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—AT ITS—

*Fifteenth Annual Communication,*

HELD IN THE

Hall of Excelsior and Unity Lodges

NOS. 44 and 47, HAMILTON,

ON THE 4th and 5th DAYS OF AUGUST, 1869.

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## **FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

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### **R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.**

*Held in the Hall of Excelsior and Unity Lodges,*

**HAMILTON, ONT.**

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**HAMILTON, ONT., August 4th, 1869.**

Excelsior and Unity Lodges being in session, the Grand Master and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge were introduced and received with the honors, and tendered by the N. G. of Excelsior Lodge with the free use of the Lodge Room for the purposes of the Session, in a short address replied to by Grand Master Barr, on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Bro. T. Lawless, P. G., of Excelsior Lodge then read the following very eloquent address of welcome to the Grand Lodge :

*Most Worthy Grand Master, Right Worthy Grand Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

**BRETHREN.**—It is with feelings of pride and pleasure that I, in behalf of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, and Unity Lodge No. 47, welcome you to our city and our Lodge Room. When last it was the duty and privilege of the “Brethren of our friendly Order” in the “Ambitious City” to welcome your Right Worthy Grand Body among them, Odd Fellowship in Hamilton was but in its infancy—a mere sapling, as it were, contending for an existence against the elements of the social and moral atmosphere in which it grew. In the four years which have elapsed since that time, it has grown beyond the most sanguine expectations of even its best friends, and to-day, instead of extending

to you the hand of a single weak Lodge, it is my privilege to stretch forth on behalf of two active and growing ones, the strong right arm of Brotherly Love, and grasp your hand with the grip of Friendship true. While congratulating ourselves upon the success which has attended the career of Odd Fellowship in this city, we feel that we should also congratulate your Right Worthy Grand Body upon the marked progress made in the numerical and financial strength of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, as well as upon its establishment and extension in other jurisdictions within the boundaries of that great, glorious old Empire upon which the sun NEVER sets, and of which our Province is a portion. It is scarcely a year ago since the glad tidings were heralded throughout the land that the Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Australia had, *en masse*, adopted our work, and joined hands with us in the great mission of human melioration; and now, within the past three months the news is wafted to us over the broad bosom of the Pacific, that the distant colony of New Zealand has added another link to the golden chain of Friendship, Love and Truth, which is destined to bind into one great Universal Brotherhood "all nations of men that dwell upon the face of the earth," by the organization, on the 11th of March last of a Grand Lodge in that Province. Casting our eyes up and down the broad expanse of the British Empire, resting them here and there upon Lodges of our beloved Order, witnessing the unparalleled success which is attending its labors, and the growing desire for a closer bond of union manifested by the other branches of the Odd Fellow family, gives rise to the lovely vision—yea, bids us hope that the day is not far distant when an Odd Fellows' card, no matter where issued, will be a sure passport for its owner into every Odd Fellows' Lodge beneath the broad canopy of Heaven—when there shall be but one name by which we shall be known, and that name—Odd Fellow.

It is but a few months since we celebrated the semi-centenary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship to the continent of America—since the jubilee song of our Order was wafted o'er hill and dale, from every quarter of North America, and even from the far-off islands of the sea. The half century that has elapsed since Wildey and his compeers unfurled the banner of our Order in the city of Baltimore has marked an era of progress in Odd Fellowship, for which we fail to find a parallel in the history of any kindred society, and to which we all, and especially our brothers living in the neighboring Republic, may point with honest pride. The heartiness with which the "brethren of our friendly Order" in Ontario took part in the late celebration, forcibly illustrates the truthfulness of the profession that we are brothers—that whether we meet beneath the "Red Cross Flag" of Old England, or the "Star Spangled Banner" of Young America,

" The Golden bands that Brothers bind  
No hand on earth can sever;  
The Golden Heart of Human kind  
Pours out its wealth forever."

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER,—Your Right Worthy Grand Body has come among us for the purpose of holding its Annual Communica-

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tion—to review the labors of the past, and to take counsel together for future usefulness. May the God of the Widow and the Orphan be with you and watch over the deliberations of your session, that whatever plans you mature or business you transact, you will not for a moment lose sight of the great command of our Brotherhood, to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan”—that your aim may be to lay broad and deep the foundations of Brotherly Love in parts where now unknown—and that when you go hence to your homes and your Lodges, it will be with a broader, deeper, more abiding sense of the high and responsible obligations which you, in common with the rest of us, have taken at the altars of Friendship, Love and Truth.

And now, Most Worthy Grand Master, in behalf of the Brotherhood in Hamilton, I extend to you, and through you to your Right Worthy Grand Lodge, the grip of Welcome, and pray that the Great Father of us all will be with you in your labors of Love.

Bro. Dr. J. W. Ferguson, P. G., then read the annexed Poem :

### Welcome Brothers.

The ages with a mute adieu,  
Take up their march along,  
And on the realm of silence  
Pass slowly, one by one.  
Out from the misty morning  
With its myths and scrolls of stars,  
Files the dim procession of barren days,  
Of heroes and mighty wars.

Here let us stand and question  
What story do they tell?  
How times recurred like a thrice-told tale,  
How heroes fought and fell.  
What speak they of garnered treasures  
In the darkness gathered long?  
Lo! one has saved but a sculptor's urn,  
And one but a poet's song.

And one has despoiled a temple,  
And pilfered a soulless creed,  
And one has made captive man's faith in God,  
And left him sore in need,  
Another has followed a phantom,  
As a lover seeks a bride;  
And the cast off gear of an age gone by  
Is worn by the next in pride.

The dwellers in time are weary  
With questioning to-day,  
What thing do you bring to the waiting world,  
And what do you bear away?  
Is it poor or unheroic,  
This age of throes and pains,  
Of struggle and lofty sacrifice,  
And striking off of chains.

Might has its hour of faintness,  
 Error its time to die;  
 Its hold is weak on the-shrinking soul,  
 'Twill loosen by and by.  
 From the face of the rising morrow  
 The veil of cloud is torn,  
 And Truth, asleep through a weary night,  
 Awakens with the morn.

Unsullied Order, holy  
 Knights of the bloodless sword,  
 Fraternity whose kin is man,  
 Whose leader is the Lord!  
 Bear up the hopes of millions,  
 Throttle man's greatest curse;  
 Your strength is prayer, your weapon Love,  
 Your field the universe!

From northern coasts where winter  
 And summer join their hands;  
 From sunny climes, where amber waves  
 Die on the golden sands,  
 You come with hearts united,  
 And open arms, to wind  
 The tripple tie of brotherhood  
 Round all of human kind.

Beneath the blended Banners  
 You gather, undefiled,  
 As round a common altar kneel  
 The parent and the child.  
 Welcome, grave synod, Welcome!  
 We feel one chastening rod,  
 And own one hope, one parentage,  
 One purpose, and one God.

The Grand Lodge was then duly opened by the R. W. Grand Warden, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

The Most Worthy Grand Master then appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz: Thos. Partridge, D. G. M.; J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treas., and James Woodyatt, Grand Representative.

After due deliberation, the Credential Committee submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were on motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following Report:

We find the Credentials of Representatives to this R. W. Grand Body, correct, from the following Lodges, viz:

P. G. JOHN WRIGHT,	}	Rep. Brock Lodge - No. 9.
" JAMES HUTCHISON,		
" T. HEALY,	}	" Union Lodge - No. 16.
" J. B. McINTYRE,		
" JAMES BIRD,		
" JOHN SCHNEIDER,	}	" Chatham Lodge No. 29.
" HENRY NORTHWOOD,		
" GEO. POWELL, Sr.,	}	" Eureka Lodge, No. 30.
" SAMUEL FLORY,		
" JAMES HERON,	}	" Erie Lodge, No. 33.
" PAUL HIDDEN,		
" P. B. HATCH,	}	" Gore Lodge - No. 34.
" H. C. BINGHAM,		
" GEORGE DENNIS,	}	" Samaritan Lodge No. 35.
" J. F. MORREY,		
" G. MARLATT,	}	" St. Mary's Lodge No. 36.
" J. KUNTZ,		
" M. D. DAWSON,	}	" Forest City Lodge No. 38.
" R. J. C. DAWSON,		
" T. A. TARRANT,	}	" Avon Lodge, - No. 41.
" JAMES SMITH,		
" T. T. IRVING,	}	" Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.
" JOHN GIBSON,		
" J. W. FERGUSON,	}	" Frontier Lodge, No. 45.
" ROBERT EVANS,		
" THOS. LAWLESS,	}	" Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46.
" JOHN BOWDEN,		
" ALFRED HAYS,	}	" Unity Lodge, No. 47.
" WILLIAM IRVING,		
" JOHN SMITH,	}	" Dominion Lodge No. 48.
" ARCH'D FREW,		
" MARK HILL,	}	" Canada Lodge, No. 49.
" J. G. DODD,		
" J. J. DYAS,	}	" Bissell Lodge, No. 51.
" M. BLUME,		
" WM. McNEIL,	}	" Covenant Lodge, No. 52.
" HUGH BLAIN,		
" JNO. J. RAMSAY,	}	" Niagara Falls " No. 53.
" THOS. McKEE,		

Your Committee submit the following resolution, viz: That the above named Representatives be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge as such; and that those of them who have not yet obtained the G. L. Degree be instructed therein, except that in the case of Unity Lodge No. 47, your Committee find from the Return that that Lodge is entitled to but two Representatives.

Your Committee also find the Certificates of the following Past Grands correct, viz:

P. G. F. WINKLER,	- - -	<i>Avon Lodge,</i>	-	No. 41.
" W. H. McELCHERON,	- - -	<i>Excelsior Lodge,</i>	-	No. 44.
" R. C. HOLBROOK,	- - -	"	-	"
" E. MILLER,	- - -	"	-	"
" C. W. KEMPSTER,	- - -	"	-	"
" R. C. COOPER,	- - -	"	-	"

We submit the following Resolution, viz: That the above named Past Grands be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. B. KING,  
JAS. WOODYATT, } *Committee.*

After which the Representatives and Past Grands named in the Report were introduced by the Grand Marshall, and duly obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, by the R. W. Grand Warden.

The roll of Officers being called, the following were present :

JOHN BARR.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
T. PARTRIDGE,.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R. KIRKPATRICK.....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING.....	R. W. GRAND SEC. & TREAS.
JAMES WOODYATT.....	R. W. GRAND REP.
HENRY McAFEE.....	R. W. " "
GEORGE WALES.....	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
J. BARBOUR.....	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
JOHN NOBLE,.....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN:

And a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of the last Session, as printed, was then, on motion of Rep. J. Heron, of No. 30, adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master, Jno. Barr, then presented and read his Annual Report and Address, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution.



## Grand Master's Report.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS :—

CLAUSE A.—Another year has passed away, and through the blessings of Divine Providence we are once more privileged to meet together for the purpose of reviewing our labours of the past, and legislate for the further advancement of our beloved Order ; it therefore becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship for the past year.

The past year has been one of prosperity. Three new Lodges have been added to our number, the increase of membership I will give a synopsis of at the end of my report.

In accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge I submit my official acts for the year, and while doing so have much pleasure in informing the Lodge that I made an official visit to each Lodge in the jurisdiction, and that on each of their regular meeting nights, so that I have formed a pretty accurate knowledge of the working of the Order throughout the Province.

CLAUSE B.—Sept. 24.—Granted dispensation for the institution of Bissell Lodge No. 51, in the Town of Mitchell, and requested our esteemed Brother Thos. Partridge, D. G. M., to attend to same as soon as possible, as it was impossible for me to be present, whose report of this duty being performed I now lay before you.

CLAUSE C.—Aug. 23.—Instructed Bro. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to procure a new seal for Grand Lodge on account of alteration of name ; this has been attended to, and seal now in use.

CLAUSE D.—Sept. 18.—Authorized Bro. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to order 100 new Charters, to be printed by Messrs. Chewett & Co., Toronto, who offered to do the same for \$60. I thought it as well to do this, as the old ones could not be altered to look well.

CLAUSE E.—Oct. 6.—Authorized Bro. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to invest \$500, Grand Lodge Funds, in Dominion Stock, which has been done.

CLAUSE F.—Oct. 21.—Granted dispensation for the institution of Covenant Lodge No. 52 at Toronto. Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, assisted by Bro. C. E. Pierce, D. D. G. M., duly instituted the Lodge and installed the Officers. This report is laid before you.

CLAUSE G.—Oct. 21.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. J. M. O'Connor of late Thames Lodge, Mitchell. He had nothing to do with the breaking up of Thames Lodge, and was the principal party in starting Bissell Lodge.

CLAUSE H.—Nov. 23.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. Henry Grey, from late Thames Lodge, on application of Officers of Bissell Lodge No. 51.

CLAUSE I.—Nov. 30.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. William McNeil, from late Thames Lodge, on application of Officers of Bissell Lodge.

CLAUSE J.—July 15.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. Christian Sackell, from late Thames Lodge, on application of Bro. J. M. O'Connor, Bissell Lodge.

CLAUSE K.—March 15.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. McGregor, from late Rose Lodge, on application of Bro. H. McAfee, Grand Representative.

CLAUSE L.—April 20.—Instituted Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, at Clifton, assisted by a large deputation from Union Lodge No. 16, including P. G. M. Dolson, P. G. Purvis, P. G. M. H. McAfee, D. G. M. Partridge and Grand Secretary, Bro. King. This Lodge is in good hands, and is sure to prosper.

CLAUSE M.—The applications in each case for the institution of new Lodges, was signed by the requisite number of petitioners, accompanied by Grand Lodge fees, which was paid to the Grand Secretary, whereupon I issued the dispensations, and the Lodges were duly instituted, and hope the Grand Lodge will sanction and direct that Charters be granted to them, viz :—

At Mitchell, Bissell Lodge No. 51.

At Toronto, Covenant Lodge No. 52.

At Clifton, Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53.

OFFICIAL VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR :

CLAUSE N.—Feb. 25.—In company with Bro. H. McAfee, Grand

Rep. visited Canada Lodge No. 49, and found them boldly pushing forward in the good cause.

Feb. 26.—Visited Chatham Lodge No. 29, accompanied by the same worthy Brother; working well and in a prosperous condition.

Feb. 27.—Visited Frontier Lodge No. 45, and was much pleased with the working of this Lodge; they are in a high state of prosperity, having just commenced the building of a new Hall, which is to be completed next fall.

Feb. 28.—Visited Excelsior Lodge No. 44; steadily progressing in the good work.

March 2.—Visited Covenant Lodge No. 52, and was astonished at the rapid progress made since being instituted; the Officers are all well up in their work.

March 5.—Visited Gore Lodge No. 34, in company with a large party of Brothers from Excelsior and Unity Lodges; was highly pleased with the working of its Officers, and general prosperity of the Lodge.

March 9.—Visited Eureka Lodge No. 30; met with Bro. J. Smith, P. G. M., Bro. Wigmore, P. G. M., also Bro. Partridge, D. G. M.; found this Lodge just as I expected—in a flourishing condition, and one of the bright stars in our Order.

March 11.—In company with Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., and Bro. H. Beltz, visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 46; they are progressing slowly but steadily in the good cause.

March 15.—Visited Forest City Lodge No. 38; there met Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., and Bro. Jas. Smith, P. G. M.; this is one of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction.

March 17.—Visited Samaritan Lodge No. 35; found them in a very healthy condition, and progressing steadily onward.

March 22.—In company with Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., visited Otter Lodge No. 50; found Brothers taking a lively interest in the work, and progressing slowly; about moving into their new Hall, which I learn they have since done.

May 4.—Visited Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, and was much pleased with the progress they were making, being so recently instituted; Bros. well up in work.

June 23.—Visited Unity Lodge No. 47; this Lodge has made rapid strides, and now sends three Representatives.

July 5.—Visited and installed Officers of Bissell Lodge No. 51;

highly gratified with the progress made, and interest taken in the Order by the members.

July 6.—Visited and installed Officers of St. Mary's Lodge No. 36 ; in a flourishing condition.

July 7.—Visited and installed Officers of Avon Lodge, No. 41 ; an old and strong Lodge, doing well.

July 20.—Visited Union Lodge No. 16 ; I need hardly say that this Lodge ranks second to none.

July 22.—Visited Dominion Lodge No. 48 ; progressing rapidly ; works well ; installed some of their Officers ; met Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., and Bro. Bingham, P. G. M.

July 23.—Visited Erie Lodge No. 33 ; progressing slowly.

July 27.—Visited Brock Lodge No. 9 ; this is the oldest Lodge in the jurisdiction, and although not the strongest numerically, consider themselves second to none in love for the Order ; they are fitting up a fine Hall which will be a credit to themselves and the Order.

This closes my Official visits for the jurisdiction, and I can surely assure the Grand Lodge that the Order generally is in a flourishing condition.

#### APPEALS.

CLAUSE O.—1st.—Appeal from Bro. W. H. McElcheron, P. G., Excelsior Lodge, against the decision of that Lodge regarding a charge which he preferred against Bro. Robert Magill, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow ; papers attached.

2nd —Appeal from Bro. McMatt, Erie Lodge No. 33, against the action of said Lodge for expelling one charged for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in using funds of said Lodge ; papers attached.

3rd.—Appeal from Unity Lodge No. 47, against refusal of D.D.G.M. Pierce to install Bro. Wm. Harper, P. V. G., who was duly elected to the office of N. G. Bro. Frew, who was N. G., having resigned the office according to agreement with Bro. Harper, so that he, Bro. Harper, might be elected.

I decided that Bro. Harper, being eligible to the office, and only elected, should be installed, and ordered that such should be done.

I consider that the action taken in this case by Unity Lodge is very far wrong, they are establishing a very bad precedent, and is the *second case* of the kind which has occurred in the same Lodge, so that I could not but notice it in my report ; I consider I would be wanting in the discharge of my duty to pass it over.

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The case is this, Bro. Harper, who has passed through the V. G. chair is candidate for the office of N. G., he is elected, but resigns his election; the Lodge then elect P. G. Bro. Frew, who occupies the chair for the whole term except two nights, when he resigns his chair, as he states in his communication to that effect; that he does so as previously arranged—the object of course being that Bro. Harper filling the close of the term, viz.: *one or two nights*, gets the honor of the office. If this is constitutional by the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, then the sooner the Law is changed the better. The previous case, I understand, was something of the same nature. I leave the matter in your hands to say what should be done.

## DECISIONS.

*CLAUSE P.—1st Ques.*—In the absence of any Grand Officer or P. G. of the Lodge, is it legal for the N. G. to request another P. G. of a sister Lodge in the same jurisdiction to install a Brother to the office of Secretary?

*Ans.*—Yes.

*2nd Ques.*—In the event of said P. G. installing him, can the D. D. G. M. declare it illegal on his own responsibility?

*Ans.*—No.

*3rd Ques.*—Is it legal, in the absence of a P. G., to ask the N. G. of another Lodge to give the P. G.'s charge.

*Ans.*—Yes.

*4th Ques.*—Has the D. D. G. M. to announce himself at the door of the Lodge as such, or provided he comes in as any other member would do, is he at liberty to give his decision as D. G. M. without being asked to do so in that capacity?

*Ans.*—Not necessary for D. D. G. M. to announce himself at door of Lodge as such.

*5th Ques.*—Are there any other rules for installation of officers besides those laid down in the working books of the Lodge?

*Ans.*—None.

*6th Ques.*—Can a Lodge declare the office of Secretary vacant from absence of officer for two nights, and proceed to elect another to the office without receiving the written resignation of the brother holding such office?

*Ans.*—No. The officer must be absent for four successive meetings before the office can be declared vacant, and then must have vote of Lodge, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

*7th Ques.*—Bro. W. S. Moore, D. D. G. M., Erie Lodge No. 33, sends following question for decision: A brother of Erie Lodge No. 33, Mate of a schooner on the lakes, got a felon on his hand, suffered great pain and inconvenience, and paid out some money for medicine; also asked

leave of Captain to quit the vessel and go home, but the Captain preferred keeping him on board, and paid his wages as usual. Bro. claims two weeks benefits from Lodge. Lodge declined to entertain the claim on grounds set forth in clause 22, page 17, of Digest. Was Lodge entitled to pay said benefits?

*Ans.*—That if brother was able to go about his usual duties, as laid down in clause referred to above, he was not entitled to benefits; but if unable to do so, and can prove that such was the case, then Lodge was entitled to pay him his benefits.

*8th Ques.*—Is a brother who has only held a subordinate office for two months, eligible for an elective office?

*Ans.*—No.

*9th Ques.*—If Constitution of Grand Lodge of Ontario conflicts with laws of Grand Lodge of United States, which is to be taken for our guidance?

*Ans.*—Grand Lodge of United States.

*10th Ques.*—Is a brother eligible for the office of V. G. who has served a full term of 26 nights in a minor office?

*Ans.*—Yes.

*11th Ques.*—Can a brother be nominated to an office without he being present, but has signified his willingness to accept?

*Ans.*—Yes.

*12th Ques.*—In a newly instituted Lodge, is any charter member other than the Rec. Sec. eligible for the office of V. G., without having served two terms in office?

*Ans.*—Yes; any charter member is eligible for the chair of V. G. if Rec. Sec. declines the position.

*CLAUSE Q.*—I herewith beg to hand you circular received from Bro. Jas. L. Ridgely, R. W. Grand Secretary G. L. U. S., with reference to Regalia, which I had printed, and a copy sent to each Lodge in this jurisdiction.

*CLAUSE R.*—I received a petition from Bro. J. J. Dyas, of London, requesting me to grant dispensation, for the institution of Rebakah Degree Lodge in that city. This power was granted us at the last session of Grand Lodge of the United States; but I considered that this Grand Lodge ought to take action in the matter before dispensations could be granted, therefore I informed the applicant that the petition would have to lay over until this meeting. I now lay the petition before you, and trust you will take action, so that this charter can be granted.

*CLAUSE S.*—I submit to you the different reports of D. D. G. Masters, so far as received. I am sorry to see that so few of them consider it their duty to attend promptly to sending these reports. I should hope in future that they will be more careful and prompt in reporting the state of their several Lodges in each of their districts.

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CLAUSE T.—I would recommend this Grand Lodge to take some more decided action with reference to the use of the charge books. I find, in making my official visits, that only a few of them make any attempt to commit them to memory. A few, I am glad to say, do work without them, but it is a very small number, and until we take some decided action compelling all officers to have their charges committed to memory before being installed into office, or at least within two weeks thereafter, that their office be declared vacant, and each D. D. G. M. to see the law strictly enforced, and a new election take place. A law such as this in my opinion is the only way of having the desired effect.

CLAUSE U.—You are aware that a circular was sent to each Lodge recently, accompanied with draft of Rules and Regulations, to organize an Odd Fellows' Provident Association for this Province. I would ask that you give this your earnest consideration at this session. I think a Society of this sort will be of immense benefit to our Order. It will be the means of largely increasing our membership, besides keeping all members good on the books, as the benefits of the Society are only applicable to such as are in good standing.

CLAUSE V.—I would call the attention of the Representatives to the publication in our midst of the *Canadian Star*, devoted to the interest of our dearly beloved Order, and hope each one will endeavor to increase the circulation, and thereby its usefulness. At the same time I would also recommend the claims of the *American Odd Fellow*, published by Bro. J. W. Orr, P. G. M., New York. This journal, I consider invaluable, and hope that brothers will continue to give the same their hearty support, and if possible increase the list of subscribers in Ontario.

CLAUSE W.—I would call your attention to a great evil, which is gaining strength in our midst, and if some action is not taken, I am sure will seriously damage the interest of the Order. I allude to the electioneering for officers both in the Grand and Subordinate Lodges. No election takes place but we see less or more of it; and what is the consequence? Brothers are elected to fill these honorable positions who are not qualified to fill them. Then Lodges must droop, and the best interests of the Order are sacrificed to enable a member to pass through the chairs. I hope you will give this matter your earnest consideration, and see if some means cannot be taken whereby we may overcome this evil.

CLAUSE X.—I herewith give you a synopsis of the work of the Order in this jurisdiction for the past year, and refer you to the Returns for particulars:—

Initiated, .....	484
Admitted by Card, .....	40
Reinstated, .....	14

Withdrawn by Card,.....	67
Ceased to be members, N. P. D.....	113
Expelled,.....	7
Deceased,.....	7
	194
Net increase.....	344
Membership as per last Report,.....	1418
	1762
Present actual membership.....	1762
Members in arrears, suspended and not suspended.....	289
	1473
Contributing members,.....	1473
Degrees conferred,.....	1382
Brothers relieved,.....	111
Widowed families relieved,.....	15
Amount paid for relief of Brothers.....	\$1637 90
do do Widowed families,.....	531 50
do do Burying the dead,.....	216 90
do do Educating the orphan,.....	161 90
	\$2548 20
Amount of percentage received,.....	\$1184 07
do Annual receipts,.....	13280 59
do W. & O. Fund.....	11232 27
do General Fund.....	17473 39

CLAUSE Y.—I think such a Report as this speaks for itself as to our prosperity; and while on this subject, I would recommend that this Grand Lodge appoint a salaried agent or special commissioner to visit the various localities in this jurisdiction where Lodges out to be located, and I am convinced in my own mind that ere another year pass away we would number at least 50 Lodges, instead of only 20 as at present. Is this not what we all wish to see? I do not think the Grand Lodge funds can be put out at better interest than this. I know now of some dozen or more places that are preparing for a start, and by a little exertion on our part the end would be gained. Brothers, try this, and I feel confident of the result—in two years we would number 100 Lodges.

CLAUSE Z.—You will see from the Grand Secretary's Report how the funds of the Grand Lodge have been invested, which I hope meets with your approval.

CLAUSE &.—I would here suggest that, if the members of Lodges would study more closely their Constitutions and By-laws, and the Digest of the Laws, both of this Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the United States, much of the correspondence might be dispensed with.



I beg to return my thanks to the Brethren for the exceedingly kind manner with which I have been received in my visitations; for the advice and help received from the brethren who have assisted; and in particular to the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. King, for his kindness and advice, and for the prompt manner in which he has responded to the calls I have made upon him. And now, in conclusion, allow me, in surrendering the trust which you so generously confided in me, to return thanks to one and all, and hope that some good may result to our Order for our labors of the past year in our prosperous condition throughout this jurisdiction. May the prosperity of the Order in this Province long continue!

Commending you all to the blessing and protection of our Heavenly Father, from whom all blessings flow,

I remain, yours fraternally,

In F. L. & T.,

JOHN BARR,

Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. King, submitted his Annual Report, Statements of Receipts, Expenditure, and Statistical Table, &c., &c., all of which was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

JOSIAH B. KING,

*R. W.* Grand Secretary and Treasurer

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

*Year ending 3rd of August, 1869.*

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

BRETHREN,—Time, in its unceasing flight, has again brought us together in annual conference, and we have great cause for thankfulness that we have, as an Order, been permitted to add to the past record of another year's progress in the cause of "Human benefaction."

I think that the statistics to be herewith submitted will bear me out in saying, that during no year of our history has Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction made greater progress than during the past.

This day brings us to the time when I shall, for the third time, render you an annual account of my stewardship.

Those duties specially assigned me, by resolution at our last annual session, have been promptly attended to.

At the earliest practicable moment after the close of the last session, I asked for, and received tenders for printing the Journal of 1868. That of the BRANT EXPOSITOR being in every way satisfactory, was, by direction of Printing Committee, accepted, and, with all due despatch, I compiled the minutes of the session, and had printed 400 copies, (in pursuance of resolution of Rep. C. E. Pierce, page 510, Journal 1868)—copies of which were sent to all Officers, Past-Grand Officers and Representatives of this Jurisdiction, as also to each of the State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the U. S.

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CLAUSE 1.—The Journal of the proceedings of the following State Grand Lodges have been duly received, an abstract from each of which will supplement this report, viz :—Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Maryland, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The resolution, instructing me to convey to Thos. Swinyard, Esq., the Manager of the G. W. R., the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for the courtesy of free return tickets to delegates attending the session of 1868, was promptly attended to, and the resolution instructing me to apply to that gentleman for a like courtesy this year, has been carried out. His reply is as follows :—

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, HAMILTON, ONT., 3rd June, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 2nd instant, it will give me pleasure to place you on the footing of other Conventions be in this year, viz :—Delegates to pay full fare going to place of meeting, and, on presentation of a certificate in form annexed, return tickets will be issued at a quarter fare.

Yours respectfully,

THOS. SWINYARD,

Per J. B.

J. B. KING,

SECRETARY I. O. O. F.,

Brantford.

CLAUSE 2.—The subscription to the "American Odd Fellow" for one copy to each subordinate Lodge has been continued as per resolution, page 489, Journal 1868, as its influence is decidedly for good, and, as I believe, to a great extent, the Order owes its present very prosperous condition to the literature of the Order, I would recommend that the subscription be still further renewed.

The correspondence of the past year has been very extensive, and, as far as practicable, has been promptly attended to. All of which is herewith submitted.

Three new Lodges have been instituted since our last session, viz :—Bissell No. 51, at Mitchell, 15th Oct., 1868, and Niagara Falls No. 53, at Clifton, April 21, 1869. All of which have sent in very encouraging reports.

CLAUSE 3.—Semi-annual returns have been received from all Lodges for both terms, ending respectively 31st December, 1868, and 30th June, 1869, a complete abstract from which will accompany this report. From the manner in which some of the returns are made up, I should judge that the Lodges have neglected to keep a duplicate of

their returns, one of the principal errors being the number of members per last report. The necessity for correctness in this respect is very apparent, as upon it depends the reliability of our return to Grand Lodge U. S. As a partial remedy for this evil, I would suggest that the form of semi-annual return be bound and furnished to Lodges at cost, and that it be part of the D. D. G. M. duty to see that the return is copied into this book before the Officers are installed or the P. W. given. But two Lodges report orphans in their charge, while a number of Lodges have two or more widows, some of whom have orphans. The whole amount paid for their relief is charged as paid for relief of widowed families, instead of a certain sum for widows, and a certain sum for support of and educating orphans. I beg to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to these matters.

CLAUSE 4.—The resolution relative to investing the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge has been carried out, and the following investments made, viz:—Dominion stock \$500, Post Office Savings Bank \$250, U. S. 5 20s., 200 premium on gold—133 $\frac{1}{2}$ —\$166.13, total \$916.13. The half-yearly dividend of 6 per cent. on the Dominion stock has been received.

The deposit in the P. O. Department Savings Bank is drawing interest at 4 per cent. The interest coupons—6 per cent in gold—are still attached to the 5-20 bonds, duly July 1st, 1869, and payable half-yearly.

CLAUSE 5—The blank Charters on hand for use of Lodges in this jurisdiction before the change of name was made, not being suitable for present wants, I obtained from Messrs. W. C. Chewett & Co., lithographers, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master one hundred copies, so altered as to meet present requirements.

On the 15th Nov. 1868, I received from J. L. Ridgely, Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, a number of forms of questions to be answered by subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, I at once distributed them, and immediately on their return forwarded them all to the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, G. L. U. S.

CLAUSE 6.—A Circular received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, accompanied with a blank Charter (sample), is herewith presented.

On the 4th May, 1869, I received from J. A. Kennedy, P. G. Sire, (and Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States on the celebration of April 26, 1869, the 50th or semi-Centennial Anniversary), a Circular requesting me to send him a detailed statement of our doings throughout this Province on that occasion. As the best means of complying with that request, I issued a Circular to the several Lodges, asking them to send me an account of their doings upon that day. Each Lodge responded promptly, and all the matter received I at once forwarded to Bro. Kennedy.

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**Financial Statement.**

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## J. B. KING,

*Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand  
Lodge of Ontario.*

1868.

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Aug. 6.	To balance,	.....	\$1467 59
"	Cash, Mount Zion Lodge Supplies,	.....	2 00
Sept. 17	" Bissell " Charter fee,	.....	30 00
Oct. 16	" Covenant " " "	.....	30 00
" 22	" Gore, " Supplies	.....	3 50
Nov. 5	" " " " "	.....	1 50
Jan. 7, '69	" Covenant " Percentage	.....	21 47
" 13	" Bissell " " "	.....	16 30
" 15	" Canada " " "	.....	32 43
"	" " " Supplies	.....	6 75
"	" Unity " Percentage	.....	23 92
"	" Union " " "	.....	41 20
"	" " " Balance of account	.....	00 61
" 16	" Chatham " " Percentage	.....	30 31
" 18	" Gore " " " "	.....	28 20
"	" Erie " " " "	.....	24 00
"	" Mt. Zion " " " "	.....	11 00
" 19	" Brock " " " "	.....	21 00
"	" " " Supplies	.....	3 00
" 22	" Excelsior " Percentage	.....	24 17
" 25	" Forest City " " "	.....	59 00
"	" " " Supplies	.....	3 00
"	" Eureka " Percentage	.....	50 80
"	" Dominion " " "	.....	19 47
"	" J. M. O'Connor, Card	.....	00 25
" 26	" Frontier " Percentage	.....	42 74
"	" " " Supplies	.....	6 26
" 31	" Avon " Percentage,	.....	30 87
Feb. 3	" Samaritan " " "	.....	28 00
"	" " " Supplies	.....	2 00
" 24	" Otter " " "	.....	1 22
"	" " " Percentage	.....	9 44
April 1	" Gore " Supplies	.....	4 50

Carried forward

2076 50

**JOSIAH B. KING,**

*Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge  
of Ontario.*

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Aug. 6.	By paid Mileage and Per Diem, session of 1868 :		
"	"	Henry McAfee, G. M.....	\$14 40
"	"	John Barr, D. G. M., .....	8 56
"	"	Edmund Beltz, G. W.....	5 60
"	"	J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treas.....	6 80
"	"	James Woodyatt, Rep. G. L. U. S.....	6 80
"	"	W. Mowatt, Conductor.....	8 96
"	"	J. McIntyre, Marshall.....	4 00
"	"	John Wright, Rep. of Brock Lodge No. 9....	28 24
"	"	S. G. Dalsen, do Union do 16....	11 12
"	"	James Bird, do do do ...	11 12
"	"	George Wales, do do do ...	11 12
"	"	William Smith, do Chatham No. 8.....	10 72
"	"	Isaac Smith, do do do ...	10 72
"	"	R. Kirkpatrick, do Eureka No. 30 .....	5 60
"	"	Geo. Powell, Sr, do do do .....	5 60
"	"	H. G. Abbott, do do do .....	5 60
"	"	John McMath, do Erie No. 33, .....	6 40
"	"	W. A. Moore, do do .....	6 40
"	"	H. C. Bingham, do Gore No. 34, .....	6 80
"	"	John Noble, do do .....	6 80
"	"	George Dennis, do Samaritan No. 35... ..	4 00
"	"	W. C. Bell, do do .....	4 00
"	"	Robert Barbour do St. Mary's No. 36... ..	8 00
"	"	W. N. Ford, do do ...	8 00
"	"	R. J. C. Dawson, do Forest City No. 38 ..	5 60
"	"	Thos. Partridge, do do do ...	5 60
"	"	William Bissell do do .....	5 60
"	"	Henry Gibson, do Avon No. 41.....	8 96
"	"	Thos. Henderson do do ...	8 96
"	"	J. W. Ferguson do Excelsior No. 44.....	8 56
"	"	E. C. Peirce, do do .....	8 56
"	"	Wm. McGregor do Frontier No. 45.....	14 40
"	"	George Irwin, do do ...	14 40

Carried forward,..... \$286 00

		<i>Dr.</i>				
		<i>Brought forward</i>	...	...	...	\$2,076 50
"	"	Bissell	"	"	.....	4 50
"	"	C. Sackell, of Thames, Arrears	.....			1 75
"	"	Half yearly dividend on Dominion stock	.....			15 00
"	"	Cash—St. Marys Lodge percentage	.....			26 01
"	"	Harmony encampment cards	.....			9 00
June	4	"	Niagara Falls Lodge Charter	.....		30 00
July	9	"	Gore " Percentage	.....		27 10
"	"	"	Bissell " "	.....		22 90
"	"	"	" Supplies	.....		19 54
"	"	"	Unity " Percentage	.....		60 04
"	"	"	Excelsior " "	.....		40 96
"	"	"	" Supplies	.....		8 50
"	"	"	Samaritan " Percentage	.....		23 15
"	15	"	Niagara Falls " "	.....		24 11
"	"	"	" Supplies	.....		30 48
"	"	"	Covenant " "	.....		42 04
"	"	"	" Percentage	.....		32 02
"	"	"	Canada " "	.....		31 47
16	"	"	Brock " "	.....		20 86
"	"	"	do Supplies	.....		6 00
"	"	"	Union " Supplies	.....		9 25
"	"	"	" Percentage	.....		34 17
"	"	"	Chatham " "	.....		26 77
17	"	"	Eureka " "	.....		50 10
"	"	"	Forest City " "	.....		68 94
"	"	"	Dominion " "	.....		28 16
19	"	"	Frontier " "	.....		50 16
"	"	"	Supplies	.....		4 98
20	"	"	Erie " Percentage	.....		14 00
21	"	"	Mt. Zion " "	.....		14 62
"	"	"	do " Supplies	.....		6 44
"	"	"	St. Mary's " do	.....		4 50
"	"	"	do " Percentage	.....		25 20
27	"	"	Cash Avon Lodge on account percentage	.....		20 00
"	"	"	do Otter do do do	.....		14 60
29	"	"	do Canada Lodge account	.....		13 75
30	"	"	do Avon Lodge, balance of percentage	.....		11 79
Total.....						\$2956 36
<i>Carried forward</i> .....						\$2956 36

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		Brought forward.....		\$286 00
	"	J. H. Stewart, do	do	14 40
	"	G. E. Ward, do	Mount Zion No. 46	8 48
	"	John Smith, do	Unity No. 47.....	8 56
	"	J. J. Dyas, do	Dominion No. 48.....	5 60
	"	J. G. Dodd, do	do	5 60
	"	Michael Blume, do	Canada No. 49.....	11 76
	"	J. C. Lindop, do	Otter No. 50.....	5 20
	"	H. McAfee, G. M. expenses.....		25 80
	"	W. H. Barnes, donation.....		15 00
	"	T. Simmons, Janitor.....		3 00
	"	J. Hale, Expressage.....		1 50
Aug. 7.	"	do do		0 75
	"	G. L. U. S. Rep. Tax, \$150 00		
	"	Supplies.....	99 00	
			\$249 00 less disc't	181 14
	12.	W. H. Barnes, Impression Seal.....		12 04
	"	Duties on do		1 35
	"	Expressage on do		0 75
	"	do on money from Windsor.....		0 40
	"	do on money to G. L. U. S.....		0 75
Sep. 12.	"	Letter book and ink.....		3 00
Oct. 1.	"	Telegraph account.....		4 03
	"	Hamilton stage—parcel to G. M.....		0 30
	"	Dominion Stock, 1 per cent premium.....	505 00	
	"	Express to Rep. McAfee.....		0 25
	"	do to Bissell Lodge.....		0 25
	19.	Post Office account to 30th September, 1868		8 79
Nov. 30.	"	Printing Propositions and Reports.....		8 00
Dec. 4.	"	Express charges on Journal G. L. U. S.....		3 15
	"	Duties on do		0 55
	"	Express charges on Charter.....		0 75
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Jan. 1.	"	Post Office account to date.....		6 47
	"	Express on Cards from G. L. U. S.....		1 00
	"	Duties do do do		1 60
	6.	Stewart & Mathison, printing Journal 1868...		84 75
	"	do printing Supplies.....		15 25
	"	do books for Covenant Lodge		7 00
	15.	W. C. Chewett, 100 Charters.....		60 00
	18.	Discount on \$250 silver at 4½ per cent.....		11 25
	26.	J. Sutherland, Stationery.....		12 55
	"	Express from London.....		0 30
	"	do do		0 30
	"	Stage, package to Grand Master.....		0 30
27.	"	Deposited in P. O. Savings Bank.....	250 00	
Feb. 9.	"	Express on Supplies from G. L. U. S.....		1 50
		Carried forward.....		\$1574 42

*Dr.*

Brought forward ... .. \$2,956 36

Total.....\$2956 36

### Assets of R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario,

JULY 31st, 1869.

Amount of Stock on hand as per statement.....	\$195 95
Amount due by subordinate Lodges.....	20 96
Invested in Dominion Stock.....	500 00
Deposited in Post Office Savings Bank.....	250 00
Invested in U.S. 5-20's, '62, \$200.....	166 13
Interest Coupons attached to same, due 1st July, 1869....	6 00
Cash in hands.....	1023 06
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Assets last year.....	2162 10
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Increase.....	\$462 20

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		<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$1574 42
"	"	Duties do do.....	0 30
17.	"	Duties on Digests.....	0 15
"	"	Express on Digests.....	0 75
Mar. 1.	"	Investment on U. S. 5-20's bonds, \$200 gold, 133 $\frac{3}{4}$ premium.....	166 13
10.	"	Treasurer's box.....	2 25
April 1.	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing Registers, ..	32 00
"	"	A. D. Clement, Post Office account.....	6 34
June 1:	"	Stewart & Mathison, books for N. Falls Lodge	7 00
"	"	Express on Odes from G. L. U. S.....	0 90
"	"	Duties on do do.....	45 00
"	"	J. W. Orr, <i>American Odd Fellow</i> , Seal, &c...	33 86
July 1.	"	A. D. Clement, Post Office account to date...	6 25
31.	"	Grand Secretary & Treasurer's incidentals...	2 50
"	"	do do salary.....	100 00
		Cash to balance.....	1023 06
Total.....			\$2956 36

Amounts due by Subordinate Lodges,

JULY 31st, 1969.

Erie Lodge No. 33.....	\$6 25
Unity Lodge No. 47.....	9 65
Dominion Lodge No. 48.....	3 54
Otter Lodge No. 50.....	1 52
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	\$20 96

## Statement of Stock on Hand,

JULY 31st, 1869.

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1 Installation Book.....		\$ 2 00
1 Institution Book.....		2 00
2 Degree Books, \$3.....		8 00
4 Rebecca Books, \$2.....		6 00
3 Public Installation, \$2.....		23 00
1150 Propositions for Membership, 2c.....		13 50
675 Reports on Character, 2c.....		7 10
355 P. G & Rep. Certificates, 2c.....		2 80
56 Treasurers Bonds, 5c.....		2 80
28 Blank Rules and Regulations, 10c.....		23 00
92 Travelling Cards, 25c.....		18 75
75 Withdrawal Cards, 25c.....		52 50
Charter Stone.....		5 00
Stationery.....		20 00
200 Odes (singing), 10c.....		3 50
175 Orders for supplies, 2c.....		\$195 95

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## J. O. of O. F., Statistical Table.

ABSTRACT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1869

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Contributing Members.	Ceased to be members.	Non-payment dues.	Degrees Conferred.	Number of widowed families relieved.	Number of Brothers relieved.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount paid for educating orphans.	Total Relief.	Annual Receipts.		Widow & Orphans' Fund.	General Fund.	Percentage to Grand Lodge of Ontario.	Location.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.			
																						% Cts.	% Cts.							% Cts.	% Cts.	% Cts.
Brock, .....	9	12	2	1	3	3	16	54	7	39	33	120	00	153	00	492	35	1186	57	327	65	41	85	5 Mar. '46	John Wright, Jas. Hutchison.							
Union, .....	16	15	1	4	6	12	8	107	2	67	115	50	00	165	00	881	57	2759	89	1243	58	75	37	16 do do	T. Healey, Jas. Bird, J. B. McIntyre.							
Chatham, .....	29	26	1	2	3	4	6	30	54	6	24	40	00	64	00	643	40	639	76	425	43	57	08	13 Jan. '54	Jno. Schneider, Henry Northwood.							
Fureka, .....	30	26	1	9	1	1	110	10	153	9	203	120	00	363	00	1190	65	1665	68	1998	81	100	90	2 Feb. '54	J. Heron, G. Powell, S. Flory, T. Brown							
Erie, .....	33	4	1	1	1	115	5	47	26	32	15	213	00	213	00	309	68	587	00	670	41	35	15	5 Oct. '54	P. B. Hatch, H. C. Bingham.							
Gore, .....	34	22	2	1	2	2	11	60	4	80	3	19	50	29	00	108	50	627	42	985	64	990	74	55	29	Jan. '56	Geo. Dennis, Jas. F. Morrey.					
Samaritan, .....	35	16	6	1	1	4	29	53	1	69	1	12	105	20	00	125	00	503	42	545	93	850	36	51	15	30 Jan. '56	Geo. Dennis, Jas. F. Morrey.					
St. Mary's, .....	33	15	3	1	1	1	29	60	1	27	4	39	00	39	00	596	05	500	00	3829	44	51	21	6 Nov. '56	J. Kunz, Geo. H. Marlatt, J. J. Smith							
Forest City, .....	38	36	5	1	2	11	4	0	37	153	42	102	2	29	399	50	70	00	15	00	484	50	1502	17	1356	14	3338	96	127	94	9 Feb. '57	R. Dawson, M. Dawson, T. Tarrant, and
Avon, .....	41	24	6	1	4	1	9	84	3	94	1	9	131	90	22	50	36	90	190	80	717	91	300	00	675	00	62	66	9 Jan. '61	John Gibson, Thos. T. Irving.		
Excelsior, .....	44	19	3	1	4	1	15	109	3	74	2	2	109	00	50	00	159	09	746	00	285	65	443	83	65	13	18 do	'63 J. W. Ferguson, T. Lawless, R. Evans				
Frontier, .....	45	30	1	1	1	9	16	105	9	104	2	5	135	00	10	00	50	00	161	90	296	90	1064	98	149	92	1064	80	92	90	27 do	'64 J. Bowden, A. Hays, Geo. Irwin.
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Unity, .....	47	54	2	5	1	2	6	94	142	11	32	00	60	00	92	00	896	00	101	00	491	50	83	96	3 Apr '67	J. Smith, A. Frew, Mark Hill.						
Dominion, .....	48	19	1	1	2	2	6	64	53	5	43	00	43	00	43	00	541	51	105	93	357	90	47	63	18 Sep. '67	J. G. Dodd, J. J. Dyas.						
Canada, .....	49	45	2	5	12	69	96	1	1	15	00	15	00	30	00	754	48	537	74	70	00	14 Jan. '68	M. Blume, W. R. Roberts.									
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Bissell†, .....	51	30	9	3	1	38	102	2	2	52	20	00	20	00	411	73	29	97	100	00	39	20	15 Oct. '68	Wm. McNeil.								
Covenant†, .....	52	44	12	2	2	52	60	2	2	52	60	2	10	00	564	18	38	93	260	40	53	49	22 Oct. '68	Hugh Blain, John J. Ramsay.								
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† Instituted since last Session.

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### Recapitulation.

Number initiated.....	484
“ Admitted by card.....	40
“ Reinstated.....	14—538
“ Withdrawn by card.....	67
“ Ceased to be members, N. P. D.....	113
“ Expelled.....	7
“ Deaths.....	7—194
Net increase.....	<u>344</u>
“ Membership as per last report.....	1418
Present actual membership.....	1762
“ Members in arrears suspended and not suspended.....	289
Contributing members.....	<u>1473</u>
“ Degrees conferred.....	1382
“ Brothers relieved.....	111
“ Widowed families relieved.....	15
Amount paid for relief of Brothers.....	\$1637 90
“ “ Widowed families.....	531 50
“ Burying the dead.....	216 90
“ Educating the orphan.....	161 90
Total relief.....	<u>\$2548 20</u>
“ Percentage received.....	\$ 1183 77
“ Annual receipts.....	13,280 59
“ Widow and Orphans' Fund.....	11,232 27
“ General Fund.....	17,473 39

CLAUSE 7.—Certain forms used by subordinate Lodges have been for some time kept on hand (and the supply renewed as occasion might require), and sold to Lodges upon application ; but lately some Lodges have had their supplies printed, thereby taking a certain revenue from this Grand Lodge. I would suggest that all supplies ordinarily used by Lodges be gotten up by this Grand Lodge, and sold to subordinates at a per centage above cost.

CLAUSE 8.—The Constitution and By-Laws of the following Lodges, viz : Gore 34, and Covenant 52, as also the amendment adopted by Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, are herewith submitted.

The account of the Grand Lodge of the United States for representative tax and supplies, amounting to \$265 50s herewith presented.

A Circular from Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, relative to tickets to Representatives attending the Grand Lodge, U.S. is presented.

CLAUSE 9.—The receipts and expenditure of the past year is herewith submitted, an abstract from which shows there has been received from all sources the sum of \$1488 77, as follows :—

Charter Fees.....	\$ 90 00
Per centage.....	1183 77
Supplies.....	200 00
Interest.....	15 00
	1488 77
Expenditure.....	1016 17
	\$472 60

The increased expenditure of this over former years is accounted for, partly by the increasing size of our Annual Journal, and partly by the change of name, which necessitated the procuring of new Seals, Charters, and sundry other forms. A detailed statement of all which accompanies this report marked "A."

And now, Brothers, in concluding this report, I beg most sincerely to return to you, one and all, my hearty thanks for the courtesy and forbearance I have met at your hands. To the Officers of the Grand Lodge I am particularly indebted for timely advice and assistance. The official intercourse of the past year has been most pleasant and instructive to me, and I trust the same to those with whom I have had the pleasure of corresponding.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.,

J. B. KING,

GRAND SEC'Y & TREAS.

Grand Representatives James Woodyatt and Henry McAfee, then submitted their Annual Report, which was on motion of Rep. James Smith, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

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## Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives,

JAS. WOODYATT, and HENRY McAFEE.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Ontario.

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—Your Representatives attended the Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the City of Baltimore, commencing on Monday the 21st September, 1868, and continuing in session for six days.

All the Grand Officers (except the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who was detained by illness on the way), and Representatives from every jurisdiction were present—one hundred and ten Representatives answering to their names. Grand Chaplain, I. D. Williamson, in his letter to the Grand Sire announcing his inability to be present, speaks so affectingly that we desire every member of the Order should hear his words. He wrote :—

“My ardent desire is, while I live to serve the Order that I have loved so long and so well ; and when I die I want to die with the harness on. Please, therefore, do not *count me out* yet, but get some Brother to officiate for me *pro tem*, until it shall be definitely settled whether or not it will be possible for me to reach Baltimore during the Session ; please bear a message of love from me to the Brothers who shall assemble at this Annual Session, and say to them that in the day of weakness and suffering my love for them and for the great principles in furtherance of which they are laboring is deepened and quickened ; and looking back from old age through the labors of a busy life, there is no part of those labors upon which I look with a more calm and deep satisfaction than upon that which has been devoted to the interests of our beloved Order. And if in the course of Divine Providence this should be the last message from me, my last words to them are *be ye faithful even unto the end.*”

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his Report, in which he said, The past year has more fully developed our greatness ; from nearly every jurisdiction comes up the sound of rejoicing ; our altars burn brightly, and the incense therefrom is scattered abroad so profusely that the attention of the good and virtuous is called to, and they are compelled to take cognizance of the great benefits resulting to mankind from our united efforts to promulgate our great principles. Acknowledged every

where as an established Order, our cause has taken deep root in the human heart, and we have but for the future to reap the fruits planted by the early pioneers of our Order. Surely we have great cause for congratulation to ourselves; and especially should we at the commencement of our Annual Session, render devout thanks to the ever living God for the many blessings that we, as an Order, have received at His hands, and beseech Him that His face may not be turned from us. From the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer it will be perceived that never since our existence as an Order have we received, in one year, so numerous a body of members into our fold; nor is this increase confined to any particular jurisdiction, all seem to have enjoyed the fruits of prosperity, and from nearly every jurisdiction comes up the glad sounds of victory. The number of members received the past year into our subordinate Lodges exceeds forty thousand. Nor should we be ashamed of the men who have been received among us, from numerous visitations made during the past few years, I have been forcibly impressed that we are adding such strength to our numbers that they will be felt in time to come; men who have learnt our principles, who have seen our work in the world, and are convinced that Odd Fellowship is a reality, and thus being convinced, they have given us the benefit of their counsel, help and countenance. The growth is a healthy one, and will, I am sure, endure to the end. The finances of our Order, not only in this Grand Lodge, but in our subordinates, never were in better condition; our treasuries are augmenting, and every where peace and prosperity in our Order is the standing word.

The Grand Sire urged upon the members the advisability of using the public Press in giving accounts of annual and other meetings.

He also reported that under the guidance of Special Deputy, Bro. Meacham, the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, had adopted the work of our Order, thus bringing to our standard about four thousand members.

\*The following decisions were made by the M. W. Grand Sire during the year, which were all confirmed by the Grand Lodge, viz:—

*First.*—The Seal of a Lodge or Encampment is in the official care of the Secretary or Scribe. They have no right to use the same, except as authorized by their Lodge or Encampment, or in the legitimate business of the Lodge or Encampment when it may be necessary to use the Seal.

*Second.*—A Certificate to authorize a Brother to receive his Degrees away from the location of his Lodge, can only be granted by application to his Lodge at a regular session. When open as a Degree Lodge the application cannot be made.

*Third.*—A Brother in possession of a travelling or visiting Card, is not thereby deprived of holding office, or of his rights as a member of his Lodge.

*Fourth.*—Travelling or visiting Cards are only intended to be used

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by a Brother when traveling or visiting beyond his state jurisdiction. The A. T. P. W., cannot be used by a Brother while visiting a Lodge within his own state, and a N. G. of a Lodge within the same jurisdiction would be justified in refusing to admit the Brother unless he has the P. W. of the term.

*Fifth.*—The R. H. S. of the N. G. temporarily occupying the N. G. chair, has no right to authorize a Brother to confer the term-word upon another Brother of the same Lodge to enable him to visit other Lodges.

*Sixth.*—There is no such rule in the Order “as to change the place of trial of the Brother.” He must be tried in the Lodge or Encampment where he is a member, and where the charges are preferred. No other Lodge or Encampment has jurisdiction in the matter.

*Seventh.*—A D. D. G. Sire has no right, by virtue of his office, to take the C. P's chair in an Encampment. He can only take such chair when surrendered to him for installation of the Officers.

*Eighth.*—A Brother holding a travelling or visiting Card is entitled in visiting to use the A. T. P. W. in force at the time his Card was granted.

*Ninth.*—An Officer elected cannot be installed in office by proxy.

*Tenth.*—A Special Deputy appointed to institute a Lodge or Encampment, fulfils his duty when such Lodge or Encampment is instituted, and he has made report of the same.

*Eleventh.*—All members of the Order are in duty bound, while in their Lodge or Encampment, to be governed by the well known usages of the Order, and in case of their refusal it is proper to prefer charges against them for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. No member can claim indulgence on account of his official position in the Order.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Report, a most able and valuable document, giving extracts from the reports and letters received from the several jurisdictions, showing that with scarce an exception most gratifying results have been reached during the year.

The total receipts of the Grand Secretary for the year were \$29,630-86, being composed of the following items, viz :

Cards.....	\$8697 29
Books.....	7466 57
Representative Tax.....	8025 00
Balance.....	840 84
Diplomas.....	2295 00
Dues.....	574 79
Charters.....	120 00
Odes.....	1383 10
Miscellaneous.....	228 27

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The extracts from the reports of the several State Jurisdictions will well repay a careful perusal. In conclusion of his Report, the Grand Secretary said:—"Thus have we built upon the foundation laid in 1819, a superstructure whose lofty dome towers heavenward, opens wide its portals to the weary and careworn, and cordially invites the good and true to co-operative labor in aid of suffering man. While our hearts swell with just pride in the review of our labors and their fruits in 50 years, and our imagination, taking wings and vaulting into the great future, fifty years hence, looks out upon the scene then existant, let us not be led to exultation; let us never forget that it is God who hath given us the victory, that it is His wisdom which has guided our counsels, His providence which has shielded us from external danger and saved us from internal dissensions, by the inspiration of a unity and concord which challenges comparison in the affairs of men. Let us thank Him earnestly for an enlightenment which has lifted us often in advance of the age in which we have acted, and which has supplied us a nerve and energy so effective as to enable us to counteract ignorance and prejudice, and to overcome the vexatious delays and hindrances which these weapons have often interposed in our path; and above all, let us thank Him for the magnitude and value of our offering upon the great altar of humanity."

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his report, showing a total of disbursements during the year of \$31,684 35. And that the total assets of the Grand Lodge are \$29,325 82, a gain of \$563 61 during the year.

On the second day of the session as provided by law, the election of Grand Officers took place, resulting in the choice of E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, as M. W. Grand Sire; Fred. D. Stuart, of District of Columbia, R. W. D. Grand Sire; James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, R. W. G. Secretary; Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, R. W. G. Treasurer.

The Legislative Committee submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted, viz: That where all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be by ball ballots; and if all the votes cast shall be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had except upon the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls; and never more than one reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. And provided always, that such reconsideration shall be had within the four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection.

The following from the same Committee was adopted, viz: That any State Grand Lodge be and is hereby authorized to confer the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon Past Grands of another State Jurisdiction upon the presentation of a Visiting Card from their own

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Lodge, and also a Certificate executed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the Seal of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdiction such Past Grands belong, that they are eligible and entitled to the same.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following Report upon the appeal of Past Grand C. E. Pierce, which was adopted, viz: The Grand Lodge of the United States has, however, legislated upon this subject, and declared that twenty-six nights service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the chair of Vice Grand; provided of course the brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent. This is the Supreme law, and it appearing clearly that Brother Lawless had rendered the necessary service in an inferior office, had attained the required degrees, and was otherwise competent, your Committee conclude that he was eligible and entitled to be installed into the office of Vice Grand, and that the Grand Lodge of Ontario erred in not sustaining his appeal; we therefore recommend for your adoption the following resolution: *Resolved*,—That the appeal of Past Grand C. E. Pierce, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, be, and the same is hereby sustained.

On report from the Committee on the State of the Order, the following was adopted, viz: *Resolved*,—That when a financial officer of a subordinate Lodge refuses to settle his accounts, and deliver all monies, books and papers belonging to the same, over to the Lodge, he cannot, of right, demand a Card of Clearance, and a Lodge may refuse to grant such Card until the brother's accounts are adjusted, and the Lodge is satisfied that he is clear of the books and free from all charges of whatsoever kind.

The following was also adopted, viz:—The Committee on the State of the Order having had under consideration the query from the jurisdiction of Ontario, submitted by Rep. Woodyatt, in the words following, to wit: What is the position in the Order of a brother who is over fifty years of age holding a Withdrawal Card less than one year old; can he be admitted to membership by any Lodge, or is legislation in the matter required?—*Res* leave respectfully to report, that in the opinion of the Committee, the subject matter contained in the query is one for local legislation.

The Committee on the State of the Order, with a view to devising some general plan or system by which Lodges paying their members sick benefits can adjust their dues so as to meet the demands made upon their treasury without impoverishing them, submitted a series of questions to be answered by the several Lodges (see pp. 4381 and 4382,) copies of which have been forwarded to each Lodge.

On the subject of the Degree of Rebekah, a special Committee reported, recommending that the Grand Lodges subordinate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah at such places as they deem proper within their territorial limits;

to possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following. (See Journal pp. 4383 and 4384.) The Report was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Order, on the question of admitting to membership persons who have lost an arm, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

*Resolved*,—That the question of eligibility to membership into the Order by initiation of persons who have lost a limb, be, and the same is hereby remitted to the jurisdiction and disposal of the subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked.

The Special Committee on Book of Forms submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz :

*Resolved*,—That the forms as prepared by the Grand Secretary, as authorized by the resolution of last session, together with the form for laying corner stones of Odd Fellows Halls, prepared and now submitted by the Committee, be, and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary have the same stereotyped and printed in the revised edition of the Digest.

Rep. Davies, of New Hampshire, moved, "That a Lodge is obliged to accept the care of a sick brother, a member of another Lodge, on his application to them for watchers. That when a Lodge accepts the care of a sick brother, a member of another Lodge, its members are under the same obligations to watch with him as though the sick brother was a member of their Lodge, and are subject to the same penalties."

To which the following amendment was moved and adopted : That the decision of the Grand Sire on this subject in the words following—"These questions are matters for State legislation. It is the moral duty of every Lodge to see that a brother in distress be attended to, and a Lodge or members would fail in their duty should they neglect to do so,"—be offered as the decision of this Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee on that subject reported the following, which was adopted, viz :

*Resolved*,—That the R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for an Odd Fellows' Flag the pattern or design presented by the special committee appointed for that purpose, to wit : The flag to be manufactured of white material—either bunting, satin, or cotton cloth—as may be selected by those desiring one. The proportions to be 11-19ths of the length for the width. The emblems to consist of the three links, to be placed in the centre of the flag, with the letters I. O. O. F. to be painted or wrought in Scarlet color, and the name of the State, District or Territory using it, and trimmed with material of the same color. Whenever the flag is to be used by Encampments, there should be added two crooks.

*Resolved*,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to procure a flag of suitable size and proportions as above described for this Grand Lodge, to be used for the first time at the celebration of our 50th anniversary, on the 26th of April, and in addition to the emblems add the letters G. L. U. S.

Rep. Smith, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*,—That when a brother, who holds a current Visiting Card, wishes to visit a Lodge or Encampment in the jurisdiction to which he belongs, but without the term pass-word or check word, the presentation of his Visiting Card shall make it the duty of the presiding officer of the Lodge or Encampment to communicate to him the pass or check of the jurisdiction, after ascertaining that the person presenting is the legal holder of the Card.

The following was also adopted :

The Legislative Committee having been instructed to report suitable legislation to enable a brother to visit Lodges or Encampments within the limits of the jurisdiction in which he may hold membership upon a traveling card and T. P. W., recommends the adoption of the following, being Article 25 of our By-laws amended so as to provide for the object contemplated :

The T. P. W. is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, but may also be used in the jurisdiction to which brothers belong who have received it in good faith for said primary purpose, and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions be properly examined; the two highest elective officers of a Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment, are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to give or to receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State and their regular deputies should also be in possession of it.

The Special Committee on that subject made the following report, which was adopted :

The Special Committee appointed to consider that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report in regard to the public Press, beg leave, respectively, to report that they heartily concur in the views expressed by the Grand Sire in reference to the employment of the public Press as an agency for advancing the interests of the Order. We believe that notices of time and place of meeting published in the local papers would encourage punctual attendance in the Lodges, would be a standing invitation to visitors, and keep Odd Fellowship before the public mind. We also believe that a liberal support should be afforded *our own Press* by the brethren of the Order, and in this opinion we are further sustained by the views so well expressed in the report of our

R. W. Grand Secretary. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution :

*Resolved*—That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge be requested to bring this matter to the attention of their Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on the State of this Order submitted the following, which was adopted :

Whereas, Article 16, Section 4 of this Constitution, provides, that when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the G. L. U. S. that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction, applying therefor the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction "upon such terms as it may prescribe," suspended members, &c.

*Query*.—Do the words, "upon such terms as it may prescribe," refer to the jurisdiction to whom such power is granted ?

Respectfully report that, upon a careful examination of the provisions of the Constitution referred to, they are of opinion that it refers to the State Jurisdiction, to which such power is granted.

Rep. Dannals, of California, moved the following motion, which was adopted :—

*Resolved*.—That the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge be held in the City of San Francisco, in the State of California, and that the Officers and Members of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to assemble at Omaha, Nebraska, on the tenth day of September, 1869, to be conveyed thence by the Great Pacific Railroad across the continent to the said City of San Francisco, and that the mileage to be paid to the Representatives by this R. W. Grand Lodge, on that occasion, shall be computed from their respective homes to and from the said City of Omaha, excepting the Representatives from the jurisdictions on the Pacific slope, whose mileage shall be computed to and from San Francisco; provided that if the said Pacific Railroad shall not be completed and running regular trains through between Omaha and Sacramento City by the first day of August, 1869, so that the Representatives can be conveyed through without change of cars or defention; then, and in that case, the M. W. Grand Sire shall on that date issue his Proclamation calling the Grand Lodge to assemble in Annual Communication in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

The Special Committee on the change of name, submitted the following, the consideration of which was deferred until next session :—

*First*.—Is a change in the name of the Grand Lodge necessary, advisable or expedient ?

*Secondly*.—If yea, what should the name be ?



*Thirdly*,—If determined upon, when should the proposed amendment go into effect ?

The arguments in favor of the change seem to be, *First*, that the actual jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge having already extended beyond the territorial limits of the United States, embracing the dominion of Canada and the British Provinces ; while further extension whereby the continent of Australia is to be annexed, is already provided for, its name should be such as will properly represent the full extent of its legislative and judicial authority, and the unlimited agency it proposes to exercise in the promulgation of the great principles of the Order. *Second*.—That prejudices in the minds of worthy and intelligent citizens of other countries existing because of the limited territorial and political character of the present name, will be removed, and the increase of membership and the extension of our influence greatly facilitated.

However *advisable*, for these considerations, a change of name of this Grand Body at the proper time may be, your Committee do not see in them any urgent, present necessity for the change proposed ; and we therefore do not deem it expedient to suggest any change to take effect at a very early date.

In considering the subject with all the arguments before us plausible, as they do in truth appear, we cannot loose sight of the fact that the Order as heretofore established outside of the territorial limits of the United States has not always maintained a successful existence. While it is true, that the Lodges in Ontario, or Canada West, have continued their work successfully for the last thirteen or fourteen years, it is equally true that prior to 1855 they had almost become extinct. And if the Order in the Lower Province is now in an improved condition, we are induced to think it is fairly to be attributed in part at least, to the labors of the Special Commissioner whom the Grand Lodge found it necessary within the last two years to send to that jurisdiction.

What the result of the enterprise in Australia will be remains to be ascertained. Prudence would, therefore, seem to forbid any inconsiderate or hasty action at this time. If the previous want of stability in Lodges heretofore instituted in any other country has been in any manner attributable to the limited territorial and political character of the name of this Grand Body, and a change therein will aid the Brotherhood in these outside jurisdictions in filling up their Lodges and extending their operations and influence, the assurance that at some future time when the condition of the Order in those jurisdictions shall be of so permanent a character as to justify it, and the Grand Lodge can without too heavy an expenditure of means make the necessary provision for it—the change shall take place—ought, in the judgment of the Committee, to be satisfactory to those who desire the change proposed.

The information received by the Committee leads them to the con-

clusion that a change at the present time would be very inexpedient in a pecuniary point of view.

Another reason for delay is the necessity for a change in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge, which can only be effected by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and as the Legislature of that State does not meet again until January, 1870, such alteration in the Charter cannot sooner, and may not then be secured.

In view of all these considerations, your Committee have deemed it the wiser course to prepare and submit an amendment to the Constitution, so framed as to provide for a change of the present name to one which seem to be acceptable to all with whom they have conversed, if a change is to be made; but postponing its operations until such time as will secure a satisfactory test of the reasons for and against a change.

We therefore respectfully submit the annexed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject:—

Amend Article 1, Section 1, of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872), by striking out of the second line the words, "Grand Lodge of the United States," and insert "Supreme Grand Lodge."

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution, (to go into effect on and after the 1st of January, 1872), by striking out at the end of the Article the words "The Grand Lodge of the United States," and insert the words, "The Supreme Grand Lodge."

The foregoing is but a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; to have given a full report of all that was transacted would have implied copying the Journal. We respectfully commend that publication to every Brother in this jurisdiction, feeling assured that a careful perusal of it will have the effect of increasing the love and zeal of all who read it for the principles and in the work of the Order we all so much love.

In conclusion we tender you our heartfelt thanks for the high honor conferred upon us in making us your representatives to so august a body as that of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The representative whose term now expires surrenders his trust into your hands with the earnest hope that in any action he has taken as your representative he has carried out your views, and with the warmest wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

JAMES WOODYATT,  
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The Grand Master then appointed the following Committees :

**Committee on Distribution.**

Reps. H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.; J. W. Ferguson and T. Healey.

**Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.**

Reps. Thos. Lawless ; R. J. C. Dawson ; Paul Hidden ; J. Kuntz and Geo. Dennis.

**Committee on Returns.**

Reps. J. J. Ramsay, Geo. Irwin, John Gibson, T. L. Paine and H. Northwood.

**Committee on State of the Order.**

Reps. Jas. Smith, P. G. M., Jas. F. Morrey, Jas. Heron, Alfred Hay and Hugh Blain.

**Committee on Finance.**

Reps. A. Frew, Jas. Bird, Thos. Brown, Jno. Wright and Thos. McKee.

**Committee on Mileage and Per-diem.**

Reps. P. B. Hatch, Geo. Powell, Senr., Geo. H. Marlatt, John Schneider and M. Blume.

**Committee on Appeals.**

Reps. H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., J. G. Dodd, T. Partridge, Jas. Woodyatt, G. Rep., and M. D. Dawson.

**Committee on Laws of Subordinates.**

Reps. J. J. Dyas, John Smith, Samuel Flory, T. T. Irving and J. Kunz.

**Committee on Printing.**

Reps. T. A. Tarrant, Wm. Irving, Wm. McNeil and John Schneider.

**Committee on Revision.**

Bros. Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Thos. Partridge, D. G. M., and Dr. J. W. Ferguson, P. G.

**Committee on Legislation.**

Reps. Hugh Blain, Robt. Evans, Jno. Bowden and J. B. McIntyre.

On motion of Rep. Jas. Smith, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M., in order to give the Committee on Distribution an opportunity to make up their report.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

LODGE ROOM, Aug. 4th, 1869. }  
4 o'clock P. M. }

The Grand Lodge called to order,—Grand Master in the chair.

Officers all present; and a quorum of Representatives.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read, and a few alterations ordered to be made, after which the Minutes were adopted.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following Report, which was on motion adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Most Worthy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the purpose of assigning the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate Committees, recommend the following :—

That Clauses B. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. & R. of the Grand Master's Report, and Clause I. of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be assigned to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

That Clauses C. D. & E. of Grand Master's Report, and Clauses 2. 4. 9. & 10. of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be assigned to the Committee on Finance.

That all from Clause N. to O. referring to Grand Master's visits, and also Clauses P. S. T. & V. of Grand Master's Report be assigned to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That all from Clause O. to P. in Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on Appeals:

That Clause U. of Grand Master's Report referring to the Odd Fellows Provident Association be referred to a special Committee of five.

That Clause Y. of Grand Master's Report, and 8 of Grand Secretary's Report, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That Clause 3 of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be assigned to the Committee on Returns.

That Clauses 5. 6. & 7. of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to the Committee on Printing.

In regard to the Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives to the R. W. G. L. of the United States, your Committee submit, that they find it full of interest, but not containing matter for reference to any of the Committees of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion we respectfully move the adoption of this Report.

H. C. BINGHAM,  
J. W. FERGUSON,  
T. HEALEY.

T. Partridge, D. G. M., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report, No. 1, which was adopted :

**Supplementary Report No. 1.**

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Certificates of Past Grands W. H. Harper and J. H. Hogan, of Unity Lodge No. 47, find them correct, and submit the following :

*Resolved,*—That the above named Past Grands be instructed in the G. L. Degree, and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

We have also examined the Certificate of Rep. George Irwin, of Frontier Lodge No. 45, and find the same correct,—submit the following :

*Resolved,*—That Rep. Geo. Irwin be admitted to this G. L. as such Representative.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. B. KING,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

Bro. Albert M. Harris, of Olive Branch Lodge No. 38, of Detroit, sent into the Grand Lodge his Card, whereupon T. Partridge, D. G. M., waited upon the brother, and introduced him to the Grand Lodge.

Bros. Jonathan Sprague, Grand Representative ; F. M. Foster, Grand Secretary ; Isaac Sides, Grand Warden ; all of the Grand Lodge of Michigan ; and Past Grand Samuel Adams, of same State, being in the ante-room, Past Grand Master James Smith and Grand Representative H. McAfee, were appointed a Committee to wait upon the distinguished visitors, and properly introduce them.

Whereupon the brothers were introduced, received with the honors of the Order, and then conducted to seats.

The following letter from the Grand Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, was read, and on motion of Rep. H. C. Bingham, referred to a Special Committee of three. The Grand Master named as the Committee, Grand Reps. H. McAfee, James Woodyatt, and D. G. M. Partridge :

HAMILTON, Aug. 4th, 1869.

JOHN BARR, Esq., G. M. I. O. O. F.

WORTHY AND RESPECTED SIR,—At the annual meeting of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows, held in this City in May last, a resolution was passed that the C. S. should open a correspondence with the officers of your honorable and respected Body, for the purpose of bringing about a closer connection between you and us.

Being aware that the Grand Lodge would meet in this City at the present time, I deferred writing, thinking you would be pleased to name a Committee with whom I might talk the matter over. Should this meet with your approbation, I shall be most happy to meet the Officers or a Committee of the Grand Lodge at any time during your sittings. An early answer will much oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

THOMAS TINDILL, C. S.,

C. O. O. F., M. U.

The Grand Master named as a Special Committee to consider the following correspondence relative to the Odd Fellows' Provident Association, viz : Grand Representatives James Woodyatt and H. McAfee, and Reps. Thos. Lawless, T. A. Tarrant, and Hugh Blain.

HAMILTON, Aug. 4th, 1869.

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

BRETHREN,—We beg to submit herewith a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the "Odd Fellows' Provident Association of Ontario," which we have the honor to represent as Provisional Directors ; and we would respectfully solicit for the Association your sanction and approval.

Yours, in F. L. & T.,

JOHN BARR.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

— OF THE —

ODD-FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO,  
ORGANIZED AT HAMILTON, JUNE 8th, 1869.

### Preamble.

*Whereas*, the objects of Oddfellowship, whose laws command us to "visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and to educate the orphan," contemplate the furnishing of pecuniary assistance, on the death of members, and,

*Whereas*, it is desirable to provide for a more extended application of this principle than at present obtains, by furnishing to the families of deceased Odd Fellows a greater amount of pecuniary assistance than they would be entitled to receive from their Lodges; therefore, we, whose names are hereunto annexed, do mutually agree to form ourselves into an association for that purpose, to be known as the ODD FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO;" and to be governed by the following Rules and Regulations :

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ODD FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

### ARTICLE I. NAME—OBJECT.

This Association shall be known as the "ODD FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO;" its object being to furnish pecuniary assistance to the widows and orphans or heirs and administrators of Odd Fellows who become members of this Association, in addition to that which may accrue from Lodges at the death of their natural protectors.

### ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

*Sec. 1.* The membership of this Association shall not be less than Five Hundred persons, and shall be composed of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, who are in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge in the Province of Ontario, at the time of their admission, and who shall subscribe to these rules.

*Sec. 2* The conditions of membership in this Association shall be :

*a.* That every person applying for admission to this Association must be a *bona fide* member, in good standing, of some regular Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Province of Ontario; and must not at the time of his application be more than sixty years of age, nor be receiving sick benefits from his Lodge. He must accompany his application with a certificate of the aforementioned facts, signed by the N. G. and R. S. of his Lodge, under seal.

*b.* That when applying for admission to this Association he must present to the Board to which he applies a *medical certificate of health*;

and must deposit along with his application the necessary admission fee, which shall be returned to him in case of the non-acceptance of his application.

*c.* That he must continue in membership in some regular Lodge of the Order; and in order to entitle his heirs to benefit at his death, he must at that time be a member in good standing in his Lodge.

*d.* That he must, within thirty days after being notified of the death of a member of this Association, pay into the funds thereof the levies provided for in Article III; and in case he shall neglect to do so, he shall forfeit all right to benefits for his heirs, unless he shall show to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors that such neglect was unavoidable.

*e.* That in case of forfeiture, as aforesaid, he can again entitle himself to benefits for his heirs on payment of the regular admission fee, and presenting the necessary medical certificate of health.

#### ARTICLE III.—FINANCES.

*Sec. 1. Funds. a.* The funds of this Association shall be derived from admission fees, and levies made at the death of members.

*b.* The admission fee shall be Two Dollars each, for persons under forty years of age, with an additional fifty cents for each year if over that age and not over sixty years. The levies to be made at the death of any member shall be One Dollar and Ten Cents per capita on the survivors.

*c.* The receipts of this Association shall be divided into two funds, named respectively the Benefit Fund and the Working Fund; from the first of which shall be paid all Benefits accruing to the heirs of deceased members, and from the other necessary working expenses.

*d.* Ninety per cent. of all admission fees shall be placed at the credit of the Benefit Fund, and the remaining ten per cent. at the credit of the Working Fund, while of the levies made ten-elevenths shall be placed at the credit of the Benefit Fund, and one-eleventh at the credit of the Working Fund.

*e.* All receipts on account of the Benefit Fund shall be placed at the credit of the Association in some chartered bank, to be drawn therefrom as required only on the cheque of the President and Secretary; and any portion of the Working Fund not required for immediate use may be disposed of in a like manner.

*Sec. 2. Benefits. a.* The benefits payable by this Association, at the death of a member, shall be a sum equal to one dollar for every member whose name shall appear as good on the books of the Secretary-Treasurer at the time when the death occurred, the name of the deceased included which sum shall be paid (not sooner than thirty days and not later than sixty days from the day on which the death occur-

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red, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors), to the widow and orphans or heirs and administrators of the deceased member; provided, always, that the number of members belonging to the Association does not, at that date, exceed One Thousand; but, in case the membership exceeds that number, then no greater sum than One Thousand Dollars shall be paid at the death of any one member; and so long as a sufficient sum shall remain at the credit of the Benefit Fund of this Association to pay the necessary benefits at the death of a member and leave intact a reserve fund or margin equal to one maximum benefit (One Thousand Dollars), no levies shall be made upon members when a death occurs; but as soon as the balance becomes insufficient to meet this requirement, a levy of One Dollar and Ten Cents upon each of the members shall be made for the purpose of increasing the balance to the required amount.

b. On the death of a member of this Association, the person or persons entitled to receive benefits by reason of such death, shall make a written application to the Board of Directors for said benefits, which application shall be presented to the N. G. of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member, who shall certify to the correctness thereof, then to the Secretary of the Board of Local Managers nearest said Lodge who shall countersign it and forward it to the Secretary-Treasurer, who, on ascertaining from his books that the deceased was entitled to benefits, shall, at the expiration of 30 days and within 60 days after the day on which the death occurred, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, draw on the Benefit Fund for the necessary amount and pay over the same as directed in the following clause, (c).

c. When any persons becomes entitled to benefits as determined in the preceding clause (b), the Secretary-Treasurer shall, at the expiration of 30 days or within 60 days from the day on which the death occurred, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, draw the amount necessary from the Benefit Fund and transmit it to the Secretary of the Board of Local Managers, through whom the application was made, who shall hand it to the N. G., whose certificate accompanied the application, and he shall pay it to the proper claimants, taking the prescribed receipt for it, forwarding the same to the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, as provided in Article V.

#### ARTICLE V.—MANAGEMENT.

Sec. 1. The business of this Association shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, and a Board of Local Managers in each District formed by G. L. of Ontario for G. L. purposes.

[CLAUSE A. Provided, always, that until the formation of two or more Boards of Local Managers, the Hamilton Board of Local Managers shall constitute a Provisional Board of Directors; but immediately on the formation of a second Board of Local Managers under these Rules and Regulations, a Permanent Board of Directors shall be formed, who shall assume directing control, leaving the Hamilton Board to perform the duties of a Local Board only.]

*Sec. 2.* Every Board of Local Managers shall be composed of—persons elected by the members of the Association belonging to each Lodge in a District, who shall meet monthly, (or more frequently, if necessary), and shall annually, in the month of July, elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary; also two of its members for every Lodge in the District in which it is located, to represent it in the Board of Directors.

*Sec. 3.* The Board of Directors shall be composed of—representatives from the Grand Lodge on Ontario, provided said representatives are members of the Association who do not represent any Local Board, and such representatives from each Board of Local Managers as are provided for by Section 2 of this Article. It shall meet annually on the day after the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, at the same place, and at such meeting shall elect the Officers named in Article IV. The business office of the Association shall be located in Hamilton.

*Sec. 4.* The duty of the Board of Directors shall be to exercise a general directing control over the affairs of the Association; to direct the levying of assessments on members, to be collected by Boards of Local Managers; to pay through the proper Local Board, on the death of a member, to the heirs or administrators of deceased, as directed in Article III, the benefits due to them, after the claim has been approved of by the Local Board through which it is to be paid; and to perform such other acts as may from time to time appear necessary for the welfare and perpetuity of this Association.

*Sec. 5.* The duties of the several Boards of Local Managers shall be to admit members in accordance with the conditions set forth in Article II; to collect all fees and assessments from members belonging to their respective districts, forwarding the same along with the names of members paying them to the Sec.-Treas.; to investigate the circumstances attending the death of any member, and report thereon in prescribed form to the Board of Directors; to pay over benefits to claimants as soon as funds are received from the Sec.-Treas. for that purpose; and to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association in their respective districts.

#### ARTICLE VI.—SALARIES.

No salaries shall be paid by this Association, except on a four-fifth vote, at a regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII.—DISABILITIES.

Any member of this Association who shall omit to pay all levies which may be made upon him, at the death of members, by the proper time; or who shall not be continuously a member of some regular Lodge of the Order, shall forfeit his membership in this Association, and can renew it only by again paying the prescribed admission fee, and producing the necessary certificate of health; and any member who shall not be in good standing in his Lodge at the time of his death; or who shall die of any disease contracted through drunkenness or any grossly immoral habit; or who shall make false representations as to his age at the time of his admission; or who shall fail to comply with the rules of this Association, shall forfeit all rights to benefits for his life.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

None of the foregoing rules shall be suspended, annulled, altered or amended, except at an annual meeting of the Board of Directors, by vote of two-thirds of the members present; and no amendment shall be proposed at any annual meeting of the said Board unless notice thereof shall have been sent to each Board of Local Managers at least three months previous to the annual meeting at which it is to be discussed.

The Roll of Lodge was called for the presentation of business.

Rep. William Bissell, Forest City Lodge No. 38, submitted the following:

“Is it right and constitutional to pay an insane brother weekly sick benefits, while he is provided for from another source?” Referred to Committee on the State of Order.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, Forest City Lodge, No. 38, submitted the following:

“Has a N. G. a right to withhold the salute preventing a brother from retiring at any other time than during initiation? If so, when and under what circumstances?” Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, of Forest City Lodge No. 38, submitted the following:

“Will the Grand Lodge define the proper mode to be observed by subordinate Lodges, of balloting for Representatives?” Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Rep. H. Blain, Covenant Lodge No. 52, submitted the following:

“Can the amount charged Covenant Lodge for Working and Degree Books be refunded? Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, of Dominion Lodge No. 48, submitted the following :

“Are donations to Lodges subject to the Grand Lodge tax?” Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Samuel Flory, Eureka Lodge No. 30, submitted the following :  
 “If a brother enters a Lodge when working in the initiatory degree, and should have received the blue, scarlet, or any other degree, is the brother entitled to sit in the Lodge with a white apron, provided there is no other regalia in the ante-room for him to put on?” Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

The following appeal of C. B. Taylor against the action of Avon Lodge was read :—

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—The undersigned a P. Grand of Avon Lodge beg most respectfully to appeal from a decision of a Committee of said Lodge, wherein charges was preferred against me to the following effect, viz : *Fraud.*

Some time ago I had occasion to borrow \$50 from a Mr. Grant, said note endorsed by one Thos. Boughridge, and circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from paying it when due, but made arrangements with Mr. Grant to pay interest monthly until principal was paid, which he agreed to ; but as soon as I left, or immediately after, on account of me not paying this, a charge was preferred against me for *Fraud*, by Bro. Mowatt of said Lodge. Now

*First*,—Has the Lodge any jurisdiction in the above, as the parties interested are not members of the Order, and had recourse to common law, the matter being a purely business transaction.

*Second*,—That circumstances beyond my control prevented my attendance before the Committee appointed to investigate said charge.

*Third*,—That I never repudiated the obligation to pay the amount of the note mentioned in the above complaint, but on the contrary paid interest until the time he sued it in court ; and was and still am willing to pay the principal as soon as circumstances will permit, which always seemed satisfactory to the plaintiff until my removal from Stratford.

A Brother of the Lodge notified me that I was suspended on account of said charge preferred, but was not notified officially by the Lodge—not one letter I received having the seal attached.

And being anxious to be actively connected with the Order which I have loved so long, and which I believe I have been unjustly suspended, I respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to instruct Avon Lodge to re-

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. & T.;

C. B. TAYLOR, P. G.

P. S.—I enclose a copy, or rather the original, containing the charge that was brought and sworn against me, the contents of which is false to the core.

Dated at Detroit, State of Michigan,  
August 2nd, 1869.

C. B. T.

Stratford, Feb. 18, 1869.

C. B. TAYLOR, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As Chairman of Committee I write you. No doubt you know ere this that a charge has been preferred against you by Bro. Wm. Mowat, for fraud. The evidence that we have against you is contained in the foregoing.

RAFFERITCH VS. TAYLOR.

*County of Perth,* } I Theobald Rafferitch, of the Township of Downie,  
*To wit :* } in the said County, Innkeeper. make oath and say :

1st.—That some three years ago Mr. Chas. B. Taylor came to me with a note for \$50, and asked me to endorse it for him, as the note was payable to W. Mowat or bearer.

2nd.—When the note came due, which was in three months after Mr. Taylor told me he would pay it, and I would have no trouble at all about it.

3rd.—I spoke to him twice afterwards about the note, when he said that he had paid part of the note, and would soon pay the balance. The note was in the hands of Mr. Alexander Grant of Stratford.

4th.—At another time subsequent to this Taylor said he had paid the note in full and would show it, but he had destroyed it, or mislaid it, or lost it ; but I might rest assured it was all right.

5th.—Believing these statements I paid no more attention to the matter until shortly before Taylor went away, when I got a letter from a lawyer demanding payment of the note for Grant. Immediately afterwards I was sued in the Division Court, and the plaintiff, Mr. Grant, let me off by paying \$41 50, he paying the costs himself, as he believed I was badly used in the matter.

6th.—I had no acquaintance with Taylor, except when I was a member of Avon Lodge, where Taylor also was. I did not think that he could be capable of acting so deceitfully towards me. I never had any other transaction with Taylor before nor since.

All of which is sworn to before a J. P. Likewise the signature of Mr. Rafferitch attached.

Now Bro. Taylor, it is for you to give as your defence, so that we may be able to lay the case clearly before the Lodge at the next meeting, 24th. The matter has probably been hanging long, but I can assure you, sir, that we have been as anxious about the matter as you have been.

Bro. Taylor be kind enough to answer this by return of post, as it will require all our time to act upon it before meeting night.

Yours fraternally in F. L. & T.,

HENRY GIBSON,

In behalf of Committee.

N. B.—As this is written hastily, there is no Seal attached.

H. G.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. James Smith, and *Resolved*.—That on account of the informality in the appeal from Bro. C. B. Taylor, the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with said Brother, informing him that his appeal is informal, and that in its present form this Grand Lodge cannot act upon it.

The following appeals were submitted and referred to Committee on Appeals:—

PORT BURWELL, November 5th, 1868.

*To the N. G. Officers and Members of Eric Lodge No. 33 I. O. O. F.*

On the 26th of October I received a notice from your Secretary, saying that I was expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming to an Odd Fellow. If I am guilty of anything of the kind, I don't know it; so, therefore, I must appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

1st.—The whole transaction of the Committee was illegal, and the charge was brought through spite.

2nd.—That the charge brought against me for using Lodge funds I deny, because it was an individual transaction between Brother Wilkes and myself.

3rd.—That it was the opinion of Bro. Moor and others in the

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JOHN J. McMATH.

HAMILTON, Sept. 10th, 1868.

To the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Ontario.

The petition and appeal of the undersigned respectfully sheweth :

1. That on the 7th day of May, 1868, I charged Bro. Robert Magill in Excelsior Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F., in this city, with conduct derogatory to said Lodge and Order, as per Article six, section first, clause first, of our Constitution.
  2. That said charge was duly investigated by a Committee appointed for the purpose, and their report upon the same submitted to the Lodge.
  3. That said Committee reported the charge sustained.
  4. That the report was referred back to the Committee, and the charge again reported sustained.
  5. That the Committee in their second report stated that the accused, although duly notified, had failed to appear.
  6. That on motion, the report was received, and the Committee discharged.
  7. That the Lodge refused to comply with a written request that the evidence on which the Committee based their decision be read in open Lodge.
  8. That I stated to the Lodge that I was prepared to produce still farther evidence, (and of such a character that could not be impeached) if considered necessary.
  9. That immediately following the discharge of the Committee, a resolution was passed, acquitting the said Bro. Robert Magill, (the accused) from all blame.
- I therefore hereby respectfully appeal from said action of Excelsior Lodge No. 44 on the grounds,—
1. Of unfairness to the accused, as per article six, section third, clause third of Constitution.
  2. That of unfairness to the accused, in dismissing the case when farther evidence was tendered.

3. That it was informal in acquitting a brother whom a duly appointed Committee had reported guilty.

4. That it was strictly contrary to By-law 59 of said Lodge, and

5. That as the report of the Committee did not involve the suspension or expulsion of the accused, and no appeal having been made, it was also a direct violation of clause third, section second, article six, of the Constitution.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

W. H. McELCHERON,

Member of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F.

Grand Rep. J. Woodyatt, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following

**Supplementary Report No. 2.**

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

Your Committee on Credentials report, that they have examined the Certificate of T. L. Payne, Representative of Otter Lodge No. 50, and find the same correct, and submit the following :—

*Resolved*, —That P. G. T. L. Payne be instructed in the G. L. Degree, and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. B. KING,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

The following motion of Rep. T. Healey, of Union Lodge, was referred to the Finance Committee :—

Moved by Rep. T. Healey of Union Lodge, and seconded by Rep. P. B. Hatch of Gore Lodge, that the expenses of the several Lodges that sent representatives to Brockville to form this Grand Lodge, in the year 1856, be reimbursed their expenses, that was paid by the several Lodges at that time, there being a motion on the minutes of this Grand Lodge to the effect that the amounts be refunded to said Lodges when this Grand Lodge was in funds.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Revision, submitted their Report, and asked on account of its length, that it be considered by clauses as read. Agreed to.

On reading Article 2, Section 1, Clause 4, the following amendment was made by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Grand Rep. H. McAfee, and lost :—

That every P. G. M. in good standing in Subordinate Lodge and Grand Officers shall be admitted to seats in this G. L., and shall have the power of debating, making motions and voting on all questions.

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On reading Clause 3, Section 2, Article 4, it was

Moved, in amendment, by Rep. John Smith of Unity Lodge, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas of Dominion Lodge, that the present Clauses stand for the election of Officers.

Pending the discussion of the above, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m. to-morrow.

Proceedings of the Second Day.

GRAND LODGE ROOM,  
Hamilton, Aug. 5th, 1869.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order. The M. W. Grand Master, Jno. Barr, in the Chair. The Roll of Officers and Representatives called, and present :—

JOHN BARR.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
T. PARTRIDGE.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R. KIRKPATRICK.....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING.....	R. W. GRAND SEC. & TREAS.
JAMES WOODYATT.....	R. W. GRAND REP.
HENRY McAFEE.....	R. W. " "
GEORGE WALES.....	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
J. BARBOUR.....	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
JOHN NOBLE.....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN,

P. G. J. B. McINTYRE,	Rep. Union Lodge - No. 16.
" JOHN SCHNEIDER,	" Chatham Lodge No. 29.
" HENRY NORTHWOOD,	
" GEO. POWELL, SR.,	" Eureka Lodge, No. 30.
" SAMUEL FLORY,	
" JAMES HERON,	
" T. BROWN,	" Gore Lodge - No. 34.
" P. B. HATCH,	
" H. C. BINGHAM,	" Samaritan Lodge No. 35.
" GEORGE DENNIS,	
" J. F. MORREY,	" St. Mary's Lodge No. 36.
" G. MARLATT,	
" J. KUNTZ,	
" M. D. DAWSON,	" Forest City Lodge No. 38.
" R. J. C. DAWSON,	
" T. A. TARRANT,	
" JAMES SMITH,	" Avon Lodge, - No. 41.
" T. T. IRVING,	
" JOHN GIBSON,	" Eccelsior Lodge, No. 44.
" J. W. FERGUSON,	
" THOS. LAWLESS,	
" JOHN BOWDEN,	" Frontier Lodge, No. 45.
" ALFRED HAYS,	
" GEO. IRWIN,	" Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46.
" WILLIAM IRVING,	
" JOHN SMITH,	" Unity Lodge, No. 47.
" ARCH'D FREW,	
" MARK HILL,	
" J. G. DODD,	" Dominion Lodge No. 48.
" J. J. DYAS,	
" M. BLUME,	" Canada Lodge, No. 49.
" T. L. PAINE,	" Otter Lodge No. 50.
" WM. McNEIL,	" Bissell Lodge, No. 51.
" HUGH BLAIN,	" Covenant Lodge, No. 52.
" JNO. J. RAMSAY,	" Niagara Falls " No. 53.
" THOS. McKEE,	

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

T. Partridge, D.G.M, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following :-

### Supplementary Report No. 3.

Hamilton, Aug. 5, 1869.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the certificate of Rep. Thomas Brown, of Eureka Lodge No. 30, find the same correct, and beg to submit the following :-

*Resolved*—That Rep. Thos. Brown be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative of said Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

J. B. KING,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to consider the amendment of Rep. John Smith, of Unity Lodge, which was under discussion when the Grand Lodge adjourned last evening, which was,

*Resolved*,—"That the present clauses stand for the election of officers," which amendment prevailed.

Moved by Rep. Dr. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.,

That the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Revision be indefinitely postponed, and that the Committee be discharged.

Moved by Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. J. Kuntz, in amendment,

That the Report on the revision of the Constitution be referred back to the Committee.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The vote being taken on the resolution of Rep. Ferguson, it was declared lost.

Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, on behalf of the Committee on Revision, tendered the resignation of the Committee.

Rep. Dr. J. W. Ferguson, moved, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham,

That the resignation of the Committee on Revision be accepted

Resolved in the negative.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. James Smith,

That P. G. M., H. McAfee, and Rep. John Smith, be added to the Committee on Revision. -Lost.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Aug. 4th, 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to report, that in the case of Unity Lodge No. 47 against D. D. G. M. Pierce, for refusing to install

Bro. William Harper, N. G. elect, find that the action of D. D. G. M. Pierce was incorrect, and submit the following :

*Resolved*,—That the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master, in this case be sustained.

(Signed)

H. C. BINGHAM,  
J. G. DODD,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
JAS. WOODYATT,  
M. D. DAWSON.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the same Committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was on motion adopted :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Aug. 4th, 1869.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

We your Committee on Appeals, beg leave to report that in the case of Bro. McMath against the action of Erie Lodge in expelling him from the Order, find that Bro. McMath appeals from the decision of the Lodge, on the following grounds :

1st. That the whole transaction of the Committee was illegal, and the charge brought through spite.

2nd. Because the transaction was an individual one, and not a Lodge transaction.

3rd. That it was the opinion of D. D. G. M., Bro. Moore and others in the Lodge, when I wanted the Lodge to decide whether it was a Lodge or individual transaction that the Lodge had nothing to do with me.

Your Committee find no evidence to sustain the first ground of appeal. We find the second ground of appeal not sustained, because the evidence in possession goes to show that it *was* a Lodge transaction. We find the third ground of appeal not sustained, because we have no evidence whatever touching the question before the Committee.

The Committee therefore submit the following :

*Resolved*—That the appeal be dismissed, in the meantime, for lack of evidence to sustain it.

(Signed),

H. C. BINGHAM,  
J. G. DODD,  
M. D. DAWSON,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the same Committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted :—

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COMMITTEE ROOM, Aug. 4, 1869.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. G. Lodge of Ontario.*

We your Committee beg leave to report, that in the case of appeal of W. H. McElcherson against the action of Excelsior Lodge in the charge against Robt. McGill, find that the Lodge acted illegally in not taking action on the Report of the Committee, and in referring back the Report, and in finally discharging the Committee, (see Digest page 139, Clause 19) :

“ When a Committee appointed to try a member for unworthy conduct, has reported in favor of expulsion, the Lodge cannot omit action on the Report made, and appoint another Committee, but it must proceed upon the Report regularly made and properly before it.”

The Committee therefore submit the following :—

*Resolved*,—That the action of Excelsior Lodge in this case be reversed, and a new trial ordered.

Signed,

H. C. BINGHAM,  
J. G. DODD,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
M. D. DAWSON.

Rep. Jas. Smith, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolution :—

*To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. G. Lodge of Ontario.*

We, your Committee appointed on the State of the Order, beg most respectfully to report :—

That we have examined that portion of the Grand Master's Address as submitted to us, and with regard to decisions we have pleasure to state that they are correct, and strictly in accordance with Constitution.

It is to be regretted that the Grand Master has cause to complain of the dereliction of duty evinced by the D. D. G. Masters in not submitting to him the reports at the time which our laws provide that such should be done. We trust, however, that in future such officers will attend more faithfully to the duties allotted to them.

With regard to Clause T of Grand Master's Report, calling upon this Grand Lodge to make it imperative on Subordinate Lodges compelling Officers to learn charges and working.

Your Committee do not consider it necessary for this Grand Lodge to

take any action on the recommendation of the Grand Master, but would leave the matter to local jurisdiction.

Your Committee fully endorse the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master relative to the *Canadian Star* and *American Odd Fellow*, and hope the members will take particular notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Your Committee would specially express themselves with regard to the interest shown by our Most Worthy Grand Master in visiting every Lodge in our jurisdiction, that great credit is thereby due to him in losing so much time in making his visits.

To the following questions submitted by members your Committee have carefully examined them, and herewith beg to submit our replies thereto :

*Question 1st.*—P. G. M, Bro. Wm. Bissell, Forest City Lodge : Is it right and constitutional to pay an insane Brother weekly sick benefits while he is provided from another source ?

*Answer.*—Yes. See Digest, page 15, and Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, pages 1993, 2137, 2177.

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*Question 2nd.*—Rep. M. D. Dawson, Forest City Lodge : Has a N. G. a right to withhold the salute, thus preventing a Brother from retiring at any other time than during initiation ; if so, when and under what circumstances ?

*Answer.*—The only law we can find on the subject is rule of Order No. 22.

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*Question 4th.*—Rep. Dyas, Dominion Lodge : Are the donations to Lodges subject to the Grand Lodge tax ?

*Answer.*—Yes. Article 8, Clause 1, Section 1, of Constitution states that this Grand Lodge is entitled to 10 per cent of the gross receipts. After deducting Widow and Orphan Fund, we would recommend that said Clause be amended so as to exempt donations.

*Question 5th.*—Rep. Blain, Covenant Lodge : Can the amount charged Covenant Lodge No. 52 for working and degree books be refunded ?

*Answer.*—Yes. If the Grand Lodge see fit. The law, however, on the subject will be found in Constitution, Page 13, Article 7, Clause 5.

*Question 7th.*—Rep. S. Flory, Eureka Lodge : If a Brother enters a Lodge when working in the Initiatory Degree, and should have received the Blue, Scarlet, or any other Degree, is the Brother entitled to sit in the Lodge with a white apron, providing there is no other regalia in the ante-room for him to put on.

*Answer.*—See Constitution, Page 31, Article 7, Section 1, Clause 3. Your Committee, nevertheless, are of opinion that it would be unjust to refuse a Brother admittance who would not be able at the time to procure a regalia in accordance with the rank he attained in the Order.

*Question 8th.*—Is a Brother who has only held a subordinate office for two months, eligible for an elective office ?

*Answer.*—We would amend by adding the following :—“ Unless no other qualified Brother would accept the position, or in case of a newly instituted Lodge.”

In conclusion your Committee recommend the adoption of this Report as now submitted.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES SMITH,  
JAMES HERON,  
H. BLAIN,  
ALFRED HAY.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Healey :

That the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report a separate resolution not only upon each decision of the Grand Master, but also upon every question referred to them. Resolved in the negative.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. J. B. McIntyre :

That the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order be taken up serialim.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Robert Evans :

That the Grand Lodge adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M., in order that the several Committees may have an opportunity of perfecting their Reports.—*Carried.*

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

—o—  
GRAND LODGE ROOM, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. D. G. M. Partridge in the chair. The Roll called, Officers present :

T. PARTRIDGE, .....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R. KIRKPATRICK, .....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING, .....	R. W. GRAND SEC. & TREAS.
HENRY McAFEE, .....	R. W. GRAND REP.
GEORGE WALES, .....	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
J. BARBOUR, .....	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
JOHN NOBLE, .....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. Jas. Woodyatt, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary Report, which was adopted :

**Supplementary Report No. 4.**

Your Committee on Credentials report : Having examined the Certificate of P. G. Harper Wilson of Union Lodge No. 16, and finding the same correct, submit the following :

*Resolved*,—That P. G. Harper Wilson be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. B. KING,  
JAMES WOODYATT.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was under discussion when the Grand Lodge adjourned, was now taken up.

**GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.**—On the motion to adopt Clause 1, it was moved by Rep. Robt. Evans, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, in amendment :

That the last clause of the decision, No. 4, of the Grand Master, be reversed.—*Carried.*

On motion the Clause as amended was adopted.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, were adopted.



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On the motion to adopt Clause xx, it was moved by Rep. A. Frew, in amendment, seconded by Rep. Jno. Smith :

That the N. G. has no right to prevent a Brother retiring, except during Initiation.

Moved by Rep. M. D. Dawson, seconded by Rep. J. G. Dodd, in amendment to the amendment, which was adopted :

That the N. G. is allowed discretionary power; but not compelled to prevent Brothers from retiring except during Initiation.

On motion to adopt Clause xxx, it was moved by Rep. H. C. Bingham, in amendment, seconded by Rep. Jas. Hutchison :—

That the question be answered, Yes.

Moved by Rep. Jno. Smith, seconded by Rep. A. Frew, in amendment to the amendment :

That donations to any Lodge do not constitute any part of the regular receipts of said Lodge, and therefore the Grand Lodge are not entitled to the usual per centage on said donations.—*Carried.*

The report of the Committee, as amended, was then adopted.

Moved by G. Rep. McAfee, seconded by Rep. Dyas, that the sum of thirty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses of this session of the Grand Lodge, and that a Committee be appointed to dispense the same.

The Grand Master named as the Committee : G. Rep. McAfee, Rep. Jas. Smith, and G. Sec-Treas. King.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report :

GRAND LODGE ROOM, August 5th, 1869.

To the R. W. G. M., Grand Officers and Representatives of the G. L. of Ontario :

Clause 1. BRETHREN,—We have examined the By-laws of Covenant Lodge No. 52, and beg to recommend their approval with this exception :

Clause 1.—Omit all after “N. G.” and prior to “at the request, &c.”

Clause 2. We have examined the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Gore Lodge No. 34., and beg to recommend their approval, with the exception of that part of By-law No. 47, which says — “And

no benefit to be paid for the first week's sickness," as we consider it conflicts. And 5, sec. 2, clause 1 of the Constitution of the subordinate Lodges, which says that "Every member shall be entitled to receive from the general fund such weekly sick benefits as may be fixed by the By-laws"

Clause 3. We have examined the proposed amendment to the By-laws of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, and beg to recommend its approval.

Yours, in F. L. T.,

J. J. DYAS,  
JOHN SMITH,  
SAMUEL FLORY,  
THOS. T. IRVING,  
JACOB KUNZ.

Moved by Rep. Hatch, and seconded by Rep. Ferguson, and

*Resolved*—That that portion of the Committee's report in regard to clause 47 be stricken out.—Carried.

The Report as amended was then adopted.

Rep. A. Frew, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the R. W. G. L. of Ontario I. O. O. F.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, Hamilton, Aug. 5th, 1869.

¶ The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's Report, beg leave to submit the following :

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

CLAUSE C—Relating to new seal for G. L., on account of changing the name of this Grand Lodge from Grand Lodge of C. W. to G. L. of Ontario.

CLAUSE D,—Referring to the purchase of one hundred new charters for this G. Lodge, in consequence of alteration of name of this G. L., as described in clause C of G. M. Report.

CLAUSE E,—Referring to the investment of G. L. funds in Dominion stock, to the amount of five hundred dollars.

We, your Committee, having carefully examined the forgoing clauses of G. M. Report, respectfully beg leave to recommend their adoption.

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Adopted.

Rep. A. Frew, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the R. W. G. L. of Ontario I. O. O. F.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, HAMILTON, August 5th, 1869.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CLAUSE 2—Relating to the *American Odd Fellow* being subscribed for by this G. L.

CLAUSE 4—Relating to the investment of the surplus funds of this G. L., has been carried out in accordance with a resolution passed by this G. L. at its session of 1867, the following investments have been made, namely :

Dominion stock \$500.00, United States 5-20s bonds, \$200, for which was paid, \$166.13 in gold ; Post Office Savings Bank deposit \$250 ; total invested \$916.13.

We, your Committee, find on examination, that the above is invested in the name of the G. S., and that he holds bonds and scrips for the same.

CLAUSE 9,—Relating to the receipts and expenditures for the year correct.

CLAUSE 10,—Relating to receipts and disbursements, and funds on hand of the various subordinate Lodges, correct ; and recommend the adoption of the foregoing clauses.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARCH. FREW,  
JAMES BIRD,  
JOHN WRIGHT,  
THOMAS BROWN,  
THOMAS MCKEE.

Rep. A. Frew, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the M. W. G. L. of Ontario.*

Your Committee on Finance beg leave, as a supplementary to their previous report, that they have examined the G. M. account, \$16.00, against this G. L. incurred in official visits to subordinate Lodges, and communications, recommend the same be paid.

Yours, in F. L. T.,

ARCH. FREW,  
JAMES BIRD,  
THOMAS McKEE,  
THOMAS BROWN,  
JOHN WRIGHT.

Rep. A. Frew, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the M. W. G. L. of Ontario I. O. O. F.*

Your Committee, in referring to the proceedings of G. L. held in Brockville in 1856, find the resolution referred to in Rep. T. Healy's motion correct ; but would recommend that the several subordinate Lodges send in their accounts.

Yours, in F. T. L.,

ARCH. FREW,  
JAMES BIRD,  
THOMAS McKEE,  
THOS. BROWN,

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report :

*To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to submit the following report, viz : On matter referred to this Committee by Distributing Committee, viz : On clause Y of the No. 20.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity of appointing a Special Commissioner, to visit the various localities throughout this jurisdiction likely to be suitable places for the establishment of our beloved Order, the said Commissioner to use every legitimate and proper means in his power to induce gentlemen whom he thinks will make fit members and good Odd Fellows, either to join some Lodge convenient to their place of residence, and there take the degrees requisite to enable them to petition for a warrant to institute new Lodges in accordance with the prescribed form, or make any other arrangements which may be consistent with the usages of the Order.

2. Your Committee would also urge the advisability of members of adjacent Lodges taking withdrawal cards for the purpose of aiding in the organization of new Lodges, thereby materially assisting in the fur-

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3. The funds of the R. W. L. body being hardly sufficient to warrant any considerable expenditure during the present year, your Committee would advise the visits contemplated to be conducted in the most economical and favorable manner practicable.

QUESTION 3.

4. That in balloting for Rep. to G. L., the name of only one candidate shall be written upon any ballot, and a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to a choice; should there be no choice in any case, the name of the candidate receiving the smallest number of ballots shall be dropped on proceeding to each succeeding ballot.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to move the adoption of the foregoing report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. BLAIN,  
JOHN BOWDEN,  
J. B. MCINTYRE,  
ROBERT EVANS, } Committee.

The report was on motion, taken up, and considered seriatim.

On the motion to adopt clause 1,

It was moved, in amendment, by Representative Thos. T. Irving, seconded by Representative Gibson, that the clause, relative to a salaried commissioner being employed by the Grand Lodge, be stricken out.

Moved by Rep. James Smith, seconded by Rep. M. McIntyre, in amendment to the amendment:

That the consideration of that portion of the Report of the Legislative Committee with regard to the appointing of a Special Commissioner, be laid over until next Session.—*Lost.*

The question recurring upon the amendment of Rep. T. T. Irving, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 2 adopted.

On motion to adopt Clause 3, it was moved by Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, seconded by Rep. J. Hunter, in amendment:

That clause 3 be stricken out. The amendment prevailed.

On motion to adopt clause 4, it was moved by Rep. Samuel Klory, seconded by Rep. J. Heron, in amendment:

That as many names be placed on the ballot as the Lodge is entitled to Representatives: Amendment lost, and the clause allowed to stand.

The Report as amended was then adopted.

Rep. J. J. Ramsay, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Ontario I. O. of O. F.*

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the semi-annual returns of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and would respectfully submit the following :

The semi-annual return of Brock Lodge No. 9, we find to be correct, excepting the total membership returns, in which we find an error, which we cannot account for, but which is corrected by the Permanent Secretary of said Lodge in a list of members, forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary subsequent to the semi-annual return. We also discovered an error of omission in the return ending Dec. 31, 1868, the Vice-Grand not having signed the same.

Your Committee would recommend that this R. W. Grand Lodge be governed by the list of the Permanent Secretary of Brock Lodge referred to above.

Union Lodge No. 16 ; an error was discovered in the return for the term ending June 30th, 1869, in having placed the names of those who ceased to be members for N. P. D. in the suspension column, and the names of members suspended not given.

Chatham Lodge No 29; an error in each of the semi-annual returns of this Lodge was discovered ; in the one for the term ending Dec. 31, 1868, four members are reported suspended, while the name of only one is given ; also the omission of the Vice-Grand's signature. In the return for the term ending June 30, 1869, six members are reported suspended, and their names are omitted.

Eureka Lodge No. 30, we find correct.

Erie Lodge No. 33 ; in semi-annual report for term ending Dec. 31, 1868, an error occurs, in having reported one member too many in good standing. In report for term ending June 30, 1869, we find a misstatement in total membership (as per last report); also a mistake in the members in good standing in reporting 43, while we find them entitled to 47.

Gore Lodge No. 34 ; in Report for term ending June 30, 1869, we find the names of five Brothers suspended, while only two are acknowledged in the summary.

Samaritan Lodge No. 35, we find correct.

St. Mary's Lodge No. 36, we find correct.

Forest City Lodge No. 38, we find correct.

Avon Lodge No. 41 ; in the report for the term ending June 30th,

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1869, we find a mistake, they having reported in total membership 93, which should be 94.

Excelsior Lodge No. 44, we find correct.

Frontier Lodge No. 45 ; in report for term ending Dec. 31st we find in the summary twelve initiated, while the names of only eleven are given.

Mount Zion No. 46 ; we find incorrect, in having reported total membership in report of term ending Dec. 31st, 1868, to be 31 instead of 30. We also find the amount of Grand Lodge dues to be not at all in proportion to the number of members reported in good standing.

Unity Lodge No. 47 ; we find a mistake in each report, in total membership they claiming one more than they are entitled to.

Dominion Lodge No. 48, we find correct.

Canada Lodge No. 49 ; in report for term ending June 30, 1869, we find in the total membership in good standing to be 68, while it should be 69.

Otter Lodge No. 50, we find correct.

Bissell Lodge No. 51, we find correct.

Covenant Lodge No. 52, correct.

Niagara Falls Lodge N. 53, correct.

Clause 3 of the R. W. G. Secretary's Report, which was referred to your Committee on Returns for consideration, has been examined and your Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of that clause, and that the R. W. G. Secretary be instructed to see the suggestions contained in that clause fully carried out, as we think it would have the effect of preventing the recurrence of so many mistakes in the semi-annual returns of Subordinate Lodges.

We therefore submit the following :

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Signed,

JOHN J. RAMSAY,  
GEO. IRWIN,  
JOHN GIBSON,  
T. L. PAINE,  
HENRY NORTHWOOD.

Rep. Thos. Lawless, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Correspondence, Petitions, &c., beg to report that they have examined the documents assigned them, and would submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge :

*1st. Resolved*,—That the instruction of the Grand Master, directing the Grand Secretary to procure a new Grand Lodge Seal be confirmed, said instructions having been given in pursuance of the action of the Ingersoll Session of Grand Lodge.

*2nd Resolved*,—That the instructions of the Grand Master, directing the Grand Secretary to procure new Charter blanks be approved.

*3rd. Resolved*,—That the investment of \$500, Grand Lodge funds, in Dominion Stock, with all correspondence relating thereto, be approved.

*4th. Resolved*,—That the action of the Grand Master in granting Cards to Bros. J. M. O'Connor, Henry Grey, Wm. McNeil and Christian Sackell of late Thames Lodge, and Bro. McGregor of late Rose Lodge, be approved.

*5th. Resolved*,—That this Committee is pleased to note the organization of three new Lodges in this jurisdiction, as also their subsequent successful working ; and that we highly approve of the careful and judicious manner in which the several organizations were effected by the G. M., or those deputed by him to perform the work.

*6th. Resolved*,—That the dispensations authorizing the organization of Bissell Lodge No. 51, at Mitchell, Covenant Lodge No. 52, at Toronto, and Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, at Clifton, be confirmed, and that Charters be issued to them without delay.

*7th. Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Grand Lodge should take the steps necessary for the organization of Rebekah Degree Lodges wherever desired within its jurisdiction ; and that the petition of Bro. J. J. Dyas and others of London, for a dispensation to open such a Lodge be granted.

*8th. Resolved*,—That the extracts compiled by the Grand Secretary from the documents referred to in clause 1 of his report, be printed as an appendix to the journal of this Session, in the same manner as was done in the journal of the Ingersoll Session.

Your Committee have examined the correspondence laid before them and beg to report their pleasure at the fraternal tone in which the correspondence of the past year was conducted ; as well as the evident prosperity of the Order shown thereby.

There are a few documents requiring special attention from this Committee.

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We are pleased to notice that invitations were extended to the G. S. by several Lodges in the jurisdiction to attend sociables held by them.

The several Circulars issued by the G. L. of Ontario and G. L., U. S. have been before the Lodges, and require no further attention.

The correspondence between the G. S. and Grand Sire Farnsworth, respecting the W. & O. Fire and Life Insurance Company informs us that said Company is in successful operation, a fact that we are pleased to note; and we would recommend it to the patronage of the Brotherhood.

The Address of P. G. Sire Veitch, laid before us, is an able document, and should be in the hands of every Odd Fellow.

We are pleased to see that the G. S. has succeeded in obtaining reduced fare on the G. W. R. for Reps. attending this Session, and recommend that the thanks of this G. L. be conveyed by the G. S. to the Managing Director of said Railway for his liberality.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. LAWLESS,  
R. J. C. DAWSON,  
GEO. DENNIS,  
PAUL HIDDEN.

Grand Rep. Jas. Woodyatt, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the communication from the Odd Fellows Provident Association, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

HAMILTON, Aug. 5th, 1869.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

The Special Committee appointed to consider the Rules and Regulations of the Odd Fellows' Provident Association of Ontario, beg to report that they have carefully considered the same, and suggest the following alterations and amendments thereto:

1st.—That the word "Provident" be struck out wherever it occurs, referring to the name of the Association, and the word "Benevolent" substituted therefor.

2nd.—Article 2, section 1, after the word "standing" in the third line, insert the words, "as defined by Grand Lodge."

3rd.—Article 2, section 2, clause *b*, after the word "health" at the end of the second line, add "from a surgeon named by the Lodge."

3rd.—Article 2, section 2, clause *d*, strike out the words "into the funds," in the second line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "to

the Treasurer."

4th.—Article 3, section 1, clause a, after the word "fees" insert the word "donations."

5th.—Article 3, section 1, clause c, make the last line read thus, "and from the other the necessary expenses, if required."

6th.—Article 3, section 2, clause b, strike out the word "Treasurer" in the eighth line.

7th.—Article 3, section 2, clause c, strike out the word "Treasurer" in the second line.

8th.—Article 4, after the words "Vice-President," strike out the word "and," and between the words "Secretary-Treasurer," insert the words "and a."

9th. Article 5, section 2, insert the word "three" at the end of the first line, and strike out the word "two" in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "one."

10th.—Article 5, section 3, insert the word "three" before "representatives" in first line, and strike out all after article IV.

11th.—Article 5, section 5, strike out the word "Treasurer" where it appears in the fifth line, and the word "Secretary" where it appears in the eighth line.

12th.—Strike out the word "drunkenness" in the eighth line, and substitute the word "intemperance."

With these changes, we would recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Members of the Order.

In conclusion we beg to move the following :

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed.

JAS. WOODYATT,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
THOS. LAWLESS,  
T. A. TARRANT,  
HUGH BLAIN.

Moved by Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. A. Frew :

That the sum of \$5 be reimbursed by the Grand Lodge to Dominion Lodge No. 48, being the amount of percentage paid to the Grand Lodge on donation of \$50, presented to Dominion Lodge by Forest City Lodge.—*Carried*.

Moved by Rep. Blain; seconded by Rep. Dodd, and

*Resolved*—That the elective Grand Officers be authorized to purchase before our next annual session, for the use of this Grand Lodge and its Officers, a complete set of regalia and jewels, the necessary expense and cost to be defrayed by this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

Rep. T. A. Tarrant, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, taken up and considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, 5th Aug. 1869.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—Having examined clauses 5, 6 and 7 of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's report, we beg leave to advise as follows :

1. In regard to the Grand Secretary's action in getting one hundred copies of our subordinate Lodge charters printed, that this action be sustained.

2. With regard to the blank charters, received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in Michigan, that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the same, and to inform the Grand Secretary of Michigan Grand Lodge, that, as we have a stone for printing our Lodge Charters, we shall not require to procure them from any other source.

3. With regard to clause 6 of the Grand Secretary's report, we advise that his action in the matter be sustained.

4. With regard to clause 7, we beg to refer the same to the Committee on Legislation.

In conclusion your Committee would move the adoption of this report.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

T. A. TARRANT,  
WM. McNEIL,  
JOHN SCHNEIDER,  
WM. IRVING.

Grand Representative H. McAfee, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the letter received from Thos. Tindill, of the Manchester Unity I. O. O. F., submitted the following report, which was adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Ontario.*

The Special Committee, appointed to meet Mr. Thomas Tindill in

response to a letter from him addressed to the M. W. G. Master, beg leave most respectfully to report that they met Mr. Tindill last evening, and had considerable conversation with the gentleman about merging the Canadian O.O.F.M.U. into our Order by initiation, but that nothing definite could be arrived at, as Mr. Tindill was not authorized to communicate officially by that Order, and the question of merger of said Canadian Order O. F. into our Order, remains as it was before said conference.

We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. T.,

HENRY McAFEE,  
JAMES WOODYATT,  
THOMAS PARTRIDGE.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 6.30 P. M., to meet at 8.15 P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, 8.15 P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Grand Master Bro. Barr in the chair.

Roll called—all the Officers and Representatives present.

Minutes of the afternoon Session were read and approved.

Moved by Rep. John Gibson, seconded by Rep. George Dennis,

That the amount of Twelve Dollars, charged Covenant Lodge for Working and Degree Books, by this Grand Lodge, be refunded.—Lost.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, and seconded,

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That this Grand Lodge loan to the Grand Encampment about to be instituted, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, if applied for.—Referred to Committee on Finance.

Moved by Rep. Dr. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, seconded by Bro. A. Frew, of Unity Lodge No. 47, and

*Resolved*.—That this Grand Lodge most cordially recommend the *Canadian Star of Odd Fellowship*, published by Bro. P. G. Thomas Lawless, to the support of the members of the Order generally; and that the Grand Lodge subscribe for one copy for each subordinate Lodge, to be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

Rep. H. Blain, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted :

*To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Legislation beg most respectfully to submit the following Report :—Your Committee are of opinion that they cannot, according to justice, recommend that the Subordinate Lodges be compelled to purchase their supplies from this Grand Lodge at the present exorbitant prices. Your Committee would therefore advise that the figures to be charged by this Grand Lodge be so arranged, as to induce the various subordinate Lodges to purchase the aforesaid supplies through this R. W. Grand Body.

H. BLAIN,  
J. B. McINTYRE,  
ROBERT EVANS,  
JOHN BOWDEN.

In pursuance of notice given last year, it was

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. J. G. Dodd, that Article 2, Clause 4, of the Constitution of the subordinate Lodges be amended as follows: "That one-third of the quarterly contribution be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund, instead of one-fifth, as it now reads."

Moved in amendment by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, seconded by Rep. P. B. Hatch, "That the amendment proposed be laid upon the table for one year.

The amendment prevailed, and the original motion was put and lost.

Rep. A. Frew, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted :

HAMILTON, 5th August, 1869.

*To the R. W. G. Lodge, I. O. O. F.*

We your Committee on Finance, have considered the motion of Bro. Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Bro. Rep. Thos. Lawless, That this Grand

Lodge lend the Grand Encampment, about to be instituted in this Jurisdiction, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, if applied for.

We would therefore, (in consideration that this Grand Lodge, having ample funds, and to spare) report, that the motion of Rep. J. J. Dyas be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ARCH'D. FREW,  
JAMES BIRD,  
THOS. McKEE,  
JOHN WRIGHT,  
THOMAS BROWNE.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. Thos. Lawless, That the Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge be authorized, if applied to in that behalf, to lend to the R. W. Encampment, about to be instituted, the sum of one hundred dollars, of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. A. Frew, Chairman of the Committee, on Finance, presented the following :

HAMILTON 5th August, 1869.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ontario :—

Your Finance Committee have great pleasure to inform this Grand Body, that the Books, papers and accounts of this Lodge, are and have been kept in the most perfect order, by our Worthy Grand Secretary, in consequence of which your Committee's duties were thereby materially facilitated, we have much pleasure therefore, in bearing testimony to the manner in which the accounts of this lodge have been kept.

Yours in F. L. T.,  
ARCH. FREW,  
*Chairman.*

Moved by Rev. John J. Ramsay, and seconded by Rep. McIntyre, That the motion striking out the clause, in the report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, referring to the election of Officers, be re-considered.

The motion prevailed.

Moved by Rep. R. Evans, seconded by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, and

*Resolved*—That the Grand Lodge hear the amendments to the Constitution, as proposed by the Revision Committee without any discussion whatever, and that this Grand Lodge order the same to be printed, and copies be sent to all the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction there to be discussed so that the Representative will be in a position at the next Session of this Grand Lodge to meet the wishes of the members of the Order in general.—Carried

Moved by J. G. Dodd, seconded by M. D. Dawson, That this Grand Lodge recognising the great benefits to be derived by Odd Fellows from the perusal of periodicals devoted to the furtherance of the Order and recognising the great interest taken by the "Olive Wreath" in Canadian Odd Fellowship, we beg to recommend it to the various lodges in the jurisdiction as a periodical worthy of support.—Carried.

By consent the reading of the Report of the Committee on Revision was dispensed with, and the report ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, as per resolution to that effect.

Moved by Rep T. A. Tarrant, seconded by Rep. Blume, and *Resolved*—That the course pursued by the Brethren of Hamilton in dispensing with a public dinner in honor of this Grand Lodge, meets with our hearty approval and makes it our earnest request and advice that their example may be followed by our brethren everywhere in this jurisdiction for all time to come.

Unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, that this Grand Lodge now proceed to the nomination and election of Officers.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. G. H. Marlatt and J. J. Dyas as tellers.

Grand Rep. H. McAfee nominated D. G. M. T. Partridge, for G. M.

Elected by acclamation.

Rep. Jas. Smith nominated John Smith for D. G. M.		
“ Powell	“	R. Kirkpatrick
“ Bissell	“	J. J. Ramsay
“ Wignore	“	A. Frew
“ Dodd	“	J. W. Ferguson
“ Marlatt	“	Barber
“ Kirkpatrick	“	Healey
“ Hatch	“	Peirce

Reps. G. Powell and R. Barbour declined the nomination.

Rep. J. J. Ramsay dropped on 1st ballot.

“ A. Frew withdrew after 1st ballot.

“ T. Healey elected on 2nd ballot.

Rep. Jas. Smith nominated Jno. Smith for G. W.		
“ Kunz	“	Barbour
“ Hunter	“	Heron
“ Bingham	“	Ramsay
“ McAfee	“	Gibson
“ Dyas	“	Ferguson
“ Wignore	“	Frew

“ Bissell	“	Wright	“
“ Ramsay	“	Peirce	“
“ Smith	“	Dyas	“

Rep. J. Wright declared elected on 3rd ballot.

Rep. Jno. Smith, Heron, Ferguson, Frew and Dyas withdrew.

Rep. Gibson and Peirce withdrew after 1st ballot.

Rep. Ferguson nominated J. B. King for G. S. & T.

Elected by acclamation.

Rep. Hutchison nominated J. Barr for G. Rep.

“ Hunter	“	Woodyatt	“
“ Heron	“	Wigmore	“
“ Irwin	“	Smith	“
“ Dodd	“	Dolson	“
“ Dawson	“	Bingham	“
“ Beltz	“	Bissell	“

Reps. Wigmore, Dolson and Bingham declined.

Rep. Bissell dropped on 1st vote.

Grand Rep. Woodyatt re-elected on 2nd ballot.

Installation of Officers being in order, Grand Rep. McAfee and P. G. M. Bingham introduced Thos. Partridge G. M. elect, who was therefore duly installed into the dignified position of Grand Master.

The same Brothers then presented Rep. T. Healey of Union Lodge D. G. M. elect, who was duly installed Deputy Grand Master for the current year.

The same Brothers then presented Rep. Jno. Wright of Brock Lodge No. 9, Grand Warden elect, who was thereupon duly installed Grand Warden for the current year. The same Committee

Then presented J. B. King, of Gore Lodge No. 34, Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect, who was therefore duly installed Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the current year.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments :

Rep. M. Blume.....	Grand Conductor.
“ Geo. H. Marlatt.....	“ Marshall.
“ J. B. McIntyre.....	“ Guardian.
“ J. W. Ferguson.....	“ Chaplain.

And the following District Deputy Grand Masters :



Rep. W. Fitzsimmons.....	Brockville.
“ Jas. Bird.....	St. Catharines.
“ Isaac Smith.....	Chatham.
“ J. G. Dodd.....	London.
“ V. S. Wilkes.....	Pt. Burwell.
“ P. B. Hatch.....	Brantford.
“ J. F. Morey.....	Ingersoll.
“ Robt. Barbour.....	St. Mary's.
“ F. Winkler.....	Stratford.
“ Thos. Lawless.....	Hamilton.
“ Geo. Irwin.....	Windsor.
“ J. D. Anderson.....	Newbury.
“ Hugh Blain.....	Toronto.
“ J. C. Lindop.....	Tilsonburgh.
“ Robt. Eggleton.....	Mitchell.
“ Thos. McKee.....	Clifton.

Whereas, owing to the very considerable increase of Lodges and members in this jurisdiction, the work pertaining to the office of R. W. G. Secretary has been greatly augmented, consuming much valuable time of that officer, therefore, it is

Moved by J. J. Ramsay, and seconded by Rep. T. L. Paine, that the salary of that officer be hereby increased from \$100 to \$150,

Moved by Representative T. T. Irving, seconded by Rep. John Gibson :

That the funds of this Grand Lodge be invested in the names of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Secretary, as each may be elected annually, and that the amount invested in U. S. Bonds be, as soon as practicable, disposed of and invested in Canadian securities.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. S. Flory, in amendment :

That all after the word "annually" be struck out.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. P. B. Hatch, from the Committee on Mileage and Per-diem, submitted the following report, amended and adopted :

To the Most Worthy G. L. I. O. O. F. of Ontario.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to submit the following table and resolutions, viz :

### Table of Mileage and per Diem.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodges.	Number of miles travelled.	No. of Rep's	Rate per mile.	Amount of mileage.	Number of days.	Rate per-Diem.	Total mileage and per Diem.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Brock .....	9	494	2	4	\$ 39	2	2	47 52	Jno. Wright, Jas. Hutchinson.
Union .....	16	64	3	4	7 68	2	2	19 68	T. Healey, J. Bird, J. B. McIntyre
Chatham .....	29	280	2	4	22 40	2	2	30 40	Jno. Schneider, H. Northwood,
Eureka .....	30	152	4	4	24 32	2	2	38 32	J. Heron, G. Powell, S. Flory, T. Brown,
Erie .....	33	174	1	4	6 96	2	2	10 96	Paul Hidden
Gore .....	34	72	2	4	5 76	2	2	15 76	P. B. Hatch, H. C. Bingham,
Samaritan .....	35	114	2	4	9 12	2	2	17 12	G. Dennis, J. F. Morey,
Mt. Marys .....	36	142	2	4	11 36	2	2	19 36	J. Kunz, G. H. Marlatt,
Forest City .....	38	152	4	4	24 32	2	2	40 32	R. J. C. Dawson, M. D. Dawson, T. A. Tarrant, Jas. Smith.
Avon .....	41	122	2	4	9 76	2	2	17 76	Jno. Gibson, T. T. Irving
Excelsior .....	44			3				14 00	J. W. Ferguson, T. Lawless, R. Evans,
Frontier .....	45	372	3	4	44 64	2	2	56 64	Jno. Bowden, A. Hays, G. Irwin
Mt. Zion .....	46	226	1	4	9 04	2	2	13 04	Wm. Irving
Unity .....	47			2				8 00	Jno. Smith, A. Frew
Dominion .....	48	152	2	4	12 16	2	2	20 16	J. G. Dodd, J. J. Dyas
Canada .....	49	78	1	4	3 12	2	2	7 12	M. Blume
Otter .....	50	144	1	4	5 76	1	2	7 76	T. L. Paine
Bissell .....	51	148	1	4	5 92	2	2	9 92	Wm. McNeil
Covenant .....	52	78	2	4	6 24	2	2	14 24	Hugh Blain, J. J. Ramsay
Niagara Falls .....	53	86	1	4	3 44	2	2	7 44	Thos. McKee
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In conclusion, your Committee beg to submit the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

P. B. HATCH,  
GEORGE POWELL, Sen'r  
G. H. MARLATT  
JOHN SCHNEIDER,  
M. BLUME.

Committee on Mileage and per Diem.

Rep. T. T. Irving moved, seconded by Rep. John Gibson.

That when this G. L. adjourns it do so to meet at Stratford on first Wednesday in August, 1870.

When Rep. Hutchinson of Brock Lodge, arose to a question of order, which was not sustained, but upon consideration the subject was left over till a later hour in the Session.

Moved by Rep. J. Heron, seconded by Rep. T. Brown :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Officers and Members of Excelsior and Unity Lodges for the use of their Room during the Session.—Carried unanimously.

Grand Rep. H. McAfee moved that the Grand Lodge have 500 copies of the Grand Lodge proceedings printed as early as possible.

The Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session, when the Grand Representatives proceeded to instruct the Grand Lodge in the unwritten work ; after which the Grand Lodge proceeded with the regular business.

Rep. J. Gibson's motion relating to adjournment was again taken up, when it was moved in amendment by Rep. J. Hutchinson, seconded by Rep. J. Wright.

That the word Stratford be stricken out, and the word Brockville inserted.

Whereupon Rep. J. Gibson withdrew his motion, and the question recurring upon the amendment of Rep. J. Hutchinson which thus became the ORIGINAL MOTION, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Moved by Rep. Blume, of Canada Lodge, seconded by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring officers and members of this Grand Lodge for the efficient

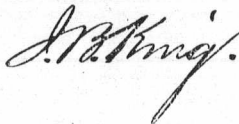
manner, in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them during the past year, so much to the prosperity of the Order.—Carried.

It is moved by Rep. James Smith, seconded by Past Grand Master Brother John Barr, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to order the "American Oddfellow," from Brother Orr, for the ensuing year, say one copy to each of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.—Carried.

On motion of Rep. James Smith, seconded by Rep. J. Dyas, the sum of four dollars was ordered to be paid to the Janitors, and that a draft be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

Moved by Rep. H. Blain, and seconded by Rep. M. Blume, and resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed by this lodge to confer with the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows, during the ensuing year for the purpose of bringing about a union of the two Orders in this Province and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.—Lost

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet in the town of Brockville, on the first Wednesday in August, 1870.



Grand Secretary & Treasurer.

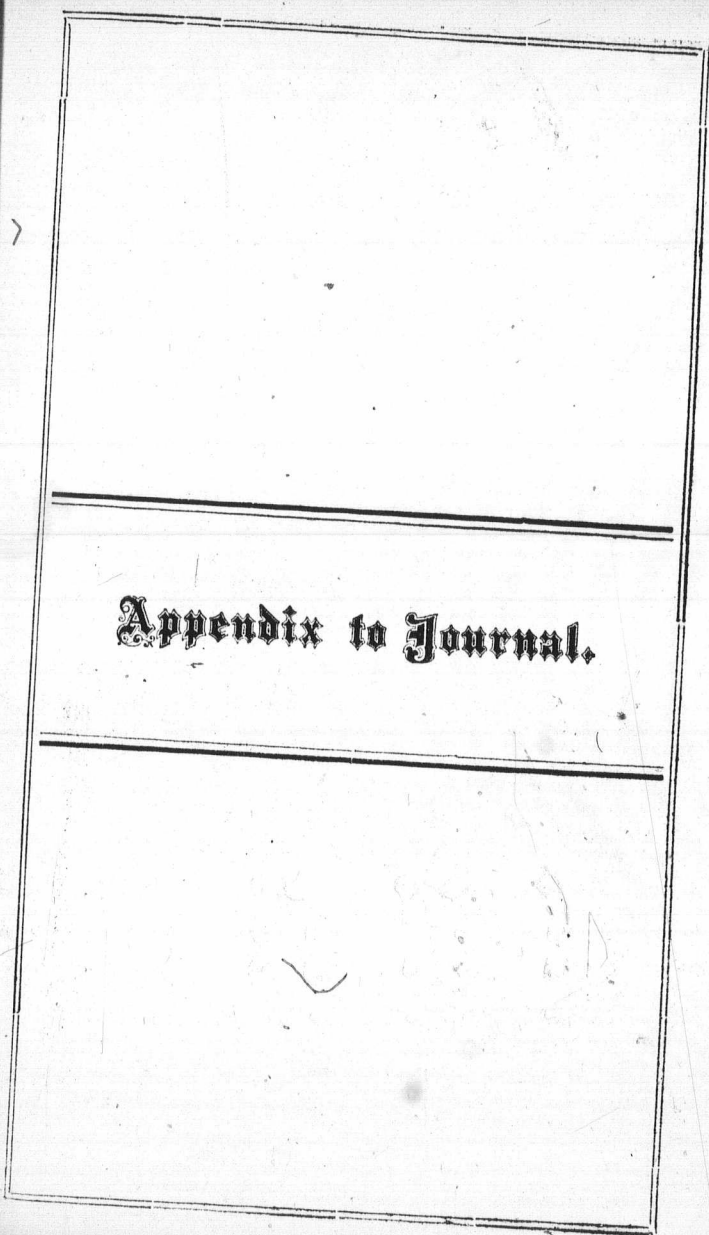


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# ABSTRACT

FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE SEVERAL

## State Grand Lodges,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1869.

COMPILED BY J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

### ARKANSAS.

The 18th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was convened at Little Rock, on the 4th November, 1868. Grand Master Brughman in closing his very interesting report says, "The term closes with a steady and substantial progress, and this in the face of difficulties and depressions which were apparently unsurmountable. Poverty with its attendant train of evils is dissolving before the inherent energy of our people as mist before the rising sun, the bitter conflict of opinion raging without have rarely penetrated our sacred retreat; harmony prevails, and our march is onward in the cause of benevolence and truth. The Grand Secretary reports six Lodges.

### ALABAMA

The annual Session of this Grand Lodge convened in Mobile on the 1st February, 1869. The Grand Secretary reports twenty-six Lodges, but the number of members not given. Grand Master Wood speaks very hopefully of the order in this jurisdiction thus, "An institution like ours, instituted and sustained for no selfish purposes, must find friends and advocates amongst the good and generous in every land. I confidently look for a prosperous future for our order in this State."

### COLORADO TERRITORY.

The first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held in Central City

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on the 21st and 22nd October, 1868. The Grand Secretary reports six Lodges with 281 members. From Grand Master Buckingham's very interesting report, I clip the following. "Ours is an order that pre-pure in its object, that can lay claim to perfection; yet no one can be in spirit and in truth, a true Odd-Fellow, unless he is true to his country, faithful to his God, and fraternal to his fellow man."

## CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Lodge sends us in their Journal glorious accounts of prosperity. The Grand Master says, "The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the order in this State. There has been a larger increase of membership than for many years." Grand Secretary, L. A. Thomas, declined being again a candidate for the office, and alludes to his incumbency thus: "It is now nineteen years that I have filled the office of Grand Secretary, during which time the jurisdiction has reached its highest and most prosperous condition and has fallen to its lowest. There have been periods of gloom and despondency, while some foreboded that the order had reached its doom, and the last hope was expiring. But its duties and objects were too necessary for the good of mankind, and a kind Providence has ordered times and seasons for off good. The valley of despondency has been passed, and everywhere prosperity and usefulness are in our train." There are now twenty-two Lodges with 2,500 members, having paid \$6,757 for relief.

## CALIFORNIA.

The proceedings of the 17th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the Golden State has been received, and shows a very encouraging statement of what the order is doing in that State. The Grand Secretary reports 154 Lodges, having a membership of 10,766 on 31st Dec., 1868, being an increase of 16 Lodges during the year. Grand Master, Haswell, in his lengthy and able report says, "From Victoria on our North to far off Australia and New Zealand with Colorado and Montana in our own Island broad included, comes up the report of unexampled prosperity and glorious achievements in the cause of human benefaction. Surely, as an order, we have reached the high and wide table lands of Odd Fellowship, from which we not only at a glance not the birth of this child of the skies, but also from the same plain our Pisgah's height, view the promised land of universal brotherhood. Before the close of the session P. G. M. Haswell was presented with an elegant cane by the members of the Grand Lodge.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The journal of this Grand Lodge for the regular, special and adjourned meetings of 1868 has been duly received. The Grand Secretary reports 13 Lodges, having 2,400 contributing members, and having paid during the year \$10,961,69 for relief.

## FLORIDA.

The Order in this State is gradually regaining its former position.

There are ten Lodges in the jurisdiction, but the number of members not given. The Grand Master in his report says :—" It gratifies me to be able to report that the spirit of Odd Fellowship has survived the various misfortunes that has beset the institution in this portion of the country, and that a number of flourishing Lodges still exist to disseminate the principles of our Order."

#### GEORGIA.

This State Grand Lodge convened in Macon on the 5th August, 1868. Grand Master Fleming in his interesting report says :

" I am gratified in being able to inform you that the Order in this jurisdiction was never in a more healthy, prosperous condition than at the present time, which is evidenced by the fact that our membership has increased about 200 during the year."

The Grand Secretary returns fourteen Lodges with 1059 members.

#### INDIANA.

The Journal of Proceedings of the 32nd semi-annual Session of this Grand Lodge, which was held at Indianapolis on the 18th and 19th of May, 1869, is replete with interesting matter concerning the prosperity of our Order in that State.

Grand Master Adams begins his interesting report thus : "However much my predecessors may have congratulated you in terms of superlative import as to our prosperity as an Order, I shall exceed them, and yet remain within the limit of quite a prosaic style, and say to you that in all regards in no six months of the history of Odd Fellowship in Indiana have we had so many evidences of increased prosperity as the last."

The Grand Secretary reports 289 Lodges with 16,391 members, the very large sum of \$20,865 62 paid for relief during the year.

#### IOWA.

The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of this western State was held at Des Moines on the 21st and 22nd of October, 1868. Grand Master Wickersham in his interesting report says :

" The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to our Order, not only in this jurisdiction, but throughout the United States. We now number twelve Lodges, with a membership of 6,650, a net gain of 950 during the year."

#### KENTUCKY.

The Annual Session of this State Grand Lodge was held at Louisville beginning on the 27th October, 1868. The Grand Lodge reports 123 working Lodges, with a total membership of 6,344, being an increase of 10 Lodges and 594 members during the year ; the very large sum of \$19,761 25 was paid for relief during the same period.

From Grand Master Curry's very interesting report we clip the following :

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"I am proud to congratulate you on the evidence of the substantial progress made during the year, the sun of prosperity has shone in great splendor upon us, and all our endeavours for the spread of our glorious principles and the universal diffusion of the practical benefits resulting therefrom meet with unexampled success ; maintaining our appropriate position, unallied with any of the other organizations around us—a bright particular star, shining apart, and shedding forth the lustre emanating from the pure and sacred principles of morality, the attention and scrutiny of men are attracted to our Institution in a peculiar manner."

## KANSAS.

The eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in the city of Atchison on the 13th October, 1868, and a perusal of the Journal of Proceedings shows that the Order in this western State is not behind her sister jurisdictions of the east. Grand Master Sholes prefaces his lengthy and interesting report thus :

"I am sure it will be most agreeable to you to learn that since our Session of 1867, there has been a large increase in the membership throughout every part of this jurisdiction, and a manifestation of zeal on the part of all in behalf of the benevolent principles that lie at the foundation of our Institution, whilst the harmony that has existed in every subordinate Lodge gives indubitable assurance of future prospects and usefulness."

The Grand Secretary reports 32 Lodges with a membership of 1575 ; an increase of 6 Lodges and 431 Members during the year ; \$1782 paid for relief.

## LOUISIANA.

The Journal of the semi-annual special and adjourned meetings of this Grand Lodge for the year ending Sept. 9, 1869, has been received, containing much interesting information respecting the Order in that Southern jurisdiction. Grand Master Rusha says :

"The dark clouds that have been hanging over us are gradually disappearing, like the morning dew under the influence of the rising sun."

Grand Secretary Folger reports 31 Lodges, with 1671 members ; relief granted during the year, \$12,255 26.

## MINNESOTA.

The proceedings of the sixteenth annual of June 3rd and 4th, as also of the special Session of August 19th and 20th, have been received, and contains cheering intelligence from this Western State. Grand Master Clark says :

"This present year will show a larger increase, both in Lodges and Membership, than any former one since the organization of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Secretary reports 15 Lodges with 638 contributing mem-

bers, being an increase of fifty per cent during the year ; \$489 51 was expended for relief.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The Journal of Proceedings of the 29th and 30th, Annual Session of this Grand Lodge have been received. The Grand Master reports the Order in this State as slowly recovering from the depression into which it was thrown by the late war, and though no very great increase was made during the past year, yet there was no decrease. There are 37 Lodges, having a Membership of 1268 ; \$144 was paid for relief.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

From the Journal of the Session of 1868, we learn that a very material progress has been made in this jurisdiction during the past year. There are 66 Lodges with 8408 Members ; 607 initiated during the year ; amount paid for relief and charity, \$39,780 90.

## MAINE.

Held its 24th Annual Session at the City of Portland, on the 11th of August, 1868 ; the Journal of Proceedings of which show that the Order in this State is up and doing. The Grand Secretary reports 20 Lodges, with 1705 contributing members ; 303 initiated during the year ; \$4,360 paid for relief. Grand Master Sargeant in his very interesting report says :

"A very large amount of work has been done during the past year, and the Order in this State is in a very prosperous condition."

## MICHIGAN.

Held its Annual Session at Lansing, commencing on the 20th January, 1869, and lasting four days. The Grand Secretary reports 86 Lodges and 5,179 Members, with a revenue of \$33,448 75 ; having paid for relief during the past year the sum of \$4061 65 ; 1155 Members were initiated during the year. The Grand Master presented a long, able and interesting report, which concludes thus.

"Finally, Brethren, our work moves bravely on, and gives bright and cheering promise of ultimate victory. We shall not live to see the full and final triumph of our principles ; but as sure as truth is mightier than error, as sure as God is on the side of right and humanity, so sure shall they finally triumph."

## MARYLAND.

The Order in this parent jurisdiction is still up and doing, fully alive to the importance of its mission, as will be seen from the very large amount of money paid for relief during the year. The Grand Secretary reports 89 working Lodges, with 13,499 Members, being an increase of 5 Lodges and 400 Members during the year. There were 1603 Brothers and 165 widowed families relieved in the sum of \$52,738, and paid

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for burying the dead \$8,640 ; \$3,862 for educating the orphans, and \$6,285 given away as voluntary donations ; making a total relief of \$71,617.

## MISSOURI.

This State Grand Lodge convened its 31st Annual Session on the 8th of May, 1869, under very flattering prospects. Grand Master Bodman says :

"I congratulate you, my Brethren, on the present occasion, for I believe I am justified when I say that you never met under more favorable auspices than at present ; harmony and peace prevailing."

The Order in this jurisdiction has increased very largely during the past year, both numerically and financially. The Grand Secretary reports 156 Lodges, with 7,483 Members, having paid \$20,373 14 for relief.

## NEW YORK.

This Grand Lodge met in annual session at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 8th of August, 1868. Grand Sire J. P. Sanders was present as a Representative from a subordinate Lodge. The Grand Master says in his very interesting report : "I can say, with full assurance, that there has been a marked increase and growth both in membership and resources throughout the whole jurisdiction." The Grand Secretary reports 202 Lodges, with 16,132 members, a net increase of 1,452 members during the year, \$28,865.27 having been expended for relief.

## NEW JERSEY.

The 35th annual session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton, commencing on the 19th November, 1868. The Journal of the session contains a large amount of valuable and interesting matter. In this jurisdiction there are 82 Lodges, and 8,109 members, being an increase of 1,193 members during the year. The large sum of \$24,303.21 was paid for relief during the year.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of this State was held in the Hall of Beaver Brook Lodge No. 31, at Keene, on the 4th of October, 1868. Grand Master Osgood reported that he had visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and says: "Under the kind care of an over-ruling Providence, our beloved Order has been very prosperous. I rejoice to be able to bring you glad tidings of success." The Grand Secretary reports 25 Lodges and 3,034 members. \$5,505.54 paid for relief during the year.

## NEBRASKA.

The Journal of the proceedings of the Annual Session of this far off Western State has been received. The Grand Lodge convened at Omaha on the 20th October, 1868. The Grand Master says, "The

percentage of prosperity this year is so generous that no heart can fail to rejoice." There are 8 Lodges with 875 members having a revenue of \$3,857. \$454 paid for relief.

## OREGON.

Held its 13th Annual Session at Oregon City on the 19th May, 1868. There are 25 Lodges with with 1051 members in this jurisdiction, an increase of five Lodges with 1051 members in this jurisdiction, an increase of 5 Lodges during the year. Grand Master Bloomfield says, "It affords me great satisfaction to report to you that the past has been a fruitful year year throughout our entire jurisdiction in building up new Lodges, as well as a healthy increase of membership in the old ones.

## OHIO.

The Annual Session of this Grand Lodge convened at Marietta on the 11th May, 1869. In Ohio there are 363 Lodges, with 30,717 members, a net gain of 1869 during the year. The very large sum of \$69,091 was paid for relief during the year. Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction is flourishing as is evidenced by the above. The Grand Master says "I find upon examination of the reports of my deputies a decided gain in the moral quality of the membership. All the most sanguine could desire.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

A perusal of the Journal of the Grand Lodge shows that there has been in this jurisdiction a steady increase, both in numbers and wealth. Grand Master Long, in his able report and address says:—

"Peace and good will and harmony predominates in our Lodge Rooms, and friendship among our members without. I am convinced that the quiet working of our Order has gained for it a character that is respected among the community wherever Lodges are located, and causing flattering encomiums to be paid it by many, who a few years back, classed it as an Association designed for evil." Brother William Curtis, the Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, died suddenly on the 27th December, 1868, having held the position of Grand Secretary for twenty-eight years. The Grand Lodge attended the funeral in a body. There are 526 Lodges with upwards of 66,000 members in this State.

## TEXAS.

From the Journal of this Grand Lodge, we learn that there are 48 working Lodges with 2,006 members, 14 Lodges having been instituted and re-organized during the year, an increase of 459 members.

## WISCONSIN.

The 23rd annual session of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of July, 1869. Grand Secretary Hill reports 94 Lodges and 4,317 members, an increase of 1,364 during the year. \$2,673.39 were paid for relief during the same time.

## LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*THOS. REYNOLDS, M. D.,	.....	BROCKVILLE,	1856 to 1858.
+CHAUNCEY YALE,	.....	ST. CATHARINES,	1859.
S. G. DOLSON,	.....	do	1860.
WM. BISSELL,	.....	LONDON,	1861.
H. C. BINGHAM,	.....	BRANTFORD,	1862.
JAMES WOODYATT,	.....	do	1863.
JAMES SMITH,	.....	LONDON,	1864.
JAMES D. TAIT,	.....	ST. CATHARINES,	1865.
RICHARD WIGMORE,	.....	LONDON,	1866.
HENRY McAFEE,	.....	WINDSOR,	1867.
JOHN BARR,	.....	HAMILTON,	1868.

\* Died, 14th September, 1859.

+ Died, 15th April, 1866.

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Brock, .....	9	Brockville.	John Wright.	David	W. H. Greaves	Jas. Curle.	J. Hutchison	Tuesday.
Union, .....	16	St. Catharines	G. E. Patterson	W. A. Rawlings	Jas. Elliott.	A. Creighton.	Geo. Wales	Monday.
Chatham, .....	29	Chatham	James Moore.	Henry Nagle	Peter Glesson.	J. P. Young.	Jno Schneider	Tuesday.
Eureka, .....	30	London.	F. S. Dewey.	John Atkins.	Wm. Wallace.	Jas. Westland	G. Powell, Sr.	do
Erie, .....	33	Port Burwell.	P. Thompson.	Isaac Lang.	S. Legbourne.	Wm. Halstead	V. S. Milks.	Thursday.
Gore, .....	34	Brantford.	W. S. Campbell.	R. Mathison.	T. Woodvatt.	T. Woodvatt.	A. D. Clement	do
Samaritan, .....	35	Ingersoll.	T. Simons.	Alex. Mercer.	G. E. Perkins.	R. Shannon.	J. McDonald.	Wednesday.
St. Mary's, .....	36	St. Mary's.	A. Falconer.	C. Vangunten.	W. M. Crawford	D. Murray.	T. Iredale.	Tuesday.
Forest City, .....	38	London.	H. E. Buttery.	A. J. Brenner	J. M. McIntosh.	Jno. Strathide.	Wm. Bryce.	Monday.
Avon, .....	41	Stratford.	Jos. Morrison.	Thos. Werrall.	Thos. Irving.	D. Cassels.	Wm. Mowatt.	Wednesday.
Excelsior, .....	44	Hamilton.	Henry Griffith	J. Richmond.	Wm. Lewis.	Jos. Bates.	R. C. Cooper.	Thursday.
Frontier, .....	46	Windsor.	Thos. Reid.	Wm. Ferguson	David Reid.	John Bowden.	Sam. Blanning	Wednesday.
Mount Zion, .....	46	Newbury.	Amos Fennell.	J. D. Anderson	Jno M. Leitch	Jas. Lawrence	J. D. Anderson	Thursday.
Unity, .....	47	Hamilton.	George Lees.	W. D. Kennedy	Alex. McKay.	Geo. Midgely.	Mark Hill.	Wednesday.
Dominion, .....	48	London.	Isaac Hogg.	C. F. Campbell	J. Cousins, Jr.	J. J. Dyas.	A. Grant.	do
Canada, .....	49	Toronto.	J. Richardson	Robt. Taylor.	John R. Moore.	John Roberts.	J. G. Coleman.	Friday.
Otter, .....	50	Tilsontonburg.	T. N. Mathews	T. Dewar.	W. L. Howe.	D. Kelso.	P. Campbell.	Monday.
Bussell, .....	51	Mitchell.	Wm. Barley.	T. Leadston.	C. Whitehead.	Jno. Hocking.	J. M. O'Connor	do
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