	197 70	260
62 00	369 50	615 00	2066 15	3112 65	261
4 00	81 44	.....	83	86 27	262
10 00	178 14	102 50	.....	290 64	263
15 00	203 00	82 27	.....	300 27	264
13 00	62 70	27 50	.....	103 20	265
16 00	172 00	136 67	.....	324 67	266
16 00	246 25	30 00	80	289 55	267
37 00	69 50	1 25	50	108 35	268
115 00	334 73	39 56	9 00	498 29	269
.....	121 50	13 94	.....	135 44	270
21 00	226 10	35 00	75	282 85	271
74 00	174 50	.....	10 45	258 95	272
16 00	136 15	28 68	1 05	181 88	273
.....	39 50	.....	.....	39 50	274
54 00	54 08	24 50	.....	132 58	275
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276
44 00	217 25	9 00	80	271 05	277
73 00	431 00	17 01	6 75	527 76	278
45 00	206 50	50 00	2 85	304 35	279

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	98 79		75 00	2 25	189 29
281	Arthur	165 52	7 00	16 50	1 00	294 50
282	Sudbury	149 73	141 40		53 00	400 13
283	Earnscliffe	84 25			139 86	334 11
284	Lyn	31 50				78 50
285	Morewood	39 49			2 96	120 45
286	Royal	84 98	2 00	32 03	44 50	254 51
287	Ripley	72 45		220 00	2 54	2316 80
288	Chesterville	28 50			1 20	29 70
289	Glanworth	39 25				54 25
290	Tweed	92 55			14 33	230 88
291	Rodney	49 42	1 50		10 00	172 82
292	Minnetonka	82 95			69 50	312 60
293	Thomasburg	72 42			5 00	89 42
294	Broadview	163 13			2 50	472 98
295	Manotick	30 78			7 91	44 69
296	Pontypool	52 73			1 54	195 80
297	Mayflower	11 70			21 43	127 38
298	Comber	150 55			8 35	248 90
299	Cornucopia	23 75		100 00	14 68	188 93
300	Bobcaygeon	42 70				42 70
301	Plattsville	38 40				86 40
302	Aberdeen	28 25			7 51	45 76
303	Fellowship	39 85		34 43	5 05	115 33
304	Star	40 37	3 34		62 00	241 21
305	Valentine	68 02				173 02
306	Athena	61 26			46 00	153 76
307	Princeton	73 45			1 25	104 70
308	Millbrook	122 43			82 00	226 43
309	Harrow	80 34			8 52	88 86
310	Shedden	40 46				76 46
311	Zeta	60 10				84 10
312	Spirit Rock	75 35			26 90	135 25
313	Electric City	71 48	10 00		2 04	217 50
314	Prospect	137 81		48 19	13 91	720 71
315	Mountain	26 88				65 88
316	Britain	26 50				44 50
317	Laurentian	34 63				57 63
318	Bervie	66 17	75		10 00	82 92
319	Webbwood	71 58				102 92
320	Geneva	59 64			23 15	91 79
321	Hespeler	62 22	12 88		41 33	116 43
322	Central	166 16		250 00	28 16	894 72
323	Liberty	58 98				106 98
324	Ontario	45 43			14 14	173 00
325	Southampton	24 60			1 50	41 10
326	Strathcona	88 00	10 92		6 75	128 17
327	Saugeen	33 40	74 34			122 74
328	Underwood	64 04				64 01
329	Prosperity	4 55	1 25			5 80
330	Wheatley	179 46		28 80	67 60	275 86
145	Riverside	82 17	55 49			185 66
208	Alvinston	20 25		200 00	3 00	302 25
225	Norfolk	90 54			17 18	180 44
198	Britannia	40 28			4 00	81 28
331	Maxville				54 63	54 63
		3341 7 11	3097 35	3765 62	9566 37	133292 33

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
36 50	164 80	.....	2 20	203 50	280
23 00	149 45	92 00	.....	263 45	281
188 50	247 00	12 00	53 00	500 50	282
27 00	312 00	.....	6 25	345 25	283
7 00	87 00	.....	.....	94 00	284
63 00	78 00	.....	60	142 40	285
68 75	167 75	.....	44 50	281 00	286
36 00	200 58	59 50	107 05	403 13	287
24 00	42 25	23 75	30	90 30	288
.....	99 25	.....	10 70	109 95	289
.....	107 00	20 00	9 75	136 75	290
12 00	138 59	.....	1 00	151 59	291
51 00	204 00	81 35	25 10	361 45	292
12 00	137 25	41 95	93	192 13	294
61 00	454 65	30 03	.....	545 68	294
16 00	59 28	.....	4 48	79 76	295
181 00	134 79	.....	30	316 09	296
42 50	111 50	.....	2 06	156 06	297
78 00	99 00	.....	10 90	187 90	298
.....	122 25	.....	10 00	132 25	299
.....	90 00	.....	.....	90 00	300
.....	74 00	.....	10 30	84 30	301
11 00	41 00	.....	.....	52 00	302
33 00	103 50	.....	1 00	137 50	303
51 00	208 15	.....	62 00	321 15	304
12 00	99 00	5 49	.....	116 49	305
67 50	145 60	.....	10 25	223 35	306
30 00	101 50	20 00	7 20	158 70	307
95 00	293 05	21 35	94 50	503 90	308
9 00	146 00	11 68	.....	166 68	309
16 00	65 00	2 69	50	84 19	310
11 00	175 50	12 95	.....	199 45	311
68 00	138 75	19 00	.....	225 75	312
13 00	124 83	.....	.....	137 83	313
95 00	471 20	48 19	153 50	767 89	314
31 00	91 00	3 97	42 40	168 37	315
.....	152 75	.....	67	153 50	316
5 00	46 35	.....	.....	51 35	317
91 00	124 00	2 00	.....	217 00	318
31 00	92 00	4 00	1 00	128 00	319
7 00	119 60	18 00	.....	144 60	320
40 00	121 50	12 50	43 59	217 59	321
144 00	497 16	34 81	1 00	676 97	322
14 00	146 85	6 20	.....	167 05	323
19 00	115 00	1 00	7 77	142 77	324
17 00	36 50	.....	.....	53 50	325
52 00	155 00	.....	.....	207 00	326
99 00	114 29	.....	17 20	200 49	327
33 00	131 50	.....	.....	146 50	328
24 00	39 59	.....	.....	63 59	329
381 00	45 00	.....	1 00	427 00	330
6 00	174 00	.....	16 10	196 10	146
91 00	.....	.....	.....	91 00	308
23 00	213 10	50 55	.....	286 65	225
18 00	120 54	7 82	.....	146 36	198
143 00	.....	.....	.....	143 00	331
18343 22	70428 55	20305 07	22300 87	126377 71	

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	ASSETS—HOW INVESTED. Cash in Bank or in Treasurer's Hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	404 82	5480 94	425 00	900 00	300 00
10	Cataraqui	3153 36	4133 01		1356 91	605 65
13	Otonabee	2427 65			800 00	
16	Union	1111 52	5465 30	12080 00	1717 35	245 25
22	Phoenix	1585 83			900 00	213 28
28	Rose			3150 00	1125 50	123 00
29	Chatham	302 18	5825 00	6025 00	1083 00	406 91
30	Eureka			11881 00	1000 00	81 00
32	Elgin	362 68	5315 42	100 00	950 00	285 50
33	Erie	205 52		800 00	250 00	
34	Gore	763 56	16919 10	1216 46		709 30
35	Samaritan	744 41		6000 00	2173 15	
36	St. Mary's	20 19		4500 00	300 00	37 00
38	Forest City	205 11	1420 00	11881 00	1020 00	88 60
40	Rond Eau	1876 00	481 73		1541 75	154 28
41	Avon	249 56		20069 55	2319 31	508 05
44	Excelsior	1071 24			288 33	
45	Frontier	44 98		11200 00	1870 00	
46	Mount Zion	520 89		1100 00	175 00	
47	Unity	455 37	3500 00	6870 00	865 00	196 75
48	Dominion	1990 48	1550 00	12000 00	946 21	21 00
49	Canada	46 38		6145 00	100 00	662 75
50	Otter	243 14		7000 00	1000 00	273 18
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	252 32	10692 07	103 16	30 00	269 36
53	Niagara Falls	2623 03	1833 97		1000 00	89 83
54	Collingwood	1518 85	2310 00	6902 17	2150 00	110 00
55	Fidelity	388 99		445 00	200 00	
56	Queen City	1301 30	5000 00		69 98	344 57
57	Maple Leaf	186 76	1100 00		815 00	65 00
58	Howard	3850 33	4250 00	2400 00	1000 00	173 60
59	Kingston	3052 67		180 00		426 40
61	Corinthian	2731 84	5250 00		1570 25	469 05
62	Huron	1465 60	3700 00		809 72	160 00
63	Barrie	1017 81			900 00	146 17
64	Victoria	2449 00			591 98	24 80
65	Friendship	140 37		14000 00	1400 00	
66	Florence Nightingale	1130 59	839 65	4085 92	1170 00	74 50
67	Exeter	133 93	1255 00	3000 00	200 00	
68	North Star	459 96				
69	Hope	3395 21		900 00	400 00	
70	Lucan	1524 45	944 00		300 00	
71	The Toronto	2600 30		554 74	155 97	128 02
72	Eastern Star	76 99			1000 00	250 00
73	Fergus	285 89	4798 83		483 98	
74	Bothwell	492 02			550 00	154 07
75	Warriner	881 93		300 00	300 00	97 75
76	St. Thomas	573 74	11425 00	150 00	1000 00	534 12
77	Oxford	250 88			200 00	
78	Durham	492 96	5450 00	50 00	2000 00	165 00
79	Nipissing	1488 99			500 00	135 48
80	Amity	4537 61	1000 00		2597 60	117 50
81	Belleville	4411 13		200 00	4316 00	427 55
82	Beaver	355 27		2500 00	700 00	
83	Clinton	598 33			565 00	107 60
84	Walkerton	761 24	2800 00		600 00	168 59
85	Constellation	1256 00	1450 00	700 00	200 00	65 00

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	7510 76	.....	.....	.....	7510 76	9
.....	117 75	9024 18	.....	107 00	.....	9131 18	10
.....	.....	3080 11	.....	147 54	.....	3227 65	13
.....	62 00	20122 72	434 70	.....	.....	20557 42	16
.....	191 08	2508 03	.....	.....	.....	2508 03	22
.....	85 20	4260 80	.....	52 50	.....	4313 30	28
.....	174 82	13065 23	373 00	29 04	.....	13457 27	29
3333 33	746 95	8881 72	.....	.....	.....	8881 72	30
.....	178 95	6799 85	.....	35 00	.....	6834 85	32
.....	.....	1005 52	250 00	.....	.....	1255 52	33
.....	39 56	18556 97	603 82	407 97	.....	19568 76	34
.....	.....	8917 56	.....	.....	.....	8917 56	35
4000 00	151 00	691 59	.....	14 60	.....	706 19	36
3333 33	99 40	11030 68	.....	135 45	15 85	11181 98	38
.....	71 71	3982 05	.....	.....	.....	3982 05	40
8000 00	200 00	14793 04	.....	153 43	.....	14946 47	41
.....	.....	939 94	397 80	32 33	.....	1359 57	44
3527 53	50 00	9537 45	.....	.....	.....	9537 45	45
.....	.....	1795 89	.....	.....	.....	1795 89	46
.....	1053 25	6861 33	3909 11	662 93	.....	10833 87	47
3333 33	27 06	13090 52	.....	56 84	.....	13147 36	48
.....	534 50	5312 58	554 45	552 60	.....	6419 63	49
.....	511 66	7555 03	448 01	6 68	.....	8009 72	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
1500 00	78 23	9768 61	.....	.....	.....	9768 61	52
.....	.....	5374 67	.....	122 16	.....	5496 83	53
3500 00	.....	9458 08	.....	32 94	.....	19491 02	54
.....	.....	5038 99	.....	.....	.....	5038 99	55
.....	121 00	6502 22	.....	92 24	.....	6594 46	56
.....	.....	1710 63	439 39	16 74	.....	2166 76	57
.....	.....	11660 93	.....	18 00	.....	11678 93	58
.....	113 00	3516 07	.....	.....	.....	3516 07	59
.....	154 42	9641 46	.....	225 26	.....	9866 72	61
.....	9 00	2701 91	3424 41	.....	.....	6126 32	62
.....	.....	2063 98	.....	.....	.....	2063 98	63
.....	22 00	2377 24	623 73	42 81	.....	3043 78	64
2000 00	990 00	12550 57	.....	.....	.....	12550 57	65
.....	23 50	7226 36	.....	50 80	.....	7277 16	66
.....	.....	4588 93	.....	.....	.....	4588 93	67
.....	.....	459 96	.....	.....	.....	459 96	68
.....	.....	4057 87	637 34	.....	.....	4695 21	69
.....	.....	2768 45	.....	.....	.....	2768 45	70
.....	66 50	2484 82	.....	887 71	.....	3372 53	71
.....	.....	1326 99	.....	.....	.....	1326 99	72
.....	.....	5568 70	.....	.....	.....	5568 70	73
.....	59 40	1128 59	.....	8 10	.....	1136 69	74
.....	19 00	1390 68	.....	150 00	.....	1540 68	75
.....	431 65	12870 79	.....	380 42	.....	13251 21	76
.....	.....	450 88	.....	.....	.....	450 88	77
.....	.....	8157 96	.....	.....	.....	8157 96	78
.....	11 69	2112 78	.....	.....	.....	2112 78	79
.....	91 50	6542 07	1539 92	79 25	.....	8161 24	80
.....	264 38	6689 07	2401 23	.....	.....	9090 30	81
.....	.....	3555 27	.....	.....	.....	3555 27	82
.....	23 83	1247 10	.....	.....	.....	1247 10	83
.....	45 65	4268 32	.....	15 86	.....	4284 18	84
350 00	93 99	2509 01	718 00	.....	.....	3227 01	85

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	458 39	2000 00		2879 50	88 80
87	Empire	3881 61	1300 00		1696 14	109 70
88	Olive Branch	79 79	2700 00		927 55	199 33
89	Reliance	175 55	5500 00	24 00	1400 00	215 00
90	Ivy	143 51	3875 00		500 00	168 51
91	Grand River	652 05	3025 00	50 00	500 00	164 54
92	Milton	989 11			609 00	25 25
93	Western City	847 18	2100 00	25 00	361 61	170 60
94	Aylmer	2699 29	3800 00		1500 00	
96	Nith	57 94	3500 00		875 00	185 67
97	Grand Union	1475 16	950 00		890 00	188 85
98	Minto	176 71		5128 00	478 00	25 25
100	Lindsay	272 61	3553 28		1152 37	190 25
101	Golden Star	957 56	1550 00		352 32	105 75
102	Deseronto	2715 93			1800 00	
103	Cataract	695 16	296 00		649 75	187 62
104	Crescent	2612 12		6870 00	760 50	143 25
105	Manilla	496 43		650 00	300 00	
106	St. Clair	2133 15	5000 00	500 00		
107	Waterloo	234 0	11875 00		2900 00	
108	Royal Oak	714 70	2950 00		700 00	152 85
109	Orion	54 21	2950 00	5 00	600 0	
110	Laurel	1757 09			433 10	228 50
111	Peterborough	7699 39		40 00	1100 00	405 74
112	Lucknow	475 32	4328 52		1100 00	
113	Trenton	1916 68			750 00	181 83
114	Gananoque	2444 14	5283 00		2000 00	120 00
115	Harmony	407 24	8500 00		2428 47	
116	Naomi	363 05		612 00	334 51	108 50
117	Valley City	5716 88	2800 00	645 00	1640 50	
119	Maitland	674 08	2500 00		450 00	262 76
120	Sydenham Valley	745 60		10000 00	1474 00	319 18
121	Saxon	1014 27	1770 00		620 00	66 02
122	Streetsville	88 51		4500 00	700 00	
124	Dresden	1171 87		6297 09	1140 21	142 65
125	Stella	2233 54			800 00	91 50
126	Sarnia	351 55	1888 37			137 15
127	Mizpah	2061 46			1561 52	176 71
129	Charity	782 05			364 90	132 70
130	Livingstone	440 40			1000 00	117 50
131	Marion	251 00	3000 00		1197 94	208 12
132	Oakville	66 50		3302 55	600 00	146 18
133	Glencoe	1504 13			625 00	
134	Orient	296 66			381 81	
135	Peaceful Dawn	2300 21			900 00	
136	Cobourg	1139 38			2300-00	400 00
137	St. Lawrence	1515 65	1400 00	425 00	650 00	130 50
138	Ancaster	1689 80			250 00	55 50
139	Garnet	86 86	1200 00		330 00	184 00
140	Leamington	740 26		1000 00	1371 44	134 00
142	Concord	13 86		3900 00	500 00	
143	Bay of Quinte	5060 01			1555 93	121 87
144	Ridgetown	1727 50	600 00		1275 00	166 22
146	Vivian	156 94	1950 00		900 00	214 25
147	Model	1679 20		8 00	300 00	31 50
148	Aurora	129 19		4320 00	308 00	156 85
149	Western Star	547 60			724 50	

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	7 50	4311 25	886 81	221 13	.....	5419 19	86
.....	41 15	5240 39	.....	1705 91	.....	6946 30	87
.....	.....	3906 67	.....	.....	.....	3906 67	88
.....	30 00	7222 20	.....	62 35	.....	7284 55	89
.....	16 27	4670 75	.....	.....	.....	4670 75	90
.....	576 73	784 81	3191 33	38 72	.....	4014 86	91
.....	.....	1623 36	.....	.....	.....	1623 36	92
.....	83 50	3420 89	.....	.....	.....	3420 89	93
.....	31 46	7713 81	.....	54 02	.....	7767 83	94
.....	24 75	4586 76	.....	7 10	.....	4593 86	96
.....	130 01	2583 74	.....	790 26	.....	3374 00	97
2000 00	523 00	3269 29	.....	15 67	.....	3284 96	98
.....	74 40	5021 65	.....	72 46	.....	5094 11	100
.....	120 00	2211 23	633 40	1 00	.....	2845 63	101
.....	.....	3795 25	720 68	.....	.....	4515 93	102
.....	.....	1798 53	.....	.....	.....	1798 53	103
.....	95 40	8113 02	2130 00	47 45	.....	10290 47	104
.....	.....	1446 43	.....	.....	.....	1446 43	105
.....	.....	7633 15	.....	.....	.....	7633 15	106
.....	30 50	14553 42	382 00	73 58	.....	15 09 00	107
.....	.....	4487 05	.....	.....	.....	4487 05	108
.....	208 50	3609 21	.....	.....	.....	3609 21	109
.....	73 39	1769 42	.....	440 77	.....	2210 19	110
.....	.....	9139 68	.....	.....	.....	9139 68	111
.....	75 50	5903 84	.....	.....	.....	5903 84	112
.....	50 00	1882 33	150 00	40 63	.....	2072 96	113
.....	.....	9611 35	.....	185 79	.....	9797 14	114
.....	.....	6785 83	4152 73	397 15	.....	11335 71	115
.....	.....	1418 06	.....	.....	.....	1418 06	116
.....	17 00	4811 54	5888 95	1 89	.....	10702 38	117
2400 00	410 00	3869 84	.....	.....	.....	3869 84	119
.....	23 45	9728 78	.....	.....	.....	9728 78	120
.....	.....	3446 84	.....	.....	.....	3446 84	121
.....	24 35	5288 51	.....	.....	.....	5288 51	122
.....	68 25	8119 63	544 25	63 59	.....	8727 47	124
.....	.....	2614 79	415 00	27 00	.....	3056 79	125
.....	50 35	2377 07	.....	.....	.....	2377 07	126
.....	.....	3619 66	.....	129 68	.....	3749 34	127
.....	.....	1279 65	.....	.....	.....	1279 65	129
.....	35 90	1557 90	.....	.....	.....	1557 90	130
950 00	312 45	4500 89	.....	120 27	.....	4621 16	131
.....	.....	1966 28	844 10	12 40	.....	2822 78	132
.....	.....	1104 22	1221 19	72	.....	2329 13	133
.....	.....	678 47	.....	.....	.....	678 47	134
.....	75 00	2455 21	745 00	.....	.....	3200 21	135
.....	52 00	3764 38	.....	.....	.....	3764 38	136
.....	25 50	4004 72	.....	64 43	.....	4069 15	137
.....	.....	1967 88	.....	1 92	.....	1969 80	138
.....	.....	1800 86	.....	.....	.....	1800 86	139
.....	.....	3245 70	.....	.....	.....	3245 70	140
.....	31 11	4132 86	.....	.....	.....	4132 86	142
.....	25 75	4221 07	2448 30	124 56	.....	6706 70	143
.....	33 50	3187 69	444 00	77 90	.....	3742 97	144
.....	18 00	1252 96	747 74	.....	.....	3187 69	146
870 00	93 35	3213 81	689 08	47 80	.....	2000 70	147
.....	.....	1270 60	.....	1 50	.....	1950 69	148
						1272 10	149

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Assets—How Invested. Cash in Bank or in Treasurer's Hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
151	Sycamore	1214 76	610 00	700 00		62 00
152	Hayden	591 77	850 00		530 00	69 80
153	Wildey	1234 53	1260 00	1575 00	200 00	190 90
154	Alpha	58 14	2522 00		1500 00	
155	Brougham	982 14			150 00	13 83
156	Pyramid	315 13	382 45		600 00	
157	Thamesville	1215 12	464 75		625 00	166 09
158	Progress	590 22	4500 00		1000 00	212 50
159	Oak Leaf	1477 84		45 00	250 00	80 50
160	Listowel	2083 13		16 00	1000 00	144 85
161	Simcoe	981 20		7700 00	750 00	30 73
163	Oriental	905 32			1000 00	32 50
164	Romeo	851 87	3303 00	66 00	581 95	
165	Beethoven	1107 29			825 00	26 50
167	Hillsburg	8 01		700 00	100 00	
168	Sutton	74 65		4264 88	140 00	60 50
169	Grey	390 35	200 00	140 00	200 00	65 75
170	Denovo	347 19	1600 00		400 00	137 50
171	Alliston				2037 08	96 54
172	Penetangore	1804 38	2875 88		370 00	261 91
173	Emerald	2354 19		1100 00	450 00	20 50
174	Dalman	2147 80			135 00	21 00
176	Dauncey	514 08			400 00	309 00
177	Montana	1017 28			120 00	
178	Wellington Square	488 61	2300 00		1361 86	780 00
179	Madoc	2536 26				91 00
180	Owen Sound	2685 39	400 00		252 84	63 50
182	Tecumseh	794 83	400 00	1000 00	140 00	19 25
183	Teeswater	820 32			636 54	441 29
184	Germania	705 47		7000 00		
186	Dufferin	101 79			400 00	
188	Cambridge	791 54		800 00	1461 80	
189	Parry Sound	53 61	425 00	15936 00	394 00	149 23
190	Chorazin	116 84		5222 60	1064 26	21 43
191	Jarvis	964 45	1100 00		40 00	
192	Howick		600 00		345 54	243 35
194	Albert	859 35	3600 00			
195	Cicerone	396 88			760 00	
196	Florence	1887 43	2700 00		231 00	195 50
197	Minerva	956 27		45 00	250 00	116 50
200	Weston	78 94		1500 00	822 80	217 48
201	Beacon	1049 39		1980 00	300 00	
202	Silver Star	708 47	2000 00		1400 50	302 80
203	Pembroke	1210 22	3584 74		150 00	
204	Acton	2 65	298 75		748 00	62 00
205	Ahiram	785 89	1422 00	3800 00	500 00	158 23
206	Silver City	191 14	760 00		100 00	
207	Egremont	636 63		425 00	100 00	24 50
209	Millbank	1735 44			200 00	
210	Brucefield	1058 16		675 00	376 20	
211	Lilly	1009 27			1806 60	147 55
212	Argyle	1099 11	2000 00		200 00	
214	Clifford	439 36	3105 00		500 00	65 00
215	Freestone	2052 99	800 00		546 08	129 55
216	Elmira	659 75	600 00		308 50	189 30
217	Mount Brydges	707 59	603 75	4152 82	836 11	365 00
218	Enterprise	87 13		6446 25		

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	2586 76	.....	.....	.....	2586 76	151
.....	83 25	1958 32	.....	.....	.....	1958 32	152
.....	.....	4460 43	.....	.....	.....	4460 43	153
.....	.....	2191 78	1472 36	416 00	.....	4080 14	154
.....	.....	1156 27	.....	.....	.....	1156 27	155
.....	.....	1297 58	.....	.....	.....	1297 58	156
.....	91 12	2379 84	.....	.....	.....	2379 84	157
.....	47 00	6255 72	.....	.....	.....	6255 72	158
.....	.....	1830 08	33 26	.....	.....	1863 34	159
.....	74 62	2926 80	223 25	19 31	.....	3169 36	160
5000 00	.....	3450 00	281 20	30 73	.....	3761 93	161
.....	13 25	1924 57	.....	.....	.....	1924 57	163
.....	.....	4686 39	.....	73 93	39 50	4799 82	164
.....	60 00	1389 06	.....	9 73	.....	1398 79	165
.....	50 00	758 01	.....	.....	.....	758 01	167
700 00	32 50	3807 53	.....	.....	.....	3807 53	168
.....	.....	996 10	.....	.....	.....	996 10	169
.....	17 55	2465 17	.....	1 97	.....	2467 14	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
.....	123 80	6583 91	.....	106 14	.....	6690 05	172
.....	.....	4086 10	.....	.....	.....	4086 10	173
.....	114 35	2503 35	.....	60	.....	2503 95	174
.....	10 50	659 58	.....	.....	.....	659 58	176
.....	.....	1726 28	.....	.....	.....	1726 28	177
.....	.....	2908 61	.....	.....	.....	2908 61	178
.....	.....	4678 12	.....	.....	.....	4678 12	179
.....	28 09	3151 30	.....	.....	.....	3151 30	180
.....	.....	2510 57	.....	.....	.....	2510 57	182
.....	.....	977 82	.....	1 75	.....	979 57	183
2700 00	445 41	5637 89	.....	.....	.....	5637 89	184
.....	.....	101 79	.....	.....	.....	101 79	186
.....	.....	1991 54	.....	.....	.....	1991 54	188
1400 00	.....	15576 41	.....	.....	.....	15576 41	189
1000 00	12 77	4757 15	.....	112 80	.....	4869 95	190
.....	3 50	2428 01	718 66	.....	.....	3146 67	191
.....	.....	640 00	.....	.....	.....	640 00	192
.....	222 95	2675 79	1313 37	836 13	.....	4825 29	194
.....	.....	396 88	.....	.....	.....	396 88	195
.....	.....	5347 43	.....	.....	.....	5347 43	196
.....	14 00	452 81	939 82	21 14	.....	1413 77	197
300 00	33 00	1136 05	476 39	.....	.....	1612 44	200
636 00	88 74	2801 93	543 00	.....	.....	3344 93	201
.....	.....	3008 47	.....	.....	.....	3008 47	202
.....	.....	2795 17	3694 98	7 11	.....	6498 26	203
.....	.....	451 40	.....	.....	.....	451 40	204
.....	28 00	6787 89	.....	.....	.....	6787 89	205
.....	48 55	1560 82	.....	.....	.....	1560 82	206
.....	.....	1161 63	.....	.....	.....	1161 63	207
.....	.....	1784 00	.....	75 94	.....	1859 94	209
.....	.....	1258 16	.....	.....	.....	1258 16	210
.....	.....	2060 47	.....	.....	.....	2060 47	211
.....	18 80	4085 52	924 11	24 83	.....	5034 46	212
.....	.....	3834 36	.....	.....	.....	3834 36	214
.....	.....	2313 33	1104 66	.....	.....	3417 99	215
.....	.....	3009 33	.....	.....	.....	3009 33	216
.....	34 10	5927 91	.....	.....	.....	5927 91	217
3850 00	52 35	3832 14	.....	.....	.....	3832 14	218

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	170 63		1400 00	500 00	136 00
220	Woodslee	201 16	100 00	600 00	250 00	100 25
221	Chesley	568 30			675 00	123 00
223	Hensall	1360 84		1400 00	335 00	
224	Ottawa	2700 42			600 00	
226	Merlin	254 89	600 00	1500 00	160 00	74 50
227	Sauble	385 79			400 00	127 50
228	International	3710 59		4287 58	1395 22	160 15
229	Embro Star	873 42			300 00	25 00
230	Prince of Wales	1310 23			316 53	192 70
231	Elora	1156 69			940 00	40 00
232	Equity	349 99			450 00	
233	Hanover	80 09			120 00	79 50
234	Ilderton	540 50	800 00	1748 51	287 01	
235	Waterford	1130 96			1100 00	39 20
236	Acorn	793 70		140 00		
237	Farmersville	51 84	200 00		350 00	
239	Stirling	614 46	2845 00		1183 76	534 12
240	Carleton	2648 92			2100 00	
241	Rideau	616 33	3200 00		1852 42	750 00
242	Wilton	1838 93			143 57	
243	Thornbury	604 79			125 00	50 00
244	Port Arthur	1148 28	1025 00		1600 00	233 40
245	Mallorytown	200 36	1007 25	500 00	542 25	
246	Orillia					
247	Gordon	528 40	1000 00		418 40	
248	Campbellford	443 74	2207 50		1000 00	306 50
249	Beaverton	672 80	1130 00		625 00	100 00
250	Ridgely	1093 71		3550 00	584 58	144 90
251	Bracebridge	354 04	1585 00	25 00	500 00	145 72
252	Floral	1406 13			440 80	109 50
253	Caledonia	396 16			150 00	
254	Alba	971 07		1000 00	250 00	106 08
256	Grand Valley	453 88			214 29	29 00
257	Credit	985 44			273 86	39 00
258	Thamesford	2762 63	435 00		1133 92	98 50
259	Lynden	852 97	350 00		251 23	
260	Meaford	1216 08			504 00	148 37
261	Gold Hill	1229 70		7000 00	1500 00	554 00
262	Norwood	260 14			400 00	
263	East Toronto	279 94			200 00	133 05
264	Fraternity	1001 86	1246 00		575 00	24 50
265	Delta	422 36				
266	Missanabie	1461 14	600 00	100 00	941 70	113 26
267	Algoma	1332 61	150 00	135 00	634 43	275 10
268	Stanley	570 46			327 48	43 00
269	Woodstock	1261 53			730 00	219 36
270	Lansdowne	953 47			600 00	352 44
271	North Bay	694 38	400 00	10 00	1000 00	
272	Lakeview	632 04			117 00	
273	Hastings	758 33			413 32	54 70
274	Midland	311 27			637 75	
275	Fairy	528 94		378 25	248 23	182 25
276	Sheard					
277	Lambton	514 42	1203 20		232 00	104 90
278	Rockliffe	1544 23			855 46	457 25
279	Grenville	248 31		2700 00	364 46	

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	64 64	3582 06	.....	90 93	.....	3672 99	219
150 00	.....	1101 40	.....	.....	.....	1101 40	220
.....	150 00	1362 80	.....	.....	.....	1362 80	221
.....	.....	3095 84	.....	.....	.....	3095 84	223
.....	28 00	2023 36	1277 06	.....	.....	3300 42	224
.....	.....	2537 90	.....	23 49	.....	2561 39	226
.....	.....	893 29	.....	.....	.....	893 29	227
.....	32 60	8831 64	670 71	18 59	.....	9530 94	228
.....	18 00	1180 42	.....	.....	.....	1180 42	229
.....	4 80	1814 66	.....	.....	.....	1814 66	230
.....	30 00	2098 35	.....	28 34	.....	2126 69	231
.....	.....	799 99	.....	.....	.....	799 99	232
.....	18 00	261 59	.....	.....	.....	261 59	233
.....	2 73	3203 38	150 00	.....	.....	3353 38	234
.....	34 50	2203 95	.....	31 71	.....	2235 66	235
.....	.....	933 70	.....	.....	.....	933 70	236
.....	.....	601 84	.....	.....	.....	601 84	237
.....	.....	5149 81	.....	17 53	.....	5167 34	239
.....	.....	4748 92	.....	.....	.....	4748 92	240
.....	.....	4660 41	1757 37	97	.....	6418 75	241
.....	.....	1255 45	717 51	9 54	.....	1982 50	242
.....	.....	779 79	.....	.....	.....	779 79	243
.....	63 75	3942 93	.....	.....	.....	3942 93	244
.....	.....	2162 50	.....	87 39	.....	2249 89	245
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246
.....	.....	1939 40	.....	7 40	.....	1946 80	247
.....	10 40	3530 45	.....	416 89	.....	3947 34	248
.....	25 50	1315 55	884 11	302 64	.....	2502 30	249
200 00	28 85	5107 43	.....	36 91	.....	5144 34	250
.....	5 35	1194 06	1369 69	40 66	.....	2604 41	251
.....	30 10	1851 82	.....	74 51	.....	1926 33	252
.....	.....	546 16	.....	.....	.....	546 16	253
.....	16 00	1840 13	340 08	130 94	.....	2311 15	254
.....	5 50	196 63	359 85	134 90	.....	691 38	256
.....	6 50	1250 25	.....	41 55	.....	1291 80	257
.....	42 00	3852 78	520 69	14 58	.....	4388 05	258
.....	.....	1446 82	.....	7 38	.....	1454 20	259
.....	27 19	1808 56	.....	32 68	.....	1841 24	260
1200 00	205 00	8478 26	.....	8 44	410 00	8896 70	261
.....	.....	659 31	.....	83	.....	660 14	262
.....	.....	573 47	21 93	17 29	.....	612 69	263
.....	27 00	2208 36	584 68	27 30	.....	2820 36	264
.....	.....	422 36	.....	.....	.....	422 36	265
.....	38 00	3177 45	.....	65	.....	3178 10	266
.....	127 14	2400 00	.....	.....	.....	2400 00	267
.....	9 00	931 92	.....	.....	.....	931 92	268
.....	30 52	2230 37	.....	.....	.....	2230 37	269
.....	34 50	1410 53	235 18	25 70	.....	1671 41	270
.....	.....	2104 38	.....	.....	.....	2104 38	271
.....	.....	749 04	.....	.....	.....	749 04	272
.....	22 55	1203 85	.....	.....	.....	1203 85	273
.....	.....	949 02	.....	.....	.....	949 02	274
.....	75 66	619 18	442 83	.....	.....	1062 01	275
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276
.....	3 00	2088 58	.....	14 94	.....	2103 52	277
.....	36 50	2818 74	.....	1 89	.....	2820 63	278
146 50	200 00	2966 27	.....	.....	.....	2966 27	279

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Assets—How Invested. Cash in Bank or in Treasurer's Hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	935 15			608 46	99 60
281	Arthur	1262 13			550 00	169 00
282	Sudbury	855 37			1000 00	105 00
283	Earnscliffe	1337 79			250 00	195 25
284	Lyn	253 92		200 00	100 00	
285	Morewood	215 88		550 00	175 00	244 95
286	Royal	229 79			460 58	102 50
287	Ripley	151 83	2200 00		441 00	186 75
288	Chesterville	616 45			388 25	66 00
289	Glenworth	730 46			97 50	10 70
290	Tweed	466 94			723 17	204 75
291	Rodney	695 85			266 05	67 22
292	Minnetonka	278 21		1706 00	950 00	101 00
293	Thomasburg	1458 25			639 09	
294	Broadview	2243 86			958 47	123 94
295	Manotick	141 16			159 76	149 78
296	Pontypool	677 74			250 00	93 54
297	Mayflower	175 17		900 00	267 57	36 32
298	Comber	423 81			425 00	221 00
299	Cornucopia	37 25		1100 00	600 00	296 25
300	Bobcaygeon	752 72		113 00		103 00
301	Plattsville	324 41			193 78	58 50
302	Aberdeen	315 70			240 28	44 10
303	Fellowship	316 69			343 78	47 50
304	Star	1147 90			148 48	1 48
305	Valentine	227 72			300 00	22 50
306	Athana	349 53			288 90	80 75
307	Princeton	336 53	400 00		145 00	42 80
308	Millbrook	1413 17			400 00	119 33
309	Harrow	605 58			262 32	
310	Shedden	288 12			180 03	48 10
311	Zeta	661 01			784 85	100 85
312	Spirit Rock	503 56			274 93	154 00
313	Electric City	309 92			163 00	97 19
314	Prospect	1507 41			225 00	245 02
315	Mountain	370 97			180 00	69 00
316	Britain	376 44	450 00		39 15	9 00
317	Laurentian	137 66			239 00	141 00
318	Berire	498 98			153 29	66 00
319	Webbwood	449 17			183 62	261 25
320	Geneva	88 16			500 00	67 30
321	Espeler	455 99			267 00	9 00
322	Central	1001 17			118 80	210 14
323	Liberty	459 14			234 00	24 85
324	Ontario	89 98				63 20
325	Southampton	124 23			425 00	11 50
326	Strathcona	84 76			274 34	24 75
327	Saugeen	156 81			284 82	18 00
328	Underwood	220 15			10 22	31 50
329	Prosperity	113 12			82 25	69 00
330	Wheatley	151 14			622 96	49 50
145	Riverside	496 07			38 00	84 50
206	Alvinston	18 08	200 00		325 00	101 75
225	Norfolk	490 55			187 37	45 85
198	Britannia	564 83				
331	Maxville	88 37				

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$	
.....	114 10	1195 53	333 52	.....	.....	1529 11	280
.....	28 00	1904 91	48 22	.....	.....	1953 13	281
.....	.....	1959 57	.....	.....	.....	1959 57	282
.....	26 50	2256 54	.....	.....	.....	2256 54	283
.....	.....	552 92	.....	.....	.....	552 92	284
.....	3 90	1185 93	.....	.....	.....	1185 93	285
.....	11 50	778 23	.....	3 14	.....	781 37	286
.....	25 27	2953 81	.....	.....	.....	2953 81	287
.....	.....	807 04	207 67	55 99	.....	1070 70	288
.....	.....	888 66	.....	.....	.....	888 66	289
.....	.....	1330 45	.....	24 41	.....	1394 86	290
.....	29 00	1000 12	.....	.....	.....	1000 12	291
.....	.....	3031 99	20 45	2 77	.....	3035 21	292
.....	.....	2095 02	.....	2 32	.....	2097 34	293
.....	65 14	2173 86	.....	487 27	.....	2661 13	294
.....	.....	450 70	.....	.....	.....	450 70	295
.....	.....	1021 28	.....	.....	.....	1021 28	296
.....	14 50	1846 61	.....	17 95	.....	1364 56	297
.....	9 00	1060 81	.....	.....	.....	1060 81	298
.....	12 50	1915 46	.....	35 54	.....	1951 00	299
.....	3 00	854 66	.....	111 06	.....	965 72	300
.....	14 00	545 21	.....	17 48	.....	562 69	301
.....	.....	592 57	.....	7 51	.....	600 08	302
.....	19 00	688 97	.....	.....	.....	688 97	303
.....	.....	1297 86	.....	.....	.....	1297 86	304
.....	.....	550 22	.....	.....	.....	550 22	305
.....	.....	719 18	.....	.....	.....	719 18	306
.....	7 14	917 19	.....	.....	.....	917 19	307
.....	30 43	1886 63	.....	15 44	.....	1902 07	308
.....	.....	865 90	.....	.....	.....	865 90	309
.....	.....	496 25	.....	.....	.....	496 25	310
.....	20 00	1508 50	.....	18 01	.....	1526 51	311
.....	.....	932 52	.....	.....	.....	932 52	312
.....	6 73	563 38	.....	.....	.....	563 38	313
.....	59 20	1918 23	.....	.....	.....	1918 23	314
.....	24 50	562 22	.....	33 25	.....	595 47	315
.....	34 25	742 09	.....	62 75	35 50	840 34	316
.....	.....	517 86	.....	.....	.....	517 86	317
.....	16 50	703 77	.....	.....	.....	703 77	318
.....	13 00	881 04	.....	.....	.....	881 04	319
.....	181 75	473 80	.....	.....	.....	473 80	320
.....	4 50	717 75	.....	9 74	.....	737 49	321
.....	22 78	1302 33	.....	.....	.....	1302 33	322
.....	12 50	471 49	.....	.....	.....	471 49	323
.....	.....	407 18	.....	.....	.....	407 18	324
.....	.....	124 29	.....	.....	.....	124 29	325
.....	.....	519 26	.....	2 00	.....	521 26	326
.....	.....	455 90	.....	.....	.....	455 90	327
.....	64 50	458 47	.....	.....	.....	458 47	328
.....	.....	154 84	.....	.....	.....	154 84	329
.....	19 10	283 29	.....	.....	.....	283 29	330
.....	17 43	1149 32	.....	1 08	.....	1150 40	145
.....	12 00	328 58	.....	.....	.....	328 58	208
.....	.....	1759 34	.....	157 96	.....	1917 30	295
.....	05	798 00	.....	.....	.....	798 00	196
.....	.....	88 37	.....	.....	.....	88 37	331

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MEMBERSHIP.

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9	Brock	9				8				127	128
10	Cataraqui	8		1		6	4		2	323	320
13	Otonabee	8	1	1		3	1			125	131
16	Union	1				2	1		2	164	160
22	Phoenix					4				111	107
28	Rose						1			80	79
29	Chatham	15	1			4				201	213
30	Eureka									83	83
33	Elgin	1		1		4			1	216	214
34	Erie									8	7
35	Gore	5				4	1		1	287	287
36	Samaritan					4				168	163
38	St. Mary's					1	1			79	77
40	Forest City	1				1				81	81
41	Rond Eau	1				9			2	134	124
44	Avon	4				1			1	260	262
45	Excelsior	7				3	1		3	150	150
46	Frontier	3					2			215	216
47	Mount Zion	1								29	30
48	Unity	15	1	1		1			3	364	377
49	Dominion	3				2				147	148
50	Canada	8				4				201	205
51	Otter	4				2	1		1	173	173
52	Bissel										
53	Covenant	2				3			1	158	156
54	Niagara Falls	3				5				163	161
55	Collingwood			1		6	1		1	141	134
56	Fidelity									32	32
57	Queen City	3				7				201	197
58	Maple Leaf									34	34
59	Howard					1		1		113	111
60	Kingston	5		1		6	2		1	310	307
61	Corinthian	8		1		4	2			260	263
62	Huron	10		2		2			1	127	136
63	Barrie					4				89	85
64	Victoria	4				2		1	1	60	60
65	Friendship			1			1			111	111
66	Flo. Nightingale			1						143	144
67	Exeter					2				49	47
68	North Star									32	32
69	Hope									95	95
70	Lucan					4				22	18
71	The Toronto	2				1	1			82	82
72	Eastern Star					6				77	71
73	Fergus									85	85
74	Bothwell					1			1	20	18
75	Warriner			1		5	1			56	51
76	St. Thomas	3		2		3			1	344	345
77	Oxford						1			45	44
78	Durham	1				4				126	123
79	Nipissing									57	57
80	Amity	1				4	1		2	240	234
81	Belleville	2		1		10			2	214	205
82	Beaver		1			2				83	82
83	Clinton		1			3				64	62
84	Walkerton	8	1			6				120	123
85	Constellation	2								42	44

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
5	42-2	62 00			10 00			72 00	9
14	36-4	111 50	100 00	60 00	50 00		75 00	396 50	10
4	6-6	23 40					62 50	85 90	13
5	77	294 60	150 00	225 00				599 60	16
10	79-2	238 00			5 75	4 00	30 00	277 75	22
6	21	57 00						57 00	28
16	46-2	138 86	55 00		10 00		120 50	349 36	29
5	37	59 00		75 00				134 00	30
17	106-4	297 50					72 00	369 50	32
									33
19	117-4	556 92			102 50			659 42	34
18	160	440 00	170 00	50 00	1 90		3 00	664 90	35
4	49	87 00	25 00					112 00	36
11	140-4	253 15			10 00			263 15	38
9	29-6	119 41	18 00	40 00				197 41	40
22	111-2	287 86	50 00	68 50		2 00		406 36	41
7	48	91 00	320 00	150 00			53 00	614 00	44
9	139	168 00			10 00		7 00	185 00	45
2	6	16 00			10 00			26 00	46
34	257-3	563 00	465 00	225 00	15 00		145 50	1413 50	47
12	121	239 00	15 00		20 00			324 00	48
13	162-3	289 50		50 00	30 08		47 00	416 58	49
7	74-6	224 80	59 50	30 00	5 00	5 00		324 30	50
									51
5	37-2	149 13		100 00	90 76		70 00	409 89	52
12	58-3	137 68			50 00	40 00	57 25	284 93	53
5	21-3	63 87	39 84	51 85			70 50	226 06	54
4	14	42 00	5 00					47 00	55
5	46-3	177 67	13 35				89 50	280 52	56
									57
8	50-2	132 45				36 00	50 00	218 45	58
16	73-4	221 00			10 00			231 00	59
27	130-5	389 76			25 00	75	96 00	511 51	61
9	57-6	167 58						167 58	62
8	62-2	158 53					32 50	191 03	63
5	35-1	124 28	30 00	50 00			25 50	249 78	64
10	31	82 00						97 00	65
9	53-4	133 00			8 00		49 50	190 50	66
2	10	30 00			29 60	20 00		79 60	67
2	24	72 00			7 00			79 00	68
7	36	53 99			4 85			58 84	69
1	7	21 00						21 00	70
9	18-3	73 68			25 63		34 00	133 31	71
3	29-5	59 50					19 00	78 50	72
8	32-4	97 50					42 50	140 00	73
1	7-3	22 50		30 00				52 50	74
4	46	52 00	1425 94				17 50	1495 44	75
26	183	485 91			26 00	47 00		583 91	76
5	61	183 00					3 00	186 00	77
9	44-6	134 64			20 00		58 50	213 14	78
5	22-6	68 50						68 50	79
24	139	414 00	448 00	80 00				942 00	80
15	134	382 01	300 00	100 00		16 00		798 01	81
					5 00			5 00	82
4	84	169 00						169 00	83
7	61-3	184 27				25 50		209 77	84
2	6-6	20 50						20 50	85

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86	Napanee	11	.....	1	....	2	1	.....	.....	80	89
87	Empire	15	.....	.....	....	4	.....	.....	.....	101	112
88	Olive Branch	1	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	125	125
89	Reliance	2	.....	.....	....	5	.....	.....	1	172	168
90	Ivy	.....	.....	.....	....	2	.....	.....	.....	62	60
91	Grand River	3	.....	.....	....	4	.....	.....	.....	100	99
92	Milton	1	1	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	79
93	Western City	2	.....	.....	....	3	.....	.....	.....	95	94
94	Aylmer	7	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	156
96	Nith	.....	.....	.....	....	2	.....	.....	1	46	43
97	Grand Union	1	.....	.....	....	3	.....	.....	.....	105	103
98	Minto	1	.....	.....	....	.....	1	.....	.....	62	61
100	Lindsay	9	.....	.....	....	.....	1	.....	.....	113	121
101	Golden Star	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	26
102	Deseronto	11	.....	2	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	93
103	Cataract	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	54
104	Crescent	3	1	.....	....	2	.....	.....	1	307	308
105	Manilla	1	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	32	32
106	St. Clair	.....	.....	.....	....	4	1	.....	.....	76	71
107	Waterloo	9	1	1	....	3	.....	1	1	275	281
108	Royal Oak	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	76	75
109	Orion	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	44
110	Laurel	4	1	.....	....	2	.....	.....	1	122	124
111	Peterborough	3	.....	1	....	8	1	.....	1	209	203
112	Lucknow	.....	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	101	100
113	Trenton	.....	.....	1	....	6	1	.....	1	57	50
114	Gananoque	4	.....	1	....	4	3	.....	1	206	203
115	Harmony	.....	.....	1	....	4	.....	.....	.....	211	208
116	Naomi	.....	1	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	55
117	Valley City	6	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....	1	143	147
119	Maitland	.....	.....	.....	....	9	.....	.....	.....	72	63
120	Sydenham Valley	4	.....	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	168	173
121	Saxon	.....	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	48	47
122	Streetsville	.....	.....	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	36
124	Dresden	2	.....	.....	....	.....	1	.....	1	115	115
125	Stella	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	92	91
126	Sarnia	4	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	135	138
127	Mizpah	4	.....	1	....	4	1	.....	1	129	128
129	Charity	.....	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	21	20
130	Livingstone	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	31
131	Marion	2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	104
132	Oakville	3	.....	.....	....	.....	1	.....	.....	63	65
133	Glencoe	6	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	45	50
134	Orient	1	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	21
135	Peaceful Dove	3	1	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	49
136	Cobourg	1	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	91	91
137	St. Lawrence	2	.....	.....	....	.....	1	.....	.....	132	133
138	Ancaster	4	.....	2	....	2	.....	.....	.....	50	54
139	Garnet	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	73
140	Leamington	.....	.....	.....	....	5	.....	.....	1	112	106
142	Concord	3	.....	1	....	1	.....	.....	.....	78	81
143	Bay of Quinte	5	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	124	128
144	Ridgetown	2	.....	.....	....	2	4	.....	1	82	77
146	Vivian	.....	.....	.....	....	3	.....	.....	.....	64	61
147	Model	2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	44
148	Aurora	.....	.....	.....	....	2	.....	.....	1	76	73
149	Western Star	1	.....	.....	....	5	.....	.....	.....	80	76

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
4	27-4	63 50						63 50	86
3	13	46 00		100 00				146 00	87
7	36	106 70	100 00	40 00	32 00		27 50	306 20	88
14	110-5	368 07		40 00				408 07	89
4	41	120 00						120 00	90
6	48	139 00						139 75	91
3	7-5	30 75			10 00			40 00	92
5	19-3	58 29	16 15					74 44	93
7	73	138 00			9 19		6 00	153 19	94
3	15	45 00						45 00	96
4	17-3	60 79					35 00	95 79	97
2		17 99			5 00			22 99	98
4	53-4	152 71			16 60			169 31	100
1	1	3 00			5 00		10 50	18 50	101
2	12	36 00			50 00			86 00	102
6	26	72 00				40 00	29 25	141 25	103
22	130-3	342 75	20 00	300 00	125 00	12 86	116 75	917 36	104
2	21	29 00	65 50	40 00				134 50	105
2	2-6	11 42						11 42	106
18	80	236 00	150 00	40 00	40 08		78 75	544 83	107
6	32	96 16		50 00		16 00		162 16	108
3	16	64 00			5 00			69 00	109
1	1-2	3 45		75 00	25 00		106 26	209 71	110
12	97	387 98		40 00			101 50	529 48	111
9	59	177 00			5 00			197 00	112
4	20	60 86	56 00	30 00				146 86	113
13	94-3	283 31		30 00				313 31	114
13	97-2	389 77	15 00			84 00		488 77	115
4	8	25 00					22 00	47 00	116
15	52-1	208 51	200 00	100 00	5 00		29 25	542 76	117
3	25-5	77 14			25 55	40 00		142 69	119
17	86-5	220 94	150 00		10 00			380 94	120
7	24	72 00			11 80			98 80	121
1	1	3 00			5 00			8 00	122
6	53	92 00	30 00	30 00	20 20		42 00	214 20	124
4	18-4	92 50	75 00	40 00				207 50	125
7	27-4	83 00		45 00				128 00	126
8	51-3	141 95	7 10	50 00	2 00		55 75	256 80	127
									129
									130
3	31-1	41 43						41 43	131
1	6	18 00			5 00			23 00	132
1	6	17 20	50 00	30 00	30 00		4 00	140 20	133
									134
1	4-3	13 50		100 00	5 00			118 50	135
3	23	69 00		40 00				109 00	136
4	28-5	71 50			10 00			81 50	137
1	4	12 00			28 00		21 50	61 50	138
5	26	77 00				20 00		97 00	139
5	21-6	41 55		45 00				86 55	140
4	36	49 65			5 00			54 65	142
2	12	35 00						35 00	143
	88	264 00		30 00	15 00	10 00		319 00	144
2	23-5	71 15						71 15	146
4	6	19 00			30 00			48 00	147
3	29-4	75 20	87 50	40 00				202 70	148
3	16	46 50			30 00			76 50	149

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MEMBERSHIP.

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151	Sycamore					2				46	46
152	Hayden	4				2				67	69
153	Wildey		1	1					1	61	59
154	Alpha								1	108	109
155	Brougham	2				1				17	18
156	Pyramid	2								27	28
157	Thamesville	4		1		4				75	80
158	Progress	1								118	115
159	Oak Leaf	2		1						61	63
160	Listowel	1								59	61
161	Simcoe	2								63	65
163	Oriental	2				3			1	96	88
164	Romeo	4				1				179	179
165	Beethoven									39	38
167	Hillsburg					1				23	23
168	Sutton	1		1						27	28
169	Grey						1			24	24
170	Denovo	5								61	65
171	Alliston										
172	Penetangore	2		3					1	158	169
173	Emerald	7				3				74	78
174	Dolman									105	105
176	Dauncey									12	12
177	Montana					1				14	13
178	Wellington Square	1			1					47	47
179	Madoc	6				6				101	101
180	Owen Sound									76	76
182	Tecumseh	1		1	1					76	77
183	Teeswater									17	17
184	Germania	3						1		119	121
186	Dufferin									22	22
188	Cambridge	1				1			1	42	41
189	Parry Sound	1								87	88
190	Chorazin	5				1	1			126	129
191	Jarvis	2								33	35
192	Howick					1				11	10
194	Albert	1							3	158	156
195	Cicerone	2								12	14
196	Florence	4		1						84	89
197	Minerva					10			1	63	52
200	Weston	2	1	1		2				27	25
201	Beacon									93	97
202	Silver Star	1		1		1			4	46	45
203	Pembroke					2				114	110
204	Acton	10		1			1			9	9
205	Ahiram	5							1	114	124
206	Silver City	1								71	75
207	Egremont	2								28	29
209	Millbank									32	34
210	Brucefield					3	3			22	22
211	Lilly	12		2		3				63	60
212	Argyle	1								102	113
214	Clifford									75	76
215	Freestone	1				3			1	22	22
216	Elmira	2								38	36
217	Mount Brydges	2	1			6	1			113	114
218	Enterprise									127	133

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
3	31-4	42 50			25 00			67 50	151
3	57	119 00	50 00	30 00				199 00	152
8	45-4	136 50						136 50	153
12		118 50	30 00	120 00	25 00			293 50	154
4	48-5	116 10	100 00	40 00			23 00	279 10	155
1	5	10 00						10 00	156
1	3	9 00			15 00		50 50	74 50	157
4	30	76 00			6 50		3 00	85 50	158
4	16-3	59 78			10 00		22 00	91 78	159
5	14	42 00			105 00			147 00	160
6	15	45 00	150 00					195 00	161
1	1-3	4 29			5 0			9 29	163
17	87-6	289 38	150 00	50 00	5 00	20 13		514 51	164
3	55-3	118 43					19 50	137 93	165
1	4	12 00						12 00	167
									168
									169
6	26-5	80 50			25 00			105 50	170
									171
10	60	181 00		35 00	5 00	52 50		273 50	172
2	6-4	20 60			5 00			25 60	173
12	62	209 50					62 00	271 60	174
1	7	21 00						21 00	176
									177
4	43	87 00						87 00	178
5	20-3	61 30			50 00			111 30	179
7	39-5	119 50			10 00			129 50	180
7	35-4	106 70						106 70	182
1	7	21 00						21 00	183
7	36	107 00				5 86		112 86	184
									186
4	25	75 00			4 00			79 00	188
2	21	63 00						63 00	189
11	79-5	318 60			4 45		74 00	396 45	190
3	21-3	64 28						64 28	191
									192
10	106-1	424 58	300 00	150 00	22 64		98 75	995 97	194
									195
1	9	27 00			25 00			52 00	196
3	25	54 00	150 00	50 00			18 50	272 50	197
1	7	21 00			30 00			51 00	200
4	20-2	65 15			5 00			70 15	201
					5 00			5 00	202
11	97-5	293 25	300 00	174 55	53 23			821 03	203
									204
6	30-2	90 60			5 00			95 60	205
1	24	72 00		30 00			26 00	128 00	202
1	5.4	16 50						16 50	206
3	13	54 28			5 00	24 00		83 28	207
1	7	21 00			10 00			31 00	215
3	20	60 00						60 00	210
4	19.4	54 85			5 20			60 05	211
5	39.1	149 25						149 25	219
3	55	165 00						165 00	214
3	16-4	49 50		15 00				64 50	216
7	34.3	142 30	45 30	30 00				217 60	217
4	13	39 00						39 00	218

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219	Georgian Bay	1				1				76	76
220	Woodslee	1		1						45	49
221	Chesley					4	1			54	50
223	Hensall					5			1	56	50
224	Ottawa	5	1			9	1		1	175	170
226	Merlin									49	49
227	Sauble	1		1		2	2			57	55
228	International					6			2	174	166
229	Embro Star	1								39	40
230	Prince of Wale	9	1							93	103
231	Elora	1								62	63
232	Equity									11	11
233	Hanover									15	15
234	Ilderton									29	29
235	Waterford	2				4	3		2	89	82
236	Acorn	2								25	27
237	Farmersville	1								17	17
239	Stirling					1				129	129
240	Carleton	10						1		241	250
241	Rideau	4				4				175	175
242	Wilton	3	1	1			1			109	113
243	Thornbury					1				32	31
244	Port Arthur	1	1			1	1			62	62
245	Mallorytown	11								47	58
246	Orillia										
247	Gordon	3				3	2		2	74	70
248	Campbellford					7				60	53
249	Beaverton	5		1						43	49
250	Ridgely	1	1				2		1	55	55
251	Bracebridge									59	58
252	Floral	4								111	115
253	Caledonia	1								25	26
254	Alba	3				1				50	52
256	Grand Valley		1							24	25
257	Credit					2				27	25
258	Thamesford									117	117
259	Lynden					1				52	31
260	Meaford	1		1		1				73	74
261	Gold Hill	5				2			1	137	139
262	Norwood	2		1						23	26
263	East Toronto	1				4				62	59
264	Fraternity									59	59
265	Delta									29	29
266	Missanabie		1							52	53
267	Algoma	4				7			1	65	61
268	Stanley					4				32	28
269	Woodstock	9				5				114	118
270	Lansdowne			2						57	59
271	North Bay	1								87	88
272	Lakeview	10	1	1		1	2		1	67	75
273	Hastings						1			35	34
274	Midland					1				27	26
275	Fairy	8		1		5				31	35
276	Sheard										
277	Lambton									62	62
278	Rockliffe	6		1					1	178	184
279	Grenville									75	75

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
2	13-5	41 14				101 00		41 14	219
3	5	15 00					4 00	19 00	220
3	11-4	35 8						35 80	221
									223
10	42-3	127 23	26 00	45 00	28 00		9 00	235 27	224
1	10	30 00						30 00	226
4	23	65 50				8 50		74 00	227
5	19-4	80 56	100 00	60 00				240 56	228
1	2	6 00						6 00	229
4	7-3	21 85					83 00	104 85	230
2	6	18 00					33 00	51 00	231
1	17	51 00						51 00	232
									233
2	10-2	31 50						31 50	234
3	38-1	114 43	200 00	60 00				374 43	235
									236
2	10-2	31 00						31 00	237
8	51-4	155 70						155 70	239
12		106 87			10 00		12 00	148 87	240
8	55-5	150 15				45 95		196 10	241
5	34-3	137 70					50 50	188 20	242
									243
3	24-2	97 13	44 00		2 10			143 23	244
2	43-4	131 00						131 00	245
									246
5	44	132 00	120 00	60 00			38 50	370 50	247
3	14	42 00						42 00	248
5	23-5	71 50			39 50			111 00	249
2	16	48 00			10 00			58 00	250
3	8	24 50			10 00			34 00	251
5	49-5	149 50			32 50		46 50	228 50	252
1	4	12 00			8 50			20 50	253
2	3-4	12 50						12 50	254
1	3	9 00						9 00	255
									257
7	47-5	143 50				3 00	89 50	236 00	258
1	8	23 00					11 25	34 25	259
3	5	14 00			15 00		32 25	61 25	260
3	34-3	103 50						103 50	261
1	8	24 00					12 00	36 00	262
3	4-2	15 00					21 25	36 25	263
4	35-2	106 00			5 00			11 00	264
5	37	111 00						111 00	265
4	6-5	26 90						26 90	266
4	22	66 50			10 00			76 50	267
									268
10	17-2	51 87			11 50		98 75	162 12	269
4	28	40 00		30 00				70 00	270
1	5	20 00				5 00		25 00	271
6	17-4	61 50		100 00	25 00		42 50	229 00	272
3	9-3	38 00						38 00	273
1	13	39 00				15 00		54 00	274
									275
									276
6	37-2	107 85						107 85	277
4	8-3	25 28		90 04	10 00			125 33	278
4	30-3	68 79				105 00		173 79	279

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280	Balmoral			1		4				68	65
281	Arthur	2	1			2				61	62
282	Sudbury	2	1							76	79
283	Earnscliffe	3				6				111	108
284	Lyn									25	25
285	Morewood									62	62
286	Royal	1				2				59	58
287	Ripley	2					2			69	69
288	Chesterville	1					1			20	19
289	Glanworth									36	36
290	Tweed	5		2						50	57
291	Rodney		1			3				47	45
292	Minnetonka	4	1							71	76
293	Thomasburg					4				59	55
294	Broadview	11				1				138	148
295	Manotick						1			29	28
296	Pontypool	9								54	63
297	Mayflower	1					2			46	45
298	Comber	1					2			60	59
299	Cornucopia					10				62	52
300	Bobcaygeon									40	40
301	Plattsville					3				38	35
302	Aberdeen						1			21	20
303	Fellowship	1				3				37	34
304	Star					3				63	61
305	Valentine					1	1		1	43	40
306	Athena	2				2				43	43
307	Princeton	3				3				49	49
308	Millbrook	3								81	84
309	Harrow					3				56	53
310	Shedden									27	27
311	Zeta	2					1			68	69
312	Spirit Rock						1			48	47
313	Electric City	2				4				41	39
314	Prospect	8	1			2	1			144	150
315	Mountain	3					1			36	38
316	Britain									40	40
317	Laurentian	2				1				28	28
318	Bervie					2				43	44
319	Webbwood	1				1				41	39
320	Geneva	5							1	36	36
321	Hespeler	9	1	1		2			2	42	46
322	Central	3					1			157	164
323	Liberty									50	51
324	Ontario									49	49
325	Southampton									33	33
326	Strathcona									49	49
327	Saugeen	4								35	39
328	Underwood	2								40	42
329	Prosperity									17	17
330	Wheatley	7								40	47
331	Maxville	16	1							18	35
332	Atwood	17	14								31
145	Riverside	3	1			3				66	67
198	Britannia	2				3				48	47
208	Alvinston					3				37	34
225	Norfolk	1				6	1			73	67
	31st Dec., 1899	648	45	59	3	466	77	4	80	23468	23590
	30th June, 1899	995	64	65	...	459	145	...	104	23052	23468
	Year 31st Dec., 1899	1643	109	124	3	925	222	4	184	23468	23590

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brethren.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
		38 50						38 50	280
4	19-3	53 97						53 97	281
3	17-4	70 00			25 00			105 00	282
6	22	66 00						66 00	283
					25 00			25 00	284
3	9	27 00			5 00			32 00	285
2	8	24 00						24 00	286
4	22	66 00			30 00			96 00	287
									288
1	1	3 00			5 00			8 00	289
1	16	48 00						48 00	290
									291
6	10-4	25 80			10 00	750		43 30	292
1	3-3	10 30						10 30	293
14	61-3	245 67					83 50	329 17	294
									295
3	3	12 57			27 00			39 57	296
1	7-2	22 00			10 00		5 00	37 00	297
1	3	9 00			10 00			19 00	298
4	10-4	32 00						32 00	299
		10 00						10 00	300
4	15	45 00						45 00	301
3	6	12 00			5 00			17 00	302
3	13	39 00						39 00	303
4	30-1	97 50			16 55			113 55	304
3	6	18 00						18 00	305
1	7	21 00						21 00	306
									307
4	30-1	120 00						120 50	308
2	6-5	21 23						21 23	309
									310
2	5	15 00						15 00	311
2	8	24 00			13 00			37 00	312
5	10-1	42 83						42 83	313
6	56-1	136 50			36 52		71 25	244 27	314
2	10	30 00			20 00			50 00	315
4	23-1	84 50						84 50	316
									317
					5 00			5 00	318
2	8	24 00			14 50			38 50	319
3	9	27 04						27 04	320
1	2			40 00		7 00		47 00	321
12	33-3	133 53	100 00	80 00	10 00		87 50	411 03	322
1	1-3	5 00						5 00	323
5	72-1	140 43		15 00	15 00			170 43	324
									325
3	5-2	15 85						15 85	326
									327
									328
		7 50						7 50	329
1	3-2	10 00			10 00		26 00	46 00	330
									331
1	5	15 00			95			15 95	332
10	38	117 00			25 00			142 00	145
					5 00			5 00	198
1	8	24 00						24 00	208
4		40 00			15 50		2 00	57 50	225
1349	9021-2	24173 27	6586 18	4187 94	2169 67	718 55	3273 36	41108 97	...
2313	10697-6	32681 26	6782 92	4381 95	1554 76	872 55	3287 44	49560 88	...
3662	19319-	56854 53	13369 10	8569 89	3724 43	1591 10	6560 80	90669 85	...

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	180 47		40 01	40 46	332 94
10	Cataraqui	439 21		3584 00	81 57	4501 28
13	Otonabee	240 92				326 82
16	Union	155 02			177 55	932 17
22	Phoenix	225 51	10 90			514 16
23	Rose	76 49			83 06	216 55
29	Chatham	295 98		5400 00	248 60	6293 94
30	Eureka	59 50			259 25	453 75
32	Elgin	310 91			180 42	980 86
33	Erie	8 56			19 22	27 78
34	Gore	305 18		6975 83	205 45	8145 78
35	Samaritan	160 64			184 27	1009 81
36	St. Mary's	65 75		96 93	215 43	490 11
38	Forest City	77 78			36 75	377 68
40	Rond Eau	160 41			74 00	431 82
41	Avon	279 25		220 64	726 38	1632 63
44	Excelsior	103 10			1 50	718 60
45	Frontier	145 85			845 07	675 92
46	Mount Zion	48 13			36 00	110 13
47	Unity	306 42		5 00	98 50	1823 51
48	Dominion	91 16			14 00	429 16
49	Canada	254 40			9 61	680 49
50	Otter	145 08			547 46	1016 84
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	138 83			30 00	578 72
53	Niagara Falls	222 55	110 00	1443 00		2060 48
54	Collingwood	98 33	3 45	500 00	143 96	971 80
55	Fidelity	81 65			72 13	200 78
56	Queen City	262 20			2 50	545 31
57	Maple Leaf					
58	Howard	78 05			64 95	361 45
59	Kingston	411 30		2500 00		3142 30
61	Corinthian	204 29		225 00	12 51	953 31
62	Huron	131 55	5 00		50 26	364 39
63	Barrie	139 22				330 25
64	Victoria	86 27				318 05
65	Friendship	139 97		300 00	137 50	674 47
66	Florence Nightingale	120 10			2 50	313 10
67	Exeter	52 44		100 00	31 35	283 39
68	North Star	58 35				137 35
69	Hope	43 23			16 14	118 21
70	Lucan	64 00			96 00	181 00
71	The Toronto	124 51			24 65	282 47
72	Eastern Star	47 02			1 00	126 52
73	Fergus	108 39			35 45	283 84
74	Bothwell	53 01				105 51
75	Warriner	130 79			30 49	1656 72
76	St. Thomas	380 72		250 00	27 00	1241 63
77	Oxford	29 62			75	216 37
78	Durham	161 88				365 02
79	Niplssing	59 46				127 96
80	Amity	278 72			34 92	1255 64
81	Belleville	148 78			158 45	1105 24
82	Beaver	41 50			11 71	58 26
83	Clinton	77 47			3 00	249 47
84	Walkerton	110 07	4 00		50 92	274 74
85	Constellation	31 10	146 63		69 89	268 12

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
101 00	242 70	214 28	.....	557 98	6
108 00	942 75	285 00	198 15	1533 90	10
102 00	319 51	40 91	158 35	620 78	13
11 00	480 50	342 79	36 00	870 29	16
3 00	306 86	55 69	10 66	376 21	22
.....	176 50	4 00	40 30	220 80	28
298 00	637 46	182 88	5031 00	6149 34	29
.....	272 50	.....	180 25	452 75	30
34 00	710 60	145 00	183 32	1072 92	32
.....	9 60	9 00	12 43	31 03	33
74 00	1048 90	591 23	7204 73	8918 86	34
.....	427 75	366 82	14 00	808 57	35
.....	199 85	238 64	31 43	469 92	36
.....	283 05	42 60	84 50	410 15	38
4 00	385 79	52 62	99 85	542 26	40
48 00	916 15	709 16	253 95	1927 26	41
81 00	521 25	12 96	22 25	637 46	44
51 00	561 65	197 75	23 35	833 75	45
15 00	64 00	35 75	10 00	124 75	46
226 00	1264 45	208 64	15 55	1714 64	47
31 80	546 22	33 46	259 35	870 44	48
98 00	470 88	.....	65 23	634 11	49
35 00	477 40	299 00	100 95	912 35	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
27 00	506 40	.....	.....	533 40	52
91 00	447 61	114 93	129 42	782 96	53
.....	436 12	118 00	117 91	672 03	54
.....	62 75	229 85	.....	292 60	55
53 00	434 70	36 52	1 00	525 22	56
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
.....	343 90	55 90	8 00	407 80	58
59 00	794 10	.....	2407 32	3260 42	59
107 00	895 92	255 35	5 32	1262 99	61
132 00	404 85	15 00	13 00	554 85	62
.....	298 51	45 00	.....	343 51	63
42 00	187 75	72 32	20 25	322 32	64
3 00	303 45	145 89	81 56	533 90	65
.....	452 00	146 74	.....	598 74	66
.....	139 00	.....	.....	139 00	67
.....	108 00	20 00	.....	128 00	68
.....	296 24	72 15	1 05	369 44	69
.....	48 34	25 00	.....	73 34	70
16 00	246 45	.....	150 17	412 62	71
.....	148 57	.....	1 00	149 57	72
.....	189 00	70 00	7 90	266 90	73
.....	30 40	47 60	.....	78 00	74
42 00	149 50	54 25	1431 28	1635 03	75
.....	987 05	378 52	60 50	1468 07	76
22 00	105 00	3 07	30	108 37	77
.....	281 99	4 95	75	309 69	78
.....	139 50	54 45	50	194 45	79
21 75	704 00	37 65	583 30	1346 70	80
43 00	686 50	35 10	.....	764 60	81
4 00	90 00	2 00	5 00	101 00	82
.....	185 31	30 19	.....	215 50	83
130 00	316 75	24 50	.....	461 25	84
24 00	84 00	127 75	32 37	268 12	85

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE.				
		Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	263 99	7188		8 50	407 87
87	Empire	253 80		1200 00	29 90	1629 70
88	Olive Branch	226 87			15 00	548 07
89	Reliance	92 78			11 85	512 70
90	Ivy	49 24			1 25	170 49
91	Grand River	118 51		325 00	5 05	587 56
92	Milton	59 60		100 00	77 65	278 00
93	Western City	94 82			80 60	249 86
94	Aylmer	204 10			40 06	397 35
96	Nith	30 75			10 32	86 07
97	Grand Union	309 46	30 00		37 00	472 25
98	Minto	69 25			201 18	293 42
100	Lindsay	164 83	140 29		32 97	507 40
101	Golden Star	110 12				128 62
102	Deseronto	88 52			27 50	202 02
103	Cataract	83 56			11 41	236 22
104	Crescent	340 05			75	1258 16
105	Manilla	25 65			1 78	161 93
106	St. Clair	131 86			28 81	172 09
107	Waterloo	260 88		400 00	184 50	1390 21
108	Royal Oak	72 00		1000 00		1294 16
109	Orion	46 40				115 40
110	Laurel	139 69			5 81	355 21
111	Peterboro	261 21			338 62	1129 37
112	Lucknow	146 36	25 60	50 00	5 00	423 96
113	Trenton	152 87				299 73
114	Gananoque	210 80			93 50	617 61
115	Harmony	455 08		3350 00	75 89	4369 74
116	Naomi	64 05			32 32	143 37
117	Valley City	190 54	89 55		9 10	931 95
119	Maitland	166 75		630 00	3 04	942 44
120	Sydenham Valley	201 50		200 00	17 00	799 44
121	Saxon	27 88	52 37		16 02	195 07
122	Streetsville	52 54			141 90	202 44
124	Dresden	104 25			268 95	587 40
125	Stella	149 31	17 05		15 00	388 86
126	Sarnia	125 99			63 80	317 79
127	Mizpah	184 28			15 00	456 08
129	Charity	50 71				50 71
130	Livingston	60 87				60 87
131	Merion	120 66		150 00	48 18	360 27
132	Oakville	75 79			166 46	265 25
133	Glencoe	97 54	3 79			241 53
134	Orient	35 23	5 55			40 78
135	Peaceful Dove	70 10			2 94	191 54
136	Cobourg	116 62	80 83		76 40	382 85
137	St. Lawrence	135 76		161 81	32 44	411 45
138	Ancaster	81 71			2 50	145 71
139	Garnet	106 93			84 15	288 08
140	Leamington	189 99				276 54
142	Concord	117 78			88 65	261 08
143	Bay of Quinte	124 51	93	139 49	36 73	336 68
144	Ridgetown	146 77			16 98	482 73
146	Vivian	89 26		400 00		560 41
147	Model	62 85			12 75	123 60
148	Aurora	53 97	4 00		166 15	436 82
149	Western Star	151 29				227 79

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiations, Admissions by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
138 00	247 75	17 45	62 62	465 82	86
151 00	296 00	71 84	27 00	545 84	87
21 00	328 99	27 65	151 25	528 89	88
44 00	501 90	110 81	17 88	674 59	89
4 00	170 66	18 60	35 00	223 26	90
15 00	283 95	148 81	1019 80	1467 56	91
39 00	204 92	15 00	40 25	299 17	92
40 00	247 43	75 15	9 00	371 58	93
89 50	383 00	77 50	11 00	561 00	94
.....	146 00	.....	1 00	147 00	96
14 00	337 92	146 87	173 37	672 16	97
.....	157 05	207 25	1 00	365 30	98
121 00	190 01	9 00	38 00	358 01	100
.....	58 90	97 65	4 40	160 95	101
101 00	246 25	115 30	3 65	466 20	102
7 00	208 93	9 63	.....	225 56	103
77 00	971 00	162 40	19 25	1229 65	104
11 00	70 25	.....	2 17	83 42	105
.....	256 00	114 05	30	370 35	106
159 00	765 45	352 25	186 84	1463 53	107
.....	220 30	38 35	500	758 65	108
.....	101 35	96 35	.....	197 70	109
86 50	321 22	39 41	261 90	659 03	110
73 00	695 27	183 01	133 27	1084 55	111
5 00	276 84	113 35	30 00	425 19	112
.....	178 54	51 36	100 80	330 60	113
68 75	554 27	319 07	69 50	1011 59	114
2 00	770 50	323 00	3045 75	4141 25	115
5 50	116 25	40 30	110 47	272 52	116
52 00	482 80	183 16	13 35	730 31	117
4 00	225 42	60 00	655 00	944 42	119
72 50	537 94	.....	22 65	633 09	120
6 00	119 06	79 65	21 85	226 56	121
75 50	54 00	30	.....	129 80	122
39 00	282 85	212 63	30	534 78	124
.....	234 50	.....	30	234 80	125
50 00	304 20	55 00	.....	409 20	126
58 00	384 50	30 59	1 00	472 09	128
.....	46 00	.....	.....	46 00	129
.....	34 50	41 60	.....	76 10	130
16 00	257 25	127 37	60	401 22	131
40 00	131 35	50 00	24 85	246 20	132
90 00	153 01	37 20	1 00	281 21	133
5 00	95 50	.....	.....	43 50	134
41 00	112 44	.....	.....	153 44	135
11 00	333 75	13 00	18 50	376 25	136
15 00	290 25	61 81	8 60	375 66	137
44 00	164 25	65 80	3 50	277 55	138
4 00	202 07	10 00	84 15	300 22	139
.....	206 48	9 61	35	216 44	140
36 45	201 75	100 00	2 25	340 45	142
76 00	422 90	90 08	5 00	593 98	143
10 00	226 75	59 00	83 60	379 35	144
.....	138 00	81 62	350 35	519 97	146
30 00	108 50	29 00	.....	167 50	147
4 00	165 85	101 70	29 95	301 40	148
24 45	199 56	15 25	.....	239 26	149

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
151	Sycamore	86 44			9 75	113 69
152	Hayden	99 66				298 66
153	Wildey	38 95	47 36		56 50	279 31
154	Alpha	215 90		118 00	4 20	631 60
155	Brougham	14 87			39 80	333 77
156	Pyramid	31 45				41 45
157	Thamesville	120 71	72 43		3 00	270 64
158	Progress	61 56		4500 00	2 65	4649 71
159	Oak Leaf	74 37			5 00	174 15
160	Listowel	146 25		1100 00	2 94	1396 19
161	Simcoe	122 24			15 80	333 04
163	Oriental	190 21				199 80
164	Romeo	224 52			14 18	753 21
165	Beethoven	5 44				233 37
167	Hillsburg	7 32				19 32
168	Sutton	30 01			199 00	229 01
169	Grey	6 00			4 10	10 10
170	Denovo	19 45			8 77	133 72
171	Alliston					
172	Penetangore	159 97	168 25		24 30	626 02
173	Emerald	94 22	14 75	1556 65	15 10	1706 32
174	Dolman	61 72				333 32
176	Dauncey	24 00				45 00
177	Montana	40 85				40 85
178	Wellington Square	99 16			7 20	133 36
179	Madoc	114 35				225 65
180	Owen Sound	154 07	7 10		60 00	350 67
182	Tecumseh	52 88		400 00		559 58
183	Teeswater	18 37	140 00		22 25	201 57
184	Germania	131 28			376 00	620 14
186	Dufferin	18 53				18 53
188	Cambridge	37 80			13 20	130 00
189	Parry Sound	83 91	50 00		521 95	718 85
190	Chorazin	156 94			82 82	636 21
191	Jarvis	86 98				151 26
192	Howick	12 75			5 25	18 90
194	Albert	199 35			9 04	1204 34
195	Cicerone	14 95				14 95
196	Florence		87 13	1000 00	2 35	1141 48
197	Minerva	65 93				338 43
200	Weston	67 51			11 20	129 70
201	Beacon	137 85	5 90		258 80	472 70
202	Silver Star	92 27				97 25
203	Pembroke	84 46		3434 74	17 15	4355 37
204	Acton					
205	Ahiram	62 68			84 26	242 55
206	Silver City	142 75			4 00	274 75
207	Ezremont	16 91				33 41
209	Millbank	40 25			2 50	126 03
210	Bucefie'd	11 83				42 83
211	Lilly	20 75		50 00		130 75
212	Argyll	163 08	116 8		243 61	563 62
214	Clifford	51 16				200 41
215	Freestone	63 06				228 06
216	Elmira	54 68				119 18
217	Mount Brydges	80 20			47 81	345 61
218	Enterprise	287 98			324 76	651 74

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Initiation, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	131 00	29 10	17 85	177 95	151
38 00	215 82	.....	50 00	303 82	152
6 00	142 55	12 00	150 00	310 55	153
1 00	315 50	107 00	149 86	573 36	154
15 50	45 00	.....	273 44	333 94	155
30 00	73 25	16 75	14 00	134 00	156
63 00	250 67	26 10	8 40	348 17	157
18 00	261 70	142 16	4 60	426 46	158
23 00	209 25	.....	18 75	257 00	159
20 00	198 11	87 14	.....	305 25	160
16 00	164 07	77 00	25 00	282 07	161
20 00	151 25	30 60	.....	200 85	163
50 00	641 38	54 68	124 15	870 21	164
.....	108 00	77 20	.....	185 20	165
.....	18 00	.....	.....	18 00	167
13 50	78 25	117 50	1 00	210 25	168
.....	18 00	19 50	1 00	38 50	169
65 13	147 00	.....	1 10	213 23	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
24 00	487 78	46 50	150 00	708 28	172
58 00	191 02	30 54	.....	279 56	173
.....	319 50	31 86	19 29	370 65	174
.....	34 50	20 00	.....	54 50	176
10 00	31 00	75	.....	31 75	177
87 00	122 60	57 50	.....	190 10	178
8 00	190 00	101 00	62 15	440 15	179
14 00	220 30	65 50	100 00	393 80	180
.....	166 00	8 00	.....	188 00	182
45 00	40 50	.....	.....	40 50	183
.....	368 50	346 00	66 01	825 51	184
17 00	27 00	.....	.....	27 00	186
26 00	115 50	17 00	1 44	150 94	188
47 50	262 52	497 50	34 55	820 57	189
19 00	475 24	125 00	15 50	633 24	190
.....	106 57	22 00	.....	147 50	191
34 10	467 35	72 62	156 56	18 00	192
22 00	32 60	9 50	.....	730 63	194
48 15	243 60	62 00	650 00	64 10	195
.....	196 50	.....	21 25	1003 75	196
9 00	38 50	52 00	.....	217 75	197
32 00	302 57	110 50	.....	99 50	200
.....	185 39	.....	.....	445 07	201
9 00	314 30	.....	2 00	155 39	202
.....	.....	98 45	.....	414 75	203
111 00	257 50	.....	.....	.....	204
68 56	197 34	153 30	30	552 10	205
15 00	72 35	54 30	7 00	325 20	206
10 00	84 50	.....	.....	87 35	207
.....	63 00	10 00	.....	104 50	209
.....	118 00	.....	.....	63 00	210
197 25	289 05	15 00	.....	133 00	211
14 00	193 50	24 00	50	510 80	212
.....	66 00	121 00	.....	327 50	214
9 00	114 00	75 73	.....	141 73	215
39 40	325 70	45 85	301 48	470 33	216
41 25	345 10	118 75	1 00	484 85	217
.....	.....	241 25	91 90	719 50	218

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	75 44			14 69	131 27
220	Woodslee	18 85			45	88 30
221	Chesley	100 78			110 00	137 58
223	Hensall	56 73			196 11	166 73
224	Ottawa	191 98			68 57	642 46
226	Merlin	27 85			12 63	126 42
227	Sauble	35 22			36 40	121 85
228	International	208 88				545 84
229	Embro Star	53 30	2 27		85 95	61 57
230	Prince of Wales	217 89				408 69
231	Elora	77 70				128 70
232	Equity	26 18				77 18
233	Hanover	31 00				31 00
234	Ilderton	62 81	8 50		3 16	95 79
235	Waterford	122 97		162 00		659 40
236	Acorn	48 25			85	49 10
237	Farmersville	57 65				88 65
239	Stirling	127 98			6 00	289 68
240	Carleton	262 67	50 10		155 24	616 88
241	Rideau	261 67	34 85		2 75	495 37
242	Wilton	157 15				345 35
243	Thornbury	86 93				86 93
244	Port Arthur	142 35			80 85	366 43
245	Mallorytown	123 41		150 00		404 41
246	Orillia				47 00	556 85
247	Gordon	139 35			19 00	102 40
248	Campbellford	41 40		130 75		317 40
249	Beaverton	75 65		200 00	74 30	393 65
250	Ridgely	61 35			5 70	83 19
251	Bracebridge	43 49			7 84	336 37
252	Floral	100 03			22 40	82 35
253	Caledonia	39 45		1000 00		1107 54
254	Alba	95 04				43 27
256	Grand Valley	34 27			5 00	39 80
257	Credit	34 80			6 00	376 40
258	Thamesford	132 40	2 00	62 81		122 81
259	Lynden	25 75	4 15			161 57
260	Meaford	96 17	35 60		816 49	1369 44
261	Gold Hill	413 85				98 10
262	Norwood	62 10				122 30
263	East Toronto	86 05			1 09	189 34
264	Fraternity	77 25				169 76
265	Delta	58 76				129 10
266	Missanabie	102 20			11 75	286 82
267	Algoma	198 07				43 50
268	Stanley	43 50			21 53	571 94
269	Woodstock	282 74	1 95	100 00		177 50
270	Lansdowne	107 50			14 00	194 46
271	North Bay	148 05	7 41		46 94	321 36
272	Lakeview	45 42				78 85
273	Hastings	40 85				142 57
274	Midland	88 57			12 90	62 90
275	Fairy	50 00				
276	Sheard			150 00		329 21
277	Lambton	71 36			18 50	425 57
278	Rockville	231 74				318 26
279	Grenville	144 47				

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
26 10	202 50	98 45	.....	327 05	219
11 00	87 35	3 00	50	102 45	220
.....	149 00	33 80	50	183 30	221
.....	98 50	25 00	111 00	234 50	223
67 00	479 20	38 24	5 30	589 74	224
.....	140 25	16 00	.....	156 25	226
8 00	108 50	17 50	.....	134 00	227
.....	538 75	116 69	1 80	657 24	228
5 25	53 50	.....	8 48	67 23	229
135 00	275 05	174 30	56 35	640 70	230
15 25	155 00	23 75	2 28	196 28	231
.....	7 50	.....	.....	7 50	232
.....	18 00	.....	2 91	20 91	233
.....	108 59	111 12	10 00	229 71	234
23 00	217 59	28 39	2 50	271 48	235
78 28	.....	.....	.....	78 28	236
.....	36 00	12 00	.....	48 00	237
16 00	222 13	.....	22 25	260 38	239
113 25	429 34	34 40	63 00	639 99	240
49 75	385 25	116 00	183 75	735 45	241
52 00	316 23	.....	17 04	385 27	242
20 00	79 95	17 20	.....	117 15	243
13 50	195 25	117 95	52 90	379 30	244
102 00	134 50	21 00	2 26	259 76	245
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246
18 00	223 35	29 00	54 42	324 77	247
.....	138 84	59 80	13 00	211 64	248
28 00	78 00	12 75	71 40	190 15	249
21 00	137 50	155 00	213 77	527 27	250
.....	181 91	88 79	326 22	596 92	251
64 00	271 46	20 30	46 25	401 95	252
5 00	30 00	.....	22 40	57 40	253
37 00	139 00	8 50	.....	184 50	254
11 00	55 50	16 45	2 25	85 20	256
.....	72 50	25 50	10 00	108 00	257
7 00	312 50	15 42	100 00	434 92	258
.....	58 43	22 81	3 07	84 31	259
12 00	195 96	15 00	.....	222 96	260
95 00	328 12	614 00	67 50	1104 62	261
32 00	59 25	3 52	3 00	97 34	262
7 00	183 41	61 25	.....	251 66	263
.....	173 00	7 40	.....	180 40	264
95 50	.....	.....	.....	95 50	265
3 00	118 00	127 51	.....	248 51	266
42 00	203 63	40 38	10 00	296 01	267
.....	69 50	.....	1 00	70 50	268
110 00	427 80	55 28	1 00	594 08	269
.....	273 00	14 25	.....	287 25	270
14 00	198 00	20 44	.....	232 44	271
130 00	177 00	.....	12 20	319 20	272
.....	89 43	.....	30	89 73	273
.....	31 00	.....	.....	31 00	274
114 00	98 86	50 55	11 25	274 66	275
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276
.....	197 75	28 40	200 00	426 15	277
66 00	405 50	.....	29 95	501 45	278
.....	157 96	.....	.....	157 96	279

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	87 21	10 70	50 00	5 00	191 41
281	Arthur	165 52	5 90	16 95		242 34
282	Sudbury	73 15	16 62		42 85	237 62
283	Earnscliffe	146 33		95 00	307 33	307 33
284	Lyn	25 46				50 46
285	Morewood	55 54			4 06	91 60
286	Royal	142 02	90			166 92
287	Ripley	103 01				199 01
288	Chesterville	13 01				13 05
289	Glanworth	46 40				54 40
290	Tweed	79 65			19 90	147 55
291	Rodney	49 22	1 04		5 50	55 76
292	Minnetonka	105 58	26 50		74 52	249 90
293	Thomasburg	74 06				84 36
294	Broadview	239 70			10 10	578 97
295	Manotick	25 50			5 00	30 50
296	Pontypool	43 75				83 32
297	Mayflower	13 80	5 00		1 00	56 80
298	Comber	52 90	10 00		8 00	89 90
299	Cornucopia	56 14			25 70	113 84
300	Bobcaygeon	45 22				55 22
301	Plattsville	32 30			9 00	96 30
302	Aberdeen	16 00			325 00	358 00
303	Fellowship	43 84			1 50	84 34
304	Star	41 60			6 40	161 55
305	Valentine	33 87				51 87
306	Athena	60 80			2 40	84 20
307	Princeton	54 75				54 75
308	Millbrook	110 82	4 65		18 60	254 55
309	Harrow	86 73				107 96
310	Shedden	42 50				42 50
311	Zeta	49 86				64 86
312	Spirit Rock	63 13			11 81	116 94
313	Electric City	90 42	17 85		1 25	122 35
314	Prospect	128 25			241 69	614 21
315	Mountain	41 53	2 10		5 18	98 81
316	Britain	15 85	6 47		3 00	109 82
317	Laurentian	49 65				49 65
318	Bervie	22 75			13 50	41 25
319	Webbwood	39 98			1 00	79 48
320	Geneva	106 92				133 96
321	Hespeler	61 15	2 10		20 34	180 59
322	Central	162 38			16 50	589 91
323	Liberty	57 75				62 75
324	Ontario	39 18				209 61
325	Southampton	19 88				19 88
326	Strathcona	120 78			7 35	143 98
327	Saugeen	19 98			107 48	127 46
328	Underwood	49 34	5 00			54 34
329	Prosperity	22 92	20 25		40 47	91 14
330	Wheatley	19 33	4 00		1 55	70 88
331	Maxville	240 86				240 86
332	Atwood	27 14	263 45		74 63	381 17
	Riverside	76 32				218 82
145	Britannia	34 60			2 00	41 60
198	Alvinston	25 90	112 75			162 65
204	Norfolk	76 67			9 00	143 17
225						
	31st Dec., 1899	29988 96	2173 73	44023 51	12963 24	130158 41
	30th June, 1899	33417 11	3097 35	37650 62	9566 37	133292 33
	Year 31st Dec., 1899	63406 07	5271 08	81674 13	22429 61	263450 74

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
23 00	211 80	.....	1 00	235 80	280
33 50	209 17	90 45	50	333 62	281
41 00	263 50	.....	42 85	347 35	282
15 00	293 00	.....	75	308 75	283
.....	45 00	4 50	.....	49 50	284
36 00	134 00	8 00	.....	178 50	285
9 06	179 50	43 00	.....	231 56	286
24 00	251 19	43 25	100 35	418 80	287
.....	31 50	7 46	4 95	43 91	288
.....	103 00	10 90	60	114 50	289
37 00	76 25	20 00	13 24	146 49	290
5 00	113 98	.....	4 52	123 50	291
60 00	205 50	74 40	1 50	341 40	292
.....	184 50	14 17	.....	198 67	293
134 00	449 12	33 98	287 57	904 67	294
.....	60 00	10 05	50	70 55	295
183 00	174 68	30 92	.....	338 60	296
8 50	161 97	11 25	2 85	184 57	297
11 30	128 50	.....	18 70	158 50	298
.....	108 50	2 90	8 50	119 90	299
.....	64 50	.....	.....	64 50	300
.....	81 50	.....	3 52	85 02	301
.....	60 00	7 59	8 01	75 60	302
11 00	95 00	.....	14 70	100 70	303
.....	189 25	17 00	60	217 85	304
12 06	113 47	6 16	50	120 13	305
33 00	98 00	.....	.....	110 00	306
21 00	150 50	10 00	10 50	204 00	307
3 00	270 53	15 18	50	307 21	308
.....	156 50	.....	.....	159 50	309
22 00	74 50	3 53	.....	78 03	310
6 00	153 00	.....	.....	175 00	311
19 00	160 85	9 00	50	176 35	312
108 00	114 88	.....	20	134 08	313
135 00	423 70	37 69	123 40	692 79	314
.....	100 00	5 43	.....	140 43	315
7 00	91 00	31 15	.....	122 15	316
.....	60 40	.....	.....	67 40	317
.....	128 50	.....	.....	128 30	318
5 00	118 50	13 00	.....	131 50	319
45 00	63 52	17 00	.....	90 52	320
114 00	125 75	16 95	11 56	199 26	321
28 00	483 57	.....	35 85	633 42	322
.....	155 25	7 24	2 50	192 99	323
.....	147 00	.....	.....	147 00	324
.....	92 50	.....	.....	92 50	325
51 00	142 00	.....	90	142 90	326
26 00	76 46	.....	.....	127 46	327
.....	106 06	70	.....	132 76	328
93 50	75 09	.....	.....	75 09	329
176 00	83 00	3 00	15 50	194 00	330
292 00	15 00	.....	.....	191 00	331
52 00	128 15	.....	104 00	524 15	332
26 00	177 50	.....	21 50	251 00	145
6 00	151 81	9 15	.....	186 96	198
11 00	68 50	.....	83 15	162 65	208
.....	182 50	34 06	9 00	236 56	225
8971 22	65300 13	17348 03	31628 17	123247 55	
13343 22	70428 55	20305 07	22300 87	126377 71	
22314 44	135728 68	37653 10	53929 04	249625 26	

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	ASSETS—HOW INVESTED.				
		Cash in Bank or in Treasurer's Hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	629 86	3000 00	425 00	900 00	2838 80
10	Cataraqui	185 98	7607 12		1356 91	65 707
13	Otonabee	2721 61			800 00	
16	Union	1049 64	5465 30	12080 00	1717 35	247 50
22	Phoenix	1476 81			900 00	174 44
28	Rose	4 25		3150 00	1125 50	113 00
29	Chatham	157 58	2028 16	15430 09	1029 00	451 00
30	Eureka			11881 00	1000 00	71 00
32	Elgin	574 74	5518 08	100 00	950 00	244 75
33	Erie	208 77		800 00	250 00	4 40
34	Gore	2812 37	15000 00	1216 46	2173 15	595 47
35	Samaritan	543 17		6000 00		
36	St. Mary's			4400 00	300 00	19 50
38	Forest City	237 58	1420 00	11881 00	1020 00	90 45
40	Rond Eau	2128 71	339 46		1500 00	234 59
41	Avon	644 59		20069 55	2340 56	37 50
44	Excelsior	990 10			273 92	
45	Frontier	202 81		11200 00	1800 00	
46	Mount Zion	535 51		1100 00	175 00	
47	Unity	346 50	3500 00	6875 00	365 00	323 60
48	Dominion	2431 76	1350 00	12000 00	946 21	25 00
49	Canada			6145 00	100 00	674 03
50	Otter	143 65		7000 00	1000 00	291 02
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	207 00	10892 00	103 16	30 00	283 87
53	Niagara Falls	1315 01	3151 24	10 00	1000 00	
54	Collingwood	1219 08	2710 00	6902 17	2150 00	48 00
55	Fidelity	480 81		4453 00	200 00	
56	Queen City	1281 21	5000 00		69 59	415 47
57	Maple Leaf					
58	Howard	3896 68	4250 00	2400 00	1000 00	304 30
59	Kingston	3286 97				414 25
61	Corinthian	3041 52	5250 00		1570 25	624 09
62	Huron	2714 60		3863 99	809 72	155 98
63	Barrie	1031 07			900 00	48 95
64	Victoria	2455 27			591 98	17 50
65	Friendship			14000 00	1400 00	
66	Florence Nightingale	1416 29	4925 57		1170 00	135 50
67	Exeter	109 54	1225 00	3000 00	200 00	30 00
68	North Star	452 61				
69	Hope	3646 44		900 00	400 00	
70	Lucan	1511 83	944 00		300 00	56 20
71	The Toronto	2730 45		554 74	150 08	122 65
72	Eastern Star	100 04			1000 00	200 00
73	Fergus	268 95	4798 88	300 00	483 98	
74	Bothwell	464 51			550 00	701 87
75	Warriner			300 00	300 00	26 00
76	St. Thomas	800 18	11425 00	240 00	1350 80	492 12
77	Oxford	142 88			200 00	
78	Durham	437 13	5450 00	50 00	2000 00	165 00
79	Nipissing	1555 48			500 00	148 60
80	Amity	957 70	2500 00		2597 60	1684 50
81	Belleville	4090 49		200 00	4316 00	265 15
82	Beaver	398 01		2500 00	700 00	
83	Clinton	564 36			585 00	84 00
84	Walkerton	847 76	2800 00		600 00	136 71
85	Constellation	500 00	350 00	3000 00	350 00	20 00

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	7793 66	.....	.....	.....	7793 66	9
.....	100 60	9576 13	.....	130 35	.....	9706 48	10
.....	.....	3279 40	.....	242 21	.....	3521 61	13
.....	32 00	20527 79	.....	.....	.....	20527 79	16
.....	81 84	2469 41	.....	.....	.....	2469 41	22
.....	57 25	4283 00	52 50	.....	.....	4335 50	28
5000 00	145 25	13611 29	318 25	21 04	.....	13950 58	29
3600 00	632 75	8699 25	.....	.....	.....	8699 25	30
.....	163 45	7216 22	.....	7 90	.....	7224 12	32
.....	1 80	1011 37	250 00	.....	.....	1261 37	33
.....	5 51	19178 14	608 82	428 83	.....	20218 79	34
4000 00	89 93	8716 32	.....	.....	.....	8716 32	35
3333 33	135 95	611 97	.....	17 60	.....	629 57	36
.....	35 29	11040 15	.....	139 60	.....	11179 75	38
8000 00	200 00	4167 47	.....	.....	.....	4167 47	40
.....	.....	14690 09	.....	148 61	53 50	14892 20	41
3527 53	.....	1031 33	197 61	35 08	.....	1264 02	44
.....	.....	9675 28	.....	.....	.....	9675 28	45
.....	750 00	1800 51	.....	.....	.....	1810 51	46
3333 33	32 00	7522 90	2918 11	714 09	.....	11155 10	47
.....	561 48	13328 54	.....	64 10	.....	13387 64	48
.....	247 35	5229 81	554 48	573 31	.....	6357 60	49
.....	.....	7704 13	483 19	.....	.....	8187 32	50
.....	1576 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
.....	.....	9707 77	.....	32 14	.....	9739 91	52
3500 00	.....	5387 10	.....	119 15	.....	5506 25	53
.....	.....	9491 47	.....	37 78	.....	9529 25	54
.....	49 25	5 30 81	.....	.....	.....	5130 81	55
.....	.....	6638 54	.....	77 48	.....	6717 02	56
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
.....	53 70	11850 98	.....	.....	.....	11850 98	58
.....	165 75	3571 46	.....	76 06	.....	3647 52	59
1084 00	10 00	10107 36	.....	212 75	.....	10320 11	61
.....	.....	3025 97	3424 41	.....	.....	6450 38	62
.....	19 00	1980 02	.....	.....	.....	1980 02	63
1800 00	950 97	2389 76	593 93	62 06	.....	3045 75	64
.....	10 50	12949 57	.....	.....	.....	12949 03	65
.....	.....	7577 46	.....	62 40	.....	7639 86	66
.....	.....	4564 54	.....	.....	.....	4564 54	67
.....	.....	452 61	.....	.....	.....	452 61	68
.....	.....	4299 10	647 34	.....	.....	4946 44	69
.....	35 05	2812 03	.....	.....	.....	2812 03	70
.....	.....	2511 62	.....	1012 25	.....	3523 87	71
.....	.....	1300 04	.....	.....	.....	1300 04	72
.....	.....	5851 76	.....	.....	.....	5851 76	73
.....	85 48	1630 70	.....	10 00	.....	1640 70	74
275 00	298 14	42 86	.....	.....	.....	42 86	75
.....	348 75	13523 91	.....	435 44	.....	13959 35	76
.....	.....	342 88	.....	.....	.....	342 88	77
.....	.....	8102 13	.....	.....	.....	8102 13	78
.....	11 59	2192 40	.....	.....	.....	2192 49	79
.....	90 00	6331 55	1282 72	85 53	.....	7649 80	80
.....	36 90	6678 52	2136 22	.....	.....	8814 74	81
.....	.....	3598 01	.....	.....	.....	3598 01	82
.....	81 00	1132 86	.....	.....	.....	1132 86	83
.....	42 40	4331 96	.....	10 11	.....	4342 07	84
350 00	5 50	3864 50	.....	.....	.....	3864 50	85

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	2566 34	2500 00		3025 00	122 25
87	Empire	2797 75	2000 00		1696 14	83 82
88	Olive Branch	60 61	5500 00	24 00	927 55	1028 30
89	Reliance	337 44	3875 00		1400 00	215 00
90	Ivy	196 28	2350 00	50 00	500 00	246 04
91	Grand River	1732 05			500 00	69 57
92	Milton	874 42	2100 00	25 00	642 50	
93	Western City	902 65	3600 00		326 85	192 15
94	Aylmer	2852 42	3500 00		1500 0	
96	Nith	92 56	950 00		870 00	329 18
97	Grand Union	1674 98		5128 00	920 00	142 99
98	Minto	248 59	3930 00		478 00	42 50
100	Lindsay	284 55	1550 00		1274 47	613 51
101	Golden Star	989 99			334 71	93 25
102	Deseronto	2080 11	296 50		1800 00	
103	Cataract	654 50		6870 00	649 75	250 29
104	Crescent	2583 61		650 00	760 50	168 25
105	Manilla	417 92		5059 00	300 00	
106	St. Clair	2208 22			500 00	200 00
107	Waterloo	307 33	12125 00		2900 00	
108	Royal Oak	239 19	3450 00	5 00	650 00	219 00
109	Orion	1186 51	1950 00		600 0	
110	Laurel	2060 91		40 00	433 10	233 11
111	Peterborough	7624 51			1000 00	300 43
112	Lucknow	476 55	4348 52		1100 00	
113	Trenton	1155 60			750 00	123 70
114	Gananoque	544 00	7577 12		2000 00	279 00
115	Harmony	178 75	8850 00	612 00	2428 47	6 50
116	Naomi	494 20		545 00	334 51	
117	Valley City	1815 74	6600 00		1729 50	
119	Maitland	873 83	2300 00	10000 00	450 00	118 06
120	Sydenham Valley	579 25			1474 00	449 00
121	Saxon	1056 35	1770 00		620 00	64 86
122	Streetsville	15 87		4500 00	700 00	
124	Dresden	1119 25		6399 29	1140 21	194 45
125	Stella	2079 48			800 00	175 00
126	Sarnia	2678 48			800 00	35 00
127	Mizpah	2107 43			1561 52	*123 15
129	Charity	777 34			364 90	144 51
130	Livingstone	455 63			1000 00	100 00
131	Marion	446 82	3000 00		1197 94	282 44
132	Oakville	47 45		3302 55	600 00	178 13
133	Glencoe	1543 81			825 00	
134	Orient	299 38			387 36	
135	Peaceful Dove	561 61	1700 00		900 00	
136	Cobourg	1132 78		256 25	2300 00	15 45
137	St. Lawrence	1841 67	1400 00		646 75	225 50
138	Ancaster	1821 64			250 00	36 50
139	Garnet	99 00	1200 00		310 00	191 00
140	Leamington	680 16	1000 00		1371 44	133 25
142	Concord	212 23		3500 00	500 00	
143	Bay of Quinte	5535 25			1555 93	113 88
144	Ridgetown	1726 67	600 00		1299 00	129 72
146	Vivian	516 50	1500 00		900 00	150 00
147	Model	1723 10				15 00
148	Aurora	3 77		4320 00	308 00	233 30
149	Western Star	559 07			724 50	

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	16 50	4533 15	886 81	277 13	.....	5697 09	86
.....	39 65	5247 25	1790 81	.....	.....	7038 06	87
.....	77 50	3938 96	.....	.....	.....	3938 96	88
.....	30 00	7382 84	.....	63 60	.....	7446 44	89
.....	32 60	4784 70	.....	.....	.....	4784 70	90
.....	509 00	815 41	3323 18	54 03	.....	4192 62	91
.....	.....	1516 92	.....	.....	.....	1516 92	92
.....	190 34	3356 31	.....	.....	.....	3356 31	93
.....	41 98	7856 42	51 02	.....	.....	7910 44	94
.....	23 50	4760 94	.....	.....	.....	4783 24	96
.....	36 36	2861 35	.....	790 26	.....	3651 61	97
2000 00	489 50	3159 00	.....	.....	248 59	3407 59	98
.....	22 50	5996 17	.....	83 86	.....	6080 03	100
.....	69 20	2230 02	654 23	5 40	.....	2896 65	101
.....	.....	4000 28	779 83	.....	.....	4780 11	102
.....	.....	1851 01	.....	.....	.....	1851 04	103
.....	74 15	8123 76	2120 00	64 45	.....	10308 21	104
.....	.....	1367 92	.....	.....	.....	1367 92	105
.....	.....	8048 22	.....	.....	.....	8048 22	106
.....	34 30	14988 78	232 00	111 55	.....	15332 33	107
.....	.....	4523 89	.....	.....	.....	4523 89	108
.....	.....	3741 51	.....	.....	.....	3741 51	109
.....	214 11	1805 88	.....	707 13	.....	2513 01	110
.....	46 69	7165 46	1714 13	38 66	.....	8918 25	111
.....	.....	5925 07	.....	.....	.....	5925 07	112
.....	61 41	1768 89	150 00	49 00	.....	1967 89	113
.....	18 00	10182 04	.....	200 08	.....	10382 12	114
.....	.....	6646 48	4390 98	426 26	.....	11463 72	115
.....	.....	1440 71	.....	.....	.....	1440 71	116
.....	.....	4748 96	5927 69	13 69	.....	10690 94	117
.....	10 31	3713 78	.....	17 18	.....	3731 58	119
2000 00	251 50	10250 75	.....	.....	.....	10250 75	120
.....	27 70	3483 51	.....	.....	.....	3483 51	121
.....	.....	5215 87	.....	.....	.....	5215 87	122
.....	14 80	8213 85	570 82	53 73	.....	8838 40	124
.....	25 00	2666 48	340 00	23 00	.....	3029 48	125
.....	.....	3498 48	.....	15 00	.....	3513 48	126
.....	43 75	3623 35	.....	125 00	.....	3748 35	127
.....	.....	1286 75	.....	.....	.....	1286 75	129
.....	.....	1555 63	.....	.....	.....	1555 63	130
.....	25 00	4820 11	.....	82 09	.....	4902 20	131
950 00	262 25	2049 71	844 10	22 07	.....	2915 88	132
.....	.....	1191 69	1171 94	5 18	.....	2368 81	133
.....	.....	686 74	.....	.....	.....	686 74	134
.....	50 00	2416 61	745 00	.....	.....	3161 61	135
.....	38 25	3398 23	.....	.....	.....	3398 23	136
.....	21 20	4059 48	.....	71 44	.....	4130 92	137
.....	.....	2084 52	.....	2 42	.....	2086 94	138
.....	27 00	1800 00	.....	.....	.....	1800 00	139
.....	.....	3157 85	.....	.....	.....	3157 85	140
.....	.....	4212 23	.....	.....	.....	4212 23	142
.....	18 82	1464 03	2605 25	116 96	.....	7186 24	143
.....	20 00	3203 49	444 00	87 90	.....	3735 39	144
.....	39 75	3026 75	.....	.....	.....	3026 75	146
.....	27 00	957 93	753 17	.....	.....	1711 10	147
870 00	291 25	3054 84	601 58	47 40	.....	3703 82	148
.....	.....	1282 07	.....	1 50	.....	1283 57	149

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
151	Sycamore	1279 02	800 00	700 00	530 00	69 80
152	Hayden	586 91	850 00		200 00	209 01
153	Wildey	1216 55	1280 00	1575 00	1500 00	
154	Alpha		2640 00		150 00	
155	Brougham	714 51			600 00	
156	Pyramid	423 03	382 45		625 00	176 12
157	Thamesville	1307 50	464 75		1000 00	60 00
158	Progress	850 62	4500 00		250 00	75 25
159	Oak Leaf	1563 69		45 00	1000 00	82 62
160	Listowel	992 19	1100 00	16 00	750 00	38 98
161	Simcoe	230 22		7700 00	1000 00	237 50
163	Oriental	908 67			581 95	
164	Romeo	975 80	3200 00	66 00	325 00	16 00
165	Beethoven	6 6		700 00	100 00	
167	Hillsburg	55 60		4264 88	125 00	68 50
168	Sutton	414 05	200 00	140 00	200 00	61 00
169	Grey	426 70	1600 00		400 00	87 00
170	Denovo					
171	Alliston					
172	Penetangore	1907 89	2725 88		2205 30	99 26
173	Emerald	927 43		2630 90	384 75	266 84
174	Dolman	2185 15			450 00	
176	Dauncey	523 58			135 00	25 50
177	Montana	1068 18			400 00	293 75
178	Wellington Square	545 35	2300 00		120 00	
179	Madoc	2750 76			1361 86	780 00
180	Owen Sound	2728 52	800 00			124 96
182	Tecumseh	823 25	400 00	1000 00	927 00	87 50
183	Teeswater	318 50			140 00	19 25
184	Germania	910 84		7000 00	601 86	486 56
186	Dufferin	110 26				
188	Cambridge	340 48		800 00	400 00	
189	Parry Sound	150 33	425 00	15096 00	1461 80	
190	Chorazin	73 03		5253 00	335 00	123 40
191	Jarvis	960 79	1100 00		1061 26	25 66
192	Howick		600 00			
194	Albert	385 64	3800 00		296 54	282 75
195	Cicerone	446 63				
196	Florence	1749 70	3750 00		740 00	
197	Minerva	885 59		45 00	231 00	67 25
200	Weston	48 74		1500 00	250 00	163 50
201	Beacon	1021 76		2050 00	822 80	204 40
202	Silver Star	796 61	1950 00		300 00	190 00
203	Pembroke	854 34	3434 74		1400 50	235 80
204	Acton					
205	Ahiram	1095 42	1422 00	3800 00	746 00	182 50
206	Silver City	241 59			500 00	896 18
207	Egremont	713 48		425 00	100 00	
209	Millbank	1713 91			100 00	38 00
210	Brucefield	1078 33			200 00	
211	Lilly	1604 29		675 00	376 20	
212	Argyle	1026 29	2000 00		1900 00	475 15
214	Clifford	566 45	3105 00		276 00	
215	Freestone	1966 66	800 00		500 00	38 00
216	Elmira	1010 90	300 00		546 08	1115 00
217	Mount Brydges	846 53	600 00	4150 00	300 00	157 70
218	Enterprise	154 89		6446 25	836 11	315 75

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	2579 02	.....	.....	.....	2579 02	151
.....	72 75	1931 91	.....	.....	.....	1931 91	152
.....	.....	4460 56	.....	.....	.....	4460 56	153
.....	142 49	2172 65	1414 86	410 00	.....	3997 51	154
.....	.....	894 51	.....	.....	.....	894 51	155
.....	.....	1405 48	.....	.....	.....	1405 48	156
.....	119 33	2454 03	.....	.....	.....	2454 03	157
.....	20 00	6390 62	.....	.....	.....	6390 62	158
.....	.....	1886 93	.....	47 01	.....	1933 94	159
.....	12 92	2931 93	223 25	22 71	.....	3177 89	160
5000 00	.....	3680 23	.....	38 93	.....	3719 16	161
.....	15 47	2128 70	.....	.....	.....	2128 70	163
.....	.....	4716 30	.....	82 83	24 62	4823 75	164
.....	18 50	1360 64	.....	20 98	.....	1381 62	165
.....	50 00	756 69	.....	.....	.....	756 69	167
600 00	22 50	3891 77	.....	.....	.....	3891 77	168
.....	.....	1015 05	.....	.....	.....	1015 05	169
.....	10 85	2500 55	.....	2 30	.....	2502 85	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
.....	101 55	6708 36	.....	128 42	.....	6836 78	172
.....	.....	4209 92	.....	.....	.....	4209 92	173
.....	115 15	2500 09	.....	19 89	.....	2519 98	174
.....	.....	684 08	.....	.....	.....	684 08	176
.....	.....	1701 92	.....	.....	.....	1701 92	177
.....	.....	2965 35	.....	.....	.....	2965 35	178
.....	.....	4892 62	.....	.....	.....	4892 56	179
.....	31 67	1636 74	1258 04	227 03	.....	3121 81	180
.....	.....	2537 75	.....	.....	.....	2537 75	182
.....	.....	977 75	.....	.....	.....	977 75	183
2000 00	431 28	5867 98	.....	.....	.....	5867 98	184
.....	.....	110 26	.....	.....	.....	110 26	186
.....	.....	2040 48	.....	.....	.....	2040 48	188
7000 00	1225 00	8848 13	.....	.....	.....	8848 13	189
1000 00	59 75	4662 68	.....	112 00	.....	4774 68	190
.....	1 50	2430 55	718 66	.....	.....	3149 21	191
.....	.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....	600 00	192
.....	87 10	2478 81	1013 37	984 66	.....	4476 83	194
.....	.....	446 03	.....	.....	.....	446 03	195
.....	.....	5539 70	.....	.....	.....	5539 70	196
.....	21 00	337 63	789 82	30 39	.....	1157 84	197
309 00	2 00	1267 15	484 06	.....	.....	1751 21	200
410 67	156 00	2510 53	543 00	478 76	.....	3533 29	201
.....	.....	3196 61	.....	.....	.....	3196 61	202
.....	.....	2350 51	3567 76	7 11	.....	5925 38	203
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204
.....	47 25	7198 67	.....	.....	.....	7198 67	205
.....	133 96	1503 81	.....	.....	.....	1503 81	206
.....	.....	1238 48	.....	.....	.....	1238 48	207
.....	.....	1771 75	.....	80 16	.....	1851 91	209
.....	.....	1278 33	.....	.....	.....	1278 33	210
.....	.....	2115 49	.....	.....	.....	2115 49	211
.....	21 00	4380 17	924 11	26 16	.....	5330 44	212
.....	.....	3947 45	.....	.....	.....	3947 45	214
.....	9 00	2162 66	1133 00	.....	.....	3295 66	215
.....	24 50	2947 48	.....	.....	.....	2947 48	216
.....	27 60	6036 93	.....	.....	.....	6036 93	217
3700 00	33 60	4019 40	.....	.....	.....	4019 40	218

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	1897 71		1400 00	500 00	79 00
220	Woodslee	265 30	100 00	600 00	250 00	185 50
221	Chesley	612 02			675 00	84 00
223	Hensall	1360 84		1400 00	335 00	
224	Ottawa	2967 70			600 00	
226	Merlin	284 72	600 00	1500 00	180 00	98 00
227	Sauble	381 94			400 00	97 50
228	International	3821 99		4287 58	1395 22	232 83
229	Embro Star	879 08			300 00	117 00
230	Prince of Wales	1542 24			314 95	191 60
231	Elora	1224 27			900 00	79 50
232	Equity	280 31			450 00	
233	Hanover	70 00			120 00	75 00
234	Tiderton	702 46	800 00	1748 51	267 01	5 12
235	Waterford	743 04			1100 00	202 80
236	Azorn	793 70			140 00	
237	Farmersville	11 19	200 00		350 00	
239	Stirling	485 16	3035 00		1183 76	549 76
240	Carleton	2672 03				
241	Rideau	856 41	3200 00		1887 27	733 25
242	Wilton	1378 85			143 57	
243	Thornbury	435 00			125 00	50 00
244	Port Arthur	1160 30	975 00		1600 00	194 82
245	Mallorytown	55 74	1157 25	500 00	542 25	
246	Orillia					
247	Gordon	296 32	1000 00		418 40	
248	Campbellford	552 98	2207 50		1000 00	306 50
249	Beaverton	653 04	1050 00		625 00	338 00
250	Ridgely	1037 90		3550 00	584 58	165 40
251	Bracebridge	775 98	1370 00	25 00	500 00	184 18
252	Floral	1471 71			416 40	161 50
253	Caledonia	371 21			150 00	
254	Alba	1048 03		1000 00	250 00	91 00
256	Grand Valley	495 81			214 00	28 50
257	Credit	1053 73			273 86	32 50
258	Thamesford	1806 15	1015 00		1107 67	123 40
259	Lynden	877 28	350 00		251 23	
260	Meaford	1271 90			504 00	210 45
261	Gold Hill	964 88		7135 00	1459 00	568 88
262	Norwood	263 24			400 00	
263	East Toronto	397 33			200 00	139 87
264	Fraternity	582 92	1656 0		550 00	28 00
265	Delta	348 10				
266	Missanabie	1580 55	600 00	100 00	941 70	203 06
267	Algoma	1342 30	150 00	135 00	634 43	137 25
268	Stanley	597 46			327 46	35 50
269	Woodstock	1401 65			800 00	107 97
270	Lansdowne	1048 97			550 00	88 25
271	North Bay	738 72	456 00	10 00	900 00	
272	Lakeview	629 88			106 00	14 70
273	Hastings	769 21			413 32	39 67
274	Midland	200 00			637 75	
275	Fairy	506 60		378 25	248 23	185 77
276	Sheard					
277	Lambton	611 36	1173 20			46 36
278	Rockliffe	162 11			855 65	652 25
279	Grenville	87 98		2700 00	364 46	

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	52 34	3699 70	.....	124 67	.....	3824 37	219
150 00	7 50	1243 30	.....	.....	.....	1243 30	220
.....	3 50	1367 52	.....	.....	.....	1367 52	221
.....	.....	3095 84	.....	.....	.....	3095 84	223
.....	.....	2172 15	1079 82	15 73	.....	3267 70	224
.....	35 25	2583 98	.....	23 49	.....	2607 47	226
.....	.....	879 44	.....	.....	.....	879 44	227
.....	18 75	9135 10	551 71	32 06	.....	9718 87	228
.....	1 50	1294 58	.....	.....	.....	1294 58	229
.....	6 70	1986 20	.....	55 89	.....	2042 09	230
.....	29 00	2198 68	.....	36 09	.....	2234 77	231
.....	.....	730 31	.....	.....	.....	730 31	232
.....	15 00	247 00	.....	.....	.....	247 00	233
.....	31 68	3333 37	150 00	8 15	.....	3491 52	234
.....	23 14	1981 12	.....	41 58	.....	2022 70	235
.....	.....	933 70	.....	.....	.....	933 70	236
.....	.....	561 19	.....	.....	.....	561 19	237
.....	.....	5219 90	.....	33 78	.....	5253 68	239
.....	.....	2672 03	.....	.....	.....	2672 03	240
.....	.....	4678 31	1834 42	164 20	.....	6676 93	241
.....	.....	1278 33	717 51	26 58	.....	2022 42	242
.....	.....	810 00	.....	.....	.....	810 00	243
.....	28 80	3901 32	.....	.....	.....	3901 32	244
.....	.....	2152 73	.....	102 50	.....	2255 24	245
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246
.....	.....	1707 90	.....	6 82	.....	1714 72	247
.....	.....	3642 04	.....	424 94	.....	4066 98	248
.....	16 50	1547 99	907 86	175 69	.....	2631 54	249
.....	133 00	5182 22	.....	22 66	.....	5204 88	250
.....	9 66	1374 85	1429 99	40 66	.....	2845 60	251
.....	17 00	1937 78	.....	94 83	.....	2032 61	252
.....	.....	521 21	.....	.....	.....	521 21	253
.....	11 00	2244 59	.....	133 44	.....	2378 03	254
.....	4 50	225 71	370 95	137 15	.....	733 81	256
.....	9 50	1350 59	.....	.....	.....	1350 59	257
.....	33 00	3460 50	528 54	30 18	.....	4019 22	258
.....	.....	1468 06	.....	10 45	.....	1478 51	259
.....	21 00	1934 85	.....	30 50	.....	1965 35	260
1200 00	105 96	8383 30	.....	438 50	.....	8821 80	261
.....	.....	658 54	.....	4 70	.....	663 24	262
.....	310 75	375 90	21 93	29 12	.....	426 95	263
.....	27 50	2168 79	584 68	35 95	.....	2789 42	264
.....	.....	330 00	18 10	.....	.....	348 10	265
.....	14 00	3410 66	.....	65	.....	3411 32	266
.....	22 00	2362 68	.....	14 30	.....	2376 98	267
.....	11 00	949 42	.....	.....	.....	949 42	268
.....	43 07	9268 55	.....	.....	.....	9268 55	269
.....	22 50	1404 26	235 18	25 28	.....	1664 72	270
.....	.....	2104 72	.....	.....	.....	2104 72	271
.....	.....	750 58	.....	.....	.....	750 58	272
.....	38 46	1183 74	.....	.....	.....	1183 74	273
.....	30	837 45	.....	.....	.....	837 45	274
.....	68 92	863 21	483 72	.....	.....	1346 93	275
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276
.....	13 00	1807 98	.....	9 91	.....	1817 89	277
.....	25 00	3103 01	.....	.....	.....	3103 01	278
146 50	200 00	2805 94	.....	.....	.....	2805 94	279

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	1042 74			608 46	70 10
281	Arthur	1413 58			555 90	148 83
282	Sudbury	964 30			1000 00	120 00
283	Earnscliffe	1959 30			250 00	160 00
284	Lyn	184 16	75 06		300 00	
285	Morewood	306 78		550 00	175 00	266 85
286	Royal	294 37			460 58	89 00
287	Ripley	371 12	1900 00		450 00	153 85
288	Chesterville	647 31			388 25	112 75
289	Glenworth	841 51			100 00	10 90
290	Tweed	485 88			700 00	191 00
291	Rodney	763 59			267 09	60 00
292	Minnetonka	369 61		1700 00	950 00	106 00
293	Thomasburg	1572 56			639 09	
294	Broadview	2569 56			340 55	144 39
295	Manotick	181 21			159 76	159 10
296	Pontypool	933 02			250 00	102 53
297	Mayflower	302 94		900 00	272 57	18 00
298	Comber	384 41	90 00		425 00	228 50
299	Cornucopia	43 31		1000 00	700 00	153 50
300	Bobcaygeon	762 00			113 00	161 20
301	Plattsville	323 13			193 78	54 00
302	Aberdeen	333 30			240 28	73 22
303	Fellowship	335 05			343 78	113 50
304	Star	1204 20			148 40	6 40
305	Valentine	295 98			300 00	12 00
306	Athena	375 33			311 90	69 50
307	Princeton	485 78	400 00		102 00	46 00
308	Millbrook	1465 83			400 00	117 53
309	Harrow	655 12			262 32	
310	Shedden	303 65			190 03	58 50
311	Zeta	771 16			784 85	140 15
312	Spirit Rock	562 00			274 00	146 50
313	Electric City	321 65			180 85	106 69
314	Prospect	460 88	1375 00		225 00	235 88
315	Mountain	412 59			180 00	53 43
316	Britain	388 77	450 00		45 62	22 50
317	Laurentian	155 61			239 00	
318	Berire	586 03			158 29	59 50
319	Webbwood	501 19			183 62	189 15
320	Geneva	44 72			500 00	99 18
321	Hespeler	524 66			267 00	
322	Central	1044 68			113 80	272 32
323	Liberty	589 38				28 50
324	Ontario	27 37			250 00	63 20
325	Southampton	196 91			100 00	60 00
326	Strathcona	83 68				9 50
327	Saugeen	156 81			274 34	50 25
328	Unserwood	298 57			284 82	31 50
329	Prosperity	97 07			30 47	31 38
330	Wheatley	274 26			82 00	89 00
331	Maxville	38 51			182 91	41 50
332	Atwood	142 98			263 45	6 42
145	Riverside	528 25			622 26	37 00
198	Britannia	710 19			187 37	16 70
208	Alvinston	136 42			150 00	144 75
226	Norfolk	1574 84			325 10	79 75
	Year 31st Dec., 1900	262372 50	27311 67	322436 62	181366 88	41484 59

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Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	86 40	1291 08	333 53	10 29	.....	1634 90	280
.....	33 00	2090 31	.....	.....	.....	2090 31	281
.....	.....	1719 32	364 98	.....	.....	2084 30	282
.....	36 50	2332 80	.....	.....	.....	2332 80	283
.....	.....	559 16	.....	.....	.....	559 16	284
.....	.....	1298 63	.....	.....	.....	1298 63	285
.....	17 00	819 19	.....	7 76	.....	826 95	286
.....	26 15	2848 02	.....	.....	.....	2848 02	287
.....	.....	871 83	213 97	62 51	.....	1148 31	288
.....	.....	952 41	.....	.....	.....	952 41	289
.....	.....	1335 02	.....	21 86	.....	1356 88	290
.....	16 50	1070 85	.....	3 33	.....	1074 18	291
.....	12 00	3091 39	3 95	18 27	.....	3113 61	292
.....	.....	2203 07	.....	8 58	.....	2211 65	293
.....	34 34	2309 77	.....	710 39	.....	3020 16	294
.....	.....	500 07	.....	.....	.....	500 07	295
.....	.....	1285 55	.....	.....	.....	1285 55	296
.....	22 50	1450 86	.....	20 15	.....	1471 01	297
.....	3 00	1124 91	.....	.....	.....	1124 91	298
.....	8 50	1849 27	.....	39 04	.....	1888 31	299
.....	6 00	915 92	.....	114 28	.....	1030 20	300
.....	42 90	510 53	.....	17 48	.....	528 01	301
.....	1 50	645 30	.....	.....	.....	645 30	302
.....	9 50	782 83	.....	.....	.....	782 83	303
.....	.....	1359 00	.....	.....	.....	1359 00	304
.....	.....	607 98	.....	.....	.....	607 98	305
.....	.....	750 73	.....	6 00	.....	756 73	306
.....	2 84	1030 94	.....	.....	.....	1030 94	307
.....	11 85	1952 26	.....	19 25	.....	1971 51	308
.....	.....	917 44	.....	.....	.....	917 44	309
.....	4 00	538 18	.....	.....	.....	538 18	310
.....	14 50	1654 91	.....	26 75	.....	1681 66	311
.....	.....	982 50	.....	.....	.....	982 50	312
.....	8 70	600 49	.....	.....	.....	600 49	313
.....	27 65	2269 11	.....	.....	.....	2269 11	314
.....	.....	646 02	.....	.....	.....	646 02	315
.....	21 75	786 89	.....	62 75	35 50	885 14	316
.....	.....	394 61	.....	.....	.....	394 61	317
.....	6 00	797 82	.....	.....	.....	797 82	318
.....	18 45	855 51	.....	.....	.....	855 51	319
.....	160 75	483 15	.....	.....	.....	483 15	320
.....	.....	781 92	.....	9 74	.....	791 66	321
.....	21 78	1409 02	.....	.....	.....	1409 02	322
.....	15 75	602 13	.....	.....	.....	602 13	323
.....	.....	340 57	.....	.....	.....	340 57	324
.....	.....	356 91	.....	.....	.....	356 91	325
.....	4 50	79 18	.....	9 50	.....	88 68	326
.....	.....	481 40	.....	.....	.....	481 40	327
.....	54 75	560 14	.....	.....	.....	560 14	328
.....	.....	158 92	.....	.....	.....	158 92	329
.....	13 00	435 26	.....	.....	.....	435 26	330
.....	.....	262 92	.....	.....	.....	262 92	331
.....	74 42	338 43	.....	.....	.....	338 43	332
.....	6 00	1180 98	.....	53	.....	1181 51	145
.....	1 85	912 41	.....	.....	.....	912 41	198
.....	4 50	426 67	.....	.....	.....	426 67	206
.....	.....	1814 31	.....	165 38	.....	1979 69	225
65839 36	15680 47	918772 77	65417 92	14794 43	362 21	999277 43	

CONSTITUTION

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, AS ADOPTED AT THE SESSION OF GRAND LODGE, HELD AT HAMILTON, AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 1900.

CREED.

Odd Fellowship, while it is free from anything of a sectarian character, has always held belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, as a cardinal principle; and has maintained the Fatherhood of God as a doctrine of equal importance with the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man. Concerning the qualities and attributes of the Divine Father, it has never undertaken to pronounce with authority; nor does it question the moral character and good citizenship of those who declare that they have no belief in a Supreme Being. It simply exercises the right of all voluntary associations to prescribe the qualifications for membership in its own circle. It has always insisted, and will insist, that belief in a Supreme Being is necessary to attain or retain a place within our ranks. No one should offer himself for membership in our Order who has not this belief; no one should be accepted without it; and no member who loses faith in such a Supreme Being can honestly and consistently remain with us.

PREAMBLE.

Under authority vested in it by its Charter granted to it by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and by the laws and usages of the Order, the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hereby ordains the following as the CONSTITUTION of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction:

TITLES AND POWERS.

Clause 1—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full power and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal Charter, duly granted by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

QUORUM.

Clause 2.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge, including one qualified to preside, be then present.

MEETINGS.

Clause 3.—The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held weekly or semi-monthly, and not otherwise, on such evenings and at such time as may be provided for by its By-laws.

Clause 4.—Special sessions may be ordered by the Lodge to be held on any stated night for special business. They may also be called by the Noble Grand or, in his absence, by the Vice Grand; and it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to call a special meeting whenever requested in writing by five or more Third Degree members. When meetings are called by such Officers, not less than twenty-four hours' notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in the local press or by circular to each member, unless the meeting be called to receive a Grand Officer or to arrange for, or to attend, the funeral of a Brother. No business shall be transacted at any special session other than that for which such meeting has been called and the regular Order of Procedure as set forth in Rule II. shall be omitted.

Clause 5.—Members of other Lodges in Ontario may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the password for the term, or the A.T.P.W. with the Official Certificate; members from other jurisdictions must present a proper card, or Official Certificate, or be introduced by an elective Grand Officer, or by any Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Clause 6.—Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday, the Lodge may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting or appoint another meeting night for that week, and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following, or at the substituted meeting.

SEAL.

Clause 7.—This Lodge shall have a seal, and all official documents shall be sealed therewith by the Recording Secretary. A proof impression of such seal shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

TERMS.

Clause 8.—The Quarterly Terms of this Lodge shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January, April, July and October, and at the moment the Lodge opens. The Official Terms shall be semi-annual or annual, as provided by the By-laws of the Lodge, and shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January and July, if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting night in January, if annual. The Financial Terms shall begin on the first day of January and July in each year.

RETURNS.

Clause 9.—It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Financial Secretary to prepare a return of the work of the Lodge during each half-year in which they have held office, and in accordance with the blank form of semi-annual return which the Grand Lodge may from

time to time direct to be used, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary immediately after the close of such half-year, ~~together~~ with the *per capita* tax due the Grand Lodge.

Clause 10.—There shall be payable by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge a fine of $2.00 for each calendar month or portion thereof that may elapse after the 20th day of January and July in each year, until the returns and *per capita* tax required by the Grand Lodge shall have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary; and such fine shall be made good to the Lodge in equal proportions by the officers whose duty it is to prepare and forward such returns; and, further, should the first half-yearly returns and *per capita* tax of any year be not forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the 20th day of July, the Lodge shall, in addition to the fine above provided, be debarred from representation at the next ensuing session of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 11.—Should this Lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such Brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same), the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 12.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

Clause 13.—No Brother shall be eligible for the office of N.G. until he has served a term as V.G., nor of V.G. until he has served a term in some office prescribed by the Ritual, has attained the Third Degree and is in good standing. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Clause 14.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto, and no nominee shall be balloted for who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Clause 15.—The election of such officers as are prescribed by the Ritual shall take place at the last regular meeting in May and November if the terms are semi-annual, and at the last regular meeting in November if the terms are annual.

Clause 16.—The election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge and Delegates to the District Meeting shall take place at the last regular meeting in May; and for Trustees and Medical Examiner or Physician when provided for by the By-laws, at the last regular meeting in November in each year.

Clause 17.—Before proceeding to open the Poll for the election of any officer, or of Representative to the Grand Lodge, or Delegate to the District Meeting, Trustee or Medical Examiner or Physician when provided for by the By-laws, the Noble Grand shall appoint three Brothers of the Third Degree in good standing to act as Scrutineers; and the Warden shall distribute the ballot papers.

Clause 18.—It shall be the duty of the Scrutineers to count the votes given and make a correct return thereof to the Noble Grand, who shall declare the result to the Lodge.

Clause 19.—Every member voting shall deposit his ballot in full view of the Scrutineers, and any ballot containing any writing not the name of a candidate shall be counted a "blank" and so recorded.

Clause 20.—If for any office or committee no more candidates be in nomination than are required to fill such office or committee, such candidates shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be more candidates in nomination than are required, the members present shall elect one of such candidates, by paper ballot, and afterwards from among those previously nominated shall proceed to elect the required number. Only one name shall be written upon any ballot and only members in good standing shall vote. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who may have received no votes, shall be withdrawn. In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest a ballot shall be immediately taken to determine which of those tieing shall be dropped.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 21.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O.G., I.G., R.S.N.G., L.S.N.G., R.S.V.G., L.S.V.G., R.S.S., L.S.S., and Chaplain.

Clause 22.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N.G., immediately after his installation, except the R.S.V.G. and L.S.V.G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V.G.

Clause 23.—All members appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and must have attained the Third Degree.

Clause 24.—The N.G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O.G. a brother of the Third Degree belonging to any other Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Clause 25.—This Lodge may at any time elect a Solicitor, Physician, or other Officer required for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge, and may pay for the services rendered, out of the General Fund of the Lodge, and for such office the Lodge may elect a person not a member of the Order.

INSTALLATION.

Clause 26.—The Officers of this Lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed; except that the installation of the Officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of his election or appointment. An Officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

Clause 27.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are or may hereafter be prescribed

by this Constitution, by the Charge Books and Usages of the Order, the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-laws and Resolutions of this Lodge.

Clause 28.—Every Officer who may be required to state his duties, or deliver any Charge in the Lodge, shall prepare the same prior to his installation, and in default thereof, his office may be declared vacant, by vote of the Lodge, provided one week's notice of such motion shall have been given.

DUTIES OF JUNIOR PAST GRAND.

Clause 29.—It shall be the duty of the J.P.G. to attend regularly the meetings of this Lodge; to act as sitting P.G. until his successor shall assume the P.G.'s chair; to deliver the charge of that office, or see that the same be done by a P.G. or by the N.G. in a becoming manner; to watch over the welfare and interests of every widow and orphan child of deceased Brethren who were members of this Lodge, or who may for the time being be resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge; to visit them, unless non-residents, at least once in each quarter, and report their condition to this Lodge; and in the absence of the V.G. to act as Chairman of the Visiting Committee.

DUTIES OF THE NOBLE GRAND.

Clause 30.—It shall be the duty of the N.G. to preside over the Lodge; to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws and proper respect for the Grand Lodge of Ontario; to see that all Officers of the Lodge and the Members of Committees perform their respective duties as enjoined by their respective Charges; to take charge of the Charter of the Lodge, and have it always in the Lodge while in session; to summon special meetings as required by law; to appoint all Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for; to fill all vacancies occurring in Committees originally appointed by him; to ascertain and announce to the Lodge the result of all balloting and other votes; to give the casting vote in case of a tie on any matter or question before the Lodge, except the vote be by ballot; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-laws to every Brother on admission to membership; to ascertain from the F.S., previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of his receipts since last Lodge night, and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same; to cause the Secretary to invite Brothers to attend the funeral of every unsuspended deceased Brother; to take charge of such funeral in the absence of competent relatives, and in such case to receive the account of and regulate the disbursements; to sign all Official Certificates presented by the F.S. and duly completed by that Officer; and to assist the Financial Secretary to prepare the semi-annual return, and see that it is promptly forwarded to the Grand Secretary immediately after the close of the half-year for which it is made.

DUTIES OF THE VICE GRAND.

Clause 31.—It shall be the duty of the V.G. to assist the N.G. in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the N.G. to perform the duties of that Officer, except that he shall not deliver the P.G's. Charge, which must be delivered by a P.G. or by the N.G.; to appoint his own supporters, and the minority of all Committees on Character;

to act as Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and make a report each week concerning the sickness of every member of this Lodge, or member of any Lodge in this Order, who may be resident for the time being in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and stating the amount of benefits any such member is entitled to; to keep a Sick Members' Register of those on the sick list, recording the cause, date of notice and duration of sickness or disability; and to take special charge of the door, under the N.G.

DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Clause 32.—It shall be the duty of the R.S. to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge; to take charge of and safely keep the Seal; to keep carefully and in good order all books, papers and other property belonging to his office, and to fill up all Certificates and Cards ordered by the Lodge; to write and copy into the letter-book and duly despatch all communications ordered by the Lodge, and to read the same at the next regular meeting under the head of unfinished business; to punctually issue all notices required by order of the N.G., or of the Lodge or by the laws of the Order; to inform all candidates for membership of their election or rejection, when the proposer of such candidate declines to do so, but without disclosing any other fact or circumstance in connection therewith; to fill out for the Chairman of the Committee on Character a notice containing the names of such Committee, and also that of the Candidate and Referees; to preserve and file all written resolutions, motions, accounts and reports upon which action has been taken by the Lodge; to notify the Recording Secretary of each Rebekah Lodge of the withdrawal by card, suspension or reinstatement of such members as hold membership in such Rebekah Lodge; to keep written up in good order all books placed in his charge, and to carefully preserve all papers placed with him; to call special meetings when ordered by the N.G.; to attest all warrants for moneys legally ordered to be paid and none other; to attach the seal to all official Certificates, when presented, duly signed by the N.G. and F.S.; and for such services he may be paid half-yearly as the Lodge may direct.

DUTIES OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Clause 33.—It shall be the duty of the F.S. to keep just and true accounts between this Lodge and its members; to punctually charge and receive all dues, charges, assessments and fines; to notify at least two weeks before the close of each quarterly term, either verbally or by a circular, addressed to every member in arrear, of the amount due by him, and of all fines imposed; to notify the Lodge of all members three quarters in arrear; to call *special* attention of any member being eleven calendar months in arrear to the provisions of the Constitution respecting suspension for N.P.D. by means of a written or printed note, to be delivered or sent to his address by registered post prepaid; to advise the Lodge at the next meeting of the names of all members so notified; to receive all moneys due to the Lodge; to pay over forthwith all moneys collected or otherwise received by him for the Lodge, to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same on the face of his cash book; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last regular meeting in June and December during which he holds office; to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers and other properties appertaining to his office; to make out at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge,

a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term, and transmit the same direct to the Grand Secretary, together with the *per capita* tax; to make out an official Certificate as a receipt for dues, upon payment thereof, and upon request, by any member, and present the same to the N.G. for his signature, and to the R.S., who shall attach the seal thereto; and for such services he may be paid half-yearly as the Lodge directs.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

Clause 34.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary all moneys of the Lodge at the close of each meeting and deal with the same in such a manner as may be required by the Lodge; to pay all legal warrants signed by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary and none other; to keep correct accounts of all moneys coming into his hands belonging to the Lodge; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last regular meeting in June and December in which he may hold office; to make a full report of the receipts and disbursements for the previous term at the first regular meeting in January and July, and at such other times as the Lodge may direct; to deliver up to his sucessor, or when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers and other property of the Lodge which may be in his possession, and to furnish the F.S. with such information when called upon as will enable that Officer to prepare his reports to Grand Lodge. Prior to his installation in office, he shall give a bond of some chartered guarantee company, authorized to do business in the Province of Ontario, and the cost of said bond to be paid for out of the funds of the Lodge, to be approved by the Lodge.

DUTIES OF WARDEN.

Clause 35.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to take charge of the Regalia and other property of the Lodge when not intrusted to another Officer; to act as chairman of the Property Committee; to count all open votes, distribute ballot papers prior to the election of Officers, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges of his office, or by resolution of the Lodge or this Constitution.

TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Clause 36.—The Lodge may elect three Trustees, whose term of office shall commence on the first regular meeting in January following their election, and who shall retain office for such time as the Lodge may by By-law direct, or until their successors assume office.

Clause 37.—The duties of such Trustees shall be to invest the funds of the Lodge as the Lodge may direct and perform such other duties as may be intrusted to them. Each Trustee, before entering upon his term of office, may be required to give a bond, to be approved of by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties as Trustee. All members elected Trustees must be in good standing, and members of the Degree of Truth, at the time of their election.

VACANCIES OF OFFICE.

Clause 38.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

Clause 39.—Any vacancy in office by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may require. In the case of elective officers, the nominations to fill such vacancy shall take place at the meeting at which such office is declared vacant and also at the next regular meeting. The election shall take place on such second night of nomination. In the case of an appointed office the vacancy shall be filled at the same or at the regular meeting next following that at which the vacancy is declared. The member so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office provided he shall serve a majority of the meeting nights remaining in such term and to the end thereof.

DISMISSAL OF COMMITTEES.

Clause 40.—Any member of a Committee, failing to discharge any of the duties assigned to him, may be dismissed therefrom by a vote of the Lodge, at a regular meeting; and every member thus discharged shall forthwith surrender to the N.G., or such member as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, moneys or other property of the Lodge, previously placed in his possession.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS.

Clause 41.—Any Officer charged with official misconduct may be dismissed from office after due trial or suspended from membership, such suspension vacating his office, or expelled from the Lodge. Any officer or other person failing to discharge any duty assigned to him by the Constitution or the resolutions of this Lodge, may be dismissed from his position in the same manner as is provided for the dismissal of a member of a Committee.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Clause 42.—The N.G. on the night of his installation, shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Lodge, the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz.: A Finance Committee, a Property Committee, a Visiting Committee and a Membership Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Clause 43.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members of the Degree of Truth, whose duty it shall be to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the same or next regular meeting; and to audit semi-annually the books and semi-annual return of the F.S. and of the Treas. and of all other Officers or Committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of any of the Lodge funds.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Clause 44.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members (including the Warden, who shall be Chairman thereof), whose duty it shall be to take charge of all Regalia and other effects of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular Officers or to other Committees; to procure for the Lodge such articles as may be necessary, or as the Lodge may direct; to cause to be made all repairs to regalia or other property of the Lodge as to them may seem requisite, or as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of their proceedings at the close of each half year.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Clause 45.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least seven members, including the Jr.P.G., of whom the Vice Grand shall be Chairman, and shall be selected from such different parts of the Lodge jurisdiction as to be convenient for visiting other members of the Lodge.

Clause 46.—It shall be the duty of a member of the Visiting Committee, who shall receive notice of a Brother being sick, to visit such Brother within twenty-four hours hereafter, and to render him such aid as his case may require or admit; and when circumstances may render it necessary, to call upon so many of the Brethren as may be required to secure the attendance and services of two Brothers or the services of a nurse where the By-laws so provide to watch nightly with such sick Brother. The Chairman shall make weekly reports upon the sickness or disability of every Odd Fellow in charge of the Committee, and the first and last reports upon the case of any Brother shall be in the form following and signed by as many of the members of the Committe as may be in accord therewith:—

To the Noble Grand,.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.

The undersigned members of the Visiting Committee beg to report on the sickness of Bro....., of.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F., taken sick on the.....day of.....(month), 19..., and first reported sick to this Lodge on.....day of.....(month), 19... His attending physician is Dr.....

The illness from which he is suffering is.....

He is entitled to weekly benefits of $....., commencing on .....day of.....(month).

The above named Brother has recovered and was declared off the sick list on.....day of.....(month).

We recommend that an order on the Treasurer be drawn for $....., being the amount of his benefits to and including the..... day of.....(month).

....., *Chairman.*
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NOTICE OF SICKNESS.

Clause 47.—Every member resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and claiming sick benefits under these laws, shall notify the Lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of his sickness or disability within one week of the commencement of such sickness or disability; but in the event of failure to give notice, no sick benefits shall be paid for any portion of the time the member was sick prior to the date of giving such notice.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Clause 48.—The Membership Committee shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to visit members who may have become in arrear for dues, and to use their best endeavors to prevent the suspension or to secure the reinstatement of such members.

DUTIES OF RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Clause 49.—It shall be the duty of every member who shall have received notice of his being required to watch with or give attendance upon a sick Brother, to inform the person giving such notice as to whether he is able to comply with the demand or not; and when he is unable to attend, except in case of sickness in his family, he shall be charged the sum of $1.00, unless he provide a substitute. Should any member not inform the Visiting Committee of his inability to do so, or neglect to watch after signifying his intention to do so, then on report of the Visiting Committee the Financial Secretary shall charge him the sum of $2.00.

Clause 50.—In case of contagious or infectious diseases it shall not be incumbent on members personally to visit the sick; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon the Brethren as above provided, the Visiting Committee shall employ a nurse when directed by the Lodge to do so.

Clause 51.—Every unsuspended member resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge shall notify the Lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of his sickness or forfeit the attention of such Committee until such notice shall be given.

Clause 52.—Whenever a member of this Lodge changes his residence he shall notify the Financial Secretary immediately of such change or forfeit all claims on the attentions of the Order in case of sickness.

DUTIES OF NON-RESIDENTS.

Clause 53.—It is and shall be the duty of every member of this Lodge on removing from its jurisdiction to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name, number and location of his Lodge; and, when requested by the Lodge to which he has been reported, shall watch with the sick; and any member so failing to report shall not be entitled to attention from any Lodge.

Clause 54.—A non-resident member of this Lodge shall be required to give the same notice of his sickness as a resident member, but the

post-mark date of the receiving post-office upon the envelope containing the letter of notification shall be deemed the date of notice by such non-resident member. He shall also forward with the notice, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the certificate of the attending physician and a certificate of the Noble Grand or the Chairman of the Visiting Committee and Recording Secretary, with seal attached, of any Lodge of the I.O.O.F. in his vicinity; or if there be no Lodge of this Order near him, then he shall send, at the time of giving notice, the name of a clergyman or a magistrate for reference. He shall also report to this Lodge as often as the Lodge may require. And in no case shall such non-resident member receive sick benefits from this Lodge for any portion of the time he was sick, prior to the date of giving such notice.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS.

Clause 55.—Neither the emblems nor the name of the Order, or of the Lodge, shall be used in connection with any public entertainment, excursion, party, or amusement of any kind, without the consent of the Grand Master having been previously obtained thereto, upon the request of the Lodge; and at the time of asking such permission, the Lodge shall give the Grand Master a distinct promise that no intoxicants shall be used upon the proposed occasion. The penalty for violation of the foregoing is expulsion from the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 56.—Candidates for membership, by initiation in this Lodge, must be free white males, of not less than twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge. No saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler is eligible to membership in this Order.

Clause 57.—Every petition for membership by initiation must be submitted in form following, and must be accompanied by a reference to at least two members of the Lodge, the proposition fee, $2.00, and a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, which must be on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.

To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge No....., working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-laws of your Lodge, and those of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith, in the tribunals of the Order only, before resorting for their enforcement to the civil courts.

My age is..... Years.
My occupation is.....
My Residence is.....

Very respectfully yours,

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(*Applicant.*)

Witnessed by.....
Presented by Bro.....
References.....
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Clause 58.—A member of any other Lodge desiring to unite with this Lodge, may apply for membership by first obtaining a Visiting Card or Official Certificate from his Lodge, and depositing the same in this Lodge. Upon election of such Brother by this Lodge, the Lodge of which he is a member shall be notified by the Secretary, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card from his Lodge. Upon deposit of said Card with this Lodge, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-laws and be received into full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by this Lodge. A favorable ballot under the above law cannot be reconsidered.

Clause 59.—Any Odd Fellow desirous of joining this Lodge must make application in the following form, which must be accompanied by a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, and a Visiting, Withdrawal, or a Grand Lodge Card, or by an Official or Dismissal Certificate, or evidence that he had resigned membership when in good standing. The application shall then be disposed of in like manner as a petition for initiation.

To the Noble Grand.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.

The undersigned herewith presents his.....
(State what kind of Card or Certificate)
.....from.....
Lodge, No....., of....., and respectfully requests to be admitted to membership in your Lodge. My age at which I joined my former lodge was.....years; my present age is.....years. If admitted I promise and agree that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith in the tribunals of the Order before resorting for their enforcement to the civil courts.

Clause 60.—An application for membership shall be referred to a committee of three members, two of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and one by the V.G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or unless the application be withdrawn, which may be done by the proposer at any time prior to the report of the Committee on Character, but not afterwards.

Clause 61.—In the case of a member who, having changed his place of residence, or who, on account of the starting of a new Lodge, shall find himself nearer to some other Lodge in the jurisdiction than the one he is a member of, and who, having been granted a withdrawal, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the Lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid by the Lodge he is leaving the balance of his admission fee (that is, his admission fee, less the proposition fee already paid by him), provided that in no case shall the Lodge be compelled to pay more than $3.00 on account of any one Brother.

Clause 62.—Any candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in case of a new candidate.

Clause 63.—The rejection of any candidate for membership by initiation shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the city, town or village in which such rejection takes place.

Clause 64.—If in any case where a candidate for membership has been elected, but subsequent to his election, and prior to his initation, the Lodge becomes satisfied that he is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election, and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. A new ballot must then be taken on the report of the Committee.

Clause 65.—A Lodge, by resolution, may require the proposer of a candidate for membership or re-instatement to give one week's notice, verbally, in open Lodge, of such proposition.

Clause 66.—No application for membership shall be made known to any person not a Third Degree member of the Order, until after the same shall have been favorably determined by election, under penalties provided by this Constitution.

Clause 67.—No candidate for membership by initiation, who has been rejected, shall again be proposed in any Lodge until at least six months after his rejection.

Clause 68. –No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge in this Order at the same time.

NON-BENEFICIAL MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 69.—This Lodge may receive, as non-beneficial members, former members of defunct Lodges who were in good standing in their respective Lodges at the time of surrender of their respective Charters and who are ineligible for beneficial membership and over fifty years of age.

Clause 70.—This Lodge may also receive as non-beneficial members, non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the Order for at least five years, and who at the time of making application for re-instatement or membership shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause.

Clause 71.—The admission fee of a non-beneficial member shall be one dollar, and the quarterly dues fifty cents.

Clause 72.—Non-beneficial members, when so admitted, shall have no claim upon this Lodge for pecuniary benefits of any kind, but in all other respects they shall have the same privileges as those holding beneficial membership.

RE-ADMISSION.

Clause 73.—Should any member receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted to membership and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the entrance fee or any portion thereof.

Clause 74.—When any member expelled from membership desires to be re-admitted, he must secure the consent of the Lodge expelling him. The application of an expelled member for re-admission shall be referred to a committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and two by the V.G., who, after due investigation, shall report thereon 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-admission, and, with the consent of the Grand Master may be re-admitted, provided he pass a satisfactory medical examination.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 75.—In the case of a member who has changed his place of residence, or who, on account of the starting of a new Lodge, shall find himself nearer to some other Lodge in the jurisdiction than the one of which he is a member, and who, having been granted a Withdrawal Card, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the Lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid by the Lodge he is leaving the balance of his admission fee (that is, his admission fee, less the proposition fee already paid by him), provided that in no case shall the Lodge be compelled to pay more than $3.00 on account of any one Brother.

BALLOT.

Clause 76.—A ballot shall be taken on an application immediately upon the presentation of the report of the Committee on Character, and if less than three black balls be found the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more appear, he shall be rejected; but upon the intimation of the Vice-Grand that the ballot is unfavorable, the Lodge shall, upon the request of any member, forthwith proceed to retake the ballot, in order to verify the fact that black balls may not have been cast by error; and, if upon such second ballot three or more black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected; and any proposition fee received by the Lodge shall be returned to the candidate, unless action for reconsideration be taken within four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection, and in accordance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Clause 77.—In the case of an application by a Brother who within six months previous to such application has been a member of a Lodge which has merged into, or united with this Lodge, the vote necessary to receive such Brother into membership shall be a majority vote by ballot.

Clause 78.—Balloting for candidates, or for advancement to the Degrees, shall only be proceeded with when the Lodge is opened in the Third Degree. The ballot box shall be placed in full view of the Noble Grand, and when all present shall have balloted, and the result been inspected by that officer, the Warden shall proceed with the ballot box to the chair of the Vice Grand, who having examined the same shall announce the ballot as favorable, or unfavorable, and the Noble Grand shall declare the result, after which the Vice-Grand shall destroy the ballot. In the case of admission to membership a second ballot may be taken as herein provided.

CONTRACT.

Clause 79.—The Constitution, Laws, By-laws, Enactments, Rules and Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., of the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F., and of Subordinate Lodges, are hereby declared to constitute the contract between the Order and each member thereof and as such shall govern and control each member;

and all enactments which may hereafter be made or adopted, whether the same be retroactive or prospective, by the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, or said Grand Lodge, or by the Subordinate Lodges in any way amendatory or supplementary to the whole or any part of any of the above mentioned Constitution, Laws, By-laws, Enactments, Rules or Regulations, immediately upon such adoption shall be binding upon each Lodge and each of its members; but such contract is hereby declared to be entirely between each member and the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs; and the remedy for enforcement of the rights of any member shall be against such Lodge only, and he shall have no claim therefor against the Grand Lodge of Ontario or the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Clause 80.—Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of his contract of membership, which contract is complete by his initiation or admission by Card, or by Certificate; such admission by Card or Certificate dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of this Lodge; and every member shall be subject to the Constitution and By-laws, although he may not have signed his name thereto.

JURISDICTION.

Clause 81.—The jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend half way to the nearest Lodges in every direction by the most direct travelled route; provided always where Lodges are located within adjoining urban municipalities, the boundary line between such municipalities shall separate the jurisdictions of such Lodges. In cities or towns where there are two or more Lodges, such Lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

Clause 82.—No proposition for membership shall be received or acted upon if the candidate's residence be out of the Province of Ontario without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which the applicant resides; nor if the applicant's residence be not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he applies for membership, unless consent of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant lives be obtained; and in the event of the violation of this clause the Lodge so violating shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction over such applicant.

DEGREES.

Clause 83.—Every member previous to his receiving any of the Degrees shall present a certificate from the F.S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the Degree or Degrees for which application has been made; after which he shall be balloted for. Balloting shall be had when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree, and one ballot shall be taken for all the Degrees for which he has applied.

Clause 84.—If, on such ballot, three or more black balls appear, the applicant shall be rejected, otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees applied for. In case of rejection he shall not be again balloted for to receive any Degree unless two weeks' notice be given immediately preceding the

meeting at which such ballot is to be taken. The First Degree shall be conferred at the first regular meting in the month, the Second Degree at the second, and the Third Degree at the third, unless the Lodge by resolution decide otherwise, in any particular case.

Clause 85.—In case the Lodge refuse to grant any Degree to a member, all fees paid on account thereof shall upon his application be returned to him, by the Treasurer, on the order of the N.G., attested by the R.S., without a vote of the Lodge.

CARDS.

Clause 86.—Any member in good standing, desiring to withdraw from this 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 of such Withdrawal Card. 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 Recording Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member 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 to appeal to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 87.—Any member of this Lodge in good standing and free from charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which such Card is required, and of a fee of thirty-five cents. During recess of the Lodge such Card may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES.

Clause 88.—This Lodge shall grant a Dismissal Certificate upon the receipt of the required fee to a member who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, and who shall make written application therefore through a Lodge, if wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction; or if this Lodge shall refuse to reinstate such member; or if such member shall have been suspended for a longer period than five years. It shall be discretionary with the Lodge to grant a Dismissal Certificate if the period of suspension shall not have exceeded five years, to enable a member to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

FEES.

Clause 89.—The Initiation Fee of this Lodge shall be not less than five dollars and must be paid previous to the admission of the candidate; and the fee for Degrees shall be not less than two dollars for each Degree, which must be paid at the time of application; but the Lodge may by By-law provide for the payment of higher Initiation and Degree fees.

Clause 90.—The fee for a Withdrawal Card shall be fifty cents; for a Visiting Card thirty-five cents, and for a Dismissal Certificate one dollar, which fees shall be paid at the time application therefore is made, and shall be applied to the General Fund.

Clause 91.—The money received on account of an application of membership shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's admission fee, provided he appear within thirteen weeks after having been notified of his acceptance; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Contingent Fund.

QUARTERLY DUES.

Clause 92.—All dues payable to this Lodge, shall be paid during the first calendar month of each quarter.

Clause 93.—The contribution of each member to the General Fund of this Lodge shall be determined by the By-laws, provided it be not less than $6.00 per annum, payable in quarterly instalments.

SICK BENEFITS.

Clause 94.—Every member of this Lodge who shall have attained the Third Degree, if under no charge regularly preferred against him, and if free from all disabilities by reason of non-payment of dues and fees, whenever rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation through illness of any kind not caused by drunkenness or other immoral conduct, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefits as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge, not being less than two dollars per week during the first year, and one dollar per week during the continuation of the sickness. Except that no benefits shall be paid for the first week of sickness; but after the first week of sickness the member shall be entitled to benefits for each day he may remain ill.

Clause 95.—The Lodge may provide by its first By-laws for the reduction of the weekly sick benefits payable to any member after such member has received benefits for twelve months of continuous sickness, and such By-law shall apply to any member who may be receiving benefits at the time of such provision for reduction of sick benefits, provided, however, that the weekly sick benefits so paid shall in no case be less than one dollar per week.

Clause 96.—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a Brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

WIDOWS' BENEFITS.

Clause 97.—On the death of any member entitled under this Constitution to sick benefits there shall be paid to the widow or orphans under the age of twenty-one years, or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at his death, such sum as the By-laws may determine, not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00). The several beneficiaries above mentioned shall be entitled to the widows' benefits in the order above named, and no person except one bearing the relationship to the deceased herein defined shall be entitled to receive a widows' benefit. This benefit shall be paid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund if any such there be; and if there be no such Fund it shall be paid from the General Fund.

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Clause 98.—On the death of any member entitled under this Constitution to sick benefits, there shall be paid to assist in defraying the funeral expenses such sum as the Lodge may by its By-laws determine, not exceeding the sum of forty dollars ($40.00). But no portion of such amount shall be paid to any person where no funeral expenses have been incurred by the Lodge or by the family or estate of the deceased member. The Lodge may also by By-law provide for the payment of a funeral benefit to a duly-qualified Brother on the death of his wife.

RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

Clause 99.—Whenever it may become known that any member of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three Brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report to the Lodge whether any and what sum in their opinion should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present, to grant him any sum not exceeding $50.

Clause 100.—If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of his Card or Official Certificate, his case shall be referred to the Noble Grand and one or more members who have attained the Degree of Truth, who shall examine him and make such enquiries as they may consider necessary and if found satisfactory they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding $3, and shall report the same to the Lodge at the next meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum, on motion, may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

DISABILITIES.

Clause 101.—All pecuniary penalties imposed by this Constitution, against any officer or member of this Lodge, for neglect of duty, shall be charged against such officer or member by the Financial Secretary, and the non-payment of any such penalty shall work a like forfeiture of the rights and privileges of such officer or member, and consequently a like forfeiture to the beneficiaries or personal representatives of such officer or member, as is herein provided in the event of non-payment of dues.

Clause 102.—No member who is in arrears to this Lodge for dues whether he be under suspension or not, shall be entitled to receive pecuniary benefits of any kind; nor shall any such member so indebted, or the beneficiaries or personal representatives of such member, have any claim whatever upon the funds of the Lodge, either for sick benefits or funeral expenses of any kind, or for any benefits of any kind payable to such beneficiaries or personal representatives.

Clause 103.—No member who becomes sick or disabled within the meaning of this Constitution while in arrear to the Lodge for dues shall become entitled to receive pecuniary benefits of any kind, by the tender, payment, or acceptance of such arrears during the continuance of such sickness or disability; nor shall the tender, payment, or acceptance of such arrears during the continuance of such sickness or disability entitle such member or the beneficiaries or personal

representatives of such member, to make any claim whatever upon the funds of the Lodge either for sick benefits or funeral expenses or for benefits of any kind which, but for the indebtedness of the deceased, might have been payable to such beneficiaries or personal representatives.

Clause 104.—No member of this Lodge who shall become ill while not in good standing, or who shall have been in receipt of continuous sick benefits for eleven calendar months and having recovered from such sickness, in case the By-laws of this Lodge provide for a reduction of sick benefits at the expiration of one year, shall thereafter become entitled to sick benefits for any recurrence of that illness, or for any other sickness within eight weeks from such recovery, unless such subsequent illness occur from causes entirely remote from the previous illness.

Clause 105.—Widows, orphans, or personal representatives of non-beneficial members shall have no claim upon the Lodge for pecuniary benefits of any kind.

Clause 106.—No member of this Lodge who shall fail to give the notice of any personal sickness, as is herein required, shall become entitled to any sick benefits for any portion of the time he was sick prior to the date at which a notice of such sickness may be given; nor shall any beneficiaries or personal representatives become entitled to any sick benefits, which, but for the failure to give such notice, would have become payable to such beneficiaries or personal representatives.

Clause 107.—No member shall be held to be in good standing while under charges preferred against him, or while in arrears for dues.

Clause 108.—No member shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while under suspension.

SUSPENSION FOR N. P. D.

Clause 109.—Any member of this Lodge who is in arrears for dues for one year shall be reported to the Lodge by the Financial Secretary, and on such report shall be suspended from active membership, unless the Lodge, by resolution, extend the time of payment, which extension shall in no case exceed six months; provided that a member under suspension for any cause other than N.P.D. shall not be suspended from membership for N.P.D. until the expiration of his term of suspension; but the fact of such member not being suspended, but being allowed to retain his membership during such period, shall not entitle him, his beneficiaries or personal representatives to any pecuniary benefits.

Clause 110.—No member of this Lodge shall be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at least thirty days' notice of the proposed suspension, including a statement of his arrear of dues, has been given, which notice may be either printed or written and delivered, or by registered post, prepaid, sent to the member or left at his last known place of abode or of business. A return of such proceedings shall be made by the Financial Secretary and a record thereof entered upon the minutes.

Clause 111.—It is one of the principles of this Order, that a person once affiliated with it, may by reason of non-payment of his

dues to the Lodge of which he is a member, and for certain other reasons, be deprived of the privileges and benefits provided for members in good standing, without finally ceasing membership; yet such member may, with the consent of the Lodge of which he is a member, and on compliance with certain constitutional conditions, again become entitled to such privileges and to benefits.

REINSTATEMENT.

Clause 112.—No member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues (except members of defunct Lodges and those possessing Dismissal Certificates) shall be again admitted to active membership in any Lodge without the consent of the Lodge from which he was suspended; and in no case shall he be reinstated without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident member of this Lodge, he shall not be required to re-sign the Constitution.

Clause 113.—Any member of this Lodge, suspended for non-payment of dues, desiring to be reinstated therein shall make application on the following form:—

To the Noble Grand of.....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.

The undersigned member of this Lodge, having been suspended therefrom for non-payment of dues, hereby applies to be reinstated and in consideration of being accepted I promise a like obedience to the Laws thereof as is required of a candidate for initiation. My Medical Certificate is enclosed herewith.

.....

Dated at.....

Clause 114.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall, upon application for reinstatement within one year after such suspension, pay a reinstatement fee, being the amount of one year's dues, and if accepted shall pay such quarterly dues as were payable by him at the time of such suspension, unless during his suspension a new scale of dues were adopted which would have applied to such member had he not been suspended.

Clause 115.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall, upon application for reinstatement after one year from the date of suspension, pay the reinstatement fee, being the amount charged an initiate; and if accepted shall pay such quarterly dues as provided in the scale of dues and benefits at the age at which he becomes reinstated.

Clause 116.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and a Withdrawal Card, may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card any time within five years from the date of suspension upon payment of the price of the card and a fee equivalent to one year's dues payable by such member at the time of suspension.

Clause 117.—When any member suspended for cause other than non-payment of dues desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his term of suspension, his case shall be referred to a

committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and two by the V.G., 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 therefore be declared eligible for reinstatement, and with the consent of the Grand Master may be reinstated; but no such member shall be reinstated until he shall have paid all arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that have accrued against him since that date.

FUNDS.

Clause 118.—This Lodge shall have a General Fund and a Contingent Fund and it may provide for an Expense Fund, a Social Fund and a Nurse Fund.

Clause 119.—The General Fund shall consist of all moneys at its credit at the adoption of this Constitution, and all moneys hereafter received on account of fees, dues, rents, cards, certificates, interest from investment of moneys belonging to such Fund, or from the sale of any property of the Lodge, and all donations and bequests thereto.

Clause 120.—The Contingent Fund shall consist of all moneys belonging thereto at the adoption of this Constitution, and all special collections for or contributions to such Fund, and, if provided for by By-law, five per cent. of the receipts for dues to be credited at the close of each half-year.

Clause 121.—The Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall consist of all moneys belonging thereto at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, but no further appropriations shall be made thereto except interest received from investment thereof, and donations made to such Fund.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

Clause 122.—Such money in the possession of the Lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario, or on mortgages which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple; or in debentures of some municipality or incorporated loan company in Ontario, or by deposit in some chartered bank or loan company in Ontario, but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

Clause 123.—No motion for the expenditure of moneys of this Lodge for real estate, building, furniture or regalia, nor any motion for the expenditure for any other purpose of any sum exceeding fifty dollars, excepting for the payments of benefits and working expenses, shall be put to the Lodge unless two weeks' notice thereof has been given.

TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

Clause 124.—Any member who shall violate any of the laws, principles or practices of the Order, or any part of the Constitution or

By-laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 125.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, except for an offence alleged to have been committed within three years and unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall be first submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more members of the Order in good standing.

Clause 126.—Every member charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension (except for non-payment of dues), or expulsion shall be tried in accordance with this Constitution.

Clause 127.—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 particulars stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

Clause 128.—Any charge or charges so preferred shall, immediately after the reading thereof, be referred to a Committee of five members, to be chosen by ballot, three of whom shall be a quorum; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, in accordance with the Constitution, and report their decision thereon to the Lodge at the first meeting after the determination thereof. In selecting this committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the Convenor thereof.

Clause 129.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the 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.

Clause 130.—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 or cause 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.

Clause 131.—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."

Clause 132.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the plea 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.

Clause 133.—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 his proceedings by leave of the Committee.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

Clause 134.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee on Trial shall be :

a Parole evidence (*i.e.* testimony of witness before Committee).

b Depositions procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as set forth in White's Digest, Sec. 1644, Edition 1895.

c Regularly certified Minutes of the 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.

Clause 135.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation, as Odd Fellows, according to "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

Clause 136.—In case either the party making a charge or the party against whom a charge has been made, desires to have the evidence of any person not a member of the Order, the same shall be taken by statutory declaration under the Canada Evidence Act, 1893, made before any of the persons authorized to take such declarations; and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the Committee appointed to try the case.

Clause 137.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

Clause 138.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

Clause 139.—Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he shall refuse, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as may be deemed necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

Clause 140.—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 and all documents used during the trial, which shall be submitted to the

Lodge. Should there be a minority report it may be presented 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 exception taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

III. Evidence in full subscribed by the witnesses.

IV. All documents used at the trial.

Clause 141.—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.

Clause 142.—The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the second regular meeting after it has been submitted, and may reverse, affirm or amend the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge, or postpone final action until a future meeting.

Clause 143.—Should the Committee report in favor of suspending or expelling the member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by two or more of their members, in their name. A majority vote shall be necessary for a decision. The vote shall be by ballot.

Clause 144.—The Recording Secretary shall immediately notify both parties of the final decision of the Lodge.

Clause 145.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the D.D.G.M., the District Committee, the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge, within two months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the D.D.G.M. or to the Grand Master, or the Grand Secretary, as the case may require, a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

Clause 146.—The forms to be used in trials shall be the following :—

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 following specifications, to wit :

1st. For that he, the said A. B., did, on the.....day of .....,.....18.....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).....19.....

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

Fraternally,

.....Secretary.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Date).....19....

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,

.....Secretary.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date).....19.....

To Bro.....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 .....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.

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.

FORM F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

(Date).....19.....

To.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.:

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 the 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.

(The following additional forms are recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as are here submitted, modified to suit the laws and usages of this jurisdiction. Notice to accused and to witnesses should, if possible, be delivered personally, and should be endorsed on the back as delivered, over the signature of the person so delivering; and the receipt thereof should be acknowledged over the signature of the person to whom it is delivered.—JOUR. S.G.L., pp, 6542,-6590.

FORM H.—SUBPŒNA.

.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.

To Bro.....

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Bro. .....at.....on the.....day of..... 19.....at.....o'clock.....of that day, to testify as a witness therein on behalf of said Bro.....

By order of committee,

.....Sec. Com.

FORM I.—NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

.....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.

.....19....

To Bro.....

SIR AND BRO.—Take notice that the committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against you by Bro..... have this day filed their report thereon, which will be considered by the Lodge at the meeting to be held on the evening of the..... day of.....19....

Yours in F. L. and T.,

.....Rec. Sec.

To.....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.:

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals to..... .....from the action and judgment of this Lodge in the matter of charge preferred against him by Bro..... .....on the following grounds:

1st. The evidence was insufficient to sustain such charges, or the report of the committee thereon, in this (*Here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient.*)

2nd. Errors committed at the trial, and by the Trial Committee as follows: (*Here insert errors complained of.*)

Dated at.....the.....day of.....19....

FORM K.—NOTICE OF APPEAL BY MEMBER FROM ACTION OF HIS LODGE.

To.....Lodge No.....I.O.O.F. :

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals to..... from the action of this Lodge taken on the.....day of..... 19....., whereby .....(*here insert action taken*)..... the grounds of such appeal are.....(*here insert error complained of*) .....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

REFRESHMENTS.

Clause 147.—All spirituous, vinous and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge-room, and ante-rooms, when under the control of the Lodge.

REGALIA.

Clause 148. (*a*) The members of this Lodge shall wear white collars, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree attained by the brother, namely: Initiatory Degree, white; First Degree, pink; Second Degree, blue; Third Degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar.

(*b*) The Noble Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; the Vice-Grand, a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand shall wear sashes of the colors worn by those officers respectively. The Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters and Chaplain, white sashes; Outside and Inside Guardians, scarlet sashes.

(*c*) Past Grands will wear scarlet collars trimmed with white. Past Grands who are also Past Chief Patriarchs may wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white, not more than five and a half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links.

(*d*) Past Officers of every description and members in possession of the Encampment Degrees and all other members of the Order are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest degree which they may have taken.

JEWELS.

Clause 149.—The Jewel of a Past Grand is a five-pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour-glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed axes; of Conductor, crossed wands; of Guardian, crossed swords; Supporters of the Noble Grand, a wand having branching arms connected with three links encompassing a gavel; Supporters of the Vice-Grand, a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the Noble Grand, encompassing an hour-glass; Scene Supporters, a wand arranged in same manner, encompassing a burning torch; Chaplain, a wand arranged in same manner, encompassing a Bible, each to be of white metal three and a half inches in length.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

Clause 150.—The regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order when attending the funeral of a deceased brother shall be as follows: A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an elective or past officer) the jewel or jewels, which, as such, he may be entitled to wear. The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother shall be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lapel of the coat and tied with narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained. To be worn for one month.

BY-LAWS.

Clause 151.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal or amend the same; provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution or Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the laws, principles or customs of the Order.

Clause 152.—No motion to adopt, amend or repeal any By-law of this Lodge shall be made unless notice thereof shall have been given at the two regular meetings immediately preceding that upon which such motion is announced to be made; nor unless every member shall have been notified of the proposed motion and in the exact terms in which it is to come before the Lodge.

Clause 153.—All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and the signature of the N.G. and Secretary, one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be; and no such By-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws and Subordinates.

APPEALS.

Clause 154.—Any member dissatisfied with the action of the Lodge, may appeal therefrom to the District Deputy Grand Master or to the District Committee within one month; and the Lodge, or such member, if dissatisfied with their decision, may appeal therefrom to the Grand Master, and therefrom to the Grand Lodge. The appeals above specified shall in each case be taken within one month from the date of the action or decision appealed from, and such appeal shall be conducted in a manner similiar to appeals respecting Trials.

INTERPRETATION.

Clause 155.—Wherever the word "beneficiaries" occurs in this Constitution it shall mean persons "entitled to benefits." Persons entitled to widows' benefits are the widow, the orphan children under twenty-one years of age, the relatives dependent upon the deceased

member, or relatives upon whom the deceased member was dependent at the time of his death, in order of priority herein stated; dependent relatives must be of the household of the deceased member.

Clause 156.—Wherever the words "good standing" occur in this Constitution or in the By-laws or resolutions of this Lodge, they shall mean, "entitled to receive pecuniary benefits."

REPEALING CLAUSE.

Clause 157.—All constitutional laws, rules and resolutions heretofore enacted by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for Ontario, for the government of its Subordinates, are hereby repealed, and all By-laws, rules and regulations of any Subordinate Lodge in conflict with this Constitution, are hereby declared null and void.

AMENDMENTS.

Clause 158.—This Constitution and Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges, or any part thereof, shall not be amended (except as provided by Order of Procedure, Rule No. XXIV), suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present and voting.

RULES OF ORDER FOR LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

Rule I.—As soon as the presiding officer shall have taken the chair, and at the sound of the gavel, the officers and brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows:—

1. Calling the Roll of Officers.
2. Reading and disposal of the Minutes of last Regular and Special Meeting.
3. Consideration of excuses of Officers absent from previous meetings.
4. The consideration of Medical Examiner's Certificates.
5. Reports of Committee on Character.
6. Balloting for Membership.
7. Reinstatement Admission by Card and Initiation.
8. Application for Degrees and balloting thereon.
9. Conferring Degrees.
10. Propositions for Membership, and Reinstatement.
11. Report of Visiting Committee.
12. Reports of other Standing Committees.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Reports of Officers.
15. Does any brother know of a sick brother or a brother in distress?

16. Presentation of accounts, and reading communications.
17. Unfinished business.
18. New business.
19. Good and Welfare—Has any brother anything to offer for the good of the Order?
20. Closing the Lodge.

Rule III.—The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decisions of the Lodge on all questions; may speak on points of order in preference to other members; shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once; and may vote on all questions decided by ballot. When a tie occurs on a vote by ballot, the question shall be decided in the negative. When the vote is not by ballot, the Presiding Officer shall have only a casting vote.

Rule IV.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

Rule V.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1. To close the Lodge;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone indefinitely;
5. To postpone to a certain time;
6. To refer; or
7. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—After the question shall have been stated by the Noble Grand he shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, he shall rise to put the question, whereupon all debate shall cease.

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Rule XX.—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

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Rule XXIII.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II. for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

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APPENDIX.

GRADED DUES.

The following schedule has been provided by an actuary under the instructions of the Grand Lodge for the use of Lodges desiring to adopt a graded system of dues and benefits, but the adoption of this table is not obligatory. No sick benefit is paid for the first week of sickness.

Age.	To pay $8 per week for the first year; $2 per week for following six months, and $1 per week for remainder of illness.	To pay $3 per week continuous sick benefits.	To pay $4 per week continuous sick benefits.
21	$1 51	$1 73	$2 02
22	1 54	1 78	2 08
23	1 58	1 82	2 13
24	1 60	1 86	2 18
25	1 61	1 89	2 22
26	1 63	1 93	2 27
27	1 66	1 98	2 33
28	1 68	2 02	2 38
29	1 74	2 07	2 44
30	1 79	2 14	2 53
31	1 82	2 21	2 62
32	1 91	2 30	2 73
33	1 93	2 34	2 78
34	1 98	2 41	2 87
35	2 05	2 50	2 98
36	2 08	2 57	3 07
37	2 16	2 66	3 18
38	2 22	2 74	3 28
39	2 28	2 82	3 38
40	2 37	2 93	3 52
41	2 43	3 05	3 67
42	2 51	3 14	3 78
43	2 60	3 32	4 01
44	2 70	3 47	4 20
45	2 78	3 63	4 40
46	2 92	3 78	4 59
47	3 03	3 95	4 80
48	3 13	4 09	4 98
49	3 25	4 26	5 19
50	3 38	4 45	5 43
51	3 55	4 72	5 77
52	3 68	4 92	6 02
53	3 83	5 15	6 31
54	4 01	5 44	6 68
55	4 19	5 72	7 03
56	4 38	6 02	7 41
57	4 58	6 33	7 80
58	4 99	6 68	8 24
59	5 02	7 06	8 72
60	5 27	7 50	9 28

REPORT

OF

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

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

Your Committee appointed by authority of Grand Lodge (Jour. 1899, p. 7124, Rep. 35, Sec. 3), to revise the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly, herewith submit the following Constitution for your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. YOUNG,
Cl. T. CAMPBELL,
R. K. COWAN,
} *Committee.*

Thamesford, June 30th, 1900.

The following is the Constitution as revised and corrected by the latest legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY I.O.O.F., OF ONTARIO.

PREAMBLE.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Ontario, by the authority vested in it by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, do ordain, declare and establish the following articles as the Constitution enacted for the government of the Rebekah Assembly and Rebekah Lodges in Ontario.

TITLE.

Sec. 1.—This body shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "The Rebekah Assembly of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

POWERS.

Sec. 2.—This Rebekah Assembly shall have such jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship over Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah members within that section of the Dominion of Canada called and known as the Province of Ontario, as may be vested in it from time to time by the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F. It shall have the power of framing By-laws and Rules for its own government; of regulating the means of its own support; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, subject, however, in all cases to the consent and approval of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 3—This Rebekah Assembly shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges, and Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges who are members in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge in Ontario, who have received the Assembly Degree. But its legislative functions shall be vested in and exercised solely by such representatives as shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by this Constitution, and the By-laws of this Rebekah Assembly.

Sec. 4.—Every Rebekah Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its last meeting in the month of May, annually elect by ballot from amongst its Past Noble Grands in good standing, one representative who shall represent this Lodge in the Rebekah Assembly, for one year. Any Lodge not having in membership a properly qualified Past Noble Grand may elect a Past Grand who is a member in good standing in such Lodge. Should such Lodge not have a P. N. G. nor P. G. properly qualified it may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge in the jurisdiction as its representative.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 5.—The elective officers of this Rebekah Assembly shall be President, Vice President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Past Noble Grands in good standing voting in their several lodges as provided by by-law.

Sec. 6.—The appointed officers of the Rebekah Assembly shall be: Marshal, Conductor, Chaplain, Inside Guardian, and Outside Guardian to be appointed by the President immediately after her installation.

Sec. 7.—The President shall, as soon after her election as may be, appoint a District Deputy for each District under the jurisdiction of this Rebekah Assembly and within which one or more Rebekah Lodges may be in operation; and such District Deputy President shall serve until the next annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly, unless the office shall have been vacated prior to such session.

Sec. 8.—There shall be two auditors, one of whom shall be appointed by the President and the other shall be elected at the annual session of the Rebekah Assembly both of whom shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed; should any auditor during recess die, resign, refuse or neglect to act, or become incapacitated, the vacancy shall, as occasion arises, be filled by appointment of the President.

Sec. 9.—Should a vacancy occur in the office of Vice President, Warden, Secretary, or Treasurer, by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of this Rebekah Assembly, such vacancy shall be filled by a member of the Order to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers, provided always, that the member so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Rebekah Assembly.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 10.—The Elective Officers shall constitute an advisory board, who shall meet on the summons of the President and whose duty it shall be to render assistance and advice to the President on such matters as she shall deem it necessary in the discharge of her official duties to introduce and submit to their notice and consideration during the recess of the Rebekah Assembly.

Sec. 11.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President from among the members of the Assembly at or before the opening of each annual session, to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Rebekah Assembly, viz.: on Credentials, on Distribution, on Finance, on Grievances, on Laws of Rebekah Lodges, on Printing and Supplies, on Legislation, on State of the Order, on Judiciary, on Election Returns, on Mileage and per diem, on Petitions and Correspondence, on Districts, whose duty it shall be to consider and report on such matters as may be referred to them under the By-laws or by resolution of the Rebekah Assembly.

Sec. 12.—The Rebekah Assembly shall meet annually on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in August in each year, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at such place as may be chosen for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario; but the President shall have the power to convene special sessions of the Rebekah Assembly for the transaction of extraordinary business, which must be stated in the call; provided that two week's notice shall be given to each Rebekah Lodge and Representative of the time and object of such session; and at such session no business shall be transacted other than that stated in the call.

Sec. 13.—To constitute a regular or special session of this Rebekah Assembly, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of all the Rebekah Lodges within the jurisdiction; Twenty Representatives shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

REVENUE.

Sec. 14.—The Rebekah Assembly shall be entitled to receive from each Rebekah Lodge such sum per capita as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Rebekah Assembly, which shall be payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual return. Its revenue shall be further drawn from the sale of supplies to lodges.

Sec. 15.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of the Rebekah Assembly, the amount required may be supplied by an assessment upon the lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of unsuspended members in each lodge, as reported in its last semi-annual return. But the Rebekah Assembly shall not create any debt or incur any liability requiring a larger amount than can be paid out of its funds on hand, without the sanction previously obtained of at least two-thirds of the lodges under its jurisdiction.

LODGES.

Sec. 16.—The funds and properties of Rebekah Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion; and any member participating in such illegal diversion of lodge property from its legitimate objects will be held personally responsible for the money or effects so diverted, and will be liable to prosecution by the Rebekah Assembly or by the Grand Lodge in the Civil Courts. If a Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 17.—Any Rebekah Lodge failing to make the returns and pay the dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the President or by vote of the Rebekah Assembly at any regular session. In the event of any lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of such lodge to transmit to this Rebekah Assembly the Charter, books, funds and other property of said lodge.

Sec. 18.—The Rebekah Assembly, or in its recess the President thereof, shall have power to issue dispensations, countersigned by the Secretary, to any lodge under this jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any manner with other than the usual, and prescribed formalities whenever the Rebekah Assembly or President deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order to do so.

Sec. 19.—A Rebekah Lodge may surrender its Charter and be merged into another lodge; or two or more lodges may be amalgamated under the terms and conditions prescribed in the By-laws of this Rebekah Assembly.

Sec. 20.—In all cases where the Charter of a Rebekah Lodge is arrested, surrendered or reclaimed, it shall be the duty of the Assembly Secretary to forward the Charter and seal of any such lodge to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Sec. 21.—The Rebekah Assembly may group the lodges in the Province of Ontario in to Districts, making such arrangements thereof from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 22.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by a majority vote of the Representatives present at an annual session of the Grand Lodge.

REGALIA AND JEWELS FOR OFFICERS OF A REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

The regalia and jewels for the officers of the Rebekah Assembly shall be as follows, to wit:

Each collar shall be not to exceed three inches in width; each baldric shall be not to exceed three and one-half inches in width; each jewel shall be of gold or gold-plated, or of yellow metal, circular in form, and one and one-half inches in diameter, with design hereinafter specified engraved or stamped on one side, and with the other side plain; but with the addition to each jewel, both of officers and Past Presidents, of the word "Assembly" on the hanger, above the design.

For the President: Regalia, a collar with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with gold lace and fringe; jewel, same size and shape as described above, with representation or figure of "Queen Esther," and underneath the word "Service."

For the Vice-President: Regalia, a collar same as the President's; jewel, with representation or figure of "Rebekah at the Well," and underneath the word "Fidelity."

For the Warden: Regalia, a collar same as the President's; jewel, with representations of figures of "Ruth and Naomi," and underneath the word "Industry."

For the Secretary: Regalia, a collar same as the President's; jewel, with representation or figure of a pen, and underneath, the word "Deborah."

For the Treasurer: Regalia, a collar same as the President's; jewel, with representation or figure of a key, and underneath, the word "Trust."

For the Marshal: Regalia, a baldric, with upper side green and lower side pink, with three rows of gold lace, one on each edge and one along the centre, the lowest edge to be trimmed with gold lace or gold fringe; jewel, with representation or figure of a baton, and underneath, the word "Hope."

For the Conductor: Regalia, a baldric, same as Marshal's in shape and colors, with row of gold lace around inner edge; jewel, with representation or figure of two wands, crossed and underneath, the word "Safety."

For the Chaplain: Regalia, a white baldric, with gold lace on the upper edge, and gold lace or gold fringe on the lower edge; the front to be ornamented with pink roses and green leaves; jewel, with representation or figure of a Bible, open, and underneath, the word "Holy."

For the Inside Guardian: Regalia, a baldric same as Conductor's; jewel, with representation or figure of a shield crossed by a spear, and underneath, the word "Prove."

For the Outside Guardian: Regalia, a baldric same as Conductor's; jewel, same as Inside Guardian's, except that the word underneath, shall be "Vigilance."

Each Past President may wear regalia same as the President's and a jewel the same as the President's except that the word underneath the design, shall be "Honor."

All members of Rebekah Assemblies, when in attendance, not in office, shall wear the collar prescribed for a Past Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, or a badge of pink and green, not exceeding three inches in width.

Such embroidery as will be in keeping with the Rebekah Degree may be added to any of the foregoing described regalia.

Each Rebekah Assembly may provide suitable regalia and jewels for its officers.

BY-LAWS OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

MEMBERSHIP IN REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

Sec. 23—Any Past Noble Grand or Past Grand on presenting a certificate of such rank and of good standing in a Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive the Assembly Degree and attend the Assembly.

Sec. 24.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Rebekah Assembly in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to the Rebekah Assembly.

Sec. 25.—The Rebekah Assembly, after having heard the member thus charged, in defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from the seat in the Rebekah Assembly, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Rebekah Assembly may deem fit and proper.

Sec. 26—Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the Noble Grand of the lodge, and the Rebekah Assembly may require that such member be tried by the lodge to which he or she belongs.

Sec. 27.—The Assembly Secretary shall keep a register of the Past Noble Grands of this jurisdiction, and also of the Past Grands who have been admitted to membership in the Assembly. Whenever any member of a Rebekah Lodge attains to the rank of Past Noble Grand a certificate to that effect shall be immediately forwarded under the seal of the lodge to the Assembly Secretary, and each semi-annual return of a lodge shall contain a full list of all Past Noble Grands in good standing belonging to the lodge.

SESSIONS OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

Sec. 28.—The Rebekah Assembly shall be opened at the time specified in the Constitution for its meeting, and if a quorum be present shall proceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one half hour, the President or the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall appear.

Sec. 29.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of the above-named officers the Junior Past President shall take the chair; and if no Past President be present, a member shall be chosen by open vote to preside during the meeting, or until the arrival of the proper officer.

Sec. 30.—Immediately upon the opening of the Rebekah Assembly the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, who shall consider and report upon the credentials of new Representatives, Past Noble Grands and Past Grands, and no other business shall be transacted by the Rebekah Assembly until the report of said Committee has been acted upon.

Sec. 31.—Immediately on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials the new Members and Representatives will be admitted, the minutes of last annual session read, and the roll of officers and representatives called. The President will then appoint the Standing Committees for the session (except where otherwise provided) and the reports of officers and committees appointed during recess will be read; after which the Secretary will submit all petitions, communications, and accounts, and the roll of lodges will be called for the presentation of questions of business. All such reports, communications, petitions, accounts, questions, and other business shall be referred by the President as soon as received to appropriate committees unless in any case the Rebekah Assembly otherwise orders.

Sec. 32.—The business of the Rebekah Assembly shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the Rules of Order following. In any case where there is no rule applicable, the Assembly shall be governed by Canadian Parliamentary Practice:

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—After each adjournment the Assembly shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the Minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.

Rule II.—During the continuance of the session the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the President nor entering without the consent of the Inside Guardian.

The order of procedure, after opening adjourned sittings, shall be as follows:

Sec. 33.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.

Sec. 34.—The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Committee on Credentials.

Sec. 35.—The admission of new Members.

Sec. 36.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of last sitting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

Sec. 37.—Reading of accounts, petitions, and other communications.

Sec. 38.—Reports of Standing Committees in the following order:

On Distribution.
" Finance.
" Grievances.
" Laws of Rebekah Lodges.
" Printing and Supplies.
" Legislation.
" State of the Order.
" Judiciary.
" Mileage and per Diem.
" Petitions and Correspondence.
" Districts.
" Election Returns.

Sec. 39.—The receiving of any reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

Sec. 40.—New Business.

Sec. 41.—Unfinished business, in order of priority at previous sittings.

Sec. 42.—Closing or adjournment (as the case may be).

Rule III.—The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decisions of the Assembly on all questions, may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Assembly by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once. When a tie occurs on a vote by ballot, the question shall be decided in the negative. When the vote is not by ballot, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote.

Rule IV.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writting.

Rule V.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion:—

1. To adjourn the Assembly.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone indefinitely;
5. To postpone to a certain time;
6. To refer; or
7. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—After the question shall have been stated, the Presiding Officer, shall ask, "*Is the Assembly ready for the question?*" If no member rise to speak, she shall rise and put it; and after she has risen to put the question no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

Rule VII.—When the call for the previous question is moved and seconded it shall be put at once in the following words: "Shall the question be now put?" If decided in the affirmative, the debate shall cease and the Chair shall put to vote all pending amendments, in their proper order, and afterwards the original motion; if the call for the Previous Question be decided in the negative, the question shall be before the Assembly as before.

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Rule X.—Any question before the Assembly shall upon the request of any Representative, be decided by a standing vote. Any two members may call for the Yeas and Nays, which shall be taken by the Secretary calling the roll of members or the names of the members present, each member voting audibly as his name is so called.

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and should more than one member rise to speak at the same time the Presiding Officer shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

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Rule XXIII.—Notwithstanding the Order of Business in Rule II., the Assembly may, by resolution, make the consideration of any matter coming before it a special order for any particular hour or day.

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ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS.

Sec. 43.—The nominations for the election of officers of this Rebekah Assembly shall take place at three o'clock p.m., on the first day of the annual session.

Sec. 44.—The Assembly Secretary shall transmit to each Past Noble Grand nominated a notice of her nomination, on or before the first day of April following, requesting her acceptance or declination of said nomination on or before the fifteenth day of April. The Assembly Secretary shall, not later than the first day of May, transmit to the several lodges in the jurisdiction the names of all the nominees who have accepted the nominations, stating the several offices for which they were nominated.

Sec. 45.—At the last regular meeting of the Rebekah Lodges held in May, all Past Noble Grands in good standing and present shall, in open lodge, proceed to vote by ballot for Assembly Officers. The Noble Grand and Secretary shall immediately thereafter count the vote and announce the result to the lodge, and the Secretary shall record the same in the minutes. They shall also make a record on a printed form, provided by the Assembly for that purpose, of the number of votes cast for each candidate, sign the same and affix the seal of the lodge, and immediately transmit the same by mail in a sealed envelope, registered, to the Assembly Secretary, marked "Election Returns for Assembly Officers, from———Lodge, No.———." A duplicate return shall also be placed in the hands of the lodge Representatives.

Sec. 46.—The Committee on Election Returns shall meet on the evening before the first day of the session of the Assembly, and unseal the envelopes and count the ballot, in the presence of any of the elective Officers, the candidates or their agents, who may choose to attend. The first order of business after opening the Assembly in the afternoon of the first day of the session shall be the reception of the report of the Committee on Election Returns; and if the Committee report any informalities or irregularities in the returns of any of the lodges, the same may be corrected by a majority vote of the Assembly. No vote shall be counted as part of the poll unless it be for a candidate regularly nominated.

Sec. 47.—In the election for such officer, the candidate having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected by the President. In case no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Representatives present in the Assembly shall immediately proceed to ballot upon the candidates in nomination; and after each ballot the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn.

Sec. 48.—Should all the candidates for any office decline the nomination, or be disqualified by removal from the jurisdiction, loss of membership, or other cause, the nomination and election for such office shall take place at the annual session of the Rebekah Assembly following; and the voting thereon shall be confined to the Representatives present in the Assembly.

Sec. 49.—Should any officer elected fail to present herself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, her office

shall be declared vacant, and the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election; provided, that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Assembly may direct.

Sec. 50.—At an election for Assembly Officers in any Rebekah Lodge, a Past Noble Grand not a member of such lodge shall be permitted to vote, on presenting a certificate from the Secretary of his or her own lodge that he or she is in good standing and entitled to vote at that election; which certificate shall be attached to the election return of the lodge in which said Past Noble Grand votes, and be transmitted therewith to the Assembly.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS.

Sec. 51.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly when present; she shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Assembly; she shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Assembly is equally divided, except in cases decided by ballot; she shall appoint all officers and committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Assembly; sign all requisite orders on the Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring her signature; and to make and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term to each Rebekah Lodge within this jurisdiction, the S.A.P.W. and the pass words communicated to her by the Grand Lodge Officers; she shall be, *ex officio*, a member of all committees of the Assembly whose meetings she may choose to attend; and she shall, in person or by deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of each Rebekah Lodge within this jurisdiction, whenever she may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests; the necessary expense incurred by her in making such visits to be defrayed by the Assembly.

Sec. 52.—The Vice President shall act as the assistant of the President, and, during the absence of that officer, shall be invested with all her powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the President she shall, *ex officio*, become President until the next regular session thereafter.

Sec. 53.—The duties of the Warden shall be as prescribed by the Ritual and as may be ordered by the Assembly from time to time.

Sec. 54.—The duty of the Secretary shall be to attend every meeting of the Assembly, and when absent to transmit the books and records thereof; she shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and communicate to each Rebekah Lodge such portions thereof as may affect it; she shall also keep a just and true account between each Lodge and the Assembly, and also of the affairs of the Assembly; she shall preserve all books and file all documents belonging to her office; attest all orders drawn on the Treasurer, and pay over to her monthly all moneys coming into her hands on account of the Assembly; receive all documents relative to the Assembly, and submit the same to the President, or the Assembly, if in session; conduct all correspondence on behalf

of the Assembly; furnish all committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the Grand Lodge of Ontario a regular report of the Order, made up to the 31st December in each year; notify all Rebekah Lodges of each regular or special session of the Rebekah Assembly at least two weeks previous to its commencement; affix the Seal of the Rebekah Assembly to all documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Treasurer in her absence from any session of the Assembly, and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within the duties of her office. She shall have her books properly closed before the annual session, and shall have a sufficient number of her annual report printed for the use of the Assembly. She shall furnish promptly to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, from time to time, all such returns as he may require. Prior to installation she shall procure in favour of the Assembly a satisfactory bond of a Guarantee Company for the faithful performance of her duties, and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each annual session.

Sec. 55.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Assembly, investing or depositing the same as directed by the Assembly; she shall pay all orders drawn on her by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary, and none other; she shall keep her accounts in a fair, clear and legible manner, exhibiting, as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; she shall have her accounts closed immediately before every regular session, and submit them thereat to the Assembly; and shall, prior to the installation, procure in favour of the Assembly a satisfactory bond of a Guarantee Company for the due and faithful performance of her duties.

Sec. 56.—The Chaplain shall open and close every meeting of the Assembly with prayer.

Sec. 57.—The Marshal shall examine members and visitors applying for admission to the Assembly, and shall otherwise assist the President in the ceremonies of the Assembly according to her office.

Sec. 58.—The Conductor shall assist the Marshal in the Ceremonies of the Assembly.

Sec. 59.—The Inside Guardian shall have the charge of the inner entrance of the Assembly room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

Sec. 60.—The Outside Guardian shall securely guard the outer door of the Assembly room; she shall permit no one to enter without examination and receiving from him or her, the semi-annual P.W.; she shall receive the cards of travelling members desiring to visit this Assembly, and deliver the same to the Inside Guardian to be laid before the Assembly.

Sec. 61.—At the close of each Annual Session the President of the Assembly shall appoint a District Deputy who shall act as the agent of the President with the Rebekah Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which such officer may be appointed; it shall be the duty of the District Deputy to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and cor-

rectly; and install the officers of such Lodge or Lodges or cause the same to be done by a competent officer; the District Deputy shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all dispensations granted to any lodge in the District; and shall report to the President, at least two weeks previous to each regular session, such dispensations as may have passed through his or her hands, together with all other matters coming within his or her sphere of duty; and shall remit forthwith to the Secretary all dues, charges and other funds, which may have been received by him or her on account of this Assembly. The District Deputy President shall be also under the direction and control of the Grand Master, who is supreme authority in the jurisdiction during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 62.—The President shall not hold office in a Rebekah Lodge nor shall a D.D.P. hold the office of Noble Grand in a Rebekah Lodge.

Sec. 63.—It shall be the duty of the Auditors to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, etc., of the Secretary and Treasurer, prior to each Annual Session of the Assembly, and report upon the same.

COMMITTEES OF ASSEMBLY.

Sec. 64.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members, of whom the Secretary shall be one, who shall report to the Assembly, without delay, on the qualification of members claiming admission, and on the validity of their credentials.

Sec. 65.—The Committee on Distribution shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred the reports of the President and Secretary, in order to distribute the various matters embraced in them to appropriate committees.

Sec. 66.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to examine, at each regular session, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, the accounts of the Assembly, and all other claims and matters laid before them, and report thereon; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem to be expedient and necessary.

Sec. 67.—The Committee on Grievances shall be composed of seven members to whom shall be referred all grievances and complaints from Rebekah Lodges, or from members thereof (unless in the case of charges against members of the Assembly), on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action as they may consider necessary; no member of this Committee shall act as such on any case in which he or she may be a party.

Sec. 68.—The Committee on Laws of Rebekah Lodge shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the President at the close of the annual session, to whom shall be referred all By-laws of Rebekah Lodges sent in for approval. It shall be the duty of the Committee, at the earliest possible opportunity, to notify such lodges, through the Assembly Secretary, of their approval or disapproval of the By-Laws submitted, pointing out all regulations therein (if any) which may violate or conflict with the laws and usages of the Order. All By-Laws so approved shall be operative until next session of the Assembly,

and no By-Law shall be operative until so approved. The Committee shall make a full report to the Assembly at its next session.

Sec. 69.—The Committee on Printing and Supplies shall be composed of the Secretary and two other members, who shall be appointed by the President at the close of each annual session. During the recess of the Assembly the Committee shall supervise all matters relative of the printing required by the Assembly, the purchase of all supplies, and the expenditure connected with the Assembly Offices. Purchase shall be made by tender wherever practicable. The Committee shall make a report to the Assembly at each annual session.

Sec. 70.—The Committee on Legislation shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of laws.

Sec. 71.—The Judiciary Committee shall consist of seven members to whom shall be referred the decisions of the President made during the recess, and all questions relating to the interpretation or construction of the laws and usages of the Order.

Sec. 72.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.

Sec. 73.—The Committee on Mileage and per diem shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the officers and representatives and the Junior Past President in accordance with such resolutions as may be adopted from time to time, fixing the rate of such mileage and per diem.

Sec. 74.—The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all petitions and all official correspondence of the President and Secretary.

Sec 75.—The Committee on Districts shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to divide the jurisdiction into districts.

Sec. 76.—The first named member of a committee shall be the Chairman thereof, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee. At all meetings of committees the Rules of Order of the Assembly shall be observed as far as practicable, except the rules respecting the writing and seconding of motions, limiting the number of times a member may speak, recording the yeas and nays and calling the previous question. A majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 77.—In all cases where matters are referred to Special Committees to be reported on at a subsequent session of the Assembly, such report or reports must be sent to the Secretary in time to be printed, and a copy thereof sent to each Lodge at least two months prior to the opening of the Assembly, and to each representative, as soon as his or her name is known to the Assembly Secretary

FINANCES.

Sec. 78.—The Assembly shall be entitled to receive from each Rebekah Lodge the sum of twenty cents per annum, payable semi-annually, for each unsuspended member on its books as shown by its semi-annual returns.

Sec. 79.—All Rituals, books and blank forms necessary for the proper working of Rebekah Lodges shall be provided by the Assembly and sold to lodges at a uniform advance of twenty-five per cent. on cost. All orders for supplies must be over the seal of the lodge, and must be accompanied by the amount required to pay the same.

Sec. 80.—All claims against the Assembly shall be first placed in the hands of the Secretary, and by her submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same. No claim will be considered unless in the form of a definitely itemized account.

Sec. 81.—When such claims have been reported correct and approved by the Assembly the President shall issue an order on the Treasurer, attested by the Secretary, for the payment of the same, which payment shall be duly entered in the books of the Assembly by the Treasurer.

Sec. 82.—In case of urgency, during the recess of the Assembly the President may, at her discretion, issue such order, making report thereof to the Assembly at its next regular session.

Sec. 83.—The funds of the Assembly shall be invested in Canadian securities, in the names of the President and Secretary; but such moneys as are retained in the custody of the Treasurer for the immediate purposes of the Assembly shall be deposited by that officer in some banking institution at her own discretion, and immediately on her receipt thereof, unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly.

Sec. 84.—Upon the suspension or expulsion of a lodge, or surrender of its Charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed officers and members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the lodge, to assign, transfer and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or to such person as may be deputed by him to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any officer or member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing; and shall be liable to prosecution in the civil courts.

Sec. 85.—All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any lodge under the preceding clause shall be held in trust; first, for the benefit of any member or orphans of such lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Lodge should it be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that should said Lodge not be restored to fellowship within three years, the funds and properties of said lodge shall be appropriated for the benefit of the Odd Fellows' Home of Ontario. The effects and properties of any such suspended lodge may be converted into money at any time at the discretion of the Grand Master, but such money shall be held and disposed of as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 86.—Members of an extinct lodge, upon payment of all arrears due by them at the time of the dissolution of the lodge, may receive a card from the Grand Secretary, which shall have all the force and effect of an expired withdrawal card; and the Grand

Lodge or, during recess thereof, the Grand Master may direct the issue of cards to such members without the payment of arrears, or upon payment of such portion thereof as may be deemed sufficient, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown, provided, always, that the Grand Master shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the lodge, or in any illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

Sec. 87.—Upon the application to the Grand Master of five or more members of an extinct lodge which has not been merged into or amalgamated with any other lodge, for the restoration of such lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Master may approve, may be restored to fellowship in said lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 88.—A lodge desiring to surrender its Charter, and be merged into some other lodge, shall present to the Grand Lodge or, during recess, to the Grand Master, a petition over its seal and the signature of its Noble Grand and Secretary to that effect, showing that the question of mergement had been voted upon and approved, after due notice sent each member; and that there are not five qualified members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the lodge; and giving a statement of the amount of its funds and effects, and of its assets and liabilities. There shall also accompany the petition a certified statement from the lodge into which the petitioners desire to be merged, setting forth its willingness to receive the members and assume liabilities and responsibilities of the petitioning lodge, and further certifying that the names of said members have been submitted to an Investigating Committee, have been reported upon, and have been severally approved and accepted by a majority vote by ballot.

Sec. 89.—On the receipt of said petition and resolution, the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master during recess, may grant the prayer of the petition and authorize the local District Deputy, or a Special Deputy, to superintend the proposed mergement.

Sec. 90.—The said petitioning lodge shall, within one month after the granting of its petition, transfer, convey and deliver up to the lodge into which it proposes to merge, all its assets, funds, furniture, regalia, books, papers and effects, except its Charter and Seal, which shall be delivered up to the District Deputy or a Special Deputy; and the names of all its members who had been previously balloted for and accepted by the lodge into which it proposes to merge, shall be at once entered upon the roll of membership of the last mentioned lodge, which shall thereupon assume all the liabilities and responsibilities of the said merging lodge; and the members so received shall have such rank and standing as the books of said merging lodge shall show.

Sec. 91.—From and after the entry of their names upon the roll, as aforesaid, each and every member whose name shall have been so entered, shall be deemed and taken to be a member of said lodge, and subject to the same laws and entitled to the same rights, benefits and privileges to the like extent as if they had joined said last mentioned lodge by card and as provided in the terms of the preceding clauses of this By-law.

Sec. 92.—Upon the completion of the mergement, the District Deputy or Special Deputy shall immediately make report thereof to the Grand Master certifying that he or she has witnessed the transfer of assets by the one lodge, and the entry of the names of members on the roll of the other lodge; and he or she shall return the Charter and Seal of the lodge which has been merged, together with the names and standing of those members who have not entered into the mergement, if there should be any such; and said members may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Card, as provided for in the case of members of extinct lodges.

Sec. 93.—When two or more lodges desire to be united, each lodge shall present a petition to that effect to the Grand Lodge, or during recess, to the Grand Master; such petition shall set forth that the question of union had been affirmatively voted upon after due notice sent each member, and that there were not five members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the lodge; and shall also give a statement of the funds and effects, and assets and liabilities of the lodge, and a list of members, with their rank and financial standing and P.O. address.

Sec. 94.—On receipt of said petition the Grand Lodge or, during recess, the Grand Master may grant the prayer and authorize the amalgamation of the petitioning lodges.

Sec. 95.—When the union of said petitioning lodges has been approved, the Grand Master shall cause notice to be sent to each unsuspended member of the several lodges at least one week prior to the date fixed for effecting such union, and shall summon them to be present in person at the time and place appointed for that purpose; and shall also notify the officers of the several lodges to produce and surrender at said time and place all the funds, effects, books, papers and Charters of the said lodges.

Sec. 96.—On the production and surrender of all the said funds, effects, books, papers and Charters, the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation for a lodge to the members of the several lodges present and desiring to be united; and shall transfer to it, as soon as instituted, all the funds, effects, books and papers of the united lodges; and said lodge shall therewith assume and pay all the liabilities and responsibilities of the several lodges out of which it has been formed, and its members shall have such rank and standing as the books of the uniting lodges shall show.

Sec. 97.—Any member of any of the uniting lodges who shall fail to be present at the institution of the united lodge may, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card, as provided for members of extinct lodges, and should he or she apply for admission by such card to the united lodge within six months from the date of its institution, the vote necessary for his or her election to membership shall be a majority vote by ballot of those present and voting.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 98.—These By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed at any session of the Rebekah Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, on a notice given at a previous sitting. But no amendment, alteration or repeal shall be valid unless approved by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Constitution of Rebekah Lodges of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

Constitution of Rebekah Lodges as adopted by the Rebekah Assembly and approved by the Grand Lodge at Hamilton, August, 1900. Revised and corrected according to the latest legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

CREED.

Odd Fellowship, while it is free from anything like a sectarian character, has always held belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, as a cardinal principle; and has maintained the Fatherhood of God as a doctrine of equal importance with the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man. Concerning the qualities and attributes of the Divine Father, it has never undertaken to pronounce with authority; nor does it question the moral character and good citizenship of those who declare that they have no belief in a Supreme Being. It simply exercises the right of voluntary associations to prescribe the qualifications for membership in its own circle. It has always insisted, and will insist, that belief in a Supreme Being is necessary to attain or retain a place within our ranks. No one should offer himself for membership in our Order who has not this belief: no one should be accepted without it; and no member who loses faith in such a Supreme Being can honestly and consistently remain with us.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

The objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges are declared to be:

First. To visit and care for the sick; to relieve the distressed; to bury the dead: and in every way, to assist their own members. and to assist Subordinate and sister Rebekah lodges in kindly [illegible] to the families of Odd Fellows when in trouble, sickness, or want.

Second. To aid in the establishment and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows; and homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows and of deceased sisters of the Rebekah Degree.

Third. To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among lodges and the families of Odd Fellows.

PREAMBLE.

Under authority vested in it by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, hereby ordains the following to be the Constitution of all Rebekah Lodges working under its jurisdiction.

TITLES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least ten members of the Rebekah Degree, and shall be entitled: Rebekah Lodge, No. .., I.O.O.F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Rebekah Lodge, holding a legal Charter, duly granted by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

QUORUM.

Clause 2.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge, including one qualified to preside, be then present.

MEETINGS.

Clause 3.—The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held weekly or semi-monthly, and not otherwise, on such evenings and at such time as may be provided for by its By-laws.

Clause 4.—Special sessions may be ordered by the Lodge to be held on any stated night for special business. They may also be called by the Noble Grand or in the absence of that officer by the Vice Grand; and it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to call a special meeting whenever requested in writing by five or more members. When meetings are called by such Officers, not less than twenty-four hours' notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in the local press or by circular to each member unless the meeting be called to receive a Grand Officer, or to arrange for, or to attend, the funeral of a member. No business shall be transacted at any special session other than that for which such meeting has been called and the regular Order of Procedure as set forth in Rule II. shall be omitted.

Clause 5.—Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday, the Lodge may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting, and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following.

SEAL.

Clause 6.—This Lodge shall have a seal, and all official documents shall be sealed therewith by the Recording Secretary. A proof impression of such seal shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly.

VISITORS.

Clause 7.—Members of Rebekah Lodges may be admitted as visitors in accordance with the following regulations:—

Those who held membership in a Lodge in Ontario may be admitted, provided they give the password for the term; or the A.P.W., which must be accompanied by an Official Certificate showing dues paid to the date of such visit.

Visitors from foreign jurisdictions must present an Official Certificate in date and give the A.P.W., and passing a satisfactory examination, may be admitted. Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario, who are members in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, may introduce as visitors those whom they know to be members of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing. Members holding Visiting or Withdrawal Cards in date may be admitted, provided they give the proper password and are properly identified. Visitors may be admitted in a body if introduced by the Noble Grand of their respective Lodges.

PASSWORDS.

Clause 8.—The presentation of a Visiting Card or Official Certificate in date, and properly signed and sealed, shall be legal authority for the N. G. upon proper identification, to communicate the S.A.P.W. and A.P.W. to a member of a Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction; and likewise the A.P.W. only to a member from another Grand Jurisdiction. No member shall vouch for another, and those whose dues are unpaid shall not be entitled to the semi-annual or annual passwords.

TERMS.

Clause 9.—The Quarterly Terms of this Lodge shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January, April, July and October, and at the moment the Lodge opens. The Official Terms shall be semi-annual or annual as provided by the By-laws of the Lodge, and shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January and July, if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting night in January, if annual. The Financial Term shall begin on the first day of January and July in each year.

RETURNS.

Clause 10.—It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Financial Secretary to prepare a return of the work of the Lodge during each half year in which they have held office, and in accordance with the blank form of semi-annual return which the

Rebekah Assembly may from time to time direct to be used, and forward the same to the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly immediately after the close of such half-year, together with the per capita tax to the Rebekah Assembly, the same being ten cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

Clause 11.—There shall be payable by this Lodge to the Rebekah Assembly a fine of $2.00 for each month or portion thereof that may elapse after the 20th day of January and July in each year, until the returns and per capita tax required by the Rebekah Assembly shall have been forwarded to the Assembly Secretary; and such fine shall be made good to the Lodge in equal proportions by the officers whose duty it is to prepare and forward such returns; and further, should the returns and per capita tax for the first half of any year be not forwarded to the Assembly Secretary by the 20th day of July, the Lodge shall, in addition to the fine above provided, be debarred from representation at the next ensuing session of the Assembly.

Clause 12.—Should this Lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such Brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same), the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

OFFICERS.

Clause 13.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

Clause 14.—No member shall be eligible for the office of N. G.; who has not served a term as V. G.; nor for V. G. who has not served in some office prescribed by the Ritual. All officers shall be eligible for re-election and must be free from all charges upon the books of the Lodge at the time of installation.

Clause 15.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto and no nominee shall be balloted for who has not consented to accept the office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Clause 16.—The election of such officers as are prescribed by the Ritual shall take place at the last regular meeting in May and November if the terms are semi-annual, and at the last regular meeting in November if the terms are annual.

Clause 17.—The election of Representatives to the Rebekah Assembly shall take place at the last regular meeting in May; and for Trustees at the last regular meeting in November in each year.

Clause 18.—Before proceeding to open the Poll for the election of any officer Representative to the Rebekah Assembly, Delegate or Trustee, the Noble Grand shall appoint three members in good standing to act as Scrutineers. The Warden and

Conductor shall distribute the ballot papers, and under instructions from the N. G. collect the ballots, and any ballot containing any writing not the name of a candidate shall be counted a "blank" and so recorded.

Clause 19.—It shall be the duty of the Scrutineers to count the votes given and make a correct return thereof to the Noble Grand, who shall declare the result to the Lodge.

Clause 20.—If for any office or committee no more candidates be in nomination than are required to fill such office or committee, such candidates shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be more candidates in nomination than are required, the members present shall elect one of such candidates, by paper ballot, and afterwards from among those previously nominated shall proceed to elect the required number. Only one name shall be written upon any ballot and only members in good standing shall vote. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who may have received no votes, shall be withdrawn. In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest a ballot shall be immediately taken to determine which of those tieing shall be dropped.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 21.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., I.G., O.G., R.S.N.G., L.S.N.G., R.S.V.G., L.S.V.G. and Chaplain.

Clause 22.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N.G., immediately after installation, except the R.S.V.G. and L.S.V.G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V.G.

Clause 23.—The N.G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O.G. a member belonging to any other Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Clause 24.—This Lodge may at any time elect a solicitor, or other officer, not elsewhere provided for in this Constitution, and may pay for the services rendered, out of the General Fund of the Lodge, and for such office the Lodge may elect a person not a member of the Order.

INSTALLATION.

Clause 25.—The officers of this Lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed; except that the installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of his election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed. No member in arrears for dues, or against whom any charge is pending, shall be installed into any office in this Lodge.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

Clause 26.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are or may hereafter be

prescribed by this Constitution, by the Charge Books and Usages of the Order, the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-laws and Resolutions of this Lodge. A member cannot occupy any position, nor discharge any function, in a Degree Staff, unless such member is qualified to fill such position by the rank attained as a member of the Order.

Clause 27.—Every officer who may be required to state any duties, or deliver any Charge in the Lodge, shall prepare the same prior to installation, and in default thereof, the office may be declared vacant, by vote of the Lodge.

PAST NOBLE GRAND.

Clause 28.—It shall be the duty of the P.N.G. to attend regularly the meetings of this Lodge; to deliver the charge of that office, or see that the same be done in a becoming manner; to watch over the welfare and interests of the widows and children of deceased Odd Fellows resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge; and in the absence of the V.G. to act as Chairman of the Relief Committee. During the first or special term of a new Lodge, having no P.N.G., any qualified member may perform the duties of the P.N.G., but such member shall not become entitled to the honors of P.N.G.

NOBLE GRAND.

Clause 29.—It shall be the duty of the N.G. to preside in the Lodge; to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws, and proper respect for the Grand Lodge of Ontario and Rebekah Assembly; to see that all Officers of the Lodge and the Members of Committees perform their respective duties as enjoined by their respective Charges; to take charge of the Charter of the Lodge, and have it always in the Lodge while in session; to summon special meetings as required by law; to appoint all Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for; to fill all vacancies occurring in Committees originally appointed by the N.G.; to ascertain and to announce to the Lodge the result of all balloting and other votes; to give the casting vote in case of a tie on any matter or question before the Lodge, except the vote be by ballot; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-laws to every member on admission; to ascertain from the F.S., previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of receipts since last Lodge night, and whether the Treasurer has received the same; to cause the Secretary to invite members to attend the funeral of every unsuspended deceased member; to take charge of such funeral when necessary in the absence of competent relatives, and in such case to receive the account of and regulate the disbursements; to sign all Official Certificates presented by the F.S. and duly completed by that officer; and to assist the Financial Secretary to prepare the semi-annual return, and see that it is promptly forwarded to the Assembly Secretary immediately after the close of the half-year for which it is made.

VICE GRAND.

Clause 30.—It shall be the duty of the V.G. to assist the N.G. and in the absence of the N.G. to perform the duties of that Officer; to appoint the supporters of the V.G., and the minority of all Committees on Character; to act as Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and make a report each week concerning the sickness of every member of this Lodge, or of any Lodge in this Order, who may be resident for the time being in the jurisdiction of this Lodge; and to take charge of the door, under the N.G.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Clause 31.—It shall be the duty of the R.S. to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of this Lodge; to take charge of and safely keep the Seal; to keep carefully and in good order all books, papers and other property belonging to the office, and to fill up all Certificates and Cards ordered by the Lodge; to write and copy into the letter-book and duly despatch all communications ordered by the Lodge, and to read the same at the next regular meeting under the head of unfinished business; to punctually issue all notices required by order of the N.G., or of the Lodge or by the laws of the Order; to inform all candidates for membership of their election or rejection, when the proposer of such candidate declines to do so, but without disclosing any other fact or circumstance in connection therewith; to fill out for the Chairman of the Committee on Character a notice containing the names of such Committee, and also that of the Candidate and Referees; to furnish the Recording Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to which any member of this Rebekah Lodge belongs, a list of the members of said Subordinate Lodge, who are also members of this Rebekah Lodge; to notify the Recording Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge when any member thereof shall become a member of this Lodge; to preserve and file all written resolutions, motions, accounts and reports upon which action has been taken by the Lodge; to keep written up in good order and to carefully preserve all books and papers pertaining to the office; to call special meetings when ordered by the N.G.; to attest all warrants for moneys when legally ordered to be paid and none other; and to attach the seal to all Official Certificates, when presented, duly signed by the N.G. and F.S.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Clause 32.—It shall be the duty of the F.S. to keep just and true accounts between this Lodge and its members; to punctually charge and receive all dues, charges, assessments and fines; to notify at least two weeks before the close of each quarterly term, either verbally or by a circular, addressed to every member in arrear, of the amount due, and of all fines imposed; to furnish the Membership Committee with the names of all members two quarters in arrear; to call special attention of every member being twelve calendar months in arrear to the provisions of the Constitution respecting suspension for N.P.D. by means of

a written or printed note, to be delivered or sent to his address by registered post prepaid; to advise the Lodge at the next meeting of the names of all members so notified; to receive all moneys due to the Lodge; to pay over forthwith all moneys collected or otherwise received for the Lodge, to the Treasurer, taking a receipt for the same on the face of the cash book; to have the books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the close of each financial term ending with June and December; to deliver up in good order to the succeeding F. S. all books, papers and other properties appertaining to the office; to make out at the end of the term, for the Rebekah Assembly, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term, and transmit the same to the Assembly Secretary, together with the per capita tax; to mail an Official Certificate as a receipt for dues, upon payment thereof to every non-resident member, and shall also issue such certificate upon payment of dues, to resident members when so requested. All Official Certificates shall be presented to the N.G. for signature, and to the R.S., who shall attach the seal thereto.

TREASURER.

Clause 33.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary all moneys of the Lodge at the close of each meeting and deal with the same in such a manner as may be required by the Lodge; to keep the several Funds of the Lodge separate and distinct; to pay all legal warrants signed by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary and none other, and charge the same to the respective Funds; to keep correct accounts of all moneys belonging to the Lodge; and to have the books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the close of each financial term ending with June and December; to make a full report of the receipts and disbursements for the previous term at the first regular meeting in January and July; to deliver up to the succeeding Treasurer, or when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers and other property of the Lodge, and to furnish the F.S. with such information when called upon as will enable that Officer to prepare the reports to the Rebekah Assembly. Prior to installation in office, the Treasurer shall give a bond with at least two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge.

WARDEN.

Clause 34.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to take charge of the Regalia and other property of the Lodge when not intrusted to another Officer; to act as chairman of the Property Committee, to count all votes taken upon regular motions, distribute ballot papers prior to the election of Officers, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges of office, or by resolution of the Lodge or this Constitution.

CONDUCTOR.

Clause 35.—It shall be the duty of the Conductor to assist the Warden in the work of that Office.

TRUSTEES AND OTHER DUTIES.

Clause 36.—The Lodge may elect a Board of not less than three Trustees, who shall serve until their succcessors assume office. At the first election thereof, one Trustee shall be elected to serve until the first regular meeting in January next following; the second trustee elected shall serve for one year longer, and the third for two years longer. At each annual election in November, one Trustee shall be elected to fill the position of the one then completing his term. Any Trustee failing to discharge any of the duties may be dismissed from office by a vote of the Lodge after one week's notice of motion to that effect shall have been given.

Clause 37.—The duties of such Trustees shall be to invest the funds of the lodge as the Lodge may direct and perform such other duties as may be intrusted to them. Each Trustee, before entering upon office, shall give a bond with two sureties to the Lodge, if the Lodge so require, to be approved of by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of duties of Trustees. All members elected Trustees must be in good standing at the time of their election.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

Clause 38.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by the vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

Clause 39.—Any vacancy in office by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may require. In the case of elective officers, the nominations to fill such vacancy shall take place at the meeting at which such office is declared vacant and also at the next regular meeting. The election shall take place on such second night of nomination. In the case of an appointed office the vacancy shall be filled at the same or at the regular meeting next following that at which the vacancy is declared. The member so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office on serving a majority of the meeting nights remaining in such term and to the end thereof. In case of a vacancy in the office of N.G. or V.G., if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto, provided that a dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the President of the Rebekah Assembly, before any such officer so elected may be installed, or can act as such officer.

DISMISSAL OF COMMITTEES.

Clause 40.—Any member of a Committee, failing to discharge any of the duties, may be dismissed therefrom by a vote of the Lodge, at a regular meeting: and every member thus discharged shall forthwith surrender to the N.G., or such member as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, moneys or other property of the Lodge.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS

Clause 41.—Any Officer charged with official misconduct may be dismissed from office after due trial, or suspended from membership, such suspension vacating the office. Any officer or other person holding an official position, failing to discharge any duty assigned by the Constitution or the resolution of this Lodge, may be dismissed from office by vote of the Lodge after one week's notice.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Clause 42.—The N.G., on the night of installation, shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Lodge, the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current official term, viz.: A Finance Committee, a Property Committee, a Visiting Committee, and a Membership Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Clause 43.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the same or next regular meeting; and to audit semi-annually the books and semi-annual return of the F.S. and of the Treas., and of all other Officers and Committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of any of the Lodge funds.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Clause 44.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members (including the Warden, who shall be Chairman thereof), whose duty it shall be to take charge of all Regalia and other effects of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular Officers or to other Committees; to procure for the Lodge such articles as may be necessary, or as the Lodge may direct; to cause to be made all repairs to regalia or other property of the Lodge as to them may seem requisite, or as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of their proceedings at the close of each half-year. This Committee shall not expend a greater sum than $5.00 during any half-year without the previous consent of the Lodge.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Clause 45.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least seven sister members, including the P.N.G., of whom the Vice Grand shall be Chairman, and shall be selected from such different parts of the Lodge jurisdiction as to be convenient for visiting other members of the Lodge.

Clause 46.—It shall be the duty of each sister on the Visiting Committee, who shall receive notice of a sister being sick, to visit such sister within twenty-four hours thereafter, and to render her such aid as her case may require or admit.

Clause 47.—Every unsuspended sister resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge shall notify the Lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of her sickness or forfeit the attention of such Committee until such notice shall be given.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Clause 48.—The Membership Committee shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to visit members who may have become in arrear for dues, and to use their best endeavors to prevent the suspension or to secure the reinstatement of such members.

MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 49.—The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge:

1. All persons who have received the Rebekah Degree.
2. All Odd Fellows in good standing, their wives, their daughters, their sisters and their mothers, and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows, who at the time of their death were members of the Order.
3. All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character.

Clause 50.—Applicants for membership in this Lodge must reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge and the application, signed by the applicant, must be accompanied by the membership fee. Brothers and Sisters joining by card shall be admitted free, unless Lodge by By-law impose a fee, such fee not to exceed fifty cents.

Clause 51.—Every petition for membership by initiation must be submitted in form following, and must be accompanied by the admission fee.

APPLICATION.

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To the Noble Grand.

of Rebekah Lodge No. . I.O.O.F.,
Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and
Rebekah Assembly of Ontario.

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that if elected I will conform to the Constitution and By-laws of your Lodge.

My qualification is (*here state if related to a member of the Order or to what Lodge the applicant belongs*).

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Applicant.

Presented by,
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References: .....
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Clause 52.—Any person who has received the Rebekah Degree being desirous of joining this Lodge must make application in the

following form, which application must be accompanied by a Visiting, Withdrawal, or Grand Lodge Card, or by an Official or Dismissal certificate, or evidence that the applicant had resigned membership when in good standing. The application shall then be disposed of in like manner as a petition for initiation.

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To the Noble Grand, Rebekah Lodge No. ...., I.O.O.F.
The undersigned herewith presents a .....
.....(*State what kind of Card or Certificate*).....from
.....Rebekah Lodge, No. ...., of .....,
and respectively requests to be admitted to membership in your Lodge.

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Applicant.

Clause 53.—Every application for membership shall be referred to a committee of three members, two of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and one by the V.G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, in the form following, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or unless the application be withdrawn, which may be done by the proposer any time prior to the report of the Committee on Character, but not afterwards:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Noble Grand Officers and Members:

Your Committee appointed to inquire into the application of ..... for membership in this Lodge report that .....is of the required age and is properly qualified; is (*here state if connected with a Lodge of the Order, or related to a member thereof*) and is worthy to be received.

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..... Committee.

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Clause 54.—Any candidate failing to appear for initiation for thirteen weeks after election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

Clause 55.—In any case where a candidate for membership has been elected, but subsequent to election, and prior to initiation, the Lodge becomes satisfied that such candidate is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election, and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. A new ballot must then be taken on the report of the Committee.

Clause 56.—A proposition for membership or reinstatement may be laid on the table for one week before the appointment of the Committee on Character.

Clause 57.—No application for membership shall be made known to any person not a member of the Rebekah Degree in good standing until the same shall have been favorably determined by election, under penalty of suspension for thirteen weeks.

Clause 58.—No candidate for membership by initiation, who has been rejected in any Rebekah Lodge, shall be proposed in this Lodge until at least six months after such rejection.

Clause 59.—Any Brother of this Lodge who may become suspended or expelled in his Subordinate Lodge, shall stand suspended in this Lodge until regularly reinstated in his Subordinate Lodge.

Clause 60.—No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Rebekah Lodge at the same time.

ADMISSION.

Clause 61.—Should any member who has received a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be readmitted to membership and be accepted, the Lodge may remit the entrance fee, or any portion thereof.

Clause 62.—When any member expelled from membership desires to be admitted into this Lodge, the consent of the Lodge from which such member was expelled must first be obtained. The application of an expelled member for re-admission shall be referred to a committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and two by the V.G., who, after due investigation, shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the members then present shall vote favorable the applicant shall be declared eligible for admission, and, with the consent of the Grand Master, may be admitted.

BALLOT.

Clause 63.—A ballot shall be taken on an application immediately upon the presentation of the report of the Committee on Character. If less than three black balls be found the candidate shall be accepted; but if three or more appear, shall be rejected. Upon the intimation of the Vice Grand that the ballot is unfavorable, the Lodge shall, upon the request of any member, forthwith proceed to retake the ballot, in order to verify the fact that black balls have not been cast by error; and if upon such ballot three or more black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected; and any proposition fee received by the Lodge shall be returned to the candidate, unless action for reconsideration be taken within four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection, and in accordance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Clause 64.—In the case of an application by one who within six months previous to such application had been a member of a Lodge which has merged into, or united with this Lodge, the vote necessary to receive such applicant shall be a majority vote by ballot.

Clause 65.—When balloting for candidates, the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the Noble Grand, and after all present shall have balloted, and the result been inspected by that officer, the Warden shall proceed with the ballot box to the chair of the Vice Grand, who having examined the same shall announce the ballot as favorable, or unfavorable, and the Noble Grand shall

declare the result, after which the Vice Grand shall destroy the ballot.

CONTRACT.

Clause 66.—Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge on admission thereto, such admission when by card or certificate dating always from the time of acceptance by vote of this Lodge; and every member shall be subject to the Constitution and By-laws, although the same may not have been signed by such member.

JURISDICTION.

Clause 67.—The jurisdiction of this Lodge shall extend half way to the nearest Lodges in every direction by the most direct travelled route; provided always where Lodges are located within adjoining urban municipalities, the boundary line between such municipalities shall separate the jurisdictions of such Lodges. In cities or towns where there are two or more Lodges, such Lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

Clause 68.—No proposition for membership shall be received or acted upon if the candidate's residence be out of the Province of Ontario, without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which the applicant resides; nor if the applicant's residence be not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made, unless consent of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant lives be obtained; and in the event of the violation of this clause the Lodge so violating shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction over such applicant.

CARDS.

Clause 69.—Any member in good standing, desiring to withdraw from this 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 of a Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Recording Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a Certificate to that effect, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge. Dues must be paid to the date of issue of a Card or Certificate.

Clause 70.—Any member of this Lodge in good standing and free from charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which such Card is required, and of a fee of thirty-five cents. During recess of the Lodge such Card may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES.

Clause 71.—This Lodge shall grant upon written application therefor a Dismissal Certificate to a member who is under suspension for non-payment of dues.

FEES.

Clause 72.—The Initiation Fee of this Lodge shall not be less than one dollar and must be paid at the time of application for membership.

Clause 73.—The fee for a Withdrawal Card shall be fifty cents; for a Visiting Card thirty-five cents, and for a Dismissal Certificate one dollar. The fee shall be paid at the time of applying for a Card or Certificate, and shall be credited to the General Fund.

Clause 74.—The money received on account of an application of membership shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's admission fee, provided such candidate appear within thirteen weeks after having been notified of acceptance; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Contingent Fund.

QUARTERLY DUES.

Clause 75.—The amount of dues payable by members of this Lodge shall be regulated by the By-laws, provided they are not less than $1.00 per year, and shall be paid in quarterly installments on the first regular meeting in each quarter.

RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

Clause 76.—Whenever it may become known that any member of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress the case shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report to the Lodge whether any and what sum in their opinion should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present, to grant any sum not exceeding $50.

Clause 77.—If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of a Card or Official Certificate, the case shall be referred to the Noble Grand and one or more members, who shall make such enquiries as they may consider necessary, and if found satisfactory they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding $3, and shall report the same to the Lodge at the next meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum, may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

DISABILITIES.

Clause 78.—All pecuniary penalties imposed by this Constitution, or by the By-laws or resolutions of the Lodge, against any officer or member of this Lodge, for neglect of duty shall be charged against such officer or member by the Financial Secretary.

Clause 79.—No member shall be held to be in good standing while under charges duly preferred.

Clause 80.—No member shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while under suspension, except for the purpose of answering charges duly preferred.

Clause 81.—No member shall be entitled to speak, vote or obtain the password if in arrear for dues.

SUSPENSION FOR N. P. D.

Clause 82.—Any member of this Lodge who is in arrears for dues for one year shall be reported to the Lodge by the Financial Secretary, and on such report shall be suspended from active membership, unless the Lodge, by resolution, extend the time of payment, which extension shall in no case exceed six months; provided that a member under suspension for any cause other than N.P.D. shall not be suspended from membership for N.P.D. until the expiration of the term of suspension.

Clause 83.—No member of this Lodge shall be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at least thirty days' notice of the proposed suspension, including a statement of arrear of dues, has been given, which notice may be either printed, or written and delivered, or by registered post, prepaid, sent to the member or left at his last known place of abode or of business. A return of such proceedings shall be made by the Financial Secretary and a record thereof entered upon the minutes.

Clause 84.—It is one of the principles of this Order, that a person once affiliated with it, may by reason of non-payment of dues be deprived of the privileges provided for members in good standing, without finally ceasing membership.

REINSTATEMENT.

Clause 85.—No member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues (except members of defunct Lodges and those possessing Dismissal Certificates) shall be admitted to active membership in this Lodge without the consent of the Lodge from which such member was suspended; and in no case shall such member be reinstated without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident member of this Lodge, it shall not be necessary to re-sign the Constitution.

Clause 86.—Any member of this Lodge, suspended for non-payment of dues, desiring to be reinstated therein shall make application on the following form:—

To the Noble Grand.....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.

The undersigned member of this Lodge, having been suspended therefrom for non-payment of dues, hereby applies to be reinstated, and in consideration of being accepted I promise a like obedience to the Laws thereof as is required of a candidate for initiation.

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Dated at..... Applicant

Clause 87.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall, upon application for reinstatement within one year after such suspension, pay a reinstatement fee, being the amount of one year's dues, and if accepted shall pay such quarterly dues as were payable at the time of such suspension, unless during the suspension a new scale of dues were adopted which would have applied to such member if not suspended.

Clause 88.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall, upon application for reinstatement after one year from the date of suspension, pay the reinstatment fee, being the amount charged an initiate.

Clause 89.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatment and a Withdrawal Card, may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card any time within five years from the date of suspension upon payment of the price of the card and a fee equivalent to one year's dues payable by such member at the time of suspension.

Clause 90.—When any member, suspended for cause other than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of the term of suspension, the case shall be referred to a committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and two by the V.G., who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the members then present shall vote favorably the applicant shall thereupon be declared eligible for reinstatement, and with the consent of the Grand Master may be reinstated; but no such member shall be reinstated until all dues that have accrued to date of reinstatement, have been paid.

FUNDS.

Clause 91.—This Lodge shall have a General Fund and a Contingent Fund, and it may provide for an Expense Fund, a Social Fund and a Nurse Fund, and any other special fund for any purpose contemplated by the Order.

Clause 92.—The General Fund shall consist of all moneys at its credit at the adoption of this Constitution, and all moneys hereafter received on account of fees, dues, rents, cards, certificates, interest from investment of moneys belonging to such Fund, or from the sale of any property of the Lodge, and all donations and bequests thereto.

Clause 93.—The Contingent Fund shall consist of all moneys belonging thereto at the adoption of this Constitution, and if provided for by By-law five per cent. of the receipts from dues to be credited at the close of each half-year, and all special collections for or contributions to this fund.

Clause 94.—The receipts and disbursements on account of any special fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the general fund.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

Clause 95.—Such money in the possession of the Lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario;

or on mortgages which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple; or in debentures of some municipality or incorporated loan company in Ontario, or by deposit in some chartered bank or loan company in Ontario, but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

Clause 96.—No motion for the expenditure of moneys of this Lodge for real estate, building, furniture or regalia, nor any motion for the expenditure for any other purpose of any sum exceeding ten dollars, excepting for the payment of working expenses, shall be put to the Lodge, unless two week's notice thereof has been given.

TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

Clause 97.—All charges preferred against members of this Lodge, and the trial thereof, shall be according to the Rules and Regulations provided by the Grand Lodge of Ontario for the government of its subordinates.

VOTING.

Clause 98.—No member can speak or vote upon any question unless clothed in appropriate regalia. Voting upon admission or reinstatement or upon sustaining charges, or the infliction of any form of penalty, after trial and conviction, or upon granting withdrawal cards, shall be by ball ballot. When electing officers, or representatives to the Assembly, or of committees which are to be elected, the voting shall be by paper ballot, except where the election is by acclamation. Voting not otherwise provided for shall be as prescribed by the S.G.L.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

Clause 99.—The regalia and jewels for officers of Rebekah lodges shall be as follows, to wit:

Each collar shall be not to exceed three inches in width; each baldric shall be not to exceed three and one-half inches in width; and each jewel shall be of silver or silver-plated, circular in form, and one and one-half inches in diameter, with design hereinafter specified engraved or stamped on one side, and with the other side plain.

For the Noble Grand: Regalia, a collar with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with silver lace and fringe; jewel, with represen tation or figure of "Rebekah at the well," and underneath the word "Fidelity."

For the Vice Grand: Regalia, a collar with green centre and pink edges trimmed with silver lace and fringe; jewel, with representation or figures of Ruth and Naomi, and underneath the word "Industry."

For the Secretary: Regalia, a collar with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with silver lace; jewel, with a representation or figure of a pen, and underneath the word "Deborah."

For the Financial Secretary (if there be one): The same collar and jewel as the Secretary's, except the word "Deborah" shall be omitted from the jewel.

For the Treasurer: Regalia, a collar with green centre and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace; jewel, with representation or a figure of a key, and underneath the word "Trust."

For the Warden: Regalia, a baldric, with upper side green and lower side pink, with three rows of silver lace, one on each edge and one along the centre, the lowest edge to be trimmed with silver lace; jewel, with representation or figure of a bar and ax, crossed, and underneath the word "Hope."

For the Conductor: Regalia, same as Warden's in shape and color, with row of silver lace around inner edge; jewel, with representation or figure of two wands, crossed, and underneath, the word "Safety."

For the Inside Guardian: Regalia same as Warden's; jewel, with representation or figure of a shield crossed by a spear, and underneath, the word "Prove."

For the Outside Guardian: Regalia, same as Conductor's, except that the row of silver lace be on the outside, none in the centre; jewel, same as Inside Guardian's, except that the word shall be "Vigilance."

For the Chaplain: Regalia, a white baldric, with silver lace on each edge, the front to be ornamented with pink roses and green leaves.

For the Supporters to Noble Grand: Regalia, a baldric, with pink centre and green edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Supporters to Vice Grand: Regalia, baldric, with green centre and pink edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For each Past Noble Grand, the regalia shall be the same as for the Noble Grand, except that the lace and fringe shall be of gold instead of silver; and the jewel shall be a five-pointed star of white metal, and the use of the jewel shall be optional to all but the Junior Past Grand.

All of the foregoing shall apply to all officers and Past Noble Grands, irrespective of sex.

Brethren who are not officers or Past Noble Grands shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge.

Sisters who are not officers or Past Noble Grands shall wear badges or collars of pink and green, not exceeding three inches in width.

BY-LAWS.

Clause 100.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal or amend the same; provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution or Rules of Order for Rebekah Lodges, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, nor of the Rebekah

Assembly of Ontario, or the laws, principles or customs of the Order; but no by-law shall become operative unless approved by the Rebekah Assembly.

Clause 101.—No motion to adopt, amend or repeal any By-law of this Lodge shall be made unless notice thereof shall have been given at two regular meetings immediately preceding that upon which such motion is announced to be made; nor unless every member shall have been notified of the proposed motion and in the exact terms in which it is to come before the Lodge.

Clause 102.—All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Assembly Secretary, authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and the signature of the N. G. and Secretary, one copy to be retained by the Rebekah Assembly and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

APPEALS.

Clause 103.—Any member dissatisfied with the action of the Lodge, may appeal therefrom to the District Deputy President, and the Lodge, or such member, if dissatisfied with the decision, may appeal therefrom to the President of the Rebekah Assembly, and therefrom to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. The appeals above specified shall in each case be taken within one month from the date of the action or decision appealed from, and such appeal shall be conducted in a manner similar to appeals respecting Trials.

REPEALING CLAUSE.

Clause 104.—All constitutional laws, rules and resolutions heretofore enacted by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for Ontario, for the government of Rebekah Lodges, are hereby repealed, and all By-laws, rules and regulations of any Rebekah Lodge in conflict with this Constitution, are hereby declared null and void.

AMENDMENTS.

Clause 105.—This Constitution and Rules of Order for Rebekah Lodges or any part thereof, shall not be amended (except as provided by Rule No. XXIV), suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by two-thirds vote of the representatives present and voting.

RULES OF ORDER.

Clause 106.—I. As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair the officers and members present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows:—

1. Calling the Roll of Officers.
2. Reading and disposing of minutes of last regular and any special meetings.
3. Consideration of excuses of Officers absent from previous meetings.
4. Reports of Committees on Character.
5. Balloting for candidates for membership and reinstatement.
6. Reinstatement, admission by card and initiation.
7. Reports of Visiting Committee.
8. Reports of other Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Reports of Officers.
11. Presentation and disposal of accounts.
12. Reading and consideration of communications.
13. Receiving applications for membership or reinstatement.
14. Unfinished business.
15. New business.
16. Good and welfare—Has any member anything to offer for the good of the Order?
17. Closing the Lodge.

Rule III.—The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decisions of the Lodge on all questions; may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once; and may vote on all questions decided by ballot. When a tie occurs on a vote by ballot, the question shall be decided in the negative. When the vote is not by ballot, the Presiding Officer shall have only a casting vote.

Rule IV.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

Rule V.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put: and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion:—

1. To close the Lodge;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone indefinitely;
5. To postpone to a certain time;
6. To refer; or
7. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—After the question shall have been stated by the Noble Grand that officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak the Presiding Officer shall rise to put the question, whereupon all debate shall cease.

Rule VII.—When the call for the previous question is moved and seconded it shall be put at once in the following words: "Shall the question be now put?" If decided in the affirmative, the debate shall cease and the Chair shall put to vote all pend-

ing amendments in their proper order, and afterwards the original motion; if the call for the Previous Question be decided in the negative, the question shall be before the Lodge as before.

Rule VIII.—Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Rule IX.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, or latest time proposed.

Rule X.—Any two members may call for the Yeas and Nays, which shall be taken by the Recording Secretary calling the roll of members or the names of the members present, the member voting audibly as their names are so called.

Rule XI.—After any question (except a motion for indefinite postponement or for the Previous Question) has been decided by the Lodge, it shall not be again brought before it during the term in which it was decided, unless a notice of motion for re-consideration be given by two of the members who voted with the prevailing side, either at the meeting at which such question was decided, or the next following meeting; but such question shall not be re-considered without a vote of the Lodge to that effect after notice of motion therefor shall have been given at two regular meetings; nor shall any question so decided by the Lodge be again brought up for consideration after the expiration of the term in which it was decided, unless a notice of motion therefor shall have been given at the meeting previous to that at which it is to be acted upon.

Rule XII.—The Presiding Officer shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair, except in case of appeal from the decision of the chair, or upon a point of order.

Rule XIII.—Every member entitled to speak shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIV.—Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise and respectfully address the Presiding Officer as N. G., keeping to the question and avoiding personalities; and should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

Rule XV.—The Presiding Officer or any member, may call a member to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the member so called to order shall be seated until the point of order thus raised be determined, and shall not speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or appeal from the decision of the chair.

Rule XVI.—In all cases where a member appeals from the decision of the Chair the following words shall be used:—"N. G., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge." The presiding officer shall make such explanation as may be necessary and the Lodge may discuss and shall decide the question. The N. G. shall put the question in the following words: "Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?"

Rule XVII.—When a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not be again introduced during the same or next succeeding meeting.

Rule XVIII.—Any member who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required to do so by the Presiding Officer, and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—The Presiding Officer or the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

Rule XX.—Visitors may address the Lodge on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXI.—No one shall retire while the Lodge is open, without permission of the Presiding Officer, nor enter or retire during the opening or closing ceremonies, nor while a degree is being conferred.

Rule XXII.—No one shall cross the floor while a member is speaking, nor without saluting the Presiding Officer, with the sign of the degree, nor disturb another while addressing the chair, unless to raise a point of order.

Rule XXIII.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II. for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

Rule XXIV.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall not be amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the cases provided for by Rule XXIII., and excepting also that Rule II. may be permanently amended in the same manner as the By-laws), unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Rule XXV.—All questions of order arising, and not provided for by these Rules shall be decided in accordance with Canadian Parliamentary Practice as defined in Bourinot's Manual of Procedure.

BY-LAWS.

1.—This Lodge shall be known as ..... Rebekah Lodge No. ...., I.O.O.F., located at ....., Ontario.

2.—The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held every ..... evening at ..... o'clock.

4.—The Official Terms of this Lodge shall be ..... (annual or semi-annual).

5.—The annual dues payable by each member shall be $.....

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session

OF THE

Rebekah Assembly of Ontario

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Session 1900

HAMILTON, August 7, 1900.

The Tenth Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F., convened in the Court House, Hamilton, this day at 9 o'clock a.m., all of the Officers and Representatives being present, Sister Nell Ackland, President, in the Chair.

Mayor Teetzel welcomed the Rebekah Assembly to the City of Hamilton in a few well-chosen words and extended to the Officers and Representatives the freedom of the city. In the absence of a stenographer the address, which was extempore and was well worthy of reproduction here, cannot be given. The welcome and cordial greeting of His Worship were greatly appreciated.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, replied as follows:

To His Worship, Mayor Teetzel:

DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I desire to thank you for the cordial welcome you have extended to us.

If you deem it a pleasure and an honor to have the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of which we have the honor to be a branch, meet in your Ambitious City, we in turn deem it a pleasure to accept your kind invitation and feel assured that we are welcome.

The principles of Odd Fellowship are but the innate principles of woman's nature, and it was soon discovered that she was even better qualified to assist in carrying out the noble principles of our noble Order, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed and educate the orphan, than man, and it was more congenial to her nature and taste.

Among the many sources of charity and benevolence with which the world at present abounds, there is probably none more elevating, more ennobling, none more peculiarly adapted to the nature and temperament of woman, calling into exercise and developing the finer and nobler qualities of her nature, than the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship.

This Degree often obligates us to sacrifice, yet it yields us a grateful recompense, in its mutually pleasant associations abundantly repaying every effort.

We stand to-day an army of a quarter of a million prepared to battle with want, disease and misery. In such a cause we are proud to be enlisted and work in harmony with all the other branches of the Order.

We look confidently forward to a bright future, bright with hopes and radiant with promises.

We are delighted to be with you in the prosperous City of Hamilton, and it is no wonder, Sir, that your city is so popular. It seems to be the very heart of fraternal societies, showing a larger membership in proportion than any other section of the Dominion.

Anticipating that the hospitality you have extended and which we are glad to accept will be blessed equally to the giver and to the receiver, we again, on behalf of the Assembly, return our heartfelt thanks for the cordiality of our reception.

NELL ACKLAND, President.

Sister Miss Ida J. Robins, D.D.G.M. for Hamilton, read the following address of welcome on behalf of the Sisters of the City:

HAMILTON, August 7, 1900.

To the President, Officers and Representatives of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario:

DEAR SISTERS,—As the D.D.G.M. of this District, it becomes my most pleasing duty to welcome you to the Ambitious City of Hamilton, to extend to you the greetings of Justitia Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, and ask you to accept them in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship which springeth from the heart, and from which flows the only true sentiments of our Order, Friendship, Love and Truth. That Friendship which is the duty and pleasure of us all, that Love which is true and holy, prompting every high and noble mind toward that which is good and beautiful, that Truth which makes our actions and deeds to correspond with our sentiments and words which lead us to "Faith, Hope and Charity."

May Faith kindle the fire, Hope offer the sacrifice, and Charity hover over your actions and deliberations, so that the All-Seeing Eye may look down with silent approval and bless our noble cause.

It is pleasing to note the advancement of this branch of Odd Fellowship, but wherever the influence of woman is exerted in a labor of love, good must result.

Her freedom spreads unfervored and serene,
And sovereign man can condescend to see,
The throne and laws more sovereign still shall be.

It is in the day of affliction—it is in the hour of adversity, when the false friends of the world frown instead of fawning upon us as they are wont to do in the sunshine of our prosperity, that woman's true nobleness of heart is felt, woman's cheering counsel is given—Go on, go on, with the good work, until—

Sceptre and Crown,
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

Again to all I extend a cordial welcome and the use of this hall and adjacent rooms, also the use of the hall and ante-rooms of Justitia Lodge, No. 38, in the I.O.O.F. Building, John Street N., and trust that your visit to our city on the occasion of your Tenth Annual Assembly will be a most enjoyable one to remember, that if any clouds there be the sunshine will be drawn over them and while we strive for Truth and invoke the gentle arts of Friendship and Love in the contest, let us with one accord and strength of arm,

Strike for the cause which needs assistance,
Against the wrong which needs resistance,
Strike for the future in the distance,
And the good that we may do.

I have the honor to be, my dear Sisters,

IDA J. ROBINS, D.D.G.M.

Justitia Rebekah Lodge, No. 38.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, replied to the address as follows:

HAMILTON, August 7, 1900.

Dear Sister Robins, D.D.G.M.:

On behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I thank you for your kind words of welcome. To me there are few sweeter words than those of welcome, accompanied as it has been to-day by the pleasant smiles and the cordial grasp of the hands extended to us in friendly greetings.

I feel that we do not come amongst you as strangers, but as sisters from every part of this fair Province of ours, to engage in the work dear to the heart of every true Rebekah.

I trust that our coming amongst you may be fraught with the best results. May we learn to love one another and to love the noble work in which we are engaged, the chief of which is caring for the bereaved and helpless little ones of whom our Saviour said, "Suffer them to come unto me and forbid them not."

May we, as a united Sisterhood and as a branch of the time-honored Order of Odd Fellowship, live up to the privileges given us, to care for these, God's chosen ones, and may we ever strive to follow the path no matter where it leads, be it upon the mountain-tops or in the valley.

The ties of common humanity bind us; the love of a common race, whose welfare and uplifting we all seek, beats responsive in every heart. A common Father smiles upon us and blesses us as we clasp hands in joint effort to benefit mankind.

You have a beautiful city here. I see on every hand evidences of thrift and industry. It is a city of which you may feel justly proud, and I think I echo the sentiments of every visitor's heart, when I say that we will endeavor to do ample justice to the efforts put forth by Justitia Lodge to make our stay amongst you a pleasant and profitable one.

And again on behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I thank you for your kind words of welcome and hospitality and for the use of your beautiful hall and committee rooms. We accept them and hope that the friendships formed here may last while time with us endures, and we pray that peace and prosperity may ever attend you in your beautiful homes here in this delightful City of Hamilton.

MRS. NELL ACKLAND, President.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, then called the Assembly to order.

The opening ode was sung and prayer offered by the Chaplain, Sister Mrs. L. M. Edgar, when the Assembly was declared duly opened and ready for business.

The President then appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Sisters Mrs. Maggie Waddell, Mrs. Elizabeth Seaton and Miss Freda Bover.

Sister Maggie Waddell, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials of the following Representatives, find them correct, those named being duly entitled to represent their respective Lodges at the present session:

Victoria,	No.	1,	London	Mrs. Lilly Blakemore.
Ruth,	"	2,	Stratford	Miss Freda Bover.
Oshawa,	"	3,	Oshawa	Mrs. Annie McIntyre.
May Queen,	"	5,	London	" Pollie Sanders.
Naomi,	"	6,	Windsor	" Sarah Taylor.
"	"	6,	"	" Maggie Jones.
Our Sisters,	"	7,	Point Edward	" Minne Bruce.
Louise,	"	10,	Kingston	" Mary Reeves.
Beatrice,	"	12,	Guelph	Miss Libbie Scoon.
Jubilee,	"	13,	Chatham	Mrs. Nellie Dodson.
Edna,	"	14,	St. Thomas	" Martha Antony.
Harmony,	"	15,	Gananoque	" Mary C. Baker.
Olive Branch,	"	16,	Toronto	" E. Till.
"	"	16,	"	" Fannie Porter.
Excelsior,	"	18,	Bridgeburg	" Elizabeth Seaton.
Inglewood,	"	23,	Waterford	" Mary Messicar.
Ivy,	"	26,	Galt	" Ella Barlow.
"	"	26,	"	" Mary E. Dennis.
Esther,	"	27,	Niagara Falls	Miss Eileen L. Hull.
Calfax,	"	28,	Sarnia	Mrs. Matilda Bell.
At the Well,	"	29,	Almonte	Bro. P. McCallum.
Aberdeen,	"	30,	Deseronto	Mrs. Jane Sexsmith.
Coila,	"	32,	Ottawa	Miss Ruby Brady.
Maple Leaf,	"	33,	Brockville	Mrs. Daisy Coates.
Olivettee,	"	34,	Wingham	" Addie Dodd.
Pansy,	"	35,	Amherstburg	" Amelia Pulford.
Institia,	"	38,	Hamilton	" M. A. Stoddart.
"	"	38,	"	" Lizzie Sharpe.
Margaret,	"	39,	Waubaushene	" Frankie Betts.
Hazel,	"	40,	Ottawa	" Ida J. Moore.
Florence,	"	41,	Harriston	" Hannah Thompson.
Pandora,	"	42,	Blenheim	" Lizzie Muckle.
Rose,	"	43,	Woodstock	" Lou Campbell.
Harriet,	"	44,	Renfrew	" Edith Cameron.
Peachland,	"	45,	Leamington	" Laura Smith.
Ideal,	"	47,	Ruthven	" Esther Bolton.

Eastern Star,	No. 48,	Cornwall.....	Mrs.	C. B. McGregor.
Lilly,	" 49,	Kingsville.....	"	Maude Foster.
Fern,	" 50,	Simcoe.....	"	Annie Dell.
Thamesville,	" 51,	Thamesville	"	Annie Kelly.
Violet,	" 52,	Otterville.....	"	Elizabeth Garthwaite.
"	" 52,	"	"	Winnifred Snyder.
Viola,	" 53,	Toronto.....	"	Mary Brown.
"	" 53,	"	"	Maggie McDonald.
Queen,	" 54.	Hespeler	"	Minnie Whitmark.
Woodslee,	" 55.	Woodslee.....	"	Eliza Taylor.
Ruby,	" 56,	Mount Forest....	"	Nellie Scott.
Endeavor,	" 57,	Forest	"	Mary Ross Scott.
Carnation,	" 58,	Wallaceburg.....	"	Nancy McDonald.
"	" 58,	"	"	Mary Mitchell.
Primrose,	" 59,	Dundas.....	"	Jane Woodhouse.
Triple Link,	" 60,	Petrolia	"	Florence McCann.
Brilliant,	" 61,	Berlin.....	"	Alma Brill.
Sydenham,	" 62,	Owen Sound.....	"	Margaret Taylor.
Bethel,	" 63,	Harrietsville	"	Louise Jackson.
Ivy Leaf,	" 64,	Parham.....	"	Georgie Black.
Erie,	" 65,	Wheatley.....	Bro.	J. A. McCormack.
Riverside,	" 66,	Florence.....	Mrs.	J. J. Vincent.
Golden Rule,	" 67,	Thamesford.....	"	J. A. Young.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MAGGIE WADDELL.
ELIZABETH SEATON.
FREDA BOVER.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was then called The following Officers and all the Representatives were present :

Past President.....	Mrs.	Alma Brill.
President	"	Nell Ackland.
Warden	Miss	Nan Harvey.
Secretary.....	Mrs.	Maggie Waddell.
Treasurer	"	Nellie Dodson.
Marshal.....	"	Phoebe Beedle.
Conductor.....	"	Sarah Swartman.
Outside Guard.....	"	Louise M. Warren.
Inside Guard.....	"	Elizabeth Hermiston.
Chaplain.....	"	L. M. Edgar.
Chairman on Laws.....	"	Maude E. Moore.
Home Committee.....	"	Elizabeth Lee.
"	"	L. E. Ryan.
Auditors	"	M. A. Pearce.
"	Miss	Ida J. Robins.

On proceeding to read the minutes of the last session the following was adopted on motion of Sister Seaton, seconded by Sister Edgar :

Resolved, —That the minutes of last session be adopted as printed.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, then appointed the following Committees :

On Distribution—Bro. P. McCallum, Sisters Lily Blakemore, Annie McIntyre, Mary Messicar, Addie Dodd.

On Election Returns—Sisters M. E. Dennis, Lizzie Sharpe, C. B. McGregor, Ellen L. Hull, Alma Brill.

On Finance—Sisters Amelia Pulford, Minnie Bruce, D. Coates, Louise Jackson, Mary A. Stoddart and Nellie Scott.

On Legislation—Bro. P. McCallum, Sisters Martha Antony, Annie Kelly, Annie Dell, Laura Smith and Eliza Taylor.

On Petitions and Correspondence—Sisters Libbie Scoon, Ida J. Moore, Mary Brown, Nancy McDonald, Margaret Taylor and J. J. Vincent.

On Judiciary—Sisters Elizabeth Seaton, Lou Campbell, J. A. Young, Maggie Jones, Elizabeth Garthwaite and Matilda Bell.

On State of the Order—Sisters Ruby Brady, Ella Barlow, Jane Sexsmith, Sarah Taylor, Polly Sanders and Hannah Thompson.

On Mileage and Per Diem—Sisters Mary Reeves, J. A. McCormack, Fannie Porter, Minnie Wittmack, Winnifred Snyder and Edith Cameron.

Special No. 1—Sisters E. Till, Florence McCann, Mary Mitchell, Jane Woodhouse, Maude Foster, and Mary C. Baker.

Special No. 2—Sisters Frankie Betts, Esther Boulton, Lizzie Muckle, Mary Ross Scott and Maggie McDonald.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, then presented her report, which, on motion of Sister Polly Sanders, seconded by Sister E. Seaton, was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario :

The echo of the Gavel which closed our last session has scarcely died away, almost unconscious of the flight of time, we start as we awake to a realization of the fact that the same Gavel has again sounded and the tenth annual session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario is called to order.

Another link has been forged and welded to the history of our Fraternal Union, and we are called upon to test the quality, quantity and purity of the work accomplished by Rebekah Old Fellowship during the past year ; here we are to pause and review our past work and plan for future labors, counseling with one another that we may have greater power; then after we have counseled together let our proceedings be characterized by wisdom and prudence, and may harmony and fraternal good prevail in all our deliberations. We trust the Legislation of this session may be fraught with good will, that may be carried to each Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge in Ontario.

I greet with much pleasure the familiar faces I see here to-day that have attended our Assembly from year to year and I extend a hearty welcome to the members who are here for the first time.

I understand we are to be honored at this session with some of the Grand Officers of New York Assembly, to whom we extend a most hearty welcome to our Sisters across the border with whom we are so closely connected ; and let me assure them that our sympathy went out to them when they were called upon

to give up their sons to follow and fight for the flag which had thrown its protecting folds around a down-trodden and helpless isle of a neighboring sea, while we remember that the strife was not sought for, by their country, but for the relief of long-suffering humanity. May they look to Him in their critical moments, who has given to us and blessed our Order, may He strengthen and bless their army and navy, and win for them a great victory over the cruel war, and may Friendship, Love and Truth, our three great links, cement us together always.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I am sorry we could not report a greater increase in membership, but I am pleased to report our number is still growing. Our present membership is 3070.

NEW LODGES.

I am also pleased to report three new Lodges instituted, viz.:

Erie Lodge, No. 65, Wheatley. Instituted January 9th, by Sister L. M. Edgar.

Riverside Lodge, No. 66, Florence. Instituted January 10th, by Sister Nellie Dodson.

Liberty Lodge, No. 67, Thamesford. Instituted March 29, by Bro. J. A. Young, P.G.M.

I am sorry I cannot report having had the pleasure of instituting a Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

My correspondence has not been as great as my predecessor's, but I have found it sufficient. I have answered all the letters as promptly as circumstances would permit.

DECISIONS.

Can a Lodge donate any of its funds for the relief of the poor outside of the Order? No.

Can a married lady whose husband is not an Odd Fellow, but having a father, brother or son an Odd Fellow, become a member of the Rebekah Degree? Yes.

Can a young lady whose age is 17 years and 8 months become a member of a Rebekah Lodge? No.

Can any member, except a Past Noble Grand or Noble Grand, fill the Noble Grand's chair during degree work? No.

VISITATIONS.

My visitations have been received with kindness and courtesy, for which I extend my sincere thanks. I have had the pleasure of visiting the following Lodges, viz.: Eastern Star, Cornwall; Aberdeen, Deseronto; Harmony, Ganaraoque; At the Well, Almonte; Ivy Leaf, Parham; Hazel and Coila, jointly, Ottawa. Owing to change of meeting night I was unable to visit Louise of Kingston, but I visited some of the Sisters, and was informed they were still progressing, as are all the Lodges I have had the pleasure of visiting.

I would suggest that as it is impossible for a President to visit all the Lodges in Ontario during the term, both on account of time and expense, that our successors would endeavor to establish a rule to particularly visit the Lodges that their predecessors were unable to visit, thereby insuring a visit to every Lodge some time or another.

I would also suggest that the incoming President hold a meeting of instruction wherever it would be convenient, and that all Noble Grands and Vice

Grands fill their own offices on the degree staff. The practice has become so universal that the officers are laid aside to give place to the degree staff, that at the present time the majority of our Past Noble Grands have gone through the chairs, received the honor and title of "Past Noble Grand," when really they never memorized one of the charges or lectures, leaving them in a position, if called upon to do the work, absolutely helpless.

I find quite a number of Lodges working without By-laws. I am pleased to tell you that the Grand Lodge will present to us, at this session, a Constitution, which, if adopted, will be a great benefit to our Lodges. I believe the Secretary has mailed a copy of the Committee's report to each Lodge, and trust that you have made yourselves familiar with its contents.

THE HOME.

The one institution which towers above all others, in the social realm, is the Home. It is the centre from which emanates all civilized growth. It is a matter of deep gratification to me to know that our Order has been quick to discern its potent influence, and is struggling to supply that shelter to the aged Odd Fellows and little ones who have no one to care for them. The Home Fund should receive the tenderest solicitude at the hands of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Ontario. Each member should work most zealously, not only from the standpoint of material advantage to one's self, but also for the permanent good of the Order. It is the most wisely expended charity which builds for future days of recompense. I hope that every member in the jurisdiction will give some little assistance toward the Fund. We have a Home Committee with us who will report later the progress that has been made in selecting a place.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that the President of the Assembly be empowered by the Grand Lodge to institute Rebekah Lodges or have the power of the instituting officer. I would further recommend that the President be empowered by the Grand Lodge to have the appointment of her D. D. Presidents.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Grand Master for his promptness in giving his decision when requested, and for his many acts of kindness toward me. I also thank Bro. J. B. King for his kindness, and the Sisters and Brothers for the courtesies shown me, and especially our Secretary, Sister Waddell, for the very many kind favors, willing advice and assistance cheerfully rendered, and valuable from length of time served in her office, and for her thoughtfulness in many ways, also for the kind words of encouragement. They have been a source of pleasure and comfort to me; she has been untiring in her labor, as only those who know can realize the amount of labor there is in connection with the office of Secretary. The salary is certainly not sufficient for the amount of labor of her office. Again I thank you all for your kindness to me during my term of office, and I trust that the term of my successor may be as pleasant as mine has been, and may the progress of our Order still continue. The tie that binds us together is never severed, it therefore commends itself alike to the high, the low, the rich and the poor, as one of the noblest charities the world ever saw.

Respectfully submittted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

MRS. NELL ACKLAND, *President.*

Sister Mrs. Maggie Waddell, Assembly Secretary, then read her report of the past year's work, which, on motion of Sister E. Seaton, seconded by Sister Pollie Sanders, was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HAMILTON, August 7, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario:

For the second time in the history of our Order in Ontario has the Rebekah Assembly convened in this beautiful City of Hamilton. The first time was in the year 1895. We were then, as a Convention, throwing off our long clothes and passing into an Assembly, and promising at that time to be more than an experiment.

The future success of the organization seemed assured by the earnest workers who were at its head.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you, my sisters and brothers, to this our tenth annual session. I am glad to see among you some who have attended all the sessions, and who have been instrumental in its organization. Such members challenge our sincere admiration, for without their persistent efforts we might still be groping in the dark, thereby depending on another branch of the Order.

To the new members allow me to say that we are doubly glad to welcome you in our ranks, for without your assistance and encouragement we would be little better than a year ago.

The new enthusiastic members in the Order are sometimes the shining lights, like the brilliant stars in the heavens, sending their light over the more sombre hues of those who have been longer in the work, thereby rekindling the drowsy interest to a new and more intense activity.

Another year of our voyage through life, with its smooth sailing, its rough seas, its tempestuous waters and its restful harbor, has flitted by, and we have at last landed this morning in this beautiful Assembly Hall, with sunshine on our faces, with cordial greetings in our hands, with hearts throbbing as one to work for the uplifting of our Order whose object is to educate the orphan, protect the needy, and dispel gloom and sorrow wherever found.

As we review the past, discuss the needs of the present, and legislate for the future, may it be in that sweet and lovely spirit which will raise us to a higher standard, and will crown us with honor.

The year that has just passed has been a busy one, and the work of your Secretary greater than ever before.

I have endeavored to be prompt and accurate in all the transactions of business of the office.

If there have been errors of omission or commission I speak truthfully and say they were not intentionally committed.

I have sacrificed all other pleasures that I might make our work a success. I will leave it to the officers and members of the Assembly to judge whether I have accomplished my object.

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you my Tenth Annual Report, and in doing so realize how far short I come of portraying to your minds, by my words, the amount of labor performed in executing the work. After our last session, held in the City of Toronto, I attended to the orders and letters that had accumulated after the books were closed. I then proceeded immediately to

prepare the Journal for publication, and as soon as they were ready had them distributed as follows: One to each Representative, one to each Secretary, and one to each Past President and all the officers of the Assembly, one to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary and one to the Standing Committee.

I have had many requests from States where they have no Assemblies for copies of our Constitution.

CONDITION AND GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

In estimating the growth of our Order, I find that the aggregate gain in membership is below that of previous years.

But Rebekah Odd Fellows, like all other Societies, has its ebbs and flows measured by the conditions that affect alike all interests.

However, it is gratifying to announce that progress has been made and that our Order to-day is stronger in membership and grander in its possibilities for good than ever before. During the year additions to the membership of many Lodges almost ceased. Only a small percentage of the Lodges maintained their normal activity in initiatory work. I am pleased to observe, however, that quite a number of our Lodges that have been comparatively inactive in this particular, have of late been receiving applications for membership and have again started on the onward march.

For several years the report of the Secretary has shown a larger number of Lodges instituted during the recess of the Assembly, but at this time I am only able to report three new Lodges instituted.

Experience has taught us that the utmost caution is necessary in the matter of granting Charters.

I believe it to be our first duty to foster and place upon a permanent footing every Lodge now chartered, before making any special effort toward the institution of new Lodges. Every exertion should be made by our membership to stimulate those Lodges which are being kept up by so much sacrifice and self-denial on the part of these limited numbers. Although the path be rough and thorny I trust they will not falter, ever remembering that in union there is strength, and that behind the dark clouds the sun shines brightly.

It is much to be regretted that the number of members reported each year as dropped for non-payment of dues is so large. The great majority of our beloved Order are people of moderate means, and when unfavorable times overtake them, they of necessity must do as they can, not as they would. Each Lodge and individual member should do everything in their power to keep the membership in good standing. If there is ever a time when we should stand shoulder to shoulder it is in the time of distress and need.

Sisters, let us sustain each other by mutual counsel, prayer, sympathy and love, and make the coming year the best and noblest in the history of our Order.

REBEKAH LODGES INSTITUTED.

Erie Rebekah Lodge, No. 65, Wheatley, instituted Jan. 9th by Sister L. M. Edgar, Windsor.

Riverside Rebekah Lodge, No. 66, Florence, instituted Jan. 10th by Mrs. Nellie Dodson, Treasurer of Rebekah Assembly.

Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge, No. 67, Thamesford, instituted March 26th by Bro. J. A. Young, P.G.M.

I have been in communication with several places relative to instituting new Lodges, and believe we will have more new ones soon. There is considerable feeling in favor of new Lodges being started.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is needless for me to say that the correspondence of this office grows greater and greater each year.

I have held correspondence with all the Lodges, besides sending out all the necessary papers officially semi-annually and replying to the returns of the same.

I have received letters of business pertaining to the Order telling of disasters that had befallen, of the Reaper of Death in their midst, of the removal to other parts of the faithful ones, of Cupid stealing some of the most promising ones, of hopes crushed, of discouragements removed.

And in receiving such letters I have come in very close contact with the Lodges, which made me feel personally interested in them. I have replied promptly to each and every one to the best of my ability in giving information on business, sympathizing with those in sorrow or distress and rejoicing with the light-hearted and happy.

The correspondence outside of this jurisdiction has been much greater this year and has extended all over the United States.

The following gives in concise form the present standing of the Rebekah Lodges of Ontario:

Victoria, No. 1, London, had at last report 9 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total 28. Assets were $67.29. Present membership, 5 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total 24; decrease 4. Present assets, $59.37.

Ruth, No. 2, Stratford, had at last report 36 Brothers, 60 Sisters. Total 96. Assets were $110.29. Present membership, 28 Brothers, 55 Sisters. Total 83; decrease 13. Present assets, $94.21.

Oshawa, No. 3, Oshawa, had at last report 9 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total 34. Assets were $240.54. Present membership, 8 Brothers, 24 Sisters. Total 32; decrease 2. Present assets, $273 98.

May Queen, No. 5, London, had at last report 12 Brothers, 44 Sisters. Total 56. Assets were $176.89. Present membership, 14 Brothers, 43 Sisters. Total 57; increase 1. Present assets, $336.53.

Naomi, No. 6, Windsor, had at last report 15 Brothers, 48 Sisters. Total 63. Assets were $858.16. Present membership, 25 Brothers, 76 Sisters. Total 101; increase 38. Present assets, $945.37.

Our Sister, No. 7, Pt. Edward, had at last report 19 Brothers, 43 Sisters. Total 62. Assets were $23.42. Present membership 18 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total 59; decrease 3. Present assets, $29.66.

Louise, No. 10, Kingston, had at last report 39 Brothers, 51 Sisters. Total 90. Assets were $451.07. Present membership, 30 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total 71; decrease 19. Present assets, $426.74.

Beatrice, No. 12, Guelph, had at last report 28 Brothers, 42 Sisters. Total 70. Assets were $260.96. Present membership, 24 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total 62; decrease 8. Present assets, $260.59.

Jubilee, No. 13, Chatham, had at last report 2 Brothers, 5 Sisters. Total 7. Assets were $39.24. Present membership 15 Brothers, 20 Sisters. Total 35. Increase 28. Present assets, $73.91.

Edna, No. 14, St. Thomas, had at last report 18 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total 52. Assets were $422.50. Present membership, 19 Brothers, 46 Sisters. Total 65; Increase 13. Present assets, $451.11.

Harmony, No. 15, Gananoque, had at last report 7 Brothers, 47 Sisters. Total 54. Assets were $405.83. Present membership, 5 Brothers, 47 Sisters. Total 52. Present assets, $403.48.

Olive Branch, No. 16, Toronto, had at last report 68 Brothers, 68 Sisters. Total 136. Assets were $324.73. Present membership, 89 Brothers, 73 Sisters. Total 162. Present assets $37.01.

Excelsior, No. 18, Bridgeburg, had at last report 14 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total 50. Assets were $815.48. Present membership, 14 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total 43; decrease 7. Present assets, $650.10.

Inglewood, No. 23, Waterford, had at last report 12 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total 30. Assets were $32.26. Present membership, 8 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total 21; decrease 9. Present assets, $33.29.

Prudence, No. 24, Brantford, had at last report 14 Brothers, 21 Sisters. Total 35. Assets were $6.99. Present membership, 7 Brothers, 16 Sisters. Total 23; decrease 12. Present assets, $8.28.

Alberta, No. 25, Kincardine, had at last report 27 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total 54. Assets were $13.61. Present membership, 27 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total 54. Present assets, $13.61.

Ivy, No. 26, Galt, had at last report 104 Brothers, 83 Sisters. Total 187. Assets were $463.12. Present membership, 72 Brothers, 84 Sisters. Total 156; decrease 31. Present assets $422.96.

Esther, No. 27, Niagara Falls, had at last report 22 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total 60. Assets were $45.76. Present membership, 17 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total 50; decrease 10. Present assets $39.92.

Colfax, No. 28, Sarnia, had at last report 25 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total 64. Assets were $8.97. Present membership, 25 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total 63. Present assets, $14.25.

Atthewell, No. 29, Almonte, had at the last report 19 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total 52. Assets were $70.62. Present membership, 15 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total 40; decrease 12. Present assets, $51.87.

Aberdeen, No. 30, Deseronto, had at last report 17 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total 53. Assets were $26.98. Present membership, 31 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total 70; increase 17. Present assets, $33.49.

Coila, No. 32, Ottawa, had at last report 26 Brothers, 32 Sisters. Total 58. Assets were $40.00. Present membership, 19 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total 58. Present assets, $4.42.

Maple Leaf, No. 33, Brockville, had at last report 26 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total 62. Assets were $37.39. Present membership, 24 Brothers, 37 Sisters. Total 61; decrease 1. Present assets, $69.83.

Olivette, No. 34, Wingham, had at last report 13 Brothers, 12 Sisters. Total 25. Assets were $6.24. Present membership, 11 Brothers, 8 Sisters. Total 19; decrease 6. Present assets, $6.84.

Pansy, No. 35, Amherstburg, had at last report 14 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total 33. Assets were $14.64. Present membership, 11 Brothers, 15 Sisters. Total 26; decrease 7. Present assets, $11.54.

Justitia, No. 38, Hamilton, had at last report 52 Brothers, 50 Sisters. Total 102. Assets were $61.33. Present membership, 54 Brothers, 53 Sisters. Total 107; increase 5. Present assets, $85.17.

Margaret, No. 39, Waubaushene, had at last report 20 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total 48. Assets were $29.25. Present membership, 18 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total 44; decrease 4. Present assets, $37.50.

Hazel, No. 40, Ottawa, had at last report 50 Brothers, 59 Sisters. Total 109. Assets were $28.97. Present membership, 37 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total 76; decrease 33. Present assets, $27.01.

Florence, No. 41, Harriston, had at the last report, 9 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total 32. Assets were $14.11. Present membership, 5 Brothers, 11 Sisters. Total 16; decrease 16. Present assets, $3.51.

Pandora, No. 42, Blenheim, had at last report 16 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total 42. Assets were $50.78. Present membership, 16 Brothers, 30 Sisters. Total 46; increase 4. Present assets, $54.41.

Rose, No. 43, Woodstock, had at last report 35 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total 76. Assets were $30.48. Present membership, 45 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total 79; increase 3. Present assets, $26.02.

Harriet, No. 44, Renfrew, had at last report 37 Brothers, 49 Sisters. Total 86. Assets were $25.22. Present membership, 25 Brothers, 43 Sisters. Total 68; decrease 18. Present assets, $64.59.

Peachland, No. 45, Leamington, had at last report 11 Brothers, 9 Sisters. Total 20. Assets were $5.76. Present membership, 13 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total 32; increase 12. Present assets, $4.76.

Ideal, No. 47, Ruthven, had at last report 8 Brothers, 16 Sisters. Total 24. Assets were $18.67. Present membership, 7 Brothers, 17 Sisters. Total 24. Present assets, $18.47.

Eastern Star, No. 48, Cornwall, had at last report 27 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total 56. Assets were $27.41. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total 48; decrease 8. Present assets, $24.34.

Lilly, No. 49, Kingsville, had at last report 12 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total 30. Assets were $10.05. Present membership, 23 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total 57; increase 27. Present assets, $14.29.

Fern, No. 50, Simcoe, had at last report 20 Brothers, 46 Sisters. Total 66. Assets were $25.09. Present membership, 16 Brothers, 42 Sisters. Total 58. Present assets, $8.69.

Thamesville, No. 51, Thamesville, had at last report 33 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total 67. Assets were $107.05. Present membership, 48 Brothers, 48 Sisters. Total 96; increase 29. Present assets, $99.00.

Violet, No. 52, Otterville, had at last report 47 Brothers, 45 Sisters. Total 92. Assets were $71.40. Present membership, 55 Brothers, 46 Sisters. Total 101; increase 9. Present assets $67.61.

Viola, No. 53, Toronto, had at last report 36 Brothers, 66 Sisters. Total 102. Asse's were $12.28. Present membership, 39 Brothers, 68 Sisters. Total 107; increase 5. Present assets, $124.79.

Queen, No. 54, Hespeler, had at last report 7 Brothers, 32 Sisters. Total 39. Assets were $12.88. Present membership, 10 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total 44; increase 5. Present assets, $15.48.

Woodslee, No. 55, Woodslee, had at last report 22 Brothers, 22 Sisters. Total 44. Assets were $2.42. Present membership, 13 Brothers, 22 Sisters. Total 35; decrease 9. Present assets, $4.83.

Ruby, No. 56, Mt. Forest, had at last report 18 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total 54. Assets were $20.00. Present membership, 14 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total 40; decrease 14. Present assets, $5.85.

Endeavor, No. 57, Forest, had at last report 17 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total 35. Assets were $27.76. Present membership, 16 Brothers, 14 Sisters. Total 30; decrease 5. Present assets, $29.81.

Carnation, No. 58, Wallaceburg, had at last report 35 Brothers, 69 Sisters. Total 104. Assets were $10.82. Present membership, 34 Brothers, 71 Sisters. Total 105; increase 1. Present assets, $17.36.

Primrose, No. 59, Dundas, had at last report 20 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total 38. Assets were $46.19. Present membership, 21 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total 50; increase 12. Present assets, $62.94.

Triple Link, No. 60, Petrolia, had at last report 21 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total 46. Assets were $61.68. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 31 Sisters. Total 51; increase 5. Present assets, $6.72.

Brilliant, No. 61, Berlin, had at last report 30 Brothers, 44 Sisters. Total 74. Assets were $19 52. Present membership, 43 Brothers, 71 Sisters. Total 114; increase 40. Present assets, $225.38.

Sydenham, No. 62, Owen Sound, had at last report 20 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total 45. Assets were $19.12. Present membership, 25 Brothers, 35 Sisters. Total 60; increase 15. Present assets, $39.32.

Bethel, No. 63, Harrietsville, had at last report 11 Brothers, 11 Sisters. Total 22. Assets were none. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 20 Sisters. Total 40; increase 18. Present assets, $39.45.

Ivy Leaf, No. 64, Parkam, had at last report 11 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total 30. Assets were $6.75. Present membership, 12 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total 35; increase 5. Present assets, $16.20.

Erie, No. 65, Wheatley, instituted Jan. 9, 1900. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total 48. Present assets, $14.96.

Riverside, No. 66, instituted Jan. 10, 1900. Present membership, 12 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total 38. Present assets, $12.37.

Golden Rule, No. 67, Thamesford, instituted March 26, 1900. Present membership, 17 Brothers, 22 Sisters. Total 39. Present assets, $55.17.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 17, surrendered its Charter, January 1st, 1900.

DELINQUENT LODGES WHICH HAVE FAILED TO REPORT.

Mizpah Lodge No. 19, Collingwood, June 30, 1897.
Flora Lodge No. 21, Sault Ste Marie, June 30, 1897.
Rowena Lodge No. 37, Paris, June 30, 1898.

STATEMENT FROM RETURNS.

Initiated 144 Brothers, 266 Sisters, ; total, 410.
Died : 5 Brothers, 9 Sisters ; total, 14.
Ceased : 88 Brothers, 107 Sisters ; total, 195.
Present membership : 1228 Brothers, 1842 Sisters ; total, 3070.
Net gain 51 Brothers, 116 Sisters ; total, 201.
Relief paid out $98.73.

RECEIPTS.

Per capita tax for six months ending Dec. 31, 1899.....	$297.80
" " " " June 30, 1900.....	307.00
Supplies sold during fiscal year.....	97.33
	$702.13

All of which has been handed over to our worthy Treasurer, Sister Nellie Dodson.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

After a careful examination of the daily proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I find many resolutions were offered which were referred to the Committee on the Rebekah Degree. After careful consideration of the same, reported tee Legislation asked for inexpedient in many cases and recommended that they be not enacted. The reports of the committees were adopted, others were placed in the hands of committees to be acted upon at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The following were recommended and adopted: No. 81, page 125—Resolved that Sub-division 2 of Section 6 of the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges be amended by adding thereto the following: Their daughters, their sisters and their mothers and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Oddfellows, and when so amended shall read as follows:

Section 6, Sub-division 2—All Oddfellows in good standing and their wives, their daughters, their sisters and their mothers, and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows.

No. 87, page 128.—Resolved that Section 26 of the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

SECTION 26.

Visiting and withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates for former members of different Rebekah Lodges shall be provided by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for Rebekah Lodges and their members, and the same shall be furnished to State, Territorial and Provincial Jurisdictions at the same price as those of Subordinate Lodges and their members. And all laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge relating to application and fees for and to issuance, use, force and effect of similar cards and certificates in and by Grand and Subordinate Lodges and their members shall apply and extend to said cards and certificates.

NO. 103, PAGE 145.

Resolved that the possession of a visiting card, the date of which extends to a date later than when the same is presented, or an official certificate for dues

paid to a date later than that when the same is properly signed and sealed, be and the same is hereby declared sufficient, proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge upon proper identification to communicate to the holder thereof the Annual Travelling Pass Word, and if the holder of an official receipt as above mentioned is a member of a Rebekah Lodge in the same Jurisdiction as the Lodge to which the said certificate is presented, then and in that extent the Noble Grand is authorized to communicate to the holder of the said Official Receipt the same Annual Pass Word or the Check Word, as the case may be.

Resolved that all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolutions adopted and placed in the hands of committees to report at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

NO. 188, PAGE 225.

Resolved that the Grand Sire appoint a committee of three to codify and submit to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session a revision of the Code for Government of Rebekah Lodges, containing all Legislations enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that the work of the committee be done without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

NO. 200, PAGE 239.

Resolved that the Grand Sire is hereby directed to appoint a committee of three to prepare and submit to the Sovereign Grand Body at its next Annual Communication, a ceremony for the use of Rebekah Lodges in observing the Anniversary Day of Rebekah Oddfellowship; such committee to serve without expense to the Sovereign Body.

GRAND SIRES' DECISIONS.

on Rebekah Laws as approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

An official receipt for dues is sufficient guarantee of good standing in Lodge to accompany a petition for membership in a Rebekah Lodge in another jurisdiction.

In the absence of any Local Law to the contrary, a Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, who is a member of a Rebekah Lodge, can be commissioned by a Grand Master as his Special Deputy over a Rebekah Lodge.

The Legislation of 1893, providing for Rebekah Installation Floor Work, has never been repealed.

1. Q.—A Sister of a Rebekah Lodge had served a majority of nights as Noble Grand of her Lodge, when, because of a failure of a quorum of its members, the Lodge finally became defunct before the expiration of the regular term. Is the said Noble Grand entitled to a Past Noble Grand's Certificate?

A.—No.

2. Q.—What standing does a Brother have in this Rebekah Lodge who stands suspended for non-payment of dues in his Subordinate Lodge?

A.—He is by reason thereof suspended from membership in the Rebekah Lodge to which he belongs.

3. Q.—Does his membership in his Rebekah Lodge cease immediately on his suspension by his Subordinate Lodge, or does such suspension date from the time the official notice from the Subordinate Lodge is received by the Rebekah Lodge?

A.—He is suspended in his Rebekah Lodge from the date of his suspension in his Subordinate Lodge.

4. Q.—If a Brother stands suspended in his Rebekah Lodge by reason of his suspension in his Subordinate Lodge, even though he may have paid his dues for one year in advance in his Rebekah Lodge, how does he become reinstated in his Rebekah Lodge after being reinstated in his Subordinate Lodge?

A.—When a Brother's disabilities are removed in the Subordinate Lodge and he is restored to good standing therein, he becomes reinstated in his Rebekah Lodge, provided he is not in arrears for Dues in such Rebekah Lodge.

5. Q.—A lady desiring admission into a Rebekah Lodge presents herself with a number of others in the Ante Room of the Lodge. She, with others, was then admitted and initiated. Subsequent to the initiation it was discovered that no application from this lady had been received or filed with the Lodge; no committee appointed to investigate, and no ballot had ever been taken upon her admission. What is the relationship this lady would bear to the Lodge? Is she a member of the Lodge?

A.—The person admitted to membership under the above conditions must, after her initiation, be deemed a member of the Lodge to the same extent as if legally initiated. If the error were on the part of the Lodge, the Lodge cannot take advantage of its own wrong. If the individual has been guilty of fraud in obtaining admission, she becomes liable to charges and to punishment for such fraud; but, having been admitted to the Lodge and recognized as a member, she must continue to be deemed such until her membership is terminated by law.

6. Q.—Is a Rebekah Lodge an Auxiliary to or has it any connection whatever with the Subordinate Lodge?

A.—A Rebekah Lodge is an entirely independent organization from that of the Subordinate Lodge. It is auxiliary to the Subordinate Lodge only by reason of being engaged in kindred work and being a division of the same order of Odd Fellows, but in its government and chartered existence it is independent of and not an auxiliary to the Subordinate Lodge.

7. Q.—Is there any law to prevent the members of a Subordinate Lodge organizing two or more Rebekah Lodges from among its membership?

A.—There is not.

8. Q.—In case two Rebekah Lodges are organized from the same Subordinate Lodge should they both be accorded the same privileges by the Subordinate?

A.—They should be accorded equal privileges.

A Brother holding a withdrawal card from a Rebekah Lodge is entitled to visit upon the same within a period of twelve months after its date.

9 Q.—Can the wife of an Odd Fellow be admitted to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, she being at the time of her application thereto under the age of eighteen years?

A.—Yes, if a white woman. The qualifications in such case are based upon the marital relation, not upon age.

A divorced woman is an unmarried woman and as such is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

10. Q.—Can a Noble Grand before assuming the chair and before clothing herself in the proper regalia fill vacant chairs and direct that the officers repair to the preparation room there to cloth themselves in Regalia and return to the Lodge Room, the object being to introduce a little Floor Work at the entrance of the officers, in a body, to assume their chairs prior to the Noble Grand calling the Lodge to order for the opening ceremony?

A.—There is no objection to the Noble Grand requesting members present to take the place of absent officers for the above-named purpose, but should

the actual officer arrive before the entrance of such procession, such officer cannot be excluded from her proper place therein and when the procession reaches the chair an officer who may not have been present when the procession entered but who is then present cannot be displaced in her proper chair by a Substitute invited by the Noble Grand to act in the procession.

11. Q.—May the Warden be assisted by the Conductor in taking up the Pass Word prior to opening?
A.—Yes, by direction of the Noble Grand.

12. Q.—Is it a violation of the law or the Ritual for an officer when addressed by the Noble Grand in the opening ceremony to reply, Noble Grand?
A.—No.

A Rebekah Assembly cannot authorize or permit its members to wear other Regalia than that prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A member of a Rebekah Lodge cannot vote upon application for membership unless such members are clothed in proper Regalia.

An installing officer of a Rebekah Lodge at the time of installation and in the absence of Qualified Representatives of the Jurisdiction in which the Lodge is instituted can invite a Past Grand Master of a neighboring Jurisdiction who happens to be present to exemplify the secret work of the Degree for the benefit of the members present.

A Lady is not rendered ineligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge by the mere fact of being the daughter of a saloon keeper.

A Rebekah Assembly can neither authorize or permit any additions to, or subtractions from, the Ritual of the Rebekah Degree.

No portion of the Encampment Ritual can be used in a Rebekah Lodge whether in connection with the Rebekah Ritual or otherwise.

A Rebekah Assembly cannot admit Representatives to seats therein who do not possess the qualifications designated for membership therein by the charter of the Assembly and the Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A Rebekah Lodge cannot appeal from the action of the Grand Master of its jurisdiction directly to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Its belief that the Grand Master is prejudiced against it and that it cannot obtain a fair hearing from the Sovereign Grand Lodge over which he presides does not excuse it from appealing in the first instance and in conformity with the laws of the jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge. If dissatisfied an appeal can be made from the action of the Grand Lodge.

An Odd Fellow who has only received the Initiatory Degree is entitled to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, all provisions to the contrary were repealed by the enactment of the law for the Government of Rebekah Lodges now in force.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I would again recommend that this Assembly petition the Grand Lodge to secure through their representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge a word, as well as a sign, for the purpose of recognizing a brother Odd Fellow, if he is not a Rebekah; the need of this is very much felt.

2. That we petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge, through the representatives of this jurisdiction, to set apart a portion of each annual session for the consideration of Rebekah Legislation, at which time such representatives as it may deem proper to admit from the several Assemblies may be permitted to be present and take part upon the floor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in consideration of such Legislation.

3. That we petition that honorable body, through the representatives from this jurisdiction, to grant us permission to pay a sick benefit. I am afraid that unless we are permitted to pay benefits as other Lodges do, we will not make the progress that we ought to, in fact, we will go back. It is now a case of going where they can get the most for their money, and, as you know, we have many young girls in our Lodges who have to work for themselves, and they feel as if they must make some provision for sickness other than receiving alms. I would suggest that we be put on the same footing as the Camp. By paying three dollars a year we could afford to pay two dollars per week benefit.

CONSTITUTIONS.

I have sent to each Lodge a copy of the work of the Special Committees of the Grand Lodge on Constitution of Rebekah Lodges, which reflects great credit on the same committee: J. A. Young, P.G. Master; P.G. Sire, Cl.T. Campbell, R. R. Cowan.

If adopted, they will be sold as other supplies; and just here I wish to call your attention to the fact that notwithstanding you have been notified and your attention called to the imperative necessity of using the official receipts provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the majority of the Lodges have not yet adopted them. Such action is a violation of the laws of the Order.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE REBEKAH DEGREE.

Quite a little interest is manifested in the anniversary of the adoption of the Rebekah Degree, which occurred on September the 21st, 1851. It seems as though the day might be celebrated by the Rebekahs of Ontario to good advantage. Others have their natal, why not we? I would recommend that we adopt this day, September the 21st, as our Natal Day, and celebrate the occasion appropriately. I believe that such meetings will not only bring the members together in a social capacity, but will be the means of instructing and interesting many in regard to the history and origin of the Degree.

THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

Oddfellowship stands for liberty, religious freedom, humanity, benevolence, the relief and care of the sick and distressed, burial of the dead, education of the orphan and care of the dependent ones. In all this it has been tested and never found wanting. There can be no work resting on the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this jurisdiction of more importance for their future welfare, than putting forth every effort to raise funds for the Home.

During the year it has been my pleasure to watch with interest the progress in this matter of our sister jurisdictions and in them I witness a practical exemplification of the work and teachings of our Order. There we find infirm Odd Fellows and orphan children enjoying the comforts and many of the privileges and pleasures of life. If possible, we, at this session, more than ever feel the need of a Home in Ontario; I have endeavored to advance this matter in every way possible and I am sure the Rebekahs of Ontario are ready to do all in their power for the Home.

There have been some funds raised among the Lodges; many Lodges have as yet contributed nothing, but assure us that it will be forthcoming as soon as the location of the Home is definitely settled.

We understand that the Home Committee has visited a number of proposed sights and it is our prayer that before the Grand Lodge and Assembly close that some definite action will be taken and a permanent location chosen. Such

an institution will not only do good for those who have need of its shelter and care but will be in a measure a Home for the Order itself. "Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also" No truer benevolence can be accomplished.

The Brother who has borne the burden of others in the days gone by, may here find shelter when overtaken by the misfortunes and infirmities of the evening of life. A place of refuge will be provided for the widow and orphans. The little children, deprived of parental love and protection, will be given the benefits of a home and brought up to be honorable and useful men and women. As has been said of this last and best mission of Oddfellowship, it is a noble work, a labor that might become the envy of the angels.

The following Lodges have contributed to the fund this year.

Prudence Lodge, No. 24	$13 60
Ideal Lodge, No. 47	5 00
Naomi Lodge, No. 6	15 00
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16	5 00
Bethel Lodge, No. 63	8 75
Peachland Lodge, No. 45	38 20
Louise Lodge, No. 10	36 00
Woodslee Lodge No. 55	1 50
Total	$84 45

Brother W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer, has in his hands $4199.32, and we have promises of about $7000.00 more.

We are all waiting anxiously to hear the report of our Home Committee, Sisters Ryan and Lee.

MEMORIAM.

There is a reaper whose name is death. All seasons are his. He garners the choicest flowers. He comes, and the fair flowers of humanity, with their sweetness and fragrance, are no more.

Time rolls his ceaseless course, and again in our yearly Assembly it is our duty to lovingly remember our Sisters and Brothers whom we shall see no more this side of Eternity.

We mourn not for their loss, for they have gone to broader realms and higher duties. With the poet they may sing:

Lend, lend your wings, I mount, I fly,
O Grave, where is thy victory?
O Death, where is thy sting?

Yes, we mourn, but it for our own loss, while we grieve over the loss of a faithful Brother or Sister of our beloved Order. To you it means the tender father, the loving mother, the sympathizing husband and faithful wife, whose sympathy and cheer in times of anxiety and disappointment was a veritable Heaven, and with whom to share your joy and gladness was indeed to double it. Ties of every nature are broken asunder. It is here that the duties and privileges of our Order rest to comfort and solace all trouble or affliction, and endeavor to push aside the dark clouds of sorrow and unfold the sister lining of hope, for

Hope, like the gleaming taper lights,
Adorns and cheers the way;
And still, as darker grows the light,
Emits a brighter ray.

The following is a list of our deceased Sisters and Brothers since we last met :

MEMBERS WHO DIED.

February 3rd, 1900, Sister Georgie Gracey, Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30.
May 6th, 1900, Sister Bradshaw, Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30.
Sister Shoulder, May Queen Lodge, No. 5.
Bro. Bascom, Ivy Lodge, No. 26.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, lost by death 1 Bro., 1 Sister.
May Queen Lodge, No. 5, lost by death 2 Sisters.
Ivy Lodge, No. 26, lost by death 1 Bro.
Colfax Lodge, No. 28, lost by death 1 Bro., 1 Sister.
Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30, lost by death 2 Sisters.
Coila Lodge, No. 32, lost by death 1 Bro.
Justitia Lodge, No. 38, lost by death 1 Bro.
Margaret Lodge, No. 39, lost by death 1 Sister.
Hazel Lodge, No. 40, lost by death 1 Bro.
Lilly Lodge, No. 49, lost by death 1 Bro.
Thamesville Lodge, No. 51, lost by death 1 Sister.
Carnation Lodge, No. 58, lost by death 1 Sister.
Brilliant Lodge, No. 61, lost by death 1 Sister.

Total, 7 Brothers, 10 Sisters.

To the sacred memory of our lamented Brother Bascom, P. G. of I.O.O.F., Galt, will the Rebekah Assembly now join in paying a last said tribute of respect.

It is said that man is the noblest type of God, and a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. Of a truth all agree, and the Brother who was so closely allied to us was of the noblest type and his name, so familiar, was acknowledged to be as good as the best in every requirement of the Order.

Most widely is our Brother portrayed now, as in each Annual of this Grand Body, a picture of purity itself, as we remember him at our session held in Galt, presenting visitors to officers and members of our Assembly, and to-day we admonish that the Father, who doeth all things well, and has promised that He will not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men, has called our Brother suddenly and bade him surrender life's struggle and join the throng of friends and dear ones who have passed on before him, and as a heritage we have this Brother's good name ;

And be it resolved, that in the death of Brother Bascom the Assembly has lost a faithful friend, the Order a most zealous worker, the community an exemplary man, who was ever worthy of imitation and whose works will follow him.

To our Vice-President, his wife, we desire to say that while we, as Rebekahs will miss him, yet we know that our Redeemer liveth, and as said David of old, " While he cannot come back to us, we can go to him, inasmuch as it is not all life to live nor all death to die." We would, with his dear wife, await that translation. Meantime it is but meet to weep, and so cherish we the name of our beloved Brother Bascom.

Beautiful toilers, thy work all done,
Beautiful souls, with glory gone,
Beautiful lives, with their crowns all won,
God giveth the rest.

CONCLUSION.

As your Secretary, it has been my desire and ambition to faithfully perform my duties ; to be honest and true in all my dealings. How faithfully this work has been done you must judge. How much there is to be done from year to year none can adequately conceive until they have devoted themselves to its service.

May this meeting be one of perfect harmony and at the close of this Assembly Session may each one of us return home to our little world of influence determined to make that influence uplifting, and the greatest reward will be ours in after years, when the records bring to view the vast amount of good we have performed for,

There is never a star but brings to Heaven
Some silver radiance tender,
And never a rosy cloud but helps
To crown the sunset splendor.
No robin but may thrill some heart,
His dawn-like gladness voicing,
God gives us all some small sweet way
To set the world rejoicing.

Sisters, think well of the obligation we have taken, work unitedly in the good cause, inculcating and carrying out the divine principles that are taught us when we are admitted into our several Lodges, and we will rear monuments that will ever be fresh in the minds of those who have been benefited by our work; monuments that will stand amidst the storms of prejudice and adversity long after we have passed away into the great hereafter.

For the kind and courteous loyalty shown by all with whom I have been brought into official relationship, I have nothing but gratitude to give.

To Sister Nell Ackland, our worthy President, I wish in a very special manner to return thanks to her for her hearty co-operation in our work during the year, and to our worthy Treasurer. They have ever been willing to lend a helping hand and their words of advice and commendation have stimulated and strengthened me. To Grand Master Jas. McLurg for his promptness in answering all correspondence. To our faithful Brother J. B. King, Grand Secretary, for many courtesies extended and assistance received.

In conclusion, would thank the Secretaries throughout Ontario for every act of kindness, for it is,

Little acts of kindness,
Little seeds of truth,
That, if sown by the wayside,
Will help both age and youth.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

Maggie Waddell
Secretary

Sister Nellie Dodson, Assembly Treasurer, then presented her report as follows, which on motion of Sister E. Seaton, seconded by Sister Pollie Sanders, was referred to the Committee on Diistribution and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario:

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report of the financial transactions of the year just passed:

RECEIPTS.

1899.			
Aug. 8,	By cash on hand		$ 480 52
1900.			
Jan. 10,	By cash on hand	14 65	
Jan. 12,	" "	53 00	
Jan. 20,	" "	50 00	
Jan. 31,	" "	50 00	
Feb. 2,	" "	50 00	
Feb. 20,	" "	25 00	
Feb. 24,	" "	70	
April 11,	" "	25 00	
May 24,	" "	22 50	
July 12,	" "	40 00	
July 18,	" "	100 00	
July 23,	" "	53 50	
July 24,	" "	65 00	
Aug. 6,	" "	93 38	
Aug. 6,	" "	59 40	
			$1182 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

1899.			
Aug. 8,	To mileage and per diem	$471 40	
Aug. 8,	" R. Brockbank, expenses	60	
Aug. 8,	" Alma Brill, expenses	46 45	
1900.			
Jan. 12,	" Maggie Waddell, salary	50 00	
Jan. 12,	" Maggie Waddell, insurance	3 00	
Feb. 2,	" Grand Lodge of Ontario, supplies	19 00	
Feb. 2,	" J. T. James, supplies and printing	22 80	
Feb. 8,	" Nell Ackland, President, expenses	30 00	
March 4,	" Grand Lodge of Ontario, printing minutes	12 00	
April 17,	" Nell Ackland, President, expenses	20 00	
July 24,	" Maggie Waddell, salary	50 00	
July 24,	" Nell Ackland, President, expenses	3 60	
July 24,	" Nellie Dodson, expenses	1 65	
July 24,	" J. T. James, printing	15 00	
July 24,	" Grand Lodge of Ontario, supplies	9 40	
Aug. 6,	" Maggie Waddell, expenses	59 40	
			$814 30
Aug. 6,	" By balance on hand		$368 35
			$1182 65

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE DODSON, *Treasurer.*

A communication was read from Mr. C S. Cochran, photographer, asking permission to photograph the officers and members of the Rebekah Assembly. On motion the request was granted.

VISITORS RECEIVED.

Sister Jenks, of Ella Lodge, No. 56, Chicago, Ill., and Sister Baker, of Buffalo, Secretary of New York State, Rebekah Assembly, were received with honors, and welcomed to our Assembly.

The following communication was also received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the I O.O.F. of Manitoba, and on motion the request was complied with, and Sister Julia McKinnon was introduced to the Assembly, and received the Assembly Degree :

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN : WINNIPEG, MAN., July 5, 1900.

This is to certify that Sister Julia McKinnon (Mrs. D. E. McKinnon) is a Past Noble Grand of Olive Branch, Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, of this jurisdiction and is entitled to receive the Rebekah Assembly Degree. The Rebekah Assembly of Ontario is hereby requested to confer said Degree upon Sister McKinnon.

R. H. SHANKS, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion, the Assembly adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Assembly met at 2 p.m.. and opened in regular form, President Sister Nell Ackland in the chair.

Roll call: Officers and representatives all present. Sister Maggie Waddell, Assembly Secretary, read the following letter from Sister Winnie Bascom, V.P, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

GREENFIELD, MASS., August 3, 1900.

MRS. MAGGIE WADDELL, Sec. Rebekah Assembly of Ontario.

DEAR SISTER WADDELL,—I cannot express to you in words how much it pains me to be under the necessity of penning this letter.

A year ago, when we met in Toronto, and the members of the Assembly were kind enough to elect me as their Vice-President, the world looked rosy-hued, and I rejoiced in the confidence reposed in me and in the field of future usefulness I saw opening out. Twelve short months only have since elapsed, but the color of the skies has become leaden-tinted. He who was the kindest and best of husbands, the most helpful of life's partners, was suddenly stricken down, and is now, alas, one of the great silent majority. It was a blow that no kind words could palliate, and yet I am deeply grateful for the words of loving sympathy spoken and written to me in the time of my direst trouble. Oddfellowship was indeed true to its mission to comfort the distressed. From many parts of the Province, and even beyond it, sisters and brothers of our great fraternity, in the most tender and compassionate terms, expressed their sorrow at my great bereavement. At the time I was utterly unable to acknowledge those gentle words of sympathy and kindness, and I desire to take this present opportunity of saying how deeply they touched me. For the first time since Ivy Lodge appeared upon your register, I will be absent from your Annual Assembly meeting, but in spirit I am with you, and hope that, as in the past, your meetings will be harmonious and pleasant and that they will redound to the advantage of our branch of the Order. As I feel now, it will be impossible for me to accept the position of President. Not that I do not value it. Words cannot express how grateful I am for the confidence reposed in me, but it is simply impossible for me to fulfil the duties of the office under present circumstances. I would like to ask the Assembly for a document of some kind stating that I have been Vice-President. I will appreciate it very much. You will, doubtless, have little difficulty in selecting a Sister who will fill the position of President much more acceptably than I could, and whoever your choice may fall upon has my very best wishes for a prosperous and profitable year.

Again, from the depths of a full heart, thanking my kindly sympathizers, I am,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WINNIE BASCOM.

A communication was also read from Sister Jane Luscombe, Past President, as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the 10th Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Greetings. Regret that illness prevents me being able to be with you. Wishing you success in your deliberations, I remain, yours fraternally,

JANE LUSCOMBE,
Past President.

The letter was ordered to be placed on file and the sincere sympathy of the Assembly was extended to Sister Luscombe.

Bro. P. McCallum, from the Committee on Distribution, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F:

Your Committee on Distribution beg leave to report as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, be referred to Committee on State of the Order.
Clause 4, to Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.
Clause 5, referring to decisions, be referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Clause 7, be referred to Special Committee No. 1.
Clause 8, to Committee on Legislation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.
Clause 4, to the Finance Committee.
Clause 5, to the Judiciary Committee.
Clauses 6, 7, to the Committee on Legislation.
Clauses 8, 9, to Special Committee No. 1.
Clauses 10, 11, 12, to Special Committee No. 2.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. MCCALLUM,
L. O. BLAKEMORE,
A. MCINTYRE,
A. DODD,
M. MASECAR.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer for the year ending Aug. 7, 1900, and find them to correspond with the amount in the Treasurer's hands viz., $368.35. Your Auditors are pleased to inform the Assembly that the books of the Secretary and Treasurer are neatly and correctly kept, and reflect great credit on the above-mentioned officers of the Assembly.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

MAGGIE A. PEARCE,
IDA J. ROBINS.

Sister Mary E. Dennis, from the Committee on Election Returns, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Election Returns beg leave to report as follows:

Sister Winnie Bascom, of Galt, has received the unanimous vote as President.

For Vice-President there were 152 votes cast, of which

Sister M. A. Pearce received		38
" Amelia Pulford	"	52
" Nan Harvey	"	35
" Minnie Lennox	"	27

No election.

For Warden there were 150 votes cast of which

Sister Mary Dickie received		55
" L. M. Edgar	"	47
" Maude Taylor	"	22
" Sophie Stephenson	"	26

No election.

For Secretary Sister Maggie Waddell received the unanimous vote.
For Treasurer Sister Nellie Dodson received the unanimous vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY E. DENNIS,
ELLEN L. HULL,
C. B. MCGREGOR,
LIZZIE SHARPE,
M. STODDART,
N. SCOTT.

Election of officers was then proceeded with.

Sister Winnie Bascom having resigned the office of President, the representatives proceeded to elect another Sister to that office.

Moved by Sister Nan Harvey, seconded by Sister Blakemore, that the resignation of Sister Bascom be accepted. Carried.

Nominations for President were then called for.

Sisters M. A. Pearce and Amelia Pulford were nominated.

The President appointed the following Sisters scrutineers: Sisters L. Ryan, P. King, E. Seaton.

The Assembly then proceeded to elect a President.

The scrutineers announced the ballot as follows:

Sister M. A. Pearce,	21
Sister A. Pulford,	33
Total,	54

Whereupon the President declared Sister A. Pulford elected President.

The Assembly then proceeded to elect a Vice-President The scrutineers announced the ballot as follows:

Sister M A. Pearce, 19
Sister Ada Lennox, 10
Sister Nan Harvey, 26

Total, 55
Necessary to a choice, 28

There being no election, the Assembly again proceeded to ballot. The scrutineers announced the ballot a: follows:

Sister M. A. Pearce, 23
Sister Nan Harvey, 32

Total, 55

Whereupon the President declared Sister Nan Harvey elected Vice-President.

The Assembly then proceeded to elect a warden. The scrutineers announced the ballot as follows:

Sister Mary Dickey, 17
Sister L. M. Edgar, 28
Sister M. Taylor, 7
Sister S. Stephenson, 3

Total, 55

Whereupon the President declared Sister L. M. Edgar elected Warden.

The President declared Sister Maggie Waddell elected Assembly Secretary.

The President declared Sister Nellie Dodson elected Assembly Treasurer.

Moved by Sister Pulford, seconded by Sister Harvey, and *Resolved*,—That a vote of thanks from this Assembly be tendered the scrutineers for their services. Carried unanimously, and replied to by the several scrutineers.

The Assembly proceeded to the nomination of officers for next year, in pursuance of By-law No. 14.

The following nominations were made:

PRESIDENT—Sister Nan Harvey.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Sisters Mary Dickie, M. A. Pearce and L M. Edgar.

WARDEN—Sisters Harriet Miller, Nellie Scott, Phœbe Beedle, J. J. Vincent, Mary Dickie, Maggie McDonald.

SECRETARY—Sisters Maggie Waddell, Mary C. Baker, Mary A. Stoddart, Florence McCann, Alice M. Young.

TREASURER—Sister Nellie Dodson.

Nominations c'osed.

Sister Alice M. Young, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the decisions of the President, beg to report the following:

1. Q.—Can a Lodge donate any of its funds for the relief of the poor outside of the Order?

A.—The Lodge cannot donate any of the general funds for relief of persons not connected with the Order, but it may donate funds raised for the purpose of relief, but not otherwise.

2. Q.—Can a married lady, whose husband is not an Odd Fellow, but having a father, brother or son an Odd Fellow, become a member of the Rebekah Degree?

A.—Yes.

With respect to Clause 5, pages 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the Secretary's report being a repetition of the work of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not printed in the Journal of Proceedings this year, and that in future similar references be omitted in Secretary's annual report.

3. Q.—Can a young lady whose age is 17 years and 8 months, become a member of a Rebekah Lodge?

A.—We recommend the answer to be amended as follows: An unmarried lady under the age of eighteen years cannot become a member of a Rebekah Lodge.

4. Q.—Can any member except a Past Noble Grand or a Noble Grand fill the Noble Grand's chair during degree work?

A.—We recommend the answer to be amended to read as follows: A Past Noble Grand or a Vice Grand may, in the absence of the Noble Grand, act as Noble Grand in giving the degree work.

Resolved,—The foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SISTER SEATON,
ALICE M. YOUNG,
ELIZABETH GARTHWAITE,
LOUE CAMPBELL,
MATILDA BELL,
MARGARET JONES.

Sister Ruby Brady, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported as follows. The report was considered and adopted.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, report as follows:

That we are very sorry to hear the membership is not increasing as rapidly as might be expected; still we are glad to find on examination that each Lodge is healthy and active, doing all they can to further the interests of our noble Order.

We find 410 members initiated; died, 14; suspended for non-payment of dues, 195; present membership, 13,070; net gain, 201.

We would recommend that the incoming President do all she can to have sluggish Lodges take a more active interest in the work, and that she call the attention of her District Deputies to the fact of any such Lodge in their respective jurisdictions.

The large number recorded for suspension for non-payment of dues is exceedingly regretted. We would recommend that the attention of the Financial Secretary of each Lodge be drawn to the fact by representatives, and that these officers be urged to put forth every effort in the matter of collecting dues.

We note with pleasure that three new Lodges have been instituted, and all report progress.

All this is respectfully signed,

RUBY BRADY,
POLLIE S. SAUNDERS,
SARAH TAYLOR,
ELLA BARLOW,
JANE SEXSMITH,
HANNAH THOMPSON.

Sister Libbie Scoon, from Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.;

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence beg to report as follows:

We have examined the correspondence of the President and Secretary for the year ending June 30, 1900, and find that it has all been most carefully attended to.

All correspondence is filed in perfect order and is easily accessible to those whom it may concern.

In your Secretary's report she expressed the hope that her work had been faithfully performed, and we have much pleasure in testifying to the fact that the filed correspondence shows clearly and conclusively that her desire has been more than attained.

The magnitude of this correspondence can only be fully appreciated by those who have had the privilege of looking over it.

No petitions have been laid before your Committee.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MISS LIBBIE SCOON,
MISS MARGARET TAYLOR,
MRS. NANCY MCDONALD,
MRS. J. J. VINCENT,
MRS. IDA G. MOORE,
MRS. MARY BROWN.

Sister Mrs. E. Lee, on behalf of the "Home Committee," presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F.:

The Home Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

At the annual meeting held in Toronto last August, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell; Vice-President, Laura E. Ryan; Secretary, J. B. King; Treasurer, Bro. McCormack.

It was decided to issue circulars asking them to contribute towards the fund, also to interest themselves in securing a site for the proposed Home.

Each member of the Committee was requested to do all in their power to awaken the interest in their different localities.

Two gentlemen met the Committee and offered a site in Beaverton, comprising 35 acres, free water and light. After discussing the matter it was left over.

A special meeting was called to consider an offer from Collingwood, which consisted of between fifty and sixty acres, the local Lodges agreeing to give a bonus of $1,000 if accepted.

Orillia also offered some inducements in the way of light and exempt from taxation.

After duly considering the different offers, the Committee decided to await for further offers that would be more central.

The Ontario district was divided and given to members of the Committee to write to each of the Lodges and ascertain what they would be willing to contribute, a report of which we expect to have at the annual meeting to be held to-morrow. The sum of $13,091.17 is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, of which $4,199.30 have been subscribed by the Rebekah Lodges.

Those eligible for admission to the Home are Odd Fellows, wives of Odd Fellows, Rebekah's and orphan children.

Dr. Campbell submitted a plan of the proposed Home, a portion of which would be built to start with, costing about $8,000, and as occasion required could be added to. Your Committee feel sure that if the Home were once started, there would be no difficulty in furnishing the different wards with the money subscribed by the Rebekah branch of the Order, which is to be kept as a separate fund for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH LEE,
LAURA E. RYAN.

It being 6 o'clock, p.m., the Assembly adjourned until 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, in the chair, called the Assembly to order at 8 p.m.

As has been previously announced, the officers were installed publicly by the retiring President, Sister Nell Ackland, who appointed the following Marshals: Sisters Prudence King, Elizabeth Seaton, Elizabeth Lee, Laura E. Ryan, Alma Brill, Past-Presidents of the Assembly.

The installation of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Sister Amelia Pulford, President-elect, was presented for installation by Sister Prudence King.

Sister Nan Harvey, Vice-President-elect, was presented for installation by Sister Elizabeth Seaton.

Sister L. M. Edgar, Warden-elect, was presented for installation by Sister Elizabeth Lee.

Sister Maggie Waddell, Secretary-elect, was presented for installation by Sister Laura E. Ryan.

Sister Nellie Dodson, Treasurer-elect, was presented for installation by Sister Alma Brill.

The following appointed officers were named by the President, Sister Amelia Pulford:

Marshal	Sister Martha Antony,
Conductor	" Laura Smith,
Inside Guard	" Ella McFarlane,
Outside Guard	" M. J. Donoughy,
Chaplain	" Mary Messicar.

After which they were duly installed in their several offices.

The officers of the Assembly were then declared duly installed for the incoming year.

The Assembly then adjourned until 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Assembly was called to order at 9 a.m. by the President, Sister Amelia Pulford.

The Assembly was opened by singing the Opening Ode, and prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll call; all officers and representatives present.

The following was, on motion of Bro. McCallum, seconded by Sister E. Seaton, adopted:

Resolved,—That this Assembly ask the Grand Lodge for a loan of $40.00.

Bro. J. A. McCormack, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to report as follows:

That the Mileage and Per Diem for officers and representatives amounts to about $406.95.

We would recommend that the Per Diem be placed at $2.00 per day for one day's session.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Finance Committee be directed to provide the sum of $406.95, or as much thereof as may be required to pay mileage and per diem at the present session.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. McCORMACK,
WINNIFRED SNYDER,
MARY REEVES,
EDITH CAMERON.

Sister E. Till, from Special Committee No. 2, made the following report, which was considered and not adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Special Committee have considered the scheme for sick benefits and recommend that a fund be raised in each Lodge amounting to a sum not less than $200.00, and that a benefit of $2.00 a week for a limit of 12 weeks be paid. And that this be submitted to the Assembly for decision and forwarded to the Grand Lodge for its decision. The same to be optional not compulsory.

E. TILL,
JANE WOODHOUSE,
MARY MITCHELL,
FLORENCE MCCANN,
MARY C. BAKER,
MAUDE FOSTER.

Sister Maude E. Moore, from Committee on By-laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Rebekah Lodges, appointed to examine the Constitution, By-laws and amendments thereto of Rebekah Lodges, submit the following report:

That they have carefully examined all By-laws and amendments submitted during the year. A full report with corrections was sent to each Lodge, whose By-laws have been under consideration, and recommend that the same be adopted, subject to corrections in each case as noted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

ESTHER LODGE, NO. 27.

Two copies of By-laws submitted and approved.

CARNATION LODGE, NO. 58.

One copy of By-laws in pencil, not approved, no seal, nor Noble Grand's signature.

Your Committee would suggest that members of this Standing Committee do not attend Assembly unless notified by chairman to do so, thereby saving expense

Fraternally submitted,
MAUDE E. MOORE,
MARY JOHNSTON.

Sister Amelia Pulford, from Finance Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Finance Committee beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the books, vouchers and receipts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and found them correct, showing a balance in the General Fund of Three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents ($368.35).

We find from the report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee the sum of $406.95 is required to pay representatives for the session, which will leave a deficit of $38.60. We would recommend that the Grand Lodge be asked to loan us that amount.

In consequence of shortage which appears from year to year, we would recommend that the President and Secretary constitute the Home Committee, thus reducing the cost, which we deem unnecessary.

We would recommend that the salary of the Secretary be the same as last year.

We would further recommend that the auditor appointed by the Assembly be the out-going or immediate Past President, thus reducing the cost one more.

We would recommend that the sum of $50.00 be placed to the credit of the President for visiting weak Lodges.

We recommend that an order be issued for the sum of $406.95, for the payment of mileage and per diem to the representatives.

Resolved,—That this report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. PULFORD,
D. COATES,
MINNIE A. BRUCE,
LOUISA JACKSON.

Bro. P. McCallum, from Committee on Legislation, made the following report :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

We, your Committee on Legislation, beg to submit the following report :

We recommend that Clause 8 of President's address be adopted, with the recommendations submitted by her.

We also recommend that Clause 6, of Section 1, of the Secretary's report be adopted.

That no action be taken by this Assembly on Section 2, Clause 6.

Also, that no action be taken on Section 3, Clause 6.

We also recommend that Clause 7 of the Secretary's report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
P. MCCALLUM,
MARTHA ANTHONY,
LAURA SMITH,
ANNIE KELLY,
ELIZA TAYLOR.

The mite-box was then passed around and the sum of $3.50 was collected for the Home Fund, which was handed to Bro. Blackeby.

Past Grand Master, Bro. J. A. Young, Grand Representative, was asked to exemplify the unwritten or secret work to the Assembly, which he did in a very efficient and satisfactory manner, and then gave a few words of advice to the representatives. A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. J. A. Young for his valuable services rendered during the Assembly Session.

The following was unanimously adopted :

Moved by Sister Maggie Waddell, seconded by Sister Loue Campbell, and

Resolved :—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the members of Justitia Lodge D. of R., especially to the Captain and Degree Staff, for the very

efficient manner in which they exemplified the beautified work of the Degree, and also for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the Officers and Representatives of this Assembly.

The business of the Assembly being concluded, the closing ode was sung and prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The President then declared the Tenth Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. adjourned, to meet on the Tuesday preceding the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., 1901.

The Grand Lodge having decided to hold its next annual meeting in the City of Guelph, the Rebekah Assembly will meet in that city on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of August, 1901.

Maggie Waddell
Secretary

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO
INSTITUTED AUG. 1890
I.O.O.F.

The following were appointed District Deputy Grand Masters for Rebekah Lodges, viz. :—

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Victoria	1	London	Mrs. Annie Buskard	London
May Queen	5	London		
Ruth	2	Stratford	Mrs. Maude E. Moore	Stratford
Oshawa	3	Oshawa	Mrs. E. Hall	Oshawa
Naomi	6	Windsor	Mrs. L. M. Edgar	Windsor
Our Sisters	7	Pt. Edward	Mrs. Minnie Bruce	Pt. Edward
Louise	10	Kingston	Mrs. Mary Reeves	Kingston
Beatrice	12	Guelph		
Myrtle	17	Elora		
Ivy	26	Galt	Mrs. Louise Roos	Berlin
Queen	54	Hespeler		
Brilliant	61	Berlin		
Jubilee	13	Chatham	Mrs. Emma Moore	Chatham
Edna	14	St. Thomas	Mrs. Ann Shaw	St. Thomas
Harmony	15	Gananoque	Mrs. Alice Meggs	Gananoque
Olive Branch	16	Toronto	Mrs. Maggie McDonald	Toronto
Viola	53	Toronto		
Excelsior	18	Bridgeburg	Mrs. Jennet Hart	Bridgeburg
Donalda	20	North Bay	Mrs. Hattie Eddy	North Bay
Flora	21	Sault Ste. Marie		
Inglewood	23	Waterford	Mrs. Mary Messicar	Waterford
Prudence	24	Brantford	Mrs. Lizzie Davison	Brantford
Alberta	25	Kincardine	Mrs. Bella McGaw	Kincardine
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	Miss J. E. Warren	Niagara Falls
Colfax	28	Sarnia	Miss Maggie Moore	Sarnia
At the Well	29	Almonte	Mrs. Annie Whitelaw	Almonte
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	Mrs. Jane Sexsmith	Deseronto
Coila	32	Ottawa	Mrs. Eliza Reynolds	Ottawa
Hazel	40	Ottawa		
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville	Mrs. Daisy Coates	Brockville
Olivette	34	Wingham	Mrs. Minnie Tipling	Wingham
Pansy	35	Amherstburg	Miss Nellie Teeter	Amherstburg
Rowena	37	Paris		
Justitia	38	Hamilton	Mrs. M. A. Stoddart	Hamilton
Margaret	39	Waubaushene	Mrs. Frankie Betts	Waubaushene
Florence	41	Harriston	Mrs. Hannah Thompson	Harriston
Pandora	42	Blenheim	Mrs. Lizzie Mickle	Blenheim
Rose	43	Woodstock	Mrs. Alice Portlock	Woodstock
Harriet	44	Renfrew	Mrs. Annie Clark	Renfrew
Peachland	45	Leamington	Mrs. Laura Smith	Leamington
Ideal	47	Ruthven	Mrs. Esther Bolton	Ruthven
Eastern Star	48	Cornwall	Mrs. Jennie McLeod	Cornwall
Lily	49	Kingsville	Mrs. Maude Foster	Kingsville
Fern	50	Simcoe	Mrs. Sarah Cole	Simcoe
Thamesville	51	Thamesville	Mrs. Annie Kelly	Thamesville
Violet	52	Otterville	Mrs. Ella McFarlane	Otterville
Woodslee	55	Woodslee	Mrs. Sarah Dring	Woodslee
Ruby	56	Mt. Forest	Mrs. Nellie Scott	Mt. Forest
Endeavor	57	Forest	Mrs. Elizabeth Tripp	Forest
Carnation	58	Wallaceburg	Mrs. Fanny McGregor	Wallaceburg
Primrose	59	Dundas	Mrs. E. Rutherford	Dundas
Triple Links	60	Petrolea	Bro. John Sinclair	Petrolea
Sydenham	62	Owen Sound	Miss Maggie Taylor	Owen Sound
Bethel	63	Harrietsville	Mrs. Louise Jackson	Harrietsville
Ivy Leaf	64	Parham	Mrs. W. D. Black	Parham
Erie	65	Wheatley	Bro. J. A. McCormack	Wheatley
Riverside	66	Florence	Mrs. Annie Kelly	Florence
Golden Rule	67	Thamesford	Mrs. Alice M. Young	Thamesford

LODGE REPORTS.

On the call of the Lodges, the following reports were submitted and were ordered to be spread upon the Minutes of the Session :

VICTORIA NO. 1, AND MAY QUEEN, NO. 5, LONDON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Victoria, No. 1, is in a prosperous condition, having initiated several new members in the last year. Two members died—Sister Bertha Levine and Bro. John Bennett. At the regular meetings there is always a very good attendance and all are interested in Lodge work. There are now twenty-four members in good standing, with no suspensions this year.

May Queen, No. 5, has 57 members in good standing. One died and nine members suspended since last year (the deceased member being Sister Shoulder); also reinstated one and initiated two. This Lodge now has the degree work and a fairly good attendance at its meetings.

R. BLAKEMORE, D.D.G.M.

NAOMI LODGE, NO. 6, WINDSOR.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

It is with much pleasure that I report our Lodge in a very prosperous condition. Everything is in good working order. Our meetings for the last term have been well attended. We have added thirty-eight (38) to our membership, making a total of 101.

Our good Bro. Bushell, captain of our staff, is doing all in his power to keep the new members interested. He has two degree staffs working now, one of married sisters and one of single sisters. There will be a contest between the two in the fall.

By commission of the Grand Master, and with the assistance of Sisters Dring, D.D. of Woodslee Rebekah Lodge, No. 55, and Maggie Jones, of Windsor, I on January 9 instituted at Wheatley, Erie Rebekah Lodge, No. 65, with a membership of thirty-five, and I am informed that they are the most progressive and prosperous Lodge in the District.

On July 3, I installed the following officers in Naomi Lodge : Sisters Lizzie Clemons, N.G.; Rebekah F. Nevens, V.G.; Minnie Clemens, Rec. Sec.; Etta Brett, Fin. Sec.; Carrie Nanteay, Treas. We are looking forward to great prosperity.

Trusting you will have a successful session,

I remain, yours fraternally,

L. M. EDGAR, D.D.G.M.

LOUISE LODGE, NO. 10, KINGSTON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

On behalf of the members of Louise Lodge, No. 10, Kingston, I beg leave to report that our membership is 71, our available assets, $426.74. Our expenses during the past six months have been $73.23. The decrease in our membership was owing to non-payment of dues, but during the present term we initiated one Sister and one Brother, and there is every prospect of our increasing our membership. Early in the term we were able to give $10 to the Home, and later had a very successful concert, which netted $26, making our offering

in aid of the proposed Home $36, Our first meeting in July was held in the I.O.O.F. new hall, Y.M.C.A. Building. We are all very much pleased with our new Home, and as it is very large we hope to get members enough soon to fill it. As Acting D.D.G.M. for Ivy Leaf Lodge, No. 64, Parham, I find them in a very flourishing condition. Their present membership is 35, having initiated one Sister and three Brothers during the term. Their assets at present are $16.20.

Yours fraternally,
ANNIE G. FAIRBAIRN, D.D.G.M.

EDNA REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 14, ST. THOMAS.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

It is with much pleasure that once again we present this, our tenth annual report.

Last January I installed officers for Bethel Lodge, No. 63, Harrietsville. I have, since then, paid them several visits and am pleased to state that they are progressing very favorably. They have a membership of 40, two having been initiated this term and more to be immediately.

Our own Lodge has seen remarkable progress in the past year. Nine have been initiated and one reinstated. We have a membership of 65, 19 Brothers and 46 Sisters. Our available assets amount to $451.11. I have installed our new officers and from their united efforts expect to report great things in future.

With sincerest wishes for the further welfare and prosperity of the Assembly.

MARTHA ANTHONY, D.D.G.M.

IVY, BEATRICE, QUEEN AND BRILLIANT REBEKAH LODGES.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I hereby present the semi-annual report of my District, Ivy, Beatrice, Queen and Brilliant Lodges. Ivy, No. 26, Galt, has 157 members in good standing, 84 Sisters, 73 Brothers; deceased, 1 Brother; admitted during the term, 10. Beatrice, No. 12, has 62 members in good standing; admitted 2; deceased, none; available assets, $260.59. Queen, No. 54, has 44 members in good standing, 34 Sisters, 10 Brothers; admitted during the term, 7; deceased, none. Noble Grand, Sister Maggie Halliway, being absent from Lodge four nights in succession, the chair was declared vacant, and Past Noble Grand, Sister Minnie Whitmack, elected and installed Noble Grand for the present term. Brilliant, No. 61, has 114 members in good standing; admitted during the term 14, Sisters 10, Brothers 4; deceased 1. These Lodges all have some funds on hand for the Odd Fellows' Home.

I am sorry we had to call in the charter of Myrtle Lodge, No. 17, and hope you will be satisfied with what I have done for it; it was the very best I could do under the circumstances, as nearly all the members of Myrtle Lodge have left Elora.

I received the semi-annual pass word, and have given it to the Lodges.

MAGGIE MCCLOY, D.D.G.M.

EXCELSIOR REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 18, BRIDGEBURG.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

On behalf of Excelsior Lodge, No. 18, I beg leave to report that our Lodge has not increased in membership during the year. We admitted three new members and suspended eleven for non-payment of dues. Our financial condition is fairly good, we having $50.00 to our credit in the bank. Our Lodge held a

social on behalf of the distressed Sisters of the late fire at Hull and Ottawa. The proceeds netted $23.48, which was forwarded to Sister M. Peark, who acknowledged receiving the same on their behalf.

Our Lodge is well equipped with paraphernalia to confer the Degree in an up-to-date manner.

During the year we had the pleasure of several visits from your efficient Secretary, Sister Maggie Waddell, and I am deeply indebted to her for the kind advice given me, and so ably assisting me to install the officers of our Lodge.

I am sorry to say that our attendance is very unsatisfactory, which makes it very discouraging for the faithful few who are working zealously for the promotion of the principles of our beloved Order. I trust, with renewed energy and determination on the part of the newly-elected officers and a better attendance of the members, we will have better results in the future.

MARY WATTS, D.D.G.M.

ABERDEEN REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 30.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I am very much pleased to tell you that Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30, is in a prosperous condition. We have increased in membership since last report ; we number seventy-three members in good standing. Of course, in the hot weather there is a falling off in the attendance, but we generally have a quorum. We were so fortunate as to receive a visit from our honored President, Sister Nell Ackland, on the 25th of May, and the good counsel she gave us, we hope, will inspire us to further efforts to be up and doing. I have to report the death of two of our dear Sisters ; Sister Georgia Gracy, who died on February 3, 1900, also Sister Bradshaw, who died on May 6, 1900. Our Lodge has recommended Sister Jane Sexsmith as D.D.G.M. for ensuing term. Hoping that the future will see us still prosperous, and that the coming session will be the most successful of any yet held, I remain,

Yours in F., L. and T.,
HARRIET MILLER, D.D.G.M.

OLIVETTE LODGE, NO. 34, WINGHAM.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

We cannot report any progress so far as members are concerned. Our report shows that we have had to drop eight members for non-payment of dues. This is a source of keen regret to the officers in charge, but we are trusting that our Lodge may make more progress in the near future.

We feel sorry to have to appear so much on the blue side, but the principle of truth, which our links represent should shine always in all conditions of Lodge life.

Our Lodge wish the coming meeting of the Grand Assembly may be most successful.

MINNIE TIPLING, D.D.G.M.

JUSTITIA LODGE, NO. 38, HAMILTON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. ;

On behalf of Justitia Lodge I beg leave to report as follows : Our Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, great interest being taken in the Degree by both Brothers and Sisters ; a good attendance at every meeting. We have a membership of 107—54 Brothers and 53 Sisters, with a General Fund of $42.60 and a

Contingent Fund of $42.57; total balance on hand of $85.17. Several socials were held during the winter months which has aided us to buy dishes, etc. We have initiated six candidates this term and have five applications for next meeting. Our degree staff is preparing to put on the work for the Grand Assembly next month, when we hope to welcome you all. Trusting that we will have a prosperous and happy session, and that every effort put forth may be crowned with success for the Order we love so well,

I remain, yours fraternally,

IDA J. ROBINS, D.D.G.M.

MARGARET REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 39, WAUBAUSHENE.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I beg herewith to submit the following report *re* Margaret Rebekah Lodge, No. 39, as follows: Brothers, 18; Sisters, 26; total, 44, in good standing. We have lost by death one, and two withdrew since last report. Our assets are: Cash on hand, $37.00; paraphernalia, $100.00.

OLIVE ANDERSON, D.D.G.M.

ROSE REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 43, WOODSTOCK.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Another year has gone, and though it has brought many changes to some of us, some sad as well as pleasant ones, yet I am glad to be able to state to you that Rose Lodge is still prospering.

We have had the pleasure of exemplifying the beautiful work of the Degree to several candidates during the last term, which, to me, when properly imparted by the different officers and characters, is something so grand and impressive that one should never weary of the beautiful lessons taught in the Rebekah Degree.

I am sorry, indeed, to report that we have lost several members during the past term, some through leaving us to make their homes elsewhere, and some, I am sorry to say, had to be suspended for N.P.D., which makes our membership very much the same.

Glad I am to be able to report that death has not removed any from us during the last year, although it is just one year ago this month since we were called upon to lay away our beloved young Sister, May Howell.

One thing I am pleased to be able to report is the peace and harmony of Rose Lodge. Although it was through difficulties that it has been brought about, Rose Lodge feels it is the only way the work can be done successfully, and to the kind manner in which the Brothers of the Subordinate Lodge stand by us and help us when needed.

Rose Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Ivy Lodge, Galt, and had the pleasure of putting on the initiation ceremony. Five Sisters were initiated.

We also in the month of March visited Thamesford and instituted Golden Rule Lodge, starting with a membership of thirty-three members.

We spent a most enjoyable night, although a very busy one, for with instituting, initiating and installing it was an all night's job. But Golden Rule Lodge knows how to entertain to a nicety.

You will observe we have recommended Sister Alice Portlock as D.D.G.M. for next year.

Wishing our beloved Order every success, and hoping my successor may have a better report in every respect than I have been able to give.

MRS. LOU CAMPBELL, D.D.G.M.

Fern Rebekah Lodge, No. 50, Simcoe.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I enclose the Semi-Annual Report from Fern Lodge, also the *per capita* tax for the past six months.

I am sorry to report a great falling off in interest by the members of our Lodge—both Sisters and Brothers. While we report almost as large a membership as last term it should not be as favorable as reported, from the fact that a number should have been suspended, but, owing to error, sufficient notice was not given them. The three Sisters reported as withdrawn or dropped were lost, as follows: One has taken a withdrawal card and the respective husbands of the other two were suspended from the Subordinate Lodge. Our membership last term was 15 Brothers and 44 Sisters, and we have taken in one Brother and one Sister, and have, as mentioned above, lost three Sisters, leaving us 58, a loss of one.

I hope things are brighter in other places, and wish for the success of this part of Oddfellowship.

Sarah Cole, D.D.G.M.

Woodslee Rebekah Lodge, No. 55, South Woodslee.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I have not been able to get the officers of Woodslee Lodge, No. 55, installed until last Monday evening, July 16th, on account of the non-attendance of some of the elective officers.

I am sorry to report the loss of seven of our members, but they were some who lived some distance away in the country, and could not get out and became discouraged. I think if we could get benefits we could build up much faster. I see by the report that it is to be brought up at the Assembly this year; our Lodge is unanimous in favor of it.

We still have a membership of 35, but poor attendance. Sometimes we feel quite discouraged, but are still sticking to our posts. We had no initiations last term, but several have promised to come this summer.

I visited Comber very early last spring to institute a Lodge there. I found several wanted one, and the N. G. and Secretary were willing to sign the petition, but the Subordinate Lodge would not take hold and help them; but I believe there could be a good Lodge started there if one had time to canvass the town and were able to pay his own expenses and train fare. I have just heard that Essex is willing to have a Rebekah Lodge started there.

Mrs. Sarah Dring.

Primrose Rebekah Lodge, No. 59, Dundas.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I beg to report a very successful year has been passed, not so much in the addition of great numbers but in the continued and, I may say, increased interest taken by the members of the Lodge. We have initiated three new members during the year. We have almost completed a set of new robes, and then I think the staff will take quite an interest in the beautiful floor work. We held an At Home on April 15, which was the means of bringing all the members together. We meet twice a month; the attendance is good, and with renewed zeal we hope to enter on this year with a stronger determination to work for our beloved Order.

Emily Rutherford, D.D.G.M.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH LODGES.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Victoria	1	London	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Ruth	2	Stratford	1st and 3rd Friday.
Oshawa	3	Oshawa	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
May Queen	5	London	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Naomi	6	Windsor	Every Tuesday
Our Sisters	7	Pt. Edward	Every Friday.
Louise	10	Kingston	1st and 3rd Monday.
Beatrice	12	Guelph	1st and 3rd Friday.
Jubilee	13	Chatham	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Edna	14	St. Thomas	Every Thursday
Harmony	15	Gananoque	Every Thursday.
Olive Branch	16	Toronto	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Myrtle	17	Elora	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Excelsior	18	Bridgeburg	Every Monday but last.
Mizpah	19	Collingwood	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Donalda	20	North Bay	1st and 3rd Wednesday.
Flora	21	Sault Ste. Marie	Every Friday.
Inglewood	23	Waterford	2nd and 4th Monday.
Prudence	24	Brantford	2nd and 4th Friday.
Alberta	25	Kincardine	1st and 3rd Friday.
Ivy	26	Galt	2nd and 4th Friday.
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	Every Thursday.
Colfax	28	Sarnia	Every Friday.
At-the-Well	29	Almonte	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	2nd, 4th and 5th Friday.
Colla	32	Ottawa	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville	Every Monday.
Olivette	34	Wingham	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Pansy	35	Amherstburg	Every Monday.
Rachel	36	Toronto	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Rowena	37	Paris	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Justitia	38	Hamilton	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Margaret	39	Waubaushene	Every Monday.
Hazel	40	Ottawa	1st and 3rd Monday.
Florence	41	Harriston	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Pandora	42	Blenheim	2nd and last Thursday.
Rose	43	Woodstock	Every Tuesday.
Harriet	44	Renfrew	1st and 3rd Friday.
Peachland	45	Leamington	Every Tuesday.
Ideal	47	Ruthven	Every Friday.
Eastern Star	48	Cornwall	Every Thursday.
Lily	49	Kingsville	Every Wednesday.
Fern	50	Simcoe	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Thamesville	51	Thamesville	Every Monday.
Violet	52	Otterville	Every Friday.
Viola	53	Toronto	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Queen	54	Hespeler	1st and 3rd Friday.
Woodslee	55	Woodslee	Every Monday.
Ruby	56	Mount Forest	1st and 3rd Wednesday.
Endeavor	57	Forest	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Carnation	58	Wallaceburg	Every Thursday.
Primrose	59	Dundas	2nd and 4th Friday.
Triple Links	60	Petrolia	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Brilliant	61	Berlin	1st Thur. and 3rd Wed.
Sydenham	62	Owen Sound	1st and 3rd Monday.
Bethel	63	Harrietsville	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Ivy Leaf	64	Parham	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Erie	65	Wheatley	Every Tuesday.
Riverside	66	Florence	Every Friday.
Golden Rule	67	Thamesford	Every Monday.

Odd Fellows' Relief Association

OF CANADA.

ANNUAL MEETING AT KINGSTON, JULY 18, 1900.

The annual meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association was held on the 18th in the Odd Fellows' Hall of this city. There were present many prominent members from a distance, including the Grand Masters of Ontario and Quebec, Dr. McLurg, Woodstock, and J. D. McKean, Westville; J. B. King, Toronto, and T. J. Potter, the Grand Secretaries of Ontario and Quebec; O. L. Lewis, Chatham, and C. C. Lyman, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden of Ontario; and the Advisory Committees of Manitoba, Quebec, and Ontario.

The Mayor of the city, J. A. Minnes, was present at the opening of the meeting and delivered an address of welcome.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors referred to the record of the year as one of the best in the history of the Association. The surplus fund had materially increased, the revenue on the 30th June being $200,000. The increase for the year was $43,000.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia acted favorably upon the application of the Association to do business in the Pacific Province. A suitable minute, in acknowledgment of this fact, was passed and ordered to be sent to the Grand Lodge.

The Courts having, in the case of another Order, decided that a member was legally dead if absent or missing for seven years, the question was referred to a Special Committee, and it and the Association will co-operate in securing such legislation as will protect the fraternities.

The interests of the Association in Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces have been promoted by local boards, and the work of these the directors warmly commended.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS.

The Secretary, in his presentation of the statistical facts, reported that the net gain of members for the year was 1,112, making the total on June 30th, 11,961. The average age of the new membership was 30.40, and the average age of the entire membership, 37.30. The average age of the deceased members was 45.65; the death rate for the year, 6 per 1,000; and the benefits carried by the dead members, $89,500.

The Treasurer reported that the receipts of the Management Fund were $15,595, and the expenditure $13,440.79, leaving a balance of $2,154.79. The Mortuary Fund showed an increase of $154,878.58, and an outlay in death and disability benefits of $100,788.68. After transferring $43,000 to the reserve fund the balance was $11,089.90.

The Auditors reported that they had repeatedly examined the accounts and books of the Association and found them correct. The money, received by the Secretary and paid to the Treasurer, had been promptly deposited. Of the funds on hand $185,758.80 were represented by valuable securities.

The Superintendent of Agencies reported that he had travelled 16,518 miles in the interest of the business so far as it was represented by the agencies.

DECISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The agents were warned not to make any changes in the certificates, and to refer all requests for such to the head office.

Members of the Association who go to the South in the interest of their health, and who are benefited physically by the change, will be granted exemption from the By-laws which prevent residence below certain parallels of latitude; but they must supply the Directors with the necessary medical certificates.

Every member must contribute at least one assessment before his estate can claim benefits. (Sec. 4, of Art. IV., By-laws amended accordingly.)

Receipts issued by the agents must be countersigned by them; receipts issued from the head office are only signed by the Secretary.

POINTS OF IMPORTANCE.

A Special Committee reported that the present manner of conducting the business of the Association, and of calling prominent members into counsel with the Directors, could not be improved upon.

The proposal to extend the limit of benefits to $3,000, and to adjust the tariff accordingly, was not approved. It was withdrawn.

The Association decided to confine its work to Canada, and to specially develop British Columbia, which had been cheerfully opened to it by the Grand Lodge.

The Association has thirty odd members in South Africa, attached to the British Army, but none have suffered in the campaign up to the last reports.

The Finance Committee, having examined the Association's financial position, and referred to the low death rate and average age, said the agents were now furnished with the best of arguments to procure an extension of business with the Odd Fellows of Canada.

THE USUAL ELECTIONS.

The retiring resident Directors, Capt. Donnelly, R. F. Elliott and Dr. T. M. Fenwick, were re-elected.

The non-resident Directors for the next year will be:

Ontario—John Donogh, J. T. Hornibrook, Toronto; Henry White, Port Hope.

Quebec—D. J. Dickson, Montreal; J. A. Robb, Valleyfield; A. Philips, Huntingdon.

Maritime Provinces—J. H. Sutherland, Halifax; C. B. Allan, St. John; J. R. Macdonald, Sherbrooke.

Manitoba—R. H. Shanks, J. W. Baker, Winnipeg; J. W. Roche, M.D., M.P., Minnedosa.

The Auditors, John Nicolle and T. D. Minnes, were also re-elected.

GREETING TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Moved by J. A. Young, P.G.M. of Ontario, seconded by James R. Macdonald, P.G.M. of Lower Provinces,

That the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, in session assembled, July 18, 1900, has learned with much satisfaction that it has been given permission to do business in the Province of British Columbia by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction;

Therefore be it resolved,

That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for granting the said privilege; that this Association hopes that the business to be transacted may result in great benefits to both the Association and the Odd Fellows of the Pacific Province; and that the Odd Fellows of the East will forever clasp hands with the brothers in the West. Carried.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the suggestion of Mr. White, the President left the chair, and it was taken by Mr. Crawford, of Winnipeg. Mr. White then moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Directors, the Officers and Agents for the excellent service they had rendered during the year, J. B. King, Grand Secretary for Ontario, seconding the motion. It was carried amid applause.

The motion was acknowledged in feeling and felicitous terms by the President, Capt. Donnelly, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Mundell and Mr. Oberndorffer, on behalf of the Directors, and by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Agencies, on behalf of the officials.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock, all present singing "God Save the Queen."

Report of the Grand Representatives

TO THE

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

Session of 1900, held at Richmond, Va., September 15th to 22nd

O. L. Lewis, Esq., Grand Master:

HONORED BROTHER.—We, the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of our Order, in accordance with the established usage, herewith present to you, and through you, to the Order in this jurisdiction, a Report of the proceedings of the Sovereign Body which opened its session on the 15th of August in the beautiful city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, which our American brethren are pleased to style the "Old Dominion." Here Odd Fellowship was planted in the year 1833, when Virginia Lodge No. 1 was instituted at Harper's Ferry, the Charter being issued at a Special Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, called for the purpose by Thos. Wildey, Grand Sire, in Baltimore, May 4th, 1833. We quote the eloquent and inspiring words of our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. J. Frank Grant:—

It must be remembered, too, that this State was the great arena in which the most terrible scenes of the war were enacted; when this fair and beautiful city, which now so cordially welcomes us, rested beneath the black clouds of many bloody battles; when fire, and sword, and death, were her dreaded and most dreadful visitors; when to hold her as their greatest treasure was the ambition which fired the hearts and cost the lives of thousands of her noblest, bravest friends; and when the effort to wrest her from them cast dark clouds of sorrow and death over the homes of those who died in the attempt.

Those days are gone never to come again, to live only in the pages of history. Now only the banners of peace, fraternity and

cordial welcome wave over us as we gather here in the name of Friendship, Love and Truth. For those whose guests we are during this session our hearts are beating with love, appreciation and gratitude.

If our visit to Richmond results in arousing our brethren in Virginia to greater zeal for Odd Fellowship, such as shall add many desirable names to the long roster of her membership, our coming will not have been in vain. It is hoped that pleasant memories of our visit will live long in the warm hearts of our entertainers, and that each visitor will carry away the most delightful recollections of the people and the Capital City of the dear "Old Dominion."

The reception to the Grand Representatives and the thousands of visiting Odd Fellows was of the heartiest and most elaborate character. The excursion to Old Point Comfort by train, a sail around the Hampton Roads on a steamer of that name, a visit to the shipyards at Newport News, a view of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and the navy yard, and a drive around the Old Point where many things of the greatest interest to the Canadian delegation were revealed, was declared by the veteran attendants on the annual convention to have been as enjoyable an entertainment as had ever been arranged for the S. G. L. On Sunday the Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, pastor of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, preached the annual sermon, the subject being "Applied Christianity." By resolution this sermon will appear in the revised Journal. It is highly commendatory of the principles and practices of Odd Fellowship.

The seventy-sixth annual session was inaugurated on Monday morning. The Representatives lined up at 9.30 o'clock and, headed by the Grand Officers marched to the Masonic Temple, where the formal welcome exercises took place. The Chairman of the General Committee, Hon. Hill Montague, called the assembly to order. Seated beside him on the platform were the Hon. J. Ellyson, Chairman of the Reception Committee, the Governor, J. Hodge Tyler, the Grand Master of Virginia, W. T. Baldwin. Past Grand Patriarch Bowering, who officiated in the absence of the Grand Patriarch, His Honor the Mayor, R. M. Taylor. Miss Laura E. Beeton, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia, the Grand Sire Alfred S. Pinkerton, Deputy G. Sire Cable and several Past Grand Sires, among whom was our Chieftain Past Grand Sire Dr. Cl. T. Campbell.

The address of his Excellency and the other speakers were particularly entertaining. Space permits us to quote only a portion of the Grand Sire's remarks. Speaking of the wonderful development of the nineteenth century he continued:

"Nor has the development been confined to the political world. In art, in science, in mechanics, has

"Man put forth
His pomp, his pride, his skill,
And arts that make fire, flood, and earth
The vassals of his will."

The cotton gin, the power loom, the sewing machine, the rotary printing press, the reaper, the telegraph and telephone, the binding of electricity to man's common use, the thousand and one mechanical appliances that make our burdens light, and life more worth the living, are but a part of this century's tribute to the future. In letters and in literature what advances have been made! The printing press has brought the richest thoughts of the best minds within easy reach of all, and the philosopher and astrologer share their secrets with a thousand friends. Thought is purer than before, theology more simple and humane, religion more near the human heart and soul. This is the age in which we live; this is the century that called into life that great humanitarian movement which we denominate Odd Fellowship. It is the child of American spirit and life; it is a creation designed for daily food; it lives and moves among breathing men; it is for the closet and for the field; it is of practical use to a practical people; its secrets are a shield and not a sword; it believes in the royal heritage of man, and in the divine right of self advancement. Teaching loyalty to established government and obedience to law, it holds that governments are made for man, and that the citizen who controls himself, who recognizes the rights of, and has faith in, his fellow citizens, is the best prop and support of such a government. It believes in truth, in honor, in temperance, in the overshadowing Fatherhood of God; in the lasting, eternal brotherhood of man; in charity in thought, and charity in acts; to the cry of Cain it answers, "I am my brother's keeper," and in every hour of its existence it has blessed humanity and lessened human toil and suffering.

Bear with me for a moment. If I am correctly informed, the present total taxable valuation, real and personal, of this city, is $69,215,240.00 Raze beautiful Richmond to the ground; convert into coin every foot of land within its corporate limits; let every stone and timber of every factory, every business block, every dwelling house, contribute to the sum; into the crucible put your jewels and your stores of gold and silver; market the securities, bonds, and stocks of your people; and when you shall have done all this, when you shall have converted your city's soil and buildings into scrip, when you shall have stripped your citizens of all their taxable property, you will, even then, be over fifteen million dollars short of the amount of money that this Order has expended, since 1830, in brotherly relief.

You will then be short a sum equal to seven-twelfths of the entire taxable valuation of the personal property here owned. At the present rate of charitable expenditure, we distribute, for such purposes, the wealth of a Richmond every nineteen years—a distribution in which there is no expense account, and in which every dollar finds the pocket of the beneficiary.

Pardon the illustration, Mr. Mayor. We like your city too well to despoil it; we hope to come again; but the comparison made demonstrates the magnitude of this Order's silent, charitable work.

Can you question the fraternal spirit of such a brotherhood? Dare you challenge its right to live? Can you define the future's bounds?

It is not my purpose to enter into a discussion of the Order's principles, or to pronounce a eulogy upon its work. To-day it holds one million souls within its fond embrace. The streams of its unostentatious charity have flowed to every corner of our land; its white banner has led the march of fraternal life. To-day we salute our comrades across the seas; our flag is uplifted in the isles of the Pacific. Our faith has overleaped the barriers of States, nor has it been retarded by the artificial distinctions of society. Virginia's sons have shared our Order's struggles and its honors. They have taught its lessons on your soil, and "by their works ye shall know them."

We come, to-day, representing every State and Territory of this great Union, in answer to Virginia's call, and in response to Richmond's welcome. With us, as comrades, brothers, and friends, are citizens of that northward land, with whose sons we claim kinship, whose national hymn is set to the same air as ours, and whose gentle ruler is queen of American as well as of English hearts. Within our convention hall are clustered the flags of sixteen different lands wherein this Order dwells, and over all hangs the white flag of peace, emblazoned with the scarlet links of truth.

Such an Order it is my proud privilege to represent. In its name I accept your greeting, and in its name I thank you for it. Generous as have been the spoken words, more generous has been the manner of your salutation. From the moment we entered Virginia until this hour we have been the recipients of boundless hospitality. We have travelled your beautiful valleys with delight; we have shared in a true Virginia welcome. We are glad that we have come, and we shall bear to our several homes brightest recollections of the Old Dominion, and of its sons and daughters. To your Excellency, to you Mr. Mayor, to the several representatives of our Order, and to you who represent our gentle sisterhood, I tender the thanks and the fraternal salutation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and I trust that our sojourn among you may be as pleasant to you as it is profitable and enjoyable to us.

Representatives: Virginia has formally welcomed us to her heart; Richmond has opened wide its gates; our brothers and sisters, the portals of their homes. Let us repay this courtesy by making this the most memorable session of our history—memorable for the good we accomplish, for the inspiration given to our brotherhood, for the assistance rendered to the weary soul. As the gates of a new century swing outward at our touch, let us lift our flag to loftier heights, and let us dedicate our Order anew to the great purposes that gave it birth.

We meet among a generous people and amid historic surroundings. Here, in more ancient days, people of our blood and kin laid the foundations of a mighty power. The history of this commonwealth is interwoven with that of this nation and of the English-speaking race. Its sons have been conspicuous in the forum and on the battle-field. Again and again has it sent forth

its bravest to build up other States, and to the nation it has given rulers whose name and fame will live while centuries pass away. We know its splendid history; we have faith in its bright future, and

"Again we hail thee,
Mother of states and unpolluted men,
Virginia, fitly named from England's manly Queen."

The reception over, Grand Officers and Representatives repaired to Convention Hall in the Jefferson Hotel, which was the headquarters of the Grand Officers, and the Grand Lodge was opened.

The Ontario Representatives were assigned positions on Committees as follows:—

J. A. Young, P.G.M.—Legislation and the Special on "Connecting Link" (*re* Manchester Unity).

J. E. Farewell, P.G.M.—Constitution and Australian Matters.

S. Law, P.G.P.—Foreign Relations.

Past Grand Representatives Bros. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., Henry White, P.G.M., and John Welch, P.G.P., attended the Session, and Bro. Welch received the Grand Sire's favor by being appointed Grand Messenger.

We present herewith the able and exhaustive report of the Grand Sire. He said:—

Nearly two thousand years have passed since was written: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Inspired by this spirit, animated by this faith, exemplifying these holy precepts by acts of helpfulness, Odd Fellowship has for more than eighty years been a living power within this land, and at the close of the nineteenth century has the confidence of, and dwells in honor among, a free, enlightened, and progressive people. Our creed is not a compilation of empty words. Our faith glows like a heart of living fire. We honor a wonderful past, and rejoice in a prosperous present, yet we know that the work of the Order has not ended, and that so long as time shall last, and the enemies of society endure, it will be necessary for this, and similar Orders, to exist. The need of good men, honest men, men who believe in manhood and in brotherhood, who know responsibility, and can assume it, was never greater than to-day. A century that has given to the world great souls and great ideas, that has changed governmental forms and shattered the claim of hereditary rule, that has lifted men of every race to loftier heights, that has lessened human burdens and made nature's elements do man's will, that has taught the sacredness of human life and the worth of human character, a century of battle, of storm, of sun-

light, and of victory, is drawing to a close. Peace is ours, but only recently have our battle flags been furled; the elder eastern world is even now passing through hours of travail and of storm, and war's red cloud is over it. New responsibilities rest upon those strong races that represent the upward tendencies of man, and can we doubt but that this Order, with its splendid faith, and history, and ministrations, will have its part to do in the future's task. The flag of our fraternity has been unfurled in other lands than this, and the principles it proclaims are those that accompany human progress, and where'er our Order goes its influence is felt. There are no dogmas in Odd Fellowship. Its proclaimed faith is universally approved. The doctrines it asserts, no man denies. It seeks not to control the path by which its members seek a higher life, but it does seek to build up and to purify human character; and character is the power by which the world is swayed. The true man cannot divorce ethics from the activities of his daily life, and the fraternity whose devotees observe this rule is the strongest and best. If it is true that "the finest fruit earth holds up to its Maker is man," then it is equally true that all the agencies of this world are but the materials from which manhood is created.

Virginia, ancient among American Commonwealths, beautiful in mountain and in vale, and kissed by Ocean's wave, rich in traditions that have been written into the annals of a proud race, welcomes us with characteristic hospitality. Here where our father's fathers dwelt and, from adverse conditions, framed a powerful state; here where were written many chapters of the Republic's history, we meet to legislate for, and to guard the welfare of our great humanitarian brotherhood. Our Order—how God has blessed it! Blessed it for its adaption of divine principles to human life; blessed it because it dared under all circumstances, and amid all temptations, to proclaim the loving care of a loving Father and the kinship of his children; blessed it because it has lifted the fallen, fed the hungry, given water to those who were athirst, clothed the naked, and remembered man's frailty while ministering to his body and to his mind; blessed it because in every line of doctrine it lifts temporal eyes to spiritual skies; and while leaving to individual conscience the selection of a heavenly road, inculcates those principles of right living, and that love of the divine spirit, that make the essence and the soul of all religious faith and practice.

Asserting this claim for Odd Fellowship, we recognize, as co-laborers, every kindred organization that is animated by the same spirit, and seeking to accomplish the same results. As Odd Fellowship walks hand in hand with that race, that keeps step to the music of advancing life, so it believes in work and the practical application of its teachings. It helps our brother when he needs help. It seeks to minister to those who walk erect in triumph's hour, and to those touched by misfortune's hand. It is not a dead phrase, but a living faith. It repeats with the monk of old,

"Let pridish priests do battle about creeds,
The church is mine, that does most Christlike deeds."

I frankly confess I am not of those who would seek our Order's root amid the dust and rubbish of an expired race. In essence, in character, in activity, it is the child of modern life and the handmaid of a living people. It dwells in, and is for, our world, and personally I care more for what it does than for any shield of heraldry that pride or covetousness may desire, or fiction authenticate. It is an Order in which rich and poor can dwell,—it represents every element of our diversified life. It believes in a living God; it is dedicated to His children, and its ritual, drawn from the pages of His scripture, is enriched with the beauty of His teachings and the glory of His love. True to this great doctrine, what added laurels can antiquity give? Let the men of to-day look forward and not back.

I congratulate you upon the harmony and prosperity that attends our Order, and know that all its accomplishments of the past are but the prelude of a golden future.

THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED.

The present year has been one of great activity, and nearly every jurisdiction has made substantial gains and shared in our Order's prosperity.

The satisfactory results of 1899 will be surpassed by the gains of the current year which, according to my observation and reports sent to me by various Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, is one of remarkable development.

I confidently expect that when the first report of my successor shall be presented, the Order will rejoice in the full knowledge that the closing year of the century has been one of the most properous in our fraternal history.

An analysis of the work of the past year, together with certain suggestions, is fraternally submitted.

GENERAL CONDITION.

From the statistical tables prepared by the Grand Secretary, I deduce the following results relative to our membership, revenues and expenditures.

NET GAIN AND MEMBERSHIP.

During the year ending December 31, 1899, in the territory under the immediate supervision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the

Net gain in membership was 42,669,

and in said territory, at the close of said year,

Our total membership was 1,063,572.

Add to this the number of brothers owing allegiance to quasi-independent Grand Lodges, and this Order had, on above date, a

World membership of 1,093,899.

exclusive of 847 brothers and sisters—the returns do not indicate the true division—members of Rebekah lodges in quasi-independent jurisdictions.

ANALYSIS OF NET GAIN.

Of the above net gain, at home, 31,827 was in subordinate lodge membership, and 10,842 in female membership of Rebekah lodges.

Our foreign membership, so far as returned, exhibits a net gain of 1,359 in subordinate lodge membership.

NET GAIN IN ENCAMPMENTS.

It affords me great pleasure to report a net gain in subordinate encampment membership of 2,665.

NET GAIN IN SUBORDINATE BODIES.

The number of subordinate lodges, under your immediate jurisdiction, has been increased by 170, and now number 11,589. Our Rebekah lodges have been increased by 274, and now number 5,327, while to the 2,616 encampments, exhibited in the last report, have been added 36, making a total of 2,652, at the end of the statistical year.

WORLD EXHIBIT.

Our Order December 31st last, was enrolled in 11,969 subordinate lodges, 2,660 subordinate encampments, and 5,347 Rebekah Lodges.

INITIATIONS.

Since the last report 78,731 persons were initiated in subordinate Lodges, 13,143 more than were initiated in the next preceding corresponding period, while 21,221 brothers and 33,476 sisters became affiliated with Rebekah Lodges, the increase in initiations being practically equal as regards sex.

REVENUE.

The total revenue during 1899 was $9,643,080.86, an increase over the amount received in 1898 of $876,687.30. In the latter year the total revenue showed a decrease of $79,866.34.

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure in 1899 was $7,994,824.85 as compared with an expenditure of $7,582,712.96 during the preceding year.

SURPLUS REVENUE.

The excess of revenue over expenditure in 1899 was $1,648,256.01.

RELIEF.

The total sum expended during the past year in relief was $3,695,488.32, this amount being distributed among 102,809 brothers and 5,842 widowed families. During 1899 there was thus expended $272,501.82 more than was used for the same purpose in 1898, and Subordinate, and Rebekah Lodges, and Encampments, proportionately shared the increased expenditure.

INVESTED FUNDS.

December 31, the invested funds of the Order amounted to $27,714,364.72, thus exhibiting a gain, during the past year, of $529,123.26.

THE STORY OF SIXTY-NINE YEARS.

At the last convocation of this Sovereign Grand Lodge to be holden in this century it is well to review the past, and while our earlier history has not been preserved in figures I ask you to read the story of sixty-nine years as it appears in

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges in 69 years	2,346,305
Members relieved in 69 years	2,356,700
Widowed families relieved in 69 years	245,726
Members deceased in 69 years	230,657
Total relief in 69 years	$ 84,545,559 89
Total revenue in 69 years	$218,719,933 55

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland)	6
Grand Lodges	66
Grand Encampments	55
Subordinate Lodges	11,969
Subordinate Encampments	2,660
Lodge members	893,050
Encampment members	130,067
Rebekah Lodges	5,347
Rebekah Lodge members	326,993

Comparison of the Returns of Grand Bodies and Subordinates under the Immediate Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

	Dec. 31, 1898.	Dec. 31, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	55	55	.....	.....
Grand Encampments	52	52	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges	11,41	11,588	170	.....
Subordinate Encampments	2,616	2,652	36	.....
Rebekah Lodges	5,053	5,327	274	.....
Lodge Initiations	65 588	78 731	13,143	.....
Encampment Initiations	10.459	12,653	2,194	.....
Rebekah Initiations.. Brothers	19 703	21,221	1,518	.....
Rebekah Initiations.. Sisters	31,968	33,476	1,508	.....
Lodge Members	*830 894	862,723	31,827	.....
Encampment Members	†126,899	129,564	2,665	.....
Rebekah Members. Brothers	122 332	125,297	2,965	.....
Rebekah Members. Sisters	190.007	200.849	10 842	.....
Total Members of the Order	1 020,968	1,063,572	42.604	.....
Relief by Lodges	$3,1 6.050 47	$3,364,074 77	$138.024 30	.....
Relief by Encampments	249,786 88	275,985 22	26,198 34	.....
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	47,149 15	55,428 33	8.279 18	.....
Total Relief	3,122.986 50	3 695 488 32	272 501 82	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges	7,752.282 29	8 551.895 50	799 613 21	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Encampments	570,762 64	617.200 01	46,437 37	.....
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	443,348 63	473 985 35	30 636 72	.....
Total Revenue	8 766,393 56	9,643,080 86	876,687 30	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Lodges	25,152 982 29	25,812 037 47	659.055 18	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Encampments	1,487 760 60	1,503,192 50	16,431 90	.....
Invested Funds of Rebekah Lodges	545 498 57	399 134 75	.....	$146,353 82
Total Invested Funds	27,185.241 46	27,714 364 72	529,123 26	.....
Expenses of Subordinate Lodges	3,579.187 62	3 671,988 50	92 800 88	.....
Expenses of Subordinate Encampments	208,420 18	263 756 60	55,336 42	.....
Expenses of Rebekah Lodges	372,118 66	363 591 43	.....	8,527 23
Total Expenses	4,159,726 46	4,299,336 53	139 610 07	.....
Brothers Relieved	87.613	102,809	15,196	.....
Patriarchs Relieved	10.664	13,558	2,894	.....
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges	568 687	669,185	100,498	.....
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Encampments	87.343	93.919	6,576	.....
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Lodges	5,707	5,842	135	.....
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Encampments	147	370	223	.....
Brothers Buried	9 012	9.601	589	.....
Patriarchs Buried	1,337	1 372	35	.....

* 65 Members in Assiniboia reported through the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

† 242 Members in Sweden reported in tables of Foreign Jurisdictions

SUBORDINATE AND REBEKAH LODGES.

The net gain of 31,827 members in the subordinate lodge, as contrasted with an increase of 18,041 in the preceding year, shows the strength and activity of the basic branch of our Order, assures us that we can with confidence present its claims, indicates how strongly it is intrenched in the good-will of our people, and how surely we can expect a fruition of our hopes.

The Rebekah branch is prosperous, and while the increase is slightly less than is exhibited by the last report, the gain is a substantial one, and there is every reason to believe that this branch of our Order will continue to receive merited support.

ENCAMPMENTS.

It is with genuine pleasure that I am able to report a net gain of 2,665 in the Encampment branch, an event which justifies my expressed hopes, and belief, of a year ago. The tide has turned, and now that the Grand Sire is enabled to report a gain in membership, made during 1899, and with the knowledge that, all over the country, interest in this division of the Order is reviving, I ask you, and every patriarch within our jurisdiction, to earnestly devote some portion of the coming year to active labors in behalf of this attractive branch of our fraternity, with the full confidence that if this is faithfully done the Encampment will steadily gain in strength and be restored to old time favor.

No Odd Fellow should be unfamiliar with the beauty of the Encampment ritual.

Said Wildey, upon the occasion of his second installation as Grand Sire, "The introduction of Encampments has introduced a new era in the history of Odd Fellowship. . . . I feel an anxious desire to witness the existence of an Encampment in every state, yea, in every section of a state where there is established but one subordinate lodge, to render the sublime degrees accessible to all, that light and knowledge may be widely extended, and its effects universally acknowledged."

Surely we cannot afford to disregard the words of one who has been aptly termed "the Order's Father."

PATRIARCH'S MILITANT.

I confess disappointment concerning the Militant branch of the Order. While in a few Departments considerable interest is manifested the general report is of apathy and indifference. I regret to say that both the membership and the financial resources of this division of our Order are less than they were a year ago. Every effort has been made to secure complete returns, but it is almost impossible to receive either prompt or accurate reports, and slack Department officers cannot expect to have prompt and accurate subordinates. I have witnessed many brilliant displays of our Militant Army, and had hoped and expected that the hard work of last year, and this, and the manifest energy of many of the army officials would produce commendable and pleasing results, but these expectations have not been realized.

I have sought to foster this branch of the fraternity and have promptly and fully answered all questions of Department Com-

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manders, and of others interested in it, and I have been pleased with the energy and activity of many of those directly charged with local Militant administration, and where energy and harmony have been, success has followed. I earnestly wish that the apathy, freely confessed in many Departments, might be dispelled and the army of the Patriarchs Militant prosper and grow strong. That it has not prospered this year, as a whole, is apparent, and I do not believe that it will prosper until every officer and chevalier appreciates the fact that "fraternal armies" like every other social-military organization, require active work and the missionary efforts of every member of the degree, and that confidence and harmony are absolutely necessary to the success of every department of the Order.

Legislation cannot accomplish what is desired—some Departments complain now of an excess of legislation—but a united Department with confidence existing between officers and members, and all animated by a zealous spirit, can stem the adverse current, and can increase the numerical and financial strength of our peaceful soldiery.

No other fraternal organization has a more attractive uniformed degree, or presents a better appearance on parade. There is no room within the ranks of our fellowship for controversy, and antagonism, between the different divisions of a common brotherhood. Each division should receive the co-operation of the other, and there is room enough for all, and I urge upon Department Commanders and upon chevaliers, the importance of work—hard work—in behalf of the Militant Degree. It is my earnest hope that the coming year will demonstrate that renewed activity and interest have brought increased prosperity to each and every Militant Department. The reported membership December 31, 1899, was 15,274, a net loss of 895 during the year. Your attention is directed to the report of the Adjutant-General and its accompanying tables.

FINANCES.

The Special Committee on Ways and Means, appointed at the last session, and to which was referred a number of propositions relative to the revenues and expenditures of this Grand Lodge, duly submitted its report, and the same has been distributed in the manner directed by you. This committee has carefully studied the problems presented to it, has sought to reach conservative and reasonable conclusions, and its comprehensive report should receive the careful attention and consideration that its importance warrants.

It will be observed that no new plan of raising revenue is suggested, and that all the submitted propositions tending to that end are reported upon adversely. No additional tax is levied, but it is proposed to increase the present revenue by making mandatory the use of, and enforcing the law relative to, the official certificate, while decreasing expenditure by a reduction of the mileage paid the members of this body.

I concur in each of these recommendations. The official certificate, replacing, as it does, to a considerable extent the visiting card, and combining within itself the virtues of a receipt for dues,

a visting card, and an order for both the travelling and term pass words, has steadily grown in favor as is indicated by increased sales. But it is doubtless true that many jurisdictions are violating both the letter and the spirit of the law, and by a curtailed use of the certificate have actually decreased the revenues of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; that is, the amount received from the sale of official certificates does not equal the amount previously received from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards.

The profits on visiting and withdrawal cards for the year ending July 31, 1896, as appears by Brother Ross's report for that year, amounted to $15,052.51.

The profits on the same cards, sold during the year ending July 31, 1899, were $5,780.34.

The profits on official certificates for the same year were $7,329.74, thus producing a total net profit on the three cards, or certificates, of $13,105.08.

It thus appears that in 1899 we received from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards, and from the official certificates, a net profit of $1,947.43 less than we received in 1896, from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards alone, and that in 1899 our net revenue from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards was $9,272.17 less than we received from the same source in 1896.

These figures speak significantly, and tell, not to be contradicted, facts. I believe that the use of the certificate should be made mandatory, and that no premium should be put upon evasion, negligence, or disobedience; if the use of the certificate becomes both mandatory and general the increased sales will warrant a material reduction in the purchase price of the certificate, while, if the mileage is reduced, such reduction in price would not injuriously decrease the revenues of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I reiterate my statements and opinion of a year ago relative to the finances of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and while a comparison has demonstrated that the administration of our finances has been conservative as compared with that of similar organizations, I am a firm believer in the policy of confining expenditures within revenues, and I urge you to enact at this session such legislation as will insure this wise and desirable result.

CHARTERS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has specifically adopted a form for a charter for Rebekah Lodges, and it may be fairly assumed than at some previous date a specific form of charter for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments was adopted. Various references are found in old journals to forms for warrants for Subordinate Lodges, and to other forms which do not themselves appear in the printed journal, and some trouble and controversy would have been avoided during the past year, had a specific form been easily accessible. I also learn that some Grand Lodges are printing charters issued to its subordinates. I believe that all charters for Subordinate Bodies of this Order should be issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that there should be uniformity in design and in language. I recommend that a form of charter

for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be adopted at this session, the same to be printed by this body, and to be included in the list of supplies issued by it.

NECROLOGY.

As a generous people annually, in the bright springtime of the year, commemorate the services of those who died for faith and country, so in a like spirit do we seek to perpetuate the memory of those who in their lifetime believed in, and labored for, this Order. The fragrant flowers strewn by loving hands upon lowly mounds are but a renewal of the symbolic evergreen that rests upon the faithful breast, and every lodge, and every brother, that participates in such a service is animated by the spirit, and strengthened for the work, of our fraternity.

Among those who last year entered into sleep were thirty-two brothers who had served in this Assembly. The great majority had passed the meridian of life. Some counted more than three score years and ten, and all had witnessed the Order's development and expanding power. While we say,

> "Farewell! A little time, and we
> Who knew thee well, and loved thee here,
> One after one shall follow thee
> As pilgrims through the gate of fear,
> Which opens on eternity."

we recall the manly qualities that characterized the lives of our former associates, and recite anew those personal qualities which made them near, and dear, to us. Nor do we dwell alone upon the virtues of those who here met with us, but remember that every lodge has borne with loving hands to endless rest members who, though perhaps lowly of rank, have made secure the name and fame of the Order they loved and served.

The Grand Sire closes as follows:

We have a strong, vigorous, and constantly expanding organization. It is an honor to wear the insignia of our brotherhood—of the fraternity which has done, and is doing, so much for man and country. But with power and influence come responsibility, and this great Order needs the care, support, and helping hand of all who constitute its household.

The past, with its lessons, its struggles, its successes, is ours. We live in sun-light now; fortune has favored us; the skies are bright with promise. Surely, at the close of the century that gave our Order birth, we, its disciples, can sincerely and honestly repeat—

> "Our Father's God, from out whose hand
> The centuries fall like grains of sand,
> We meet to-day, united, free,
> And loyal to our land and Thee,
> To thank Thee for the era done
> And trust Thee for the opening one."

If we are loyal to the great truths that constitute Odd Fellowship, zealous in our Order's behalf, and active in its ministrations, its future is secure.

DECISIONS.

The following are the decisions of the Grand Sire, all of which were adopted without dissent.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

No. 1.—All brothers, while in the Lodge room, should be clothed in regalia indicative of their rank and station in the Lodge.

No. 2.—The sickness by reason of which an officer of a Subordinate Lodge can be excused from Lodge attendance, without forfeiting the honors of his office, must be his personal illness, and not that of some member of his family.

No. 3.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge having defined the term "sickness" as a cause of excuse for official absence, it is not within the province of a state Grand Lodge to set aside such interpretation, or to place a different interpretation upon said word when used for such purpose.

No. 4.—A sailor sick in a government hospital, is, if in good standing, entitled under the general laws of the Order to sick benefits.

No. 5. Statement—A brother who is in good standing in his Lodge becomes insane and is placed in an asylum, his wife applies for and receives a divorce; they have one child who is six years of age; she asks for the custody of the child and is granted the same by the court; in a short time she marries another man; her insane husband dies and is buried by the Lodge.

Question—Is the child entitled to orphan's benefits?

Answer—The child is entitled to such benefits.

No. 6. Statement—A member suspended for non-payment of dues pays all arrearages within one year from the date of his suspension. The constitution of the Local Grand Lodge provides the method by which such brother can be reinstated.

Question—Must a brother conform to the provisions of such local law, or does he become reinstated by the mere payment of dues?

Answer—The brother seeking reinstatement must do so in conformity to the local law.

No. 7. Statement—Charges are preferred against a brother in a Subordinate Lodge, and the trial committee reported no cause of action. The Lodge sustained the report of the committee and in due season an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge.

Question—Can the brother pending such appeal take a withdrawal card?

Answer—He cannot. Until the appeal is settled the charges are still pending.

No. 8. Statement—A Subordinate Encampment having six months' terms installed its officers in September. Prior to its next meeting night the city in which it is located declared a quarantine under which the Encampment was forbidden to hold meet-

ings for a period of six weeks. There was no quorum on the second meeting night in December. The officers therefore actually served at only three meetings, being, however, a majority, and all but one, of the meetings that they were permitted, under the restrictions of the quarantine, to hold after their installation.

Question—Are these officers entitled to honors?

Answer—It has been rightfully held that the requisites for obtaining past official honors are service of the majority of the nights of a term and until the end thereof, and that the only cause that can excuse an officer is that of personal illness or some providential interposition affecting him personally, and which he could not control. In the above case however, the law of the land intervened to prevent the holding of the meetings of the Encampment, and if officers and members were ready to hold the meetings, and said officers were actually present at all, but one, of the meetings permitted by the authority to be held, I think they were entitled to past official honors, the failure to convene not being caused by the Encampment, or officers, but by the law of the land which all were bound to obey.

No. 9.—It is not necessary for the officers of a Subordinate Lodge to wear, during initiation, the working regalia of their office in addition to the robes prescribed to be worn in such initiatory ceremony.

No. 10.—A brother who has served a full term as Noble Grand is entitled to receive the Past Grand's degree, although he has been re-elected as Noble Grand.

No. 11. Statement—The Noble Grand of a Lodge resigns his office, and all the members lawfully qualified to fill such vacancy refuse election.

Question—Can the Lodge elect the sitting Vice Grand, who has served a majority of nights in his office, to fill such vacancy?

Answer—To be eligible to the office of Noble Grand a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand, but in case of the resignation of the Noble Grand, and all of the members lawfully qualified to succeed him having refused an election, it is competent for the Lodge to elect the sitting Vice Grand to such office, provided that a dispensation for the purpose, be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs. There is no distinction to be made between a Vice Grand, not qualified by previous service, and a scarlet degree member.

No. 12. Question—Is a person eligible to membership in our Order who has one-quarter Indian blood, all other qualifications being complied with?

Answer—No. Such person would be deemed an Indian and not a white man, and would therefore be ineligible to membership.

No. 13—A Subordinate Lodge cannot adopt, for funeral purposes, any other regalia than that prescribed, or permitted, by the laws of the Order.

No. 14. Question—A person having one-fourth Indian blood having been initiated into our Order and received the degrees, without knowing that one-fourth Indian blood would exclude him, and the brothers not being aware of the fact, can he be retained as a member of our Order?

Answer—If the person was elected, initiated, and received the degrees without any fraud or concealment on his part, he is an Odd Fellow, and entitled to remain such until his membership is terminated in a manner provided by law.

No. 15. Question—Should the Grand Master of a state hold office in his Subordinate Lodge, such as Vice or Noble Grand?

Answer—Upon principle he should not. The duties of an executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge are such as might be inconsistent with the proper discharge of his duties as Grand Master.

No. 16.—Every member of a Subordinate Lodge, including the Noble Grand, is entitled to vote at an election of Lodge Officers, but the Noble Grand, as such, cannot exercise the franchise a second time in one poll, nor in case of a tie vote between candidates vote again "to break such tie" or at all after the polls have been closed. Equality of suffrage is the basis of our elections.

Where the Noble Grand is permitted by local law to "give the casting vote in case of tie" such permission applies to legislative questions and not to the exercise of the right of suffrage unless such suffrage right is clearly given in express terms.

No. 17.—Unless the constitution, or laws, of a Grand Lodge so provide, a Subordinate Lodge existing under such Grand Lodge has no power to initiate, free of charge, ministers of the gospel. There is nothing in the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that authorizes or permits free initiation.

No. 18.—The constitution of a Grand Lodge reads, "District Deputy Grand Masters may grant dispensations in all cases, except to establish new, or revive old, lodges, and cases relating to the finances of the subordinates." The powers and duties of District Deputy Grand Masters depend largely upon the provisions of local law, and under the above quoted provision of a Grand Lodge constitution, a District Deputy Grand Master would be authorized to grant a dispensation permitting a Subordinate Lodge to march in public processsions in regalia, and to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge permitting it to elect a scarlet degree member as its Noble Grand, all duly qualified brothers having declined to serve.

No. 19.—Where the governing constitution does not forbid the enactment of retroactive laws, it is within the power of a Subordinate Lodge, subject to such approval as is required by local law, to enact a by-law fixing the compensation of the secretary, and providing that such law shall take effect from a past date, but such retroactive clause must be stated in express terms in the by-law.

No. 20. Statement—A member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, while serving in the army of the United States, and being in the Philippine Islands, was there taken sick, confined to a government hospital, and entirely incapacitated from doing work for nearly three months. The Lodge refused him benefits upon the ground that although sick, and unable to perform his duty, or in any way to make a livelihood, his wages went on just the same, his expenses for medicine and medical attendance, nursing and other expenses incident to illness, being paid by the government, and that it was not contemplated by the general law of the Order, that benefits should be paid under such circum-

stances, and cite decision 164 approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1899, as confirmatory of its opinion. The constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction provides that "Every member in good standing, who is not suspended for cause or disqualified on account of arrearages, according to sections 1 and 2 of article 10, which shall be rendered incapable by sickness, accident, or injury to his person, from following any business, avocation or employment whereby he may obtain a livelihood, provided such sickness or disability shall not have been caused by intemperance or other immoral conduct, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the lodge, benefits during such sickness or disability as may be fixed by the by-laws."

Question—Is the Lodge liable for sick benefits?

Answer—Under the above statement of facts the brother is entitled to sick benefits. Decision 106 of 1896, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge reads, "By the general law, a soldier sick in a hospital for soldiers and there supported, is entitled to benefits if in good standing." Since the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I have decided that "A sailor sick in a government hospital, is, if in good standing, entitled under the general laws of the Order, to sick benefits." These decisions are conclusive of this case. Decision 164 made by me last year was based upon the circumstances of a particular case, and the construction of a Lodge Constitution, and the judiciary committee approving said decision, added with my full consent, "but we are of the opinion that the fact of the continuance of his salary or wages by his employer shall not be construed to deny right of benefits to a brother whose ability to personally earn a livelihood has been lessened by the disability." In other words, it is not the payment of wages, but the ability of the brother to earn wages, that constitutes the test, and in the case referred to in decision No. 164, the brother's occupation was such that his earning capacity was not affected by the injury. The present case presents a different state of facts, and I regard the brother as entitled to the claimed benefits.

No. 21—Subject to the provision of the minimum benefit law, a Subordinate Lodge may, by a law applicable to all its members, reduce the amount paid by it for weekly sick benefits, and a brother then sick would thereafter be entitled to draw benefits only at the reduced rate.

No. 22.—A change in the law of the Subordinate Lodge reducing the amount paid for sick benefits cannot be made retroactive so as to reduce the amount of benefits which have previously accrued to a brother then ill, but a Lodge may, with approval of its Grand Lodge, provide that where a member shall have received one full year's benefit, the weekly benefit thereafter, to such member, shall be one dollar per week, and in computing the year, the period of the brother's illness before the passage of the by-law may be counted, provided the wording of the by-law so permits.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

No. 23.—A married woman, whose husband is not an Odd Fellow, is not eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge simply

because she is the stepmother of an Odd Fellow. She is not the "mother" of an Odd Fellow within the meaning of the law of 1899.

No. 24—Under the provisions of sub-division 2 of section 6, of the "Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges," a "deceased" Odd Fellow must have been in good standing at the time of his decease in order to render his daughter, sister, or mother, eligible, by reason of such relationship in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 25—Under sub-division 2, section 6, of the "Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges, the daughters, sisters, and mothers, of Odd Fellows in good standing, and of deceased Odd Fellows who were in good standing at the time of their decease, are eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge irrespective of the fact that they may now be married to persons who are not members of the Order.

No. 26.—The territorial limitation of membership as applied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Subordinate Lodges, has not, by it, been made applicable to Rebekah Lodges. In the absence of local law, a woman seeking to obtain the Rebekah Degree is not required to apply to the Lodge nearest her place of residence.

No. 27.—No special law has been enacted providing for consolidation of Rebekah Lodges, and in the absence of such legislation, so long as the number of members desiring to retain the charter of such Lodge is equal to that prescribed by the law as the minimum number of petitioners to whom a charter can be given, such charter cannot be revoked by the majority, nor such Lodge forced to consolidate with another Lodge.

No. 28.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot authorize another Rebekah Lodge to confer the degree upon a person elected to membership in the first named Lodge. Such degree can only be conferred in the Lodge which received and accepted the application for membership.

No. 29.—A married sister of an Odd Fellow is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge by virtue of such relationship, irrespective of the fact that her husband may not be a member of the Order.

No. 30.—Sub-division "F" of section 16 of the Rebekah Code is applicable only to the first term of a Rebekah Lodge. After the first term a Past Noble Grand must deliver the charge referred to in the said sub-division.

No. 31.—A Grand Lodge may require that the number of applicants for a charter for a Rebekah Lodge shall exceed five.

No. 32.—The amendment to section 6 of the Rebekah Code relative to membership, adopted in 1899, did not repeal sub-division 3 of said section.

No. 33.—Rebekah Lodge cannot from its lodge funds make donations to a Christian Endeavor society.

No. 34.—In the absence of any prohibition by local law, a sister member in good standing, of a Rebekah Lodge, may be elected to, and installed into, office, in the Rebekah Assembly of the state in which the Lodge to which she belongs is located, even though she does not then reside in such state.

No. 35. Question—Is a legally adopted daughter of an Odd Fellow, in good standing, eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer—Yes. Where the laws of the state provide that a legally adopted child is entitled to all the prerogatives of a natural born child, such adopted child becomes, in view of the law, a child in fact of the adopting parents, and if an Odd Fellow in good standing so adopted a daughter, she would be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 36.—A Grand Lodge may require a larger, but not a smaller, number than three black balls to reject an applicant for membership or reinstatement in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 37.—A Rebekah Assembly cannot convene in special session for the purpose of conferring the Assembly degree unless its charter, or the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, so permits.

No. 38.—A Grand Master can, of right, officially visit the Rebekah Assembly of his own jurisdiction.

No. 39.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot permit its members to wear floral bouquets, of pink and green, in lieu of the prescribed regalia.

No. 40.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot meet in special session for the purpose of receiving applications for membership.

No. 41.—A brother whose application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge has been rejected cannot apply for membership in another Rebekah Lodge until six months' time has elapsed since the first application.

No. 42.—It is within the power of a State Grand Lodge to authorize the Rebekah Assembly, chartered by it, to levy a per capita tax on its subordinate Rebekah Lodges.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

No. 43. Question—Is it permissible for a member of an Encampment, clad in the old, or "royal purple degree," uniform, who is also clothed in appropriate Encampment regalia, to enter an Encampment or Lodge while respectively open and working as such?

Answer—Yes. If clad in appropriate Encampment regalia he has a right to so enter, irrespective of the fact that he is also wearing the street regalia, named.

No. 44.—The general funds of an Encampment cannot be appropriated for the purchase of street uniforms for its members.

No. 45.—In the absence of constitutional authority it is not within the power of a Grand Patriarch to authorize the removal from one city to another, of a subordinate Encampment.

No. 46.—It is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Patriarch to report persistent violations of law to the Grand Patriarch. He has no power of his own motion to declare null and void the acts of a Subordinate Encampment.

No. 47.—A Patriarch charged with an offence against an Encampment must be tried in the Encampment to which he belongs unless a change of venue has been secured according to the terms of local law.

No. 48.—A legally elected representative to a Grand Encampment who does not attend the sessions thereof, is not entitled to mileage and per diem.

No. 49. Question—A Past Grand fully qualified, is elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for two years, but at the expiration of one year his Encampment fails to make its annual returns. Does this prevent him from holding his office to the end of the time for which he was elected?

Answer—The mere failure of the Subordinate Encampment to make proper returns would not, of itself, affect the brother's office as Grand Representative, but if, as a result of such failure, the suspension of the Encampment follows, then, in that event, the brother should, within the time limited by local law, deposit his card in, or connect himself with, another Subordinate Encampment.

No. 50.—It is within the power of a State Grand Encampment to permit Past Chief Patriarchs to vote at a stated meeting of the Subordinate Encampment to which they belong for Grand Encampment officers.

No. 51.—It is within the power of a Grand Encampment to provide that officers of Subordinate Encampments within its jurisdiction shall not be installed unless the dues of such Subordinate Encampment shall have been first paid.

PATRIARCH MILITANT DECISIONS.

No. 52.—A chevalier cannot be at the same time an active member of one canton, and an honorary member of another.

No. 53.—A Department Council cannot authorize the formation of a "Turm of Horse." Such formation can only be authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No. 54.—The court martial of a chevalier is absolutely forbidden, and neither a Department Council, nor a Department Commander, can authorize or permit a court martial to be had.

No. 55.—Every active member of a canton must be provided with a regulation uniform.

No. 56.—A Department Council cannot authorize cantons within its department to pay funeral benefits, nor can a canton pay such benefits even by the unanimous consent of its members.

No. 57.—An honorary member of a canton has no right to vote for either canton or Department officers.

No. 58.—An active member of a canton, not in uniform, has no right to vote for canton or Department officers.

No. 59.—A chevalier need not be a past-captain in order to be eligible for Department Commander.

No. 60. Statement—Charges are preferred against a brother in a subordinate lodge, and the trial committee reported no cause of action. The lodge sustained the report of the committee and in due season an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge. After the appeal is taken the brother engages in the saloon business.

Question—Can he then receive from the canton of which he is a member an honorable discharge?

Answer—He cannot. Having engaged in the saloon business before he applies for an honorable discharge he has thus rendered himself ineligible to receive it.

No. 61.—When a chevalier, as such, visits a subordinate encampment, or Rebekah lodge, he must be clothed in full uniform,

either full dress or fatigue, and is not obliged to wear in addition thereto the collar of the organization he happens to visit. While clothed in such uniform, however, he cannot occupy any of the chairs or do any work of an officer of the body visited.

No. 62.—The Patriarchs Militant Code having provided that "All active chevaliers, in good standing, shall be eligible to office in their respective cantons and commands," a Department Council does not possess the power to limit the eligibility to office of chevaliers, or to prescribe a new qualification for office—such as previous service in another office—even if such limitation is intended to apply only to the Department seeking such legislation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

No. 63.—An elective officer of a Grand Lodge cannot be installed by proxy.

No. 64.—Where a valid law of a Grand Jurisdiction provides that the A. T. P. W. shall not be issued to a lodge in arrears for its dues to the Grand Lodge, it is not permissible for such lodge to issue an order, directed to the Noble Grand of another lodge, requesting such Noble Grand to communicate such password to a member of the lodge in arrears, nor should such order be honored, if presented, by a Noble Grand who knows the circumstances under which such order was issued and that the lodge issuing it was not itself entitled to the password.

No. 65.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge having prescribed that non-affiliated Odd Fellows seeking to become non-beneficial members must have retained their membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, it is not permissible for a Grand Lodge to require them to have retained such membership for at least ten consecutive years.

No. 66.—A Grand Lodge has the power to levy a per capita tax upon its subordinate membership, the revenue from said tax to be devoted to the use and support of an Odd Fellows' Home.

No. 67.—A Grand Lodge can only collect dues from a defunct subordinate up to the date of the surrender of its charter, and in no event exceeding the term of one year, and the life of a withdrawal card issued by a Grand Lodge under the provisions of the legislation of 1899, and carrying as it does the right of visitation, can only be for a period not exceeding one year from the time dues are paid, that is one year from the time of the surrender of the charter.

No. 68.—The adoption of report No. 45 as it appears in the Journal of 1899, did not reveal the provision of report No. 5 adopted at the same session. Prior to the legislation so enacted the only card issued by a Grand Lodge to one who was a member of a defunct subordinate, was a defunct card, which acting as an expired withdrawal card, enabled him to join another subordinate lodge as an Ancient Odd Fellow, and this card was discretionary with the body issuing it and based upon good standing in the surrendered subordinate lodge (See digest, sections 169, 170, 755), and there did not seem to be any provision made for a member who had been dropped for non-payment of dues, prior to the surrender of his lodge, withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates

being, prior to this legislation, issued by live subordinates only. Reading reports No. 5 and 45 together, provision seems now to have been made by which grand bodies can care for all classes of cases.

No. 69.—A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can now issue a withdrawal card to a brother in good standing, who applies therefor within one year from the date of the suspension of the lodge, or encampment, to which he formerly belonged, the card covering the right of visitation for one year from the date of such suspension.

No. 70.—A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can grant a dismissal certificate to a brother who has been dropped, or suspended, for non-payment of dues (and a dismissal certificate is only issued to one who has been dropped for non-payment of dues), before the lodge, or encampment, surrendered its charter.

No. 71.—A defunct certificate may be issued to a brother who was in good standing at the time of the suspension of his lodge, or encampment, but who applies to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, for a card after one year from the date of such suspension, or in other words, after the time when he would be entitled to receive a withdrawal card.

No. 72.—An Ancient Odd Fellow is one who has retired in good standing, and the holder of a dismissal certificate is not an Ancient Odd Fellow.

No. 73.—The defunct certificate set forth in report No. 5 recites on its face that the brother "is free from any charge whatever" and is distinctly different from a dismissal certificate and applies to an entirely different class of brothers.

No. 74.—Under report No. 45 the officers of a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can issue a dismissal certificate or withdrawal card to a member of a defunct subordinate according to the standing of the brother at the time of the surrender of the charter of the subordinate; in other words, the brother who was entitled to receive either of such certificates from a lodge, or encampment, at the time of the surrender of its charter, is now entitled to receive either from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

No. 75.—Under the provision of report No. 45, journal of 1899, a Grand Lodge may issue a withdrawal card, or dismissal certificate, to a brother who was a member of a subordinate lodge that surrendered its charter prior to the time when such law took effect.

No. 76.—A brother who was engaged in the saloon business at the time of the enactment of section 5, article 16, of the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and who continues to conduct said business, is eligible to advancement through the various degrees and branches of the Order.

No. 77. Statement—A brother was not engaged in the saloon business at the time of the enactment of section 5, article 16, of the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was afterwards suspended for non-payment of dues. While so suspended he engaged in the saloon business.

Question—Is the brother liable to charges and punishment in his subordinate lodge for so engaging in such business?

Answer—He would be liable to charges and punishment.

No. 78. Statement—A subordinate lodge is the owner of a plot of land with a three story building thereon, the first and second floors of which building are rented for business purposes. The income so received is placed in the general fund of the lodge along with dues and other receipts. The lodge has a by law, that has been approved by the Grand Lodge of the state, authorizing it to create a special fund for special purposes from the receipts for the rent of offices and stores in the lodge building, but no such special fund has been created.

Question—Can the lodge without violating the laws of the Order donate one thousand dollars, or any other sum, from the amount so received for rents, to a railroad company as an inducement for such company to construct the main line of its road through the town in which the lodge is located.

Answer—It cannot. Under this statement of facts there is no doubt that the money received from rents has become a portion of the general fund of the lodge, and, as such, cannot be donated for the purpose of aiding the construction of a railroad. These funds are stamped with the character of trust funds, and can only be used for the purposes of said trust and the legitimate expenditures of the Order.

No. 79.—No officer of this Order is authorized to give secret work to a person holding a dismissal certificate.

No. 80.—A Grand Lodge is not compelled to issue a charter to a lodge working under a dispensation issued by the Grand Master in vacation. The refusal of such charter by the Grand Lodge terminates the existence of the subordinate body.

No. 81.—A Grand Warden performing the duties of a Deputy Grand Master, but without being elected to, or installed into, such office, is not entitled to take rank as Deputy Grand Master. He never became such an officer through discharging the duties thereof.

No. 82.—The rights of a Past Grand to vote for Grand Officers is a vested right of which he cannot be deprived.

No. 83.—A person who denies the existence of God, or of a Supreme Being, is not eligible to membership in the Order.

No. 84.—The term of a Grand Representative expires when his successor has been legally admitted to a seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and this irrespective of the fact that two calendar years have not actually expired since the election of the first representative.

No. 85.—The resolution adopted in 1899 relative to the number of copies of the daily Journals and reports to be furnished the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (See pages 392 and 479 of Journal) repeals only so much of the prior resolutions concerning the same subject as in conflict therewith, and under the existing rule the Grand Secretary is required to mail a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers, to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge two weeks prior to the session thereof, and to furnish four additional copies to each member upon the first day of the session, and to furnish to each member four copies of the daily Journal of each day's proceedings.

No. 86.—The legislation had last year at Detroit, relative to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, simply authorized said association to retain the word "Odd Fellows" in its corporate name, and did not in any way make the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order, responsible for the solvency or the acts of said association, and expressly prohibited said association from doing business, or soliciting insurance in the name of the Order by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and any Grand Lodge can enact such legislation as it sees fit relative to the invasion of the lodge rooms of its subordinate bodies, by the solicitors of such association, nor did such legislation authorize or empower any Grand Lodge to issue licenses to such association.

The entire, and only purpose, of the resolution of 1899, was, as I understand it, to prevent the dissolution of said association, which, under the provisions of the Canadian law, would be necessary if its name was changed, and the only relief granted or intended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge was such as to enable it to avoid the appointment of a receiver in accordance with the provisions of the law under which it was incorporated.

No. 87. Statement—It has been the custom in Virginia when there are two or more candidates for an elective office in a subordinate or Grand Lodge, for the candidates to retire to the ante-room until after the ballot has been canvassed, and the tellers collect their votes from the ante-room, with the inside door open to the view of the presiding officer who has supervision of the ballot.

Question—Is this a violation of section 1303, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1895, page 402, and does not the law apply to other parties who may chance to be in the ante-room at the time for smoking, chatting, or other purposes? And if candidates cannot vote in the anteroom please state in what manner their votes should be collected.

Answer—No brother, whether a candidate for office or not, is to be permitted to cast his vote in any other place than in the lodge room proper, and he cannot be permitted to cast it in the ante-room. Any brother desiring to take part in the business of the lodge must be in the lodge room proper, and if a candidate desires to vote, he must vote in the same place, and under the same conditions, as if he was not a candidate.

No. 88.—A lodge of our Order cannot perform the funeral services of our Order over the body of one who was not a member of it, although a member in good standing of the Manchester Unity, and although such service has been requested by a lodge of the Manchester Unity.

No. 89.—There is no express law of the Order permitting the celebration of the anniversary of the Order on any other day than April 26th, and it has been held that a lodge could expend money for such celebration only on that day, but the reverence with which Sunday is generally regarded, and the existence of a law which does not permit subordinate organizations of the Order to meet on Sunday, for other than funeral or memorial purposes, would, when April 26th falls upon Sunday, (and in analogy to the practice followed in the celebration of civic holidays), warrant the Grand Sire in permitting such celebration to be held upon the preceding, or upon the following, day.

No. 90. Statement—A member of the Order has made arrangements to go into the saloon business. On June 13, 1900, he goes to the place of business of the secretary, and there writes a resignation from the Order and hands it to the Secretary. On June 15, 1900, he opens a saloon. The regular meeting night of the lodge is June 18, 1900, at which time the resignation was read to the lodge.

Question—When does this party's membership cease, on June 13, 1900, the date the resignation was written and came into possession of the secretary, or on June 18, 1900, the regular meeting night of the lodge?

Answer—The resignation takes effect from the time it was presented at the regular meeting of the lodge.

No. 91. Question—Is it legal for a subordinate Grand Body to provide fire insurance for the property of the subordinate bodies under its jurisdiction, the matter of carrying insurance being entirely voluntary with the subordinate bodies, and the expenses being met by pro rata assessments upon those carrying such insurance?

Answer—No.

No. 92. Question—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to set aside the money received from the treasuries of defunct lodges, or from the sale of the property of such lodges, as a fund out of which to pay sick or funeral benefits to such members as are unable to join any other lodge by reason of age, distance, or physical condition?

Answer—No. Such funds and property so received can only be applied to the relief of "Aged Odd Fellows" under the limitations and according to the express provisions of legislation found on page 14,941 of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1896, and amendments thereto found on page 15,603 of said Journal of 1897.

No. 93. Question—May a Grand Lodge legally provide for a death benefit of, say $75.00, for each member of the lodges within its jurisdiction, and raise the money for the same by an annual per capita tax, or by a per capita assessment?

Answer—No.

No. 94.—A brother cannot be expelled from membership simply because he is in arrears for dues.

No. 95. Statement—A lodge has a member who is the only surviving charter member, and has been an Odd Fellow in good standing continually for fifty years.

Question—Can the lodge vote from its funds the amount necessary to procure an honorable veteran jewel, to present to him, they desiring to make the presentation as a lodge?

Answer—A lodge cannot appropriate its general fund for such a purpose. (Note: A resolution making such an expenditure legal was adopted during the session. Representatives.)

No. 96. Question—May a Grand Lodge legally provide for the payment of a stipulated sum of weekly benefits in cases where the sickness or disability extends beyond a certain time, as for instance, four months, or six months, and provide funds for this purpose by a per capita tax, either annual or occasional, as the necessities demand?

Answer—No.

No. 97.—A Grand Representative does not forfeit his seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge by reason of a temporary absence from the jurisdiction electing him.

No. 98.—A District Deputy Grand Master is the only person authorized to wear the jewel provided for District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with report No. 149, page 381, of the Journal of 1899.

No. 99.—Neither a lodge, nor the secretary thereof, has the right to refuse to issue to a brother of the Third degree, in good standing, a certificate of his standing in the lodge, which certificate is necessary to be filed with an application for membership in an encampment.

EUROPE.

Harmony, prosperity, and advancement, has characterized the course of our Order in Europe. From nearly every country come reports of accessions to our ranks, and increase in financial strength. Halls and buildings dedicated to Odd Fellowship are springing up throughout our foreign jurisdictions, and a zealous and devoted brotherhood is actively laboring in the interests of our great fraternity. The principles of our fellowship have found advocates where least expected, and numerous lodges, and an ever growing brotherhood beyond the sea are the results of faithful work. Men prominent in social, political, and mercantile life of Europe, have joined the working forces of our lodges, and the future of our European fraternity seems bright with promise.

Your attention is directed to the report of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe (printed in S. G. L. Journal), and I trust that it will be carefully read by every representative.

SUNDAY LAW.

My attention has several times been called to the rather serious infraction of the laws of the Order relative to Sunday observance. Learning that in one of our larger jurisdictions a number of Rebekah lodges were holding their regular meetings upon the day which by universal custom in this country is dedicated to other than secular purposes, I directed the attention of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction to this breach of the positive law of the Order that forbids the holding of lodge meetings on Sunday, and was gratified to receive a prompt reply from the Grand Master informing me that he was not aware of such meetings being held, but that the lodges would either abandon such meetings or be required to surrender their charters. I have no doubt that prompt and efficient action will be taken by the official named and I only mention it here in order that your atttention may be directed toward what seems to be a growing tendency, in certain localities, to disregard laws wisely enacted, the observance of which is greatly to be desired, and a disregard of which must tend to lessen the influence of our Order among people whose good will it is necessary to retain.

LODGE SUSPENSIONS.

This Order in common with other fraternal, social, and semi-business organizations suffers from that apathy and indifference that results in non-payment of dues and loss of membership.

I am not foolish enough to believe that you can cure by legislation an evil that exists in human nature, the only apparent remedy for which is the tireless work of the officer charged with the collection of lodge dues. I suggest the advisability of directing the attention of Grand Masters to this drain upon our resources, requesting them to seek to restrain it within their various jurisdictions, and to urge upon lodges the necessity of selecting such financial agents and making such arrangements with them as will reduce to a minimum our losses from this cause.

Many brothers lose membership by reason of a change of residence and neglect to seek, or financial inability to obtain, new lodge affiliations, and it might be well for you to consider such legislation as would enable brothers to more economically transfer their membership from one lodge to another, irrespective of the grand jurisdiction in which such lodges may be located.

VISITATIONS.

My homeward route from the session at Detroit led through Canada, and in company with New England representatives, I was most lavishly and fraternally entertained by our Canadian brothers.

Our stay in the beautiful city of Toronto was rendered exceedingly pleasant by the hospitality extended by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, through its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, assisted, as they were, by a very efficient committee. A carriage ride through the streets of the city, a visit to the superb public buildings that beautify it, with a reception and lunch at one of the city club houses, constituted the principal features of our reception, and this, supplemented by an attendance at a joint session of "Queen City of Toronto" and "Laurel" Lodges, at which we had the pleasure of witnessing a very commendable exhibition of the work and of enjoying a complimentary banquet that followed, together with constant expressions of fraternal regard, rendered our stay in Toronto most agreeable, and one that has been recalled with a great deal of pleasure by all who were able to enjoy the courtesies tendered by our Ontario membership.

I was very glad to meet the lodges in session and to witness the exemplification of their work, and the secret of this jurisdiction's success was disclosed in the fraternal courtesy, and brotherly acts, exemplified during every hour of our stay, and the exhibition of good fellowship displayed among themselves, and tendered to their visitors in the lodge room, and during succeeding festivities.

At Montreal we were received by a committee, representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and realized once more that we were among friends.

A morning devoted to sight seeing and visits to the beautiful churches for which this city is famed, a carriage ride of several hours' duration, and the pleasure of beholding wonderful scenic beauties as revealed from the summit of Mt. Royal, were ours. And all this in the midst of a brotherhood that never relaxed its efforts to render our visit memorable and enjoyable. Nor did their kindness cease when we left Montreal, for notice of our coming had been sent to Quebec, and on the arrival of a few of us there, we found a committee waiting at the steamer's wharf, and at the hands of this committee we enjoyed one of the most delightful days that any of the visitors have yet experienced.

The beauties of this ancient and quaint city were fully revealed to us, and we thoroughly enjoyed our sojourn in the "Gibraltar of America." The citadel was exhibited to us by members of the Order, stationed there, and the view from this point is one of surpassing beauty. We visited the shrine and church of St. Anne de Beaupre, beheld the Falls of Montmorency, and on our return to the city were lunched at the "Chateau de Frontenac, and then several hours were devoted to driving through the streets and a visit to the "Plains of Abraham." Until our departure, late in the afternoon, every moment of our time was occupied, and we never experienced a more cordial welcome or more delightful hospitality than we received at the hands of these Quebec brothers, who devoted their entire day to us, and who sent us their farewell cheers and good wishes, from the wharf, as we departed. We approached the city in the early morning and left in the early evening, and the view both approaching and departing will long remain with us, as will the memory of the hospitality, cordiality, and goodwill of the brethren whom we met as strangers and left as friends.

It has been my good fortune to meet several times our Canadian brothers, and I have never known a more loyal, more devoted, or more fraternal body of men than those who wear our emblems, and maintain our faith, under the flag of our northern neighbor.

My thanks are due to the Grand Lodges of Ontario and Quebec and to the numerous brothers who represented the fraternity during my passage through Canada.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS PROMULGATED.

"Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, through their proper officers, shall be permitted to issue to members of defunct Lodges or Encampments, withdrawal cards or dismissal certificates, according to the standing of the brother when the Lodge or Encampment surrendered its charter, and members holding such cards or certificates shall have the same privilege, and are to be recognized by every Lodge or Encampment to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them, as having the same force and effect as a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate that has been issued by an existing Lodge or Encampment in good standing, and will enable the holder to join another Lodge or Encampment."

"Resolved, That all laws in conflict with the above resolution be, and the same are hereby repealed."

Questions having arisen as to the effect of this legislation, and the scope, character, and power of the said card and certificate and the circumstances under which they should be issued, the Grand Sire has decided that the adoption of report No. 45 did not repeal the provision for the defunct certificate, but that each of the certificates or cards can be issued by Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

First. A Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can now issue a withdrawal card to a brother in good standing who applies therefor within one year from the date of the suspension of the Lodge or Encampment to which he formerly belonged, the card covering the right of visitation for one year from the date of such suspension.

Second. A Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can grant a dismissal certificate to a brother who has been dropped, or suspended, for non-payment of dues (and a dismissal certificate is only issued to one who has been dropped for non-payment of dues), before the Lodge or Encampment, surrendered its charter.

Third. A defunct certificate may be issued to a brother who was in good standing at the time of the suspension of his Lodge, or Encampment, but who applies to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, for a card after one year from the date of such suspension, or in other words, after the time when he would be entitled to receive a withdrawal card.

Fourth. An Ancient Odd Fellow is one who has retired in good standing, and the holder of a dismissal certificate is not an Ancient Odd Fellow.

Fifth. The defunct certificate set forth in report No. 5 recites on its face that the brother "is free from any charge whatever," and is distinctly different from a dismissal certificate and applies to an entirely different class of brothers.

Sixth. Under report No. 45 the officers of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can issue a dismissal certificate or withdrawal card to a member of a defunct subordinate according to the standing of the brother at the time of the surrender of the charter of the subordinate; in other words, the brother who was entitled to receive either of such certificates from a Lodge or Encampment, at the time of the surrender of its charter, is now entitled to receive either from the Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment.

The Special Committee on Ways and Means, appointed at the last session, had referred to it the matter of relief of sanitariums, the manufacture and sale of regalia by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives, the increase of the present representative tax paid by the various jurisdictions, propositions relative to the official certificate, and several other and similar propositions relative to the revenues and expenditures of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Committee made an exhaustive report and presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, First, That the incoming Grand Sire be authorized and directed to request the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of each subordinate jurisdiction, in the United States and Canada, to ask each of his subordinate bodies to contribute a sum not less than fifty cents and not exceeding one dollar, for the benefit of the National Sanitarium located at Gainesville, Florida. Said sums so contributed to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of each jurisdiction to the Grand Treasurer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and by him disbursed to the proper officer of said Sanitarium, upon the order of the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary. Adopted.

This resolution was afterwards reconsidered, and the following was adopted in lieu thereof:

Whereas, The first resolution of the Special Committee on Ways and Means relating to the presentation of the cause of the National Sanitarium at Gainesville, Florida, to the various jurisdictions prescribes methods that may not be found to be best adapted to the ends sought: be it therefore

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Sire be authorized to make such change in said methods as may seem best to him in presenting said cause to the consideration of the fraternity.

Resolved, Second, That it is inexpedient for the Sovereign Grand Lodge to enter upon the manufacture or sale of regalia. Adopted.

Resolved, Third, That it is inexpedient to increase the Grand Representative tax. Adopted.

The consideration of the following resolution was left over till next session.

Resolved, Fourth, That the existing law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge relative to the official certificate as set forth on page 15,620 of the Journal of 1897 be amended by striking out the words, "and shall request a receipt," in the fourth line thereof, so as amended the resolution shall read: Resolved, That hereafter the official receipt (certificate) shall be designated as the "official certificate" and shall be issued in all cases where members pay dues and assessments to subordinate bodies, and that such change be made in the form and matter as to make it plain and distinct, with ample space for necessary signatures and a line for the location of the body issuing it and the date.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, Fifth, That the incoming Grand Sire be instructed to enforce the law relative to the use of official certificates, and to require Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to rigidly enforce the provisions of said law within their various grand jurisdictions.

TABLE.

Showing Official Certificates sold to Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for twelve months ending July 31, 1900, and number of members in each Jurisdiction, December 31, 1899.

JURISDICTIONS.	Lodge Members, Dec. 31, 1899.	Rebekah Lodge Members, Dec. 31, 1899.	Official Certificates sold to Grand Lodges for Lodges and Rebekah Lodges.	Encampment Members, Dec. 31, 1899.	Official Certificates sold to Gr. Encampments for Sub. Encamp.
Alabama	4,841	394	5,700	375	500
Arizona	749	546	2,000	149	.....
Arkansas	4,058	1,2 1	4,500	403	.....
British Columbia	3 060	487	5 000	268	300
California	30,772	17,172	105.000	5 287	7,000
Colorado	8,659	4 640	15,000	1 792	.....
Connecticut	17,148	5,667	20,000	3,51	.....
Delaware	2,501	159	.....	263	100
District of Columbia	1,712	327	2.000	310	300.
Florida	1 153	154	2 000	136	.....
Georgia	4.896	577	4.000	1,054	.....
Idaho	1 970	1,269	4,700	308	.....
Illinois	54.416	23,788	80 000	5 770	.....
Indiana	49 982	32 948	120,000	11 545	17,5 0
Indian Territory	2,643	891	10,000	413	300
Iowa	41,340	23,534	55,000	6,289	4 600
Kansas	23,588	12 580	27,500	2,056	1,000
Kentucky	9,744	1 514	9 000	1.361	400
Louisiana	1,505	399	2.000	130	.....
Lower Provinces, B.N.A.	5 222	1 462	8 200	.....	.....
Maine	20,705	11,747	40 000	4,803	4,500
Manitob	3 642	827	.....	615	1,000
Maritime Provinces	.....	.....	.....	574	600
Maryland	8,504	421	4 200	970	100
Massachusetts	51,949	26 114	137 200	10,730	20,000
Michigan	27,042	15 404	41,500	4.006	4,000
Minnesota	15,067	9,029	35 000	2 025	800
Mississippi	1,793	32	1,000	330	.....
Missouri	31,793	11 059	48 500	2 469	1,500
Montana	3.615	1,3 3	11.500	587	500
Nebraska	10,591	5,826	17.000	1 295	1,500
Nevada	1,255	657	4,800	205	600
New Hampshire	13,044	12.253	20,000	3,160	.....
New Jer ey	24,404	2 294	15,000	3,180	.....
New Mexico	849	335	1,000	.....	.....
New York	79,505	19 074	47,500	9 817	5,000
North Caroli a	5 521	427	5 500	470	.....
North Dakota	2,509	1,370	3,000	300	.....
Ohio	63.830	25 139	145,000	12 488	17,500
Oklahoma	2.669	795	10 800	417	1 000
Ontario	24,590	3 109	37 600	3,826	1 000
Oregon	6,796	4,744	14 100	1 288	2,000
Pennsylvania	106,984	13 397	25,0 0	12 152	.....
Quebec	2 945	509	3 0 0	.....	.....
Rhode Island	6,150	2 558	21 000	1 331	1,000
South Carolina	1,200	296	4,000	.....	.....
South Dakota	4.122	2 661	6 000	499	500
Tennessee	8,588	1 982	16 0 0	733	1,100
Texas	11,883	2 652	13,000	1,453	300
Utah	1,644	572	9 000	236	100
Vermont	5 212	3,296	9 000	1,407	1,100
Virginia	10,432	843	8,700	1,181	.....
Washington	7.856	5,615	14.000	1.134	1,000
West Virginia	9.6 3	1.4 3	12,000	1.385	1,000
Wisconsin	15,505	7,921	32,500	2,349	1,800
Wyoming	1,295	336	2 000	307	.....
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The Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare a similar table to the foregoing in his future annual reports.

December 31, 1898, our Subordinate Lodge membership was 830,961, our Rebekah membership 312,339, and our Encampment membership 127,141, thus making 1,270,441, while our membership December 31, 1899, in the same bodies was, Subordinate Lodge membership 891,351 Rebekah membership 325,949, and Encampment membership 129,150, an aggregate of 1,316,450. By reference to the table you will see that we sold for the use of these members, during the year therein named, 1,392,500 official certificates, approximately one certificate per member.

It is a well known fact that comparatively few members pay a year's dues in one payment and probably a conservative estimate would say that three-quarters of our membership divide their yearly dues into four payments. On the basis of only two payments per year per member, we should have sold 2,632,900 certificates, and on the supposition that three-quarters at least of the membership pay quarterly, the sales for the last twelve months should amount to 4,278,500. The tale of evasion and non-purchase is so clear that in addition to the repeal of the "requesting" clause before referred to, we recommend that the incoming Grand Sire be instructed to enforce the law relative to the use of official certificates, and to require Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to rigidly enforce the provisions of such law within their various grand jurisdictions.

The committee have earnestly sought some method by which the cost of these certificates to subordinate bodies could be lessened, but are driven to the conclusion that the decreased cost must follow increased consumption, and that the two must go together. The present price of the official certificate to grand jurisdictions is eighty cents per hundred; on the present basis of use that price cannot be reduced, as even at that price it is not yielding the revenue that we received from the sale of cards before the certificate was introduced, but with the universal use of the certificate this price can be reduced, and in order that the membership may receive the benefit of said reduction, (if such reduction is warranted by sales) as speedily as possible, the committee recommend that the Finance Committee be authorized to change the price of the certificate according to, and when the annual sales reach the figures herein named. When the annual sale of certificates reaches 3,000,000, the price thereof to grand jurisdictions shall be 60 cents per hundred; when the annual sale reaches 4,000,000, the price shall be 55 cents per hundred; and when the annual sale reaches 5,000,000, the price thereof shall be 50 cents per hundred. This reduction in price would change cost to subordinate bodies to 80, 75 and 70 cents when the annual sales reached the quantities herein named.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, Sixth, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized and empowered to fix the price of official certificates at prices named in this report when the annual sales of said certificate reach the figures therein named. (See above paragraph.)

The following is the new legislation:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary issue a proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to the 10th of June, requesting all Lodges to assemble on the second Tuesday of June, and engage in appropriate services respecting their dead members, such services to be conducted in an

appropriate manner. Such proclamation shall embrace the names of such officers and members if any, who died during the term therein named; provided that if a different day be more convenient for any jurisdiction to hold such memorial services, the Grand Master thereof may select such day, and the Grand Master may issue his proclamation in accordance thereof.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to revise the installation ceremonies of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and submit the same to the Grand Sire, and, after his approval, the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to print the same.

Resolved, "That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are hereby authorized to expend money from their general funds in the purchase of veteran and honorable veteran jewels for presentation to such of their members as are entitled to wear the same subject to the provisions of any local laws governing the expenditure of Lodge and Encampment funds," would report that we have carefully considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of said resolution. Moved by Bro. Campbell, P.G.S.

Resolved, That purchasers of the new jewel for District Deputy Grand Masters are hereby permitted to keep the same as mementoes of official service.

Resolved, That Past District Deputy Grand Masters may wear the said jewel after their term or terms of said office have expired: provided, that they shall first have an initial letter "P." placed in the centre, at the top of the shield, in blue enamel, of same style and size as the letters D. D. G. M. thereon, so that the designation of the jewel will read P. D. D. G. M.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a form of charter for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which shall be uniform in design and in language, and place the same on sale by the Grand Secretary, with the saleable supplies of this Sovereign Body, and that said committee fix the price of said charter at a reasonable per centage above its cost; provided that such charter shall not be finally adopted until it has been submitted to the Grand Sire and received his approval.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the several jurisdictions of this form of charter when it is ready for sale, and inform all such jurisdictions that this charter must only be used when a new Lodge or Encampment is instituted, or when a duplicate charter is issued to replace one that has been lost or destroyed, and that its purchase is to be made from this Sovereign Grand Lodge through the Grand Secretary of each of said several jurisdictions; Provided that State Grand Bodies may continue to use such forms of charters as they now use, until the supply held by them shall be exhausted.

Resolved, That hereafter an Official Certificate shall be issued in all cases where members pay dues and assessments to Subordinate Bodies, and shall request a receipt therefor; and it shall be unlawful for any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to permit

its officers to issue, and it shall be unlawful for any officer of any such Subordinate Body to issue any receipt, statement, or other paper evidencing the payment of money on account of dues or assessments, except an official certificate; provided, however, that when a member applies for, pays for, and receives a visiting card or withdrawal card, it will not be necessary to issue an official certificate, evidencing the same payment.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies are hereby authorized and directed to prepare suitable designs for jewels for Past District Deputy Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, and Past District Deputy Grand Patriarchs; said jewels to be furnished to such persons as are entitled thereto, at such prices as the committee shall fix; the proceeds of such sales to be paid to the Grand Treasurer, in the same manner as the sale of other supplies.

Resolved, That Article XIV. of the By-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended by adding to said article the following, to wit:

And provided further, That Grand Representatives, Elective Officers of a Grand Lodge, and Elective Officers of a Rebekah Assembly may introduce visiting members from another jurisdiction into Rebekah Lodges within their jurisdiction under the limitations of existing law.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be requested, at the same time they forward advanced copies of their reports to Grand Representatives, to also forward a copy of such reports to each Fraternal Journal published in the interest of Odd Fellowship, and which shall regularly send a copy of its publication to the office of the Grand Secretary.

Resolved further, That the Grand Secretary be requested, at each session of this Grand Body, to have provided in some suitable place a table and chair for the use of such of said Journals as shall notify him at least ten days before the opening of the session that they expect to have a representative present during such session, who will be entitled to sit in the Grand Lodge as a visitor.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution, requesting the Sovereign Grand Lodge to cause the "Three Links," alone, and also in connection therewith the words "Friendship, Love and Truth," and the initials "F., L. and T." to be the adopted emblems of the Order, and to be copyrighted, reported as follows:

"We have examined the matters contained in Resolution No. 15, and find that, under the statutes of the State of New York and other States, it is made a penal offence for any person to wilfully wear and use, for the purpose of obtaining aid and assistance, the badge, emblem or insignia of a society or organization of ten years' standing, without right to wear the same.

We find said emblems have not heretofore been specifically declared as adopted and distinctive emblems of the Order in such

manner that the same could be properly introduced as evidence of the fact, in order to place our Order under the protection of such State laws.

We heartily commend the requests of the Grand Lodge of New York, and are of the opinion that the adoption of the resolution hereinafter recommended will, together with the State laws covering such matter, afford means to punish frauds and impostors. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, And, it is hereby specifically declared, that the "Three Links" alone and also the words "Friendship, Love and Truth" and the initials "F., L. & T." have heretofore been, now are and shall be adopted emblems and badges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to copyright the Journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, except the Secret Journal, of this and all past and future sessions, both bound and unbound volumes, and to copyright or patent all other supplies issued by this Sovereign Body.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to procure from the several jurisdictions full information as to the establishment and operation of Homes, Asylums, and other benevolent institutions controlled by the Order, and report the same yearly in tabulated form.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and he is, hereby authorized and directed, together with a special committee of one, to be appointed by the Grand Sire, to cause the unwritten work of the degrees of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, and of the Subordinate Encampment, translated into the German language, preserving, however, the passwords and such other words of universal use, as must be spoken in the English language.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following deliverance:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report found between pages 3 to 8 and 40 to 41 thereof, would respectfully report we have read with much delight the story of prosperity there related. The story of success as detailed between pages 3 to 8 so overwhelms the adverse comments on pages 40 and 41 that we need scarcely notice them. And yet we wish to reaffirm all the Grand Sire has said with reference to "Sunday Law" and "Lodge Suspensions."

An institution which at the threshhold requires its members to believe in a Supreme Intelligent Being cannot measure up to the line of full success, if it encourages violation of one of the laws of the Supreme Being. "Thou shalt remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy," is as much of a command to-day as six thousand years ago. It is as binding upon Odd Fellows as upon the less favored class. We would therefore, recommend that Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions see that nothing is done in the name of the Order on the Sabbath day which will bring discredit upon that day.

In our opinion the question of "Lodge Suspensions" is one almost wholly in the hands of the Secretary. We recommend therefore, the election of efficient and faithful Secretaries, by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. A Secretary who is "up-to-date" will permit few, if any, delinquencies.

Your Representatives presented the following under instructions, which was adopted:

Sec. 5.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its last meeting in the month of May, 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 to be returned in the semi-annual report of the current term shall be 100 or less; over 100 and under 200, two representatives; 200 or more, three representatives. Any Lodge not having in membership a properly qualified Past Grand may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge in the jurisdiction as its representative.

Resolved, "That the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to reduce to the smallest size consistent with the patent laws the words on the back of the elegant Veteran Jewels, thus giving a better opportunity for such engraving as may be desired without the effect being destroyed, as it is by the present unseemly large space occupied by the patent mark."

The law as found in Sec. 958, White's Digest, was amended by inserting the word "Recording" so as to read:

"Sec. 958. The officers of a Subordinate Lodge are the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary (when all the secretarial duties of a Lodge shall be performed by one officer, then the title of such officer shall be Secretary) and Treasurer, who are elected by the Lodge; the Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters to the Noble Grand, Right Scene Supporter, Left Scene Supporter, who are appointed by the Noble Grand, and Right and Left Supporters to the Vice Grand, who are appointed by the Vice Grand."

The Rebekah Code was likewise similarly amended, so as to read:

"1173 Rebekah Degree Code, Sec. 11. The officers of a Rebekah Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice-Grand, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary (when all the secretarial duties of a Lodge shall be performed by one officer, then the title of such officer shall be Secretary), and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Lodge; a Warden, a Conductor, an Inside Guardian, an Outside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters to the Noble Grand, and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters to the Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand."

The word "Recording" was inserted in Sec. 962, as found in White's Digest, and the section amended as follows:

"962. The officers of Encampments are Chief Patriarch, High Priest, Senior Warden, Recording Scribe, Financial Scribe (when all the secretarial duties of an Encampment shall be performed by one officer, then the title of such officer shall be Scribe), Treasurer, Junior Warden, who are elected by the Encampment; Guide, Sentinel, Outside Sentinel, First, Second, Third, Fourth Watches, who are appointed by the C. P.; First and Second G. of T., who are appointed by the H. P."

The following was proposed, but the Committee reported that having had the same under consideration they "do not believe it would be best to adopt such legislation." The report was adopted.

That Grand Lodges are hereby empowered to establish and maintain a Guarantee Fund, by means of assessments upon their respective Subordinates, in accordance with laws which may be hereafter enacted by Grand Lodges desiring to establish such fund, and which shall be held in trust for the following purpose: Lodges which have paid sick benefits to their members, who have been in continuous receipt of sick benefits for the space of one year, shall be entitled to share in the Guarantee Fund, in order that they may be assisted in the payment of sick benefits to such members as may continue to be sick for a longer period than one year, and to the end of such sickness: provided, however, that such assessments upon any Lodge shall not be greater than one dollar per member in any year.

RELATING TO THE REBEKAH BRANCH.

Resolved. That when authorized by the Grand Lodge of a Grand Jurisdiction, the Secretary of a Rebekah State Assembly may purchase direct from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, all supplies to be used by Rebekah Lodges, the Grand Secretary of a Grand Jurisdiction having first notified the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that such permission has been granted.

Sec. 10a. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Rebekah Lodge to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to which any member of such Rebekah Lodge belongs, a list of the members of said Subordinate Lodge, who are also members of said Rebekah Lodge; and thereafter to notify the Secretary of the proper Subordinate Lodge when any Brother shall become a member of said Rebekah Lodge; and it shall be the duty of each Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge thus notified, that a member or members of his Lodge are members of such Rebekah Lodge, to inform the Secretary of said Rebekah Lodge, without unnecessary delay, of the withdrawal by card, dropping, suspension, or re-instatement of such member.

Sec. 6. The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order subject to the laws, relative to residence of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the

Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which application is made; and conditioned further that all applicants of the female sex shall be white women, who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character:

1. All persons who have received the Rebekah degree.

2. All Odd Fellows in good standing, their wives, daughters, sisters and mothers. Also, the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows, who at the time of their death were members of the Order.

3. All unmarried white women.

Sec. 33. The membership of Rebekah Assemblies shall be limited to Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges, Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges who are members in good standing of Rebekah Lodges, and those who have heretofore received the Assembly Degree.

The following queries were presented and answered:

"If an appeal is properly taken, affecting the eligibility of an officer-elect, does it suspend action in his case until a decision is arrived at, and can said officer be installed?"

The answer to the first part was "No," to the second part, "Yes."

The Committee on the Judiciary had referred to it the following:

"Is it legal to print the Lodge seal upon official certificates or other legal documents appertaining to Lodge business?" Answered the same in the affirmative: provided the printed seal is the adopted seal of the Lodge.

"Is an officer of a Subordinate Lodge violating his obligations to the Order by certifying, without seal, as to the amount of benefits paid a member, in answer to questions propounded, or by giving any information relating to benefits paid, or standing of members, as a matter of courtesy to outside organizations?

To which the Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

We are clearly of the opinion that an officer of a Subordinate Lodge violates his obligations by certifying, with or without seal, any information regarding the amount of benefits which has been paid a member by his Lodge, for the purpose of furnishing information to outside organizations and individuals who are not members of the Order, unless it is done at the request of the brother or by his consent. We, therefore, recommend that the following answer be made to this question.

Answer: Yes, he does violate his obligations to the Order by so doing, unless it is done at the request of the member or with his consent.

1. Q. A brother, having started in the saloon business July 1st, made application for withdrawal card July 10th. Can this Lodge grant the card?

2. Q. There is an application for membership of a man who is agent of a brewery, but not a dispenser of beer or liquor over bar or in a saloon, and we desire your ruling on the same as to whether he is eligible to become a member or not. He works on a salary for the Milwaukee Brewery Co. as agent.

3. Q. We have a brother here who has recently started a hotel. He does not tend the bar himself. The name of the hotel is the Vail Hotel, which is his name. The license is taken out in the name of the Vail Hotel. This is the only point on which I am undecided. Is he a saloon keeper or not? Some of the brothers contend that the license is in his name, and I say that it is not. I or any one else could go in there and run it under the same license. That is the name of the hotel, and not the man. There has been no charge brought against the brother, and I do not like to see any brought, as I know it is circumstances, and not choice, that puts him in there; and I do not think, for my part, that he is subject to charges.

4. Q. What is the penalty that must be imposed on a brother that engages in the saloon business?

Upon the foregoing the Judiciary Committee made the following deliverance, which, together with two minority reports thereon, was recommitted. The report will be considered next session.

"Under the provisions of Sections 5 of Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, no saloon keeper, bartender or professional gambler is eligible to membership in this Order. In construing the provisions of said Section 5, this Grand Lodge has determined that an Odd Fellow, not a saloon keeper, at the date Section 5 became a law, who thereafter becomes a saloon keeper, is guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, but the penalty for such offence has not thus far been fixed by general law. If an Odd Fellow becomes a saloon-keeper, in violation of the constitutional provision on that subject, he puts himself in a position where he would be ineligible if an applicant for membership. If, on conviction, he shall be continuing in the business of a saloon-keeper, he is then ineligible to membership, and expulsion appears to be the only penalty to be inflicted. But, if an Odd Fellow shall become a saloon-keeper, in violation of our laws, and prior to conviction shall in good faith discontinue the objectionable vocation, and thus render himself eligible to membership, the penalty may be such, as in the judgment of the trial Lodge is adequate to the offence. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the penalty to be inflicted upon an Odd Fellow convicted of being a saloon-keeper, contrary to the law of our Order, and who, at the time of his conviction, continues in such business is expulsion; but if the offending member has, prior to his conviction, in good faith, discontinued such business, then the penalty is such as may be determined by the trial Lodge."

All the proposed amendments to the Constitution were voted down or indefinitely postponed. The one in which Canada was especially interested and favored was that providing for the admission of candidates into the Subordinate Lodges, at eighteen years of age. The following is the clause referred to:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however, that in Australia, New Zealand and the other countries not on the continent of North America in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as of age shall be left to local legislation.

The present Constitution permits foreign jurisdictions to admit candidates at a younger age than eighteen. This discovery appears to have been made only since the Detroit session when the amendment was proposed, and the desire to strike out all the words after "Universe" in the fourth line, led to the defeat of the proposition by 80 yeas to 95 nays.

Among other proposed amendments to the Constitution the following were laid on the table to be considered next session:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

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Compensation of Officers and Members.—The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of five dollars per day for six days, and four cents circular mileage in going to and returning from a session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the same to be computed by the shortest and most

practical route of travel from such officer's or representative's home to the place of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That paragraph 3, of Section 6, page 342, Rebekah Code, White's Digest, be amended by striking out the word "unmarried," in the first line, so that it shall read, "all white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character.

Resolutions submitted by several state jurisdictions asking for legislation permitting Rebekah Lodges to pay sick benefits and funeral benefits were reported against by the Committee on the Rebekah Degree, and the report was adopted.

A form of Ceremony for observing Rebekah Anniversary Day, September 20, was submitted, but on consideration action was postponed until next session.

A new Rebekah Code was adopted and will be sold as supplies.

A proposal was made to give Grand Officers power to grant dispensations to Lodges to enable them to suspend the payment of benefits for one year, under certain regulations, but was rejected.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Sire to appoint a competent person to prepare a new Digest of the laws and decisions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to report the same at next session. A revising committee of three, in conjunction with the compiler, shall review the work and approve the same before publication. Past Grand Sire Busbee received the appointment of compiler. The committee on revision is Bro. Pinkerton, P.G.S., and Representatives Wright of Penn., and Waldo of Colorado.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge voted the sum of $1,500 to be sent to the Grand Master of Texas, to assist in relieving the Odd Fellows and their families who suffered by the recent calamity in that jurisdiction. It was further recommended that Grand and Subordinate bodies make prompt and liberal contributions to the cause, and the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of Texas be a committee to receive and disburse the funds thus received.

The proposition to give Representatives fifteen copies of the Officers' Reports, and Daily Journals for distribution, was adversely reported by the Finance Committee and the report was sustained.

A resolution was submittted, authorizing the Grand Sire to appoint a Special Committee on or before November 1st to investigate and report upon at the next session as to the feasibility of establishing a Connecting Link between this Order and the Manchester Unity I. O. O. F., by providing that members of either Society sojourning within the local jurisdiction of the other's Lodges, might apply for, and receive, under proper regulations such relief, care, and attention as they are now entitled to receive from their own Lodges, but without visiting privileges.

The Committee appointed reported in favor of the resolution, but the report was negatived by a vote of 105 to 15.

A resolution providing for the granting of dispensations to Lodges to suspend the payment of benefits for one year, was adversely reported on, as was also one directing Lodges to present each member at the close of his initiation a gold three-link pin, and the reports were adopted.

A proposition to reinstate members suspended for N. P. D. upon the payment of $1.00 was rejected.

The Committee on International Relations, in recognition of the valuable services of the Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, presented the following which was approved:

Resolved, That the thanks and recognition of this Sovereign Grand Lodge are herewith extended to Bro. Block, Sp. D. Gd. Sire for Europe, for his earnest zeal. loyalty and ability displayed in the discharge of his many and arduous duties as our representative in Europe, with the sincere wish that his health may be restored and that he may be blessed with the necessary strength to fulfil his duties for many years to come for the benefit of our Great Order.

Resolved, That the compensation of Bro. H. Block be and is hereby made the same as last year—one thousand dollars.

Indianapolis, Ind., was selected as the next place for holding the Annual Communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

In conclusion we desire to express to Grand Lodge our grateful appreciation of the distinguished honor done us by our election to represent you in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We have endeavoured to serve you faithfully and to honor you as you have done us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. YOUNG, P.G.M.
J. E. FAREWELL, P.G.M.
Grand Representatives.

Thamesford, Oct. 30. 1900.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

Jurisdiction.	*Name.*	*Address.*
Alabama	H. C. Weaver	Huntsville.
Arizona	Geo. A. Mintz	Phœnix.
Arkansas	P. S. Smith	Little Rock.
Australia	John C. Smith	Odd Fellows' Hall, Melbourne.
New South Wales	Geo. T. Clarke	136-8 Elizabeth St.
New Zealand	Wm. Reid	29 Rathay St., Dunedin.
Tasmania	Geo. Couths	88 Brisbane St., Launceston.
British Columbia	Fredrick Davey	Burnside Road, Victoria.
California	Geo. T. Shaw	7th & Market Sts., San Francisco.
Colorado	J. M. Norman	Denver.
Connecticut	Fredrick Botsford	Drawer 5, New Haven.
Delaware	Isaac W. Hallam	Wilmington.
Denmark	V. Peterson	Osterbrogade 68 B. Copenhagen, O.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Hunt	1105 4½ St., S. S. Washington.
Florida	A. M. Cushman	Gainesville.
Georgia	J. S. Tyson	Savannah.
German Empire	F. Mevendorf	Admiral St., 12 Berlin, S.
Brandenburg	Paul Juhre	Odd Fellows' Haus, Berlin, S. W. 13.
Hanover	Dr. Phil. A. Edel	Linden, Hanover.
Saxony	Oscar Grille	Schumann St., 5, Dresden.
Silesia Posen	Wilhelm Reimann	Waldenburg in Schlessien.
Wurtemberg	A. Weiss	Minchen (Pogenhausen).
Idaho	D. L. Badley	Caldwell.
Illinois	Jas. R. Miller	Springfield.
Indiana	W. H. Leedy	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	G. H. Alexander	Muscogee.
Iowa	W. T. Holmes	Des Moines.
Kansas	D. W. Kent	Topeka.
Kentucky	R. G. Elliott	Box 16, Lexington.
Louisiana	F. Grieshaber	Drawer 383, New Orleans.
Maritime Provinces	J. C. P. Frazee	Halifax, N.S.
Maine	Russel G. Dyer	Portland.
Manitoba	R. H. Shanks	Box 1371, Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jno. M. Jones	I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	John U. Perkins	515 Tremont St., Boston.
Michigan	Edwin H. Whitney	Lansing.
Minnesota	A. L. Bolton	Rooms 1 & 2, O. F. Block, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Walter S. P. Doty	Oxford.
Missouri	E. M. Sloan	Box 582, St. Louis.
Montana	A. J. White	Box 485, Butte.
Nebraska	I. P. Gage	Fremont.
Nevada	Wm. Sutherland	Virginia City.
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Jersey	Lewis Parker	Trenton.
New Mexico	Peter A. Simpkin	Gallup.
New York	John G. Deubert	853 Broadway, New York C.
North Carolina	B. H. Woodell	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Don McDonald	Grand Forks.
Ohio	C. H. Lyman	I. O. O. F. Temple, Columbus.
Oklahoma	G. W. Bruce	Guthrie.
Ontario	J. B. King	Room 63, Canada Life Bl'd'g, Toronto.

Jurisdiction.	*Name.*	*Address.*
Oregon	E. E. Sharon	Rm. 6, I.O.O.F. Temple, Portland.
Pennsylvania	J. B. Nicholson	I.O.O.F. Temple, Philadelphia.
Quebec	T. J. Potter	P.O. Box 432, Montreal.
Rhode Island	Wm. H. T. Mosley	86 Weybosset St., Providence.
South Australia	Alfred Leane	Victoria Square, Adelaide.
South Carolina	W. S. Brown	Box 65, Columbia.
South Dakota	Harvey J. Rice	Huron.
Sweden	Friedr. Geijer	Stockholm.
Switzerland	Ed. Knuchel	Friedensgasse 8, Basel.
Tennessee	Jno. R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	G. C. Fahm	Dallas.
Utah	F. M. Ulmer	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	H. E. Parker	Bradford.
Virginia	T. Wiley Davis	Richmond.
Washington	C. N. Hale	Tacoma.
West Virginia	Ellis A. Billingslea	Lock Box 554, Fairmont.
Wisconsin	Richard Hoe	408 Grand Ave., Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Louis Miller	Laramie.

RESOLUTIONS OF SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

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 refuses or neglects to pay the same, his Lodge shall prefer charges against him, try him, and, if found guilty, and without sufficient 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.

(*Proceedings S. G. L. U. S., 1874, pages 6310, 6326.*)

LIST OF PAST GRANDS.

The following is a list of Past Grands, as shown by the returns, for the terms named :

LODGE.	No.	DEC. 31ST, 1899.	JUNE 30TH, 1900.
Brock	9	Chas. E. Woodcock	E. Leslie Trickey
Cataraqui	10	J. Dennison	W. G. Simmons
Otonabee	13	Jno. M. Gemmell	Walter J. Squires
Union	16	Jabez Newman	Frank B. Waite
Phœnix	22	Geo. F. Blainey	Robt. Sproule
Rose	28	Louis Taylor	Louis Taylor
Chatham	29	W. H. Carswell	W. H. Carswell
Eureka	30	S. W. Priestly	S. W. Priestly
Elgin	32	Adam Brown	Chas. Rowley
Erie	33	Wm. Light	Wm. Light
Gore	34	H. F. McMullen	Henry Bond
Samaritan	35	Jno. A. Barr	F. W. Staples
St. Mary's	36	J. B. Laming	J. B. Laming
Forest City	38	A. Tucker	Wm. Ching
Rond Eau	40	Thos. H. Neil	F. Pilon
Avon	41	A. S. Wright	B. Williams
Excelsior	44	W. G. McAndrew	Henry Tansley
Frontier	45	Wm. Margerm	Jas. P. Smith
Mount Zion	46	Joseph Deacon	David Webster
Unity	47	C. R. T. Fessenden	Wm. Rogers
Dominion	48	Geo. Arnott	Wm. Wilson
Canada	49	A. DeLaporte	W. Jos. Dack
Otter	50	E. G. Sutherland	Harvey Linden
Covenant	52	T. E. Till	A. E. Till
Niagara Falls	53	T. J. Robertson	.....
Collingwood	54	A. S. Gibson	A. S. Gibson
Fidelity	55	J. A. Stewart	J. B. Thompson
Queen City	56	F. H. McCausland	F. H. McCausland
Maple Leaf	57	J. E. Smith	J. E. Smith
Howard	58	J. D. Campbell	A. K. Reynolds
Kingston	59	M. P. Reid	W. G. Hamilton
Corinthian	61	A. E. Webster	W. J. Holland
Huron	62	A. Saunders	A. Saunders
Barrie	63	Jos. Leighten	Jos. Leighten
Victoria	64	J. H. Peatfield	V. B. Whipple
Friendship	65	J. Brownscombe	Miles R. Fletcher
Flo. Nightingale	66	O. Smith	J. Hellyar, Jr.
Exeter	67	E. J. Spackman	R. N. Rowe

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North Star	68	Archie Hill	A. M. McFaul
Hope	69	W. Spence	T. Fitzpatrick
Lucan	70	Herbert Gibson	H. Gibson
The Toronto	71	W. H. Aiken	W. J. Rombough
Eastern Star	72	Jas. P. Stewart	John Toms
Fergus	73	J. Jas. Craig	John Muir
Bothwell	74	W. A. Scott	C. McRitchie
Warriner	75	E. H. Purdy	.....
St. Thomas	76	R. F. Oakes	C. W. Trigger
Oxford	77	M. H. Mayberry	M. H. Mayberry
Durham	78	W. T. Greenaway	H. Hales
Nipissing	79	S. B. Todd	Geo. Kerr
Amity	80	Thos. Allen	F. S. Evanson
Belleville	81	E. J. Roy	Jno. Borbridge
Beaver	82	Ernest Ryall	Ambrose Malott
Clinton	83	J. H. Kerr	Jas. H. Kerr
Walkerton	84	A. P. Johnston	Chris. Lembke
Constellation	85	H. Park	Arthur Robertson
Napanee	86	H. E. Smith	I. W. Vandusen
Empire	87	Edwin Moore	Nelson Newhouse
Olive Branch	88	W. L. McWhinnie	John Washington
Reliance	89	Henry Wheldrick	John Robertson
Ivy	90	Jas. M. Gillies	Jas. M. Gillies
Grand River	91	John Newton	John Newton
Milton	92	H. McClellan	H. McClellan
Western City	93	W. E. Secor	Jas. Holmes
Aylmer	94	Jno. W. Allen	A. E. Adams
Nith	96	Herman Wiese	H. Wiese
Grand Union	97	Henry Stanch	Wm. T. Sass
Minto	98	Wm. Rye	Geo. Weber
Lindsay	100	Eli Williamson	T. W. Greer
Golden Star	101	I. M. Warren	J. M. Warren
Deseronto	102	H. W. Woodall	W. H. Harvey
Cataract	103	S. Vanderburg	W. A. Kennedy
Crescent	104	Jos. Oakes	Frank Hunt
Manilla	105	M. McPhail, M.D	Asaph Edwards
St. Clair	106	Marshall Wright	T. Whittaker
Waterloo	107	T. W. Shortreed	T. E. McClellan
Royal Oak	108	Jno. H. Pickering	J. H. Pickering
Orion	109	J. Gane	J. Gane
Laurel	110	C. W. Robinson	L. S. Gurley
Peterboro'	111	Jno. Brownlee	Geo. L. McBurney
Lucknow	112	D. W. Lawrence	Jno. McIntyre
Trenton	113	Geo. R. Robertson	H. Vandervoort
Gananoque	114	Jobie Lloyd	W. H. Wilkinson
Harmony	115	Fred. Reid	W. H. Sweet
Naomi	116	A. Monkhouse	Levi R. Fretz
Valley City	117	Jas. B. Manson	W. J. Woods
Maitland	119	Harry Hinscliffe	Jas. H. Chisholm
Sydenham Valley	120	C. McGregor	Jas. Taylor
Saxon	121	Jno. Alexander	W. H. Parker
Streetsville	122	Jas. Dandie	Jas. Dandie
Dresden	124	Wm. Barnes	Jno. Sharpe

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Stella	125	Wm. Stevens	David Smythe
Sarnia	126	J. F. Wilson	E. A. Mills
Mizpah	127	J. H. P. Young	Chas. A. Ostrom
Charity	129	H. J. Thompson	N. J. Thompson
Livingston	130	Andrew Laughton	P. Steep
Marion	131	Richard Dean	W. M. H. Quartermain
Oakville	132	J. Whitaker	C. F. Doty
Glencoe	133	G. Parrott	Geo. Parrott
Orient	134	J. S. O'Neil	A. Brown
Peaceful Dove	135	R. N. Sinclair	David Lindsay
Cobourg	136	Geo. Archer	K. K. Cooke
St. Lawrence	137	O. Truesdell	R. M. Dart
Ancaster	138	A. Allen	Wm. Hendry
Garnet	139	Jas. Wright	Geo. Ernst
Leamington	140	S. J. Sheldon	Jas. Bradford
Concord	142	Geo. A. Forster	Lewis McDonald
Bay of Quinte	143	J. L. Graydon	Alonzo Weeks
Ridgetown	144	Chas. A. Dunkley	J. C. Locke
Riverside	145	Calvin Burnside	W. J. Marsh
Vivian	146	A. Pactzel	Geo. H. Hubbell
Model	147	Geo. Stilson	Henry S. Dennis
Aurora	148	Robt. Bowman	Geo. Bowman
Western Star	149	W. A. Grewar	R. Johnston
Sycamore	151	H. M. Thomas	H. M. Thomas
Hayden	152	Thos. Brown	H. J. Stevens
Wildey	153	W. J. Wass	David Baynes
Alpha	154	W. Ragsdall	T. Young
Brougham	155	Alphaeus Hoover	J. C. Hutchinson
Pyramid	156	L. Atkinson	L. Atkinson
Thamesville	157	W. J. Cryderman	J. J. Vincent
Progress	158	J. E. Carter	Jno. Kirby
Oak Leaf	159	Robt. Fleming	R. H. Foster
Listowel	160	A. Yule	Wm. M. Adamstone
Simcoe	161	L. Schuyler	R. Churchill
Oriental	163	F. Bisset	W. A. Gravely
Romeo	164	A. E. Vanstone	A. W. Hill
Beethoven	165	E. P. Scott	M. Burroughs
Hillsburgh	167	Jas. Carmichael	Jas. Carmichae
Sutton	168	R. J. Shaw	D. J. Wright
Grey	169	Wm. Lyon McKenzie	W. L. McKenzie
Denovo	170	Geo. Chapman	A. F. George
Pentangore	172	W. J. Clements	W. J. Clements
Emerald	173	R. Bradford	Jno. A. Schalfield
Dolman	174	Wm. Manson	Chas. Boulton
Dauncey	176	Jno. Rankin	Jno. Rankin
Montana	177	Jno. A. Barnard	Geo. Spotton
Wellington Square	178	P. Haney	Wm. DeLong
Madoc	179	S. T. Bartlett	W. J. Moon
Owen Sound	180	W. E. Lloyd	Chas. Hall
Tecumseh	182	Daniel C. Pettit	Wm. Holmes
Teeswater	183	W. J. Hardy	W. J. Hardy
Germania	184	Geo. B. Moogk	Jno. Hemmerly
Dufferin	186	Wm. Petch	T. A. Gilchrist

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Cambridge	188	Geo. Gress	Fred. Levandusky
Parry Sound	189	W. S. McKinley	A. M. Currie
Chorazin	190	Harry Proctor	A. L. Simmie
Jarvis	191	D. M. Allen	C. E. Bourne
Howick	192	J. T. Wiggins	J. T. Wiggins
Albert	194	Jos. Brown	L. H. Thompson
Cicerone	195	J. R. Whetter	J. R. Whetter
Florence	196	E. C. Laird	Wilbert P. Forshee
Minerva	197	Jno. Thompson	J. D. Harrison
Britannia	198	Egerton Lowes	E. E. Dale
Weston	200	J. K. Keefler	J. K. Keefler
Beacon	201	S. J. McCopper	E. J. Ellsworth
Silver Star	202	J. Roessing	Chas. Spencer
Pembroke	203	G. D. Bayne	D. R. Morrison
Acton	204	W. Williams	W. Williams
Ahiram	205	Peter Baker	Isaiah Shoemaker
Silver City	206	A. G. Montgomery	A. G. Montgomery
Egremont	207	L. B. McKay	Peter Reinhardt
Alvinston	208	L. T. McLandres	G. A. Collett
Millbank	209	W. K. Weir	W. K. Weir
Brucefield	210	A. T. Scott	A. T. Scott
Lilly	211	Clayton Reynolds	Morley Lane
Argyle	212	F. S. Scott	H. E. Fralick
Clifford	214	Geo. Harrison	Geo. E. Robb
Freestone	215	M. Zimmerman	M. Zimmerman
Elmira	216	W. S. Wright	W. S. Wright
Mount Brydges	217	R. Smith	Walter Watson
Enterprise	218	J. H. Mayville	A. O. Stimers
Georgian Bay	219	C. J. Swartmon	Jno. McKendry
Woodslee	220	G. Allison	Jacob Mitchell
Chesley	221	Fred. Christoffer	M. Pearce
Hensall	223	Geo. Dick	W. McKay
Ottawa	224	M. T. Pinkerton	F. L. Vandusen
Norfolk	225	Richard Smith	Jos. Smith
Merlin	226	J. H. Halliday	Brock King
Sauble	227	J. L. McInnis	D. D. Wark
International	228	J. Hanes	C. T. Mero
Embro Star	229	C. J. Howes	Malcolm McKenzie
Prince of Wales	230	J. H. Morrison	W. Scott
Elora	231	J. B. Renter	Wm. H. Murphy
Equity	232	D. J. Almas	D. J. Almas
Hanover	233	H. A. Ross	F. J. Tizzard
Ilderton	234	J. G. Martin	A. J. Clatworth
Waterford	235	Norman Burke	F. S. Marlatt
Acorn	236	P. McG. Brown	W. McRoberts
Farmersville	237	C. L. Lamb	Chas. Wilson
Stirling	239	T. H. Knox	Wm. F. Ashley
Carlton	240	E. B. Butterworth	A. J. Lardin
Rideau	241	R. E. Loucks	S. E. Gilroy
Wilton	242	J. J. Fee	F. Parkin
Thornbury	243	Henry Pedwell	Henry Pedwell
Port Arthur	244	W. F. Langworthy	W. F. Langworthy
Mallorytown	245	Wm. Chassels	L. C. Hickey

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Gordon	247	M. E. Brady	Wm. Ranton
Campbellford	248	N. Thompson	H. Shaw
Beaverton	249	Jas. Calder	Andrew Grant, M.D.
Ridgeley	250	J. Sauvey	J. Sauvey
Bracebridge	251	A. F. Yuill	Alex. C. Salmon
Floral	252	R. Cook	R. Cook
Caledonia	253	J. W. Avery	N. J. Gould
Alba	254	Wm. Dick	R. M. Scott
Grand Valley	256	Jno. Luxton	Geo. Swain
Credit	257		G. T. Scott
Thamesford	258	D. Reavely	C. M. Judge
Lynden	259	S. J. Atkin	F. L. Rous
Meaford	260	W. J. Lang	A. McK. Cameron
Gold Hill	261	J. C. Baxter	Alex. Shragge
Norwood	262	H. Jas. Cumming	W. J. Stewart
East Toronto	263	R. Benson	R. Benson
Fraternity	264	F. L. Hall	F. L. Hall
Delta	265	Fred. Wright	Fred. Wright
Missanabie	266	H. Curran	Kenneth McRae
Algoma	267	P. J. Pelkey	P. J. Pelkey
Stanley	268	Alex. Buffam	Jas. McFarlane
Woodstock	269	Geo. Utting	J. Wiltshire
Lansdowne	270	Wm. McConnell	W. McConnell
North Bay	271	F. S. Harrison	F. S. Harrison
Lakeview	272	R. Paterson	W. E. Hoover
Hastings	273	J. H. McClelland	D. R. Wright
Midland	274	J. W. Demorest	J. W. Demorest
Fairy	275	Thos. Whaley	W. H. Metcalf
Lambton	277	A. D. Armstrong	A. D. Armstrong
Rockliffe	278	W. H. Chapman	A. E. Flatters
Grenville	279	G. W. Griffith	Arthur Potter
Balmoral	280	J. H. Buttimor	John Keir
Arthur	281	Wm. Wright	Wm. Ault
Sudbury	282	Robt. Horne	Jas. Harvey
Earnscliffe	283	Jno. Alexander	Wm. McAdam
Lyn	284	E. E. Latimer	H. E. Adams
Morewood	285	Wm. Campbell	Robt. Fraser
Royal	286	Geo. Richards	Jos. Knox
Ripley	287	J. S. Robertson	G. H. Mooney
Chesterville	288	R. Horrop	R. Horrop
Glanworth	289	David Lawson	Dr. W. H. Nichol
Tweed	290	N. M. Lloyd	N. M. Lloyd
Rodney	291	W. Petherick	Jas. W. Lee
Minnetonka	292	Geo. Baldsdon	J. A. Minor
Thomasburg	293	J. E. Brown	J. C. Morton
Broadview	294	G. R. Ezard	W. A. Keiller
Manotick	295	F. E. Caldwell	G. E. Pettapiece
Pontypool	296	Geo. Glenny	Geo. Lapp
Mayflower	297	R. A. Hamilton	Thos. Howes
Comber	298	D. T. Voakes	W. J. Ainslee
Cornucopia	299	Jas. Richards	Duncan Geddes
Bobcaygeon	300	E. B. Garlick	S. H. Thorne
Plattsville	301	Jas. Motheral	Wm. Copley

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Aberdeen	302	R. A. Baker	Geo. Kerr
Fellowship	303	F. H. Ransom	Jno. A. Anderson
Star	304	H. Rath	W. P. Dundas
Valentine	305	E. V. Ward	F. J. Tully
Athena	306	Jas. Grey	Jas. Grey
Princeton	307	W. B. Gregor	Wm. Macaulay
Millbrook	308	Geo. E. Burnham	G. E. Burnham
Harrow	309	F. E. Manning	G. F. Morin
Shedden	310	Stewart McCallum	Jas. W. Brown
Zeta	311	F. E. Farlinger	H. A. Hunter
Spirit Rock	312	A. Watt	Geo. Eidt
Electric City	313	Geo. Land	Geo. Aldons
Prospect	314	Robert Gowdy	D. M. Speirs
Mountain	315	J. B. Cooper	Alva Mills
Britain	316	Jno. Trick	W. H. Rogers
Laurentian	317	J. A. Scott	J. McCornish
Bervie	318	Geo. Clarke	R. J. Hewitt
Webbwood	319	G. W. Drake	Ed. Garrow
Geneva	320	J. H. Jackson	J. H. Jackson
Hespeler	321	Geo. Boynton	Jno. P. Phin
Central	322	N. C. Minns	Thos. Dunn
Liberty	323	J. E. Stauffer	A. G. Verchère
Ontario	324	W. D. Rogers	W. D. Rogers
Southampton	325	J. B. Filsinger	J. B. Filsinger
Strathcona	326	J. J. McKnight	D. C. Dunbar
Saugeen	327	J. A. Crowston	Silas Hill
Underwood	328	A. Brunton	A. E. Hilker
Prosperity	329	N. L. Stratton	R. McGowan
Wheatley	330	W. C. Dainty	T. L. Rambo
Maxville	331	T. A. Munro	A. J. Kennedy
Atwood	332	.....	J. A. Mitchell

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Brock	9	Brockville	41	148	Tuesday
Cataraqui	10	Kingston	40	325	Tuesday
Otonabee	13	Peterborough	36	136	Monday
Union	16	St. Catharines	8	157	Monday
Phoenix	22	Oshawa	33	107	Tuesday
Rose	28	Amherstburg	1	78	Wednesday
Chatham	29	Chatham	2	229	Tuesday
Eureka	30	London	12	82	Tuesday
Elgin	32	St. Thomas	4	217	Friday
Erie	33	Port Burwell	5	18	Thursday
Gore	34	Brantford	10	286	Monday
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	11	165	Thursday
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	16	83	Tuesday
Forest City	38	London	12	78	Monday
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	2	124	Friday
Avon	41	Stratford	16	265	Wednesday
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	9	157	Thursday
Frontier	45	Windsor	1	213	Wednesday
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	3	30	Thursday
Unity	47	Hamilton	9	403	Wednesday
Dominion	48	London	12	149	Wednesday
Canada	49	Toronto	19	208	Friday
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	5	175	Monday
Covenant	52	Toronto	19	154	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	8	159	Tuesday
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	28	128	Thursday
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	15	32	Wednesday
Queen City	56	Toronto	19	206	2nd and 4th Monday
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	21	33	Thursday
Howard	58	Strathroy	12	109	Wednesday
Kingston	59	Kingston	40	303	Wednesday
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	33	265	Thursday
Huron	62	Goderich	15	139	Monday
Barrie	63	Barrie	20	84	Monday
Victoria	64	Hamilton	9	63	Alternate Tuesdays
Friendship	65	Petrolea	14	107	Friday
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	33	159	Wednesday
Exeter	67	Exeter	15	47	Tuesday
North Star	68	Stayner	26	37	1st and 3rd Thursday
Hope	69	Harrietsville	4	94	Saturday
Lucan	70	Lucan	15	14	Tuesday
The Toronto	71	Toronto	19	84	Monday
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	33	68	Tuesday
Fergus	73	Fergus	17	85	Tuesday
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	3	18	Tuesday
St. Thomas	75	Port Perry	33	51	Monday
Oxford	76	St. Thomas	4	349	Thursday
Durham	77	Ingersoll	11	61	1st and 3rd Monday
Nipissing	78	Port Hope	35	125	Tuesday
Amity	79	Uxbridge	34	53	Thursday
Belleville	80	Prescott	42	239	Thursday
Beaver	81	Belleville	39	210	Thursday
Clinton	82	Ruthven	1	85	Tuesday
Walkerton	83	Clinton	15	62	Tuesday
Constellation	84	Walkerton	25	124	Friday
	85	Burgessville	5	45	Tuesday

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Napanee	86	Napanee	39	90	Tuesday
Empire	87	St. Catharines	8	151	Thursday
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	11	127	Monday
Reliance	89	Guelph	17	171	Monday
Ivy	90	Parkhill	13	63	Thursday
Grand River	91	Paris	10	100	Thursday
Milton	92	Milton	18	93	Tuesday
Western City	93	Chatham	2	96	Monday
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	4	161	Tuesday
Nith	96	New Hamburg	16	44	Thursday
Grand Union	97	Berlin	17	104	Friday
Minto	98	Harriston	22	60	Friday
Lindsay	100	Lindsay	34	128	Monday
Golden Star	101	Brampton	18	24	Thursday
Deseronto	102	Deseronto	39	104	Wednesday
Cataract	103	Niagara Falls South	8	50	Thursday
Crescent	104	Hamilton	9	325	Friday
Manilla	105	Manilla	34	32	Monday
St. Clair	106	Point Edward	14	70	Thursday
Waterloo	107	Galt	17	296	Monday
Royal Oak	108	Forest	13	78	Monday
Orion	109	Georgetown	18	37	Monday
Laurel	110	Toronto	19	133	2nd and 4th Monday
Peterborough	111	Peterborough	36	207	Thursday
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	24	102	Friday
Trenton	113	Trenton	39	53	Wednesday
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	40	207	Monday
Harmony	115	Brantford	10	223	Tuesday
Naomi	116	Markham	19	60	Monday
Valley City	117	Dundas	9	147	Thursday
Maitland	119	Wingham	23	74	Thursday
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	2	174	Friday
Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	13	54	Wednesday
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	18	36	Friday
Dresden	124	Dresden	2	109	Monday
Stella	125	Carleton Place	45	98	Friday
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	14	147	Tuesday
Mizpah	127	Belleville	39	129	Monday
Charity	129	Sunderland	34	17	Monday
Livingstone	130	Thorold	8	25	Tuesday
Marion	131	Renfrew	46	102	Monday
Oakville	132	Oakville	18	65	Monday
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	3	49	Tuesday
Orient	134	Welland	7	21	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	34	52	Friday
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	35	83	Wednesday
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	41	152	Thursday
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	9	56	Monday
Garnet	139	Mount Forest	22	73	Tuesday
Leamington	140	Leamington	1	107	Thursday
Concord	142	Kingsville	1	98	Friday
Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	39	129	Wednesday
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	3	84	Wednesday
Riverside	145	Iroquois	42	75	Tuesday
Vivian	146	Arnprior	46	48	Tuesday
Model	147	Wyoming	14	44	Alternate Mondays
Aurora	148	Aurora	20	69	Tuesday

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Western Star	149	Brussels	23	78	Thursday
Sycamore	151	Arkona	13	46	Tuesday
Hayden	152	Norwich	5	72	Friday
Wildey	153	Granton	16	58	Wednesday
Alpha	154	Almonte	45	109	Monday
Brougham	155	Whitevale	33	18	2nd and 4th Thursday
Pyramid	156	Newmarket	20	35	Tuesday
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	3	80	Thursday
Progress	158	Guelph	17	116	Thursday
Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	9	64	Alternate Tuesdays
Listowel	160	Listowel	22	63	Tuesday
Simcoe	161	Simcoe	6	59	Friday
Oriental	163	Cornwall	42	85	Monday
Romeo	164	Stratford	16	183	Tuesday
Beethoven	165	Brooklin	33	38	Friday
Hillsburgh	167	Hillsburgh	21	24	1st and 3rd Friday
Sutton	168	Sutton	32	28	1st and 2nd Monday
Grey	169	Durham	22	24	Monday
Denovo	170	Port Elgin	25	73	Monday
Penetangore	172	Kincardine	24	167	Tuesday
Emerald	173	Dunnville	7	74	Tuesday
Dolman	174	Ayr	10	109	Tuesday
Dauncey	176	Thedford	13	12	Wednesday
Montana	177	Wroxeter	23	13	Monday
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	9	49	Alternate Mondays
Madoc	179	Madoc	38	101	Monday
Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	37	77	Thursday
Tecumseh	182	Otterville	5	79	Monday
Teeswater	183	Teeswater	23	17	Wednesday
Germania	184	Waterloo	17	123	Thursday
Dufferin	186	Flesherton	27	20	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Cambridge	188	Preston	17	41	Wednesday
Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	30	93	Monday
Chorazin	190	London East	12	139	Monday
Jarvis	191	Jarvis	6	34	Monday
Howick	192	Gorrie	23	10	Tuesday
Albert	194	Toronto	19	161	Friday
Cicerone	195	Woodville	34	20	Tuesday
Florence	196	Florence	3	93	Monday
Minerva	197	Hamilton	9	58	Alternate Wednesdays
Britannia	198	Drayton	22	54	Wednesday
Weston	200	Weston	19	23	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Beacon	201	Port Colborne	7	101	Wednesday
Silver Star	202	Milverton	16	44	Friday
Pembroke	203	Pembroke	47	121	Tuesday
Acton	204	Acton	18	9	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Ahiram	205	Paisley	25	151	Tuesday
Silver City	206	Tiverton	24	84	Friday
Egremont	207	Kerwood	12	29	Friday
Alvinston	208	Alvinston	3	39	Thursday
Millbank	209	Millbank	16	36	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Brucefield	210	Brucefield	15	22	2nd and 4th Friday
Lilly	211	Dorchester Station	12	61	Monday
Argyll	212	Napanee	39	107	Thursday
Clifford	214	Clifford	22	72	Thursday
Freestone	215	Beamsville	8	21	Monday
Elmira	216	Elmira	17	36	Wednesday
Mount Brydges	217	Mount Brydges	12	112	Friday

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Enterprise	218	Essex Centre	1	130	Thursday
Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	29	75	Thursday
Woodslee	220	South Woodslee	1	34	Wednesday
Chesley	221	Chesley	26	57	Tuesday
Hensall	223	Hensall	15	50	Friday
Ottawa	224	Ottawa	44	180	Wednesday
Norfolk	225	Port Dover	6	69	Tuesday
Merlin	226	Merlin	2	52	Thursday
Sauble	227	Tara	26	62	Friday
International	228	International Bridge	7	170	Thursday
Embro Star	229	Embro	11	29	Tuesday
Prince of Wale	230	Toronto	19	107	Tuesday
Elora	231	Elora	17	59	Thursday
Equity	232	Hagersville	6	6	Wednesday
Hanover	233	Hanover	26	12	Wednesday
Ilderton	234	Ilderton	12	30	1st and 3rd Thursday
Waterford	235	Waterford	6	85	Thursday
Acorn	236	Camlachie	13	27	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Farmersville	237	Farmersville	41	24	Wednesday
Stirling	239	Stirling	37	132	Wednesday
Carleton	240	Ottawa	44	244	Thursday
Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	41	182	Monday
Wilton	242	Toronto	19	116	Tuesday
Thornbury	243	Thornbury	28	34	Friday
Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	52	62	Wednesday
Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	41	70	Wednesday
Orillia	246	.....	...	...	.....
Gordon	247	Palmerston	22	75	Thursday
Campbellford	248	Campbellford	37	55	Tuesday
Beaverton	249	Beaverton	34	56	Monday
Ridgely	250	Oil Springs	14	55	Monday
Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	31	56	Monday
Floral	252	Toronto	19	126	Monday
Caledonia	253	Caledonia	6	41	1st and 3rd Friday
Alba	254	Pakenham	46	52	Thursday
Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	21	25	Friday
Credit	257	Erin	21	24	Tuesday
Thamesford	258	Thamesford	11	119	Thursday
Lynden	259	Lynden	10	28	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Meaford	260	Meaford	38	77	Monday
Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage	53	145	Thursday
Norwood	262	Norwood	36	24	Tuesday
East Toronto	263	East Toronto (York)	19	62	1st and 4th Tuesday
Fraternity	264	Perth	45	64	Monday
Delta	265	Delta	41	31	Tuesday
Missanabie	266	Chapleau	51	64	Tuesday
Algoma	267	Fort William West	52	65	Thursday
Stanley	268	Lanark	45	28	Thursday
Woodstock	269	Woodstock	11	131	Friday
Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	40	63	Tuesday
North Bay	271	North Bay	43	89	Tuesday
Lakeview	272	Toronto Junction	19	76	Friday
Hastings	273	Hastings	37	35	Monday
Midland	274	Midland	29	19	Friday
Fairy	275	Huntsville	31	34	Monday
Sheard	276	.....	...	...	.....
Lambton	277	Brigden	14	66	Tuesday

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Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	44	173	Tuesday.
Grenville	279	Kemptville	43	76	Thursday
Balmoral	280	Merrickville	41	63	Monday.
Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie	50	66	Thursday
Sudbury	282	Sudbury	49	81	Alternate Wednesdays
Earnscliffe	283	Cumming's Bridge	44	110	Wednesday
Lyn	284	Lyn	41	23	Wednesday
Morewood	285	Morewood	43	57	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Royal	286	Havelock	36	55	Thursday
Ripley	287	Ripley	24	65	Monday
Chesterville	288	Chesterville	43	19	Friday
Glanworth	289	Glanworth	4	34	Tuesday
Tweed	290	Tweed	38	63	Tuesday
Rodney	291	Rodney	3	46	Friday
Minnetonka	292	Keewatin	53	81	Wednesday
Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg	38	54	Friday
Broadview	294	Toronto	19	151	Monday
Manotick	295	Manotick	44	28	Thursday
Pontypool	296	Pontypool	36	68	Friday
Mayflower	297	Parham	40	53	Wednesday
Comber	298	Comber	1	61	Tuesday
Cornucopia	299	McLaren's Depot	40	42	Wednesday
Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	34	40	Tuesday
Plattsville	301	Plattsville	11	35	Wednesday
Aberdeen	302	Aultsville	42	20	1st and 3rd Saturday
Fellowship	303	Dickinson's Landin	42	34	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Star	304	Crampton	4	64	Tuesday
Valentine	305	Moreton	14	42	Wednesday
Athena	306	Harrowsmith	40	42	Monday
Princeton	307	Princeton	11	49	Monday
Millbrook	308	Millbrook	35	82	Tuesday
Harrow	309	Harrow	1	53	Monday
Shedden	310	Shedden	4	32	Wednesday
Zeta	311	Morrisburg	42	68	Thursday
Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	26	50	Monday
Electric City	313	Chippawa	8	40	Monday
Prospect	314	Toronto	19	155	Friday
Mountain	315	Mountain	43	42	Thursday
Britain	316	Little Britain	34	40	Monday
Laurentian	317	Westport	41	29	Thursday
Bervie	318	Bervie	24	47	Thursday
Webbwood	319	Webbwood	49	39	Tuesday
Geneva	320	Orillia	29	38	Monday
Hespeler	321	Hespeler	17	46	Thursday
Central	322	Toronto	19	166	1st and 3rd Friday
Liberty	323	Berlin	17	50	Monday
Ontario	324	Pickering	33	47	Friday
Southampton	325	Southampton	25	38	Friday
Strathcona	326	Shelburne	21	56	Tuesday
Saugeen	327	Markdale	27	38	Friday
Underwood	328	Underwood	24	51	Monday
Prosperity	329	Delhi	5	15	Wednesday
Wheatley	330	Wheatley	1	47	Friday
Maxville	331	Maxville	39	49	Monday
Atwood	332	Atwood	16	34	Wednesday
Social	333	Toronto	19	19	Wednesday
Avonmore	334	Avonmore	....	....	.....

Amounts received from lodges for the relief of the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers.

ONTARIO.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Brock	9	Brockville	$ 25 00
Otonabee	13	Peterborough	5 00
Chatham	29	Chatham	25 00
Elgin	32	St. Thomas	10 00
Gore	34	Brantford	50 00
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	10 00
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	10 00
Avon	41	Stratford	25 00
Frontier	45	Windsor	10 00
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	10 00
Canada	49	Toronto	10 00
Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	25 00
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	20 00
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	50 00
Howard	58	Strathroy	10 00
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	15 00
Flo. Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	25 00
Exeter	67	Exeter	5 00
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	25 00
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	5 00
Durham	78	Port Hope	15 00
Amity	80	Prescott	29 00
Belleville	81	Belleville	10 00
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	20 00
Napanee	86	Napanee	10 00
Empire	87	St. Catharines	25 00
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	10 00
Reliance	89	Guelph	10 00
Ivy	90	Parkhill	5 00
Grand River	91	Paris	20 00
Western City	93	Chatham	50 00
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	25 00
Nith	96	New Hamburg	5 00
Berlin	97	Berlin	10 00
Golden Star	101	Brampton	25 00
Deseronto	102	Deseronto	5 00
Cataract	103	Niagara Falls S.	5 00
Waterloo	107	Galt	5 00
Royal Oak	108	Forest	10 00
Laurel	110	Toronto	5 00
Peterboro'	111	Peterboro	25 00
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	10 00
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	50 00
Harmony	115	Brantford	25 00
Valley City	117	Dundas	10 00
Maitland	119	Wingham	25 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	$ 10 00
Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	20 00
Mizpah	127	Belleville	10 00
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	10 00
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	20 00
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	10 00
Garnet	139	Mt. Forest	10 00
Concord	142	Kingsville	10 00
Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	40 00
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	10 00
Riverside	145	Iroquois	10 00
Model	147	Wyoming	10 00
Western Star	149	Brussels	5 00
Sycamore	151	Arkona	10 00
Hayden	152	Norwich	20 00
Wildey	153	Granton	5 00
Alpha	154	Almonte	25 00
Progress	158	Guelph	10 00
Simcoe	161	Simcoe	10 00
Oriental	163	Cornwall	25 00
Romeo	164	Stratford	20 00
Grey	169	Durham	10 00
Denovo	170	Port Elgin	25 00
Penetangore	172	Kincardine	25 00
Dauncey	176	Thedford	5 00
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	25 00
Madoc	179	Madoc	10 00
Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	20 00
Cambridge	188	Preston	5 00
Jarvis	191	Jarvis	10 00
Albert	194	Toronto	25 00
Minerva	197	Hamilton	10 00
Britannia	198	Drayton	6 25
Pembroke	203	Pembroke	50 00
Egremont	207	Kerwood	5 00
Millbank	209	Millbank	10 00
Argyle	212	Napanee	15 00
Clifford	214	Clifford	20 00
Mount Brydges	217	Mount Brydges	5 00
Enterprise	218	Essex Centre	10 00
Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	25 00
Chesley	221	Chesley	5 00
Hensall	223	Hensall	25 00
Ottawa	224	Ottawa	100 00
Norfolk	225	Port Dover	10 00
Merlin	226	Merlin	10 00
International	228	Bridgeburg	40 00
Elora	231	Elora	10 00
Stirling	239	Stirling	10 00
Carleton	240	Ottawa	100 00
Thornbury	243	Thornbury	10 00
Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	16 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	$ 25 00
Gordon	247	Palmerston	10 00
Campbellford	248	Campbellford	10 00
Beaverton	249	Beaverton	15 00
Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	25 00
Floral	252	Toronto	10 00
Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	5 00
Thamesford	258	Thamesford	10 00
Meaford	260	Meaford	10 00
Fraternity	264	Perth	10 00
Missanabie	266	Chapleau	10 00
Algoma	267	Fort William	25 00
Woodstock	269	Woodstock	25 00
Lambton	277	Brigden	5 00
Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	100 00
Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie	20 00
Earnscliffe	283	Cumming's Bridge	50 00
Lyn	284	Lyn	5 00
Morewood	285	Morewood	25 00
Royal	286	Havelock	15 00
Glanworth	289	Glanworth	5 00
Rodney	291	Rodney	10 00
Minnetonka	292	Keewatin	25 00
Broadview	294	Toronto	25 00
Pontypool	296	Pontypool	6 20
Comber	298	Comber	15 00
Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	5 00
Star	304	Crampton	5 00
Valentine	305	Moore	5 00
Princeton	307	Princeton	5 00
Harrow	309	Harrow	10 00
Shedden	310	Shedden	5 00
Zeta	311	Morrisburg	10 00
Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	5 00
Electric City	313	Chippawa	10 00
Mountain	315	Mountain	15 00
Little Britain	316	Little Britain	10 00
Webbwood	319	Webbwood	10 00
Geneva	320	Orillia	10 00
Hespeler	321	Hespeler	5 00
Central	322	Toronto	10 00
Liberty	323	Berlin	5 00
Ontario	324	Pickering	5 00
Southampton	325	Southampton	5 00
Violet Rebekah	52	Otterville	10 00
A. H. Blackeby			5 00
Total			$2462 45

QUEBEC.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Mount Royal	1	Montreal	$ 10 00
Albion	2	Quebec	10 00
Beaver	6	Montreal	25 00
Pioneer	7	Richmond	10 00
Unity	8	Sherbrooke	15 00
Valleyfield	11	Valleyfield	10 00
Excelsior	12	Montreal	20 00
Golden Rule	13	Danville	25 00
Laurentian	14	Lachute	10 00
Victoria	16	Coaticook	10 00
Excelsior	17	Huntingdon	15 00
Tomefobia	18	Stanstead	10 00
Equity	19	Cookshire	10 00
Missisquoi	22	Farnham	15 00
Granby	26	Granby	10 00
Waterloo	27	Waterloo	5 00
Bedford	29	Bedford	15 00
Jubilee	31	Windsor Mills	5 00
Restoration	32	Cowansville	10 00
Star of Westmount	33	Westmount	20 00
J. W. Cottingham		Lachute	1 00
		Total	$277 25

NOVA SCOTIA.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Eastern Star	1	Picton	$ 10 00
Eureka	15	Springhill	10 00
Western Star	16	Annapolis Royal	20 00
Lorn	36	Economy	10 00
Pesaquid	38	Windsor	20 00
Amity	40	Halifax	10 00
Ivanhoe	44	Parrsboro	16 00
Fidelity	54	Shubenacadie	10 00
St. George	55	Digby	10 00
Rising Sun	59	Lunenburg	5 00
Crescent	63	Bridgetown	20 00
Kingston	65	Kingston Station	10 00
Seaside	70	Clarke's Harbor	5 00
Evangeline	78	Goldboro'	15 75
Gladstone	80	Bass River	10 00
Juniata	81	Westport	20 00
Hobah	83	Joggin Mines	32 00
		Springville	10 00
		Stellarton	10 00
Southern Cross, D. of R.	8	Port Maitland	5 00
Bonnie Bræ, D. of R.	62	North Sydney, C.B.	10 00
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		Total	$268 75

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Victoria	13	Fredericton	$ 10 00
Prince Albert	26	Moncton	28 50
Siloam	29	St. John	10 00
Golden Rule	46	West St. John	25 00
North Star	48	Campbellton	5 00
Miriam	56	St. Stephen	25 00
Pearl Rebekah	9	Moulton	5 00
Prince Edward	22	Summerside, P.E.I.	15 95
Wildey	27	Charlottetown	5 00
		Total	$129 45

MANITOBA.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Manitoba	1	Winnipeg	$ 50 00
R. H. Shanks		Winnipeg	60 00
Portage	3	Portage la Prairie	11 00
Gateway City	4	Emerson	25 00
Maple Creek	5	Maple Creek	15 00
Brandon	6	Brandon	25 00
Minnehaha	7	Winnipeg	25 00
Crystal City	8	Crystal City	15 00
Nelson	9	Morden	25 00
Western Star	11	Carberry	10 00
Virden	13	Virden	10 00
Turtle Mountain	15	Deloraine	10 00
Neepawa	16	Neepawa	25 00
Boissevain	17	Boissevain	20 00
Souris	21	Souris	10 00
Carman	22	Carman	50 00
Hartney	25	Hartney	25 00
Killarney	28	Killarney	10 00
St. Johns	29	Winnipeg	10 05
Medicine Hat	30	Medicine Hat	10 00
Wawanesa	31	Wawanesa	25 00
Roland	32	Roland	25 00
Miami	34	Miami	20 00
Dauphin	36	Dauphin	32 25
Excelsior	40	Holland	15 00
Russell	41	Russell	25 00
Olive Branch, D. of R	1	Winnipeg	10 00
Alberta	1	Calgary	25 00
Lethbridge	2	Lethbridge	50 00
Valley	1	Moose Jaw	25 00
Wolseley	10	Wolseley	15 00
		Total	$708 30

MAINE.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Maine	1	Portland	$ 10 00
Saco	2	Saco	67 75
Unity	3	Portland	10 00
Ancient Brothers	4	Portland	5 00
Ligonia	5	Portland	10 00
Penobscott	7	Bangor	15 00
Bangor	8	Bangor	15 00
Lincoln	10	Bath	5 00
Saccaroppa	11	Westbrook	5 00
Abou Ben Adhem	23	Auburn	15 00
Androscoggin	24	Auburn	15 00
Monsam	26	Kennebunk	5 00
Knox	29	Rockland	15 00
Cumberland	30	Bridgton	10 00
Mount Abram	31	Bethel	15 00
Carrabasset	34	Skowhegan	10 00
Good Cheer	37	Guilford	5 00
Invictus	38	Unity	5 00
Samaritan	39	Waterville	5 00
Monami	40	Mechanic Falls	5 00
Star of Hope	42	Vinal Haven	10 00
Laconia	44	Biddeford	5 00
Eagle	47	N. Berwick	5 00
Echo	52	Berwick	5 00
Germania	57	Waldoboro'	10 00
Franklin	58	Farmington	15 00
Mfgs. and Mechanics	62	Lewiston	15 00
Plymouth	65	Dexter	10 00
Friendship	69	Springvale	10 00
Golden Rule	73	Lewiston	5 00
Atlantic	74	Old Orchard	10 00
Blue Hill	79	Blue Hill	10 00
Pine Tree	80	Clinton	10 00
Border	81	Eastport	5 00
Livermore Falls	83	Livermore Falls	10 00
Lakeside	85	Etna	10 00
Pomola	87	Patten	10 00
Lejok	90	Ellsworth	15 00
Mount Saddleback	92	Phillips	10 00
Sanborn	93	Hallowell	10 00
Crystal	94	Winthrop	2 00
Amon	95	Oakland	5 00
Fellowship	97	Calais	10 00
Gorham	98	Gorham	5 00
Hartland	101	Hartland	10 00
Wildey	103	Brewer	10 00
Nezinscott	104	Buckfield	10 00
Ridgeby	108	Sprague's Mills	5 00
Quinnebasset	109	So. Norridgewock	5 00
Blake	110	Turner	15 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Indian Spring	115	Madison	$ 5 00
Hadattah	117	Portland	5 00
Danforth	118	Danforth	5 00
Island	120	Bar Harbor	16 75
Kennebec	121	Vassalboro'	5 00
New England	125	Greenville	15 00
Warren	127	Warren	5 00
Fort Knox	129	Bucksport	15 00
Penacook	130	Rumford Falls	10 00
Minnehonk	131	Mount Vernon	5 00
St. George	132	Tenant's Harbor	15 00
Central	134	Bridgewater	10 00
Ocean	140	Northeast Harbor	5 00
Mystic Tie	141	Presque Glen	10 00
		Total	$646 50

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Hillsborough	2	Manchester	$ 5 00
White Mountain	5	Concord	25 00
Winnipissogee	7	Laconia	5 00
Suamsot	8	Newmarket	5 00
Lafayette	11	Littleton	20 75
Sullivan	12	Claremont	2 00
Mechanics	13	Manchester	10 00
Bellknap	14	Meredith	10 00
Peterboro'	15	Peterboro'	10 00
Motolinia	18	Rochester	10 00
Kearsarge	23	Contoocook	10 00
Webster	24	Goffstown	10 00
Moorehillock	25	Woodsville	10 00
Contoocook	26	Penacook	10 00
Merimack	28	Franklin Falls	10 00
Ammonoosue	29	Grovetown	10 00
Salmon Falls	30	Salmon Falls	5 66
Beaver Brook	36	Keene	5 00
Cocheco	39	East Rochester	5 00
Younity	40	Hinsdale	5 00
Woodbine	41	Farmington	10 00
Casto's Morum	42	Milford	10 00
Valley	43	Hillsboro' Bridge	10 88
Wildey	45	Manchester	5 00
Rumford	46	Concord	10 00
Aurora	49	Hollis	5 00
Paignont	50	Marlboro'	5 00
Miltonia	52	Milton	5 00
Glen	54	Gorham	15 00
St. John	58	Whitefield	5 00
Harmony	65	Tilton	5 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Plymouth	66	Plymouth	$ 10 00
Dunster Hill	72	Greenville	5 00
Excelsior	73	Colebrook	5 00
Ridgely	74	Manchester	5 00
Good Samaritan	75	Hanover	10 00
Laurel	78	Wilton	5 00
Rock Ezel	79	Sunapee	10 00
Uncanoonac	86	West Manchester	5 00
Monadnock	90	East Jaffray	10 00
Pemigewasset	91	Campton Village	10 00
Helping Hand	95	Enfield	5 00
Anchor	96	Alstead	5 00
Oak Hill	97	East Manchester	5 00
Marlette	271	Marlette	5 00
		Total	$364 29

STATE OF VERMONT.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Green Mountain	1	Burlington	$ 5 00
Vermont	2	Montpelier	10 00
Wantastiquet	5	Battleboro	10 00
Stark	9	Bennington	5 00
Essex	13	Island Pond	25 00
Bellows Falls	23	Bellows Falls	5 00
Netis	25	Poultney	5 00
Cabot	49	Cabot	5 00
Odd Fellows of Rutland			10 00
Grand Encampment of Vermont		Barre	3 00
Dana N. Coy		Windsor	5 00
		Total	$ 88 00

MICHIGAN.

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Michigan	1	I. O. O. F. Temple, Detroit	$ 5 00
Wayne	2	Detroit	5 00
Oakland Co.	3	Pontiac	5 00
Jackson	4	Jackson	5 00
Adrian	8	Adrian	10 00
Phœnix	12	Grand Rapids	5 00
Tecumseh	14	Tecumseh	5 00
Prairie Ronde	15	Schoolcraft	5 00
Monroe	19	Monroe	2 00
Genesee	24	Flint	1 00
Battle Creek	29	Battle Creek	2 00
Huron	30	Dexter	2 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Coldwater	31	Coldwater	$ 10 00
Tonguish	32	Plymouth	2 00
White Cloud	34	White Cloud	1 00
Sturgis Pr.	37	Sturgis	5 00
Olive Branch	38	Detroit	5 00
Unadilla	40	Stockbridge	2 00
Three Oaks	44	Three Oaks	5 00
Capital	45	Lansing	3 00
Dowagrac	57	Dowagrac	2 00
Hastings	58	Hastings	2 00
Pleasant Plains	59	Baldwin	2 00
Calhoun	60	Albion	5 00
Amphycton	62	Charlotte	3 30
Clinton	65	Eagle	2 00
Belle River	66	Marine City	10 00
Ontonagon	71	Rockland	15 00
O. Saw Wah Bun	74	Saginaw	1 00
Buchanan	75	Buchanan	5 00
Benzie	79	Benzonia	1 00
Excelsior	80	Three Rivers	5 00
St. Johns	81	St. Johns	1 00
Luce	89	Newberry	2 00
Hecla	90	Calumet	10 00
Muskegon	92	Muskegon	5 00
Vevay	93	Mason	5 00
Lapeer	94	Lapeer	2 25
Bellaire	98	Bellaire	3 00
Bay	104	West Bay City	5 00
Mystic	109	Hancock	2 00
Advance	110	Yale	2 00
Sprague	113	Decatur	2 00
Lowell	115	Lowell	2 00
Blackman	117	Leonidas	2 00
Escanaba	118	Escanaba	5 00
Burnett	119	St. Joseph	2 00
Beacon	121	Manistee	2 00
Iron Mountain	122	Negaunee	10 00
Sault Ste. Marie	123	Sault Ste. Marie	10 00
Bath	124	Bath	1 00
Detroit	128	Detroit	10 00
Springport	131	Springport	1 00
Benton	132	Benton Harbor	5 00
Menominee	133	Menominee	5 00
Calumet	134	Calumet	5 00
Whitehall	138	Whitehall	2 00
Coloma	140	Coloma	3 00
Whitney	142	Iron River	5 00
Au Sauble	145	Au Sauble	2 00
Social	148	Bedell	5 00
Ironwood	149	Ironwood	5 00
Ahmeek	150	Ishpheming	5 00
Immanuel	153	Henderson	3 80

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Sides	155	Detroit	$ 5 00
Star	156	Saginaw, W. S.	1 25
Cass River	158	Tuscola	1 00
Tillotson	165	Bangor	4 00
Elmira	166	Elmira	1 00
Alpena	170	Alpena	10 00
E. B. Ward	172	Wyandotte	5 00
Friendship	174	Flint	5 00
Ionia	175	Ionia	1 00
Belle Oak	178	Williamston	3 00
Grand Ledge	180	Grand Ledge	2 00
Almont	181	Almont	2 00
Copemish	182	Copemish	2 00
Vassar	184	Vassar	1 00
Livingstone	185	Howell	2 00
Harriette	186	Harriette	3 00
Lewiston	187	Lewiston	5 00
Valley	189	Bay City	10 00
Holland City	192	Holland	2 00
Vicksburg	194	Vicksburg	1 00
Grand Traverse	200	Traverse City	1 00
Keeler	204	Keeler	1 00
Williamston	205	Williamston	3 00
Farwell	210	Farwell	2 00
Thomas	211	Dundee	2 00
Dayton	214	Dayton	1 00
Columbus	215	Detroit	2 00
Newbury	216	Kingston	3 00
Level	21	Millbrook	2 00
Howard	220	Carrolton	5 00
Wenona	221	West Bay City	5 00
Maple Rapids	224	Maple Rapids	1 00
Capac	225	Capac	2 00
Spencer Creek	228	Alden	3 00
Ingham County	229	Okemos	2 00
Ashley	233	Ashley	5 00
Deerfield	234	Deerfield	1 00
Lighthouse	235	Essexville	1 00
Leelanau	236	Empire	1 00
Kalkaska	237	Kalkaska	2 00
Alma	238	Alma	5 00
Fremont	242	Fremont	5 00
Montague	243	Montague	1 00
Halcyon	244	Byron Centre	5 00
Lake Linden	245	Lake Linden	5 00
Rockford	247	Rockford	3 00
Clyde	249	Clyde	2 00
South End	250	Grand Rapids	5 00
Caledonia	251	Caledonia	2 00
Newaygo	254	Newaygo	2 00
Blissfield	258	Blissfield	5 00
Viola	259	Cadillac	10 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Port Huron	261	Port Auron	$ 2 00
LaFayette	263	Olivet	1 00
Gladstone	267	Gladstone	1 00
Sterling	268	Sterling	2 00
Fairfield	269	Ogden Centre	5 00
Burr Oak	270	Kalamazoo	2 00
Clinton Valley	275	Utica	5 00
Sparta	278	Sparta	3 00
Prairieville	279	Prairieville	2 00
Centennial	280	Reno P.O.	5 00
Anchor	281	Reading	1 00
Petoskey	282	Petoskey	5 00
California	283	California	1 00
Woodland	289	Woodland	1 00
Home	290	Allegan	4 50
Birch Run	292	Birch Run	1 00
Itseningo	295	Ann Arbor	2 00
Lake St. Clair	296	New Baltimore	1 00
Joy	298	Crystal	1 35
Osceola	300	Leroy	5 00
Ætna	301	Columbiaville	2 00
Riverside	303	Detroit	10 00
Champion	304	Beacon	10 00
Bellevue	307	Bellevue	2 00
Elk Lake	308	Williamsburg	2 00
Silver Star	310	Chapin	3 00
Center	311	Monroe Centre	5 00
Camden	312	Camden	1 00
Inter Lake	329	Gaylord	5 00
Temple	331	Cheboygan	3 00
Hesperia	334	Hesperia	1 00
North Branch	339	North Branch	1 00
Galien	347	Galien	1 00
Nucleus	348	Berrien Center	1 00
Casnovia	349	Casnovia	1 00
Vestaburg	352	Vestaburg	2 00
Manistique	353	Manistique	5 00
Ravenna	355	Ravenna	2 00
Martin	356	Martin	2 00
Cambria	358	Cambria	2 00
Jordan River	360	East Jordan	2 00
Riga	361	Riga	2 00
Ashland Centre	362	Ashland Centre	5 00
Galesburg	364	Comstock	2 50
Norway	365	Norway	2 00
Alpine	366	Somerset Centre	1 00
Boyne River	367	Boyne City	5 00
Mancelona	368	Mancelona	2 00
Western	370	Detroit	10 00
Huronia	371	Fort Gratiot	5 00
Tustin	372	Tustin	1 00
Crescent	374	Iron Mountain	10 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Royalton	373	Arden	$ 1 00
Coopersville	376	Coopersville	1 00
Baldwin	377	East Tawas	2 00
Forest	379	Excelsior	2 00
Cedar Springs	381	Cedar Springs	5 00
Addison	382	Addison	2 00
Galaxy	384	Willis	2 00
Eastern	387	Detroit	2 00
Gogebic	389	Bessemer	2 00
Stetson	390	Walkerville	1 00
Silver Link	391	Brinton	5 00
Montmorency	392	Hillman	2 00
Gobleville	393	Gobleville	1 00
Jonathan	394	Detroit	5 00
Utopia	398	Carleton	5 00
Oscoda	401	Oscoda	5 00
Huron Valley	403	Flat Rock	5 00
Select	404	Hemlock	2 00
Maple Leaf	405	Algonac	2 00
Enterprise	406	Grand Rapids	2 00
Unity	407	Kalamazoo	3 00
Grand River	408	Grand Rapids	2 00
Rouge River	410	Delray	10 00
Garfield	411	New Haven Centre	2 00
Maple Ridge	412	Maple Ridge	1 00
Pompeii	417	Pompeii	2 00
Midland	418	Midland	2 00
Middleton	420	Middleton	1 00
Talmai	421	Trenton	5 00
Alba	423	Alba	2 00
Ferry	426	Ferry	1 00
Imperial	427	Grand Rapids	10 00
Covenant	428	Detroit	5 00
Lake Odessa	429	Lake Odessa	1 00
Banner	430	Muskegon	5 00
Myrtle	432	Alpena	5 00
Golden	433	Mears	3 00
Frankfort	434	Frankfort	5 00
Baroda	435	Baroda	1 00
Colfax	436	Owosso	1 00
Hamburg	438	Hamburg	2 00
American Eagle	441	Detroit	5 00
Stonington	444	Grindstone	5 00
L'Anse	445	L'Anse	3 00
Sidnaw	448	Sidnaw	5 00
Progressive	450	Mill Creek	2 00
Elkton	452	Elkton	5 00
Nunica	454	Nunica	2 00
Deckerville	457	Deckerville	3 00
Long Rapids	458	Long Rapids	5 00
Equity	459	Grand Rapids	5 00
Impellant	460	Escanaba	1 00

Lodge.	No.	Location.	Amount.
Sutton's Bay	462	Sutton's Bay	$ 2 00
Rapid River	464	Masonville	5 00
Bay Mills	466	Bay Mills	5 00
Lambertville	467	Lambertville	2 00
Munising	468	Munising	2 00
Sidney Reed	469	Richmond	5 00
Harbor Springs	470	Harbor Springs	1 00
Cedar	471	Cedar	2 00
Buena Vista	472	Saginaw	1 00
Howell City	473	Howell	2 00
United	474	Detroit	5 00
Clarksville	475	Clarksville	1 00
Silverwood	478	Silverwood	1 00
Jasper	481	Jasper	2 00
Jubilee	482	Detroit	5 00
		Northport	1 50
		Total	$802 95

SENT DIRECT TO COMMITTEE

Maple City	255	Maple City	$ 5 00
Bainbridge	363	Spink's Corners	1 00
Bad Axe	397	Bad Axe	1 25
		Total	$ 7 25

ILLINOIS.

Grand Lodge, per Grand Master $100 00

RECAPITULATION

Ontario—Received by the Grand Secretary	$1947 45	
Sent direct from Lodges to Geo. Bell, Treasurer Fire Fund Committee	515 00	
		$2462 45
Michigan—Received by Grand Secretary	$ 802 95	
" " Geo. Bell, Treas	7 25	
		$810 20
Lower Provinces		$ 431 20
Quebec		277 25
Manitoba		718 30
Maine		646 50
New Hampshire		364 29
Vermont		88 00
Illinois		100 00
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Past Grand Masters

LIVING

(Elected Grand Master in August of year named.)

S. G. DOLSON	St. Catharines	1860
H. C. BINGHAM	Brantford	1862
JAMES D. TAIT	St. Catharines	1865
THOMAS PARTRIDGE	London	1869
WILLIAM N. FORD	St. Mary's	1870
JOHN GIBSON	Stratford	1871
JOHN MURRAY	Niagara Falls	1872
CL. T. CAMPBELL (Past Grand Sire, 1894)	London	1877
J. T. HORNIBROOK	Toronto	1878
FIFE FOWLER	Kingston	1879
W. H. COLE	Brockville	1880
J. B. McINTYRE	St. Catharines	1881
HENRY ROBERTSON	Collingwood	1882
WM. MACDIARMID	Lucan	1883
REV. N. H. MARTIN	Chatham	1885
JOHN ORMSBY DONOGH	Toronto	1886
JOHN R. REID	Brockville	1887
E. R. ROBINSON	London	1888
R. W. BELL	Peterboro'	1889
JNO. ORMISTON	Gananoque	1890
P. E. FITZ-PATRICK	Hamilton	1891
REV. T. W. JOLLIFFE	Colborne	1892
JOSEPH OLIVER	Toronto	1893
W. H. HOYLE	Cannington	1894
THOMAS WOODYATT	Brantford	1895
HENRY WHITE	Port Hope	1896
J. A. YOUNG	Thamesford	1897
J. E. FAREWELL	Whitby	1898
JAMES McLURG	Woodstock	1899

" Our lives are albums, written through
With good or ill, with false or true ;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

Past Grand Masters

DECEASED.

(*Elected Grand Master in August of year named.*)

THOMAS REYNOLDS Died 14th September, 1859.	Brockville	1856 to 1865
CHAUNCEY YALE Died 15th April, 1866.	St. Catharines	1859
WILLIAM BISSELL Died 4th November, 1878.	London	1861
JAMES WOODYATT Died 20th August, 1894.	Brantford	1863
JAMES SMITH Died 26th November, 1890.	London	1864
RICHARD WIGMORE Died 1st March, 1890.	London	1866
HENRY McAFEE Died 23rd October, 1892.	Windsor	1867
JOHN BARR Died 25th January, 1883.	Hamilton	1868
GEORGE WRIGHT Died 10th March, 1895.	Toronto	1873
WM. FITZSIMMONS Died 13th July, 1894.	Brockville	1874
H. E. BUTTERY Died 26th November, 1876.	London	1875
JOHN HAM PERRY Died 25th March, 1896.	Whitby	1876
A. L. MORDEN Died 21st July, 1895.	Napanee	1884

In Memoriam

GEORGE W. BASCOM

PAST GRAND

Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt

PAST CHIEF PATRIARCH

Galt Encampment, No 62, Galt

Born 1852

Died at Galt, February 14th, 1900

Aged 48 years

Bro. Bascom was a very active member of Lodge, Encampment and Rebekahs, having joined the Order August 20, 1877.

Both Lodge and Encampment honored him by electing him Representative on several occasions. He was also an ex-Alderman of the town of Galt. Words fail to fully express the high esteem in which he was held by the members of the Order and by the citizens generally.

"We'll not forget thee, we who stay
To work a little longer here;
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie
On memory's page all bright and clear.
And when o'erwearied by the toil
Of life our heavy limbs shall be,
We'll come, and one by one lie down
Upon dear mother earth with thee."

In Memoriam

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL AFFLECK

PAST GRAND

Marion Lodge, No. 131, Renfrew

Born July 14, 1857

Died July 14, 1900

Aged 43 years

For many years an active and energetic Odd Fellow, taking an active interest in everything relating to the welfare of the Order; a good citizen and a true friend.

"Death is the test of life, the known assay
Which shows the certain standard of our deeds;
He who knows well to die has not lived ill,
Nor has he vainly squandered all his time
Who to his honor its last portion spends."

In Memoriam

D. M. SPENCE

Peterborough Lodge No. 111, Peterborough

Died for Queen and Country in South Africa

Killed at Brookspruit, 23rd September, 1900

Bro. Spence was initiated in Peterborough Lodge June 15th, 1899, and received his degrees 23rd November. Bro. Spence went to South Africa with the Second Contingent Canadian Mounted Rifles, his request to go with the first contingent having been refused. He was an earnest worker in the George Street Methodist Church and Sabbath School and was President of the Christian Endeavor League, and also an indefatigable member of the Y.M.C.A., and the sorrow of the whole community where he had lived, when the news of his death was received, was general and sincere.

An earnest, devoted, Christian soldier, he acted well his part in life's drama, and made for himself a monument more lasting than granite, and when the call came he was

"Ready, aye, ready."

"His memory is the shrine
Of pleasant thoughts, soft as the scent of flowers;
Calm as on windless eve the sun's decline;
Sweet as the song of birds among the flowers;
Rich as a rainbow with its hues of light;
Pure as the moonbeams of an Autumn night—
Weep not for him!"

In Memoriam

JOHN HENRY BUSTIN

PAST GRAND

Nipissing Lodge, No. 79, Uxbridge

Died September 23rd, 1900

Aged 57 years.

Bro. Bustin was initiated in Nipissing Lodge, June 30, 1872, and has ever since that date taken a deep interest in the Order, doing everything in his power to advance the principles of Oddfellowship as well as of his individual Lodge.

He represented Nipissing Lodge in the Grand Lodge at many sessions, and was present as its representative at the session of 1900 at Hamilton, and has always been esteemed as an earnest, devoted Odd Fellow.

"Two hands upon the breast and labor's done;
Two pale feet crossed in rest, the race is won."

By direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge under a resolution adopted at Atlantic City, in 1895 (Jour. page 14,555), and amended from time to time since, the following telegraph Cipher and Key is hereto appended. In view of the many frauds who are constantly imposing on the Order, no Lodge should grant pecuniary aid to a stranger until his Lodge has been communicated with by means of this Cipher.

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

This Telegraph Cipher and Key is of universal use throughout the world of Oddfellowship.

HOUSE——Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS——Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of $———?

CASH——Is in your city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

RIVER——Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of——?

BOAT——He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for———.

WHITE——We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP——Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION——Look out for a fraud named ———.

SECRETARY——He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL——A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK——He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED——Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN——Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW——Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

PURPLE——We think best to bury him there.

LODGE——Forward remains to this place by———.

REGALIA——Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of $———.

HELP——Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

BENEFIT——What sick and funeral benefits do you pay?

WIDOW——Wife or child of a deceased member of your lodge is in our city asking assistance. Shall we draw on you to the extent of $———?

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