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OF THE

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

AT ITS

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD IN THE

Hall of Frontier Lodge, No. 45, Windsor, Ont.

ON THE 7th, 8th, and 9th DAYS OF AUGUST, 1872

COMMENCING AT 9 O'CLOCK, A.M.

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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

HELD IN THE

HALL OF FRONTIER LODGE No. 45,

WINDSOR, ONT.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

Frontier Lodge No. 45, having assembled in special session in their Hall for the purpose of receiving the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario. The M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives having been duly announced, were admitted and presented to the N. G., Bro. J. H. Johnson, who welcomed the Grand Lodge to Windsor, and proffered the use of the Hall and ante rooms for the purposes of the present session.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Gibson, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, replied to the address and accepted the kind offer made.

The subordinate Lodge then closed.

The M. W. Grand Master took the chair and called the Grand Lodge to order, whereupon the roll was called and the following officers were present :

JOHN GIBSON	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN MURRAY.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
JOHN HUNTER	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT.....	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JAMES WOODYATT	R. W. GRAND REP. TO G.L.U.S.
JAS. F. McDONALD.....	R. W. GRAND MARSHALL.
JOHN SHNEIDER	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
G. W. PONTINE	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
C. S. MALE.....	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Conductor and Grand Marshall examined all present, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver, and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks for that kind care that has watched over us during the past year, and permitted us again to assemble in Thy name for the transaction of business. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favour upon our beloved Order, and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and the orphan; and aid all who are in distress as Thou seest they deserve. Be with us at this time; direct and guide us in our deliberations, and grant that the spirit of peace, harmony and love may prevail among us at all times; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever.—Amen.

The Grand Marshall, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion, Rep. Thomas Woodyatt was appointed assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

The chair then announced the following Committee on Credentials:

J. B. King, Grand Secretary; Rep. H. E. Buttery, of Forest City Lodge No. 38, and Rep. G. W. Hare, of the Erie Lodge No. 38.

J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario,

BROTHERS,—We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, and the certificates presented, and find the following Brothers duly elected, and credentials in due form. We recommend that they be admitted to this Grand Lodge as the representatives of their several Lodges, as follows :

JAMES CURLE,	}	Brock Lodge, No. 9
CHAS. J. DEWEY,		
TIMOTHY HEALY,	}	Union Lodge, " 16
W. A. RAWLINGS,		
GEO. E. PATTERSON,		
JNO. G. SISTERSON,		
ISAAC SMITH,	}	Chatham Lodge, " 29
JNO. SCHNEIDER,		
J. P. YOUNG,		
OTIS B. HULIN,	}	Eureka Lodge, " 30
JNO. FERGUSON,		
JAMES HERON,		
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,		
GEO. POWELL, Sr.		
WM. WYATT,		
G. W. HARE,	}	Erie Lodge, " 33
G. PONTINE,		
ALFRED COX,	}	Gore Lodge, " 34
N. T. PEATMAN,		
THOS. WOODYATT,		
HUGH KERR,	}	Samaritan Lodge, No. 35
HENRY HEARN,		
WM. SPRINGER, M.D.,		
ROBT. BARBOUR,	}	St. Mary's Lodge, " 36
CHAS. VONGUNTEN,		
JOHN W. FLETCHER,	}	Forest City Lodge, " 38
H. E. BUTTERY,		
E. BELTZ,		
R. J. C. DAWSON,		
M. D. DAWSON,		
CHAS. LEE,	}	Avon Lodge, " 41
JNO. ROSS,		
HENRY GIBSON,		
WM. LEWIS,	}	Excelsior Lodge, " 44
ROBT. GRIFITHS,		
JNO. RICHMOND,		

ROBT. LAMBERT, } THOS. REID, } JOHN HURST, }	Frontier Lodge	No. 45
T. A. TARRANT, } GEO. MIDGELY, } JNO. H. GLASS, }	Unity Lodge,	" 47
J. W. JONES, } W. F. HOWELL, }	Dominion Lodge	" 48
M. BLUME, } GEO. WRIGHT, M.D. } J. G. COLEMAN, } WM. MENZIES, }	Canada Lodge,	" 49
S. B. W. CARPENTER, } THOS. LEADSTONE, }	Otter Lodge,	" 50
JAMES KERR, } H. W. MURDOCK } J. T. HORNIBROOK, }	Bissell Lodge,	" 51
H. BLAIN, } J. J. RAMSAY, }	Covenant Lodge	" 52
JOHN BOWEN, } P. G. BENDER, }	Niagara Falls,	" 53
JAMES HENRY, } HENRY ROBERTSON, }	Collingwood Lodge,	" 54
A. G. McDOUGAL, } J. P. KENDALL, }	Fidelity Lodge,	" 55
GEO. WILLIAMS, } C. W. WILMOT, } J. R. DUNN, }	Queen City of Ont.	" 56
WM. CHALMERS, } HUGH McCALL, }	Howard Lodge,	" 58
S. OBERNDOFFER, } F. FOWLER, M.D., }	Kingston Lodge,	" 59
WM. MURPHY, } JAMES McFEDRIES, }	Wardsville Lodge,	" 60
THOS. RENWICK, } A. V. PALMER, }	Corinthian Lodge,	" 61
J. B. LAING, } ALFRED SUHLER, }	Huron Lodge,	" 62
C. BARR, } CHAS. F. PASHLEY, }	Barrie Lodge,	" 63
	Victoria Lodge,	" 64
	Friendship Lodge,	" 65
	Hope Lodge,	" 69
	Lucan Lodge,	" 70

45	M. E. SNIDER, JNO. RITCHIE, Jr., } WM. RODGERS, R. WARRINER,	The Toronto, No. 71 Fergus Lodge, " 73 Warriner Lodge, " 75
47	J. C. LINDOP, } J. M. GREEN, } J. F. MOREY, } H. LITTLE, }	St. Thomas Lodge, " 76 Oxford Lodge " 77 Durham Lodge, " 78 Nipissing Lodge, " 79
48	J. B. TRAYES, GEO. WHEELER, JAMES REYNOLDS, } WM. MOWATT, }	Amity Lodge, " 80 Belleville Lodge " 81 Beaver Lodge, " 82 Clinton Lodge, " 83 Walkerton Lodge, " 84 Constellation " 85 Napanee, " 86 Empire Lodge, " 87 Olive Branch, " 88 Reliance Lodge, " 89 Ivy Lodge, " 90 Grand River, " 91 Milton Lodge, " 92 Western City, " 93 Aylmer, " 94
49	J. L. DAVIS, JAS. McNUTT, WM. FOSTER, E. STONEY, JNO. O. CAMPBELL, W. F. SANFORD, HARPER WILSON, Cl. T. CAMPBELL, M.D., GEO. W. JESSOP, J. J. DYAS, P. B. HATCH, WM. MARA, JNO. OSWOLD, C. H. HANKINSON,	
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We find by the report of The Toronto Lodge No. 71, that J. H. Cornish was regularly elected one of the Representatives, but at the meeting of the Lodge held on August 5th he resigned his position, and that P. G., M. E. Snider, of Covenant Lodge No. 52, was regularly elected to fill the vacancy. The resignation and certificate being in form, we recommend that Bro. Snider be admitted as one of the representatives of The Toronto Lodge.

Rep. W. F. Sanford, of Napanee, has no certificate, nor has any certificate been sent us by his Lodge, though the return shows that he was elected. The P. G. is vouched for by the M. W. Grand Master, and we therefore recommend that he be admitted to represent Napanee Lodge No. 86.

We find P. G., J. H. Davis, of Belleville Lodge No. 81, here without a representative's certificate. The return of the Lodge shows him to have been elected one of the representatives. The P. G. is vouched for by the M. W. Grand Master, we therefore recommend that he be admitted as a representative of that Lodge.

We also find present the following named Past Grands whose certificates are in due form. We recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree with the representatives:

J. S. McMahon, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44; Robert Griffiths, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44; Geo. Shaw, Forest City Lodge No. 38.

We therefore recommend that all the above named representatives and Past Grands, not previously instructed, be admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree, and that all representatives and Past Grands who may present themselves hereafter during the session, be instructed in the ante room by the Grand Warden.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. KING.

H. E. BUTTERY.

GEO. W. HARE.

The Representatives and Past Grands were then introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree by the R. W. Grand Warden.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Representative M. E. Snider, seconded by Representative J. J. Dyas, That the minutes of last session be adopted as printed.

The following was adopted:

Moved by Representative J. J. Dyas, seconded by Representative E. Beltz, That the reports of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, as printed, be considered as read, and be referred to the Special Committee on Distribution.

The Chair named the following as the Committee on Distribution: Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M., Henry McAfee, P. G. M., Representatives J. J. Dyas, and Robt. Barbour.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario:—

WINDSOR, Aug. 7, 1872.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—Another and a most successful year having passed away, we are again assembled in annual communication, to renew our friendship and to legislate for the good of our beloved order in this beautiful hall, at this the western terminus of our jurisdiction. Before entering upon our several duties, it becomes us to express our gratitude to our Universal Father for His manifold blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year. May He continue to give us grace that our deliberations may be conducive to His glory and the benefit of our fellow men.

When one year ago you elevated me to the high and honorable position of Grand Master, I inwardly resolved that the confidence you had reposed in my fidelity to Oddfellowship, should not prove misplaced, and I have endeavored by zeal to make up for any lack of ability in fulfilling the duties of that responsible office.

According to custom, I now lay before you an account of my official labors, in the hope that they will meet with your approval.

CLAUSE 1.—NEW LODGES.

The following new lodges have been instituted during this year, and are now at work under dispensation, for which I would recommend charters being granted:

Durham, No. 78, instituted August 15, 1871, Port Hope.
 Nipissing, No. 79, instituted October 12, 1871, Uxbridge.
 Amity, No. 80, instituted October 12, 1871, Prescott.
 Belleville, No. 81, instituted December 13, 1871, Belleville.
 Beaver, No. 82, instituted January 12, 1872, Ruthven.
 Clinton, No. 83, instituted January 16, 1872, Clinton.
 Walkerton, No. 84, instituted January 17, 1872, Walkerton.
 Constellation, No. 85, instituted January 22, 1872, Burgessville.
 Napanee, No. 86, instituted February 1, 1872, Napanee.
 Empire, No. 87, instituted March 13, 1872, St. Catharines.
 Olive Branch, No. 88, instituted March 14, 1872, Woodstock.
 Reliance, No. 89, instituted March 15, 1872, Guelph.
 Ivy, No. 90, instituted April 24, 1872, Parkhill.
 Grand River, No. 91, instituted May 31, 1872, Paris.
 Milton, No. 92, instituted June 11, 1872, Milton.
 Western City, No. 93, instituted June 13, 1872, Chatham.
 Aylmer, No. 94, instituted June 14, 1872, Aylmer.
 Port Stanley, No. 95, instituted July 16, 1872, Port Stanley.
 Nith, No. 96, instituted July 30, 1872, Hamburg.
 Grand Union, No. 97, instituted August 2, 1872, Berlin.
 Minto, No. 98, instituted August 3, 1872, Harriston.

This is the largest number of Lodges ever instituted in any one year in this jurisdiction. It must be gratifying to every good Oddfellow to note this rapid

advance of our Order in Ontario, giving such plain indications that our sublime principles, Friendship, Love and Truth, will yet assert their sway not only over our own country, but over the whole civilized world. I am indebted to G. S. J. B. King for instituting Nipissing Lodge, No. 79, and to many of the brethren throughout the jurisdiction for their able assistance on similar occasions.

The following Degree Lodges have been instituted during my official term by dispensation :

Reynolds, No. 1, at London, instituted by D.D.G.M. H. E. Buttrey.
Metropolitan, No. 2, at Toronto, instituted by D.D.G.M. F. T. Barker.
Burlington, No. 3, at Hamilton, instituted by D.D.G.M. John Richmond.
Yale, No. 4, St. Catharines, instituted by D.D.G.M. J. B. McIntyre.

I find those Degree Lodges to be a great benefit where two or more subordinates are working—the members taking a greater interest in our degree work, and being more uniformly instructed.

I received a petition from five members of the late Rond Eau Lodge No. 40, praying that their charter and effects might be restored to them, as they were again prepared to work the lodge. I therefore restored to them the charter and resuscitated the Lodge on the 18th of July, with five applicants for charter, two admitted by card, and twelve initiated. The Lodge is in good hands. I would recommend that value to the amount of \$115 35 received by this Grand Body, be returned to Rond Eau.

I also received a petition from a sufficient number of brothers in Toronto praying to have another Lodge instituted in that city. Hearing that difficulties had arisen between the members of some of the lodges, I called the Grand Secretary to my assistance, and visited Toronto, in order to effect, if possible, an amicable settlement. After hearing both sides of the question, I thought it advisable not to grant the required dispensation, but recommended the applicants to again affiliate with their lodges, until harmony would be restored. My advice was readily followed with one or two exceptions.

I also received several communications from Strathroy, with a view to the organization of a second Lodge in that town, but believing that the brethren of Howard Lodge were not prepared for "swarming," and that the interests of the Order would not be advanced by such a proceeding, I refused my consent.

VISITATIONS.

It affords me great pleasure to report that I have visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction during the year. In order to accomplish this duty I have travelled eight thousand miles, and the time occupied in so doing has not been less than one hundred and thirty days. Although this has been attended with considerable labor and personal loss of time, yet it has been to me a great source of gratification in being able to meet the brethren in their respective lodges; and I have good reason to believe it has not been altogether unprofitable to them. Everywhere I have been received with the cordiality and fraternal kindness due to a brother, as well as the respect due to the Grand Master. It would be impossible for me to refer to the special interest attached to each visit. Those were most pleasing to me where I found the brethren harmoniously engaged in carrying out the literal work of the Order in the lodge room, and exemplifying our principles in their intercourse with each other. And in the very few cases where I noticed any slight laxity or indifference on the part of either officers or members, I was gratified by the close attention they gave to my instructions, and the earnest desire for improvement manifested by all.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1871, in company with D.G.M. Murray, I joined the brethren of Florence Nightingale, Corinthian, Eastern Star, Wariner and Durham Lodges in an excursion to Rochester, where we received such a fraternal greeting from the brethren of the different Lodges of that city as will never be forgotten by those who participated in the day's enjoyment.

On the 11th of October, in company with a number of brothers of Brockville, I visited Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, New York State, where we met and

assisted the Grand Master and Grand Marshall of that State to instal the officers of said Lodge; the first visit of any Grand Officers they have had for a period of over twenty years.

A short time ago, I received, through the G.S., a letter from the N.G. of Barrie Lodge, speaking despondingly of their condition, and asking what they should do to add interest to their meetings. Thinking the brethren would be benefitted by a special visitation, I called to my assistance Grand Representative Woodyatt, and on the evening of the _____ we met with them and installed their officers, after which they were addressed and encouraged at some length, more particularly by Bro. Woodyatt. I feel justified in saying that we left the brothers of that lodge much the better for our visit.

DEDICATIONS, ETC.

On November 1st, assisted by P. G. Master Bingham and other brothers, I dedicated the new and commodious Hall of Howard Lodge to the principles of our Order in the presence of a large audience, after which a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

On the 9th November, assisted by P.G.M.'s McAfee and Smith, and a large number of brethren from Windsor, Wardsville, Bothwell, Newbury and Detroit, I dedicated a spacious and beautiful hall to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, for Chatham Lodge, No. 29.

The new Hall erected by the members of Friendship Lodge was duly dedicated by P.G.M. Bingham acting as Grand Master. This is a beautiful structure, an ornament to the place and a credit to the members of the Lodge.

On June 17th, assisted by J. B. King, G.S., and the members of Avon Lodge, Stratford, I laid the corner stone of an Odd Fellows Hall in the town of Stratford, which will soon be ready for occupation. When completed it will be the largest building owned by any lodge in the jurisdiction, and will be a credit to Order as well as an ornament to the town.

CLAUSE 2.—RELIEF.

On the 11th October I issued a circular to the Lodges, appealing to them for aid on behalf of the sufferers by the great fire in Chicago, and right nobly did they respond to the call, contributing for that purpose nearly \$2,000. I appointed J. B. King, G. Sec., J. Woodyatt, G. Rep., and A. D. Clement, G. Tres. a committee to receive donations and forward to the committee at Chicago; which duty they faithfully performed. They have my warmest thanks. Circular and report of the committee are annexed to this report.

Some of the Lodges also contributed to the relief of the sufferers in Michigan and Wisconsin, to the amount of nearly three thousand dollars.

CLAUSE 3.—DISPENSATIONS AND DECISIONS.

Dispensations have been granted to several Lodges in connection with minor matters which it is not necessary to particularise. Among others was one to Barrie Lodge; permitting the election of a Scarlet Degree member as Noble Grand—all qualified members refusing to serve.

A great variety of questions have been submitted to me for ruling; but as they have been all plainly answered by a reference to our laws, I have not considered them of sufficient importance to be especially noted, except the following, which will come before you in connection with an appeal.

Question—Is an applicant for admission by card to be dealt with according to our constitution, or according to Digest, clause 158?

Answer—According to our constitution, where three or more black balls appear, the applicant must be declared rejected.

CLAUSE 4.—MISCELLANEOUS.

I have according to resolution of last session, page 806, journal of proceedings, appointed a committee on laws of subordinates, consisting of the following named Bros.: H. C. Bingham, T. Partridge, C. T. Campbell, F. T. Baker and Henry Robertson. The same brethren were also appointed a committee on constitution of Degree Lodge. (Journal of 1871, p. 798.)

I have also appointed a committee on dividing the jurisdiction into districts as authorized by resolution of Grand Lodge, page 795, proceedings 1871; said committee consisting of Bros. James Smith, R. Wigmore, Wm. Bissell, W. N. Forde and John Hunter.

CLAUSE 5.

At our present rate of increase, in two or three years there will be no Lodge room in the Province large enough to accommodate this Grand Lodge. I would therefore recommend that the constitution be so amended that one representative suffice for a Lodge of one hundred members or less, and that no Lodge have more than two representatives.

I would further recommend that this Grand Lodge pay the officer called upon to institute new Lodges, as in many cases the Lodge instituted is not in a position to pay that brother, and some of my predecessors are not yet refunded their money expended by them to reach several of these places.

CLAUSE 6.

I have granted a withdrawal card to Bro. Wm. Allen, of late Rose Lodge, Amherstburg, and to Bro. Wm. Scott, of the old Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, also several dismissal certificates to brothers desirous of instituting new Lodges.

I have received through the Grand Secy. the emblems and significations appropriate to the several degrees adopted at the last session of the G. L. U. S., and have instructed the several Lodges while visiting in that work. In this connection I would recommend all Lodges which have not yet procured copies of the new edition of the charge book to do so at once.

CLAUSE 7.

Several communications in reference to a disputed election to membership in Toronto; one from John McMath, complaining of the action of Erie Lodge in his case, and others of various degrees of importance, will be submitted to the Committee on Correspondence.

I have received satisfactory and cheering reports from the following district deputies: C. J. Dewey, Brockville; J. B. McIntyre, St. Catharines; Cl. T. Campbell, Woodstock; F. T. Barker, Toronto; Jno. P. Young, Chatham; Hugh McColl, Strathroy; H. E. Buttery, London; G. H. Hare, Pt. Burwell; E. R. Carpenter, Collingwood. From more than three-fourths of the districts I have received no official information whatever. Brothers who take the office of D.D.G.M., seem to forget that they have duties to perform as well as honors to bear.

CLAUSE 8.

I refer you to the Grand Secretary's report for the statistics of the Order in Ontario for the year. From that you will receive conclusive evidence that the year has been one of unexampled prosperity—far beyond anything in the previous history of our jurisdiction. With 66 Lodges working, with a membership of over 5,000, we have certainly every reason to feel proud of our numerical increase; while we can point with satisfaction to the results of our benevolent labors in the expenditure of over \$6,000 for relief.

Let our past success only stimulate us to renewed exertions, so that we may make our beloved Order a mighty influence for good in the land. Let every brother, from the highest to the lowest, remember his obligations, and faithfully perform his allotted task; so shall our future prosperity exceed our brightest hopes.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN GIBSON, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report and Financial Statement, and Statistical Tables, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
JOSIAH B. KING,
R. W. Grand Secretary,
OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,
YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1872.

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WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

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

In accordance with the law defining the duties of the Grand Secretary, I have the honor of presenting the following, my sixth annual, report of the transactions of the year, and before proceeding further, I take pleasure in congratulating this Grand Lodge upon the very great increase in Lodges and Membership, upon the harmony that prevails, and upon the liberality that has been shown by the Brotherhood in response to the several calls for relief during the past year.

1—The resolution instructing me to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways, for reduced fares to Toronto, has been attended to, and believing that by a personal interview with W. K. Muir, Esq., the manager of the G. W. R., I could obtain still further reduction of rates to our Representatives, I waited upon that gentleman, accompanied by Bro. J. Barr, P. G. M., and succeeded in getting half fares for the Brothers and their families, which is quarter fare less than formerly granted by that Company. The Grand Trunk Railway also gives us double journey tickets for single fare.

2—The resolution authorising the printing of five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Annual Session of 1871, was carried out, and as soon as printed, copies were sent to each Officer, Representative, Lodge, and State Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments.

3—In accordance with permission given, I had made a large and commodious desk suitable for the increasing business of the Grand Lodge, it being too large and cumbersome to carry from place to place, I have had the old desk refitted for travelling purposes.

4—The loan to the Grand Encampment was renewed, and an additional one hundred dollars loaned that body, as per report of Finance Committee, page 782, jour. 1871.

5—The returns of all the Lodges for term ending 31st December, 1871, were all received in due time, excepting those of Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott, which were not sent until July—being six months behind—for which, according to constitution, I have fined that Lodge twelve dollars.

The returns for the term ending 30th June, were, for the most part, promptly sent in, and show that more than the ordinary care was taken by the officers in making them out, and yet there is vast room for improvement. I have—very reluctantly—been compelled to colse my report without the returns of Excelsior Lodge, 44, Hamilton, and Barrie, 63, Barrie, although I used every effort in my power to have them in before doing so, having telegraphed the officers, and held my report open until July 31st. I would suggest that some legislation be had this session, with a view to compelling all returns to be in prior to July 20.

The supply of blank returns becoming exhausted, I carefully revised the former and had a supply printed, and I believe that if they are correctly filled up, the statistics compiled from them will be reliable.

6—I fear that our Grand Officers, when visiting subordinate Lodges, devote all their time to instruction in the secret work of the order, neglecting altogether the very important end that could be gained by a careful scrutiny of the books, observing that the minutes are properly written up, and the financial books correctly kept. As the prosperity of the Lodge greatly depends upon carefully kept financial affairs, I believe it would be profitable both to this Grand Lodge and subordinates, to enact such legislation as will tend to uniformity in this respect.

7—The expenses of the year have not been increased beyond the sum actually necessary, considering the large number of new Lodges organized.

8—On the 8th of October, 1871, I received from Mr. J. T. Gilkison, of Bradford, the Working and Degree Books of the late Burlington Lodge, No. 17, Hamilton. They having been in the possession of that gentleman since the lodge became defunct.

9—Enquiries having been made by a great many Brothers and others, as to the mode of procedure to have a Lodge of our Order organized, I prepared and had printed a sheet of instructions, attached to which is a blank application for a warrant. I believe it has had a beneficial effect.

10—A law passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, U. S., requires that the returns of all Subordinate Grand Lodges shall be made up to December 31, (instead of June 30, as formerly) and require that Representative Tax, and amounts due for Supplies, must be sent with the return. In compliance with the circular issued by the Grand Lodge, U. S., to the above effect, I forwarded to James L. Ridgely, the account for this year, which makes the expenses account show having paid the G. L. U. S. for two years 1871-2.

By sending cash with orders for supplies to the Grand Lodge of U. S., a discount of ten per cent. is obtained, a benefit to this Grand Lodge that I have availed myself of. A further increase of expenses appear from this fact, that from a number of localities where new Lodges were in contemplation, I have been written to know if I could supply them with all the printed supplies necessary to the working of a Lodge, finding that by having a number of books made up at one time, I could supply the new Lodges much cheaper than when getting a single sett of books up, I ordered of Messrs. Stewart & Mathison a supply of Order, Receipt, Question, and Black Books, and Registers. The new Lodges now get for \$5 the same number of books that were previously charged \$7 for, besides a small revenue to this Grand Lodge, by way of profit on the supplies.

11—In reference to the circular issued immediately after the great fire at Chicago appealing for aid to our distressed brothers, the sum of \$1857 90 was raised and duly forwarded to Bro. E. B. Sherman, Secretary of the Relief Committee, of that city, and its receipt duly acknowledged. The subsequent disastrous fires in Wisconsin and Michigan also appealed for help, and the sum of \$260 92 was sent me for the aid of distressed brothers in those States. A complete statement of the Special Relief will supplement this report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Of Grand Secretary for year ending July 31st, 1872.

Date.	Lodges.	Number.	Miscellaneous.		Charter Fee.		Percentage		Supplies.	
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1871										
Aug. 4	Corinthian ...	61		c.						14 03
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	Friendship ...	65								45 20
	C. S. Male ...									2 50
	Barrie... ..	63								30 26
	Wardsville ...	60								12 00
" 19	Reynolds Degree ...	1			5 00					
Sept. 23	Mt. Zion ...	46								2 25
" 26	Excelsior ...	44								16 00
Oct. 3	George Irwin Digest									2 50
Sept. 25	Nipissing ...	79			20 00					
Oct. 6	Amity ...	80			30 00					
Dec. 2	Belleville ...	81			30 00					
" 2	Beaver... ..	82			20 00					
" 5	A. R. Narrowway Digest...	2								2 50
" 15	Degree, Hamilton ...	2			5 00					
" 28	Walkerton ...	84			30 00					
" 30	Clinton ...	83			30 00					
" 30	Exeter... ..	67					9 46			2 50
1872										
Jany. 3	Chatham ...	29					56 31			
" 5	Gore ...	34					28 78			
" 5	Frontier ...	45					38 17		3 00	
" 5	Victoria ...	64					18 37			10
" 5	Warriner ...	75					25 98			
" 6	Lucan... ..	70					14 03			2 50
" 8	North Star ...	68					6 68			
" 8	Collingwood... ..	54					11 06			3 00
" 9	Bissell ...	51					20 30			
" 9	Brock... ..	9					26 14			10 50
" 10	Union ...	16					42 86			6 25
" 10	Howard ...	58					37 70			
" 11	Hope ...	69					2 30			
" 11	Erie ...	33					17 87			13
" 12	Unity ...	47					39 67			
" 12	H. E. Buttery									2 50
" 12	Fidelity ...	55					34 68			3 00
" 12	Napanee ...	86			30 00					
" 15	Huron ...	62					29 00			3 00
	Eureka ...	30					61 40			7 00
	Forest City ...	38					65 87			
	Dominion ...	48					35 28			25
					00 00	250 00	621 91			170 97

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	Lodges.	Number.	Miscellaneous.		Charter Fee.		Percentage		Supplies.				
			\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.			
1872	Brought forward		\$	00	\$	250	00	\$	621	91	\$	170	97
Jany. 17	St. Thomas	76	00	00	00	00	00	25	77	00	00	00	00
" 17	Constellation	85	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 18	Niagara Falls	53	00	00	00	00	00	9	19	00	00	00	00
" 18	Florance Nightingale	66	00	00	00	00	00	32	20	00	2	50	00
" 18	Corinthian	61	00	00	00	00	00	40	80	00	4	50	00
" 18	Eastern Star	72	00	00	00	00	00	51	20	00	00	00	00
" 19	Durham	78	00	00	00	00	00	37	78	00	32	22	00
" 19	Samaritan	35	00	00	00	00	00	31	92	00	00	00	00
" 20	Oxford	77	00	00	00	00	00	20	42	00	17	18	00
" 24	Excelsior	44	00	00	00	00	00	34	20	00	6	12	00
" 24	Otter	50	00	00	00	00	00	17	98	00	1	02	00
" 25	Avon	41	00	00	00	00	00	33	50	00	12	50	00
" 25	Hope	69	00	00	00	00	00	4	00	00	00	00	00
" 25	Canada	49	00	00	00	00	00	52	89	00	00	00	00
" 25	Covenant	52	00	00	00	00	00	41	79	00	6	00	00
" 25	Queen City	56	00	00	00	00	00	42	80	00	00	00	00
" 26	Toronto	71	00	00	00	00	00	50	84	00	00	00	00
" 26	Maple Leaf	57	00	00	00	00	00	13	66	00	2	50	00
" 27	Chatham	29	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	8	60	00
" 27	Bothwell	74	00	00	00	00	00	17	68	00	11	82	00
" 28	Kingston	59	00	00	00	00	00	25	13	00	3	00	00
" 28	Huron	62	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6	00	00
" 30	Wardsville	60	00	00	00	00	00	15	80	00	11	50	00
Feb. 1	St. Mary's	36	00	00	00	00	00	23	29	00	00	00	00
" 9	Fergus	73	00	00	00	00	00	27	82	00	00	00	00
" 9	Nippissing	79	00	00	00	00	00	21	95	00	00	00	00
" 10	Florance Nightingale	66	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6	00	00
" 16	Fergus	73	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1	80	00
" 16	Excelsior	44	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3	00	00
" 28	Reliance	89	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 28	Empire	87	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
March 1	Olive Branch	88	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 5	Union	16	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	5	00	00
" 11	Canada	49	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	6	00	00
" 18	Degree Lodge	3	00	00	5	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 22	Belleville	81	00	00	00	00	00	12	29	00	00	00	00
April 4	Eastern Star	72	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3	00	00
" 4	Clinton	83	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	31	55	00
" 4	Friendship	65	00	00	00	00	00	29	87	00	00	00	00
" 16	Ivy	90	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 16	Barrie	63	00	00	00	00	00	8	00	00	00	00	00
" 25	Fergus	73	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7	75	00
" 25	Friendship	65	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	9	32	00
May 2	2 Degrees (Bruce)	4	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 2	Chatham	29	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 9	Beaver	82	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	25	00	00
" 16	Grand River	91	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	36	00	00
" 15	Milton	92	00	00	30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
" 22	F. T. Barker	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3	25	00
					4	00	465	00	1544	68	406	35	00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	Lodges.	Number.	Miscellaneous.		Charter Fee.		Percentage.		Supplies.			
			\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.		
1872	Brought forward.....		4	00	465	00	1544	68	406	35		
May 30	Mt. Zion	46					2	72		68		
" 31	Western City.....	93			30	00						
June 4	Queen City of Ontario	56							12	50		
" 5	Yale Degree Lodge...	4			5	00						
" 21	Excelsior	44							6	25		
" 26	Grand River.....	91							35	78		
July 1	Canada	49							6	00		
" 5	Constellation.....	85					14	96	35	22		
" 5	Gore	34					34	70	15	00		
" 5	Empire	87							20	60		
" 5	Wardsville	00					8	63	2	00		
" 5	Fidelity	55					20	06	3	00		
" 6	Port Stanley.....	95			30	00						
" 8	Reliance	89					43	19	34	87		
" 8	Lucan	70					19	03	14	25		
" 10	Aylmer	94			30	00						
" 10	Hope	69					10	00				
" 10	Bissell	51					17	62	3	93		
" 10	Avon	41					47	64				
" 10	Fergus.....	73					26	11	6	82		
" 10	Niagara Falls	53					19	10	3	00		
" 11	Warriner	75					31	40	13	75		
" 11	Howard	58					31	70				
" 11	St. Mary's	36					17	76				
" 11	Brook.....	9					22	33				
" 12	Exeter	67					11	53	2	50		
" 12	Huron	62					23	45	3	00		
" 12	Napance	86					21	06	32	22		
" 13	Kingston	59					20	40	6	00		
" 13	Frontier	45					31	39				
" 13	Beaver	82					24	23				
" 13	Chatham	29					56	08	9	00		
" 13	Western City	93					13	05	33	62		
" 13	Durham	78					20	67	3	13		
" 13	Eastern Star.....	76					41	86				
" 13	Corinthian	61					36	75	7	97		
" 13	Erie	33					19	30	5	95		
" 13	Mt. Zion	46					5	07	10	27		
" 15	Union.....	16					61	87	12	25		
" 15	Empire	87					18	84	3	36		
" 15	Aylmer	94					6	09	1	01		
" 15	Otter.....	50					32	52	14	23		
" 15	Ivy	90					32	87	14	98		
" 16	Collingwood.....	54					19	21	6	00		
" 16	North Star	68					10	07				
" 16	Walkerton	84					23	00	32	30		
" 16	Maple Leaf	57					14	50				
" 16	Florance Nightingale	66					47	72				
" 16	Amity	80					43	72	35	42		
					4	00	560	00	2540	63	850	21

J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH
SPECIAL RELIEF.

MICHIGAN.

1871.	To Cash from Eureka Lodge, No. 30	\$ 33 33
	“ “ Forest City Lodge, No. 33	49 75
	“ “ Gore Lodge, No. 34	47 38
		<u>\$130 46</u>
	By Draft on New York in favor of Relief Committee, ...	\$130 13
	“ $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Commission	33
		<u>\$130 46</u>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
JACKSON, December 15, 1871. }

J. B. KING, Esq., G. Sec.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours enclosing draft, \$130 80, gold, duly received. Allow me, my Brother, to extend to you, and to Eureka, Forest City, and Gore Lodges, in behalf of our suffering Brethern and their families, heartfelt thanks for this goodly donation. Hoping that we may never again have occasion to ask aid out of our own jurisdiction,

I remain truly and fraternally yours,

F. M. FOSTER, G. Sec.,
G. L. Michigan.

WISCONSIN.

1871.	To Cash from Eureka Lodge, No. 30	\$ 33 33
	“ “ Gore Lodge, No. 34	49 75
	“ “ Forest City Lodge, No. 38	47 38
		<u>\$130 46</u>
	By Draft on New York in favor of Relief Committee ...	\$130 13
	“ $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Commission	33
		<u>\$130 46</u>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN,
OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, Dec. 21st, 1871.

J. B. KING, G. Sec'y., Brantford, Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Through the politeness of L. B. Hills, Grand Secretary of this State, I received your 11th inst. with gold draft for \$130 13 for the "relief of brethren and their families distressed by the late fires in this State." In receiving from so distant a membership of our beloved Order, such generous and practical tokens of your friendship and fidelity to our cherished principles. Our hearts go out to you in gratitude and love, and we feel confirmed more than ever in the beauty and value of them. The teachings of the Golden Rule have taken firm hold in your jurisdiction, evidently, and we rejoice with you and are thankful. I am happy to state that our Brethren are being made comparatively comfortable during this Winter, they having erected dwellings and furnished them. It has been a fearful calamity, and nothing but the great heartedness of the brotherhood could have made their existence even endurable this cold weather. Many thanks to our Brethren there.

Fraternally yours,

THOS. LINDSLEY, G. M.

CHICAGO.

1871.		No. 34	\$
Oct. 12.	To Cash from Gore Lodge,	.....	105 00
16.	" " Samaritan Lodge,	35	100 00
17.	" " Howard Lodge,	58	25 00
17.	" " Otter Lodge,	50	20 00
18.	" " Huron Lodge,	62	191 50
18.	" " Niagara Falls Lodge,	63	90 20
18.	" " Wardsville Lodge,	60	13 00
18.	" " Bissill Lodge,	51	15 00
18.	" " Collingwood Lodge,	54	50 00
19.	" " Fergus Lodge,	73	100 00
19.	" " Unity Lodge,	47	100 00
19.	" " Avon Lodge,	41	100 00
24.	" " Oxford Lodge,	77	10 00
24.	" " Union Lodge,	16	100 00
24.	" " Friendship Lodge,	65	43 00
24.	" " Florence Nightingale Lodge,	66	50 00
24.	" " Canada Lodge,	49	125 00
24.	" " Burlington Encampment,	.....	25 00
31.	" " Eastern Star Lodge,	72	25 00
31.	" " Eureka Lodge,	30	33 33
31.	" " Chatham Lodge,	29	99 87
31.	" " Excelsior Lodge,	44	50 00
31.	" " Covenant Lodge,	52	125 00
31.	" " Queen City of Ontario Lodge,	56	40 00
31.	" " Warriner Lodge,	75	20 50
31.	" " Forest City Lodge,	38	100 00
31.	" " Corinthian Lodge,	60	26 50
31.	" " Brock Lodge,	9	50 00
31.	" " Bothwell Lodge,	74	25 00
			\$1857 90
Nov. 4.	By Draft on New York in favor of Relie Committee,	1600 00	
Dec. 4.	do do do do do do	253 25	
	" ¼ per cent. Commission	.....	4 64
			\$1857 90
Amount sent by Dominion Lodge, No. 48, direct to Relief Committee.			100 00
Total.....			\$1957 90

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

ROOMS, RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.
 CORNER HARRISON AND SANGAMON STREETS, }
 CHICAGO, November 15th, 1871.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, }
 JAMES WOODYATT, G. R., } Grand Lodge of Ontario.
 A. D. CLEMENT, G. Treas., }

DEAR BROTHERS,—Your esteemed favor of the 12th inst., enclosing gold draft in New York for \$1600 00, contributions for Relief Fund for Odd Fellows of this city, by lodges of your jurisdiction, received.

Will you have the goodness to convey to every Lodge named, the grateful acknowledgements of the constituency we have the honor to represent, for we consider it a most exalted honor to be the almoners of the bounty of Brothers so freely bestowed upon the sufferers by this terrible conflagration. These offerings of Love upon the sacred altar of our Order, are precious beyond computation, for "It is the Altar that sanctifieth the Gift," and inspired as these benefactions are, by a sympathy born of a divine impulse, they glow with a radiance which will never be dimmed.

Our theories have been generally and gloriously vitalized and clothed in beauty, challenges the admiration of a world.

The breath of calumny dare not hereafter dim our purity—nor malice impugn our sincerity—nor bigotry asperse our motives.

Your sympathies, Brothers, are exceedingly precious, without them, we must have sunk under the weight and suddenness of our calamity. Your words—and still more your *deeds*—have inspired, sustained, and saved us.

May the great Father in His infinite mercy bless and prosper you and each Lodge in your jurisdiction according to their works.

Accept the personal regard and love of the Committee and especially of

Yours fraternally and gratefully,

E. B. SHERMAN,

Sec. Com. Relief, I. O. O. F.

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F., }
 CORNER OF HARRISON AND SANGAMON STREETS, }
 CHICAGO, December 15th, 1871.

J. B. KING, M. W. Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— You esteemed favor of 4th inst. received with enclosure of draft, \$253 25 as stated. It cheers our hearts to see how nobly the brothers of our Order have responded to our call. Words would fail to express the feelings of our hearts. God bless you brothers and our noble and beloved Order.

In the presence of the terrible calamity which has overwhelmed us, we have no time for formal thanks, but a whole lifetime for grateful recollections. May the blessings of those who were ready to perish but for your divine charity rest upon you and those you represent, as a heavenly benediction.

The magnificent beneficence of our Order throughout the country is making the symbol "I. O. O. F." a thousand-fold more significant and glorious than ever before. All donations committed to us will be regarded as a sacred trust, and systematically and judiciously expended to the relief of our suffering brothers and their families.

Gratefully and fraternally yours

E. B. SHERMAN,

Secretary Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.

J. WARD ELLIS, Chairman.
 JNO. G. ROGERS, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodge.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by card.	Expelled.	Ceas'd membership, N. P. D.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Contributing Members.	Members in arrears, not suspended.	Total Membership.	Past Grands.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers relieved.	Widows relieved.	Orphans in ch'ge of Lod.	Paid for Special Relief.	Paid for Sick Benefits.	Paid for relief of Widows	Paid for Educating Orphans.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.		
																										c	s
Brook Union	Brockville	9	17	3	13	1	89	20	109	20	6	85	2	6	14	116	20	1	9	47	00	182	50	15	00	24	50
16 St. Catharines	St. Catharines	30	30	13	13	2	182	6	188	29	14	116	20	1	14	116	20	1	9	362	00	70	00	40	00	472	00
Chatham	Chatham	29	42	4	15	1	149	9	150	14	16	212	8	1	14	16	212	8	1	58	00	20	00	22	00	237	00
Eureka	London	50	4	4	2	6	31	271	23	13	145	9	8	1	23	13	145	9	8	447	00	330	00	80	00	887	00
Erie	Port Burwell	33	15	1	5	5	7	60	67	13	3	41	13	5	13	3	41	13	5	32	04	42	00	45	00	346	25
Gore	Brantford	34	24	1	1	3	2	101	104	21	2	92	5	2	21	2	92	5	2	25	00	00	87	50	161	54	
St. Mary's	Ingersoll	35	12	1	16	1	6	165	94	135	9	130	18	1	9	130	18	1	7	11	00	00	30	00	260	50	
St. Mary's	St. Mary's	36	12	1	3	2	7	69	26	104	16	4	63	4	16	4	63	4	4	38	04	00	57	00	70	00	
Forest City	London	38	60	1	3	13	3	7	249	8	264	16	7	134	7	134	46	4	4	53	28	160	00	75	00	118	28
Avon	41 Stratford	34	5	5	3	3	1	130	34	165	17	6	142	10	2	142	10	2	3	120	64	60	00	105	00	104	64
Excelsior	44 Hamilton	44	31	1	10	49	49	75	15	139	9	4	142	7	3	142	7	3	134	00	60	00	105	00	104	00	
Frontier	45 Windsor	20	2	2	6	1	118	12	130	12	1	86	29	6	1	86	29	6	4	230	00	100	00	30	00	435	00
Mount Zion	46 Newbury	47	5	1	1	3	16	13	29	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	58	35	00	88	35	11	00	
Unity	47 Hamilton	38	1	1	1	27	38	139	9	145	9	145	9	145	9	145	9	145	9	79	00	114	00	50	00	88	35
Dominion	48 London	38	2	2	6	1	127	18	147	6	9	145	9	145	9	145	9	145	9	10	00	210	00	50	00	243	00
Canada	49 Toronto	56	7	7	9	17	264	10	221	3	68	19	1	1	7	68	19	1	1	42	00	43	33	40	00	220	00
Ottawa	50 Toronto	27	5	5	7	4	184	3	184	3	7	4	184	3	7	4	184	3	7	42	00	183	00	40	00	254	33
Bissell	51 Mitchell	21	3	3	6	5	53	20	76	6	3	71	7	7	6	3	71	7	7	15	00	40	00	40	00	108	00
Covenant	52 Toronto	64	2	2	10	194	40	244	8	155	13	1	1	1	8	155	13	1	1	11	00	00	105	70	111	00	
Niagara Falls	53 Clifton	19	1	1	2	5	57	10	72	6	8	56	7	7	6	8	56	7	7	7	00	161	50	105	70	273	20
Collingwood	54 Collingwood	15	1	1	3	1	58	9	53	5	6	146	1	1	5	6	146	1	1	21	00	30	00	30	00	114	00
Fidelity	55 Seaforth	32	2	2	18	1	63	9	73	5	6	146	1	1	5	6	146	1	1	9	00	30	00	30	00	9	00
Queen C. of Ont.	56 Toronto	66	1	1	27	26	134	00	160	5	3	192	6	6	3	192	6	6	6	42	50	00	42	50	42	50	
Maple Leaf	57 Orangeville	15	1	1	4	2	40	20	60	5	3	35	4	4	5	3	35	4	4	5	00	5	00	40	80	45	50
Howard	58 Strathroy	43	4	4	4	84	17	102	4	8	112	4	4	4	8	112	4	4	4	19	00	19	00	40	80	45	50

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

Kingston	59 Kingston	32	2	2	12	1	62	1	63	3	3	144	4	4	3	144	4	4	4	8	00	25	00	25	00	25	00
Waverly	60 Waverly	14	1	1	2	28	11	39	4	50	4	50	4	4	50	4	50	4	4	8	00	26	00	26	00	34	00
Waverly	60 Waverly	14	1	1	2	28	11	39	4	50	4	50	4	4	50	4	50	4	4	8	00	26	00	26	00	34	00

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

Collingwood	15	1	3	4	2	1	58	63	3	144	25 00	30 00	114 00															
Fidelity	32	2	18	1	1	63	9	96	5	50	34 00	9 00	34 00															
Queen C. of Ont.	66	1	27	4	2	26	134	100	5	6	132 00	9 00	132 00															
Maple Leaf	13	4	4	2	1	40	20	60	5	35	72 84	40 80	72 84															
Howard	43	4	4	1	1	84	17	102	4	8	18 00	40 80	18 00															
54 Collingwood	32	2	12	1	1	62	11	89	3	3	8 00	30 00	25 00															
60 Warksville	14	1	6	2	1	92	94	96	5	8	50	9 00	34 00															
55 Seaforth	28	1	3	1	1	02	02	05	5	155	132 00	9 00	132 00															
62 Goderich	25	3	3	1	1	04	3	05	3	116	26 00	36 84	72 84															
63 Barrie	4	3	3	1	1	18	24	42	2	6	18 00	40 80	18 00															
64 Hamilton	21	4	3	1	1	32	22	22	5	56	3 00	9 00	3 00															
65 Petrolia	40	1	6	1	1	51	45	96	3	1	45 00	45 00	45 00															
66 Kovanville	50	1	7	1	1	82	28	28	2	233	45 00	45 00	45 00															
67 Exeter	14	1	1	1	1	28	28	28	2	22	8 50	8 50	8 50															
68 Stayner	10	1	1	1	1	26	26	26	2	20	6 00	6 00	6 00															
69 Harrietsville	8	1	1	1	1	19	19	19	1	40	43 00	43 00	43 00															
70 Lucan	27	3	10	1	1	43	36	114	2	2	47 22	37 22	47 22															
71 Toronto	66	6	9	1	1	78	36	114	2	193	5 00	21 00	5 00															
Eastern Star	32	1	9	1	1	66	17	83	2	18	249 1	21 00	21 00															
Fergus	30	1	2	1	1	37	10	47	2	3	130	12 00	12 00															
Bothwell	74	1	1	1	1	28	17	45	2	12	90	12 00	12 00															
Warriner	41	1	1	1	1	62	1	63	3	12	134	5 50	5 50															
76 St. Thomas	54	4	8	1	1	54	2	56	5	4	66	11 00	11 00															
77 Ingersoll	41	10	6	1	1	51	1	51	2	10	140	20 00	20 00															
78 Port Hope	45	6	4	1	1	45	1	45	2	3	76	6 00	6 00															
Durham	35	5	4	1	1	28	8	37	2	2	137	5 00	5 00															
Nipissing	45	13	1	1	1	57	57	57	2	9	290	21 00	21 00															
Amity	60	7	1	1	1	54	12	66	2	9	290	12 00	12 00															
81 Belleville	21	5	1	1	1	26	26	26	1	67	5 50	5 50	5 50															
Beaver	82	10	4	1	1	31	21	31	1	1	73	11 00	11 00															
83 Ruthven	29	5	1	1	1	31	21	31	1	1	73	20 00	20 00															
Clinton	25	1	1	1	1	18	18	18	1	42	6 00	6 00	6 00															
84 Walkerton	13	5	1	1	1	15	15	15	1	42	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Constellation	26	5	1	1	1	38	37	37	1	1	90	6 00	6 00															
Napanee	25	12	1	1	1	37	37	37	1	1	90	6 00	6 00															
Empire	87	6	1	1	1	44	44	44	1	103	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Olive Branch	34	10	6	1	1	44	44	44	1	2	103	6 00	6 00															
88 Woodstock	31	8	5	1	1	26	26	26	3	40	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Reliance	18	8	1	1	1	36	36	36	3	79	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Ivy	90	5	1	1	1	12	12	12	2	21	6 00	6 00	6 00															
90 Park Hill	31	6	1	1	1	25	25	25	2	21	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Grand River	91	5	1	1	1	12	12	12	2	21	6 00	6 00	6 00															
91 Paris	31	6	1	1	1	25	25	25	2	21	6 00	6 00	6 00															
92 Milton	15	10	1	1	1	12	12	12	2	21	6 00	6 00	6 00															
93 Chatham	6	6	1	1	1	12	12	12	1	1	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Aylmer	94	6	1	1	1	12	12	12	1	1	6 00	6 00	6 00															
94 Aylmer	95	6	1	1	1	12	12	12	1	1	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Port Stanley	95	6	1	1	1	12	12	12	1	1	6 00	6 00	6 00															
Port Stanley*	1564	206	18	294	7	178	25	156	4151	601	5079	347	268	6025	309	39	10	280	50	2379	56	113783	107	50	772	56	6277	95

* Instituted since last Session.

+ No Report due.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	W. & O. Fund.		General Fund.		Annual Receipts.		Percentage.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.			
Brock.....	9	1085	18	47	75	705	02	48	47	1846 James Curie, C. J. Dewey.
Union.....	16	3800	44	807	00	1527	66	104	73	16 " G. E. Patterson, J. G. Sistrone, W. A. Rawlings, T. Healey.
Chatham.....	29	959	67	1492	80	1570	18	112	39	1854 J. I. Young, O. B. Hulin, Isaac Smith.
Eureka.....	30	1921	78	3700	35	2030	76	140	28	" J. Ferguson, R. Kirkpatrick, G. Powell, sr., W. Wyatt, J. Heron.
Erie.....	33	587	00	800	68	413	23	37	17	" G. W. Pontine, G. W. Hare.
Geneva.....	34	1147	05	1711	78	917	24	63	48	" N. T. Peatman, A. Cox, Thos. Woodlyatt.
Samarian.....	35	914	28	2037	90	1074	94	77	29	1856 Hugh Kerr, Wm. Springer, M.D., Henry Hearn.
St. Marys.....	36	2000	40	2055	03	603	26	41	11	" C. L. Vongunten, Robert Barbour.
Forest City.....	38	2407	30	4127	09	2192	79	150	53	1857 J. W. Fletcher, H. E. Buttery, M.D. Dawson, E. Beltz, R. J. C. Dawson.
Avon.....	41	1000	00	1745	47	1150	50	81	14	1861 John Ross, Chas. Lee, Henry Gibson.
Excelsior.....	44	571	00	1303	07	1041	81	73	07	" J. Richmond, W. Lewis, Robt. Griffith.
Frontier.....	45	105	94	472	43	1010	29	69	56	1864 Rev. John Hurst, Robt. Laybert, Thos. Reid.
Mount Zion.....	46	133	36	632	22	58	00	7	79	1866 W. F. Roome, M.D.
Unity.....	47	487	59	1297	69	1339	92	94	25	1867 John H. Glass, T. A. Tarrant, Geo. Midgely.
Dominion.....	48	575	72	1654	00	1237	72	87	36	1868 James Smith, Wm. F. Howell, J. W. Jones.
Zanada.....	49	492	41	2068	06	1337	47	63	47	" Geo. Wright, M. Blume, J. G. Coleman, W. Menzies, Jr., L. How.
Dexter.....	50	686	79	2092	84	697	76	50	50	" John Dewar, S. B. W. Carpenter.
Bassell.....	51	511	55	145	29	774	57	25	96	" James Kerr, Thos. Leadston.
Lovennat.....	52	488	75	1658	40	1768	75	125	26	1869 Hugh Blain, J. J. Hornbrook, H. W. Murdock, J. J. Ramsay.
Niagara Falls.....	53	270	31	546	09	394	81	28	29	" P. G. Bender, John Bowen.
Pollingswood.....	54	102	17	977	90	431	71	39	29	" James Henry, Ifenry Robertson.
Fidelity.....	55	163	43	458	11	738	12	54	74	1870 A. G. McDougall, Jas. P. Kendall.
Queen C. of Ont.....	56	208	48	1154	93	1463	63	107	23	" C. W. Willmot, J. R. Dunn, Geo. Williams.
Maple Leaf.....	57	123	20	57	42	400	75	28	14	" Thos. McAdam.
Howard.....	58	153	93	506	38	961	06	69	39	" Hugh McColl, Wm. Chalmers.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

Kingston.....	59	70	50	213	04	614	78	45	53	1870 F. Fowler, M.D., S. Oberndorfer.
Wardsville.....	60	56	97	71	03	362	37	24	43	" Wm. Murphy.
Portinthan.....	61	154	11	820	16	873	31	55	54	" James McFedries, Henry Finmore.
Huron.....	62	153	26	704	16	793	74	72	52	" Isaac F. Toms, Thos. Renwick.

Queen C. of Ont. 56
 Maple Leaf 57
 Howard 58

STATISTICAL TABLE—continued.

Kingston	50	70	50	213	61	614	78	1870	F. Fowler, M.D., S. Oberndorfer.	
Windsor	60	90	71	83	362	31	24	“	Wm. Murphy.	
Corinthian	61	154	11	820	16	873	31	“	James McEldries, Henry Finmore.	
Haron	62	153	26	704	16	765	48	“	Isaac F. Tomes, Thos. Renwick.	
Barrie	63	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	A. V. Palmer.	
Victoria	64	53	70	247	24	523	60	“	J. B. Laing.	
Friendship	65	112	78	478	00	849	21	1871	A. Suhler, J. S. Garner.	
Flor. Nightingale	66	89	57	614	52	1063	98	“	Robert Adair, Daniel Weir.	
Exeter	67	17	19	100	00	289	62	“	James Gilles.	
North Star	68	32	10	“	“	233	87	“	W. B. Sanders.	
Hope	69	22	32	69	89	220	62	“	C. Barr.	
Lucan	70	47	03	“	“	148	98	“	C. F. Pashley.	
The Toronto	71	96	31	691	26	1173	61	“	J. H. Cornish, John Ritchie, Jr.	
Eastern Star	72	175	90	339	84	1103	00	“	M. O'Donovan, J. A. Campbell.	
Argus	73	59	25	80	41	729	04	“	Wm. Rodgers.	
Bothwell	74	20	00	95	05	447	12	“	F. H. Pope.	
Wagner	75	53	20	320	45	735	50	“	Richard Warriner, Francis Oakley.	
St. Thomas	76	40	06	269	66	782	81	“	J. C. Lindop, J. M. Green.	
Durham	77	33	22	319	22	545	82	“	J. F. Morey, H. Little.	
Northampton	78	44	41	355	85	771	05	“	J. B. Traves.	
Nipissing	79	16	78	94	57	779	96	“	Geo. Wheeler.	
Amity	80	73	70	532	00	570	52	“	James Reynolds, Wm. McSwatt.	
Belleville	81	“	“	600	00	753	50	“	Robert Tracey, J. L. Davis.	
Beaver	82	8	65	148	53	294	30	1872	John McNutt.	
Clinton	83	18	42	82	14	328	29	“	Wm. Foster.	
Walkerton	84	8	65	15	84	296	25	“	Edmund Stoney.	
Constellation	85	6	50	123	33	331	60	“	J. O. Campbell.	
Manaque	86	4	95	96	78	267	75	“	W. F. Sanford.	
Empire	87	4	40	365	43	240	00	“	Harper Wilson.	
Oliver Branch	88	2	50	295	76	363	75	“	Cl. T. Campbell.	
Bellevue	89	16	85	303	86	555	50	“	Geo. W. Jessop.	
Ivy	90	4	31	4	14	371	50	“	J. D. Mac.	
Grand River	91	3	10	160	36	234	25	“	P. B. Hatch (of Gore Lodge, No. 34).	
Milton	92	90	107	50	121	00	“	“	Wm. Mara (of Queen City of Ontario, No. 56).	
Western City	93	30	125	40	163	50	“	“	John Oswald.	
Ylmer	94	“	56	00	76	10	“	“	C. H. Hankinson.	
Port Stanley	95	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	
		21387	77	47502	77	44148	82	3144	74	

* Instituted since last Session.

+ No Report due.

RECAPITULATION.

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Lodges	66
“ Initiated	1864
“ Admitted by Card	206
“ Reinstated	18
	2088
“ Withdrawn by Card	294
“ Ceased to be Members, N.P.D.	178
“ Expelled	7
“ Deaths	25
	504
Net Increase	1584
“ Of Members per last report	3495
“ Present Actual Membership	5079
“ Of Members in arrears, <i>Suspended and Not Suspended</i> ..	755
“ Contributing, or Members in Good Standing	4324
“ Of which number there are of Past Grands	347
“ Of Rejections	268
“ Of Degress Conferred	6025

RELIEF.

Number of Brothers relieved	309
“ Widowed Families Relieved	39
Amount Paid for Relief of Brothers	\$3979 56
“ “ “ Widowed Families	1137 83
“ “ Educating Orphans	107 50
“ “ Burying the Dead	772 56
“ “ Special Relief	280 50
	\$6277 95

FINANCE.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, Aug. 6th, 1871	\$2822 21
Received for Charter Fees	560 00
“ Supplies	1065 72
“ Percentage	3183 91
“ Two Degrees	4 00
	\$7635 84
Less expended per Treasurer's Statement	3852 77
	\$3783 07

Expended during the year.

Amount of Annual Receipts of	Subordinate Lodges	....	42,974 33
“	General Fund	“	.... 46,399 67
“	Widow and Orphan	“	“ 21,318 77

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

Balance on hand, July 31st, 1871, at selling prices.

1	Institution Book	.....	\$ 1 50
3	Installation do	@ \$2.....	6 00
1	do	Degree Lodge.....	75
6	Rebekah Books	@ \$2.....	12 00
24	Dismissal Certificates	25c.....	6 00
7	Receipt Books	1 75.....	12 25
7	Register do	4 00.....	28 00
3	Black do	1 75.....	5 25
6	Order do	1 75.....	10 50
19	Question do	-1 75.....	33 25
2	Blank Returns	75.....	1 50
200	Notices of Rejection	75 per 100.....	1 50
448	P. G. Certificates	20 per dozen.....	7 45
706	Treasurers Bonds	50 do.....	29 50
441	Rep. Certificates	20 do.....	7 40
19	Blank Charters for sale	.....	38 00
863	Propositions for Membership	.....	12 93
1019	Reports thereon	.....	15 28
3	Setss Interleaves for Digest	.....	75
312	Applications for Supplies	15c per doz.....	3 90
9	Digests @ \$2 50	.....	22 50
	Stationery	.....	10 00
	Total	.....	\$266 21

ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands	.....	\$3,783 07
“ Due by Subordinate Lodges	125 37
“ Loaned to Grand Encampment	200 00
“ Supplies on hand	266 21
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		\$4,374 65
Less amount overpaid by Lodges	2 43
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Actual Assets	\$4,372 22

MORTALITY TABLE.

Ten years,—from 1863 to 1872 inclusive.—June 30th, 1872.

Year.	Membership.	Deaths.	Percentage.	No. relieved.	Am't. paid.	Total relief and W. & O. Benet.
1863.....	573.....	6.....	1 in 95	27.....	\$ 399 48.....	\$ 858 48
1864.....	512.....	5.....	1 in 102	40.....	444 00.....	1040 20
1865.....	539.....	7.....	1 in 77	31.....	346 98.....	826 98
1866.....	647.....	11.....	1 in 59	82.....	669 00.....	1239 00
1867.....	967.....	1.....	1 in 907	79.....	823 00.....	1382 00
1868.....	1103.....	7.....	1 in 157	104.....	1335 06.....	2145 24
1869.....	1443.....	7.....	1 in 206	111.....	1637 90.....	2547 70
1870.....	1923.....	17.....	1 in 113	187.....	2040 54.....	3290 56
1871.....	3442.....	21.....	1 in 159	212.....	2707 01.....	4716 53
1872.....	5079.....	25.....	1 in 202	309.....	3979 56.....	6277 95
Average Deaths.....						1 in 151.
" Benefits.....						\$12 16.

AMOUNTS DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES, JULY 31, 1872.


Eureka Lodge	No 30..	\$ 3 25
Forest City "	" 38..	3 25
Excelsior "	" 44..	6 25
Frontier "	" 45..	20
Otter "	" 50..	22
Bissell "	" 51..	1 00
Fidelity "	" 55..	4 00
Maple Leaf "	" 57..	3 00
Huron "	" 62..	10
Victoria "	" 64..	4 52
Bothwell "	" 74..	18 25
Oxford "	" 77..	2 23
Nipissing "	" 79..	46 37
Beaver "	" 82..	72
Constellation "	" 85..	40
Aylmer "	" 94..	31 61
Total..		\$125 37

AMOUNT OVERPAID BY LODGES.

Erie Lodge	No. 33..	\$ 00 08
Mt. Zion "	" 46..	70
Unity "	" 47..	50
Friendship "	" 65..	06
Empire "	" 87..	34
Grand River "	" 91..	75
Total.....		2 43

The annual report of the proceedings of the following named State Grand Lodges have been received: Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, Kansas, Nevada, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire, Georgia, Colorado, California, West Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Indiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Nebraska, Arkansas, Minnesota, Virginia, Ohio, Lower Provinces of B. N. A. And of the following named Grand Encampments: Illinois, Ontario, Iowa, Maine, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Ohio.

All of which is respectfully submitted.



GRAND SECRETARY.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his annual Report as follows:—

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REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

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

The undersigned would respectfully submit the Report of the receipts and Disbursements of this Grand Lodge during the past year.

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1871.		
Aug. 1st.,	To Balance on hand	\$2822 21
1872.		
July 31st.,	To amount received from Grand Sec'y to date.....	4813 63

\$7635 84

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1871		
Aug. 4th.,	By paid Grand Officers and Representatives, Mileage and Per Diem, Session at Toronto, 1871,	\$1235 84
"	" Loan to Grand Encampment.....	100 00
"	" W. Byron, Janitor,.....	8 00
"	" M. Blume, services,.....	6 00
"	" J. R. Robertson, printing 200 G. M's Reports	5 00
"	" Siddons & Dawson, printing Report of T. Partridge, 1870	5 00
"	" W. N. Ford, per account.....	146 22
12	" Stewart & Mathison, printing G. L. Report	27 50
24	" Grand Lodge U. S. account,.....	512 57
Sept, 1	" Erie Lodge, No. 33, Expenses instituting G. L. 1855	40 00
"	" 13 J. Sutherland, Stationery,	9 71
"	" 15 Stewart & Mathison, printing Journal 1871, and Supplies,	135 25
Oct. 3	" J. L. Dalrymple, Desk for Grand Sec'y	40 00
" 9	" G. M. on account of expenses visiting Lodges	75 00
"	" 30 Postage account,.....	8 26
Nov. 13	" Paid for 18 Copies of the A. O. F.....	32 65
1872.		
Jan. 10	" Postage account	18 26
" 22	" Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for Subordinates	258 28
Mar. 1	" Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for Subordinates,	31 00
	Carried forward	\$2649 54

	Brought forward.....	\$2694 54
Mar. 6	" J. B. King, Incidental accounts.....	38 43
" 18	" Jas. L. Ridgely G. L. U. S. account.....	611 00
April 1	" Postage account.....	18 11
May 2	" Supplies from G. L. U. S. account.....	36 53
June 4	" J. B. King on account of Salary.....	250 00
" 11	" Supplies from G. L. U. S.....	34 57
July 1	" Postage account.....	17 55
" 20	" J. Sutherland, Stationery.....	20 00
" 27	" G. L. U. S. supplies.....	17 42
" 31	" J. B. King, Balance of Salary.....	50 00
" 31	" J. B. King, Sundries.....	64 62
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" 31	By Balance of Cash on hand.....	\$3852 77
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		3783 07
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		\$7635 84

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CLEMENT,

GRAND TREASURER.

Rep. J. Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, handed in the returns and percentage of that Lodge, when the following resolution was adopted :

Moved by Rep. M. E. Snider,
Seconded by Rep. E. Beltz,

That the returns of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, be referred to the Committee on Returns, to be reported upon at once.

A petition from seven Scarlet Degree members of Watford, for a new Lodge, was read and referred to Committee on Petitions.

An appeal by J. Zimmerman, of The Toronto Lodge No. 71, on behalf of W. D. Kennedy, P.G., was read and referred to Committee on Appeals.

An appeal from James Reynolds and Wm. Mowatt, Reps. of Amity Lodge No. 80, against the fine of \$12, recorded against that Lodge, was read and referred to Committee on Appeals.

The following charge preferred by Mt. Zion Lodge against Wardsville Lodge No. 60, on motion, was referred to Committee on Appeals :

MT. ZION LODGE, NO. 46, vs. WARDVILLE LODGE, NO. 60.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., charges Wardsville Lodge No. 60 with having violated the Constitution and ancient usages of Odd Fellowship, by initiating candidates residing some three miles nearer Mount Zion than that of Wardsville. Hoping that your honorable body, the Grand Lodge, will take action on the matter and give it your careful consideration, so that the matter will be fully settled; for without a final settlement it will have the tendency of engendering a feeling of animosity and jealousy between the above Lodges, that will be detrimental to Odd Fellowship in this section of Ontario. Until now the strictest feeling of harmony has prevailed.

We remain yours fraternally,

(Seal)

AMOS FENNELL, N. G.

JOHN D. ANDERSON, Recording Sec'y.

The following communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment, asking renewal of loan, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am instructed by resolution adopted by the R. W. Grand Encampment, to communicate with your R. W. Grand Lodge, asking them to continue the loan of \$200 generously granted to the R. W. Grand Encampment at a previous session, for another year, as our funds are not yet sufficient to enable us to liquidate the claim.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe and Treas.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificate of E. G. Chant, of Durham Lodge No. 78, of Port Hope, who attends in the place of J. B. Trayes, who is detained from attending this session, beg to submit that the certificate is in due form. We therefore recommend that the said P. G. Bro. E. G. Chant, be admitted as the representative of that Lodge. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

J. B. KING,
H. E. BUTTERY,
GEO. W. HARE,

The roll of Lodges being called for the presentation of business, the following was submitted:

By Unity Lodge No. 47:

At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge No. 47, the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Jno. Gibson, being present, stated, in answer to a question, that no provision had been made by the Grand Lodge of Ontario for conferring the Degree of Rebekah on qualified Brothers and their wives. That any Officer in possession of the Degree might confer it. But that no Officer or Brother could be compelled to confer it; any Officer or Brother might refuse to confer it if he choose. The Digest states positively, (see page 107, sec. 502) that certain officers of a Subordinate Lodge must be in possession of the Degree before they can be installed.

QUESTION.—Whose duty is it to confer the Degree on the Officers elect?

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

By Unity Lodge No. 47:

At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge No. 47, a candidate for admission to membership being balloted for was declared rejected—four black balls being cast against him. No objection was made to the ballot that evening. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge, four Bros. stood up and stated they were the Bros. who cast the black balls at the previous meeting, and requested a re-consideration of the ballot. By a vote of the Lodge it was allowed.

Question—Was the reconsideration legal; no request having been made for one on the night the ballot was taken?

A motion having been duly made, seconded and put to the Lodge by the N. G. in the chair—can any motion that does not actually amend the original motion before the Lodge be put as an amendment?

Referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

By Clinton Lodge No. 83:

Would it be legal for a Subordinate Lodge to elect to the office of N. G. a Scarlet Member in absence of all qualified Brothers, and all Past Grands refusing, without a dispensation from the Grand Lodge?

Referred to the same Committee.

By Walkerton Lodge No. 84:

Can a Brother while acting in the capacity of an elective officer fill an appointed office at the same time.

Referred to the same Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Representative P. B. Hatch,
Seconded by Representative M. D. Dawson, and

Resolved—That the Committee on Mileage and per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage for this session at the rate of four cents per mile and \$2 per day.

Rep. J. J. Dyas from the Committee on Distribution submitted the following report which was adopted:—

Report of Committee on Distribution.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, WINDSOR, August 6, 1872.

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

The Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that of the report of the M. W. G. M., clauses, 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8, be referred to the Committee on State of the Ord

Clause 5 to a special committee of five members.

Clause 5, to the Committee on Legislation.

Clause 7, to the Committee on Correspondence.

Of the report of the R. W. G. S., that clauses 1 and 2 be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

Clauses 3, 4, 7 and 10, the "Statement of Receipts" and "Recapitulation," to Committee on Finance.

Clauses 6, 8 and 9, and the "Statistical Table of Lodges," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Clause 11, and all other references to relief outside of the jurisdiction to the special committee on clause 2 of the M. W. Grand Master's report.

Clause 5, to the Committee on Returns.

All of the R. W. G. Treasurer's report to the Committee on Finance.

And append the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted:

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT.
HENRY McAFEE.
J. J. DYAS.
R. BARBOUR.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Representative M. E. Snider,
Seconded by Representative H. Blain, and

Resolved—That permission be granted to "The Toronto Lodge" to wear regalia at a funeral this day, in answer to a telegram just read, and that a reply to that effect be at once sent.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., on behalf of Frontier Lodge No. 45, invited the Grand Lodge to a moon-light excursion on the river to-morrow evening (Thursday), which was, on motion of Rep. Jno. Hunter, cordially accepted.

The chair named the Special Committee on Relief Granted to outside jurisdictions, mentioned in the report of the Committee on Distributions, as follows :

Rep's M. D. Dawson, H. McAfee, F. Fowler, J. T. Hornbrook and T. A. Tarrant.

The following report of the Committee on Returns was read and adopted :

Report of Committee on Returns.

WINDSOR, Aug. 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario,

Your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, for the term ending 30th June, 1872, beg leave to report that we find the reports informal, inasmuch as the names and dates are not inserted in detail in the columns under the heads of *Initiated, Admitted by Card, Rejected, Withdrawn, and Ceased to be Members*. That the report does not bear the imprint of the Lodge Seal; that there is a doubt in the minds of your committee as to the figures in *total membership*, per last report 130, and present membership 139, being correct. Your committee are under the impression that the 49 members suspended should be added to the above, making it read: total membership per last report, 179; present membership, 188. But this does not effect the number of membership in good standing, viz.: 124, as reported. Your committee would recommend that the representatives from Excelsior Lodge No. 44 be admitted to seats, and that the report be returned in order to have the discrepancies filled up correctly, and would recommend that it be included in the Grand Secretary's report.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.
HUGH KERR.
GEORGE MIDGLEY.
R. BARBOUR.

Rep. J. O. Campbell, of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order :

1st—The Vice Grand of our Lodge was elected and installed, although his dues were unpaid. An objection was raised against his installation by the N. G., but the D. D. G. M., Bro. Symons, proceeded to install him, his dues still remaining unpaid.

Question—What action should the Lodge take in the matter?

2nd—Our By-Laws say five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Question—Must these five members have the Scarlet Degree?

3rd Can members arrange to omit a meeting on account of not having sufficient Scarlet Members to form a quorum and return the full term?

Rep. Geo. Midgely, of Unity Lodge No. 47, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

HAMILTON, July 31, 1872.

At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge held this evening, it was resolved, on motion, that the following question be submitted to the Grand Lodge for a decision:

Would it be contrary to the Constitution to have a By Law to read as follows?

On the decease of any *bona fide* member who at the time of his death was in good standing in the Lodge, the sum of \$50 shall be allowed as funeral benefits to be disposed of as provided by Constitution. Also, the sum of \$1 for each and every member of the Lodge in good standing, shall be likewise appropriated and paid to his nearest competent relative or legal representative. Each and every member of the Lodge shall be taxed the sum of \$1 to reimburse the treasury, and if not paid within three months, such non-payment shall disqualify the brother from any Lodge benefits in the same manner as if he was in arrears for Lodge dues.

Rep. C. F. Pashley, of Lucan Lodge No. 70, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A member of Lucan Lodge wishes to know if our Order has any recognized mode by which a member may ascertain whether a person with whom he is in correspondence by letter is a member of our order, Other than by a direct question to that effect.

Rep. Geo. Wright, of Canada Lodge No. 49, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A candidate is proposed and proposition is referred to usual committee which reports, the report is received and adopted; but previous to the ballot being taken, it is stated that the candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Is it competent for the Noble Grand, with the concurrence of the Lodge, to postpone the ballot for one week?

Rep. H. McCall, of Howard Lodge No. 58, submitted the following which were referred to the same committee:

1st—Is a brother entitled to get the semi-annual P.W. at the first regular meetings in July and January, until he pays the quarterly dues in full in advance?

2nd - Is he considered in arrears after he fails to so pay in advance?

3rd—What is the proper legal mode of electing Representatives?

4th—In case of a vacancy in any elective office, from any cause, must nomination, election and installation take place in accordance with the Constitution, as provided for regular elections, &c.?

5th—Is a brother who takes a withdrawal card entitled to get with it the A. T. P. W.?

Rep. J. McFedries, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee:

Is it imperative on the N. G. to refuse admittance to a member of another Lodge who has not the term pass-word, while at the same time he has ample evidence that such brother is entitled to such pass word, being good on the books?

Can a brother be admitted on the travelling pass-word alone, without card?

The following was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Moved by Rep. J. W. Jessop,
Sec. by Rep. Wm. Rodgers,

That clause No. 8 of Constitution, which reads: "The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every subordinate Lodge within the Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Ontario," be amended so as to read as follows, viz.: "The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and in places where there is more than one Lodge, to the other Lodges in same place."

Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, of Covenant Lodge No. 52, submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

Can the D. D. G. M. give his decision before the N. G. has given his?

Can a Committee on Character report without first seeing the candidate in person and asking him the usual questions?

Rep. Thos. Renwick, of Huron Lodge No. 62, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A candidate for admission by initiation, on being examined in the ante-room, was found to be unable to sign his name.

Question—Was it legal to initiate him?

Rep. J. McFedries, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Has the N. G. the right to withhold the term P. W. from a member of another Lodge, who has an order for the same from his Lodge, while a charge is pending against such brother for misconduct.

Rep. Isaac Smith, of Chatham Lodge No. 29, submitted the following which were referred to same committee:

Is a Jr. Past Grand eligible for election as representative to Grand Lodge before the returns are made up, on the first meeting in July?

Has the N. G. the power to appeal to his Lodge to support his decision in opposition to D. D. G. Master's decision, on questions of dispute?

Rep. J. W. Jones, of Dominion Lodge No. 48, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Does clause 9, of article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinates, prevent application for admission being made to any Lodge of this Order, by a person who has been twice rejected?

Rep. J. W. Jessop submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee:

Can a Lodge elect a Degree Master when one is not provided for by its By-Laws?

Is it competent for a N. G. to give the term P. W. to a member of another Lodge on an order from the N. G. of the Lodge of which the brother is a member, when it distinctly says in the N. G.'s O. B. N. that he will give the T. P. W. to no one who is not a member of his Lodge.

Rep. J. O. Campbell, of Constellation Lodge No. 85, submitted the following, which was referred to same committee:

Can the proposer of a candidate be permitted to withdraw a proposition after the Investigation Committee report unfavorable.

Rep. Wm. Murphy, of Wardsville Lodge No. 60, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Is it imperative for a brother joining a Lodge by card, in this jurisdiction, to have the Annual T. P. W., he having been a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Rep. Jas. Curle, of Brock Lodge No. 9, submitted the following which was referred to the same committee:

Has the N. G. of a Lodge power to retain the chair when degrees are about to be conferred, the Lodge having elected a Degree Master?

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

The Grand Lodge met and opened pursuant to adjournment.

Present—all the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives.

Prayer, by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

Rep. H. E. Buttery, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario:—

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that they have examined the certificates presented by Bro. R. Griffiths, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44; Bro. James Gillis, of Exeter Lodge No. 67; Bro. Thos. McAdam, of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57, and find them in due form, and would recommend that the obligation be administered to them, and that they be admitted to this R. W. G. Lodge as representatives of their respective Lodges.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

GEO. W. HARE.
H. E. BUTTERY.
J. B. KING.

The following was submitted by Rep. W. F. Roome, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

After an Ancient Odd Fellow has deposited his card, a committee appointed, reported favorable, ballotted for, duly elected and declared so, but before being introduced he demands his card, has the Lodge a right to give it back to him or not?

Rep. E. G. Chant, of Durham Lodge No. 76, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Is the Lodge Doctor expected to furnish medicine with advice? Is it customary in the Order so to do?

Is it advisable or expedient to admit Ancient Odd Fellows over the age of fifty?

Would this Grand Lodge recommend or advise Subordinate Lodges to patronize the Benevolent Association of Hamilton?

Rep. J. H. Glass, of Unity Lodge No. 47, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Is a Scarlet Member who has not passed the Noble Grand's chair, eligible for the office of Vice-Grand in a regularly instituted Degree Lodge? If so, can a Vice-Grand so elected confer Degrees in the absence of the Degree Master?

Rep. Wm. Lewis, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A brother of Excelsior Lodge gets his withdrawal card; removes from the city; within a year returns and wishes to deposit his card in Excelsior Lodge again. On submitting his card the N. G. decided that it was not necessary to ballot for the brother, though some of the brothers drew his attention to the fact that it was necessary to ballot. After taking the vote of the Lodge the N. G. declared the brother a member of Excelsior Lodge. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, the N. G. reversed his decision, and ordered the ballot to be passed; the result of which was the rejection of the brother.

Did the fact of the N. G. having declared the brother a member of Excelsior Lodge constitute him one?

Had the N. G. a right to reverse his first decision?

Rep. John Ritchie, Jr., of "The Toronto Lodge, No. 71," submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee.

If a brother receives from another brother the P. W. illegally, what is the correct action to take in the case.

The following was resolved in the negative:

Moved by Representative E. G. Chant,
Seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.

That this Grand Lodge devote one-half hour each day to the secret work of the Order.

Past Grands Edwards and Gawler, of Washington, D. C., being in waiting, the Chair appointed a Committee who waited upon and introduced the visitors.

Representatives C. Vongunten and Robert Barbour, of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the state of the Order:

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

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

The Representatives of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., would respectfully submit the following questions for decision, the case is as follows :

A brother's wife died; the brother was in arrears to the amount of \$1 50. Our new By-laws do not grant any funeral benefits for that purpose, the old By-laws did, and the omission of that clause was regretted by the Committee and the Lodge. The sympathy of the Lodge was with the brother to present him with a sum of money to help to defray the financial expenses. A notice of motion was given that from that night two weeks, it shall be moved that the amount of fifteen dollars be granted to the brother. At the proper time the motion was put and carried by the Lodge. The N. G. demurred, and ruled the motion out of order, and wanted the case deferred for future consideration. An appeal from his decision was made to the Lodge and said appeal was sustained by the Lodge.

What action shall the Lodge take if the N. G. still refuses to sign the Order? Or, is the N. G. justified in the course he is taking against the wishes of the Lodge?

We append our By-laws with the questions to assist in the decision.

The following accounts were referred to the Committee on Finance.

STRATFORD, Aug. 5, 1872.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., Dr.

To Buckingham & Matheson.

August 5, Printing 200 Reports of G. M.....	\$6 00
Paid express charges to Windsor.....	55
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STRATFORD, August 7, 1872.

R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., Dr.

To John Gilson.

To expenses incurred to date, Official Visiting.....	\$388 90
To Express Charges, Telegraphing, &c.....	25 60
To Post Office account.....	15 00
To James Woodyatt, visit to Barrie.....	13 60
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	\$443 10

BRANTFORD, August 3, 1872.

J. B. King, Grand Secretary I. O. O. F., Dr.

To C. E. Stewart & Co.

August 3, To printing 200 copies of Reports.....	\$28 00
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The following was resolved in the negative.

Moved by Representative J. J. Ramsay,
Seconded by P. G. Master Wm. N. Ford, and

Resolved, That it is advisable that a complete edition of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body, from its first annual session down to the present time, be stereotyped, for the future use of its membership, and that the question of funds for that purpose be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative George Wright, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Petitions.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:—

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the Brothers petitioning this R. W. Grand Body for a dispensation to organize a new Lodge at Watford, and have found them correct with the following exception, viz.: that the card of Angus Mitchell is signed on the margin by Joshua Saunders, and that of Joshua Saunders by Angus Mitchell.

We recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted with the necessary corrections.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

GEORGE WRIGHT,
W. A. RAWLINGS,
EDMUND STONEY,
WM. RODGERS,
P. G. BENDER.

Representative T. Healey, of Union Lodge, No. 16, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report which was considered seriatim:

Report of Committee on Legislation.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:—

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to present their Report:—

1—In regard to the first part of clause five of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, we recommend, and now give notice, that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, motion will be made to alter Article 2, clause 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so that after the words "shall be" in the sixth line, shall read as follows—75 or less one representative; from 75 to 150 two representatives; and if 150 three representatives, and that three shall be the extreme number any shall elect.

2—In regard to the latter part of Clause 5, we would recommend the Grand Lodge to take no action.

3—In regard to the question of Representative E. G. Chant, of Durham, No. 78, we would recommend that Article 2, clause 8, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be so amended that it shall read "The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be intimated to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, at the end of each month during which the rejection takes place, and that in cities and towns, where there are two or more Lodges, notice shall also be sent to each of them during the week of such rejection."

And we would further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a tabular form, on which shall be entered all rejections, expulsions, suspensions, &c., to be sent by him to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges at the end of each month.

The resolution of Representatives Jessop and Rodgers is embodied in the foregoing.

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. HEALY,
JOHN HURST,
J. J. DYAS,
I. J. DAVIS,
GEORGE POWELL, Senr.

Clauses 1 and 2—considered and adopted.

On the motion to adopt clause 3 of the report,

It was moved by Rep. W. F. Roome,
Seconded by Rep. Henry Gibson, in amendment :

That that part of the report relating to the notice of rejection be referred back to the Committee on Legislation for amendment, that is, striking off the latter part of the clause where it makes it imperative on the Grand Secretary to notify each Lodge once a month, as it is entirely unnecessary.

Resolved in the negative.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

Rep. F. Fowler, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your committee appointed to examine the correspondence respectfully report, that they find the papers well arranged and properly endorsed. The committee had much satisfaction in perusing the correspondence about the relief afforded by our Lodge to our brethren in Chicago and Michigan, and are happy to note that geographical division is no bar to the practical exhibition of our sympathy for distress. Some correspondence has been laid before us about John McMath, and we find that the Most Worthy Grand Master, in a letter dated March 25, 1872, promised to bring the case under the notice of the Grand Lodge at its present session, but the papers laid before us are insufficient to enable us to come to any conclusion with regard to the case. The correspondence between the Grand Officers is voluminous, showing the Order has been in efficient hands during the past year.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

FIFE FOWLER, M.D.
WM. SPRINGER, M.D.
HENRY GIBSON.
J. W. JONES.
JOHN DEWAR.

Rep. H. Wilson, of Union Lodge No. 16, from the Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the grievances of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46 *vs.* Wardville Lodge N. 60, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Appeals.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

WINDSOR August 7, 1872.

MOUNT ZION LODGE No. 46, }
vs.
 WARDVILLE LODGE No. 60. }

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows:

In the matter of the complaint of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46, against Wardville Lodge for receiving and initiating candidates residing nearer to Mt. Zion than to Wardville Lodge, No. 60, your committee find that it is clearly a violation of the Constitution, and of the usages of the Order, for any Lodge to initiate candidates within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless the consent of that Lodge be first obtained. They trust such error may not again occur within this jurisdiction.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.
 H. W. MURDOCK.
 R. WARINER.
 EDMUND BELTZ.
 H. MCCALL.

Rep. H. W. Murdock, of Covenant Lodge No. 52, from same committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Appeals.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows:

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

AMITY LODGE No. 80, }
vs.
 J. B. KING, Grand Secretary. }

In the matter of the appeal of Amity Lodge No. 80, against J. B. King, R.W. Grand Secretary, for inflicting a fine on the Lodge, according to the Constitution, for neglecting to send in their report up to December 30th, 1871, at the proper time; your committee find that Brother King was fully justified, and acted constitutionally in inflicting said fine; but as the Lodge failed to send their returns, not from intentional neglect, but from a misunderstanding of the law by the D.D.G.M., who thus led the Lodge into error, we would recommend that the fine, amounting to \$2, be remitted to the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.
 H. W. MUDOCK.
 R. WARRINER.
 E. BELTZ.
 H. MCCOLL.

Rep. G. W. Hare, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report, that Bro. W. B. Sanders is in the ante room without a certificate. We find his name on the returns of North Sta. Lodge No. 68, and recommend that he be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge as the representative of said Lodge. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

GEO. W. HARE,
J. B. KING,
H. E. BUTTERY,

Rep. Thos. Rennick, of Huron Lodge No. 62, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is there any provision made for the widows or orphans of deceased brothers who were receiving an annuity at the time of the confiscation of subordinate Lodge property by Grand Lodge?

Moved by H. C. Bingham, R. G. M..

Seconded by Rep. M. D. Dawson,

That this Grand Lodge adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

Moved in amendment, by Rep. T. A. Tarrant,

Seconded by Rep. H. Wilson,

That the words "8 o'clock this evening," be struck out and nine o'clock to-morrow morning inserted. Resolved in the affirmative.

Motion as amended adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND
DAY.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

Windsor, August 8, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and was opened in due form. Jno. Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding.

Roll call, present—

JOHN GIBSON	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN MURRAY	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
JOHN HUNTER	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JAMES WOODYATT	R. W. GRAND REP. TO G.L.U.S.
JAS. F. McDONALD	R. W. GRAND MARSHALL.
JOHN SHNEIDER	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
G. W. PONTINE	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
C. S. MALE	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

I, John McMath, beg to call your attention to an appeal made by me to your R. W. Grand Body, through Representative Moore, in 1869, when said appeal was laid over for want of evidence; such evidence I am now prepared to lay before you, and trust you will instruct your Committee on Appeals to hear my case.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN McMATH.

Rep. Jno. Ritchie, jr., submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

When is a candidate by card or initiation constituted a member of a Lodge; when introduced, or after signing the Constitution and By-Laws?

Rep. Irwin submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee:

Is a Representative to Grand Lodge an officer of his subordinate Lodge?

Must a ballot be cast where there is only one brother in nomination for an elective office?

Rep. M. Blume, of Canada Lodge No. 49, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Has a D.D.G.M. any authority to decide a question submitted to him by a Lodge in his district, without the consent of and without first submitting such question to the Grand Master.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Rep. Henry Gibson,
Seconded by W. N. Ford, P.G.M.,

That a special committee be appointed by this Grand Body to take into consideration the advisability of erecting an edifice (to be known by some name approved of by this Grand Body), as a source of revenue, to be used as a supplementary fund for the relief of the distressed of this jurisdiction.

The chair named the following P.G.M.'s as the Committee: Jas. Woodyatt, H. McAfee, H. C. Bingham, Jas. Smith, W. N. Ford.

Rep. C. S. Male, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Is it advisable that some provision should be made to allow a brother joining a Lodge by card to entitle such brother to receive benefits without waiting six months, as now provided?

The following was resolved in the negative:

Moved by Rep. J. O. Campbell,
Seconded by Rep. E. Stoney, and

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Body authorize its Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S. to use their influence with that R. W. Grand Body to so amend the Constitution of the State Grand Lodges that Past Grands of subordinate Lodges, who are not elected as representatives to Grand Lodge, may not be permitted to vote on elections of officers for said State Grand Bodies.

Rep. G. W. Hare, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificates of P. G. Alexander Mercer, of Samaritan Lodge No. 35, and Rep. John McNutt, of Beaver Lodge No. 82, beg to report that we find them in due form, and would recommend that they be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Body. Therefore be it

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.
Fraternally submitted.

H. E. BUTTERY.
G. W. HARE.
J. B. KING.

Rep. Chas. Lee, of Avon Lodge No. 41, submitted the following which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

In balloting for representatives, if there are two or three of equal number, the lowest, should not the whole of them, or should any of them be dropped?

The following was read and referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Moved by Rep. W. F. Sanford,
Seconded by Rep. James Kerr,

That clause 4, article II., of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the word three and inserting the word two.

J. Spragge, of Ann Arbor, Mich., P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., being in waiting, the chair appointed P. G. Masters Jas. Woodyatt, Jas. Smith and S. G. Dolson, a committee to wait upon and introduce the visitor, which was done, and the brother received with Grand Honors.

The following was referred to the Committee on Legislation

Moved by Rep. J. W. Jones,
Seconded by Rep. Wm. Foster,

That Clause 9, Article II., of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "rejection."

The following was ruled out of order.

Moved by Rep. Sanford,
Seconded by Rep. J. W. Jones,

That our representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their influence to secure such a change in the present form of obligations as to cause those taking them to realize more fully their binding power, and the solemn responsibilities attaching to them; also, such changes in the administration of the higher degrees of the Order as shall make them more impressive and interesting than they are.

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Resolved—That a committee be appointed to compile and print a Book of Laws containing Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Rules of Order, Instructions for Organizing Lodges, and such other information as they may consider advisable. The book to be sold to subordinates at cost price, for distribution among members.

Would it be advisable to appoint a committee to communicate with the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments throughout the Dominion, and with such other bodies or persons as they may see fit, with a view to ascertain the desirability of establishing a Sovereign Jurisdiction for Canada, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States?

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell,
Seconded by P. G. M., W. N. Ford,

That the notice of motion appearing on page 794, Journal 1871, be referred to Committee on Legislation.

P. G. M., W. C. Earl, of Ohio, being in waiting, the chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Woodvatt, Jas. Smith and R. Wigmore as a committee to introduce the distinguished visitor, which was accordingly done, and the brother received with the Grand Honors.

Representative Robert Kirkpatrick, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report which was considered and adopted:—

Report of Committee on Returns.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on Returns submit as follows:—That Brock Lodge, No. 9, has failed to insert the date of their report.

In reference to Chatham Lodge, No. 29, we find that there is an error in the item of W. & O. Funds in hand which should read \$11 88.

Report of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, did not fill out dates of rejected applicants and deceased members.

Report of Erie Lodge, No. 33, error in membership, should read 61 instead of 65.

Report of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, error in per centage, should read \$23 35 instead of \$23 29. Error in membership, should be 91 instead of 96.

Report of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, reports seven members ceased and only six names given.

Report of Avon Lodge, No. 41, the amount of Widow and Orphan and General Funds not given.

Report of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, for the term ending 30th June, 1872, error in per centage, \$1 27 too much sent to Grand Secretary.

Report of Canada Lodge, No. 49, error in membership, reads 204, should be 205.

Report of returns of Bissell Lodge, No. 51, for term ending 30st December, 1871, membership reported 48, should be 46.

Report of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, for term ending 31st Dec., 1871, reads 170 membership, should be 201.

Report of Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, reports 57 members in good standing, and only returns \$26.89 as dues.

Report of Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, for term ending 31st December, 1871, not signed by Vice-Grand.

Report of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, term ending 31st December, 1871, membership stated 29, should be 28.

Report of Howard Lodge, No. 58, claims three representatives, only entitled to two—difference corrected.

Report of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, term ending 31st December, 1871, no General Funds given, nor record of relief: and term ending June 30, 1872, error in per centage returned \$31 88, should be \$20 40. Error corrected by Grand Sec.

Report of Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, term ending 31st December, 1871, error in per centage returned \$15 80, should be \$16 32.

Report of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, for term ending 31st December, 1871, error in per centage returned \$40 80, should be \$26 11.

Report of Victoria Lodge, No. 64, for term ending 30th June, 1872, report not signed by N. G., V. G., and no seal of Lodge.

Report of Friendship Lodge, No. 65, term ending 31st December, 1871, no dates given of rejected candidates.

Return of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, term ending 31st December, 1871, date of death of deceased brother not given, and no funeral benefits stated.

Report of Bothwell Lodge, No. 74, term ending 31st December, 1871, error in per centage returned, \$18 32 should be \$17 68.

Report of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, term ending 31st December, 1871, names of initiated members not given.

Report of Beaver Lodge, No. 82, term ending 30th June, 1872, error in per centage sent, \$24 50 should be \$24 33.

Report of Napanee Lodge, No. 86, term ending June 30th, 1872, no entry made for moneys received for cards.

Report of Reliance Lodge, No. 89, term ending 30th June, 1872, names of Charter members not entered.

Report of Ivy Lodge, No. 90, for term ending 30th June, 1872, names of Charter members not given, and only \$6 00 charged for four members admitted by card.

Your Committee would most respectfully recommend that all the errors contained in the foregoing reports be referred back to the respective Lodges for correction, except in those cases where the Grand Secretary has made the necessary alterations and corrections.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

And we therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
HUGH KERR,
R. BARBOUR,
JAMES F. MORRY,
GEORGE MIDGLEY.

P. G. M. James Woodyatt, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, WINDSOR, August 6, 1872.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report:—

1st—On the question of Representative Jones, of Dominion Lodge, No. 84, as follows:—

“Does clause 9 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinates, prevent application for admission being made to any Lodge of this Order, by a person who has been twice rejected?”

We reply, Yes.

2nd—On the question of Representative Jessop, of Reliance Lodge, No. 89, as follows:—

"Can a Lodge elect a Degree Master, when one is not provided for by its By-Laws?"

We reply, No.

3rd—On the question of Representative Jessop, as follows:—

"Is it competent for a N. G. to give the term P. W. to a member of another Lodge, on an order from the N. G. of the Lodge of which the brother is a member?"

We reply, Yes, when the order is verified by the seal of the Lodge.

4th—On the question of Representative Murphy, of Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, as follows:

"Is it imperative for a brother joining a Lodge in this jurisdiction, by card, to have the A. T. P. W., he having been a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction?"

We reply, Yes.

5th—On the question of the Representatives of Brock Lodge, No. 9, as follows:—

"Has the N. G. of a Lodge power to retain the Chair when Degrees are about to be conferred, the Lodge having elected a Degree Master?"

On this subject we can find no legislation, and therefore reply, Yes; but that it would be inexpedient for the N. G. to do so.

We respectfully submit the following:—

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON,
H. C. BINGHAM.

Representative C. H. Hankinson, of Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, Aug. 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, submit as follows:—

1st—Huron Lodge, No. 6, presents the following question:—

"A candidate for admission by initiation on being examined in the outer room was found to be unable to sign his name; was his admission legal?"

We reply, Yes.

2nd—From Walkerton Lodge, No. 84:—

"Can a brother while acting in the capacity of an elective officer fill an appointed office at the same time?"

We reply, No brother can be installed in two offices.

3rd—From Chatham Lodge, No. 29:

"Is a Jr. P. G. eligible for election as Representative to G. L. before the returns are made out on the first meeting in July?"

We reply, Yes.

4th—"Has the N. G. the power to appeal to his Lodge to support his decision in opposition to the D. D. Grand Master's decision?"

We reply, No.

5th—From Clinton Lodge, No. 83 :—

“ Would it be legal for a Subordinate Lodge to elect to the office of N. G. a Scarlet Member, in the absence of all qualified brothers, without a dispensation from the Grand Lodge ?”

We reply, Yes by dispensation from the D. D. G. Master.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

P. G. M. and P. G. Representative F. M. Foster, of Michigan, being in waiting, the Chair appointed P. G. M. McAfee and D. G. M. John Murray, a Committee to introduce the distinguished visitor which was done, and the Brother received with Grand Honors.

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report which considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

The Committee on the State of the Order submit the following report on questions from Howard Lodge, No. 58 :

1st—“ Is a Brother entitled to get the semi-annual P. W. at the first Regular meetings in July and January, until he pays the quarterly dues in full in advance ?”

We reply, No, because the By-Laws of that Lodge require the dues to be paid quarterly in advance.

2nd—“ Is he considered in arrears after he fails to so pay in advance ?”

We reply, Yes.

3rd—“ What is the proper legal mode of electing Representatives ?”

To this we reply by particular reference to clause 7 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, clause 8, article 3, of the Constitution of Subordinates, and clause 11 of the By-Laws of Howard Lodge.

4th—“ In case of a vacancy in any elective office from any cause, must nomination, election and installation take place in accordance with the Constitution as provided for regular elections, &c. ?”

We reply, Yes; except that installation may take place upon the night of election, in the case of filling a vacancy.

5th—Is a Brother who takes a withdrawal card entitled to get with it the A. T. P. W. ?”

We reply, Yes.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Representative James Heron of Eureka Lodge, No. 80, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was submitted the following questions, submit as follows:—

1st—By Corinthian Lodge, No. 61:—

“Has the N. G. the right to withhold the term P. W. from a member of another Lodge, who has an order for the same from his own Lodge, while a charge is pending against said brother?”

Answer, Yes. See digest, section 672, defining *good standing*.

2nd—By Covenant Lodge, No. 52:—

“Can the D. D. G. M. give his decision before the N. G. has given his?”

Answer, No.

By the same Lodge—“Can a Committee on Character report without first seeing the candidate in person, and asking him the usual questions?”

Answer, They should not.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON,
H. C. BINGHAM,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Representative J. Heron, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario:—

We your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause Nos. 6, 8 and 9 of the Grand Secretary's Report, submit as follows:—

On Clause 6—Your Committee are of opinion that if the suggestions of the R. W. G. Secretary, were more generally carried out, they would have a very beneficial effect on the well-being of the Order at large.

On Clause 8—Your Committee would congratulate the Grand Lodge on receiving the books and papers of Burlington Lodge after so long a lapse of time.

On Clause 9—Your Committee believe that the sheet of instructions, prepared by the Grand Secretary, will result in benefit to the Order.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES HERON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
H. C. BINGHAM,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Representative Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order submit the following,—

1st—On the question of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, as follows:—

“Can the proposer of a Candidate be permitted to withdraw a proposition after the Investigating Committee report unfavorable?”

To this question your Committee reply, No.

2nd—On the question of Unity Lodge, No. 47, as follows:—

“Would it be contrary to Constitution to have a By-Law to read as follows: On the decease of any *bona-fide* member, who, at the time of his death, was in good standing in the Lodge, the sum of fifty dollars shall be allowed as a funeral benefit, to be disposed of as provided by Constitution?”

To this question your Committee answer, No.

3rd—On the question of Unity Lodge, No. 47, as follows:—

“Would it be contrary to Constitution to have a By-Law to read as follows: The sum of one dollar for each and every member of the Lodge in good standing shall be likewise appropriated and paid to his nearest competent relation, or legal representative; each and every member of the Lodge shall be taxed the sum of one dollar to reimburse the treasury, and if not paid within three months such non-payment shall disqualify the brother from any Lodge benefits in the same manner as if he was in arrears for Lodge dues?”

To this question your Committee answer, Yes.

4th—On the questions of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, as follows:

“The Vice Grand of our Lodge was elected and installed, although his dues were unpaid. An objection was raised against his installation by the Noble Grand, but the D. D. G. M., Brother Symons, proceeded to install him. His dues still remain unpaid. Question: What action should the Lodge take in the matter?”

To this question your Committee answer: Prefer a charge against the D.D. Grand Master.

5th—On the question of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, as follows:

“Our By-Laws say five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Question: Must those five members have the Scarlet Degree?”

Your Committee answer, No, unless By-Laws so require.

6th—On the question of Constellation Lodge, No. 85:

“Can members arrange to omit a meeting on account of not having sufficient Scarlet Members to form a quorum and return the full term?”

The answer to question No. 5 renders answer to this unnecessary.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES HERON,
H. C. BINGHAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Representative James Reynolds, of Amity Lodge, No. 80, from the Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

WINDSOR August 7, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

The Finance Committee desire to submit the following Report:—

They recommend 1st—That the action of the R. W. G. Secretary in procuring the necessary desks for the use of Grand Lodge (as mentioned in section 3 of his Report), in transmitting the returns and representative tax to the Grand Lodge of the U. S., and in procuring supplies (as stated in the 10th section of his report), be approved.

2nd—That the loan of \$200 to the Grand Encampment be renewed for another year, in accordance with the desire expressed in the communication from that Grand Body.

3rd—That while the expenses of the Grand Lodge during the past year have been very reasonable and marked with due economy, your Committee are of opinion that if the Province was judiciously divided into districts, and suitable brethren appointed as District Deputy Grand Masters, the M. W. G. M. would be saved a great deal of unnecessary trouble, and the Grand Lodge large expense for the visitation of Subordinate Lodges.

4th—That the books of the R. W. G. Secretary and R. W. G. Treasurer have been examined by your Committee and found correct, though some typographical errors and other mistakes occur in the printed reports of those well tried and efficient officers, which your Committee have corrected.

5th—Your Committee also recommend the payment of the following accounts which they have examined and found correct, viz.:

C. E. Stewart, printing Grand Secretary's Report, \$28 00; Buckingham & Matheson, printing Grand Master's Report, \$6 55; the R. W. Grand Master's account, travelling expenses, &c., for the year, \$443 10.

6th—With respect to the "Recapitulation" in the R. W. G. Secretary's Report, your Committee have no means of ascertaining the correctness of the membership or amounts paid for relief, but find the Treasurer's statement correct which shows the sum of \$3783 07 in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

7th—That in view of the great increase of labor devolving upon the Grand Sec. and the great importance of the office, your Committee are of opinion that his salary should be augmented by one hundred dollars for the current year.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

H. McAFEE,
H. BLAIN,
JAMES REYNOLDS,
GEO. W. JESSOP,
GEORGE WHELÉR.

Representative M. E. Snider, of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

"Has the officer instituting a Degree Lodge the power to take the name of a Charter member off of the Charter, he being absent at the time of institution sickness being the cause of the absence?"

Representative J. O. Campbell, of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

"The Vice Grand of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, was elected and installed while in arrears; can he hold his position, or must the office be declared vacant and another election had?"

P. G. Ms., F. M. Foster, D. W. Dean J. Spragge, and W. C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary, of Ohio, addressed the Grand Lodge, and were most attentively listened to.

Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Representative to G. L. U. S., submitted the following report, which was referred to a special committee:

REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

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

Your representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and custom of the Grand Lodge, submit the subjoined synopsis of the proceedings of the last session of that Right Worthy Grand Body, held at the city of Chicago, in September last.

On arriving at the hall provided for the use of the Grand Lodge, an address of welcome was delivered by John G. Rogers, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the brotherhood of the State of Illinois, and was responded to by Fred. D. Stuart, Most Worthy Grand Sire, in an able manner.

The following decisions were made by the Most Worthy Grand Sire during recess, viz. :

The initiation of a candidate is only complete (finished) when he has been introduced to the Lodge.

1st.—When an officer is under charges his functions as such, cease until the question of his guilt or innocence has been determined by the Lodge.

2nd.—A Noble Grand has no right to refuse to put any legitimate question to his Lodge—his differing with the Lodge has nothing to do with the matter.

3rd.—It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot; he may conceal or expose the character of his vote, at his pleasure.

4th.—Every brother present in a Lodge or Encampment is obliged to vote, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment, and no particular number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

5th.—There is no reason why persons akin to each other, no matter how close the relation, should not hold office at the same time in the same Lodge.

6th.—Officers elect having been examined in the ante-room, when they enter for installation, do not address the chairs.

7th.—There is no law against installing officers in any suitable hall, outside the Lodge Room, provided the form of public installation is used.

8th.—Questions of law must go from subordinate Lodges to the District Deputy or Grand Master. After a Grand Master has decided a question for a subordinate Lodge, said Lodge, if not satisfied, can only seek redress by an appeal properly presented to the Grand Lodge, and said Lodge must abide the decision of the Grand Master until said decision is reversed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction.

9th.—A subordinate Lodge is the proper tribunal to try all delinquency where the charge is cognisable under the laws.

10th.—A brother withdrawing from his Lodge for the purpose of establishing (with others) a new Lodge, and failing to appear when the Lodge is instituted, cannot be considered as one of the Charter members. If he wishes to join that or any other Lodge, his card must be presented regularly and he must be balloted for according to law.

11th.—No Lodge or Encampment has a right to refuse a dismissal certificate to a suspended member who makes proper application for the same. The laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure to him this right, and Subordinate Bodies must conform to them.

12th.—No brother can visit the Grand Lodge of the United States except upon a voucher from a representative from the State from which he hails, and no representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree; and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree, inasmuch as it would be absurd to admit a visitor to the Grand Lodge of the United States who was not qualified to visit a State Grand Body.

13th.—The Grand Lodge of a State has no power to appoint a committee of the Grand Lodge to try a brother of a subordinate Lodge. It may, however, order a subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to the order the Subordinate Lodge must yield obedience.

14th.—A Lodge may appoint or elect a Chaplain, and he would be called an officer because he holds an office, but holding that office would not make him eligible for an elective office.

15th.—All voting in the Subordinate and Degree Lodges is by the U.S. of an O. F., unless otherwise provided. The exception is not alone to a ballot for membership, as the decision of the Grand Sire, 1869, would seem to indicate, but to advancing to degrees, balloting for withdrawal cards, suspending or expelling members, and reinstating them, electing officers, reconsidering a ballot for membership, when the Yeas and Nays are ordered, etc., in which cases provision is made by law for voting otherwise.

16th.—The honors are given to elective Past Grand Officers visiting outside of their own jurisdictions, after they have been recognized (addressed the chairs), and have been introduced to the Noble Grand by name and rank.

17th.—The Grand Sire has no authority to revive a defunct Encampment instituted by a Grand Encampment, which is itself defunct.

18th.—Any brother who has retired and wishes to re-enter the Lodge (the same evening) may use the Vice-Grand's P. W., or the P. W. of the current term for that purpose.

19th.—The Warden's position is in front of the R. S. of the Noble Grand, and he cannot deliver his charge from any other place, without a violation of law.

20th.—A Past Grand Master has a right to announce his title as such at the inner door when visiting a subordinate Lodge on ordinary occasions, but he is not entitled to the honors of the Order unless he visits on official business, which he should announce. Rank refers to the highest grade or title attained.

21st.—Members holding expired withdrawal cards are competent applicants for Charters for new Lodges. There is no limit to the age of the card.

22nd.—A member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge. He may submit his complaint to his own Lodge, which should demand or request an investigation of the charges by the Lodge to which the brother charged belongs. Or the brother complaining, may place the charges in the hands of any member of the Lodge to which the accused belongs, and the said brother would have a right and should lay them before his Lodge and the Lodge should take action.

23rd.—There is no law preventing members holding dismissal certificates from being applicants for Charters for new Lodges.

24th.—There is no authority for an Elective Officer of a State Grand Body to introduce into a subordinate Lodge a brother holding an expired withdrawal card—it cannot be done legally.

Decisions numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24, were sustained. Numbers 1 and 17 were reversed. Numbers 3, 8 and 11 were amended as follows: All after the word ballot in No. 3 to be stricken out. Number 8 to read thus:

No Lodge or Encampment Subordinate to any State or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment has a right to present questions of law direct to the Most Worthy Grand Sire for his decision. All such questions must go through the channel provided by the local law.

Number 11 to read as follows:

No Lodge or Encampment has the right to refuse a Dismissal Certificate to a member suspended for non payment of dues, and who makes proper application for the same. The Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure to him this right, and Subordinate Lodges must conform to them.

And in lieu of decision No. 22, the following resolution was substituted and adopted:

Resolved—That in the absence of any local regulation upon the subject, a member of one Subordinate Lodge or Encampment desiring to prefer charge or charges against a member or members of another Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall present such charge or charges in the usual form to the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, if he (the accuser) is a member. Said Lodge or Encampment shall forthwith forward to the Lodge or Encampment to which the accused may belong, a certified copy of the charge or charges, over the signatures of the Noble Grand and Secretary, or the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, and the Lodge or Encampment to whom such charge or charges shall be sent shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body.

The M. W. Grand Sire also drawthe attention of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to the following resolutions, emanating from the Legislative Committee, which was adopted, and which read as follows:

Resolved—1st. That no member of the Order shall either directly or indirectly use or sanction the use of the emblems, the name of any of the titles or the mottoes or the initials thereof of this Order, in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

Resolved—2d. That no member or officer of any Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall either directly or indirectly use or permit the use of his name as such member or officer in any private business or enterprise.

Resolved—3rd. That a member of this Order shall not use any of its emblems, its name, or any of its titles, its mottoes, or the initials thereof, in any advertisement or public display, not authorized by some law of the Order.

Resolved—4th. That any member of the Order or officer of a Lodge or Encampment who shall be guilty of any of the offences defined and set forth in the three preceding resolutions, shall be considered guilty of a fraud upon the Order, and shall be suspended or expelled from membership, at the option of his Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved—5th. That the foregoing shall not be construed to any periodical or newspaper now published or hereafter to be published in the interests of the Order in good faith, by a member or members of the Order in good standing; unless such publication shall, under cover of the interests of the Order, give publicity to any of the signs, emblems, mottoes, or other secrets of the Order, in advertisements or otherwise for the benefit of individuals or companies, or for the advancement of their own private interests.

Resolved—6th. That if any such periodical or newspaper shall offend against the provisions of this regulation, it shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Sire to warn said periodical or newspaper to discontinue such conduct, and in

the event of the continuance of such publication or advertisement and persistent disobedience to said warning, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire to prefer charges against the offending party or parties, before his or their Subordinate Lodge, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to arraign and try the party or parties so charged, and upon conviction of the offence to suspend or expell the member.

And it is with exceeding gratification to be able to report to you that the records show that the highest degree of prosperity, both numerically and financially, prevail throughout each jurisdiction.

At the last Session of this Grand Lodge, an appeal was decided by the Lodge, and Rep. Blain asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. The subject matter in substance was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which Committee reported as follows: "The following resolution has been referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration, and report:

Resolved—That in case illegal ballots be cast upon ballot for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, (such illegality being that the brothers voting upon such application were disqualified by the By-laws of the subordinate) such ballot may be declared void by the presiding officer, and a new ballot be immediately had."

The law bearing on this subject is to be found in sec. 130 of the Digest, which in effect decides that it is competent for a majority of a Subordinate Lodge, but not for an officer alone, to order a new ballot when an election is either fraudulent or illegal; but when the election is favorable, such order must be made previous to the applicants initiation. The ordering of the new ballot in such cases necessarily involves the abrogation of the former ballot. The committee do not recommend any action on the foregoing resolution, as existing legislation already meets the question raised by it. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

This in affect reverses the action of this Grand Lodge last year.

Article 10 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was amended to read as follows:

Annual returns shall be made by each State District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next annual session, the number of subordinates under its jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same; as well as the aggregate number of initiations, re-instatements, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, expulsions and deaths, and the number suspended or dropped; the number of brethren relieved, and the amount of such relief; the number of widowed families relieved, and amount of relief; the amount paid for burying the dead; the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the whole amount of receipts.

Forms of these reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

Article 26 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was amended to read as follows:

The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December, and all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall make their annual reports, as required by article 10, to correspond with the fiscal year.

In conclusion, we may be permitted to add that much valuable information will be found by a careful perusal of the correspondence and reports of the several officers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States for the past year.

Returning you our sincere thanks for the honor heretofore conferred upon us as your representatives,

We Remain, Yours Fraternaly,

T. PARTRIDGE,
JAMES WOODYATT.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, WINDSOR,
8th August, 1972.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met at 3 o'clock p. m., and opened in due form.

Grand Master, John Gibson, presiding, all Grand Officers present, and a quorum of Representatives.

Minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

Representative R. Kirkpatrick, of Eureka Lodge, No. 80, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

Report of Committee on Returns.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred clause five of the Grand Secretary's Report, submit the following report:—

We find that that portion of said clause in reference to Amity Lodge, No. 80, has been reported upon by the Committee on Appeals.

We find that the returns of Barrie Lodge, No. 63, were incorrect, but corrected by the Grand Secretary, and would recommend that their Representatives be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary embody their returns in his report.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
HUGH KERR,
JAMES F. MOREY,
GEORGE MIDDLEY.

Representative J. J. Dyas, of Ivy Lodge, No. 90, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim*.

Report of Committee on Legislation.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred.

1st—The notice of Representative Cl. T. Campbell for repealing Article 'V, clauses 6 to 10 inclusive of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, recommend that it be not adopted.

2nd—We recommend that the notice of Representative Campbell to repeal Clause I, Article VIII, Constitution of Grand Lodge, and to substitute therefore, "This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each subordinate, the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual returns," be adopted.

Also that the amendment to Clause IX, Article IV, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be adopted.

Also, that in case the next preceding change be adopted, we recommend that the proper change in Clause IV, Art. V, Constitution of Sudordinates, notice of which has been given by Representative Campbell be adopted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

T. HEALY,
JOHN HURST.
J. J. DYAS,
GEORGE POWELL,
J. J. DAVIS.

On motion to adopt clause one it was

Moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell,
Seconded by Rep. T. A. Tarrant,

That the word "not" be stricken out.

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of the Committee to adopt the clause it was resolved in the affirmative.

Report as a whole adopted.

On motion of Representative J. Heron, Representative S. Oberndoffer, of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, having received a telegram requesting him to come home immediately, was excused from further attendance at the present session.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers.

The Chair appointed Representatives J. R. Dunn and W. F. Roome as tellers.

The following nominations and elections were had :

GRAND MASTER.

Representative M. E. Snider, nominated Rep. J. Murray.
P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, " Rep. Hy. Robertson.

Representative John Murray elected on first ballot.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Rep. G. E. Patterson, nominated Rep. J. J. Ramsay,
" P. B. Hatch " J. Hunter,
" H. Blain, " Dr. Wright,
" M. D. Dawson, " R. Mathison,
" T. Healy, " J. J. Dyas,
" James Smith " Henry Robertson.

Representative Henry Robertson, dropped on first ballot;
Rep. R. Mathison retired from the contest after the first ballot;
Rep. J. J. Ramsay retired after the second ballot; Rep. J. J. Dyas dropped on the second ballot.

Representative Dr. George Wright elected on the third ballot.

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

Rep. J. Kerr nominated Rep. J. F. Morey,
" G. H. Hare " G. W. Pontine,
" Thos. Woodyatt " Harper Wilson,
" G. T. Hornibrook " H. W. Murdock,
" E. Beltz " R. Mathison,
" J. H. Glass " T. A. Tarrant,
" J. Kurtz " R. Barbour,
" H. C. Bingham " H. E. Buttery,
" W. N. Ford " J. Richmond,
" M. D. Dawson " E. Beltz,
" J. J. Dyas " J. Schneider,
" George Wheeler " R. Warriner,
" Thos. Reid " H. Blain.

H. Blain, resigned; J. Schneider, declined; E. Beltz, retired; J. Richmond, retired; H. E. Buttery, retired; T. A. Tarrant, retired; H. W. Murdock, retired; R. Mathison, dropped on first ballot; G. W. Pontine, dropped on second ballot; R. Barbour, dropped on third ballot; J. F. Morey, dropped on 4th ballot;

R. Warriner elected on the 5th ballot.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

J. J. Dyas nominated J. B. King.

Re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

M. E. Snider nominated A. D. Clement.

Re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., nominated J. Gibson, P. G. M.
 James Smith, P. G. M., " Thos. Partridge, P. G. M.
 Rep. J. T. Hornibrook " H. McAfee, P. G. M.
 Rep. W. F. Roome " W. N. Ford, P. G. M.
 Rep. T. Healy " H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.

Past Grand Masters H. C. Bingham and H. McAfee declined the nomination.

J. Gibson, P. G. M., elected on first ballot.

The following was adopted:

Moved by Rep. J. F. McDonald,

Seconded by Rep. H. Kerr,

That Representative H. G. Little be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Representative John Ritchie, Jr.,

Seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.,

That Representatives George Wheler, F. Fowler, P. G. Bender and Dr. Roome be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

At half-past six o'clock, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD DAY.

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FRIDAY MORNING.

WINDSOR, August 9th, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and was opened in due form. Jno. Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding.

Roll call, present—

JOHN GIBSON	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN MURRAY	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
JOHN HUNTER	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JAMES WOODYATT	R. W. GRAND REP. TO G.L.U.S.
JAS. F. McDONALD	R. W. GRAND MARSHALL.
JOHN SCHNEIDER	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
G. W. PONTINE	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
C. S. MALE	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Representative R. Griffith, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

A brother applies for a withdrawal card, four black balls are cast against the granting of the card, there being 17 balls, in all, cast. The N. G. in error declares the card refused. No objection was taken to said decision at the time; but some weeks after a brother objects to the decision of the N. G. and claims that the card was granted.

Question—Is the decision of the N. G. binding?

Second—Referring to the above, what action, if any, should the Lodge take in the matter.

Representative H. E. Buttery, of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, submitted the following, which stands as a notice of motion to amend Constitution, Article 2, clause 5 :

I beg to give notice that at the next session of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I will move to amend article 2. clause 5, Constitution of Grand Lodge, by striking out all after the word report, and insert as follows: "Shall be 100 or less, one Representative, if over 100 and under 200, two Representatives, if over 200, three representatives."

Representative M. D. Dawson, of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Relief.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Special Committee to whom was referred clause 2. of the Grand Master's Report, and clause 11 of Grand Secretary's Report, and other references to outside relief, submit as follows: that they consider the prompt action of the Grand Master in making an appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction for substantial assistance for our suffering brethren in Chicago, from the effects of that devastating and disastrous fire, highly commendable. The generous and almost instantaneous response from a large number of Lodges is conclusive evidence, not only of their appreciation of his consideration and thoughtfulness, but of the universal sympathy of the brethren of Ontario.

It is cheering to know that though divided by distance, and separated by nationality, the same precious virtues, which form the foundation and cornerstone of Odd Fellowship, are practically known and felt in the hearts of Odd Fellows throughout Ontario.

We are also glad to notice that the Michigan and Wisconsin brethren were not forgotten in their sufferings. Eureka, Forest City, and Gore Lodges, having contributed generously in both instances, and the amount contributed promptly forwarded through the proper channel, and duly acknowledged by the Relief Committee of those States.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Grand Master, John Gibson, as well as to the Committee appointed by him to receive relief, J. B. King, G. Sec., James Woollyatt, G. Rep., and A. D. Clement, G. Treas., for their successful services in so worthy and righteous a cause.

We would also recommend that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a Standing Committee of Relief, with power to grant a reasonable assistance from the funds of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in case of similar emergencies, or when any sudden calamity may have overtaken Odd Fellows in this or sister jurisdictions reducing them to a state of distress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

M. D. DAWSON,
T. A. TARRANT,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
HENRY McAFEE.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report :

J. ZIMMERMAN ON BEHALF OF W. D. KENNEDY, }
ES. }
THE TORONTO LODGE, NO. 71. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Brother J. Zimmerman, of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, in favor of W. D. Kennedy, vs. The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, submit the following as the result of their investigation :

1st.—Brother Kennedy made application by card for admission to membership in The Toronto Lodge.

2nd.—His application was referred to Committee, reported on in regular manner and a ballot taken, when more than two black balls appeared, and the V. G. announced the candidate rejected, notwithstanding which the N. G. announced Bro. Kennedy elected. Considerable discussion seems to have arisen in regard to the matter, as to the number of black balls necessary to reject.

3rd.—The D. D. G. M. being present, referred the N. G. and the Lodge to, and read Clause IV, Article II, of the Constitution for Subordinates, which plainly says that three black balls shall reject. He also quoted and read other authority, which the N. G. thought at the time justified his decision, but which by the D. D. G. M. was deemed inapplicable to the case.

4th.—Brother Kennedy, who had been in the Lodge previous to the ballot, was also consulted as to the law, and informed as to the result of the ballot, and also as to the oral opinion of the D. D. G. M. The D. D. G. M. wished the matter laid over for a week to give time for a written decision. Notwithstanding the facts in the case, and the opinion and request of the D. D. G. M., a vote of the Lodge was taken sustaining the declaration of the N. G. that Brother Kennedy was elected, whereupon the N. G. ordered Brother Kennedy's introduction as a member of The Toronto Lodge. He was accordingly introduced and subsequently took part in the discussions in regard to his own case.

5th.—After written decisions from the D. D. G. M. and also from the Grand Master, who had been communicated with by the D. D. G. M., the Lodge and Brother Kennedy, which decisions were adverse to the action of the N. G. and the Lodge, Brother Kennedy applied for a Withdrawal Card.

6th.—This application brought up the question as to Brother Kennedy's position.

7th.—Was he, when making application for a Withdrawal Card, a member of The Toronto Lodge or not? And this it seems to your Committee is the main question to settle before deciding upon the further action had by the Lodge in the matter.

8th.—It seems to be admitted now by all the parties to this appeal, that Brother Kennedy was rejected, and that the declaration of the N. G., and the action of the Lodge in sustaining him (the N.G.) and the introduction of Brother Kennedy as a member of The Toronto Lodge, were illegal. If Brother Kennedy was rejected it seems only natural and fair to conclude that all the subsequent action of the Lodge in the matter that night was illegal, null and void. But a decision of the G. L., U. S., see Digest, page 249, 1151, might throw doubt upon Brother Kennedy's position when applying for his Withdrawal Card, if he had completed the action necessary to constitute him a member of The Toronto Lodge; but this he did not do, and from the information laid before us, never has done; we refer to the act of signing the Constitution and By-Laws of The Toronto Lodge, Article 2. Clause 6 of the Constitution reads: "Every member on his admission shall sign a promise, to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member." Also see Digest, page 248, 1145.

9th.—With this law Brother Kennedy has not complied, and, in the opinion of your Committee, was never either legally or illegally a member of The Toronto Lodge. He was simply a Brother, informally introduced after having placed his card in possession of the Lodge, and having been formally and legally rejected.

10th.—Having arrived at the conclusion that the action of the Lodge in introducing Bro. Kennedy as a member of The Toronto Lodge was illegal, and acting in obedience to the subsequent decisions and instructions of the D. D. G. M., and we believe also of the Grand Master, The Toronto Lodge refused to grant Brother Kennedy a Withdrawal Card from the said Lodge; but they did do what was right and proper for them to do in the case of a rejected member, that is, they returned him the card and fees which he had placed in their possession with a view to admission, but which card and fees, by a legal ballot, they had rejected.

11th.—It is urged in behalf of the appellant that Brother Kennedy should not be made to suffer on account of the informal and illegal action of The Toronto Lodge, provided such action did not arise through any misrepresentation or fault of his. To this proposition your Committee do not hesitate to assent, but we cannot close our eyes to the fact, as set forth in the appeal, that Brother Kennedy was not a novice in Odd Fellowship. On the contrary, he was an intelligent Past Grand, and regarded apparently as an authority. Occupying that position he urged upon the N. G. and The Toronto Lodge an utter disregard of law and usage. He advised the Noble Grand to a disregard of Law, notwithstanding the opinion of the D.D.G.M. on the law was adverse to him. The opinion of your Committee is that (as between Brother Kennedy and the Lodge) The Toronto Lodge is the only party aggrieved. But further had The Toronto Lodge acted in every respect in a legal and formal manner, Brother Kennedy's card and fees would in that case certainly have been returned to him. They did not act in every respect in a legal manner, but your Committee fail to see how any wrong has been done to Bro. Kennedy by or through said illegality, because they have returned to him his card and fees, exactly as they would have done had no illegal or informal action occurred.

12th.—Your Committee have been thus lengthy and explicit in order that this Grand Lodge may so far as in the power of the Committee be able to arrive at a correct decision in the matter.

13th.—The Committee might briefly have reported a resolution dismissing the appeal, being satisfied, upon examination of the papers laid before us, it

should be so dismissed, but we deemed it our duty to the parties to the appeal and to this Grand Lodge, to give our reasons for the conclusion we arrived at.

14th.—In conclusion we submit the following resolution :

Resolved.—That, in the appeal of Brother J. Zimmerman on behalf of P. G., W. D. Kennedy, against The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, the action of the said Lodge in returning Brother Kennedy's card and fees be sustained, and that the appeal of Brother J. Zimmerman be dismissed.

H. C. BINGHAM,
HUGH McCOLL,
R. WARRINER,
HARPER WILSON,
H. W. MURDOCK.

On motion to adopt the Report,

It was moved in amendment by Rep. J. Richmond,
Seconded by Rep. R. Griffith,

That the Report be laid on the table, to be made a special order at two o'clock this afternoon.—Lost.

The motion to adopt the Report prevailed.

Rep. J. Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, on behalf of W. D. Kennedy, P. G., asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., against the action of this Grand Lodge in the above appeal.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by Rep. J. Heron,
Seconded by Rep. T. A. Tarrant,

That Representative J. Richmond, have permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge, U. S., against the decision of this Grand Lodge in the Kennedy appeal case.—Carried.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and, as a whole, adopted :

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, in accordance with the instructions accompanying their appointment, met on the 5th day of August, two days prior to the session of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of attending to the duties assigned them, and as the result, submit the following Report :

Gore Lodge, No. 31—Amendment to By-Law, No. 33, raising admission fee. Approved.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following alterations: Page 36, clause 49, in 8th and 9th lines, strike out the words, "all charges under clauses 47 & 48 of these By-Laws." See Constitution, Article 5, Clause 5. Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards must go to the credit of General Fund. In clause 84, in fifth line, after the word "effect" insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Forest City, No. 38—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In clause 5, strike out all after the word "ceremony" in fourth line. Strike out Clause 79. In Clause 82, after the word "him" in second line insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest, page 71, 321. The only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a travelling or visiting card, and when the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision. In Clause 95, top of 43rd page, after the word "effect" insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Excelsior, No. 44—Two Clauses appointing medical examiners and attendants, Approved.

Unity, No. 47—By-Laws complete. Approved—except to insert after the word "effect" in Clause 60, 6th line, the words "and the consent of Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Dominion, No. 48—Amendments to Clauses 14 and 15 relating to salaries and Clauses 32 and 33 as to admission fees—Approved.

Bissell, No. 51—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 42, strike out "\$3" and insert "\$2 40," or else amend Clause 30 by striking out \$1 00 and inserting \$1 25. Article 5, Clause 6, Constitution. In Clause 61, after the word "effect" in 5th line insert the words "and the consent of Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. By-Laws not signed.

Niagara Falls, No. 53—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 4, strike out all after the word "ceremony" in 3rd line. In Clause 78 after the 4th word in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Collingwood, No. 54—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: After the word "him" in Clause 51, 2nd line insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest, page 71, latter part of decision 321. Only one copy attested by seal and officers.

Howard, No. 58—Amendment in regard to admission fees, Clause 32, also two clauses in the matter of medical examiner—Approved. Only one copy attested.

Napanee, No. 86—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Article 1, Clause 11, strike out the words "two members" and insert the words "more than three." See Constitution, Article 2, Clause 11. In Article 3, Clause 2, leave out all after the words "V. G." at the end of the 2nd line, and add the words: "A brother who has served 26 nights in some inferior office and who has attained the Scarlet Degree." In Article 11, Clause 7, strike out all after the word "Lodge" and insert the words: "one half the sum payable in the case of a Brother's death." Constitution, Article 5, Section 8. Article 12, Clause 3, strike out. Digest, page 71, 321. Article 13, Clause 2, after the word "him" in second line insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. Article 15, Clause 4, "after the word effect in 4th line insert

the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspensions for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy, and that not attested with seal or by officers.

Wardville, No. 60—By-Laws complete—Approved with the following correction: Clause 79, strike out. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 82 after the word "him" in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. Only one copy, and that not attested in any way except by letter from Secretary.

Corinthian, No. 61—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 58, after the word "him" in second line insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Clause 64 after the word "effect" in 5th line insert the words, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Huron, No. 61—By-Laws complete. Approved—with following corrections: In Clause 61 after the word "effect" in 6th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

The Toronto Lodge, No. 71—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 41, strike out §40 and insert §30. Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 58 after the word "effect" in 5th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy, and that not attested in any way.

Fergus, No. 73—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 63 after the word "effect" in 6th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Strike out Clause 54. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 57, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. Only attested by letter.

Bothwell, No. 74. By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 5, strike out all after the word "ceremony" in third line. In Clause 60, strike out §40 and insert §30. Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. Strike out Clause 71. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 74, after the word "him" in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Clause 87, after the word "effect" in the last line on page 35, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspensions for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Warriner, No. 75—One copy of a By-Law in regard to application for Degrees, which we cannot approve in present form.

St. Thomas, No. 76—By-Laws complete. Approved. Only one copy and that not signed by the officers.

Oxford, No. 77—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 49, in the 8th and 9th lines, strike out the words "all charges under Clauses 47 and 48 of these By-Laws." See Constitution, Article 5, Clause 5. In Clause 84, after the word "effect" in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Durham Lodge, No. 78—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 51, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Clause 58, after the word "effect," in 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Nipissing, No. 79—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 46, strike out \$40 and insert \$30. See Constitution Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 61, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy, and that not attested in any way.

Amity, No. 80—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 38, after the word "dues," in 9th line, insert the words "and all fines." See Constitution, Article 5, Section 5. Only one copy, and that not attested by officers.

Belleville, No. 81—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Article 11, Clause 12, add the words "not exceeding \$50." See Constitution, Article 5, Section 9. Strike out Clause 3 in Article 12. Digest 71, 321. In Article 15, Clause 4, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Beaver, No. 82—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 38, strike out \$3 and insert \$2 40, or else amend Clause 29 by striking out \$1 and inserting \$1 25. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 6. In Clause 43 strike out \$30 and insert \$20. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 54, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 60, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Clinton, No. 83—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: In Article 7, Section 2, Clause 1, after the word "him," in 3rd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321.

Walkerton, No. 84—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: In Clause 61, after the word "effect," insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Constellation, No. 85—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: In Clause 47, strike out \$40 and insert \$30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. By-Laws not certified by signatures of officers.

Empire, No. 87—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Article 6, Clause 2, strike out \$4 00 and insert \$3 60. In Article 6, Clauses 7 and 8, strike out \$40 and insert \$30. In Article 6, Clause 13, add the words "not exceeding \$50." See Constitution, Article 5, Clauses 6, 9 and 10. In Article 7, strike out Clause 3. See Digest 71, 321. In Article 7, Clause 6, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Article 7, Clause 15, after the word "effect," in 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy, and that not attested by officers.

Reliance, No. 89—By-Laws complete in manuscript. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 43, strike out \$50 and insert \$30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. Clause 53, strike out. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 56, after "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 62, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of non-payment of dues." See Digest, 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Olive Branch, No. 88—By-Laws complete. Approved with following correction: In Clause 51, strike out \$32 and insert \$30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10.

Grand River, No. 91—By-Laws complete in manuscript. Approved—with following corrections: In Clause 41 strike out \$40 and insert \$30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. To Clause 43 add the words "provided that no one annuity shall exceed the sum of \$30. See Constitution Article 5, Sec. 10. Clause 49, strike out. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 52, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits. See Digest, 71, 321. In Clause 65, after the word "effect," in 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of non-payment of dues." Digest, 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Western City, No. 93. By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 25, after the word "Article" insert "3 Clauses." In Clause 54 after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 62, strike out all from the word "rank" in the 5th line to the word "and" in the 8th line. See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 72, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. By-Laws not signed or sealed.

Exeter, No: 67—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 4, strike out all after the word "ceremony" in the 3rd line. In Clause 9, the night of meeting should be named. In Clause 62 after the first word "effect," in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Barrie, No. 63—Complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 39, strike out \$3 and insert \$2 40, or amend Clause 29 by striking out \$1 and inserting \$1 25. See Constitution, Article 5, Clause 6. In Clause 44, strike out \$30 and insert \$20. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 54, after the word "him," in the 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 63, after the word "effect," in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 365, 1677. Only one copy, neither signed or sealed.

Milton Lodge, No. 72—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: In Clause 62, after the word "effect," in the 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case of suspension for non-payment of dues." By-Laws signed, but not sealed.

In the case of Bissell Lodge, No. 51, we by accident notice that they have embraced in Constitution for Subordinates, amendments proposed by Rep. Campbell, last year, though they are not yet adopted.

Your Committee did not deem it their duty to examine the Constitutions of Subordinates as printed, but thought best to call attention to the fact, that, as in this case, similar irregularities may occur in others.

Your Committee think it advisable that Subordinate Lodges be instructed to have all amendments to their By-Laws approved and ordered by this Grand Lodge, printed in slips, and posted in appropriately in their By-Laws as soon as they are in receipt of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, containing the required instructions.

We believe that the By-Laws of many of our older Subordinate Lodges contain the same errors as have been found in the laws submitted at this session to this Committee, and we recommend that all Lodges whose By-Laws have not been submitted at this session, be instructed to amend their By-Laws in accordance with the decisions of this Grand Lodge, and submit the same to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
T. PARTRIDGE,
C. T. CAMPBELL,
H. ROBERTSON,
F. T. BARKER.

H. C. Bingham, P.G.M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted :

CONSTITUTION.

Ordained by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the government of regularly constituted Degree Lodges holding Charters from this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Lodge shall be.....Degree Lodge, No.....
I. O. of O. F., of the.....Ontario.

ARTICLE II.

This Lodge shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order of the Scarlet Degree, either resident here, or belonging to Lodges in the....., and all business except that of conferring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees of this Order shall be transacted when open in the Scarlet Degree.

ARTICLE III.

The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be a Degree Master, Deputy Degree Master, First Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Second Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected semi-annually by a majority of the votes polled for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

Nominations for the Elective Offices of this Lodge shall be made upon theand.....in the months of June and December in each year.

ARTICLE V.

The Appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be a Warden, Conductor. Outside and Inside Guardians to be appointed by the Degree Master upon the night of his Installation.

ARTICLE VI.

Elections for the Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be held upon the last regular meetings in the months of June and December in each year, and the Installation of Officers shall take place on the 1st regular meetings in the months of July and January following.

ARTICLE VII.

The Degree Master shall preside at all meetings of this Lodge, he shall have power to convene special meetings, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by his official obligations and the usages of the Order.

ARTICLE VIII.

The D. G. Master shall occupy the usual position of the Vice Grand, assist the Degree Master in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall preside.

ARTICLE IX.

The First A. D. D. G. Master, Second A. D. D. G. Master, Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Inside Guardian and Outside Guardian, shall perform the duties assigned to them at their Installation and by the usage of the Order.

ARTICLE X.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of this Lodge, he shall conduct all correspondence, and report promptly to their respective Lodges the names of Brothers upon whom Degrees are conferred by this Lodge, and also the date and the name or names or numbers of the Degrees

conferred. He shall make out for the Grand Lodge at the first regular meeting in each term a report of the names of the Officers for the current term, and the numbers of each Degree conferred. He shall enter in a separate book or record, the name of every Brother receiving Degrees, together with the name of his Lodge, and date of receiving the said Degrees, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by his charge of Office and the laws and usages of the Order.

ARTICLE XI.

No Brother shall be eligible for the Office of Degree Master who has not received the Past Official Degrees of the Order, and who is not in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge of this Order in Ontario.

ARTICLE XII.

No Brother shall be eligible to the Office of Deputy Degree Master who is not a Past Grand in good standing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Degree Lodge shall have power to adopt necessary rules and regulations for its government, conformable to this Constitution, and to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the laws and usages of the Order.

ARTICLE XIV.

Five members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and this Lodge shall have power to suspend or expel a member when his conduct shall render it necessary, such suspension or expulsion to be decided upon in accordance with the usages of the Order in this

ARTICLE XV.

All prior decisions and regulations of this Grand Lodge in conflict with the foregoing Constitution are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
F. T. BARKER,
HENRY ROBERTSON.

On motion to adopt Article 14,

Rep. J. Heron moved in amendment,
Seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas,

That Article 14 be stricken out.

Resolved in the negative. Report, as a whole, adopted.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Printing.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on Printing submit the the following resolution:—

That the Reports of the several Grand Officers and proceedings of Grand Lodge be printed in full in the Journal of Proceedings, and that the R. W.

Grand Secretary be instructed to have 600 copies printed for distribution in this and sister jurisdictions; and, in addition, would further recommend, that he examine carefully the proof sheets, previous to publication, in order to prevent errors.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

M. D. DAWSON,
E. G. CHANT,
HUGH McCOLL, } Committee.
M. E. SNIDER,

Representative J. J. Dyas, of Ivy Lodge, No. 90, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Legislation.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Blume, asking if a D. D. G. M. has any authority to decide a question submitted to him by a Lodge in his district, without the consent of, and without first submitting such question to the G. M.

We reply, Yes.

With reference to the question of Rep. Campbell, as to whether it would be advisable to consider the question of creating a supreme Grand Lodge for Canada.

We are of opinion that it would be inadvisable at present.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

T. HEALY,
JOHN HURST,
J. J. DYAS,
GEORGE POWELL,
J. L. DAVIS.

The following letter was read from Dr. Campbell, asking leave, and on motion of Rep. H. Blain, of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, leave asked for was granted:

WINDSOR, August 9th, 1872.

To the Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I regret exceedingly that circumstances imperatively require my immediate return home. Will Grand Lodge be kind enough to grant me leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

Yours Fraternally.

CL. T. CAMPBELL,
Rep. Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report :

Report of Committee on Legislation.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the motion of Reps. Jones and Foster, as follows :

Resolved,—That Clause 9, Article 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "Rejection."

We recommend that no change be made in the Article of the Constitution. On motion of Reps. W. F. Sandford and Jas. Ker, as follows :

Resolved,—Clause 4, Article 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the word "three," and inserting the word "two."

We recommend that no action be had.

On the following by Rep. C. S. Male :

"Is it advisable that some provision should be made to allow a Brother joining a Lodge by card, to enable such Brother to receive benefits without waiting six months as now provided?"

We recommend that no action be taken.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

T. HEALY,
J. J. DYAS,
JOHN HURST,
GEO. POWELL, Sr.
J. L. DAVIS.

The question being on the adoption of the Report,

Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M., moved,
Seconded by Rep.

That the report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to amend in accordance with motion of Rep. Jones.—Carried.

Representative James Heron, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, Aug. 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Wright, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, viz. :—

A candidate is proposed and proposition referred to usual Committee; the Committee report and the report is received and adopted, but previous to the

ballot being taken it is stated that the candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs. Is it competent for the N. G., with the concurrence of the Lodge, to postpone the ballot for one week?

We reply, No.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH.

Representative J. Heron, of Eureka, Lodge, No. 80, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered, and adopted :—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Ritchie, of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71 :—

When is a Candidate, by card or initiation, constituted a member of a Lodge, when introduced, or after signing the Constitution and By-Laws?

Answer.—When introduced to the Lodge, having previously signed the Constitution.—Digest, Sect. 928a.

We respectfully submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. J. Heron, from the same Committee, submitted the following report :—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Ritchie, of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71 :—

If a Brother receives from another Brother the Pass-Word illegally, what is the correct action to take in the case?

Answer,—Refuse the Brother admittance if suspended or expelled; if not suspended or expelled and still applies for admittance, prefer a charge against the Brother.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

And we therefore submit the following :

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. Isaac Smith, of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, from the same Committee; submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. J. O. Campbell, of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, viz. :—

The Vice Grand was elected and installed while in arrears; can the Vice Grand hold his position, or must his office be declared vacant and another elected?

Answer,—He can retain his seat.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
T. MACADAM.

Rep. Isaac Smith, of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of M. E. Snider, viz. :—

Has the officer instituting a Degree Lodge the power to take the name of a Charter Member off the Charter, he being absent at the time of Institution; sickness being the cause?

Answer,—Yes.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
T. MACADAM.

Rep. Isaac Smith, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9th, 1872.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario:—

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 1 of G. M.'s Report submit as follows:—

1st—Your Committee congratulate the Grand Lodge on the prosperity of the Order, which is manifest by the unprecedented number of Lodges instituted and members initiated, and recommend that Charters be granted to the several Lodges instituted by the Grand Master.

2nd—With reference to that part of the Grand Master's Report in Clause 1, recommending that \$115 35 be returned to Rond Eau Lodge, we recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

3rd—With reference to that part of Clause 1 of the Grand Master's Report, stating that he had called upon Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep., to accompany him to Barrie, we deem the M. W. Grand Master fully justified in so doing.

4th—On Clause 3 of the Grand Master's Report we recommend that the same be referred to Committee on Appeals.

5th—On Clause 4 of the Grand Master's Report, we recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved.

6th—On Clause 6 of the Grand Master's Report, we recommend that the recommendations embodied therein be approved of.

7th—On Clause 7 of the Grand Master's Report, we join the Grand Master's closing exhortations and regret that D. D. Grand Masters are so indifferent to their duties.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,

Representative Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:—

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the questions from Representative E. G. Chant, viz:

1st—Is the Lodge Doctor expected to furnish medicine with advice; is it customary in the Order so to do?

Your Committee answer, It depends upon the By-Laws.

2nd—Is it advisable or expedient to admit Ancient Odd Fellows over the age of fifty

Answer—It may or may not be, the Lodge must decide.

3rd—Would this Grand Lodge recommend or advise Subordinate Lodges to patronize the Benevolent Association of Hamilton?

Answer—It is not advisable for this Grand Lodge to decide.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH,

Rep. Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the questions from Past Grand Irwin, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, viz:

1st—Is a Representative to the Grand Lodge an officer of his Subordinate Your Committee answer, No.

2nd—Must a ballot be cast when there is only one Brother in nomination for an elective office?

Your Committee answer No.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES WOODYATT,

Representative Thomas MacAdam, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the question of Representative J. H. Glass, of Unity Lodge, No. 47, as follows:

Is a Scarlet Member who has not passed the Noble Grand's Chair eligible for the office of Vice Grand in a regularly instituted Degree Lodge; if so, can a Vice Grand so elected confer Degrees in the absence of the Degree Master?

Answer—Yes. See page 811, of Journal.

And we therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES WOODYATT,

Rep. Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee, made the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, Aug. 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

We your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was submitted the following questions, beg to report:

1st—On the question of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, as follows: After an Ancient Odd Fellow has deposited his Card, a Committee appointed, reported favorably, balloted for and duly elected and declared so; but before being introduced he demands his Card. Has the Lodge a right to give it back to him or not?

To this question we answer No.

2nd—On the question from Corinthian Lodge, No. 61: Is it imperative on the Noble Grand to refuse admittance to a member of another Lodge who has not the term pass-word, while at the same time he has ample evidence that such Brother is entitled to such pass-word, being good on the books?

Your Committee answer, Yes, unless he has an order for the pass-word.

3rd—On the question from Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, as follows: Can a Brother be admitted on the travelling pass-word alone, without card?

Your Committee answer No.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

T. MACADAM.
C. H. HANKINSON.
JAMES WOODYATT.
JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH.

Rep. James Heron, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, from the same Committee, made the following Report which was considered:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the questions from Rep. R. Griffith, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, as follows:

1st—A Brother applies for Withdrawal Card; four black balls are cast against the granting of the same—there being seventeen balls in all cast; the N. G. in error declares the Card refused. No objection being taken to said decision at the time; but some weeks afterward a Brother objects to the decision of the N. G. and claims that the Card was granted.

Question—Is the decision of the N. G. binding?

Answer—No; the vote of the Lodge granted the Card. Sec. 243, Digest.

2nd—Referring to the above what action, if any, should the Lodge take in the matter?

Answer—It should give the Brother the Card.

We respectfully submit the following:—

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.
ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON,

The question being on the adoption of the first answer of the Report, it was declared in the affirmative.

On motion of H. C. Bingham, P.G.M., the resolution adopting the first answer was reconsidered.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the Clause, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, viz:

* Notice was given for two weeks, and at the proper time a motion was put and carried, granting \$15 00 as a present to a Brother who was in arrears to the amount of \$1 50. The N.G. demurred and ruled the motion out of order. An appeal was taken from his decision to the Lodge, and the appeal was sustained. What action shall the Lodge take if the N.G. still refuses to sign the order?

The Committee reply, Prefer a charge against him.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
ISSAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM.

Rep. C. H. Hankinson, of Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following, submit:—

1st.—A member of Lucan Lodge, No. 70, wishes to know if our Order has any recognized mode by which a member may ascertain whether a person with whom he is corresponding by letter is a member of our order, other than by a direct question to that effect.

We reply, No.

2nd.—Huron Lodge, No. 62. Is there any provision made for the widows or orphans of deceased brothers who were receiving an annuity at the time of confiscation of Subordinate Lodge property by Grand Lodge.

We reply, See Clause 3, Article 10, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

3rd.—Rep. Charles Lee, of Avon Lodge, No. 41. In balloting for Representatives, if there are two or three of equal numbers, should not the whole of them be dropped.

We reply, Ballot to see which of the three shall be dropped first.

4th.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 44. A Brother of Excelsior Lodge gets his Withdrawal Card, removes from the city, returning again within a year, and wishes to deposit his Card in Excelsior Lodge again. On submitting his Card the N.G. decided that it was not necessary to ballot for the Brother. A Brother drew his attention to the fact that it was necessary to ballot. After taking the vote of the Lodge, the N.G. decided the Brother a member of Excelsior Lodge. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, the N.G. reversed his decision, and ordered a ballot, the result was the rejection of the Brother. Did the fact of the N.G. having decided the Brother a member of Excelsior Lodge constitute him one?

We reply, No.

Had the N. G. a right to reverse his first decision?

We reply, Yes.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the following matters beg leave to report:

1st—On the request of Olive Branch Lodge that a Committee be appointed to compile and print a book of Laws, Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, &c., &c.; your Committee recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9th, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred that portion of Clause one of the M. W. Grand Master's Report, stating that after hearing both sides of the question, he thought it not advisable to grant a dispensation to institute the new Lodge in the city of Toronto, and recommending the Brothers to again affiliate with their Lodges.

The Committee recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

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

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the following matters, beg leave to report :

1st—On the question of Unity Lodge, No. 47 : Whose duty is it to confer the degree of Rebeckah on the officers elect ?

We reply, the sitting N.G.

2nd—At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge, a candidate was balloted for and declared rejected, four blacks being cast ; no objection was made to the ballot that evening. The next evening four Brothers declared they were the parties who had cast the four black balls on the previous evening, and requested a reconsideration, which, by a vote of the Lodge, was allowed. Was the reconsideration legal, no request having been made on the night the ballot was taken ?

It is not stated whether the reconsideration was granted by a unanimous ballot; the words used are by a vote of the Lodge. Your Committee say the reconsideration was legal so far as the time is concerned; but can not say whether it was or not in other respects.

3rd—A motion having been made and seconded and put to the Lodge, can any motion that does not actually amend the original motion be put as an amendment ?

The Committee reply, see Rules of Order.

Your Committee cannot consistently close their Report without referring to the fact that nearly half the questions submitted to this Grand Lodge and referred, are questions that need not be brought here at all. They are, many of them, questions which should never be asked here, because they are either questions so generally understood that anyone should be able to answer them, or else they are unimportant, or perhaps worse, ridiculous. The same questions

are submitted here year after year, and decisions or answers given, when a little time and study on the part of the questioner would enable him to find the answer to his question in the Journal of this Grand Lodge, or else, as is often the case, in the Constitution and By-Laws of his own Lodge.

In a jurisdiction like this, increasing in numbers and new Lodges, new, complicated and very important questions necessarily arise, and to such as these your Committee are desirous of giving every consideration possible. To say the least we could give much more careful consideration to matters of real importance if our time was not so largely taken up in writing out reports upon subjects already answered, or else of no importance.

We would advise that hereafter all questions to be referred to this Committee shall be presented to them before the close of the first days session of this Grand Lodge in any year in order to entitle such questions to consideration.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON.

Rep. J. J. Dyas from the Committee on Legislation made the following Report, amended, as instructed by resolution of James Woodyatt, P. G. M., which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Legislation.

WINDSOR, August 8, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the motion of Reps. Jones and Foster, as follows :

Resolved,—That Clause 9, Article 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "Rejection."

We would recommend that it be adopted.

On motion of Reps. W. F. Sandford and Jas. Ker, as follows :

Resolved,—Clause 4, Article 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the word "three," and inserting the word "two."

We recommend that no action be had.

On the following by Rep. C. S. Male :

"Is it advisable that some provision should be made to allow a Brother joining a Lodge by card, to enable such Brother to receive benefits without waiting six months as now provided?"

We recommend that no action be taken.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. DYAS,
T. HEALY,
JOHN HURST,
GEO. POWELL, Sr.
J. L. DAVIS.

The following should have appeared on page 849:

The Chair then named the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee on Returns.—Representatives R. Kirkpatrick, J. F. Morey, R. Barbour, Hugh Kerr, and George Midgely.

Committee on Finance.—Henry McAfee, P. G. M., Representatives Hugh Blain, James Reynolds, George Wheler, and G. W. Jessop.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Thomas Partridge, P. G. M., Representatives Cl. T. Campbell, F. T. Barker, and Henry Robertson.

Committee on Appeals.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Representatives Thomas Woodyatt, H. McColl, Harper Wilson, and H. W. Murdock.

Committee on Printing.—Representatives M. D. Dawson, J. B. Traves, Hugh McColl, J. A. Campbell, and M. E. Snider.

Committee on Legislation.—Representatives J. J. Dyas, T. Healey, Rev. J. Hurst, J. L. Davis, and George Powell, Senr.

Committee on State of the Order.—James Woodyatt, P. G. M., Representatives James Heron, Isaac Smith, C. H. Hankinson, and Thomas McAdam.

Committee on Mileage and per Diem.—Representatives P. B. Hatch, J. J. Ramsay, George E. Patterson, Thomas Leadston, and John Ritchie, Jr.

Committee on Petitions.—Representatives Gorge Wright, W. A. Rawlings, E. Stoney, P. G. Bender, and William Rodgers.

Committee on Correspondence.—Representatives F. Fower, M. D., Henry Gibson, Wm. Springer, M. D., John Dewar, and J. W. Jones.

Rep. H. Blain, of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, from the Special Committee on the report of the Grand Representatives, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Grand Representatives.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Grand Representatives' Report, submit:

That they have carefully examined the Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives, and recommend that the same be adopted by this R. W. Grand Body, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to those Brothers for their faithful and efficient services in their representative capacities.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

H. BLAIN,
GEORGE WRIGHT,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,
JOHN HURST,
A. V. PALMER.

Rep. T. Healy, of Union Lodge, No. 16, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Legislation.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the request of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, That a Committee be appointed to compile and print a book of laws, &c., beg to recommend that the matter be postponed.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That this Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

T. HEALY,
J. J. DYAS,
J. L. DAVIS,
GEO. POWELL, Sr.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

Report of Special Committee

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

The Special Committee to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Gibson, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, viz :

Resolved—That a Special Committee be appointed by this Grand Body to take into consideration the advisability of erecting an edifice, (to be known by some name, approved by this Grand Body) as a source of revenue, to be used as a supplementary fund for the relief of the distressed of this jurisdiction.

We submit, that, while we are ready to admit the good intentions of the mover of that resolution, and fully appreciate the benevolent and laudable ends that such an institution would serve, we deem the whole subject deserving of more consideration than can possibly be given to it at this Session of the Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the matter be postponed.

H. C. BINGHAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. N. FORD,
JAMES SMITH,
HENRY McAFEE.

James Smith, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, and notice of amendment to the Constitution.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, August 9, 1872.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members, R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

We your Committee appointed specially by the Grand Master for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of dividing our jurisdiction into Districts, and how the same should be governed, beg to report :

That we have carefully, and with every possible enquiry from other Grand Bodies fully considered the matter. The vast increasing duties of the Grand Master requiring that some mode should be adopted whereby, not only the interests of the Order would be more generally attended to, but a saving of expense to this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that the jurisdiction be divided into the following Districts, viz.:

District No. 1—Brock, No. 9, and Amity, No. 80.

District No. 2—Kingston, 59; Napanee, 86; and Belleville, 81.

District No. 3—Florence Nightingale, 66; Eastern Star, 68; Corinthian, 61; and Durham, 78.

District No. 4—Warriner, 75; and Nipissing, 79.

District No. 5—Canada, 49; Covenant, 52; Queen City of Toronto, 56 The Toronto, 71; and Milton, 92.

District No. 6—Barrie, 63; North Star, 68; and Collingwood, 54.

District No. 7—Reliance, 89; Fergus, 73; Minto, 98; Maple Leaf, 57; and Walkerton, 84.

District No. 8—Avon, 41; Grand Union; Nith; and Bissell; 51.

District No. 9—Fidelity, 55; Clinton, 83; and Huron, 62.

District No. 10—St. Mary's, 36; Lucan, 70; Ivy, 99; and Exeter, 67.

District No. 11—Union, 16; Empire, 87; and Niagara Falls, 53.

District No. 12—Excelsior, 44; Victoria, 64; and Unity, 47.

District No. 13—Gore, 34; and Grand River, 91.

District No. 14—Olive Branch, 88; Samaritan, 35; Oxford, 77; and Hope, 69.

District No. 15—Otter, 50; Erie, 33; and Constellation, 85.

District No. 16—Eureka, 30; Forest City, 33; Dominion, 48; St. Thomas, 76; Aylmer, 94; and Port Stanley, 95.

District No. 17—Chatham, 29; Wardsville, 60; Mount Zion, 46; Bothwell, 74; Western City, 93; and Rond Eau, 40.

District No. 18—Frontier, 45; Beaver, 82.

District No. 19—Howard, 58; and Friendship, 65.

We would recommend that a District Deputy Grand Master, as already provided for in the Constitution, Clause 10, and whose duty is defined in Clause 22, Constitution, be appointed; in addition to his duties (so defined) recommend that such D. D. G. M. institute all new Lodges in his District upon the order of the Grand Master, and that the said Deputies be paid their necessary expenses for official visits (other than the institution of New Lodges), by this Grand Lodge. Each Deputy to visit every Lodge in his District at least once in every year.

Your Committee would further recommend, taking into consideration the time consumed at the meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in answering questions and determining matters of law, submitted while this Lodge is in Session, that at the next meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, a proposition be made, to submit all such questions, questions in dispute, and questions of law or practice, already decided to the D. D. G. M.

That the D. D. G. M. shall at such time, and so often as may be considered necessary, and at least once in a year, call a meeting of all the Past Grands in good standing in his district, who shall decide all such questions, subject to the approval of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to whom report of the same shall be made by the D. D. Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the Report as submitted be adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Yours, in F. L. & T.,

JAMES SMITH,
JOHN HUNTER,
RICHARD WIGMORE,
WM. N. FORD.

The question being to adopt the Report,

It was moved by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.,
Seconded by Rep. Thomas Woodyatt,

That the consideration of the Report be indefinitely postponed.

Moved in amendment by Rep. H. Blain,
Seconded by Rep. Dr. G. Wright,

That the consideration of the Report be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The Chair ruled the amendment out of order, when Rep. H. Blain, altered his amendment as follows :

That the word "Indefinitely" in the original motion be struck out, and that the following words be added to the motion, "until the next annual session of this Grand Lodge."

The question being on the amendment as altered it was adopted.

The question then recurring on the Resolution of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., as amended, it was adopted.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

WINDSOR, August 9th, 1872.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form. Jno. Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding.

Roll call, present—

JOHN GIBSON	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN MURRAY	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
JOHN HUNTER	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JAMES WOODYATT	R. W. GRAND REP. TO G. L. U. S.
JAS. F. McDONALD	R. W. GRAND MARSHALL.
JOHN SCHNEIDER	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
G. W. PONTINE	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
C. S. MALE	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Rep. J. G. Coleman, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of Order.

A candidate applies for admission to a Lodge; on the evening the Report of the Committee is received, the Lodge opened ten minutes before the regular hour. The time for opening the Lodge had passed, when the candidate was balloted for and declared elected. Has the N. G., under the circumstances, a right to declare the ballot and election illegal, on account of the Lodge having been opened before the proper time, and to order a new ballot the next meeting of the Lodge?

Rep. A. Subler, of Friendship Lodge, No. 65, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which on motion of W. N. Ford, P.G.M., was granted.

Moved by Rep. E. G. Chant,
Seconded by H. McAfee, P.G.M.,

That this Grand Body, through its Representatives extend to the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the United States, at its next annual session, a cordial invitation to hold its session of 1873 in the Province of Ontario.

Moved by Rep. M. E. Snider,
Seconded by Rep. J. Ritchie, Jr., in amendment :

That the words "City of Toronto" be inserted immediately preceeding to the words "Province of Ontario."

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas,
Seconded by Rep. P. B. Hatch, in amendment to the amendment :

That the further consideration of the above be laid on the table until this evening session.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. P. B. Hatch, of Grand River Lodge, No. 91, from the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

WINDSOR, Aug. 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem beg to submit the following table and resolution. viz. :

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodger	Number of Miles Travelled.	No. of Repts.	Rate per Mile.	Amount of Mileage.		Number of Days.	Rate per Day.	Total Mileage and per Diem.		Amount for each Representative.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
						¢	\$			¢	\$		
Brock	Brockville	9	866	2	4	69	28	3	2	81	28	40	64 James Curle, Charles J. Dewey.
Union	St. Catharines	16	436	4	4	69	76	3	3	93	76	23	44 G. Patterson, J. G. Sisterson, W. A. Rawlings, T. Healey.
Chatham	29 Chatham	30	490	3	4	10	80	3	2	28	80	9	60 J. P. Young, O. B. Hulin, Isaac Smith.
Eureka	30 London	220	4	4	4	44	00	3	2	74	00	14	80 Ferguson, R. Kirkpatrick, G. Powell, W. Wyatt, J. Heron
Erie	33 Pt. Burwell	318	4	4	25	44	3	2	37	44	3	18	72 George W. Pontine, George W. Hare.
Gore	34 Brantford	328	4	4	39	36	3	2	57	36	3	19	12 Alfred Cox, N. T. Peatman, T. Woodyatt.
Samartian	35 Ungersoll	258	4	4	30	96	3	2	48	96	3	16	32 Hugh Kerr, William Springer, Henry Hearne.
St. Mary's	36 St. Mary's	268	4	4	21	28	3	2	33	28	3	16	64 C. L. Voncunten, Robert Barbour.
Forest City	38 London	290	4	4	44	00	3	2	74	00	3	14	80 J. Fletcher, H. Buttery, M. D. Dawson, E. Beltz, R. Dawson.
Excelsior	41 Stratford	268	4	4	34	32	3	2	52	32	3	17	44 John Ross, Charles Lee, Henry Gibson.
Frontier	44 Hamilton	372	3	4	4	64	3	2	62	64	2	20	88 Wm. Lewis, Robert Griffith, John Richmond.
Mt. Zion	45 Windsor	146	1	4	5	84	3	2	9	84	3	6	00 Ray, John Hurst, Robert Lambert, Thomas Reid.
Unity	46 Newbury	372	3	4	44	64	3	2	62	64	2	20	88 John H. Glass, T. A. Tarrant, George Midgley.
Dominion	47 Hamilton	220	2	4	26	40	3	2	29	60	3	14	80 William F. Howell, J. W. Jones.
Canada	49 Toronto	450	4	4	72	00	3	2	96	00	24	00	George Wright, M. Blume, J. G. Coleman, Wm. Menzies.
Otter	50 Tilsenburgh	288	2	4	23	04	3	2	35	04	17	52	John Dewar, S. B. W. Carpenter.
Bissell	51 Mitchell	312	2	4	24	96	3	2	36	96	18	48	James Kerr, Thomas Leadston.
Covenant	52 Toronto	450	4	4	72	00	3	2	96	00	24	00	H. Blain, J. T. Hornbrook, H. W. Mardock, J. J. Ramsey.
Niagara Falls	53 Clifton	458	2	4	36	64	3	2	48	64	24	00	John Bowen, R. G. Bender.
Collingwood	54 Collingwood	638	2	4	51	04	3	2	63	04	31	52	James Henry, Henry Robertson.
Fidelity	55 Seaforth	334	2	4	26	72	3	2	38	72	19	36	A. G. McDougall, J. P. Kendall.
Queen City of Ontario	56 Toronto	450	3	4	54	00	3	2	70	00	24	00	C. W. Wilmot, J. R. Dunn, George Williams.
Maple Leaf	57 Orangeville	436	1	4	17	44	3	2	23	44	23	44	Thomas McAdam.
Howard	58 Strathroy	260	2	4	20	80	3	2	32	80	16	40	William Chalmers, Hugh McColl.
Kingston	59 Kingston	772	2	4	61	76	2	2	69	76	34	88	F. Fowler, S. Oberndorfer.
Wardsville	60 Wardsville	152	1	4	6	08	3	2	12	08	12	08	William Murphy.
Corinthian	61 Oshawa	518	1	4	20	72	3	2	26	72	26	72	James McFedries.
Huron	62 Goderich	376	1	4	15	04	3	2	21	04	21	04	Thomas Renwick.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

63 Barrie	29	12	3	1	41	23	12	3	2	29	12	29	12	A. V. Palmer.
64	51	7	3	5	20	88	20	88	20	88	20	88	J. B. Laing.	

The foregoing table is computed in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, at four cents per mile, and two dollars per diem.

Your Committee beg to move the following resolution :

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

P. B. HATCH,
GEORGE E. PATTERSON,
JOHN RITCHIE, JR.,
THOMAS LEADSTON,
JOHN J. RAMSAY.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.,
Seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas,

That Grand Chaplain, C. S. Male, be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. J. Ritchie, Jr., from the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was considered and adopted :

Supplementary Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem, beg leave to present the following Supplementary Report :

The following Brothers, Past Grand Masters James Smith, R. Wigmore, and Wm. N. Ford, having been appointed by the M. W. G. M. a Special Committee to divide this jurisdiction into Districts, and not being entitled to mileage and per diem as representatives, would respectfully recommend that they be paid at the same rate as representatives, as follows :

James Smith, London,	220 miles,	\$ 8 80,	3 days	\$2 00 per diem	\$14 80
Richd. Wigmore,	220 do	8 80,	3 do	\$2 00 do	14 80
Wm. N. Ford, St. Mary's	266 do	10 64.	3 do	\$2 00 do	16 64
					\$46 24

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

P. B. HATCH,
JOHN RITCHIE, JR.,
THOMAS LEADSTON,
JOHN J. RAMSAY.

Supplementary Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem beg leave to present the following Supplementary Report :

The following Brothers, Past Grand Master, H. C. Bingham, F. T. Barker, Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, Rep. Henry Robertson, P. G. M. Thomas Partridge,

having been appointed a Special Committee on Laws of Subordinates, would recommend that they receive mileage and per diem, the same as accorded to representatives and those of that Committee who are representatives receive allowance for one day's extra service on that Committee in London, as follows:

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham,	220 miles	\$ 8 80	4 days	@ \$2 00	\$8 00	\$16 80
P. G., F. T. Barker,	450 do	18 00	4	do	2 00 8 00	26 00
Rep. Ch. T. Campbell,			1	do	2 00 2 00	2 00
Rep. Henry Robertson,			1	do	2 00 2 00	2 00
P. G. M., Thomas Partridge			2	do	2 00 4 00	4 00
						\$50 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

P. B. HATCH,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
JOHN RITCHIE, Jr.,
THOMAS LEADSTON,
JOHN J. RAMSAY.

Rep. J. R. Dunn, Geo. Williams, E. Mara, Jas. Gilles, Thos. Leadston, Jas. Kerr, J. J. Ramsay, and T. MacAdam, were, on motion, granted leave of absence after 5 o'clock, p.m.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Rep. T. Renwick, Hiron Lodge, No. 62,
Seconded by Wm. N. Ford, P. G. M.,

That the sum of \$6 00 be granted Brother Nathan Hart, of Frontier Lodge, for his services as janitor in attendance on this Grand Body at its present sitting.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Rep. John Ritchie, Jr.,
Seconded by Rep. Hugh Blain,

That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be tendered to Frontier Lodge, No. 45, for their kindness and courtesy during this present session.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt,
Seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.,

That this Grand Lodge pay T. Partridge, P. G. M., the sum of fifteen dollars for expenses incurred by him on his first visit attending the institution of Kingston Lodge, No. 59.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

WINDSOR, Aug. 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report on the question by Rep. J. G. Coleman, as follows :

A candidate applies for admission to a Lodge ; on the evening the report is received, the Lodge opened ten minutes before the regular hour. The time for opening the Lodge had passed when the candidate was balloted for and declared elected. Has the N. G., under the circumstances, a right to declare the ballot and election illegal on account of the Lodge having been opened before the proper time, and to order a new ballot the next meeting of the Lodge ?

Your Committee reply, No. The Lodge by a majority of two-thirds of the members present may declare a favorable ballot void, but not the N. G. alone. See Section 131, Digest.

We submit the following :

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON,

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Appeals.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Appeals find a number of papers connected with a petition for a Lodge to be opened in the City of Toronto, to be called Mystic Lodge.

From the papers before us, we find that a petition for said Lodge was forwarded to the Grand Master asking for a dispensation for said Mystic Lodge, but that upon the advice of the D. D. G. M., and upon information gained by himself, personally, in the city Toronto, the Grand Master declined to grant the dispensation asked for.

It being left to the discretion of the Grand Master to grant or refuse dispensations during the recess of this Grand Lodge, your Committee, without prejudice to the petitioners, have no alternative but to sustain the action of the Grand Master in the matter.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. BINGHAM,
H. W. MURDOCK,
HUGH M'COLL,
R. WARRINER,
HARPER WILSON.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the same Committee submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Appeals.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Appeals in the case of the appeal of John McMath against the action of Erie Lodge, in 1858, in expelling him from that Lodge, report as follows :

We have really nothing before us to sustain the appeal. We do find that on examination of the Grand Lodge Journal, that this case has been before the Grand Lodge before, and was dismissed because no evidence was produced in the matter.

Mr. McMath represents to us that he has repeatedly endeavored to get from Erie Lodge the facts in the case from their minutes, and to get the minutes of the Committee that tried him, but has from some cause unknown to us been unable to do so.

In view of what we can learn in the matter, we advise that Erie Lodge be instructed to furnish Mr. McMath a copy of their minutes in the matter, and also a copy of the minutes of the Committee appointed to try him, and all other documents pertaining to the case, or, in the event of being unable to do so, that Erie Lodge grant him a new trial, one course or the other to be pursued within three months from this date, August 9th, 1872.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
HARPER WILSON,
HUGH MCCOLL,
R. WARRINER,
H. W. MURDOCK.

Rep. G. W. Jessop, of Reliance Lodge, No. 89, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

Report of Committee on Finance.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

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

The Committee on Finance present the following, viz :

They have examined the Report of the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, for 1871, and find an error in the calculation of the distance between Chatham and Toronto, stating the distance to be 224 miles instead of 300.

Wherefore your Committee recommend the payment of the difference, namely, the sum of \$5 44 each to the Representatives of Chatham Lodge who were present at the last Session.

Your Committee have also duly considered and would recommend that value to the amount of \$115 35 (as received by this Grand Body) be returned to Rond Eau Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved—That this Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. JESSOP,
HENRY MACAFEE,
JAMES REYNOLDS
H. BLAIN.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Installation of Officers, as follows :

P. G. Masters James Smith and W. N. Ford, presented to the Chair P. G., John Murray, M. W. Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into that important position, and conducted to his Chair.

P. G. Masters, H. McAfee and R. Wigmore presented P. G., George Wright, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The same Brothers then presented P. G., R. Warner, of Warriner Lodge, No. 75, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M., James Woodyatt, presented J. B. King, P. G., Grand Secretary elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The same Brother presented A. D. Clement, P. G., Grand Treasurer elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The Chair then made the following appointments, viz.:

Harper Wilson,	R. W. Grand Marshall.
J. F. Morey,	R. W. Grand Guardian.
George Midgely,	R. W. Grand Conductor.
John Hurst,	R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Who were duly instructed in the duties of their several positions.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

Wm. Fitzsimmons	Brock	No. 9
George E. Patterson	Union	" 16
	Chatham	" 29
J. P. Young	Rond Eau	" 40
	Western City	" 98

	Eureka	No. 80
	Forest City	" 88
J. J. Dyas	Dominion	" 48
	Ivy	" 90
	Port Stanley	" 95
G. W. Pontine	Erie	" 38
	Gore	" 34
Thos. Woodyatt	Grand River	" 91
	Samaritan	" 35
Hugh Kerr	Oxford	" 77
C. Vongunten	St. Mary's	" 36
Wm. Gibson	Avon	" 41
	Excelsior	" 44
Wm. Lewis	Unity	" 47
	Victoria	" 64
	Frontier	" 45
Thomas Reid	Beaver	" 82
W. F. Roome	Mt. Zion	" 46
	Canada	" 49
	Covenant	" 52
Dr. G. Wright	Queen City	" 56
	The Toronto	" 71
	Milton	" 92
	Otter	" 50
Peter Campbell	Bissell	" 51
C. Worth	Niagara Falls	" 58
P. G. Bender	Collingwood	" 54
Arthur Moberly	Fidelity	" 55
A. G. McDougall	Maple Leaf	" 57
T. MacAdam	Howard	" 58
Henry Nicholson	Kingston	" 59
Dr. F. Fowler	Wardsville	" 60
Wm. Murphy	Corinthian	" 61
H. F. Rankin	Huron	" 62
J. F. Toms	Barrie	" 63
A. V. Palmer	Friendship	" 65
J. S. Garner	Florence Nightingale	" 66
D. S. Weir	Exeter	" 67
David Johns	North Star	" 68
W. B. Sanders	Hope	" 69
C. Barr	Lucan	" 70
C. F. Pashley	Eastern Star	" 72
M. O'Donovan	Fergus	" 78
Wm. Rodgers	Bothwell	" 74
	Warriner	" 75
Dr. Oakley	St. Thomas	" 76
J. C. Lindop		

J. B. Traves.....	Durham.....	“	78
George Wheler.....	Nipissing.....	“	79
James Reynolds.....	Amity.....	“	80
Dr. Tracey.....	Belleville.....	“	81
Wm. Foster.....	Clinton.....	“	83
E. Stoney.....	Walkerton.....	“	84
J. O. Campbell.....	Constellation.....	“	85
W. F. Sanford.....	Napanee.....	“	86
Geo. E. Patterson.....	Empire.....	“	87
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Moved by Rep. J. Ross,
Seconded by Rep. H. Gibson, and

Resolved—That when the Grand Lodge adjourn it do so to meet in the town of Stratford, on the first Wednesday in August, 1873.

James Smith, P. G. M., moved,
Seconded by Rep. J. B. Lang,

That the word “Stratford” be stricken out, and the word “London,” be inserted.

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. J. Ross, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.,
Seconded by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.,

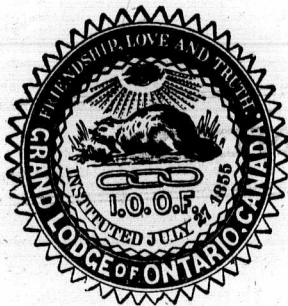
That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the Great Western Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for their kindness and courtesy in reducing the fares on their lines, for the accommodation of the officers and representatives to this R. W. Grand Body.

On motion the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session, when the secret work was exemplified by Grand Representative James Woodyatt.

On motion duly seconded,

The M. W. Grand Master was authorized to re-appoint the Committee on Laws of Subordinates to meet two days previous to the next annual session—if he considers it advisable.

The business of the session being ended, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*, at six o'clock, p.m., on the third day of the session.



J. A. King

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

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WILLIAM BISSELL.....	LONDON, 1861.
H. C. BINGHAM.....	BRANTFORD, 1862.
JAMES WOODYATT.....	do 1863.
JAMES SMITH.....	LONDON, 1864.
JAMES D. TAIT.....	St. CATHARINES, 1865.
RICHARD WIGMORE.....	LONDON, 1866.
HENRY McAFEE.....	WINDSOR, 1867.
JOHN BARR.....	HAMILTON, 1868.
THOMAS PARTRIDGE.....	LONDON, 1869.
WILLIAM N. FORD.....	St. MARY'S, 1870.
JOHN GIBSON.....	STRATFORD, 1871.

*Died, 14th September, 1859.

†Died, 15th April, 1866.

A M E N D M E N T
TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE.

Adopted at Windsor, August, 1872.

ARTICLE, VIII—CLAUSE I.

To read as follows:

CLAUSE 1—"This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate, the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual returns."

—Journal 1872. Page 881.

A M E N D M E N T S
TO THE
Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Adopted at Windsor, August, 1872.

ARTICLE II—CLAUSE VIII.

To read as follows:

CLAUSE 8—"The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be intimated to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, at the end of each month during which the rejection takes place, and that in cities and towns where there are two or more Lodges, notice shall also be sent to each of them during the week of such rejection.

—Journal 1872. Page, 860.

ARTICLE II—CLAUSE IX.

To read as follows:

CLAUSE 9—"No candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection.

—Journal 1872. Page 896.

ARTICLE IV—CLAUSE IX.

To read as follows:

CLAUSE 9—Such semi-annual return, shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

—Journal 1872. Page 881.

ARTICLE V—CLAUSE IV.

To read as follows:

CLAUSE 4—The contributions of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at less rate than One Dollar per Quarter. This Lodge shall place such portion of its general funds to the credit of the W. and O. Fund, as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the general benefit fund.

—Journal 1872. Page 881.

ARTICLE VI—CLAUSE V.

To read as follows:

CLAUSE 5—At the end of every month the Recording Secretary shall fill out and forward to the Grand Secretary a list containing the names of members reinstated during the month, also of those who have ceased membership for non-payment of dues, and the names of members suspended and expelled during the same time, in each case giving date and cause of suspension and expulsion.

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ARTICLE II—CLAUSE V.

Notice given by Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

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CLAUSE 5—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall, at its first meeting, in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows: that is to say, one Representative where the number of members in good standing, returned in the next preceding semi-annual report, shall be 75 or less, from 75 to 150, two Representatives; and if 150, three Representatives, and that three shall be the extreme number, any shall elect.

—Journal 1872. Page 860.

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