

J. O. O. F.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST,

HELD AT COBOURG,

IN THE LODGE ROOMS OF ONTARIO LODGE No. 12,

ON THE THIRD DAY OF AUGUST, 1859, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

GRAND OFFICERS having assembled in the Rooms of Ontario Lodge, No. 12, the presiding N. G. presented the following Address:—

ADDRESS.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brothers:—

As the Noble Grand of Ontario Lodge No. 12, it becomes my most pleasing duty, on their behalf, to welcome you to this Lodge, and to the town of Cobourg, and also to request you to become our guest at a public dinner to be given this evening at nine o'clock at the North American Hotel, in honor of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, on this occasion. And in thus extending to you a brother's welcome, we beg you not to accept it as a mere matter of form, only for outward show, or for our gratification. But to accept it in the spirit with which we hope it may be accepted—the true spirit of Odd Fellowship—springing from the heart; from which flows the only true sentiments of our motto, "Friendship, Love and Truth." That *Friendship* which is at once the pleasure and duty of every true Odd Fellow. That *Love* which is true and holy, prompting every high and noble mind towards whatever appears good and beautiful, which seeks for its action other objects besides selfish purposes—that irresistible principle that conquers the bitterest fire, and subdues the deepest hate. That *Truth* which substitutes the substance and reality of things, forms and shadows—which makes our actions and deeds to correspond to our sentiments and words—which leads us to "Faith, Hope and Charity." That *Faith* which prompts us to offer up the heart to the throne of the Great High Priest. That *Hope* which points to the bright future, amid our present darkness and obscurity; and that *Charity* which delights to measure out benevolence to the sick and afflicted; to cheer the widow and orphan; that swells the human soul with greatness, and seeks to restore our fallen race to peace and virtue.

Although your numbers are smaller than on some former occasions, when our country was in a more prosperous condition, yet I hope and trust that your deliberations on this occasion well be such as to prove you to be the embodiment of this Court of universal *Friendship*—this unalloyed *Love*—this everlasting, elevating *Truth*, in which *Faith* shall kindle the fire, *Hope* offer the sacrifice, and *Charity* hover over your actions—so that the "Grand Master" from on high, may look down in silent approval of your actions, and bless our noble cause.

REPLY.

Grand Master Yale having returned thanks to the N. G. of Ontario Lodge, for the very friendly and fraternal feeling expressed in the address just presented, stated, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, that it would be with great pleasure that they would accept the friendly invitation to partake with them at the public dinner at the "North American;" and he hoped that this meeting of the Grand Lodge among them, and this social gathering, might have a tendency to inspire every brother with a renewed energy; and that Ontario Lodge might realize the good result that may ensue from the meeting of the Grand Lodge among them, by its members coming around the standard of Friendship Love and Truth, with a renewed energy; and by that means gain additional strength from those yet outside its portals.

Grand Master then called upon the Chaplain for prayer, after which he opened Grand Lodge in the Scarlet Degree.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Bros. C. YALE,	R. W. G. Master.
" A. MACDONALD,	R. W. G. Master.
" S. G. DOLSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
" WM. FITZSIMMONS,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
" THOS. FLETCHER,	W. G. Marshall.
" DANIEL DRAKE,	W. G. Guardian, <i>pro tem.</i>
" WM. BISSELL,	W. G. Conductor.

Grand Master then announced the following Bros. as a Committee on Credentials. Bros. Wm. Bissell, Thos. Fletcher and John Collins.

While the Committee on Credentials were preparing their report, the Grand Master submitted his Annual Address.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS AND REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

BRETHREN:—Another year, with all its varied scenes, has passed away. Another "first Wednesday in August" has quickly come; and in accordance with law and usage we are again convened in Annual Communication, to review the labors of the past, and to legislate, if it be necessary, for the future permanence and welfare of our beloved institution. For the kind care that has surrounded and sustained us, as members of a common brotherhood, during the year now drawing to a close, and for the favorable circumstances under which we are permitted to meet together this day, let our hearts rise in gratitude to the Great Disposer of all human events, and our lips become vocal with His praise. For, unless He approves and blesses our labors and our work, whatever significance it may have in human estimation, will speedily come to an end.

When your suffrages at the last Communication imposed on me the duties of Grand Master in this jurisdiction, it was not without a distrust in my ability to bring to the position, time, talents and discretion adequate to the faithful discharge of the labors that might reasonably be expected at my hands, that I undertook the duties of the office. A year's experience has satisfied me that no person should aspire to the honors of this chair who is not willing cheerfully to make many and great sacrifices, for the welfare of the sacred institution which, for a time, is committed to his keeping. If I have failed in doing what my brethren anticipated when they elevated me to this honorable position, if any errors have been committed or duties neglected, it is not from lack of devotion to the cardinal principles of our Order. I promised myself the pleasure, in the earlier part of my administration, to visit the several Lodges in this jurisdiction; but circumstances, over which I had no control, have prevented me from carrying out my determination, except in the following instances, viz:—Forest City Lodge, No. 38; Eureka Lodge, No. 30, and Elgin Lodge 32; and being present at the dedication of the new Hall of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the members of that Lodge, for their determined zeal in Odd Fellowship. Although one of the youngest Lodges, they are the only Lodge that can call their Hall their own. I am informed

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it yields them a revenue of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. On the 15th of February last, in company with P. G. Timothy Parsons, of Buffalo, D. D. G. M. Pattridge, P. G. W. Bissell, and some twenty-five Bros. of Eureka Lodge, No. 30; and Forest City Lodge, No. 38, of London, I visited the brethren at St. Mary's and dedicated their Hall to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. For the valuable assistance rendered by the above named Bros. I am greatly indebted. We had a pleasant interview. The future prospects of this Lodge are flattering. Continued exertion in the right direction will ensure them lasting success. Much praise is due to Deputy McIntosh, for his untiring assiduity and zeal in promoting the interests of this Lodge, and the cause generally.

Forest City Lodge, No. 38, still maintains her high rank in the Order; and under the supervision of such men as Bro. Bissell and Deputy Pattridge, must continue to prosper. Their standard of membership is high, and brings to the Lodge-Room the wisdom of age, the experience of active business, and the influence of easy circumstances. The younger members are good workers, and continue to steadily increase in point of members, finances and character, which is praise enough for any Lodge. I enjoyed a pleasant visit with them on the 14th February last. Two candidates were initiated. The correct manner in which it was performed shows that the officers are familiar with the work.

Elgin Lodge, No. 32, at St. Thomas, has had some difficulties to encounter. The last Report shows that three worthy brothers have withdrawn their connection with the Order, which I fear may seriously effect them in their relations with the community around them. Our actions in the Lodge-room should ever be such as to bear the scrutiny of those with whom we associate. Deputy G. T. Clarris is one of the number withdrawn. His resignation, with his explanations which induced him to take those steps, will be placed in your hands by the R. W. Grand Secretary for your consideration. In February last I met with the Lodge, and endeavored to aid them in settling the difficulty, but I am pained to report that it has proved ineffectual.

Gore Lodge, No. 34, at Brantford, still maintains its good name in the Order, and no Lodge is more perfect in the performance of its work. They have suffered much from the late financial depression, and have deemed it their duty, though a painful one, to suspend and expel a large number of members for non-payment of dues. Deputy Woodyatt says "that he cannot look forward with any great degree of confidence to the numbers being much increased; still, while so many of the good and true remain, he will by no means despond."

Imperial Lodge, No. 37, located at Burford, has suffered from the decrease of members, who have failed to place in the hands of the Secretary their dues. Thirty-five members were returned one year ago in good standing; the last Report shows but twenty-one. Their funds show an increase over last fiscal year, giving evidence that economy is

not the least of their virtues. Deputy Woodyatt informs me the work is correctly performed, in spirit, healthy and vigorous.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, situated at Ingersoll, gives flattering omens of an onward progress, determined that financial depression shall not retard them from a strict adherence to the principles inculcated by Odd Fellowship. The work is well and faithfully performed. The increase in their funds over last year is \$175 23. Deputy Barr writes that many who are in arrears express a wish to pay their dues and return to their first love. Their future prospects look bright and cheering.

Brock Lodge, No. 9, at Brockville—the oldest in this jurisdiction—is still prosperous, and united, and will continue in the right path so long as they have the counsel, zeal and judgment of P. G. M. Thomas Reynolds and G. T. Fitzsimmons to direct and encourage.

In June last, I received a communication from Grand Treasurer Fitzsimmons, conveying the intelligence that P. G. M. Thomas Reynolds had been suffering from illness for the last nine months, and fears were entertained at one time that his disease would prove fatal. I feel a pleasure to be able to inform you that he has recovered; and I trust that he may be long spared to, cheer by his presence, advise by his counsel, and encourage by his example. Their Report gives evidence that two of its members have passed to that bourne from whence no traveller returns.

Erie Lodge, No. 33, gives evidence that the right spirit exists with her members, and that they feel to rejoice in the prospect of an abundant harvest, and return of those who have been obliged to yield to the financial pressure which has borne so heavily in all parts of the Province. I regret to add that two of their members have been removed by death.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30, I am pleased to remark, is progressing in point of initiations and usefulness, showing a zeal for the Order, worthy of example. Last February I had the pleasure of an interview with them, at which time two candidates were initiated, and can truly affirm the work was performed satisfactorily. In January last I received a letter signed by seven of the brothers of this Lodge, requesting permission to proceed to Detroit to receive the Patriarchal Degrees at an Encampment working at that place. I felt much pleasure in granting their request, in the hope that at no distant day they would be encouraged to open a subordinate Encampment in London.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I have reason to believe has the right spirit among its members, and that their motto is "Onward." On the 11th February last I received an application, through Deputy Henry, for the privilege of appearing in regalia on the 22nd inst., in honor of the anniversary of the institution of their Lodge. I readily acceded to the request, in the hope that it would prove beneficial to their interests, and an inducement to others to become members of our fraternity.

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Union Lodge, No. 16, continues to increase in numbers and devotion to the cause. I can give no greater encouragement than the remark used by P. G. M. Reynolds, "that in union there is strength." The members endeavor to excel each other in carrying out the principles inculcated by the laws of the Order.

On the 25th August last, Union Lodge having completed their new Hall, and applied for permission to have a public dedication, I readily granted the request; and, assisted by P. G. T. Parsons and the brethren, I officiated as G. Master at the dedicatory ceremony. At its conclusion, the Rev. Bro. J. E. Ryerson delivered an address to the audience, which I may truly assert has been of great benefit to them. For full-particulars of the working of the Lodge, I refer you to the Report of Deputy Fletcher.

Ontario Lodge, No. 12, at Cobourg, though few in number, yet with a good fund at their disposal, energetic action, a determined zeal, with the fostering care of our worthy D. Grand Master A. McDonald, must continue to extend its usefulness and prosperity. I hope much for them in the meeting of this Grand Lodge in their midst, and trust that every encouragement in the power of Representatives will be cheerfully extended that may lessen their burdens and strengthen their hearts to renewed energy in the good work.

I regret to report that Industry Lodge, No. 25, has been compelled to surrender their charter. The N. G. intimates to the D. G. Master that he will at his earliest convenience place the charter and effects of the Lodge at his disposal.

In accordance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge, at its last session, instructing me to appoint a deputation to visit Rose Lodge, No. 28, located at Amherstburgh, and Morpeth Lodge, No. 27, held at Morpeth, with a view to their resuscitation, I named Reps. Henry and Patridge, with P. G. Clarris, to perform that duty. I have not their Report to place in your hands. I received from a member of each Lodge a letter requesting a Card of Clearance from the Grand Secretary. I informed them that if the charter, books and property were placed at the disposal of this Grand Lodge, I should have great pleasure in complying with the wish of the petitioners.

The following question was submitted to me for my decision:—

"Can the Officers of a Subordinate Lodge use the Seal of the Lodge without the knowledge of the Lodge of which they are members?"

The R. W. G. Lodge of the U. S., have decided that the officers of a Subordinate Lodge cannot legally use the Lodge Seal without having first received authority, by motion, regularly made and entered upon the minute-book.

Permission has been requested by a number of the Lodges to appear in public in the regalia of the Order, to celebrate the day of their institution as Independent Odd-Fellows. I have in no instance refused their petition. I take this opportunity to suggest that hereafter the 26th day of April, be set apart by this jurisdiction as a day com-

memorative of the institution of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellowship on this continent. I was present as the Representative of Canada West, at the festival held under the auspices of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States in the city of New York, in honor of the day which gave birth to our beloved Fraternity. Thirteen jurisdictions were represented. The South sent her hundreds, the North her thousands, while the West added to the number her stalwart sons, to join in paying tribute to the day, and honor to Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, the father of our beloved institution.

Two subjects, in my opinion, call for new legislation. First, an amendment of the Constitution in relation to the number constituting the Committee of Appeals, as the law requires that it shall consist of one Representative from each of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction. Few Lodges sending but one Representative in cases of appeal, their attention would be taken up with the subject, leaving this Grand Lodge without a quorum, to transact the business of the session. Second, the representative system adopted last year, bears heavy on the funds of this and the Subordinate Lodges. I would respectfully suggest that but one Representative be sent from each Lodge, with the power to cast the number of votes as they are at present entitled under the Constitution; and that this Grand Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such Representatives.

I would do you as well as myself injustice, did I omit to acknowledge the many kind offices received from the R. W. Grand Secretary during the past year—the promptness and energy he has displayed in the performance of the duties of his office commend him to your consideration. The Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters will be laid by him before you, together with the proceedings of a number of the Grand Jurisdictions, in return for copies sent of the Journals of this Grand Body for 1858. I trust that these courtesies may not be neglected by the future officers of this Jurisdiction.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my hearty acknowledgments for the many kindnesses shown me by the D. D. Grand Masters and members of our fraternity in our intercourse during the past year; and be assured I shall ever bear in remembrance your confidence and forbearance, and the many social interviews I have enjoyed with many of the brothers. And may we all meet in that Grand Lodge above, whose sittings will never cease.

Cobourg, 3rd August, 1859.

C. YALE, G. M.

On motion, the Grand Master's Address and Report was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:—

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following Report, as the result of their examination, the names contained, in which they find have been duly elected and accredited to sit as Representatives in this Grand Body:—

P. G. H. W. WINCHESTER.....	Union Lodge,	No. 16
" HUGH MURRAY.....	do.	"
" THOMAS FLETCHER.....	do.	"
" THOMAS PARTRIDGE.....	Forest City,	No. 38
" WILLIAM BISSELL.....	do.	"
" WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS.....	Brock,	No. 9
" ALONZO C. DANA.....	do.	"
" GEORGE VAREY.....	Gore,	No. 34
" G. M. GOODEVE.....	Ontario,	No. 12
" W. A. GLOVER.....	Erie,	No. 33
" ABEL BRISTOL.....	Samaritan,	No. 38
" DAVID ROBERTSON.....	St. Mary's,	No. 36
" DANIEL DRAKE.....	Elgin,	No. 32
" RICHARD WIGMORE.....	Eureka,	No. 30
" JOHN COLLINS.....	Imperial,	No. 37
" CALVIN STEPHENS.....	Chatham,	No. 29

On motion, the above Report on Credentials was adopted.

Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:—

On Lodge Returns.—Bros. T. Partridge, Dana, and Goodeve.

On Finance.—Bros. Varey, Glover, and Murray.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Bros. W. A. Glover, Winchester, and Bristol.

On State of the Order.—Bros. T. Partridge, Varey, and MacDonald.

On Appeals.—Bros. Bissell, Varey, Murray, Bristol, Robertson, Collins, Goodeve, Drake, Wigmore, Dana, and Glover.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Bros. Wm. Fitzsimmons, Bissell, and Bristol.

On motion of Rep. Partridge, the reading of Minutes of last session was dispensed with, and adopted as printed.

REPORT

OF THE

R. W. G. SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
St. Catharines, July 25th, 1859. }

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.

BRETHREN,—According to the custom and usages of the Order, I herewith present for your examination a Report of the work, condition and operation of the Order in this jurisdiction, for the year ending 30th June, 1859. As it appears from the Reports received from the various Lodges, I have attached to this Report a statistical table, showing the condition of each Lodge seperately; and I will not take up the time of this Grand Lodge by reading it, but will proceed to give you a summary of the same.

Initiations	106
Admissions by Card	3
Rejected	13
Withdrawn	23
Suspended	56
Expelled	108
Reinstated	4
Deceased	6
Widows	11
Degrees Conferred	325
Paid for Sick Benefits	\$533
do Funeral Benefits	\$63
Support of Widows	\$424
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	\$6130
Members in Good Standing	556
Past Grands	98

BRETHREN,—Although the foregoing Report shows a reduction in amount of members, yet the future in most quarters looks bright and hopeful. They tell us that the financial crisis has been the principal cause of the falling off. It is true that our country has passed through a remarkable period of its history; dark clouds have passed over us, almost blocking the wheels of commerce. Men whose wealth was told in millions saw it take themselves wings and fly away, and he who yesterday considered himself a child of fortune finds to-day that it was all an illusion, and with thousands he is forced to lean on the cold charity of an unfriendly world. There is, however, one pleasing feature connected with our Reports, which you will observe is that there has not been one Brother expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, or for contempt, during the past year; and we trust that the pure principles which constitute the rock upon which our Order is based will take such deep root in the hearts of those now belonging to the brotherhood that it will be tenfold more valuable to each individual member; and that in future, additions will be made from a class of men who will not leave the Order when they find it is not devoted to further their selfish ends. It is a fact that the intelligent and good everywhere continue firmly attached to Odd-Fellowship. They admire and love its principles, they cherish it for its social and moral advantages and benevolent tendencies; and with such men having such principles to sustain them, talk not of the declension of the Order, but rather look forward to a glorious time when the present deluge of curiosity, novelty and cupidity having passed away, the Order will stand forth in its native purity. Men, die but principles survive, and that Brother who has most consecrated his energies to the purposes of Friendship Love and Truth, when the closing hours of existence come upon him, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that not one deed of charity he has done, not one tear he has dried up, not one tender word he has spoken to soothe the dying pillow, will be forgotten by our Great Grand Master, who rules and reigns in the celestial Lodge above. Brethren in every locality should always bear in mind that it is not the numbers of our members alone which adds respectability and character to our Order. They should therefore guard well the outer door, and see that none enter but tried men and true.

At the commencement of my term in office, as soon as it was practicable, I had the proceedings of last session printed, and sent them by mail to the different D. D. G. M.'s for distribution among the members of each jurisdiction. I have also sent one copy to the Grand Secretary of

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every State in the Union, besides giving them to several influential members in my own locality. I also sent a copy to Mitchel & Adams, 24 Congress street, Boston, according to a request made by them to the effect that they were about publishing a list of Lodges, together with other information useful to members of the Order. Having made so liberal a distribution of the proceedings, I have a very small number to lay before you on the present occasion, however, I trust you are all furnished with copies.

According to Report of D. G. M. Arthur Macdonald, Industry Lodge, No. 25, has concluded to close. I have not received any Report for term ending 30th June; but I received the Report of term ending 31st December, 1858, showing 17 members in good standing, with funds in the Treasury amounting to \$206; and a widow's and orphan's fund amounting to \$137; and yet the N. G. writes to D. G. M. MacDonalld that he will, the next time he comes into the place, bring the charter books, &c., &c., of the Lodge, but no funds. It is but fair to the Grand Lodge that he should give a statement of what became of those funds. It is to be hoped that Lodges will not allow themselves to disband too easily, and as long as there are five members left they ought to protect those funds, or deliver them up to the Grand Lodge. No matter how honest and conscientious the parties may be that are connected with this affair of Industry Lodge, yet the example that it sets for others to follow is most to be feared.

The disbanding of Lodges, defalcations in Treasurers, and embezzlements that have taken place in different sections show that there have been unprincipled men in our Order. Men who, regardless of every sense of honor, of the obligation of a most solemn vow, stole into our Lodges, intent upon nothing but the pecuniary advantage that gleamed in the future, and if Providence blessed them with health, that they could not obtain the funds under the false pretence of sickness, would conspire with kindred spirit, and, regardless of bringing ruin upon the Lodge, and mocking the hopes of the widows and orphans, would rob it. What body however select could prosper while contaminated by such associates. The almighty dollar is the deity they worship, and its acquisition, by any means, is the only religion they practice. This, Brethren, may appear strong language to use towards those we are bound by most solemn obligations, but men so devoid of the principles of honor, the sooner the connection is severed the better it will be for our Order and ourselves.

I have much pleasure in stating to the Grand Lodge that the Reports for this last term were all received in good time, thereby showing that the D. D. G. M.'s in the several jurisdictions were prompt in the performance of their duties, a neglect of which, I am sorry to say, prevails to a great extent in some jurisdictions. I am inclined to think that a blank form of Report for D. D. G. M.'s would be of great convenience. Blanks could be made to contain all particulars necessary to be contained in such Reports, and would be the means to induce a more strict attention to the duties required of such officers.

I would also state that the form of Blank Semi-Annual Reports which are now in use, (a number of which are in my possession, having been obliged to get a new lot printed,) are very plain. I notice in all the last Reports the per centage is accurately made up. I trust in future there will not be so many errors in making up per centage, &c. I did find one error in the last Report of Brock Lodge, which was in not paying per centage on the amount received for initiations, degrees, &c., which I immediately pointed out to the Secretary, and have not yet received any correction.

There is one thing I respectfully call the attention of this Grand Lodge to, and that is the election of Grand Representative. Experience teaches us that is a mistaken policy in not re-electing to send to that Grand body; and more especially as the present Representative has received from us the highest gift, thereby proving that he is worthy of our continual confidence and esteem. A Representative is elected for two years, and it takes him fully that time to become acquainted with the routine of business and be of service to the jurisdiction. The great men of our Order become so from re-elections, thereby extending their sphere of usefulness, forming a large circle of acquaintances, eventuating in being clothed with the highest honors of the Order.

I should liked to have been able to lay before you a full Report relative to the manner in which the National Celebration passed off in this jurisdiction; but I have not received but two or three Reports respecting the matter, and I hope that the present Representative may be able to make up a Report for each of their jurisdictions, so that it may be forwarded to the R. W. G. Secretary for publication. I would state that Gore Lodge has furnished us with a fine Report, a copy of which will be found on the table. I also submit for your examination a Report showing the receipts of the past year.

GRAND SECRETARY'S RECEIPTS.

Am'ts Received for Term ending 31st Dec. 1858.

Received from Forest City Lodge, per corrected Report,	\$17 00
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" " " " " " for Cards, \$6—per centage,	26 70
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No per centage from Brock Lodge, on account of having overpaid in last Report.	
Total.....	188 41

Am'ts Received for Term ending 30th June, 1859.

Ontario Lodge, per cent \$3.60—Erie Lodge, per ct \$8.12,	\$11 72
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St. Mary's " " " " " "	35 80,
Forest City " " " " " "	18 10,
Chatham " " " " " "	18 38,
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Industry Lodge, no report,	
Total.....	\$343 04

The above account shows a difference of only \$1.62 in the amount of per centage received for each term.

BRETHREN,—I cannot close the Report without returning you my sincere thanks for the confidence you reposed in me when you elected me to fill this responsible office, and as the year is now about to close let us one and all lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to the Author of all Good, for having permitted us to meet here on this occasion, enjoying so many marks of his peculiar favor, with a prospect of a plentiful harvest at our very doors, and peace within our borders. Cold indeed must be that heart that does not glow with gratitude for all these blessings; and may He still continue them towards us, and grant us wisdom to avoid the rocks and dangers that continually are besetting us in this world, and at last safely anchor us in a secure and peaceful harbor.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,

Grand Secretary.



On motion, the Report of G. Secretary was referred to Committee on state of the Order, and on Finance.

Grand Lodge, Canada West, I. O. O. F., in Account with the Grand Treasurer.

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"	C. Yale, for Traveling Expenses, and Postage.	13 00		
"	H. F. Leavenworth, print. Circulars 40th. Celebration	7 00		
"	Blank Book	0 38		
"	Post Office account to 1st July, 1859	2 37		
"	Discount on Postage Stamps	0 38		
"	C. Yale, for Freight and Duties on Visiting Cards	1 53		
"	Two Stamps on two Letters	0 20		
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WM. FITZSIMMONS,
Grand Treasurer.

Brockville, July 30, 1859.

On motion, Grand Treasurer's Report was referred to Committee on Finance.

Rep. T. Partridge presented a Report, the result of a visit to Rose Lodge by a special appointment for that purpose.

To the R. W. G. L.:—

Your Committee appointed to examine into and adjust the disputes and difficulties which have arisen between the officers and members of Rose Lodge, No. twenty-eight, situate at Amherstburg, submit the following Report:—

That after visiting said Lodge, and requesting a special meeting to be called for the purpose of securing a full attendance of its members, and minutely investigating the complaints of all parties, find the difficulty arose in consequence of the Treasurer's having loaned the sum of \$180, (being the amount due the Widow's and Orphan's Fund,) without the knowledge or consent of the Lodge, and refused to mention the name of the party to whom he had loaned said money, which, as soon as became known, caused a division of the members, and general dissatisfaction in the Lodge; and had it not been for the presence of your Committee at that particular time, would have proved most disastrous to the Lodge.

We now have much pleasure in reporting that the funds have been received, full and satisfactory explanations given, and the existing difficulties amicably arranged.

Your Committee would urge the passing of a By-Law, if possible, at the next sittings of the Grand Lodge, strictly prohibiting subordinate Lodges loaning their funds, and thereby preventing a recurrence of the above.

Your Committee wish that they could here close their Report; and it is with feelings of deep regret that they bring before your notice the conduct of one of the members of Rose Lodge, not only towards your Committee, but especially towards the Grand Lodge, viz:—Past Grand Henry Mears, who at one time occupied a prominent position in your Grand Body, (and from whom better might have been expected), his conduct was not only insulting by trying to throw every obstacle in the way of your Committee, and keep up the dissension, but the language used by him while in the Lodge was very disgraceful as an Odd Fellow, and is deserving of a severe reprimand from your Grand Body.

All of which is Fraternally submitted.

T. PARTRIDGE,
JAMES HENRY.

Dated at Amherstburg, this 19th day of August, 1858.

The Report of Special Committee appointed to visit Rose Lodge was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. Jas. Westland of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, made the following appeal:

LONDON, 26th July, 1859.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of C. W., I. O. O. F.

I hereby appeal against the action of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, on the 12th July, as far as relates to the election of Representative, the reasons for so doing are set forth in the following statement.

On the 5th July, the day set apart by the laws of the Grand Lodge for the election of Representative, there was a full attendance of members, who knowing the law, prepared to signify their choice. Two candidates were proposed, myself being one. Before leaving the room for the vote to be taken, I placed in the hands of the Noble Grand, the roll of members, with their arrears, this being the first occasion when it has been necessary to restrict members in arrears as to their vote. We then retired, in our absence the vote was taken, and on being called in, I was declared duly elected as Representative by the Noble Grand.

On the 12th July, at a small meeting of members, to our surprise the subject was brought up, and it was made known that the roll was not called on the 5th July. Though an error of the Noble Grand, that officer then declared the election null, and forthwith ordered a new election, when another was chosen by a very small majority of those present. Thus was committed an act discourteous to a majority of the Lodge, subversive of the best interests of the Order, and the Lodge in particular, unjust to myself and the majority I claim to represent, in as much as no notice was given of any such action, the members having no opportunity of signifying their preference.

On the 19th July, a wish was expressed by some members to reconsider the election on the foregoing grounds, but the Noble Grand decided that no reconsideration could be had, as the Grand Master had written, (in answer to his enquiry) to say that P. G. Wigmore was duly elected Representative, and we could not alter it. I cannot believe that our R. W. G. Master would have given his decision in this manner, had he been made acquainted with all the particulars.

If the election held on the 5th July was illegal, the one held on the 12th was equally so, as one of the Tellers appointed was disqualified by our laws, by allowing his dues to overrun the time allowed, others also voted who were equally disqualified from the same cause, also the members present in the Lodge were not counted, although the votes were.

I make this appeal, that the wishes of the majority of the Lodge should be heard, and their feelings expressed in the Grand Lodge, which, under the circumstances, are impossible at present in any other way than this. I rest assured that justice will be done, by a free, unbiassed enquiry made by Brothers unprejudiced and willing to decide as Odd Fellows.

All of which is with due respect submitted,

JA'S WESTLAND, P. G.

LONDON, 27th July, 1859.

To the Right Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of C. W., I. O. O. F.

As there is an appeal taken by P. G. Bro. Westland against the action of Eureka Lodge, in regard to the election of Representative to your Right Worthy Body, I deem it my duty in defense of the Lodge of which I am a member, to lay before you all the facts in connection with it, and I believe he has no right to appeal under all the circumstances, inasmuch as he acquiesced in the decision of the Chair, and again became a candidate at the second election.

The facts of the case are as follows: On the 5th July, it being the night of installation, the members of Eureka Lodge wished to elect their Representative to the G. Lodge, and one of the Past Grands being from home, it was suggested by some to lay the election over till his return; but some objections were raised to laying it over, and accordingly the Lodge proceeded to elect their Representative. Two candidates were nominated, Bro. Westland being one. *It was before the nomination took place that the roll was placed in my hands*, and as I understood, to shew me the names of such members as are entitled to the password; and on the vote being taken, I did not think of calling said roll; and Bro. Westland having received the majority of votes, he was declared elected.

On the 12th inst., the election of Bro. Westland was objected to on the following grounds, viz:—That the roll was not called as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Lodge. On those grounds I considered the election was not legal, and declared it null, and void. Bro. Westland did not then object to my decision, but became a candidate again for the office, and on being informed of his defeat he gave notice of appeal, and I on the following day wrote to our M. W. Grand Master, giving him all the important facts of the case, and received an answer confirming my decision; and there were only four votes more polled on the 5th than there was on the 12th, and two of those were not entitled to vote on the 12th, they being in arrears for dues; and the Tellers appointed were good, at least they showed good on the roll.

There was no one voted who did not appear good on the roll, and I have never seen members in the Lodge counted at an election; and I can testify there was no one voted whose name was struck off the roll.

A. McPHAIL, N. G.,

Eureka Lodge.

LONDON, C. W., 28th July, 1859.

To the Right Worthy D. D. G. M. of the London District of the I. O. O. F.:—

SIR AND BROTHER,—I forward to you a copy taken from the minutes of Eureka Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., relating to the action of the said Lodge in the election of a Representative to the R. W. G. L. of Canada West, along with an appeal that has been taken from the action of the said Lodge.

LODGE ROOM, 5th July, 1859.

Bro. Peel proposed, Bro. J. Earls seconded, that P. G. Bro. Westland be our Delegate to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Ingamells proposed, Bro. J. W. Cryer seconded, that P. G. Bro. Skinner be our Delegate. On the vote being taken, Bro. Westland was declared duly elected to represent Eureka Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

LODGE ROOM, 12th July, 1859.

After a lengthy discussion with regard to the election of Delegate to the Grand Lodge, the N. G. declared the election of P. G. Bro. Westland on the 5th inst. illegal, and against the By-Laws of this Lodge. The name of each Bro. good on the books and entitled to vote not being called from the roll provided for that purpose.

The Lodge then prepared for a new election. Bro. Yealland proposed Bro. Wigmore, seconded by Bro. Skinner; Bro. Skinner proposed Bro. Ingamells, seconded by Bro. Wigmore; Bro. R. Anderson proposed Bro. Brock, seconded by Bro. Westland. The three candidates then retired, and the vote being taken, Bro. Skinner having received the fewest number of votes, his name was withdrawn. The vote was again taken, when Bro. Wigmore was declared duly elected.

I certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of Eureka Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F.

RICHARD ANDERSON,

Recording Secretary.

P. S.—I also certify that at the election on the 12th July, Tellers were appointed and the roll called by the N. G., as placed in his hands by the Per. Sec.

RICHARD ANDERSON,

Rec. Sec.

Grand Lodge closed in Scarlet Degree, and opened in the G. L. Degree, when the following P. G's. were duly instructed in the same:—

Bros. P. G. HUGH MURRAY,
 “ “ RICHARD WIGMORE,
 “ “ DANIEL DRAKE,
 “ “ ABEL BRISTOL,
 “ “ DAVID ROBERTSON,
 “ “ ALONZO C. DANA,
 “ “ G. M. GOODEVE,
 “ “ CALVIN STEPHENS,

Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock.

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Grand Officers present, and a quorum of Representatives.

Reps. Geo. Varey, of No. 34, from the Finance Committee submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. G. L.:—

Your Finance Committee beg to Report that they have examined the late Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, and find them correct, and would recommend that the said Reports be printed in full in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Also, they have examined the following accounts, which were referred to them, and find them correct, and would recommend that the R. W. G. M. be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the respective amounts, viz:—

Grand Secretary, for disbursements.....	\$1 50
James Woodyatt, for postage.....	2 00
Thomas Partridge, expenses visiting Rose Lodge, 14 00	
	\$17 50

Respectfully submitted,

G. VAREY,
H. MURRAY,
W. A. GLOVER.

Rep. William Bissell, of No. 37, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. G. L.:—

Your Committee on Appeals beg to report on the appeal of P. G. James Westland, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, that after having carefully investigated said appeal, they would recommend that the action of Eureka Lodge, taken on the 12th July, be sustained, the same being in conformity with the By-Laws of said Lodge, and the applicant not having entered any objection previous to the vote being taken.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BISSELL, *Chairman.*

Rep. A. C. Dana, of No. 9, from Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. G. L.:—

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them correct, with these slight alterations. The returns from Brock Lodge, as should be, show a balance to their

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credit for next term of \$9.18. Industry Lodge has reported to 31st December, 1858, but no report for term ending 30th June, 1859; and St. Mary's Representative should be D. A. Robertson instead of G. R. McIntosh.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DANA,
T. PARTRIDGE,
G. M. GOODEVE.

R. W. G. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT,

TO THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST.

THE Undersigned, your Representative in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, respectfully Report—

That the twenty-third Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was held in Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Baltimore, beginning on Monday, the 21st of September, 1857, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and ending on Saturday, September 26th, at 3½ o'clock, P. M.; and, that the twenty-fourth Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was held at the same place, on September 20th, 1858, at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourned to meet at the Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Baltimore, on the third Monday of September, 1859.

The M. W. Grand Sire, William Ellison, the Grand Officers and Representatives from twenty-two Grand Lodges and eleven Grand Encampments were present in 1857; and the M. W. Grand Sire, George W. Race, the Officers and Grand Representatives from twenty-four Grand Lodges and fourteen Grand Encampments were in attendance.

During the session, Representatives were present from every jurisdiction under the Grand Lodge of the United States; and all the Representatives were entitled to seats except three, viz: one each from Pennsylvania, Michigan and Delaware, in 1857; and in the latter Session, Representatives were in attendance from every jurisdiction except from the Grand Encampments of North Carolina and Michigan, and all of those entitled to seats were present except six, viz: one each from Iowa, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and North Carolina.

Two new sister jurisdictions were this session added to our confederation—the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Nebraska, each having five flourishing Lodges.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report for 1857, I learn that returns have been received from 3,505 Subordinate Lodges, having 188,712 members in good standing, and that there has been paid out of their treasuries for "relieving the sick, burying the dead, and educating the orphan," \$538,411 30: to which there is to be added \$34,040 87½, expended by the Encampment branch for the same glorious charity.

The total amount of Receipts reported in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from both branches of the Order, is \$1,226,187 07. In the Grand Secretary's Report for 1858, I find—leaving out the Grand Lodges of Arkansas and Nebraska, from which no Reports were received—3,385 Lodges. 176,700 members in good standing. There has been paid for the "relief of the sick, burying the dead, and educating the orphan," by the Subordinate Lodges, the sum of \$440,259 22, and from the Encampment branch, \$36,679 94—amounting to \$476,938 66. The gross amount of Receipts being for the fiscal year, \$1,333,841 57.

Herewith are submitted copies of the Annual Reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the R. W. Grand Secretary, for more particular information. I also have much pleasure in presenting to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West a bound copy of the Journal of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, (in four volumes,) including a history of the institution of Odd Fellowship from 1819 to 1855—with the Journals for 1856, 1857 and 1858, in pamphlet form.

DECISIONS BY THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, WM. ELLISON.

First.—Whether it is competent for a Grand Lodge to grant a duplicate or any other kind of a copy of a subordinate charter to a working Lodge, and at the same time permit such Lodge to *retain the original in its possession?*

Second.—In granting a charter to take the place of one mutilated, defaced or destroyed, can the Grand Lodge change or vary the phraseology of the original charter?

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Third.—In case of the absence or death of any of the original signers of a subordinate charter, is it competent for the *present* officers to write the names of the original signers upon the new copy, and with their own signatures attest the fact of their being a true copy of the original signatures?

My reply to these enquiries was as follows:

To the first, that there is no provision to furnish a subordinate body with two charters, except in case where the original one has become mutilated or destroyed.

Second.—That in granting a duplicate charter, the granting power cannot change or vary the phraseology of the original charter.

Third.—In granting a duplicate charter to take the place of one mutilated or destroyed, it should be signed by the officers of the body granting such duplicate, with an endorsement stating that the charter was issued in place of one granted at such a time, and which had become mutilated or destroyed.

Second.—It has been inquired of me "whether an officer of a Lodge whose regalia is in his chair in the lodge-room cannot enter without any regalia?"

The answer is contained in the charge book. No brother is entitled to enter or leave the lodge-room unless clothed in regalia. If an officer, and his regalia be in his chair in the lodge-room, he must enter in a scarlet regalia, if of that degree, and there exchange it for his official regalia.

Third.—A Grand Representative elect of this body inquires "if by withdrawing from his Subordinate Encampment to establish a new Encampment he forfeits his right to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States?"

My reply was, that according to a decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States a withdrawal card severs a member's connection with his Lodge, and if he be an officer of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge, such office becomes vacant. But that I did not understand this decision as applying to a Grand Officer elect. A Grand Representative elect is not a Grand Representative until his credentials have been accepted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fourth.—To an enquiry "whether a Grand Patriarch has the power during the recess of a Grand encampment to suspend a Subordinate Encampment?" I replied that it is a subject for local law.

Fifth.—It has been inquired of me "whether upon the application of a number of brothers for membership by deposit of card, the Lodge has a right to ballot for the whole number collectively, or must each have a separate ballot?"

My reply was that it would be improper, if not contrary to general law and usage, to ballot collectively on a number of applications for

membership by deposit of card. Every member of a Lodge has a right to deposit his ballot upon each individual application for membership, and a collective ballot would be an infringement of this right.

Sixth.—My official opinion has been requested upon the following inquiries:

First.—Can a brother become in arrears so as to disqualify him under the laws of the Lodge from receiving benefits during sickness or disability, if he is beneficial at the commencement of such sickness or disability?

Second.—If he cannot, is it competent for a Lodge to withhold the amount of his dues from his weekly benefits in order to keep him in standing?

My reply was as follows: If a brother was in good standing at the commencement of his sickness, and his Lodge should pay him his dues in full, and he should subsequently and during said sickness become in arrears so as to disqualify him by the by-laws of the Lodge from receiving benefits, I should decide that it was the fault of the Lodge in not retaining so much of his benefits as would keep him in good standing during such sickness or disability, and that the brother would not be disqualified from receiving his benefits during such sickness.

Seventh.—It has been inquired of me "whether a Subordinate Lodge, under the approval of its Grand Lodge, has not a right, by its by-laws, to provide for the balloting of brothers who apply for reinstatement, after having been suspended for non-payment of dues for an indefinite time."

The answer is furnished by the Journals. The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided, in the Cottrell case, (see Journal, volume 3, page 1504,) that the committee do not perceive any conflict between such a provision and the constitution of this Grand Lodge. The article in the constitution of Pennsylvania upon which the appeal of John Cottrell is founded refers to the suspension of members for a definite period. The Digest, page 308, article twenty-one, says: "A brother suspended for non-payment of dues loses the benefits of membership, but the body which inflicts the penalty is competent to reinstate him." Page 374, article nine, says: "Indefinite suspension of a member for non-payment of dues may be terminated by a Grand Lodge without the consent of its Subordinate." Page 417, article forty-seven, says: "To require suspended members to apply in due form for re-admission, and then subject them to the ordeal of a ballot, though not incompatible with general law, is in conflict with established usage and reciprocal rights of members and Lodges, and the practice should be abolished." (This refers to definite suspensions, as explained in the Digest, page 435, article twenty-two.) It must be conceded, from the authorities and decisions above quoted, that a Subordinate Lodge, under the approval of its Grand Lodge, does possess the right, an inherent right to judge of the disqualifications of all applicants for admission or reinstatement to

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membership, except in cases of definite suspensions; and any legislation of this Grand Lodge depriving a Subordinate of this reserved right would be unjust and arbitrary.

Eighth.—It has been submitted to me “whether in case of a suspended or expelled Lodge, upon its restoration and revival, the officers who filled the chairs at the time of such suspension or expulsion are restored, with the revival of the Lodge, to their former official positions. The Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session in 1849, has answered this question in the affirmative.

Ninth.—It has been inquired of me “whether a member of a Subordinate Lodge, who is also a member of an encampment, and was in good standing in his Lodge at the time of the suspension of said Lodge, loses his membership in the Encampment.” The Digest, page 390, article sixty-six, answers this question in the affirmative. To retain membership in an Encampment it is necessary to be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge in good standing.

DECISIONS BY THE R. W. G. SIRE, GEO. W. RACE.

The following decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, made during the recess, were confirmed:

1st.—That upon principle, a Grand Master should not hold office in his subordinate Lodge, or in a degree Lodge. But that it was a subject for local legislation, and in the absence of any local prohibition, “he might hold any such office as would not in any way interfere with his official business.”

2d.—That where a Noble Grand obtains leave of absence from his Lodge for three months and overstays his time, being absent for a majority of nights in the term, and his office is declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge, and a Past Grand elected to his vacancy, the Lodge cannot, by the resignation of the latter and the re-election of the former for the remainder of that term, make him a Past Grand entitled to the honors of a Past Noble Grand, as this would permit him to take advantage of his own wrong, and accomplish indirectly that which the law prohibited him doing directly. (See Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1886, 1898, 2781).

3d.—That an “Ancient Odd-Fellow” is one who has been regularly initiated into the Order and retired therefrom in good standing, either by taking his “permanent,” or “withdrawal card,” or by “resignation.” If done by “resignation,” he at once becomes an “Ancient Odd-Fellow,” and if by taking a permanent card, he becomes so at the expiration of one year from the date of his card.

4th.—That a District Deputy Grand Master has not the right to introduce visitors whose cards are out of date, the power being restricted by law to “Elective Grand Officers.”

5th.—That where the by-laws of a Subordinate Lodge read, “That every member, &c., against whom there is no charge, shall be entitled

to benefits," "a brother, who is not entitled to sick benefits by reason of the non-payment of his dues, cannot during his sickness, by the payment of all arrearages, reinstate himself in good standing in his Lodge, so as to be entitled to benefits during that illness."

6th.—That where the Constitution of a Lodge requires "a majority of the votes cast to elect to office," there being two candidates for the same office, one having received twenty-seven, the other twenty-six votes, and one blank vote, there was no legal election, as twenty-seven is not a majority of fifty-four; and that a vote in blank is as much a vote to be counted as though it had the name of a candidate upon it."

7th.—That "a Lodge in surrendering its charter and effects, should also relinquish into the control and custody of the Grand Lodge its available and unavailable funds."

8th.—That "the law relating to re-admission of members suspended for non-payment of dues, (page 2665, Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, session of 1856), refers to all Subordinate Lodges," whether under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of State Grand Lodges.

9th.—that "where the Grand Lodge of the United States pass any law or make any decision, providing that a Subordinate Lodge *shall have power* to do certain things, which are denied to the subordinate by a clause in its constitution, framed years since, the Lodge may disregard said prohibitory clause, and do those things expressly allowed by the Grand Lodge without becoming amenable to the laws of its Grand Lodge." The constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge are paramount to all State laws, and the latter, so far as they conflict with the former, must yield to them.

Two other decisions were made by the M. W. Grand Sire, which were revised and altered; the result of the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being as follows:

Firstly.—That where the books of a defunct Lodge have been lost or destroyed, a brother who was a member thereof, and is not in possession of his permanent card or certificate of membership from the Grand Secretary, cannot, as the law now stands, be received into any other Lodge as an "Ancient Odd-Fellow." This conclusion was concurred in, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the granting of withdrawal cards to members of defunct Lodges or Encampments, is more properly a subject for local legislation.

Secondly.—A decision that "a member under charges" should be deprived of all rights of every description, except that of speaking "in his own defence when on trial," was overruled; and the Grand Lodge voted to "concur in the views of a former committee, who, in reporting upon a constitution providing that "a member under charges, during the investigation thereof by the Lodge, is under a state of suspension and cannot participate in the work of the Lodge," say, that such a pro-

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position is "subversive of that well known principle that a man is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty; the only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a travelling or visiting card, and, where the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision," (see Journal 2132, 2174), and "that the same be re-affirmed."

GENERAL DECISIONS BY RESOLUTION.

Decisions were also made by the Grand Lodge upon Reports from the examining committees and resolutions, as follows:

1st.—That printed copies of appeals made in conformity to the law, be received.

2nd.—That the necessity of submitting for approval all amendments to Constitutions of State Grand Bodies, whether of a purely local or general character, is imperative.

3d.—That after a visiting brother has been once regularly examined and introduced, the examination and introduction in form, may be subsequently dispensed with, if the Lodge is so minded, "provided the presiding officer shall find the card of the visiting brother to be in date."

4th.—That in Grand Lodges, Past Grands may be deprived of their right to vote (unless they be special Representatives) except in the election of Grand officers: and that in the case of such elections, after the opportunity of voting has been once allowed, the Grand Lodge may limit the privilege to special Representatives, or in any other manner define its exercise. Also, that in no case can any one be allowed to vote for the officers of any Grand Body but those properly qualified for membership therein.

5th.—That, as the term "in good standing" embraces those brothers "holding unexpired withdrawal cards," and as, after the expiration of twelve months from date "the card becomes null and void, and of no value," and "the holders of them are beyond the jurisdiction of the Order," being already adjudged by the Grand Lodge of the United States; a brother holding a final card over one year in date, cannot legally be an applicant for a dispensation to open a new Lodge. This decision, although correct, was deemed to bear hardly on some remote and sparsely settled jurisdictions; and the legislative committee have now in charge the subject of the expediency of legislating for their relief.

6th.—"That whenever a Lodge, Encampment, or member of the Order, authorized by existing laws to introduce testimony in any proceeding, may desire the testimony of a non-resident witness, such Lodge, Encampment or member may take the deposition of such witness in the mode described by the resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, passed at the session of 1857, and to be found on page 2738 of the Journal." This was adopted to extend equal facilities in this important subject to all parties interested in a judicial proceeding.

7th.—“That a Lodge or Encampment may visit a sister Lodge or Encampment in a body, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective Grand officers.” This was an important matter, being a proposition to change the unwritten work, requiring a four-fifths vote to adopt, and elicited much discussion; being finally adopted by a vote of 83 to 12.

8th.—That further legislation upon the lengths of terms and periods of official service of Subordinate Lodges is inexpedient. A caustic report on this subject expressed the determination of the Grand Lodge of the United States not to interfere with the six months terms.

9th.—That the time when a person elected to become a member of a Lodge or Encampment, begins his membership, is a “matter for local legislation,” as already decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States. This decision was decided by the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, on resolution of Grand Rep. Brewster, (page 388.) Journal Grand Lodge of California.

REVISION AND MERGEMENT.

This subject, which still maintains its interest in many of the jurisdictions, had been referred to a special committee at the last annual communication, and was brought up on the first day of the communication, by a resolution calling on the committee for a report on the following morning. The committee reported,—“that they have understood the duty assigned them to be to report a plan whereby the work of the subordinate Lodge and Encampment might be consolidated, and so to revise and arrange the charges and lectures of both these branches of the Order as to present as a homogeneous whole one work.” If the committee have understood the object of their appointment aright, they have but little difficulty in reporting that, in their judgement, such a plan is, under the existing Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, impracticable. The committee therefore declined to offer any plan which, in their opinion, would in advance be declared unconstitutional, as involving the abolition of Grand Encampments; but say, “They nevertheless are of opinion that if this constitutional impediment was removed by such a change in that instrument as would transfer the jurisdiction over the Patriarchal branch to the State Grand Lodges, whence it was originally derived, and by the imposition of such qualifications for membership in these Grand Lodges, as would appropriately fit them for the supervision of such subordinates, that the local interests of that branch of the Order, as well as its general prosperity, would be greatly promoted, and perhaps, at the same time, the question of mergement be for ever settled.” The committee expressed the opinion that “mergement”—“as a whole”—and a corresponding “work”—would injure prosperous jurisdictions as much as it would benefit weak ones; and therefore proposed the local remedy contained in the above suggestion, which, as they supposed in difficult

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cases (that is, where the Lodge branch was strong and the Encampment branch was feeble), "would assist the Encampment branches, in some jurisdictions, by bringing legislation on the subject at their own doors, where their local wants would be best known and cared for, and could not, on the other hand, prejudice such localities in which the present Encampment system is cherished, since the same local power of legislation would equally appreciate and respect such interests and wants."

From the reasons above given against reporting "a plan of merger," under "existing circumstances," the committee declined to submit such a plan, and rested under the above expression of their views. This report was signed by Wm. T. Cornwell, A. F. Askew, James G. Ridgley and Alexander E. Glenn, and accompanying it was a partial concurrence from John A. Kennedy and Edward H. Fitzhugh, who "state that they are opposed to revision and merger in any form or to any extent;"—"still, if a change has to be made, the modified plan proposed by the committee is, perhaps, the most practicable and feasible which can be presented." The above "report was considered" and concurred in.

FINANCE.

With a view to the adoption of some system by which the work of the Grand Lodge of the United States can be carried on without the present injurious disproportion between expenses and revenue, several amendments of the Constitution and Resolutions were taken into consideration and recommended to the notice and examination of subordinate jurisdictions, viz:

1. To amend Article XIV., Section 5.—In case of a deficiency in the receipts of any fiscal year to pay its liabilities, that the Grand Lodge of the United States may "levy a capitation tax on the whole membership of the Order, or a specific tax on each Grand Body at its pleasure, sufficient in amount to pay such deficiency." See page 2957, Journal G. L. U. S.

2. To amend Article XIV., by reducing the Representative tax from \$75 to \$50. Page 2958, Journal G. L. U. S.

3. To amend Article IX., Section 2, by limiting the number of Grand Representatives to *one* from each Grand Jurisdiction, with power to cast all the votes of such jurisdiction, except the payment of the cost of the extra Representative be assumed by such jurisdiction. Page 2991, Journal G. L. U. S.

4. To amend Article XII., by requiring the Regular Communications to be held "biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine." That meetings may be called by the M. W. Grand Sire after three months' notice to the several Grand Representatives. That between the regular Communications the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand

Sire, Grand Secretary, and Committee of Appeals of the preceding session shall form a committee, meeting semi-annually, to take charge of any and all necessary business, except matters affecting the finances or legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and their action to be subject to reversal or confirmation at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge. Page 2995, Journal G. L. U. S.

5. To amend Article XXVI, by making the fiscal year to begin on the 1st of January, and end on the 31st of December. See page 2969 Journal G. L. U. S.

1. Also, "*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient and adverse to the best interests of the Order to grant in the future any warrant or charter for the establishment of a Grand Body, unless there shall be under the jurisdiction of the proposed body at least one thousand contributing members at the date of the application." And,

"*Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the M. W. Grand Sire to conform his action on all applications for warrants to the views of this Grand Lodge, as expressed in the above resolution."— Adopted, page 2996 Journal G. L. U. S.

2. Also, "*Whereas*, At several sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the question of change of representation to or of meeting of this Grand Lodge, in view of its expenses, is agitated, and it is desirable that the question should be settled to the satisfaction of the Subordinate Grand Bodies, be it

"*Resolved*, That the several subordinate jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge be requested to express their opinions at their next annual session, as to what change it is desirable to make, if any." Adopted, page 2995 Journal G. L. U. S.

The prices for "Installation Form" and for "Diplomas of Membership," were fixed at one dollar each.

Your Representative has been thus minute in his report upon this subject of the finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from a conviction of its intrinsic importance to the welfare of the Order, and from a desire to afford every information and assistance, prompted by a sense of duty, to the efforts I am well assured will be made by Canadian Odd Fellows in justice and generosity to relieve the embarrassments of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. YALE,

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On motion, the Report of Grand Representative be received and entered in full on the Minutes.

Rep. Fitzsimmons, of No. 9, from Committee on mileage and per diem, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. G. L., C. W.:—

We, your Committee on Mileage and per Diem, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

LODGES.		NO. MILES.	NO. REF.	AM'T MILEAGE.	AM'T PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock, No. 9	-	276	2	\$22,08	\$6,00	\$28,08
Ontario, 12	-	0	1		3,00	3,00
Union, 16	-	282	5	56,40	15,00	71,40
Chatham, 29	-	486	1	19,44	3,00	22,44
Eureka, 30	-	380	1	15,20	3,00	18,20
Erie, 33	-	392	1	15,68	3,00	18,68
Elgin, 32	-	414	1	16,56	3,00	19,56
Gore, 34	-	290	1	11,60	3,00	14,60
Samaritan, 35	-	332	1	9,28	3,00	12,28
St. Mary's, 36	-	338	1	13,52	3,00	16,52
Imperial, 37	-	308	1	12,32	3,00	15,32
Forest City 38	-	380	2	30,40	6,00	36,40
		3,878	18	222,48	\$54,00	\$276,48

Twelve Lodges represented.

The above is computed at 4 cts. per mile; and one dollar and fifty cents per day—allowing two days for the session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
WM. BISSELL,
ABEL BRISTOL, } *Committee.*

Moved by Bro. Collins, and seconded by Bro. Bristol—

Resolved, That the Representatives at the Annual Session of the R. W. G. L. of Canada West of the I. O. O. F., held at Cobourg, on the 3rd August, 1859, having heard with deep regret of the serious illness of our worthy Past Grand Master Thomas Reynolds, and in view of the many lasting services he has rendered to our beloved Order, we do at this time extend to him our most heartfelt sympathies in this his hour of sickness and affliction, and pray that God in his mercy will restore him again to his usual health, and that the rays of heaven may shed their benign influence on him, so that he may still continue to aid us by his counsel and advice.

Unanimously adopted.

Rep. H. W. Winchester, of No. 16, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submit the following Report:—

To the R. W. G. L. of C. W:—

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates would beg leave to Report that no matters of importance have come before us except the recommendation of the R. W. G. Master, that the Representative system as adopted by the G. Lodge last year be changed, each Lodge sending only one Representative to this G. Lodge, in order to relieve the G. L. and Subordinates of the heavy tax at present imposed on their funds, with power to cast the same number of votes as they are at present entitled to; and that this G. Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such Representative. And also, that the number constituting the Committee of Appeals be altered to five members, instead of one Representative from each Lodge, as at present.

Your Committee would therefore urge that the G. Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this Report to each Lodge in this jurisdiction, and notify them that these Resolutions will come up for action at next session of the Grand Lodge; and also, that Lodges be instructed to act on this Resolution in sending Representatives to next session of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. W. WINCHESTER,
W. A. GLOVER.

Nomination and election of Officers for the ensuing year being now in order, the following was the result:—

BRO. CHAUNCEY YALE, St. Catharines, R. W. G. M.—Re-elected.

“ A. J. ALLSWORTH, Port Burwell, R. W. D. G. M.—Being no other nomination, was declared elected.

“ S. G. DOLSON, St. Catharines, R. W. G. Secretary—Re-elected.

“ WM. FITZSIMMONS, Brockville, R. W. G. Treasurer— “

“ WM. BISSELL, London, R. W. G. Warden—Declared elected.

“ THOS. PARTRIDGE and C. YALE, for R. W. G. Representatives.

On passing the ballot, Rep. THOS. PARTRIDGE, of London, declared elected.

On motion, that the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be held in St. Catharines. Moved in amendment by Bro. Fitzsimmons, that the next meeting be at Brockville. After some discussion, Bro. Fitzsimmons withdrew his amendment, and the original motion carried.

Grand Lodge adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

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THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, a quorum of Grand Officers and Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Wigmore, the Report of T. W. Partridge, D. D. G. M., be again read.

After being read, it was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rep. G. M. Goodeve, Rep. T. Fletcher, and Rep. W. A. Glover.

Bro. Varey being one of the Committee on State of the Order, and having retired, Bro. Thos. Fletcher was named to act in his place.

By particular request, the degree of Rebecca was conferred on Bro. Collins, and all others entitled to receive it. After which, Rep. Allsworth, by request, went through with the secret work.

On motion of Rep. Bristol, seconded by Rep. Allsworth—

That this Grand Lodge take into consideration the propriety of increasing the facilities for the institution of new Lodges within the limits of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The foregoing Officers declared elected were now installed to their respective chairs, in regular form. Grand Master then announced the following appointed Officers:—

Rep. RICHARD WIGMORE,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ DANIEL DRAKE,	“ <i>Guardian.</i>
“ A. C. DANA,	“ <i>Conductor.</i>

To the R. W. G. L.:—

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the D. D. G. M. of Middlesex, beg leave to Report—That they are all of one opinion that the Brethren alluded to in said Report having used the Seal of the Lodge without first obtaining the consent of the said Lodge, are deserving of censure; but they find the Brethren have expressed their regret for this transaction. We therefore hope, as this Grand Lodge feel the great impropriety, as well as the illegal course pursued by the Brethren, that in future such a transaction may not occur. And they further Report, that they consider a severe censure should be given to the N. G. of Eureka Lodge, for refusing to sign the Report of the Lodge at the close of the term; for, in consequence of such neglect, it might have placed his Lodge in a false position, and prevented them from having a voice in this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. GOODEVE,
THOS. FLETCHER,
W. A. GLOVER.

Moved by Rep. Goodeve, and seconded by Rep. Drake, that the G. Secretary get 200 copies of the proceedings, of this Grand Lodge printed.—(Adopted.)

Moved by Rep. Wigmore, and seconded by D. G. M. Allsworth—That the warmest thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Past D. G. Master Arthur MacDonald, for the manner in which he has performed the duties of that office; and it is the sincere wish of this Grand Lodge that he may long be spared to counsel and advise.—(Unanimously adopted.)

The R. W. G. M., with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, made the following appointments for D. D. G. M.:—

P. G. ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, Leeds and Grenville, *Brockville*.

“ TIMOTHY HEALEY, Lincoln and Welland, *St. Catharines*.

“ CALVIN STEPHENS, Lambton, Kent and Essex, *Chatham*.

“ WILLIAM BISSELL, Middlesex, Huron and Bruce, *London*.

“ A. MACDONALD, Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro and Victoria, *Cobourg*,

“ W. A. GLOVER, Elgin East, *Erie*.

“ ASA HOWARD, Elgin West, *St. Thomas*.

“ GEO. VAREY, Brant and Haldimand, *Brantford*.

“ JOHN BARR, Oxford, *Ingersoll*.

“ G. R. MCINTOSH, Perth, *St. Marys*.

Moved by Rep. Wigmore, and seconded by Rep. Bissell—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body is hereby tendered to the Officers and Members of Ontario Lodge No. 12, for the use of their Lodge Room during the present session, and also for the kind and warm reception extended to the Officers, Representatives and Members of this Grand Lodge, not only in our social intercourse while among them, but in the sumptuous Banquet with which we were provided at the North American; and it is the sincere wish of this Grand Lodge that the efforts of Ontario Lodge may be crowned with success in the promotion of the grand principles of our Order.

Respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Unanimously adopted.

Past D. G. M. A. Macdonald, of No. 12, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report:—

The Committee on the State of the Order beg to Report—

That the Committee fully concur in the Report of the Grand Secretary, particularly with reference to the future prospect of the Order, as set forth in section 2 of that Report. The suggestions made by the

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worthy Secretary in section 5 having been reversed by a vote of this Grand Lodge, by the appointment of Representative Partridge as Grand Representative, requires merely the passing notice that the Committee fully appreciate the remarks of the Grand Secretary, and admit their propriety and justice. The Report of the Grand Secretary is therefore recommended for adoption and approval.

Your Committee consider that notwithstanding the outside pressure, and under all circumstances, the present state of the Order is satisfactory, and affords cheering prospects for the future.

With reference to the Report of the Committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to investigate the affairs of Rose Lodge, your Committee recommend that the future D. D. G. M. should be instructed to obtain possession of the charter, property and funds of the said Lodge; and that the Secretary of this Lodge should be advised to grant cards of clearance to all such members as would be favorable to the resuscitation of the Lodge, so that immediate action to that effect may be taken thereafter.

Your Committee would strongly recommend that this Grand Lodge should urge upon the respective Subordinate Lodges the inconvenience and even danger of investing their surplus funds in private hands; and that it would be more desirable that such investments should be made in public securities, such as Bank Stock or other chartered institution where they can be realized when required.

With reference to the last clause of the Report referred to, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary should write to Rose Lodge and express the surprise of this Grand Lodge that any such conduct as therein set forth should have been tolerated. A due respect for their own Lodge, not to mention the want of respect for the officers of this Grand Lodge, should have caused Rose Lodge to visit the conduct of the members guilty of such unworthy conduct with the severest censure; and immediate action should have been taken to remove the evil impressions likely to have been created by the occurrence alluded to.

With regard to the motion of Representative Bristol upon the subject of affording more facilities for the establishment of new Lodges, your Committee see no other mode of accomplishing this desirable object than to recommend to the nearest Lodge to retain the fees for Initiation and Degree for the candidates who are desirous to start a new Lodge, and that after the object has been accomplished by their obtaining a Charter, the fees should be handed over to the new Lodge, with the exception of the Cards of Clearance, which would have to be obtained for this purpose.

In cases such as stated, with reference to the Valley of the Ottawa, your Committee are of opinion that the locality would afford a valuable field for the introduction of Odd Fellowship; and the easiest and least expensive mode of accomplishing the object would be that the Grand

Master should be authorized to appoint a delegation which might consist of two members. One from Brock Lodge and the Brother who may be on the spot for the time being. The expense of the delegation to be borne by the new Lodge upon obtaining its Charter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman*.
T. PARTRIDGE,
THOS. FLETCHER.

Cobourg, 4th August, 1859.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

Upon the subject of the communications from D. D. G. M.'s John Barr of Samaritan Lodge, James Woodyatt of Gore and Imperial Lodge, Thomas Fletcher of Union Lodge, with a copy of Resolution upon the subject of the celebration held 26th April, James Henry of Chatham Lodge, and G. R. McIntosh of St. Mary's, the Committee would only remark, that they appear satisfactory, and give good promise of future prosperity.

With reference to the letter from Brother G. T. Clarris, the Committee heartily concur in the remarks made by the Grand Master in his Report, upon Elgin Lodge No. 32; and sincerely hope that the Brethren of Elgin Lodge therein alluded to, may upon mature reflection, have felt that hasty proceedings are not in accordance with the spirit of Odd Fellowship. That the object they all no doubt have in view, that is, to maintain the principles of the Order, which would be better attained by a little yielding on both sides; and hope that Bros. Clarris, Caulfield and McLean may be induced to deposit their Cards with Elgin Lodge, and bury past differences in oblivion, in order that such worthy members may not be lost to the good cause, when it is in their power thus to shew a laudable example of forbearance and good feeling to the members of the Order generally.

Your Committee have much pleasure in calling the attention of their Brother Representatives to the able Report of our worthy Grand Master, which is replete with valuable and interesting statistics, as well as useful instruction to the working and progress of the Order, which they should carefully treasure in grateful remembrance for future guidance.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman*.
T. PARTRIDGE,
THOS. FLETCHER.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. Lodge of C. W.:—

The Special Committee to whom was referred the notice of a Resolution passed at the last session of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United

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States, recommending that the Subordinate Jurisdictions express their views at their next annual session as to what would be the best mode of lessening the expenses and paying the liabilities of that R. W. G. Lodge, beg most respectfully to Report:—

That in our opinion it would not be prudent to levy a capitation tax on the entire membership, as it would be the means perhaps of creating a dissatisfaction, which should be avoided if possible; but would recommend that the R. W. G. L., instead of meeting every year, meet biennially, on the third Monday in September, at such place as shall be determined; and that the mileage and per diem of one Representative from each jurisdiction be allowed—such Representative having the privilege of casting votes for all his Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to; and that the Representative tax be reduced from seventy-five to fifty dollars, to be paid annually, for each vote such jurisdiction may be entitled to—the same to continue in force until all liabilities are paid, and a fund established; and that the Grand Sire, D. G. Sire, Grand Secretary and Committee on Appeals be a Committee to meet and transact all business, at such times and in such places as the Grand Sire shall determine, and deem absolutely necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON,
THOS. FLETCHER,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,
WM. BISSELL.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet again at the Town of St. Catharines, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D. 1860.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,

R. W. Grand Secretary.



ADDRESS
 OF THE
OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
 OF
CANADA WEST,
I. O. O. F.
 AND
THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Of the various Districts within its Jurisdiction, viz :

GRAND OFFICERS.

CHAUNCEY YALE, *R. W. Grand Master*..... St. Catharines.
 A. J. ALLSWORTH, *R. W. D. Grand Master*..... Port Burwell.
 SAMUEL G. DOLSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary*..... St. Catharines.
 WM. FITZSIMMONS, *R. W. Grand Treasurer* Brockville.
 WM. BISSELL, *R. W. Grand Warden*..... London.
 THOMAS PARTRIDGE, *R. W. Grand Representative* London.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

Rep. ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, *Leeds & Grenville*,... Brockville.
 " TIMOTHY HEALEY, *Lincoln and Welland*... St. Catharines.
 " CALVIN STEPHENS, *Lambton, Kent & Essex*, Chatham.
 " WILLIAM BISSELL, *Middlesex, Huron & Bruce*, London.
 " ARTHUR MACDONALD, *Northumberland, Durham, Peterborough and Victoria*..... Cobourg.
 " W. A. GLOVGR, *Elgin East*..... Erie.
 " ASA HOWARD, *Elgin West*..... St. Thomas.
 " GEORGE VAREY, *Brant and Haldimand* Brantford.
 " JOHN BARR, *Oxford*..... Ingersoll.
 " G. R. McINTOSH, *Perth*..... St. Mary's.