

J. O. G. F.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST,

HELD AT BRANTFORD,

IN THE ROOMS BELONGING TO GORE LODGE, No. 34,

ON THE FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1858, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master not having arrived, the Grand Lodge stood adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Representatives and Brethren met pursuant to adjournment, and Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master still absent.

On motion of Representative Bissell, seconded by Rep. Glover, that Rep. Yale, ex-D. G. Master of Union Lodge, be called upon to take the Grand Master's chair, *pro tem.*, in the absence of the R. W. G. M., which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge being duly opened in the G. L. Degree, the calling of the Roll of Officers was omitted; and the Chairman appointed Rep's. Glover, Riggins and Dolson a Committee on Credentials.

On the motion of Rep. Bissell, seconded by Rep. Fletcher, the G. L. closed in its degree, and was opened in the scarlet degree, to enable brethren of that degree to be present and witness its proceedings.

The credentials of the Grand Representatives in attendance from the various Lodges within the jurisdiction, were received and handed to the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Reps. Glover, Riggins and Dolson, who, after due examination, submitted the following report viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following List, as the result of their examination, the names contained in which they find have been duly elected and accredited to sit as Representatives in this Grand body:

P. G. THOS. FLETCHER	Union Lodge, No. 16.
" H. W. WINCHESTER	do do do 16.
" WM. SKINNER	Eureka do do 30.
" JAS. WESTLAND	do do do 30.
" JOHN COLLINS	Imperial do do 37.
" JOHN BARR	Samaritan do do 35.
" ALFRED J. ALLSWORTH	Elgin do do 32.
" W. A. GLOVER	Erie do do 33.
" THOS. PARTRIDGE	Forest City do do 38.
" WM. BISSELL	do do do 38.
" R. MCINTOSH	St. Marys do do 36.
" H. C. BINGHAM	Gore do do 34.
" JAMES WOODYATT	Gore do do 34.
" C. E. EWING	Industry do do 25.
" ARTHUR McDONALD	Ontario do do 12.
" JAMES HENRY	Chatham do do 29.
" WM. FITZSIMONS	Brock. do do 9.
" THOS. REYNOLDS	Brock. do do 9.

Your Committee on the above credentials find them all correct except Bro. John Collins, of Imperial Lodge No. 37, who is without any cre-

dentials; but we are satisfied by the statement made by our worthy Grand Secretary, that he has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. DOLSON.
N. RIGGINS.
W. A. GLOVER.

On motion of Rep. Bissell, and seconded by Rep. Partridge, that the report just read from Committee on Credentials, be adopted. (Carried.)

(TELEGRAPH.)

August 4th, 1858.

From Suspension Bridge to

JOHN CAMERON,

Storm on Lake. Missed train. Leave here four fifty. Go on with business. You read my Address.

THOS. REYNOLDS.

The above telegraph just read from our R. W. G. Master, explained to the G. L. the cause of his delay, and according to his request the G. Secretary proceeded to read his Annual Address and Report.

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN:—

We are once more assembled together for the interchange of friendly sentiments, for the consideration of objects of true benevolence and brotherly love: very appropriately we meet in this beautiful town, once the camp-ground of the red man of the forest,—here where the great chief of the Mohawks often called the six nations together to listen to the wise Councils which his keen and correct judgment so readily prompted, your Chief calls you once more to your Council fire; here your Grand Master asks you to smoke the pipe of peace and good will to all men; here he asks you to war only against vice in its myriad forms and furnishes you with the only weapons which our order recognizes as necessary for the contest; here he desires you to obey the mandates of our order, to succour your distressed brother, to watch over and protect his orphans and wipe away his widow's tear.

The great Thayandenagea's name too is an appropriate watch-word to call us here: his name pointed to the strength which the union of a bundle of rods affords over the power exercised by a single one: his bow and arrows to that plighted faith between us as brothers which knit together the hearts of Johnathan and David.

Brant too was a sort of link between the civilized life of the old world and the savage life of the new, he was ever the faithful ally of the great mother of civilization, the great protector of the oppressed, the redressor of wrongs, the great enemy of tyranny in every form,—Good Old England—Brant brought from the Mother land to his forest home and to his tribe the germ of those exalted principles, and taught his brethren to respect a nation holding such noble sentiments; while the venerable founder of our order in America, Past Grand Sire Wildey, soon after brought from England, the knowledge of the great principles we proudly claim as our own.

Here we are assembled, a chosen band representing the land of the Rose, the Shamrock, the Thistle and the progeny of the Pilgrim Fathers, all now united upon the soil, and under the symbolic Banner of the Beaver and the Maple leaf.—We hold the Olive Branch of peace in our hands, pointing to the links which bind us together, extending the right hand of fellowship to all mankind. May the great Anglo Saxon race never meet in a contest or a strife other than a friendly rivalry in the great and good influences of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

The red man of the forest has disappeared from his beautiful hunting grounds here situated; The Anglo Saxon has converted his wigwam into the handsome dwelling of more modern taste. The Oak, the Ash, and the Elm of the forest are hewn down, we have in their stead the Apple, the Peach and the Nectarine. But if we enjoy greater refinement, greater light, and greater privileges than the former possessors of the soil, we must not forget that we have the greater responsibility.—The great warrior to whom we have referred was possessed of great discernment, coolness, and at the same time, promptness of action. Your chief officer should be possessed of

“The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength and skill.”

I trust that he who is to fill this chair after the first part of the session is over, will possess all these requisites, and that guided by the experience of the past he will direct you onward in the noble cause in which we have embarked, with all the ability and zeal that the importance of the office requires. Should my advice be of service to him at any time, I need scarcely add, that he has but to command it.—In speaking of the progress of the order in the past year, and in telling you that we have not made the advance of the previous year, I need scarcely tell you, for many of you are commercial men, that the monetary depression which has spread over the civilized world, has had its influence upon us, and several of our brethren who were desirous of establishing new Lodges have been unable to accomplish a wish so dear to their hearts. Our old friend Brother Dixon who has already done us good by the resuscitation of an excellent Lodge and in a highly flourishing part of the Province has been unsuccessful in his truly commendable efforts on our behalf, but will shortly be able, I trust, to add another to our list. I had some time ago an application for a Lodge in Guelph, and the wishes of the applicants I have no doubt will be carried out by my successor, but the Lodges al-

ready in good working order have felt the monetary crisis, and the list of suspensions and expulsions, for non-payment of dues, is larger than I could wish : at the same time I have always advocated the principle of keeping a Lodge's books clear, and preferring a small trusty band in good standing to a large Lodge burdened with defaulters. I am sorry to refer to certain expulsions under other circumstances, and although we have not to deplore the loss of any who sat with us at our last communication, from the hand of death, it is painful to know that we have to report the lapse from good standing in the order, of more than one of a flagrant violation of the laws of the land. In the exercise of that "charity which suffereth long and is kind." I willingly draw the veil over this painful part of my duty, and sincerely hope that the erring ones may exhibit true penitence, and in the end obtain forgiveness for crimes of by no means a light character. I have to express my full and entire satisfaction with the zealous discharge of their duties by the several D. D. G. Masters, most of the lodges have been visited by them, and the several Reports will be laid before you, and referred to their proper Committees. Our highly respected and ever faithful friend D. D. G. Master Yale, has furnished me with a very pleasing Report of the good feeling, as well as good working, of Union Lodge, and to his exertions I have no doubt we have mainly to attribute the state of the order in St. Catharines. On the 17th of February last the Rooms of Union Lodge were destroyed by fire; the whole of their property was consumed, and I regret to say they had not taken the precaution to insure. This severe loss, occurring in some Lodges, would have had the effect of completely paralyzing their energies, but it was not so with the good brethren at St. Catharines; our friend, Brother Yale, wrote to me immediately, and I lost no time in collecting together a few articles and writing them a letter of condolence. Out of what appeared at the time a very great evil, good has already resulted, a long list of brethren who had been suspended for non-payment of dues has been placed in the column of "reinstated" in our Report. When the hour of need came they forgot not their old love, and verified the maxim that "where union exists their is strength," the good conduct of Union Lodge in the hour of adversity deserves our commendation and thanks.

I would commend to your notice, the reports of Brothers Bissell, Woodyatt, Dixon and Laing. You will see that they have not been drones in the hive, and that they have done much for the spread of the order in their jurisdictions. I have to thank the other Grand Officers for their cordial assistance at all times rendered me. From the Grand Secretary I have received all the good offices and advice I required. I have found him, during the two years he has so ably filled the important chair confided to him, to possess the uniform "suaviter in Modo" which characterized him at his first entrance upon the duties of an arduous office while he has never lacked the "fortiter in re" so indispensable to a faithful discharge of the requirements of his station in the order. I regret to say that the proceedings of our last Communication, in consequence of the illness of Brother Cameron, and other circumstances, over which he had no control, were not printed immediately after the session; I have the pleasure of seeing them now placed before you for distribution, and in a

very creditable form. Our worthy Representative to the Grand Lodge, United States, was at his post, I am happy to tell you, and took part in the deliberations of that august body. There were some highly important matters brought under discussion, and it is to be hoped that in the coming session the important question of mergerment of the two branches of the order will be definitely settled. I shall not detain you with a detail of the several questions referred to me since our last meeting for my opinion; the correspondence, as far as necessary, will be laid before you, I have been guided in every case by the laws of the G. L. U. S., and where any difficulty or doubt has occurred to me, I have endeavored to take an equitable common sense view of each case and decided accordingly. I am happy to observe from the Grand Treasurer's Report, that we have a respectable balance in his hands; I have striven to be as economical as possible in the expenditure, having in view two objects which I trust will meet with your approval and support: first I consider it manifestly for the interest of the order that a duly qualified officer on behalf of the Grand Lodge should visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and should also visit several places where lodges formerly existed, and Towns where New Lodges are asked for, that we may the better determine what are the requirements of our community. This object I had partially arranged for, when an occurrence to which I have already alluded, deprived me of services in which this time last year, we had every confidence. The other object in husbanding our funds so closely, is simply that in these "hard times" our subordinate Lodges should not be burdened with the expenses of their Representation. Last year we paid half the expenses; this year there is no reason that we should not pay the whole. I must not forget to acknowledge the courtesy of the several Grand jurisdictions in sending us copies of their proceedings in the past year, and trust their favors will be duly reciprocated as far as possible by our Grand Lodge.

An now, brethren, I must bring these few remarks to a close, there are several subjects upon which perhaps it may be necessary to give you information, and cheerfully will I do so at any time during this session. For many an hour have I labored with you, and for the cause we all hold dear to our hearts, I have striven with pen and word to discharge the duties devolving upon me, and with what success you are the best judges. The little band of 280 with which we commenced the work of the order of 1854 has now swelled in number to 738. We have had much pleasant intercourse together, and I have seen more than one head grow hoary since we first met at Brockville. We are all hastening to that "bourne whence no traveller returns." The many emblems and symbols of our order with which you are familiar, point to this great fact. The Hour-Glass of Time is as steadily emptying its sands as we are approaching that period hidden in the womb of time when all distinctions of society, all differences of blood, of class and of creed, shall be buried together in the dust; then as the good old poet Shirley expresses it, we shall find

"The glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things ;

There is no armour against fate ;
Death lays his icy hand on Kings ;
Sceptre and crown
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade."

May the Grand Master of the universe so watch over your deliberations and guard all your actions in our brotherhood in this life, that when our poor frail bodies are consigned to their mother earth, our immortal spirits may find a joyous entrance into the mansions of "good men made perfect" in the Lodge above.

Brantford, C. W., 4th August, 1858.



REPORT

OF

Thos. Reynolds, M. D., Grand Master Grand Lodge, C. W. for the year ending June 30, 1858.

N. NAME.	No.	Initiation.	Admitted by Cards.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Kolnished.	Widows.	Deceased.	Degrees Conferred.	Members in good standing.	Sick Benefits.	Funeral Benefits.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	General Fund.	Per centage paid Grand Lodge.	WHERE SITUATED.	WHEN INSTITUTED.	REMARKS.			
																					\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Brock...	9	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	14	68	3	0	0	1,198 00	0 00	35 00	Brockville.	March 5,	1846.	Steady in the work.	
Ontario...	12	6	1	2	6	3	0	0	0	0	22	22	0	0	312 72	17 10	8 80	Couabourg.	do	1846.	Increasing gradually.		
Union...	25	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	67	0	0	2,177 84	40 37	0 00	St. Catharines.	do	1846.	L. R. burned but since rebuilt.		
Rose...	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	11	41	164 72	302 96	17 41	Georgetown.	June 17,	1850.	Some drones in the hive.		
Chatham...	29	6	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	39	4	50	83 23	34 45	10 99	Chatham.	January 13,	1854.	As yet report not yet received.		
Eureka...	30	24	1	1	3	8	6	4	0	0	46	54	83	0	480 64	690 00	37 98	London.	February 2,	1854.	Working vigorously.		
Morpeth...	31	16	0	0	2	15	0	1	1	15	65	137	0	15	150 00	410 33	20 57	Morpeth.	do	1854.	No Report.		
Eric...	32	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	15	43	12	0	351 59	642 10	8 74	Port Burwell.	October 6,	1854.	Satisfactorily managed.		
Elgin...	32	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	21	45	25	35	413 78	674 74	33 26	St. Thomas.	May 5,	1854.	A good Lodge.		
Gore...	33	8	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	60	60	44	0	46 00	75 00	30 24	Brantford.	December 27,	1844.	Tried and not found wanting.		
St. Mary...	33	16	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	44	4	0	40 00	100 00	13 65	Ingwood.	January 23,	1856.	Very increasing.		
Imperial...	37	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	35	0	0	40 39	100 00	13 65	Burford.	January 6,	1856.	Very increasing.		
Forest City...	38	32	4	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	35	53	0	0	74 00	73 00	32 82	London.	February 9,	1857.	Young and active in this work.		
			167	7	14	17	56	67	16	11	4,920	738	413	24	54	5,611	54	5,657	23,315	70			

The resolution that was referred to Committee on State of the Order, relating to the changing of weekly meetings was reversed, and referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

The alteration and better defining of Article 2nd, section 2nd, clause 1st, of G. L. Constitution was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of D. G. M. Macdonald, Rep. Westland and Glover.

On motion, the G. L. adjourned to meet again at half past one o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

G. L. met, and opened in the G. L. Degree, when, on motion of Rep. Ewing; seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, that the G. L. close in its Degree, and open in the Scarlet, so as to give members of that Degree privilege of witnessing our proceedings.

Committee on Returns Report; and, on motion, it was not received, but referred back to said Committee, with certain instructions.

Report of Special Committee, to whom was referred the alteration of Article 2nd, section 2nd, clause 1st of the G. L. Constitution:—

Your Committee would recommend the following to be substituted instead of the said clause.

Every Lodge within this jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in July, annually elect by ballot from its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say, where the number of members in good standing returned in the last preceding Semi-Annual Report be 50 or less, one Representative, if over 50 and less than 100, two Representatives, if over 100 three Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MACDONALD,
W. A. GLOVER,
J. WESTLAND.

Moved by Rep. McIntosh, seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, that the Report of Special Committee on alteration of G. L. Constitution be received and adopted.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to make the following Report:—

Upon considering the Resolution offered by Rep. U. E. Ewing, the Committee find that the adoption of that Resolution, and to grant a dis-

pensation to any Lodge authorizing it to do away with the weekly meetings, would be contrary to the Constitution of the Order, and that similar applications have been frequently rejected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee do not deem it advisable to recommend the subject to the Grand Lodge for present action.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

Moved by Rep. McIntosh, and seconded by Rep. Skinner, that the Report of Committee on the Resolution offered by C. E. Ewing be adopted. (Carried.)

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

The Committee on the state of the Order beg leave to submit the following Report :—

That notwithstanding the unprecedented monetary crisis that has and still prevails, our Noble Order still looks in a prosperous state, and although not progressing as fast as they would desire in members, they trust its members are increasing in true Odd Fellowship.

Your Committee consider it unnecessary in this Report to attempt for one moment to offer anything like a correction to the Annual Report our very worthy and much beloved P. G. M. Reynolds has laid before this Grand Lodge, but remark that there appears an omission in Elgin Lodge of Funeral Benefits of \$30; also, in Chatham Lodge, \$4.50 for Funeral Benefits is erroneously inserted; whereas, in Eureka Lodge there should be entered for Funeral Benefits \$40, as well as \$56 for Sick Benefits, which is omitted, but presume them to be typographic errors.

Your Committee with extreme sorrow perceive that one Lodge—Morpeth—has neither sent a Report or Representative to this Grand Lodge; and, by the report of D. D. G. M. Henry, it is evident has become past redemption, and trust this Lodge will take proper action in the matter.

This Report is unavoidably condensed, owing to the absence of any Report from the Grand Secretary. We cannot close this Report, however, without desiring the prayers of each and every Odd Fellow for the welfare and happiness of our worthy P. G. M. Reynolds, whose Annual Report has only to be read to be duly appreciated by every member of our Order. The sterling integrity, gentlemanly conduct and thorough business habits, together with a suavity of manner, has rendered the name of our M. W. P. G. M. Reynolds, dear to every Odd Fellow, and caused it to be a household word in our noble institution. Your Committee would impress on all Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the great necessity of guarding well the outer door

of all the Lodge rooms, bearing in mind it is better to prevent than to have to effect a cure. Tendering their thanks to the several D. D. G. M's. for the very able Reports your Committee have with pleasure perused, they would venture to hope that our noble institution is now placed upon a permanent basis, and that it will, with its present staff of officers, continue to increase for the coming year more rapidly than it has hitherto done.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. EWING,
A. J. ALLSWORTH,
JAMES HENRY.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Winchester, that the Report of Committee, on State of the Order be adopted. (Carried.)

To the M. W. Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of C. W.

The Committee on Report of D. D. G. M. Henry, on Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, beg leave to say:—

That after examining the documents and receiving information respecting the Lodge aforesaid, find that the Lodge is quite unable to exist any longer, and that it has forfeited its Charter—not having a general or special meeting for more than six months.

Your Committee regret exceedingly to state that the Funds of the Lodge have been misappropriated by the late Treasurer, and he is now unable to repay the same, but has promised to do so if ever in his power.

Your Committee would suggest that under all the circumstances of the case, that no time should be lost; but that the D. D. G. M. of the district in which Morpeth Lodge is situated should be requested with as little delay as possible, to proceed to Morpeth, and demand of the N. G., or other officers of the Lodge, who may have the property in his hands, the Charter, Books, Furniture and Moneys which belong to the Lodge, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next meeting, or make any other arrangements that he may deem proper for the interest of the Order, in connexion with the aforesaid Lodge.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
G. T. CLARIS,
JAMES HENRY.

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Fletcher, that the Report of Committee on Morpeth Lodge be received and adopted.

Moved by Rep. Henry, seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, That whereas Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, has become extinct, it is

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the case, and to report the best steps that can be taken therein. (Carried.)

Committee appointed to make the necessary enquiries, respecting Morpeth Lodge, were Rep. Henry, Partridge and Claris.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Brantford, 5th August, 1858. }

To the R. W. G. Master:—

Your Committee on Returns beg to report that they have examined the returns as produced, and the following is the result of their examination:—

LODGES.	DATE OF RETURN.	PER CENTAGE SHOULD BE.	PER CENTAGE RETURNED.
Brock Lodge,	No. 9, Dec. 31, 1857.	£2 3 2	£4 15 0
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	2 1 8	4 15 0
Ontario do.	12, Dec. 31, 1857.	1 19 0	0 19 6
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	Correct.	
Union do.	16,	Correct.	
Industry do.	25, Dec. 31, 1857.	4 10 8	3 0 6
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	2 0 6	1 7 0
Rose do.	28, Dec. 31, 1857.	Correct.	
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	No Return.	
Chatham do.	29,	Correct.	
Eureka do.	30, Dec. 31, 1857,	2 16 8	4 1 2
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858,	Correct.	
Morpeth do.	31,	No Return.	
Elgin do.	32, Dec. 31, Not produced, but G. M. Reynolds informed the Committee it was in the hands of the Grand Secretary who had omitted to send it in.		
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	Correct.	
Erie do.	33,	do.	
Gore do.	34,	do.	
Samaritan do.	35,	do.	
St. Mary's do.	36, Dec. 31, 1857.	Correct.	
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	4 1 11	3 15 10
Imperial do.	37, Dec. 31, 1857.	2 3 8	1 8 2
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	3 5 8	2 0 1
Forest City do.	38, Dec. 31, 1857.	6 4 6	4 15 9
do. do.	do. June 30, 1858.	6 0 11	3 15 9

Your Committee presume that many of the above discrepancies arise from the different Secretaries not deducting the one-third from

Dues Account, previous to adding the per centage, and would recommend an uniform Blank for the Semi-Annual Returns, with the words inserted (after the word dues), less one-third: which would be a guide for each new Secretary. Your Committee also find considerable discrepancy in the number of members in good standing, but presume that it arises from the different views held by the Secretaries.

Your Committee would further suggest the propriety of the Grand Secretary, upon receiving the Returns, to cheque them over, and return those incorrect for correction, previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. ALLSWORTH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. Winchester, that the Report of Committee on Returns be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Henry, and seconded by Rep. McIntosh, that as many of the returns of Subordinate Lodges proving incorrect, be returned by the Grand Sec'y, with explanations as to their incorrectness. The same to be returned to the Grand Secretary, through the different D. D. G. M.'s, in their jurisdiction. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Macdonald, seconded by Rep. Allsworth, that in order to carry out the suggestion embodied in the report of the Committee on Returns, the form used by Ontario Lodge, No. 12, be adopted for general use, and that blanks be furnished each Subordinate Lodge accordingly. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Bingham, and

Resolved, that all Communications and Returns from Subordinate Lodges, or its members, intended for this Grand Lodge, or its officials, during its recess, be addressed to the D. D. G. M. having jurisdiction over said Lodge; and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of the opinion that said Communication or Report is incorrect, or not in order, that he shall have the power of referring said document back to the source whence it emanated for correction. All said documents when thought correct and in order by said D. D. G. M., shall be forwarded by him to its proper destination. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, that the term "members in good standing," as applying to Odd Fellows, shall not include members in arrears for dues. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Macdonald, seconded by Rep. Bingham, that as soon

as the G. Secretary shall have received all the Returns, duly corrected, shall open an account current with each Subordinate Lodge, so that the indebtedness may be ascertained at any time. These accounts to be kept in a book especially provided for that purpose, and all charges as well as accounts to be credited shall be entered regularly from time to time to the respective accounts, keeping every account constantly posted up for the information of the Grand Lodge or its officers. (Carried.)

Moved by P. G. Wm. H. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Ewing, and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge cannot allow its present session to close without expressing the many and lasting obligations the Order is under to the R. W. P. G. M. Reynolds, of Brockville, for his valuable and efficient services rendered to the Order generally through this Province to the present time. And further, it is the earnest prayer of this Grand Lodge, that Bro. Reynolds may be long spared to aid, by his advice, the Order generally; and that when he has run his course below, he may receive the glad and welcome salutation of "Well done, good and faithful servant," and obtain a seat in the supreme Lodge above, where all is joy and peace.

And that the G. Secretary be authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to Bro. Reynolds. (Carried unanimously.)

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Ewing:—

That this Grand Lodge will not hereafter pay the expenses, viz: mileage and per diem, of such Officers and Representatives of this Lodge as shall leave before the close of any annual session without the consent of this Grand Lodge, unless compelled by circumstances over which such Representative or Officer may have no control. (Carried.)

Account from G. Secretary Cameron, and *Expositor* printing office read, and on motion referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Macdonald, and

Resolved, That the sum of three dollars be paid to Brother W. Wood-yatt, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, for his services rendered to this Grand Lodge during its present session.

To the R. W. G. L. :—

Your Finance Committee would beg to further Report that they have examined the following accounts, and find them correct; and recommend that the R. W. G. Master be authorised to draw on the G. Treasurer for the respective amounts.

P. G. Secretary, acc't for Sundries,	-	-	-	\$15	20
C. E. Stewart, for Binding,	-	-	-	2	00
E. Laing, Rep. fee for 1857,	-	-	-	5	80
W. Woodyatt, for services,	-	-	-	3	00

Respectfully submitted,

J. WESTLAND,
G. R. McINTOSH,
JAMES HENRY.

Moved by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. McIntosh, That the Report of Finance Committee just read be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Ewing:—

Resolved, that for the interest of the Order it is required by this Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary condense, and cause to be printed in proper form, a journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its present session at Brantford, and distribute the same among the Lodges under this jurisdiction as soon as possible. (Carried)

On motion of Rep. Wm. Bissell, seconded by Rep. Thomas Partridge, it was

Resolved, That a vote of unfeigned thanks be given to the officers and brethren of Gore Lodge, No. 34, for the courteous manner they have entertained the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, and for the use of their Lodge-room. (Carried unanimously.)

Moved by Rep. Ewing, and seconded by Rep. Barr, and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet again at the town of Cobourg, on the first Wednesday in the month of August A. D. 1859.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,

R. W. Grand Secretary.



ADDRESS

OF THE

OFFICERS 'OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE

OF

CANADA WEST,

I. O. O. F.,

AND THE

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION, VIZ.:

GRAND OFFICERS.

CHAUNCEY YALE, *M. W. Grand Master*, St. Catharines.
ARTHUR MacDONALD, *R. W. D. Grand Master*,.. Cobourg.
SAMUEL G. DOLSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary*, St. Catharines.
WM. FITZSIMMONS, *R. W. Grand Treasurer*, Brockville.
JAMES WESTLAND, *R. W. Grand Warden*, London.
CHAUNCEY YALE, *R. W. Grand Representative*,.. St. Catharines.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS.

Rep. JAS. HENRY, (*Kent, Lambton & Essex*) Chatham.
Rep. T. PARTRIDGE, (*Middlesex, Huron & Bruce*).. London.
P. G. CLARIS, (*Elgin West*) St. Thomas.
Rep. W. A. GLOVER, (*Elgin East*)..... Port Burwell.
Rep. JAMES WOODYATT, (*Brant & Haldimand*).. Brantford.
Rep. THOS. FLETCHER, (*Lincoln & Welland*)..... St. Catharines.
Rep. ARTHUR MacDONALD, (*Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro & Victoria*) Cobourg.
P. G. M. THOS. REYNOLDS, [*Leeds & Grenville*].. Brockville.
Rep. JOHN BARR, [*Oxford*] Ingersoll.
Rep. G. R. McINTOSH, [*Perth*]..... St. Mary's.

On motion of Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. MacDonald, it was

Resolved—That the Address of the Grand Master, just read by the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order; and that the Report of the Grand Master on the state of Lodges, just read by the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Returns.

The following list of Past Grands having presented their certificates, are entitled to P. O. degrees and membership:—

P. G. James B. Ingamills,	-	Eureka,	No. 30
" James Woodyatt,	-	Gore,	" 34
" H. C. Bingham,	-	do.	do.
" Alpin G. McLarin,	-	do.	do.
" Francis O. Dee,	-	do.	do.
" Thos. McIntyre,	-	Union,	16
" H. W. Winchester,	-	do.	do.
" John Barr,	-	Samaritan,	35
" Wm. H. Morgan,	-	Gore,	34

The following Committees were appointed:—

On Credentials.—Reps. Glover, Collins and Ewing.

On Lodge Returns.—Reps. Allsworth, MacDonald and Fletcher.

On Finance.—Reps. Henry, Westland and McIntosh.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. MacDonald, Partridge and Woodyatt.

On Appeals.—Reps. Ewing, Partridge, Winchester, Woodyatt, Westland, Collins, Barr, Allsworth, Glover, McIntosh, MacDonald and Henry.

On State of the Order.—Reps. Allsworth, Henry, and Ewing.

On motion of Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. MacDonald, that all communications and papers appertaining to the business of the said Committees respectively be referred to them, to enable them to report with as little delay as possible.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK, A.M.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.

Grand Master Reynolds in the Chair, he having arrived last night, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge opened in the G. L. degree, when Reps. MacDonald, Collins, Ingamills, McIntosh, Partridge, Skinner, McIntyre, Bingham, Morgan, Woodyatt, Barr and Winchester, were instructed in said degree.

Moved by Grand Secretary Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Ewing, and

Resolved,—That the reading of the Minutes of the last session be dispensed with, and that they be adopted as printed. (Carried.)

The Grand Master appointed Reps. Winchester, Partridge and Bingham as a Committee on Mileage and per *Diem*.

Nomination and election of Officers being in order—

Moved by Rep. MacDonald, and seconded by Rep. Ewing, that our present G. M., Bro. Thomas Reynolds, be re-elected by acclamation. Upon which, Bro. Reynolds declined, stating that his professional engagements were such that he could not give it that time and attention that he should wish; that his heart was in the cause, and that he was ever ready to give assistance or advice whenever called upon.

It was then moved by Rep. MacDonald, and seconded by Rep. Ewing, and *Resolved*, that Rep. Yale be Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Carried unanimously.)

Moved by Rep. McIntosh, and seconded by Rep. Partridge, that Rep. MacDonald be Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Carried unanimously.)

Rep. Westland and P. G. Dolson having been each duly nominated and seconded to act as G. Secretary, the ballot box was resorted to, when it was announced by the G. M. that P. G. Dolson was duly elected.

Rep. Westland was elected G. Warden, without opposition.

Grand Treasurer Fitzsimmons was re-elected for the ensuing year, without opposition.

Rep. Yale was re-elected Grand Representative for the ensuing year.

Installation of officers being in order, G. M. Thomas Reynolds proceeded to install into their respective chairs the following Grand officers elect:—

CHAUNCEY YALE,	- - -	R. W. G. M.
A. MACDONALD,	- - -	R. W. D. G. M.

S. G. DOLSON,	- - -	R. W. G. Sec.
WM. FIZSIMMONS,	- - -	R. W. G. Treas.
JAS. WESTLAND,	- - -	R. W. G. W.
CHAUNCEY YALE,	- - -	R. W. G. R.

Grand Master Yale being duly installed, announced the following appointments :—

For Grand Marshall,	- -	Rep. T. Fletcher.
“ Grand Guardian,	- -	“ James Henry.
“ Grand Conductor,	- -	“ Wm. Bissell.

Committee on Appeals submitted the following Report :—

The Committee having considered the appeal of Bela. F. Van Brocklin from the decision of Gore Lodge, No. 34, from which Lodge the said Van Brocklin was expelled on the 8th day of April last, 1858, for being guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. The appeal is not upon the grounds of the charge for which he was expelled being unfounded, but that the Lodge had been guilty of informality in the steps which it took in order to warrant his expulsion.

The Committee find that the Brethren of Gore Lodge acted in good faith, and without any invidious intent or partiality in this case, and that their decision should be sustained. At the same time would recommend that should the late Brother Van Brocklin within three months from this date apply personally to Gore Lodge for a new trial, upon the grounds of his being unable to clear himself from the charge for which he has been expelled, the said Lodge should grant it. Also, that a copy of this Report be furnished to the said B. H. Van Brocklin by the G. Secretary, in replying to his communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

C. E. EWING, *Secretary.*

The Committee on Appeals beg to make the following Report in the case of John Morrison, who has been expelled from Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll, for conduct unworthy of an Odd Fellow, in having been guilty of an act of Forgery.

The Committee find, on examination of the documents from that Lodge, that the proceedings of Samaritan Lodge were regular, unbiased and in order, and should be sustained and confirmed, and the complaint of the late Brother, John Morrison, be dismissed, which shall be duly communicated to him by the G. Secretary.

In the case of the position of Rose Lodge, No. 28, at Amherstburg, it appears that the officers of that Lodge have not been installed for the

quarter, owing to some difficulties existing between Brother Mears and the other members of the said Lodge. The Committee would recommend that the said Lodge be called upon to make a return for the period ending 30th June last, and to explain its actual position at the present moment; and report also as to the prospect of sustaining and continuing the Lodge. In the event of its being reported that Rose Lodge, No. 28, had been unable to work for want of the instalment of its officers, the Committee would recommend that D. D. G. M. James Henry, and D. D. G. M. Thomas Partridge do proceed to Amherstburg, and enquire into the circumstances connected with the case; and, if they see fit, proceed to install the officers elect, and place the Lodge in working order, and report their action to the Grand Lodge, at its next session.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. MacDonald, seconded by Rep. Henry, that the Report of the Committee on Appeals be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Ewing, and seconded by Grand Secretary Cameron :

That whereas, by Article 7th, Section 2nd, clause 7th of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, it is provided that the Grand Lodge, or in its recess the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction, to exempt it in any particular case from the operation of any of the various regulations other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

And whereas, Industry Lodge, No. 25, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is obliged by its Constitution and By-Laws as they now exist, to hold its meetings weekly, by which regulation many of the members of said Lodge are subjected to serious inconvenience in consequence of being resident at a distance of several miles from the place at which the sessions of said Lodge are held. And whereas, said Lodge are of the almost unanimous opinion that if they were not required to meet so often, it would tend vastly to improve their condition, not only by securing a more general attendance, but otherwise. Therefore,

Resolved, That a dispensation be issued to Industry Lodge, No. 25, empowering it to alter its Constitution and By-Laws, so that it may have the privilege of adjourning from time to time as it may deem expedient, so long as it does not at any time adjourn for a longer period than four weeks; and that similar dispensations be granted to all Lodges situated in country places that see fit to apply for the same.

On motion, the above Resolution was referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

COPIY OF COMMUNICATION PRESENTED BY P. G. M. THOMAS REYNOLDS.

BROCK LODGE, No. 9, I. O. O. F. }
Brockville, 22d July, 1858. }

To the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada West:

BRETHREN:—I am directed to furnish you with a copy of the following Resolution, adopted unanimously by Brock Lodge:—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Canada West be invited to hold its next Annual Communication in the rooms of Brock Lodge, No. 9, at Brockville, at such time as the Grand Lodge may please to designate."

I have the honor to be, Yours, in F. L. & T.

R. SHIPMAN, *R. Secretary.*

P. G. M. Thomas Reynolds stated that although he would be pleased to have the next session of the Grand Lodge held at Brockville, yet he would not urge the adoption of the Resolution just read, believing that the interests of the Order would be increased if held in some other locality. He would move that the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at Cobourg. Seconded by D. G. M. MacDonald. (Carried unanimously.)

Committee on Mileage and per *Diem* being ready to report, it was suggested by P. G. M. Reynolds that it lay on the table until after the Report of Committee on State of the Order.

Moved by Rep. W. A. Glover, seconded by Rep. H. W. Winchester:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges, in their official correspondence, in future be required to pre-pay postage on their communications. Carried.

RESOLUTION FROM UNION LODGE, PRESENTED BY REP. WINCHESTER.

Moved by Bro. Yale, and seconded by Bro. Dolson, That our Representatives to the G. L. are respectfully solicited to use all legal means in their power to cause to be repealed so much of clause 4, section 1st, Article 6, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as prohibits said Lodges from negotiating with their members who are in arrears for non-payment of dues; and that a clause be inserted giving power to said Lodges to negotiate with their members, in accordance with the decisions of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S.

The above having been referred to Committee on State of the Order, was withdrawn, and a Special Committee appointed, consisting of Reps. Winchester, Westland and Reynolds.

Grand Lodge of C. W. in acc't with G. Treas. Dr. Contra acc't of the Grand Treasurer, Cr.

1857.—Aug. 15. Cash on hand, per Report, £120 1 8			
1857.	Aug. 5. To paid J. Cameron, G. Sec., per acc't,	£1 16 0	
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"	" " Brock,	4 15 0	
"	" " Chatham,	2 10 0	
"	" " Samaritan,	1 11 3	
"	" " Erie,	1 7 3	
"	" " Union,	4 4 0	
"	" " Imperial,	1 5 0	
"	" " Rose,	1 15 0	
"	" " Gore,	1 17 6	
1858.	July 22. Paid Brantford <i>Expositor</i> , for Printing,	6 5 9	
"	" " D. D. G. M. Woodyatt's acc't,	2 5 0	
"	" " Draft for G. L. U. S., as per acc't,	18 18 9	
"	" " J. McMullin, Printing and Stationery acc't,	3 10 9	
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1857.	Jan'y 8. Industry Lodge, per centage to G. L.		3 0 6
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"	" " 16. Chatham		1 10 6
"	" " 18. Samaritan, dues, £3 14 5; book, 12s 6d.		4 6 11
"	" " 19. Erie Lodge, per centage to G. L.		3 15 0
"	" " 23. Union		3 15 0
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GRAND LODGE ROOM,
Brantford, 5th August, 1858. }

To the R. W. G. Lodge :—

Your Finance Committee beg to Report that they have examined the late Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, and find the foregoing statement correct ; and would recommend that the said statement be printed in full in the proceedings of this G. L.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WESTLAND, }
J. R. McINTOSH, } *Finance Committee.*
JAMES HENRY, }

Moved by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. Glover, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Allsworth, seconded by D. G. M. MacDonald, that this Grand Lodge approve of the word "collected," and it may be added to the words "one-third of quarterly dues," occurring in section 5, clause 2, in the Elgin By-Laws. (Carried.)

The R. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, divided the jurisdiction into the following districts, and the annexed list as D. D. G. Master for said Districts:—

Kent, Lambton and Essex, Rep. James Henry, of Chatham.

Middlesex, Huron and Bruce, Rep. Thomas Partridge, of London.

Elgin West, P. G. Geo. Claris, of St. Thomas.

Elgin East, Rep. W. A. Glover, of Port Burwell.

Brant and Haldimand, Rep. James Woodyatt, of Brantford.

Lincoln and Welland, Rep. Thomas Fletcher, of St. Catharines.

Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro and Victoria, Rep. Arthur McDonald, of Cobourg.

Leeds and Grenville, Rep. Thomas Reynolds, of Brockville.

Oxford, Rep. John Barr, of Ingersoll.

Perth, Rep. G. R. McIntosh, of St. Mary's.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Union Lodge, recommending the repeal of clause 4, section 1, article 6, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, beg to Report—That, in their opinion, it would be a dangerous practice to leave the finances of a Lodge in so precarious a condition as this resolution contemplates ; while, at the same time, they feel that there are frequent cases in which this power might

be exercised with advantage. They therefore recommend that such power be vested in the advisory Board of the Grand Lodge only as will meet cases requiring this privilege.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.
JAMES WESTLAND.
H. W. WINCHESTER.

On motion of Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Skinner, the above Report was received and adopted.

To the Right Worthy G. L. of C. W.

We, your Committee, appointed to Report on Mileage and *Per Diem*, beg leave to submit the following:—

LODGES.	NO. MILES.	NO. REP.	AM'T MILEAGE.	AM'T PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock, No. 9 - -	566	2	\$56,60	\$6,00	\$62,60
Ontario, 12 - -	290	1	14,50	3,00	17,50
Union, 16 - -	138	4	27,60	12,00	39,60
Industry, 25 - -	304	1	15,20	3,00	18,20
Rose, No representation, -					
Chatham, 29 - -	238	1	11,90	3,00	14,90
Eureka, 30 - -	110	2	11,00	6,00	17,00
Morpeth, 31 Defunct					
Erie, 33 - -	132	1	6,30	3,00	9,60
Elgin, 32 - -	146	1	7,30	3,00	10,30
Gore, 34 - -		3		9,00	9,00
Samaritan, 35 - -	72	1	3,60	3,00	9,60
St. Mary's, 36 - -	98	1	4,90	3,00	7,90
Imperial, 37 - -	18	1	90	3,00	3,90
Forest City, 38 - -	110	2	11,00	6,00	17,00
	2,222	21	\$171,10	\$63,00	\$237,10

Thirteen Lodges represented.

The above is computed at 5 cts. per mile, and one dollar per day, allowing three days for each session.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. WINCHESTER,
T. PARTRIDGE,
H. C. BINGHAM.

On motion of Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Winchester, the foregoing Report was adopted.