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Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

CITY HALL, OTTAWA,
AGUUST 7th, 1883.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, and was called to order by W. D. Gordon, the M. W. Grand Patriarch, at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT.

W. D. GORDON.....	M. W. Grand Patriarch.
HECTOR URQUHART.....	M. E. Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH OLIVER.....	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
FRANCIS RAE.....	R. W. Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge.
JOHN DONOGH.....	
M. D. DAWSON.....	R. W. Grand Scribe and Treasurer.
JOHN WELSH.....	Grand Junior Warden.
JOHN J. REED.....	Grand Marshal.
FRANK RIDDELL.....	Grand Sentinel.
LOUIS DORR.....	Grand O. Sentinel.

Also Past Grand Patriarchs, W. H. Cole, John Gibson, and James Woodyatt.

The Rt. Wor. Grand Encampment was opened with the usual formalities, and declared ready for the despatch of such business as might constitutionally be brought forward.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch announced the following as Committee on Credentials:—M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, and Representatives Abner Fraser, John A. Reid, Robt. Gott, and A. C. J. Kaufman.

The candidates were then formally introduced by the Grand Junior Warden and received the Grand Encampment Degree.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the necessary Certificates presented of Representatives elect, submitted the following Report:

OTTAWA, AUGUST 7th, 1883.

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that from an examination of the Returns of Subordinates, and of the Certificates of Representatives elect, find the following named P. O. Patriarchs entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment as Representatives:—

Montreal Encampment, No.	1	Alex. Allen Murphy.
Union	1	Geo. Wales.
Frontier	2	J. S. Edgar.
"	2	John Curtis.
Harmony	3	Thos. G. Lowe.
"	3	John Milne.
Brant	4	Levi Fisher.
Charity	5	John M. Reynett.
Beaver	6	M. J. Beam.
Burlington	7	R. J. Faulkner.
"	7	Alex. Anderson.
Toronto	8	E. W. Barton.
"	8	W. A. Lyons.
Brook	9	A. C. J. Kaufman.
Chatham	10	T. Holmes, Jr.
Ontario	11	Robt. Gott.
Albert	12	Nelson M. Gage.
Whitby	13	John E. Farewell.
Fidelity	14	Robt. Diproe.
Kingston	15	J. B. Melver.
Mt. Ararat	16	John A. Reid.
Hebron	17	N. A. McKinnon.
Northern Star	18	Robt. McKnight.
Quinte	19	
Elgin	20	Thos. Cole.
Unity	21	Mathew Hyalop.
Guiding Star	22	John Twohey.
Niagara Falls	23	R. F. Carter.
Friendship	24	John Sinclair.
Victoria	25	Thos. Powers.
Alpha	26	George Lucas.
Huron	28	Isaac F. Toms.
Livingstone	29	Wm. H. Bone.
Wentworth	30	Chas. T. Mason.
Wellington	31	Wm. Carter.
Newmarket	32	L. Atkinson.
Exeter	33	Thos. Hamlin.
Peel	34	L. D. Sanderson.
Royal	36	Abner Fraser.
Dresden	37	L. N. Johnston.
Adelphian	38	Geo. M. Anderson.
Brussels	40	J. G. Skeene.
Dufferin	41	R. Bruce.
Aylmer	42	J. E. Richards.
Banner	43	Alex. Yule.
Willey	44	Dr. Wm. Roome.
Collingwood	45	Henry Robertson.
Saugeen Valley	46	Thos. Luxton.
Minerva	47	J. H. Hiscocks.
Owen Sound	48	Not Represented.
Samaritan	49	J. M. Staebler.
Rehoboth	50	James Richards.
Bothwell	51	W. R. Hickey.
Ridgely	52	Not Represented.
Outaouais	53	Geo. L. Foster.
Mispah	44	Wm. Burton.

Returns have been received from all Encampments, except Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgetown, Quinte, No. 19, Belleville, and Owen Sound, No. 48,

Owen Sound. The former Encampment is at present in a very weak condition, not holding meetings regularly. Quinte, No. 19, is represented by Bro. Mills, but their Returns have not come to hand, and the Representative is at present in Ottawa, but without Credentials. The D. D. G. P. Bro. Henderson was telegraphed to ten days ago, but no answer received, and Bro. Mills we are informed, has received a telegraph this morning that the Returns are now on the way to Ottawa, with Capitation Tax and Credentials. No word whatever has been received from Owen Sound and the Representative is not present.

We also find the following Representatives and P. C. P.'s in waiting, and recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree, viz.:-

Alex. Allen Murphy	Montreal	Encampment No.	1	Montreal.
John Curtis	Frontier	"	2	Windsor.
Stephen Reeves	"	"	2	"
John Milne	Harmony	"	3	London.
A. C. Stewart	"	"	3	"
John Fairgrievies	Harmony	"	3	London.
Joseph Baxter	Charity	"	5	Stratford.
R. J. Faulkner	Burlington	"	7	Hamilton.
A. C. J. Kaufman	Brook	"	9	Brookville.
Albert Sheldrick	Chatham	"	10	Chatham.
T. Holmes	Chatham	"	10	Chatham.
Nelson E. Gage	Albert	"	12	Bowmanville.
John E. Farewell	Whitby	"	13	Whitby.
D. Henwood	Mt. Ararat	"	16	Napanee.
Thos Cole	Elgin	"	20	St. Thomas.
Mathew Hyslop	Unity	"	21	Ingersoll.
John F. O'Neil	Alpha	"	26	Sarnia.
Chas. Mason	Wentworth	"	30	Dundas.
Thos. Hamlin	Exeter	"	33	Exeter.
L. N. Johnston	Dresden	"	37	Dresden.
Geo. M. Anderson	Adelphian	"	38	London.
J. G. Skeene	Brussels	"	40	Brussels.
R. Bruce	Dufferin	"	41	Pt. Edward.
J. E. Richards	Aylmer	"	42	Aylmer.
Alex. Yule	Banner	"	43	Harriston.
Wm. F. Roome	Wildey	"	44	Newbury.
Thos. Luxton	Saugeen Valley	"	46	Walkerton.
J. H. Hiscocks	Minerva	"	47	Wingham.
J. M. Staebler	Samaritan	"	49	Berlin.
James Richards	Rehoboth	"	50	Toronto.
W. R. Hicky	Bothwell	"	51	Bothwell.
Geo. L. Foster	Outaouais	"	53	Ottawa.
Wm. Burton	Mizpah	"	54	Barrie.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,
ABNER FRASER,
ROBT. GOTT,
JNO. A. REID.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

The candidates were then formally introduced by the Grand Jr. Warden, and received the Grand Encampment Degree.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES :

ON FINANCE—Grand Rep. Francis Rae, J. B. McIver, W. F. Roome, J. E. Farewell, and Geo. M. Anderson.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—L. Atkinson, J. S. Edgar, John Cuttis, John Milne, Levi Fisher, and W. R. Hickey.

ON BY-LAWS—P. G. P. John Gibson, Geo. Wales, John M. Reynett, E. W. Barton, R. J. Faulkner, Robt. Diprose, and Thos. Luxon.

ON RETURNS—A. A. Murphy, T. G. Lowe, Alex. Anderson, N. A. McKinnon, Wm. Burton, and Thos. Powers.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—R. F. Carter, J. G. Skeene, Geo. L. Foster, James Richards, and J. H. Hiscocks.

ON DISTRIBUTION—P. G. P. James Woodyatt, W. A. Lyons, Robt. McKnight, Geo. Lucas, Wm. Carter, and Alex. Yule.

ON APPEALS—P. G. P. W. H. Cole, Nelson M. Gage, John Twohey, L. D. Sanderson, J. E. Richards, and Thos. Hamlin.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER—Grand Representative John Donogh, M. J. Beam, Thos. Cole, Chas. T. Mason, Thos. Holmes, Jr., and R. Bruce.

ON JUDICIARY—Isaac F. Tomis, W. H. Bone, H. Robertson, Matthew Hyslop, John Sinclair, and L. N. Johnston.

The following report from the Auditors was read with the subjoined accounts, and referred to the Committee on Finance :—

LONDON, ONT., August 3rd, 1888.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, the Auditors appointed by the M. W. G. Patriarch, to examine the Books and Stock of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, of the Grand Encampment, beg to submit the following Report :

That we have examined all the Books and Vouchers connected therewith, and find them correct, showing to the credit of the Grand Encampment, as follows :—

AMOUNTS DUE BY ENCAMPMENTS, AS UNDER.

Beaver, No. 6.....	\$ 1 75
Toronto, No. 8.....	50
Brock, No. 9.....	1 00
Chatham, No. 10.....	25
Whitby, No. 13.....	25
Fidelity, No. 14.....	50
Unity, No. 21.....	75
Victoria, No. 25.....	22 25
Alpha, No. 26.....	25
Livingstone, No. 29.....	6 15
Wellington, No. 31.....	2 00
Newmarket, No. 32.....	25
Exeter, No. 33.....	1 75
Royal, No. 36.....	15
Adelphian, No. 38.....	3 35
Brussels, No. 40.....	50

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Forward	
Aylmer, No. 42	\$41 65
Owen Sound, No. 48	20
Samaritan, No. 49	29
Bothwell, No. 51	50
Quinte, No. 19	3 35
Stock on Hand	2 35
Certified Cheque, of this date, Molson's Bank	276 95
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LIABILITIES.

Union, No. 1	\$ 25
Frontier, No. 27	75
Excelsior, No. 39	1 00
Montreal, No. 1	50
Saugeen Valley, No. 46	25
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We find that some of the amounts owing by several Encampments are of long standing, and would suggest that the Grand Scribe render a statement of such indebtedness every term until paid, as owing to change of officers and the fact of some Encampments not having an account with Grand Scribe in their Encampments, such things are lost sight of.

We find that there is a balance at credit of Ridgley Memorial Fund, amounting to \$2.85.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Wm. D. RIDDELL, }
JAMES SMITH, } Auditors.

GRAND PATRIARCH'S ACCOUNT:—Printing, postage and stationery, for years '82 & '83	\$12 50
Wm. D. Riddell, auditor	5 00
James Smith, " "	5 00
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	\$23 50

The following petition was read from Belleville, asking for a second Subordinate Encampment for that city, signed by sixty members of one of the Subordinate Lodges there.

To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

The undersigned members of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, I. O. O. F., would respectfully beg leave to petition for a Charter for a New Encampment in Belleville, and would set forth the following reasons why such should be granted:—

1.—The Order has grown to such proportions in this City as to justify the existence of two Encampments, there being over 300 members, in good standing, in the two local lodges.

2.—There are ample accommodations in the premises belonging to Belleville Lodge, peculiarly suitable for the purpose of an Encampment, including an Encampment Room and a large Drilling Hall; the first of which is wholly unused, and the latter used only occasionally.

3.—It has been found to be more in the interests of the Order in Belleville for the Subordinate Lodges to be established, "each working for its own interests and pursuing its own ends," than for one lodge to continue, in constant danger of being rent by faction; and your petitioners believe that it would tend still more to harmony among the brethren of the Order in Belleville, if the same course was pursued with regard to Encampments, and if two existed instead of one. The existing Encampment is already very strong and its membership is constantly being increased by a large influx of brethren from Mizpah Lodge. Its prosperity, therefore, is assured, and it no longer requires the assistance of the members of Belleville Lodge.

Your petitioners would therefore respectfully pray that a Charter be granted for a New Encampment in Belleville.

B. G. GILBERT	M. PERKINS	L. F. SIMPSON
JAS. WALLACE	H. ASHLEY	G. ORMAND
D. COYLE	J. L. LEWIS	B. MAYO
L. C. PASCOE.	JOHN COVENT	W. MARKS
JOHN SNELL	C. W. HUYCK	J. KAIN
C. H. ELVINS	E. W. MEYERS	C. SPRY
JAMES BROWN	A. J. PADARD	M. PRATT
ALFRED BATES	A. W. DICKENS	D. J. HAY
JAMES JOHNSON	W. B. NORTHPRO	J. MIDDLETON
ALBERT BIRD	R. DAWSON	JNO. MUTR
C. McDONALD	W. W. TURNER	GEO. CRANG
JOHN NEWTON	J. N. RANKIN	J. B. MCKAY
W. P. WAY	J. MIDDLEMASS	R. M. ROY
RICHARD WARHAM	G. W. PICKELL	J. A. BARKLEY
CHAS. PORTER	D. W. McDERMID	GEO. EASTON
THOS. COOK	J. G. BROBRIDGE	GEO. BEGG
J. C. VANORNAM	WM. G. HENDERSON	IRA G. WALKER
JOHN RATHNAM	P. ACTON	GEO. TEALE
W. J. HUDSON	P. J. ROONEY	JAMES A. WHEELER
ELI WICKETT	A. STEWART	E. G. PONTON.

Referred to a special committee, consisting of P. G. P.'s Jas. Wood-yatt, Jno. Gibson, and W. H. Cole.

The following petition was also read from the Patriarchs of London Uniformed Degree Camp, asking to receive No. 1 on the Roll of U. D. C.'s, which was referred to the same committee as the former petition.

PETITION OF LONDON U. D. CAMP,—LONDON, ONT., July 1st, '33.

To the Grand Encampment of the I. O. O. F. of Ontario :

The London Uniform Degree Camp respectfully petition the Grand Encampment, to be given the rank and title of No. 1 on the roll of Uniformed Degree Camps, of the Province of Ontario. The reasons for the claim made are based on the following statement of facts, from which it will appear that the application for a Dispensation for a U. D. C. in London, was the first made to and approved by the Executive Committee, during the recess of the Grand Encampment.

1.—On the 7th day of October, 1882, a petition in regular form was placed in the hands of the Grand Scribe, the only officer authorized to receive applications (Constitution of Grand Encampment, Sec. 38), asking for a Dispensation for a U. D. C. in London.

2.—On the 9th day of October, 1882, the second application was submitted (that from Hamilton), which, however, was sent to the Grand Patriarch instead of the proper officer, the Grand Scribe. Some weeks later applications from other localities were submitted.

3.—The application from London was thus the first submitted and was also, we are informed, the first acted upon and approved by the Executive Committee.

4.—We have been informed that at a previous date a communication had been sent to the Grand Patriarch from Hamilton, informing him that it was the intention of certain Patriarchs in that City to make application for a Dispensation for a U. D. C., and asking that said U. D. C. should rank as "No. 1" to which the Grand Patriarch, for himself only, and not for the Executive Committee, consented. This consent however was doubtless based on the assumption that the application from Hamilton would be the first received; for had it been unconditional then the application might have been deferred for an indefinite period, and until after many other Camps had been organized, which conclusion would be absurd; moreover, the application from Hamilton, even though it had preceded the one from London, instead of being subsequent thereto, would not have been properly before the Executive at that time, inasmuch as all applications for Charters **MUST BE SENT TO THE GRAND SCRIBE** (see Constitution of Grand Encampment Sec. 38).

5.—It is admitted that the London U. D. C., was not the first instituted, though the petitioners were ready for institution the day their application was submitted. But this does not affect the case, inasmuch as by the custom and law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, Subordinates are numbered according to the priority of application and not of institution. The following illustrations may be given:—Harmony Encampment, No. 3, was instituted before Frontier, No. 2, but the latter had precedence because its application was first received and approved by the Grand Sire. Further, St. THOMAS U. D. C., No. 4, was instituted by GRAND PATRIARCH GORDON, BEFORE KINGSTON, No. 3, but the latter was justly given precedence because its application was first received.

In view therefore of the fact that their application was first submitted to the Executive Committee of the Grand Encampment, the members of London U. D. C. respectfully ask that they be given rank as "No. 1," to which position they claim to be justly entitled.

Fraternally submitted in F. L. & T.,

J. W. ROWLANDS,

Secretary.

EDMOND BELTZ,

Commander.

The minutes of last session, as printed, were, on motion, considered as read, and adopted.

The Annual Reports were then submitted:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH.

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

PATRIARCHS.—We are once again permitted by the Dispenser of all good to meet together to legislate on such matters as will be of advantage to our beloved Order, and on the occasion of this our fourteenth Annual

Session we assemble for the first time in the City of Ottawa, where we will I trust emulate the example of the legislators of our country; and as they have laid deep and wide the foundations of our Dominion, so may our proceedings serve to strengthen our noble Order, and extend its beneficent usefulness throughout our jurisdiction. I have now to render to you an account of my stewardship as your Grand Patriarch, and it is with unfeigned pleasure that I deliver up the trust committed to my charge one year ago in continued prosperity and extended usefulness. I have the honor to present my Annual Report.

(1)

NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that two new Encampments have been added to our number during the year.

On the 26th March, 1883, assisted by G. E. Wilkinson, P. C. P., of Kingston, I installed "Outaouais" Encampment, No. 53, in this City.

On the 20th June, 1883, I instituted "Mizpah" Encampment, No. 54, Barrie; on which occasion I was assisted by L. Atkinson, D. D. G. P., and members of Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, and E. G. Chant, P. C. P., of Victoria Encampment, No. 25. Owing to my other engagements I was obliged to leave immediately after the institution. I was pleased to learn that the work was continued by Patriarchs Atkinson, Lawrie, Mortimore, Chant, and the members of Newmarket Encampment.

I feel confident that these Encampments will prosper, and I recommend that Charters be granted them.

(2)

UNIFORMED DEGREE CAMPS.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge having at its last Session adopted a Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, I issued the following Circular to the Encampments under our jurisdiction:

Office of Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.,

LONDON, ONTARIO, December 10th, 1882.

UNIFORMED DEGREE CAMPS.

To all Whom it May Concern:—

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., having adopted a Degree for the Uniformed Patriarchs, applications will be received by the Executive Committee of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, for Charters for Uniformed Degree Camps, and Dispensations granted, subject to the following regulations, and to such further regulations, as may be adopted by the Grand Encampment of Ontario at its next session:

An Application for a Uniformed Degree Camp must be in the form appended, and must be signed by at least ten Patriarchs of the R. P. D., members in good standing in Subordinate Encampments, in the Province of Ontario. The applicants shall give the names and numbers of Encampments to which they severally belong, and shall accompany their Application with certificates of good standing from their Encampments, with a fee of \$5.00.

It will not be necessary for the applicants for a Charter for a U. D. C. to be in possession of the Degree, provided they are in good standing as

R. P. D. members, of a Subordinate Encampment. The fee for a Dispensation is placed for the present at \$5.00, which shall include books; but the Grand Encampment at its next session, may increase this fee, and require other fees; in which case all U. D. Camps, organized during recess, will be required to pay the full fee or fees charged by the Grand Encampment. All Regulations passed at the next session of the Grand Encampment, for the institution and government of the U. D. Camps, will be retro-active as far as possible.

If the Application is approved by the Executive Committee of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Patriarch will issue a Dispensation, and, as soon as possible after the receipt from the S. G. L. of the Ritual the Camp will be organized. The expenses of the instituting officer must be paid by the Camp instituted.

It is not probable that the Grand Patriarch will be able to authorize the opening of any U. D. Camp before the end of 1882. But in the meantime, applications may be submitted so that the G. S. will know the supplies required from the S. G. L., and will have the funds to meet the necessary expenses.

When instituted, U. D. Camps are authorized to adopt such by-laws as they may deem proper, but their by-laws must be at once forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Scribe, and will not be in force until approved by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Enc. of Ontario:—

The undersigned members of the R. P. D., in good standing in subordinate Encampments in the Province of Ontario, respectfully petition for a Charter for a Uniformed Degree Camp, to be located at _____ and to be known by the title of _____ Uniformed Degree Camp, No. _____. And your petitioners promise full compliance with any laws and regulations to be adopted by the Grand Encampment of Ontario, for the institution and government of Uniformed Degree Camps.

A. B., of _____ Encampment No. _____
 C. D., of _____ Encampment No. _____
 etc. etc. etc.

THE POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF U. D. CAMPS.

To Confer the Uniformed Degree, on such members of the Royal Purple Degree as present Certificates from an Encampment located in the district designated in the Charter of such Degree Camps, on their being elected members of such Uniformed Degree Camps, pursuant to law.

To elect and appoint their own officers in the manner prescribed by their By-Laws, the elective officers to consist of a Commander, a Vice-Commander, an officer of the Guard, a Secretary and a Treasurer, whose term of office shall be for one year, ending with the installation of a successor at the first meeting in January in each year.

The appointed officers to consist of a Picket, whose station shall be upon the inside of the outer door; a Guard, whose station shall be upon the inside of the inner door; a Guard of the Tent, whose position shall be at the door of the Commander's Tent. Each of these officers shall be detailed by the officer of the Guard, each evening to serve for that evening. The officer of the Guard shall detail from the ranks, four or more to act as a Guard over the Candidate during initiation, whenever

the degree is conferred. To elect to officers in any Uniformed Degree Camp any actual contributing member of that Uniformed Degree Camp in good standing. To hold regular and special meetings, as may be provided by By-law. To fix and establish dues to be paid monthly, quarterly and semi-annually, or annually, as the By-Laws may provide, and to provide by By-Law, when those in arrears shall be dropped from the roll of members. To establish such By-Laws and Rules of Order not inconsistent herewith, or with the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order, as they may deem proper, subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Encampment, to which they are Subordinate.

The quorum of a Uniformed Degree Camp shall consist of five members.

Each Grand Encampment is hereby authorized to issue Charters for Uniformed Degree Camps. Good Standing in a Subordinate Encampment as a Royal Purple Degree member, is necessary in order to obtain or retain membership in a Uniformed Degree Camp.

Uniformed Degree Camps are authorized to ballot on all applications for membership, as now provided in Subordinate Encampments.

The manner of voting (except upon applications for membership) in a Uniformed Degree Camp, shall be "Yes," and "No." Whenever a Uniformed Degree Camp shall have been instituted in any city, town or village, no other Uniformed Degree Camp shall be instituted in such place, until the consent of all previously instituted Uniformed Degree Camps in that city, town or village be first had and obtained.

W. D. GORDON,

M. W. Grand Patriarch.

M. D. DAWSON,

Rt. W. Grand Scribe.

Following this I received applications from Hamilton, London, Kingston and St. Thomas, which I instituted in the following order:— Hamilton on the 14th February, 1883; London, on the 21st February, 1883; St. Thomas, on the 22nd February, 1883; and Kingston on the 28th February, 1883.

At Hamilton, I was ably assisted by P. G. P., Jno. Donogh, G. R., of Toronto; at London, by P. G. P. Dr. Campbell, G. R., and M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe; at St. Thomas, by the members of the London Uniformed Degree Camp.

I desire to express my high appreciation of the courtesies extended to me by the Patriarchs of London, whose kindness I shall not soon forget.

I recommend that Charters be issued to the above mentioned Uniformed Degree Camps.

Owing to the fact that the Patriarchs of Hamilton sent their communication regarding their Uniformed Degree Camp direct to me, while the London applicants forwarded theirs to the Grand Scribe, a difficulty has arisen as to which shall be called No. 1. I submit the correspondence in reference thereto, and would recommend that the matter be referred to a Committee.

(3)

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

A number of Encampments have applied for Dispensations to enable them to confer more than one degree on the same brother at the same

meeting. Believing that the convenience of the brothers and the good of the Order would be promoted in so doing, I have granted all that have been applied for.

(4)

AUDITORS.

I have re-appointed as Auditors, Patriarchs James Smith and W. D. Riddell, of London. These Patriarchs have discharged the duties of the office in a highly satisfactory manner for several years past.

(5)

CORRESPONDENCE.

I submit herewith the correspondence received in connection with the Grand Patriarch's office, and copies of replies.

(6)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

The District Deputy Grand Patriarchs have during the past year discharged their duties to my entire satisfaction, and to the benefit of the Patriarchal Branch of our Order, for which I return them my sincere thanks.

(7)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COURTESIES.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without acknowledging my indebtedness to all the brethren of the Order for their uniform kindness and co-operation; more especially to our Grand Scribe Dawson, whose valuable counsel I have ever found ready and available in the discharge of my duties; to Grand Representative John Donogh, and to P. G. P. Dr. Campbell, who at various times have rendered me valuable assistance and instruction.

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STATE OF THE ORDER.

It is gratifying to note that the Patriarchal Branch of the Order is in a very satisfactory condition. The increase in membership for the past year has been greater than in any former year; the various Encampments are in a good financial condition, and in perfect harmony with each other. I trust that this state of prosperity may be lasting, and that, like a vigorous shoot, the Order may go on from strength to strength until its roots are firmly fixed in the hearts of the people, and vigorous branches are spread over our whole jurisdiction.

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QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

During the year no questions of any importance have been submitted for my decision.

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CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Patriarchs, having briefly reviewed the work of the past year, I must now ask your careful consideration of the important

matters which have brought us together, trusting to the Divine aid to so guard and guide our deliberations that they may be conducted with brotherly love and concluded in harmony, to the advancement of the Patriarchal branch of our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours,

W. D. GORDON,

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

Grand Patriarch.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE AND TREASURER.

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

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PATRIARCHS,—In presenting my fourteenth annual Report, I desire to return thanks to the Giver of all Good for his preserving care over us during another year. It has been a most eventful year, recording more loss of life, from accident, than any one in our history. The ravages of fire, storm and flood, have been felt in almost every section of this continent; and from other lands, our hearts have almost stood still hearing the recitals of deplorable accidents attended with immense loss of life. Still we are alive, the monuments of His mercy, and although our membership may not have increased as we should have wished, yet our continued success is cause for congratulation. We have made additions to our tents, our membership has advanced, a spirit of healthy rivalry has been encouraged, more money has been expended in relief and the revenue has been augmented. Good has been accomplished, the pillow of affliction made easy, the dead have been buried, and widows and orphans looked after in their day of trouble. As it more properly comes within my province to give you the financial and statistical information pertaining to this branch of the Order, I will summarize as intelligently as I can the progress and advancement made in the year just closed.

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STATE OF THE ORDER.—The indications throughout the jurisdiction are good, as the majority of the Encampments show an increase. Two new Tents have been established. Outaouis, No. 53, at Ottawa, March 26th, having 18 members, exhibiting much life and activity, and I am informed, already uniformed; and Mizpah-Encampment, No. 54, at Barrie, June 20th, 1883. Not yet having received any report from the latter, cannot report as to its success, but no doubt the Report of the Grand Patriarch will give full particulars. Forty-five Encampments have sent in their Reports, leaving six still to hear from. Quinte, No. 19;

Victoria, No. 25; Excelsior, No. 39; Dufferin, No. 41; Owen Sound, No. 48; and Montreal, No. 1, Quebec. I cannot account for the delay of five of these Encampments as they have generally been very prompt. Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgetown, has been in a weak state for a long time, and has not reported for two Terms. Bro. Willson, the D. D. G. P., under date of April 21st, writes:—"We have not been able to hold any meeting of our Encampment for some time, on account of a good many of our members having left the town. That is the cause of the delay of our Returns not being sent in. We are now trying to revive, and get in good working order once more. I will endeavor to have them sent in next week." That is the last I have heard from Excelsior. All the others have a good membership and reported last Term, and no doubt I shall hear from them yet, as I have telegraphed to the D. D. G. P.'s to know the cause of the delay. Twenty-nine Encampments have increased in membership the last term. Out of the forty-five reported, ten have made a slight decrease, and six remain as they were. Frontier, No. 2, Windsor, have initiated 26 during the last Term, and the D. D. G. P. says that an Encampment will soon be asked for at Essex Centre, which is a rapidly rising town, and increasing fast. Burlington, No. 7, Hamilton, have taken in 12, and made no suspensions, while their revenue has amounted to \$270.66; Brock, No. 9, Brockville, initiated 15, and sent eight away to make the new Encampment at the Capital; Newmarket also comes to the front with 15 initiates, eleven of the number going off to form the new Encampment at Barrie. Both Encampments in Toronto and London have done well, the united membership of the former being 183 and the latter 223. Toronto, No. 8, is now the strongest Encampment in the jurisdiction, having a membership in good standing of 141.

Peel Encampment, No. 34, that had not reported for four Terms, last September paid up all arrears, and I sent them four of the new Rituals at cost price. They are now increasing in strength, and this term reported an advance in membership. Seaforth Encampment, No. 27, is still in a dormant condition, but neither Charter or Effects have been yet returned.

Considerable interest continues to be manifested in the uniform adopted, especially by the younger members, and many whose locks are silvered are joining the ranks and donning the uniform. Drill associations are prospering in many localities, and deserve encouragement. Even the infant Encampment of the beautiful city of Ottawa, has the courage to challenge the Ottawa Lodges in a tug-of-war contest. If their strength equals the cognomen they have adopted, their success is assured. They do not forget to offer in Ottawa, at the demonstration to be given tomorrow, a prize of \$400, for the best drilled Encampment of Uniformed

Patriarchs. I certainly trust that the liberal enterprise exhibited by the Odd-Fellows in this section, may be met by the competition expected.

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The organization of Uniform Degree Camps has also been the means of adding additional life to the Order, and as all members must be uniformed and be in good standing in their subordinate Encampments, will no doubt materially add strength and interest to this branch. Four Uniformed Degree Camps have already been instituted, viz: London, Hamilton, Kingston and St. Thomas, while Windsor is waiting the pleasure of an installing officer. Nos. have not been assigned to the two first, Hamilton and London, as both claim precedence and the Grand Patriarch thought best to allow the Grand Encampment at this session, to settle the matter. The documents and correspondence connected therewith are submitted. The Charter Fee was placed at \$5.00 which included the books, leaving it to this session to establish that amount as the Fee, or to increase it as they saw fit, and instructions were issued to all U. D. Camps in accordance therewith. The Books and Charter Plate cost \$4.00, without duty or express charges, so that they have been supplied almost at cost.

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The instructions of the Grand Encampment have been carried out as fully as possible. Six hundred copies of the Journal were published and distributed in the usual way, and five copies supplied to every Subordinate Encampment, as recommended by the Finance Committee of last year. From sister jurisdictions, as usual, I have received return copies. I purchased 100 copies of the "Book of Laws" from the Grand Secretary, which I have paid for, and immediately issued a circular letter to the Subordinate Encampments, recommending it to their notice, but have sold only some 28 copies. Nearly half of the number were purchased by Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Montreal.

There are no appeals to submit, and no cases of disagreement in any part of the jurisdiction. Harmony prevails.

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STATISTICS.—I do not know that I can give statistics any more correctly than in former years. I have waited as long as I possibly could before closing my books and writing my Report, and now with several Encampments not reported, I have only to guess at their membership, and the work has to be done in such a hurried manner that exact statistics is impossible. Carelessness of the Scribes in filling up their Returns is another cause which appears to be impossible to overcome. It would be better if our annual Report should comprise the regular year, from

January to December, instead of from July to June, for one month is not sufficient time to get in Returns and correct errors.

The following summary from the Returns, will give our present membership and standing, reporting Encampments not returned with the same membership as they had in December last :—

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No. of Members as per last Report.....		2105
Initiated during the year.....	387	
Admitted by Card.....	29	
Reinstated.....	22	
Total.....	388	

FROM WHICH DEDUCT

Withdrawal by Card.....	44	
Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.....	104	
Deceased.....	15—163	
		225

Now in Membership.....		2380
No. of Patriarchs Relieved.....	247	
No. of Widowed Families Relieved.....	5	
Amount of Special Relief.....	\$ 159 60	
Amount Paid for Relief of Patriarchs.....	1,085 03	
Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.....	50 00	
Amount Paid for Burying the Dead.....	176 85	
Total Amount of Relief Paid.....	\$1,471 48	
Total Amount of Revenue.....		\$7,540 92

The following is the abstract of the Semi-annual Returns :—

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Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate En- December

NAME.	DATE OF MEETING.	WHERE HELD.	No.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Reinstated.	Suspended for Non-Payment Dues.	Suspended for cause.	Expelled.	Deaths.
Union	1st and 3d Tuesday	St. Catharines										1
Frontier	2d and 4th Friday	Windsor										1
Harmony	3d and 4th Thursday	London										2
Brant	4th and 3d Friday	Brantford										
Charity	5d and 4th Friday	Stratford			1				1			
Beaver	6th and 3d Thursday	St. Mary's							6			
Burlington	7d and 4th Monday	Hamilton					1		5			1
Toronto	8d and 4th Thursday	Toronto										
Brock	9th Friday in each month	Brockville										
Chatham	10th and 3d Thursday	Chatham							11			
Ontario	11th and 4th Friday	Ontario										
Albert	12th and 4th Monday	Bowmanville										
Whitby	13th and 3rd Friday	Whitby							7			
Fidelity	14th and 3d Tuesday	Strathroy										
Kingston	15th and 4th Monday	Kingston										
Mt. Ararat	16th and 4th Wednesday	Napanea			5				2			
Hebron	17th and 4th Monday	Parkhill										
Northern Star	18th and 3d Wednesday	Port Perry										1
Quinte	19th and 4th Wednesday	Belleville						1				
Elgin	20th and 3d Monday	St. Thomas			4							
Unity	21st and 4th Friday	Ingersoll			4				6			
Guiding Star	22nd and 3d Monday	Manilla										1
Niagara Falls	23rd and 4th Wednesday	Niagara Falls			4							
Friendship	24th and 4th Tuesday	Petrolia										
Victoria	25th and 3rd Friday	Port Hope			10							1
Alpha	26th and 3d Wednesday	Sarnia										3
Huron	27th and 3d Friday	Goderich			3				2			1
Livingstone	28th and 3d Friday	Thorold						1				
Wentworth	30th Tuesday in each month	Dundas			1				2			
Wellington	31st and 4th Friday	Guelph			2							
Newmarket	32nd and 3d Thursday	Newmarket										7
Exeter	33rd and 4th Thursday	Exeter						1				
Peel	34th	Brampton			3							
Royal	35th and 3d Monday	Hamilton			3	1		2	2			3
Dresden	37th and 4th Thursday	Dresden										10
Adelphian	38th and 4th Friday	London			2							5
Excelsior	39th and 4th Monday	Ridgetown			10							33
Brussels	40th Every alternate Monday	Brussels										
Dufferin	41st and 3rd Friday	Pt. Edward			2				2			
Aylmer	42nd and 4th Monday	Aylmer			1							4
Banner	43rd and 3rd Wednesday	Harrison										1
Wilday	44th Monday	Newbury										
Collingwood	45th and 3d Wednesday	Collingwood			4				1			
Saugeen Valley	46th 1st Mon. in July every alt. Mon.	Walkerton			6							12
Minerva	47th and 4th Monday	Wingham			2							8
Owen Sound	48th and 3rd Monday	Owen Sound										6
Samaritan	49th and 4th Tuesday	Berlin										2
Bahoboth	50th 1st Thursday in each month	Toronto			1							12
Bethwell	51st and 4th Friday	Rothwell							2			3
Ridgely	52nd 1st Thursday	Jarvis			4							
Montreal	1st and 4th Wednesday	Montreal			6		1					10
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campments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term Ending 31st, 1882.

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1	Reinstated	1
1	Suspended for Non-Payment Dues	1
1	Suspended for cause	1
1	Expelled	1
1	Deaths	1
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Degree Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Weeks for which Benefits were Paid.	Amount Paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount Paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
10	83	2	22	22	842 50						
21	181	2	21	21	21 00		20 00		62 50	23 25	92 75
23	75	1	45	45	45 00		31 85	4 00	56 85	18 00	90 55
4	82	1	3	3	4 50		25 00	8 00	78 00	32 75	103 16
5	58	3	1	1	1 00	22 50			4 50	18 75	193 08
6	90	3	10	10	10 00				23 50	15 50	76 85
22	132	4	3	3	16 00				10 00	13 25	49 71
3	35	4	36	36	36 00				16 00	22 50	161 38
6	42	2	3	3	6 00				33 00	36 00	188 50
11	45	2	3	3	6 72				6 00	10 60	22 00
14	21	1	1	1	1 00				6 72	10 75	46 64
14	3	1							1 00	7 75	41 00
11	67	5					10 00		10 00	5 25	5 25
17	29		15	15	15 00				15 00	13 50	30 75
1	17								15 00	16 75	40 00
1	54								5 00	4 25	45 00
9	68	1	17	17	17 00				6 00	4 25	25 00
12	49	1	26	26	52 00				17 00	6 00	9 00
9	20	5	21	21	21 00				52 00	18 50	23 75
9	57	3	8	8	8 00				17 00	17 00	131 00
17	37	2	8	8	8 00				21 00	12 25	72 32
30	72	2	4	4	8 00				8 00	5 00	14 00
3	19					10 00			8 00	14 25	36 90
3	47	1			4 00				18 00	9 25	73 50
3	43		16	16	16 00				4 00	18 00	83 80
3	71	2							18 00	4 75	4 00
3	33								11 75	4 75	87 00
3	21	1	5	10	10 00				10 50	8 25	13 90
3	15	1	1	2	2 00				8 25	8 25	51 00
10	45								10 00	17 75	131 33
5	46								9 00	7 50	2 90
38	81	1							8 75	5 25	30 00
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									11 25	92 85	92 85
									11 50	37 39	37 39
									22 75	137 45	137 45
4	29								2 90	22 75	22 75
1	32								4 75		
1	17								7 25	51 00	51 00
1	31								8 00	37 90	37 90
12	31								4 25	10 00	10 00
6	27								7 75		
6	22								7 75		
2	22								3 75	97 46	97 46
12	23	1							6 75	41 40	41 40
3	23				1 00				5 50	12 00	12 00
1	17								5 75	46 00	46 00
10	14								8 25	78 35	78 35
20	58	1	10	10	10 00				4 25	18 75	18 75
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									10 00	14 50	14 50
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Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate En-
June

NAME.	DATE OF MEETING.	WHERE HELD.	No.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Reinstated.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for cause.	Expelled.	Deaths.
Union	1 1st and 3d Tuesday	St. Catharines	1									
Frontier	2 2d and 4th Friday	Windsor	26									
Harmony	3 2d and 4th Thursday	London	6									
Brant	4 1st and 3d Friday	Brantford	7									
Charly	5 2d and 4th Friday	Stratford	1									
Beaver	6 1st and 3d Thursday	St. Mary's	18									
Burlington	7 2d and 4th Monday	Hamilton	12									
Toronto	8 2d and 4th Thursday	Toronto	6									
Chatham	9 1st Friday in each month	Brockville	45									
Ontario	10 1st and 3d Thursday	Chatham	9									
Albert	11 2d and 4th Friday	Oshawa	1									
Whitby	12 2d and 4th Monday	Bowmanville	1									
Fidelity	13 1st and 3d Friday	Whitby	1									
Kingston	14 1st and 3d Tuesday	Strathroy	1									
Mt. Ararat	15 2d and 4th Monday	Kingston	7									
Hebron	16 2d and 4th Wednesday	Napanee	2									
Northern Star	17 2d and 4th Monday	Parkhill	2									
Quinte	18 1st and 3d Wednesday	Fort Perry	2									
Elgin	19 2d and 4th Wednesday	Belleville	62	10								
Unity	20 1st and 3d Monday	St. Thomas	9									
Guiding Star	21 2d and 4th Friday	Ingersoll	1									
Niagara Falls	22 2d and 4th Wednesday	Manilla	2									
Friendship	23 2d and 4th Wednesday	Niagara Falls	3									
Victoria	24 2d and 4th Tuesday	Petrolia	7									
Alpha	25 2d and 4th Wednesday	Port Hope	11									
Huron	26 1st and 3d Wednesday	Sarnia	2									
Livingstone	27 1st and 3d Friday	Goderich	3									
Wentworth	28 1st Tuesday in each month	Thorold	3									
Wellington	29 2d and 4th Friday	Dundas	3									
Newmarket	30 1st Tuesday in each month	Guelph	15									
Exeter	31 2d and 4th Thursday	Newmarket	2									
Peel	32 1st and 3d Thursday	Exeter	3									
Royal	33 2d and 4th Thursday	Brampton	2									
Dresden	34 2d Friday in each month	Hamilton	5									
Adelphian	35 1st and 3d Monday	Dresden	7									
Excelsior	36 2d and 4th Monday	London	7									
Brussels	37 2d and 4th Friday	Ridgetown	3									
Dufferin	38 2d and 4th Friday	Brussels	1									
Aylmer	39 1st and 3d Friday	Pt. Edward	3									
Banner	40 2d and 4th Monday	Aylmer	1									
Wilday	41 1st and 3d Wednesday	Harriston	3									
Collingwood	42 2d and 4th Wednesday	Newbury	3									
Saugeen Valley	43 1st and 3d Wednesday (Monday)	Collingwood	1									
Minsava	44 1st Monday & every alternate	Walkerton	2									
Owen Sound	45 2d and 4th Monday	Wingham	3									
Samaritan	46 2d and 4th Tuesday	Owen Sound	1									
Rehoboth	47 2d and 4th Tuesday	Berlin	1									
Bothwell	48 1st Thursday in each month	Toronto	9									
Ridgeley	49 1st and 3d Friday	Bothwell	4									
Outaouais	50 1st Thursday in each month	Jarvis	5									
Mispah	51 2d and 4th Friday	Ottawa	7									
Montreal	52 2d and 4th Wednesday	Barrie	4									
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FINANCE.—The Receipts from all sources have been larger than the previous year, and the Expenditure I have kept as low as possible, so that after paying all indebtedness, we will have \$680.04 in cash, to meet the expenses of the present session. Our stock of necessary supplies is good and but few things require replenishing. There is the small amount of \$2.85 in hand, belonging to the Ridgely Memorial Fund, received from Niagara Falls Encampment, No. 23.

The following table will give an exhibit of cash and stock on hand ;

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand August 1st, 1883.....		\$680 04
Amount due by Subordinates.....	\$ 48 34	
8 Charter Borders @ \$1.00.....	8 00	
72 Copies Book of Laws @ 30c.....	21 60	
30 Charts @ \$3.00.....	90 00	
3 Uniform Degree Camp Rituals @ \$2.50 each..	7 50	
5 Registration Books @ \$3.50.....	17 50	
3 Uniform Degree Camp Charters @ \$1.00.....	3 00	
11 Receipts Books @ \$1.75.....	19 25	
4 Draft Books @ \$2.00.....	8 00	
3 Application Books @ \$3.25.....	9 75	
5 Black Books @ \$2.00.....	10 00	
7 Roll Books @ \$1.00.....	7 00	
7 Cash/Books @ \$1.00.....	7 00	
15 Return Books @ \$1.00.....	15 00	
59 Withdrawal & Visiting Cards @ 25c.....	14 75	
1400 Notices of Meetings @ \$1.00 per 100.....	14 00	
2300 Notices of Arrears @ \$1.00 do.....	23 00	
80 Certificates @ 2c each.....	1 60	
	<hr/>	325 29
Total.....		<hr/> \$1005 33

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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED

-FOR THE-

YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1888.

on hand ;

\$480 04

\$325 29

\$1005 33

Name and Number of Encampments.	Dues	Charters	Supplies	Ridgely Memorial Fund.	TOTAL.
Cash in hand.....					\$ 617 13
Union Encampment, No. 1	46 50				46 50
Frontier " No. 2	48 25	5 00	3 60		57 85
Harmony " No. 3	85 00		2 80		87 80
Brant " No. 4	39 25				39 25
Charity " No. 5	31 00				31 00
Beaver " No. 6	28 75				28 75
Burlington " No. 7	48 50	5 00	5 77		59 27
Toronto " No. 8	68 25				68 25
Brook " No. 9	19 25			\$ 00	19 25
Chatham " No. 10	21 75				21 75
Ontario " No. 11	21 60				21 60
Albert " No. 12	15 50				15 50
Whitby " No. 13	10 75				10 75
Fidelity " No. 14	25 75				25 75
Kingston " No. 15	35 00	5 00			40 00
Mount Ararat " No. 16	10 50				10 50
Hebron " No. 17	8 25				8 25
Northern Star " No. 18	13 25				13 25
Quinte " No. 19	18 50				18 50
Elgin " No. 20	35 00	5 00	3 50		43 50
Unity " No. 21	24 75			3 00	27 75
Guiding Star " No. 22	10 75			2 85	13 60
Niagara Falls " No. 23	19 50		1 00		20 50
Friendship " No. 24	29 00				29 00
Victoria " No. 25	18 00				18 00
Alpha " No. 26	10 00				10 00
Huron " No. 28	24 00				24 00
Livingstone " No. 29	20 25				20 25
Wentworth " No. 30	17 25				17 25
Wellington " No. 31	35 50		1 00		36 50
Newmarket " No. 32	15 25		3 85		19 10
Exeter " No. 33	19 00				19 00
Peel " No. 34	20 25				20 25
Royal " No. 36	22 75		6 50		29 25
Dresden " No. 37	24 25		25		24 50
Adelphi " No. 38	46 25	5 00	5 45		56 70
Excelsior " No. 39	10 25				10 25
Brussels " No. 40	14 50				14 50
Dufferin " No. 41	11 50				11 50
Aylmer " No. 42	16 00		1 87		17 87
Banner " No. 43	6 25		7 90		14 15
Wilday " No. 44	16 25		25		41 25
Collingwood " No. 45	15 75				15 75
Saugeen Valley " No. 46	16 50		1 00		17 50
Minerva " No. 47	13 00		1 80		14 80
Owen Sound " No. 48	5 50		5 35		10 85
Samaritan " No. 49	11 75				11 75
Rehoboth " No. 50	18 75				18 75
Bothwell " No. 51	9 50				9 50
Ridgely " No. 52	10 75				10 75
Outaouais " No. 53	4 50	30 00	23 85		58 35
Mispah " No. 54	14 50	30 00	24 75		69 25
Montreal " No. 1			24 75		24 75
Cash for Book of Laws.....			9 00		9 00
	\$1181 00	\$35 00	\$154 87	\$5 85	\$1380 55

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EXPENDITURE.

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Aug 8.	By cash as per pay roll.....	\$ 560 72
" "	Grand Patriarch's Account.....	14 50
" "	James Smith, } Auditors.....	10 00
" "	W. D. Riddell, }	
Sept. 12.	Draft, Ridgely Memorial Fund.....	26 80
" "	Drafts to Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	243 21
Dec. 31.	Printing Account, Journals, Blanks, Circulars, &c.....	109 25

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" "	Express Charges, Telegrams, Duty, Freight, &c.....	10 43
" "	Expenses of Drafts, &c.....	1 89
" "	Engrossing Charters.....	2 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Ontario, 200 Certificates	2 50
July.	Salary to G. Scribe, for year ending July, '83.....	250 00
" "	Postage Account for year.....	13 31
July 23.	Grand Lodge of Ontario, 100 copies "Book of Laws".....	30 00
" "	"Herald" Printing Co., Supplies...	39 20
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		753 09
	Cash in hand.....	680 04
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		\$1,998 85

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CORRESPONDENCE.—The Correspondence the past year has not been as large as in some former years. A Circular letter was received from the Sov. Grand Lodge, giving a statement of the contributions for the Ridgely Monument. The sum of 5 cts. per member had been asked from the entire Order, and less than one and a half cents had been received. Ontario Odd Fellows contributed \$259.71, while the amount asked for, at 5 cts. per member, would amount to \$653.70 leaving \$393.99 to make up. Ontario, however, has done better in proportion, than the great majority of the jurisdictions. I issued a circular in December, asking for additional subscriptions, and received \$2.85.

But few Reports have been received from the D. D. G. P.'s, but those that have come to hand, speak very encouragingly of the prospects for the future.

Bro. Henderson, of Belleville, writes under date of Jan. 11th, '83:—

"Our Encampment is working very nicely and the best of harmony prevails. I trust we will be able to show you a larger increase in members in our next Report."

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

Bro. Chas. T. Mason, of Dundas, writes July 4th, 1883 :—

" Though I am not able to report a year of unexampled prosperity in our Encampment, I am pleased to say that I have nothing discouraging to report. Our increase in membership for the past six months has been three. Total membership, June 30th, thirty-six. Our Financial standing is fair. I have strong hopes for the future prosperity of Wentworth Encampment. I find all the Officers and Patriarchs are desirous of perfecting themselves in the work of the Order."

Bro. Jno. E. Farewell, of Whitby, writes July 24th, 1883 :—

" We have not done much during the last half year ; a number of causes have operated to produce this wonderful lack of result which our report exhibits. Amongst the reasons, I may as well acknowledge that the Officers are somewhat at fault ; not that they do not do a reasonable amount of philanthropic work, but they are too much devoted to it. There seems to be so many Societies to further such purposes, and our people feel bound to take a hand in them. They are new affairs and will have " their day." In a small place like Whitby, there are many Municipal and Educational, and other matters of a public nature which must be attended to, and oddly enough, our members seem to be the men who are called upon to attend to these matters. Our people are all working men, few of our members are men of leisure. So amongst so many irons in the fire some of them get burned. I must confess that the Encampment has suffered in the meantime. We promise to be more ' diligent in this business,' if not ' more fervent in spirit.' A number of the members of the Subordinate Lodge have promised to join us, as have also a number from other Lodges in the neighborhood."

Bro. A. A. Murphy, of Montreal, writes, 11th Jan'y, 1883 :—

" The sum of \$735 has been subscribed by members of our Encampment, for the purchase of uniforms. We expect during the present Term, to apply for a Uniform Degree Camp Charter. The past Term has been marked by harmony and steady progress."

Bro. Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. P., writes, July 7th, 1883 :—

" Last evening I installed the officers of Brant Encampment, No. 4. Every office was filled. All the officers are good and active men. I look for a successful Term. A good advance has been made during the past Term."

Bro. Wm. Box, of St. Mary's, writes :—

" I have to record, with pleasure, the fact of an increase in membership. The progress made, although not large, is satisfactory, because it seems to be permanent. The great difficulty has been to retain the old members. My experience leads me to recommend to Grand Encampment to require the D. D. G. P.'s to enforce a strict observance of the Law in all cases, and a close adherence to the written work. Otherwise permanent improvement cannot be expected."

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Bro. W. H. Warren, the D. D. G. P. of London, was called away and is now living in the United States, but at his request Bro. Chas. Miners, the former D. D. G. P., attended to his duty, installing the officers of both Encampments. He reports prosperity and the best of good feeling, and a continued desire of the membership to perfect themselves in the work of the Order.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Grand Patriarch and Grand Officers, with whom I have been associated during the past year, for their assistance and courtesy, and the promptness with which all communications were acknowledged. Business and absence from home, prevented me from being present at the institution of new Tents, but the work was no doubt, well undertaken by the Grand Patriarch and those he called to his assistance. I feel assured that the coming year will be a prosperous one, and I trust that our meeting in the Capital may be productive of wise legislation, and if a little far to the East, may be productive of much good to our Eastern Patriarchs.

I am, fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

Ottawa, Aug. 7th, 1883.

Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

P. C. P., John J. Reed, of Montreal Encampment No. 1, gave notice that he would move the following amendment to the Constitution :

That section 34 be amended by the addition of the following clause :

"Or at such time and place as may be selected at the preceding session thereof, by a majority of the members present and voting."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Distribution to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg to recommend :

Grand Patriarch's Report—That clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and clause 5 to Committee on Correspondence.

Grand Scribe's Report—That clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12 be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and that clauses 9, 10 and 11 be referred to Committee on Finance.

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Grand Representative's Report—That the whole of the report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. A. LYON,
WM. CARTER,
ALEX. YULE,
GEORGE LUCAS, Jr.

Ottawa, Aug. 7, 1883.

Moved by Pt. J. A. Reed, seconded by Thos. Holmes, that the hour of four o'clock be set apart for the election of officers of this R. W. Grand Encampment, and that the exemplification of the secret work take place immediately after. Motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following report, which was adopted:

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Patriarch and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Your Committee on Appeals would beg to report that we find from the Grand Patriarch's and Grand Scribe's report that harmony has prevailed throughout all our borders, and that the administration of affairs not only in this Grand Encampment, but in all the subordinates, have been of that wise and judicious character, that no appeals have come before us, and we would express a desire that such a state of affairs may long continue.

We would beg to recommend that the foregoing be adopted.

WM. H. COLE,
J. TWOHEY,
N. M. SAGE,
J. E. RICHARDS,
THOS. HANLON.

On motion, the Grand Encampment took a recess at 11.30, to reassemble at 2.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Patriarch, W. D. Gordon, presiding.

PRESENT—All the officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Opened in proper form.

The following telegram was read from the D. D. G. P. of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, Belleville:

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 7, 1883.

M. D. DAWSON, Ottawa :

Returns and Capitation Tax for Quinte Encampment mailed this morning to Bro. Mills, the Representative.

JNO. HENDERSON.

Moved by Bro. Jos. Oliver, seconded by Representative Staebler, that Bro. Mills be received as Representative from Belleville, and that he receive mileage and per diem. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was adopted :

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Correspondence having carefully examined the correspondence received by the M. W. Grand Patriarch and R. W. Grand Scribe, and clauses 5 and 12 of the reports of the above officers, find nothing therein that, in our opinion, has not received attention or requires the further consideration of this Grand Body, except the difficulty between the Patriarchs of Hamilton and London Encampments regarding their Uniformed Degree Camps, which has been referred to a special committee.

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

(Signed)

L. ATKINSON,
W. R. HICKEY,
J. S. EDGAR,
JOHN CURTIS,
JOHN MILNE,
LEVI FISHER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was adopted :

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the by-laws of Rehoboth Encampment No. 50, having carefully examined the same beg leave to recommend their adoption.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON,
GEO. WALES,
J. M. REYNETT,
E. W. BARTON,
R. J. FAULKNER,
ROBERT DIPROSE,
THOS. LUXON.

The roll of Encampments was called to permit the asking of questions and their reference to the proper committees.

No questions were submitted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Your Committee find the following P. C. P., Wm. Pringle and J. J. Uley, of Montreal Encampment No. 1, in waiting, and having examined their certificates and find them correct, would recommend that they be instructed in the Grand Encampment degree.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. GOTT,
JNO A. REID.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report:

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that the Representatives and Grand Officers be paid three (3) cents per mile one way and \$2.00 per diem for their attendance at the present session of the Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. CARTER,
J. H. HISCOCKS,
JAS. RICHARDS,
J. G. SKENE,
GEO. E. FOSTER.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Jno. Stalker, and seconded by Rep. John Milne, and resolved, that the words "one way," be struck out, and the words "each way" be inserted, and that the report as it will then read, be adopted.

The yeas and nays were demanded, resulting as follows. These voting in the affirmative were:

Geo. Wales, J. S. Edgar, John Curtis, John Milne, T. G. Lowe, Levi Fisher, R. J. Faulknor, Alex. Anderson, A. C. J. Kaufman, Thos. Holmes, jr., Nelson M. Sage, N. A. McKinnon, Thos. Cole, Mathew Hyalop, John Sinclair, Thos. Hamlin, L. N. Johnston, Geo. M. Anderson, J. E. Richards, Alex. Yule, Wm. F. Roome, Thos. Luxon, J. H. Hiscocks, J. M. Staebler, W. R. Hickey, Frank Riddell, Louis Dorr. Total, 31 votes.

Those voting in the negative were:

John M. Reynett, M. J. Beam, E. W. Barton, W. A. Lyons, Robt. Gott, J. E. Farewell, Robt. Diprose, J. B. McIyer, John A. Reid, J. H.

Mills, John Twohey, R. F. Carter, Isaac F. Toms; Chas. S. Mason, L. Atkinson, Abner Fraser, J. G. Skeene, R. Bruce, Henry Robertson, Jas. Richards, Geo. L. Foster, Alex. Allen Murphy, Wm. Burton, W. D. Gordon, Hector Urquhart, Joseph Oliver, Francis Rae, John Donogh, M. D. Dawson, John Welsh, John J. Reid, James Woodyatt, John Gibson, W. H. Cole. Total, 34 votes.

The amendment was lost.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, the election of officers was called for, but on motion it was postponed until after the question under consideration was disposed of.

The question was raised whether the elective officers had the right to vote. The Grand Patriarch ruled that they had.

Grand Representative Donogh raised the question as to the right of the appointed officers to vote. The Grand Patriarch ruled that they had not.

Representative Roome, of Newbury, appealed from the decision of the chair.

The decision of the chair was overruled.

Moved by Rep. W. F. Roome, of Newbury, and seconded by Rep. Staebler, that the words "three cents" be struck out of the report of the Committee, and the words "five cents" substituted therefor.

The yeas and nays were ordered with the following result :

Those voting in the affirmative were :

Geo. Wales, J. S. Edgar, John Curtis, John Milne, T. G. Lowe, Levi Fisher, R. J. Faulkner, Alex. Anderson, A. C. J. Kaufman, Thos. Holmes, jr., Nelson M. Sage, N. A. McKinnon, Thos. Cole, Mathew Hyslop, Jno. Twohey, John Sinclair, Thos. Powers, Geo. Lucas, W. H. Bone, Wm. Carter, Thos. Hamlin, L. N. Johnston, Geo. M. Anderson, J. G. Skene, J. E. Richards, Alex. Yule, Wm. F. Roome, Thos. Luxon, J. H. Hiccoks, J. M. Staebler, W. R. Hickey, Frank Riddell, Louis Dorr. Total, 33 votes.

Those voting in the negative were :

John M. Reynett, M. J. Beam, E. W. Barton, W. A. Lyons, Robt. Gott, J. E. Farewell, Robt. Diprose, J. B. McIver, John A. Reid, J. H. Mills, R. F. Carter, Isaac F. Toms, Chas. T. Mason, L. Atkinson, Abner Fraser, Henry Robertson, James Richards, Geo. L. Foster, Alex. Allen Murphy, Wm. Burton, Hector Urquhart, Joseph Oliver, Francis Rae, John Donogh, M. D. Dawson, John Welsh, John J. Reed, James Woodyatt, John Gibson, W. H. Cole. Total, 31 votes.

The amendment was declared carried.

The previous question was ordered.

The report of the Committee, as amended, was then voted upon, and declared adopted.

The special order of business, nomination and election of officers, was proceeded with, with the following result :

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The P. G. Patriarchs present were appointed Scrutineers.

- H. URQUHART, Strathroy.....Grand Patriarch
- JOS. OLIVER, Toronto.....Grand High Priest
- JOHN WELSH Stratford.....Grand Senior Warden
- M. D. DAWSON, London.....Grand Scribe and Treasurer
- FRANK RIDDELL, London.....Grand Junior Warden
- JOHN GIBSON, London.....Grand Representative Sov. Grand Lodge

On motion a vote of thanks was passed to the Scrutineers for valuable services.

The exemplification of the secret work was made the first order of business for the evening session.

The Grand Encampment took recess until eight o'clock p. m.

The following invitation was read from the Reception Committee of Ottawa :

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Chief Patriarch, Officers and Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment of Ontario and Quebec :

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCHS,

I hereby beg leave, on behalf of the Reception Committee, to tender the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario and Quebec, a most cordial invitation to attend the grand demonstration to be held at Dominion Park, to-morrow afternoon, and the promenade concert at the Drill Hall in the evening, tickets for admission to which I have placed in the hands of the Grand Scribe for distribution.

I am, fraternally yours,

R. RONAN,

Secretary Committee.

On motion of Grand Scribe Dawson, the invitation was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was adopted :

OTTAWA, August 7th 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We have examined the returns of the Encampments of this jurisdiction for the terms ending December 31st, 1882, and June 30th, 1883, and have found the following errors and omissions :

FIRST TERM.

Livingstone Encampment, No. 29, membership reported 42, should be 41. See per capita tax also.

Adelphian Encampment, No. 38, initiations reported 10, should be 11; membership reported 81, should be 90; per capita tax \$22.50, should be \$22.75.

Dufferin Encampment, No. 41, membership reported 29, should be 28; see per capita tax.

SECOND TERM.

Union Encampment, No. 1, membership reported 93, should be 92. See per capita tax.

Harmony Encampment, No. 3, membership reported 128, should be 129. See per capita tax.

Brock Encampment, No. 9, initiations reported 45, should be 15.

Albert Encampment, No. 12, number of Patriarchs relieved, not recorded.

Fidelity Encampment, No. 14, number of Patriarchs relieved, not recorded.

Dresden Encampment, No. 37, membership reported 57; should be 51.

Banner Encampment, No. 43, membership reported 8; should be 7.

Quinte Encampment, No. 19; Excelsior Encampment, No. 39, and Owen Sound Encampment, No. 48, have not sent in returns.

The returns of the following Encampments have not been spread on the Scribe's Tabular Statement, owing to their late arrival:

Victoria Encampment, No. 25; Dufferin Encampment, No. 41; Montreal Encampment, No. 1; Barrie Encampment, No. 54.

A little well timed vigilance on the part of installing officers would obviate the necessity of correcting so many errors.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. ALLEN MURPHY,
N. A. MACKINNON,
ALEX. ANDERSON,
T. POWERS,
T. G. LOWE,
WM. BURTON.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the petitions of "The London Uniformed Degree Camp," to be given the rank and title of No. 1 and also the original papers or applications of the said Camp, and also

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those of the Uniformed Degree Camp of Hamilton claiming in effect that the Camp at Hamilton should be entitled to the rank and title of No. 1, beg to report that from all the information before your Committee, it appears that a communication on the subject was sent to the Grand Patriarch, dated 6th October, 1882; that an application was made by the Patriarchs at London to the Grand Scribe, dated on the 9th of October, 1882, and that on the 9th October, 1882, another communication was sent from Hamilton on the same subject, was sent to the Grand Patriarch. The claim is made that the first communication referred to is not a formal and regular application for a charter, and that therefore the application of London is the first.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the petition of the London Degree Camp be granted, and that that Camp be known as No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN GIBSON,
W. H. COLE.

The same Committee presented the following report :—

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of certain Brethren in Belleville, for a Charter to organize an Encampment, would beg to report that from the insufficient information laid before us, we were unable to form an opinion whether or no it would be in the interest of the Order in Belleville to have a second Encampment there at present, we therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject. We move the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT,
W. H. COLE,
JOHN GIBSON.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

OTTAWA, August 7th 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Grand Rep. Donogh, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 5 of the Grand Scribe's report, would recommend the adoption of the suggestion it contains, that the statistics shall hereafter be reported accurately for the year, from January to December, and that a supplementary return for the half year, from January to June, preceding the

meeting of the Grand Encampment, be also inserted in the Grand Scribe's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DONOGH,
M. J. BEAM,
ROBT. BRUCE,
THOS. COLE,
CHARLES T. MASON.

On motion the above report was adopted.

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred clause 2 of the Grand Patriarch's Report, and clause 3 of the Grand Scribe's Report relating to the establishment of Uniform Degree Camps, would report as follows :

We are gratified to learn that the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in adopting a degree for Uniformed Patriarchs has been received with general satisfaction by the Patriarchs of Ontario, and that already four Uniformed Degree Camps have been instituted at points where the strength of the Order and the zeal of the Patriarchs will ensure success.

It is also gratifying to learn that while in some other jurisdictions a conflict between the Patriarchal Circle, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge seems to be imminent, the only Temple of the Patriarchal Circle in Ontario, Hamilton, No. 1, has ceased operations, and its members are all active supporters of the Uniform Degree Camp.

We sincerely hope that this degree will fully meet the requirements of the Uniformed Patriarchs by giving to them a separate organization for the transaction of business without interfering with the rights and privileges of subordinate Encampments.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

1. That the action of the Grand Patriarch in granting dispensations for the institution of Uniformed Degree Camps at Hamilton, London, St. Thomas and Kingston be approved, and that Charters be issued to these several Camps.

2. That the Charter for the Uniformed Degree Camps be fixed at \$10.

JOHN DONOGH,
M. J. BEAM,
THOMAS COLE,
CHARLES L MASON,
ROBERT BRUCE.

On motion the above report was adopted.

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OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Patriarch and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

We, your Committee on State of the Order, beg to report as follows :

GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

Clause 4.—We approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in re-appointing as Auditors, Patriarchs James Smith and W. D. Riddell, of London, and note with pleasure the satisfactory manner in which they discharged the important duties assigned them.

Clause 9.—We desire to congratulate the Grand Encampment on the harmony that prevails throughout the jurisdiction. There being no questions submitted for decision is an evidence that the Patriarchs are well posted in the laws and workings of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. T. MASON,
JOHN DONOGH,
THOS. COLE,
R. BRUCE,
M. J. BEAM.

On motion the above report was adopted.

OTTAWA, Aug. 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. Clause 6, Grand Patriarch's report. We are pleased to find that a large majority of D. D. G. P's have satisfactorily discharged their duties, and have reported to the Grand Patriarch. We need scarcely point out to the representatives the necessity of exercising due discrimination in the selection of Patriarchs to fill that important office.

2nd, Clause 7—Grand Patriarch's Report. We are heartily pleased to notice the good feeling and ready co-operation of the representatives and officers of this Encampment. We have further pleasure in finding the Patriarchal branch of our Order in such a flourishing condition—the increase of membership, the financial condition, and the bond of union has never before shown such strength, and we feel confident of a continued success. We, however, regret to learn that Seaforth Encampment, No. 27, is still dormant, not having sent returns for three years. We would recommend that the incoming Grand Patriarch use his best endeavors to place the above Encampment in working order, or if such cannot be accomplished, to reclaim the Charter and effects.

Clause 12—Grand Scribe's Report. We very much regret to learn that the Ridgely Monument Fund has been so sparsely dealt with, not

meeting one third the amount desired, viz., 5 cts. per member. We therefore beg to suggest that the representatives present use their best endeavours in their respective Encampments to further the above scheme.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS COLE,
JOHN DONOGH,
CHAS. T. MASON,
ROBERT BRUCE,
M. J. BEAM.

On motion the above report was adopted.

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Patriarchs, we, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were submitted the first and third sections of the Grand Patriarch's Report, and section four of the Grand Scribe's Report, beg leave to report as follows:—In section 1, Grand Patriarch's Report, we are pleased to note that he has instituted two new Encampments—one in this City, and the other at Barrie, we would recommend that Charters be granted. Judging by the progress reported by the Grand Scribe, we will no doubt soon find the new Encampment of this City pulling well to the fore, as one of our leading Uniform Encampments. In Section 3, we are pleased to see that the Grand Patriarch, with his usual good nature, has granted a number of dispensations. Some of the subordinate Encampments are in doubt as to whether the Deputy District Grand Patriarch has the power to grant dispensations or not. The law is plainly laid down in Section 15 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, which shows that it is the duty of the Grand Patriarch, and the Grand Patriarch alone, but applications for dispensations should come through the Deputy District Grand Patriarch, and we may safely assume that a request for a dispensation properly made, will not be refused, as we have no record of such request having been refused by any of our worthy Grand Patriarchs. In Section 4, Grand Scribe's Report, he states he has carried out the instructions of the Grand Encampment, having published and distributed six hundred copies of the Journal, sending five copies to each subordinate Encampment. We approve his action and recommend that the same number of copies be published and distributed in the same way. We are sorry to note that although he purchased one hundred copies of the valuable work—"Book of Laws," and recommended it to the several Encampments—only twenty-eight copies were sold, we cannot urge too strongly that each Encampment should have a copy, if they wish to carry on the business of their Encampments properly. It is exceedingly gratifying to find from the Grand Scribe's Report that there are no appeals, and that all are working harmoniously together. Long may this continue.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. J. BEAM,
CHAS. T. MASON,
R. BRUCE,
JOHN DONOGH,
THOS. COLE,

On motion the above report was adopted.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on State of the Order have examined it and report as follows :—

That we approve of the report of the Grand Representatives. It is very gratifying to see that there is an increase of 19,006 Lodge members, and 1,145 Encampment members—still the increase in members (we are sorry to see) in this branch, is not commensurate with the increase of membership in the subordinates. We must have more work in our tents.

We would recommend that the report of the Grand Representatives be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. BRUCE,
JOHN DONOGH,
THOS. COLE,
CHAS. T. MASON,
M. J. BEAM.

On motion the above report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report which was adopted :—

OTTAWA, August 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Judiciary beg leave to submit the following report :—

No questions have been submitted for the opinion of your Committee, which would appear to indicate that the officers and members of the subordinate Encampments are well versed in the laws and regulations of the Order.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

ISAAC F. TOMS,
W. H. BONE,
M. HYSLOP,
L. A. JOHNSTON,
HENRY ROBERTSON.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

P. G. P. James Woodyatt, in accordance with his notice of motion given last year, moved the following amendments to the Constitution, which were adopted unanimously :—

Amend Sec. 1, by striking out the words "Right Worthy," in the first line.

Amend Sec. 9, by striking out the letters "M. W.," "M. E." "R. W." preceding the respective officers.

Amend Sec. 10, by striking out the word "Worthy," preceding the respective officers.

On motion the Grand Encampment took recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Patriarch, W. D. Gordon, presiding.

PRESENT—All the officers and a quorum of representatives.

Opened in proper form.

Patriarch Oliver gave notice that he will move to amend Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, by inserting after the word "Installed," the words "and Grand Sentinels and Grand Marshal."

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT No. 3, OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

OTTAWA, Aug. 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee find the following P. C. P's, B. H. Carnovsky and Geo. W. Robinson, of Kingston Encampment, and Willoughby Cowper, of Wentworth Encampment, No. 30, in waiting, and would recommend that they be instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

ROT. GOTT.
JOHN WHITE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted as amended, by resolution of Representative F. Toms :—

OTTAWA, Aug. 7th, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Finance beg most respectfully to report :

1. That we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand

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1883 GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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Scribe and Treasurer, and find the receipts and disbursements for the year as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on Hand, Aug. 1st, 1882.....	\$ 617 13
Cash from all sources.....	1376 72
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	\$1993 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mileage and per diem, 1882.....	\$560 72
Various payments, as shown on page 10, Grand Scribe and Treasurer's report.....	753 09
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	\$1313 81
Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 680 04
To this add amount of supplies on hand.....	276 95
Amount due by subordinate Encampments.....	48 34
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	\$1005 33
Deducting from this amount the sum due to Encampments.....	2 80
Am't of assets of the Grand Encampment.....	\$1002 53

2. We have examined the following accounts, and would recommend payment of the same :

Grand Patriarch, postage, Stationery and Printing.....	\$ 13 50
W. D. Riddell, auditor.....	5 00
James Smith, auditor.....	5 00
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	\$ 23 50

3. The auditors appointed by the M. W. Grand Patriarch, report as follows :

LONDON, Ont. Aug. 3rd, 1883.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, the auditors appointed by the Grand Patriarch to examine the books and stock of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer of the Grand Encampment beg to submit the following report :

That we have examined all the books and vouchers connected therewith, and find them correct, showing to the credit of the Grand Encampment as follows :

Amount due by Encampments.....	\$ 48 34
Stock on hand.....	276 95
Certified cheque, Molsons Bank.....	680 04
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Total.....	\$1005 33
LIABILITIES—Amount due to Encampments.....	2 80
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We find that there is a balance at the credit of the Ridgely Memorial Fund of \$2.85.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. RIDDELL, }
JAS. SMITH. } AUDITORS.

Your Committee find that from the recent action of the Grand Encampment fixing the mileage at five cents per mile, it will be necessary to raise the sum of \$400, and your Committee would recommend that a special assessment be levied on the subordinate Encampments for that purpose.

We find that the funds on hand will admit of the present payment of the per diem allowance, and one half of the mileage to each representative, and your Committee would recommend that that course be taken and that the balance be paid them as soon as collected.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS RAE,
GEO. M. ANDERSON,
J. B. McIVER,
W. F. ROOME,
J. E. FAREWELL.

Moved by Rep. Isaac F. Toms, Seconded by Rep. J. M. Staebler, that the Grand Scribe and Treasurer pay to each representative the sum of \$2 for per diem, and 2½ cents per mile, for mileage, in cash, and issue scrip to each representative for the balance due him, as per resolution read and passed, such scrip to be accepted as cash for per capita tax and supplies. Motion adopted.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE SECRET WORK.

Grand Rep. Donogh, by request, exemplified the secret work of the Encampment Branch.

Rep. Lowe, London, moved, seconded by Rep. W. H. Bone, Thorold, that a hearty vote of thanks be presented to Rep. Donogh for the able and perfect manner in which he had exemplified the secret work. Adopted by a standing vote.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Grand Patriarch, W. D. Gordon, then proceeded to instal the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year, in the following order, viz.:

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

- H. URQUHART, Strathroy.....Grand Patriarch
- JOS. OLIVER, Toronto.....Grand High Priest
- JOHN WELSH Stratford.....Grand Senior Warden
- M. D. DAWSON, London.....Grand Scribe and Treasurer
- FRANK RIDDELL, London.....Grand Junior Warden

The Grand Patriarch, Hector Urquhart, then appointed the following subordinate officers, all of whom were approved and duly installed into their respective offices :

- J. B. McIVER, Kingston.....Grand Sentinel
- WM. SUTHERLAND, Ingersoll.....Grand O. Sentinel
- JOHN SINCLAIR, Petrolia.....Grand Marahal

Moved by J. Donogh, seconded by Grand Rep. Rae, that the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to the brothers composing the Ottawa Committee of Reception, for their kind attention to the comfort of the Representatives in attendance at the Grand Encampment.

Moved by Dr. Rae, seconded by John Donogh, that the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Ottawa, for their kindness in granting the use of this Hall and adjoining committee rooms, and that the Grand Scribe forward a copy of this resolution to Mayor St. Jeans.

Moved by W. F. Roomes, seconded by W. R. Hickey, that the thanks of this Grand body be extended to the railroad and steamboat companies for having granted reduced fares for delegates attending the Grand Encampment.



TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Union.....	1	St. Catharines.....	Geo. Wales.....	354	\$17 70	\$2 00	\$19 70
Frontier.....	2	Windsor.....	J. S. Edgar.....	507	25 35	2 00	27 35
".....	3	".....	John Curtis.....	507	25 35	2 00	27 35
Harmony.....	3	London.....	John Milne.....	397	19 85	2 00	21 85
".....	4	".....	T. G. Lowe.....	397	19 85	2 00	21 85
Brant.....	4	".....	Levi Fisher.....	349	17 45	2 00	19 45
Charity.....	5	Brantford.....	John M. Reynett.....	366	18 30	2 00	20 30
Beaver.....	6	Stratford.....	M. J. Beam.....	376	18 80	2 00	20 80
Burlington.....	7	St. Mary's.....	R. J. Faulkner.....	322	Lodge Rep.	2 00	18 10
".....	7	Hamilton.....	Alex. Anderson.....	322	16 10	2 00	18 10
Toronto.....	8	".....	E. W. Barton.....	283	Lodge Rep.	2 00	18 10
".....	8	".....	W. A. Lyon.....	283	14 15	2 00	16 15
".....	8	".....	A. C. J. Kaufman.....	75	3 75	2 00	5 75
Brock.....	9	Brockville.....	Thos. Holmes, jr.....	462	23 10	2 00	25 10
Chatham.....	10	Chatham.....	Robt. Gott.....	249	12 00	2 00	14 00
Ontario.....	11	Oshawa.....	Nelson M. Gage.....	240	12 00	2 00	14 00
Albion.....	12	Bowmanville.....	J. E. Farewell.....	253	12 65	2 00	14 65
Whitby.....	13	Whitby.....	Robt. Diprose.....	417	20 85	2 00	22 85
Fidelity.....	14	Strathroy.....	J. B. McIver.....	122	6 10	2 00	8 10
Kingston.....	15	".....	John A. Reid.....	148	7 40	2 00	9 40
Mount Ararat.....	16	Nanawate.....	N. A. McKinnon.....	405	20 25	2 00	22 25
Hebron.....	17	Parkhill.....	Robt. McKnight.....	272	13 60	2 00	15 60
Northern Star.....	18	Port Perry.....	I. H. Mills.....	170	8 50	2 00	10 50
Quinte.....	19	Belleville.....	Thos. Cole.....	404	20 20	2 00	22 20
Edgim.....	20	St. Thomas.....	Mathew Hylop.....	380	19 00	2 00	21 00
Unity.....	21	Ingersoll.....	John Twohey.....	285	14 25	2 00	16 25
Quincing Star.....	22	Manilla.....	E. F. Carter.....	365	18 25	2 00	20 25
Niagara Falls.....	23	Niagara Falls.....	John Sinclair.....	413	20 65	2 00	22 65
Friendship.....	24	Petrolia.....	Thos. Powers.....	226	11 30	2 00	13 30
Victoria.....	25	Port Hope.....	Geo. Lucas.....	457	22 55	2 00	24 55
Alpha.....	26	Sarnia.....	Isaac F. Toms.....	411	20 55	2 00	22 55
Huron.....	28	Goderich.....					

Livingstone.....
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NAMES OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS
ELECTED AND INSTALLED.

FOR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1st, 1883.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	CHIEF PATRIARCHS.	HIGH PRIEST.	SENIOR WARDEN.	SCRIBE.	TREASURER.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	FINANCIAL SCRIBE.
Union	1	D L Critchbank.	A Purvis.	B J Lembsdorf.	D Robertson.	J A Swinton.	Wm Clambert.	L D Winchester
Frontenac	2	D G Revell.	Rich'd Duridan.	Geo Latham.	C J Reid.	John Curtis.	John Wilkinson.	Wm E Reid
Frontenac	3	Chris Crooble.	Isaac Seighan.	J J Reed.	A F Davis.	John Chapman.	Thos Brock.	T G Lowe
Bank	4	H C Montgomery.	Wm Petros.	J C Hume.	F J Grenny.	Jas W Conlyad.	J D Hamilton.	
Charity	5	E K Barnsdale.	Joe Baxter.	J A Hume.	Chas Pickett.	F D Stanley.	John Reid.	
Beaver	6	Wm Robertson.	F Chaplin.	Geo Granban.	P McDaniel.	Geo Midgley.	Jas Eyrason.	H Pearson
Burlington	7	Jno Fotheringham.	Thos McMillan.	Geo Granban.	Wm Burton.	A G Allison.	W D Varoy.	Thos Colby
Toronto	8	Jno Henderson.	Jno McMillan.	A McGregor.	Robt J Hall.	W H Cole.	— Tennant	— Tennant
Brock	9	Jno Henderson.	J C Reid.	— Kendall.	Robt J Hall.	Jos E Peers.	Peter Rutherford.	Jno Schneider
Chatham	10	Jos Northwood.	Chas A Heyward.	John M Park.	Jos Fellow.	F Ras.	— Brance	R Dicke
Ontario	11	W E Grant.	Chas Tvd.	Levi Morris.	John K Orr.	John J Reid.	N Bunnison.	
Albert	12	Chas Tvd.	Marcus Mayers.	R Gott.	John K Orr.	G Carson.	W Burns.	
Whitby	13	J E Farwell.	A Barrett.	D Dicars.	B Wallace.	H Urquhart.	H Urquhart.	James Robbs
Fidelity	14	W Z Snell.	Isaac Wilkinson.	D Dicars.	Edwin Adams.	G W Robinson.	F G Sharp.	
Mount Ararat.	15	J D MacIntosh.	E S Layrens.	S Marshall.	G C Barker.	Wm Blewett.	Jas Micer.	
Northam Star	16	Donald McKenzie.	N A McKinnon.	Robt Anderson.	J P Owens.	John English.	Francis Fuesell.	
Quinte.	17	J H Brown.	J Rolph.	Wm Fletcher.	J W Isaacs.	A J Harrington.	E Caudell.	F M Clark
Ugny	18	J H Stirling.	J A Davis.	R McKnight.	J W Isaacs.	F C Sutcliff.	A S McDonald.	H M Wilson
Ugny	19	Thos Hall.	Peter Brown.	F S Campbell.	Joseph Ziglar.	F C Stitt.	John H Size.	
Ugny	20	Thos Hall.	Geo Dennis.	Jas Vicary.	Joseph Ziglar.	John Birs.	Peter McSweyn.	R L Bigger
Guiding Star	21	Geo Scott.	Geo Dennis.	J A Turnbull.	J A McLean.	Alex Clark.	Geo Pirie.	
Niagara Falls.	22	Jacob Whetzer.	David Lindsay.	J A Turnbull.	R P Carter.	Wm Gardner.	Chas Collins.	J Ross
Victoria	23	Geo Scott.	B F Kirkridge.	F Anderson.	J Ellis Durham.	J E Durham.	A Stevenson.	W H Ball
Victoria	24	Henry White.	J H Magill.	Wm M Lovey.	A J Thoop.	Thos Powers.	A Kirkbridge.	
Alpha	25	Mann.	D McKay.	Jas McKee.	Wm Lusscombe.	J Clement.	W Farnell.	
Huron	26	Jas Yates.	Jas Robinson.	W H Murney.	W Moore.	Wm Williams.	Geo Coole.	
L'Aringstone	27	F Sleep.	S Cleveand.	D Ramsay.	Edwin Morrish.	Geo Lees.	Wm Parker.	
Wentworth	28	F A Latham.	Thos Bradley.	Alex McKenzie.	W S Smith.	Wm Williams.		
Wallington	29	Geo Wheeler.	J Werlich.	A Wikens.		C Coffin.		
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Newmarket.	32	G C Mortimore.	J P Hunter.	W D Lawrie.	E McCormick.	I Atkinson.	Fred Saxton.	
Essex	33	Thos Hamlin.	M M Leigh.	R P Spackman.	Chas Semler.			
Royal	34	Alfred T.	Jno Reynolds.					

Trully Peter McSweyn R L Bigger
 Guiding Bull Wm Gardner
 Friendship J Elise Durham
 Victoria J J Clement W H Ball
 Alpha A Kirkbridge
 Fluron W Parnell
 Westborough Geo Ross
 Wentworth Wm Parker
 Wellington C O'Leary

22 G C Mortimore J P Hunter
 23 J J Hamlin M M Leigh
 24 Geo Clark Geo Reynolds
 25 Allan MacDonald D A DeLacy
 26 W H Blackwell W Darch
 27 J L Wells H Young
 28 J S Clutton A J Sanders
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 Maple Leaf
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 E J Smeadman
 R Haggart
 James Anderson
 L Bingham
 Leo
 Jas Scott
 D H Rice
 John Livingston
 John Munroe
 Tug Smaley
 Oliver Gilchrist
 H O P LePau
 F Robinson
 J Altmanang
 Henry Hanson
 J R Masecar
 F Gallagher
 Geo Fisher
 S A Trimmer
 Ezra J Briggs
 E McCormick
 Chas Senior
 Geo McFadden
 G E Hillson
 R J Cayville
 A K Shaw
 F S Scott
 R Bruce
 E E Richards
 J H Johnson
 Chas Mills
 S Wood
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 H Hilscocks
 Alex Macdonald
 J K Macdonald
 Stephen Willcock
 Thos Burnside
 R Robbo
 E Robbo
 W J McLaughlin
 Thos J McBeath
 John D Doig
 L Atkinson
 Geo Heaman
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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS FOR 1883 & 1884.

A. McMILLAN.....	Union, No. 1.
S. T. REEVES.....	Frontier, No. 2.
GEO. M. ANDERSON.....	Harmony, No. 3.
MATHEW TRUESDALE.....	Brant, No. 4.
JOS. BAXTER.....	Charity, No. 5.
THOS. D. STANLEY.....	Beaver, No. 6.
JOHN FALKNER.....	Burlington, No. 7.
E. W. BARTON.....	Toronto, No. 8.
F. G. HAYWOOD.....	Brock, No. 9.
ALBERT SHELDRIK.....	Chatham, No. 10.
JOHN L. CORNER.....	Ontario, No. 11.
N. M. GAGE.....	Albert, No. 12.
WM. WICKS.....	Whitby, No. 13.
CHAS. GREENWAY.....	Fidelity, No. 14.
W. H. MARTIN.....	Kingston, No. 15.
D. HENWOOD.....	Mount Ararat, No. 16.
N. A. MCKINNON.....	Hebron, No. 17.
JAMES ISAACS.....	Northern Star, No. 18.
GEO. SUTHERLAND.....	Quinte Enc., No. 19.
H. PONSFORD.....	Elgin Enc. No. 20.
JOHN BIRRS.....	Unity Enc., No. 21.
A. EDWARDS.....	Guiding Star, No. 22.
RICHARD BIGGAR.....	Niagara Falls, No. 23.
A. H. MCKENZIE.....	Friendship, No. 24.
JAMES BRITTON.....	Victoria, No. 25.
JOHN ROSS.....	Alpha, No. 26.
JAMES ROBINSON.....	Huron, No. 28.
WM. WILLIAMS.....	Livingstone, No. 29.
WILLOUGHBY COOPER.....	Wentworth, No. 30.
J. BRINSFILD.....	Wellington, No. 31.
J. G. SRIGLEY.....	Newmarket, No. 32.
THOS. HAMLIN.....	Exeter, No. 33.
W. C. BBYANT.....	Peel, No. 34.
JOHN FAULKNER.....	Royal, No. 36.
L. N. JOHNSTON.....	Dresden, No. 37.
GEO. M. ANDERSON.....	Adelphian, No. 38.
B. WILSON.....	Excelsior, No. 39.
F. S. SCOTT.....	Brussels, No. 40.
J. McMILLAN.....	Dufferin, No. 41.
G. F. CLARK.....	Aylmer, No. 42.
W. T. WATSON.....	Banner, No. 43.
J. D. ANDERSON.....	Wilkey, No. 44.
THEODORE LAURENCE.....	Collingwood, No. 45.
JAMES A. ROTHWELL.....	Saugeen Valley, No. 46.
J. H. HISCOCKS.....	Minerva, No. 47.
ALLEN CAMERON.....	Owen Sound, No. 48.
ALEX. MCPHERSON.....	Samaritan, No. 49.
E. W. BARTON.....	Rehoboth, No. 50.
THOS. BURNSIDE.....	Bothwell, No. 51.
J. R. MASSECAR.....	Ridgley, No. 52.
GEO. L. FOSTER.....	Outaouis, No. 53.
WM. BURTON.....	Mizpah Enc., No. 54.

The Grand Encampment closed at 9.15, with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON.

Grand Scribe.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.

—OF THE—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, FOR 1883, AND 1884.

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HECTOR URQUHART, Grand Patriarch.....	Strathroy
JOSEPH OLIVER, Grand High Priest.....	Toronto
JOHN WELSH, Grand Senior Warden.....	Stratford
M. D. DAWSON, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.....	London
FRANCIS RAE, Grand Rep. Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	Oshawa
JOHN GIBSON, Grand Rep. Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	Stratford
FRANK RIDDELL, Grand Junior Warden.....	London
JOHN SINCLAIR, Grand Marshal.....	Petrolia
J. B. McIVER, Grand Sentinel.....	Kingston
WM. SUTHERLAND, Grand O. Sentinel.....	Ingersoll

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

JAMES WOODYATT, Brantford.....	1869-1870
S. G. DOLSON, St Catharines.....	1870-1871
HENRY McAfee, Walkerville.....	1871-1872
ADAM PURVES, St. Catharines.....	1872-1873
JOHN HAM PERRY, Whitby.....	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON, Stratford.....	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON, St. Catharines.....	1875-1876
W. H. COLE, Brockville.....	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT, Brantford.....	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON, London.....	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS, Hamilton.....	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH, Toronto.....	1880-1881
FRANCIS RAE, Oshawa.....	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON, Kingston.....	1882-1883

REINSTATEMENTS.

FRONTIER ENC. No. 2, WINDSOR.—Geo. H. Leslie, Jno. Smith, S. Blanning, J. R. Donnelly.

BRANT ENC. No. 4, BRANTFORD.—Wm. Peirce, F. Gallagher.

BURLINGTON ENC. No. 7, HAMILTON.—John H. Glass, J. C. White, W. J. Shaw, Wm. Halliday.

TORONTO ENC. No. 8, TORONTO.—Wm. P. Smith, Saml. Holmes, John Ritchie.

QUINTE ENC. No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—S. A. Davis.

GUIDING STAR ENC. No. 22, MANILLA.—Duncan Ray.

ALPHA ENC. No. 26, SARNIA.—Wm. Frink.

LIVINGSTONE ENC. No. 29, THOROLD.—John Crofts.

NEWMARKET ENC. No. 32, NEWMARKET.—Wm. D. Lawrie.

EXETER ENC. No. 33, EXETER.—W. J. Donaldson.

PEEL ENC. No. 34, BRAMPTON.—W. D. Hunter, Jas. Phillips.

BANNER ENC. No. 43, HARRISTON.—W. L. Wallace.

COLLINGWOOD ENC. No. 45.—Thos. Wylie.

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SUSPENSIONS.

MONTREAL ENC. No. 1, MONTREAL.—C. L. Rorke and J. P. Ferguson, for non-payment of dues.

FRONTIER ENC. No. 2, WINDSOR.—Geo. H. Leslie, for non-payment of dues.

HARMONY ENC. No. 3, LONDON.—Geo. Pacey, John J. Porter, Thos. Tans-ton, Geo. Wrigley, Wm. Wyatt, Saml. Friendship, T. H. Couper and Wm. Tytler, for non-payment of dues.

BRANT ENC. No. 4, BRANTFORD.—R. Gregor, for non-payment of dues.

CHARITY ENC. No. 5, STRATFORD.—H. C. Flach, R. Hogarth, J. Seyler, J. Burns and W. S. Cowan, for non-payment of dues.

BURLINGTON ENC. No. 7, HAMILTON.—Jas. Cruickshank, S. Chapple, W. J. Collins, J. C. White and H. Griffith, for non-payment of dues.

CHATHAM ENC. No. 10, CHATHAM.—W. J. Morrison, S. J. Somerville, Peter McNaughton, Jas. H. Bongast, David Sterrill, Wm. Bartelay, Wm. Sid-dle, L. A. Blackburn, Thos. Mapp, C. Kramer, Thos. Darling, Wm. Alford, Geo. J. Horsford, Alf. J. Powell, Wm. Cochrane and R. M. M. Patton, for non-payment of dues.

ALBERT ENC. No. 12, BOWMANVILLE.—N. Horn, Saml. Birmingham, Saml. H. Hill, Saml. J. Hoskin, Thos. Burden, Wm. J. Prower and C. W. M. Hughen, for non-payment of dues.

FIDELITY ENC. No. 14, STRATHROY.—Thos. Lamont, Frank Gibbons, Jno. Riddle, D. Currie and G. G. German, for non-payment of dues.

MOUNT ARARAT ENC. No. 16, NAPANEE.—R. J. Collins and Arthur Toomey, for non-payment of dues.

HEBRON ENC. No. 17, PARKHILL.—Wm. Reid, for non-payment of dues.

QUINTE ENC. No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—J. F. Wilson, suspended in subordi-nate Lodge over a year.

ELGIN ENC. No. 20, ST. THOMAS.—J. M. Green, J. Wilson, R. Cowan and R. Odibert, for non-payment of dues.

UNITY ENC. No. 21, INGERSOLL.—Robt. McWhinney, G. D. McKay, A. Sutherland, W. H. Root, Jas. R. Harris and Thos Lavin, for non-payment of dues.

FRIENDSHIP ENC. No. 24, PETROLIA.—Richard B. Cochrane, Wm. McKay and B. Stenaker, for non-payment of dues.

HURON ENC. No. 28, GODERICH.—W. J. Welsh and Jas. Yule, for non-payment of dues.

LIVINGSTONE ENC. No. 29, THOROLD.—John Simms, M. Brown and J. Stewartson, for non-payment of dues.

WENTWORTH ENC. No. 30, DUNDAS.—Jas. D. Lyon and O. B. Thompson, for non-payment of dues.

NEWMARKET ENC. No. 32, NEWMARKET.—H. F. Deering, Jas. Suckwell, W. Stevenson and Jas. Sheers, for non-payment of dues.

EXETER ENC. No. 33, EXETER.—Robt. Mack and James Den, for non-payment of dues.

ROYAL ENC. No. 36, HAMILTON —B. S. Rosenthal and Wm. Campbell, for non-payment of dues.

DUFFERIN ENC. No. 41, POINT EDWARD.—D. Gillies and W. Wiley, for non-payment of dues.

AYLMER ENC. No. 42, AYLMEK.—Wm. McConnell, C. Whittaker and D. L. Brethor, for non-payment of dues.

BANNER ENC. No. 43, HARRISTON.—E. H. Dewar, R. Hinds, J. B. Bingham, A. Campbell, B. Birthman, T. Davey, Jno. Bradley, and Wm. Holman, for non-payment of dues.

COLLINGWOOD ENC. No. 45, COLLINGWOOD.—Thos. Wylie and John H. Duncan, for non-payment of dues.

SAUGEEN VALLEY ENC. No. 46.—R. B. Ashley, J. D. Balfour, Paul Ross, Jas. Russell and Wm. Schuyler, for non-payment of dues.

MINERVA ENC. No. 47, WINGHAM —Geo. Stoddart, Thos Kincaid, J. A. Martiu and Wm. Moore, for non-payment of dues.

BOTHWELL ENC. No. 51, BOTHWELL.—John Robinson and Geo. Brewer for non-payment of dues.

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In Memoriam.

- UNION ENC. No. 1, St. Catharines CHAS. BAILY, July 29, '82
- FRONTIER ENC. No. 2, Windsor } ST. GEO. CAULFIELD, Sept. 17, '82
 GEO. GALL, Sept. 23, '83
- HARMONY ENC. No. 2, Windsor JAS. F. HOWIE, Aug. 23, '82
- CHARITY ENC. No. 5, Stratford { . . . THOS. DRAPER, March 7, '82
 . . . JOHN JODBERT, Jan. 24, '83
- BURLINGTON ENC. No. 7, Hamilton . . . JOHN AUKETELL, April 11, '83
- NORTHERN STAR ENC. No. 18, Pt. Perry } W. BENNETT, Oct. 21, '83
 J. A. PHILLIPS, Mar. 12, '83
- QUINTE ENC. No. 19, Belleville . . . SAML. ROBINSON, April 24, '83
- NIAGARA FALLS ENC. No. 23, Clifton . . . WM. HENLEY, Jan. 16, '83
- HURON ENC. No. 28, Goderich } . . . CHAS. E. SLIGHT, Nov. 2, '82
 . . . A. KERBY, Feb. 12, '83
- ADELPHIAN ENC. No. 38, London } W. KINSMAN, May 25, '83
 C. F. AYERS, June 27, '83
- DUFFERIN ENC. No. 41, Pt. Edward . . . C. E. KOPPELBERGER, July 12, '82
- BANNER ENC. No. 43, Harriston S. R. LENNOX, May 10, '83

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOVEREIGN
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.

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

Your Representatives to the Fifty-ninth Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held at the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, from the 17th to 22nd September, 1888, would most respectfully present the following Report :

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled on the morning of September 17th, when eloquent, cordial and fraternal addresses of welcome were delivered by His Excellency, A. O. Bourne, Governor of the State; His Honor, W. S. Hayward, Mayor of the City of Providence; and H. M. Coombs, Grand Master; to which Érie J. Leech, Grand Sire, responded in eloquent and appropriate terms.

The following Officers were in attendance :—

ÉRIE J. LEECH	Grand Sire.
HENRY F. GAREY	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEODORE A. ROSS	Grand Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT	Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. MCQUIDDY	Grand Marshal.
HENRY P. COX	Grand Guardian, <i>pro tem</i> .
HENRY C. FUHRMANN	Grand Messenger.

The Past Grand Sires present, were :—

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VITCH	Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES	Pennsylvania.

And a representation from thirty-eight Grand Lodges, and twenty-two Grand Encampments; all the Grand bodies under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge being represented, except the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chili, and Switzerland.

The Grand Sire presented a report of more than usual interest, from which we make the following extracts :—

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

It is with pleasure that I am able to state to you that our progress during the year has been extremely gratifying, and in every particular highly satisfactory. Our net gain in membership has been 18,050, which, with the loss of about 2,000 in Kentucky and North Carolina by the retirement of defunct Lodges they have carried for years, would really make our increase over 20,000—larger in fact than that in any previous year. Our finances are in a sound and healthy condition, and we may congratulate ourselves that at no period in the history of our Order has the outlook for the future been more bright and promising.

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RETURNS.

The returns for 1882 are shown by the following table:—

		INCREASE.
Grand Lodges.....		
Grand Encampments.....	50	
Subordinate Lodges.....	41	
Subordinate Encampments.....	7,514	206
Lodge initiations.....	1,864	25
Lodge members.....	47,549	989
Encampment initiations.....	493,997	18,050
Encampment members.....	10,044	3,414
Total relief.....	85,110	4,467
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DECISIONS.

1.—Can the Grand Patriarch of Michigan proceed at once to the organization of Uniformed Degree Camps in our State, after receiving the Work and Rituals, and prior to any action by our Grand Encampment, which will not meet until February, 1883?

Answer—In the absence of specific legislation, and the fact that many Grand Encampments do not hold sessions for several months to come, I decide, that as soon as they receive the Work and Rituals pertaining to Uniformed Degree Camps, Grand Patriarchs and Grand Scribes may proceed at once to organize such Camps, granting them Dispensations to work, subject to the approval of their Grand Encampments, as in organizing other Camps.

2.—Concerning the number of copies of Ritual a Uniformed Degree Camp may have, the resolution does not limit the number, and I decide, that as there is no definite law on the subject, each Uniformed Degree Camp is allowed to procure, not to exceed five (5) Charge Books, or Rituals of the Degree.

3.—At a regular meeting of the Lodge a Withdrawal Card granted to a Brother at a previous meeting was annulled, and a charge of embezzlement was preferred against said Brother in regular form. Was the action of the Lodge in annulling the Card before the charges were proven, correct?

Answer—Yes. See Digest, Section 1,303.

4.—Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah and Uniformed Degree Camps cannot be chartered by the name or title of any living person.—*Digest*, Section 751.

5.—The prayers for opening and closing Subordinate Lodges, adopted at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, may properly be printed in the Appendix to the Revised Journal.

6.—The Warden has not the right to demand the Degree Pass Word from a visiting Brother who has been duly examined and admitted by Card, when the Lodge is about to open in a higher degree. See Digest, Section 1,423.

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7.—In the absence of the Chief Patriarch, it is not only the right, but the duty of the Senior Warden to take the place of the superior officer and fulfill all his functions. In the absence of the Chief Patriarch, the Senior Warden is *de facto* Chief Patriarch, and may confer the degree. He has the right, however, to invite a Past Chief Patriarch to occupy the Chair during initiation, conferring degrees, or upon occasion of Grand Visitation.

8.—It is legal for the Senior Warden, acting as Chief Patriarch of an Encampment, or the Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand of a Lodge, to give the Term, or Annual Traveling Pass Word to Initiates, or to a Brother in good standing when required.

9.—A By-Law of a Subordinate, granting to a Vice Grand the privilege of calling a special meeting of his Lodge, in the absence from town of the Noble Grand, is legal.

10.—It is legal for a Subordinate to confer a degree upon a Brother from another jurisdiction holding an authenticated order from his Lodge for such degree, the said Brother being without a Visiting Card and the Annual Traveling Pass Word. See Digest, Section 282.

11.—How is Section 598, Digest to be construed; that is, suppose a man born of a white father and Mexican mother, becomes a citizen, is he, or is any other person of mixed blood, eligible to membership in the Order?

Answer—The law is clear; the words "Indians," "half breeds," "mixed blood," refer to colored people. If the "Mexican mother" was white, the man is eligible.

12.—The Revised Rebekah Degree Work adopted at the last session, as soon as distributed, or ready for distribution, is the only legal Rebekah Work extant, and its use in lieu of the old Work is mandatory.

13.—An unmarried half-sister of a Brother of the Order is entitled, when proposed according to law, to the Degree of Rebekah, and is eligible to membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah.

14.—To enable a Brother of a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah to visit such Lodges in jurisdictions other than the one to which the Brother belongs, he must present a card from the Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah of which he is a member, the same as a Sister of such Lodge.

15.—In the legislation authorizing Uniformed Degree Camps, no provision was made for a "street regalia;" but it was evidently intended that the uniform prescribed "for the Patriarchal branch of the Order, to be worn on public occasions," adopted in 1874 (Digest, Section 1031), should be used by members of Uniform Degree Camps, and I therefore decide that they are authorized to use and wear in public the uniform prescribed in 1874.

16.—As the law stands, a State Grand Encampment may adopt or reject the Uniformed Camp Degree.

17.—A State Grand Encampment adopting the Uniformed Camp Degree, has not the power or right to make any other qualifications than those prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to receive the degree. The only qualification required is that the applicant must be a Royal Purple member in good standing.

18.—At the organization of a Grand Lodge can a Subordinate be represented by proxy?

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Answer—I do not find any law of the Order to prevent such representation, and therefore reply that a Subordinate may authorize a Past Grand of another Lodge to represent it.

19.—Can a Visiting Card be issued for a longer time than one year?

Answer—The general law of the Order says, "a reasonable time." (Digest, Section 155.) The Constitution for Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Article IV., Section 1,) limits the time to one year. I think it desirable to have uniformity in this matter, and that one year is a "reasonable time." I decide however, that a Subordinate under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot issue a Visiting Card for a longer period than one year, but under the general law, Subordinates under State Grand Bodies must be the judges as to what is a "reasonable time;" therefore a Visiting Card issued under the general law for a longer period than one year is legal.

20.—A Member was suspended for non-payment of dues. Under the law, though suspended, his dues continued to accumulate. He does not want to be re-instated, or take a Dismissal Certificate, but desires to pay the dues standing against him at time of suspension and all that have accrued since, resign his membership and leave the Lodge honorably. Can the Lodge refuse to receive the money he tenders?

Answer—Yes? the Lodge can refuse to receive the money if he will not allow himself to be re-instated, or receive a Dismissal Certificate. He must be in good standing or he cannot resign his membership. He should be re-instated to place him in good standing.

21.—A member of a Subordinate Lodge, having been expelled, appeals to the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction. The appeal is sustained by the Grand Lodge, and his Lodge directed to restore him to membership. Can said Grand Lodge, at any subsequent session, re-open and again hear and determine the case? Is not the action upon appeal restoring the Brother to membership, final and conclusive against both the Lodge and the Grand Lodge, no appeal being taken to the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

22.—A member of a Subordinate Lodge is expelled from membership, and, upon appeal, the action of his Lodge is sustained by the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction, from which action an appeal is taken to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the appeal sustained, and the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction instructed to direct the Lodge to restore the Brother to membership. Can the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at a subsequent session, re-open and again consider the case, or is action final and conclusive against all parties?

Answer—The same point is involved in the two questions (21 and 22), therefore one answer will cover both. I am unable to find any law of the Order on the subject, but upon general principles of law relating to criminal jurisprudence, it is a well-settled rule that a person duly charged with an offence against the laws of his country, having been tried by the highest tribunal in the land and acquitted, cannot be retried by that tribunal for the same offence, therefore, I decide that a Brother duly charged with an offence against the laws of the Order, having been tried by the highest tribunal thereof, acquitted and restored to membership, that tribunal having adjourned without day, cannot at a subsequent session thereof, re-open and retry the case, its former action being final and conclusive against all parties.

23.—It is provided in Section 6, Article 11., Constitution for Subordinate Encampments under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "when a candidate has been

rejected for *reasons duly specified*," etc.; does this mean that the members who cast the black balls must give the reasons for their actions? or are the black balls alone to be considered "*reasons duly specified*?"

Answer—The fact of a sufficient number of black balls having been cast seems to be all the reasons required. The words "*for reasons duly specified*," appear superfluous, and should be removed from the section referred to.

24.—Can a D. D. Grand Sire, who is not a member of a Uniformed Degree Camp, visit a Camp under the jurisdiction as often as he chooses?

Answer—He may visit the Camp in his official capacity as D. D. Grand Sire, at all times he may deem necessary. The Grand Sire is authorized to institute Uniformed Degree Camps, and he may empower a D. D. Grand Sire to institute them when he cannot act, and such Deputy can visit *officially*, but not generally, unless he becomes a member of a Uniformed Degree Camp.

25.—A member who has been expelled from a Subordinate Lodge, appeals to the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction, and the appeal is dismissed. An appeal is taken from the action of his Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the appeal is sustained, and the Grand Lodge is instructed to direct the Subordinate Lodge to restore the Brother to membership. What is the standing of the Brother in the Order during the time between the adjournment of the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at which the appeal was sustained and the time the Subordinate Lodge receives official notice from its Grand Lodge to restore the Brother to membership? Does not the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge sustaining the appeal, nullify all action had by the Subordinate Lodge on the charges upon which the Brother was expelled and restore him to the same standing in the Order he possessed before the charges upon which he was expelled were preferred against him?

Answer—1. He still stands expelled until official notice reaches the Subordinate from the Grand Lodge, and then he should, of course, be restored to all his rights. 2. The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge takes effect when officially made known to the Subordinate Lodge through the State or Territorial Grand Lodge, and not before.

26.—An appeal is taken from the action of a Subordinate Lodge upon a subject affecting the rights of one of its members, to the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, and the appeal is either sustained or dismissed. From this action of the Grand Lodge upon the subject an appeal is taken to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the action of the Subordinate is reversed and the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction is instructed to direct the Subordinate Lodge to comply with the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge upon the subject. Has not the Grand Master the power in such case, upon receiving official notice of the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to notify the Subordinate Lodge of the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and to direct it to comply therewith? If he has the power to so act, is it not his duty to do so?

Answer—He has the power to so act, and it is his duty to do so.

27.—A Citizen, resident of British North America, applies to be initiated into a Lodge in Florida. Can he be initiated and made a member of a Lodge in Florida, provided he has the consent of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces, B. N. A.?

Answer—Yes. See Digest, Section 614, (Section 3, Article XVI., Constitution of Sovereign Grand Lodge.)

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28.—The Grand Patriarch of Michigan instituted *Semper Primus* U. D. Camp, No. 1, at Detroit, and gave it a Dispensation. He reported his action to the Grand Encampment at its session, February, 1883. The committee to which the matter was referred, reported in favor of granting a Charter to said Camp. Upon motion to adopt the report, a resolution, as an amendment, was adopted, to refuse the granting of the Charter unless said Camp will first give its consent to the organization of other Camps in Detroit.

Decided—That the action of the Grand Encampment imposes a condition upon granting the Charter to *Semper Primus* U. D. Camp, No. 1, which demands the surrender of a clearly defined right guaranteed to said Camp, after its formal and lawful institution in conformity to the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that said action of the Grand Encampment of Michigan conflicts with this law, and should be set aside and the Charter granted.

29.—Has a Subordinate Lodge the authority, under any circumstances, to grant benefits to a Brother who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears?

Answer—There is no general law regulating the granting of benefits. It is matter for local legislation. Many Grand jurisdictions have provided in their Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges, that benefits shall not be granted to a Brother who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears. There is no such prohibition in the Constitution of California. Therefore, as it is a matter for local legislation, Subordinate Lodges under the laws of California have the authority referred to in the inquiry.

30.—There is no prescribed jewel for the Financial Secretary of a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah.

The above decisions were referred to the Judiciary Committee, which presented the following report.

The Report was adopted.

Your Committee to which was referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to recommend the approval of them all from No. 1 to No. 29 inclusive; save and except Nos 11 and 18. The former is correct, if by the expression, "If the Mexican mother was white, the man is eligible," the Grand Sire meant a Caucasian woman. But your Committee are of the opinion, as a matter of act, that the offspring of a white woman, and is not eligible to membership under our Constitution, Art. XVI, Sec. 2, and judicial construction thereof. As to the latter decision No. 18, which holds that a Subordinate can be represented by proxy in the organization of a Grand Lodge, your Committee dissent, and recommend it be not approved for the following reasons: 1st, Art. V. of our By-Laws (White's Dig. p. 347) provides that "Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs or Past High Priests as representatives, to meet in convention to consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the location of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least ten Lodges or five Encampments) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or, for other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of the preceding requirements." From this language it is clear to your Committee, Past Grands, or Past Chief Patriarchs, or Past High Priests; 2nd that the power delegated is a personal trust; and 3rd that there is no power of substitution. In the second place, if the law in question could be so construed

as to admit of proxy, than our Past Grand, or Past Chief Patriarch or Past High Priest might give him proxies, and "solitary and alone," organize a Grand Lodge.

SUPREME TEMPLE, PATRIARCHAL CIRCLE.

A resolution was adopted at the session of 1882, requesting the Grand Sire to issue a circular letter in relation to this organization. In his report he says :

In accordance with the resolution, I did, on the 13th day of October, 1882, issue a circular letter directed to the Encampment branch of the Order, calling their particular attention to the various matters referred to in the report and resolution of the committee, and the same was sent to, the several jurisdictions. A copy of said circular letter is attached to this report.

With the adoption of the Degree for Uniformed Camps, and the issuing of the circular letter referred to, the Grand Sire hoped that the matter would end, and that the members of the Patriarchal Circle, however laudable the motives which prompted the organization of that body, would, as loyal Odd Fellows, (and as it is currently reported said they would so do,) abandon the Circle and adopt the new degree.

But the circular, though couched in the mildest language, and the report of the special committee, (more in the nature of a request than a protest,) instead of being received by members of the Order in many places who had joined the Patriarchal Circle, in the spirit intended by the committee and the Grand Sire, was met by open defiance, and the leaders at once proceeded to issue counter circulars, in which they asserted for the first time that theirs was an independent organization so intended from the beginning, and that the language of the committee was insulting; that the Sovereign Grand Lodge had no right to interfere with them, and they were determined to maintain their organization; that they had a right to wear the uniform, &c., notwithstanding all the whereseases of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the proclamations of the Grand Sire in that behalf.

Newspapers professing to be the official organs of the I. O. O. F., whose managers were members of the Patriarchal Circle, were filled from time to time with articles denying the right and power of the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to interfere with the wearing of the uniform and emblems—that we were trying to crush out their Order and warmly affirming that the Grand Sire had exceeded his prerogative, and boldly insisting that they had a right to and would wear our uniform and emblems in defiance of all the mandates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. From all I could see and learn, it appeared to me that members of our Order were violating our laws and regulations by thus illegally using and wearing our emblems in unauthorized organizations, and that they were doing so in open and declared defiance to "the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship."

The Special Committee appointed at this session on the Supreme Temple, Patriarchal Circle, made the following report which was adopted :

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to the Supreme Temple, Patriarchal Circle, have considered the same and report that said organization originated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where an association was first formed for the avowed purpose of attempting to procure the adoption of a Degree, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for uniformed Patriarchs. Prior to the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1881, it was distinctly understood that any degree which this Grand Body might adopt should be accepted by all of the promoters of the

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enterprise and fully acquiesced in. At that session a special committee of five were appointed to prepare and present a degree at the following session (1892) of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Special Committee held its first meeting in Chicago, at which time the friends of the Patriarchal Circle were requested to lay before said committee for consideration the work of the Patriarchal Circle, with assurance from said committee that the work, should be fairly considered, and if found to be adapted to the wants of uniformed Patriarchs, would report the degree, with a recommendation that the same be adopted. Their request was declined by the friends of the Patriarchal Circle, and the Committee was given to understand that their recommendation of the work was not wished for, and that the friends of the Patriarchal Circle desired that the endorsement of the Sovereign Grand Lodge should never be given to their work. The Special Committee thereupon prepared an original Degree and presented the same to this Grand Body at its annual communication in 1882, which was adopted by this Grand Body at that session. Your Committee believe that that degree has met all of the needs and necessities of the uniformed members of the Order, and that it has been successful.

The Patriarchal Circle, while refusing allegiance to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have adopted the uniform established by this Grand Body for Uniformed Patriarchs as its regalia, and as a qualification for membership require that the applicant shall be a Royal Purple Degree member of some Encampment in good standing. And yet your committee find that the propriety of making sundry changes in the uniform of our Order, and also the question whether the time had not arrived when it was for the interest of the Patriarchal Circle to step out as an independent secret organization, abolishing membership in the Encampment branch of our Order as a qualification for membership in the Patriarchal Circle, was earnestly discussed at its sessions in Toledo in 1882 and Chicago in 1883. But the doubt whether it had become sufficiently strong in membership to warrant their success, we believe, alone deterred them from taking that step. That such is the secret purpose of the friends of the Patriarchal Circle, at no distant day, and that this design has been entertained for the past two years, is the belief of your committee. It is evident to our minds that all that the original promoters of the Patriarchal Circle desire of Odd Fellowship is to draw from its ranks to the Patriarchal Circle as large a membership as possible, with the determination, at such time as may seem to them most feasible, of abolishing every requirement making membership as an Odd Fellow a necessary qualification for membership in the Patriarchal Circle, and thus take from our Order as large a number of the young and energetic members as possible, as a foundation upon which to build a rival secret organization of their own.

And your committee further express the belief that they have even gone so far as to attempt to get control of the Grand Bodies of several Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions for no less a purpose than to make said jurisdictions subservient to their own interests in building up an organization which openly sets at defiance this Sovereign Grand Body and its right to regulate and control matters relating to its own prosperity and welfare.

This Sovereign Grand Lodge at its annual communications at Cincinnati in 1881, and at Baltimore in 1882, fully impressed with the belief that those Odd Fellows who had become members of the Patriarchal Circle, were thoroughly loyal to this Grand Body, and firmly believing that as soon as it became known to them that membership in this Order as a qualification to membership in any other Order, as well as the appropriation of our regalia by any such organization, was distasteful to this Grand Body, would sever their connection with such organization, was very mild in its censure upon such members, and contented itself with instructions to the Grand Sire to

issue his Proclamation for the purpose of informing all such of the adoption of the Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, and of the "impropriety of members forming organizations outside of the Order, and the illegality of wearing the regalia of the Order under any direction or regulation not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

In accordance with these instructions, the Grand Sire issued a proclamation on the 13th day of October, 1882; and later, finding that many had not returned to their allegiance to this Grand Body, the Grand Sire issued a second proclamation on the 10th day of April, 1883.

It gives your committee pleasure to report that very many Odd Fellows, true to their allegiance to this Grand Body, resigned their membership in the Patriarchal Circle as soon as their attention was called to the contents of the Grand Sire's Proclamations. But it is with regret that your committee find that quite a number continue to maintain their membership in the Patriarchal Circle, in open defiance to the wish of this Grand Body, as expressed in the Proclamations of the Grand Sire, in some instances going to the extent of criticising and insulting the Grand Sire for having issued said Proclamations, although in accordance with the instructions of this Grand Body at its last annual communication.

Your Committee believe that the time has now arrived when this Grand Body should assert its authority and maintain its dignity by taking positive action in relation to the subject matter referred to your committee, not only in relation to the indignity imposed upon our Order by such a flagrant disregard of the Proclamations of the Grand Sire, and of the expressed wish of this Grand Body as embodied in the said Proclamations, but also that others may be deterred from setting at defiance the reasonable rules and regulations established from time to time for the protection of our Order, and the advancement of its material growth and prosperity.

Your Committee, therefor, report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption :

Resolved, That this Sovereign Grand Lodge hereby heartily and unreservedly endorses and approves the course pursued by the Grand Sire in issuing said Proclamations bearing date October 13, 1882; and April 10, 1883.

Resolved, That any Odd Fellow who shall hereafter retain membership in, or become a member of any organization not subordinate to this Grand Body, which shall have adopted or appropriated to its own use the uniform regalia, emblems, name, titles, mottoes or initials of this Order, or any part of them; or in which qualification for membership is based upon the applicant's standing in this Order; or in which the applicant is required to obligate himself to prefer said organization or any member thereof at the expense of this Order or any of its members, shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and a grave offence against Odd Fellowship, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Subordinate Lodge of which such person, so offending, is a member, as well as of every member thereof, to prefer charges against, and bring to speedy trial and sentence, any person so offending. If any such Subordinate Lodge shall unreasonably delay in bringing any member thereof to justice who shall offend, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction within which such Subordinate Lodge is located, and of its officers, to enforce upon such Subordinate Lodge a compliance with the requirements herein imposed, and in case of a refusal or of unreasonable delay upon the part of such Subordinate Lodge, the same shall

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Resolved, That whenever it shall come to the knowledge of this Grand Body that any Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction has failed to require a due compliance with the duties hereinbefore imposed upon Subordinate Grand Bodies or other officers, such offending jurisdiction shall be deprived of representation upon the floor of this Grand Body, and a surrender of its charter shall be demanded.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions shall not be construed to apply to Odd Fellows' Insurance Associations, and shall take effect January 1st, 1884.

After the adoption of this report by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe is hereby requested to issue a proclamation setting forth the above action of the Grand Body.

The Grand Scribe says in relation to the

UNIFORMED DEGREE CAMPS.

At your last session a Degree for Uniformed Patriarchs was adopted by the large vote of 119 yeas, 22 nays. This was done to meet a demand from that body of our order who had long felt that they should be allowed such a degree. It is not for me to discuss here the propriety of such legislation. Suffice it to say that it seemed evident to more than five-sixths of the Representatives that such a degree was demanded. Having been so unanimously adopted, it should have been received by the whole Patriarchal branch of the Order as a desire on the part of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to meet the entire requirements of the Brotherhood in that particular. And it was but reasonable to expect that upon its adoption all loyal members of the Order would have taken pleasure in making their actions conform to the Ritual and laws ordained by the supreme authority in Odd Fellowship. But such, I am sorry to say, was not the case. A portion of our membership having gotten up a degree outside of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (although not authorized by that body), not only refuse to give up their unauthorized organization and adopt the legally authorized degree, but are doing all in their power to maintain their Association.

But notwithstanding their effort, this new degree is being accepted with favor wherever Camps have been organized.

These Uniformed Degree Camps are being instituted in nearly every jurisdiction within our Order. They already number nearly two hundred, Illinois alone having twenty-five.

The advantages in favor of the Uniformed Degree Camp over that of the Patriarchal Circle, are these :

1. It is a degree duly adopted, authorized under and recognized by the laws of the Order.
2. These Camps are a component part of legitimate Odd Fellowship, and possess all the advantages for social enjoyment and privileges claimed by the Circle.

3. Being thus authorized, they can legally participate in public parades and displays of the Order, rightfully wearing the uniform and emblems thereof.

4. They can legally visit Subordinate Encampments in a body and in full uniform.

5. They are not taxed to support and maintain any expensive, superior, or superfluous body.

If, as is asserted, the degree is crude and in some respects imperfect, it can be revised and made fully to conform to the wants and requirements of the membership who belong to, or desire it. The fact of the need of its revision is no argument against it. All new degrees have to be revised as time and use develop the need thereof, and in this respect the Patriarchal Circle has no advantage, as it has had to revise its Work. But as I have before said and now reiterate, the Uniformed Degree Camp has the great advantage of being a part and parcel of legitimate Odd Fellowship, and as such should meet with favor by all Odd Fellows who are loyal to the Order. And I sincerely hope the time may speedily come when all our membership may unite upon one degree for Uniformed Patriarchs, and that degree be legitimate.

The following legislation relating to Uniformed Degree Camps was adopted :

Resolved, That the Printing Committee be directed to have printed changes in the Ritual of the Uniformed Degree Camp, upon paper the same quality as now used in the Rituals. That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the same to the Jurisdictions that have purchased rituals, giving each jurisdiction as many copies as rituals purchased, the same to be furnished free of charge.

Resolved, That no D. D. Grand Sire shall institute or visit any Uniform Degree Camp officially or otherwise, unless he has been invested with said degree, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously report in favor of adopting the same.

That Uniformed Degree Camps are hereby authorized to elect such officers as are prescribed in Eddy's Tactics in addition to those prescribed in the Ritual, for the purpose of taking command when on street parade.

Resolved, That the Uniformed Degree Camps be and they are hereby authorized to appear in uniform whenever it shall be so determined by the commander or by the body itself.

Resolved, That hereafter the uniform for Uniformed Degree Camps shall be the same as that heretofore established for the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

Resolved, That the officers of Uniformed Degree Camps shall hereafter be designated by the following emblems, which shall be worn as shoulder-straps.

COMMANDERS, royal purple silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, outside measurement, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold a quarter of an inch wide, with a raised crown of gold and purple in the centre lengthwise.

VICE-COMMANDER, same as the Commander, except for crown a bundle of sticks worked in gold lengthwise of the strap without any rosette edge.

OFFICER OF THE GUARD, same as Commander, except for the crown the

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GUARD OF THE TENT, same as the Officer of the Guard, except a single sword extending lengthwise of the strap.

PICKET same as Officer of the Guard, omitting cross swords on the shield.

STANDARD BEARER, same as Commander, except in place of crown a banner, in gold, running lengthwise of the strap.

SECRETARY, same as Commander, except in place of crown the cross quills, in gold, extending lengthwise of the strap.

TREASURER, same as Commander, except in place of crown the cross keys, in gold, extending lengthwise of the strap.

The following general legislation was adopted :

Resolved, That Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to enact such legislation within their respective Grand jurisdictions as shall fully authorize the consolidation of two or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments into one Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved, That Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be and they are hereby permitted to exemplify respectively the degrees in the presence of all duly qualified members in good standing, and for that purpose to admit them to the floor of said Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That the several Subordinate Grand Bodies be, and they are hereby fully authorized to declare in the several jurisdictions, which sum of dues or what length of time a brother shall be in arrears for dues, shall constitute such brother non-beneficial, notwithstanding said decision No. 27 of Past Grand Sirs Glenn."

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, when he issues a visiting card, to endorse thereon the character of attentive benefits allowed by the By-Laws of such Lodge, and if such By-Laws allowed the hiring of nurses during sickness, such fact shall also be stated, together with the compensation allowed per diem for such nurses, which endorsement shall be signed by such Secretary, with the Seal of the Lodge attached.

Resolved, That the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary of a Lodge may issue visiting cards to members in good standing, when application for the same is made to them in writing.

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge may authorize its Noble Grand to cause brothers visiting by card to be examined prior to the opening of the Lodge.

Resolved, That it is the duty of any Subordinate Lodge, Encampment or General Relief Committee of the Order, on application of a brother and the presentation of a properly certified card, to promptly render the same fraternal sympathy and attention to a traveling or sojourning brother being sick or disabled, as they would bestow on a sick or disabled brother of their own Lodge or Encampment, and pay such pecuniary benefits as the brother may be entitled to receive from his own Lodge or Encampment, as shown by the endorsement on his card.

The following was adopted to stand in lieu of Article 709, White's new Digest, which was repealed :

Resolved, That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and for a withdrawal card, may be reinstated and granted a final card at any time within five years from date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of the card.

The By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were amended to read as follows :

ART. XI.—No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall fail or neglect to make its returns to the Grand Secretary, on or before the 1st day of June, which shall be in arrears for money due to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its Representative or Representatives; and no Representative shall be entitled to more than one vote in election of Grand Officers.

BOOK OF FORMS.

The following are among the amendments to the "Book of Forms," which were adopted :

Page 44, Form for Funeral Procession.—In paragraph 2, second line, Strike out the words "or 6." Strike out paragraph 3, and insert the following :

" At the appointed hour the Lodge of which deceased was a member shall meet at its room, and the Noble Grand, or in the absence of that officer the Vice Grand, or in the absence of both the Noble Grand and the Vice Grand, the Senior Past Grand present, shall call the Lodge to order, briefly state the object of the convocation, and appoint a Marshal (unless such officer is provided for by the laws of the Lodge), who shall form the procession in accordance with the regulations. If the deceased brother was at the time of his death a past or present elective officer of a Grand Lodge, the ceremonies may be conducted by such Grand Lodge.

Provided, however, That if a Grand or a Subordinate Lodge does not participate in the funeral, and the deceased brother, at the time of his death, was a member in good standing of the Encampment Branch, the Subordinate or the Grand Encampment, either or both, as the case may be, may attend the funeral in form as prescribed, and the ceremonies may be conducted by such Subordinate or Grand Encampment, the language to be varied accordingly. *Provided*, further, That if the deceased brother, at the time of his death, was a past or present elective officer of a Grand Encampment, but not such officer of a Grand Lodge, or the funeral should not be attended by a Grand Lodge but should be attended by a Grand Encampment and the Subordinates of both Branches, the Grand Encampment may conduct the ceremonies.

Page 55 : Form for Laying the Corner Stone of a Public Edifice. Strike out the first four paragraphs, and insert the following :

" On the day appointed the Order shall assemble, and each body shall open in due form. The procession shall then be formed in the order prescribed in Form 5.

" The control of the procession shall be under the direction of the Marshal of the body which shall have been invited to perform the ceremony, and the officiating officer shall be addressed by the title of the officer he represents, and the language of the ceremony shall be varied accordingly."

Page 59: Ceremony for Laying the Corner Stone of an Odd-Fellows' Hall. Strike out the first four paragraphs, and insert the following :

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" If the hall is the property of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge, the ceremony shall be performed by such body, and the procession shall be under the control of its Marshal. If the hall is the property of a Grand or Subordinate Encampment, the ceremony shall be performed by that Body, and the procession shall be under the control of its Marshal. If the hall is joint property, that body which shall receive the invitation to lay the corner stone shall have charge, and the officiating officer shall be addressed by the title of the office he represents, and the language of the ceremony shall be varied accordingly."

Transpose the fifth paragraph to read as follows :

" Should the ceremony be performed by the Grand Sire, or his Deputy the title of that officer should be substituted for Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, as the case may be."

FORM 2.

If an Encampment turns out as an Encampment, it shall form in the following order :

- Music.
- Marshal.
- Outside Sentinel.
(With Drawn Sword.)
- Escort. Banner. Escort.
- Members in Order of Junjority.
(Two or Four Abreast.)
- Past Officers in Order of Seniority.
- Inside Sentinel.
(With Drawn Sword.)
- Senior Warden and Guide.
- Scribe. Treasurer. Scribe.
- Fourth Watch. Senior Warden. Third Watch.
- Guard of Tent. High Priest. Guard of Tent.
(With Spear.)
- Second Watch. Chief Patriarch. First Watch.

FORM 3.

When a Grand Encampment is in procession, it shall form in the following order :

- Music.
- Grand Marshal.
- Escort. Banner. Escort.
(Carried by the Grand Outside Sentinel.)
- Grand Sentinel.
(With drawn Sword.)
- Members of Grand Encampment and Past Officers.
(In order of Seniority.)

Grand Junior Warden.	Grand Senior Warden.	
Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	
Past H. Priest. (Bearing Crook.)	Grand High Priest.	Past H. Priest. (Bearing Crook.)
Grand Rep.	Grand Patriarch.	Grand Rep.

FORM 5.

When a Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, the Subordinates of both Branches, and an organization of Uniformed Patriarchs are in procession, the order shall be as follows :

- " 1. Uniformed Patriarchs (as escort).
- " 2. Subordinate Lodge.
- " 3. Subordinate Encampment.
- " 4. Grand Encampment.
- " 5. Grand Lodge.

" If any two or more of the above named bodies form in procession, they shall take the same relative positions.

" If two or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments join in procession, they will take position in order of juniority : Provided, that in a funeral procession where two or more Lodges or Encampments participate, the Lodge and Encampment of which the deceased was a member shall occupy the place of honor.

" When the Sovereign Grand Lodge is in procession with other bodies of the Order, it shall take position in the rear of the State Grand Bodies.'

When a Grand Lodge is in procession it shall take precedence, and the Grand Marshal thereof shall control the procession, in which case he shall be in front of the column :

Transpose the sixth paragraph to read as follows :

An officer duly commissioned, and officiating for a Grand Master, or a Grand Patriarch, or as Noble Grand, or Chief Patriarch, shall be addressed by the title of the office he represents.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to prepare and issue a new edition of the Book of Forms, which shall accord with the recent legislation of this body."

THE RIGHT OF APPEAL.

The Judiciary Committee, to which was referred the following inquiry emanating from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, viz. :

" Can a minority of a Grand Body appeal to the Sovereign Grand Body without the consent of the Grand Body from which the appeal is taken, and if so, under what circumstances?"

Have examined the law bearing upon the query, and have the honor to submit the following :

The right of appeal is sacred, and may be made under any and all circumstances within the mandates of the law applying to the case,

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A member, or members of a Subordinate Grand Body may appeal to the Sovereign Grand Body without consent; the only condition being that the decision of the Subordinate Grand Body shall stand as final and conclusive until reversed by the Sovereign Grand Body. See Article 1. Section 4, Constitution Sovereign Grand Lodge, to wit:

"Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom."

RANK OF PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the questions submitted to the Grand Sire, and by him submitted to this Grand Lodge, respectfully report that we have considered the same. To the first question, viz.: "Is Past Grand Representative a higher rank or title than Past Grand Master or Past Grand Patriarch?" We answer no.

ODD FELLOWSHIP ILLUSTRATED.

The following resolutions, relative to the above named work, were adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Body recommends to the I. O. O. F. at large, the work of P. G. Rep. TAL. P. SHAFFNER, deceased, entitled: "Odd Fellowship Illustrated," and further suggests and recommends to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments the propriety of purchasing one copy each of said work, at the low price of \$2 per copy.

Resolved, That all monies voted by Lodges and Encampments for the purchase of the above named work, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and shall be paid over to Mrs. SHAFFNER upon the receipt of the proper number of copies of the book, and sufficient postage to mail the books to purchasers.

Resolved, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in consequence of the above does in no way become responsible for any monies sent to the Grand Secretary in conformity with the requirements of the above resolutions.

RIDGELY MONUMENT.

The Special Committee on the Ridgely Monument, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

Your Committee is informed that more than twelve thousand dollars have been contributed, and that the amount to be reasonably expected will make the sum total at least \$20,000.00 for the "RIDGELY MONUMENT FUND."

The Promptness with which the members of the Order have responded to the suggestion to create a fund for the purpose of commemorating the extraordinary and profoundly earnest services of RIDGELY, OUR BENEFACTOR, the Father of American Odd Fellowship, shows the reverent homage which the good are willing to pay to the philanthropist who devoted his life to building up a temple whose foundation is "THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD, THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."

Your Committee respectfully recommend: **FIRST**, that a Monument to the memory of RIDGELY be erected in the city of Baltimore; **SECOND**, that

a Committee of five be appointed by the Grand Sire, whose duty it shall be to suggest a plan and style of a monumental memorial, to solicit bids for the preparation of the same, and to report at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

The Committee on the State of the Order, after considering the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, presented the following report which was adopted :—

Your committee, to which was referred the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi petitioning this Sovereign Grand Lodge to adopt a plan of National Endowment, has had the same under consideration, and respectfully report :

That it has long since been settled that this Grand Lodge ought not to make Endowment on Life Insurance compulsory upon the members of the Fraternity ; but under the legislation of this Grand Lodge, especially that of 1879, many voluntary relief, endowment and life insurance associations have sprung into existence under the fostering care of Subordinate Grand Bodies, and are now in a prosperous condition, with a membership of about one hundred thousand, contributing materially to the prosperity of the Order in the several Grand jurisdictions where established.

A grave question arises whether this Grand Lodge has not gone as far towards world-wide or general Endowment as it ought to independent of the important consideration whether general endowment might not sap the foundations of those associations, and cripple if not destroy them, and thereby materially effect the Order itself in these localities. Inasmuch as every Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction can sanction such form of Endowment or Life Insurance in its midst as their best judgment may dictate ; and inasmuch as no plan has been outlined or even suggested to your committee, and none occurs to us that is not open to these objections, your committee asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

A number of amendments to the Constitution of which notice has been given at the last session, were presented, but were all either defeated or indefinitely postponed.

At the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the following proposed amendments will be considered :—

- 1.—To change the age of eligibility for admission to membership in the Order from twenty-one to eighteen years.
- 2.—To change the time of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
- 3.—To meet biennially instead of annually.
- 4.—To allow Grand Lodges not on the Continent of North America, to determine the qualification for membership as to age and color.

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STATE OF THE ORDER.

We make the following extracts from the very elaborate report of the Grand Secretary, showing at a glance the gigantic proportions numerically and financially, to which our Order has attained :—

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1881 AND 1882.

	Year 1881.	Year 1882.	Increase.	Decrease
Grand Lodges.....	50	50		
Grand Encampments.....	41	41		
Subordinate Lodges.....	7,308	7,514	206	
Subordinate Encampments.....	1,839	1,864	25	
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	872	995	123	
Lodge initiations.....	46,560	47,549	989	
Encampment initiations.....	6,630	10,044	3,414	
Lodge members.....	475,947	493,997	18,050	
Encampment members.....	80,643	85,110	4,467	
Relief by Lodges.....	\$1,657,418 84	\$1,704,290 98	\$46,872 14	
Relief by Encampments.....	168,256 63	166,806 91		1,449 72
Relief by Rebekah Lodges.....	5,495 91	11,345 99	5,850 08	
Total Relief.....	1,831,171 38	1,882,443 88	51,272 50	
Revenue of Lodges.....	4,416,375 82	4,755,702 10	339,236 28	
Revenue of Encampments.....	407,483 70	441,884 78	34,401 08	
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges.....	31,017 65	48,359 12	17,341 47	
Total Revenue.....	4,854,877 17	5,245,646 00	391,068 83	

THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Compiling returns for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the practical operations of this Institution in the benevolent field it has occupied for sixty-four years, is attended with considerable difficulty, for the reason that the Grand Lodges of Australasia and the German Empire are independent, and the information obtained from them comes in a different shape from the statistics furnished by bodies reporting directly to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The following exhibit has been compiled from the returns of all bodies to December 31st, 1882, and though it may not be strictly correct, it is believed the amount actually expended for relief, the annual receipts, etc., far exceed the sum stated :

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	1,273,368
Members relieved.....	1,044,490
Widowed families relieved.....	138,685
Members deceased.....	101,451
Total relief.....	\$34,690,988 23
Total receipts.....	92,838,831 83

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodge.....	
Australasia.....	1
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	2
Subordinate Encampments.....	42
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	1,876
	60

Subordinate Lodges.....	7,803
Encampment members.....	85,749
Lodge members.....	510,414

FINANCE.

The following extract from the report of the Treasurer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shows a very satisfactory financial position :

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

The available assets which the Grand Treasurer has in charge consist of the following, viz :

Cash balance in the Treasury August 31st, 1883.....	\$14,772 55
United States 4½ per cent. coupon bonds, par value.....	38,000 00
United States 4 per cent. coupon bonds, par value.....	8,700 00
United States 4½ per cent. registered bonds, par value.....	13,300 00
Aggregate assets.....	\$74,772 55

ASSETS OF 1882 AND OF 1883 COMPARED.

Assets of 1883, as above.....	\$74,772 55
Assets of 1882, as per report of Grand Treasurer, page 8926 of the Revised Journal of the Grand Lodge.....	69,677 06
Increase of assets in the fiscal year ending August 31st, '83.	\$5,095 49
Add to the above increase the premium paid on the \$18,300 of bonds purchased during the fiscal year, to wit.....	2,471 00
And it shows that the revenue in the year exceeded the expenses .	\$7,566 49

The next annual session will be held at Minneapolis in the State of Minnesota, in September, 1884.

COURTESIES.

Your Representative's report would be incomplete should we fail to make mention of the whole souled and fraternal reception and entertainment extended to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Odd Fellows and citizens of the State of Rhode Island. It began on the 15th of September, by a complimentary excursion down the beautiful Narragansett Bay, during the course of which a halt was made at Rocky Point, where the party partook of a genuine Rhode Island clam dinner, many of them for the first time in their lives. After dinner the sail was continued past Narragansett Pier and round the light ship to the far famed City of Newport. Here the party enjoyed a carriage drive around this city of palatial residences and returned to Providence in the evening delighted with the scenes and events of the day.

On the afternoon of Tuesday 18th, a street parade was given in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in which 21 Encampments in full Uniform, 47 Subordinate Lodges, the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge aggregating over 5,000 Odd Fellows, participated. The parade also included 39 bands of music, in all over 700 musicians, and was most perfect in every respect. The discipline of those participating in the

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demonstration, and the management by those having charge of it reflected the highest credit on all. The City of Providence put on quite a holiday appearance, the procession being witnessed by over 100,000 people. Such a demonstration could not fail to leave an impression, on the minds of those who witnessed it, favorable to our Order.

On the evening of the 20th, His Honor Mayor Howard and lady gave a reception in the beautiful and spacious City Hall building, which was thrown open to the inspection of the numerous guests, and no courtesy or attention was omitted that could conduce to the enjoyment of those present on the occasion.

We append the report of the Special Committee, adopted on the last day of the session, expressive of the thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, its officers, members and their families, by the Odd Fellows and citizens of the City of Providence and State of Rhode Island, whose hearts are larger than their State.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee to which was assigned the duty of suitably expressing the thanks of this Grand Body to the Odd Fellows and Citizens of the City of Providence and State of Rhode Island, beg leave to report, that formal stereotyped resolutions are inadequate to express the grateful feelings of the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the cordial reception and constant attention and kindness of a people whose hearts individually and collectively are larger than their State. We have been accustomed to warm, heart-felt welcomes, but it was reserved to this State, whose founder was also the founder of religious toleration and independence on this Continent, to teach us practically in its broadest acceptance, "What Cheer." Citizens and Odd Fellows have vied with each other in extending to us, and to the wives and daughters of our members present, such courtesies and personal and collective kindness and hospitalities, as have made our stay in Providence so pleasant, that we will remember it and Pawtucket, and the Bay with its "Rocky Point" and Narragansett Pier and the Ocean and the beautiful city of Newport, as places in Memories Fairy Land. While impossible to express our thanks to all from whom we have received kind attention, we deem it proper to make special mention of, and to make a lasting memorial of our gratitude to:

1st.—The local Committee, composed of Brothers J. G. S. COBB, P. G. M., WM. D. CHILD, P. G. M., HERBERT E. DODGE, P. G. Rep., ALLEN JENCKES, Grand Secretary, and FRED. POTTER, JR., P. G.; and to this Local Committee we add specially, because of their unceasing kindness and attention, the Grand Representatives from Rhode Island at this Session, to wit:—W. S. JOHNSTON, G. F. ROBBINS, L. ANDERSON, and L. S. HILL.

2nd.—The Uniformed Patriarchs of the city of Providence, viz:—Narragansett Encampment, No. 1, Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, Shaffner Uniformed Degree Camp, which under command of F. A. ARNOLD, P. C. P., acted as our escort on Monday morning of this Session.

3rd.—His Excellency, A. O. BOURN, Governor of Rhode Island, His Honor W. S. HAYWARD, Mayor of the City of Providence, and H. M. COOMBS, Master, I. O. O. F., of Rhode Island, for their speeches of welcome.

4th.—To the Degree Staff of Cononicus Lodge, No. 9, and their efficient manager Bro. E. A. JOHNSTON, for their entertaining and proficient rendition of the Subordinate Lodge Degrees.

5th.—His Honor, Mayor W. S. HAYWARD, for his elegant reception of the officers and members of our Grand Body and their wives, daughters and sisters present, at the City Hall.

6th.—The Daughters of Rebekah, of Providence and Pawtucket for their complimentary entertainment of the ladies accompanying the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

7th. The city press generally, of Providence, for giving so much space during the week to our Order, and for publishing such full and accurate accounts of our daily proceedings.

8th.—So many of our members have been the recipients of kindness and considerate attention at Pawtucket that we cannot fail to acknowledge our indebtedness to Bro. CHARLES E. CHICKERING, Judge ISAAC SHONK, and R. D. MASON.

9th. The citizens generally, of Providence and Rhode Island, who relinquished business, on our complimentary parade, making it a grand gala day in the city of Providence, and second only to our grand centennial parade at Philadelphia.

10th. The Fire Department and the proprietors and superintendents of the various manufacturing establishments, and the officers in charge of the public institutions of the City of Providence and the Town of Pawtucket.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend that the Reception speeches and answers thereto be published in the appendix to the Journal of this Session.

Your representatives were much pleased to find, that out of twenty-five appeals heard and determined at the recent session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, not one was from this jurisdiction and we desire to congratulate the Order in Ontario upon its progress and freedom from contention and internal disturbance.

In conclusion, your Representatives desire to express our high appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred upon us in selecting us to represent you, and sincerely trust that we have discharged our duties in such a manner as will meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS RAE,
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The next Annual Session of the Grand Encampment of
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Tuesday, August 12th, 1884, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m.

The most serious section of the Grand Jurisdiction of
Quincy, Ill. will be held in the City of St. Thomas on
Tuesday, August 17th, 1888, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

The certificate of Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives to Grand Encampment should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe immediately after the Installation of Officers.

Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives shall be furnished with a duplicate Certificate by the Scribe, in order to avoid any possible inconvenience arising out of the miscarriage of the original. Especially should this be the case when the Past Chief Patriarchs present themselves for admission to the Grand Encampment some time after they have passed the chairs.

The per Capita Tax is twenty-five cents for each member upon the roll at the last stated meeting in the term.

Charge Books cannot be delivered except upon the special order of an Encampment, signed by the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the Seal, and the old Charge Books must in all cases be returned to the Grand Scribe.

When old Charge Books cannot be returned by the hands of a Patriarch, they should be sealed up and sent by express.

THE MONEY must accompany all orders for supplies of all kinds, and all orders must be signed by the Scribe and attested by the Seal of the Encampment.

Post Office Money Orders are recommended as a safe mode of transmitting money.

Supplies are furnished to Encampments in this Jurisdiction at the following rates, viz.:-

Charge Books.....	\$2 50
Book of Laws, each.....	40
Digest.....	3 00
Emblematic Chart.....	3 00
Visiting Cards, each.....	30
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	30
Register Books, each.....	3 50
Proposition Books, each.....	3 25
Black Books, each.....	2 00
Draft Books, each.....	2 00
Treasurers' Books, each.....	1 00
Receipt Books, each.....	1 75
Return Books, each.....	1 00
Roll Books, each.....	1 00
Notices of Meetings, per 100.....	1 00
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