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OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

GRAND LODGE



Sons of England Benevolent Society

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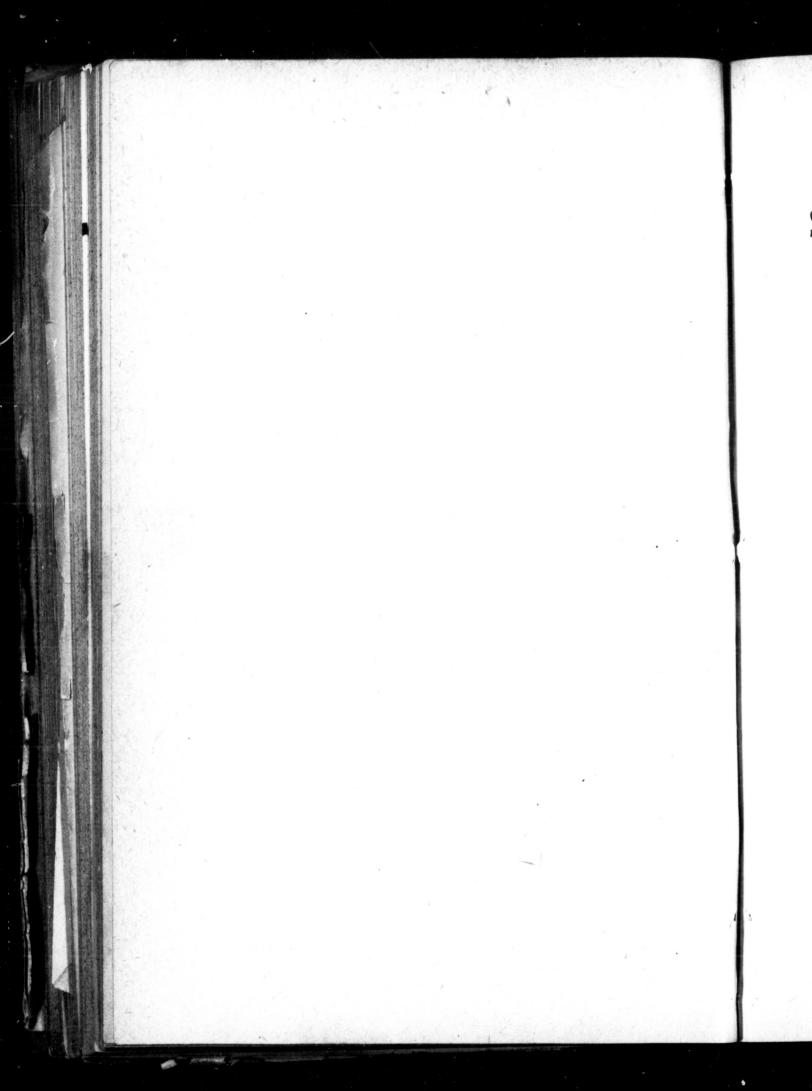
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

THE GRAND LODGE

Sons of England Benevolent Society.

TORONTO, Feb. 14th, 1888.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge Sons of England's Benevolent Society was opened in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 14th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

The following Grand Lodge officers were present:

Thos. R. Skippon, M.W.G.P.; H. J. Boswell, R.W.G.V.P.; B. Hinchcliffe, R.W.G.T.; John W. Carter, R.W.G. Secretary; Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened by the M.W.G.P., assisted by A. J. Mills, Past Grand President, Bro. Wm. Edmett, P.G.V.P., acting as Assistant Secretary.

The Grand President appointed the following Committee on Credentials: A. J. Mills, P.G.P., Cambridge Lodge; W. Hover, Britannia Lodge; H. Mason, Acorn Lodge; E. Blundell, Middlesex Lodge; Sam Hine, London Lodge.

The Grand President adjourned the Lodge for half an hour to confer the W.R.D. on several delegates. After recess the Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates as qualified members of the Grand Lodge:

Albion Lodge No. 1—Dr. John S. King, J. B. Vick.

Middlesex Lodge No. 2-E. Blundell, Wm. Bell.

Kent Lodge No. 3-R. Caddick, Wm. Lush.

Essex Lodge No. 4—J. W. Higginbotham, W. Holland.

Sussex Lodge No. 5-J. R. Philp, A Rowland.

York Lodge No. 6-J. Mellon, F. W. Morton.

Brighton Lodge No. 7-W. Miles, F. Hayward.

Britannia Lodge No. 8-W. Hover, A. Hannaford.

Old England Lodge No. 9—P. Holt, A. Allen.

Somerset Lodge No. 10-H. Worman, T. H. Collins.

Surrey Lodge No. 11-B. Lowen, Jno. Aldridge.

Victoria Lodge No. 12--H. Williams.

Warwick Lodge No. 13-A. Riddiford, Harry Amos.

Manchester Lodge No. 14.-J. Harris, Jas. Lomas.

Durham Lodge No. 15-W. H. Wright, J. Wallace.

Oxford Lodge No. 17-R. Croft. Hulme, J. W. London.

Chester Lodge No. 18-P. R. Williams, T. H. Jones.

Wellington Lodge No. 18-T. E. Higginbotham, A. Hobbs.

Westminster Lodge No. 20—J. Milburn, J. W. Lee.

Bedford Lodge No 21-Wm. Whitcombe.

Rose of Couchiching Lodge No. 23—Geo. Matthews.

Lansdowne Lodge No. 25-Dr. Pigeon, Wm. Brundrette.

Royal Oak Lodge No. 26-Chas. Squire.

St. George Lodge No. 27—J. C. Swait, H. W. Smallpiece.

Southampton Lodge No. 28.--J. W. Kempling, F. J. Brown.

Acorn Lodge No. 29-W. Hancock, H. Mason.

Derby Lodge No. 30-W. R. Stroud, J. B. Wright.

London Lodge No. 31-Samuel Hine, Wm. Jones.

Stafford Lodge No. 32-Wm. Mitchell, A. W. Ansell.

Leicester Lodge No. 33-H. B. Savage, Jno. Green.

Canterbury Lodge No. 34-J. Nettleton, E. Stanley Brown.

Windsor Lodge No. 35-Dr. S. B. Pollard, Jno. Amos.

Excelsior Lodge No 36-W. H. Shaw.

Chelsea Lodge No. 37-H. J. Carter.

Lancaster Lodge No. 38-J. Hillman, H. S. Bowyer.

Salisbury Lodge No. 42 -F. S. Passmore, Thos. Elliott.

Nelson Lodge No. 43—Dr. Reeve.

Bowood Lodge No. 44-E. J. Reynolds.

Portsmouth Lodge No. 45-W. Freeman, F. J. Drewitt.

Newcastle Lodge No. 46-W. Wagstaff, J. W. Brown.

Worcester Lodge No. 47—Joseph Raybould.

Leeds Lodge, No. 48-B. Plowman, F. Ireson.

Primrose Lodge No. 49-Dr. Girdwood.

Trafalgar Lodge No 51—Jas. Heaman.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 52-T. Dench.

British Lion Lodge No 53-H. T. Smith.

Cambridge Lodge No. 54—A. J. Mills, W. H. Clay.

Norfolk Lodge No. 57-Jno. Nunn, T. W. Kidd.

Hampton Lodge No. 58.—H. Boyes.

On motion, the report was received and the delegates took their seats.

Bro. Ald. S. R. Wickett, Chairman of Reception Committee, then read the following Address of Welcome:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO GRAND LODGE.

TORONTO, Feb. 14th, 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Assembled:

MOST WORTHY SIR AND BRETHREN,—The lodges of Toronto give you hearty greeting. It is a source of great pleasure to them to welcome you to the Queen City of the West, and we hope that your visit will be a pleasurable one, and that your deliberations will so conduce to the welfare of our beloved Society that it will be a landmark in the history of our progress.

It is with pardonable pride that we beg to note the fact that we can welcome you under our own roof, a home which is a standing proof of the stability and wisdom of our rules and constitution. When we look back to the birth of the Order in Toronto, in 1874, in a small cottage over the classic Don, we are justified in rejoicing at the great strides we have made.

We pray that your labours of the session will be animated by brotherly love, and that your legislation and wisdom, will raise us to a higher standard than ever before attained.

On behalf of the Toronto Lodges,

S. R. WICKETT,

Chairman of Reception Committee.

On motion, the address was received and the following committee appointed to draft a reply: Bros. R. Croft. Hulme, J. W. Higginbotham, and A. Hannaford.

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Moved by R. Caddick, P.G.P., seconded by H. J. Boswell, that the hours of the Grand Lodge be 9.30 to 12 a.m., and 2 to 6 p.m.—Carried.

The Grand President then appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

Officers' Reports.—Bros. J. W. Higginbotham, P.G.P., Essex.; A. J. Mills, P.G.P., Cambridge; W. Freeman, Portsmouth; W. R. Stroud, Derby; E. S. Brown, Canterbury; J. R. Philp, Sussex; Thos. Elliott, Salisbury; A. Hannaford, Britannia; J. Hillman, Lancaster; John Aldridge, Surrey; F. W. Morton, York.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Bros. P. Holt, Old England; H. S. Bowyer, Lancaster; H. B. Savage, Leicester; E. Dench, Prince of Wales; W. Wagstaff, New Castle; H. Mason, Acorn.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—Bros. J. W. London, Oxford; J. W. Kempling, Southampton; P. R. Williams, Chester; W. Hancock, Acorn; W. H. Wright, Durham; H. Worman, Somerset; W. Holland, Essex.

Beneficiary.—Bros. Dr. Pollard, Windsor; Wm. Brundrette, Lansdowne; T. H. Jones, Chester; H. Williams, Victoria; E. Blundell, Middlesex; James Lomas, Manchester; B. Lowen, Surrey; A. Riddiford, Warwick; Joseph Raybould, Worcester; Wm. Mitchell, Stafford; J. C. Swait, St. George; F. J. Brown, Southampton; H. T. Smith, British Lion; W. H. Clay, Cambridge; A. Hobbs, Wellington; Dr. J. S. King, Albion; G. W. Ansell, Stafford; B. Plowman, Leeds; John Green, Leicester; J. Milburn, Westminster; Geo. Matthews, Rose of Couchiching; Dr. Reeve, Nelson; Chas. Squire, Royal Oak; J. W. Brown, New Castle; J. Harris, Manchester; J. R. Philp, Sussex; J. B. Wright, Derby.

Constitution and Laws.—Bro. R. Caddick, Kent; R. Croft. Hulme, Oxford; Dr. Girdwood, Primrose; Dr. Pigeon, Lansdowne; W. Hover, Britannia; F. Drewitt, Portsmouth; J. B. Vick, Albion; H. W.

Smallpiece, St. George; Jno. Amos, Windsor; Wm. Whitcombe, Bedford; B. Lowen, Surrey; W. Lush, Kent; T. H. Collins, Somerset; A. Rowland, Sussex; T. E. Higginbotham, Wellington; J. Nettleton, Canterbury; J. W. Kempling, Southampton; F. S. Passmore, Salisbury; A. Allen, Old England; Hy. Amos, Warwick.

The M.W.G.P. then read the following report:

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ADDRESS OF GRAND PRESIDENT.

TORONTO, Feb. 14th, 1888.

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of England Benevolent Society in Grand Lodge Assembled:

BRETHREN,—By the Divine will we are again permitted to assemble together as a Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, and in accordance with our Constitution you have been called together as representatives of our beloved Order to legislate for the good of our brethren. May our Heavenly Father so guard, guide and govern your words and actions that thy may redound to the advantage and honour of our beloved Society. The year just passed has been an eventful one in the history of our Order, being the jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and upon the arrival of His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne in Toronto the Executive decided to present an address of welcome to him, expressing the deep, undying devotion of the members of this Society to Her Majesty the Queen and the love we bear to our dear old motherland. It is needless to say that the deputation was most graciously received and entertained, and again, during the jubilee festivities, our Order took part in one of the grandest celebrations that was ever held in Toronto, and was complimented upon as having the largest number in the parade.

I have during the year received and answered numerous communications and given decisions on points of law, but I am pleased to report that there are not any appeals therefrom that I am aware of, and in this connection would suggest that all communications should, in future, be sent through the Grand Secretary's office; the official answers could then be returned properly signed and bearing the Grand Lodge seal.

I would respectfully suggest that this grand body define the following case: A brother sends in a claim for the death of his step-son. Whilst the Executive paid the claim they do not desire to establish it as a precedent, but rather to submit it for the opinion of this Grand Lodge as to its legality. Again, I have received a number of letters respecting Clause 120, which states that executive officers cannot hold non-executive office and think that this Grand Lodge should define what dual offices members could hold. I can see no reason why a committeeman should not hold the office of trustee or auditor, if required. I also desire to call your special attention to the recommendations from the Executive on the sessional papers, but as they are fully set forth, I do not think it necessary to make any further remarks, knowing that they will recive a full and careful consideration at your hands.

I am pleased to state that 19 new lodges have been instituted during the past year, viz.:

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SALISBURY, in Brantford. NELSON, in Almonte. Bowood, in Ottawa. Portsmouth, in Dovercourt. NEWCASTLE, in Newcastle. WORCESTER, at West Toronto Junction. LEEDS, at Weston. PRIMROSE, in Montreal. TRAFALGAR, in London. PRINCE OF WALES, in Windsor. BRITISH LION, at London. CAMBRIDGE, at Little York. STANLEY, at Ottawa. RUSSELL, at Ottawa. NORFOLK, at Toronto. HAMPTON, at Orillia, and JUBILEE, SALISBURY and EAST LONDON Lodges in South Africa.

Seven of which number it has been my especial pleasure to institute, ably assisted by the Grand Officers and pominent members of our Order, at considerable expense to themselves, for which I think they are deserving of the thanks of this grand body; and with a view of still further extending our Order, I would suggest for your consideration the advisability of increasing our Charter fee to \$10 for opening new lodges and giving that amount to any member who sends in a list of names for Charter members, which is accepted by the Executive, as a slight remuneration for any expense he may have been put to in this connection.

I also desire your consideration to the motion on the sessional papers of conferring the W. R. D. on the Executive Officers of a new lodge (free of charge) the same night it is opened, thereby effecting a saving of considerable expense of money and time to the Grand Executive in making a second journey, probably at a great distance; but owing to the large amount of work the instituting officer would have to perform in one night in initiating, dedicating and installing the new lodge, I would suggest that the Executive Officers thereof be merely obligated in the W. R. D., and that a chart be prepared by the Grand Executive with full explanations of paraphanalia, etc., required.

I have during my term of office made official visits to Hamilton, Kingston, Belleville, Bowmanville, Newcastle, Port Hope, Oshawa, Whitby, Peterboro', London, Windsor, Orillia, Weston and West Toronto Junction, and I am pleased to report our lodges are all in a prosperous condition, both numerically and financially, in many cases owning their own lodge furniture, leasing and sub-letting their halls, etc. I have also visited repeatedly all the lodges in Toronto, and in a number of instances installed the officers, and I am pleased to state that they are also in a flourishing condition, having made unprecedented progress during the past year.

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I sincerely regret that Buckingham Lodge, Uxbridge, from reports of D. D. O., Bro. Edmett, has become extinct, although the worthy brother has done all in his power to keep it alive. I would therefore recommend the Executive to collect the rituals charter, books, etc.

I have also attended all meetings of the Executive and Beneficiary Boards, making a total of 74 meetings, besides a large number of an unofficial character. I regret that the time at my disposal did not permit me also, on the score of expense, to visit all the lodges of our Order.

I would strongly urge upon you the adoption of the recommendation of the Beneficiary Board, viz.: the payment of 25 cents to sub-lodge secretaries for each application accepted by the Board, such sum to cover any postage account, etc., they may incur, also 25 cents for medical examination of application forms for approval by the Board. I also desire to call your attention to the scheme submitted by Lansdowne Lodge, and ask for it a careful consideration at your hands. I am, however, afraid that it would prove too costly for our members.

During the year I have instructed the R. W. G. Secretary to obtain the necessary supplies, which has been done with a due regard to economy. I also instructed the G.S. to issue forms asking certain questions from lodges as to the bonds given by their officers, how their funds are invested, and how much money they have paid to the Grand Secretary. I regret to say the answers given have not been satisfactory, and I would strongly urge upon the G. L. delegates, when they return home, to see that the Constitution is carried out (where it is not already done) in their respective lodges, that their funds are properly invested in the names of trustees, and that their officers are placed under bonds. In some instances the G. S. books show more money received from lodges than what they have stated upon the forms.

I am pleased to note that the Grand Secretary has, by my suggestion, compiled a statement in his financial report showing all money received by him from subordinate lodges, thus enabling all secretaries to compare their accounts as to their correctness. Whilst, upon the subject of bonds, I would most respectfully inform this grand body that upon the receipt of the funeral benefit money from subordinate lodges I at once appointed Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait, of St. George's Lodge, and Bro. Dr. W. W. Ogden, of Middlesex Lodge, as trustees for that particular fund, for which they gave bonds. The money was then banked in their joint names, and, as trustees have never been appointed for the Grand Lodge funds, I would respectfully suggest to my successor that all monies passing through the Grand Lodge should be banked, and separate accounts kept by the Grand Secretary. The same trustees would do if thought desirable.

Before closing my report I sincerely desire to thank the Grand Officers associated with me for their valuable assistance and advice, also to P. G. P. Bro. Caddick who, from his legal knowledge, has rendered me valuable aid. I owe a deep debt of gratitude also to our D. D. officers and members of our lodges who have at all times shown their loyalty to our Order and to myself personally. I beg to return them my heartfelt thanks.

In closing, I desire to call your attention to the ever increasing duties of our R.W.G. Secretary. Owing to the funeral benefits being paid by the Grand Lodge, also to the large additions to our lodges this year, being an increase of nearly one-third of the whole number, I would earnestly recommend that some addition should be made to his salary, however slight, to compensate him for the extra amount of work he so efficiently performs, and in this connection I would also refer to our R. W. G. Treasurer, whose duties have largely increased. I also recommend that he be paid some slight amount to compensate him for his labours in our behalf.

Asking your forbearance and hearty co-operation, trusting that we shall have an harmonious meeting and that our united efforts may redound to the advancement, honour and prosperity of our beloved Order.

I remain, Dear Brethern,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. R. SKIPPON,

M. W. G. P.

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On motion, the Report was received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Right Worthy Grand Vice-President then read his annual report:

GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TORONTO, February 14th, 1888.

Fo the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society:

BRETHREN,—I have much pleasure in again meeting the representatives of our noble Order, from all sections of this country, and hope by God's blessing that it will continue to spread its wings and enroll within its folds all true and loyal Englishmen.

The increase in new lodges and members this past year is unprecedented. The seed has been well sown by our R. W. Grand Secretary, and some of our district deputies have done good work.

In my humble way, I have been instrumental in the formation of three of the new lodges, viz.: Primrose, Montreal, No. 49; Nelson, Almonte, No. 43, and Norfolk, Toronto, No. 57, and honour is due to those who assisted in completing the work I started, viz.: Bro. James Wright, Lodge Primrose, Montreal; Bro. Thoburn of Lodge, Nelson, Almonte, and last, but not least, Bro. John Nunn, of Norfolk, ably assisted by Bro. T. F. Kidd.

I have visited a large number of the lodges during the past year and am rejoiced to find prosperity in all, not only in numbers and financially but in usefulness. Love, peace and harmony prevails with undoubted loyalty to our Mother Country.

There is no uncertain sound amongst our brethren.

In visiting the various lodges, I have ever been watchful to see that our Constitution is properly carried out, and may say, as a general thing, it is. In some instances I find the officers and brethren do not study the Constitution and Ritualistic work as thoroughly as they should. No officer should accept a position in his lodge without making phis mind to master both the Constitution and Rituals. What can be more impressive, solemn and loyal than our rituals properly demonstrated?

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While upon the subject of visiting lodges, allow me here to thank the brethren, one and all, for their many kindnesses to me and the true manner they have always shown in honouring the polition I have held as Grand Vice-President.

I have, "under instructions from the M. W. G. P.," instituted four of the new fodges, viz.: Salisbury, No. 42, Brantford; Newcastle, No. 46, Newcastle; Stanley, No. 55, and Russell, No. 56, both of Ottawa, and assisting at Worcester, No. 47, West Toronto Junction; Leeds, No. 48, Weston; Cambridge, No. 54, Little York, and Norfolk, No. 57, Toronto; also of conferring the White Rose Degree upon the officers and members of Lodge Nelson, Almonte. I also visited Lodge Bedford, No-21, Woodstock, at their anniversary dinner, by request of the M. W. G. P., where I found true and loyal Englishmen, not many in numbers, but strong in their loyalty to their Queen, country and our beloved Order.

I strongly urge upon the members of Grand Lodge the importance of the Sessional Papers this year, and also the recommendations of the Beneficiary Board. There are some grave and important amendments proposed by the Executive which will have to be weighed well. Some may say *radical* changes, still they are not proposed by us without mature deliberation. Not from individual cases, but from general circumstances, and for the general good of the Order.

I have attended all the meetings of the Beneficiery Board since June, and find that due regard has been paid to all applications for the benefit of this important department. No doubt serious changes must be made at no distant day.

I desire to express my appreciation of and bear testimony to the zeal and ability of our R. W. G. Secretary in the discharge of his many and ever increasing duties. Having had the opportunity, almost daily, during the past eight months, of visiting his office, I have always found him, while deeply engaged in his work, ever ready and willing to give advice and council to the numerous and constant enquiries, and his wise and encouraging words have always been productive of good. His wonderful capacity for work is shown in the prompt and energetic manner in which he carries on the business of the Grand Lodge office, which we all know has been largely increased by the addition of the Funeral Benefit department, and the great increase in the Beneficiary, both of which have been conducted throughout this year with great care and satisfaction. Knowing, from personal observation, and carefully noting the manner in which his work is performed, and his devotion to the interests of the Society, I trust that the Grand Lodge will see their way clear to a further recognition of his valuable services, by a substantial increase to his salary, to enable him to provide for the extra help that he finds it necessary to pay for.

I would certainly recommend that the Grand Lodge should have an interest in the Sons of England Hall Co. by investing, say, not less than \$200 in shares, and further, that we pay the sum of \$50 per annum for the use of the Grand Secretary's office. While fully appreciating the kindness bestowed upon us by the Hall Co. in providing office room and other facilities for carrying on the business of the Grand Lodge free of charge in the past, we should pay for it, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a safe for the protection from fire, etc., etc., the books and other valuables.

I have much pleasure in recommending to the earnest consideration of our members in general, and the Grand Lodge delegates in particular, the paper published by our worthy brothers Messrs. Mason & Reynolds, of Ottawa, viz.: *The Anglo-Saxon*, and would further recommend that the Aims and Objects of our Order be published in said organ, and that an appropriation be made to pay for such advertisement.

Thanking the members of the Grand Lodge for the honour they bestowed upon me of Grand Vice President, I hope I have fulfilled the trust reposed in me to your satisfaction. Any short comings I trust will be overlooked.

Stick to the ship like true loyal Britons, Stick to the ship, till all are enrolled, Stick to the ship, for the love that we owe To our Motherland over the waters.

All most respectfully submitted,

H. J. BOSWELL, R. W. G. V. P.

On motion, the Report was received and referred to Committee on Officers Report.

The Grand Secretary then read his annual Report and Financial Statement for year ending February 1st, 1888:

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATE-MENT.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, February 14th 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society:

SIRS AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of our Constitution, and also with great pleasure, I have the honour to submit my Seventh Annual Report and Financial Statement, with Statistics marked Appendix D, compiled from returns sent in during the year; tables marked Appendix E and F, showing the various assessments and registration fees in connection with the funeral and beneficiary departments; also, balance sheets marked Appendix A, B, C, showing the receipts and expenditure in each department to Feb. Ist, 1888, copies of which are printed and distributed to this grand body.

STAFFORD LODGE MINUTE BOOK.

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At the close of last session the minute book of Stafford Lodge, which had been telegraphed for by order of the Grand Lodge (see printed proceedings, page 35), was received from the post office authorities. The M.W.G.P. and other members examined the same, but as the chairman of the Committee on Appeals had left Barrie, nothing further was done in the matter. I returned the book to the Lodge on the following meeting night and was treated in a most discourteous manner, which I reported to the M.W.G.P.

PRINTING ANNUAL REPORTS.

By direction of the Executive I invited tenders for printing the Annual Report and Revised Constitutions. These were received in due time. The tender of Brother Moor, of Stafford Lodge, being the lowest, received the contracts. The reports were prepared with every care and distributed proportionally to each lodge. The alterations and amendments to the constitution were embodied in the new issue with a view of preventing a large stock of constitutions being left on hand at the close of the year. As the clauses respecting the Funeral Benefit department were merely experimental, only 2,000 copies were ordered, which proved too small a number, by reason of the large increase of membership through the instituting of so many new lodges. This will be avoided in the future.

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

In accordance with report of Committee on Officers' Reports (see printed proceedings, page 31), suitable regalias were provided for the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge, including the District Grand President of South Africa, who acknowledged receiving the same.

BADGES.

The first order of members' badges, which arrived immediately after close of Grand Lodge, was found to be insufficient. An additional order for 1,000 more badges was given, which leaves us with a moderate supply still on hand.

SOUTH AFRICA.

In accordance with report of Committee on Correspondence (see printed proceedings, page 34) I forwarded, through Bro. Spence, the vote of thanks to Bro. C. T. Mouat, of Port Elizabeth, and the commission appointing Bro. Spence Deputy Grand President for South Africa, with power to appoint officers for carrying on the work in the several districts of that colony. That our esteemed Bro. Spence is worthy of the honour conferred upon him, and thoroughly in earnest regarding the prosperity of this Society in Africa's sunny clime, we have abundant proof. His letters are full of encouraging statements regarding the prosperity of the Order in his jurisdiction. As a wise and loyal administrator of our laws, the evidence which will be laid before your Committee on Correspondence will clearly demonstrate. We respectfully urge that Bro. Spence be allowed full control of the funds which may be due this Grand Lodge for the more expensive development of the Order in that far-off and distant part of our glorious Empire.

The anniversary of Victoria Lodge, Port Elizabeth, was an enthusiastic and The Port Elizabeth Herald, of 1st July, 1887, after eulogizing influential gathering. Mr. Mouat, your District Deputy for the Eastern Provinces, and referring to the success of the lodge in that town, says: "It is to be hoped now that this excellent Society has made a fair start, that the number of its members will be increased and lodges formed in every town of this colony. There are Irish and Scotch Societies, surely then Englishmen will join together for mutual support, and the Sons of England will show that they fully appreciate the advantages which mutual benefit societies confer, not only upon their members, but upon the communities at large. Bro. Mouat, in responding to the toast of the Grand Lodge, announced, amidst great cheering, the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada had honoured him with the appointment as representative for the Eastern Provinces. Though we have not the pleasure of knowing our Deputy Grand President, we were pleased to receive sometime ago a photograph of our good Bro. Spence and his estimable lady, which I have placed upon the table for the inspection of the delegates to this Grand Lodge, said photograph being sent as a jubilee present to the Grand Lodge. For official correspondence with South Africa (see folios 853, 960, 992). The correspondence from Bro. Spence is laid upon the table.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

By direction of the M.W.G.P. I forwarded commissions to the District Deputies, only five of whom have sent in official reports, Bro. Williams, of St. Thomas; Bro. Smith, of Port Hope, Bro. Ackroyd, of Ottawa, Bro. R. Caddick, of Toronto, and Bro. Evison, of Collingwood. The District Deputies have, however, reported from time to time of the progress of the society in their several districts.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

In accordance with report of Committee on Correspondence re Sons of St. George, I wrote the decision of this grand body, expressing a wish that at some future time a plan might be adopted whereby mutual relations could be brought about. (For official correspondence see letter book, folio 838.)

PRESIDENT'S JEWEL.

In accordance with resolution of Grand Lodge (see printed proceedings page 42), a Past President's Jewel, was procured and presented to the M.W.P.G.P., Bro. Clayton, at Hamilton.

VOTE OF THANKS-COUNCIL OF SIMCOE.

In accordance with resolution of Grand Lodge (see printed proceedings, page 43), I forwarded the thanks of this grand body to the Warden and County Council of Simcoe for their generous action of placing at the disposal of the Society their Council Chamber and Committee Rooms.

INSPECTION OF LODGE BOOKS—CHELSEA LODGE.

Shortly after close of last Grand Lodge at the request of the President I paid an official visit to Chelsea Lodge, London, for the purpose of inspecting the lodge books, and assist in placing the lodge in a better financial position. I found the

lodge somewhat disorganized, the attendance very poor, and the members discouraged. I am pleased to report that the result of my visit proved beneficial, and, though the lodge is not yet up to its proper standard, still a general improvement both financially and numerically has resulted.

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ST. GEORGE LODGE-AUDIT.

On the 14th of June, through a resolution passed by the lodge, the books and papers belonging to St. George's lodge were handed to the Executive for inspection The R.W.G.V.P. being at that time in Toronto, and having considerable time at his disposal, I suggested to the M.W.G.P. the desirability of procuring his assistance, with a view of having as thorough and impartial a report of the position of the lodge as was possible. This the Grand President readily agreed to, and the work was done as expeditously as possible. The books were found to be kept in a very unsatisfactory manner, through the repeated absence from the lodge of the Treasurer, whose books were in such a state that no reliable statement could be made. After spending nearly four weeks in getting out statements and a balance sheet, a report was finally presented to the lodge, which, while it was not considered a correct record by some of the officers, was received and adopted after considerable discussion. The report of your Executive shewed that the lodge funds had been used for the purpose of purchasing lodge furniture, incurring a heavy liability which had been a burden upon the lodge, and had brought it down almost to a state of insolvency. The officers with perhaps the very best intentions miscalculated the responsibility, and the result was anything but satisfactory. It should be a matter for the serious consideration of this Grand Lodge, as to how far lodge funds can be applied for other than the benevolent purposes as laid down in the Constitution. the cost of lodge furniture may be put down as an asset in favour of the lodge itcannot be looked upon as an available asset, for nothing can be realized upon it without a sale, and even then at a great sacrifice. We deem it essential for the benefit of other lodges to state that after vainly trying to recover the loss sustained by the purchase of this furniture and the want of the proper oversight of management, the lodge has been compelled, in order to relieve its liabilities, to dispose of the furniture at 50% off the cost price; this however, will enable the lodge to pay outstanding liabilities. The question to be decided by this grand body is, who is responsible for the general benefit funds that have been invested in this furniture, amounting to a considerable sum. And when the furniture is sold, and after paying expenses no balance is left, if the Grand Lodge is responsible, then they should have some discretionary power in allowing the general benefit funds to be used for other than the purposes laid down in the Constitution. I respectfully ask this grand body to consider this case.

PRIMROSE LODGE, MONTREAL.

In the early part of the year a feeling of uneasiness existed among some officers and members of the lodges in Montreal occasioned by a misinterpretation of the law respecting the advancement of members to the White Rose degree. This feeling led almost to a rupture, and placed the Order for a time in a very uncertain state at

Montreal. An application was received about that time for the formation of a fourth lodge named Primrose. Considerable objection was taken to the instituting of this lodge by some of the members and officers of Excelsior Lodge. The Executive after carefully weighing the circumstances of the case and the large number of names on the application, concluded that it would be for the benefit of the Society to grant a charter. Receiving instructions from the Grand President, I proceeded to Montreal on the 30th August, calling at Ottawa and visiting some of the principal officers, whose report of the progress of the three lodges was exceedingly gratifying. On Friday, the 2nd Sept., we instituted Primrose Lodge, No. 49, and was assisted by several officers and members of the other lodges. With the view of removing any hard feelings that existed, I called a meeting of all the officers of the four Montreal lodges on Saturday evening, and entered into an explanation of the laws, which had given rise to so much discussion and difference of opinion, and adjusted several unconstitutional acts which had unintentionally been committed. I invited the officers to express their opinions freely and openly. A friendly discussion took place which resulted in a better understanding of many points in the Constitution and a generally expressed wish that all, differences should cease to exist. This I greatly encouraged, and urged them to unite in their efforts to help one another against the many odds with which they had to contend in a place such as Montreal.

There are no doubt some differences of opinion about some clauses of the Constitution and their application to certain circumstances, but it is not wise to have that law administered by those who are in doubt as to its proper meaning. The Executive should in all cases be consulted and the onus of a proper definition of the law laid upon their shoulders. Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait accompanied me on this visit to Montreal at his own expense. We were received by the brethren with every mark of respect and cordiality, and I am pleased in this connection to state that the progress of the Primrose Lodge and the improved condition of Excelsior is a justification of the course we pursued in instituting the new lodge, even against the expressed objections of our brethren in Montreal, and deserves all the sympathy and forbearance of this Grand Body. They are making a grand stand against innumerable difficulties. We were sorry to find that some officers holding responsible positions under this Grand Body was not free from censure, but efforts are being made to make amends. If successful we shall yet see the day when Montreal will have double the number of its present lodges and its members be counted by hundred:. Yorkshire, the weakest of the Montreal lodges, is moving into a more suitable and commodious lodge room. Its liability to the Grand Lodge is over 100 dollars, and we have just commissioned Past Grand President Millington and District Deputy Bro. Papps to inspect their lodge books and assist them in getting into a better working condition. The cause of this large liability I shall refer to later on.

"ENGLISHMAN'S JOURNAL."

The speculative and extravagant management of the professed proprietor of the Englishman's Journal led to a sudden and complete collapse. Shortly after the meeting of Grand Lodge last year your Executive, not being satisfied with the way in which the business of the journal was being conducted, withdrew its support, prefer-

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ring not to become entangled with the difficulties they saw were sure to overtake it. The downfall of the journal might be attributed to two facts: 1st., The presumption of the manager assuming all the responsibilities of a company, when there was no such company; and, 2nd, the lavish expenditure of subscribers' money and the incurring of large liabilities without proper authority. It is with deep regret we learn that several of our members were led to give their money and influence to so flimsy a concern, and it is to be deplored that the disinterested efforts of a number of brethren, both financially and literary, should have been rendered abortive in their desire to make the journal a success in consequence of the reckless management of the undertaking. In my last report to this Grand Body, I undertook to give some advice and utter words of caution (see printed proceedings, page 18) respecting the speculative character of the so-called Union Publishing Company which, at that time, existed in name only. I am sorry I did not express my convictions in stronger terms. I might then have been the means of saving numbers of our members from being duped by a scheming adventurer. As a proof of the interest this map had in the spread of our Order, certain numbers of the journal were printed without one word of the Society being mentioned. Not even the advertisements which had been paid for by the lodges, but, in order to cover up the fraud, special leaves were printed and pasted in with no page number; a grosser piece of deception one can hardly imagine. I desire to advise our members not to be gulled by agents going round collecting subscriptions for this or that purpose without some proper authority. But while condemning this scheme and the schemer, the fact remains that our Order deserves either an official or semi-official organ in order to disseminate the principles of our institution. Not only in Canada but in England, Australia, Africa, British Columbia, and even in India, we are a worthy Society; the beginning of a grand and mighty institution. Our aims and objects are worthy the consideration of every true born Son of England. To this end I trust the Grand Lodge will see its way to give some expression of opinion as to the desirability of having a recognized organ for the use of this Society.

THE ANGLO-SAXON.

The Anglo-Saxon, a journal printed and published by our brethren, Mason & Reynolds, in Ottawa, deserves a passing notice. Its first number appeared on the 1st September, 1887. Its bold and fearless prospectus staggered some weak-kneed Englishmen, and complaints were made that its language was too strong. But the high and mighty agressiveness of that power, against which it hurled its thunder-bolts, would deprive everyone of us of our liberty and crush out the heart of our Protestant religion. Though we have given the Anglo-Saxon our individual support, as an Executive, we thought it best to leave to this Grand Lodge in session any official recognition. I am pleased to announce that both the publisher, Bro. E. J. Reynolds, and Editor-in-Chief, Bro. R. J. Wicksteed, LL.D., are with us to-day, and are members of this Grand Lodge. I understand the Anglo-Saxon is making good progress, and the promoters seek some acknowledgement of their efforts, if it is thought by this Grand Lodge that it will serve the interests of our Society.

THE PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

The year just closed has been illustrous in more than one sense. The Jubilee

year of our Queen, which made the hearts of the British people throughout the whole world rejoice, and say in the words of the poet:

From every land on earth Thy sons send greetings full, And proudly own their birth Beneath thy sovereign rule.

We started out with every prospect of success before us. We had a right to expect a large increase. During the past three years I have been sending the silent messengers, the aims and objects, to every town and village in Ontario, and the fruit is only just beginning to show itself. In Montreal, where we worked for five years to get a foothold, we have now four good lodges. In Ottawa, where we had one timid lodge for a year or two making no progress, but whom I asked on my visit as I passed through to Montreal, in January, 1887, to rouse themselves and come out from their seclusion, nobly responded, and to-day we have four strong and healthy lodges, which includes some of the very best men in Ottawa on the lodge rolls. In London, where we had one weak, almost dead, lodge, we have now three good lodges, and a fourth one ready to to be opened as soon as this Grand Lodge closes; and right on to the very border line, Windsor, where our hopes grew faint, we have the Prince of Wales Lodge, one of the most loyal and enthusiastic lodges organized this year, and they are already organizing for a raid across the border to capture all the Englishmen who live in Detroit. We have also a second lodge in Orillia, which, I trust, will live and flourish. We have a splendid lodge in Brantford, which will shortly be one of the best lodges in the Order; also one at Newcastle. In Toronto and suburbs, where we had thirteen lodges at the commencement of the year, we have now eighteen fine lodges, every one of which are making good progress; and last, but not least, in far off sunny Africa, we have added three good and substantial lodges. This is cause for congratulation, and in proportion to our devotion to the principles of our Order, so will we spread and flourish like the mighty oak.

In my first annual report to the Grand Lodge we had eighteen lodges, now we number 58, an increase of forty. At that time we had 1079 members on the lodge roll, now we have 4,213 good members. In that report the amount of cash to the credit of the lodges was \$7,307. The total lodge funds now amount to \$33,000, a magnificent increase, especially after paying for sick purposes. During the time I have had the honour of being your Grand Secretary, the sum of \$51,188 $_{100}^{63}$. The amount of cash which passed through the hands of subordinate lodges during the year was \$24,429 $_{100}^{29}$. Deduct from this \$10,446 for sick and funeral purposes, and \$4,000 for contingencies, we have a net gain of over \$10,000 on the year's transactions.

The returns are not as correct as I would desire, owing to the dilitary manner in which many of the returns are sent in. During the past year I have received from some lodges only three return forms, and from others two, this makes the tables somewhat short.

During the year 1887 we have initiated and received into membership 1,368, more than one-third of the whole institution. After deducting 329 suspended, 6 expelled, 4 withdrawn, and 17 deceased, we have a net gain of 1,002 members for the year ending December 31st, 1887. During the first year of my secretaryship we received \$279\frac{10}{100}\$ for capital tax. For the year 1887 just closed we received \$1,202\frac{60}{100}\$, nearly \$1,000 increase.

TABLE OF SICK DUES.

I have prepared, in addition to the regular statististics marked Appendix E, a tabulated table showing the amount of sick dues, funeral benefits and doctors' fees during my term of office for each lodge. Amount paid for sick dues $$2,406_{100}^{04}$, funerals $$6,039_{100}^{142}$, doctors' fees \$19,743.

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Lodge.	SICK PAY.	FUNERALS.	Doctors.	TOTAL.
Albion	\$3,241 03	\$749 37	\$1,942 77	\$5,933 17
Middlesex	2,734 71	512 20	2,030 65	5,277 56
Kent	1,473 22	661 00	1,157 11	3,291 33
Essex	522 48	114 00	309 00	945 48
Sussex	637 63	113 50	344 75	1,095 88
York	784 80	277 00	604 80	1,666 60
Brighton	479 50	84 00	468 46	1,031 96
Britannia	1,319 95	117 00	751 00	2,187 95
Old England	426 54	164 83	218 50	807 87
Somerset	369 05	187 00	534 97	1,091 02
Surrey	916 40	126 25	660 00	1,702 65
Victoria	266 65	20 00	146 55	433 20
Warwick	927 75	104 00	654 01	1,685 76
	534 00	54 00	501 64	1,089 64
Manchester	575 97	127 00	653 54	1,356 51
Durham	916 00	247 00	719 90	1,882 90
	370 97	64 00	223 11	667 08
Chester	286 25	204 00	255 81	746 06
Wellington.	421 31	77 00	219 40	717 71
Westminster	139 20		147 83	287 03
Bedford	352 00	25 00	294 50	671 50
Rose of Couchiching	348 00	50 00	421 70	719 70
Lansdowne	219 00	40 00	174 87	433 87
Royal Oak	235 05	103 47	349 45	687 97
St. George	443 98	7 00	386 77	837 75
Southampton	62 00		114 75	176 75
Acorn	169 74	20 00	183 25	372 99
Derby	460 57	20 00	379 38	859 95
London	82 00	20 00	261 37	363 37
Stratford	249 50	7 00	110 75	367 25
Leicester	43 09		210 26	253 26
Canterbury	56 00	62 80	76 69	105 49
Windsor	93 39		108 00	201 39
Excelsior	22 50		64 36	86 86
Chelsea				
Lancaster	1			
Victoria's Jubilee\		1	22 75	22 75
Salisbury		1		
Nelson	12 00		37 00	37 00
Bowood			28 59	28 59
Portsmouth			12 00	12 00
Worcester				
Lucas			4 83	4 83
Primrose				
Trafalgar			3 36	3 36
Prince of Wales British Lion			11 50	
British Lion		1,681 00	3,942 24	10,928 14
	5,304-90	17,001.00	3,74	
	25,406 04	6,039 42	19,743 17	51,188 63

There were 222 members proposed, but were never brought up for initiation. This would be avoided if the proposers would see their candidates through.

BOOKS.

For the better carrying on of the financial work of our lodges, I am preparing properly ruled and printed books for use of the secretary and treasurer, which will not only facilitate the work of the auditors, and ensure correct entries of receipts and expenditure, but will establish a uniform system of book-keeping throughout the Society, a thing at present very much needed, as proper attention does not seem to be paid to the financial department of our lodge work.

The importance of a thorough system of checking and proving the correctness of receipts and expenditure seem to be lost sight of. And sometimes secretaries, while perfectly honest in their endeavours to do what is right, get into an indifferent and slovenly way of keeping the accounts, so that when a thorough examination and inspection of the lodge books are made, no intelligent statement can be made or balance sheet procured. Too much importance cannot be placed on the necessity of having a thorough and at the same time simple method of book-keeping, which, at the close of each quarter, shall give the auditors a full opportunity of proving all accounts, and testifying that they are posted and entered under their proper headings. To this end I would suggest that the secretaries use a journal, and journalize all the lodge accounts. It would, perhaps, incur a little more labour on the part of the secretaries, but the result would more than compensate for the extra work. It is not sufficient to know so much money was received and so much expended every year; we want to know what it has been expended for at a glance, or in a few minutes. Take for example, Albion Lodge has expended during the last seven years for sick purposes alone close upon \$6,000, and yet it would not be possible to get at these figures without a vast amount of labour in going through books and stubs year after year. If the accounts were simply journalized the amount could be posted in the ledger and a comparison made of one quarter or year with another.

Our remarks on this financial part of our work is caused by the fact that during the past year we have been called upon officially to inspect lodge books, and have with difficulty been able to make any clear statement of accounts, and in one instance the accounts were so complicated and badly kept that an accurate statement of accounts, after a long enquiry, was almost impossible. This in a great measure might be avoided if properly qualified auditors were appointed, and it is too often the case that the office has to go begging in order to get members to stand. This should not be. The very best should be selected to audit your accounts, and have power to instruct the Secre tary if he is not keeping his books properly posted, and should also insist on having the accounts ready for auditing at the proper time. We have known lodges to go two and three quarters, and even a year, without having the books properly audited. The result is nothing but confusion; no proper returns to Grand Lodge; no satisfactory statement to the members; nearly all guess work, and, as a consequence, a great deal of mistrust and discontent. It is not only desirable to have good auditors, but auditors who will attend to the duties. We know lodges where the whole financial department has been thrown out of gear by the indifference of auditors. The financial difficulties of several

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een ral of our lodges during the past year has been caused by indiffernce and carelessness of the officers and board. We desire to urge most strongly upon financial officers the importance of prompt and thorough audits; the large increase of the funds of our lodges demands the utmost care and attention to the proper application and security of our finances. And while we are desirous of avoiding as much as possible too much red tapism; still we urge the importance, considering our financial obligations, that the Constitution shall be strictly enforced. The lodges which have suffered during the past year from neglectof having the lodge books audited are: Chelsea, London, Kent and St. George, Toronto, and Yorkshire, Montreal. Considering the large amount of money passing through the hands of our lodge officers, it is very necessary that the strictest security be given in the way of officers being under bond. The following is a list of lodges whose officers are not under bond: Brighton, Somerset, Manchester, Durham, Rose of Couchiching, Royal Oak, St. George, Derby, London, Stafford, Leicester, Canterbury, Excelsior, Chelsea, Lancaster, Victorias Jubilee, Nelson, Bowood, Portsmouth, Leeds, Trafalgar, Sussex (all but secretary), Surrey (only the treasurer), Wellington (only treasurer), Southampton (only treasurer). Notwithstanding that, \$24,429 have passed through the hands of our lodge officers. So little interest is taken in looking after the security of those funds, another important matter deservs ing the consideration of this Grand Lodge is the insuring of Lodge Regalia and other properties. The recent fire in Montreal, which took place in Excelsior Lodge room, and destroyed everything in connection with the lodge, shows the necessity of having our lodge property insured. We find by the printed circular that out of 55 lodges, only 21 are covered by insurance. When, by the payment of a small annual premium, many thousands of dollars would be secured.

LODGE FURNITURE.

The question of how much of the Lodge General Benefit Fund should be used for purchasing lodge furniture, is one which this Grand Lodge ought to deal with without delay, as the Grand Lodge is responsible for the fulfilment of the obligation set forth in the Constitution in case a lodge cannot meet those obligations. I think they have a right to say what proportion, if any, of the lodge funds shall be used for that purpose. As an example of the necessity for some action being taken, St. George's Lodge, who furnished, in a very handsome manner, their lodge room, using three or four hundred dollars belonging to the General Benefit Fund, the result is, the lodge has been carrying a very heavy liability, and after striving in vain to recover itself, finally loses the whole amount, leaving someone indebted to the General Benefit Fund three or four hundred dollars. I trust this Grand Lodge will express some decided opinion on this question.

PURCHASE OF LODGE SUPPLIES.

Referring to the Balance Sheet (marked Appendix A) the receipts for the past year show a very large increase over that of previous years; this is owing to the increasing tendency to purchase all lodge supplies through the Grand Lodge. This should be an imperative law, as by purchasing all necessary articles for a lodge through the Grand Lodge a great saving is effected. The expenditure shows increased amounts, but this is easily explained—over 10,000 Aims and Objects were printed and distributed.

BALANCE TO CREDIT OF GRAND LODGE.

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It is gratifying to learn that after the heavy expenditure we have a balance of \$363.34 in the hands of the Treasurer; to this is added cash balances due on the 1st of February, and value of saleable stock, making the total to credit of Grand Lodge of \$900.

BADGES ON HAND.

The principal articles among the saleable stock are, the Members' Badges, of which we have a good supply. A sample White Rose Badge has been procured for the inspection of this Grand Lodge.

OUTLAY FOR SUPPLIES.

Considerable outlay will be necessary at the close of this Grand Lodge for the usual supplies, which have nearly run out, amounting in the aggregate to at least \$300.

NEW CHARTERS.

In accordance with resolution of last Grand Lodge meeting (see printed proceedings, page 45), we have been able to procure but one sample copy of new charters; although we have been promised a sample copy from the Duncan Lithographic Co. of Hamilton. It would be advisable to appoint a select committee to decide upon the samples when sent into the Executive.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' ACT.

I desire to call the attention of this Grand Body to the proposed bill now before the Local Legislature, entitled, "An Act Respecting Friendly Societies," in which it is proposed to deal with the Beneficiaries of Benevolent Societies.

Though there are some good clauses in the bill, still the "Cloven Hoof is Visable," in that it is another attempt to bring Friendly and Benevolent Societies under the same legislation as Insurance Societies. I would respectfully suggest that a special committee be appointed to confer with representatives from the other Friendly and Benevolent Societies, with a view of modifying some of the clauses which would bear excessively hard on the Poor Man's Society.

SONS OF ENGLAND HALL COMPANY.

I also respectfully suggest to this Grand Lodge the advisability of taking some stock in the "Sons of England Hall Company," so that this society could claim a direct interest in the undertaking, which has proved, and is proving a first class investment. I desire to congratulate this Grand Lodge in being able to hold this most important of all Grand Lodges in their own building.

FUNERAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

The Funeral Benefit Department is a new feature in our Grand Lodge work. In taking over the Department (while it has largely increased the duties and responsibilities of your Grand Lodge Secretary), it has, however, been the means of giving to this Grand Body, the most accurate statistics regarding the causes and number of deaths during the year.

And while no single lodge has been financially distressed, several of them have been greatly relieved by the change. A careful analasys of the tables compiled from the Funeral Benefit Department will show that, in almost every case, the claims paid have been in excess of the dues paid in, and has been a saving to the small as well as the larger lodges.

DEATH RATE.

I am pleased to report that the number of deaths during the year are considerably below the average rate of mortality.

One important fact demonstrated by this change is the relief of all our lodges from the serious and sometimes heavy responsibilities of death risks which would otherwise have been felt by some of our lodges on account of the increase in our funeral benefits. The change was adopted more as an experiment, but has proved beyond a doubt a wise and judicious one; and I say further, that the more you can relieve the risks and financial obligations of individual lodges the safer will be your lodge funds. The experiment has shown us, however, that we have run this department on too small a margin. The first half of the year found us with a deficit of about \$30, and necessitated our using for a short time a portion of the Grand Lodge funds; and the fact that at the end of the first year, with only a small percentage of deaths, we have but a balance of \$32.30 will convince this Grand Lodge that it is absolutely necessary that the funeral levy be increased, and that the payments be made quarterly instead of half yearly, so that the treasury may be replenished more frequently and claims paid promptly.

REGISTRATION BOOKS.

To properly carry out the work of this department it was necessary to devise some system of registration, so that the Executive could have reliable information as to the validity of funeral clauses. After considerable thought, I suggested to the Executive a registration book for each lodge, arranged alphabetically, and that a careful revision of this should be made every quarter, with the necessary additions and suspensions.

INCOMPLETE RETURNS.

I am sorry to have to report that some lodge secretaries were very slow in sending in their returns, which at one time was likely to embarrass the Executive, as they had decided no claims could be paid unless the members had been duly registered in the Grand Lodge books. This difficulty will in the future be remedied, as the system of registration and the necessity of correct returns is being better understood by our lodge officers.

EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the working expenses of this department amount to about \$75, which has been paid for out of the Grand Lodge funds; and it is a question for this Grand Lodge to decide whether the expenses of this department should not be paid for out of its own funds.

If the expenses of this department had been paid for out of the Funeral Benefit Funds, there would have been a deficit of about \$50.

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In sibilithis eaths We have to be thankful, however, that the change, though only an experiment, has proved a change for the better.

DEATHS.

Out of the seventeen deaths only four belonged to the beneficiary. Some of our fallen brethren were well and favourably known to us. Bro. Kelly, of St. George's Lodge, was cut down on the very threshold of manhood; Bro. Mollington, of Albion Lodge, in the very pride and glory of his life; Bro. Jno. Coleman, after two years of distressing illness, and Bro. Pattie, of Essex Lodge, Oshawa, a true and devoted Son of England. These, with others, we laid quietly to rest.

PREPAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

I beg to refer to the delay caused in the payment of some death claims through lodges having paid the claims without referring the same to the Executive. It must be clearly understood that all claims must be sent to the Executive before such can be recognized.

APPENDIX F.

I respectfully refer you to the tables marked Appendix F, compiled from the books of the department, giving correct figures of the different assessments and registration fees, also claims of members, their wives and children, which are of great interest and should be read with care.

In conclusion, I desire to thank my Brother Grand Lodge officers for their kindness and generous assistance. To the officers and members of our Order, through its representatives at this council board, I desire to express my gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and good will so often extended to me. This noble Order is worthy of our very best efforts. There is nothing that patience cannot overcome, be it pain of body or of mind, and were everyone fully awakened to its utility the ills of life would sink into comparative nothingness. We have a grand future before us, and brothers from across the great Atlantic, hearing of the good we are doing for our common brotherhood, will join us, with Coleridge, in those beautiful lines:

O Albion,

My mother isle,
Thy valleys, fair as Eden's bowers,
Glitter green with sunny showers.
Thy grassy riplands, gentle swells,
Echo to the bleat of flocks;
Those grassy hills, those glittering dells,
Proudly ramparted with rocks:
And ocean, 'mid his uproar wild,
Speaks safety to his Island Child.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

On motion, the Report was received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Grand Treasurer then read is annual report.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, February 14th, 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society:

BRETHREN,—The time has once more arrived for me to submit for your approval my accounts for the past year. Our expenses being heavy in opening new lodges, etc., we do not show quite such a favourable balance as the year previous. The receipts during the past year amounted to \$3,236.12 which, with the balance of \$403.75, makes a total of \$3,639.87. The expenditure, of which you will see by my receipts, amount to \$3,276.10, leaving a balance of \$363.77. Hoping that next year we shall have a more favourable account to give, as the new lodges will add to our income.

Wishing every prosperity to the Order of which we belong, I remain, Brethren, Yours fraternally,

BENJAMIN HINCHCLIFFE, Grand Treasurer.

GRAND LODGE FUNERAL DEPARTMENT.

BRETHREN,—In bringing before you my first annual report of the funeral department you will, I think, see that the assessment of 50 cents is too small a sum to meet the calls, of which that will be left for you to decide.

The amount received is \$1,907.80 and the expenditure \$1,681.90 which, with cash in bank of \$207.90, leaves a balance in my hands of \$18, but we have calls now due which will considerably reduce that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN HINCHCLIFFE,

Grand Treasurer.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

BRETHREN,—I have great pleasure in bringing to your notice the improvement in the past year of the beneficiary department in having 188 approved applicants. Our receipts for the year amount to \$2,005.78 which, with cash in bank of \$672.10 and \$2 in my hands and \$37.50 bank interest, leaves a total of \$1,304.25, which leaves a balance in bank of \$1,413.13, which I have great pleasure in leaving to your submission.

BENJAMIN HINCHCLIFFE,

Grand Treasurer.

On motion the report was received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports,

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NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. Caddick, that he will move on the morrow, that the appointment of a Chaplain for the purpose of attending the Grand Lodge and officiating there be postponed.

By Bro. R. Croft. Hulme, that he will to-morrow ask what is the proper flag to be used by this Order.

Moved by Bro. Ald. Swait, seconded by Bro. J. W. Kempling, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn till 9.30 a.m. Wednesday morning, to enable the various committees to report in the morning.
—Carried.

The Grand President then declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till Wednesday morning, 9.30 a.m.

JOHN W. CARTER.

Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

TORONTO, February 15th, 1888.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M.W.G.P. at 9 a.m., prayer being offered by the Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of previous sitting were read and approved.

On the Roll Call several delegates were absent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First order of the day.—Nomination, and election of Grand Lodge officers.

Bros. Dr. John S. King, J. W. London and W. Miles were appointed scrutineers.

Nominations for M.W.G.P.—Dr. Pollard, Windsor; J. W. Philp, Sussex; T. R. Skippon, Middlesex; H. J. Boswell, Excelsior.

On the third ballot, Bro. Dr. S. B. Pollard was declared duly elected.

Nominations for R.W.G.V.P.—Thos. Elliott, Salisbury; John Nettleton, Canterbury; Dr. Girdwood, Primrose; P. R. Williams, Chester; T. H. Jones, Chester; J. R. Philp, Sussex; J. W. Kempling, Southampton; W. H. Wright, Durham; S. Hine, London; W. R. Stroud, Derby; W. Hover, Britannia; J. C. Swait, St. George. Dr. Girdwood and J. C. Swait retired.

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On the fourth ballot, Bro. J. W. Kempling was declared duly elected.

Nominations for R.W.G. Secretary.—John W. Carter, Albion Lodge, was re-elected by acclamation.

Nominations for R.W.G.Treasurer. -- B Hinchcliffe, Surrey Lodge, was re-elected by acclamation.

Bro. M. H. Spence was nominated and re-elected by acclamation for the office of District Deputy Grand President for South Africa, with power to appoint District Deputies.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the scrutineers, and briefly responded to.

The Committee on Credentials reported.—Bros. Dr. J. S. King, Albion Lodge; H. Boyce, Hampton Lodge and W. H. Shaw, Excelsion Lodge. The report was received.

The Committee on Audit and Finance presented the following report:---

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, February 14th, 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Members of this Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN, -We, your Auditors, have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

J. W. KEMPLING, WM. HANCOCK, H. WORMAN, P. R. WILLIAMS, WM. H. WRIGHT, J. W. LONDON, WM. HOLLAND,

Auditors.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Moved by Dr. J. S. King, seconded by R. Croft. Hulme, that the various matters on the Sessional Papers be referred to the proper committees.

Moved in amendment by J. C. Swait, seconded by E. Blundell, that the Grand Lodge take up Sessional Papers clause by clause. The amendment was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

By R. CADDICK, P.G.P.—That he would move, as soon as convenient after recess—

"That all Grand Lodge funds be invested in the name of the Grand Lodge Trustees."

By JOHN MELLON,-

"That this Grand Lodge instruct the Executive, that upon the receipt of matter to be put on the Sessional Papers all motions and amendments be arranged upon the Sessional Papers in the same order, and under the same headings, as they would appear in the Constitution and By-laws of the Order."

By E. J. Reynolds,—That he would propose three resolutions—

"Ist. In reference to the departure of the Governor-General."

"2nd. In reference to the Ladies' College at Ottawa."

"3rd. In reference to the 300th anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada."

By Ald. J. C. Swait,-

"That all matters that relate to the Beneficiary in future be referred to the Executive on Beneficiary, previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

By Bro. J. Heaman,

"That he would enquire why matters sent by Trafalgar Lodge had not been printed in the Sessional Papers."

Bro. Dr. John S. King moved that the time for receiving notices of motions be limited to the adjournment of Grand Lodge at 6 p.m.—Carried.

It being 12 o'clock, the Grand President declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The M.W.G.P. called the Grand Lodge to order at 2 p.m.

The Roll Call dispensed with. All officers present.

The Grand Secretary read the report of Beneficiary with Financial statement and statistics.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT. SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, Feb. 14th, 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society.

BRETHREN, -I have pleasure in submitting, for your consideration and approval, a report of the condition of the Beneficiary Department, with the accompanying balance sheet (marked Appendix C), showing the receipts and expenditure to Feb. 1st, 1888, also a tabulated form, compiled from the Beneficiary Register (marked Appendix D), showing the number issued under the different heads, the average assessment of each lodge, and the total assessment for the next claim.

We regret to have to announce the death of four members of this department since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, also two claims received since the compilation of the tables, making a total of six deaths up to the time of writing this report.

The total amount of assessment received for Beneficiary Calls was \$1,629.28 of which \$1,061 have been paid, and the balance due to St. George's and Oxford Lodge. The claim for the death of our late Bro. L. Samuel was paid out of reserve fund.

The balance sheet shows a credit to the Benefit Department, after deducting the claims that are due, of \$773.13.

The tables compiled with care from the Lodge Register shows an increase of 153 during the year.

The Beneficiary Board beg to refer to this Grand Lodge the following suggestions for consideration:

That the Beneficiary Board have power to appoint a medical examiner who shall be an executive member of the Board, whose duty it shall be to examine all applications for membership in the Beneficiary, and to receive for his services 25c. for each and every application received by him.

That Lodge Secretaries receive for each accepted application 25c., the same to be paid out of the application fees.

The number of applications for policies and approved are 153, making a total of 515 members; this is far below what it ought to be, I consider this is one of the most important questions to come up before this honourable body, and whatever legislation, I trust it will be for the advancement of this branch of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, seconded by Bro. Lomas, the report was received and handed to Committee on Beneficiary.

Bro. J. W. Higgingbotham presented the report (No. 1) of Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Feb. 15th, 1888.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the Officers' Reports, beg to submit the following:

M. W. GRAND PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

CLAUSE I.—We have, in the M. W. G. President's report, referred the question of claims (Clause I) to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, also Clause II referring to duties of executive officers, also Clause II as to degree changes; Clause III, referring to higher charges for charter to come on Finance; Clause IV, referring to payment of secretary for beneficiary work to come on Beneficiary.

CLAUSE II.—We are pleased to find in the M. W. G. President's report such evidence of prosperity, and rejoice with him in the growth of the Order both numerically and financially.

CLAUSE III.—We would suggest that instead of at once withdrawing Charter, etc., from Buckingham Lodge, Uxbridge, that the Grand Secretary or some member or members pay them a visit and discover if some means cannot be devised to resuscitate it, though now reported to be extinct.

CLAUSE IV.—We endorse the suggestion of the M. W. G. P. to the effect that delegates on their return to their respective lodges see that the officers' bonds are properly filled and that the funds are regularly invested in the names of the trustees.

CLAUSE V.—Your committee endorsed the action of the M. W. G. P. in appointing Bros. Swait and Ogden as Trustees of the Funeral Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE VI.—We would recommend the adoption of the suggestion that, owing to the ever increasing duties of our efficient W. G. Secretary, his salary be increased in proportion, and your committee have decided to recommend an increase of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

CLAUSE VII.—We recommend that the R. W. G. Treasurer receive a salary of fifty dollars per annum as a slight recognition of his services.

R. W. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

CLAUSE VIII.—Clause I of this report, referring to the payment of office rent, has been handed to Committee of Finance and Audit.

CLAUSE IX.—We recommend, as suggested, that (\$200) two hundred dollars worth of Shaftesbury Hall shares be purchased by the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE X.—We also recommend the purchase of a safe for the use of the Grand Secretary and other executive officers, not to exceed \$100.

CLAUSE XI.—We have considered the clause suggesting the adoption of the *Anglo-Saxon* as our official organ, but as we found there were other parties interesting themselves in the same direction we thought it best that all parties so interested should be heard by the Grand Lodge, and then a better opportunity would be given to decide upon what course to pursue, but your committee strongly recommend that some such organ be established with due precaution as to the protection of members who may become subscribers.

CLAUSE XII.—The Grand Treasurer's report has been referred to Committe on Audit and Finance.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

Bro. J. W. Kempling presented the report of Committee on Constitution and Laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, 15th Feb., 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Members of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee on Constitution and Laws beg to report the following:

They recommend that Nos. 1, 2, 3 be carried.

No. 4 carried with an amendment.

No. 4 A be carried.

No. 5 be carried with amendment.

No. 6 be referred to Beneficiary Department.

No. 7, 7 A, 7 B, 8, 9, 10 be carried.

No. 11 be referred to Beneficiary Department.

No. 12 be carried.

No. 13 be referred to Beneficiary Department.

No. 14, 15, 16 be struck out.

No. 17 be carried.

No. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 be struck out.

No. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 be referred to Beneficiary Department.

No. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 be struck out.

No. 51 be carried.

No. 52 referred to Beneficiary Department.

No. 53 to 61 inclusive be struck out,

No. 62 referred to Beneficiary Department.

No. 63, 64, 65, 66 be struck out.

R. CROFT HULME,

Chairman.

J. W. KEMPLING,

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On motion the Report was received and laid on the table.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Officers' Reports (No. 1). Bro. Dr. Girdwood in the chair.

The report was considered clause by clause and amended in Grand Lodge. The report as amended was adopted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The M.W.G.P., in answer as to what was the proper flag to be used, replied—the Union Jack.

Moved by Bro. Caddick—and carried—That three Grand Lodge Trustees be appointed for Grand Lodge funds.

Moved by Dr. Pollard—and carried—That Bros Dr. W. W. Ogden, Ald. J. C. Swait and R. Caddick, P.G.P., be appointed Grand Lodge Trustees.

Moved by Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, seconded by Bro. Holland, that the Executive be, and are hereby requested to report on the Official Organ at the Session on Thursday morning.

Moved by R. Caddick, P.G.P.—and carried—that the election of Grand Chaplain be postponed.

Moved by Dr. John S. King, seconded by Dr. S. B. Pollard that a deputation from this Grand Body seek an interview with the Inspector of Insurance, and the Honorable the Attorney-General, with the view of guarding the interest of this Society, in connection with the Friendly Societies' Act to be brought before the Ontario Legislature, and that the said committee be composed of the Grand President, Grand Secretary, Bros. R. Caddick, P.G.P.; R. Croft. Hulme, P.G.P.; J. W. Higginbotham, P.G.P.; A. J. Mills, P.G.P.; John Clayton, P.G.P.; Dr. Girdwood, Dr. King and Dr. Pollard.—Carried.

Moved and carried that the Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole on Sessional Papers, Past Grand President Higginbotham in the chair.

The Report was considered clause by clause till six o'clock, when the Committee rose, and asked leave to sit again. Bros. Dr. Pigeon and W. Brundette asked permission to return home. Leave granted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. HANNAFORD,—

"Why the notice of appeal from Hamilton was not received?"

By Bro. W. H. WRIGHT,-

"That the first order after recess on Friday shall be voting on the next place of meeting of Grand Lodge."

The following invitations were handed in:—St. Thomas, Otto 13, Kingston, Bowmanville, Brantford, London and Hamilton.

By Bro. J. W. London,-

"That two auditors be appointed, who shall audit the books of the Grand Lodge two weeks before the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

By Bro. Hover,---

"That this Grand Body appoint three Grand Lodge auditors, for the purpose of auditing the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, and that the same be audited one week before the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

By Bro. DREWITT,-

"That all Committees of the Grand Lodge be appointed to meet previous tothe Grand Lodge opening on the first day."

By Bro. WM. JONES,-

"That he will move to-morrow that this Grand Lodge investigate the matter between Bro. Martin, of Stafford Lodge, and Bro. Ingram, of St. George's, in regard to-Martin's funeral benefits for his wife."

Moved that all matters relating to the Beneficiary be referred to the Beneficiary Committee.—Carried.

A telegram, congratulating the Grand Lodge, was read by the Grand Secretary from Prince of Wales Lodge. Received with applause.

It being 6 o'clock the Grand President adjourned the Grand Lodge till 9.30 a.m. Thursday morning.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

TORONTO, February 16th, 1888.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M.W.G.P. at 9.30 a.m., prayer being offered by the Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain.

The Roll Call was dispensed with.

The minutes of previous sitting were read and confirmed.

Dr. S. B. Pollard presented the Report of the Beneficiary Committee.

REPORT OF BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, Feb. 16th, 1888.

That in Clause 26 (Sessional Papers) the word fifty be erazed and the word twenty-five be inserted in its place.

That Clause 28 be struck out.

" 29 " 30 " 31 " 32 " "

" 34 " " 35 "

" 52 be carried.

That " 62 be struck out.

Recommendation that Secretary receive sum of twenty-five cents for collecting each assessment, referred back to Executive.

That Recommendation of Beneficiary Board, that a general Medical Officer be appointed and that he receive twenty-five cents for each application examined be carried.

S. B. POLLARD, Chairman.
G. P. GIRDWOOD,
GEO. MATTHEWS,
CHAS. SQUIRE,
JOHN MILBURN,
ENOCH BLUNDALL,
J. RAYBOULD,
G. W. ANSELL,
WM. MITCHELL,
THOS. H. JONES,
HENRY WILLIAMS,
J. C. SWAIT,
BEN. PLOWMAN,
J. P. PHILP, Secretary.

On motion the Report was received and laid on the table.

Bro. T. Dench presented the Report on Correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SHAFTRSBURY HALL, TORONTO, Feb. 16th, 1888.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to report the following:

Clause No. 1.—What constitutes an Englishman? This Committee claims that Clause 4 in book of Constitution does not sufficiently cover the point, and would ask the Grand Lodge to make that clause more definite.—Carried.

Clause No. 2.—Should a member marry a Roman Catholic, what course should be pursued. This Committee recommends that the constitution be carried out. (See "Clause 4").—Carried.

Clause No. 3.—Secretary's department remuneration. This Committeee recommends that Rule 76 be revised by limiting Secretary's salary.

Clause No. 4.—Lodge Jubilee, of South Africa, asks for better class of certificates for members. This Committee would recommend no action.

This Committee would wish to express their pleasure at the interest and zeal Deputy Grand President Bro. Spence, of South Africa, as shewn by his correspondence.

This Committee would refer Bro. Spence's letter of Dec. 26th last to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.—Carried.

H. S. BOWYER, Chairman.
PETER HOLT,
HENRY B. SAVAGE,
W. WAGSTAFF,
THOS. H. DENCH, Secretary.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

Past Grand President Higginbotham presented Report No. 2 on Officers' Reports.

SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORT ON R. W. G. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

CLAUSE I.—Your Committee regret to learn of the discourteous conduct of Lodge Stafford towards our esteemed R. W. G. Secretary, and trust that all sub-lodges will pay to every member of the Executive the respect and honour due to them in their high official capacity.

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CLAUSE II.—We believe that the printing ordered by the Executive has been done cheaply and well, and to the entire satisfaction of this Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE III.—We approve of the selection of Regalias for the Grand Lodge officers, and think they are well becoming the officers for whom they are intended.

CLAUSE IV.- Your Committee congratulate the Grand Lodge on the success of their efforts in South Africa, and endorse the recommendation of the R. W. G. Secretary that Deputy Grand President Spence be allowed full control of all Grand Lodge funds in South Africa.

CLAUSE V.—The question of limiting the purchase of furniture we would ask to have referred to Committae on Constitution and Laws.

CLAUSE VI.—The matter of an official organ has already been placed before Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE VII.—We recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the R. W. G. Secretary for the very complete tabulated statistics furnished in his report.

CLAUSE VIII.—We agree with the R.W.G. Secretary that it is absolutely necessary that a more uniform method of book-keeping be arranged amongst sub-Lodges, and hope that his scheme for remedying the evil will be successful.

CLAUSE IX.—We recommend that it be imperative that all Lodge supplies be purchased through the R. W. G. Secretary.

CLAUSE X.—We regret to find continued neglect of many sub-Lodges in sending in timely returns and trust there will be no cause for complaint from this source in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,
JOHN AMOS,
THOS. ELLIOTT,
A. J. MILLS,
JAS. G. HILLMAN,
F. W. MORTEN,
JOHN ALDRIDGE,
W. R. STROUD.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

Past Grand President Hulme persented the Report of Committee on reply to the Address of Welcome.

REPLY FROM GRAND LODGE.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, Feb. 16th, 1888.

To the Chairman and Reception Committee of the Toronto Lodges:

We your Committee appointed to draft a reply to the address of welcome from the Toronto Lodges to the Grand Lodge, beg to report the following:

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Grand Lodge in session assembled have received with sincere gratification the very kind address of welcome you have been pleased to present to us. We accept your hearty words of welcome in the same hearty manner in which they have been offered. We, one and all, rejoice in having the pleasure of meeting in your "Queenly City" and in such comfortable quarters and pleasant surroundings as are found in "Shaftesbury Hall."

The members of our beloved Order in your favoured city have done noble work in advancing the interest of our cause in the Dominion. Your city has become famed the world over as a leader in the van of civilization and as an example for others in the cause of morality, and your heartiest of hearty receptions tendered to this Grand Lodge has endeared us still more to you all, and we hope to see you still continue to flourish as the great centre of work on behalf of Englishmen in Canada.

With best wishes for your growth and success, and again thanking you for your multiplied kindness,

We are, on behalf of the Grand Lodge,

THOS. R. SKIPPON,

Grand President.

JOHN. W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of Bro. Hulme the Report was received and adopted.

Past Grand President Clayton, having obtained permission to address the Grand Lodge, strongly advocated the instituting of Lodges in England. He had written to the Grand Secretary on the matter, but had received no encouragement.

The Grand Secretary replied that several members of the Grand Lodge who had visited England had reported adversly to the opening of such lodges.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from Mr. Hunter, Inspector of Insurance, arranging a meeting wit! *he Hon. O. Mowat, re the Friendly Society's Act.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committe of the Whole on Sessional Papers, Past Grand President Higginbotham in the chair.

After considering several clauses the Committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

It was moved and carried that the first order after recess be the selection of the next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

It being 12 o'clock, the Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President called the Grand Lodge to order at 2 p.m.

Roll call dispensed with.

1st order. The next meeting place of the Grand Lodge.

The following places were proposed with the following result:—

Ottawa, 37; Port Hope, 7; London, 5; Bowmanville, 3; Kingston, 1; Brantford, 1; St. Thomas, 1; Hamilton, 1.

The Grand President declared Ottawa to be next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on Sessional Papers, Bro. Higginbotham in the chair.

After considering all the clauses the Committee rose and reported.

In Grand Lodge, Bro. Hulme moved, Dr. Pollard seconded, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. J. B. Vick, that in the event of an act passing governing Beneficiary Institutions, that the Executive and Beneficiary Board do the best they can for the interest of the members.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Girdwood, seconded by Dr. John S. King, that the committee appointed to interview the Attorney-General, be empowered to consider the whole matter of Beneficiary, and the advisability of making a monthly assessment to raise a reserve fund out of which to pay the full amount of Insurance, and that they be empowered to consult a professional actuary as to the amount it is necessary to assess each member, on the basis that the members be between 18 and 45 years of age, and to what extent it may be necessary to have compulsory membership, and report to the Executive and Beneficiary Board. Carried.

Bro. Dr. John S. King, tendered his resignation on the Committee. On motion it was accepted.

Moved by Past Grand President R. C. Hulme, seconded by Bro. Williams, that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge no further altera-

tions or amendments to the constitution should be made till the year 1891. The motion was lost.

Moved by Dr. Pollard, seconded by Bro. J. W. Kempling, that the Grand Secretary send two copies of quarterly return forms to subordinate lodge secretaries. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Pollard, seconded by Bro. J. W. London, that an evening session be held to meet at 8 o'clock. Carried.

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Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. Melon, that all matters that relate to Beneficiary in future be referred to the Executive on Beneficiary previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Moved by Past Grand President Higginbotham, that the usual amount be voted for a Past Grand President's Jewel to Bro. T. R. Skippon. Carried.

Moved and carried, that Bro. Dr. Girdwood be added to the deputation to wait on the Attorney-General and Inspector of Insurance.

It being six o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned till 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, February 16th, 1888.

The Grand President called the Grand Lodge to order at 8 p.m. Roll call dispensed with.

Past Grand President Bro. Hulme gave a report of the visit of the deputation to the Attorney-General. The deputation was courteously received and a desire expressed that the Society would thoroughly consider the provisions of the Act, and send in writing their opinions and ideas respecting the whole matter. The report was received.

On motion of Past Grand President Higginbotham, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on correspondence, Dr. Pollard in the chair.

The report was considered clause by clause and recommended to Grand Lodge.

In Grand Lodge the report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the whole on Officers' Reports, Bro. Dr. Girdwood in the chair.

In Committee the Report was considered clause by clause and carried. The Committee rose and reported.

In Grand Lodge the report as recommended by the Committee was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Committee on Beneficiary, Past Grand President, C. Hulme, in the chair.

The Report was considered clause by clause, when the Committee rose and reported.

In Grand Lodge the report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Dr. Pollard, that the following form the Beneficiary Board:—Bros. T. R. Skippon, P. G. P.; Dr. Nattras, A. Partridge, J. C. Swait, H. J. Boswell, — Portch, A. Riddiford, B. Lowen, Jas. Ingram, W. Toms, N. Beach, C. Hewit and Jno. Amos. Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. J. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. R. W. Stroud, that a farewell address be presented to the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-General of Canada, on the occasion of his departure from Canada to assume the Vice-Royalty of India, and that any lodge desiring to do so be allowed to send one delegate to attend the presentation, due notice of which shall be given by the Grand Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, Seconded by Dr. Pollard, that the Assistant Secretary receive \$2 per day for his services. Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. W. London, seconded by Bro. J. C. Swait, that two auditors be appointed, who shall audit the books of this Grand Lodge not later than five days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Carried.

On motion Bros. Purkis and T. R. Skippon was appointed Grand Lodge auditors.

On motion the matter of new charters was left to the Executive.

The M.W.G.P. stated the Union Jack was the flag used by the Order.

It being 11 o'clock the Grand President declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till Friday morning at 9.30 a.m.

JOHN W. CARTER.

Grand Secretary.

FRIDAY MORNING.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1888.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. G. P. at 9.30 a.m., prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. Hobson, D.G.C.

Minutes of previous sitting were read and approved.

Dr. Pollard stated he noticed a brother had been elected a Grand Lodge Auditor who was not a member of this Grand Lodge to fill that office; he thought there were numbers of qualified members of the Grand Lodge to fill that office without going outside for an auditor. He moved to substitute the name of Bro. Miles for that of Bro. Purkis.

The Grand President ruled the motion out of order.

On motion the Roll of Delegates was called and the following reported absent:—

Bros. H. Boyes, Hampton; W. H. Shaw, Excelsior; J. H. Carter, Chelsea; A. Hannaford and Wm. Hover, Britannia; S. Hine, London, W. Hancott and H. Mason, Acorn; R. Croft. Hulme and J. W. London, Oxford; W. Bell and E. Blundell, Middlesex; W. Freeman and F. J. Druitt, Portsmouth; B. Plowman and F. Ineson, Leeds; J. R. Philp, Sussex; H. B. Savage and John Green, Leicester; J. W. Brown and W. Wagstaff, Newcastle; J. Nettleton and E. S. Brown, Canterbury; E. Higginbotham, Wellington; A. J. Mills and Clay, Cambridge; W. Lash, Kent.

The following were absent with consent of the Grand Lodge:-

R. Caddick, Kent; J. Mellon, York; H. Amos, Warwick; J. Hillman and H. S. Bower, Lancaster; G. Matthews, Rose of Couchiching; J. Raybold, Worcester; H. T. Smith, British Lion; H. Williams, Victoria; T. Elliott, Salisbury; Dr. Pigeon and Brundrette, Lansdowne; and Dr. Reeve, Nelson.

Moved by Bro. Boswell, seconded by Past Grand President Higgin-botham, that the sympathy of the Grand Lodge is herewith extended to Old England Lodge, No. 9, of Port Perry, and that the Executive of the Grand Lodge be empowered to advance any amount required to relieve them till the affairs of the Central Bank were settled. Carried.

Moved by Bro. R. W. Stroud, that all committees of Grand Lodge be appointed to meet previous to Grand Lodge opening on the first day. The motion was lost.

The committee on Audit and Finance presented Report No. 2.

Clause 3 of Grand President's Report, that the Charter fees be raised to \$10; the amount to be given to any member or person who sends in a list of charter members, and are accepted by the Executive; the same to be considered a remuneration for services in connection therewith. Your Committee recommend the same for adoption.

After discussion the motion to adopt the report was put and lost.

The Grand Secretary, in answer to the question raised by Bro. Jones, of London Lodge (re Bro. Martin and Stafford Lodge), stated that the matter had been settled at a previous Grand Lodge meeting. The matter then dropped.

Moved in amendment to clause 38, that the annual report of the Grand Secretary be printed and furnished to the delegates of Grand Lodge on the morning of the first day of meeting of Grand Lodge. On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Moved by Bro. Jas. Lomas, that this having been a year of unprecendented success financially and numerically of our beloved Order, that an engrossed address be drafted and presented to the four Executive Officers of this Grand Lodge, namely, Bros. Skippon, Boswell, B. Hincliffe and John W. Carter, and that a committee for that purpose be appointed.

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Moved in amendment by Bro. J. C. Swait, that an address be presented to Bro. Boswell, retiring P.G.V.P.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, that an address bepresented to Bros. Skippon and Boswell.

On being put to the vote the original vote was declared carried.

The following was elected a committee to carry out the purposes of the above resolution: Bros. R. Caddick, J. C. Swait, A. Riddiford and Jas Lomas.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. E. J. Reynolds, that this Grand Lodge have power to grant charters for opening lodges in Great Britain.

Moved by the Grand Secretary, seconded by Past Grand President Higginbotham, that Bro. Dr. Girdwood be empowered to open new lodges in Great Britain. Carried.

Bro. Jas. Lomas suggested that the services of the retiring officers should be given to the Executive, as their experience and advice might be of benefit to the Order at large.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. A. Riddiford, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge is due, and are hereby tendered, to the the Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain, for his services during the sessions of the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Bro. Hobson replied in an earnest and spirited address.

Moved by Bro. Higginbotham, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Reception Committee for the use of lodge rooms:

At the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, Dr. Pollard moved and Bro. Lomas seconded, that \$5 be granted to the caretaker for extra services. Carried.

Bro. Miles gave notice that he would put on next Sessional Papers that one delegate be sent to the Grand Lodge in place of two.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, seconded by Bro. A. Riddiford, that 2,500 copies of the annual reports be printed for circulation. Carried.

The Grand Secretary in answer to an enquiry re "official organ," said that the executive were not in a position to make any statement at present.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Past Grand President Higginbotham, by request of the Grand President, then proceeded to install the officers elect for the year 1888-9. The following officers were then duly installed:—

T. R. Skippon, Past Grand President.

Dr. S. C. Pollard, Most Worthy Grand President.

J. W. Kempling, Right Worthy Grand Vice-President.

Benj. Hinchcliffe, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

John W. Carter, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

The newly installed officers on taking their seats acknowledged the honour in short appropriate speeches.

Bro. Miles moved and Bro. Lomas seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was tendered by the M. W. G. P. and duly acknowledged by Bros. Skippon and Boswell.

The minutes of the closing sitting being read it was moved and carried that they be adopted.

There being no further business the Grand President closed in due form the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society at 1 p.m.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

JOHN W. CARTER,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

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ADDRESS

To the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, P.C., M.P. (of Birmingham, England), Ottawa, Canada.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR:-

We, whose names are hereto attached, humble as individuals yet of some importance as officials of the powerful society known as the "Sons of England," bid you welcome to Canada.

It is but fitting that the first public body to approach you, Sir, an Englishman distinguished in public life, should be the representatives of an exclusively English association, now embracing some five thousand men in Canada, and increasing very rapidly in numbers and influence for good.

The Sons of England has three main objects for its organization, viz:—The preserving the integrity of the British Empire, mutual benefit and support in our ordinary affairs of life as Canadian citizens, and the formation of a benefit fund easily available for the family breadwinner, when stricken down by sickness.

In your native city of Birmingham, which you ably represent in the Imperial House of Commons, you are doubtless connected with many charitable societies and associations; for this we esteem you. Public report also assures us that you are a typical Englishman, ever ready to give a helping hand to friend or foe, when claiming your assistance. But it is chiefly on account of your being what is called a "Unionist" member of the British Parliament that we desire to do you honour on this occasion, because, as one of the principles of the Sons of England is to preserve inviolate the British Constitution and the British Empire, we regard with sympathy and reverence one who has done so much good work in preventing the dismemberment of that Empire, of which we are all citizens. Our mission in Canada is to oppose anarchy and disloyalty to the constitution of our country, to cause the name of England to be had in honour through the virtuous actions of her sons, and so effectually to remove all causes of irritation between the two countries of Canada and the United States as to lead ere long to a confederation of the English speaking peoples of the world, to bind Canada more closely to the Mother Country and our American citizens, and to make Canada great by making its people one in allegiance, language and laws. We trust that your sojourn in Canada may be an agreeable and profitable one. And, although we are sorry to learn that it will be necessarilly short, yet we trust that you will see enough of the spirit of loyalty, of which we are exponents but not the sole possessors, to encourage you to persevere in the policy of anti-separation, the unflinching carrying out of which policy has caused you to be signally honoured by your appointment as Fishery Commissioner by Her Majesty's Government, and which important Imperial commission and delicate political mission has given us the pleasing opportunity which we have now taken advantage of.

We have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your most respectful and obedient kinsmen,

(The representatives of DERBY, BOWOOD, STANLEY AND RUSSELL LODGES, S.O.E., in Ottawa, Ont.)

R. J. WICKSTEED, LL.D., Chairman of the Committee.

OTTAWA, December 26th, 1887.

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ALBION LODGE, NO. 1.

BRO. WILLIAM CURFOOT MOLLINGTON.

Born in England. Died, May 10th, 1887.

MIDDLESEX LODGE, NO. 2.

BRO. W. HEADLEY VICKORS AYLESWORTH.

Born near Columbus, Canada.

Died, July 3rd, 1887.

BRO. WILLIAM GEORGE HAYWOOD.

Born in Gloucestershire, England. Died July 12th, 1887.

ESSEX LODGE, NO. 4.

BRO. FREDERICK A. PATTE.

Born in London, England.

Died November 23rd, 1887. Apoplexy.

SUSSEX LODGE, NO. 5.

BRO. JAMES HERBERT BOREHAM,

Born in England.

Died August 16th, 1887. Valrular trouble of the heart.

BRO. ELI FRENCH.

Born in Oxfordshire, England.

Died September 7th, 1887. Disease of the heart.

YORK LODGE, NO. 6.

BRO. FREDERICK LUND.

Born in England.

Died April 23rd, 1887.

BRIGHTON LODGE, NO. 7.

BRO. JOHN G. COLEMAN,

Born in the Province of Quebec.

Died September 6th, 1887. Paralysis.

WARWICK LODGE, NO. 13.

BRO. J. W. EDGINGTON.

Born in Coventry, England. Died October 24th, 1887.

OXFORD LODGE, NO. 17.

BRO. JOHN BISCOMBE.

Born in England. Died September 18th, 1887.

BRO. WILLIAM HALE,

Born in St. Albans, England.

Died November 23rd, 1887. Inflammation of lungs.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE NO. 27.

BRO. LEWIS SAMUEL.

Born in England. Died May 10th, 1887.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, NO. 27.

BRO. GEORGE JOHN NURSE.

Born in London, England. Died December 4th, 1887.

DERBY LODGE, NO. 30.

ALFRED WALTER TROWBRIDGE,

Born in London, England.

Aged 30.

Died June, 1887. Cancer of the liver.

LONDON LODGE, NO. 31.

BRO. JAMES THOMAS SPELLER.

Born in England.

Died May 5th, 1887. Congestion of the lungs.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, NO. 36.

BRO. J. D. PULLEN.

Born in London, England.

Died September 22nd, 1887.

CHELSEA LODGE, NO. 37.

BRO. WILLIAM GRINDLEY.

Born in England.

Died November 6th, 1887.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

INSTITUTED.	Dec. 12, 1874.	Sept. 21, 1876.	March 16, 1877.	Oct. 12, 1876.	Sept. 12, 1877.	. March 18, 1878.	March 12, 1879.	. April 8, 1878.	. Sept. 10, 1878.	. Dec. 19, 1878.	. May 19, 1879.	. March 23, 1880.	Sept. 27, 1880.	March 9, 1881.	May 2, 1881.	Aug. 17. 1881.	Dec. 19, 1881.	Jan. 19, 1882.	Feb. 24, 1882.	
Address.	27 Sword street	516 Queen street, w	. 16 Carlton avenue	Oshawa	Whitby, box 15	210 Lippincott street	70 Sussex avenue	57 Oak avenue	Port Perry	28 Gordon street	415 Manning avenue	Cornwall	671 Yonge street.	233 Sackville street	Box 375, Port Hope,	Uitenhage, South Africa	. Belleville	Box 433, St. Thomas	Bowmanville	
NAME OF SECRETARY.	Chas. E. Smith 27 Sword street	E. C. Walker	:	T. Martin	I. R. Philp		W. Pugh	I. Fisher	Wm Edmett	Hv. Worman	T Cannon, ir	F. Nelson	A Riddiford	W. Toms.	I. H. Rosevear			R P Williams	M A Lomas	IM. A. James
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	1	Vesbril	Ist and 3rd Wednesdays B	Baker Block	J. W. Lee	Toron M Joseph	March 15, 1883.	
Westminster	22	Lindsay		Sons of England Hall	J. M. Cope	Box 303, Woodstock		
Bedford	21	Woodstock			I. W. Selby	Port Elizabeth, South Africa Dec. 2, 1883.	Dec. 2, 1883.	9
Victoria, Pt. Eliz		South Africa	22 South Africa 1st and 3rd Wednesdays		Thos. Swain	Orillia	July 9, 1883.	
Rose of Cou'ching.		Orillia,	weeks.		E. W. Elcombe	E. W. Elcombe Peterboro', Box 277	Aug. 6, 1883.	-
Lansdowne	_	Peterboro'	: ,		Chas, Squire	Galt, Ont., Rich avenue	Oct. 31, 1883.	-
Royal Oak		26 Galt	roi	from Foresters trail	C. E. Swait	221 Gerrard street E	Nov. 12, 1883.	
St. George	. 27	Toronto	1st and 3rd Mondays		Geo, May	Al'endale	April 23, 1884.	a.acaprerie
Southampton	. 28	Barrie			Hedly Mason.	13 St. James' street, n	June 2, 1884.	-
Acorn	. 29	Hamilton	:	St. Georges Iran	Edwin Aust	Mount Sherwood	July 15, 1884.	
Derby	. 30	3c Ottawa	4th Tuesdays	Cameron man	I. W. Haynes	22 Broadview avenue	Jan. 15, 1885.	
London		31 Toronto and and	4th Tuesdays	Masoliic IIali	G. W. Ansell	. 18 Trafalgar avenue	. Jan. 29, 1885.	
Stafford		32 Toronto	Toronto Alternate Mondays, from January 2nd, 1888.	trom Coperation Mail	Wm. L. Allinson Albert street	Albert street	Jan., 1885.	
Leicester		33 Kingston	and 4th Tuesdays	Solls of England	V. M. Durnford.	Collingwood	April 22, 1885.	
Canterbury		34 Collingwood 2nd and	2nd and 4th Fridays	Union fram.	Wm, Huxley	g Chestnut street	May 8, 1885.	
Windsor	:	35 Toronto 2nd and	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	dina.	:	roz Felix street	Nov. 2, \$885.	
Excelsior	:	36 Montreal	36 Montreal 3rd Wednesdays	249 St. Janues St.	Thos. Spettigue.	235 Hill street	March 26, 1886.	
Chelsea	:	37 London	27 London 2nd Fridays, from January 13th, 1888.	January Foresters frum	E. C. Roper	Bracebridge,	May 27. 1886.	
Lancester	-:	38 Bracebridge.	ıst and 3rd Tuesdays	reet	Hall, G. Mayhew	it., St.	Henri, Nov. 4, 1889 0	0
Yorkshire	:	39 Montreal		real.		Montreal	Nov. 18, 1886.	
Buckingham	-	40 Uxbridge		Vicassia Club House J. A. Edwards 4 College street.	J. A. Edwards	A College street	Jan. 15, 1887.	
Victoria's Jubile	:	41 Montreal	Victoria's Jubilee 41 Montreal Alternate Fridays					

| Alternate Thursdays | A. O. F. Hall | S. F. Passmore | Box 556, Brantfold | April 14, 1887.

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Salisbury 42	2	42 Brantford Alternate	Thursdays	A C Horton	:	June 2, 1887.
Nelson 43	3	43 Almonte Alternate	Fridays	R I Tanner	reet, Ottawa	June 3, 1887.
Bowood	44	Ottawa	d Thursdays	:	street	June 8, 1887.
Portsmouth 4	45]	Dovercourt Alternate	Tuesdays		Newcastle	June 17, 1887.
Newcastle 4	46	Newcastle		Chandler's Hall William Cowley	West Toronto Junction P.O July 7, 1887.	July 7, 1887.
Worcester 4	14	W.Trn'to Junc	75		Weston	Aug. 4, 1887.
Leeds 4	8	Weston	:	a	418 Richmond street	Sept. 2, 1887.
Primrose 4	64	Montreal 2nd and	4th Mondays	Masonic Hall,		`
Jubilee, 5	2c	South Africa		S T Cook	40 Teresa street	Aug. 23, 1887.
Trafalgar	51	51 London, South 2nd and	4th Mondays	Treblicock's Halling II. B. Prouse.	Windsor, Ont	Oct. 10, 1887.
Prince of Wales	52	Windsor	Wednesdays, nuary 4th, 1888.	from Knights of Pythias Hall O. N. Trouser	. 570 King street	Nov. 24, 1887.
British Lion	53	53 London 2nd and	: ,		Coleman P.O	Dec. 20, 1887.
Cambridge	54	54 Little York Alternate Ma	Fridays, from	trom Little Yolk	. 706 Cooper street	Dec. 22, 1887.
Stanley	55	55 Ottawa 2nd and	4th Thursdays	Victoria fran, Chauchers	. 217 Stewart street, Ottawa	Dec. 23, 1887.
Russell	99	Ottawa	3rd Mondays	S. of E. Hall.	. 64 Gladstone avenue	Jan. 4, 1888.
Norfolk	57	57 Toronto and and	4th Fridays	nd Hall	Orillia	Jan. 24, 1888
Hampton	58	58 Orillia	rst and 2nd Wednesdays			1887.
Salisbury	59	59 South Africa				1887.
East London		60 South Africa	:	S. C. Land Hall B. L. Micheal.	Aylmer	Feb. 21, 1888.
Prince Albert	19	61 Aylmer 1st and		Панг	Box 688, St. Thomas	March 27, 1888.
Truro		62 St. Thomas 1st and		-	Sox 87, Exeter	March 28, 1888.
Plymouth		63 Exeter 1st and			Peterboro'	. March 27, 1888.
Peterborough	64	64 Peterborough 1st and	:		6 Wyatt Avenue.	April 11, 1888.
Richmond	65	Toronto	65 Toronto 2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Shaftesbury nam.		

APPENDIX A.—BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1ST, 1888.

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A CLAMA CARREST	EXPENDITORE: Expenses of G. L. Meeting at Barrie, 1887. Printing. Regalia. Members' Badges.	Miscellaneous Accounts— By Lodge Jewels. By Lodge Jewels. Books. Books. Books. Ballots. Ballots. Anger Sals 15 18 00 18 00 18 00 18 00 18 00 18 00	400 18 18 10 10 14	asurer, Feb. 1st, 1888.		By goods	\$259 to JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary,
	RECEIPTS. Receipt 1887\$ 403 75 To Balance of cash in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1887\$ 1,202 60 Capitation Tax for the year 1887	utions 44 85 fption Books 61 25 forms in pads 64 61 25 80 40 al and other Books 737 50 34 75 11 Badges 530 20 8 Regalia 11 00 ers' Certificates 640 00	158 158 158 16 16	Clearance Forms. Clearance Forms. Officers' Bonds. Sundry sales. Lodge Charters.	\$3,639 87 FINANCIAL STANDING OF GRAND LODGE	ASSETS. Sh Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 18 Sundry amounts due by Lodges, Feb. 18 Sundry amounts can be Stock	Value of Lodge Supplies

Grand Secretary's Office, Feb. 1st, 1888.

Grand Secretary's Office, Feb. 1st, 1000.

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APPENDIN B.	Benefit Department, showing Amounts Paid for Assessments and Registration Fees, 1	Balance Sheet of Functui Benefit Logical to December 31, 1887.

By Members' Death Claims	By Death Claim St. George Lodge	\$226 30	JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary.
Feb. I.—To Cash received from assess-ments	ASSETS. To Cash in hands of Treasurer\$226 30	\$226 30	Grand Secretary's Office, Februa y 1st, 1888.

APPENDIX C-BALANCE SHEET OF BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

For the year ending February 1st, 1888.

37 50 " Balance carried down	
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LIABILITIES.	By Estimated Claims	\$1,413 13	TOHN W CARTER.
	1888. Feb. 1.—To Balance in Bank		\$1,413 13

Audited this day and found correct, Grand Secretary's Office, February 10, 1888.

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JOHN W. CARTER,

LIABILITIES.

S. B. POLLARD, M.D., Auditors. JAMES BANKS,

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APPENDIX D.—BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

TABLES COMPILED FROM THE GRAND LODGE REGISTER

Showing the number of Policies issued under the various scales of Assessments.

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LODGE.	No. of \$1000 Policies.	No. of \$500 Policies.	Age 30.	Age 30 to 35.	Age 35 to 40.	Age 40 to 45.	Age 45 to 50.	Age 50 to 55.	Age 55 to 60.	Age over 60.	No. in each Lodge.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average Assessment per Lodge.	Total Assessment for each Lodge.
Albion Middlesex Kent Essex Sussex. York Brighton. Britannia Old England. Somerset Surrey. Warwick, Manchester Durham Oxford. Chester Wellington. Westminster Rose of Couchiching Lansdowne St. George. Southampton. Acorn. Derby. London. Stafford. Canterbury. Windsor. Excelsior. Victoria's Jubilee. Salisbury. Nelson Portsmouth Worcester Leeds.	42 82 36 14 20 4 9 12 7 1 1 12 8 7 7 1 4 4 3 9 9 1 1 1 1 2 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 2 2 2 1 I I 3	12 14 7 3 3 3 1 4 2 2 9 1 1 1 3 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8 11 5 3 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	4 14 11 1 1 3 2 3 4 4 1 3 9 3 2 2 3 1 1 1 2 2 3 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3	3	3	i	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	. 16 . 5 . 5 . 9 . 2 . 14 I 27	18 10 4 6 1 2 2 1 1 1 5 6 6 3 2 2 1 4 7 3	144	75 85 64 63 77 73 92 72 60 60 60 90 66 75 97 79 77 68	
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APPENDIX E.

Showing the Numerical and Financial Standing of each Lodge, with Funeral and Sick Benefits, for the year ending December 31, 1887.

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