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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

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The Grand Encampment

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THE TOWN HALL, GALT, ONTARIO

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GRAND PATRIARCH, 1897-1898.

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

TOWN HALL, GALT, ONT., August 9th, 1898.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session at the Town Hall, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

PRESENT :

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| GEORGE BELL..... | Grand Partriarch |
| SAMUEL LAW..... | Grand High Priest |
| WM. POTTER..... | Grand Senior Warden |
| M. D. DAWSON..... | Grand Scribe |
| EDMUND BELTZ..... | Grand Treasurer |
| J. T. HORNIBROOK..... | Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge |
| GEORGE ROSS..... | |
| LEONARD FERGUSON..... | Grand Junior Warden |
| E. C. GARBUTT..... | Grand Marshal |
| GEORGE MORTIMORE..... | Grand Sentinel |
| GEORGE LUCAS..... | Grand O. Sentinel |

Also Past Grand Patriarchs Joseph Oliver, John Gibson, Abner Fraser, W. H. Coje, Thos. Woodyatt, S. S. Merick, and John A. Macdonald.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on Credentials: Grand Scribe, M. D. Dawson, and Representatives H. B. Coates, F. Kress, W. M. Savigny, and Wm. Norrish.

The Deputy District Grand Patriarch, George Turnbull, of Galt, delivered the following address of welcome:

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

It affords me great pleasure as D. D. G. P. of this District, to welcome you to the town of Galt, where, after an absence of seven years, you return to the hospitality of our Encampment, and I beg leave to express the hope that the twenty-ninth anniversary will be a memorable one in the history of the Grand Encampment of the Province of Ontario. The honor

you have this day conferred on us by holding your Annual Session in Galt must reflect honor on the town and on the members of the Galt Encampment. Our labors so far have been crowned with success, and I have much pleasure in assuring you that the various branches of the Order here, including the Subordinate Lodge, the Encampment, the Rebekah Degree Lodge, and the Oddfellows' Relief Association are in an exceedingly prosperous condition, and all increasing rapidly in membership.

We beg to tender you the free use of these assembly rooms for your Encampment, and, as a souvenir of your visit here, we present each of your Officers and Representatives with a handsome photograph of the town of Galt. Thanking you for the honor and pleasure of your presence here as members of the Patriarchal Branch of the I. O. O. F., I will conclude by saying, "Go on in the good work."

Signed on behalf of the local Patriarchs,

GEORGE TURNBULL,

D. D. G. P.

The Grand Patriarch, Bro. George Bell, acknowledged as follows :

To the Patriarchs of Galt Encampment :

On behalf of the Grand Encampment of Ontario I thank you for the manner in which you have welcomed us to the beautiful and enterprising town of Galt. We are met for the purpose of legislating for the good of the Patriarchs of the Province of Ontario, and to exemplify the motto of our Branch in the fullest sense, "Faith, Hope and Charity." To some of us this is our first visit to Galt, but none of us are total strangers to you, for we are all brethren of a common country as well as a common brotherhood in the great family of man, and I trust that our coming together will do us all good, that it may result in lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of our Order in your midst, and that we shall bear away with us pleasant reminiscences of new friendships formed which shall not be forgotten or broken at the parting.

We thank you for the photographs of the town of Galt presented to us this morning, and I renew to you the acknowledgments of the Grand Encampment of Ontario for your kindly greetings.

The Mayor of the town of Galt, J. H. Radford, Esq., delivered the following address, which was also suitably acknowledged by the Grand Patriarch :

GALT, ONT., Aug., 1898.

To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Ontario :

GENTLEMEN,—It is with pleasure that I, on behalf of the citizens of the town of Galt, bid you welcome. The knowledge that I have—being a member of your noble Order—of the good work which has been done, and is being done, by your Order, in relieving the sick and the distressed, makes our welcome to you all the heartier.

We are always pleased to receive a body of representative citizens of the Province of Ontario, such as the "I. O. O. F.," for we are convinced that a gathering of this nature, convened for any good purpose, cannot but leave a good impression, and one that will be a benefit to the place in which it is assembled.

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We also hope that the advantage will be mutual; and that having spent a few days in the "Manchester of Canada," the visit will be beneficial to the gentlemen who have come here from different parts of the country.

Of your Order, we are pleased to inform you that it is a very strong and highly respected one in Galt, having about 263 members engaged in ministering to the sick, relieving the distressed, and in general carrying out the principles of your Order. This, no doubt, will be pleasing to you, and also gratifying to us, for it shows that the people of Galt are animated by a spirit of Friendship, Love and Truth, which leads them to band together for the purpose of mutual benefit.

It is not only the members of your Order in Galt who bid you welcome, but as a whole town we give you greeting, and trust that your sessions will be of great assistance to the Order, and that the results of your deliberations will be such as to enable your society to do even better work, to further its progress and prosperity, and that the solid foundation and good principles which have hitherto been laid so well, will continue to build up a society strong in membership, yet stronger still in its power to do good.

While we hope that your sessions will be profitable, we also hope that your visit will be a pleasant one, carrying away with you many happy memories of the beautiful town of Galt, and that you will look forward to assemble here, and be received in the same cordial manner in which you are welcomed to-day.

Again, on behalf of the Town Council, and the citizens generally, I bid you welcome.

J. H. RADFORD, M. B., Mayor.

The regular business was then resumed.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

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

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

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| Union..... | Encampment, No. | 1..... | J. D. Reilly |
| Frontier..... | " " | 2..... | Thos. Jones |
| Harmony..... | " " | 3..... | A. Tucker |
| Brant..... | " " | 4..... | John Orr |
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| Charity..... | " " | 5..... | Frank B. Jeffrey |

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| Charity | 5 | John T. Perry |
| Burlington | 7 | Robt. Douglas |
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| Toronto | 8 | H. E. Terry |
| " | 9 | H. B. Coates |
| Brock | 10 | John McCorvie |
| Chatham | 10 | Jos. Bosworth |
| " | 11 | Geo. Warren |
| Ontario | 12 | Geo. E. Maynard |
| Albert | 14 | Wm. F. Snell |
| Fidelity | 15 | Henry McIntosh |
| Kingston | 16 | A. J. Smith |
| Mt. Ararat | 17 | W. Jno. McRoberts |
| Hebron | 19 | L. B. Cooper |
| Quinte | 20 | W. H. Rolling |
| Elgin | 20 | H. M. Willson |
| " | 21 | R. T. Agar |
| Unity | 22 | J. S. Henderson |
| Guiding Star | 23 | J. R. Campbell |
| Niagara Falls | 24 | Jas. F. Draper |
| Friendship | 25 | J. H. Mayill |
| Victoria | 26 | J. Doig |
| Wentworth | 30 | E. A. Woodhouse |
| Wellington | 31 | Theo. D. Fenwick |
| Exeter | 33 | E. J. Spackman |
| Dresden | 37 | Wm. Rudd |
| Adelphian | 38 | Jno. Barned |
| Dufferin | 41 | R. M. Corey |
| Aylmer | 42 | Wm. Warnock |
| Banner | 43 | Jno. Slemmon |
| Collingwood | 45 | Daniel Wilson |
| Saugeen Valley | 46 | Wm. Norrish |
| Minerva | 47 | T. J. Elliott |
| Samaritan | 49 | F. Kress |
| Rehoboth | 50 | E. M. Clapp |
| Ridgely | 52 | C. E. Bourne |
| Outaouais | 53 | Geo. H. Bowie |
| Mt. Hebron | 56 | W. M. Savigny |
| Phoenix | 57 | John Houser |
| Waba | 58 | John S. Moir |
| Moira | 59 | Frank Elvins |
| Central | 60 | Fred. Gilboe |
| Amicus | 61 | J. C. Ponter |
| Galt | 62 | Jos. T. Donaldson |
| Eureka | 65 | Robert McCallum |
| Hiawatha | 66 | J. W. Butcher |
| Aurora | 67 | W. D. Elliott |
| Forest | 69 | Chas. W. Stuart |
| Golden | 70 | N. Schnarr |
| Picton | 72 | Ed. Roblin |
| Pointe Aux Pins | 73 | P. Burse |
| Amity | 74 | Jos. Robinson |
| Nibewin | 75 | J. B. Dexter |
| Cornwall | 76 | R. S. Shaw |
| Cataraqui | 79 | Fred. Simmons |
| Stirling | 80 | D. W. Fox |

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| George B. | Encampment, No. 81. | S. S. Stratton |
| Montreal | " " " 1. | D. J. Dickson |
| Moshassuck | " " " 2. | Walter Marriage |
| Farnham | " " " 4. | W. H. McCabe |
| Maple Leaf | " " " 6. | Arthur P. Doddridge |

Returns have been received from all Encampments up to 31st December, 1897, except Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock; Ivy Encampment, No. 64, Cobourg; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Superior Encampment, No. 78, Fort William; Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 82, Norwood; Union Encampment, No. 3, Sherbrooke, Que.; and St. John's Encampment, No. 5, St. John's, Que.

For the present term, none of the above named Encampments have reported. Beyond those, the returns have come in very promptly.

Representatives' Certificates have not been received from Nos. 23, 28, 67 and 75.

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

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| Union | Encampment, No. 1. | J. D. Reilly |
| Harmony | " " " 3. | A. Tucker |
| Brant | " " " 4. | John Orr |
| Charity | " " " 5. | John T. Perry |
| Burlington | " " " 7. | W. H. Blight |
| Toronto | " " " 8. | H. E. Terry |
| Ontario | " " " 11. | Geo. Warren |
| Kingston | " " " 15. | Henry McIntosh |
| Mt. Ararat | " " " 16. | A. J. Smith |
| Elgin | " " " 20. | W. H. Rolling |
| Unity | " " " 21. | R. T. Agar |
| Guiding Star | " " " 22. | J. S. Henderson |
| Alpha | " " " 26. | J. Doig |
| Saugeen Valley | " " " 46. | Wm. E. Norrish |
| Rehoboth | " " " 50. | E. M. Clapp |
| Mt. Hebron | " " " 56. | John Fanning |
| Phoenix | " " " 57. | John Howser |
| Waba | " " " 58. | John S. Moir |
| Central | " " " 60. | Fred. Gilboe |
| Galt | " " " 62. | Jos. T. Donaldson |
| | | Thos. Vair |
| | | Geo. Turnbull |
| | | C. E. Knowles |
| | | H. Dakin |
| | | G. W. Bascom |
| | | Thos. W. Shortreed |
| Hiawatha | " " " 66. | J. W. Butcher |
| Pointe Aux Pins | " " " 73. | P. Burse |
| Stirling | " " " 80. | D. W. Fox |
| Montreal | " " " 1. | D. B. Atkinson |
| Maple Leaf | " " " 6. | A. P. Doddridge |

Patriarch Fred. Simmons, the accredited representative of Catarqui Encampment, No. 79, is not present, and Patriarch J. T. Donaldson is hereby appointed to take his place, but without duly certified credentials.

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

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,
H. B. COATES,
F. KRESS,
W. M. SAVIGNY, } Committee.

The following resolution was presented by P. G. P., Jos. Oliver, and adopted :

Resolved, That Patriarch Jos. Donaldson, who is here to represent No. 79, in place of Patriarch P. Simmons, without credentials, be permitted to take his seat, and that he also be instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

JOS. OLIVER,
M. D. DAWSON.

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

The roll was called, and absentees noted.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES :

ON DISTRIBUTION.—P. G. P., S. S. Merick ; Representatives, John T. Perry, J. R. Campbell, J. H. Magill and A. Tucker.

ON FINANCE.—P. G. P.'s, Jos. Oliver and Geo. Ross ; Representatives, Wm. Rudd, Robt. McCallum and Jos. Robinson.

ON DISTRICTS.—Representatives, J. D. Reilly, Thos. Jones, Geo. Warren, J. B. Dexter and R. M. Corey.

ON BY-LAWS.—P. G. P., John Gibson ; Representatives, Geo. E. Maynard, W. F. Snell, Henry McIntosh and N. Schnarr.

ON RETURNS.—P. G. P., Wm. Cole ; Representatives, John S. Moir, L. B. Cooper, W. H. Rolling, R. S. Shaw and Robt. Douglas.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—Representatives, Frank B. Jeffrey, John McCorvie, A. J. Smith, Jos. P. Donaldson and W. J. McRoberts.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Representatives, E. J. Spackman, Daniel Wilson, T. J. Elliott, J. S. Mills and A. P. Doddridge.

ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.—Representatives, R. J. Faulkner, J. C. Panter, W. M. Savigny, W. Marriage, Frank Elvins ; P. G. P., John A. Macdonald.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—Representatives, Ed. Roblin, H. E. Terry, John McCorvie, R. T. Agar and T. J. Elliott.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—Representatives, D. J. Dickson, T. D. Fenwick, E. A. Woodhouse and John Slemmon.

ON LEGISLATION.—P. G. P., John Hornbrook ; Representatives, John Orr, P. Burse, W. H. McCabe and John Howser.

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ON JUDICIARY.—P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt ; Representatives, Jos. Bosworth, J. C. Spence, J. Doig and John Barned.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.—GRAND PATRIARCH'S OPENING ADDRESS.—P. G. P., John A. Macdonald ; Representatives, W. J. Foster, John Howser, D. W. Fox and Geo. H. Bowie.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 2.—GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT, PAR. NO. 7, "ODDFELLOWS' HOME."—P. G. P., W. H. Cole ; Representatives, H. M. Willson and J. S. Henderson.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 3.—GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT, "DOMINION ODDFELLOW."—P. G. P., John A. Macdonald ; Representatives, Jas. F. Draper, John Barned and C. W. Stuart.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 4.—GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT, PAR. NO. 13, and conclusion.—P. G. P., Abner Fraser ; Representatives, Fred. Gilboe, Jos. T. Donaldson, J. W. Butcher and W. D. Elliott.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

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

GALT, August 9th, 1898.
To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment,
I. O. O. F.:

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

Committee on Finance—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 10.
Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs Nos. 6, 7 and 8, and the whole of the Grand Treasurer's report.

Committee on Petitions and Correspondence—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph No. 3, and Grand Scribe's report, No. 9.

Committee on State of the Order—

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

Committee on Judiciary—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 6. Also page 15; Question No. 2.

Committee on Districts—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph 8.

Committee on Returns—

Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs Nos. 3 and 4.

Special Committee, No. 1—

Grand Patriarch's address.

Special Committee, No. 2—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph No. 7, relating to Oddfellows' Home.

Special Committee, No. 3—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph No. 11.

Special Committee, No. 4—

Grand Patriarch's report, paragraph No. 13, and conclusion.

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

S. S. MERICK,
J. H. MAGILL,
A. TUCKER,
JOHN E. CAMPBELL,
JOHN T. PERRY,

Committee.

REPORTS.

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

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Grand Patriarch's Report.

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

PATRIARCHS.—Another year has passed away, another milestone is reached in our fraternal life, and we are assembled together to render an account of our doings, and consider what requires to be done for our welfare in the future.

What of good has been accomplished? Much, I hope, that will in the great book of life be credited to the account of Patriarchal Oddfellowship in Ontario.

I am glad to meet the older representatives again, and extend a hearty welcome to those who come for the first time to the meeting of the Grand Encampment. Seven years have elapsed since the meeting of the campment last met in Galt, and we are pleased to again have the privilege of pitching our tents with the hospitable Patriarchs of this prosperous town, which can boast of a literary parentage, where its beautiful churches and graceful spires, with its numerous machine shops, factories and foundries, filled with the hum of busy industries, noted for the business enterprise and thrift of its citizens, the home of an intelligent, progressive and patriotic people.

Before entering upon the record of the year, it is my desire to give expression to a genuine appreciation of the honor you conferred upon me a year ago in selecting me as your

GRAND PATRIARCH.

The unanimity showed in making your choice greatly enhanced an honor which, in view of consciousness of want of many of the characteristic merits which distinguished some of my predecessors in this office, would under any circumstances be naturally regarded by me with feelings of pride and gratitude. In all sincerity let me assure you, that in my estimation no higher tribute of honor can be conferred upon any one than that which is implied in promotion to the exalted position of Grand Patriarch of such a jurisdiction as Ontario, and for all the kindness shown me, for the encouragement and support given by the membership, I return my most sincere thanks, and can only promise such return as the faithful performance of any future service laid upon me can make. While the duties of the office have required time and effort, yet I have found it the most agreeable service of my life, and I shall ever look back to the year when I was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario as one more full of pleasant memories than any other in all the years of my connection with the Order. And now in obedience to the requirements of law, and in accordance with time-honored custom, I submit for your consideration an account of my official acts.

With regard to the

STATE OF THE ORDER,

while our records may fail to show such an increase as we all earnestly desired and hoped for, yet under all the circumstances we may congratulate

late ourselves that we are holding our own. I regret that I am unable to give you the exact figures, through the failure of some of the D.D.G.P.'s to report. That a large gain cannot be reported is due to the fact that our old enemy, "Suspension for non-payment of dues," attacked our Encampments this year with great severity. However, the power of any organization for good is not always to be measured by its numerical strength, but in the perseverance of its members in the work of alleviating distress and elevating character. My efforts have been mainly directed towards resuscitating dormant Encampments, rather than organizing new ones, and I feel that I have met with some measure of success, as no less than four of them have reopened their tents, and are again administering hospitality to the stranger, and a fifth is ready to get into line.

The following are the

RESUSCITATIONS

during the year. After a good deal of correspondence with Patriarch F. W. Lambert, Banner Encampment, No. 43,

HARRISTON,

was revived on the 18th of November last, but owing to illness I was unable to attend, and commissioned Grand High Priest Law to take my place, which he kindly did on short notice. This is practically a new Encampment, as it became dormant in 1884. Patriarch Lambert, who is the mainstay of this Encampment, is an indefatigable worker, and is bound to make a success of anything he undertakes; therefore I venture to predict a prosperous future for Banner Encampment, and I feel certain that it will prove its right to the title.

In response to an invitation from P. G. P., John A. Macdonald, I re-organized Waba Encampment, No. 58,

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on the 25th of November, assisted by P. C. P.'s, S. S. Stratton, F. Gallagher, J. Langley, R. St. George, G. H. Bowie and J. K. Pearce, all of Ottawa, and from the material now in it, it will undoubtedly go on and maintain its place among the tents of the faithful. I have visited Waba Encampment since then, and found that it was making material progress.

On the 8th of April I went to

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to resurrect Mount Sinai Encampment, No. 82, the charter being removed from Norwood to Hastings, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Grand Encampment. The career of this Encampment was a short one, and it never had much life, as the field at Norwood was quite limited, the subordinate lodge there being a very small one. On arriving at Norwood I was met by Patriarch H. W. Fowlds, and driven to Hastings six miles distant. Bro. Fowlds had visited Norwood the day preceding my arrival, and the members there promised to go to Hastings the next evening and get enrolled, but not one of them turned up. As Bro. Fowlds was the only member of Mount Sinai Encampment present, although there were some candidates for initiation, I was reluctantly compelled to postpone the matter. Patriarchs Perry and Savigny also came from Peterboro to assist. The Norwood patriarchs acted the part of the dog in the manger, as they did nothing themselves when they had the charter, and their action showed that they were not willing

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to give Hastings a chance to do anything either. A number of the Hastings brethren intend to go to Peterboro and get initiated, and Mount Sinai Encampment will be reorganized at an early date.

Through the perseverance and activity of that enthusiastic worker in everything pertaining to Oddfellowship, Wm. Warnock, D. D. G. P., accompanied by six members of Aylmer Encampment, No. 42, went to

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on the 12th of April to resuscitate Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, and at a well attended meeting in that flourishing town, it was decided that it was better to live with the Patriarchs than to remain dead. Bro. Warnock paid a visit to Woodstock previous to this to try to awaken the members to new life, and although he met with discouragement in official circles, where better things might have been expected, yet he was quite successful in getting this old Encampment again into line, and from the interest manifested by those present I expect to hear of good work being done by Maple Leaf Encampment. Thanks are due to Bro. Warnock for the zeal and tact he displayed in bringing this matter to a successful issue, as well as for the sacrifice he made of both time and money.

The efficient and painstaking D. D. G. P. for District No. 3, R. L. Gosnell, who has been endeavoring to put

DRESDEN

Encampment, No. 37, upon its feet ever since he accepted office, had his labors crowned with success on the 29th of June, when it was reorganized with cheering prospects for the future. This Encampment lost its effects through a fire about two years ago, and the members becoming discouraged it has been dormant ever since. On account of its proximity to Chatham, the patriachs will be able to get assistance from the obliging degree team of Chatham Encampment at any time.

THE CORRESPONDENCE

has been larger than usual, and although it has been somewhat of a tax on my time, it has been to me a source of enjoyment and instruction, and I have answered promptly every letter received, no matter whether I considered the subject of importance or not. I herewith submit the correspondence received and the answers given.

I desire to place on record my appreciation of the able manner in which the

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS

have performed their duties. Wherever I have gone, in nearly every instance, they have been the first to greet me and extend the right hand of fellowship. Much of the growth and prosperity of an Encampment depends on the interest which a Deputy takes in his work. I have relied much on their judgment, and shall ever remember the cordial relations existing between us. Shortly after the adjournment of the Grand Encampment, seventeen commissions were issued to the D. D. G. Patriarchs, thus leaving thirteen for which no recommendation had been made. This neglect on the part of the Representatives entailed a large amount of correspondence, and also caused considerable friction.

On the 25th of August I issued a

CIRCULAR

to the D. D. G. P.'s, of which the following is a copy:—

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH.

OTTAWA, ONT., 25th August, 1897.

To....., D.D.G.P.,
of District No.....

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH:

I enlose your commission as D.D.G.P., which I hope you will accept, and enter upon the discharge of your duties with a determination to put forth more earnest effort than ever before for the advancement and interest of the Patriarchal branch, so that when the reports for the year are read, we will all feel gratified with the results.

Your position is one of honor but not of idleness, for upon you to a large extent depends the prosperity of the Patriarchal branch in your district. You represent the Grand Patriarch, and your members look to you for instruction in all matters necessary to the welfare of your Encampment. I therefore urge upon you the necessity of becoming thoroughly conversant with the constitution and laws governing the Encampment branch, and especially with the ritualistic work, so that through your guidance and assistance your officers will be qualified to inculcate the sublime lessons of the various degrees.

I solicit your earnest co-operation in instituting new and strengthening the old Encampments in your district. If you have any weak Encampments under your care, I shall expect you to give them extra attention by visiting and assisting them in every possible way.

Do what you can to make the meetings pleasant, and carry out the lessons of Hospitality, Generosity, Tolerance and Perseverance, as taught in Patriarchal Oddfellowship, and endeavor to make your Encampments what you would have them to be in all respects, and you will succeed.

Encourage the organization of a team to do the work of conferring the degrees. The Encampment that has a good working team, and can give the work of the degrees with dramatic action, so that the candidate can see the lessons acted before him, not only impress him with the beauty of the work, but so inspires the members that all become workers, and candidates will not be wanting. Instruction in Encampment team work is one of the things now most needed to revive an interest in the Encampment branch of our Order.

Utilize every opportunity which is presented to bring the beauties of the Patriarchal Order to the attention of the lodge members, for we have many good true Oddfellows in the subordinate lodges who should unite with us. Urge them to do so. Forget it not.

Forward me not later than the 1st of January and the 1st July, 1898, a full report of the Encampments under your charge on the forms which will be sent to you by the Grand Scribe. Kindly remember that your report is to be sent to me direct, not to the Grand Scribe, as he gets his information from the Recording Scribe's report. The Grand Patriarch must to a large extent depend upon the D. D. G. P.'s for the information regarding the progress of the different Encampments throughout the jurisdiction.

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I shall be glad to render every possible assistance at any time you may deem it necessary, and I invite correspondence with reference to the Encampments under your charge, or any other matter of interest in connection with the Patriarchal branch, and I promise to answer promptly all communications received.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE BELL, G. P.

I intended to have made many more

OFFICIAL VISITS

than I did, but my occupation being such that I found it impossible to carry out what I had planned, and this I sincerely regret, as my visits to the Encampments which I was fortunate enough to reach will ever be bright spots in my memory.

My first official visit was to Charity Encampment, No. 5,

STRATFORD,

on the 13th of December last, where I had the pleasure of meeting forty-nine Patriarchs in their beautifully decorated lodge room—a hall which is a standing monument to the artistic taste of P. G. P., John Welsh, who superintended the improvements made some time ago. The Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees were conferred on one candidate in a very thorough and pleasing manner, both the floor work and the ritualistic work being so well rendered as to leave no room for criticism. A banquet was given at the close, presided over by P. G. P., John Welsh. I feel under lasting obligations to P. G. P., John Gibson, a worthy veteran who has never been absent from a meeting of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment for the past twenty-six years, and who came all the way from Port Huron to meet me, and accompanied me to Sarnia and Chatham. A meeting of the Grand Encampment that was not favored with Bro. Gibson's genial presence would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. During my stay in Stratford, I was the guest of Frank B. Jeffery, P. C. P., and never have I experienced a warmer welcome than was extended by Bro. Jeffery and his estimable wife and family.

On the morning of the 14th, on arriving at

GALT,

I was rejoiced to meet my good friend A. H. Blackeby, P. G. P., who gave me a cordial welcome and devoted the day to showing me the lions of the town. Grand High Priest Law also graced the occasion with his presence. Fifty-five members were present at the meeting of this flourishing Encampment, including His Worship Mayor Radford, and the great expectations I had formed with regard to the work of the Degree Team were more than realized. A candidate was initiated and the work done in an elaborate and impressive manner by their renowned Degree Team, the floor movements were brilliantly executed and the ritualistic work was of a high order of merit. Here, as at Stratford, no books were used from the opening to the close. After the proceedings in the lodge room were concluded, all went to the Baker House, and partook of an enjoyable supper ably presided over by P. G. P. Blackeby. Their hospitality and social intercourse were equal to their work, and showed that this Encampment possesses a membership that is an honor to any jurisdiction. An Encampment containing such members as P. C. P's, W. A. Dennis,

Geo. Turnbull, C. E. Knowles, Wm. Brydon, W. Dakin, Thos. Vair and G. W. Bascom, not forgetting the able team captain, A. G. Bruce, is bound to keep in the front rank.

The Grand Patriarch of Michigan and a large delegation from Port Huron and Fort Gratiot were present at the meeting of Alpha Encampment, No. 26,

SARNIA,

on the 15th, thus showing that although there may be dividing lines between countries, there is none in Oddfellowship. Patriarchs were also present from Point Edward, Petrolia, Strathroy and other places. One candidate was initiated and a most delightful time was spent. I trust that I shall have the pleasure of again meeting Grand Patriarch Skimmin in the near future. After adjournment a bountiful repast was partaken of at the Belchamber House. During the twenty-three years existence of Alpha Encampment, this was the first visit that had been paid by a Grand Patriarch. I was presented with one of the beautiful badges of this Encampment as a memento of the occasion. I will never forget the kindness and courtesy exhibited by P. C. P.'s, Geo. Lucas, W. J. Barrie, John Ross, Wm. Luscombe, and others.

On the 16th I visited

CHATHAM

Encampment No. 10, and received a warm welcome from the members. No less than seventy-six patriarchs were present at the meeting, and four candidates were on hand and received all the degrees in a manner which I have never seen surpassed. Chatham Encampment is the largest in Ontario, and enjoys the reputation of having the best Degree Team on the continent, for which much credit is due to the very efficient captain, Grand Senior Warden Wm. Potter. The whole work, from the Patriarchal to the Royal Purple, was done in a perfect manner without the use of the ritual. The interest and enthusiasm manifested by the members in everything pertaining to the Encampment was a great pleasure to me. Here, as elsewhere, one of the cardinal principles of Patriarchal Oddfellowship was carried out to the fullest extent—the duty of hospitality to the stranger. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent, the members present at the banquet being only limited by the size of the dining-room at the Rankin House. O. L. Lewis, P. C. P., one of the coming great lights of Oddfellowship in Ontario, presided in a very acceptable manner. The rest of the evening, until well on into "the wee sma hours" passed sociably with songs and interesting speeches, and I also had an opportunity of becoming thoroughly conversant with municipal matters in Chatham. There is no better Encampment in the jurisdiction than this one, no better Patriarchs than its members, nor Degree Teams that reach nearer perfection.

I went from Hastings to

BELLEVILLE

on Saturday, the 9th of April, and was driven out in the afternoon to the various points of interest in the vicinity of the city, accompanied by Patriarchs Ketcheson, Cooper, Boyd and Pringle, to all of whom I feel under obligations for many acts of kindness and good fellowship. The contents of the lunch-basket, furnished by Bro. Boyd, containing all the delicacies of the season, was much enjoyed on this occasion. On Monday I was taken to the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and shown over the buildings by Bro. Matheson, the principal. The intelligence and scholarship dis-

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played by the pupils of this noble institution was most astonishing; children who did not know their own names when placed there, showing greater proficiency than many of the same age who can both speak and hear. A joint meeting of Quinte and Moira Encampments was convened the same evening, and a pleasant time was spent, followed by the usual hospitality for which the Belleville brethren are noted. On the 3rd of June I visited Brock Encampment, No. 9,

BROCKVILLE,

accompanied by Past Grand High Priest F. I. Daniels. Patriarchs C. C. Lyman, H. Rath and H. Wilkinson, three of the pillars of the Encampment Branch in this old historic town, met us at the station and conducted us to the Revere House. This Encampment, though not very strong numerically, contains some of the most prominent members of the Order in Eastern Ontario, including in its ranks such patriarchs as Col. W. H. Cole, P. C. P., John R. Reid, P. G. M., and Hon. John F. Wood, M. P. We met with a cordial reception, and were tendered the customary hospitalities at the close of the meeting. Patriarch H. B. Coates added to the enjoyment very materially with his splendid graphophone, and we were delighted with the rendition of "Old Black Joe" in the well-known voice of Bro. Wilkinson.

Brotherly love and true fraternity characterized the proceedings at the meeting of

PICTON

Encampment, No. 72, which I visited on the 15th of July, accompanied by District Deputy R. H. Ketcheson, L. B. Cooper, Geo. Brown and W. Pringle, all of Belleville, who installed the officers elect into their respective chairs and did the work without a ritual. They are entitled to much praise for the manner in which the work was conducted, especially D. D. G. P. Ketcheson, who certainly is a model officer. There was a large and representative gathering, comprising many of the best people in Picton, and I anticipate a bright future for this live, active and interesting Encampment. On account of the extreme heat the proceedings were brought to a close as speedily as possible, and all adjourned to the Globe Hotel to partake of the fine supper given by the whole-souled patriarchs of Picton Encampment. Chief Patriarch Smith presided with ability, and a large number of toasts were proposed and responded to. Three years ago I went to Picton almost a total stranger, and after remaining there for a few days, felt as much at home as if I had known these good and true brethren all my life, and I can never forget their kindness while my mortal career lasts. I feel under special obligations to Patriarchs McKenzie, Roblin, Garbutt, Hess, Martin, Crawford and others for many courtesies extended.

The principal

DECISIONS

given by me during the year were as follows:

- Q. Can an Encampment place five per cent. of its dues in a contingent fund?
- A. Yes, after the adoption and approval of a by-law to that effect.
- Q. Is there anything to prevent a hotel-keeper from joining the Encampment?
- A. Every member of the Truth, in good standing in his subordinate lodge is eligible to membership in the Encampment.

Q. Is it legal to pay \$2.00 a week sick benefits when the annual dues are \$3.00 a year?

A. No; a portion of clause 22 of the Constitution reads, "such weekly benefits shall not exceed one-half the rate charged for annual dues." Therefore, it is not legal to pay more than \$1.50 a week for sick benefits, and Encampments paying more should amend their by-laws accordingly.

Q. When a defunct Encampment has been resuscitated and its charter restored, are all its former members restored to membership?

A. No; those patriarchs making the application only are restored at once; others who were in good standing may resume membership on complying with the constitution and by-laws of said Encampment.

Q. Is it necessary to have an election of officers for an Encampment organized during the last half of a regular term?

A. No; unless the officers serve a majority of the meeting nights during the term, they hold office for the whole of the following term.

Q. On page 1715, Journal of Proceedings, 1897, Grand Encampment of Ontario, I find the report of the Committee on Legislation. The last paragraph in that report calls attention to a resolution adopted in the Sovereign Grand Lodge regarding dues and degree fees in Encampments, and recommends that same be adopted by this Grand Encampment. The committee's report was adopted. On turning the J. of P. of 1896, page 1655, I find that the resolution of the S. G. L. referred to permits Grand Encampments to so legislate as to permit subordinate Encampments within their jurisdiction to confer the degrees at a minimum cost of \$1.00 each, and to fix annual dues at a minimum cost of \$1.00 each; also to provide by suitable legislation for the removal of the requirement of paying weekly benefits. Is it your opinion that the adoption of the report of the Committee on Legislation constitutes such "suitable legislation," and may subordinate Encampments in this jurisdiction now admit members and confer degrees at a cost of \$1.00 each. Also may such subordinate Encampments now abolish weekly sick benefits?

A. No; the report of the Committee on Legislation approved of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but as no legislation founded upon that report was adopted, there was no change in our Constitution or By-laws.

Q. The Secretary of a lodge neglects to report to an Encampment the suspension of members of said lodge, who are also members of said Encampment. Is said Encampment at liberty to take action in the premises?

A. Yes; whenever the Encampment is satisfied of the fact in whatever form it may be presented, is sufficient under the present law to establish the status of its membership.

Q. A patriarch visits an Encampment after the installation of officers for a new term, but before the officers have been installed or the new password promulgated in the Encampment to which said patriarch belongs. May the Chief Patriarch admit such visiting patriarch on the password of the term just closed?

A. No; after installation of officers the C. P. cannot admit a member of another Encampment on the old password.

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Q. Can Chevaliers in the uniform of the Patriarchs Militant assist the D. D. G. P. in the installation ceremonies?

A. If the D. D. G. P. is the installing officer, he may as in the case of the Grand Patriarch invite a Canton or delegation of Chevaliers to act as an escort or assist at said installation wearing the uniform of the Patriarchs Militant, provided if the Grand Patriarch or the D. D. G. P. is a Chevalier he shall in addition to his uniform wear the jewel or regalia he is entitled to wear as such installing officer.

I re-appointed the committee of last year, A. H. Blackeby, P. G. R., and M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, as the special committee for the Grand Encampment on the

ODDFELLOWS' HOME,

and I herewith append report received from P. G. R. Blackeby :
George Bell, Esq., Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH,—The Home Board held one meeting during the year in Toronto, Mrs. Lee of Kingston, and the writer were only absentees. No notice of the meeting reached me until a day or two after it had been held. I regret this, as it was my intention to propose to the Board for its consideration some more direct or definite plan of proposing the funds needed for the establishment of the Home than has so far been put into effect. The Grand Lodge having declined to adopt the plan proposed by the committee of assessing the Subordinates twenty cents per capita for five years, it became necessary to fall back upon the voluntary plan, the Grand Lodge itself contributing one thousand dollars. Circulars were also sent out to the various Subordinate bodies, but with what result is not known to the Home committee. These circulars in the past do not appear to have received much consideration. The officers elected at the Toronto meeting were: Chairman, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell; Vice Chairman, J. A. Young; Secretary, J. E. King; Treasurer, W. J. McCormick. It was decided to incorporate the Board under the General Act, and to hold another meeting during the Session of the Grand Bodies at Galt. Until that meeting is held no satisfactory recommendation can be laid before the Grand Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. BLACKEBY.

One thing is perfectly clear, that the Home will not be properly supported on the voluntary principle, and in my opinion the Grand Lodge should revoke the action taken last year, and adopt the system of assessing the members by a per capita tax, otherwise the project might as well be abandoned.

A good brother, who showed a great lack of knowledge on the subject, informed me recently that the Encampment Branch had not contributed anything towards the Home. An analysis of the subscription list shows that nearly every dollar subscribed by individuals has been given by Encampment members, thus showing that the hearts of the Patriarchs are not shrivelled up, and that we are making some attempt to carry out two of the imperative commands of Oddfellowship, to "relieve the distressed" and "educate the orphan." It ought to make the Oddfellows ponder over the matter to think that a small organization, the Loyal True Blues of Ontario, with only about 4,500 members, but having faith "that bread cast upon the waters is sure after many days to return," should have purchased and got into working order a fine Orphans' Home in the town

of Picton, while the Oddfellows, numbering over 23,000, have been discussing this matter for two years, and have not made much progress yet, and in some localities the brothers have assigned reasons for not assisting, which reminds me of the excuses given by the people mentioned in a very old book, who refused to attend a certain marriage feast. If this Home ever materializes, it will be another link in the fraternal chain of Oddfellowship, and the Order will owe much to Bro. A. W. Cameron, who first mooted the project in the columns of the *Dominion Oddfellow*, and who has persistently kept up the agitation ever since.

When we see what is being done in this direction by other jurisdictions; when we see the condition of those who are dependent on the Order, and remember our obligations to them, it seems as if we have been very remiss in duty. We often walk through life with little, if any, thought for those who are not so fortunate as ourselves. Our selfishness will manifest itself enough without any encouragement on our part. Now let us put ourselves in the place of those needing assistance, and I am sure we will make sacrifices until our Home will stand completed as a memorial of Ontario Oddfellowship.

In connection with the

DISTRICT REPORTS

early in June I wrote to all the D. D. G. P's, and enclosed blank forms asking them for full information with regard to the Encampments under their supervision, and also for suggestions as to what would make the Encampment Branch more prosperous and progressive. On the 17th of July I wrote a second time to all who had not forwarded reports, urging them to do so, with the result that I heard from every one, which indicates a revival of interest in Patriarchal Oddfellowship, as it is quite unprecedented to receive reports from all the D. D. G. P's.

District No. 1, Chas. Roberts, D. D. G. P.—“We are holding our own. I am working up an Encampment at Ruthven, which will be quite an addition to our ranks, and there are forty names already on the list to join, as soon as the Hall, which is now undergoing repairs, is finished. I think the Grand Encampment should devise some means whereby the D. D. G. P's would receive their expenses in performing official duties, and I think their duties would be better attended to.”

District No. 2, R. L. Gosnell, D. D. G. P.—“I think the success of this branch of Oddfellowship would be greatly increased if members of Encampments would seek to impress upon all newly made members of subordinate lodges the benefits and importance of Patriarchal Oddfellowship. In this age of societies, nearly every person is a member of more than one, and if a newly made Oddfellow is left alone for a few months, he will in all probability be canvassed by some other society in the meantime, and if he is induced to join them, he is practically 'out of it' as far as becoming a Patriarch is concerned. Of course, this would not always be the case, but I am speaking generally now. I know a member of a subordinate lodge who, just as soon as a member is initiated, canvasses that member to take out insurance in the Oddfellows' Relief Association. If something of this kind were done on behalf of the Encampments, the number of Patriarchs would be greatly increased.

“2. In the event of any Encampment becoming dormant, or neglecting to send in their regular reports, action should be taken at once by the officers of the Grand Encampment to put the Encampment in working

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order again. This can be done much more easily and effectively if attended to at once, and there is much less risk of losing the Encampment altogether.

"3. I think it is a mistake to establish an Encampment in any place unless there is a good, live, strong subordinate lodge located there. We cannot expect to get over half the members of the subordinate in any Camp, and the consequence is that sometimes a weak Encampment is formed, which perhaps continues to live for one or two years and then dies a natural death, and the members will seldom make any effort towards reorganization, nor will they join any other Camp."

District No. 3. Wm. Warnock, D. D. G. P.—"I find in the Encampments in my District, and I feel it is the same in most all Encampments, the lack of interest in the work that this branch of our beloved Order demands. How to increase interest and attendance at lodge meetings and create more enthusiasm with Patriarchs, I have given considerable thought, and have arrived at the conclusion that to make the Patriarchal Branch of Oddfellowship a success and a help to the subordinate lodges, we must make the Encampment more of a social and friendly branch of our Order. The subordinate lodges of late years have assumed purely business, of course coupled with fraternity and friendship, but the social element is lost sight of entirely. Man is a social being, and is largely governed by sociability and good fellowship, and I think the Encampment should be made to fill that want."

"My idea is to put the fees for joining down to the minimum, dues as low as will admit of, and benefits down as low as consistent, in keeping with the constitution, and spend what revenue is received from degrees and dues in the way of entertaining. By this means I am satisfied brothers can be induced to join the Patriarchal Branch, as it would not cost much, and social entertainment would induce them to attend Camp meetings, and I find the brothers that attend the Encampment are the most regular attendants at the subordinate lodge. Some five years ago Aylmer Encampment adopted this plan of sociability by having a cup of coffee and light refreshments every night there was work done in the degrees, and it has worked well, a good attendance at meetings, and in five years increased our membership from fifteen to fifty."

District No. 4. Austin D. Ellis, D. G. G. P.—"Brant Encampment has made some headway, but not what it should in proportion to its strength. Amicus, No. 61, while meeting regularly is not doing any work. To remedy the dull condition of affairs, I would suggest that for a certain term members of the subordinate lodges be given special inducements to join the Encampment Branch."

District No. 5. J. A. Burwash, D. D. G. P.—"We must have new members, and we shall do our utmost this term to make a fair increase."

District No. 6. Theo. Parnell, D. D. G. P.—"There is no interest taken by the members of Union Encampment, No. 1. Some six or seven patriachs have kept this Encampment together for years, and unless some improvement takes place soon, I am afraid the charter will be surrendered."

"When I visited Niagara Falls Encampment, No. 23, they were working under difficulties. There report shows a decrease, but the members are looking forward to an improvement, having two candidates for initiation and three for reinstatement."

District No. 7, George Turnbull, D. D. G. P.—“Burlington Encampment I found all right, and Galt Encampment is doing well, having initiated six members during the last term, and taken in two at the last meeting. I think the floor work is the best thing for keeping up the interest.”

District No. 8, Robert Smith, D. D. G. P.—“I have visited all the Encampments in the District, and found them working fairly well. The officers use the rituals too much in doing work. Would suggest that D. D. G. P's be urged to memorize installation work, and thereby set an example that might stimulate officers to greater proficiency in the work.”

District No. 9, W. J. Barrie, D. D. G. P.—“The Encampments in this District are all doing well. Alpha is in a flourishing condition, and now numbers seventy-eight members. Dufferin is in good shape, and I can say the same of Friendship Encampment.”

District No. 10, W. J. McRoberts, D. D. G. P.—“Hebron Encampment has had an increase of four members and Forest has held its own, and has good prospects for the future. I think the best way to build up the Order would be to have the Grand Patriarch visit each Camp.”

District No. 11, Geo. Porter, D. D. G. P.—“I regret not to be able to report much progress this year, as members are taking little interest.”

District No. 12, Sam. A. Popleston, D. D. G. P.—“I think if the Encampments of this District visited one another and each Camp make up a team to do the work, that a friendly competition would be the outcome, making each desirous of obtaining new members, and thus adding to their numbers and putting new zeal and energy into this branch of the Order. No subordinate lodge member if he knew the work, would hesitate to join, if the Camp members only put forth some effort.”

District No. 13, Wm. E. Morrish, D. D. G. P.—“Saugeen Valley Encampment is prospering, and we have had several initiations.”

District No. 14, T. D. Fenwick, D. D. G. P.—“Charity Encampment, No. 5, is doing well, and I may say the same for Wellington, No. 31, as we have had several propositions and expect many more as soon as the weather gets a little cooler.”

District No. 15, Chas. Wilson, D. D. G. P.—“The Encampment branch has been progressing here, though the bicycle fever and too many other societies has made it difficult to get new members.”

District No. 16, John A. Mills, D. D. G. P.—“The Encampments in Toronto are in a good healthy condition. Rehoboth having decided to do away with sick benefits, they have reduced their initiation fee and dues, which I think will help them greatly in getting new members. Toronto decided not to do so for the present, so we will see which will be the best for securing members, benefits or no benefits.”

District No. 17, Wm. Jennings, D. D. G. P.—“Oshawa, No. 11, is sound, but Albert, No. 12, is struggling. I have nothing to recommend, except that every patriarch should go to work in real earnest, and try to build up their Encampment.”

District No. 18, Henry Hale, D. D. G. P.—“I feel discouraged the way things are here. Encampments should be warned not to deposit their funds in a private bank.”

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District No. 19, Wm. Galley, D.D.G.P.—“I think it would be of benefit to Encampments if subordinate lodges elected their representatives from among Encampment members. Now that the Grand Bodies are coming together again, they would have a good deal of influence in advancing the interests of the Encampments in the Grand Lodge. Before the Grand Bodies separated the Camps were booming, and I trust it will be so again.”

District No. 20, R. H. Ketcheson, D.D.G.P.—“I have pleasure in reporting that Moira, Picton and Stirling Encampments have made an increase in membership. Quinte has a decrease of one, but has increased its finances. I regret that I was not able to get Trenton Encampment in good running order, but I believe before the next meeting of the Grand Encampment it will revive and become a flourishing Encampment. The visits of the D.D.G.P. are looked forward to with more than ordinary interest, and helps to bring the Encampments closer together.”

District No. 21, J. H. Donaldson, D.D.G.P.—“The three Encampments in this district are unanimous in suggesting that the minimum fee for admission should be reduced to \$3.00, or \$1.00 for each degree, and the members think that legislation to that end should be procured as early as possible.”

District No. 22, S. S. Stratton, D.D.G.P.—“Outaouais and Geo. B. are progressing favorably, Waba going on, and Eureka in a state of quiescence.”

District No. 23, Henry Rath, D.D.G.P.—“Brock, No. 9, is in a good position financially, and working smoothly.”

District No. 24, Mark Hermiston, D.D.G.P.—“The members of Cornwall Encampment are determined to keep it alive in the hope that before long we will have an increase.”

District No. 25, John Brenchley, D.D.G.P.—“We have been quite upset through the fire that took place in our hall last spring, but I am pleased to say it is again fixed up, and prospects are good for the future.”

District No. 26, J. K. Herner, D.D.G.P.—“We are holding our own and live in hopes for the future.”

District No. 27, W. F. Hogarth, D. D. G. P.—“Superior Encampment has been dead for about eighteen months. I have tried my best to have a fresh start made during the last year, but it seems impossible.”

District No. 28, A. H. Eagar, D. D. G. P.—“Montreal Encampment has increased three, but Farnham's not flourishing, owing to several changes in the town necessitating the removal of the majority of our eligible material.”

District No. 29, C. G. Thompson, D. D. G. P.—“We are holding our meetings regularly, and our members continue to take a lively interest in this branch of our Order. We shall not send a representative to the Grand Encampment this year, as we feel that it would be asking too much of your Grand Body to have so much more to pay out than you receive from us.”

District No. 30, J. S. Burford, D. D. G. P.—“Maple Leaf Encampment is advancing slow but sure. It has received three during the last term, and with the addition of Britannia Lodge, No. 4, we look fo

brighter prospects in the future. If some of the members of the subordinate lodges could be born over again into Oddfellowship, and put away all strife and discord, we might have good, healthy and prosperous Encampments."

On the 22nd of March I issued a

PROCLAMATION

for the observance of the Seventy-ninth Anniversary of our Order, in which dispensation was granted to all members of subordinate Encampments to wear the regalia of the Order on this occasion.

For

AUDITORS

I re-appointed Frank Riddell, P. C. P., and appointed S. D. Swift in place of L. Ferguson, P. C. P., who was elected Grand Junior Warden, Patriarch Swift afterwards left for British Columbia, and was replaced by E. J. Spackman, P. C. P.

Every Patriarch who desires to keep posted in what is going on in the Order, if not a subscriber to the

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should become one at once. We do not appreciate as we should the benefit we receive from our official organ, as it is doing a good work in disseminating the principles of our fraternity, and deserves better encouragement from the membership at large than has been accorded to it in the past. It has always given due prominence to everything relating to the Encampment Branch, and has been in spirit and in truth a true Oddfellows' paper. Its editor, that sterling Oddfellow, C. Blackett Robinson, P. C. P., knows the requirements of the Order, has labored for its advancement, and exemplifies in his daily walk and conversation the principles of the Golden Rule.

The Encampments were compelled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to exchange their old

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before the 1st of January, 1898, and pay for new ones at \$1.25 each, or if not exchanged by that date to pay full price. The changes made are so trifling, that I consider it a gross injustice for Encampments to be obliged to purchase the new rituals against their will.

I desire to express my

THANKS

to Grand Scribe Dawson for valuable assistance given at all times, also to A. H. Blackeby, P. G. P.; S. S. Merick, P. G. P.; S. Law, G. H. P.; R. H. Ketcheson, D. D. G. P.; Wm. Warnock, D. D. G. P.; R. L. Gosnell, D. D. G. P.; C. Blackett Robinson, P. C. P., and others. I will ever bear in remembrance that in the exercise of my official duties, I have never sought aid or counsel which has not been cheerfully given.

I also wish, before bringing this report to a close, to thank the Oddfellows of Ottawa for the beautiful jewel which they presented to me after my election as Grand Patriarch, and in wearing their token of honor it will always be my desire to exemplify the lessons it represents, and to promote the great principles of Hospitality, Generosity, Tolerance and Perseverance.

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to express to you and the Patriarchs of this jurisdiction my heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred, and to hope that my successor will receive the same generous support which has been given to me.

Fraternally yours,

GALT, August 9th, 1898.

GEORGE BELL, G. P.

APPENDIX "A."

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

OTTAWA, March 15th, 1898.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Encampments:

GREETING.—In accordance with precedent and in pursuance of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire has issued his proclamation enjoining all Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Order, to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the 26th of April, 1898, it being the seventy-ninth anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day, and by Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

Now, therefore I, George Bell, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., by virtue of authority in me vested, do earnestly request the Subordinate Encampments of this jurisdiction to respect and carry out the recommendations of the Grand Sire by such observance of the day as may seem proper to them.

Dispensation is hereby granted to all Subordinate Encampments who wish to publicly celebrate said anniversary to appear in regalia.

Done at Ottawa, Ontario, this 15th day of March, 1898, and of our Order the seventy-ninth year.

Annual Report of Grand Scribe.

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

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PATRIARCHS.—The Manchester of this Western Province welcomes us to-day to its busy town. Seven years ago we had our first reception in Galt, and while we were then more than impressed with its importance, we are certainly delighted at the vast improvement made in that time. It has become an important railroad centre with very extensive manufacturing interests, good electric light plants, electric railroad, and hotel accommodation, and our welcome has been hearty and sincere.

Oddfellowship has always prospered in Galt, and the Encampment has trebled itself in members in that time. There is no doubt as the town prospers and grows so will Oddfellowship.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Notwithstanding depression and the hard fight in some places to keep Lodges and Encampments prosperous and alive, our Report shows success in the aggregate. Suspensions for non-payment of dues are however too numerous, still the last term has shown an increase in membership.

The following Encampments have not sent any returns for December, 1897:—

Burlington Encampment, No. 7, Hamilton, have not sent in their returns, although they paid their capitation tax promptly; Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55; Ivy Encampment, No. 64, Cobourg; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Superior Encampment, No. 73, Fort William; Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 82, Norwood; Union Encampment, No. 3, Sherbrooke, Que., and St. Johns Encampment, No. 5, St. Johns, Que. Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 5, Woodstock, I am informed, has been resuscitated, but they have not reported. Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston, has made a fresh start after lying dormant for several years, and sends in a report for both terms. Dresden Encampment, No. 37, Dresden, is also again at work and has reported for the present term, and will no doubt be represented. Nos. 64, 71, 78 and 82, Ontario, and Nos. 3 and 5, Quebec, appear to be dead and their effects should be claimed. I did expect that the effects of Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, and Mizpah Encampment, No. 54, would have been sent in, but failed. The returns for the present term have come in very promptly. All that are going to report are at hand unless it is Maple Leaf, No. 55, Woodstock.

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The Standing Committee on By-Laws have, since last session, approved amendments to By-Laws of Toronto Encampment, No. 8, Toronto; Charity, No. 5, Stratford; Brock, No. 9, Brockville, and Maple Leaf, No. 6, Que. An amendment offered to Eureka Encampment, No. 65, Carleton, Place, was disapproved. By-Laws from Rehoboth Encampment, No. 50, which have lately come in are referred to the Committee to be appointed for confirmation.

I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings, as in previous years, printed and distributed in the usual way.

There are several defunct Encampments whose books and effects have never been claimed, and I would suggest that some effort be made to get them in if they cannot be resuscitated.

Being re-appointed on the Committee on the prospective Home for Oddfellows, I attended one meeting, Dec. 7, 1897, of the United Committee at the Grand Secretary's office, Toronto. Organization was effected, and officers appointed to go on with the work, and an effort will be made to make it an established fact. Past Grand Sire, Cl. T. Campbell, was elected Chairman; J. E. Young, Grand Master, Vice-Chairman; and the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, respectively Secretary and Treasurer. A circular was issued and sent out, asking Lodges, Encampments, and Rebekah Lodges to co-operate and assist in raising funds. All moneys on hand were deposited in the Imperial Bank.

The old Rituals were all called in and destroyed, and new copies issued to nearly all the Encampments, at a slight addition to cost.

The following figures will give the progress of the Encampment Branch during the six months ending June 30th, 1898:

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| Initiated..... | 103 |
| Admitted by card..... | 2 |
| Reinstated..... | 17 |
| Total..... | 122 |
| From which deduct: | |
| Withdrawn by card..... | 2 |
| Suspended for non-payment of dues..... | 94 |
| Suspended for cause..... | |
| Expelled..... | 17 |
| Deceased..... | |
| Total..... | 113 |
| Net increase for the six months..... | 9 |

Notwithstanding a large number of suspensions, we show a small increase in our membership, as far as reported.

The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending December 31st, 1897:

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STATISTICS.

The following summary from the returns will give our membership and standing December 31st, 1897:

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| Number of members, as per last Report..... | 3,494 |
| Initiated during the year ending December 31st, 1897..... | 150 |
| Admitted by card..... | 20 |
| Reinstated..... | 7 |
| | <u>177</u> |
| Total..... | 3,671 |

From which deduct—

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| Withdrawn by card..... | 24 |
| Suspended for non-payment of dues..... | 247 |
| Suspended for cause..... | 4 |
| Expelled..... | 1 |
| Deceased..... | 21 |
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In Membership December 31st, 1897..... 3,378

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| Number of Patriarchs relieved..... | 351 |
| Number of weeks sickness for which Benefits were paid..... | 2,126 |
| Amount paid for Burying the Dead..... | \$ 307 75 |
| Amount of Special Relief..... | 16 50 |
| Amount of Relief to Widowed Families..... | 5 00 |
| Amount paid for the Relief of Patriarchs..... | 3,130 77 |

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| Total amount of Relief paid..... | \$3,460 02 |
| Invested Funds of Subordinates..... | \$20,303 15 |
| Total amount of Annual Revenue..... | 9,114 28 |

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Our receipts during the year 1897 have been good. Encampments have paid up more promptly than usual. There has been no falling off. Our expenditure has been kept as low as consistent with efficiency, and we have endeavored to economize so that our revenue would meet ordinary expenditure. We trust we will have enough on hand this year to pay the expenses of the session.

ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due from Subordinates on December 31st, 1897. This includes the Capitation Tax, which is not paid until the beginning of the year. A summary of the stock on hand is also added:

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| Amount due by Subordinates..... | | | \$789 09 |
| 6 Charters on hand, | @ \$1 00..... | | \$ 6 00 |
| 39 Books of Laws, | @ 30..... | | 11 70 |
| 8 Registration Books, | @ 1 00..... | | 8 00 |
| 2 Draft Books, | @ 60..... | | 1 20 |
| 13 Proposition Books, | @ 1 00..... | | 13 00 |
| 15 Roll Books, | @ 50..... | | 7 50 |
| 13 Treasurer's Books, | @ 75..... | | 9 75 |
| 20 Return Books, | @ 70..... | | 14 00 |
| 13 Charge Books, | @ 2 75..... | | 29 25 |
| 35 Cards, | @ 25..... | | 8 75 |
| 11 Term P. W. O. Books, | @ 25..... | | 2 75 |
| 750 Notices of Arrears, | @ 50 per 100..... | | 3 75 |
| 6 Black Books, | @ 75..... | | 4 50 |
| 1 Installation Book, | @ 50..... | | 50 |
| 2 Emblematical Charts, | @ 2 00..... | | 4 00 |
| 2 Floor Work, | @ 35..... | | 70 |
| 300 Application Forms, | @ 25..... | | 75 |
| 850 Certificate Forms, | @ 25..... | | 2 12 |
| 5 Official Receipts, | @ 80..... | | 4 00 |
| Total..... | | | <u>124 22</u> |
| Cash to 1st August, 1898..... | | | <u>\$913 31</u> |
| Balance overpaid December 31st, 1897..... | | \$1,400 00 | |
| Expenditure..... | | \$115 01 | |
| | | 600 00 | |
| Total Cash on hand..... | | | <u>\$ 715 01</u> |
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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

From 1st January to 31st December, 1897.

| NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT. | DUES. | Charters | Supplies. | Total. |
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| Union Encampment No. 1..... | \$ 35 50 | | \$ 3 75 | \$ 39 25 |
| Frontier " " 2..... | 50 75 | | 9 25 | 60 00 |
| Harmony " " 3..... | 52 25 | | 3 25 | 55 50 |
| Brant " " 4..... | 64 25 | ..... | 11 00 | 75 25 |
| Charity " " 5..... | 48 25 | ..... | 5 00 | 53 25 |
| Burlington " " 7..... | 68 00 | ..... | 3 75 | 71 75 |
| Toronto " " 8..... | 55 50 | ..... | 7 30 | 62 80 |
| Brock " " 9..... | 22 50 | ..... | 5 00 | 27 50 |
| Chatham " " 10..... | 74 75 | ..... | 7 4 | 75 49 |
| Ontario " " 11..... | 32 00 | ..... | 2 50 | 34 50 |
| Albert " " 12..... | 9 25 | ..... | 6 06 | 15 31 |
| Fidelity " " 14..... | 11 75 | ..... | 4 25 | 16 00 |
| Kingston " " 15..... | 31 75 | ..... | 2 00 | 33 75 |
| Mt. Ararat " " 16..... | 10 75 | ..... | 2 50 | 13 25 |
| Hebron " " 17..... | 10 50 | ..... | 5 00 | 15 50 |
| Quinte " " 19..... | 19 00 | ..... | 2 50 | 21 50 |
| Elgin " " 20..... | 67 75 | ..... | 5 00 | 72 75 |
| Unity " " 21..... | 25 50 | ..... | 5 00 | 30 50 |
| Guiding Star " " 22..... | 19 00 | ..... | 3 75 | 22 75 |
| Niagara Falls " " 23..... | 27 50 | ..... | 5 00 | 32 50 |
| Friendship " " 24..... | 37 50 | ..... | 5 00 | 42 50 |
| Victoria " " 25..... | 11 50 | ..... | ..... | 11 50 |
| Alpha " " 26..... | 31 75 | ..... | 5 00 | 36 75 |
| Huron " " 28..... | 11 75 | ..... | ..... | 11 75 |
| Wentworth " " 30..... | 10 50 | ..... | 5 00 | 15 50 |
| Wellington " " 31..... | 29 00 | ..... | 5 00 | 34 00 |
| Exeter " " 33..... | 9 50 | ..... | 3 75 | 13 25 |
| Royal " " 36..... | 7 75 | ..... | ..... | 7 75 |
| Adelphian " " 38..... | 24 75 | ..... | 3 75 | 28 50 |
| Dufferin " " 41..... | 14 00 | ..... | 5 00 | 19 00 |
| Aylmer " " 42..... | 25 75 | ..... | 5 00 | 30 75 |
| Banner " " 43..... | ..... | ..... | 5 75 | 5 75 |
| Collingwood " " 45..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | 10 00 |
| Saugeen Valley " " 46..... | 11 25 | ..... | 5 00 | 16 25 |
| Minerva " " 47..... | 12 25 | ..... | 5 70 | 17 95 |
| Samaritan " " 49..... | 15 75 | ..... | 5 00 | 20 75 |
| Rehoboth " " 50..... | 37 25 | ..... | 5 00 | 42 25 |
| Ridgely " " 52..... | 11 50 | ..... | 7 18 | 18 68 |
| Outaouais " " 53..... | 30 50 | ..... | 6 25 | 36 75 |
| Mt. Hebron " " 56..... | 25 75 | ..... | 3 75 | 29 50 |
| Phoenix " " 57..... | 41 50 | ..... | 6 00 | 47 50 |
| Waba " " 58..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | 5 00 |
| Moirs " " 59..... | 41 25 | ..... | ..... | 41 25 |
| Central " " 60..... | 17 00 | ..... | 3 25 | 20 25 |
| Amicus " " 61..... | 14 00 | ..... | 3 75 | 17 75 |
| Galt " " 62..... | 44 50 | | 3 75 | 48 25 |
| Eureka " " 65..... | 12 00 | | 3 75 | 15 75 |
| Hiawatha " " 66..... | 10 50 | | | 10 50 |
| Aurora " " 67..... | 6 00 | | 2 50 | 8 50 |
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| NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT. | DUES. | Charters | Supplies. | Total. |
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| Forest Encampment No. 69..... | \$1291 25 | | | |
| Golden " " 70..... | 18 75 | | \$ 201 73 | \$1493 07 |
| Pictou " " 71..... | 26 00 | | 3 75 | 22 50 |
| Pointe Aux Pins " " 72..... | 31 25 | | 3 75 | 29 75 |
| Amity " " 73..... | 27 00 | | 5 84 | 37 09 |
| Nibewin " " 74..... | 13 25 | | 3 75 | 30 75 |
| Cornwall " " 75..... | 8 50 | | 2 50 | 15 75 |
| Superior " " 76..... | 7 75 | | 3 75 | 12 25 |
| Cataraqui " " 77..... | 8 50 | | 3 75 | 11 50 |
| Stirling " " 78..... | 18 25 | | | 8 50 |
| George B. " " 79..... | 12 50 | | 3 00 | 21 25 |
| Montreal " " 80..... | 15 75 | | 3 75 | 16 25 |
| Moshassuck " " 1..... | 30 50 | | 26 25 | 42 00 |
| Farnham " " 2..... | 13 00 | | 7 75 | 38 25 |
| Maple Leaf " " 4..... | 12 75 | | | 13 00 |
| Grand Encampment of Manitoba | 12 75 | | | 12 75 |
| Newmarket Encampment No. 32 | | | 5 50 | 18 25 |
| Total..... | \$1547 75 | \$ 281 70 | \$1829 45 | |

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| Beddome & Brown, Premium on Insurance.... | \$ 3 00 |
| J. H. Miles, Expenses to Niagara Falls and Return—Mileage and Per Diem | 10 76 |
| Drafts, Sovereign Grand Lodge | 369 90 |
| A. Talbot & Co., Printing, Etc..... | 254 25 |
| Express Charges, Freight, Duty, Etc..... | 15 94 |
| Salary of the Grand Scribe..... | 400 00 |
| Geo. Ross, Postage, Traveling Expenses, Express Charges, Etc..... | 20 00 |
| W. J. Graham, Expenses Visiting Newmarket and Aurora Encampments..... | 6 25 |
| Mileage and Per Diem, Representatives, Etc..... | 650 60 |
| Frank Riddell, } Auditors | 15 10 |
| L. Ferguson, } | |
| W. Weldon & Co., Binding 2 Vols. Journal.... | 3 00 |
| McPherson & Drope, Printing Grand Patriarch's Report | 20 00 |
| Grand Scribe, Expenses Attending Committee on Home, Toronto..... | 9 90 |
| Postage, Etc..... | 28 50 |
| Reid Bros. & Co., Stationery..... | 11 33 |
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CORRESPONDENCE.

From instructions received by the Grand Encampment at its late session, contained in the report of the Committee on Judiciary, to notify International Encampment, No. 228, Buffalo, that the three members admitted by them from Port Colborne, were made members illegally, I have much pleasure in submitting the following correspondence.

London, Ont., August 24th, 1897.

*To the Scribe, International Encampment, No. 131,
Buffalo, N. Y. :*

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH.—I am instructed by the Grand Encampment of Ontario to notify you that the permission granted in 1892 was not intended to apply generally and in continuity. It was only intended for a limited time, and only applied to those whose names were submitted to the Grand Patriarch at the time.

The three members admitted by you from Port Colborne were admitted without permission of this Grand Encampment. They have been made members illegally, and I have been instructed to notify you accordingly.

Faternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.

In reply I received the following :

Buffalo, N. Y., September 18th, 1897.

Mr M. D. Dawson,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours of August 24th received and contents noted, and I am instructed by our Encampment to ask an apology if we have committed any infringement upon your rights, assuring you any error committed by us was not intentional. The constant changing of officers, as you know, is very apt to cause errors not intended. You have our assurance as Oddfellows, that we will in future endeavor to comply with your requisition, and in order to cause no trouble to the three mentioned Patriarchs from Port Colborne, we would very earnestly ask you to grant a dispensation, they having all the secrets of the order, also a certificate of membership. We feel it would be more of an injustice to them than to us, if we were compelled to drop them. Hoping this will meet with your approval, and you will grant us this request.

I am, very fraternally,

W. H. YORK,

*Scribe International Encampment, No. 131,
Buffalo, N. Y.*

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I immediately communicated with the Grand Patriarch, and received his instructions to grant the dispensation required, which I did.

By instructions from the Grand Patriarch, I had the proclamation of the Grand Sire, with reference to our 79th Anniversary, printed and distributed, but did not learn that any Encampment availed themselves of that privilege.

Have had a large amount of correspondence during the year, which has been characterized by the utmost harmony and good feeling. My associations with the present Grand Officers has been most pleasing. The Grand Patriarch, Bro. George Bell, has proved a very efficient officer. He has spent much of his time visiting a good many Encampments, and conducted successfully a very large amount of correspondence.

Our prospects for the coming year I consider good, and I trust that any legislation introduced at this session may enhance the good work.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe.

London, Ont., August 5th, 1898.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

Patriarchs: The following is my Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

| 1897. | | RECEIPTS. | |
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| Jan. | 1— | To balance on hand..... | \$ 3 91 |
| June | 30— | Cash from Grand Scribe..... | 698 75 |
| July | 21— | “ “ “ “..... | 200 00 |
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| Nov. | 30— | Interest..... | 55 |
| Dec. | 31— | Cash in Bank..... | 441 00 |
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| 1897. | | EXPENDITURE. | |
| Jan. | 7— | By Order No. 255..... | \$ 3 00 |
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| Mar. | 1— | “ “ “ 257..... | 6 00 |
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| “ | 20— | “ “ “ 259..... | 193 25 |
| “ | 31— | “ “ “ 260..... | 3 25 |
| May | 31— | “ “ “ 261..... | 150 00 |
| June | 30— | “ “ “ 262..... | 8 99 |
| “ | 30— | “ “ “ 263..... | 200 00 |
| July | 5— | “ “ “ 264..... | 12 50 |
| “ | 27— | “ “ “ 265..... | 20 00 |
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| “ | 27— | “ Mileage and Per Diem..... | 650 60 |
| Sept. | 13— | Order No. 273..... | 25 00 |
| Oct. | 5— | “ “ “ 274..... | 30 65 |
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| Nov. | 17— | “ “ “ 277..... | 30 00 |
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| Dec. | 13— | “ “ “ 279..... | 20 00 |
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| “ | 31— | Balance on hand..... | 68 61 |
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Fraternally yours,

EDMUND BELTZ, *Grand Treasurer.*

London, Ont., Aug. 1st, 1898.

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P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt, presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

"That the election of officers be made the special order of business this afternoon at 3.30."

THOS. WOODYATT,
JOS. OLIVER.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Present—All the officers, and a quorum of Representatives.
Opened in due form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

GALT, August 9th, 1898.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:
BRETHREN,—We, your Committee on Finance, beg to present the following report :

1st. We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, as also the Auditors' Report certifying to their correctness.

2nd. We find the receipts for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897, to have been as follows :

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| Jan. 1st.—To balance on hand..... | \$ | 3 | 91 |
| Cash receipts | 1,441 | 68 | |
| Interest..... | | 55 | |
| Cash in bank..... | 441 | 00 | |
| Total..... | \$1,887 | 14 | |
| Disbursements..... | 1,818 | 53 | |
| Aug. 8th, 1898.—Balance on hand..... | \$ | 68 | 61 |
| Cash receipts..... | \$1,218 | 85 | |
| Interest..... | | 1 | 00 |
| Total..... | \$1,288 | 46 | |
| Paid by orders, Aug. 6..... | 443 | 85 | |
| Cash balance..... | 844 | 61 | |
| 3rd. We recommend the payment of the following accounts : | | | |
| Reid Bros., cabinet and stationery..... | \$11 | 90 | |
| Printing Grand Patriarch's Report..... | 27 | 00 | |

4th. Tenders having been invited for the Printing of the Journal of Proceedings of Grand Encampment, we find that of A. Talbot & Co., London, to be the lowest, viz.: \$1.05 per page for 600 copies; 400 copies to be bound in paper, 200 copies to be bound in cloth covers, the extra cost for latter being \$20.00; photogravures 20 cents per square inch, and recommend that the tender be accepted.

5th. We recommend that the sum of two dollars be granted to the janitor of this hall for services rendered.

6th. We approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in appointing P. G. P., Frank Riddell, and E. J. Spackman as Auditors for this Grand Encampment.

7th. We are pleased to find the finances of the Grand Encampment in a satisfactory condition, and beg to congratulate the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer for the manner in which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,
GEORGE ROSS,
ROBERT MCCALLUM,
WILLIAM RUDD,
Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, No. 1

Representative H. B. Coates, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted:

GALT, Aug. 10, 1898.

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

BRETHREN,—We, your Committee, have examined the credentials of Jos. Robinson, of Amity Encampment, No. 74, and find same correct, and recommend that he receive the Grand Encampment degree.

Also credentials of Fred. Gallagher, of George B. Encampment, No. 81, to replace S. S. Stratton.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. COATES,
F. KRESS,
W. M. SAVIGNY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

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

GALT, Aug. 9th, 1898.

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

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred clause 6 of the Grand Patriarch's report relating to decisions, beg to report as follows:

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We approve of decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

As to decision No. 2, we would suggest that the answer should be amended by inserting "That the applicant must be a member of the Degree of Truth," and by adding "but that reference should be had to our law regarding the disqualification of bartenders."

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

THOS. WOODYATT,
JAS. C. SPENCE,
JOS. BOSWORTH,
JAS. DOIG,

Committee.

INVITATION.

The following invitation was accepted by the Grand Encampment, and ordered to be entered on the minutes :

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.: GALT, Aug. 8, 1898.

BRETHREN,—On behalf of the brethren of Alma and Galt Lodges, A. F. & A. M., we beg to tender a hearty greeting to the members of the I. O. O. F. visiting Galt this week.

Our Lodge rooms will be open for the inspection of any of the members of the I. O. O. F. on Wednesday, the 10th inst., from nine till ten o'clock, and on Thursday evening from seven till ten. A cordial invitation extended to all.

ALFRED TAYLOR,
WM. H. LUTZ,
Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Past Grand Patriarch J. T. Hornibrook, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

GALT, Aug. 9, 1898.

We, your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the second question on page 15, Grand Patriarch's report, beg to report :

1st. That the Report of the Committee on Legislation as found on page 1715, Journal of Proceedings, 1897, second paragraph, be considered as the necessary notice of motion required to be given to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments.

2nd. That in accordance with said notice of motion, Sec. 7 of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, be struck out, and the following inserted : "On being admitted, he shall be charged at the rate of not less than one dollar for each degree, or three dollars for the three degrees."

3rd. That Sec. 14 be amended by striking out two dollars and inserting one dollar, so as to read : "The regular contributions to this Encamp-

ment shall not be less than one dollar per annum, payable as may be determined by the by-laws."

4th. That the following be inserted after Sec. 27, "Or any Encampment may provide by its by-laws that no weekly sick benefit be paid."

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted :

Respectfully submitted.

P. BURSE,
JOHN HOWSER,
J. H. ORR,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence beg leave to report:

That we have hastily gone over the correspondence of the Grand Patriarch, and especially commend his untiring energy in disposing of the large volume of correspondence which passed through his hands during the past year.

That the correspondence of the Grand Scribe has been disposed of in his usual prompt and careful manner.

We specially commend the circular issued by the Grand Patriarch to the District Deputies for their guidance in promoting the interests of the Encampment Branch of the Order, and in this connection we are pleased to note that the suggestions thrown out by the Grand Patriarch were not misplaced.

With reference to the correspondence over the difficulty with International Encampment, Buffalo, N. Y., admitting candidates to membership from this jurisdiction, we endorse the action of our Grand Officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

FRANK B. JEFFERY,
JOS. A. DONALDSON,
WM. J. McROBERTS,
R. M. COREY,
A. J. SMITH,
Committee.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the Maritime Provinces, sent the following telegram, which the Grand Scribe was instructed to reply to :

St. JOHN, N. B., Aug. 9, 1898.

To the Grand Encampment of Oddfellows in session at Galt :

Your sister Grand Encampment by the sea, in session, send kindly greetings. Deputy Grand Sire and Blackeby with us.

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To the Grand Encampment Maritime Provinces in session at St. John, N. B.:
The Grand Encampment of Ontario heartily reciprocate your kind greetings, and trust your present session may be pleasant and profitable. Present regards to our Deputy Grand Sire.

GALT, Aug, 9, 1898.

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Past Grand Patriarch W. H. Cole, Chairman of the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:
BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Returns beg to report that we find the returns correct except Nos. 25, 26, 28, 59, 67, 70, 72, and 73 for Ontario, and Nos. 1, 2, and 4, for Quebec.

We beg to recommend that the Grand Scribe correspond with those Encampments and endeavor to have them correct their books so as to make returns correct in the future.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

W. H. COLE,
W. S. SHAW,
R. DOUGLAS,
J. S. MOIR,
W. H. ROLLING,
L. B. COOPER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Representative Edward Roblin, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

GALT, Aug. 9, 1898.

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report :

It is a source of congratulation to members of our Order to know that during the past year the Rules and Regulations of the Order have been so thoroughly observed that not a single appeal or grievance has been presented in the hands of your Committee for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND ROBLIN,
R. T. AGAR,
H. E. TERRY,
JOHN McCORVIE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Representative R. J. Faulkner, Chairman of the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the condition of this Branch of our Order in this jurisdiction, beg leave to report that we find there are now eight Cantons in good standing on the department roster of Ontario, as against six reported last year, thus showing a revival of interest in our Military Degree, which we think might be enhanced by a little extra effort on the part of Encampment members in their several localities.

All information regarding the Patriarchs Militant can be obtained on application to the Department Commander, Colonel R. J. Faulkner, Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted.

R. J. FAULKNER,
FRANK ELVINS,
J. A. MACDONALD,
W. M. SAVIGNY,
W. MARRIAGE,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 1

Past Grand Patriarch John A. Macdonald, Chairman of the Special Committee No. 1, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

BRETHREN,—Your Special Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the Grand Patriarch's opening address, desire to place on record the deep appreciation of this Grand Encampment of the services rendered by the Grand Patriarch during the past term. He has been tireless and assiduous in performing the duties of his office, and is deserving of the hearty thanks of this Grand Body therefor. We are also pleased to note that during his term of office he has had the aid and loyal support of the Patriarchs generally, and that amity and harmony prevail in the Patriarchal family throughout our whole jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
GEORGE H. BOWIE,
E. M. CLAPP,
D. W. FOX,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 4.

Past Grand Patriarch Abner Fraser, Chairman of the Special Committee No. 4, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

BRETHREN,—Your Special Committee, No. 4, to whom was referred paragraph 13 of the Grand Patriarch's Report, beg leave to report :

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That we are pleased to know that the Grand Patriarch has had the support and valued assistance of so many of the prominent Patriarchs, and that their aid and counsel has been so cheerfully given, and remembered by Grand Patriarch Bell. We are also glad to know that the Oddfellows of Ottawa appreciated Grand Patriarch Bell so highly that they have evidenced it by the presentation to him of the beautiful and costly jewel that he wears to-day, and trust that he will long be spared to display it at future meetings of this Grand Encampment.

We also trust that the incoming Grand Patriarch will be most generously supported in the discharge of his duties by all the Encampments and Patriarchs in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

ABNER FRASER,
J. W. BUTCHER,
J. G. DONALDSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

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

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. GALT, Aug. 9, 1898.

BRETHREN.—We, your Committee on By-laws, to whom was referred the By-laws of Rehoboth Encampment, No. 50, after careful examination, recommend that they be approved and confirmed.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GIBSON,
W. F. SNELL,
HARRY MCINTOSH,
GEO. E. MAYNARD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Representative E. J. Spackman, Chairman of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. GALT, Aug. 9, 1898.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the distance travelled by the several Representatives, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Patriarchs, and recommend that they be paid at the rate of four cents per mile one way, and two dollars per day for their attendance at this Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. SPACKMAN,
JOHN A. MILLS,
DAN. WILSON,
THOS. J. ELLIOTT,
A. P. DODDRIDGE,
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Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

E. J. Spackman, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following Table of Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted:

| NAME OF ENCAMPMENT. | NO. | PLACE. | MILES. | MILEAGE. | PER DIEM. | TOTAL. | REPRESENTATIVES. |
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| Union | 1 | St. Catharines. | 63 | \$ 2 52 | \$ 2 00 | \$ 4 52 | J. D. Reilly |
| Frontier | 2 | Windsor | 169 | 6 76 | 2 00 | 8 76 | Thos. Jones |
| Harmony | 3 | London | 58 | 2 32 | 2 00 | 4 32 | A. Tucker |
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| Charity | 5 | Strafford | 39 | 1 56 | 2 00 | 3 56 | Frank B. Jeffery |
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| Burlington. | 7 | Hamilton | .. | .. | 2 00 | 2 00 | Robt. Douglas |
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| Toronto | 8 | Toronto | 31 | 1 24 | 2 00 | 3 24 | J. A. Mills |
| " | 8 | " | 57 | 2 28 | 2 00 | 4 28 | H. E. Terry |
| Brock | 9 | Brockville | 265 | 10 60 | 2 00 | 12 60 | H. B. Coates |
| " | 10 | Chatham. | 122 | 4 88 | 2 00 | 6 88 | John McCorvie |
| " | 10 | " | 122 | 4 88 | 2 00 | 6 88 | Jos. Bosworth |
| Ontario. | 11 | Oshawa | 91 | 3 64 | 2 00 | 5 64 | Geo. Warren |
| Albert. | 12 | Bowmanville | 100. | 4 00 | 2 00 | 6 00 | Geo. E. Maynard |
| Fidelity | 14 | Strathroy | 89 | 3 56 | 2 00 | 5 56 | W. F. Snell |
| Kingston | 15 | Kingston | 218 | 8 72 | 2 00 | 10 72 | Henry McIntosh |
| Mr. Ararat. | 16 | Napanee | 102 | 7 68 | 2 00 | 9 68 | A. J. Smith |
| Hebron. | 17 | Parkhill. | 87 | 3 48 | 2 00 | 5 48 | John McRoberts |
| Quinte | 19 | Belleville. | 177 | 7 08 | 2 00 | 9 08 | J. R. Cooper |
| Edin. | 20 | St. Thomas. | 74 | 2 56 | 2 00 | 4 56 | W. H. Colling |
| " | 20 | " | 64 | 2 56 | 2 00 | 4 56 | H. M. Wilson |
| Unity. | 21 | Ingersoll | 41 | 1 64 | 2 00 | 3 64 | R. T. Agar |

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| Niagara Falls. | 23 | Niagara Falls | 71 | 2 92 | 2 00 | 4 92 | R. C. Campbell |
| Friendship | 24 | Petrolia. | 100 | 4 36 | 2 00 | 6 36 | James F. Draz |
| Victoria. | 25 | Port Hope | 120 | 4 80 | 2 00 | 6 80 | |
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| Exeter | 128 | 4 00 | 2 00 | 6 00 | E. J. Spackman |
| Dresden | 58 | 5 12 | 2 00 | 7 12 | Wm. Rudd |
| Adelphian | 119 | 2 32 | 2 00 | 4 32 | John Bamed |
| Aylmer | 68 | 4 76 | 2 00 | 6 76 | John F. Campbell |
| Collingwood | 126 | 2 72 | 2 00 | 4 72 | R. M. Corey |
| Saugeen Valley | 85 | 5 04 | 2 00 | 7 04 | Daniel Willson |
| Minerva | 47 | 3 40 | 2 00 | 5 40 | Wm. Morrish |
| Samaritan | 97 | 3 88 | 2 00 | 5 88 | T. Elliott |
| Rehoboth | 14 | 2 56 | 2 00 | 4 56 | F. Kress |
| Ridgely | 52 | 2 88 | 2 00 | 4 88 | Wm. J. Foster |
| Outaouais | 57 | 2 80 | 2 00 | 4 80 | C. E. Bourne |
| Maple Leaf | 70 | 2 80 | 2 00 | 4 80 | Geo. H. Bowie |
| Mt. Hebron | 313 | 12 52 | 2 00 | 14 52 | W. M. Savigny |
| Phoenix | 31 | 1 24 | 2 00 | 3 24 | John Howser |
| Waba | 133 | 5 32 | 2 00 | 7 32 | John S. Moir |
| Moira | 309 | 12 36 | 2 00 | 14 36 | Frank Elvins |
| Central | 177 | 7 68 | 2 00 | 9 68 | Fred Gilboe |
| Amicus | 41 | 1 64 | 2 00 | 3 64 | J. C. Pontor |
| Galt | 133 | 5 32 | 2 00 | 7 32 | Jos. T. Donaldson |
| Eureka | 98 | 3 92 | 2 00 | 5 92 | Robt. McCallum |
| Hiawatha | | | 2 00 | 2 00 | J. W. Butcher |
| Aurora | | | 2 00 | 2 00 | W. D. Elliott |
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM - Continued.

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| Brockville..... | | | 2 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | W. H. Cole | 2 00 |
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Respectfully Submitted.

E. J. SPACKMAN,
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Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Representative D. J. Dickson, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on State of the Order, beg to report as follows:

1. We regret to have to state that the Encampment Branch of the Order is not making the progress that could be desired, although a slight increase in membership is reported for term ending June 30, 1898; still, a decrease was reported for term ending December 31, 1897.

2. Resuscitations:

We are pleased to note that the Grand Patriarch, through his able exertions, and assistance rendered by others whose names he has mentioned, has been successful in reviving the interest in, and resuscitating four of the dormant Encampments, viz.: Banner, No. 43, Waba, No. 58; Maple Leaf, No. 55, and Dresden, No. 37, and trust that they may have a successful career.

We would recommend that the incoming Grand Patriarch also direct his energies with that end in view.

3. District Deputy Grand Patriarchs:

We approve of the circular of the Grand Patriarch issued to the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs of the Jurisdiction as being one in which their duties were well set forth, but, unfortunately, in some cases, the wishes of the Grand Patriarch were not complied with, as in some Districts the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs neither visited nor installed the officers in the Encampments under their charge. This, in some cases, was owing to the long distance between Encampments in the District. Your Committee would recommend that in such cases the Grand Patriarch appoint more than one District Deputy Grand Patriarch, as, by so doing, the work would be better attended to.

4. Official Visits:

We are pleased to note that the Grand Patriarch has made a number of official visits during his term of office, and while a Grand Patriarch cannot be expected to visit the jurisdiction at large, yet it is desirable that as much as possible should be done, as it is conducive of great good to the Encampments visited.

We note that a number of Encampments are reported as not having sent in any returns for some time back. Your Committee would recommend that in such cases these Encampments be communicated with at once, and if no satisfaction is had by end of present term that the suggestion of the Grand Scribe on page two of his Report be acted on, and the rules prescribed in the Constitution be strictly enforced.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. DICKSON,
T. D. FENWICK,
E. A. WOODHOUSE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

Representative J. D. Reilly, Chairman of the Committee on Districts, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

LONDON, Aug. 9, 1898.

To the Grand Patriarch and Officers of Grand Encampment :

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Districts beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the reports sent in by the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, and are sorry to see that the Encampments have not made the progress that was expected during the past year.

Your Committee would strongly recommend the continuance of the District system, and also that the Grand Patriarch, if possible, visit Subordinate Encampments more, and, by so doing, put more enthusiasm into the Encampments.

There is nothing further that your Committee can recommend.
All of which is faithfully submitted.

J. D. REILLY,
T. JONES,
G. W. WARREN,
Committee.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time for the special order of business having arrived, Nomination and Election of Officers, it was proceeded with, with the following result :
Grand Secretary King, P. G. P., John Gibson and Rep. Dickson, of Montreal, were appointed scrutineers.

- SAMUEL LAW.....Grand Patriarch
- WILLIAM POTTER.....Grand High Priest
- LEONARD FERGUSON.....Grand Senior Warden
- M. D. DAWSON.....Grand Scribe
- EDMUND BELTZ.....Grand Treasurer
- FRANK B. JEFFERY.....Grand Junior Warden
- GEORGE BELL.....Grand Representative Sovereign Grand Lodge

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 3.

Past Grand Patriarch, John A. Macdonald, Chairman of Special Committee No. 3, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

BRETHREN,—Your Special Committee, No. 3, to whom was referred Clause 11, Grand Patriarch's Report, heartily concur in the remarks of the Grand Patriarch concerning our family paper, "The Dominion Oddfellow." The usefulness of a society journal can only be attained by hearty support on behalf of the members of the order it represents, and in regard to the "Dominion Oddfellow," we feel that much more might be done by our membership to increase its influence and cheer the heart of its publisher, by giving it substantial financial aid. We, therefore, recommend that the Patriarchs of this jurisdiction give our paper the support it so well deserves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
CHAS. W. STUART,
JAS. F. DRAPER,
JOHN BARNED,
Committee.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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

- SAMUEL LAW, Guelph.....Grand Patriarch
- WILLIAM POTTER, Chatham.....Grand High Priest
- LEONARD FERGUSON, St. Thomas.....Grand Senior Warden
- M. D. DAWSON, London.....Grand Scribe
- EDMUND BELTZ, London.....Grand Treasurer
- FRANK JEFFERY, Stratford.....Grand Junior Warden
- J. J. FAULKNER, Hamilton.....Grand Marshal
- J. H. MAGILL, Port Hope.....Grand Sentinel
- CHAS. W. STUART, Forest.....Grand Outside Sentinel

RESOLUTIONS.

Grand Representative George Ross, presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

“ That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren of the town of Galt for placing at the disposal of the Grand Encampment the hall wherein to hold its sessions, and for the many courtesies extended to the representatives present.

GEORGE ROSS,
THOS. WOODYATT.

Past Grand Patriarch Thos. Woodyatt, presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

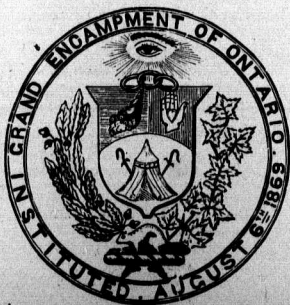
“ That inasmuch as Grand Patriarch Bell has declined to present to the Grand Encampment any account of his disbursements in connection with his official visitations during the past year, be it

“ Resolved, that this Grand Encampment request that Past Grand Patriarch Bell will be pleased to accept the official collar of the presiding officer, which he has worn during his term of office, as a memento of the appreciation of his unremunerated services.”

Business, being at an end, the Grand Encampment closed with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON,

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REINSTATEMENTS.

The following are the Reinstatements to June 30th, 1898 :

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR.—A. W. Joyce, April 8th, 1898.

BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD.—D. Blasdell, July 15th, 1897.

ONTARIO ENCAMPMENT, No. 11, OSHAWA.—Wm. Woon, May 13th, 1898.

FIDELITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 14, STRATHROY.—R. F. Richardson, March 14th, 1898.

KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, KINGSTON.—Wm. Patterson, Feb. 14th, 1898, and D. J. Funnell, April 11th, 1898.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—John Hearld, May 12th, 1898.

DRESDEN ENCAMPMENT, No. 37, DRESDEN.—Wm. Ward, Wm. Rudd, R. F. Rudd, E. R. Eglin, L. V. Peters, Thos. Elgie, L. J. Wright, and R. Eastlake. No date given.

OUTAOUAIS ENCAMPMENT, No. 53, OTTAWA.—A. H. Vancamp, Dec. 3rd, 1897, and R. Ronan, no date given.

WABA ENCAMPMENT, No. 58, ARNPRIOR.—James S. Whyte, March 11th, 1898.

AURORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 67, AURORA.—G. Stone and S. Gilchrist, July 7th, 1897.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, MONTREAL.—A. Grant, Jan. 12th, 1898.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following are the Suspensions to the 30th of June, 1898, for non-payment of dues :

UNION ENCAMPMENT, NO. 1, ST. CATHARINES.—A. E. Swayzie, W. J. Watts. No date given.

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, NO. 2, WINDSOR.—F. C. Cassidy, A. H. Dougherty, W. Englander, J. P. Guillott, J. A. Grosscup, John Hillman, Peter Milne, John Stephens, Robt. Teakle, Joseph Winter, John Webb and A. W. Joyce, Dec. 24th, 1897.

HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, NO. 3, LONDON.—R. Kirkpatrick, T. Partidge, G. Allison, Wm. Coyne, Sol. Perry, A. Somerville, John Stanton, H. Warner, H. Blackwell, H. Matthews, John Isaac and Wm. Wigmore. Date not given.

BRANT ENCAMPMENT, NO. 4, BRANTFORD.—R. Walker, Dec. 17th, 1897; W. J. Craig, Dec. 17th, 1897.

CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, NO. 5, STRATFORD.—W. G. Walker, Dec. 24th, 1897.

BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, NO. 7, HAMILTON.—Ernest Clarkson, James Ogilvie, Arthur Brooks, Wm. French and Donald Bell, June 27th, 1898.

TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, NO. 8, TORONTO.—F. Phillips, Wm. McKenzie, A. McDonald, Wm. Kidd, S. Bawden, W. Gordon, J. M. Wingfield, F. W. Unitt, and J. J. Thompson, June 9th, 1898.

BROCK ENCAMPMENT, NO. 9, BROCKVILLE.—Jas. Sawyer and W. L. Fairbairn, Jan. 7th, 1898.

ONTARIO ENCAMPMENT, NO. 11, OSHAWA.—James Fellow, R. Woon, Walter Brown, A. Caultara, F. Tuttle and W. E. Pethic, Dec. 24th, 1897; T. E. Kaiser, R. Pye, C. F. Nickolsen and Wm. Jones, June 24th, 1898.

ALBERT ENCAMPMENT, NO. 12, BOWMANVILLE.—Chas. Jewell and Edward Haggith, June 28th, 1898.

KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT, NO. 15, KINGSTON.—W. B. Carey, Albert Elmer, Joseph Lynn and Wm. Patterson, Dec. 27th, 1897; J. A. Fairbairn, R. J. Pomfret, W. J. Burns, R. F. Elliott and J. Donnelly, June 27th, 1898.

MOUNT ARARAT ENCAMPMENT, NO. 16, NAPANEE.—G. W. Snider, W. J. W. Haines and T. B. Wilson, Dec. 8th, 1897; F. McL. Radford, June 22nd, 1898.

QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, NO. 19, BELLEVILLE.—R. A. Bell, Albert L. Calley and Oscar H. Reddick, June 22nd, 1898.

ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 20, ST. THOMAS.—Thos. Stone, Dec. 20th, 1897; W. F. Boomer, H. Christmas and E. C. Simons, June 20th, 1898.

APPENDIX.

UNITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, INGERSOLL.—A. Gayfer and James Crawford, Oct. 28th, 1897; Benj. Walter, Wm. Dutton, R. Burns, Alfred Jury and G. S. Woolley, June 28th, 1898.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—G. Buckley, N. P. D., no date given; W. Sweet, R. Law, W. Lacey, N. Stein and J. R. Peckham, June 29th, 1898.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—Robt. McEwan, Fred. Endress, John Craig, D. Shields, A. C. Wallen, Geo. Browning, John Martin, John Gaskell, Robt. Palmer, A. G. W. Cooper and Fletcher Cross. No date given.

VICTORIA ENCAMPMENT, No. 25, PORT HOPE.—R. C. Smith, John Monaghan, W. R. Pethick, W. L. Gliddon, L. B. Laidden, Wm. McNish and H. A. Walker. No date given.

HURON ENCAMPMENT, No. 28, GODERICH.—W. W. McVicar, A. B. Cornell and E. McKay. No date given.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, GUELPH.—J. L. Brown, J. C. Farrow and Wm. Anderson, Dec. 31st, 1897; A. F. Birchard, A. Robertson and W. J. Stevenson, June 24th, 1898.

EXETER ENCAMPMENT No. 33, EXETER.—R. H. Sweet, June 29th, 1898.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—W. T. Stenberg, W. J. Craig, R. S. Generow, W. H. Shaw and Samuel Baker, Dec. 23rd, 1897, and James Milne. No date given.

AYLMER ENCAMPMENT, No. 42, AYLMEER.—Geo. Alworth, John Clutton and W. C. Baker, June 27th, 1898.

MINERVA ENCAMPMENT, No. 47, WINGHAM.—T. J. Elliott, Geo. Baker and W. C. Baker, June 27th, 1898.

SAMARITAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 49, BERLIN.—H. A. Schenerman, Geo. S. Ziegler, H. Stanch, Harry Brown and Aug. Rathman, June 28th, 1898.

REHOBOTH ENCAMPMENT, No. 50, TORONTO.—John McGuire, A. R. Foster and C. E. Stacy, June 23rd, 1898.

RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS.—J. D. Crichton, Dec. 2nd, 1897; S. L. Cooper, Thos. Underhill and Jas. Wyatt, June 2nd, 1898.

MOUNT HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 56, PETERBOROUGH.—B. F. Green, W. H. Dayman and Thos. Hooper. No date given.

PHENIX ENCAMPMENT, No. 57, WALLACEBURG.—A. L. Shambleau, P. Welch, John Taylor, Jos. Scorewell, M. Turgeson, W. A. Poat, Geo. Underhill and N. Mulligan, June 28th, 1898.

WARA ENCAMPMENT, No. 58, ARNPRIOR.—David Craig, Wm. Clark, Joseph McDougall, Fred. Montforth, Henry Newham, J. S. Robinson, Matthew Riddell, R. C. Tosh, James Robertson, R. V. Stafford, G. W. Willoughby and A. S. Wickman, Dec. 10th, 1897.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 59, BELLEVILLE.—M. J. Russell, J. Southern, M. E. Moorman, Jos. Brown, John Muir, W. Fairman, Wm. Gordon, P. J. Hill, Wm. Haight, Jas. H. Roblin, T. H. James, H. Bowler, S. A. Lockwood, R. P. Hamilton and E. E. Brush, Dec. 28th, 1897.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, NO. 60, ESSEX.—
Dec. 31st, 1897.

GOLDEN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 70, RAT PORT.
Taylor, A. E. Caslake, Jas. Haskell, Oscar
Samuel Bottrell, Wm. Downing and T. A. Wils

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son, A. D. Finlay, Frank McLean, John Ballah,
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CORNWALL ENCAMPMENT, NO. 76, CORNWA
Tanner, 11th Dec. 1897; Geo. L. Liddell, 24th

CATARAQUI ENCAMPMENT, NO. 79, KING
Dales, David Hecht, J. C. Hardy, R. Kamfer,
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MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT NO. 1, MONTREAL
S. Cowan, T. J. McGrath, J. Upton and Alex. C

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MOSHASSUCK ENCAMPMENT, NO. 2, MONTREAL
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CAMPMENT, NO. 60, ESSEX.—D. Lee and Jas. Johnston,

CAMPMENT, NO. 70, RAT PORTAGE.—Edwin Newell, W. C. Maslake, Jas. Haskell, Oscar Swanberg, J. B. Taylor, Wm. Downing and T. A. Wilson, Dec. 28th, 1897.

PINS ENCAMPMENT, NO: 73, BLENHEIM.—W. F. Robert, Frank McLean, John Ballah, Otto Shannon, C. Pilgrim, H. Bacon, M. Lynch, J. Brethar and Harry Reynolds,

ENCAMPMENT, NO. 76, CORNWALL.—A. G. Watson and R. . 1897; Geo. L. Liddell, 24th June, 1898.

ENCAMPMENT, NO. 79, KINGSTON.—R. E. Aiken, Jas. .cht, J. C. Hardy, R. Kamfer, W. J. Rickaby and M. W. 1898.

ENCAMPMENT NO. 1, MONTREAL.—R. Hillier, J. G. Day, J. McGrath, J. Upton and Alex. Grant. No date given.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.
— OF THE —
Province of Ontario, for 1898-'99.

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| SAMUEL LAW..... | Grand Patriarch..... | Guelph |
| WILLIAM POTTER..... | Grand High Priest..... | Chatham |
| LEONARD FERGUSON..... | Grand Senior Warden..... | St. Thomas |
| M. D. DAWSON..... | Grand Scribe..... | London |
| EDMUND BELTZ..... | Grand Treasurer..... | London |
| GEORGE ROSS..... | Grand Rep. S. G. L..... | Hamilton |
| GEORGE BELL..... | Grand Rep. S. G. L..... | Ottawa |
| FRANK JEFFREY..... | Grand Junior Warden..... | Stratford |
| R. J. FAULKNER..... | Grand Marshal..... | Hamilton |
| CHAS. W. STUART..... | Grand O. Sentinel..... | Forest |

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

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| *JAMES WOODYATT..... | Brantford..... | 1869-1870 |
| S. G. DOLSON..... | St. Catharines..... | 1870-1871 |
| †HENRY McAFEE..... | Walkerville..... | 1871-1872 |
| †ADAM PURVES..... | St. Catharines..... | 1872-1873 |
| JOHN HAM PERRY..... | Whitby..... | 1873-1874 |
| JOHN GIBSON..... | Stratford..... | 1874-1875 |
| HARPER WILSON..... | St. Catharines..... | 1875-1876 |
| W. H. COLE..... | Brockville..... | 1876-1877 |
| THOS. WOODYATT..... | Brantford..... | 1877-1878 |
| E. R. ROBINSON..... | London..... | 1878-1879 |
| JOHN EVANS..... | Hamilton..... | 1879-1880 |
| JOHN DONOGH..... | Toronto..... | 1880-1881 |
| FRANCIS RAE..... | Oshawa..... | 1881-1882 |
| W. D. GORDON..... | Kingston..... | 1882-1883 |
| HECTOR URQUHART..... | Strathroy..... | 1883-1884 |
| JOS. OLIVER..... | Toronto..... | 1884-1885 |
| JOHN WELSH..... | Stratford..... | 1885-1886 |
| FRANK RIDDELL..... | London..... | 1886-1887 |
| JOHN SINCLAIR..... | Petrolia..... | 1887-1888 |
| ABNER FRASER..... | Hamilton..... | 1888-1889 |
| J. T. HORNIBROOK..... | Toronto..... | 1889-1890 |
| JOHN A. MACDONALD..... | Arnprior..... | 1890-1891 |
| D. H. MOORE..... | Peterborough..... | 1891-1892 |
| FRED. DOGGETT..... | St. Thomas..... | 1892-1893 |
| A. H. BLACKEBY..... | Galt..... | 1893-1894 |
| S. S. MERICK..... | Carleton Place..... | 1894-1895 |
| JOHN J. REED..... | Montreal..... | 1895-1896 |
| GEORGE ROSS..... | Hamilton..... | 1896-1897 |
| GEORGE BELL..... | Ottawa..... | 1897-1898 |

*Died August 20th, 1894.

†Died March 25th, 1896.

†Died Oct. 23rd, 1899.

†Died April 6th, 1896.

†Died Dec. 26th, 1896.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

DISTRICT No. 1—

Charles Roberts, Essex.
Windsor.
Essex.

DISTRICT No. 2—

Joseph Bosworth, Chatham.
Chatham.
Blenheim.
Wallaceburg.
Dresden.

DISTRICT No. 3—

W. A. Minor, St Thomas.
St. Thomas.
Aylmer.
Woodstock.
Ingersoll.

DISTRICT No. 4—

Charles Cowherd, Brantford.
Brantford.
Norwich.

DISTRICT No. 5—

J. A. Burwash, Jarvis.
Waterford.
Jarvis.

DISTRICT No. 6—

L. J. Webber, Niagara Falls.
St. Catharines.
Niagara Falls.

DISTRICT No. 7—

John F. Bremner, Hamilton.
Burlington.
Dundas.
Galt.

DISTRICT No. 8—

W. F. Snell, Strathroy.
London.
Mt. Brydges.
Strathroy.

DISTRICT No. 9—

Jas. F. Draper, Petrolia.
Sarnia.
Pt. Edward.
Petrolia.

DISTRICT No. 10—

C. W. Stuart, Forest.
Forest.
Parkhill.

DISTRICT No. 11—

George Porter, Goderich.
Goderich.

DISTRICT No. 12—

R. C. McMath, Wingham.
Exeter.
Wingham.

DISTRICT No. 13—

W. E. Morrish, Walkerton.
Walkerton.

DISTRICT No. 14—

Fred. Kress, Berlin.
Stratford.
Guelph.
Berlin.

DISTRICT No. 15—

Theo. Lawrence, Collingwood.
Collingwood.
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Prescott.

DISTRICT NO. 24—

F. Bissett, Cornwall.

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DISTRICT NO. 25—

John Brechtley, Rat Portage.

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Montreal.*

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C. W. H. McCabe, Stanbury, Que.

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DISTRICT NO. 29—

C. G. Thompson, Sherbrooke.

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DISTRICT NO. 30—

J. S. Burford, Quebec City.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

The certificates of Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives to Grand Encampment should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe immediately after the installation of officers.

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

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

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

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

The money must accompany all orders for supplies of all kinds, and all orders must be signed by the Scribe and attested by the seal of the Encampment.

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

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

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| Charge Books | \$2 50 |
| Books of Law, each | 40 |
| Digest | 3 00 |
| Emblematic Chart | 3 00 |
| Visiting Cards, each | 28 |
| Withdrawal Cards, each | 28 |
| Dismissal Certificates | 28 |
| "Orders for P.W.," in books | 50 |
| Encampment Floor Work | 50 |
| Register Books, each | 3 50 |
| Proposition Books, each | 3 25 |
| Black Books, each | 2 00 |
| Draft Books, each | 2 00 |
| Treasurers' Books, each | 1 00 |
| Official Receipt Books, each | 1 00 |
| Return Books, each | 1 00 |
| Roll Books, each | 1 00 |
| Notices of Arrears, per 100 | 50 |
| Applications for Membership (loose), per 100 | 50 |
| Applications for Certificates, per 100 | 50 |
| New Installation Ceremony | 75 |

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- J. H. Gardiner, London No date given
- Thos. Burrige, London..... February 15th, 1898
- Thos. Kershaw, London..... December 17th, 1897

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- Wm. Pierce, P. C. P., Brantford..... April 16th, 1898
- Geo. Inksater, Brantford..... September 28th, 1897

No. 5.

- Geo. Murray, Stratford,..... November 23rd, 1897
- J. J. Bunting, Stratford..... February 25th, 1898

No. 7—

- R. J. Hasper, Hamilton..... July 27th, 1897
- Elisha Jobe, Hamilton..... January 25th, 1898
- John W. Wallace, Hamilton..... April 23, 1898

No. 8—

- W. C. Morrison, Toronto..... August 3rd, 1897

No. 9—

- T. McFarlane, Brockville..... June 27th, 1898

No. 10—

- James Moore, Chatham..... January 26th, 1898
- James Dymond, Chatham..... February 15th, 1898
- W. J. Montgomery, Chatham..... May 16th, 1898
- R. J. Bowles, Chatham..... January 11th, 1898

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- No. 17—
David P. Gillies, Parkhill.....November 22nd, 1897
- No. 20—
W. J. Kieffer, St. Thomas.....August 23rd, 1897
- No. 22—
D. S. White, Lindsay.....Nov. 5th, 1897
- No. 24—
Robt. E. McCutcheon, Petrolia.....October 7th, 1897
- No. 28—
D. Cantelon, Goderich.....November 1897
- No. 38—
Wm. McCormick, London.....October 12th, 1897
- No. 56—
Thos. Workman, Peterborough.....No date given
- No. 62—
Martin Zuber, Galt.....October 12th, 1897
- No. 81—
Joseph Kilgour, Ottawa.....August 17th, 1897

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS

Elected and Installed for Term Ending Dec. 31st, 1898.

| NAME OF ENCAMPMENT | No | LOCATION. | CHIEF PATRIARCH | SCRIBE. | NIGHT OF MEETING. |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Union..... | 1 | St. Catharines | A. G. Spittel.... | J. D. Reilly..... | 1st and 3rd Tuesday |
| Frontier..... | 2 | Windsor..... | W. E. Wear..... | W. D. Beeth..... | 2nd and 4th Friday |
| Harmony..... | 3 | London..... | D. L. Hardy..... | Alf. Davis..... | 2nd and 4th Thursday |
| Brant..... | 4 | Brantford..... | Thos. Hargraves.. | Charles Cowherd.. | 1st and 3rd Friday |
| Charity..... | 5 | Stratford..... | Peter Bradshaw.. | F. B. Jeffery..... | 2nd and 4th Friday |
| Burlington.... | 7 | Hamilton..... | Wm. Rogers..... | Geo. H. Britton.. | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Toronto..... | 8 | Toronto..... | W. C. Ogilvie.... | H. W. Taylor..... | 2nd Thursday |
| Brock..... | 9 | Brockville.... | C. R. Curry..... | H. B. Coates..... | 1st Friday |
| Chatham..... | 10 | Cbatham..... | Hugh Garrett.... | Edwin E. Wing.... | 1st and 3rd Thursday |
| Ontario..... | 11 | Oshawa..... | T. Park..... | J. W. Ellis..... | 2nd and 4th Friday |
| Albert..... | 11a | Bomanville.... | Romane Dumas.... | Geo. E. Maynard.. | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Fidelity..... | 14 | Strathroy.... | H. M. Luscombe.. | J. T. Nichols..... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Kingston.... | 15 | Kingston..... | F. W. George.... | W. G. Hamilton.... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Mount Ararat. | 16 | Napanee..... | J. F. Oliver..... | A. E. Paul..... | 2nd and 4th Wednesday |
| Hebron..... | 17 | Parkhill..... | John Hamilton.. | R. N. Wright..... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Quinte..... | 19 | Belleville.... | Samuel Symons.. | J. T. Osborne.... | 2nd and 4th Wednesday |
| Elgin..... | 20 | St. Thomas... | J. B. Sqaunce.... | L. Ferguson..... | 1st and 3rd Monday |
| Unity..... | 21 | Ingersoll.... | R. L. Agar..... | Wm. Brett..... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Guiding Star. | 22 | Lindsay..... | A. Storer..... | J. A. McLean..... | 1st and 3rd Thursday |
| Niagara Falls. | 23 | Niagara Falls. | R. R. Albertson.. | W. J. Hamilton.... | 2nd and 4th Wednesday |
| Friendship... | 24 | Petrolia..... | John G. Smith... | J. J. Matthews... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Victoria..... | 25 | Port Hope.... | Henry White..... | A. A. Stevenson.. | Last Friday each month |
| Alpha..... | 26 | Sarnia..... | R. E. LeSueur.... | John Ross..... | 1st and 3rd Thursday |
| Huron..... | 28 | Goderich.... | Ross Rostall.... | Chas. A. Nairn... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Wentworth... | 30 | Dundee..... | Bradley..... | W. F. Knowles... | 1st Tuesday |
| Wellington... | 31 | Guelph..... | A. L. Rapp..... | S. Law..... | 2nd and 4th Friday |
| Exeter..... | 33 | Exeter..... | Hy. Buckingham. | A. E. Fuke..... | 1st Thursday |
| Adelphian... | 38 | London..... | Daniel Spice.... | John Bamed..... | 2nd and 4th Thursday |
| Dufferin.... | 41 | Pt. Edward.. | Jas. Henderson.. | John E. Campbell. | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Aylmer..... | 42 | Aylmer..... | R. Augar..... | C. Watson..... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Banner..... | 43 | Harriston... | W. A. Glenny.... | John Slemmon... | 1st and 3rd Wednesday |
| Collingwood. | 45 | Collingwood. | Abe. Matts..... | T. Lawrence..... | 1st and 3rd Friday |
| Saugeen Valley. | 46 | Walkerton... | F. J. Schwalm... | Richard Lee..... | 1st and 3rd Monday |
| Minerva..... | 47 | Wingham.... | J. H. Chisholm.. | J. W. Dodd..... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Samaritan.... | 49 | Berlin..... | H. A. Hagen..... | J. E. Bilger..... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Rehoboth.... | 50 | Toronto..... | A. Macomb..... | Alex. Munro..... | 4th Thursday |
| Ridgely..... | 52 | Jarvis..... | C. W. Anderson.. | J. W. Rodgers... | 1st Thursday |
| Outaouais... | 53 | Ottawa..... | J. K. Pearce..... | Geo. Bell..... | 1st Monday |
| Maple Leaf... | 55 | Woodstock... | | | 4th Thursday |
| Mount Hebron. | 56 | Peterborough. | W. King..... | Robt. Mulligan... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Phoenix..... | 57 | Wallaenburg. | W. Lurtah..... | L. Harris..... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Waba..... | 58 | Amrrior..... | John S. Moir.... | J. A. Macdonald.. | 2nd Friday |
| Moira..... | 59 | Belleville... | W. Thompson... | Wm. Nelson..... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Central..... | 60 | Essex..... | Geo. Lickman... | G. F. Hill..... | 1st and 3rd Tuesday |
| Amicus..... | 61 | Norwich.... | J. D. Hogarth... | Austin D. Ellis... | 2nd and 4th Thursday |
| Galt..... | 62 | Galt..... | Jas. R. Mitchell. | Thos. Vair..... | 1st and 3rd Friday |
| Ivy..... | 64 | Cobourg..... | | | 1st and 3rd Monday |
| Eureka..... | 65 | Carleton Place. | D. Breckenridge. | N. D. McCallum.. | 3rd Monday |
| Hawatha..... | 66 | Peterborough. | T. H. Snowden... | J. A. McGill..... | 2nd and 4th Wednesday |
| Aurora..... | 67 | Aurora..... | G. T. Smith..... | A. Ashton..... | 2nd and 4th Monday |
| Forest..... | 69 | Forest..... | J. A. Sheppard.. | A. F. Steele..... | 1st Thursday |
| Golden..... | 70 | Rat Portage.. | Owen Lewis..... | N. Schnarr..... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Picton..... | 73 | Picton..... | P. T. Smith..... | J. S. Williams... | 1st and 3rd Friday |
| PointeAuxPins. | 73 | Bienheim.... | John V. Millus... | W. H. Stephenson. | 1st and 3rd Tuesday |
| Amity..... | 74 | Mt. Brydges.. | | Jos. Robinson... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday |
| Niawewa..... | 75 | Chapleau.... | John K. Herner.. | J. D. McAdam... | 1st and 3rd Tuesday |
| Cornwall.... | 76 | Cornwall.... | Geo. A. Farlinger. | R. S. Shaw..... | 2nd and 4th Friday |
| Superior.... | 70 | Kingston.... | D. Callaghan... | J. L. M. Thorne.. | 2nd and 4th Thursday |
| Stirling..... | 80 | Stirling..... | E. Jackman..... | Wm. F. Ashley... | 1st and 3rd Monday |
| George B.... | 81 | Ottawa..... | A. J. Simins.... | T. J. Benbow.... | 3rd Monday |
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| Montreal.... | 1 | Montreal.... | H. L. Colin..... | J. E. Walker..... | 2nd and 4th Wednesday |
| Moshassuck.. | 2 | Montreal.... | Wm. Donald.... | C. Griffith..... | 3rd Wednesday |
| Farnham.... | 4 | Farnham.... | W. H. McCabe... | A. H. Eager..... | 2nd and 4th Wednesday |
| Maple Leaf... | 6 | Quebec..... | Jules W. Behan.. | Robt. McKay.... | 2nd and 4th Friday |

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Grand Representatives' Report.

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

PATRIARCHS.—As the representatives of the Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., we herewith present our Report of the more important acts of the supreme legislative branch of the Order, at its recent session, held at Boston, Mass., Sept. 19th to 24th inclusive, 1898:

The seventy-fourth annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held in Boston, Sept. 19-24, 1898. The first formal exercises in connection with the event were held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, where, in the presence of a large audience, the Grand Body was given a cordial welcome by distinguished dignitaries, civic and fraternal.

In accordance with usual custom, the representatives formed in double column at the Hotel Vendome, Sovereign Grand Lodge headquarters, and marched to Y. M. C. A. hall, the representatives taking seats assigned for them on the floor of the hall, and the officers, speakers and others on the stage, the audience rising and the Salem Cadet Orchestra playing a spirited march as the Body entered.

The meeting was called to order by Grand Representative Chas. N. Alexander, Chairman of the Executive Committee having in charge the entertainment of the Grand Body for the week. He introduced the several speakers of the occasion, Gen. F. H. Appleton welcoming the Sovereign Grand Lodge on behalf of the state in the absence of Governor Wolcott, Mayor Quincy on behalf of the city, Grand Master Tirrell for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Grand Patriarch Fuller for the Grand Encampment, Gen. E. H. Emerson for the Department Council Patriarchs Militant, and Mrs. Mary E. Nevins for the Rebekahs. Council Patriarchs ton responded on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Immediately after the close of the welcome exercises, the line was reformed, and the representatives marched to Copley Hall, where the sessions of the week were held.

After the usual opening exercises, the roll was called, showing all the Grand Officers and Representatives from 49 Grand Lodges and 34 Grand Encampments to be present. After prayer by Grand Chaplain Venable, the Deputy Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

The Grand Sire made the following appointments: Assistant Grand Messenger, Frank S. Emerson, South Dakota; Assistant Grand Guardians, John Welsh, of Ontario; E. D. Ward, of New Hampshire; T. M. Holden, of Rhode Island; H. A. Stone, of Illinois. Assistant Janitor, W. S. French, of Massachusetts.

Custodian of Secret Work, David M. Farks, P. G. M. and P. G. R. of Maine. Assistant Custodians, James Christie, P. G. M., of Lower Provinces and Joseph York, of Massachusetts. Official Reporter, H. C. Stevens, Kansas.

The Grand Sire's report, contains his decisions for the year, and other important matters, also the report of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, which is an exceedingly interesting document.

The general condition of the Order is as follows :

| | December 31, 1896. | December 31, 1897. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Grand Lodges..... | 56 | 55 | | 1 |
| Subordinate Lodges..... | 11,145 | 11,229 | 84 | |
| Rebekah Lodges..... | 4,567 | 4,796 | 229 | |
| Grand Encampments..... | 51 | 51 | | |
| Subordinate Encampments..... | 2,648 | 2,633 | | 15 |
| Lodge Initiations..... | 60,146 | 59,136 | | 1,010 |
| Lodge Members..... | 806,055 | 814,339 | 8,284 | |
| Encampment Members..... | 130,732 | 127,919 | | 2,815 |
| Rebekah Members..... | 281,041 | 297,691 | 16,650 | |
| Relief by Lodges..... | \$3,067,965 81 | \$3,047,285 15 | | \$20,680.66 |
| Relief by Encampments..... | 274,209 99 | 265,965 52 | | 8,244 47 |
| Relief by Rebekah Lodges..... | 51,059 83 | 51,378 74 | \$ 318 91 | |
| Total Relief..... | 3,393,235 63 | 3,364,629 41 | | 28,606 22 |
| Revenue of Lodges..... | 7,570,025 98 | 7,810,175 82 | 240,149 84 | |
| Revenue of Rebekah Lodges..... | 886,202 26 | 432,907 94 | | 453,294 32 |
| Total Revenue..... | 9,058,646 79 | 8,846,259 90 | | 212,386 89 |

These figures show an increase in Subordinate lodges of 84; in Rebekah Lodges, 229; in Lodge members, 8,284; in Rebekah members, 16,650; in revenue of Lodges, \$240,149.84. In Lodge initiations there was a decrease of 1,010; in Encampment members, 2,815; in relief by Lodges, \$20,680.66; in relief by Encampments, \$8,244.47; in total relief, \$28,606.22; in total revenue, \$212,386.89.

From the Grand Secretary's report we glean the following : Statistics of the Order from 1830 to December 31, 1897, including Australasia, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, and Sweden—Initiations in Subordinate Lodges, 2,197,196; members relieved, 2,166,104; widowed families relieved, 234,103; members deceased, 211,309; total relief, \$77,180,656.11; total receipts, \$201,067,165.57.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

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| Sovereign Grand Lodge..... | 1 |
| Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden)..... | 5 |
| Subordinate Grand Encampments..... | 65 |
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| Subordinate Encampments..... | 2,656 |
| Subordinate Lodges..... | 11,579 |
| Encampment Members..... | 128,930 |
| Lodge Members..... | 839,608 |
| Rebekah Lodges..... | 4,868 |
| Members of Rebekah Lodges..... | 298,263 |

A new feature of the Grand Secretary's report is a department entitled "Correspondence," consisting of condensed reports from the several grand jurisdictions, which are timely and interesting.

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The Grand Treasurer's report, summarized, is as follows: Cash balance \$68,058.96; received from Grand Secretary, \$57,401.31; total \$125,460.27; payments, \$64,616.86; total balance, \$60,843.41.

The several committees were appointed, and a large number of resolutions embodying new legislation were presented and referred thereto.

Tuesday was a busy day with the Grand Body. A large number of reports were introduced, the journal of Monday was cleaned up, officers were elected, and Detroit was selected as the place of meeting for next year. Deputy Grand Sire Pinkerton was elected Grand Sire by a unanimous vote. The only contest was for Deputy Grand Sire by a unanimous didates,—Cable of Ohio, Humphrey of Illinois, Nolan of Tennessee, and Nye of Minnesota. There were 182 votes cast, Cable receiving 93 votes on the first ballot, which elected him by a majority of two.

The Constitutional amendments laid over from last year were considered, chief of which related to biennial sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which were indefinitely postponed. A ye and nay vote showed 112 in favor and 60 against indefinite postponement. The amendment requiring membership in a Rebekah Lodge as an additional qualification for eligibility to the office of Grand Representative was adopted. No session was held Wednesday on account of the parade.

Wednesday was a day long to be remembered by the Order. Canton, Encampment, and Lodge members began to arrive in the city the day previous, and on the morning of the parade day, they came into the city from all directions by thousands. At an early hour the sound of martial music was in the air. From every section of the city came Cantons, Encampments and Lodges, and the incoming trains brought quite as many others. The objective point of these invaders was Commonwealth avenue and its intersecting and parallel streets.

Here the procession formed, and about 12.30 o'clock the command to march was given by Chief Marshal Francis E. Merriman, and the great parade started. Down wide avenues and narrow streets, through serried ranks of humanity, between the towering buildings gayly decorated with flags, mottoes and banners, marched 25,000 men. In every window, door or stairway was a sea of faces. On grand stands and in carriages were lighted spectators. Points of view were pre-empted on roofs, balconies and walls, while the ubiquitous small boy—and he was many—viewed the parade from the yard-arms of telephone poles and trees.

Gaudy uniforms, glittering in gold lace, flashing swords, waving plumes, gayly caparisoned, prancing horses, the blare of brass and the clash of cymbal made the pageant complete. The Patriarchs Militant, the military body, were arrayed in all that gives a military formation its dazzling splendor, while their motto, "Pax aut Bellum," gave evidence that in peace or war they were ready for whatever might befall. The Encampment members in their old but beautiful uniform revived pleasant memories of former days, and the Subordinate Lodges as well, added glory to the integrity and strength of the Order, as they kept pace to the music of eighty-one brass bands and fifteen drum corps engaged for the occasion.

The formation of the line was so arranged that the fourth and fifth divisions, consisting of members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Past Grand Sites, officers of the New England Grand Lodges, and aged and infirm members of the Order saw the parade as it passed up Commonwealth avenue before their divisions swung into line. The rank and file were not so

fortunate, as no opportunity was given to countermarch, but all were happy, and gray-haired veterans and sturdy youth marched side by side with enthusiastic tread.

Down into the retail business section the paraders went. Crossing Washington street they invaded the wholesale district, then across to the banking section, up Newspaper row, past City Hall, where the procession was reviewed by Mayor Quincy, and up Beacon street to the State House, where Governor Wolcott and several members of his staff viewed the mighty parade. In every respect the parade was a grand success, and a continued ovation from start to finish.

The carriages containing the Representatives from Canada were decorated with Union Jacks—and all along the route were accorded a most hearty reception of welcome.

On Thursday the Sovereign Grand Lodge transacted considerable business, a large number of reports from Committees being presented for consideration. The proposition to donate Past Grand Secretary Ross \$1,000 occasioned considerable discussion and was defeated. The Special Committee appointed last year to prepare a funeral ceremony for the Order presented same, but this also met with defeat. A spirited discussion ensued upon a motion to adopt a report of the Judiciary Committee which reversed Decision No. 16 of the Grand Sire, and after a warm debate, the report was rejected and the decision as rendered was approved.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Grand Sire Carleton, in the presence of a large and distinguished company, conferred the grand decoration of chivalry upon several aspirants for the honor, which had been voted them by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The exercises occurred in Music Hall, and the commander-in-chief was assisted in the work by several cantons, chevaliers, and ladies, as provided by law. The honor of receiving the decoration is highly appreciated, and an appropriate jewel is the insignia accompanying it.

On Friday debate was limited to five minute speeches, unless further time was given by unanimous consent, and the work of the session was advanced very rapidly. Amendments to the Constitution were introduced proposing biennial sessions, membership in all the branches of the Order necessary to be eligible to be Grand Representative, and that Representatives shall be allowed only per diem and actual travelling expenses, all of which were laid over to next session for consideration.

Resolutions were passed forbidding the publication of the decision of the Grand Sire in fraternal papers until submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for approval; declaring "The Floral Floor Work," so-called, for Rebekah Lodges, written by Mrs. Helen M. Carpenter of California, a work of merit; revoking all license heretofore issued to insurance companies; and repealing all legislation in any way recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of the Order. The Encampment branch was given the right to wear the old uniforms when parading. The Grand Lodge refused to allow Rebekah Lodges to have a national Rebekah assembly or to set apart one day of the session when delegates from the Rebekah State Assemblies should be admitted during action on Rebekah matters, to change the law to allow Rebekah Lodges to pay stated funeral or weekly benefits by by-law, leaving them to make special donations in each case as now, to establish the Order in the Philippines, to repeal the minimum benefit law, to legislate establishing non-beneficial membership,

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Saturday was the closing day of the session, but so well and thoroughly had the journal of the day previous been considered, and so close up were the Committees in their work, that but one session occupying two hour's time was required to finish the business of the week.

The chief interest of the morning centered in the installation of officers, to which the public was admitted, and which was attended by a large number of Oddfellows and Rebekahs. By direction of the Grand Sire, Past Grand Sires Busbee of North Carolina, and Durham of Kentucky, escorted Pennsylvania, and Rep. Friedheim of Arkansas, escorted the Deputy Grand Sire elect, A. C. Cable of Covington, O.; Reps. Morris of Kentucky, and Young of Maryland, escorted the Grand Secretary elect, J. F. Grant of Maryland; and Reps. Nolan of Tennessee, and Kuykendall of Wyoming, escorted the Grand Treasurer elect, J. Richard Muckle of Philadelphia, to the front of the platform on which Grand Sire Carleton stood, were introduced, and the obligation of office taken. From the Book of Forms the Grand Sire read the obligation and Grand Sire elect Pinkerton promised to perform to the extent of his abilities, "the duty of Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, without favor or partiality to lodges or individuals." To this end he pledged his "sacred honor," and was invested with the insignia of his office, and took his seat at the right of the Grand Sire. The other elective officials took a similar obligation, and were shown to their respective chairs.

Grand Sire Pinkerton announced his appointed officers as follows: Grand Marshal, John B. Cockrun, of Indiana; Grand Guardian, John W. Bourlet of New Hampshire; Grand Messenger, Charles F. Lumsden of North Carolina; Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Venable of Kentucky. Grand Secretary Grant appointed E. J. Currie of Maryland, Assistant Grand Secretary; All were duly installed and escorted to their respective stations.

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There was an usually large attendance of Representatives and their ladies at the Church of the Disciples the 18th, where special services were held, and an appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale.

The first event in the list of social festivities of the S. G. L. week, and the one most thoroughly enjoyed, especially by the Western representatives and their ladies, to many of whom the ride was a decided novelty, was the excursion to Salem on Saturday, the 17th. The trip was taken on the steamer *Governor Andrew*, kindly placed at the disposal of the local committee by the city, and the ride was a most delightful one. Here many of the representatives met for the first time, and acquaintances old and new were renewed and made. The Salem Cadet band furnished music.

Upon arrival at the Willows, the party was met at the wharf by Major Waters and the local committee and escorted to the pavilion near at hand where a shore dinner was partaken of. After dinner, electric cars were taken to the city proper, where many points of historic interest were

pointed out and visited, and where the day was spent most delightfully in sight seeing and in being entertained by the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

An event of exquisite pleasure was the complimentary banquet tendered the S. G. L. and their ladies in Music Hall, Sept. 19. The hall was beautifully decorated with blue and white around the galleries, festoons of evergreens hung upon the walls, and over the speaker's desk three evergreen links, with letters F. L. T. were suspended. At the opposite end of the hall a cheery "Greeting to All" looked out upon the guests, and midway on each side of the hall were other emblems. Hundreds of members of the Order occupied the galleries to witness the ceremonies.

Nearly 600 guests sat down to the handsomely decorated tables. The speakers, grand officers, and banquet committee occupied four tables on the platform, and as soon as the guests were all seated, the Rev. J. W. Venable invoked the divine blessing, and the feast began.

Cut flowers and a handsome souvenir of the exercises of the evening were beside each plate, the latter being a handsome specimen of typography, the cover being in colors and representing a volume in appearance, with the bundle of sticks, the clasped hands, the three links, the bow, arrow and quivers, and other emblems of the Order in colors.

At the close of the banquet, pronounced by all who attended it to be absolutely unequalled in the history of the gatherings of Odd Fellows in various other cities of the country, E. Bentley Young, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, called the assemblage to order, and in a brief speech presented the toastmaster of the evening, Hon. A. S. Pinkerton, who introduced in turn the several speakers, the first of whom was Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who was received with applause and cheers. As Mr. Lodge arose to respond to the toast, "The President of the United States," the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," and the audience again renewed its enthusiasm.

After the Senator came the Hon. H. M. Knowlton, who spoke for "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts," in the absence of Governor Wolcott. To the sentiment, "The City of Boston," Mayor Quincy responded, and received a warm greeting.

The other speakers and sentiments were: Grand Sire Carleton, for "The Sovereign Grand Lodge"; Past Grand Sire Busbee, of North Carolina, for "Fraternity and Loyalty," who was greeted by the band with "Dixie" and "Yankee Doodle"; Grand Master Tirrell, for "The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts"; Past Grand Sire Sanders, of New York, for "The Veterans"; John F. Bruton, of North Carolina, for "The Genius of Odd Fellowship"; Wallace G. Nye, of Minnesota, for "A Health to Our Sweethearts, Our Wives, and Our Friends"; Grand Patriarch Fuller, of Worcester, for "The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts"; the Rev. E. E. Hale, for "Those Who Lend a Hand"; Milo S. Clapp, of Ohio, for "The Patriarchs Militant"; and Thomas Woodyatt, of Ontario, for "Our Brothers of Other Lands."

The principal social event of Tuesday was the reception tendered to Grand Sire Carleton in Pierce hall, Copley square, the Rebekah headquarters. This was attended by nearly a thousand members of the Order, including representatives from nearly every State and from the Canadian provinces, and was exceedingly enjoyable. Upon entering the hall all were

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When the S. G. L. officers arrived, they were escorted to the hall as follows, with music by the Salem Cadet band: P. G. M. Winfield S. Nivens, Chairman of Rebekah Committee; Grand Sire Carleton of Texas, escorted by P. G. Rep. Edward H. Kavanaugh; Deputy Grand Sire A. S. Pinkerton, escorting Mrs. Carleton; P. G. R. Ruggles, with Mrs. Mary E. Nevins, President Rebekah convention; P. G. R. Estey, with Mrs. Olive Cousins, N. G. Mystic Lodge; ex-Governor and Mrs. Rich, of New Mexico.

Grand Sire Carleton greeted all the Rebekahs present in graceful language, after which the visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of being introduced to the Grand Sire and party, and a most delightful hour was enjoyed.

DECISIONS OF GRAND SIRE CARLETON AS AMENDED AND APPROVED.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

1. Question.—What is the status of lodge property on the dissolution of the Lodge? Does it belong to the Grand Lodge? If so, in what way could the Lodge possess itself of the real estate in case of opposition on the part of any member of the defunct Lodge or otherwise? Is there anything to prevent a Lodge, while in existence, selling its real estate if it chose so to do? Must it have authority from the Grand Lodge under which it works?

Answer.—On the dissolution of a Subordinate Lodge, its property becomes at once the property of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge, if such Subordinate Lodge owned real estate, and proceed to take possession of it, as a private individual could; if, however, any member of such defunct Lodge was in actual possession of it, a suit to recover it would become necessary. It is usual for Lodges, both Subordinate and Grand, to be incorporated under the civil laws of their several States, and such Grand Lodge should sue in the corporate name. Not being familiar with the laws and procedure of the civil courts of Vermont, can not further advise you as to the method of procedure, but any good lawyer of your State could point out the remedy of the Grand Lodge. Subordinate Lodges, while in existence, have the right to dispose of any real estate they may own without asking or obtaining permission of the Grand Lodge to do so.

2. Question.—On what terms can one who in 1866 was initiated and received the first and second degrees, be received now into membership?

Answer.—If an Ancient Oddfellow, by depositing his card, or making other satisfactory proof of his former connection with the Order, and by paying the sum fixed by the by-laws of the lodge for the admission of an Ancient Oddfellow, and by being admitted by a ball ballot as prescribed for an initiate.

3. Question.—Does the official receipt entitle a brother to admittance into a Lodge within his own jurisdiction without the semi-annual pass-word,

or is it necessary for a brother holding an official receipt to have the semi-annual password in order to be entitled to admission?

Answer.—A brother seeking admission into a lodge within his own jurisdiction must give the semi-annual pass-word given out by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction; or, if he produces an official certificate or receipt, the A. T. P. W. No brother can be admitted to a Lodge, whether or not he has a visiting card or an official certificate, unless he has one or the other of these words. Only his own Lodge can admit him without one or the other word; and no Lodge except his own should so admit him.

4. Question.—Has a jurisdiction that licenses one insurance company, formed from members in its own State, any right to say that a company from another State shall not do business in that State?

Answer.—It has not, provided always that a company so refused has complied with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and obtained authority from its officers to do business.

5. Question.—Can a jurisdiction make any discrimination as to the companies it will license, provided it license any, and the company produces a license from the Sovereign Grand Lodge? In other words, has the Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction any discretion as to the companies it will license, provided the company has the Sovereign Grand Lodge license?

Answer.—It has not.

[Questions 4 and 5 were approved with the following qualification and modification: If the "insurance company formed from members in its own State," referred to in said decisions, belonged to the class of "voluntary associations or small corporations," and "confining their operations to towns, cities, or jurisdictions in which they are located, and not seeking to do general insurance business," then and in that case the Grand Lodge of such jurisdiction is not required to grant a license or permit to a company from another State or jurisdiction. See Digest of 1895, Sec. 591. Also, Vol. 18, Journal of 1895, pages 14,435 to 14,438, and 14,470, 14,571.]

6. Question.—If a brother steps up to the Secretary to pay his dues and assessments, and says nothing about a receipt, has the Secretary any right to give him any other than the official certificate?

Answer.—He has not; if any acknowledgment is given in writing or on any printed form, it must be given on the form of the official certificate.

7. Question.—If a Lodge agrees to transact business between the Lodge and its members, relative to their dues and assessments, without the use of the official certificate, and the brother does not care for a receipt, has the Lodge a right to evade the law by so doing?

Answer.—When a member pays any money to his Lodge for dues or assessments, and does not desire any written acknowledgment for such payment, he need not be given such acknowledgment; but if he does ask for such an acknowledgment, the Financial Secretary must issue to him an official certificate, showing the amount he has paid. When such evidence is demanded, no other form can be used than what is known as the official certificate. The third resolution of the report of the Committee on Legislation, as amended and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shows plainly what the laws on the subject are, said resolution reading as follows: "That hereafter the official receipt (certificate) shall be designated as the 'official certificate' and shall be issued in all cases where members pay

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8. Question.—Is a member who is one month, or even one day, in arrears for dues or assessments, in good standing, so as to be entitled to sick benefits?

Answer.—No; but the length of time and the amount of dues to constitute a brother in arrears is a matter of local legislation.

9. Question.—A vacancy having occurred in the office of Degree Master of a Degree Lodge during the term, is the Deputy Degree Master eligible to fill the vacancy? Both Degree Master and Deputy Degree Master are installed into office with the same ceremony as the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge.

Answer.—If the Deputy Degree Master would have been eligible to fill the position of Degree Master, had he not been Deputy Degree Master, qualified him from being elected to fill such office, the vacancy occurring during the term.

10. Question.—The question you propounded is in regard to the apparent conflict between the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of your jurisdiction (Lower Provinces) and the by-laws of a Subordinate Lodge of your jurisdiction, the Constitution providing that applications for membership shall be referred to a Committee of three, "who shall report upon the application upon the next succeeding regular meeting (unless unavoidable circumstances prevent), when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, etc." The by-laws of the Subordinate Lodge, which have been legally approved, provide, "When the report shall have been submitted to the Lodge, action shall be deferred until the next regular session, or from time to time, until any doubt as to the fitness of the candidate may be determined."

Answer.—In my judgment there is no conflict between the Constitution and the by-laws quoted; in many instances the word may be construed to mean shall, owing to the nature of the context, and in the same manner, where the word shall is used it may not always be mandatory, but the remainder of the sentence may be looked to to interpret the true meaning. In my judgment, therefore, the language of the Constitution does not mean to inhibit a Lodge from postponing action on a report of an investigating Committee on an application for membership, for the language used by it in brackets, showing that it being (unless unforeseen circumstances prevent) and of course such unforeseen circumstances must be judged of by the law as quoted in White's Digest, Art. 649, to postpone consideration of any itself, and certainly a Lodge would have the inherent right, as shown by the Committee report where they may deem it advisable or proper. The Lodge having then the right, even under the language of the Constitution, to postpone action on the report of a Committee on application, for "unavoidable circumstances," of which it is the sole judge, it can provide in its by-laws that all Committee reports on applications shall not be considered until another session, and if these by-laws, as in this case, are approved by the Grand Lodge or its authority, it amounts to an interpretation of the meaning of the apparent mandatory language of the Constitution. I therefore decide that there is no conflict between the Constitutional provision quoted and the Article of the by-laws.

11. Question.—Is it optional or obligatory with a Lodge to indicate in a withdrawal card the rank of the member withdrawing?

Answer.—It is imperative with a Lodge granting a withdrawal card, to state in it the highest rank the brother has attained in the Lodge; especially is this the case when such a brother demands such statement. The law as contained in Sec. 157, White's Digest, clearly settles this question.

12. Statement.—A brother Oddfellow in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge goes to a distant city, and in accord with the resolutions adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session at Denver in 1887, to be found on page 10990, reports himself to the Lodge in the city he is visiting. In course of time such visiting Lodge to which the brother reported, requested him to watch with one of their sick members. The brother declines so to do on the ground that the law which is contained in the said resolutions only require him to watch with transient brothers, situated like himself.

Question.—Was the visiting brother right in such refusal, or was the Lodge right, under the law, to call on him for such watching?

Answer.—Under the law, as found in the resolutions adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, referred to in the statement, it was the duty of the brother to watch with the sick of the Lodge under whose care he was, for the spirit if not the letter thereof, makes it his duty to thus assist the Lodge visited, the language of the resolution being as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the duty of every Oddfellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his brothers in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is in his own jurisdiction; and, further,

"Resolved, It is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence; or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence. And in making such report, he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick who, like himself, are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report shall not be entitled to affiliate with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy brother."

I therefore hold that the Lodge was right in the case named, and the brother was wrong.

The decision above made may possibly be wrong, but I believe it is in line with the spirit of the legislation of 1887, it being the idea to make a visitor, who asked for and received attention when sick, to do his part when well, the same as one of the Lodge he visited and reported to.

NOTE.—This decision was not approved, but was subsequently confirmed by legislation then pending.

13. Question.—Have the Past Grands of any prescribed territory the right to organize themselves into an Association, taking the name or any similar one, of a "Past Grands Association of —?"

Answer.—The question is one of considerable doubt, as there seems to be a discrepancy between the law as written and strictly construed, and the usage and practice; although I think the discrepancy is more apparent

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14. Question.—Does continuous good standing as applied to qualifications for a veteran jewel demand that a brother to be entitled to a veteran jewel shall not be at any time during the twenty-five years' period, in arrears for dues to his Subordinate Lodge; or if a member failed once only during the twenty-five years to pay his dues as required by the by-laws of his Lodge, and thereby became in bad standing, and not entitled to benefits for any sickness, would this fact disqualify him from receiving the veteran jewel?

Answer.—It is my opinion, that a fair and reasonable construction of the law relating to the veteran jewel is, that when a member of the Order has been continuously a member of a Subordinate Lodge and carried on its rolls, not having been suspended for any cause, that the fact that he may have been one or more years in arrears for his dues, thereby being temporarily deprived of the right to draw benefits during sickness, does not deprive him of the right to receive and wear the veteran jewel. If he had been a member of a Subordinate Lodge, or Lodges, for twenty-five years without having been suspended, he has a right to the jewel. If he had my decision, that where a brother has taken a withdrawal card from his Lodge and has within twelve months thereafter, deposited the same and has been admitted to membership in another Subordinate Lodge, that the fact of such intermission in his active membership in a Lodge does not break his continuous membership in the Order so as to preclude him from claiming the veteran jewel. If, however, he permits more than twelve months to elapse from the date of taking his withdrawal card, and depositing it in another Lodge, he then becomes an Ancient Oddfellow, and breaks his continuous membership, and is not entitled to wear the jewel. Of course, if after his second admission to a Lodge a period of twenty-five years of continuous membership intervenes he is entitled to the jewel.

15. Question.—Can a Lodge legally grant relief from its general fund to the widow of a member who died in bad standing, resulting from non-payment of dues?

Answer.—It can not.

Your Committee on the Judiciary have considered the 15th decision of the Grand Sire * * * report that we cannot concur with said decision. Sec. 23, White's Digest, says: 'When there is no

prohibition in the Constitution of a Grand Body, its subordinates have authority to grant benefits to a brother who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears. See also Secs. 356, 381 and 105. If, as stated in Sec. 23, in the absence of a prohibition by the Grand Body, a Subordinate Lodge *can* grant benefits to a brother who is at the time in arrears, it logically follows that it can grant relief to his widow when his death occurs during arrearages for dues. What can be done for the member under such conditions, can be done for his widow, so long as she remains such. We, therefore, recommend that the answer to said question be: Yes, when not prohibited by the State Grand Body."

16. Question.—Can a Lodge legally grant relief from its general fund to persons in distress outside of the Order.

Answer.—It can not.

"Your Committee on the Judiciary have considered the sixteenth decision of the Grand Sire * * * report that we cannot concur with said decision. Oddfellowship is so progressive that it has grown to become, and is recognized to be a benevolent organization, going hand in hand with its purposes so essentially deemed fraternal. To aid persons in distress is in the highest degree commendable, and why should our Order, the principles of which are so essential in aid of suffering, withhold from the distressed a practical application of the helping hand? Subordinate Lodges, if not prohibited by the State Grand Body, should be permitted to grant relief from its general fund to persons in distress, although not members of the Order, but in doing so exercise a discretion that is in keeping with a proper husbanding of its resources required to aid distress within the Order. We, therefore, recommend the answer to the question (16) be: Yes, if not prohibited by the Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction."

NOTE—Questions 15 and 16, having received considerable attention in this jurisdiction, and as the decisions of the Grand Sire were amended or overruled, the reports of the Judiciary Committee are given in full.

17. Question.—The Secretary of a Lodge retains moneys paid in as dues and uses them for his own purposes. After the lodge learn the acts, it takes a note from the defaulting officer in settlement for the money. Can the Lodge, after such settlement, punish the brother for retaining such moneys?

Answer.—Yes.

18. Question.—A brother sues the Lodge because of reduction in sick benefits; he loses his case. Has the Lodge the right to retain accruing benefits as a set-off for the cost in the case allowed the Lodge by the court?

Answer.—As a general proposition the Lodge has such a right, though this may not be the case in some jurisdictions where the municipal law may otherwise provide.

19. Question.—Under the uniform Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of Colorado, it is provided that where there is but one candidate for an office; "he may be declared elected by acclamation." Is such provision in conflict with General Law?

Answer.—It is not; the Grand Lodge of Colorado had a right to make such a provision in its Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges.

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20. Question.—Is it legal to ballot on the application of a candidate for the first degree, the second degree, or the third degree, at a special meeting called for that purpose?

Answer.—It is not, unless the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has provided for such special meetings. In the absence of such authority it would not be proper to ballot for any degree at a special meeting.

21. Question.—Can a Subordinate Lodge hold memorial services, in accordance with proclamation of the Grand Sire, which proclamation designates the second Tuesday in June, or on such other day as may be practicable, on a Sunday?

Answer.—While our laws forbid the holding of Lodge meetings on Sunday for general or regular Lodge business, and such meetings are illegal, yet it is legal and proper for Subordinate Lodges to meet on Sunday to attend the funeral of a brother. I, therefore, think that the members of a Lodge, meeting to hold memorial services in honor of the worthy dead of the Order, and decorate their graves, it is not only not illegal to be held on a Sunday, but that, for many reasons, is the most appropriate time. Of course, each Lodge must be the judge of which day is practicable for it to hold such services.

22. Question.—Can a Subordinate Lodge pass a resolution providing that if any of its members enlist in the present war between the United States and Spain, that their dues and assessments will be paid by the Lodge, out of the treasury, so that said members may be kept in good standing until their return home?

Answer.—Under our laws a Lodge cannot remit dues, nor can it draw money from its treasury to pay dues for any class of members, no matter how meritorious such members may be. Therefore, I decide the question asked in the negative with this qualification, however, that a Lodge may, out of the five per cent. fund, which it is authorized to set apart for any purpose it may see proper, pay the dues of any class of its members.

23. Question.—Statement: The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Art. 10, Sec. 1, reads as follows: "This Constitution shall not be altered, amended or annulled, unless a proposition to that effect be made in writing at a regular communication, and laid over until the next annual communication, and adopted by a majority of three-fourths of the members present." At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of South Carolina, in 1896, a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge, and to report the next annual communication. The committee reported at the annual communication in 1897 and made various changes in our Constitution and By-laws. Their report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Question.—Is the adoption of the committee report legal, or should it have lain over till the next annual communication?

Answer.—Its adoption at the time was illegal. It should have lain over for one year, or until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. See Sec. 428, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

25. Question.—Has a Grand Master the right to grant a dispensation to one or more Lodges to solicit subscriptions from the members of the Order throughout its jurisdiction for the purpose of erecting a monument to a worthy member of the Order?

Answer.—He has the right to give such permission, provided the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has passed no law declaring that permission to solicit aid for any purpose must be granted by the Grand Lodge only. That a Grand Lodge or a Grand Master, unless prohibited by such Grand Lodge, may grant permission to a Lodge to solicit aid even for an individual member, seems to have been decided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. See Secs. 1558, 1559, Digest of 1895.

26. Question.—When a Lodge elects a brother to membership, who makes application upon a visiting card, and certifies his election to the Lodge issuing the visiting card, and asks for a withdrawal card, should not the Noble Grand and Secretary immediately issue a card without action of the Lodge, all fees and dues being paid, unless charges are preferred? By analogy will not the law that requires a dismissal certificate to be issued without action of the Lodge govern in this case?

Answer.—Were this an original question, that is, one that had never been actually passed upon by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I would hold that under the fact stated the Noble Grand and Secretary should issue the withdrawal card without any action of the Lodge directing them so to do, were it not for the fact that the decision of Grand Sire Busbee, made in 1891, holds, "It is necessary that the Lodge to which a brother applies for membership should notify the Lodge issuing the visiting card, of his election; and thereupon the brother must apply for the necessary withdrawal card or dismissal certificate; but the Secretary of the Lodge may apply for such card or certificate, at the instance and by the authority of the brother." See White's Digest, Sec. 669, edition of 1895. This contemplates clearly that an application shall be made to the Lodge, and not to an officer of the Lodge. The reason for compelling an application to be made to the Lodge probably was, that it was thought possible that a brother after obtaining a visiting card might have been guilty of some improper conduct, and that the Lodge issuing such card should have the right to enquire into such matter before giving the withdrawal card. I, therefore, hold that a Lodge must by its action grant the card, and that without such authorization the Noble Grand and Secretary cannot issue it.

27. Question.—What action should be taken if a Lodge, on ballot being taken, refuses to grant a withdrawal card, when a brother has been elected to membership in another Lodge upon application with a visiting card?

Answer.—If the visiting card was regularly and legally issued, and no charges had been filed against the brother during the period between its issuance and the application for a withdrawal card, if the Lodge then refuses to issue it, it would be the duty of the Grand Master, if the facts were clear and undisputed, to direct the Lodge to issue such card.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

28. Question.—Whether the said charters issued by the Grand Encampment of Maritime Provinces are duplicates of original charters issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States (now Sovereign Grand Lodge), or are original charter?

Answer.—They are not duplicates.

29. Question.—Whether the said charters so issued by the Grand Encampment, and which you have described as illegal?

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30. Question.—In instituting a new Encampment when there is no Past Chief Patriarch among the applications for charter, must the Encampment do without a Representative until they have a Past Chief Patriarch, or would it be proper to elect one of their number to be so designated, that he may be the Representative of the District Deputy Grand Patriarch for the Encampment?

Answer.—No Encampment has the right to elect a Patriarch as a Representative to the Grand Encampment, except one who possesses the proper qualifications as a Past Chief Patriarch, or Past High Priest, in the jurisdictions in which by their local law, a past High Priest, in The Representative must possess the qualifications resulting from an actual service in the qualifying office. The Order of Oddfellows has never recognized the right of a Subordinate to create by resolution any one as a Past Officer. Such Past Officer acquires his right only by reason of services. See Secs. 495, 496, and 497, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

31. Question.—A member of the Encampment paid his dues for a year and received an official receipt and the A. T. P. It now comes to the knowledge of the Encampment that he has been suspended by his Lodge for one year. He is in the far west, travelling, and can visit Encampments on his receipt, and the Encampment desires to know what they can do to prevent it.

Answer.—I do not believe that there is any law which would authorize the Encampment to prevent the Patriarch visiting other Encampments under the circumstances mentioned in the question, nor can I see why the Encampment should desire to do so. It would seem from the statement that the Patriarch has been punished for some fault or offense by the subordinate Lodge, by being suspended for a definite time. This action of the Lodge does not sever the connection of the brother with the Order, as does the expulsion, and unless the Encampment tries him for the offense, whatever it may be, certainly he is not debarred of his rights in such Encampment and of his right to visit under a duly and legally issued official certificate.

32. Question.—If a brother is three months or more in arrears in his subordinate Lodge, is he entitled to benefits in his Encampment, he being in good standing in the same?

Answer.—He is so entitled, he not being suspended from his Lodge. He is still a member of his Subordinate Lodge, and his status as to dues in his Lodge does not affect his status in his Encampment, in which, if his standing is good, he is entitled to benefits just as other members of such Encampment in good standing are entitled to them.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT DECISIONS.

52. Question.—Can a Department Council make a law that the junior Past President shall be the Vice-President of the Council?

Answer.—I find nothing in the Code governing the Patriarchs Militant Councils which would prevent the adoption of such a rule by the several Councils. Sec. 105 provides who shall be the officers of the Council specifying them, and proceeds to state that the Department Commander shall be President and the Assistant Adjutant-General shall be Secretary; it further provides that there shall be a Vice-President and a Treasurer; it does not specify how they shall be selected. I am of the opinion that it is

as competent for the Council to say that some special officer shall be *ex officio* Vice-President, as it may also say that some special officer shall be Treasurer.

53. Question. Should a Canton nominate four or more names (for Department Commander, should they then take a vote on the four and the Chevalier receiving the largest or majority vote be the nominee of the Canton, or should the four be the nominees of the Canton?

Answer.—Nominations for Field Officers and Department Commanders are made in Cantons by Chevaliers, not by Cantons. As I understand the law, each and every Chevalier has the right to place any qualified Chevalier in nomination for any position, and a majority of the Canton have no right to debar him from such privilege. This seems to me to be the correct rule, for it will be noted (See Secs. 60 and 61), that it is the Chevaliers of a Canton and not the Canton that vote. The sections are not as explicit as they might be, but as every Chevalier has the right to cast his vote for his choice, it seems to follow that he has a right to nominate the Chevalier of his choice, without reference to what may be the choice of a majority of the members of the Canton of which he is a member.

54. Question.—Has an active member of a Canton, not in uniform, a right to vote for officers?

Answer.—He has not.

55. Question.—Has an Honorary member the right to vote?

Answer.—He has not.

56. Question.—Should an active member, not in uniform, be admitted to a Canton meeting?

Answer.—To obtain admission to any body of Oddfellows, whether it be a Lodge, Encampment, Canton or Rebekah Lodge, a member must be clothed in regalia, and as the regalia of the Canton is the uniform prescribed, therefor, I decide that to obtain admission to a Canton meeting, an active member must be in uniform.

57. Question.—Should an officer preside at an election, who is a candidate for election?

Answer.—Upon general principles of propriety he should not; but he has legal right to so preside.

58. Question.—Is it the duty of the Clerk of a Canton to preside at the election of officers?

Answer.—I know of no law which makes it the duty of a Clerk of a Canton to preside at an election, nor do I know of any law which prohibits a Canton from passing a by-law authorizing a Clerk of a Canton to preside at such an election.

59. Question.—Has an active member, not in good standing upon the books of his Canton, a right to vote for officers?

Answer.—He has not.

60. Question.—A Chevalier is elected Captain of a Canton to fill a vacancy, within three months, and possibly less, of the installation. He is com-

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missioned and assumes his duties and serves to the end of the year (April 26), when he is not re-elected, but his successor is elected, commissioned and installed? Can he obtain a retired commission as Past Captain?

Answer.—The provisions of Section 80, Code for Government of Patriarch's Militant, provides: "Upon the surrender of his position, by resignation or otherwise, having an honorable record, *who sha'l have served half the length of time designated in his commission*, may obtain a retired commission," etc. It is a fact that this section seems to limit the right to obtain a retired commission to Past Captains, but as Sec. 81 gives the right sections together, I decide that the officer in the case cited is entitled to obtain a retired commission, he having served the full length of the term for which he was commissioned.

61. Statement: In a Canton a countersign and Department check word is required of Chevaliers in order to entitle them to sit in a meeting of a Canton. The Department check word is the Subordinate Encampment password for the current term.

Question.—A Chevalier being without the Department check word, has a Department Commander the right to communicate it to him to enable him to remain at a Canton meeting?

Answer.—He has.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

62. Question.—In the new Subordinate Ritual, a Rebekah sign is spoken of. Is this the same sign given in Rebekah work for recognizing brothers?

Answer.—It is.

63. Question.—Does the decision, "It is a brother's right to vote a secret ballot," apply to a poll for the election of Officers and Representatives where written ballots are used?

Answer.—It does.

64. Question.—Would a brother who endeavored to find out the names of those voting for the candidates be guilty of an offense under our laws?

Answer.—It would not; it being understood that this answer applies only to voting for officers of the body, and not for balloting for candidates for admission, either by initiation or affiliation, in which last named case the ballot must be secret, and no one has any right to endeavor to ascertain how any one other person voted.

65. Question.—A Committee being appointed to investigate charges against the "tellers or scrutineers" at an election for officers, can said Committee order brothers voting at said election to expose the character of their votes, and tell them for whom they voted?

Answer.—Where the election of an officer is contested, the body in which the election took place, has a right through such agencies as it may create, to find out and ascertain how and for whom each ballot was cast. In such case, if the written ballots were preserved, they would be the best evidence, but if not preserved, the several members voting could legally be examined as to how they voted.

66. Statement.—A brother is granted a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge on Dec. 14, 1896; on Sept. 10, 1897, he applies for admission by card and is rejected; on Dec. 1, 1897, he applies for a withdrawal card from the Rebekah Lodge?

Question.—Is he entitled to a withdrawal card from the Rebekah Lodge and to visit on same in Rebekah Lodges for one year thereafter?

Answer.—The Rebekah Lodge of which he is a member has the right to grant him a withdrawal card, and when it has been so granted he has a right to visit upon it for twelve months after its date.

67. Question.—Can a brother deposit the receipt in another Lodge for admission the same as a visiting card?

Answer.—Yes.

68.¹ Question.—Has a Lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railroad fare or carriage hire of any of its members or officers, to attend the funeral or burial of a member of their own or any other Lodge?

Answer.—It has not the right to make such appropriation; see Decision No. 31, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session of 1897, as found, with approval on pages 15,468, 15,534, 15,584, Journal of Proceedings. This decision, does not, however, prohibit the Lodge from making the appropriation from the five per cent. authorized to be set apart by Lodges with consent of Grand Lodge, for certain special purposes as provided for in the Law as found in Art. 378, of White's Digest, last edition; but the inhibition applies fully to appropriations made out of the general fund.

69. Question.—If an officer or Degree staff enter from or retire to an ante-room through a doorway other than the one in charge of the Inside Guardian, must they address the chair as directed on page 33 of the Ritual?

Answer. He or they need not. The team work contemplates the entrance of the team at certain points in their work, through some other entrance than the regular entrance to their lodge room.

70. Question.—Can the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card, be a petitioner for a new Lodge, and become a charter member, without either the A. T. P. W. (or A. P. W., if a Rebekah Lodge), or an order for it?

Answer.—He can; his card is the authority for becoming such petitioner; the possession or non-possession of such word does not affect his right.

71. Statement.—A member of the Order is charged with conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow; (using insulting language to the Noble Grand of his Rebekah Lodge) He is, on trial, found guilty. The Constitution provides a penalty of suspension or expulsion for the offense of which the member was convicted. The Lodge refused to enforce that penalty. The matter was appealed to the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Appeals reported that the evidence of the brother's guilt was overwhelming, and ordered it back to the Lodge for the enforcement of the penalty, and the Grand Lodge approved the report. The Lodge suspended the member for twenty-four hours. The Lodge met Saturday night.

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Question.—Would you consider such a suspension reasonable, a sufficient punishment, and a compliance with the mandate of the Grand Lodge?

Answer.—Where there is a minimum and a maximum punishment prescribed by law, it is the province of the trial body to prescribe and fix the period of suspension, the Lodge had a right to fix any period it chose. The punishment adjudged by the Lodge does not strike an impartial observer as being adequate, but it having the legal right to fix the punishment, and it being within the terms of the law, its decision must stand, as it has inflicted some punishment.

72. Question.—Are printed ballots legal?

Answer.—They are. I know of no law which forbids their use in an election, although it may not be in good taste to have them prepared in advance of an election, as savoring too much of electioneering.

73. Question.—Where a Lodge (Subordinate or Rebekah) or a Subordinate Encampment, has the office of Secretary or Scribe divided between two persons, one having charge of the records, etc., and the other of the accounts, what is the official title of each one?

Answer.—The officer of a Subordinate Lodge or Rebekah Lodge and of a Subordinate Encampment having charge of the records, is known and described officially in the case of a Lodge as "Secretary," and in case of an Encampment as "Scribe"; where the Lodge has another officer to take charge of its finances and accounts, such officer is styled officially as the "Financial Secretary," and in a similar case in the Encampment is styled "Financial Scribe."

74. Question.—Is it a violation of Law of the Order to publish in an Oddfellows' periodical notices of expulsion of members from the Order, after such notice of expulsion has been promulgated by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodges by circular letters?

Answer.—It is not a violation of the Laws of the Order so to do.

75. Question.—Can an officer-elect be installed into office, he being twelve weeks in arrears for dues, the uniform Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction requiring a member to be thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, before he becomes non-beneficial? In other words, a member of this jurisdiction is in good standing until he becomes thirteen weeks in arrears for dues.

Answer.—The officer-elect being in good standing, according to the Constitution, he is eligible for installation into office, providing he has performed such previous service in other offices as is required by law.

77. Question.—By the By-Laws of a Lodge in Oregon, it is provided: "That in conducting the funeral of a brother of this Lodge, in good standing, who is to be buried in a cemetery beyond the city limits, the Noble Grand is hereby authorized to procure at the expense of the Lodge a sufficient number of conveyances, of which he shall be sole judge, to accommodate such brothers as he may appoint to assist him, and to proceed to such cemetery and perform the funeral ceremony of the Order, provided such expense shall not exceed the sum of fifteen dollars." Is such by-law legal?

Answer.—It is not. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session in Springfield in 1897, approved a decision of the Grand Sire, No. 31, to be found on page 15,168 of the Proceedings of said session, by which it was declared that a Lodge had not the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railroad fare and carriage hire of its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the lodge room. This decision stands, therefore, as one of the Laws of the Order, and under it no Lodge has a right to pass such a By-law as is quoted, but a Lodge may appropriate money from the five per cent. fund authorized to be set apart for such uses as it may deem proper, for the purpose of hiring conveyances to transport brothers to the funeral of a deceased member.

78. Question.—The Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Oregon) prescribes no residence qualification. Under same, is it usual for one Lodge to prescribe by By-law that no person can petition the Lodge who has not resided in the State three months, for another to require four months' and another six months' residence?

Answer. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, not having passed any general law specifying what length of residence in a jurisdiction shall be required of persons applying for membership in a Lodge situated therein, it would be perfectly legal for the several Subordinate Grand Bodies to fix such period, and where such period has not been so fixed, it seems to be within the powers of Subordinate Lodges to fix such period by their By-laws, which By-laws, of course, must be approved by the Grand Body, to which such body is subordinate.

79. Question.—Has any jurisdiction the right to confer the Assembly Degree upon Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges, who are not Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges?

Answer.—It has.

80. Question.—The Rebekah Ritual provides that brothers should wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in the Subordinate Lodge, etc. Is it proper for a brother who holds office, when sitting in a Subordinate Lodge, to wear the regalia and jewel of such office when sitting in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—The law governing the Rebekah branch provides that officers of a Rebekah Lodge, whether brothers or sisters, shall wear the official regalia of the office. The Code was amended to this effect at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in Springfield in 1897. A brother, member of a Rebekah Lodge, not an officer of such Lodge, shall wear the regalia he is entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. For this law, see pages 15,641-2. Journal of Proceedings, S. G. L., session of 1897. The law, being what it is, I decide that a brother, not an officer of a Rebekah Lodge, can wear the regalia he is entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge.

81. Question.—Is it a violation of Sec. 5 of Art. 16, S. G. L. Constitution, for a brother to open and conduct a saloon, he being at the time a bar tender rightfully and legally so employed?

Answer.—No.

NOTE.—In his report to the S. G. L., Grand Sire Carleton stated that he made a large number of decisions which he deemed unnecessary to report, such answers given being in no sense binding. He, however, reported

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eleven decisions made to questions submitted by Grand Master Corkhill, of Massachusetts, relative to fraternal insurance. Inasmuch as the S. G. L. repealed all legislation heretofore enacted by that body in any way, recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of the Order, and revoked all certificates heretofore issued to such companies, the decisions above referred to are of no general interest to the Order and are therefore omitted. We will say, however, that decisions 1 to 9 inclusive were approved, and decisions 10 and 11 were reversed; and those desiring to look the matter up, will find same on pages 18 to 21 inclusive in the Grand Sire's Report.

NEW LEGISLATION.

The fiscal year, Patriarchs Militant, ends Dec. 31; the "Militant" year (official) April 26.

That at the burial of a patriarch the Encampment as such must wear the regalia of the patriarchal branch.

That a new edition of the revised code of laws for the government of the Patriarchs Militant, to include the Legislation of 1898, be printed and placed on sale as supplies.

That on the occasion of future parades and other public ceremonies of the Order, Subordinate Encampments be allowed to wear the old or royal purple degree uniform.

That the form of charter for Rebekah Assemblies, provided for (pages 15,611, 15,634, Journal 1897), be printed by the Grand Secretary, and sold as other supplies to Grand Jurisdictions requesting them.

That hereafter the Grand Sire in making his decisions shall send a copy only to the parties in interest, and that the decisions be not printed until submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for approval.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be and are hereby instructed to leave a blank line in all official certificates hereafter printed, in which the date of payment of any money to the Secretary of a Lodge may be inserted.

That meetings of Subordinate Encampments may be held weekly or semi-monthly, except in cases of yearly terms, such Encampments may be permitted by their Grand Encampments to hold their meetings monthly, instead of semi-monthly.

That all legislation heretofore enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. in any way recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship be, and the same is hereby repealed, and further, that all certificates heretofore issued to such life or accident insurance companies are hereby revoked.

That Cantons shall not turn out in public for purely display purposes, less than fifteen chevaliers, rank and file, except at funerals, or by order of the Department Commander, provided, that only members who are in good standing in their Cantons are eligible to turn out and participate in any public parade or display.

That in all cases of appeal to the S. G. L., the applicant at the time the appeal is filed, shall notify the appellee of such thing; and therefore, either

party, filing any argument or brief, shall serve a copy on the opposite party; when a Grand Lodge is appellee, such service shall be by sending the copy to the Grand Secretary of such Grand Lodge.

That the possession of an official certificate for dues paid to date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the Lodge, or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing same, with the seal properly attached, be and the same is hereby declared sufficient, proper, and legal authority for any Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the current travelling password of the Order.

That it be a standing resolution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, that after the session of 1898 the practice of presenting to new Representatives, without cost, copies of bound journals of all the proceedings of this Grand body be discontinued, and all legislation in conflict with this resolution be, and the same is, hereby repealed, and such journals shall be furnished to members and past members who shall order same and pay "cost and carriage."

That Grand State jurisdictions, by their respective Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, shall each make a return annually to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of all statistics required by the laws of the Order, in time to reach the office of the Grand Secretary not later than June 30; and the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to report to this Grand Body the names of all delinquents failing to comply with this law.

That Department Councils be allowed a discount of fifteen per cent. from list price on all decoration and grand decoration jewels hereafter purchased; that the Sovereign Grand Lodge remit to the respective departments fifteen per cent. of the price said Departments have paid for the decoration and grand decoration jewels purchased since January 1, 1898; and that the Grand Secretary credit each Department the amount due under this resolution, and each of said Departments to receive supplies to the amount of such credit.

That the several subordinate Grand Bodies be, and they are hereby, fully authorized to declare in the several jurisdictions what length of time or what sum of dues a brother shall owe for dues to constitute such brother non-beneficial, and that Decision No. 17, as reported by the Grand Sire (Journal of Proceedings, page 15, 166), and approved by this body be, and the same is hereby made to apply to and to control only such Lodges as are under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That Sec. 155, page 91, P. M. code of laws of 1892, be amended to read as follows: "A leather baldric shall be worn by all the officers and chevaliers over their right shoulder, beneath the shoulder knot, passing downward to the left, and there attached to sword belts by snapping into rings concealed upon inside of belt. The baldric must have a front ornament, consisting of gold plated metallic escutcheon shield, connected by gold plated chains, and appropriate buckle and appropriate ornament on back."

That the persons who are the beneficiaries of the funeral benefit are the widow, orphans (under age of twenty-one years), or the dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. In the event of the death of a member in

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INCIDENTS OF THE SOVERIGN GRAND LODGE SESSION.

All the jurisdictions were represented at the 1898 session.

One million official certificates were sold during the past year.

Grand Marshals of Grand Lodges must continue to be appointed as heretofore.

The Grand Sire is allowed \$1,500 per year for clerical expenses. A proposition to increase it to \$2,000 was defeated.

Seven Past Grand Sires were present, viz.: Nicholson, Sanders, Durham, White, Underwood, Busbee, Campbell, Stebbins.

It cost \$662.89 to pay postage on daily journals, freight and cartage on supplies, telegram to President McKinley, marking seats in Hall, etc.

The attempt to reduce the mileage of members from 12 to 10 cents per mile one way to 10 and eight cents was defeated by a vote of 73 to 84.

The action of Grand Sire Carleton in appointing a Deputy Grand Sire for Alaska, with authority to institute Lodges in that territory was approved.

A resolution was presented from Michigan to unite the patriarchal and Patriarchs Militant branches of the Order. The S. G. L. said "No."

A charter was granted Alaska Lodge, No. 1, Douglas Island, Alaska. A charter was also issued to Stichtsche Lodge, No. 6, Amersfoort, Netherlands.

The sum of \$250, or as much as may be needed, was appropriated for an oil portrait of Past Grand Sire Carleton, to be hung in the portrait gallery of the S.G.L. at Baltimore.

Gen. Underwood's effort to get the S.G.L. to donate ex-Secretary Ross \$2,000 was not approved.

Hereafter all applications for the grand decoration of chivalry from Department Councils must be accompanied by the resolution of the Department Council with the seal attached.

No jewel can take the place of regalia in Subordinate Lodges. An attempt to make them so was defeated. Two reports were made on this subject, the majority against the change being sustained.

But two decisions made by Grand Sire Carleton during his past year were disapproved, one of which was relative to a brother watching with the sick when away from home or in another jurisdiction.

The S.G.L. again reiterated its opposition to allowing subordinates to hold its meetings alternately in two different places. This action came through a request from Texas to allow an Encampment to do so.

A resolution was presented directing the Committee on Degree of Rebekah to present legislation permitting women to join the order, only when they are directly related to an Odd Fellow, but the committee deemed it inexpedient and it was so voted.

The estimated receipts of the S.G.L. for the year ending July 31, 1899, is \$72,800; expenditures, \$72,744.95; and this sum, or as much more thereof as may be needed, was appropriated for the payment of such expenses.

An attempt was made to make it obligatory upon Grand Lodges to enact laws that would enforce visitation, by the members of a Lodge, of its sick brothers, unless the sickness was of a contagious nature, or it was decreed unwise by the attending physician.

The proposition to authorize the appointment of a board or commission of three competent members to revise, codify, and annotate the laws of the S.G.L., and publish same, was a good one, but like many others was defeated.

A resolution authorizing the organization of Odd Fellow Lodges in Manilla, Phillipine Islands, did not meet with approval of the Committee on Legislation, although it fully appreciated the importance of the matter involved. The committee so reported, and its report was adopted.

An amendment to the S.G.L. Constitution was offered and laid over that Indians, members of the five civilized tribes, residents of the Indian Territory, may be admitted to membership; and that no person tainted with African blood can ever become eligible to membership in the Order.

A secret session was held Thursday evening, during which time the secret journal was read, bills were introduced, and suggestions regarding the ritualistic and unwritten work were considered. Only representatives and officers, not including appointees for the session, were allowed to be present.

Rep. Grassman, of New Jersey, wanted State Grand Bodies to have the privilege of granting their Subordinate Lodges a vacation during July and August, of each year, but it was not adopted.

The special committee appointed last year to consider and codify a new form of the funeral ceremony reported same, which was printed in full in the daily proceedings, but it was considered no better than that which we now have, and after considerable discussion, it was refused adoption by a vote of 72 to 78.

The number of miles traveled by the Representatives to reach Boston was 259,019. The mileage amounted to \$30,387.37, and per diem to \$6,150; total, \$36,537.37. The longest distance traveled was by Rep. W. I. Vawter, of Medford, Oregon, 3,647 miles, who received \$437.64 in mileage. Reps. Chas. N. Alexander, of Boston, and Edwin L. Pilsbury, of Charlestown, received no mileage.

The Committee on the State of the Order reported that the law is clear that decisions of the Grand Sire made during recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are law and binding upon all whom official knowledge may come of the decisions, until same shall have been reversed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

In Springfield, in 1897, the sum of \$696.10 were paid seven Past Grand Sires, and in accordance with instructions of the Grand Encampment of

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Illinois, Reps. Carlin and Murphy presented a resolution that after the present session, no allowance of mileage and per diem be allowed them, but it met with but slight support, and was not adopted.

The Connecticut and Illinois delegations, by request of the Rebekah Assemblies, asked that a certain time of each annual session be set apart for the consideration of Rebekah legislation, and that at such time delegates from the several State Assemblies be permitted to be present and take part in the consideration thereof. It was deemed inexpedient and not adopted.

A majority and minority report was presented on the question of allowing encampment members to wear the old uniform upon parades in the future. The majority report in favor of the proposition was adopted.

The Constitution of the S. G. L. was so amended that the unwritten work of the Order can in no wise be altered or amended, except by a four-fifths vote of the members present in Grand Lodge; nor the written work of the Order except by a two-thirds vote of the members present. This was adopted by a vote of 166 to 1.

The special committee on Patriarchs Militant drill regulations appointed last year, reported that it met in Baltimore and carefully examined all the blanks and forms in the Adjutant-General's office, and also the editions of "P. M. Regulations and Army Register" of 1888 and 1892, and that with the exception of the descriptions of uniforms and the colored and printed plates, which in many instances are now misleading, there is nothing now in force in either book. The committee was authorized, however, to make necessary corrections in the drill regulations, and add the revised ceremonies and display drill, and as corrected 2,500 copies to be ordered and printed and placed on sale as supplies.

Art. XVII of the S. G. L. By-laws was amended so that in the future each state, district and territorial Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and twenty copies for the use of each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and that each Grand Representative shall be furnished with five copies of the proceedings, and each Grand Officer and Past Grand Sire with one copy each. This went into immediate effect.

The resolution offered by Rep. Grassman of New Jersey, asking that \$1,000 be appropriated for the services of Herman Block, special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, for the ensuing year, instead of \$500 as heretofore, aroused considerable opposition, but was adopted.

New Patriarchs Militant rituals were ordered printed, and it was voted that they be exchanged for those now in use by Cantons for the last issue of P. M. rituals published two years ago, free of charge, and without cost of transportation to the S. G. L., and that they be furnished at any time prior to Oct. 1, 1899, in exchange for old P. M. rituals, at the price of one dollar, and that all rituals now in hand in the Grand Secretary's office, other than those returned, be destroyed by burning.

The representatives from the State of Washington wanted the S. G. L. to go into the regalia business, and offered a resolution that all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges and Encampments instituted after January 1, 1899, shall purchase their regalia through the Grand Secretary, which regalia shall be sold to subordinates at a price not to exceed twenty-five per cent. above the cost to the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Legislation reported it inexpedient, but by vote action was postponed until next session.

An amendment was offered to the Constitution and laid over, providing that no officer or representative shall receive as compensation or reimbursement for expenses, a sum exceeding the amount necessarily expended by him in railroad, stage, boat, and sleeping-car fare, estimated by the shortest practicable route of travel, and \$5.00 per day for each day necessarily spent in going to, attending, and returning from the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, attended by such officer or representative. Biennial and qualification amendments were also presented and laid over.

The amendment to the S. G. L. Constitution requiring membership in a Rebekah Lodge as an additional qualification to be eligible to a seat in the grand body, met with defeat when it first came up for consideration, by a vote of 131 to 45 (two-thirds vote required to adopt). Subsequently a motion to consider was made and carried by a vote of 92 to 40.

The special committee appointed last year to consider the advisability of creating an active commander for the Patriarchs Militant, reported adversely, and said that in order to make an active commander effective, there should be a re-organization of the army, recurring to its original composition of corps, divisions, brigades, etc., without regard to departmental lines which would necessarily increase the expense of its government, and become burdensome upon the chevaliers; that the Grand Sire, as commander-in-chief, has the power to appoint or designate some officer as an active commander of any general parade or cantonment he may order, from among the officers in active command of troops attending the same, observing the rank and seniority of such officer.

Your Representatives were placed on Committee as follows :

Geo. Ross—"Degree of Rebekah."

Geo. Bell—"Unfinished Business."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

GEORGE ROSS,

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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