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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST.

Held in the beautiful Hall of Mnion Lodge, No. 16, on the 7th and 8th days of August, 1867.

Commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Union Lodge, No. 16, being assembled in special sector, and the M. W. Grand Master and Officers being announced, were admitted and received with the proper honors. The free use of Union Lodge Room being profered for the transaction of the business of the session by the Noble Grand, Bro. J. R. Cook, was accepted by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAfee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, after which the special meeting of Union Lodge was closed.

The M. W. Grand Master having taken his seat, called the Grand Lodge to order, and the R. W. Grand Warden having examined those present by direction, declared the Grand Lodge duly opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Upon the Roll of Officers being called, the following answered to their names.

| HENRY MCAFEE. |
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| T. PARTRIDGE, (pro tem.) |
| JOHN TAYLOR, Jr. |
| J. B. KING. |
| A. PURVES. |
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The Most Worthy Grand Master then announced the following Committee on Credentials, viz :- Rep. Thos. Partridge of Forest

City Lodge, No. 38; R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas., J. B. King, and Rep. Robert Kirkpatrick of Eureka Lodge, No. 30.

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Rep. Thomas Partridge from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report, which was adopted :---

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. G. L., C. W.

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We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Certificates of the following Past Grands find them in due form, entitleing them to seats in this K. W. Grand Lodge as Representatives of the several lodges named.

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| JAMES CURLE, | Brock Lodge, No. 9 |
| T. HEALY, | Union Lodge, |
| ISAAC SMITH, | Chatham Lodge, No. 29 |
| JOHN HJNTER, R. KIRKPATRICK, JAMES HERON, | Eureka Lodge, |
| W. A. GLOVER, | Erie Lodge,No. 33 |
| | Gore Lodge, No. 34 |
| JAMES MCINTYRE, | Samaritan Lodge,No. 35 |
| G. H. MARLATT, } ROBERT BARBOUR, } | St. Mary's Lodge,No. 36 |
| E. BELTZ, M. D. DAWSON, THOMAS PARTRIDGE | Forest City Lodge,No. 38 |
| THOMAS T. IRVING, } C. B. TAYLOR, | Avon Lodge,No. 41 |
| J. W. FERGUSON, } C. E. PEIRCE, | Excelsior Lodge,No. 44 |
| A. B. GRAHAM, | Frontier Lodge,No. 45 |
| F. GREEN, | Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46 |
| | Bissell Rep. of Forest City Lodge No. |

We also find that P. G. M. W. Bissell Rep. of Forest City Lodge No. 38, is present without his certificate. We being satisfied that he is one of the Representatives of that lodge recommend his admission, as such.

We therefore submit the following ;

Resolved, — That the foregoing Report be adopted, and the Past Grands named, be introduced, and such as have not already received the Grand Lodge Degree, be instructed therein.

> T. PARTRIDGE, R. KIRKPATRICK, J. B. KING,

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On motion of Rep. T. Healey of Union Lodge 16, the minutes of last session were adopted as printed.

On motion of Rep. Edmund Beltz of Euroka Lodge, No. 30, the sum of (fifty dollars) or so much thereof as may be necessary was appropriated for incidental expenses,

The chair then named the following committees :---

COMMITTEE ON DISTBIBUTION.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., Wm. Bissell, P. G. M.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., W. A. Glover, Rep. of Erie Lbdge, No. 33, C. B. Taylor, Rep. of Avon Lodge, No. 41.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

J. W. Ferguson, Rep. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, A. B. Graham, Rep. of Frontier Lodge, No. 45, Jas. Curle, Rep. of Brock Lodge, No. 9, J. B. King, G. Sec. & Trea'r.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., C. H. Hankinson, Rep: Erie Lodge, No. 33, C. E. Peirce, Rep. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Thos. Partridge, Rep. of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, Jno. Hunter, Rep. of Eureka Lodge, No. 30.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

.E. Chalcraft, Rep. of Gore Lodge, No. 34; F. Green, Rep of Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46; M. D. Dawson, Forest City Lodge, No. 38.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Jas. McIntyre, Rep. of Samaritan Lodge, No. 35; Geo. Irwin, Rep. of Frontier Lodge, No. 45; Jas. Heron, Rep. Eureka Lodge, No. 30; .I Smith, Rep. of Chatham Lodge, No. 29.

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COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

T. Healy, Rep. of Union Lodge, No. 16; E. Beltz, Rep. of Forest City Lodge, No. 38; G. H. Marlatt, Rep. of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36; Robt. Barbour, Rep. of St. Mary's Lodge, No 36; W. A. Glover, Rep. of Erie Lodge, 33; T. Partridge, Rep. of Forest City Lodge, No. 38.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Thos. Partridge, Rep. of Forest City Lodge, No. 38; W. A. Glover, Rep. of Erie Lodge, No. 33; E. Chalcraft, Rep. of Gore Lodge, No. 34.

The M. W. Grand Master Henry McAfee, then read the report of late Grand Master Richard Wigmore and his own, both of which were on motion of Rep. M. D. Dawson, referred to Committee on Distribution.

Ente Grand Master's Report.

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

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES, - Preserved by Divine Providence through the changes of another year, you again greet each other st your annual assembly in which I fain would join, but am prevented by circumstances which I cannot controle, though absent, to one and all I would wish "Mercy Grace and Peace" to be multiplied.

In the accomplishment of the great objects of our Order, allow me to congratulate you that during that past year we have not laboured in vain or spent our strength for naught, a benign Providence has crowned our well directed energy with success. My brethern I am, happy to report that our country for the past year has been in peace, and nothing has transpired to mar the harmony and prosperity of this our country.

"We cannot but hail the confederation of the provinces as giving us "an enlarged sphere of operation calculated to draw our Members closer "together, and blend us more essentially into one.

"Hence, while me may wish the Dominion of Canada every success. "We should not overlook the fact, that its success will largely depend on "those to whom we entrust the management of its affairs." Ci State Lody tribu prop I i Queb

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Circulars were received by me from different Lodges in the Southern States, asking for aid in building New Lodge Rooms, &c., &c. A few Lodges in this jurisdiction responded to the call, and forwarded contributions to the Grand Secty., which amounts were duly forwarded to the proper quarter.

I issued a circular to all Lodges in this jurisdiction, asking aid for the Quebec sufferers, who, at that time were left destitute by hundreds, with nothing but the canopy of heaven for their covering.

No. 1.

I am happy to inform you that the call was duly responded to, and over one hundred dollars (\$100) was sent to the Grand Secty. to be forwarded to the Committee in Quebec, but on account of the mainer in which the funds subscribed by the people of this and the Old Country for their relief, has been misapplied by the Relief Committee, I deemed it but right to retain said money for your disposal.

Dec. 1st I received a circular from James L. Ridgley, Esq. R. W. Corresponding & Recording Socty., Grand Lodge, U. S., requesting that the Lodges in this jurisdiction should set apart the 26th day of April, (Thanksgiving Day.) I accordingly issued a circular to all Lodges, requesting them to govern themselves accordingly.

I am most happy to report that the above named day was duly set apart for the purpose mentioned in the circular, by the Brethern of this juris diction. I also received a circular from the same source, asking for aid to the Southern Lodges. The Grand Secty. will inform you what amount the Lodges subscribed to that object.

I received a letter from D. D. G. Master, W. A. Glover, Erie Lodge, asking me to be present at the dedication of their New Hall, on the 20th of December, Wishing to pay that Lodge a visit, I availed myself of the invitation.

After the dedication P. G. Master, Bro. Bingham, who had also been specially invited, gave an oration which was listened to with marked attention by all present.

No. 2.

I received a communication from D. D. Grand Master, John Barr of Hamilton, enclosing a petition from five Scarlet Members, asking me for awarrant to open another Lodge in the City of Hamilton, to be called Unity Lodge. I complied with their request, and on the 3rd day of April said Lodge was duly opened by Past Grand Master Bingham, assisted by several members of Excelsior Lodge. Bro. Bingham will please accept my thanks for his assistance to me on that occasion, also Bros. Ferguson, Pierce and other members of Excelsior Lodge.

The following questions have been submitted to me :

Can a person be initiated into the Order, over 50 years of age? Answer, No.

Can a person be initiated into the Order who has lost his right arm, but who is in every other respect fully qualified ? Answer, no.

If a Brother has lost his Card can his Lodge grant him another?

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bearing the same date, from the Lodge which granted the original, they being the judge of the propriety of such grant. The Card if issued, to be marked duplicate on its face. See Journal, page 1841, 1883, 1899, 1952.

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According to resolution of Rep. Ford on page 378 of last year's, Journal, authorizing the sale of the regalia &c., &c., of the late Rond Eau Lodge. On my visit to Chatham, I sold said regalia to Chatham Lodge for the sum of eighty dollars, said amount was paid and duly forwarded to the "Grand Socty." This sale, however, was made subject to your a proval.

In relation to resolution of Rep. Ferguson on page 378 of last year's Journal, regar ing the matter of getting an Act of incorporation, I beg to say that hothing has been done; but I would strongly recommend that action be immediately taken, as a good opportunity is offered since the Confederation of the Provinces has been accomplished.

My correspondence for my tern of office is most respectfully submitted. You will find by the report of your Grand Secty, that the funds and membership has greatly increased during the past year.

Brethern I cannot allow this opportunity to pass, without referring to the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, regarding the admission of Bro. Brown of Mount Zion Lodge to a seat in this Grand Lodge, as Rep. without either *Certificate or Credentials* to justify such proceeding. I bring the matter to your notice, and respectfully suggest greater caution in future, and that you at least endeayor to show your subordinate Lodges that the law is carried out to the very letter in this Grand Lodge, then and only then will the d g sity of our Grand Body be respected.

No. 4.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES, --I cannot but regret that owing to an act of Parliament I had to resign the honourable position of Grand Master, to which the suffrages of my Bretheren had promoted me. I have also to express my regret at being deprived the privilege of meeting with you in the Grand Lodge, and using my feeble ability in assisting in the advancement of our noble Order. I shall, nevertheless, watch anxiously, your proceedings.

Before resigning I issued a circular to all Lodges, explaining the cause. See circular marked A. [Appendix.]

I forwarded to the Dep. Grand Master, Bro. Henry McAfee of Windsor, the Charter Books &c. &c., in my possession, the property of this Grand Lodge.

I have visited all Lodges in my jurisdiction, except Brock Lodge, Brockville, which my time would not permit me to visit. Every where I received a cordial welcome, and I am happy to report I found all our Lodges working harmoniously, and all increasing in membership.

In conclusion, I have to thank my Brethern in office for the respect shown to me during 'my official career, and which I cannot forget. I be speak for your Grand Secty. & Treasurer, your kind appreciation for his services; a better Secty. you cannot get, and I say keep him where he is, if you can. Bro. King accept my warmest thanks for your attention as Secty. during my reign, and may your shadow never grow less.

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BRETHERN, — I wish one and all peace and prosperity, with an abundance of all the pleasures, privileges and blessings arrising out of a Common Brotherhood in which I hope all mankind will yet be blended. Brethern, farewell, and may our watchward ever be,

> "No Sect. -- No Section in our creed, One faith from pole to pole; The brotherhood of man, the link Of Universal Soul."

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WIGMORE, Late Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Ontario, D. C.

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Grand Master's Report.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada.

OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS,—We are again permitted through the protecting care of a merciful Providence to assemble in Grand Lodge, to legislate for the noble Order and principles which we all love and revere.

Brethern, I am unexpectedly placed in the position of Grand Master, consequent on the resignation of our respected Brother Richard Wig more, Esq., whom your suffrages placed in the honorable position of Grand Master at the last annual communication, the causes which compelled him to resign the position is patent to you all, therefore, it is un necessary for me here to advert further to them, and much as we deplore his to so to our noble cause, we must bow in submission to the law as it is.

On the 15th day of May last, Grand Master Wigmore resigned to me officially the Books and Stationery in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at the same time notifying me that his connexion with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was then severed.

No alternative being left me, but to take the helm so reluctantly dropped by our late captain, and as *first made* take charge of the noble craft until this, the 7th day of August, and resign her safely into, J trust, abler and better hands for another year's prosperous voyage in her exalted mis sion.

Brethern, during my short incumbency, I have but little to report legislatively; but one matter was submitted for my action, viz : Chatham Lodge, No. 29, asks under date of June 8, if one or two blank balls require to be reconsidered; I replied that a candidate was elected where only one or

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two black balls appeared against him in accordance with the constitution of this Grand Lodge, immediately afterwards I had a letter from Bro. John Snyder, the Dist. Dep. G. M. of Chatham Lodge, stating that it was the custom of that Lodge, when two black balls appeared to lay the ballot over for one week, the letters referred to are here with submitted.

I am pleased to state that the Reports from District Deputy Grand Masters of the following named Lodges, are received and herewich submitted, viz: Unicn Lodge, No. 16, Gore Lodge, No. 34, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Erie Lodge, No. 33, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44; from these as well as from the semi-annual returns to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the past term it will be seen that our Order is steadily on the increase, both numerically and financially.

In the report of our R. W. Grand Secty. & Treas. you will no doubt get the facts and figures in detail.

Brethern, one or two matters relating to the interest of the Grand Lodge and the Order, I would respectfully recommend to your earnest consideration, the first is the necessity and importance of continuing the Grand Secty. & Treas. in office, and paying him a reasonable compensation for his services. The duties of the office require both time and talent, which in my opion should be paid for, and when a competent and faithful officer fills that position, it would, I think, be for the interest of our Order at large, to keep him there as long as he is willing to serve, and remunerate him for his services, might I cheerfully add that the present incumbent is in every sense fitted for the position both in talent, zeal and ability.

The next matter I would submit for your consideration, is, the propriety of locating the Grand Lodge permanently, or at least for a term of years at some central and convenient point. By locating the Grand Lodge permanently, or partly so, I think a saving might be effected to the Grand and many of the Subordinate Lodges, and the interests of the Order as well, if not better subserved than in accordance with the present system.

One other matter I would beg to submit, viz: that not more than two representatives from any one Lodge be paid mileage, and *per diem* from the funds of the Grand Lodge; if more than two are sent by any Lodge, or Lodges, let such Lodge pay the expenses of the additional representatives; but at the same time, if a Lodge is entitled to more than two votes, allow the representatives from that Lodge to cast the additional vote or votes such Lodge may be entitled to.

These suggestions are made for your consideration, believing as I do, that if adopted, it will be for the interests of our Order, as that is the only consideration that induces me to place them before you at this time.

Officers, Representatives, and Brothers: prosperity, peace, and plenty has indeed been ours in the rast year, and if we have not made as rapid progress in adving new Lodges and members, as some of our Sister jurisdictions on the other side, yet, I think we have abundant reasor to lift up our hearts and hands in gravitude to the Supreme Grand Master above in that he has aided and permitted us to prosper as we have, and invoke a continuance of His blessing in the future, in order that our humble efforts may succeed in spreading abroad amongst our fellow men the glorious and Heavenborn principles of Friendship to all; Love to our Brethern and Truth in our intercourse with the world at large, May these principles charac loved (Offic of the advanc I th the cou Lodge, my Bro always All c

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Officers and Representatives, I will not further detain you from the work of the session, may you all enter upon that work with an eye-single to the advancement and development of the principles of our beloved Order.

I thank you most cordially for the confidence heretofore reposed, and the courtesies always extended to me since my connexion with your Grand Lodge, and if any errors have at any time been committed, attribute them my Brothers to the head, and not to the heart, for that I am sure is right always in the cause of Oddfellowship.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

HENRY MCAFEE, Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Sire of the order together with other distinguished visitors, being in waiting the chair appointed the following Committee of Past Grand Masters to await on and introduce them, viz: P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, to introduce M. W. Grand Sire, Jas. P. Sanders; P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, to introduce P. G. Rep. Terwilliger of N. Y., P. G. M., James D. Tait, to introduce P. G. M. John W. Orr of New York; P. G. M. James Smith, to introduce G. W. Dewe of Mich.; P. G. M. James Woodyatt, to introduce P. C. P. A H. King of Baltimore, and P. G. M. Wm. Bissell to introduce P. G. M. Wm. H. Barnes of Georgia, and P. G. Rep. John White, of New York. They, after being presented to the Grand Lodge, were received with the Grand Honors, and after a suitable reply from the Grand Sire, on behalf of himself and Colleagues, were seated, and the R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas, proceeded to read his Annual Report and Financial statement, both of which were on motion of Rep. E. Chalcraft, referred to Committee on Distribution.



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ANNUAL REPORT

. OF THE

R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer,

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST,

For the year ending August bth, 1867.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.

BROTHERS, — Another year, fraught with many of the changes incident to human life, has passed since last we met in the Town of Brantford. — With its close devolves upon me the necessity of rendering an account of my stewardship, which you will find substantially as follows :—

Immediately at the close of the Session I received tenders from the Brantford *Expositor* and *Courier* for printing the Journal of 1866. The latter being the lowest, I accepted, and with all due dispatch compiled the minutes of the Session and had printed (225) two hundred and twenty-five copies, of which I forwarded the usual numbers to each of the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge; also, to each subordinute Lodge and the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the United States.

On the 7th August I wrote to the members of the late Imperial Lodge, "Burford," the action taken by the Grand Lodge in reference to their application for cards. (See pp. 372, Jour. 1866.) And on the 31st October, Bros. Wm. Douglass, J. R. Douglass; Jno. Collins, and Lewis W. Evans, each pàying the amount of his indebtedness to Imperial Lodge when it became defunct, and together with Bros. J. R. Ramsay and S. G. Mathews, applied for cards of clearance which were duly given them, and they each having applied to Gore Lodge, No. 34, of Brantford, for deposit of card, and having been accepted I paid to that Lodge the amount necessary for such admission, amounting to (\$48.50) forty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

On the 16th August, I received from the M. W. Grand Master fifteen (15) circulars (referred to by him in his report, pp. 349, Jour. 1866.) asking aid for Palmetto and Congaree Lodges of Columbia, S. C., which I at once forwarded to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, and in response received from Frontier Lodge \$10.00 and from Chatham Lodge, 29, \$6.00, in all \$16.00, U. S. currency. After waiting a sufficient time to hear from all the Lodges, I forwarded the amount to the committee appointed to receive it, which has been duly acknowledged. As di Co., pu their co Magazi having the reco son, Mi

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As directed, (pp. 371, Jour. 1866.) I wrote to Messrs M. C. Lilley & Co., publishers of the "Odd-Fellows' Companion," thanking them for their courtesy in set.ding to this Grand Lodge a copy of their valuable Magazine. I am still in receipt of it, and would suggest the propriety of having the volume completed, neatly bound. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of "Western Odd-Fellow," a neat monthly published at Mason, Michigan, also, "The Olive Wreath," published at Chicago, Ill.

On the 10th August I wrote to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas; the decision of this Grand body relative to the price of our blank Charters, viz; \$2.00 cash, U. S. currency; and on the 15th October I received from that Grand Lodge an order for twenty-five copies which I at once forwarded, and for which I received the sum of fifty dollars, American funds.

No. 2.

On the 20th August I wrote to Bro. R. Thoroughgood, of late Long Point Lodge of Simcoe, asking informations of the effects, funds, &c., of that Lodge, which were not returned or surrendered with the books, &c.. Receiving no teply, I wrote to Bro. Geo. F. Counter, of the same place. Shortly after I had the pleasure of an interview with the Brother, and learned from him that the funds and other effects of that Lodge had been divided between the Brothers to whom cards were recommended at last Session (pp. 345, Jour. 1866.) The Brother told me he would use his utmost endeavors to have the amount received by each Brother properly returned to this R. W. Grand Lodge, thereby complying with the obltgation they have them. I have heard nothing from them since, although I have written to Bro. Counter I lately.

On the 3rd September I sent to each State Grand Lodge in the United States a circular, descriptive of our blank Charters, with the price of the same. In reply I received orders from the R. W. Grand Lodges of Mary. land and Illinois for samples, which I at once forwarded, but have received no reply.

On the 25th September I wrote to Bro. J M. O'Connor, of the late Thames Lodge of Mitchell, relative to the effects of that Lodge, and re: ceived in reply the Secretary's and Treasurer's books and a few forms of but little, if any, value; together with a letter asking, if in case their Charter being restored to them would the effects surrendered to the Grand Lodge be restored also? To which I replied that they would, but have heard nothing from him since.

Received a letter from Bro. Escavaille, R. W. Grand Speretary of Maryland, suggesting that if the blank Charters could be printed with the colored tint, leaving the letter press out, they might command a ready sale for blanks on which to engross complimentary and other resolutions frequently passed by subordinate Lodges. I at once wrote to W. C. Chewett & Co., (who have the Charter stone in keeping) making enquiries if such could be done, and learned from them that it could. I wrote to Bro. Escavaille accordingly, but as yet received no reply.

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A fearful fire having occuraed at Quebec, in the Fall of the year 1866, by which some 10,000 of our fellow beings were rendered homeless, and

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by the Providence of God thrown upon the charity of the world, an appeal was made to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction asking aid in their behalf. In answer to which I received \$102.35 from the Lodges as follows, viz Brock No. 9, \$15; Union, 16, \$5; Eureka, 30, \$10; Gore, 34, \$11: A von, 24, \$7; Excelsior, 44, \$20; Frontier, 45, \$13; St. Mary', 36, \$15; Mount Zion, 46, \$2.35; Samaritan, 35, $$4 \rightarrow 102.35 .

Large sums of money were subscrib d for the same purpose in all parts of the Provinces and abroad, and it being alleged that the money so generously contributed was not used for the purpose for which it was given, I deemed it prudent to withhold the amount subscribed by the Lodges. It is now in my possession and awaits your disposal.

On the lat December I received from the R. W. Grand Secretary, G. L. U. S., alproclamation by the M W. Grand Sire, appointing April 26th, 1867, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and requesting the appropriate authorities to issue a circular to the Lodges in this jurisdiction to that effect. Also, (at the same time) a copy of the resolutions passed at the late Session of the G. L. U. S. relative to the destitution of the Lodges in the Southern jurisdictions, together with a circular issued by the M. W. Grand Sire requesting the M. W. Grand Master to issue a circular to the Lodges in this jurisdiction appealing for aid in their behalf; both of which I at once placed before the M W. Grand Master, Bro. R. Wigmore, who directed me to issue appropriate circulars in each case, which duty I duly performed.

No. 4.

⁴ On the 28th December I received twenty eight copies of the proceedings of R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which I at once sent to the various officers and members of this Grand Lodge; also to each of the subordinate Lodges. An alteration being recommended in the form of semi-annual returns, I have prepared and herewith submit a new form of semi-annual returns, which conforms to the regulations of that R. W. Grand body.

During January I received nearly all of the semi annual returns, ending 31st December, 1866, and in July those for term ending 30th June, 1867. In each case an increased interest is plainly manifested.

No. 5.

On the 25th February I received from Hamilton the cards of five Bros., together with an application for a dispensation to open a second Lodge of our Order in that city. By the direction of the M. W. Grand Master I filled up the dispensation, and the Lodge was duly instituted by P. G. M. H. C. Bingham on the 3rd April, under instructions from Grand Master Wigmore.

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On the 2nd April, I received from R. W. Grand Secretary, Ridgley, a "Tract," published by order of the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S., and to be issued to State and Provincial Grand Lodges, at a fixed price per hundred, and to be supplied to Subordinate Lodges at cost, said "Tract" is ably prepared, and calculated to advance the interests of our Order. I would recommend that a supply be ordered. On the aid for th amongst i the appea also all of Grand Ma cular from submitted

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No. 7.

On the 3rd May, 1867, I received a letter from Selma, Alabama, asking aid for the Lodge in that city, and asking me to distribute the same amongst the Lodges in this jurisdiction. Being under the impression that the appeal from the R. W. Grand Lodge, United States, included this, as also all other Lodges in the South, and with the advice of the M. W. Grand Master, I notified the brethren accordingly. I also received a cir cular from Grenville, S. C., for same purpose, both of which are herewith submitted.

On the 2nd May, I received from the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. Wig. more, a notice of his formal resignation of office, together with a copy of his circular to the various Lodges in this jariadiction announcing this fact.

No. 8.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodges of North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Indiana, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Counceticut, Michigan, Virginia, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Nebraska, District of Columbia, New Jersey, and New York; and of the Grand Encampments of Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, and New Jersey.

In order that a more extended notice of their contents may be presented to the brethren of the jurisdiction, I would respectfully suggest that your committee on correspondence examine the same and compile a report, to be presented at this Session, as there is much valuable information in them which is likely to be of great interest to the Brotherhood generally.

Orders for supplies are continually received without the seal of the Lodge attached. Such neglect invariably causes delay in sending the supplies or information sought for:

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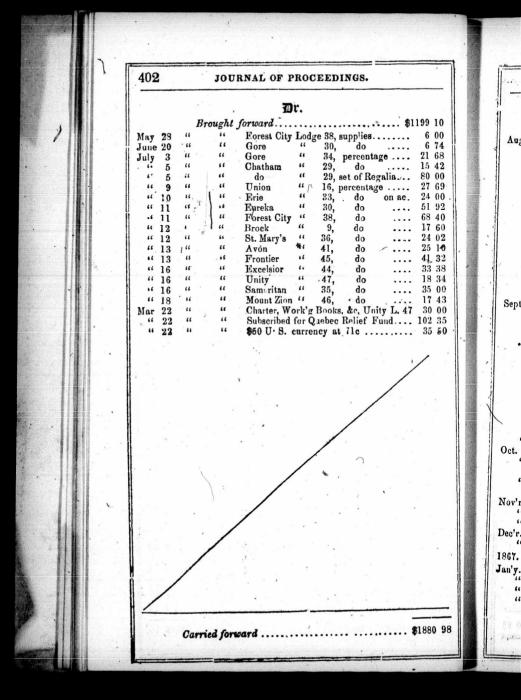
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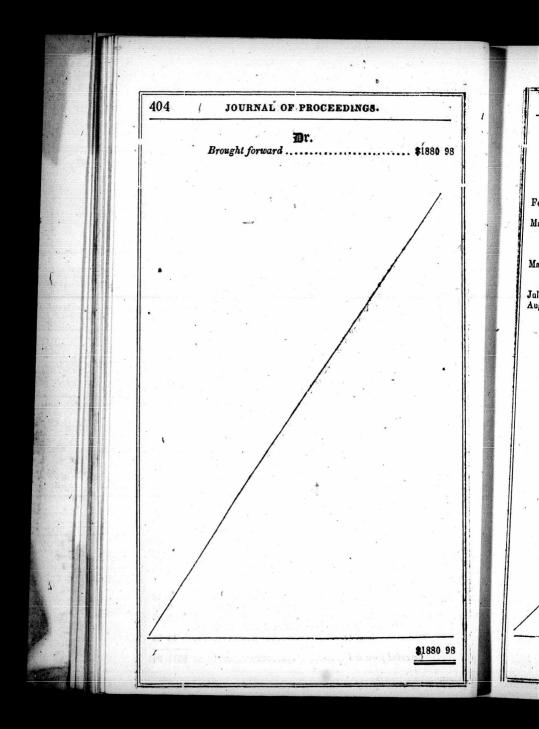
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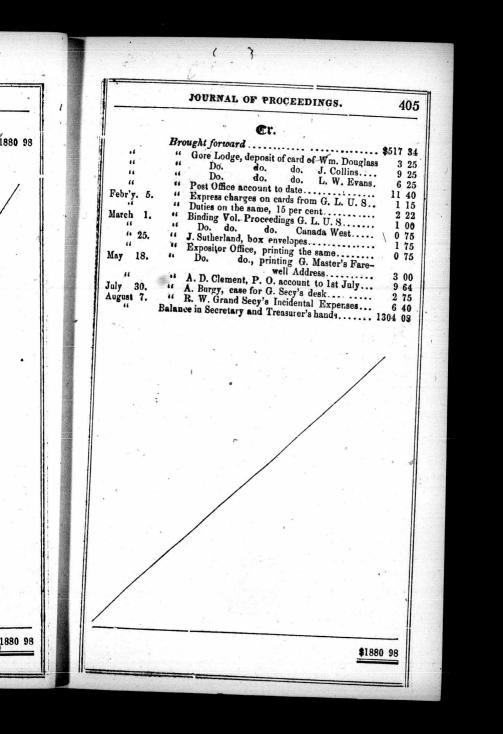
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The account of the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. is herewith presented, as also the correspondence of my office, which has been rather extensive, at of which has evinced a firm interest in the cause and a steady desire for the advancement of the principles of benevolence and peace. Your approval of my acts is respectfully asked for

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I deem it quite necessary that a copy of all correspondence of this office should be kept on file. To that end I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure for his office a small letter press and copy book.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on the increased m mbership and much improved state of the finances during the year just closed, and to thank you all kindly for the uniform courtesy and forbearance shown me. To P. G. Masters H. C. Bingnam and James Woodyatt, late Grand Master R. Wigmore and Most Worthy Grand Master Henry McAfee am I especially indebted for valuable assistance and timely advice.

With the hope that the business of this session may be transacted with that harmony which has always characterized the meetings of this Grand , Lodge, this report is fraternally submitted.

> J. B. KING, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.



The Right Worthy Grand Rep. to the G. L. U. S., Jas. Smith, then read his Annual Report, which, on motion of Rep. Heron, was referred to the Committee on Distribution :

Beport of B. W. Grand Representatire, JAS. SMITH, Esq.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: — After a lapse of another year, I again have the honor as your Grand Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to appear before you, to submit for your consideration an account of my stewardship at the session of that Grand Body which commenced on Monday, the 17th day of September, in the City of Baltimore, and which concluded on the tollowing Friday evening after a most agreeable and harmonious session.

I have no doubt but that it will be a great source of gratification to all members in this jurisdiction to learn of the extraodinary success which our Order has met with during the past year, and of its brilliant pros spects for the future.

At no former session has there been such a representation; The jurisdiction of Canada East, alone, being unrepresented.

I hereunder submit a copy of decisions rendered by the "Grand Sire," during the past year, all of which were approved, see page 3953 and 3988.

FIRST.—"When the constitution of a Grand Body designates and fixes "the place of its meetings, and that instrument is amended so as to permit the Grand Body to determine by resolution, or otherwise, where its sessions shall be held; such amendment must be approved by the Grand "Lodge of the United States, and until approved by the Grand Body, "must continue to meet at the place required by its Constitution prior to "the adoption of the amendment. "See page 3953 & 3988 Journal."

SECOND.—In all cases where a Lodge is about to ballot for a Brother "to receive his degrees, to be conferred either in that Lodge or in a De-"gree Lodge, the Lodge must close in the initiatory degree previous to "opening in the degrees to the balloted for."

THERD.— When a Lodge is open in the first degree, and has concluded "the husiness to be transacted in such degree, and desires to open in the second degree, the Lodge must close in the first degree before opening in the second degree, in the manner and form prescribed by the Degree Charge Book, and the same rule applies to all degrees. FOURT be read a the same in the par degree.

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FIFTH.—Certificates issued to Members of an extinct subordinate by the proper officers of the State Grand Body, in conformity with the existing laws of the Grand Ledge of the United States, do not require the countersigniture of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to make them available, but all such certificates are to be recognized by every Subordinate to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them as having the same form and effect, and entitling the holders thereof to all the privileges of a card of withdrawal issued by an existing Subordinate in good standing.

SIXTH — The force and effect of the law regulating membership in the Patriarchal Branch of the Order is not checked or destroyed by the neglect or failure of the Secretary of a Lodge to give notice to an Encampment of either the granting of a withdrawal card to one of its members who is also a Member of an Encampment, or the renewal of membership in a Lodge by deposit of card, but that whenever an Encampment is satslied of the *fact* in whatever form it may be presented of the withdrawal of one of its Members from a Lodge, or the renewal of his membership in a Lodge in either case it is sufficient under the existing law to establish he status of the Encampment Membership,

SEVENTH.—The A. T. P. W. required of a Brother to prove himself in possession of when he offers to visit a Subordinate on a visiting or unexpired withrawal card, or as an applicant for membership therein by delogits of a proper card is the A. T. P. W., of the year in which the card was isued and bears date.

EiGHTH.—"In reply to a question," whether a Lodge after its adjournment can go through and rehearse the "Old" initiating ceremony of its Members." I gave it as my opinion that the rehersal in any of the Halls or Lodge rooms of the Order of any work which is not the present recognised work in use, and prescribed as such by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is clearly against all propriety, and that such a practice is highly censurable, improper, and irregular, and should not be permitted by the Grand Officers of a Grand Body.

NINTH.—My opinion has been asked from several quarters, whether Raffles, Lotteries, Gift Enterprises & c., gotten up by Hall Associations and Lodges, ostensibly for building halls, & c., were not in violation of the aw of the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribing the manner and form of asking relief of Subordinates, and invoking my official interposition in suppressing such schemes. I gave it as my opinion that t'e were ot prohibited by the law referred to, unless there was an evident design o evade the law by resorting to such schemes for the purpose of obtainng relief, where the requisive permission could not be obtained from the roper authorities, and that it was, competent for the State Grand Bodies o prohibit such schemes eminating from their jurisdictions, or being laid efore their Subordinates, when coming from any other jurisdiction. This lan of soliciting aid is obnoxious to the moral sense of the Order and

meets with general condemnation, and I respectfully suggest that some law openacted at this session controling all applications for pecuniary assistance in every form in which they may be presented to the Order, whether from Hail associations, Lodges, Encampionents, or otherwise, and requiring in all eases the approval and recommendation of the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction, from which such application may come and also of the jurisdiction in which they desire to ask aid.

The Committee to whom the last named decision was referred, submitted the following resolutions which were adopted. See page 3953 of Journal.

Resolved.—" That no Lodge or Encampment, or any of the Members thereof; shall, in the name of the Order, resort to any scheme of Raffles, Lotteries or Gitt Enterprises, or schemes of hazard or chance of any kind, as a means to raise funds for any purpose of relief or assistance to such Subordinates, or to individual members.

Resolved. --"That no Lodge or Encampment shall entertain any appli cation for pecuniary aid or assistance under whatsoever scheme it may be presented, unless the same be authorized by the Grand Bogs, or its principal Grand Officer, of the jurisdiction in which aid is solicited, and in accordance with the form prescribed for such purposes by this Grand Bodc."

The Grand Sire in his report referred to other matters of vital importance to the Order; the principal of which were the uses and abuses of the degree of Rebecca report page 4013, adjourned to next session; of the privilege granted by Grand Bodies on the Pacific Coast, to members of the Order residing in their limits who had become suspended for non-payments of dues in other jurisdictions (with reference to this portion he, the Grand Sire, suggested that a special resolution be adopted at this session for the guidance of all Grand Bodies). Adopted, page 4011 Journal. See report, page 3982.

He strongly declaimed against the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, as not being in accordance with the spirit of Oddfellowship, impolitic, unjust, and confounding misfortune with crime.

To the present system of suspending members for non payment of dues the Grand Sire would call particular attention.

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The Legislative Committre to whom these latter suggestions were referred reported, (see page 3094, Journal) suggesting that a committee of five be appointed to report at next session on the subject, report adopted (P. P. 4011). The next recommendation of the Grand Sire; I would respectfully call the particular attention of this Grand Lodge to, which was, to the condition of the Order in Canada East, the work sltogether ceasing there and with only a slight vitality in the Lower Provinces. In consequence of which he suggests that this jurisdiction be extended over Canada East and that the Grand Sire be empowered to appoint a special Commissioner to visit the sections named, with full authority to restore Charters of extinct Lodges, and institute new ones wherever a Grand Lodge does not exercise jurisdiction. The special Commissioner to be also clothed with power to treat with the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows in the British Possessions of North America, with a view to an alliance and full communion with them, on accepting our work.

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Rep. Fitzhugh of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee to whom the subject was referred, made a report, (see page 3965, Journal,) from which the following is an extract.

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The Committee on Legislation, to whom that portion of the Grand Sires report, relating to the Order in British North America, has been referred, beg leave to report, that at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Committee on the state of the Order that the whole subject should be disposed of by one committee. They have considered the same, and as the result of their deliberations recommend the approval of the Grand Sire's suggestions, and among others the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canad: West be, and is hereby requested to make known to this Grand Body, at its next Annual Session, whether there is any objection to extending the jurisdic tion of that Grand Lodge over the Province of Canada East, in the event that this Grand Lodge, after hearing the report of said Special Commissioner and such other information as may be laid before it, shall judge that such a course be proper; all of which were considered and adopted. See page 4007, Journal.

The report of our noble and much beloved Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Ridgely, was submitted; and contains a vast amount of high ly interesting and important revelatious as to our present position, and the wonderful strides made by our Order during the past year. His report shows that our success in every respect, the past year has far exceeded that of any similar term since the organization of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Vansant, submitted a very gratifying account of his Stewardship. The past year's receipts exceeded that of the previous, in the sum of nearly (\$8,000) dollars.

It is also pleasing to learn from the same report that the work of the Wildey Monument, has been fully completed, and that all expenses in connection with the same have been paid. There still remains to the credit of the "Monument Fund" over \$2,000, the interest of which is to be devoted to the purpose of keeping in repair the Monument and a purtenances belonging thereto, and to such improvements as the Grand Lodge in its discretion may deem expedient.

I would call the particular attention of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge to the following matters of interest to be considered at the fixet session of the Grand Lodge.

FIRST.-""The Degree of Rebecca," action on which was postponed till next session.

SECOND.—Revision of our Ritual was likewise deferred, and on motion each Grand Rep. was permitted to take home with him a copy of the work as printed with positive instructions that the same be returned to the Right Worthy Grand Secty. at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The next Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States was on motion, decided to be held in the City of New York.

On Journal page 3936, Rep. Norcross of California, submitted the following querry, viz:

Has a Subordinate Encampment the right to appropriate its funds, to defray the necessary expenses of celebrating, with appropriate ceremonies, the 26th day of April, the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-fellowship in America.

The above was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order whose report (page 3959) was adopted. (Journal page, 4007. "That the question of the right of any Subordinate to appropriate their funds to pay the expenses of celebrating the anniversary of the introduction of our Order in America, rests exclusively with the Members of said Subordinates. This Grand Body has eschewed all right's determine such questions, and has decided; that Subordinates have power to regulate and con prerogative with which the Grand Lodge of the United States will not unwisely interfere. (See Journal of 1855, page 2496, and 1857, page 2831.

On Journal page 3962, Rep. Foss of Illinois, moved the following resolution; which was adopted:

Resolved, -- "That there be granted to the jurisdictions of Illinois, Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Newbraska. Florida, Jexas, Cunada West, Minnesota, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire; the right to admit to membership within their several jurisdictions, upon such terms as may be right and just, as proposed by Section 4, act 16 of the Constitution; all suspended Members of other jurisdictions residing within the several jurisdictions named above, who may have been suspend. d for non payment of dues only, and such members of defunct Lodges of other jurisdictions as may not be able to procure proper cards or others vouchers.

The Legislative Committe relative to resolution of Rep. E lis of Maryland; and the amendment of Rep. Barry offered thereto (page 3853; Journal) reported, submitting the following resolutions (see page 3967) which were adopted: (Page 4007, Journal.)

Resolved.—That in all cases of application for membership in Subordinate Lodges or Eucampment under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, three black balls shall be necessary to reject the candidate, but if the application shall be by card, a majority only of the Members present on ballot, shall be necessary to elect.

Resolved — That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit, in circular form, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge a copy of the foregoing resolution to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Through the Special Committee on that subject two forms of Funeral Service; were submitted, one by Rep. Mayes of Miss. and the other by Grand Chaplain I. D. Williamson, (page 3997) and upon resolution the consideration of the same was postponed till next session. (See page 4013

A Resolution submitted by Rep. Dennis of Michigan, in approval of the American Odd Fellow as the organ of the Grand Lodge, United States, was adopted; thus again placing upon record their estimation of Bro. Orr's efforts in the publication of an Odd Fellows' Journal. On r Gaand bers st procur the Ca The elected their re Righ Right nesse Baltim

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On resolution of Rep. Logan, the thanks of the Right Worthy Guand Lodge were tendered to Past Grand Sire Isaac M. Veitch. (Mcm bers standing). The Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to procure the portrait of Past Grand Sire Veitch, the same to be placed in the Cabinet of the Right Worthy Grand Body.

The following highly honored and revered Brothers having been duly elected to the several offices, were by Past Grand Sire Veitch, installed into their respective positions for and during the present term, viz:

their respective positions for and during the present term, viz: Right Worthy Grand Sire James P. Stunders, Yonkers, New York; Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire Edwin D. Farusworth, Nashville, Tennessee; Grand Corresponding and Recording Secty. James, L. Ridgely, Baltimore, Maryland; Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Joshua Vansant, Baltimore, Maryland.

The appointed officers were likewise installed, as follows:

Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, Rev. I. D. Williamson, Ohio; Right Worthy Grand Marshall, John S. Heip, Pennsylvania; Right Worthy Grand Guardian, John P. Foss, Illinois; Right Worthy Grand Messenger, John E. Chamberlain, Baltimore, Md.

Upon retiring, Past dGrand Sire Veitch delivered an eloquent address in every way suitable to the occasion.

Most Worthy Grand Sire Saunders, upon taking the gavil also addressed the Grand Lodge. His remarks were well timed, fluent and forcible; and well calculated to instill a new energy in all present

Officers and Brethern, again I have to chronicle the conresses which were extended to me by the Officers and Reps. of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, end also of the many good Brethern of Baltimore and elsewhere during my sojourn among them. I cannot fully describe either with pen or tougue, the fraternal attentions bestowed me.

Officers and Brethem, I again thank you most cordially for the honor conferred on me in placing me in the honorable position of Rep. to the Grand Lodge of the United Stat's. Brothers, the condition of our "Onder" is such as to give us renewed energy in spreading abroad its noble principles, let us errive earnestly to strengthen and perpetuate them.

With Much Respect, I Subscribe Myself;

Yours Faithfully and Fraternally. &c. &c.,

JAMES SMITH,

Grand Representative.

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Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham moved that the hour of twelve o'clock noon to-morrow be fixed for the exemplification of the unwritten work by the M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. E. Beltz of 38 moved to amend by striking out the word twelve o'clock noon and inserting three o'clock p. m. Also to add, that the Lodge be then opened in the scarlet degree, which was resolved in the affirmative, and

The motion as amended was adopted.

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Rep. Thos. Partridge, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted :

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416 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS. Pu Supplementary Report of Committee on Credentials. by th Th To the R. W. Grand Lodge of C. W .: name We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to submit the following Supplementary Report: That we have examined the certificates of the follow-HEN ing Past Grands and find them in due form, entitling them to seats as THO JAS. P. G. John Noble J. B. A. P 66 WM. " " and a " Louis Dorr " 41 64 Pas James Bird 46 " tribut The following resolution is therefore submitted: Resolved,-That the foregoing report be adopted and the Past Grands To the named admitted to their seats, after having been duly instructed in the We, Grand Lodge Degree by the R. W. Grand Warden in the ante room. report same, T. PARTRIDGE. FIRS R. KIRKPATRICK, } Committee. port; J. B. KING, the Sta The account of the late Most Worthy Grand Master R. Wigof the on the more amounting to forty dollars twenty and a half cents, was on SECO motion; referred to the Committee on Finance. report ; The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adand the red to t journed to meet at four o'clock P. M. THIR Clause tee on . FOUR Treas.; FIFTI the Con Your Resol The and on mittee o

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Most Worthy Grand Master, Henry McAfee.

The roll of Officers being called, the following answered to their names, viz:

| HENRY MCAFEE, | M. W. Grand Master. |
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| THOS. PARTRIDGE,R. | W. D. Grand Master, pro tem. |
| JAS. SMITH, | Grand Rep. to G. L., U. S. |
| J. B. KING, | Grand Secty. & Treas. |
| A. PURVES, | ····· Grand Guardian |
| WM. MOWATT, | Grand Marshall |
| and a quorum of Representatives. | , |

Past Grand Master Jas. Woodyatt from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

We, Your Committee on Distribution of the subjects referred to in the report of the Right Worthy Grand Officers after a careful survey of the same, recommend.

FIRST.—That Clauses marked 2 & 4 of Grand Master Wigmore's report; Clause 2 of Grand Master McAfee's report; Clauses 2 & 5, and the Statistical Table of the Grand Secty. & Treas. report, and Clause 1 of the Hight Worthy Grand Rep. report; be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

SECOND.—That Clauses marked 1 & 3 of Grand Master Wigmore's report; Clause 1 of Grand Master McAfee's report, and 1, 3, 6, 7, 9 & 10 and the Financial Tables of the Grand Secty. & Treas. report; be referred to the Committee on Finance.

THER.—That Decisions 1, 2 & 3 of Grand Master Wigmore's report; Clause 1 of Grand Master McAfee's report; be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

FOURTH.-That Clauses 8 & 11 of the report of the Grand Secty. & Treas.; be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

FIFTH.—That Clause 4 of Grand Secty. & Treas. report, be referred to the Committee on Returns.

Your Committee therefore respectively submit the following, viz : *Resolved*,—That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, Committee.

The following communication was read by the Grand Secty., and on motion of Rep. Farmer Green, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

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

The petition of the undersigned Members of a Lodge legally recognized by your Right Worthy Body, respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Lodge, to be located in this place.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your Right Worthy Body.

Dated at London, Ontario, this fifth day of August, 1867.

HIRAM KORDES, J. J. DYAS, D. McPHAIL, A. JOHNSON, J. G. DODD, J. W. JONES, per J. J. Dyas, ANGUS GRANT, per J. J. Dyas,

Rep. G. H. Marlatt of St. Mary's Ldge, No. 36, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

To the Grand Lodge of Canada West :

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS.—St. Mary's Lodge, I. O. O. F., Fo. 36, would submit the following question, viz: after a Brother being twelwe months in arrears of *dues*, and the Lodge grants 3 months longer for the same to be paid, and the same probably going on two years unpaid, then the Brother is willing to pay, but demurrs at more than twelve months: Query—Can he demand it?

Rep. A. B. Graham, of Frontier Lodge 45, submitted the following question, which was referred to the same committee :

Has the Noble Grand of a Lodge the power to grant sick benefits without a vote of the Lodge ?

Rep. T. Healey, of Union Lodge No. 16, submitted the following question, which was referred to the same committee :

Is it legal to withdraw a proposition for membership after it is referred to a Committee on Character, before the report is submitted to the Lodge?

The accompanying communication was read by the Grand Sec. from Eureka Lodge No. 30, and was, on motion of Reg. J. W. Ferguson, referred to a special committee, consisting of P. G. M. H. C. Bingham, Reps. T. Healy and T. T. 1rwin:

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EUREKA LODGE NO. 30, I. O. O. F.

LONDON, July 29th, 1867.

To J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec., G. L. of C. W :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At a regular communication of this lodge, held on Tuesday, the 23d of July, 1867, Mr. Thomas Brown was reinstated a member of this lodge, awaiting the sanction of the G. L. of C. W.. which sanction will be applied for at the next session.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

JNO. ATKINS, Rec. Secretary.

Rep. W. A. Glover, of Erie Lodge No: 33, submitted the following questions, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation :

First-Can honorary members be admitted, and if so, on what terms? Second-Has the N. G. of a lodge a double vote in case of a tie, in the election of officers, or in any case?

Third-After a Brother is taken sick, can he make himself good on the books by paying or sending his money to the Secretary before he is reported sick ?

Fourth-If a Brother is rejected for degrees, how soon can he apply again?

 $^{\rm Fifth}-Should$ the Degree Master be elected the same as the other officers or in the Degree Lodge ?

Rep. C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge 44, submitted the following question, which was referred to the same committee :

When there are two or more lodges in the same place or vicinity, and a rejection takes place in one lodge, is it proper for the rejected candidate to be admitted into the other lodge after six months, without reference being made to the lodge in which the rejection took place ?

By request of the Committee on Legislation, the M. W. Grand Master added the names of Reps. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge 44, and James McIntyre, of Samaritan Lodge 35, to that committee.

The following communication was on motion of Rep. John Hunter of Eureka Ludge, referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

J. B. King, Esq., Right Worthy Grand Secty: & Treas.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. — Enclosed, please find revised and amended copy of By Laws for Forest City Lodge, which you will be kind enough to present before said Lodge for sauction and approval.

> M. D. DAWSON, E. BELTZ, WM. BISSELL, T. PARTRIDGE,

In order to allow the various committees time to prepare their reports, the Grand Lodge, on motion of P. G. M.; H. C. Bingham, adjourned to meet this evening at seven o'clock.

Evening Session.

The Grand Lodge called to order at seven o'clock p. m. by the M. W. Grand Master All the officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Grand Rep. James Smith, taken up clause by clause:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1. O. O. F .:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have examined the Grand Sec. and Treasurer's books and compared the vouchers accompanying them, and find them correct.

We would strongly recommend that the amount of money subscribed for the relief of the Quebec sufferers, to which attention has been called by clauses in Grand Master and Grand Sec.'s Reports, be at once refunded or sent to our suffering brethren in the Southern States, subject to the permission of the donors.

Clause No. 3 of Grand Master Wigmore's Report, referring to the sale of regalia to Chatham Lodge, we consider perfectly correct; and as said lodge have made no appeal to this Grand Body for a reduction on the regalia, they must be satisfied with their bargain.

We are of opinion that Clause No. 2 of Grand Master McAfee's Report recommending a salary for the Grand Sec. and Treas. is a move in the right direction, and we would recommend that a sum be appropriated for that purpose.

We consider the suggestions in Clauses 1 and 6 of Grand Sec.'s Report referring to "Odd Fellows' Companion" and "Tract," published by order of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., advisable, and would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure the same.

Your committee would recommend the payment of the account of R.W. Grand Lodge of U.S.

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In conclusion, your committee are happy to find that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in such a healthy and prosperous condition, and that the books and accounts of your Secretary and Treasurer have been kept in so creditable a manner. We think that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to that highly efficient officer.

Your committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved.—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Grand Secretary for his very faithful and efficient services during the past year,

| M. D. DAWSON, | Committee |
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| EDWIN CHALCRAFT, | on |
| FARMER GREEN, | Finance. |

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 adopted.

Grand Rep. James Smith moved to amend clause 4 by Inserting the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars for services for the ensuing year, which was agreed to.

Clause 5 adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Bro. P. G. Master James Woodyatt, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of C. W .:

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg to submit the following report on the matters submitted to them :

First—The late M. W. G. Master having, on the 3d of April last, issued a warrant for opening a lodge of our Order in the City of Hamilton, to be hailed as Unity Lodge No. 47, your committee recommend that the action of the M. W. G. Master be confirmed, and that a charter be granted to said lodge.

Second—The late M. W. G. Master, Richard Wigmore, Esq., having been compelled to resign his official position and sever his connexion with the Order, your committee recommend that the R. W. G. Secreta.y be instructed to communicate to our M. W. G. Master the deep regret the members of this Grand Lodge feel at being thus deprived of his valuable services, and inform him that this lodge sympathizes with him in his compulsary separation from the Order.

Third-Your committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestion made by M. W. G. Master McAfee relative to representation in this Grand Lodge.

Fourth-Your committee highly approve of the Grand Secretary's action in withholding the cards from the members of Long Point Lodge, as recommended last session, and suggest that, unless the funds divided amongst said members be refunded on or before the next session of Grand Lodge, their names shall be published.

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Fifth—Your committee cannot but remark on the flourishing state of the Order, as evinced by the statistical table submitted by the R W. Grand Secretary, and earnestly hope that a like prosperity may attend the Order in coming and future years.

Sixth—Your committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, that the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be extended over the Province of Canada East, as we deem that too great an extent of territory would be embraced thereby, causing great and unnecessary expense.

Seventh — With regard to the petition from certain members, asking for a dispensation for a rewilodge to be opened in the City of London, your committee recommend that no action be taken until the application be made in a proper manner by five scarlet degree members holding with drawal cards.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved-That the above report and recommendations be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, C. E. PEIRCE, T. PARTEIDGE, JOHN HUNTER.

Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. E. Beltz, of Forest City Lodge 38, submitted the following report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, which was, on motion of Rep. E. Chalcraft, adopted :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. CATHARINES, August 7, 1867.

To the R. W/G. Lodge of Canada West :

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-laws of Unity Lodge No. 47, having examined the same, do report as follows:

That we find the Constitution and By laws of said lodge to be in accordapee with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

And, also, the amendments to the Constitution and By laws of Forest City Lodge No. 38, having examined the same, we find them to be in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution :

Resolved—That the Constitution and By-laws of Unity Lodge No. 47 and also the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of Forest City No. 38 be approved and adopted.

> EDMUND BELTZ, ROBERT BARBOUR, J. W. FERGUSON, GEORGE H. MARLATT, JAMES MCINTYRE, T. PARTRIDGE, T. HEALY. Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

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Rep. T. Partridge from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary report, No. 3, which was adopted :

Supplementary Report, No. 3.

To the Right Worhy Grand Lodge of Canada West :

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the certificate of Past Grand Bro. John Smith and find it in due form entitling him to a seat in this Grand Lodge, as the Representative of Unity Lodge, No. 47.

And we would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, — That the foregoing report be adopted, and the Brother named, introduced and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree.

J. B. KING, T. PARTRIDGE, R. KIRKPATRICK, Committee.

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On motion of Rep. T. Partridge of Forest City Lodge 38, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 7.30 P. M., in order that the Grand Lodge and its visitors might accept the kind invitation of Union Lodge to be present at the Welland House, to a Dinner, to be given in their honor.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.



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Pursuant to adjournment, the Right Worthy Lodge was called to order at nine o'clock a. m. Most Worthy Grand Master H. McAfee presiding. The roll of Officers and Representatives being called, the following answered to their names:

| HENRY MCAFEE | |
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| THOS. PARTRIDGE | . W. Deputy Grand Master, pro tem. |
| JAS. SMITH | |
| J. B. KING. | ,Grand Secty. & Treas. |
| A. PURVES | Grand Guardian, |
| WM. MOWATT | Grand Guardian, |
| | Grand Marshall. |

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Rep. R. Barbour of St. Mary's Lodge, 36, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation, submitted the following report, which was on motion of Grand Rep. Jas. Smith taken up clause by clause.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. CATHARINES, August. 7, 1867.

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To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West 1. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation, to whom was referred the following questions: A Brother being in arrears for dues, over twelve months, can the Lodge legally change more than one years dues on the Brother claim as a right only to pay one year? Answer-He cannot claim as a right. The Lodge can compromise.

Question—Frontier Lodge, No. 45, of Windsor, would ask if a Noble tirand has power to grant sick benefits without a vote of the Lodge? Answer—Vote of Lodge must be had.

Question—Is it legal to withdraw a proposition for membership after it is reterred to a committee on character, before it is submitted to the Lodge? Answer-No.

Question – When there are two or more Lodges in the same Town or vicinity and a rejection takes place in one Lodge, is it proper for the rejected Candidate to be aumitted in the other Lodge after six months, without reference being made to the Lodge in which the rejection took place? Answer – The Lodge first rejecting, should in courtesy be consulted as to the propriety of receiving the candidate.

Question 1—Can Honorary members be admitted, and if so, on what terms? Answer-There should be no drones in the hive.

Question 2—Has the Noble Grand a double vote in case of a tie in the election of officers in any case? Answer—The Noble Grand has only a casting vote.

Question 3—After a Brother is taken sick can be make himself good on the books by paying, or sending his money to the secretary before he is reported sick? Answer—No, for he inflicts an injury on the Lodge.

Question 4—If a Bro. is rejected for degrees, how soon can he apply again? Answer—The By Laws of the Lodge should state

Question 5-Should the Degree Master be elected the same as other officers, or in the Degree Lodge. Answer-The same as other officers.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

in Friendship Love and Truth,

ROBT. BARBOUR, G. H. MARLATT, W. A. GLOVER, EDMUND BELTZ, T. PARTRIDGE, J. W. FERGUSON, Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation.

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Clause (1) considered and adopted.

Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham moved that clause (2) be stricken out and the following inserted.

That the matter be governed entirely by the By Laws of the Subordinates, which was agreed too.

Clause (3) adopted.

Rep. E. Beltz of Eureka, Lodge 30, moved that clause (4) be adopted.

Rep. J. Smith of Unity Lodge, 47, moved an amendment. That the clause (4) be stricken out, which was not agreed to, and the clause adopted.

Clause (5, 6, 7, 8 & 9) adopted, and the report as amended, was adopted.

Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham from the Committee of Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West :

We, your Committee on Correspondence have examined the same, and and find no hing of importance to submit to this Grand Body, as all communications have been attended to by the Secretary.

In the matter of collecting a report from the journals of the different State Grand Lodges, would submit as follows :-- We deem some such report desirable, but it is impossible for any committee during a short session like ours, to do justice to such, and we would advise that in the future the Grand Secty. who receives the bound a brief report as possible of matters of general interest tound in such journals.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, C. B. TAYLOR, W. A. GLOVER, Committee on Correspondence.

Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham from the Special Committee, appointed to consider the communication of Eureka Lodge, 39, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

The Special Committee appointed to report upon the petition of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, praying the sanction of this Grand Lodge in the matter of reinstateing Mr. Thomas Brown, submit the following : Mr. Brown had been expelled for contempt more than a year since, he baving been tried for insul found gu to recei reprima tempt.

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of Eureka e matter of Brown had been tried for insubordination and drunkenness while visiting Forest City Lodge, was found guilty of insubordination. He failed to appear either upon trial or to receive the repremand from the Noble Grand when summoned. This reprimand being the penalty decided upon, he was then expelled for contempt.

Expulsion totally severs a man's connections with the order, and he stands in a worse position than he ever did before initiation and should certainly be subjected to the same ordeal before re-admission to the Lodge and that is to an investigation and regular ballot.

Mr. Brown had not as we are informed, even made the amend of an apology to Forest City Lodge, where the original offence was committed.

A reinstatement under the circumstances seems to us a gross triffing with the dignity and good sense of the Lodge which first sentenced him to a reprimand, and then to expulsion because he would not receive that reprimand.

We find that he has now been reinstated, simply by a vote of the Lodge upon paying six months arrears of dues.

Your Committee would recommend, that when Mr. Brown makes suitable apology to Forest City Lodge; pays up his full arrearages, and is submitted to the ordeal of a regular ballot; that this Grand Lodge will sauction his re admission.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, T. HEALY, GEO. IRWIN, Special Committee.

Right Worthy Grand Secty. & Treas. J. B. King, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was seconded by Rep. M. D. Dawson, and adopted.

Whereas, — The American Odd Fellow, edited and published in New York by Past Grand Master J. W. Orr, is the official organ of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and several State Grand Lodges, and

Whereas, --It would be a benefit to the jurisdiction. to have a monthly medium of communication between this Grand Lodge and its Sabordinates, therefore be it

Resolved,—That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be directed to contract with the publisher of the American Odd Fellow, for a copy of that Magazine for each Subordinate Lodze in this jurisdiction, and to pay for the same out of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, -- That the Right Worthy Grand Secty. be requested to communicate through the columns of that journal, all matters of general local interest to the brethern in this jurisdiction.

On motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, it was resolved that the election of Officers for the ensuing year,

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take place at quarter to three o'clock this afternoon, immediately before the exemplification of the secret work.

Bro. Rep. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge 44, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Returns.

To the M.W.G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Returns having examined the returns of the various lodges, beg leave to report as follows:

First-The returns of Union Lodge No. 16, Eureka No. 30, Erie Lodge No. 33, St. Mary's No. 36, Gore No. 34, Excelsior No. 44, we find correct.

Second - The reports from the following lodges we find incorrect in the items stated : Brock Lodge No. 9 as to number of members. They should report 57 members, whereas they only give 45.

Union Lodge No. 16 reports for December, '66, and June, '67—inasmuch as the names of members suspended are not given nor the cause of suspension, they giving in figures 4 in each report.

Sumaritan Lodge No. 35-Incorrect in having paid Grand Lodge fifty cents too much, having charged themselves with \$25 received for reinstalments, instead of \$20, they being entitled to one fifth of that amount on account of the Widow and Orphans' Fund.

Forest City Lodge No. 38-Incorrect in reporting one member too many.

Frontier No. 45-Incorrect in total membership, they reporting 11 members too many.

Mount Zion No. 46-Report one member less than they should do.

Unity Lodge No. 47—The report of this lodge is incorrect in not being signed by the Secretary and V. G., and is without a seal.

Avon 41-Report 4 members short.

Your committee have had under consideration the form of retarn submitted by the Grand Secretary as a substitute for the one now in use, and have much pleasure in approving thereof, it being in our opinion an improvement on the old one, and its adoption by this Grand Lodge will simplify in a great measure the work of sub-lodges in making their returns, and save the committees at Grand Lodges much trouble.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON, A. B. GRAHAM, JAMES CURLE, J. B. KING, Committee on Returns. Rep. J lowing re

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Rep. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge 44, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved—That our Representative to G. L U. S. be instructed to submit for the consideration of that body the propriety of an alteration in the name of that R. W. Grand body from that of Grand Lodge of the United States to that of the R. W. Grand Lodge of America.

Rep. James McIntyre, of Samaritan Lodge 35, from the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of C. W.

We, your Committee on Mileage and per Diem, beg to submit the following table and resolution :

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The foregoing table is made at 4 cents per mile and \$2 per diem for two

In conclusion, your committee submit the following :

Table of Mileage and per Diem.

Resolved-That the foregoing revort be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith in favor of the Officers and Representatives,

JAMES MCINTYRE, JAMES HERON, GEORGE IRWIN, ISAAC SMITH, Committee on Mileage aud per Diem.

Rep. T. T. Irving, of Avon Lodge 41, submitted the following:

Rep. Thos. T. Irving gives notice that, at the next regular meeting of this Grand Lodge, he will move that the name of this lodge be changed to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, of Eureka Lodge 30, from the Committee on

Finance, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance would beg leave, as supplementary to their previous report, to state that they have examined the following accounts, viz.: From G. M., for expenses incurred in visiting subordinate lodges, postage, &c., to the amount of \$40 21½; also an account for \$7 for expenses in transporting regulia of Rond Eau to Chatham Lodge, and find them correct, and recommend that the same be paid.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

M. D. DAWSON, EDWIN CHALCRAFT, FARMER GREEN,

Finance Committee.

P. G. M. C. H. Hankinson submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved—That the Executive Officers of this lodge be instructed to take the necessary measures to secure the incorporation of our Order in this Province.

R. W. Grand Rep. W. G. L. U. S. submitted the following resolution

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge do procure the necessary regalia for its officers.

Rep. Thomas T. Irving, of St. Mary's Lodge, moved as an amendment:

That, instead of procuring regalia, the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge be invested in Government bonds, the bonds of some chartered bank or some other reliable securities.

Which was resolved in the affirmative.

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P. G. Master H. C. Bingham submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved—That the hearty thanks of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Union Lodge for the courteous and sumptuous manner in which it has entertained this Grand Lodge and its distinguished visitors from the United States.

Rep. Jamas McIntyre, of Samaritan Lodge 35, moved that, when this lodge adjourn, it do so to meet in the town of Ingersoll on the first Wednesday in August, 1868.

Rep. W. A. Glover, of Erie Lodge 33, moved in amendment that the word Ingersoll be struck out and Port Burrell inserted.

Rep. C. B. Taylor, of Avon Lodge 41, moved an amendment to the amendment, that Ingersoll and Port Burrell be both left out and Stratford inserted.

Rep. A. B. Graham, of Frontier Lodge 45, moved to amend the amendment to the amendment, by striking out the names of the former towns and inserting Windsor.

The amendments were all lost and the original motion of Rep. J. McIntyre adopted.

P. G. M. James Smith submitted the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved—That for the purpose of avoiding any difficulty in this Grand Lodge, the future mode of voting be by the Representatives arising to their feet, that the Grand Warden may be enabled to decide the votes more easily.

Rep. Jokn Smith, of Unity Lodge 47, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed in future to apply to the respective Railway and Steamboat Companies for half fares for Officers and Representatives travelling to attend the session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. James McIntyre moved that the sum of three dollars be paid to Bro. McCallum for his services as Janitor during the present session, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. W. A. Glover, of Erie Lodge 33, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at a quarter to three this afternoon, as per previous resolution.

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Bros. Dolson and Tait declined the nomination, which closed the nominations.

The election resulted as follows:

| Henry McAfee | -Ball | ot 1st. |
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| John BarrR. W. D. G. Master | 44 | 1st. |
| Edmund BeltzR. W. Grand Warden | 44 | · 2d. |
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| James WoodyattR. W. Grand Kep. to G. L. U. S | " | 1st. |

- The Most Worthy Grand Sire, James P. Sanders, being present, proceeded to instal the officers elect into their respective positions.

P. G. Masters H C. Bingham and James Smith introduced Henry McAfee, the M. W. Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated.

P. G. Masters S. G. Dolson and Wm. Bissell introduced Rep. John Barr, R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect, who received the obligation of his office.

P. G. Masters James Woodyatt and James D. Tait introduced Rep. Edmund Beltz, R. W. Grand Warden elect, who was duly installed into that office.

The same committee introduced J. B. King, the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect, who received the variaus obligations apertaining to those offices.

The M. W. Grand Master then made the following appointments:

Rep. Wm. Mowatt Grand Conductor.

James McIntyre.....Grand Marshall.

" W. A. Glover......Grand Guardian,

who were duly installed. After which the Grand Lodge listened with marked attention to a few well-timed and happy remarks from the Grand Sire, who closed by giving a very lucid exemplification of the unwritten work.

On the recommendation of several Reps., the following were appointed D. D. G. Ms. for the current year.

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On motion of P. G. M. Bingham, it was

Resotved—That in future all the work appertaining to this Grand Lodge be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree.

P. G. Rep. Smith submitted the following resolution, which was . nanimously adopted :

Resolved—That the cordial and heartfelt thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our Right Worthy Grand Sire, James P. Sanders, and to the distinguished members. G. Rep. James Terwilliger and G. Reps. John White and P. G. Reps. Wm. H. Barnes, of the G. L. U.S. also to P. C. P. Albert H. King of Baltimore, George M. Dewey, P. C. P. and P. G. M. John W. W. Orr and P. C. P. Robert Morrison; G. R. of the State of Michigan, for the kindness evinced by them in visiting this portion of the jurisdiction, under the kind and fostering care of the said R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

After which the M. W. Grand Sire and other distinguisoed visitors retired with the Grand Honors.

Rep. James Heron gave notice that, at the next session of this Grand Lodge, he will move that for the future the appointed officers of the Lodge be paid mileage and per diem.

The business of the session being completed, the Grand Lodge closed, to meet in the town of Ingersoll on the first Wednesday in August, 1868.

> JOSIAH B. KING, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.



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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1866.

Among other proceedings, the following was had :

Rep. Garey, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and unanimously adopted:

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

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, setting forth the misfortunes and desolation of the jurisdiction of the Southern States, and recommending some effective plan by which aid may be extended to them and the welfare of that portion of our beloved Order promoted, beg leave respectfully to report that the language of the M. W. Grand Sire t. utufully represents the sad condition of our Southern brethren. "The destruction of their halls, lodge rooms, furniture and regalia by the ravages of war was in some sections almost total and complete." During the session we have neely conferred with these brethen, and have obtained valuable information regarding the condition and prospects of their respective jurisdictions. In many places large and zealous Lodges and Encampments have been left utterly destitute, without books. regulia, funds or places of meeting, and so needy are the members that, with every disposition to teorgarize and push on the work, the means are wanting for the bare necessaries which are required for a working Lodge or Encampment. Places have been cited where an organization might easily he effected and a nucleus formed for a new career of prosperity with very small pecuniary assistance, and where Grand Officers cannot go to gather up these fragments for want of money to pay their necessary expenses. In the meantime, the orphan, the widow and the destitute have increased beyond all precedent on their hands, and exhaust at once all the resources which they are able to command. The Order has been put back for years by these misfortunes, and will suffer yet more, unless speedy and effectual help be supplied, when, upon the other hand, by promit effort and action much that is lost, may be repaired and the Order statted on a new and yet more prosperous ca.

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reer. Once, in the South, membership to many was but a social and fraternal tie without regard to the peaceful features of the Order, but now it is mostly sought for all its advantages, including the help it affords the sick and the widow and the protection extended to the fatherless. Our brethren in these jurisdictions in the midst of all these calamities have been silent, and have suffered without a murmur of complaint. They come among us strong in the faith of the resurrection and prosperity of Aheir Lodges, and with noble energy have put their hands to the work of a thorough revival of the Older. They have appealed to oar sympathies only by their silent sufferings, borne with manly fortitude, and have so far asked from us no material or pecuniary assistance. But this does not satisfy the brotherhood of the North, which escaped the ravages of the civil war. We feel assured that we but feebly utter their sentiments when we say that, if the true condition of their unfortunate brethren was made known to them, they would gladly and speedily, out of their rich abundance, cause "the wilderness and the solitary places to be glad" and the desert "to blossom as the rose."

We therefore propose to devise a general plan for the relief of our Southern brethren, and by enlisting, all the Grand Bodies of the North, East and West, to draw from each and all the voluntary help which will restore to the Order the wide territory and great resources of this vital portion of our country.

We firmly believe, and so assert, that it only needs the information we have given and t' e call about to be made to induce generous Odd Fellows of prosperous jurisdictions to rally as one man to the resene, and to restore these bright jewels to the crown of the Order.—We would further state that, although Texas has been a great sufferer and is much in need, especally as regards its Grand Encampment, yet its generous representatives have requested to be excepted from any relief which we may propose, as they are confident that other jurisdictions of the South have much greater necessity for such relief at this time than has the Order in their State. To secure the great objects herein set forth and meet this pressing exigency, we recommend the following, to wit:

Resolved, That so soon as this body shall adjourn, the M. W. Grand Sire shall forthwith issue a circular, directed to the Grand Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war, setting forth the misfortimes and necessities of our brethren who have greatly suffered from said cause, recommending the Grand Bodies of each of said jurisdictions to cause a circular to be issued to each of their subordinates, calling their attention to the premises and soliciting contributions for the aid of the Order in the South, and requiring them to pay the same to the R. W. Grand Secretary of each of said Grand Bodies.

Resolved. I hat the R. W. Grand Secretary of each Grand Body shall, as soon as may be, forward and pay all monny received by them for said purpose to the R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this body, who shall at once profeed to distribute the same pro rata among the several State Juri distinous of the States, respectively, of Virginiar North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Tenhessee and Arkansas, and pay the same to the Grand Masters thereof.

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APPENDIX. Resolved, That the distribution of the relief contemplated by the aforegoing resolution shall be made under the advice and direction of the Grand Masters of the several State jurisdictions of said named States, and all proceedings hereunder by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be reported to the next session of this R. W. Grand Body. All of which is respectfully submitted. HENRY F. GAREY. BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR., J. W. STOKES. J. GRISWOLD. [SEAL.] JAMES I. RIDGELY, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

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OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, YONKERS, NEW YORK,) November, 1866.

To the M. W. G. Master, Grand Lodge of Canada West.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER-By resolution unanimously adopted at the September session, 1866, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, it is made my especial duty to issue a circular addressed to the several "Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction which have not been subjected to the ravages of the late civil war," setting forth the misfortanes and necessities of our brethren who have so grratly suffered from said cause, recommending each of said jurisdictions to 'cause a circular to be issued to their subordinates, calling their attention to the premises, and soliciting contri-

In pursuance of these resolutions, I beg very earnestly to present this subject to your early and earnest consideration. The information pre sented to the Grand Lodge of the United States touching the misfortunes and desolation of our brethren in the Southern jurisdictions is so eloquently and elaborately set forth in the report of the Legislative Committee of the last session that I do not deem it necessary to add a single word to the appeal therein made to the liberality and fraternal spirit of the Order. That report, in detail, will accompany this circular and form a part of my official communication to the jurisdictions at large.

Allow me to commend its perusal to your early attention, and to express the hope that you will feel it to be no less a pleasure than a duty to take active and prompt measures to render this appeal eminently successful within your jurisdiction.

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Yours fraternally.

JAMES P. SANDERS,

Grand Sire.

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OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, London, March 20th, 1867.

To the Officers and Members of Lodge, No

BROTHERS—The accompanying report of the Legislative Committee, also the circular issued by the Most Wortby Grand Sire, so fully depicts the deplorable condition of our Sister Lodges in the Southern jurisdictions of the United States that I am sure it will require you but to read the one to cordially respond to the other.

With the circumstances occasioning this call upon your charity you are all more or less familiar. We therefore trust, after the most earnest appeal of the Grand Sire, that your lodge, as also each individual member of the same, will contribute to assist our sister lodges in the South in their endeavors to re establish themselves.

Fraternally yours,

BICHARD WIGMORE,

Grand Master.

Attest : J. B. KING, G. S.

All contributions to be sent to the Grand Secretury.

P. S.—Owing to the alleged mismanagement of funds subscribed abroad and elsewhere in aid of the sufferers by the configuration at Quebec, the liberal domations received by the R. W. Grand Secretary in aid of the Quebec Relief Fund are still in his hands, and will await the action of the Grand Lodge at its next sitting.



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I, RICHARD WIGMORE, Most Worthy Grand Master, of the Right Worthy Grand Lodgd of Canada West, I. O. O. F., hereby submit my cordial approval of the Proclamation aforesaid, and recommend to all Lodges within this jurisdiction, a faithful observance of the twenty sixth day of April next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing over past mercies and successes, and of Prayer for the renewed blessing and usefulness of our Order in the future.

Without any desire to prescribe the *exact form* in which this Our Anniversary as an Order, shall be improved, I would advise that our gatherings upon that day, he to a considerable extent of a *Social* character; or sort of *Social Re Union*, or family gathering of Odd Fellows and their families, within the Lodge Room, interspersing the time with music, con: versation, reading, remarks, &c. &c.

Fraternally submitted

London, C. W., January 1st, 1867.

RICHARD WIGMORE,

M. W. Grund Master.

J. B. KING,

Grand Sec. and Tres.

J. O. O. f.

OFFICE OF TEE M. W. GRAND MASTER, London, May 1st, 1867.

To the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge, G. W.; and to the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Canada West

BRETHREN: — Having through a recent Enactment of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, been forbidden as a Civil officer to take part in, or hold Membership with any Secret Order or Society, I am under the painful necessity of resigning the honorable position of Grand Master, to which your kindness has elevated me; and not only this, —I must entirely sever my identity as a brother.

This mandate whether judicious or otherwise, I am bound to respect, and I need not inform you that nothing but the commands of an authority to which my position in life binds me, would have induced me to take this step; but it is unavoidable—our relations must be severed, deeply as I regret it.

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I have, during my term of office, visited every Lodge within the jurisdiction, with the exception of one, which was at too great a distance, and am happy to state that in all, the vigor of youth is discernible, as indeed it cannot otherwise be—based as our principles are, on the most philanthropic and beneficent designs—numerically and financially th: Lodges are every day increasing; the first adding to our interest, the latter to our means of doing good.

It would have been my greatest pleasure to have retained the honorable position of Grand Master for the remainder of the term, but I would not be doing justice to myself or to the Order, if I retained the position any longer, which the law of the land deprives me of enjoying. I cannot, but shall under all circumstances be one with you in heart.

If my assistance in your deeds of Charity will avail anything. I need no other incentive to act, than the knowledge I already possess of your aims and designs, obtained by fifteen years' connection with the Order.

Brethren, -- I hope and trust, that in all proper efforts to sustain the principles of your noble Order, a guiding Providence will direct your thoughts and steps.

And now, Brethren, I most affectionately bid you one and all-FARE.

I am, Brethren,

Fraternally yours,

RICH'D WIGMORE, M. W. Grand Master.

P. S.-From and after the 15th inst., all Correspondence to the Grand Master, must be directed to BRO. HENRY MCAFEE, R. W. D. G. Master, Windsor, C. W.



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