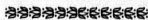


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Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

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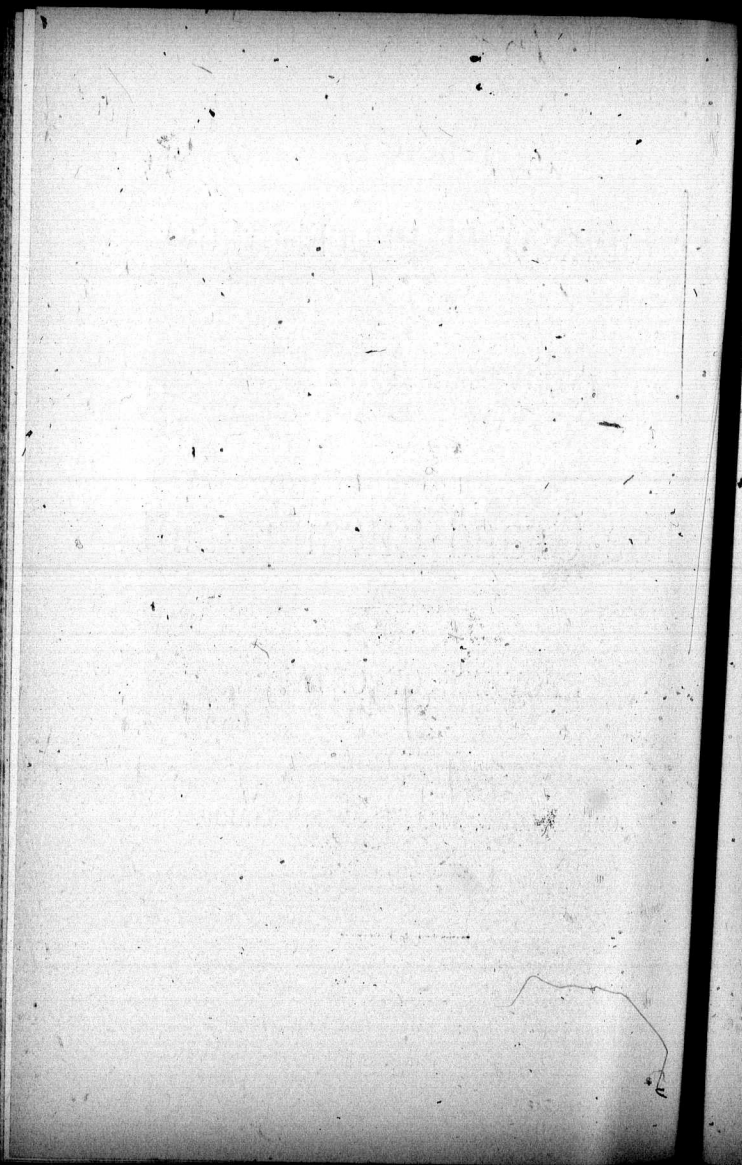
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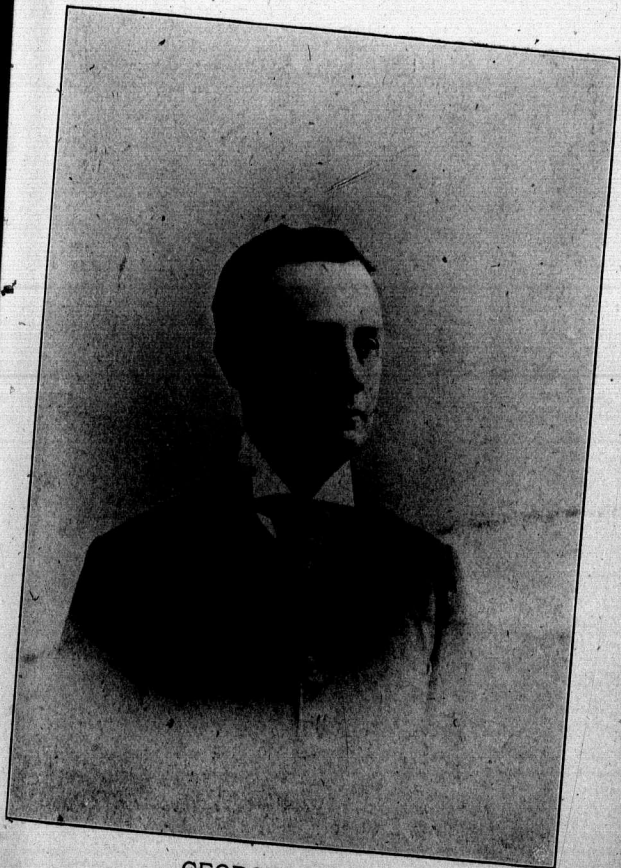


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ODDFELLOWS' HALL,
 LONDON, ONT., July 27th, 1897.

The Grand Encampment assembled in Annual Session at the Odd-fellows' Hall, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

PRESENT :

GEORGE ROSS.....	Grand Patriarch.
GEORGE BELL.....	Grand High Priest.
SAMUEL LAW.....	Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.
S. S. MERICK.....	} Grand Representatives to Sov- ereign Grand Lodge.
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	
WILLIAM POTTER.....	Grand Junior Warden.
E. J. SPACKMAN.....	Grand Marshal.
GEORGE L. SCOTT.....	Grand Sentinel.
JAMES MUNRO.....	Grand Outside Sentinel.

Also P. G. Patriarchs J. T. Hornibrook, S. S. Merick, Frank Riddell, John Donagh, Thos. Woodyatt, Fred. Doggett, John A. Macdonald, and Abner Fraser.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on Credentials :

Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, and Representatives S. D. Swift, James Collip, J. K. Master and John Kimball.

His Worship Mayor Little, of London, was introduced and welcomed the delegates very warmly both from Ontario as well as Quebec. He trusted that when they left London they would carry with them the best opinion of our city. They have the freedom of the city. In conclusion he wished them a hearty welcome.

Past Grand Sire, on behalf of the London Oddfellows, also welcomed the Grand Encampment to London, and gave them an invitation in the evening after the close of the session to a trip to Springbank Park.

The Grand Patriarch, Bro. Ross, acknowledged as follows :

Your Worship,—

I thank you most cordially for your kind words of welcome. They are in keeping with the well-known hearty hospitality and friendliness for which your city is proverbial. I am pleased to note the progress your city has made in many ways—notably its streets, public squares, business houses, street railways, waterworks system, residential dwellings, etc.—since I last visited you while attending a similar meeting to that which calls us together to-day, and I see in the no distant future a great city, with its hives of industry, business marts, and general prosperity.

I am pleased to be in a position to tell you, sir, that our Order is prosperous. Oddfellowship has been for the past seventy-eight years actively at work, not only on this continent, but also in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, France, and Sweden, in building up an improved civilization—a great moral empire. In this stage of fraternal societies, actuated by the noble spirit of benevolence, we, one of the strongest—if not the strongest—brotherhood, are adding our rich contributions to the general welfare, knowing that the elevation of the individual bears its impress for good on the whole. On every hand throughout this vast continent the tents of Patriarchal Oddfellowship are to be found, and wherever our people have penetrated, “do our temples lift their spires and our brethren toil in the promotion of goodwill amongst men and the elevation of human character, and in the cultivation of that true fraternal spirit designed by the Great Author of our being.”

I again thank you, sir, for your kind greetings, and I know I voice the feelings of this Grand Encampment of Ontario that our representatives will go away carrying with them the most pleasant recollections of their visit to the Forest City, London.

Past Grand Sire Campbell, and Members of the Reception Committee,—

On behalf of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, permit me to thank you, and through you the members of the Order in this city, for your kindness to-day.

Your warm words of fraternal, patriarchal welcome are such as we expected, coming as they do from those whose hearts beat in unison with our own; whose lives are dedicated to the same noble work; from you who faithfully observe and practice the principles of Oddfellowship, they are of the fullest meaning. We recognize in them the true spirit of brotherhood, organized as we are “not only to relieve the distresses incident to human life but to promote the elevation and happiness of mankind.”

It is indeed gratifying to us all to hear you, my dear Patriarch Campbell (Past Grand Sire), voice the greetings of the Patriarchs and brethren of London. We rejoice to know that Ontario gave one of her ablest and brightest minds, one of her best sons, to Oddfellowship, and that he, true to the great trust reposed in him, acquitted himself in the many arduous duties which devolved upon him in such a manner as to call forth the well deserved encomiums of this great brotherhood, and we hope he may long be spared to us as an Order, as a wise counsellor, and indefatigable worker in the cause he has espoused.

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

We have pitched our tents to-day in your beautiful city, alongside of other patriarchal tents, which have been for years, in common with this great brotherhood, gallantly toiling as a band of brothers in the cause of our common humanity, recognizing only the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, impelled only by the instinctive law of love, and the our lines have fallen in pleasant places. I again express to you our patriarchal gratitude.

The Grand Encampment then resumed session.

Grand Scribe Dawson, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the necessary Certificates of Representatives-elect, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

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

Your Committee on Credentials report that, from an examination of the Returns of Subordinates, and of the Certificates of Representatives-elect, the following named P. C. Patriarchs are entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment:

Union	Encampment, No.	Name
Frontier	1	Alex. McMillan
"	2	Geo. Breen
Harmony	3	Wm. Douglas
"	4	John Hunter
Brant	5	R. J. C. Dawson
"	6	Chas. Cowherd
Charity	7	Henry Adams
"	8	James R. Boothby
Burlington	9	Frank B. Jeffery
"	10	Jas. F. Bremner
Toronto	11	Geo. H. Britton
"	12	S. Holmes
Brock	13	John A. Mills
Chatham	14	H. Wilkinson
"	15	Ed. E. Wing
Ontario	16	Wm. Turtle
Fidelity	17	R. W. Sugden
Kingston	18	Wm. B. Wilkinson
Mouth Ararat	19	Geo. Lee
Hebron	20	Homer Miles
Quinte	21	Albert A. Smith
Elgin	22	R. H. Ketcheson
"	23	Leonard Ferguson
Unity	24	W. F. Forbes
Guiding Star	25	F. E. Aldrich
Niagara Falls	26	Robt. Chambers
Fidelity	27	E. C. Mears
Victoria	28	S. D. Swift
Alpha	29	James Britton
"	30	Geo. Lucas

Huron	Encampment, No. 28	Thos. A. Mann
Wentworth	" " 30	J. A. Davis
Wellington	" " 31	Geo. J. Stephens
Exeter	" " 33	Wm. H. Trott
Adelphian	" " 38	Geo. E. Rose
Dufferin	" " 41	Donald Robertson
Aylmer	" " 42	Wm. Warnock
Collingwood	" " 45	Chas. Wise
Saugeen Valley	" " 46	Richard Lee
Minerva	" " 47	R. J. McMath
Samaritan	" " 49	J. K. Master
Rehoboth	" " 50	Wm. H. Graham
Ridgely	" " 52	Robt. Mead
Outaouais	" " 53	A. W. Cameron
Mount Hebron	" " 56	Wm. Sovigney
Phoenix	" " 57	Alex. Templeton
Moir	" " 59	James Collip
Central	" " 60	Enos McCausland
Amicus	" " 61	Austin D. Ellis
Galt	" " 62	James M. Lammond
Eureka	" " 65	Joseph McKay
Hiawatha	" " 66	James A. McGill
Aurora	" " 67	H. J. Charles
Forest	" " 69	John Kimball
Golden	" " 70	John Brencchley
Picton	" " 72	E. C. Garbutt
Pointe Aux Pins	" " 73	R. L. Gosnell
Amity	" " 74	Geo. Bond
Nibewin	" " 75	John K. Herner
Cornwall	" " 76	Geo. A. Grant
Cataraqui	" " 79	Jos. R. Donaldson
Stirling	" " 80	Alfred McCutcheon
George B.	" " 81	Robt. St. George
Montreal	" " 1	John Shirlow
Moshassuck	" " 2	John Miller
Farnham	" " 4	Geo. F. Morton
Maple Leaf	" " 6	C. Mills Teakle

Returns have been received from all Encampments up to 31st December, 1896, except Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope; Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket; Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock; Ivy Encampment, No. 64, Cobourg; Aurora Encampment, No. 67, Aurora; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Pointe Aux Pins, No. 73, Blenheim; Superior Encampment, No. 78, Fort William; Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 82, Norwood, and St. John's Encampment, No. 5, St. John's, Que.

For the present term Albert Encampment No. 12, Bowmanville; Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingersoll; Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope; Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock; Ivy Encampment, No. 64, Cobourg; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, Cornwall; Superior Encampment, No. 78, Fort William. The latter sent Capitation Tax for two terms. Mount Sinai Encampment No. 82, Norwood, and St. John's Encampment, No. 5, St. John's, Quebec, have not reported.

P. C. P.'s Certificates have not been received from Nos. 8, 14, 28, 57, 59, 70, 78.

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We 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. :

Harmony	Encampment, No.	No.	Name
"	"	3	John Geary
Brant	"	3	T. Howard
"	"	4	Chas. Cowherd
"	"	4	H. B. Adams
Burlington	"	7	Jas. F. Bremner
Chatham	"	10	Wm. Turtle,
"	"	10	Ed. E. Wing
Ontario	"	11	R. W. Sugden
Fidelity	"	14	Wm. B. Wilkinson
Mount Ararat	"	16	Homer Miles
Hebron	"	17	Albert A. Smith
Quinte	"	19	R. H. Ketcheson
Unity	"	21	F. E. Aldrich
Niagara Falls	"	23	E. C. Mears
Huron	"	28	Thos. A. Mann
Wentworth	"	30	J. A. Davis
Wellington	"	31	Geo. J. Stephens
Adelphian	"	38	Geo. E. Rose
"	"	38	W. Jacobs
Dufferin	"	41	Donald Robertson
Collingwood	"	45	Chas. Wilson
Saugeen Valley	"	46	Fred Lee
Minerva	"	47	R. J. McMath
Mount Hebron	"	56	Wm. Sovigney
Phoenix	"	57	Alex. Templeton
Central	"	60	Enos. McCausland
Amicus	"	61	Austin D. Ellis
Eureka	"	65	Jos. McKay
Forest	"	69	John Kimball
Golden	"	70	John Brencley
Amity	"	74	George Bond
Nibewin	"	75	John K. Herner
Cornwall	"	76	Geo. A. Grant
Cataraqui	"	79	Jos. R. Donaldson
Stirling	"	80	Alfred McCutcheon
George B.	"	81	Robt. St. George
Moghassuck	"	2	John Miller
Farnham	"	4	Geo. F. Morton
Maple Leaf	"	6	C. Mills Teakle

Patriarch Geo. A. Grant is here as representative from Cornwall Encampment, No. 76, and has paid the tax for both terms. The returns were not received. Representative James Britton, from Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope, brought the returns for June, 1897, with him, and capitation tax for both terms, the former return has not yet been received.

We would recommend that the above named Patriarchs be allowed to take their seats as P. C. P.'s and Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,
J. K. MASTER,
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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT No. 1 CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Representative J. K. Master, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, ONT., July 27th, 1897.

Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

We, your Committee, having examined the Credentials of the following named Patriarchs and Representatives to this Grand Encampment, ask that they be allowed to take their seats.

Representative Thos. Rowe, Harmony Encampment, No. 3.

“ J. A. Kimball, Forest Encampment, No. 69.

J. K. MASTER,
S. D. SWIFT,
J. J. COLLIP, } Committee.

The minutes of last session, as printed, were adopted.

The roll was called, and absentees noted.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES :

ON DISTRIBUTION.—P. G. P., S. S. Merick ; Representatives, Geo. Britton, Geo. E. Rose, H. J. Charles, R. J. McMath, and Jos. McKay.

ON FINANCE.—P. G. P., Jos. Oliver ; Representatives, Alex. McMillan, Jas. R. Boothby, E. C. Mears, and John Brenchley.

ON DISTRICTS.—P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby ; Representatives, Robt. Chambers, F. E. Aldrich, Robt. Mead, E. C. Garbutt, and Jas. Lammond.

ON BY-LAWS.—P. G. P., John Welsh ; Representatives, Wm. Douglas, Leonard Ferguson, Jos. R. Donaldson, Thos. A. Mann, and Geo. F. Morton.

ON RETURNS.—P. G. P., John Gibson ; Representatives, Geo. Lucas, W. J. Graham, R. J. C. Dawson, Donald Robertson, and John Miller.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—Representatives, Frank B. Jeffrey, John Hunter, Jas. F. Bremner, Geo. Breen, Robt. St. George, and Alfred McCutcheon.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—P. G. P.'s, Frank Riddell, Abner Fraser; Representatives, R. L. Gosnell, C. Mills Teakle, A. W. Cameron, Jas. A. McGill, and Wm. Warnock.

ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.—P. G. P., Fred. Doggett ; Representatives, S. Holmes, Geo. Lee, R. H. Ketcheson, W. F. Forbes, and John Shirlow.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt ; Representatives, J. Mills, Ed. E. Wing, R. W. Sugden, Robt. Chambers, and Geo. Bond.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—P. G. P., John Donogh ; Representatives, Chas. Cowherd, H. Wilkinson, J. A. Davis, and Wm. Sovigney.

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ON LEGISLATION.—P. G. P., John A. McDonald; Representatives, Henry Adams, Wm. Turtle, Geo. J. Stephens, Fred. Lee, and Geo. Grant.

ON JUDICIARY.—P. G. P., J. T. Hornibrook; Representatives, Wm. B. Wilkinson, H. Miles, Albert A. Smith, Wm. H. Trott, and John K. Herner.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.—HONORED DEAD.—P. G. P., John Donogh; Representatives, Chas. Wilson, Alex. Templeton, Enos McCausland, and Austin D. Ellis.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 2.—P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt; Representatives, J. Mills, E. E. Wing, R. W. Sugden, and G. W. Bond.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 3.—P. G. P., Fred. Doggett; Representatives, S. Holmes, Geo. Lee, Geo. Britton, and W. F. Forbes.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 4.—P. G. P., J. A. Macdonald; Representatives, H. Adams, Wm. Turtle, and Robt. Lee.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 5.—Representatives, C. A. Nairn, R. Lee, and Geo. Scott.

REPORTS.

The Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Representatives to the Sov. Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, then submitted their Reports in printed form, which were by resolution referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Grand Patriarch's Report.

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

PATRIARCHS,—We are again reminded by this, our annual meeting, of the "onward march of time" and of the debt of gratitude which we owe to our Heavenly Father—the Great Patriarch—for the many blessings bestowed upon us as an Order and individually.

It would hardly be proper to proceed to business without some reference to the event which, within the past few weeks, has stirred the British Empire from its center to its circumference, and has presented to the world an object lesson of loyalty and patriotism. Our gracious Queen Victoria has now for more than sixty years occupied the throne of her ancestors, and by a life of virtue and piety, by countless deeds of charity, by wise administration of the laws of the country, and by prudent and gentle influences in the cause of peace, progress, enlightenment and religion has endeared herself to her subjects and won the admiration of mankind.

As Patriarchal Oddfellows we feel it to be our duty to unite with our fellow subjects in an expression of devotion to our beloved Sovereign, and of thankfulness to the King of Kings for the blessings which, in His infinite goodness, He has poured upon us. Let it be our study so to live and act that we may, to the extent of our ability, prove ourselves not ungrateful for the privileges we enjoy. Let us remember that from them to which much is given much will be required. Recognizing, as we do, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, let us not forget that high privileges involve corresponding responsibilities, and that we should endeavor to live up to that standard which has made the English speaking people the great civilizing and ennobling power of the world.

It is, therefore, with feelings of thankfulness that I welcome you to this the twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., assembled in the beautiful and well-governed city of London, with its well-kept streets, public squares and parks; its unsurpassed water-works system; its numerous and important mercantile, manufacturing, commercial and educational interests; a city which gave to the I. O. O. F. a Grand Sire in the person of our beloved Patriarch Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, and last, but not least, the home of our esteemed Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, who for twenty-eight years has faithfully discharged the duties of that important office—to review our work for the past and legislate and take counsel together for the future year.

And now, in conformity with law and custom, I beg to humbly submit my report as Grand Patriarch for your consideration, and trust my actions will meet with your endorsement.

1.—STATE OF THE ORDER.

While no marked increase in membership is manifest, yet the Encampments generally are prosperous; adding to their funds and roll of members, and from reports received from the D. D. G. Patriarchs, combined with correspondence and verbal communications had during the year, a general improvement may be looked for—many of the Encampments reporting bright prospects for the future.

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2.--PROSPECTIVE ENCAMPMENTS.

During the year several communications have passed between Patriarch W. H. Ryall and myself, the result of which is that a new Encampment, with a good field for work, will be established at Leamington, Ont.

Active steps are also being taken looking to the resuscitation of the Encampment at Harriston, Patriarch E. W. Lambert having the matter in charge.

3.--MERGEMENT.

On November 19th I received a petition from Simcoe Encampment, No. 63, of Waterford, through Patriarch R. W. Mead, D. D. G. P., asking permission to merge with Ridgely Encampment, at Jarvis. As such action seemed to be in the interests of Patriarchal Oddfellowship, and both Encampments being agreeable, I consented thereto after the requirements of the Constitution had been fully complied with.

4.--SURRENDER OF CHARTER.

On the 30th of June, 1897, Royal Encampment, No. 36, met, and after duly considering the question decided to surrender its charter to the Grand Encampment, and handed same to Patriarch George Henderson, then D. D. G. P., who in turn transferred same to me. The following members are reported in good standing on the books of that Encampment, all of whom desire cards: G. G. Henderson, P. E. Fitzpatrick, E. O. Zimmerman, E. Schultz, Wm Brooks, George S. Ross, M. W. Cockburn, J. Gompf, F. W. Martin, J. P. Gibson, M. Meston, J. McDonald.

5.--CHARTER RECLAIMED.

Having learned, through Patriarch Brownlee, P. C. P., that Mizpah Encampment, No. 54, I. O. O. F., located at Barrie, had held no meetings since my visit to it while G. H. P., and that there was no prospect of the Encampment resuming work again, owing to removals, suspensions, etc., I instructed him to reclaim and take possession of charter, books and effects of that Encampment, which duties he performed.

6.--D. D. G. PATRIARCHS AND DISTRICTS.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Encampment twenty out of thirty commissions were issued to the D. D. G. Patriarchs, from which it will be observed that the representatives from ten districts made no recommendation as to a suitable Patriarch to fill this important office in their respective districts. After considerable correspondence, however, the list was completed and commissions issued for all the districts.

The only resignation of a D. D. G. P. received during the year was that of Patriarch G. G. Henderson, District No. 7, which I accepted, and appointed Patriarch W. R. Allen, P. C. P., to fill the vacancy.

7.--ODDFELLOWS' HOME.

Patriarch J. B. King, the indefatigable and model Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., wrote me on November 13th as follows: * * * "The Special Committee on Oddfellows' Home, consisting of Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, J. J. Manning and A. W. Cameron, has the following, amongst other resolutions, which was adopted by the

Grand Lodge: "Resolved, That this Committee be continued, and that any Committee appointed by the Grand Encampment or the Executive Officer of that body, be invited to co-operate with your Committee."

Being heartily in accord with the undertaking, and believing the Encampment branch should render every assistance in its power in the furthering of this philanthropic work, I appointed as a Committee from the Grand Encampment, Patriarchs M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, and A. H. Blackeby, Past Grand Representative.

This Committee consulted together and issued a circular to every Lodge and Encampment in this jurisdiction.

Appended is the report of the Special Committee from the Grand Encampment, which is respectfully submitted for your consideration and action:

Geo. Ross, Esq.; Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH,—The Committee appointed by you to act in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Committee on the proposed Home for Aged and Indigent Oddfellows, and for the orphan children of the deceased members of the Order, beg leave to report as follows:

P. G. Sire Campbell, Chairman of the Committee, called a meeting in Toronto on Thursday, May 6th, 1897, and there were present: Representing the Grand Lodge, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, J. J. Manning, and A. W. Cameron; the Grand Encampment, M. D. Dawson and A. H. Blackeby; and the Rebekah Assembly, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Lee. A very full and lengthy discussion of all the points at issue was had, and in the end the Committee unanimously arrived at these decisions:

- 1st. That a Home should be established in this jurisdiction for aged and indigent members of the Order, and for the orphan children and widows of deceased members.
- 2nd. That the voluntary contribution plan be abandoned so far as the Subordinate Lodges are concerned, and that, in lieu thereof, each Lodge should be assessed ten cents *per capita* every six months for the next five years, commencing with the term ending December 31st, 1897.
- 3rd. That a Board of Directors be appointed, to consist of the following persons: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer *ex officio*; three to be elected by the Grand Lodge, two by the Grand Encampment and two by the Rebekah Assembly.
- 4th. That the annual meeting of the Board shall be held during the session of the Grand Lodge.
- 5th. That no money to the credit of the Home Fund shall be expended for travelling or personal expenses until the Home is established; bodies appointing delegates to the Board to assume responsibility for such expenses.
- 6th. That the Board have power to receive offers for site for the Home, but not to accept same until the fund reaches \$10,000, or without the sanction of the Grand Lodge or its Advisory Board.

These, in brief, are the proposals that will be laid before the Grand Lodge next month. As to the need of such a Home, there were reported to be, in the few lodges heard from, six aged members who would be likely to enter a home, and quite a number of orphan children.

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The ladies present at the Committee meeting, representing the Rebekahs, felt confident they could induce each Rebekah Lodge in soon as same shall be established. Your representatives can only suggest, in addition to what has gone before, that the Encampment members should, on their part, undertake the furnishing of the kitchen and sitting rooms. It would be unfair to assess the Encampments, the members of which would already have been assessed in their Subordinate Lodges, but we believe it easily practicable to secure one Patriarch in each Camp who will see, either that the Camp itself subscribes five cents *per capita* every six months, or that the members individually pay that amount. A Patriarch is, certainly to the extent of ten cents per year, a better Oddfellow than one who has not been exalted to the Royal Purple.

Your Committee therefore recommend:

- 1st. That this Grand Body continue to be represented on the Committee or Board of Directors of the Oddfellows' Home.
- 2nd. That the incoming Representatives be given power to arrange with one Patriarch in each Encampment as collector, as above suggested, and,
- 3rd. That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment act as Treasurer of this fund until it shall be needed for the purpose for which it is collected.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BLACKEBY.
M. D. DAWSON.

8.—OFFICIAL COLLAR FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted at the session of 1896, an official collar for the Grand Patriarch has been procured at a cost of \$20. This matter was dealt with by a Special Committee consisting of Grand Rep. J. T. Hornbrook, P. G. Rep. John J. Reed, and Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson. The collar is a handsome piece of work, and the Committee deserve the thanks of the Grand Encampment.

9.—DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a dispensation to Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments, through the D. D. G. P., W. H. Graham, to publicly and jointly install the officers of Encampments designated, on January 28th, 1897. I attended this public installation and desire to speak in the highest terms of the manner in which the D. D. G. P., W. H. Graham, and his staff conducted the ceremony—not a ritual being used.

Under date of February 10th, 1897, application was made by Alpha Encampment, No. 26, for a dispensation to confer the three degrees "on about fifteen candidates," the Degree Team from Chatham Encampment to be in attendance to perform the work, which dispensation I granted.

10.—REMOVAL.

Under date of December 15th, 1896, application was made by Mount Sinai Encampment for permission to remove from Norwood to Hastings. As this matter seemed to be beyond my power to deal with I deferred acting on the request until I was at least assured that the subject had received the attention it merited, and wrote the Scribe of that Encamp-

ment accordingly; but on May 13th, 1897, the application was renewed, setting forth the reasons for such removal, and as the question appeared to have been thoroughly discussed and the request was practically unanimous, the petition being signed "on behalf of themselves and all other members" by the Chief Patriarch, High Priest, Treasurer, Financial Scribe, Scribe and Guide, I granted permission for such removal, which action on my part is, however, subject to your ratification.

11.—DECISION.

E. Roblin, D. D. G. P., District No. 20, submitted the following question for my decision:

"Can a Patriarch, who is not in attendance at the Grand Encampment, be appointed to an office in the Grand Encampment at the coming session, and be installed at the beginning of the session of 1898?"

Answer—No; unless the Grand Encampment gave permission otherwise.

12.—APPEALS.

I am pleased to say that within the tents of Patriarchal Oddfellowship peace and harmony prevail, there being no appeals or questions of a disturbing nature to place before you.

13.—AUDITORS.

I reappointed Past Grand Patriarch Frank Riddell and P. C. P. Leonard Ferguson as Auditors for the present year.

14.—CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence during the year, while requiring considerable time and attention, has been of a most pleasant nature, and I have endeavored to answer all communications with dispatch.

15.—INVASION OF TERRITORY.

It having come to my knowledge that International Encampment, No. —, Buffalo, N. Y., has admitted three members from the Subordinate Lodge at Port Colborne, Ont., and that members from the Subordinate Lodge at International Bridge, Ont., are from time to time admitted to said Encampment, I looked into the matter; and found that at the annual session of this Grand Encampment, in 1892, the following paragraph appears in the Grand Patriarch's report:

"I received a petition from Brother J. W. Bardgett and twenty-six others of International Lodge, No. 228, asking permission to join a proposed International Encampment, No. —, soon to be instituted in Buffalo, N. Y. Believing it would be inconsistent with the principles of our Order to debar those brothers of the privileges and advantages of our Branch, when it was so close to their door, and as they set forth that at present they were unable to sustain an Encampment of their own, and express the hope that the granting of their prayer would awaken sufficient interest in the Patriarchal branch of the Order to result in the institution of an Encampment of their own in that place in the near future, I therefore granted the prayer of their petition. (Vide Sections 630 and 632 Digest.)"

Which action on the part of the then Grand Patriarch was approved by the Grand Encampment. (See page 1202, 1892.)

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Believing that the permission granted in 1892 was to obtain only until a sufficient number of Patriarchs had been enrolled, together with the *twenty-six* original petitioners, to institute an Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, and that the permission did not apply *generally and in continuity*, and that those interested were treading on debatable if not forbidden ground, I deemed it my duty to bring the matter before you in order that, if in your judgment it be thought necessary, proper action may be taken in the premises.

16.—OFFICIAL VISITS.

I beg to report that during my term of office I have made official visits as follows :

HAMILTON.

Burlington, No. 7.—Found this Encampment to be in a prosperous condition. It has been called upon to practice the teachings of our Order in a very practical manner—many of the Patriarchs have been ill during the year. Although it has had but little work to do, yet all the officers are well versed in their respective duties and charges. A most complete outfit of modern paraphernalia has been obtained and a degree staff organized. I spent a most enjoyable evening, the Patriarchs having prepared a special musical and literary entertainment for the occasion.

TORONTO.

Toronto, No. 8, and Rehoboth, No. 50.—Attended an open meeting of the two Encampments, both of which are in a flourishing condition, and spent a most enjoyable evening. The *Dominion Oddfellow*, commenting on the affair, says : " Thursday evening last, January 28, will be a night long remembered by the Order in this district as one of considerable moment in Patriarchal Oddfellowship. The members of Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments, and their friends and ladies, to the number of 400, assembled to witness a public installation of the officers of the two Encampments. W. J. Graham, D. D. G. P., assisted by W. B. Robinson, Holmes, G. F. S.; W. Woodley, G. Treas., and James Munro, G. J. W., performed the installation ceremony in a manner which has seldom been equalled and never beaten here. After the installation, addresses were given by Grand Patriarch Ross, of Hamilton; Grand Representative Hornibrook, P. G. P.; Past Grand Patriarch Jos. Oliver; Grand Secretary J. B. King, P. C. P.; and Grand Senior Warden S Law, of Guelph; all of whom spoke in very flattering terms of the manner in which the installation ceremony had been conducted, and predicted great prosperity for the Encampments of this city. Shortly after ten the floor was cleared for dancing, and the brothers and their ladies enjoyed themselves until the small hours of the morning, refreshments being served during the evening. The Committee of arrangements was composed as follows : P. Blackett Robinson, P. C. P., Chairman; J. R. Owston, Secretary-Treasurer; Frank Porter, W. J. Wilson, W. B. Robinson, P. C. P.; Geo. E. Post, P. C. P.; H. E. Terry and A. Knowles, who are to be complimented on the able manner in which they discharged the duties assigned them."

LONDON.

Harmony, No. 3, and Adelphian, No. 38.—Accompanied by M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, and John Hunter, D. D. G. P., I visited these two

Encampments, it being the regular meeting night of the latter. We were greeted with a large turnout, and I had the pleasure of witnessing a joint installation of the officers by the D. D. G. P., John Hunter, assisted by M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, and P. C. Patriarchs D. Hardy, J. Fitzgerald, George Young, W. E. Jackson and R. J. C. Dawson, which was very creditably performed. Both Encampments are well officered, and with that admirable field—London—which has given us a Grand Sire, several Grand Patriarchs, Grand Masters, a Grand Scribe and a Grand Treasurer to work in, should largely augment their membership, which has been going behind of late. Financially and numerically, however, these Encampments make a good showing. Business over, an adjournment was had to luncheon, and I most heartily enjoyed the kind hospitality of the London Patriarchs, passing several hours very pleasantly together.

ST. CATHARINES.

Union, No. 1.—It afforded me a great deal of pleasure to visit this pioneer Encampment, which has not of late shown signs of much activity, but on the occasion of my visit a large number of the Patriarchs (a few of them being charter members) were in attendance. I was accompanied by P. C. P. Alex. McMillan and J. W. Groat, and was most cordially received. Amongst others was pleased to meet D. Robertson, D. M. Walker, Theo. Parnell, P. J. Lubsdorf, Stanley G. Smith, N. A. Lindsay, J. A. Swinton, J. Reilly, G. Spillet, C. Young, A. Boulder, J. G. Gilmore—all active workers for Patriarchal Oddfellowship. I was indeed pleased to hear several applications read, and Patriarch McMillan (whose guest I was), told me that there were more to follow, so that old No. 1 is brightening up and bids fair to show a goodly increase. After the Encampment adjourned the Patriarchs and your humble servant were right royally entertained by Patriarch Alexander McMillan and family at their residence, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DUNDAS.

Wentworth, No. 30.—This Encampment was reported to me as in a dormant condition, and I thought I would see for myself what was the matter, and wrote that I would be pleased to meet the Patriarchs and talk matters over, which I did, and you may judge of my surprise on entering the room to find it well filled with Patriarchs. The whole trouble was apathy, indifference, freely admitted without any suggestion on my part. It was the best meeting the Encampment had had for a long time, and each Patriarch undertook to bring in another during the year. No. Wentworth Encampment is not dormant! Business over, the meeting resolved itself into a smoking concert, with song, speech and sentiment, until train time.

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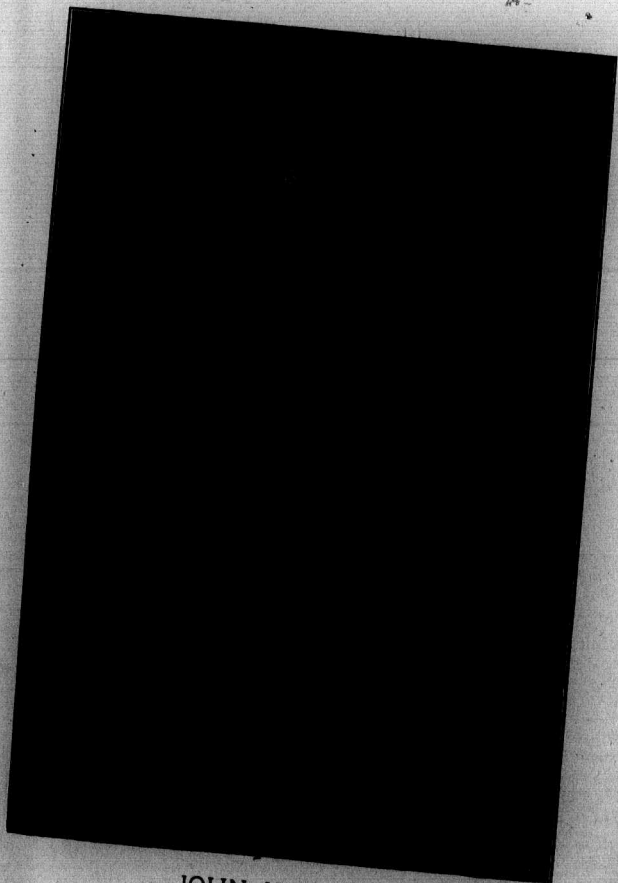
Elgin, No. 20.—With P. G. P. Fred. Doggett, and Leonard Ferguson, I visited this Encampment, and was met by a large and representative gathering of Patriarchs, including the Mayor of the city. I was glad to learn that Patriarchal Oddfellowship is being kept well to the front in St. Thomas, and that Elgin Encampment is in a prosperous condition, and I was assured that active aggressive work would be undertaken forthwith. I was most hospitably entertained at supper after the Encampment closed—P. C. P. Leonard Ferguson being master of ceremonies—and will long remember the kindness shown to me on that occasion by the St. Thomas Patriarchs.

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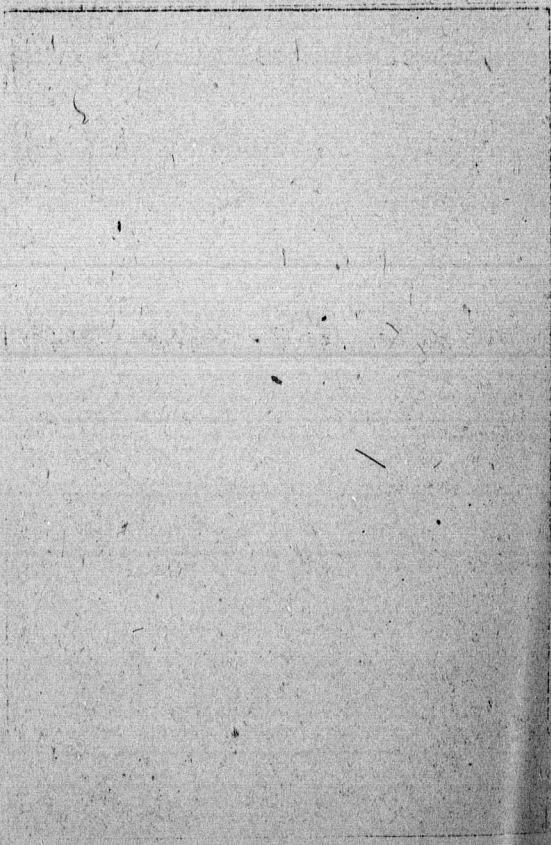
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17.—DISTRICT REPORTS.

It is, indeed, a great source of satisfaction to observe that, under the district system inaugurated at the last session of this Grand Encampment, reports have been received from almost every D. D. G. P. in the jurisdiction, only two or three failing to report. Many of these papers are very interesting and encouraging, and I desire most heartily to return thanks to all of the deputies which held office under me for their loyalty and devotion to the Order, more especially to those who have forwarded reports.

District No. 1, Geo. Breen, D. D. G. P.—“Satisfactory progress is being made.”

District No. 2, John W. Hewser, D. D. G. P.—“There has not been much progress made in the Encampments in this district, but prospects for a good term on which we have entered are bright. A number of candidates are ready for admission to Chatham, Phoenix and Pointe Aux Pins. Chatham Encampment has been burned out.” [The Degree Staff of Chatham Encampment has been doing good work in the western part of the jurisdiction.—G. P.]

District No. 3, John Andrews, D. D. G. P.—“The Encampments in this district are progressing. Elgin, numerically and financially in good condition, increase one; Aylmer, a good live Encampment, increase one; Unity, somewhat at a standstill, increase one.”

District No. 4, Thos. H. Spence, D. D. G. P.—“I have nothing particular to report. We have increased one.”

District No. 5, R. W. Mead, D. D. G. P.—“Ridgley Encampment is composed of first-class members. I had considerable work in bringing about the mergerment of Simcoe and Ridgley Encampments, but am satisfied it was a good move. We have one live Encampment instead of two weak ones, tottering to their downfall.”

District No. 6, E. C. Mears, D. D. G. P.—“Regarding this district, the prospect for a favorable increase was never better. Both Encampments—Niagara Falls and Union—are enthusiastic over their prospects for a largely increased membership, and have officers who are well qualified for their several official duties.”

District No. 7, W. R. Allen, D. D. G. P.—“Galt and Burlington Encampments are in a prosperous condition, both have good meetings and the patriarchs take much interest in the work. Galt Encampment has a first-class degree team. Wentworth Encampment is somewhat dormant.”

District No. 8, John Hunter, P. G. H. P., D. D. G. P.—“I held joint installations of Harmony and Adelpian Encampments in January and July. The Encampments in this district are getting along nicely, and while a noticeable increase in membership is not reported yet all are working harmoniously and hope for a goodly addition shortly—in fact Adelpian has now in hand quite a few applications, and Harmony, Amity and Fidelity have like prospects.”

District No. 9, W. J. Barrie, D. D. G. P.—“The Encampments in this district are getting on all right. Alpha reports an increase of eleven; Dufferin holds its own, and Friendship is presumably in the same condition.”

District No. 10, E. G. Flavin, D. D. G. P.—“We have a good Encampment here at Forest and hope to show better results next term. Hebron Encampment is holding its own and looks for a substantial increase in membership in the near future.”

District No. 12, Thos. J. Elliott, D. D. G. P.—“As far as the Encampments in this district are concerned—Exeter and Minerva—they are holding their own. There has been no increase or falling off, and the finances are just about the same as for the two preceding terms. We find the district system to be detrimental to small Encampments, and *** hope the Grand Encampment will think the matter over carefully at its next sitting, and place the Encampments in the same position as they were in before the district system was started.”

District No. 13, Richard W. Lee, D. D. G. P.—“Saugeen Valley has had a fairly good term and our prospects for the next term are bright. Quite a few young members are being ‘made’ in the subordinate, some of which we expect to get in the Encampment. Increase three.”

District No. 14, Frank B. Jeffrey, D. D. G. P.—“In presenting my report for this district, comprising the following Encampments: Wellington, Guelph; Samaritan, Berlin; and Charity, Stratford, I wish to express my thanks to P. C. P. of Charity Encampment and the officers and members of the Encampments for the kindness shown me. I cannot report a very great increase in membership, still we have not been lagging, our increase being 10, with exceptionally bright prospects for the term just commenced. Each Encampment is well officered, and I predict for my successor in office a pleasant surprise at the end of his term of office. A visit from Chatham degree staff to Charity Encampment in April last has had a much desired effect not only in Stratford but throughout the District. Charity Encampment I might add has at last attained a long coveted goal, viz.:—that of sending two representatives to the Grand Encampment. I believe the district system as now in force is meeting with approval. The visits of the D. D. G. P. accompanied by visiting patriarchs, as has been my experience, is looked forward to with more than ordinary interest, and is the means of bringing the Encampments closer together.”

District No. 15, Theo. Lawrence, D. D. G. P.—“Collingwood Encampment has lost four through suspension for N. P. D., and Mizpah Encampment, Barrie, is in the same dormant condition which it has been.”

District No. 16, W. H. Graham, D. D. G. P.—“It is with pleasure I report the Encampments in my district,—Toronto, Rehoboth and Aurora,—are progressing favorably; and with the exception of Newmarket all have made substantial progress. During my term of office I have, to the best of my ability, endeavored to bring Patriarchal Oddfellowship before the subordinate members, which I think should be done on all occasions. I visited Aurora Encampment, which was in a somewhat dormant condition and discouraged, and took a team of eighteen patriarchs from Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments, Toronto, and we had seven initiations, installed its officers, and I now feel that Aurora will go ahead.”

District No. 17, W. H. Mark, D. D. G. P.—“Ontario Encampment is in a flourishing condition; Albert, picking up; Whitby has failed to do anything that I have heard.”

District No. 19, R. M. Roy, D. D. G. P.—“Hiawatha and Peterboro Encampments are in a healthy condition at present. There were four admissions last term and several propositions are now under consideration. From present indications I think the term on which we have entered will be a good one.”

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District No. 20, E. Roblin, D. D. G. P.—“With the exception of Trenton all the Encampments in this district, Quinte, Moira, Picton and Stirling, are holding meetings regularly, and although but little progress has been made during the last half year in the matter of membership yet quite a lively interest is manifested in the meetings.”

District No. 21, A. E. Paul, D. D. G. P.—“I regret to inform you that in this district Patriarchal Oddfellowship is not in as flourishing condition as we could wish. Cataragui Encampment, Kingston, shows a net loss of one; Kingston goes behind four; and Mount Arrarat, Napanee, is about the same number short of last report. It is, however, pleasant to say that sickness among members has been very light, so that the funds have increased.”

District No. 22, James Langley, D. D. G. P.—“Owing to the hard times we have had no increase in membership in the Encampments in this district—Outaouias, George B., and Eureka. Waba* Encampment, Arnprior, has not had a meeting for some time.”

District No. 23, H. Roth, D. D. G. P.—“We have not made any progress—just holding our own—although the conferring of degrees is much improved, and I hope that in the near future we will add to our membership.”

District No. 24, Mark Hermiston, D. D. G. P.—“Our increase in Cornwall Encampment is very small, but we hope for a better showing soon, as there are quite a number of applicants promised.”

District No. 25, J. Brenchley, D. D. G. P.—“Golden Encampment, Rat Portage, has not had any increase but we have applications in for admission and expect the term on which we have entered to show a good increase. Our new hall will soon be completed, which will materially assist us in pushing the Encampment ahead.”

District No. 26, J. K. Heiner, D. D. G. P.—“Nebewin has held its own and we have two candidates to receive the Patriarchal Degree.”

District No. 28, A. E. Abson, D. D. G. P.—“Montreal, Moshassuck, St. John's and Farnham Encampments are progressing steadily.”

District No. 29, N. N. Walley, D. D. G. P.—“Union No. 3, Quebec, is still progressing, having added five members this year. We will not probably send a representative to your meeting this year, as we have felt and still feel that it was asking too much of your Grand Body to pay mileage, etc., far in excess of our capita tax. While we have always been most heartily received and have always met old friends and colleagues in your Grand Body, still we cannot feel that it is just right to impose on your good nature.”

[This report did not come to hand until Monday, July 26th.—G. P.]

District No. 30, C. Mills Teakle, D. D. G. P.—“Maple Leaf Encampment is building up slowly but surely, increase six. We are working and hoping for a marked increase in the near future. We have not lost a member since institution for any cause, save one through death.”

*Since the above came to hand I met P. G. P. John A. McDonald, of Arnprior, who assured me that “Waba” held a meeting recently and resolved to again resume active work, and promised a good report for next year.

18.—FRATERNAL PRESS.

I have carefully perused the columns of the *Dominion Oddfellow* from issue to issue, and desire to thank the proprietors of that excellent publication for the many attentions ungrudgingly afforded the patriarchal branch of the Order. Its columns have at all times been open to our membership, and have been liberally used for the promulgation of news of special interest to the Encampment branch. A fraternal paper is indispensable and every member should have a copy of each issue in his home for perusal not only by the member himself but also for the information of his family and friends.

19.—NECROLOGY.

I learned while on my visit to St. Catharines of the death of Past Grand Patriarch Adam Purvis, which sad event took place Dec. 26th, 1896. He was your chief Executive officer in 1872-3.

20.—ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I have at all times throughout the year received the most courteous treatment and kindly assistance from every patriarch in the jurisdiction, and here desire to express my thanks to M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, who has been ever ready and willing to assist me at all times. Also J. T. Hornibrook, G. R.; A. H. Blackeby, P. G. R.; John J. Reed, P. G. P.; J. B. King, Grand Secretary; W. H. Graham, D. D. G. P.; Frank B. Jeffrey, D. D. G. P.; David Moore, P. G. P.; A. Brownlee, P. C. P.; and R. W. Mead, D. D. G. P.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion permit me to thank you for your confidence in and the honor bestowed on me, and I bespeak for my successor in office the same courteous treatment and loyal support which has been shown to me throughout the past year and trust that our labors at this our annual meeting may be wise and beneficial, tending to the upbuilding of our beloved Order—the extension of Patriarchal Oddfellowship.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE ROSS,

LONDON, JULY 27th, 1897.

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APPENDIX A.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF
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Hamilton, March 17th, 1897.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Encampments :

PATRIARCHS.—In pursuance of the time honored custom, and in cheerful obedience to the general proclamation of the Grand Sire, enjoining upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies to duly commemorate the 26th of April, being the seventy-eighth anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and in public thanksgiving to Almighty God for his manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order during the past year.

Now, therefore, I, George Ross, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., by virtue of authority in me vested, do most earnestly ask all Encampments in this jurisdiction to assemble themselves together on the 26th of April and appropriately celebrate the seventy-eighth anniversary of our Order, and by publicly returning thanks to God, the giver of all good, for the many blessings bountifully showered upon us throughout the past year, and invoke His guidance and protection for the future.

The Patriarchal branch of Oddfellowship should be in the foreground on this important occasion, and to that end all Patriarchs are requested to enter heartily into any celebration under the auspices of and in harmony with the teachings of our beloved Order, and this will be your sufficient authority for using the name and regalia of the Order at said anniversary observance.

Dated at Hamilton, Ont., the 17th day of March, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Order the seventy-eighth.

GEORGE ROSS, *Grand Patriarch.*

Attest: M. D. DAWSON, *Grand Scribe.*

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Grand Scribe's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

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PATRIARCHS.—It is an esteemed privilege to welcome you to the city of London. We say, advisedly, that it is the loveliest city on the continent. It possesses the cleanest streets, the finest parks and pleasure resorts, the purest water, the handsomest churches, good hotel accommodation, and the most complete electric service in Canada. Its morals and public officials are above suspicion, although we have not arrived at that state of perfection that we can do without a Police Court or County Gaol. You are welcomed to the finest Oddfellows' Hall in Canada, which is a proof that for many years the triple links have flourished in the Forest City. Make yourselves at home, partake of our hospitality, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of this fair city, and when you leave us may you all be forcibly impressed with the fact that the homes in London are always open to the Patriarchal stranger.

In 1875, twenty-two years ago, this body first met in London, with our old friend John Gibson in the chair. His kindly face, familiar form, and wise counsels, have, I think, graced our annual sessions regularly. Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is not complete without him, and I trust he may long live to assist us in our good work.

Eleven years later, in 1886, we again met in London, with the energetic John Welsh presiding, another Stratford Patriarch, who has also been a constant visitor and ever welcome to our meetings. Well versed in the laws, keen in debate, and true to the principles of Oddfellowship, his place could not well be filled.

It is a somewhat singular coincidence, that eleven years has since transpired and we again meet in London. It is not by accident. Past Grand High Priest Hunter gave the invitation. There was a lull in our session last year when the time came for the selection of a place of meeting. Four places were named, London, Lindsay, Owen Sound and Belleville. The former being the most central, a fine railroad centre, and the best hotel accommodation, was almost unanimous. I hope you may all consider the decision a wise one socially as well as financially—our mileage this year is 2,000 miles less than last year. When we first met in London we had only 27 Encampments represented, with a membership of

1,500; to-day we have 80 Encampments and over 3,000 members. Our progress has not been phenomenal, but it has been a steady growth.

It is our sad duty to report the death of Past Grand Patriarch Adam Purvis, of Union Encampment No. 1, St. Catharines, who departed this life on the 26th of December, 1896. He was Grand Patriarch 1872-73, and took a great interest in this branch.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The Order has not gone back during the year 1896, still it cannot be said that it was a prosperous year. Several Encampments have shown signs of lack of energy, and the Cantons appear to be becoming a thing of the past. That may have had a depressing effect upon the Encampment Branch. The suspensions for non-payment of dues does not show any abatement.

The following Encampments have not sent any returns for December, 1896: Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope; Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket; Dresden Encampment, No. 37, Dresden; Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock; Waba Encampment, No. 58, Arnprior; Ivy Encampment, No. 64, Cobourg; Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, Peterborough; Aurora Encampment, No. 67, Aurora; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Pointe Aux Pins Encampment, No. 73, Blenheim; Superior Encampment, No. 78, Ft. William; Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 82, Norwood; Union Encampment, No. 3, Sherbrooke, Que., and St. John's Encampment, No. 5, St. John's, Que. Superior Encampment, No. 78, sent capitation tax for present term. The following Encampments are dormant, and it will become necessary to recall their charters and effects: Nos. 32, 37, 58 and Union, No. 3, Sherbrooke, Que.

The Standing Committee on By-laws have, since last session, approved By-laws for Cataragui Encampment, No. 79, Kingston; Amity Encampment, No. 74, Mt. Brydges, and amendments to By-laws of Eureka Encampment, No. 65, Carleton Place.

I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of last year printed and distributed as in previous year. I also secured, as far as I was able, the portraits of Past Grand Patriarchs and other distinguished Patriarchs, and published their photogravures, making an almost complete list of our prominent members.

I also effected the sale of the old effects and paraphernalia procured from defunct Encampments, to the best advantage. I would suggest that the incoming Grand Patriarch be instructed to make an effort to procure the effects of all other defunct Encampments, as they can, no doubt, be readily sold to new Encampments.

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

The following figures will give the progress of the Encampment Branch during the six months ending June 30th, 1897, or as far as it is possible to give it:

Initiated	84
Admitted by card.....	10
Reinstated.....	2
Total.....	<u>96</u>

From which deduct:

Withdrawn by card.....	12
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	105
Suspended for cause.....	<u> </u>
Expelled.....	<u> </u>
Deceased.....	8
Total.....	<u>125</u>

Decrease for the six months..... 29

This is the first time in our history that we have shown a decrease in our membership for the first term in the year.

The following is the abstract for the Semi-Annual Returns for the year ending December 31st, 1890:

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STATISTICS.

The following summary from the returns will give our membership and standing December 31st, 1896 :—

No. of Members as per last Report	3,499
Initiated during the year ending 31st December, 1896.....	228
Admitted by Card.....	4
Reinstated	35
	267
Total.....	3,766

From which deduct—

Withdrawn by Card.....	27
Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.....	217
Suspended for Cause.....	—
Expelled.....	—
Deceased	28
	272

In membership December 31st, 1896..... 3,494

Number of Patriarchs relieved.....	377
Number of Weeks' Sickness for which Benefits were paid	2,240
Amount paid for Burying the Dead.....	\$ 225 00
Amount of Special Relief	74 76
Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.....	82 57
Amount Paid for the Relief of Patriarchs.....	3,123 99

Total Amount of Relief Paid..... \$3,506 32

Invested Funds of Subordinates.....	\$19,468 66
Total Amount of Annual Revenue.....	10,271 22

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FINANCES.

Our receipts during the year 1896 show a falling off from the previous year of over \$100. Our expenditure being somewhat heavy previously has almost depleted our treasury, and the strictest economy will have to be maintained or we shall not have enough to pay ordinary expenses. If we have enough on hand this year to pay the expenses of the session we can be more than thankful.

ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due from subordinates on December 31st, 1896. This includes the Capitation Tax, which is not payable until the beginning of the year. A summary of stock in hand is also added:

Amount due by subordinates.....		\$831 73
6 Charter on hand,	@ \$1 00.....	\$ 6 00
40 Copies of Book of Laws,	@ 30.....	12 00
8 Registration Books,	@ 1 00.....	8 00
15 Receipt Books,	@ 60.....	9 00
13 Draft Books,	@ 60.....	7 80
16 Proposition Books,	@ 1 00.....	16 00
21 Roll Books,	@ 50.....	10 50
15 Treasurers' Books,	@ 75.....	11 25
8 Return Books,	@ 70.....	5 60
9 Charge Books,	@ 2 25.....	20 25
45 Cards,	@ 25.....	11 25
18 Term P. W. Order Books,	@ 25.....	4 50
1050 Notices of Arrears,	@ 50c per 100.....	5 25
8 Black Books,	@ 75.....	6 00
2 Installation Books,	@ 50.....	1 00
2 Emblematical Charts,	@ 2 00.....	4 00
1 Copy Floor Work,	@ 35.....	35
1 Digest.....		2 50
600 Application Forms,	@ 25.....	1 50
850 Certificate Forms,	@ 25.....	2 12
Total.....		<u>\$144 87</u>
Cash to 20th July, 1897.....		<u>\$976 60</u>
Balance overpaid, Dec. 31st, 1896.....		\$1,400 00
Expenditure.....	\$ 61 78	700 00
Total Cash on hand.....		<u>761 78</u>
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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED
from 1st January to 31st December, 1896.

NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	Dues.	Charters	supplies	Total.
Union Encampment, No. 1	\$ 35 00			\$ 35 00
Frontier " " 2	53 25			53 25
Harmony " " 3	78 00	4 00		82 00
Brant " " 4	63 75	3 25		67 00
Charity " " 5	44 50	4 00		48 50
Burlington " " 7	73 50			73 50
Toronto " " 8	59 25	70		59 95
Brock " " 9	24 00		6 68	24 00
Chatham " " 10	72 75		1 00	79 45
Ontario " " 11	29 00			29 00
Albert " " 12	4 00			4 00
Fidelity " " 14	12 50	92		13 42
Kingston " " 15	33 50			33 50
Mount Ararat " " 16	12 50	1 25		13 75
Hebron " " 17	10 75			10 75
Quinte " " 19	22 25			22 25
Elgin " " 20	68 50	3 86		72 36
Unity " " 21	17 25	6 63		23 93
Guiding Star " " 22	27 00	1 75		28 75
Niagara Falls " " 23	41 00	3 50		44 50
Friendship " " 25	11 50			11 50
Victoria " " 26	22 50	1 06		23 56
Alpha " " 28	14 00			14 00
Huron " " 30	13 25			13 25
Wentworth " " 31	20 00	3 93		23 93
Wellington " " 31	10 00	1 80		11 80
Exeter " " 33	10 50	1 75		12 25
Royal " " 38	28 75	3 00		31 75
Adelphian " " 41	15 75			15 75
Dufferin " " 42	24 00			24 00
Aylmer " " 45	14 00	1 75		15 75
Collingwood " " 46	5 25			5 25
Saugeen Valley " " 47	14 00	2 75		16 75
Minerva " " 49	37 25			37 25
Samaritan " " 50	8 50	50		9 00
Rehoboth " " 53	33 25	5 04		38 29
Ridgely " " 53	19 75			19 75
Outaouais " " 55	32 25	3 80		36 05
Maple Leaf " " 56	14 75	1 00		15 75
Mount Hebron " " 57	45 25			45 25
Phoenix " " 59	17 75			17 75
Moir " " 60	21 25			21 25
Central " " 62	40 50	50		41 00
Amicus " " 63	9 00			9 00
Galt " " 64	13 00			13 00
Simcoe " " 65	15 00			15 00
Ivy " " 66	20 50			20 50
Eureka " " 66	6 00			6 00
Hiawatha " " 67	21 00			21 00
Aurora " " 69	25 50	25		25 75
Forest " " 70	32 00	2 60		34 60
Golden " " 72	26 00			26 00
Picton " " 73	13 75			13 75
Pointe Aux Pins " " 74	8 25			8 25
Amity " " 75	3 50	50		4 00
Nibewin " " 76	9 00			9 00
Cornwall " " 78	9 00			9 00
Superior " " 79	19 00			19 00
Cataragui " " 80	12 00			12 00
Stirling " " 81	15 75			15 75
George J. " " 82	5 50			5 50
Mount Sinai " " 1	30 75	84		31 59
Montreal " " 2	12 75			12 75
Mosby " " 4	12 75			12 75
Farnham " " 5	6 50			6 50
St. John's " " 6	5 25	11 50		10 75
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EXPENDITURE.

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Drafts, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$ 17 00
Representative Tax.....	150 00
Salary of Grand Scribe.....	400 00
A. Talbot & Co., Printing, etc.....	285 00
Fred. Henry, Engrossing Charters.....	1 50
Funeral Wreaths, P. G. P. Rae.....	14 50
Beddome & Brown, Premium on Insurance...	3 00
Thos. J. Elliott, Expenses re Brussels Encamp.	3 10
Express Charges, Freight, Duty, etc.....	9 00
Postage, Advertising, etc.....	37 25
Reid Bros. & Co., Stationery.....	10 00
Mileage and Per Diem, Representatives, etc.	852 16
Frank Riddell, } Auditors.....	15 10
L. Ferguson, }	
Sears & Knowles, printing Circulars and En-	
velopes P. G. P. Blackeby.....	3 55
Geo. Ross, Expenses to Barrie and Newmarket	6 00
J. J. Reed, G. P., Travelling Expenses, Post-	
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W. J. Graham, Mileage and Per Diem from	
Toronto.....	6 35
The Dominion Oddfellow, Printing Acct.....	3 75
The Dominion Regalia Co., G. P.'s Collar....	19 00
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CORRESPONDENCE.

There is nothing in the correspondence during the past year that requires particular notice. For the most part it has been of a business character. Being appointed on a Committee with P. G. P. Blackeby on the prospective Home for Orphan Children and Aged Oddfellows, we issued a circular to the Encampments, asking for their concurrence and support. No subscriptions were offered. Three Encampments were in favor of the united scheme. One Encampment reported three children from a deceased member who were all cared for by relatives. The following letter was received:

M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe :

Dear Sir—I received the Journal of Proceedings of Grand Encampment. Accept my sincere thanks for the kind memorial page devoted to the memory of my dear husband. The Journal will be kept among the cherished souvenirs of the loved one until I am laid in the cold grave beside him. The vanishing year carries with it the memories of unfinished work, of blighted hopes, and departed happiness. I look forward to the New Year with a sad and lonely heart. One mistake was made in the date of the Dr.'s death. It should have read, "8th of May, instead of 8th of April."

Yours respectfully,

ELIZABETH RAE.

While many of the Scribes are slow in sending in their returns at the close of the term, I have much pleasure in reporting the greatest harmony and kindly feeling manifested in all correspondence. My intercourse with the Grand Officers has been of the most pleasant character. I have found the Grand Patriarch prompt, zealous and energetic. It is to be regretted that some new Tents have not been erected, but there are good prospects for the coming year.

Hoping that our Annual Session may be as prosperous as any preceding one, and that good legislation may be enacted,

I have the honor to be,

Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

London, Ont., July 20th, 1897.

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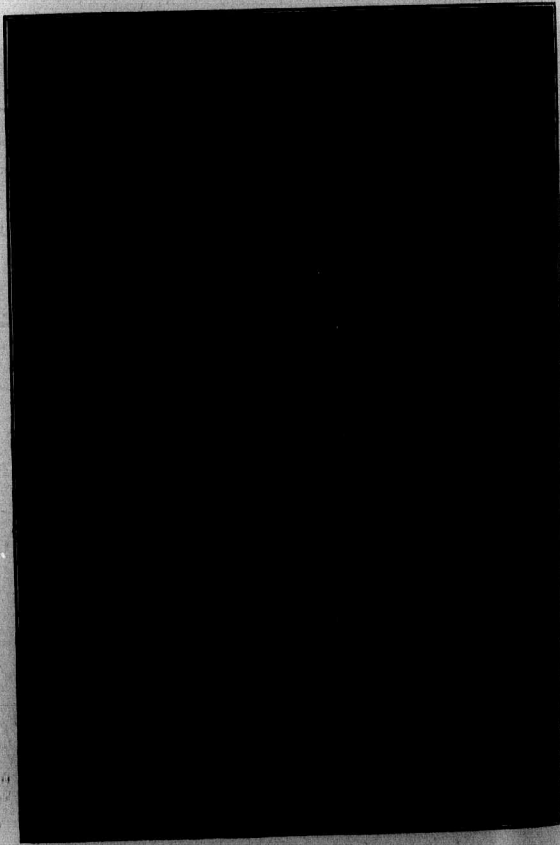
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GRAND TREASURER.

ELECTED AUGUST 10TH, 1886.

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REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.
In Account with the Grand Encampment of Ontario
PATRIARCHS :—The following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

P. G. P., S. S. Merick, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report from his Committee, which was adopted :

LONDON, July 27, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to recommend the various clauses be distributed as follows :

Committee on Finance—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, paragraphs Nos. 8, 13, regarding Auditors; Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs 6, 7, 8, and the whole of the Grand Treasurer's report.

Committee on Petitions and Correspondence—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph No. 14, and Grand Scribe's report, paragraph 9.

Committee on State of the Order—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, and Proclamation Appendix A, Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs 1 and 2, and report of the Grand Representatives.

Committee on Judiciary—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraphs 11 and 15.

Committee on Districts—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraphs 6 and 17.

Committee on Returns—

Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs 3 and 4.

Special Committee, No. 1, 2—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 19, page 17 (Necrology).

Special Committee, No. 3—

Grand Patriarch's address.

Special Committee, No. 4—

Grand Patriarch's report, pages 16 and 17, paragraphs 18 and 20, and Conclusion.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted, all of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. MERICK,
G. BRITTON,
JOS. McKAY,
GEORGE E. ROSE,
R. J. McMATH,

Committee.

On motion, the Grand Encampment took recess at 11.30 o'clock until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment opened at the appointed time, Grand Patriarch George Ross, presiding.

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

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, No. 2.

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LONDON, July 27th, 1897.
To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:
We, your Committee, have examined the credentials of the following named Patriarchs and Representatives to the Grand Encampment, and ask that they be allowed to take their seats:

F. E. Aldrich, Unity, No. 21; J. R. Donaldson, Cataraqui, No. 79;
Robert St. George, George B., No. 81; Robert Sugden, Ontario, No. 11;
Levi Morris, Albert, No. 12.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. SWIFT,
J. D. COLLIP,
J. K. MASTER,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Past Grand Patriarch Joseph Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:
We, your Committee on Finance, beg to present the following report :
1st. We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, also the Auditors' Report, certifying to their correctness.

2nd. We find the receipts for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1896, to have been as follows :

Jan. 1st.—To balance on hand.....	\$ 125 67
Cash receipts.....	1,741 45
Interest.....	1 05
Total.....	\$1,868 17
Disbursements.....	1,864 26

Bal. on hand Dec. 31st, 1896... \$ 3 91

July 27th, 1897—Cash on hand, \$718.66.

3rd. Your Committee approve of the appointment of Past Grand Representative, Frank Riddell and P. C. P., Leonard Ferguson as Auditors for this Grand Encampment.

4th. We recommend the payment of the following accounts :

Grand Patriarch's expenses during the year.....	\$20 00
W. J. Graham's expenses visiting Aurora and Newmarket.....	6 25
Reid Bros. & Co.....	2 83
A. Talbot & Co., printing.....	35 75
“ “ “.....	25 25
L. Ferguson, Auditor.....	6 50
F. Riddell, Auditor.....	8 60
McPherson & Drope, printing Grand Patriarch's Reports.....	20 00
W. Weldon & Co., binders.....	3 00

5th. We recommend that 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

6th. Your Committee would also recommend that the Grand Scribe be instructed to issue a circular to the Subordinate Encampments, calling in all the old Rituals, and that new ones be issued on the terms laid down by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This your Committee think is necessary, owing to the many changes that have recently taken place in the work. We are pleased to bear testimony to the thorough manner in which the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer have performed the duties of their office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,
ALEX. McMILLAN,
JAS. R. BOOTHBY,
E. C. MEARS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Past Grand Patriarch Thos. Woodyatt, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report :

It is very gratifying to note that there are no appeals to present for your consideration on any matters of a disturbing nature to engage attention at this session. The fact indicates a general observance of the principles and usages of our Order.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

THOS. WOODYATT,
E. E. WING,
JOHN A. MILLS,
GEORGE BOND,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Past Grand Patriarch, Thos. Woodyatt, Chairman of the Special Committee, No. 1, on Honored Dead, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred Clause 19 of the Grand Patriarch's report, beg leave to report :

Since our last session, Past Grand Patriarch, Adam Purves, of St. Catharines, has passed away to the silent majority. He was the fourth on the list of our Chief Executive Officers, being elected to the chair in 1872. During his incumbency in the early and struggling days of this Grand Encampment, he devoted much of his time and attention to the work of the Order, and, until his demise, showed a continuing interest in its welfare by regular attendance at the Annual Sessions, and active participation in all matters engrossing attention.

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THOS. WOODYATT,
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JOHN A. MILLS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Past Grand Patriarch Doggett, Chairman of the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, presented the following report, which was adopted :
To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred paragraph 2 on page 2, Grand Scribe's report, beg to report as follows :

We are sorry that some of the Cantons are not in as flourishing a condition as the Order in general would wish, but we hope in the near future that they will regain their old time enthusiasm, and be, as in the past, one of the important links of our Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

FRED. DOGGETT,
W. F. FISHER,
GEO. LEE,
S. HOLMES,
R. H. KETCHESON,
J. SHIRLOW,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Past Grand Patriarch Hornibrook, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, July 27, 1897.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred clauses 11 and 15, Grand Patriarch's report, beg to report as follows :

Clause 11. We recommend that the decision be sustained. An appointed officer should be present during some part of the session of the Grand Encampment at which such appointment is made.

Clause 15. Your Committee are of the opinion that the Grand Patriarch is correct in assuming that the permission granted in 1892 by the then Grand Patriarch, D. H. Brown, and approved by this Grand Encampment, at its annual session held the same year, was not intended to apply generally and in continuity, but only for such length of time as to enable the Patriarchs residing at International Bridge to obtain a sufficient number of Patriarchs to enable them to institute an Encampment at that place, and believing that they now should be in that position, we would recommend that the Grand Encampment, through its Grand Scribe, notify International Encampment, No. 228, Buffalo, that the permission granted in 1892 was only granted for a limited time, and only applied to those

whose names were submitted to the G. P. at that time. (See White's Digest, 1880, Secs. 630 to 632.)

Regarding the three members from Port Colborne, referred to by the Grand Patriarch as being admitted by International Encampment, No. 228, Buffalo, would recommend that as said members were admitted without permission of this Grand Encampment, they have been made members illegally, and that this Grand Encampment, through its Grand Scribe, notify International Encampment, No. 228, to that effect.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HORNIBROOK,
J. H. MILES,
J. K. HERNER,
W. H. TROTT,
ALBERT E. SMITH,
W. B. WILKINSON.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Welsh, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

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

The following Encampments, during recess, submitted their By-laws and Amendments for approval, viz. :

Cataraqui Encampment, No. 79,	Kingston.
Amity " " 74,	Mount Brydges.
Eureka " " 65,	Carleton Place.

We recommend that the By-laws and Amendments, as approved, be confirmed.

Resolved, that the above be adopted.

JOHN WELSH,
GEO. F. MORTON,
L. FERGUSON,
WM. DOUGLAS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Donogh, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report on the various matters assigned to them for consideration :

1. State of the Order :

It is matter for regret that the Encampment Branch has made but little progress during the past year.

It must be remembered, however, that the Subordinate Encampment is, comparatively speaking, a luxury in the Order, and must depend for support upon the activity and prosperity of Subordinate Lodges. With

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ripening prosperity in commerce and manufacture there will no doubt come to the Encampments a revival of old-time interest and zeal.

2. Many Encampments are reported as having failed to make their returns. Your Committee recommend that in such cases the penalties prescribed by the Constitution be strictly enforced.

3. As to Encampments Nos. 32, 37 and 58, Ontario, and No. 3, Quebec, your Committee recommend that the incoming Grand Patriarch be instructed to carefully investigate their circumstances, grant, if necessary, a limited period, say three months, for resuscitation, and, failing any action in that time, that the Charters be reclaimed.

4. Your Committee are pleased to learn that there is a prospect of new Encampments being organized in Leamington and Harrison, and commend these places to the consideration of the incoming Grand Patriarch.

5. Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in consenting to the merger of Simcoe Encampment, No. 63, with Ridgely, No. 52, at Jarvis.

We also approve of the reclamation of the charters of Royal Encampment, No. 36, and Mizpah, No. 54.

We recommend that cards be granted to the members reported as in good standing in Royal Encampment, No. 36.

6. Oddfellows' Home :

Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in appointing representatives on the Special Joint Committee on Oddfellows' Home.

We commend to the careful consideration of the members of this Grand Encampment the conclusion of the Joint Committee as found on page 5, Grand Patriarch's report.

Your Committee believe that the project of an Oddfellows' Home is one that deserves the thoughtful attention and the warmest support of every member of the Order.

While approving generally of the propositions submitted, your Committee would suggest that it might be the wisest plan to confine the operation of the Committee first to the establishment of a home for orphan children as an object appealing most directly to the hearts of the members.

By undertaking only one branch of the scheme at a time the work will be carried out most thoroughly, and the additions to the scope of the enterprise may be made as may be warranted by financial support.

We further agree with the views of the Committee that it would be unwise to assess the Subordinate Encampments by a per capita tax for the support of the home. Many of the Encampments are unable to stand any further strains upon their resources.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Encampment continue to be represented in the Joint Committee, and that the Grand Patriarch, after installation, make the appointments.

We also recommend that the Representatives bring this matter before their Encampments—that the Encampments be asked to contribute voluntarily out of the funds to this cause, also that twelve practicable Patriarchs be selected who will act as collectors, and secure private sub-

scriptions, also that the Grand Treasurer act as Treasurer of the fund until it shall be required for the purpose for which it is collected.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN DONOGH,
HUGH WILKINSON,
W. M. SOVIGNEY,
CHAS. COWHERD,
JOHN A. DAVIS,

Committee.

P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby presented the following motion, which was adopted :

"That the notice of motion given by him be taken up for consideration immediately after the election of officers."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Gibson, Chairman of the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to submit the following report for terms ending December, 1896, and June, 1897 :

Union, No. 1—Correct, both terms.
Frontier, No. 2—Correct, both terms.
Harmony, No. 3—Correct, both terms.
Brant, No. 4—Correct, both terms.
Charity, No. 5—Correct, both terms.
Burlington, No. 6—Overpaid 25c., both terms.
Toronto, No. 8—Short 25c. for December term.
Brock, No. 9—Correct, both terms.
Chatham, No. 10—Correct, both terms.
Ontario, No. 11—Correct, both terms.
Albert, No. 12—No report for June.
Whitby, No. 13—No report for December.
Fidelity, No. 14—Correct, both terms.
Kingston, No. 15—Overpaid 25c. for December.
Mount Ararat, No. 16—Correct, both terms.
Hebron, No. 17—Correct, both terms.
Quinte, No. 19—Correct, both terms.
Elgin, No. 20—Correct, both terms.
Unity, No. 21—Correct, both terms.
Guiding Star, No. 22—Correct, both terms.
Niagara Falls, No. 23—Correct, both terms.
Friendship, No. 24—Correct, both terms.
Victoria, No. 25—December, no report ; paid both terms in June.
Alpha, No. 26—Overpaid \$1.00 each term.
Huron, No. 28—Short each term, 25c.
Wentworth, No. 30—Correct, both terms.
Wellington, No. 31—Correct, both terms.
Exeter, No. 33—Correct, both terms.
Royal, No. 36—June term correct.
Adelphian, No. 38—Correct, both terms.

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- Aylmer, No. 42—Correct, both terms.
- Collingwood, No. 45—Correct, both terms.
- Saugeen Valley, No. 46—Correct, both terms.
- Minerva, No. 47—Correct, both terms.
- Samaritan, No. 49—Correct, both terms.
- Rehoboth, No. 50—Correct, both terms.
- Ridgley, No. 52—Correct, both terms.
- Outaouais, No. 52—Correct, both terms.
- Mount Hebron, No. 56—Correct, both terms.
- Phoenix, No. 57—Correct, both terms.
- Moirs, No. 59—Overpaid 25c. each term.
- Central, No. 60—Correct, both terms.
- Amicus, No. 61—Correct, both terms.
- Galt, No. 62—Correct, both terms.
- Eureka, No. 65—Correct, both terms.
- Hiawatha, No. 66—Correct, both terms.
- Aurora, No. 67—Short, 50c. each term.
- Forest, No. 69—Correct, both terms.
- Golden, No. 70—Overpaid 50c. each term.
- Picton, No. 72—Correct, both terms.
- Pointe Aux Pins, No. 73—Correct, both terms.
- Unity, No. 74—Correct, both terms.
- Nibewin, No. 75—Overpaid 50c. each term.
- Cornwall, No. 76—Correct, both terms.
- Cataraqui, No. 79—Correct, both terms.
- Stirling, No. 80—Correct, both terms.
- George B., No. 81—Correct, both terms.
- Montreal, No. 1—Correct, both terms.
- Moshassuck, No. 2—Correct, both terms.
- Farnham, No. 4—Correct, both terms.
- St. John's, No. 5—No report.
- Maple Leaf, No. 6—Correct, both terms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON,
WM. J. GRAHAM,
J. MILLER,
GEORGE LUCAS,
D. RALSTON,
R. J. C. DAWSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

LONDON, August 27th, 1897.
Past Grand Patriarch, A. H. Blackeby, Chairman of the Committee on Districts, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

Your Committee on Districts beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports sent in by the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs and are pleased to note the unanimity with which better times for Patriarchal Oddfellowship is confidently predicted.

The District System has only been in force one year, and yet it is possible for the Grand Patriarch to point out that he has reports from twenty-seven out of thirty District Deputies, where formerly the proportion

was about one reporting to three who did not. And in further emphasis of this improvement it may be stated that of the three who did not report this year two are District Deputies having only one Encampment in charge.

It would be practically an impossibility to place a new scheme into successful operation without experiencing some little friction. But your Committee are of opinion that where complaints are well founded the fault is invariably with the office, and not the system. If the Encampments in each District would unite in selecting the very best available talent for the position of District Deputy Grand Patriarch, irrespective of the particular body to which he belongs; if only brothers were selected for the office who take a practical living interest in Encampments' work, and who are prepared to extend their sympathies beyond the four walls of the Encampment in which they happen to hold membership, the little friction at present existing would soon be removed. It is not absolutely necessary to make two official visits to every Encampment each year. If the District Deputy Grand Patriarch would undertake to conduct the January installation—at which time of year it is easier to secure a good attendance—and the Encampments visited would pay the officer for his attendance at that season, a Past Chief Patriarch might properly be asked to conduct the July installation without any expense.

A visit once a year from an officer belonging to another Encampment almost invariably results in a larger turnout of the membership, increased enthusiasm, and consequently an increased membership. And advice or commendation comes much more appropriately and is given with much greater effect by an officer who carries with him the prestige of a District official.

The Grand Patriarch very properly called attention to the excellent work being done in the western section of the Province by the degree team of Chatham Encampment. Your Committee think it not possible to emphasize too strongly the stimulus given to Patriarchal Oddfellowship by the visits made to subordinate Encampments by properly trained and fully equipped degree teams, such as are found in Chatham and Galt. The enthusiasm aroused by witnessing an exemplification of our beautiful ritual by either of these degree teams is calculated to be of lasting benefit, and we would urge the other strong Encampments in this jurisdiction to follow along as speedily as possible in the grand work being done by these two Encampments.

All of which is respectively submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

A. H. BLACKEBY,
ROBT. CHAMBERS,
F. E. ALDRICH,
J. M. LAMMOND,
E. C. GARBUTT,

Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 5.

Representative Chas. A. Nairn, Chairman of Special Committee, No. 5, presented the following report, which was adopted:

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the request of the Oddfellows' Relief Association's Secretary, for the usual recognition, beg leave to report as follows:

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That for the year ending June 30th, 1897, the net increase in membership was 557, which makes a total membership of 9,376. The average age of insuring is 36.877. The insurance covered by certificates amounting to \$12,593,500, showing an increase over previous year of \$705,500. The contributions of members to the funds of the Association, according to report to June 30th, 1897, is \$20,058.96 per call.

The average age of present membership is 36.877. During the years 1866-7 there were 55 deaths, involving a payment of benefit amounting to \$70,500, the average age of deceased members being 45.6727.

Your Committee, after going through the financial report of the Association, have no hesitation in recommending it to the Patriarchs generally, who are looking for safe insurance, and that this Grand Encampment show its recognition of the Association by having this report printed in the Journal of Proceedings of 1897.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

CHAS. A. NAIRN,
G. L. SCOTT,
R. W. LEE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Representative Frank B. Jeffrey, Chairman of the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, presented the following report, which was adopted:

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:
Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence beg leave to report: We wish to congratulate the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe upon the promptness with which they attended to the volume of correspondence placed in our hands.

It is with pleasure we note the prosperous condition of the Encampments generally, and hope that the Grand Patriarch's predictions for a substantial increase in our membership for the coming year will be fully realized. In this connection the correspondence of the several D.D.G.P.'s are very encouraging, and we are pleased to note the promptness with which they reported from their respective localities.

A communication from District No. 29, Quebec, *re* the distance travelled by Representatives, and on that account not sending one, your Committee think it would be to the interest of both Provinces if Quebec should establish a Grand Encampment.

There is nothing special that we can recommend, everything being promptly and satisfactorily attended to by the Grand Patriarch.

Resolved, the foregoing be adopted.

FRANK B. JEFFREY,
JOHN HUNTER,
GEORGE BREEN,
ALFRED McCUTCHEON,
JOHN F. BRENNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Representative Frank Riddell, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following Table of Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted:

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Union	1	St. Catharines.	108	\$ 4 32	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 32	Alex. McMillan.
Frontier	2	Windsor	110	4 40	2 00	6 40	George Green.
Harmony	3	London.	110	4 40	2 00	6 40	Wm. Douglas.
"	4	"			2 00	2 00	John Hunter.
Brant	5	Brantford.	55	2 20	2 00	4 20	R. J. C. Dawson.
"	6	"	55	2 20	2 00	4 20	Chas. Cowherd.
Charity	7	Stratford.	38	1 52	2 00	3 52	Henry Adams.
"	8	"	38	1 52	2 00	3 52	Jas. R. Boothby.
Burlington	9	Hamilton	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	Frank B. Jeffrey.
"	10	"	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	Geo. H. Britton.
Toronto	11	Toronto	115	4 60	2 00	6 60	S. Holmes.
"	12	"	115	4 60	2 00	6 60	J. Mills.
Brock	13	Brockville.	323	12 92	2 00	14 92	H. Wilkinson.
Chatham	14	Chatham.	64	2 56	2 00	4 56	Ed. E. Wing.
"	15	"	64	2 56	2 00	4 56	Wm. Turtle.
Ontario	16	Oshawa	149	5 96	2 00	7 96	R. W. Sugden.
Albert	17	Bowmanville	158	6 32	2 00	8 32	Levi Morris.
Fidelity	18	Strathroy	21	84	2 00	2 84	Wm. B. Wilkinson.
Kingston	19	Kingston	273	10 92	2 00	12 92	George Lee.
Ht. Ararat	20	Napanea	250	10 00	2 00	12 00	Homer Miles.
Quebron	21	Parkhill.	31	1 24	2 00	3 24	Albert A. Smith.
Elgin	22	Belleville.	228	9 12	2 00	11 12	R. H. Ketcheson.
"	23	St. Thomas.	75	60	2 00	2 60	L. Ferguson.

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14	Strathroy	21	84	2 00	2 00	2 84	Wm. B. Wilkinson.
15	Kingston	273	10 92	2 00	2 00	12 92	George Lee.
16	Napanee	250	10 00	2 00	2 00	12 00	Homier Miles.
17	Barthill	31	1 24	2 00	2 00	3 24	Albert A. Smith.
18	Essexville	228	9 12	2 00	2 00	11 12	R. H. Ketcheson.
20	St. Thomas	15	60	2 00	2 00	2 60	L. Ferguson.

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21	Ingersoll	20	80	2 00	2 00	2 80	F. E. Aldrich.
22	Lindsay	185	7 46	2 00	2 00	9 46	Robert Chambers.
23	Niagara Falls	119	2 08	2 00	2 00	4 08	E. C. Mears.
25	Port Hope	178	7 12	2 00	2 00	9 12	S. D. Swift.
26	Sarnia	61	2 44	2 00	2 00	4 44	James Britton.
28	Goderich	63	2 52	2 00	2 00	4 52	George Lucas.
30	Dundas	70	2 88	2 00	2 00	4 88	Chas. A. Nairn.
31	Guelph	31	1 24	2 00	2 00	3 24	J. A. Davis.
33	Exeter	62	2 48	2 00	2 00	4 48	Geo. J. Stephens.
38	London	26	1 04	2 00	2 00	3 04	Wm. H. Trott.
41	Pt. Edward	182	7 28	2 00	2 00	9 28	Geo. E. Rose.
42	Aylmer	103	4 12	2 00	2 00	6 12	Donald Robertson.
45	Collingwood	74	2 96	2 00	2 00	4 96	Wm. Warnock.
46	Walkerton	60	2 40	2 00	2 00	4 40	Chas. Wilson.
47	Wingham	115	4 00	2 00	2 00	6 00	Richard Lee.
48	Berlin	371	14 84	2 00	2 00	16 84	R. J. McMath.
50	Toronto	191	7 64	2 00	2 00	9 64	J. K. Master.
53	Ottawa	88	3 52	2 00	2 00	5 52	Wm. J. Graham.
56	Peterborough	228	9 12	2 00	2 00	11 12	A. W. Cameron.
57	Wallaceburg	110	4 40	2 00	2 00	6 40	W. M. Sovigney.
59	Belleville	40	1 60	2 00	2 00	3 60	Alex. Templeton.
60	Essex	58	2 32	2 00	2 00	4 32	James Collip.
61	Norwich	343	13 72	2 00	2 00	15 72	Enos McCausland.
62	Galt	191	7 64	2 00	2 00	9 64	Austin D. Ellis.
65	Eureka	146	5 84	2 00	2 00	7 84	James M. Lammound.
66	Perleton Place	43	1 72	2 00	2 00	3 72	Joseph McKay.
67	Peterborough	256	10 24	2 00	2 00	12 24	James A. McGill.
69	Aurora	6025	\$241 00	\$110 00	\$351 00	H. J. Charles.	
70	Forest					John Kimball.	
72	Pictou					E. C. Garbutt.	
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Continued.

NAME OF ENCAMPMANT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Amount forward.....						\$351 00	
Pointe Aux Pins.....	73	Blenheim.....	6025	\$241 00	\$110 00	5 04	R. L. Gessnell.
Amity.....	74	Mount Brydges.....	14	3 04	2 00	5 04	George Bond.
Nebwin.....	75	Chapleau.....	549	21 96	2 00	23 96	John K. Herner.
Cornwall.....	76	Cornwall.....	386	15 20	2 00	17 20	Geo. A. Grant.
Cataraqui.....	79	Kingston.....	273	10 92	2 00	12 92	Jos. R. Donaldson.
Stirling.....	80	Stirling.....	249	9 96	2 00	11 96	Alfred McCutcheon.
George B.....	81	Ottawa.....	371	14 84	2 00	16 84	Robt. St. George.
Montreal.....	1	Montreal.....	448	17 92	2 00	19 92	John Shirlow.
Moshassuck.....	2	".....	448	17 92	2 00	19 92	John Miller.
Farnham.....	4	Farnham.....	492	19 68	2 00	21 68	Geo. F. Morton.
Maple Leaf.....	6	Quebec.....	615	24 60	2 00	26 60	C. Mills Teakle.
		Janitor.....			2 00	2 00	Alf. Davis.
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		Toronto.....	115	4 60	2 00	6 60	John Donogh.
		St. Thomas.....	18	72	2 00	2 72	Fred. Doggett.
		Arnprior.....			2 00	2 00	J. A. McDonald.
		Brantford.....	55	2 20	2 00	4 20	Thos. Woodiyatt.
		Petrolia.....			2 00	2 00	F. Riddell.
		Hamilton.....	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	A. Fraser.
		Stratford.....	38	1 52	2 00	3 52	J. Welsh.
		Toronto.....	115	4 60	2 00	6 60	J. Oliver.
		Sarnia.....	38	1 52	2 00	3 52	J. Gibson.

NAME OF ENCAMPMANT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Burlington.....	7	Hamilton.....	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	George Ross.
Ottawa.....	53	Ottawa.....	371	14 84	2 00	16 84	
Harrington.....	31	Guelph.....	72	2 88	2 00		
Adelphian.....	3	London.....					
Eureka.....	4	".....					

PLACE OF MEETING.

Moved by P. G. Patriarch Oliver, seconded by Representative McMillan, "that this Grand Encampment holds its next session the day before and at the same place as the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F."

Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby moved in amendment "that when this Grand Encampment adjourns it does so to meet at the town of Lindsay, on the fourth Tuesday in July, 1898."

Representative L. Ferguson moved, in amendment to the amendment, "that the town of Lindsay be struck out and the city of St. Thomas inserted."

The original motion was carried.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time for the special order of business having arrived, Nomination and Election of Officers, it was proceeded with, with the following result :

Past Grand Sire Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. P.'s, John Gibson and John Welsh, were appointed scrutineers.

- GEORGE BELLGrand Patriarch
- SAMUEL LAWGrand High Priest
- WILLIAM POTTER.....Grand Senior Warden
- M. D. DAWSONGrand Scribe
- EDMUND BELTZ.....Grand Treasurer
- LEONARD FERGUSON.....Grand Junior Warden
- GEORGE ROSS.....Grand Representative Sovereign Grand Lodge

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the scrutineers for the impartial manner in which they had performed their duties.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE No. 4.

Past Grand Patriarch John A. Macdonald, Chairman of Special Committee No. 4, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

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

We, your Special Committee No. 4, to whom was referred paragraphs 18 to 20, Grand Patriarch's Report, would report as follows :

We fully concur in the remarks of the Grand Patriarch concerning the Dominion Oddfellow, and recommend it to the members of the patriarchal family as a journal that deserves their support.

We deeply regret to learn that since our last session Past Grand Patriarch Adam Purves, of St. Catharines, has been called from earth, and rests from his labors. As the Committee on "Our Honored Dead" will no doubt introduce a special resolution regarding our late friend and brother, we leave special reference to this matter in their hands.

All of which is submitted.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
H. B. ADAMS,
WILLIAM TUTTLE,
R. W. LEE,
GEORGE J. STEPHENS,
Committee.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

Grand Marshal, E. J. Spackman, presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

"That the Grand Representatives of the Grand Encampment of I. O. O. F. of Ontario, petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge to have such legislation enacted that any member belonging to a Subordinate Lodge in this or any other jurisdiction, under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, may still remain an Oddfellow with all rights and privileges as an Oddfellow, by paying his quarterly dues in advance into the funds and hands of the Grand Secretary in that jurisdiction to which he belongs, and that the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which the brother belongs shall pay to the said brother such benefits as the Sovereign Grand Lodge may decide upon, and also that the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall enact such legislation on a gradation scale of dues, or a scale of dues that the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall deem proper; and that the Grand Representatives of this Grand Encampment be requested to have the matter brought up in the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its meeting in Springfield, Ill., in Sept., 1897"

E. J. SPACKMAN,
W. E. TROTT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Past Grand Patriarch John A. Macdonald, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, July 27th, 1897.

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

We, your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the appended resolutions offered by Grand Marshal, E. J. Spackman, beg leave to report as follows :

1. That the legislation asked for by these resolutions is of such an important character, that the question requires considerable deliberation to put it in proper shape for presentation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and as your Committee have not time to fully consider this matter, we would recommend that the Grand Patriarch of this Grand Body appoint a Special Committee to consider the matter and report at the next session.
2. We would call the attention of this Grand Encampment to the resolution adopted at last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge regarding degrees and dues in Subordinate Encampments, as given in Grand Representatives' Report (page 1653, Journal of Proceedings), and recommend that same be adopted by this Grand Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
H. B. ADAMS,
WILLIAM TUTTLE,
R. W. LEE,
GEO. J. STEPHENS,

Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Past Grand Patriarch A. H. Blackeby moved, seconded by Representative R. W. Lee, in accordance with his notice of motion given last year, to strike out in Sec. 40, of the By-laws of this Grand Encampment, the words "and the Past Grand Patriarchs."

The motion to strike out was declared lost—34 yeas and 39 noes.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE UNWRITTEN WORK.

Grand Representatives J. T. Hornibrook and S. S. Merick exemplified the secret work of the order to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Encampment.

Representative R. J. C. Dawson presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

"That the sum of two dollars be paid the janitor of this hall for his services at this Grand Encampment."

R. J. C. DAWSON,
R. W. LEE.

Grand Representative J. T. Hornibrook presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote :

"That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to the Mayor and Corporation of the city of London, and citizens generally, for the cordial reception accorded to the Representatives during the present session, also to the brethren of the city of London for placing at the disposal of the Grand Encampment this handsome lodge room wherein to hold its session, and for the many courtesies extended to the representatives present."

J. T. HORNIBROOK,
A. W. CAMERON.

Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby presented the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously :

"Having just learned with sincere and heartfelt regret of the death of Bro. Robert Harper, an active, faithful and warm-hearted Oddfellow, who in 1895 represented Burlington Encampment in this Grand Body, the Grand Encampment of Ontario desires to place on record its sense of the serious loss which the Order has sustained in the untimely death of our young and esteemed brother, and to express to his father, one of the oldest and most faithful of our brethren in Hamilton, its sympathy in the great bereavement which has fallen upon him."

A. H. BLACKEBY,
S. D. SWIFT.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Patriarch installed the officers elect for the ensuing year in the following order :

GEORGE BELL, Ottawa.....	Grand Patriarch
SAMUEL LAW, Guelph.....	Grand High Priest
WILLIAM POTTER, Chatham.....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London.....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ, London.....	Grand Treasurer
LEONARD FERGUSON, St. Thomas.....	Grand Junior Warden
E. C. GARBUT, Picton.....	Grand Marshal
GEORGE MORTIMORE, Toronto.....	Grand Sentinel
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Past Grand Patriarch Doggett presented the following resolution,
which was adopted :

"That the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby tendered
to the Grand Patriarch just retiring from office, for his ability and zeal in
the discharge of his duties for the past year."

Business being at an end, the Grand Encampment closed at 6 o'clock,
with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON,

GRAND SCRIBE



REINSTATEMENTS,

The following are the Reinstatements for June 30th, 1897.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 38, LONDON.—Albert Somerville, July 9th, 1896.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, NO. 59, BELLEVILLE.—N. Thompson, July 14th, 1896.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, NO. 60, ESSEX.—Geo. E. May, Dec. 15th, 1896, and Geo. Lickman, Feb. 2nd, 1897.

AMICUS ENCAMPMENT, NO. 69, NORWICH.—H. J. Charles, June 28th, 1897.

NIBEWIN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 75, CHAPLEAU.—E. M. Dowsley, Sept. 2nd, 1896.

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SUSPENSIONS.

The following are the suspensions to the 30th June, 1897, for the non-payment of dues :

- UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, ST. CATHARINES.--R. Abbey and M. Stubb, June 15th, 1897.
- FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR.--P. H. Luther, Joseph Thompson, Geo. Shanks, R. S. McDonald, C. J. Reid and John Curtis, Dec. 23rd, 1896.
- HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, LONDON.--N. H. Hayes, Samuel Powell and P. S. Jeanes. No date given.
- BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD.--John Fax, D. Blasdell and A. J. Quinn, June 18th, 1897.
- CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, STRATFORD.--James Bennoch and S. Leyburne, Dec. 30th, 1896; Geo. H. Tidman, June 25th, 1897.
- BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON.--Chas. Martin, John Stevens, F. A. Hoodlees and Frank Humphries, Dec. 28th, 1896; John W. Fraser, James Kirk, John Kerner, W. H. Colwell, Richard Rogers, Chris. Kuner, Thos. H. Cordner, Albert Whitby, James Anderson and John Wurst, June 28th, 1897.
- TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO.--W. J. McRae, J. Manderson, J. Callegan, W. B. Fletcher, W. Copping, F. C. Wilson and F. S. Leader, Dec. 10th, 1896.
- CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM.--J. H. Bell, June 17th, 1897.
- FIDELITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 14, STRATHROY.--F. F. Evans, Dec. 18th, 1896.
- KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT No. 15, KINGSTON.--Geo. Wright, John Evans, Wm. Nicholson, Paul Ohlke, A. Strong, Thos. House, D. A. Black, D. J. Tunnell and J. G. Gordon, June 28th, 1897.
- MOUNT ARARAT ENCAMPMENT, No. 16, NAPANEE.--Chas. C. Somerville, suspended May 1st, 1897, withdrawn from Subordinate Lodge; Jacob Robinson and John Herrington, non-payment of dues, Dec. 23rd, 1896.
- QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE.--J. E. Walmsley, Alf. McCroden, R. F. Millar, J. B. Kelly, S. E. Haight, W. A. Caverly and W. H. Bowen, no date given; S. J. Benson, F. J. Campbell and Andrew McCreary, June 23rd, 1897.
- ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, ST. THOMAS.--G. A. Branton, J. McWhirter and D. Stinson, Dec. 21st, 1897.
- UNITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, INGERSOLL.--E. F. Waterhouse, S. Pareto and Geo. E. Leach, June 22nd, 1897.
- GUIDING STAR ENCAMPMENT, No. 22, LINDSAY.--A. Edwards, Wm. H. Carter, J. Short, D. Ray, Alex. Ross, A. O. Giles and R. E. Harding, June 24th, 1897.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—R. Sponge, F. G. Pitt, J. Gallenger, Thos. Histrop, Wm. Day, J. O. Doran and G. Bradt. No date given.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA—John Scott, Robert Scott, John McHattie, T. Leslie Fox, Jas. A. Niven, F. W. Reynolds and John Scott, Oil Springs, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT No. 31, GUELPH.—J. J. Craig, Robert Dixon, R. A. Snider and F. Templin, June 25th, 1897.

EXETER ENCAMPMENT No. 33, EXETER.—John D. Atkinson, Dec. 10th, 1896.

ROYAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 36, HAMILTON.—W. H. James, H. R. Sayers, A. Drummond and L. T. Delcornyn, June 30th, 1897.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—S. J. Southcott, L. W. Crawford, H. R. Abbot, Roselle Pococke, John Whittaker and William Wagner, Dec. 24th, 1896; Walter Scott, John Hearld, Henry Merritt and W. T. Darch, June 10th, 1897.

DUFFERIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 41, POINT EDWARD.—John McNaughton, Wm. Turner, C. Shaw and W. S. Fraser. No date given.

COLLINGWOOD ENCAMPMENT, No. 45, COLLINGWOOD.—W. G. Begg, T. Smalley, Wm. Seamin, P. Ollson and Samuel Hill, Dec. 18th, 1896; J. W. Darling, J. H. Richardson, M. J. Pomphrey, and P. C. Finley, June 18th, 1897.

REHOBOTH ENCAMPMENT, No. 50, TORONTO.—J. L. Bird, Ed. Leadlay, Samuel Wilcock, Stephen Wilcock, Chas. Wingfield, W. B. Stoneham, T. R. Bryer, Thos. Brodie, S. E. Cornelius, Wm. Reinholt and Thomas Huston, June 24th, 1897.

OUTAOUAIS ENCAMPMENT, No. 53, OTTAWA—T. Stevenson, Wm. Asher, A. Hudson, S. E. Whiting, F. G. Vanderlip, D. H. Reynolds, A. H. VanCamp, J. O. Connor, G. H. Hughland, J. Turnbull, W. H. Colborne, G. Ambridge, C. F. Pettie and F. W. May, June 4th, 1897.

MOUNT HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 56, PETERBORO.—C. Clements, R. Muir, James Long, E. Page and F. Burdell, Dec. 22nd, 1896; Jos. Mills, James Stevenson, R. M. Gray, A. J. Johnston, J. H. Stevens and Wm. Lannier. No date given.

HELENIX ENCAMPMENT, No. 57, WALLACEBURG.—Isaac Littleton, S. W. Cross, Jos. Dunderdale, J. Skinner, Jas. Young and W. Kirkton. No date given.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 59, BELLEVILLE.—C. A. Stratton, T. E. Lazier, J. Brabier, H. T. McCall, A. McNabb, J. R. Way, A. Babst, J. A. Flemming, G. Fenn, W. B. Riggs, J. A. Berbridge and G. Weatherstone. No date given.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—Ed. Bartle, Dec. 31st, 1896; James Johnston, T. D. McCreery and Ed. Bartle, June 1st, 1897.

AMICUS ENCAMPMENT, No. 61, NORWICH.—John McFarlane, H. F. Webster, R. S. Linden, R. Paxton, J. Griffin, M. T. Abbey, E. S. Day, F. H. Eisile, and T. Chiswell, Dec. 31st, 1896.

EUREKA ENCAMPMENT, No. 65, CARLETON PLACE.—Hugh Miller, R. Miller, W. J. Warricot and D. A. Nesbit, Dec. 7th, 1896; C. C. Allan and H. M. Williams, June 28th, 1897.

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HIAWATHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 66, PETERBORO.—Geo. A. Magee and Wm. Bunting. No date given.

AURORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 66, AURORA.—John McPherson, John Wilson, Geo. W. Gammar, Henry Barron and Robt. Ovens, Dec. 24th, 1896; Robt. Bradfield, June 28th, 1897.

GOLDEN ENCAMPMENT, No. 70, RAT PORTAGE.—Wm. Downey and W. T. Fuller, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

PICTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 72, PICTON.—John M. Kelly, M. R. Allison and L. F. Bogart, June 18th, 1897.

AMITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 74, MT. BRYDGES.—Wm. Bidnall and R. T. Lord, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

NIBEWIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 75, CHAPLEAU.—A. McLaren, Dec. 29th, 1896.

CATARAQUI ENCAMPMENT, No. 69, KINGSTON.—R. W. Goodfellow, Geo. F. Hobart, S. W. Hobart and W. McFedridge, June 24th, 1897.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, MONTREAL.—Wm. Fordney and G. W. Freeman. No date given.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

DISTRICT NO. 1—

Charles Roberts, Essex.
Windsor.
Essex.

DISTRICT NO. 2—

R. L. Gosnell, Blenheim.
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Wallaceburg.
Dresden.

DISTRICT NO. 3—

William Warnock, Aylmer.
St. Thomas.
Aylmer.
Woodstock.
Ingersoll.

DISTRICT NO. 4—

Austin Ellis, Norwich.
Brantford.
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DISTRICT NO. 5—

J. A. Burwash, Jarvis.
Waterford.
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DISTRICT NO. 6—

Theodore Parnell, St. Catharines.
St. Catharines.
Niagara Falls.

DISTRICT NO. 7—

George Turnbull, Galt.
Hamilton (2)
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Galt.

DISTRICT NO. 8—

Robert Smith, Mt Brydges.
London (2).
Mt. Brydges.
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DISTRICT NO. 9—

W. J. Barrie, Sarnia.
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Pt. Edward.
Petrolia.

DISTRICT NO. 10—

W. J. McRoberts, Parkhill.
Forest.
Parkhill.

DISTRICT NO. 11—

George Porter, Goderich.
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DISTRICT NO. 12—

Samuel Poplestone, Exeter.
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DISTRICT NO. 13—

Wm. E. Morrish, Walkerton.
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DISTRICT NO. 14—

T. D. Fenwick, Guelph.
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John A. Mills, Toronto,
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*Wm. Jennings, Bowmanville.*Oshawa.
Bowmanville.
Whitby.

DISTRICT NO. 18—

*Henry Hales, Port Hope.*Port Hope.
Cobourg.

DISTRICT NO. 19—

*Wm Galley, Peterboro.*Lindsay.
Peterborough (2).
Norwood.

DISTRICT NO. 20—

*R. H. Ketcheson, Belleville.*Belleville (2).
Trenton.
Picton.
Stirling.

DISTRICT NO. 21—

*Jos. H. Donaldson, Kingston*Kingston (2).
Napanea.

DISTRICT NO. 22—

*S. S. Stratton, Ottawa.*Ottawa (2).
Carleton Place.
Arnprior.

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DISTRICT NO. 23—

*Henry Rath, Brockville.*Brockville.
Prescott.

DISTRICT NO. 24—

Mark Hermiston, Cornwall.

Cornwall.

DISTRICT NO. 25—

John Brechley, Rat Portage.

Rat Portage.

DISTRICT NO. 26—

J. K. Herner, Chapleau.

Chapleau.

DISTRICT NO. 27—

W. F. Hogarth, Fort William.

Fort William.

DISTRICT NO. 28—

*A. H. Eager, Farnham, Que.*Montreal (2).
St. John's.
Farnham.

DISTRICT NO. 29—

C. G. Thompson, Sherbrooke.

Sherbrooke.

DISTRICT NO. 30—

J. S. Burford, Quebec City.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS
—OF THE—
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.
—OF THE—
Province of Ontario, for 1897-'98.

GEORGE BELL.....	Grand Patriarch.....	Ottawa
SAMUEL LAW.....	Grand High Priest.....	Guelph
WILLIAM POTTER.....	Grand Senior Warden.....	Chatham
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.....	London
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.....	London
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Grand Rep. S. G. L.....	Hamilton
GEORGE ROSS.....	Grand Rep. S. G. L.....	Toronto
LEONARD FERGUSON.....	Grand Junior Warden.....	St. Thomas
E. C. GARBUT.....	Grand Marshal.....	Picton
GEORGE MORTIMORE.....	Grand Sentinel.....	Toronto
GEORGE LUCAS.....	Grand O. Sentinel.....	Sarnia

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
HECTOR URQUHART.....	Strathroy.....	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER.....	Toronto.....	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH.....	Stratford.....	1885-1886
FRANK RIDDELL.....	London.....	1886-1887
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	Petrolia.....	1887-1888
ABNER FRASER.....	Hamilton.....	1888-1889
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Toronto.....	1889-1890
JOHN A. MACDONALD.....	Arnprior.....	1890-1891
D. H. MOORE.....	Peterborough.....	1891-1892
FRED DOGGETT.....	St. Thomas.....	1892-1893
A. H. BLACKEBY.....	Galt.....	1893-1894
S. S. MERICK.....	Carleton Place.....	1894-1895
JOHN J. REED.....	Montreal.....	1895-1896
GEORGE ROSS.....	Hamilton.....	1896-1897

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

The certificates 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 inconveniences arising out of the miscarriage of the original. Especially should this be the case when 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 on 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
Books of Law, each	40
Digest	3 00
Emblematic Chart	3 00
Visiting Cards, each	28
Withdrawal Cards, each	28
Dismissal Certificates	28
"Orders for P. W.," in books	50
Encampment Floor Work	50
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 Arrears, per 100	50
Applications for Membership (loose), per 100	50
Applications for Certificates, per 100	50
New Installation Ceremony	75

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SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE FOR 1873-74.

Born at Coldstream, Berwickshire, Scotland,
April 15th, 1832.

Died at St. Catharines, Dec. 26, 1896.
Aged 65 years.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

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John Houghton, Hamilton.....November 18th, 1896
- No. 9—
Geo. Smith, Brockville.....June 28th, 1897
J. S. Miller, Brockville.....June 29th, 1897
- No. 14—
Chas. Greenway, Strathroy.....October 3rd, 1896
- No. 15—
Fred. Connors, Kingston.....September 20th, 1896



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W. H. Murney, Goderich..... July 8th, 1896
Lambert Wells, Goderich..... May, 1897
- No. 38—
F. W. Stanfield, London..... October 28th, 1896
- No. 50—
W. B. Badenach, Toronto..... February 10th, 1897
- No. 57—
James E. Welsh, Wallaceburg..... December 30th, 1896
- No. 65—
Thos. Graham, Carleton Place..... February 9th, 1897
- No. 72—
James O. Clark, Picton..... October 15th, 1896
- No. 79—
Geo. E. Wilkinson, Kingston..... August 20th, 1895
- No. 81—
James Mather, Ottawa..... July, 1896
Thos. Reilly, Ottawa..... July, 1896

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS

Elected and Installed for Term Ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT	No	LOCATION.	CHIEF PATRIARCH	SCRIBE.	NIGHT OF MEETING
Union	1	St. Catharines.	Guy Spillette	J. D. Keilly	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Frontier	2	Wind-or.	W. J. Brett	A. E. Scott	2nd and 4th Friday
Harmony	3	London	A. Tucker	Chas. Cowherd	1st and 3rd Friday
Brant	4	Brantford	John Jennings	Frank B. Jeffrey	2nd and 4th Friday
Charity	5	Stratford	James Batley	Geo. Britton	2nd and 4th Monday
Burlington	7	Hamilton	Thos. G. Anderson	H. W. Taylor	2nd Thursday
Toronto	8	Toronto	H. E. Terry	H. B. Coates	1st Friday
Brock	9	Brockville	W. H. White	Ed. E. Wing	1st and 3rd Thursday
Chatham	10	Chatham	Albion Heath	J. W. Ellis	2nd and 4th Friday
Ontario	11	Oshawa	E. Luke	Geo. E. Maynard	2nd and 4th Monday
Albert	12	Bowmanville	John McIntyre	J. T. Nicholls	2nd and 4th Monday
Fidelity	13	Kingston	C. T. Filgate	W. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Monday
Mount Ararat	16	Napanee	A. J. Smith	J. A. Wilson	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Hebron	17	Parkhill	J. C. Baird	John Hamilton	2nd and 4th Monday
Quinte	19	Belleville	Alf. Mathews	F. M. Clark	1st and 3rd Monday
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	W. H. Rolling	Wm. Brett	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Unity	21	Ingersoll	R. Gemmill	J. A. McLean	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Guiding Star	23	Niagara Falls.	W. S. Homan	W. J. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Niagara Falls.	24	Petrolia	E. Williamson	S. D. Swift	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Friendship	25	Port Hope	Matthew Smith	A. A. Stevenson	1st Friday in month
Victoria	26	Sarnia	Henry White	John Kess	1st and 3rd Thursday
Alpha	28	Goderich	W. Luscombe	C. A. Nairn	1st Tuesday
Huron	28	Goderich	Ross Rastall	W. H. Knowles	1st Tuesday
Wentworth	30	Dundas	W. Brown	Samuel Law	2nd and 4th Friday
Wellington	31	Quepsh	H. McGhardy	A. E. Fuke	2nd and 4th Thursday
Exeter	32	Exeter	H. Buckingham	John Bamed	2nd and 4th Thursday
Adolphian	38	London	Frederick Showler	John E. Campbell	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Dufferin	41	Pt. Edward	T. Bruce	C. Watson	2nd and 4th Monday
Aylmer	42	Aylmer	J. E. Scott	T. Lawrence	1st and 3rd Friday
Collingwood	45	Collingwood	Chas. Wilson	Rd. Lee	1st and 3rd Monday
Sauguen Valley	46	Walkerton	Wm. Morrish	J. W. Dodd	2nd and 4th Monday
Minerva	47	Wingham	W. A. Johns	J. K. Master	2nd and 4th Monday
Samaritan	49	Berlin	Ed. Clapp	Alex. Munro	4th Thursday
Rebooth	50	Toronto	C. E. Borome	Wm. Hawthorne	1st Thursday
Ridgely	52	Jarvis	R. T. Holcomb	Geo. Bell	1st Friday
Outaouais	53	Ottawa			4th Thursday
Maple Leaf	55	Woodstock			2nd and 4th Tuesday
Mt. Hebron	56	Peterborough	T. Perry	Robt. Mulligan	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Phoenix	57	Wallaceburg	James Quinnett	S. Harris	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Moir	59	Belleville	H. W. Bell	W. Nelson	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Central	60	Essex	Fred. Gilboe	G. S. Hill	2nd and 4th Thursday
Amicus	61	Norwich	Abram Searles	J. C. Panter	1st and 3rd Friday
Galt	62	Galt	Harry Dakin	R. H. Marshall	1st and 3rd Monday
Ivy	64	Cobourg			3rd Monday
Eureka	65	Carleton Place	S. S. Merick	N. D. McCallum	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Hiawatha	66	Peterborough	H. Morgan	Jas. A. McGill	2nd and 4th Monday
Aurora	67	Aurora	H. J. Charles	A. Ashton	2nd and 4th Monday
Forest	69	Aurora	Robt. Scott	A. F. Steele	4th Thursday
Golden	70	Rat Portage	O. Lewis	N. Schnarr	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Pictou	72	Pictou	R. N. McKenna	James McDonald	1st and 3rd Friday
Pointe Aux Pins	73	Blenheim	R. Hamel	Geo. M. Baird	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Amity	74	Mt. Brydges	J. P. Grigg	Jos. Robinson	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Nibewin	75	Chapleau	C. Murphy	J. D. McAdam	2nd and 4th Friday
Cornwall	76	Cornwall	R. S. Shaw	Wm. Clayton	2nd and 4th Monday
Superior	78	Pt. William			2nd and 4th Thursday
Catawaqui	79	Kingston	Thos. P. Robinson	J. L. M. Thorne	1st and 3rd Monday
Stirling	80	Stirling	Daniel W. Fox	Harry Harris	3rd Thursday
George B.	81	Ottawa	J. H. Doherty	H. G. Semmis	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Sinai	82	Norwood			2nd and 4th Wednesday
Montreal.	1	Montreal.	H. T. Hamilton	H. J. Gregelin	3rd Friday
Montreal.	2	Montreal.	J. Sanderson	C. Griffith	2nd and 4th Monday
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Farnham	3	St. John's			1st Monday
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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
—OF THE—
Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

SESSION 1897.

Held at the City of Springfield, Illinois.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge have the honor to report that they attended the seventy-third annual communication of that Grand Body, held in the City of Springfield, Illinois, commencing on Monday, September 20th, and closing on Saturday, the 25th.

At nine o'clock Monday morning a public reception was held at the State House, in Representatives' Hall, the main floor and galleries being thronged with spectators. Hon. Alfred Orendorff, Past Grand Representative of Illinois, presided. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor Tanner, on behalf of the State; Mayor Wheeler, on behalf of the citizens of Springfield; Mr. George C. Rankin, Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge; Mr. J. D. Murphy, Grand Patriarch, on behalf of the Grand Encampment; and Mrs. Mary D. Stone, President of the State Assembly, on behalf of the Daughters of Rebekah.

To these many expressions of good will, and greeting, the Grand Sire, Fred. Carleton, replied in a stirring and eloquent manner, his allusion to the "Meteor Flag of England, the country upon whose dominions the sun never sets," being received by the Canadian delegates with the utmost enthusiasm.

Immediately after the close of the public reception, the Sovereign Grand Lodge was convened in regular session by the Grand Sire.

There were present the following

OFFICERS :

FRED. CARLETON	.....	Grand Sire
A. S. PINKERTON	.....	Deputy Grand Sire
J. FRANK GRANT	.....	Grand Secretary
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE	.....	Grand Treasurer
HARRY S. WRIGHT	.....	Assistant Grand Secretary, <i>pro tem.</i>
REV. J. W. VENABLE	.....	Grand Chaplain
R. G. FLOYD	.....	Grand Marshal
E. D. HODGE	.....	Grand Guardian
C. H. LYMAN	.....	Grand Messenger

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	.....	Pennsylvania
JAMES P. SANDERS	.....	New York
MILTON J. DURHAM	.....	Kentucky
JOHN H. WHITE	.....	New York
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD	.....	Kentucky
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	.....	North Carolina
CL. T. CAMPBELL	.....	Ontario, Canada
JOHN W. STEBBINS	.....	New York

REPRESENTATIVES.

One hundred and eighty-five Representatives, representing 55 Grand Lodges and 50 Grand Encampments.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, after which the Deputy Grand Sire, by the direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Sovereign Grand Lodge opened for business.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

FROM GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

The condition of the various branches of the Order are fairly good, although, owing to the depressed condition of business in the United States, coupled with the excitement always attendant on a Presidential election in this country, I am unable to report any large increase during the year 1896; but we are not going backward. The membership of the Subordinate Lodges show an increase, while the Rebekah branch has made very large proportional gains.

In the Encampment branch I regret to say that the figures show a slight decrease, while the Patriarchs Militant have gained in membership, showing that the legislation of past years which invested them with more authority to govern themselves has been wise and beneficial to this branch.

If some way could be devised by which suspensions for non-payment of dues could be avoided, or greatly lessened, it would be the greatest achievement of our legislation for years. I commend the subject to your most earnest and careful consideration.

I submit the following exhibits, furnished me, compiled by the Grand Secretary from the annual reports received by him, showing condition of the Order on December 31st, 1896:

RETURNS FOR YEARS 1895 AND 1896.

	Dec. 31st, 1895.	Dec. 31st, 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	56	56	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges....	10,875	11,115	270	.....
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,111	4,567	456	.....
Grand Encampments...	50	51	1	.....
Subordinate ".....	2,628	2,648	20	.....
Lodge Initiations.....	63,219	60,146	.....	3,073
Lodge Members.....	799,985	806,055	6,070	.....
Encampment Members..	132,694	130,732	.....	1,962
Rebekah Members.....	237,953	264,479	26,526	.....
Relief by Lodges.....	\$3,007,081 33	\$3,067,965 81	\$60,884 48	.....
Relief by Encampments.	278,980 08	274,209 99	.....	\$ 4,670 09
Relief by Reb. Lodges.	47,761 73	51,059 83	3,298 10	.....
Total Relief.....	3,333,823 14	3,393,235 63	59,412 49	.....
Revenue of Lodges....	7,587,850 39	7,570,945 98	.....	17,824 41
Revenue of Reb. Lodges	380,795 99	886,202 26	505,406 27	.....
Total Revenue.....	8,591,004 21	9,058,646 79	467,642 58	.....

THE ORDER IN FOREIGN LANDS.

I have before me the very full and interesting report of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, our most excellent Bro. Herman Block, P. G. M. and P. G. R., from which I am able to state that in the several quasi independent jurisdictions of Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, and Sweden, the Order is growing both in numbers and in usefulness. New Lodges have been and are being organized, and the labors of our good Brother Block have been crowned with deserved success.

In other portions of Europe—France and Italy—no such progress can be reported. The only Lodge in Italy, Colombo No. 1, at Naples, seems to be languishing, while the report is by no means encouraging in regard to the two lodges in France, Concorde No 1 and Fraternite No. 2, both located in Havre.

From Australia, New Zealand and Sandwich Islands, also come words of good cheer, showing that under the Southern Cross and in the Pacific countries and come to those lodges which we have planted and fostered in South America, Mexico, and Cuba, we find a condition of lethargy pervading them all.

There were four lodges in Chili, but being advised by D. D. Grand Sire J. Jung that two of them, Valparaiso Lodge No. 1, located at Valparaiso, and Germania Lodge No. 4, located at Valdivia, had ceased to do any work, and in his judgment would never have another meeting, and having ascertained from Grand Secretary Grant that neither lodge had reported for more than two years, I reluctantly directed D. D. Grand Sire J. Jung to take up their charter and effects and transmit the same to the Grand Secretary. No report has been received from Bro. Jung, sufficient time not having elapsed for him to make report of his action.

In Mexico affairs are in somewhat better shape, but not very encouraging. Hidalgo Encampment No. 1, located in the City of Mexico, seems to have been doing badly for some time, according to letters received by me from D. D. G. Sire A. W. Parsons, and finally gave up its charter and effects to the D. D. G. Sire, whereupon a number of members of lodges located in the City of Mexico petitioned me for a dispensation to form a new Encampment, which dispensation I granted on December 22, 1896, and am advised that the Encampment was duly instituted by D. D. G. Sire Parsons, and is likely to do good work in the Patriarchal branch of our Order, as the discordant element which is said to have caused the fall of Hidalgo Encampment is not connected with the newly organized one, which is called "City of Mexico."

The condition of the Order in Cuba I have no direct information about, but from the general condition of that unhappy island, am satisfied it is not good.

From a review of the general condition of things beyond the limits of the continent of North America, I am constrained to believe that Odd Fellowship, at this time at least, is not adapted to the Latin races, while it is to the Anglo-Saxon, Teutonic and Scandinavian; for while without exception it thrives in countries peopled by the races which speak English, German and Scandinavian tongues. It is an exotic hard to plant and almost impossible to nourish in lands populated by those who use Spanish, the French and the Italian. It would seem not to be adapted save to a people who enjoy freedom of speech and of thought, and this may be the reason why it flourishes among the free people of Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Australia, while it can get no firm hold in the so-called Republics, but really military depotisms, of South America.

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APPROVED DECISIONS.

BY THE GRAND SIRE.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

1. Question.—Can one lodge sue another in the civil courts without violating the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Answer.—They may do so unless inhibited by their Grand Lodge constitution, there being nothing in the General Laws of the Order forbidding it.

2. Question.—Can a brother who owes a lodge a note for Third Degree claim benefits?

Answer.—A brother owing a lodge a note for Third Degree is entitled to benefits, he being otherwise entitled to receive them.

4. Question.—Is it permissible to admit members during conferring any of the degrees, or may members be admitted during or introducing first and second parts while the candidate is taken out into the ante-room?

Answer.—No.

5. Question.—Where a brother has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and before one year from date of his suspension applies for reinstatement and pays one year's dues, is it his right to be reinstated, or has the lodge the right to ballot on such application and refuse to readmit him?

Answer.—Yes, upon application and payment of one year's dues, a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for less than twelve months must be reinstated by his lodge without ballot, in absence of local law to the contrary.

6. Question.—Can a Grand Master issue dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge empowering it to confer degrees the same night the candidate is initiated?

Answer.—Yes, he can, unless the laws of the Grand Jurisdiction otherwise provide.

7. Question.—Do sections 1829 and 1830, White's Digest, edition of 1895, prohibit the printing by a Subordinate Lodge of the Funeral Ceremony, not for sale, but for its own convenience?

Answer.—Yes.

8. Statement.—A brother who has been suspended for more than five years for non-payment of dues, and is now about sixty years of age, wants to be reinstated in his lodge as a non-beneficial member.

Question.—What will the brother have to pay the lodge, and would the brother then be exempt from dues, and would the lodge have to pay per capita tax on the brother?

Answer.—In order for any brother to be reinstated who has been suspended for more than five years, he must pay the amount of one year's dues, unless otherwise provided by local law, although he may take a Dismissal Certificate for one dollar; in his application for reinstatement, he must further show, if the application is for non-beneficial membership, that he has been a member of the Order for five years. In the absence of

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9. Question.—Is it necessary, when two Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consolidate under the charter, name and number of one of them, the other surrendering its charter to the District Deputy Grand Sire, and its papers, books, etc., to the one retaining its charter, name and number, to apply for and procure a new charter?

Answer.—No.

10. Question.—Which officer, the Recording Secretary or the Permanent Secretary, is the proper one to sign the certificate for dues prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session?

Answer.—The Permanent Secretary.

11. Question.—Must a brother pay dues in advance, the same as on a Visiting Card, in order to visit on a receipt?

Answer.—Yes.

12. Question.—Can a brother deposit the receipt in another lodge for admission, the same as a Visiting Card?

Answer.—Yes.

13. Question.—Must the A. T. P. W. be given to all brothers on paying up their dues?

Answer.—No, if they only pay their dues to date.

14. Question.—A member of a lodge on February 1st, 1897, owes \$3 dues; he goes to his lodge and pays \$1 of said dues and demands a Visiting Certificate; is the lodge compelled to issue said Visiting Certificate and give him the A. T. P. W.?

Answer.—The lodge is compelled to issue the Visiting Certificate, but it is not allowed to give the A. T. P. W. There is no such thing known to the law as a "Visiting Certificate." It is a certificate showing the payment of dues on which certificate, coupled with the A. T. P. W., entitles the holder to visit lodges outside his jurisdiction.

15. Question.—When a brother pays his dues, is the Secretary of the lodge compelled to give him a certificate under the law of 1896, or may the Secretary use another form of receipt when the brother does not desire the A. T. P. W.?

Answer.—When a brother pays his dues, the Secretary is not allowed to give him a receipt for same except on the form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the brother does not desire the A. T. P. W.

16. Question.—When a brother pays his dues and does not desire a receipt, is the Secretary compelled to issue to him a certificate under the law of 1896?

Answer.—No.

17. Question.—If a brother fails to pay his dues on the last meeting night of the lodge in the term, and comes forward and pays at the commencement of the succeeding term, is he non-beneficial?

Answer.—While the term of a Subordinate Lodge must begin at certain stated periods, viz.: first meetings in January and July, or April and

October, yet such commencement of a term has no necessary reference to when and how dues shall be paid, and a brother is beneficial just so long as he does not owe his lodge one-fourth of the annual amount fixed by its by-laws for dues and legal assessments.

18. Question.—If a brother is reported sick with a chronic disease (rheumatism) and the lodge pays forty weeks' benefits at two dollars per week; the brother is then a little better and is reported from the sick list; in a short time is reported sick again from same disease, and continues sick for a long time; must the lodge pay him two dollars per week for fifty-two weeks from the date of the last report, or can they pay the balance of twelve weeks, which would have been the brother's due if he had not been reported recovered from first sickness, and then one dollar per week thereafter? Would you call this last sickness a new one or a continuation of the old, where the disease is the same?

Answer.—It is two separate cases of sickness, and the lodge must pay him two dollars per week from date of last sickness.

19. Question.—A Grand Master suspends a lodge; the Grand Lodge held that it was illegally suspended; that the Grand Master had no authority under the law to suspend it. What per capita tax should the lodge pay?

Answer.—When a lodge has been suspended, and it has afterwards been decided by proper authority that its suspension was illegal, and it has been reinstated, such lodge should not be required to pay per capita tax for the period it was under suspension.

20. Question.—Can lodges provide by by-law for the admission of non-beneficial Oddfellows, when no action has been taken by the State Grand Lodge?

Answer.—A lodge can not provide by by-law for admission of non-beneficial Oddfellows, unless the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has by some legislative action authorized lodges so to do.

21. Question.—In an initiation, should the acting P. G. (in closing his charge) greet and welcome the brother by giving him the initiatory grip?

Answer.—No.

22. Question.—Have Grand Masters the power under the law to grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges upon request of said lodges to permit them to admit applicants into lodges for a less fee than what their by-laws call for, for a limited time?

Answer.—No, they can not grant such dispensations. They must change their by-laws and have them properly approved if they wish to charge the fee charged for initiation.

25. Question.—Does the last clause of Section 1 of Article VIII., of the Constitution of New Hampshire, which reads as follows, "*shall be entitled to receive from the funds of his lodge such sum as the by-laws may determine,*" leave it to the Subordinate Lodge by-laws to determine who are beneficial members?

Answer.—Yes.

26. Question.—In view of the laws set forth in Sections 726 and 727 of the new Digest of 1895, if a lodge fixes its initiation fee so that it is less than the sum fixed for one year's dues, can such lodge lawfully reinstate a

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Answer.—Such lodge cannot lawfully reinstate a member so dropped for less than the amount of one year's dues, such being the law as set forth in Section 726, Digest of 1895, which law is plain and unambiguous, although, in view of the possible facts, he might have to pay more than a member who has been suspended for more than one year.

27. Question.—Under the same laws (Sections 726 and 727), can such a lodge lawfully charge the amount of one year's dues for reinstatement of a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues for more than one year?

Answer.—A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than one year, can not be lawfully charged for reinstatement more than the amount charged an initiate of the same age, although the lodge may charge less if its local law so provides.

28. Question.—A brother who was a member of a lodge and a bar-keeper when the amendment to Section 5, Article XVI., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, went into effect, takes a withdrawal card therefrom, continues in the occupation of bar-keeper, and within a year from the issuance of said card deposits it with another lodge and applies for membership therein. Can such lodge admit him?

Answer.—Yes, the lodge can admit the brother to membership in the lodge, he being already a member of the Order.

30. Statement.—A brother is paid up in full until December 31, 1895. He pays nothing more, but on June 8, 1896, is by the probate judge of the county in which he resides adjudged insane. The verdict of the jury and the decision of the probate judge is that he is insane and has been for six months prior thereto. Then he was on that date ordered committed to the State Insane Asylum at Topeka, Kansas, and was so committed, and has been at all times since and is now confined there. The brother having no property, it was ordered by the court that the expense of the proceedings be at the cost of the county and the keeping at the cost of the state. The brother is the only support of his family.

Question.—Is the Subordinate Lodge to which he is attached, and in which he was in good standing on December 31st, 1895, and until 13 weeks thereafter, debtor to him or his family for sick benefits?

Answer.—The brother's family is entitled to the benefit provided by the by-laws of the lodge to which he belongs, he being in good standing at the time he became insane. See Sections 42, 43 and 47, White's Digest, edition 1895.

31. Question.—Has a lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the lodge to pay railroad fare and carriage hire of its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the lodge room?

Answer.—No.

32. Question.—Can a lodge be organized in a good building on the ground floor?

Answer.—Yes; yet all lodges are admonished to see to it that they surround themselves against intrusion by outsiders, that is to say, no person or persons should be permitted to gain a knowledge of what is going on in the lodge room by approaching it too closely.

33. Question.—Is it legal for a Subordinate Lodge to purchase an American flag?

Answer.—It is. See Articles 355 and 359, White's Digest.

34. Question.—Has a member of a lodge who prefers charges against another member of same lodge, a right to appeal from the action of his lodge in finding the brother not guilty?

Answer.—Yes.

35. Question.—Has the Grand Master the right to set aside the action of a lodge and order a new trial?

Answer.—No.

36. Question.—A member being dropped for non-payment of dues, and being rejected upon application for reinstatement, can he renew his application for reinstatement at the expiration of six months?

Answer.—Yes, he can renew his application for reinstatement any number of times after rejection, each time waiting until the expiration of the time limited by local law provided in other cases of application by candidates for admission.

37. Question.—When a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, must the application be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the by-laws of the lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference, provided the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where such lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the lodge?

Answer.—When a brother suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, the application need not be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the by-laws of the lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference; provided, the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where such lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the lodge.

39. Question.—Can a member whose dues are paid to January 1st, 1897, be suspended on December 28th, 1897?

Answer.—No. The period from January 1st, 1897, to December 28th, 1897, is not one year, and therefore a brother who is clear of the books on the 1st day of January can not be suspended on the 28th day of the next ensuing December.

40.—Question.—Upon the resignation of a Vice-Grand, a member was elected to fill the vacancy, but was not installed into the office, but served to the end of the term for a majority of the nights, and was then elected and installed as Noble Grand and served to the end of the term; is he entitled to the honors of the office?

Answer.—Yes, he is entitled to the honors; he was elected and installed as Noble Grand, served as such for the term, so no matter what mere irregularities there were in his installation and service as Vice-Grand, he is entitled to the honors as Noble and Past Grand.

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ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

41. Question.—Is a member of a defunct Encampment who is a member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, entitled to make application for membership in another Encampment by initiation; if so, does it require a dispensation for such purpose?

Answer.—A member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge, claiming to be a member of a defunct Encampment, but unable to obtain satisfactory proof of such fact, may apply for membership into a Subordinate Encampment by initiation, but each application should state that he did not lose membership in such defunct Encampment by suspension or expulsion, and no dispensation is necessary to allow such Encampment to admit such applicant.

42. Question.—Does the law passed at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which allows Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampments to reduce their degree fees to \$1 each, and dues to \$1 per year to non-beneficial members, apply to Encampments working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Answer.—Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are authorized to fix the minimum price for the Degrees at \$1 each, or \$3 for the three Degrees, and to fix annual dues at a minimum price of not less than \$1.

43. Question.—Can the same Patriarch hold the two offices of Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Encampment at one and the same time?

Answer.—The same Patriarch can not legally hold the two offices of Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Encampment at one and the same time.

44. Question.—What office or offices must a Patriarch fill to become eligible to serve as Chief Patriarch?

Answer.—A Grand Jurisdiction may provide by law, that service in the office of Senior Warden alone will render a Patriarch eligible for the office of Chief Patriarch; but unless a Jurisdiction does so provide, a Patriarch, to be eligible to the office of Chief Patriarch, must have served a term as Senior Warden and High Priest.

45. Question.—If a Patriarch pays his dues on the last meeting night for quarter ending March 31st, can he on the evening of payment ask for and receive the T. P. W.?

Answer.—Yes.

46. Question.—When a Subordinate Encampment has a Financial Scribe, shall he sign the certificate for dues?

Answer.—Yes; but the Recording Scribe must affix the seal.

48. Question.—Are Past High Priests previous to 1892 allowed to wear P. C. P. collars in Encampments?

Answer.—No.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT DECISIONS.

65. Question.—Has Department Council or Commander the power or authority to grant removal of Department Council headquarters?

Answer.—Upon receipt of a petition by the Department Council, praying for a removal of Department Council headquarters, setting forth the reasons therefor, the Department Council may grant or reject the petition.

66. Question.—Is the Captain of a Senior Canton, who has been acting as Department Commander, entitled to a commission as Department Commander, or does he act in that capacity until the Department is in a position to regularly elect a Department Commander?

Answer.—He is not entitled to a commission as Department Commander until he shall have been elected to that position.

67. Statement.—A Chevalier holds a commission as Colonel of First Regiment, by virtue of which he became Department Commander under the Patriarchs Militant Code; his successor was commissioned by the Department, he paying the fee to the Department for same.

Question.—Is a Department Commander under the law governing the Patriarchs Militant required to obtain his commission from the Adjutant General and pay the fee for same?

Answer.—Yes.

68. Statement.—A Canton surrenders its Charter and forwards its effects to Department headquarters. None of the Chevaliers have discharges, no action having been taken by the Canton in regard to discharges.

Question.—Can any of the Chevaliers of the defunct Canton be charter members of a new Canton without first obtaining honorable discharges in accordance with Sections 24 and 34, P. M. Code?

Answer.—No; such members can not become applicants for a charter for a new Canton without first obtaining honorable discharges. They are in the same position as a member of a defunct lodge is, who can not be one of those applying for a charter for a new lodge, he not having a Withdrawal Card.

69. Question.—Can such Chevaliers (those referred to in the preceding question) be classed as Royal Purple members and be applicants for a charter?

Answer.—They can not. They are already members of a Canton, although defunct, and must sever connection with such Canton before they can ever join another.

70. Question.—Who has the power to grant an application of a Canton, asking to be allowed to remove its place of meeting?

Answer.—Such application can only be granted by a Department Council, where one exists, which has such power; where such Council does not exist, the Commander of the Department can act upon and grant the application.

71. Question.—A Department holds its election for Department Commander. Upon receipt of the returns it is found that a majority of Cantons have voted for a certain candidate; the minority of Cantons have voted for a certain other candidate. The Cantons in the minority have the largest membership; the Cantons in the majority have a less number of members.

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Answer.—A majority of the Chevaliers voting for Département Commander, without reference to the number of Cantons participating in the election, elects the Commander.

72. Question.—Is it legal and proper for a Canton to elect a Board of Trustees to have charge of such invested funds as may be authorized by the Canton, they to give satisfactory bond as any other officer holding money?

Answer.—Yes.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

73. Question.—What names should go on duplicate charters?

Answer.—All the names appearing on original charter must be inserted in duplicate charter.

74. Question.—Will the ordinary receipt be illegal when issued simply as a receipt for dues paid?

Answer.—Yes, it will be illegal.

75. Question.—Can the same member of the Order hold at the same time the two offices of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge?

Answer.—The same member of the Order can hold the two offices of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment, and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge at the same time.

76. Question.—Can a brother who is in possession of a Certificate and the A. T. P. W. visit a lodge within the jurisdiction containing his own lodge, he being without the P. W. of the current term?

Answer.—Yes.

77. Statement.—Confusion having arisen over the legislation of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge concerning interstate visitation on certificate for dues.

Question.—Is it mandatory, under said legislation, that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall use *exclusively* the certificate mentioned in such legislation?

Answer.—No, not to the exclusion of the visiting card.

78. Question.—Does the Sovereign Grand Lodge have exclusive power to print such certificates?

Answer.—Yes.

79. Question.—May State Grand Lodges and Encampments print such certificates for the use of Subordinates within their jurisdiction?

Answer.—No.

81. Question.—Can a brother visit on an official receipt beyond the date for which his dues are paid?

Answer.—No.

82. Question.—Is any other receipt for dues except the official receipt permissible to be used simply as a receipt for dues?

Answer.—No.

83. Question.—If a Patriarch or brother pays 26 or 52 weeks in a year, can he demand an official receipt each time, if he pays every meeting night in the year?

Answer.—Yes.

84. Question.—Can a Lodge or Encampment charge three cents or any other price for the receipts, or must they furnish the same free if dues are paid?

Answer.—No. A Lodge or Encampment can not charge any price for the receipt, but must furnish it free of charge.

85. Question.—Did the resolutions from committee changing or tacking on to Article 16, Section 1, S. G. L. Constitution, to recognize said official receipt as a proper card, change the section; if so, should it not have laid over one year?

Answer.—No, it did not change the section.

86. Question.—Can a Trial Committee in any or all cases appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence in cases, he or she not being a member of the Order?

Answer.—A Trial Committee can not appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence, such persons not being members of the Order.

87. Question.—Is it legal to allow a Grand Warden to be put in possession of a Rebekah Ritual, he not being a member of a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—No.

88. Question.—Are the words occurring in decision 152 of P. G. S. Stebbings of 1896, "in every branch of the Order," to be construed as abolishing the retiring P. W. in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment?

Answer.—Yes, and instructions in the use of such abolished P. W.'s should be therefore omitted in giving instructions in the Unwritten Work in the Grand Bodies as well as in Subordinates.

89. Question.—If a member is in arrears for dues and pays part or all of such arrearages and nothing in advance, can he demand as a receipt the Visiting Certificate?

Answer.—Yes.

90. Question.—To receive a Visiting Certificate, does a member have to pay in advance the same as he does when receiving a Visiting Card, and if a member in arrears for dues pays part or all of same, and nothing in advance, can he demand the Official Certificate and the A. T. P. W.?

Answer.—He can demand the Official Certificate, but not the A. T. P. W.

91. Question.—When does a woman cease to be a member of her father's family and cease to be entitled to funeral benefits by reason of her age?

Answer.—All orphans under the age of twenty-one years are entitled to receive funeral benefits. See Section 90, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

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92. Question.—Must Lodges and Encampments use the new form of receipt or certificates, to the entire exclusion of any and all other forms of receipts for dues?

Answer.—Yes.

93. Question.—Can a member, when paying his dues, accept the ordinary form of receipt if it suits him and does not desire to visit in another jurisdiction?

Answer.—No.

94. Question.—If this is the only legal receipt, and a brother's dues must be paid in advance before he can use the same for the purpose of visiting another lodge, what form of receipt may be issued to a member who is paying arrearages, but not in advance?

Answer.—The form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "said form of a receipt (certificate) to be universal throughout all jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only and legal receipt (certificate) for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges."

95. Question.—Can a Lodge or Encampment prescribe by by-law that a small fee shall be paid by the brother on the issuance of a new form of receipt?

Answer.—No.

96. Question.—Has a State Grand Lodge the right to provide where one black ball appears in balloting for a candidate for admission, that one or more additional ballots shall be taken?

Answer.—Yes; State Grand Bodies have the right to make such rules and regulations in regard to balloting as those contained in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

97. Question.—Is it legal and proper for Subordinate and Grand Lodges to authenticate documents issued by them with a printed impression of the seal, or must it be actually impressed upon them?

Answer.—Yes, it is legitimate and proper to use a *printed* seal on official documents, when it is not convenient to actually impress it.

98. Question.—Grand Sire Underwood decided that the D. D. G. M. when installing should be addressed as Grand Master. The new Ritual G. M. The Ritual says in a Rebekah Lodge the installing officer shall be addressed as Special Deputy Grand Master. Which governs?

Answer.—The Ritual governs.

99. Question.—Under the wording of the fine print at the end of the instruction in each Degree relative to who may be kept out of a lodge, can a member suspended for non-payment of dues be kept out?

Answer.—Yes.

100. Question.—Have members of the Order a right to form independent organizations, with officers, take the name of the lodge to which they belong, and confine membership to that lodge, but the lodge have no control or supervision of any kind over it?

Answer.—No.

101. Question.—Can I as Grand Master of Texas legally appoint a Past Grand of the jurisdiction of Illinois, but now residing in Texas, as Special District Deputy Grand Master, he possessing peculiar qualifications for the position as an organizer?

Answer.—No, he is not eligible for appointment to the position.

102. Question.—A member of a lodge in Texas obtains a Withdrawal Card; changes his residence to another jurisdiction, having, however, no settled residence therein; can he within twelve months from the date of the issuance of the card, deposit it and apply for membership in the lodge granting it, he not being a resident of the jurisdiction of Texas?

Answer.—He can not.

103. Question.—If a member of the Order went into the saloon business between the time when the amendment to Section 5, Article 16, Constitution of the S. G. L. was adopted in 1895 and the date of the approval of Decision 88 by Grand Sire Stebbins in 1896, did he violate the Constitution, and should charges be preferred against him for conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow?

Answer.—Yes, under the law and Decisions 88 and 104, session of 1896, such member is liable to have charges preferred against him, and if convicted, should be expelled from the Order.

104. Question.—Can a brother visit upon an expired Visiting Certificate?

Answer.—No.

105. Question.—Where there is an apparent conflict between the Ritual, the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which should govern?

Answer.—The Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is supreme law, and where any other law conflicts with it, such other law must give way to it.

106. Question.—Can a Rebekah or Subordinate Lodge legally refuse to grant a Withdrawal Card (except to investigate) to members who are clear of the books of whatsoever kind, good moral character, and free from charges, etc.?

Answer.—Yes.

107. Question.—A person regularly proposed and elected a member by initiation; a special meeting was called to initiate him; but four members of the lodge attended. They, with the assistance of members of other lodges, initiated him. What is his standing?

Answer.—He is a full member of the initiatory degree, although the lodge acted in violation of law in conferring the degree, but the initiate is in no manner chargeable with this. Having received the degree it cannot be taken from him, although the lodge is subject to discipline for conferring the degree with less than a quorum of its members present. See Sections 669 and 690, White's Digest.

108. Question.—Can the Grand Master of Oregon grant permission for a resident of Idaho to join a lodge in Oregon, every other requisite for admission, such as consent of Idaho, nearness to the Oregon lodge, &c., existing?

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109. Question.—Can a Subordinate Lodge provide by by-law that an initiate shall receive no benefits until six months after his initiation?

Answer.—Yes, it can, provided they are so permitted by the uniform constitution of its jurisdiction.

110. Question.—Is it not obligatory on all lodges to pay at least the minimum benefits to initiates and to members of the first degree as well as to members of the third degree?

Answer.—It is not; the lodge, if not inhibited by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, has a right to declare what class of members shall be beneficial, and may provide that only members who have attained the third degree shall be beneficial, but if they pay to any class benefits, it must not be less than two dollars per week.

111. Question.—Please state all the conditions under which a lodge may deny benefits or all but the minimum benefits to members.

Answer.—This question has been in effect answered in the preceding answers. The law is that a Subordinate Lodge has the right to declare what classes of members shall be beneficial, it may so divide the members into classes as to give the rate of benefit to an initiate, another rate to a first degree member, another to a second and to a third, but it can not give to any member declared by it beneficial a less rate than two dollars per week.

All these divisions, however, are subject to the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge, it having, however, no power to say that a lodge may pay less than two dollars per week to any member it has declared beneficial.

112. Question.—Has a band a right to use the name "Patriarchs Militant Band" without permission, or use it, being members of the I. O. O. F., but not members of a Canton?

Answer.—A band has no right to use the name of the Patriarchs Militant, either with or without permission of the P. M. authorities, and if the persons composing the band are members of the Order, charges can be preferred against them in their Lodges and Encampments?

114. Question.—Can the Noble Grand and Secretary issue an order for the Semi-Annual Pass Word which will extend beyond their term of office, and good up to the time the brother pays his dues?

Answer.—Yes, they can.

115. Question.—Under Section 985, W. D. 1895, what is the extent of the "declination" required? Would every Past Grand of the lodge have to be elected and then decline before dispensation provided could be asked?

Answer.—It is not necessary for every qualified Past Grand belonging to the lodge to decline to accept after they are elected. It is sufficient if on the night of election all present decline an election.

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AMENDED DECISIONS.

23. Question.—Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate any of its funds to pay the premium on a surety bond issued by a guarantee or indemnity company to bond its Treasurer or Trustees?

Answer.—If a Subordinate Lodge should require its Treasurer to give a bond with a guarantee or indemnity company as surety, such lodge should pay the premium therefor; but the lodge not making such requirement, if the Treasurer should, in place of giving the ordinary bond, with personal security, for his own convenience choose to give as surety such a company, then and in that event he should pay the premium himself, and the lodge should not pay it.

Amended by inserting after the word answer and before the word if, the word "yes."

24. Question.—Does a Subordinate Lodge have the right to adopt or make a by-law confining sick benefits to Degree members only, as provided in Digest, page 51, section 16?

Answer.—Yes.

Amended by adding the following words, "unless otherwise provided by local law."

50. Question.—How many black balls are required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—Three black balls and no more, shall be required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

Amended so as to read as follows:—"Answer.—Not less than three black balls shall be required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge. Grand Lodges may require a larger but not a smaller number than three to reject such an application."

80. Question.—May Subordinate Lodges and Encampments provide themselves with any form of receipt for dues, notwithstanding such legislation?

Answer.—No; not for the purpose of interstate visitation.

Amended by striking from answer all after the word "no."

DISAPPROVED DECISIONS.

3. Statement.—The by-laws of a lodge provide for the payment to its Treasurer the sum of fifty cents per month for his services as Treasurer, and also requires the payment by its members the sum of fifty cents per month for dues. The Treasurer was taken sick, owing the lodge \$1 for four months dues, and the lodge owed him \$2 for four months service as Treasurer.

Question.—Was he in good standing in his lodge and entitled to benefits?

Answer.—Yes.

29.—Question.—Can a Grand Body compel its subordinates to purchase a given number of Rituals?

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 "That Grand Bodies may compel their Subordinates to purchase a given number of Rituals, not exceeding the number allowed by the laws of this Grand Body."

38. Question.—Since the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, known as the liquor law, can a person who has been initiated in good faith and in ignorance on his part of the law, be advanced to a higher Degree, the lodge ascertaining after initiation and before advancement that he is a saloon keeper?

Answer.—Yes.

It was decided that, "as the Constitution of the S. G. L. declares that saloon keepers are ineligible to membership in the Order, that whenever it is discovered that such inhibited individual has by any means been initiated into the Order, that his further progress in the Order should be arrested; that, as he is not eligible to membership, he is not qualified to receive any of the Degrees."

113. Question.—Can a lady have the Grand Decoration of Chivalry conferred upon her?

Answer.—The Grand Decoration of Chivalry can be conferred upon a lady as well as upon a brother; both are eligible for the Decoration of Chivalry, and I hold that the same rule will apply to the Grand Decoration.

It was decided that the Grand Decoration of Chivalry was intended for Chevaliers only and could not be conferred on ladies without legislation to that effect.

FROM GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

By an examination of the table accompanying this report, which gives the increase and decrease in membership during the year, it will be seen that the loss in the Encampment branch has been unusually heavy, while the gain in Subordinate Lodge membership has been the smallest since 1885, when it was 1,080. The prevailing depression in business affairs, which, judging from the reports of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, seems to be felt in all sections of the country, must account to a great degree for this tardy growth; but another, and doubtless a more prominent stumbling-block in the way of progress is the strongly-marked lack of personal interest among the membership in the work of the Lodges and Encampments. A renewal of that interest which prompted the brother to unite with the Order is necessary. The faithful few who attend the meetings regularly, and who do the work in Lodge or Encampment, need the help and encouragement to be found in the presence of a goodly company.

But while these have languished, the prosperous Rebekah Branch, with her small fees and light dues, has vigorously grown. A proof of this fact is seen in her increase of 419 lodges and 26,103 members for the year.

If our membership has not kept pace with the rate of increase during the past twelve years, discouragement need not follow. It is in lessons of experience that we are taught the performance of duty. Let there be a renewal of interest among the membership to aid and encourage the zealous and faithful few who have kept the fires burning on the altars of our beloved Order in its darker days, and when the sun of prosperity shines once more upon the lands where our standards have been planted, a vigorous renewal of growth in Oddfellowship will ensue.

MEMBERSHIP.

INCREASE AND DECREASE FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

JURISDICTION.	LOGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	400		53	
*Alberta (6 Lodges, 1 Encampment)		5		1
Arizona		22	6	
Arizona (5 Encampments)				
Arkansas		84	16	
†Assiniboia (7 Lodges)				
British Columbia		159	25	
California		261		
‡Chile (3 Lodges)		5		
Colorado	295		25	
Connecticut	615		101	
§Cuba (4 Lodges)		1		
Delaware		102		34
District of Columbia		137		38
Florida		53		6
France (2 Lodges)		5		
Georgia	63			46
Idaho	68			50
Illinois		295		131
Indiana		204		725
Indian Territory	341		16	
||Indian Territory (8 Encampments)				
Iowa		186	214	
¶Italy (1 Lodge)			9	
Japan (1 Lodge)				219
Kansas		1,716		120
Kentucky		122		
Louisiana	119		11	
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	154			189
Maine	132			
Manitoba	104		32	
Maritime Provinces of Canada			41	
Maryland		226		4
Massachusetts	878			11
**Mexico (3 Lodges, 2 Encampments)	16			
Michigan	123			441
Minnesota	201			61
Mississippi	189		48	
Missouri	71			
Montana	197			

* Three Lodges reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and three to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. † One Lodge reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the rest to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. ‡ Report from one Lodge for 1896 not received. § Reports from two Lodges not received. || Reports from two Encampments for two years; report from one not received and fit report from one. ¶ Reported to the Grand Lodge of Switzerland. ** Reports from two Lodges and one Encampment not received; and report from one Encampment not due.

* Encampment report for 1896 not due.

Net gain in membership, 2,001.

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Netherlands (5 Lodges).....				
Nevada.....	57	30	7	
Newfoundland (1 Lodge).....				
New Hampshire.....	90	51	7	
New Jersey.....	139			43
New Mexico.....		195		37
New Mexico (6 Encampments).....	170		10	
New York.....				
North Carolina.....	2,028			21
North Dakota.....	121		314	
Ohio.....	24			24
Oklahoma.....				
Ontario.....		519		76
Oregon.....		86		730
Pennsylvania.....	491			13
Pennsylvania.....			111	
*Peru (2 Lodges, 1 Encampment).....	940	104		
Quebec.....				9
Rhode Island.....	185	5		187
Sandwich Islands (2 Lodges, 1 Encampment).....		58		92
†Saskatchewan (1 Lodge).....	13			
South Carolina.....			9	
‡South Carolina (3 Encampments).....	8			
South Dakota.....				
Sweden.....				4
Sweden (2 Encampments).....	208	115		67
Tennessee.....			47	
Texas.....				
Utah.....	445			
Vermont.....	774			94
Virginia.....	178		438	
Virginia.....	181			1
Washington.....	1,147		163	
West Virginia.....			55	
Wisconsin.....	416	293		106
Wyoming.....			12	
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	11,581	5,511	1,786	3,748

*Encampment report for 1896 not received. †Reports to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. ‡Report from one Encampment for two years; report from one not received, and report from one not due.

Net gain in membership of Lodges, 5,950; net loss in membership of Encampments, 2,001.

We are pleased to note that Ontario stands fifth on the list of the jurisdictions showing an increase in Encampment membership.

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COMPARISON OF THE RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1895 AND 1896.

	Dec. 31st, 1895	Dec. 31st, 1896	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	56	56		
Grand Encampments.....	50	51	1	
Subordinate Lodges.....	10,875	11,145	270	
Subordinate Encampments.....	9,628	9,648	20	
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,111	4,567	456	
Lodge Initiations.....	63,219	60,149		3,073
Encampment Initiations.....	10,832	29,633		1,199
Rebekah Initiations { Brothers.....	22,546	22,937	281	
{ Sisters.....	33,121	37,161	4,040	
Lodge Members.....	799,985	806,055	6,070	
Encampment Members.....	132,694	130,732		1,962
Rebekah Members.....	253,043	281,041	28,998	
Relief by Lodges.....	\$ 3,007,081 33	\$ 3,067,965 81	\$ 60,884 48	
Relief by Encampments.....	278,980 08	274,209 99		\$ 4,670 09
Relief by Rebekah Lodges.....	47,761 73	51,059 83	3,298 10	
Total Relief.....	3,333,823 14	3,393,235 63	59,412 49	
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.....	7,587,850 30	7,570,025 98		17,824 31
Revenue of Encampments.....	622,357 83	602,418 55		19,939 28
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges.....	380,795 99	886,202 26	505,406 27	
Total Revenue.....	8,591,004 21	9,058,646 79	467,642 58	
Invested Funds, Subordinate Lodges.....	24,347,529 84	24,894,387 17	476,857 33	
Invested Funds, Rebekah Lodges.....	1,455,354 88	1,599,131 50	73,776 71	
Total Invested Funds.....	455,141 04	499,430 66	41,288 72	
Expenses Subordinate Lodges.....	26,258,026 66	26,849,049 42	591,922 76	
Expenses Subordinate Encampments.....	3,429,806 23	3,427,195 22		2,611 01
Expenses Rebekah Lodges.....	298,264 04	250,280 77		44,977 27
Total Expenses.....	300,695 24	338,403 23	37,713 78	
Brothers Relieved.....	4,038,765 81	4,021,891 01		16,874 80
Patriarchs Relieved.....	86,258	83,724		2,534
Weeks' Benefits paid by Sub. Lodges.....	12,034	10,073		1,961
Weeks' Benefits paid by Encampments.....	564,355	58,534	27,179	
Widowed Families Relieved by Subordinate Lodges.....	89,639	89,282		357
Widowed Families Relieved by Encampment Lodges.....	5,390	6,206	816	
Brothers Buried.....	178	200	31	
Patriarchs Buried.....	8,592	8,498		94
	1,485	1,395		90

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31st, 1896, INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,137,592
Members Relieved.....	2,076,004
Widowed Families Relieved.....	227,940
Members Deceased.....	202,228
Total Relief.....	\$ 74,356,668 76
Total Receipts.....	193,247,022 80

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31st, 1896.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden).....	5
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	53
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	66
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,671
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,399
Encampment Members.....	131,260
Lodge Members.....	831,718
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,573
Sisters, Members of Rebekah Lodges.....	164,679
Brothers, Members of Rebekah Lodges.....	116,812

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RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Receipts from Grand Lodges.....		
" " Grand Encampments.....	\$103,000	22
" " Subordinate Lodges.....	16,985	35
" " Subordinate Encampments.....	930	07
" " Patriarchs Militant.....	367	69
" " Sundry Individuals.....	2,022	77
Ordinary revenue.....		395 85
Bills payable (cash borrowed).....	\$123,701	95
Protested checks.....	5,000	00
	1,604	10
Total cash paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$130,306	05

ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer.....		
Steel and electrotype plates, etc.....	\$68,058	96
Library (cost of binding volumes).....	14,293	82
Supplies (at cost price).....	1,198	93
Paintings and furniture.....	21,955	27
Sovereign Grand Lodge building.....	10,637	53
Open ledger accounts (Dr., \$2,722.59; Cr., \$1,571.05).....	30,642	61
	1,151	54
	\$147,938	56

DEPARTMENT COUNCILS AND CANTONS.

From reports received for year ending April 26th, 1897, the Grand Scribe reports an increase of membership of 477.

CHARTERS ISSUED FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The Grand Encampment of Arizona was instituted July 17th, 1897.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

- Indian Territory, instituted April 24th, 1897.
- Mexico, instituted March 8th, 1897.
- South Carolina, instituted February 12th, 1897.

ODDFELLOWS' HOMES.

We are pleased to be able to report that the most gratifying reports were received of the success and prosperity of the "Homes" already established, and an increased desire on the part of several Jurisdictions to participate in this great benevolent work of our Order. We trust that Ontario will, in the near future, have an honored place amongst those Jurisdictions who have thus evidenced their belief in practical Oddfellowship by in this manner caring for their aged members and their widows and orphans.

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CANTON MEMBERS AT ENCAMPMENT INSTALLATION.

The Grand Patriarch or D. D. G. P. officiating as installing officer in Subordinate Encampments may invite a Canton or a delegation of chevaliers to act as an escort to him or assist in said installations, and they may upon such occasion wear the uniform of the Patriarchs Militant, provided, however, if the Grand Patriarch or D. D. G. P. is a chevalier, he shall in addition to his uniform, wear the Jewel or Regalia he is entitled to wear as such installing officer.

All laws inconsistent with the above are repealed.

JUVENILE DEGREE.

The consideration of the establishment of a Juvenile Degree was indefinitely postponed.

QUALIFICATION FOR CHIEF PATRIARCH.

Section 1002, White's Digest, requiring service in the offices of Senior Warden and High Priest as a qualification to the office of Chief Patriarch, is the general law, and in the absence of legislation by Subordinate Jurisdictions making it unnecessary to serve as High Priest, a Patriarch must serve a term as Senior Warden and High Priest to be eligible as Chief Patriarch.

SIGNING WITHDRAWAL CARDS, VISITING CARDS AND CERTIFICATES.

All Withdrawal Cards, Visiting Cards and Certificates for dues, assessments, fees, etc., should be signed by the holder thereof, in the presence of the officer, by whom the A. T. P. W. or A. P. W. is communicated.

PRESCRIBED FORMS ONLY TO BE USED.

All State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges, Encampments and Department Councils shall enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall neither adopt nor use, or suffer to be adopted or used, in their jurisdiction, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation or regalia than those prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

OLD RITUALS.

After January 1st, 1898, no Grand or Subordinate Body shall receive any credit for old Rituals returned or destroyed, but all Grand and Subordinate Bodies shall pay full price for all new Rituals purchased.

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RECEIPTS.

The Jurisdiction of Ontario was given permission to print the necessary form of receipt required by the Provincial law, bearing upon the face of same the words "Assessment System," the Sovereign Grand Lodge to derive the same revenue therefrom as from other Jurisdictions.

OFFICIAL HISTORY.

A memorial history of the Order, published by Bro. Lee C. Hascall, of Massachusetts, was declared to be the "Official History of Oddfellowship." It is edited by Past Grand Representative H. L. Stillson, and is written by the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Sires Nicholson, Sanders, Busbee, Campbell and Stebbins, and by every Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe in the world.

A copy of this work was presented to each Official and Representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

UNIFORM DUES AND BENEFITS.

It was decided that Grand Lodges have the right to provide for the payment of a system of uniform dues and benefits by Subordinate Lodges in their Jurisdictions, provided that the amount of benefits is not less than the minimum established by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Section 958, White's Digest, was amended by striking out the word "Permanent" in second line and inserting the word "Financial."

SOLICITING AID OR RELIEF.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for any Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or any officer or member thereof, or any committee of any jurisdiction, to solicit aid or relief for any purpose, or in any manner, either by direct request for funds, sale of tickets, or chances, or by any scheme whatever, from the Lodges, Encampments, or members of any other jurisdiction without having first obtained the consent of the Grand Master of such other jurisdiction, if such appeal is to be made to the lodges or members thereof, or of the Grand Patriarchs, if such appeal is to be made to Encampments or Patriarchs thereof. Such consent can only be obtained upon proper request therefor, duly made by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, of the soliciting jurisdiction, of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the solicited jurisdiction."

FISCAL YEAR.—PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Resolved, That a section be added to the Patriarchs Militant Code and numbered 131, to read as follows:

Sec. 131. The fiscal year, which shall govern the annual reports of the Cantons to their Department Commanders and to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall close December 31 of each year.

Resolved, That sections now numbered 131 and 132 shall in all future editions of the Code be numbered respectively Nos. 132 and 133.

VACANCY IN OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Section 64 of Patriarchs Militant Code was amended by adding the following:

That upon the resignation of the Department Commander, or from any cause a vacancy occurs in the office, a new election shall be ordered by the Assistant Adjutant General, and in the order for a new election a notice of thirty (30) days shall be given for nominations, and thirty (30) days for elections and returns, and in the interim the senior ranking officer shall be in command. So that the section as amended will read as follows:

Section 64. In case any officer elected shall refuse to accept, or neglect to qualify, or in case a vacancy shall occur at any time, the Department Commander may fill the vacancy by appointment, or may order and conduct another election. And that upon the resignation of the Department Commander, or from any cause a vacancy occurs in that office, a new election shall be ordered by the Assistant Adjutant-General, and in the order calling for said election, a notice of thirty (30) days shall be given for nominations, and thirty (30) days for elections and returns, and in the interim, the senior ranking officer shall be in command.

REVISED DEGREES OF THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held at Dallas, Texas, 1896, a special committee was appointed to examine and report on a revised copy of the Degrees of the Decoration of Chivalry which was presented at that session.

The committee reported that they had made some changes and alterations which they considered necessary to improve and perfect the work.

The revised copy, as changed, was adopted.

VISIT TO THE TOMB OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

On Wednesday afternoon the Officers and Representatives and a large number of ladies, as well as visiting Oddfellows, paid a visit to the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Addresses were delivered by Past Grand Sires Busbee and Underwood, and Deputy Grand Sire Pinkerton, all of whom paid eloquent tribute to the memory of the martyred President.

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OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES.

The following resolutions were adopted :

First.—Resolved, That the Official Certificate provided for by the legislation of 1896 shall be furnished to Subordinate Grand Bodies at, and for the rate of, eighty cents per hundred, and to Subordinate Lodges, Subordinate Encampments and Rebekah Lodges at the rate of one dollar per hundred.

Second.—Resolved, That the said Official Certificate heretofore engraved shall hereafter be lithographed, thus materially reducing its cost to this Grand Body; and if the same can be done, that the right to prepare it, and its exclusive use be protected by Letters Patent, otherwise, that it be copyrighted.

Third.—Resolved, That hereafter the Official Receipt (Certificate) shall be designated as the "Official Certificate," and shall be issued in all cases where members pay dues and assessments to Subordinate Bodies, and shall request a receipt, and that such change be made in the form and matter as to make it plain and distinct, with ample space for necessary signatures, and a line for the location of the body issuing it and the date.

Fourth.—Resolved, That the Official Certificate shall be issued by and signed by the Permanent Secretary of Subordinate Lodge, if there be one, the Financial Scribe, if there be one, of Encampments, or the Secretary of Rebekah Lodge, attested by the seal of the Body issuing the same. If a lodge has no Permanent Secretary, the Certificate shall be signed by the Secretary, and if an Encampment has no Financial Scribe, shall be signed by the Scribe.

Fifth.—Resolved, That in all other respects than is hereinabove set forth, said Official Certificate shall conform to, and carry with it, all the rights and privileges provided by the legislation of 1896, relative to the subject matter hereinabove referred to.

Provided, that in case of the absence of the brother or sister paying dues, a duly accredited order for A. T. P. W. shall accompany said receipt.

Sixth.—Resolved, That the Official Certificate and the Visiting Card shall be the only legal acknowledgment for dues and assessments paid by a member to the Subordinate Lodge, Subordinate Encampment or Rebekah Lodge.

ILLINOIS ORPHANS' HOME.

A special train on the C. & A. Railroad conveyed the Officers and Representatives and ladies to Lincoln, where the Oddfellows Orphans' Home is located. The Home is the pride of Illinois Oddfellows, and is most complete in every respect. It was an object lesson to those Representatives whose Jurisdictions have not as yet done anything on this line. To see this splendid home erected for the fatherless and motherless, where love and tenderness are bestowed—at present on about 150 little ones—must have made an impression which all no doubt have carried away with them, and will we trust be productive of good.

The main building is an elegant structure, four stories high, besides which there is a Boys' Cottage and a Girls' Cottage, each three stories in height.

PRESENTATION TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

One of the most pleasing events of the session was the presentation of a fifty-year veteran jewel to Grand Chaplain Venable, of Kentucky, which had been subscribed for and procured by the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as a token of the love and affection for him, of the esteem in which they held him, and their appreciation of his exemplary life and character as a man, a clergyman, and an Oddfellow.

Past Grand Sire Sanders made the presentation on behalf of the S. G. L.

Your Representatives had the honor of being placed on the following Committees:

J. T. Hornibrook—"Judiciary," and Special Committee on "New History of the Order."

George Ross—"Returns," and Special Committee on "Rebekah Ritual."

The next Annual Session will be held in the City of Boston, Mass., on the third Monday in September, 1898.

OFFICERS SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, 1897-98.

FRED. CARLETON, Texas.....	Grand Sire
A. S. PINKERTON, Massachusetts.....	Deputy Grand Sire
J. FRANK GRANT, Baltimore.....	Grand Secretary
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, Pennsylvania.....	Grand Treasurer
R. T. FLOYD, Arkansas.....	Grand Marshal
E. D. HOGE, Utah.....	Grand Guardian
C. H. LYMAN, Ohio.....	Grand Messenger
J. W. VENABLE, Kentucky.....	Grand Chaplain

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

To the warm-hearted brethren of Illinois we are deeply indebted for very many courtesies extended during our stay in Springfield, which made our visit a pleasant one.

CONCLUSION.

We now conclude our report, which we have endeavored to make as complete as possible.

We desire to thank you sincerely for the honor you conferred upon us in selecting us to represent you in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we

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We trust the Patriarchal Branch of the Order in this jurisdiction will continue to prosper both numerically and financially.

Fraternally yours,

J. T. HORNIBROOK,
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JURISDICTION.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Robert West	412 Clayton St., Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	J. B. Friedheim	Box 194, Camden.
Australasia—		
New South Wales.....	Alex Spence	135 Bathurst St. Syd. ey.
South Australia.....	Alfred Leane.....	Victoria Square, West Adelaide.
Victoria.....	W. D. McKee.....	Ballarat.
British Columbia.....	J. B. Ballantyne.....	Box 325, New Westminster.
California.....	Wm. H. Barnes.....	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	J. M. Norman.....	Mining Exchange, Denver.
Connecticut.....	Frederick Botsford.....	Drawer 8, New Haven.
Delaware.....	Edwin Hirst.....	602 Madison St., Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	E. H. Pearson.....	132 11th St., South-east Washington.
Florida.....	B. A. Maginnis.....	Tallahassee.
Georgia.....	John G. Deitz.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	A. K. Steunenberg.....	Caldwell.
Illinois.....	John C. Smit.....	65 Sibley St., Chicago.
Indiana.....	W. H. Leedy (acting).....	Box 89, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	William Musson.....	Des Moines.
Kansas.....	Ed. T. Rees.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	R. G. Elliott.....	66 West Walnut St., Louisville.
Louisiana.....	F. Grieshaber.....	Drawer 383, New Orleans.
Maine.....	B. C. Stone.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	D. E. McKinnon.....	Winnipeg.
Maritime Provinces, Can.	A. D. Grant.....	New Glasgow, N. S.
Maryland.....	John M. Jones.....	I. O. O. F. Hall, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	John U. Perkins.....	513 Tremont St., Boston.
Michigan.....	E. H. Whitney.....	Lansing.
Minnesota.....	S. E. Ferris.....	755 Temple Court, Minneapolis.
Mississippi.....	Isaac D. Blumenthal.....	Holly Springs.
Missouri.....	E. M. Sloan.....	Box 496 St. Louis.
Montana.....	A. J. White.....	Butte City.
Nebraska.....	I. P. Gage.....	Fremont.
Nevada.....	L. Guggenheim.....	Virginia City.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph Kilder.....	Manchester.
New Jersey.....	Lewis Parker.....	Trenton.
New York.....	John G. Deubert.....	83 Broadway, New York city.
North Carolina.....	George L. Ionofski.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	W. H. McPherson.....	Valley City.
Ohio.....	F. C. Garrett.....	Dayton.
Oklahoma.....	J. B. May.....	El Reno.
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