J. E. Farewell
Grand Master, 1898-9

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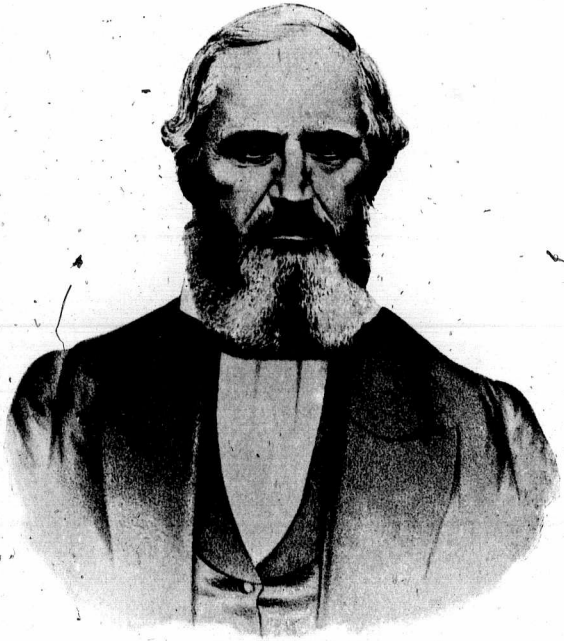

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Grand Master, 1861-62

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ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO

I. O. O. F.

YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1900.

JAS. MCLURG, Grand Master	Woodstock
O. L. LEWIS, Deputy Grand Master	Chatham
C. C LYMAN, Grand Warden	Brockville
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, Room 63, Canada Life Building	Toronto
W. J. MCCORMACK, Grand Treasurer, 26 Grosvenor Street	Toronto
HENRY WHITE, Grand Representative	Port Hope
J. A. YOUNG, Grand Representative	Thamesford
A. MACOOMB, Grand Marshal	Toronto
FRED. GALLAGHER, Grand Conductor	Ottawa
W. A. DENNIS, Grand Guardian	Galt
R. N. JENNINGS, Grand Herald	Walkerton
REV. T. W. LEGGOTT, Grand Chaplain	Claremont
J. E. FAREWELL, Junior Past Grand Master	Whitby

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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH

FORTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO

HELD AT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

VICTORIA HALL, TORONTO,

AUGUST 9th, 1899.

The Grand Lodge convened at Toronto to hold its forty-fifth session at 9 o'clock a.m.

The officers and many of the Representatives being assembled in Victoria Hall, Queen St. East, Toronto, Ald. J. J. Graham, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the City Council, on behalf of the Mayor and Corporation, extended a most cordial greeting and hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge, in which Ald. N. Steiner gracefully joined.

The Grand Master made a happy and appropriate reply and accepted the extended courtesies on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. C. Macdonald, District Deputy Grand Master, then read an address of welcome on behalf of the several branches of the Order in the city, to which the Grand Master made a happy reply.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, then took the chair and called the Grand Lodge to order.

The Grand Conductor and Grand Herald, after examination, declared those present entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present. The Grand Chaplain, Bro. T. W. Leggott, offered prayer.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we invoke Thy blessing to rest upon our beloved Order now assembled for the transaction of such business as may be brought before them. May Thy wisdom be granted in all the deliberations so that everything done may be in harmony with Thy Word. Bless the officers in their different stations; bless the entire Brotherhood; bless the families; may success attend the efforts of our Order in the successful accomplishment of high and noble aims, and may we all meet around the throne of God when our work is done here and we will give Thee all the praise. Amen.

Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Jas. McLurg, by direction of the chair, declared the forty-fifth session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario duly opened for business.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. J. R. Oliver, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Grand Marshal *pro tem.* in the place of Bro. W. H. Ryall, deceased.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. J. R. Cunningham, P.G., Thamesford Lodge, No. 258, Press Reporter for the session.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Jno. Lumsden, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto, Messenger.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary; Rep. R. A. Lee, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope; Rep. Geo. Lucas, St. Clair Lodge, No. 106, Pt. Edward.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Joseph Powley as his Assistant for the session.

These appointments were confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

The chair named the following as the Press Committee:

Reps. R. Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10; W. S. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 332; A. Abraham, Avon Lodge, No. 41.

On motion of Rep. R. Meek, seconded by Rep. Isaac Unsworth, the minutes of the session of 1898, as printed in the Annual Journal of Proceedings, were adopted as printed.

Report No. 1.—Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg:

We find that the Brothers whose names appear herein were reported on the returns of their several Lodges as having been duly elected as Representatives to this Session.

We find that the rule which requires that a certificate of such election shal be sent with the return has not been complied with as it should have been. The neglect in this respect has prevented the names of those Representatives from being placed on the list of Representatives reported by the Grand Secretary.

Since the returns were received several changes have been made. Owing to illness or other cause, the regularly elected Representative has resigned and another Brother elected. In all such cases a certificate of that fact, with the certificate of the newly elected Representative, has been presented to your Committee.

Your Committee have a protest from Bro. Lewis Smith, of Leamington Lodge, No. 140, against the legality of the election of Bro. McCormack, by Wheatley Lodge, No. 330, on the grounds that inasmuch as the lodge failed to elect a representative at its last meeting in June, the Representative elected at a subsequent meeting must be one who was eligible on the regular night, the election not being to fill a vacancy.

Your Committee ask that the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge be asked to decide on the matter.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Brothers named herein be recognized as legal Representatives of their respective Lodges and that they be instructed in the Grand Lodge degree.

Your Committee would recommend that all Representatives who may here after present themselves during this Session, and all Past Grands who may present properly attested certificates, be instructed in the Grand Lodge degree by the Grand Warden in the ante-room and admitted as members of this Grand body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KING,
R. A. LEE,
GEORGE LUCAS.

Consecutive Numbers.	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
1	C. C. Lyman	Brock	9	Brockville.
2	E. Leslie Trickey			
3	R. Meek	Cataraqui	10	Kingston.
4	J. R. Donaldson			
5	J. M. Whinton			
6	R. W. Bell, P.G.M	Otonabee	13	Peterboro.
7	M. Mowry			
8	J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M.	Union	16	St. Catharines.
9	Jas. A. McGoodsir			
10	J. M. Rolph	Phœnix	32	Oshawa.
11	Jas. W. Judson			

	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
12	W. S. Falls	Rose	28	Amherstburg.
13	Thos. S. Smith	Chatham	29	Chatham.
14	Geo. J. Wanless			
15	Ben K. Harper			
16	Jno. E. Crawford	Eureka	30	London.
17	Ed. Roe	Elgin	32	St. Thomas.
18	W. E. Cox			
19	John Fraser			
20	J. H. Hoshal	Erie	33	Port Burwell.
21	Wm. Gillespie	Gore	34	Brantford.
22	A. E. Harley			
23	Alex. Mathews			
24	R. T. Agar	Samaritan	35	Ingersoll.
25	Chas. Scoffin			
26	W. D. Spence	St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's.
27	A. Tucker	Forest City	38	London.
28	Oliver Vansickle	Rond Eau	40	Blenheim.
29	A. D. Findlay			
30	John Welsh	Avon	41	Stratford.
31	A. Abraham			
32	Peter Bradshaw			
33	Wm. Stevenson	Excelsior	44	Hamilton.
34	Hy. Tansley			
35	Jas. Montgomery	Frontier	45	Windsor.
36	Geo. Latcham			
37	Wm. Douglas			
38	Daniel King	Mount Zion	46	Newbury.
39	Wm. Amor	Unity	47	Hamilton.
40	Oliver Beatty			
41	W. J. Evans			
42	R. K. Cowan	Dominion	48	London.
43	T. D. Hastings			
44	Sydney Smith			
45	Thos. S. Scully	Canada	49	Toronto.
46	David J. Stuart			
47	W. B. Dack			
48	Wm. McDonald	Otter	50	Tilsonburg.
49	F. Haney			
50	J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M.	Covenant	52	Toronto.
51	H. C. Fowler			
52	C. J. Webber	Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls.
53	W. J. Seymour			
54	Abe. Matts	Collingwood	54	Collingwood.
55	Thos. Laurence			
56	A. D. Sutherland	Fidelity	55	Seaforth.
57	Albert Macoomb	Queen City of Ont.	56	Toronto.
58	Chas. Gentleman			
59	I. W. Davidson			
60	D. B. Brown	Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville.
61	F. W. Orr	Howard	58	Strathroy.
62	H. E. Husband			
63	Peter M. Thompson	Kingston	59	Kingston.
64	William H. Wilson			
65	Geo. Lee			

	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
66	Geo. Warren	Corinthian	61	Oshawa.
67	J. W. Ellis			
68	W. Marritt			
69	H. D. Reed	Huron	62	Goderich.
70	W. S. Clark			
71	J. R. Young	Barrie	63	Barrie.
72	Byron F. Richardson	Victoria	64	Hamilton.
73	Arthur McDermand	Friendship	65	Petrolea.
74	Wm. J. Clarke			
75	Robt. Adair	Flo. Nightingale	66	Bowmanville.
76	R. C. Trebilcock			
77	S. A. Poplestone	Exeter	67	Exeter.
78	T. S. Grimshaw	North Star	68	Stayner.
79	W. Doan	Hope	69	Harrietsville.
80	Herbert Gibson	Lucan	70	Lucan.
81	Wm. McLennan	The Toronto	71	Toronto.
82	Alex. Smith	Eastern Star	72	Whitby.
83	Fred. W. Templin	Fergus	73	Fergus.
84	Alex. Catto	Bothwell	74	Bothwell
85	W. L. Marshall	Warriner	75	Port Perry.
86	H. M. Wilson	St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas.
87	John Allen			
88	W. E. Locock			
89	Reid A. Size	Oxford	77	Ingersoll.
90	R. A. Lee	Durham	78	Port Hope.
91	Hugh Walker			
92	J. H. Bustin	Nipissing	79	Uxbridge.
93	W. H. Plumb	Amity	80	Prescott.
94	Wellington Rowe			
95	A. Fricker			
96	Wm. Nelson	Belleville	81	Belleville.
97	A. L. Geen			
98	R. W. Adams			
99	Mark Whaley	Beaver	82	Ruthven.
100	E. M. McLean	Clinton	83	Clinton.
101	C. Reichenbach	Walkerton	84	Walkerton.
102	J. F. Schwalm			
103	John Griffin	Constellation	85	Burgessville.
104	Jas. Wilson	Napanee	86	Napanee.
105	N. Bulger	Empire	87	St. Catharines.
106	Theo. Parnell			
107	A. J. Watford	Olive Branch	88	Woodstock.
108	George Cheyne			
109	Robt. Lovell	Reliance	89	Guelph
110	W. J. Graham			
111	A. E. Smith	Ivy	90	Parkhill.
112	John Inksater	Grand River	91	Paris.
113	John Metcalf	Milton	92	Milton.
114	John Glassford	Western City	93	Chatham.
115	F. L. Wagner	Aylmer	94	Aylmer.
116	W. E. Stevens			
117	Herman Wiese	Nith	96	New Hamburg.
118	Hy. A. Hagen	Berlin	97	Berlin.
119	G. A. May			

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120	Wm. Craigmill	Minto	98	Harriston.
121	John Henderson	Lindsay	100	Lindsay.
122	Robt. Chambers			
123	J. J. Manning	Golden Star	101	Brampton.
124	T. J. Naylor	Deseronto	102	Deseronto.
125	W. J. Corley	Cataract	103	Niagara Falls S.
126	Thos. Taylor	Crescent	104	Hamilton.
127	J. B. Turner			
128	Wm. Wheaton			
129	Hugh Carmichael	Manilla	105	Manilla.
130	Geo. Lucas	St. Clair	106	Pt. Edward.
131	A. G. Bruce	Waterloo	107	Galt.
132	F. Williams			
133	W. A. Dennis			
134	Newton Tripp	Royal Oak	108	Forest.
135	T. J. Wheeler	Orion	109	Georgetown.
136	H. Stevenson	Laurel	110	Toronto.
137	Dr. Bowie			
138	R. M. Scott	Peterboro	111	Peterboro.
139	John Fanning			
140	T. C. Elliot			
141	Geo. H. Lawrence	Lucknow	112	Lucknow.
142	D. Paterson			
143	Chas. Crowe	Trenton	113	Trenton.
144	Geo. Toner	Gananoque	114	Gananoque.
145	C. R. Cotton			
146	John Kee			
147	Wm. McConnack	Harmony	115	Brantford.
148	S. M. Thomson			
149	Jas. Brown			
150	John H. Wilkinson	Naomi	116	Markham.
151	Geo. Lees, Jr	Valley City	117	Dundas.
152	Elmer E. Fisher			
153	W. J. Haines	Maitland	119	Wingham.
154	G. R. Peirce	Sydenham Valley.	120	Wallaceburg.
155	A. Templeton			
156	John Morgan	Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig.
157	Robt. Graydon	Streetsville	122	Streetsville.
158	D. A. Warner	Dresden	124	Dresden.
159	Geo. Rice			
160	Jas. H. Munro	Stella	125	Carleton Place.
161	R. E. LeSueur	Sarnia	126	Sarnia.
162	Robt. Irwin			
163	L. B. Cooper	Mizpah	127	Belleville.
164	A. Mathews			
165	J. H. Glendenning	Charity	129	Sunderland.
166	P. Steep	Livingstone	130	Thorold.
167	O. Wright	Marion	131	Renfrew.
168	H. W. Pearson			
169	Geo. Hillmer	Oakville	132	Oakville.
170	John L. Luckham	Glencoe	133	Glencoe.
171	Wm. H. Lowe	Orient	134	Welland.
172	Thos. Woodward	Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington.
173	W. J. Hamilton	Cobourg	136	Cobourg.

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174	W. J. Moore	St. Lawrence	137	Brockville.
175	S. G. Rothwell			
176	A Bradshaw	Ancaster	138	Ancaster.
177	John Waddell	Garnet	139	Mt. Forest.
178	Geo. McIntyre	Leamington	140	Leamington.
179	Alfred Hoffman			
180	John Pulford	Concord	142	Kingsville.
181	Ed. W. Case	Bay of Quinte	143	Picton.
182	H. M. Moxon			
183	H. L Pattison	Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown.
184		Riverside	145	Iroquois.
185	G. H. Larivee.	Vivian	146	Arnprior.
186	Hy. Lucas	Model	147	Wyoming.
187	R. W. Wood	Aurora	148	Aurora.
188	Wm. Martin	Western Star	149	Brussels.
189	Geo. W. Carson	Sycamore	151	Arkona.
190	A. Searles	Hayden	152	Norwich.
191	J. B. Bryan	Wildey	153	Granton.
192	P. C. McGregor	Alpha	154	Almonte.
193	Wm. P. McEwen			
194	W. H. Tran	Brougham	155	Whitevale
195	D. Morrison	Pyramid	156	Newmarket.
196	John Minshall	Thamesville	157	Thamesville.
197	S. C. Sunley	Progress	158	Guelph.
198	T. W. Fenwick			
199	Hy. Carpenter	Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton.
200	F. R. Blewett	Listowel	160	Listowel.
201	Wm. Sutton	Simcoe	161	Simcoe.
202	J. G. Harkness	Oriental	163	Cornwall.
203	Wm. Hepburn	Romeo	164	Stratford.
204	Geo. Lawrence			
205	W. R. Kent	Beethoven	165	Brooklin.
206	A. P. Hunter	Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg.
207	Geo. V. Crocker	Sutton	168	Sutton W.
208	Wm. Laidlaw	Grey	169	Durham.
209	John Duff	Denovo	170	Port Elgin.
210	R. W. Clements	Penetangore	172	Kincardine.
211	Walter S. Anderson			
212	John Steel	Emerald	173	Dunnville.
213	W. E. Gammon	Dolman	174	Ayr
214	Jas. G. Fair			
215	W. J. Kearney	Dauncey	176	Thedford.
216	Geo. Paulin	Montana	177	Wroxeter.
217	Joshua Kerns	Wellington Square	178	Burlington.
218	James White	Madoc	179	Madoc.
219	W. J. Harrison, M.D.			
220	Robt. J. McKinney, jr.	Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound.
221	D. Hicks	Tecumseh	182	Otterville.
222	W. G. Fowler	Teeswater	183	Teeswater.
223	A. B. McBride	Germania	184	Waterloo.
224	Wm. Conrad			
225	W. J. Boyd	Dufferin	186	Flesherton.
226	Fred. Levandusky	Cambridge	188	[illegible].
227	John A. Johnson	Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound.

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228	E. W. Boyle	Chorazin	196	London.
229	Jas. Fitzgerald			
230	Simon E. Davidson	Jarvis	191	Jarvis.
231	Robt. Toung	Howick	192	Gorrie.
232	R. N. Sheppard	Albert	194	Toronto.
233	W. P. Smith			
234	F. McPherson	Cicerone	195	Woodville.
235	Isaac Unsworth	Florence	196	Florence.
236	A. McEachren	Minerva	197	Hamilton.
237	H. A. Mallory	Britannia	198	Drayton.
238	W. J. Cruickshank	Weston	200	Weston.
239	John Houser	Beacon	201	Port Colborne.
240	J. H. Engel	Silver Star	202	Milverton.
241	Jas. M. Taylor	Pembroke	203	Pembroke.
242	J. R. Beal			
243	W. Williams	Acton	204	Acton.
244	W. R. Barnett	Ahiram	205	Paisley.
245	Geo. Rathwell			
246	Peter McPherson	Silver City	206	Tiverton.
247	L. H. Cook	Egremont	207	Kerwood.
248	C. Walli	Alvinston	208	Alvinston.
249	Joseph Gibson	Millbank	209	Millbank.
250	John Haisor	Brucefield	210	Brucefield.
251	C. Venning	Lilly	211	Dorchester.
252	M. S. Plumley	Argyll	212	Napanee.
253	T. F. Oliver			
254	Jno. R. Scott	Clifford	214	Clifford.
255	Thos. A. Simpson	Freestone	215	Beamsville.
256	R. J. Hall	Elmira	216	Elmira.
257	Wm. Courtis	Mt. Brydges	217	Mt. Brydges.
258	J. P. Grigg			
259	T. D. McCreery	Enterprise	218	Essex.
260	E. H. Kernahan			
261	Wm. Gill	Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene.
262	John Murray	Woodslee	220	Woodslee.
263	John W. Spiesz	Chesley	221	Chesley.
264	Jno. Stacey	Hensall	223	Hensall.
265	R. E. Cockburn	Ottawa	224	Ottawa.
266	Wm. L. Moor			
267	A. Innes	Norfolk	225	Port Dover.
268	W. C. Estabrook	Merlin	226	Merlin.
269	Chas. Locke	Sauble	227	Tara.
270	Thos. Edwards	International	228	Bridgeburg.
271	E. W. Doane.			
272	J. C. McDonald	Embro Star	229	Embro.
273	Jas. Bond	Prince of Wales	230	Toronto.
274	Hy. Clarke	Elora	231	Elora.
275	Jas. McNichol	Equity	232	Hagersville.
276	Simon Young	Hanover	233	Hanover.
277	Jno. G. Martin	Ilderton	234	Ilderton.
278	R. S. Robinson	Waterford	235	Waterford.
279	H. West	Acorn	236	Camlachie.
280	J. W. Kelly	Farmersville	237	Farmersville.

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281	W. T. Sine	Stirling	239	Stirling.
282	David W. Fox			
283	F. H. Gisborne			
284	John Smith	Carleton	240	Ottawa.
285	A. T. McKinnon			
286	Robt. McGillivray			
287	Rev. E. A. Anderson	Rideau	241	Smith's Falls.
288	J. W. Greig, M.D.			
289	T. R. Bain	Wilton	242	Toronto.
290	John H. Dickinson	Thornbury	243	Thornbury.
291	H. B. Dawson	Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur.
292	W. C. Lee	Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown.
293	R. N. Jennings	Gordon	247	Palmerston.
294	H. Shaw	Campbellford	248	Campbellford.
295	D. W. J. Sanders	Beaverton	249	Beaverton.
296	A. C. Wallen	Ridgely	250	Oil Springs.
297	A. F. Yuill	Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge.
298	A. E. Welbourn			
299	J. J. Ramsay	Floral	252	Toronto.
300	W. J. Burns			
301	Isaac Willoughby	Caledonia	253	Caledonia.
202	H. Rounding	Alba	254	Pakenham.
303	W. J. Stevenson	Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley.
304	M. J. Bain	Credit	257	Erin.
305	D. F. Creighton	Thamesford	258	Thamesford.
306	Jos. Ross			
307	A. McK. Cameron	Lynden	259	Lynden.
308	Harry H Eager	Meaford	260	Meaford.
309	Fred. A. Hudson	Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage.
310	Jno. McMillan	Norwood	262	Norwood.
311	John Berry	East Toronto	263	East Toronto.
312	J. A. Allan	Fraternity	264	Perth.
313	W. J. Birch	Delta	265	Delta.
314	A. McLaren	Missanabie	266	Chapleau.
315	H. Johnstone	Algoma	267	Fort William.
316	Jas. McCurdy	Stanley	268	Lanark.
317	Geo. March.			
318	Chas. Perrett	Woodstock	269	Woodstock.
319	J. E. Heaslip			
320	W. B. Way	Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne.
321	H. W. West	North Bay	271	North Bay.
322	C. R. Fowlds	Lakeview	272	Toronto Jct.
323	Joshua Hill	Hastings	273	Hastings.
324	Geo. D. Johnson	Midland	274	Midland.
325	A. F. Wade	Fairy	275	Huntsville.
326	R. M. Jones	Lambton	277	Brigden.
327	A. E. Ripley	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa.
328	Geo. W. Griffith			
329	Alex. Atchie	Grenville	279	Kemptville.
330	Jno. Dawson	Balmoral	280	Merrickville.
331	G. J. Oliver	Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie.
332	T. F. Ellmitt	Sudbury	282	Sudbury.
333	Jas. M. Doran	Earnscliffe	283	Cumming's B'ge.
334	Geo. J. Billings	Lyn	284	Lyn.

	Names.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
335	Thos. Faulkner	Morewood	285	Morewood.
336	W. T. Curtis	Royal	286	Havelock.
337	R. D. McKenzie	Ripley	287	Ripley.
338	E. W. Forward	Chesterville	288	Chesterville.
339	Jno. Morrison	Glanworth	289	Glanworth.
340	N. M. Lloyd	Tweed	290	Tweed.
341	John H. Martin	Rodney	291	Rodney.
342	R. H. Gilchrist	Minnetonka	292	Keewatin.
343	J. A. Beattie	Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg.
344	John Gibbs	Broadview	294	Toronto.
345	T. G. Pendrith			
346	Jas. Latimer	Manotick	295	Manotick.
347	J. W. Anderson	Pontypool	296	Pontypool.
348	Geo. Gray	Mayflower	297	Parham.
349	Thos. H. Warren	Comber	298	Comber.
350	Jas. Richards	Cornucopia	299	McLaren's D'pt.
351	W. A. Davis	Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon.
352	A. J. Willson	Plattsville	301	Plattsville.
353	H. Prunner	Aberdeen	302	Aultsville.
354	W. J. Ransom	Fellowship	303	Dickenson's Ldg.
355	Geo. Craik	Star	304	Crampton.
356	J. A. Armstrong	Valentine	305	Moore.
357	G. A. Griffith	Athena	306	Harrowsmith.
358	Wm. H. Davis	Princeton	307	Princeton.
359	W. S. Given	Millbrook	308	Millbrook.
360	W. F. Park	Harrow	309	Harrow.
361	Geo. F. Norman	Shedden	310	Shedden.
362	T. W. Howson	Zeta	311	Morrisburg.
363	David McConachie	Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton.
364	W. E. B. McKenzie	Electric City	313	Chippewa.
365	W. F. Bilger	Prospect	314	Toronto.
366	E. E. Short			
367	J. S. Anderson	Mountain	315	Mountain.
368	Isaac McKee	Britain	316	Little Britain.
369	E. G. Adams	Laurentian	317	Westport.
370	John G. Welsh	Bervie	318	Bervie.
371	Wm. Irving	Webbwood	319	Webbwood.
372	J. D. Knox	Geneva	320	Orillia.
373	W. R. Whitfield	Hespeler	321	Hespeler.
374	W. S. Johnston	Central	322	Toronto.
375	J. C. VanCamp			
376	C. E. Hoffman	Liberty	323	Berlin.
377	W. G. Ham	Ontario	324	Pickering.
378	T. H. Burns	Southampton	325	Southampton.
379	W. J. Mandley	Strathcona	326	Shelburne.
380	R. W. Ennis	Saugeen	327	Markdale.
381	H. A. McLean	Underwood	328	Underwood.
382	H. L. Stratton	Prosperity	329	Delhi.
383	Judson A. McCormick	Wheatley	330	Wheatley.
384	A. H. Blackeby	Maxville	331	Maxville.

Of the above Representatives-elect, the following were not present at the session :—Bros. J. H. Hoshal, Erie, No. 33; Wm. Sutton, Simcoe, No. 161; J. H. Dickinson; Thornbury, No. 243; Jno. McMillan, Norwood, No. 262.

The following, moved by Grand Rep. Henry White and Past Grand Master J. A. Young, was adopted :—

Resolved :—That the exemplification of the secret work be a special order of business for Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The following resolutions were adopted on motion of Reps. A. H. Blackeby and R. N. Sheppard :—

Resolved :—That the recommendations one and two, of the Committee's report, as found on page 6844 Journal of 1898, viz. :—

"1. That the tariff relating to Sick, Funeral and Widows' Benefits, approved by it, be adopted by this Grand Lodge."

"2. That this tariff shall apply to new members, and take effect from and after January 1, 1899."

B : rescinded and the following substituted therefor :—"The accompanying tables are approved and are hereby recommended to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction."

Resolved :—That the above resolution haae precedence vfter election of officers.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees, viz.:

ON CREDENTIALS—

Reps. J. B. King, Grand Secretary; R. A. Lee, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope; Geo. Lucas, St. Clair Lodge, No. 106, Pt. Edward.

ON DISTRIBUTION—

Reps. W. H. Cole, P.G.M., Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville; W. D. Spence, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, St. Mary's; T. S. Grimshaw, North Star Lodge, No. 68, Stayner.

ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES—(*In erim*)—

Reps. Henry White, P.G.M., Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope; Donald Robertson, Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines; J. H. Magill, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope.

ON FINANCE—

Bro. J. Oliver, P.G.M., Queen City Lodge, No. 56, Toronto; Reps. Isaac Unsworth, Florence Lodge, No. 196, Florence; H. A. Mallory, Britannia Lodge, No. 198, Drayton; R N. Jennings, Gordon Lodge, No 247, Palmerston; C. E. Hoffman, Liberty Lodge, No. 323, Berlin; A. G. Bruce, Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt; Jno. Smith, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa; Hy. Clark, Elora Lodge, 231, Elora.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE—

Reps. R. N. Sheppard, Albert Lodge, No. 194, Toronto; S A. Popplestone, Exeter Lodge, No. 67, Exeter; W. J. Harrison, Madoc Lodge, No. 179, Madoc; J. Steele, Emerald Lodge, No. 173, Dunville; W. Doan, Hope Lodge, No. 69, Harrietsville; W. S. Clark, Huron Lodge. No. 62, Goderich; J. H. Bustin, Nipissing Lodge, No. 79, Uxbridge.

STATE OF THE ORDER—

Reps. R. Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston; J J. Ramsay, Floral Lodge, No. 252, Toronto; T. H. Burns, Southampton Lodge No. 325, Southampton; Jno. Dawson, Arthur Lodge, No. 281, Sault Ste. Marie; Geo. Latcham, Frontier Lodge, No. 45, Windsor; T. J. Wheeler, Orion Lodge, No. 109; Georgetown; R. Adair, Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 66, Bowmanville; H. Johnstone, Algoma Lodge, No. 267, Ft. William.

ON LEGISLATION—

Reps. R. K. Cowan, Dominion Lodge, No. 48, London; T. Parnell, Empire Lodge, No. 87, St. Catharines; W. A. Dennis, Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt; W. J. Burns, Caledonia Lodge, No. 253, Caledonia; J. D. Knox, Geneva Lodge, No. 320, Orillia; W. F. Bilger, Prospect Lodge, No. 314, Toronto; W. H. Lowe, Orient Lodge, No. 134, Welland; W. J. Clark, Friendship Lodge, No. 65, Petrolia; W. H. Cole, P.G.M, Brock Lodge. No. 9, Brockville; Geo. W. Griffith, Grenville Lodge, No. 279, Kemptville; J. F. Ellmitt, Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Cummings Bay.

ON ELECTION RETURNS—

Reps. A. E. Harley, Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford; W. B. Dack, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto; M. S. Plumley, Argyle Lodge, No. 212, Napanee; Geo. Warren, Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—

Reps. C. C. Lyman, Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville; Newton Tripp, Royal Oak Lodge, No. 108, Forest; W. H. Plumb, Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott; Geo. Wanless, Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham; J. H. Dickinson, Thornbury Lodge, No. 243, Thornbury; B. F. Richardson, Victoria Lodge, No. 64, Hamilton; D. B. Brown, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, Orangeville.

ON JUDICIARY—

Reps. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto; Jno. Welsh, P.G.P., Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; A. H. Blackeby, Maxville Lodge, No 331, Maxville; J. A. Allan, Fraternity Lodge, No. 264, Perth; F. H. Gisborne, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa; J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M., Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines; S. M. Thomson, Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Brantford.

ON APPEALS—

Reps. J. J. Manning, Golden Star Lodge, No. 101, Brampton; F. R. Blewett, Listowel Lodge, No. 160, Listowel; H. C. Fowler, Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto; W. J. Cruikshank, Weston Lodge, No. 200, Weston; P. C. McGregor, Alpha Lodge, No. 154, Almonte; J. B. Turner, Crescent Lodge, No. 104, Hamilton; W. Sutton, Simcoe Lodge, No. 161, Sutton; Dr. Bowie, Laurel Lodge, No. 110, Toronto; W. E. Stevens, Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer.

ON GENERAL PURPOSES—(*In Interim*)—

Bros. W. F. Mountain, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto; J. B. King, G.S.; W. J. McCormack, G.T.

ON DISTRICTS—

Reps. R. W. Bell, P.G.M., Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterboro'; G. T. Pendrith, Broadview Lodge, No. 294, Toronto; W. D. Patterson, Lucknow Lodge, No. 112, Lucknow; Jno. Kee, Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, Gananoque; W. G. Fowler, Teeswater Lodge, No. 183, Teeswater; G. J. Oliver, Sudbury Lodge, No. 282, Sudbury; Robt. Graydon, Streetsville Lodge, No. 122, Streetsville; W. C. Easterbrook, Merlin Lodge, No. 226, Merlin; W. L. Moore, Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa.

ON REBEKAH DEGREE—

Reps. John Gibson, P.G.M., Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; W. S. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 322, Toronto; Geo. Lee, Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston; E. W. Case, Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 143, Picton; J. Stacey, Hensall Lodge, No. 223, Hensall.

SPECIAL No. 1—

Reps. Wm. Amor, Unity Lodge, No. 47, Hamilton; J. H. Clendenning, Charity Lodge, No. 129, Sunderland; W. R. Barnett, Ahiram Lodge, No. 205, Paisley; Jno. Waddell, Garnet Lodge, No. 139, Mount Forest; Orange Wright, Marion Lodge, No. 131, Renfrew; T. W. Fenwick, Progress Lodge, No. 158, Guelph; A. McK. Cameron, Meaford Lodge, No. 260, Meaford; J. Whinton, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston.

SPECIAL No. 2—

Reps. J. G. Harkness, Oriental Lodge, No. 163, Cornwall; Jno. Inksater, Grand River Lodge, No. 91, Paris; Geo V. Crocker, Sutton Lodge, No. 168, Sutton; J. E. Crawford, Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London; R. A. Size, Oxford Lodge, No. 77, Ingersoll; Oliver Vansickle, Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, Blenheim; Chas. Perrett, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock.

SPECIAL No. 3—

A. Macoomb, Queen City Lodge, No. 56, Toronto; J. R. Beal, Pembroke Lodge, No. 203, Pembroke; W. E. Locock, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, St. Thomas; G. D Johnson, Fairy Lodge, No. 275, Huntsville; J. L. Luckham, Glencoe Lodge, No. 133, Glencoe; A. J. Watford, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, Woodstock; F. A. Hudson, Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261, Ra Portage.

SPECIAL No. 4—

Reps W. S. Falls, Rose Lodge, No. 28, Amherstburg; G. A. May, Grand Union Lodge, No. 97, Berlin; Jno. Fanning, Peterboro' Lodge, No. 111, Peterboro'; L. B. Cooper, Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, Belleville; C. Reichenback, Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, Walkerton; W. S. Anderson, Penetangore Lodge, No. 172, Kincardine; Theo. Lawrence, Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, Collingwood; A. T. McKinnon, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa.

SPECIAL No. 5—

Reps. H. B. Dawson, Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, Port Arthur; Peter McPherson, Silver City Lodge, No. 206, Tiverton; E. W. Boyer, Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, London; R. M. Jones, Rockcliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa; H. A. McLean, Underwood Lodge, No. 328, Underwood; C. J. Webber, Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, Niagara Falls; F. L. Wagner, Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer, Wm. Courtis, Mount Brydges Lodge, No. 217, Mount Brydges.

SPECIAL No. 6—

Reps. W. J. Hamilton, Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, Cobourg; A. Tucker, Forest City Lodge, No. 38, London; Jno. Fraser, Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas; W. H. Conway, Reliance Lodge, No. 89, Guelph; W. J. Moore, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 137, Brockville; J. M. Rolph, Phœnix Lodge, No. 22, Oshawa; A. B. McBride, Germania Lodge, No. 184, Waterloo.

SPECIAL No. 7 (Necrology).

Reps. Rev. W. J. Sanders, Beaverton Lodge, No. 249, Beaverton; E. A. Anderson, Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Smith's Falls; E. M. McLean, Clinton Lodge, No. 83, Clinton; R. H. Gilchrist, Minnetonka Lodge, No. 292, Keewatin; T. J. Naylor, Deseronto Lodge, No. 102, Deseronto; R. E. Lesner, Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, Sarnia; R. J. Hall, Elmira Lodge, No. 216, Elmira.

SPECIAL No. 8—

Reps. Rev. A. L. Geen, Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Belleville; R. Chambers, Lindsay Lodge, No. 100, Lindsay; R. E. Cockburn, Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa; M. J. Bain, Thamesford Lodge, No. 258, Thamesford; F. W. Orr, Howard Lodge, No. 58, Strathroy; Alex. Smith, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, Whitby; R. J. McKinney, Owen Sound Lodge, No. 180, Owen Sound; Wm. H. Wilson, Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston.

SPECIAL No. 9—

Reps. F. R. Blewett, Listowel Lodge, No. 160, Listowel; Geo. Lees, Valley City Lodge, No. 117, Dundas; G. R. Pierce, Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120, Wallaceburg; Jas. G. Fair, Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr; E. W. Doane, International Lodge, No. 228, Bridgeburg; W. G. Horn, Ontario Lodge, No. 324, Pickering; A. Hoffman, Leamington Lodge, No. 140, Leamington; W. T. Sine, Stirling Lodge, No. 239, Stirling; A. E. Ripley, Rockcliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa; Wm. Ford, P.G.M., St. Mary's.

SPECIAL No. 10 (Advisory O.F.R.A.)—(*In Interim*)—

Reps. W. S. Given, Millbrook Lodge, No. 208, Millbrook; H. J. Guppy, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa; G. S. Seeber, Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Smith's Falls.

PRESS COMMITTEE—

Reps. R. Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston; W. S. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 322, Toronto; A. Abraham, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford.

The roll of Officers and Representatives was called, when the following Officers and nearly all the Representatives were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

J. E. FAREWELL	Grand Master
JAS MCLURG	Deputy Grand Master
O. L. LEWIS	Grand Warden
J. B. KING	Grand Secretary
W. J. MCCORMACK	Grand Treasurer
THOMAS WOODYATT, P.G.M.	Grand Representative
HENRY WHITE, P.G.M.	Grand Representative
J. R OLIVER	Grand Marshal *pro tem.*
ALF. COVELL	Grand Conductor
J. E. RYAN	Grand Guardian
W. A. PRINGLE	Grand Herald
REV. T. W. LEGGOTT	Grand Chaplain
J. A. YOUNG	Junior Past Grand Master

The following, moved by Reps. R. Meek and Isaac Unsworth, was adopted:—

Resolved:—That the meetings of this Grand Lodge Session be as follows, namely—

Morning—Meet at 9 o'clock. Adjourn 12 o'clock, noon.
Afternoon—Meet at 2 o'clock. Adjourn at 5:30 o'clock.
Evening—Should meetings be deemed advisable, meet at 7:30 o'clock. Adjourn at will.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, then presented his report, printed, reading a number of the clauses.

The Report as printed was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

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

GRAND OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—At the close of my term of office, in accordance with our laws and usages, I beg to submit a report as to the state of the Order in this jurisdiction and of my work during the past year.

I.—STATE OF THE ORDER.

While we cannot boast of so large an increase of membership as is claimed by some other organizations whose objects are somewhat in line with ours, I have much pleasure in reporting that this year has been a prosperous one, notwithstand-

ing some circumstances, hereinafter mentioned, which have prevented the increase of members by initiation and reduced the number of those already initiated.

Comparisons as to increase of membership with some other Orders whose main object is to insure the lives of its members is not a fair test of the condition of Independent Odd Fellowship in this Province. *Our Order is not an insurance society.* It existed and carried on its good work long before many so-called fraternal societies, formed almost solely for the purpose of insuring the lives of their members, had any existence. It will continue to exist and will flourish long after many of this class of societies shall have handed over their affairs into the hands of the Official Assignee, Receiver, Liquidator or other functionary whose business it is to deal with the disappointed expectations and crushed hopes of their policy-holders. Much of the success of some of these societies is due to the work of paid organizers. Our Order is peculiar, "Odd" in fact, in this respect: that it has no paid organizers travelling through the Province advocating its claims, organizing new Lodges and canvassing for members for existing Lodges. Its merits are its advocate and its beneficent works and fraternal spirit are its sole recommendations to the public favor. No other human organization working on these lines has prospered to such an extent.

Great care has been exercised by Committees on Character, and a close guard has been kept upon the ballot box to secure the admission only of worthy candidates, and notwithstanding the want of paid organizers it is pleasing to note that the past year has been a most prosperous one.

While there has been a cutting off of a large number of members for non-payment of dues, and notwithstanding the fact that the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session towards placing the Order upon an absolutely sound financial basis by the legislation as to an approved actuarial scale of dues and benefits has been a disturbing and embarrassing element during the year, and that there has been large loss of members by death, there has still been a large increase in membership. I think the full returns will show an increase of more than five hundred members, being a gain of more than twice the increase during the preceding year.

II.—NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

I have during the past year, in my circulars and addresses to lodges, given considerable attention to the great loss the Order sustains by the suspension of members, which necessarily

follows non-payment of dues. The whole Order should some time ago, but for this cause, have had a membership of one million five hundred thousand. It is just as well to look the matter squarely in the face and see if a remedy cannot be found by which this great loss can be minimized. In the year 1897, 50,239 members were suspended for this cause In our own jurisdiction during the past year, 1,242 members have been suspended. From enquiries made by me in my official visits in various parts of the Province, I am satisfied that by attention, perseverance and tact on the part of the Financial Secretaries and a committee appointed by each Lodge to assist them, the dues of many members in each Lodge could have been collected, and their membership retained to the Order. It is important to remember that those who drop their membership by non-payment of dues are in nearly every instance men in good health and of unobjectionable character; on the other hand the aged members and those who find their health is being impaired are exceedingly careful as to the payment of their dues and keeping themselves in a position to obtain from their Lodges the benefits which they are entitled to receive during illness, and to entitle their families to the benefits payable on their death.

III.—RECOMMENDATION.

I would recommend that our laws be altered so that in every subordinate Lodge there should be a committee to be called the "Non-Payment of Dues" committee, whose duty it shall be to assist the Financial Secretary in collecting the dues reported to them by the Financial Secretary as members in arrears.

The success and prosperity of the Lodge depends more upon the hardworking, intelligent and tactful financial secretary than upon any other officer of the Lodge. Assisted by a good committee, the member in arrears can in many instances be induced to visit the Lodge and pay the quarter's arrears, when, if the matter is neglected for two or three terms, it is not likely that the larger sum will be paid.

IV.—NEW LODGES.

From the number of places reported to me by the former Grand Master and District Deputies as being suitable for the establishment of lodges, and from the fact that the establishment of lodges had been discussed in these places, I must say that my hopes as to success in this department of our work has

been disappointed. There have, during the year, been three good lodges established and under such circumstances that I have much pleasure in asking that my action in granting warrants for their institution be confirmed and that charters be granted to each of them.

Wheatley Lodge, No. 330, at Wheatley, on the boundary line of Essex and Kent, instituted by myself and placed in district No. 1, Essex.

Maxville Lodge, No. 331, at Maxville, in the County of Glengarry, placed in the Ottawa district, No. 39 for convenience of visitation by District Deputy.

Attwood Lodge, at Attwood, in the County of Perth, placed in the Perth district, No. 16, but think the Committee on Districts should consider the matter.

V.—REBEKAH LODGES.

There has been considerable activity in this useful branch of the Order. Lodges have been established during the past year.

Brilliante Lodge, No. 61, at Balon, County of Waterloo.
Lodge, at Parham, in the County of Frontenac.
Lodge, No. 63, at Harrietsville, County of Elgin.

VI.—VISITS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES.

I have during the past year given as much attention to visiting subordinate lodges as possible. I regret that I was unable from professional and official duties connected with the administration of criminal justice to accept many of the kind and pressing invitations which I received from various parts of the province to visit and address lodges. In some cases owing to my inability to fix a date for a visit a sufficient length of time beforehand the attendance at lodges visited was not as large as I could have wished.

I fear that while waiting to ascertain whether my engagements would allow me to accept an invitation I have found that my public duties have prevented it and have omitted to acknowledge the receipt of invitations kindly extended to me. For all such omissions I trust the brethren will forgive me.

Few Grand Masters have been, or will be so situated as to be able to make the number of visits which it was the good fortune of my predecessor Past Grand Master Young to make.

August 12th, 1898 Visited Grand Union Lodge, Berlin, with Bro. Reps. R. L. Huggard, of Eastern Star Lodge, and H. Ramshaw, of Acton Lodge. Notwithstanding Berlin had been

holding a great musical *fete*, "The Sangerfest," for three days, which concluded on that evening with a grand display of fireworks, I found most of the officers in their places. This lodge has beautiful and commodious lodge, supper entertainment and store rooms for the paraphernalia for initiatory and degree work. Thrcugh the kindness of Mr. G. Woolard and Bro. Rep. May I was introduced to a large number of the leading men of this flourishing to n, many of whom are Odd Fellows. Addressed the members upon various topics of interest, including the establishment of a Rebekah lodge, which was approved of.

September 1st and 2nd. Though not a lodge meeting, I had, in visiting the tent of the Odd Fellows at the Toronto Exhibition on these two days, the opportunity of meeting a large number of members, including visiting brothers from Batavia, Buffalo, Rochester, New York, Detroit, Minneapolis and other parts of the United States. These visiting brethren were greatly pleased with the tent and its advantages for rest and fraternal greetings. On the 2nd September I met Chief Patriarch Low, of the Encampment, Grand President Mrs. Brill, of the Rebekahs, Past Grands Jolliffe and Olliver, and Deputy Grand Master McLurg, Grand Secretary King, Grand Treasurer McCormack and other prominent Odd Fellows, and was able to discuss matters of importance to the Order.

Bro. R. Sheppard was in charge of the tent, and I believe did as much for the advancement of the Order during the Exhibition as any other officer except the Grand Secretary has done during the year. A streamer giving statistics of the membership and work of the Order was a useful feature. I trust that in future this tent will be used for diffusing information as to the Order to a much greater extent than in the past. A large water-cooler was added to the furniture of the tent, and was unanimously voted to be a most useful addition.

October 3rd, 1898. I attended the funeral of Bro. Kirkpatrick, of Phœnix Lodge, Oshawa. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The funeral service of the Order was well and impressively rendered, and no doubt a good impression was made as to the aims and work of our Order.

October 5th, 1898. I attended, by invitation, a birthday party of Olive Branch, Rebekah Lodge Toronto. Each visitor was requested to deposit in a bag furnished to him a number of cents equal to the number of years he had been allowed to exist on the earth. The proceeds were for the benefit of "The Home." There was a fine attendance, including Grand Secretary King and Mrs. King, Past President of the Rebekahs

and District Deputy Mrs. Smith. A most pleasant evening was spent.

October 21st, 1898. Attended a district meeting at Lakeview Lodge, Toronto Junction, with Bro. D.D.G.M. McDonald, Bros. Coyell, Sheppard, Thompson and Grand Secretary King. The weather was stormy, yet there was a fair attendance. The Toronto district meetings are an unqualified success.

Attended at Cicerone Lodge, Woodville. This lodge has the misfortune to have such a scattered membership that it has been difficult to hold meetings. Matters relating to the good of the Order were talked over and resolutions to have a revival were formed. I am pleased to hear that there have been several additions to the lodge since then, and that it is now in good working order.

November 11th, 1898. Visited Prospect Lodge, No. 314, Toronto, with G. S. King, and witnessed a competition with Laurel Lodge as to putting on the work of the initiatory degree. Large attendance of the members and visiting members. The work was well put on by both teams. Great interest has been excited by these competitions. Bro. Ernest Short is an excellent presiding officer.

November 23rd, 1898. Visited Frontier Lodge, Windsor. The visit was made on the evening before Thanksgiving Day. The attendance was not as large as it usually is, but with such Bros. as Past Grands O. E. Fleming, W. Bushel and Past D.D.G.M. Walsh, now of Detroit, the N.G., the Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and the faithful few to whom the large membership of this lodge has been good enough to commit the running of the lodge, we had a good meeting. What a trusting, confiding lot of members are to be found throughout the jurisdiction! They have the most unlimited confidence in the few members who run the lodges. I was asked to pay a second visit to the lodge on notice and see what "Frontier" can do when the members make up their minds to turn out. I much regret that I have not been able to do so.

From what I can learn there is room in this flourishing "City of the Straits" for another lodge.

Western Lodge, Detroit, Mich. I had the pleasure of attending, with Bro. M. Walsh, Past D.D.G.M., an "At Home" given by this fine lodge. The lodge has a fine plot of land occupied by their building. The basement of the building contains a bowling-alley, gymnasium and bath-rooms. The first floor has kitchen, dining-rooms, recreation-rooms, ladies' reception-rooms. The next floor contains lodge-rooms, one con-

taining a large stage with well-painted scenery for illustrating the degree work. They have a large screen and excellent magic lantern, with finely-painted views illustrating the work.

Socially the members have, with such rooms and appliances, great advantages. The members of this lodge do not pay large benefits, and, as a consequence, they do not have as many "Odd Fellows for revenue purposes only" as some of our lodges unfortunately have. I was shown much kindness by Bro. Humphrey, Noble Grand of the lodge.

By invitation I attended the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Streetsville Lodge, No. 122. This lodge has a fine hall, with dining-room, library, ante-rooms and lodge room Large attendance of members, resident and non resident. A finely served oyster supper, put on by a Toronto caterer. Speeches by resident clergymen. Bro. Webster was a model chairman. Bro. Graydon the efficient Secretary and Bro. Scruton were active members of the committee. Letters from absent members formed an interesting feature of the meeting, which was a most successful one. Bro. Joseph Powley and Bro. Cunningham of Thamesford Lodge accompanied me.

Grand River Lodge, No. 91, Paris. This lodge has acquired a fine lodge room, and had it neatly decorated. Owing to several postponements as to the date of opening it, and a misunderstanding as to the date of my visit, the attendance was smaller than I was assured it otherwise would have been. With Bros. F. Smoke, Brockbank, Evans, Fraser, Senior and Junior, and Bro. Finlayson, we had a lively and pleasant meeting, followed by an oyster supper. Through the kindness of Bro. Smoke I enjoyed a drive around this beautiful town.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa. I attended and acted as chairman at the opening of their hall, after it had been subject to extensive and expensive alterations. There was a fine concert with readings and addresses. The meeting concluded with a supper served in the new dining hall of the lodge. A pleasant feature of the entertainment was the instrumental music furnished by two sons of Past-Chief Patriarch, Dr. Rae.

December 19, 1898. By invitation I attended a public meeting held by Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston. A good concert was followed by the presentation of veterans' jewels, including one to that veteran of veterans, Bro. Oberndoffer, one of the charter members of the lodge in Albany, N Y. I had the honor of presenting these jewels. The Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Alexander Campbell were formerly members of this

lodge. This and other lodges have sustained serious loss by the destruction of their fine building on Princess street.

Rebekahs. I had the pleasure of visiting Louisa Lodge of the Rebekahs, Kingston, and delivering an address to them. This is a fine working lodge. The members are well up in their work, and are veritable "help-meets" in the work of the Order.

December 27, 1898. Visited Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope. The work of the third degree was put on in a manner that cannot be excelled by any lodge in a Canadian town. Bro. McGill is at home in this degree work. I had the pleasure of presenting veterans' jewels. Sixteen of the members were entitled to them, and nearly all were present to receive them. There were many leading Cobourg Odd Fellows present, and a large herd of "Durhams." Many who had been only contributing members made good resolutions as to turning out and assisting in the work of the lodge. Past Grand White was present and was of course the life of the meeting. An excellent supper followed, with songs and speeches. The kindness of these men of Durham was most embarrassing.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa. I visited Corinthian Lodge to attend the funeral of Bro. Goddard. There was a large attendance of brothers from Eastern Star and Phœnix Lodges to pay their last respects to a most worthy brother.

January 3rd, 1899. I attended a most interesting ceremony at London, viz., the joint installation of the officers of the following lodges: Eureka, No. 30; Forest City, No. 38; Dominion, No. 40, and Chorazin, No. 190. I was assisted by Past Grand Sire Campbell, Past Grand Masters Young and Partridge, G.L. Solicitor R. K. Cowan and District Deputy Grand Master Willis, who was then the picture of health, strength and manhood. Bro. Partridge informed me that when he was Grand Master he visited every lodge in the province. He would be severely puzzled to do that now during one term. The proceedings were concluded by an oyster supper.

January 4th, 1899. Attended the District meeting at Strathroy. There was a large deputation from London and other lodges. This was the first District meeting I had the pleasure of attending. The energy and business-like way in which these members disposed of the business, and the variety of subjects which make for the good of the Order which were discussed, satisfied me that it would be a calamity to lose this most useful adjunct of the Order.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of Past Grand's regalia to Bro. Past D.D G.M. for his efficient services.

Howard Lodge, No. 58, Strathroy. Attended the meeting of this lodge, and assisted by D.D.G.M. Willis installed the officers.

The District committee were in attendance also. The attendance of members of Howard Lodge was not large. An entertainment in the town, in which many o the members were financially interested, was the cause. The members turned up in force at a fine oyster supper which had been arranged for at the termination of the proceedings. Songs and speeches filled up the time until it was necessary to leave to get the 3 a.m. train for London, by which the members of the District committee were to return.

Parted with Bro. Willis, D.D.G.M., at the London station at 4 a.m. I never met a more likeable or loveable man—one of Nature's noblemen. I was shocked shortly afterwards to hear of his death from pneumonia.

After consultation with the London Lodges, I appointed Bro. Fitzgerald, of Chorazin (Bro. Willis' lodge), as his successor, as a slight tribute of esteem for the deceased officer. I much regretted that official duties prevented my accepting the invitation of Chorazin Lodge to attend the funeral.

January 5th. By appointment I was met at Norwich by Bro. Eggman, D.D.G.M. of No. 5 district, and proceeded to Port Burwell and saw all the members of Erie Lodge who are in the neighborhood. Had a meeting with these and talked over matters with them. There was a promise of an early attempt to re-organize the lodge. With Bro. Eggman I saw some of the former members who seemed favorable to resuscitating the lodge. I told the members that they must resume active work or their charter would be taken away. It was anticipated that with improvements in the harbor and the building of a summer hotel the work of the lodge could be successfully carried on.

January 6th, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269. Visited Woodstock in company with Bro. Young, P.G.M., and D.D.G.M. Hamilton. There were two initiations. The work was well done by the lodge team.

The officers were installed by the D.D.G.M. and a team from Thamesford Lodge.

To realize how interesting and impressive the installation ceremony can be made one must see the work done by this team. The visiting members were well entertained by the

lodge, and addresses were delivered by the visiting Grand officers and Bro. Blackwell, of Forest City Lodge, London, and Joel McLeod, of Thamesford.

January 6th. Attended at Berlin at the institution of Brilliant Rebekah Lodge, No. 61, which was conducted by Sister A. Bril, President Rebekah Assembly. The lodge was instituted in the afternoon. Bro. P. G. Hewer, of Guelph, and a team from Ivy Lodge, D.R. Galt, captained by Bro. Shortreid, were present.

County Warden Breithaupt, ex-mayor of the town, acting on behalf of the mayor, gave an address of welcome and bore testimony to the good work which the Order had done in the town, which was responded to by the Grand Master and Grand President. In the evening a number of candidates were initiated, making a membership in all of 43. The work was nicely done by Ivy degree team, of Galt.

The installation of officers was well done by D.D.G.M. Mrs. Egerton and a team from Guelph.

February 27th. Attended a social entertainment given by Laurel Lodge, No 110. Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer McCormack and D.D.G.M. McDonald were present. The lodge had availed itself fully of the services of some of the best singers, pianists and readers. A most enjoyable evening was spent. I had the pleasure of addressing the meeting.

The Order in Toronto has within its own membership such a large number of talented brothers and sisters that there is no trouble in presenting a choice programme for instruction and amusement.

February 28th. Attended the institution of Wheatley Lodge, No. 331, which was formed, I believe, by the energy of our much lamented late Grand Marshal Ryall, D.D.G.M. for district No. 1.

I had issued a commission to Bro. Ryall to institute. He was by illness prevented from attending and witnessing that which he had so earnestly labored for. Bro. G. Warden Lewis accompanied me from Chatham and just as we were about commencing our proceedings we were pleased by the arrival of P.G.M. Oliver, who had driven for some distance to be present with us.

There was a large number initiated. The degree teams from Ruthven and Leamington did the work admirably. Their dress and make-up would have been no discredit to an experienced team from a wealthy city lodge. The institution took

place in Kent and the initiations in Essex counties. Out of compliment to Bro. Ryall I placed this lodge in district No. 1.

March 21st. Visited Brockville and was met by C. S. Lyman, and through the kindness of himself and brother was shown over the town. Brock Lodge, No. 9, has comfortable rooms for lodge work, recreation and refreshment. Their walls are covered with portraits of prominent Odd Fellows in this and other lands. Amongst them was that of the talented Hon. John F. Wood, whose sudden death was a great loss to the whole Dominion as well as the Order. Odd Fellowship owes much to Brockville. The great services of Grand Master Thomas Reynolds in planting Odd Fellowship in this province were so appreciated that he was elected from 1856 to 1865. Bro. Fitzsimmons, Bro. Reid and Bro. Cole rendered constant service to the Order after passing through the chair. The visit to this historic lodge was most enjoyable.

March 22nd. Attended and dedicated Odd Fellows' Hall, Ottawa. I was met by a committee of Odd Fellows who are known from one end of the province to the other, and proceeded with them to meet Grand Sire Pinkerton, who arrived shortly afterwards. We were driven round the city in sleighs, and were shown the Falls of the Ottawa.

The dedication service was finely rendered in the afternoon. The ceremony of the building of the altar was most impressive. Grand Sire Pinkerton and myself were presented with nicely printed and bound addresses, which were responded to.

In the evening there was a banquet, which was worthy of the new building and the membership in the Capital City.

Members of Parliament, who in legislative halls are labelled "Liberal" and "Conservative," and who, like Othello, "have done the State some service" as legislators and administrators of great departments of government, were there, proud of their connection with the Order, and bearing testimony to its value as an asset of the State in dispensing benevolence and charity, and, better than that, in cultivating amongst thousands of members the spirit and will to do these works. Hon D. C. Fraser and ——— Logan, M.P., of Nova Scotia, Dr. Roche, M P., of Manitoba, were present and delivered addresses, as did the Grand Sire, Grand Master, and Past Grand Master Reid and Past Chief Patriarch Blakeby.

The Hon. G. E. Foster stated that he was astonished to learn the extent of the Order, and the vast sums controlled by

it for charitable purposes, and that the value of an order with such a record could not be easily over-estimated.

The brotherhood spared neither time, pains nor money to make the dedication a success. I am pleased to learn that this enterprise has been rewarded. Seventy members have been added to one lodge, Carleton 240, during the year.

A committee of Ottawa brethren and myself accompanied the Worthy Grand Sire on his way home as far as Coteau Landing.

Amity Lodge, No 80, Prescott. I visited this fine lodge on March 23rd. The notice of my visit was short but the attendance was very large. There was an initiation; the work was so well done that there was no need or place for criticism. The large membership shows what can be done by carefully watching and looking after the payment of dues. The motto of Amity Lodge is, "What we have we hold." There is another motto, invented, I believe, by Bro. Blakeby, and propounded by him that evening, "and we are after what we have not got." Amity has adopted this motto also. Bro. J. E. Ryan, Grand Guardian, was present. The Order will greatly regret to learn that he is in poor health, and would be delighted to know that one of the best Odd Fellows in the whole Order is recovering his health and ability to resume his work for the Order.

April 23rd. Attended the anniversary sermon of Beethoven Lodge, Brooklin. Grand Chaplain Leggott preached an excellent sermon to a large attendance of members and visitors from Eastern Star and other lodges. On returning to the hall short addresses were given by the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain and Bro. Daniel Halliday, the chairman.

April 24. Attended an entertainment given by Wilton Lodge, No. 242. Grand Secretary King and Grand Treasurer McCormack and Past Presidents of the Assembly, Sisters Ryan and King were present. Two veteran jewels were presented.

April 25. Attended at the opening of the new hall, Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53.

The meeting was an open one, attended by a large number of visitors. The chair was occupied by the N.G., Bro. Jock. The instrumental music by the Guitar and Mandolin Quartettes was greatly admired.

Addresses were delivered by Bros. Blakeby, D.D.G.M. Walker, of St. Catharines, and by Sister Waddell, Grand Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly.

The lodge has acquired an excellent suite of rooms, including dining-rooms, lodge-rooms, ante-rooms and rooms for paraphernalia, with which the lodge is well supplied. The lodge is progressing finely. A large number of initiations this year. I had the pleasure of meeting members from Cataract, International, Union and lodges on the American side.

April 26. Visited the Odd Fellows' Home at Lockport. This Home is supported by lodges in the western part of New York, who have formed an association and maintain it by a per capita tax.

I understand a good deal of the money is raised by the different lodges by means of entertainments and excursions.

This is the fourth Home in the State of New York, established about five years ago. A sum of about $2,000 had been collected, and relying with confidence on the loyalty of the membership to the principles of the Order, the association purchased the Hoag Homestead and eighty-three acres of land, at a cost of $22,500. They made additions to the buildings necessary for their then requirements, and have succeeded in reducing their debt to about $2,500. The land is mostly occupied as a fruit farm and for raising sufficient stock to supply the Home with milk, butter, cheese, veal and pork. Widows of Odd Fellows and members of the Rebekah are admitted, as well as members of the subordinate lodges who are unable to support themselves. The inmates seemed happy and contented, and the superintendent informs me that they were willing to assist in the work required on the place to the best of their ability. To see the way they were engaged in cultivating and beautifying the ground one would think they were the owners of the place.

Various lodges connected with the association furnish a room, and take great interest in visiting and caring for their members or those who happen to occupy the room they have furnished.

The original Niagara grape vine is upon this property.

To show what can be done towards making a home in part self-sustaining, it may be stated that last year over and above the fruit, milk, and other farm produce used for the home, nearly $3,000 worth was sold off the place.

In the evening I had the pleasure of visiting Unity Lodge, No. 47, Hamilton. Minerva Lodge adjourned their meeting and met with Unity.

There was a large attendance from the other lodges in the city.

During all my visits I have not met a more hearty reception or been present at a more enjoyable or profitable meeting.

Toronto, April 30th. Attended the anniversary services of the Lodges in the Toronto district, which were this year held in the Pavilion There was a large attendance of members, including many Past Grand officers. The long procession was well marshalled, and attracted the attention of a large number of spectators. At the Pavilion, addresses were delivered by the Grand Master, Past Grand Sire Campbell, of London, Bro. W. H. Hoyle, M.P.P., Cannington. An able and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Dietz. The music was greatly appreciated by the large audience. A good collection was realized for the Odd Fellows' Home.

I attended on the anniversary services of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72. The sermon was preached by the Rev. . A good attendance of members and visiting members from Beethoven and Ontario Lodges. There was a good collection for the Odd Fellows' Home. Eastern Star Lodge has initiated some members and had some reinstatements during the year.

June 27th. Visited Oriental Lodge, 163, Cornwall. This was not the regular night of meeting. D.D.G.M. Harkness requested a special meeting to meet me. The members turned out in large numbers. I was accompanied by Bro. Blakeby and P.G.M. Reid, and addressed the lodge on various matters of importance.

After the lodge was closed the Rebekah Lodge was invited in and I addressed them also. The visitors were hospitably entertained in the dining-room of the lodge.

June 28. Attended at Maxville, County of Glengarry, at the institution of Maxville Lodge, No. 331. P. G. M. Reid, P. C. P. Blakeby, D.D.G.M. Harkness and a team from Oriental Lodge, Cornwall, conducted the initiations. A large number of members were instituted and addresses were delivered by the visiting members. I placed this lodge in the Ottawa district, as it is more convenient for visitation than from Cornwall or Monewood. Great credit is due Bro. Harkness for his energy in establishing this lodge.

June 29. Visited Alba Lodge, No. 254, at Pakenham, in the County of Renfrew.

Altho' the notice was short there was a good attendance of members, including several members from Almonte.

This lodge has recently acquired a valuable property on advantageous terms.

Met D.D.G M. Graham and Bros. McGregor, McEwan, and McCullough, of Almonte.

July 4. Visited Fergus Lodge, No. 73. The Lodge has a fine lodge-room. Had an excellent meeting. I was accompanied on my visit by Bro. Clark, of Elora, D.D.G.M.

Through the kindness of Dr.——— I was enabled on the following day to visit the Industrial Home, built by the County of Wellington.

I was much pleased with the visit. It furnishes a good illustration of the superiority of this method of caring for the aged and infirm, over the system of making small money grants to them.

July 5. Instituted Atwood Lodge, No. 332. A large number of candidates were initiated. The work was well done by a team from Listowel Lodge.

D.D.G.M. Frame of Stratford, Bro. Blakeby, P.C.P., were present and assisted in the institution and installation of officers.

Listowel Lodge loses a number of members by the establishment of this lodge, yet they made a generous contribution to assist the new lodge.

July 18. Visited Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, accompanied by Bros. McDonald, G.M., of the Maritime Provinces; P.G. M. Sutherland, P.G.M., of Quebec; Grand Warden O. L. Lewis and P.G.M. Jos. Oliver.

A fine meeting. Addresses were delivered by the visiting brethren.

I had hoped to have the pleasure of visiting Kingston Lodge on the following evening, but owing to the meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, in which the members were greatly interested, the lodge adjourned to attend that meeting.

VISIT TO THE NIPISSING, MUSKOKA AND ALGOMA DISTRICTS.

Monday, July 24th, 1899. Visited Fairy Lodge No. 275, Huntsville. The notice of my visits to the Lodges in these districts was not as long or definite as I could have wished, and the attendance was not as large as the members desired. There was a very fair attendance at Fairy Lodge. I was met by the Secretary of the Lodge at the station. They have a good hall, lighted with electric light, and are prospering. Two favorable reports of Committees on Character were received and adopted, and two propositions for membership on the night of my visit evidences their progress. A number of questions connected with the working of the Order were asked and answered,

and addresses by the Grand Master and members of the Lodge were given. At the conclusion refreshments were served.

Tuesday, July 25. Arrived at North Bay at 7 a.m., having been up all night. North Bay Lodge, No. 271, is situated in a railway junction town. A large number of its members are railway employees and are frequently sent to distant points on the long line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, so that the resident members are few compared with the total membership. They are workers, however, and comprise many prominent residents of the town. They have an excellent lodge-room, surmounted by a tower with glass faces. This is illuminated at night by electric light; and night and day, from any point of the compass, visitors see one of the letters "I.O.O.F." Better than this is the fact that their work in the town is quite as visible as the tower of their lodge-room. On my arrival, I was taken in hand by Bros. Harrison, D.D.G.M., L. G. Shaw, G W. Ross, George W. McDonald, Geo. Pay, Bro. Way, representative to the Grand Lodge, and others. An excursion to Trout Lake had been arranged for. The rain in the forenoon prevented the carrying out of this. A small steamboat was secured, and a pleasant fishing excursion to some of the beautiful islands in Lake Nipissing was enjoyed in the afternoon. There was a good attendance of members in the evening, when I had an opportunity to discuss many topics of interest to the Order and answer questions proposed by the members.

Wednesday, July 26, 1899. Visited Sudbury Lodge, No. 282, in the mining town of that name in the Nipissing District. This is a junction railway town also. The Lodge is unfortunate as to its scattered membership. Many of the members are skilled miners and railway men, and their ability has procured for them more lucrative positions at distant points on the C.P.R., and under different flags and on different continents. They have members in Africa, Europe, Mexico and various parts of the United States. In the afternoon, in company with Bro. Ade, D.D.G.M., and Bro. Orr, Editor of "The Journal," I was taken on a visit to Copper Cliff, some four miles distant, to visit the nickel and copper mines there. As the foremen and superintendents of the different departments are nearly all Odd Fellows, it is needless to say I was shown well over the works and spent a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon. Bro. Hambly, the foreman of the Evans mine, has been an Odd Fellow for twenty-eight years. Bros. Hardy and Kirkpatrick are respectively foremen of the night and day shifts in the

large smelting works there. The members have an excellent lodge-room, well lighted by electricity. The Lodge is well supplied with regalia and dresses for Degree work. Bro. Horn, N.G., is an excellent presiding officer. The meeting was addressed by me on various topics upon which the brothers desired explanation. At the close the supper tables at the Balmoral Hotel were filled; Bro. Quibell, the Police Magistrate of the District, presided. With short addresses and good music a pleasant evening was spent.

Thursday, July 27th. Visited Webbwood Lodge, No. 319, in the Algoma District, on the S. S. Marie branch of the C.P.R. This village contains the workshops of the C. P. R. and was formerly a large lumbering centre. Through changes in the railway employees and the decline of the lumber interest the resident membership is small, and there is but a thinly-settled country to draw members from. About ten of the members live at Massey, some ten miles away Though not their regular night of meeting nearly all the resident members were present. Bro. Drake, N.G., Bro. Garrow, Crown Lands and Timber Agent, Bro. W. Irwin, the Chief Constable of the District, Bro. Dr Jones, Bro W. Scott, the Reeve, are good Odd Fellows and have hopes of increasing the membership. They have a good lodge-room. The members expressed themselves well pleased at my visit.

Friday, July 28th. Visited Arthur Lodge, No. 281, at Sault Ste. Marie. The meeting was a special one which the members were good enough to hold on account of my visit. There was a large attendance. I much regretted that the official duties of the energetic D.D.G.M., Bro. William Brown, prevented his being present at the meeting. He met me at the station, however, and rendered me many kindnesses during my visit. His son is a regular attendant at Webbwood Lodge. Bro. W. Wright, N.G., will make an excellent presiding officer. Bro. F. S. Dawson, the capable Financial Secretary, showed by a statement read that evening what could be done as to the collection of dues if the business is conducted with energy and tact. Over three-fourths of the arrears existing when he assumed office have been collected. They have one of the finest lodge rooms outside of the large cities. It is well lighted by electricity. The people of that town have electricity "to burn." The electric plant is driven by the waters of Lake Superior and in many buildings the light is kept constantly turned on. This Lodge has excellent ante rooms, regalia rooms and a large supper-room which the members were good enough to use at

the close of an excellent meeting. The Lodge numbers amongst its members a good representation of the professional and business men of the town. Visitors to the districts above mentioned are sure of a hearty reception and will be sure to find that the membership is all alive and that Odd Fellowship is an active element for good in this northern part of the jurisdiction. The members regret that they have received so few visits heretofore from Grand Officers.

VII.—COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed during recess as provided by regulations and directed by Grand Lodge:—

On Laws of Subordinates:—Bro Henry White, P.G.M., Port Hope; Bro. G. H. McGill, Port Hope; Bro W. A Rawlings, St. Catharines. On the death of Bro. Rawlings, I appointed Bro. D. Robertson, of St. Catharines.

On General Purposes:—Bros. W. F. Mountain, W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer; J. B. King, Grand Secretary, Toronto.

Advisory Committee on Odd Fellows' Relief Association:—Bros. W. S. Given, Millbrook; H. J. Guppy, Ottawa, and G. S. Seber, Smith's Falls.

Committee on the Revision of the Constitution:—Bros. J A. Young, P.G.M., Thamesford; Dr. A. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, and R. K. Ccwan, London.

Grand Auditor:—Bro. Abner Fraser, Hamilton.

In view of the importance of the careful consideration of the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as to the Insurance Associations and the important business transacted at the meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, I deemed it advisable to appoint a special committee to consider these matters and report to the Grand Lodge, viz.:—Bros. W. H. Hoyle, P.G. M.; J. T. Hornibrook, P.G M, and Joseph Oliver. P.G M.

VIII.—DISPENSATIONS.

January 9th. I signed a dispensation to Pontypool Lodge, No. 296, to continue their work, their charter having been burned with their lodge room.

Also to Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston, and Louise Rebekah Lodge of the same place, for the like reason.

I would suggest that new charters be given without cost, and that an order be made accordingly.

IX.—PROCLAMATIONS.

In compliance with the instructions of Grand Sire Pinkerton, proclamations directing the proper celebration of the 78th anniversary of the Order were issued to all the Lodges.

I took the liberty of suggesting that at the Anniversary Celebrations collections should be taken in aid of the Odd Fellows' Home. A large number of anniversary services were held during the year, and the decoration of the graves of deceased members was observed by a large number of Lodges, to the great benefit of the Order.

X.—LITIGATION.

There has fortunately been little or no litigation in connection with the Order during the past year. The costs directed by the Grand Lodge to be paid in aid of Lodges conducting litigation affecting the Order generally have been paid as required by the Grand Lodge.

A legal decision as to the right of Lodges to reduce the payments to widows of deceased members, or legislation allowing this to be done, and fixing some cheap and ready means of ascertaining the amounts payable to such widows by Lodges that have been unable to settle the amounts payable to them, in lieu of annuities payable by the Lodge at the time the husbands became members, would be of great service to the Order.

XI.—CORRESPONDENCE.

The number of communications received by the Grand Master during the year has been very great. These communications cover every possible point in connection with the working of the Order, upon which an argument could possibly be raised. The legislation as to Dues and Benefits has added very largely to the number of communications requiring the attention of the Grand Master. Many of these communications I fear have not been replied to. In some cases, the failure to answer letters was intentional, as I was of opinion that the interests of the Order would be better served by leaving them unanswered, as an answer was sure to cause a division in lodges over matters that were in themselves of but little importance to the well-being of the Order. In many cases, I fear that during my absence from home in visiting lodges and in connection with my official duties connected with the Administration of Criminal Justice, letters which should have received an answer were mislaid.

In some cases, I fear I have had to fall back upon Napoleon's rule, that when one did not know what was the best thing to do, it was best to do nothing.

XII.—MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

During the year I found it necessary to ask the assistance and advice of the Advisory Board in connection with the all important question of Dues and Benefits, and at this meeting we had the benefit of the attendance of the Actuary who had prepared the tables submitted at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. The Board was of the opinion that the amount paid by members on initiation and for degrees had not been taken into consideration and that some allowance should be made in respect of this when By-laws were being framed by Subordinate Lodges and as a result a schedule referred to in another part of this report was prepared and distributed to the Lodges

I have to acknowledge the valuable assistance given me by members of the Board upon this most important question.

XIII.—DUES AND BENEFITS.

The action of the Grand Lodge at its last session in the matter of a uniform scale of dues and benefits has caused much discussion, and has been made the means of preventing some of the increase in membership which was expected this year.

It will be remembered that the Committee on Dues and Benefits endorsed the Campbell Scale, and in a subsequent clause of the Report approved of the Actuary's Tables.

They recommended that the tariff approved by them be adopted, and that the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended in conformity therewith.

Then came Bro. Ormiston's amendment that the recommendation of the Committee be a basis of calculation only, and that if Lodges wish to vary from it they must be governed by the tables submitted.

The report, as amended, was carried by so large a majority that no count was made to ascertain the exact vote for and against the Report, and no division of the Lodge was asked or taken upon it.

In effect the Grand Lodge by its action decided (1) that Subordinate Lodges must adopt a scale of dues which would enable them to pay the benefits which the Lodge desired to pay, or that in case the dues were not sufficient to pay the benefits which the Lodge By-Laws required them to pay, then the benefits must be reduced to such sum as the dues would raise after providing for the running expenses of the Lodge.

That the Constitution should be amended accordingly as provided in the report of the Committee.

Bro R. N. Sheppard gave notice of appeal, and after the sittings of the Grand Lodge enquired if I would see that no action be taken in the matter until after the next session of the Grand Lodge, upon the ground that the Constitution had not been properly amended. Personally I should have been glad to do so, and escape much of the trouble and annoyance which was sure to follow in adopting a new scale of dues and benefits. I was compelled, however, in effect to reply that I was bound to assume that the Grand Lodge knew what it desired to do and how to express its wishes in a legal manner, and that I had been elected to see, and must see, that its mandates were carried out.

Bro. Sheppard appealed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and I much regret that his appeal was not disposed of upon its merits.

It then became important to decide upon the course of action to be pursued by the Executive, as some Lodges alleged that no action could or should be taken until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A meeting of the Advisory Board was summoned, and the situation was discussed. The Board was of opinion that as the Grand Lodge decided that all that was required was a scale of dues sufficient to raise the benefits desired, or a scale of benefits so low that the dues the Lodges were willing to pay would raise them—that either the Campbell or the Actuary's scale would do with assessments to raise running expenses where required.

That it was my duty to see that the wishes of the Grand Lodge as to all persons joining after 1st January, 1899, were given effect to.

The Advisory Board had the advantage of the presence and advice of the Actuary, and had him prepare a scale showing how much might be expected to result from the proper investment of initiation and degree fees, which might be taken into account by Lodges in framing their By-Laws.

A circular was issued based on the action of the Advisory Board.

The scale of dues proposed by the Actuary has not been generally acted upon. Some Lodges have adopted the Campbell scale, while in a number of Lodges the matter is in the hands of committees which have not yet had their reports

adopted. Some Lodges have seen the necessity of putting their Lodges at once in a financial condition which actuaries would say was entirely sound, and so have adopted one or the other of the schemes upon which the Committee reported and made it applicable to the members.

During the year the whole question has been so well discussed that members must see that too large benefits have been paid in the past for the dues received, and large reductions in benefits have been made.

I trust that at this session the question will be treated carefully and dispassionately and that the members will hesitate before repealing in toto the legislation of last session. My enquiries throughout the jurisdiction satisfy me that the action of the Grand Lodge was needed in this matter. See the large death rate this year and the increases in amount of sick, funeral and widows' benefits of late years.

XIV.—THE ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

I entirely agree with the Report of Grand Master White as to this Association supplying a want which would be seriously felt by our Order but for its existence in these days when so many so-called fraternal societies are furnishing life insurance to their members. I had the opportunity during last winter to visit the head office at Kingston and I had the system of keeping accounts and the general work of the Order explained to me. I was pleased with the accurate system adopted by the worthy Secretary, Bro. Meek.

My attention had been called to the apparently large death rate of members who had joined recently as compared with those who had been for a long time members of the Society.

Upon examination of the books I found that during the past few years there had been a very large increase in the number of members as compared with former membership, and that the death roll was not unreasonable having this in view.

I attended the meeting of the Association on July 18th last. The meeting was a very large one, caused by the action of the Board in purchasing the site and salvage of the former Kingston lodge-room, and the proposal to invest a considerable amount of money in rebuilding. The general feeling of the outside members seemed to be that it was not advisable to withdraw any portion of the Reserve Fund and invest it in buildings, while the resident members who know the property thought it would be a good investment. The brotherhood who are insured will, I have no doubt, be glad that it was decided

not to build. The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at last session discountenancing all connection with a recommendation of any insurance society is one which will require the immediate attention of this Grand Lodge and its representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. There is no doubt that this association has been a source of strength to our Order in retaining its membership.

XV.—THE ODD FELLOW.

The Order in this jurisdiction is to be congratulated on the appearance of "The Odd Fellow" during the past year. In visiting the Lodges I have had great pleasure in recommending it. I regret that its support is not equal to its deserts.

I wish that this paper was a visitor in every Odd Fellow's home. With a notice in large type stating when the dues are payable, I believe the wives and mothers of our members would see that the payment of dues was attended to. Can we not get legislation allowing the Lodges to make the distribution amongst their members out of Lodge funds legal? I am sure the money would be well spent by securing prompt payment of dues, and saving members to the Order.

XVI.—THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME ASSOCIATION.

This Association has been incorporated and security ginen by its Treasurer. I have directed that as much of the money donated by the Grand Lodge be handed over to the Treasurer as can now be paid. A large number of subscriptions have been made by Lodges—proceeds of entertainments and anniversary sermons; several District Committees have approved of the matter. In visiting various Lodges I have called attention to this project, and am delighted that so unanimous a feeling exists in favor of the speedy completion of the Home.

I was applied to by Sister L. A. Ryan, Past-President of the Rebekah Assembly, for permission to issue a chain letter for the benefit of the Home. In view of the worthiness of the object I gave my consent to the circulation of this chain letter and trust that it has been generally circulated. I have unmistakable evidence that many persons received this letter, as they kindly furnished me with a copy and the request to forward the prescribed number of copies. I must acknowledge that I have not done my duty in this respect, owing to too much other correspondence. I may say, however, that the Brotherhood have not heard the last of this letter. On being relieved of my duties I shall gather together the ends of the

chain and endeavor to repair the numerous breaks which I have occasioned, and I ask that the Brothers who have or shall receive letters will straightway proceed to answer them and comply with the directions therein contained. If the Home is ever built it will be the result of the first practical effort at its establishment which was made by the Rebekahs, and I trust this effort to secure its completion, started by the able Past-President, Sister Ryan, will realize her expectations.

XVII. DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The extensive changes in the districts made by the report of the Special Committee to the last session of the Grand Lodge and adopted thereat, interfered in some respects with the nominations made by the District Committees. In some cases no nominations had been made. I endeavored to fill these vacancies after some enquiries as seemed most in the interest of the Order. I have no doubt that in some instances there was some dissatisfaction, which I extremely regret.

I have to say that the District Deputies have generally discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. Many of them have devoted a great deal of time and attention to their work—to the great benefit of their districts. I cheerfully acknowledge the valuable assistance given me.

I should be glad if some arrangement could be made by which District Deputies could be made representatives to the Grand Lodge. Their presence would enable committees on districts to learn much as to the proper distribution of Lodges in districts.

They would be able to represent the feeling of the Lodges in their districts upon all questions of interest to the Order. Could not matters be so arranged that the District Deputy should be ex-officio representative from his Lodge to the Grand Lodge? As the honor is generally passed around, it would be fair to all and would not increase either the representation or the expense to the Grand Lodge.

XVIII.—RELIEF TO BROTHERS IN DISTRESS BY DISTANT LODGES.

I have had considerable correspondence as to arranging matters of dispute between Lodges as to the assistance rendered by Lodges to strangers belonging to distant Lodges; which with one exception are all arranged.

When a Lodge receives information that one of its members is sick and claims assistance, the Lodge to which the member belongs should at once send to the Relieving Lodge a copy or extract from their By-Laws showing just what their Lodge pays

to Brothers who are sick and in what cases a nurse must be supplied.

Much trouble and dissatisfaction will be saved.

I was applied to for permission to appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction in aid of certain brothers who suffered loss by fire at Ruthven and who were without insurance. While I regret particularly the great loss sustained by Bro. McCharles and other brothers, I did not feel justified in allowing such an appeal to be made without referring the matter to the Grand Lodge.

XIX.—DECISIONS.

As is usual, a large number of questions has been submitted to the Grand Master which should have been referred to the D.D.G.M. in the first instance. I have in many cases referred the matter back to the applicants. In some cases of urgency I have given a decision.

Many of the matters referred to me raised no new point whatever, and by reference to the past decisions could have been answered by the Noble Grand or a District Deputy.

Some of the matters decided by me are as follows:

1. Johns vs. Ottawa Lodge.—Application of Bro. James F. Johns for leave to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge dismissing his appeal in the matter of his charge against Ottawa Lodge. Leave was refused. A Grand Master cannot grant an appeal from the action of his Grand Lodge.—White's Digest, 1895, Sec. 717.

Note—Bro. Johns appealed. The Committee reported that the papers do not show that consent to appeal had been given by the Grand Lodge, or that he was a member of the Grand Lodge or entitled to appeal without consent, and that there were not certified copies of Grand and Subordinate Constitutions of Ontario, and that the appeal be therefore dismissed. Report adopted.—S.G.L., 1898, 15,976

2. Rondeau Lodge, No. 40.—A brother convicted of an indictable offence, serving a term in the Central Prison. Should he be served with papers notifying him of the charges, etc., or should a Committee bring in a report and proceed afterwards as though a trial had been held with the defendant present?

Answer—Charge should be preferred in the usual way. Committee appointed, notice of proceeding served, proof of his trial and conviction and that his conviction had not been annulled, should be made by the certificate of the Clerk of the

Criminal Court, proof of his identity given. He should be allowed to be heard by Counsel (a member of the Order) and be expelled, unless proof given that he was making bona fide application for a new trial or to have conviction quashed.

3. Question by Lambton Lodge No. 277.—Member in good standing fell from a scaffold, sprained his ankle, and was admitted by Lodge to be entitled to 3 weeks' benefits. He spent another week at Toronto Exhibition and claimed benefits for that week. Is he entitled to that week's benefits?

Answer.—If he was walking or standing about as visitors ordinarily do, he is not. If he was sitting down in the grand stand or other place without unduly exerting himself, he might still be entitled to benefits. He must satisfy the Lodge as to this.

4. Question by Athena Lodge, No. 306, Harrowsmith.—A member paid his dues in January. He was taken sick in April or May. By Law No. 30 of Lodge says a brother whose dues shall remain unpaid for 13 weeks after the same shall become payable shall forfeit his rights to any benefits, and shall not again become entitled until the expiration of one calendar month after his arrears shall have been paid in full. By-Law 32 says a brother shall not be entitled to any benefit for a sickness or disability commencing at a time when he is not entitled to benefits. By-Law 20 provides for payment of dues quarterly in advance on first Lodge nights in January, April, July and October. The By-Law recommended by the Advisory Committee in 1896 was adopted by the Lodges, the blank being filled in so as to provide that no member who is indebted to the Lodge to the amount of 6 months' dues shall be entitled to receive sick benefits. The fourth clause of the new By Law repealed all By-Laws inconsistent. Is the brother entitled to benefits?

Answer.—Yes, unless some charge is pending against him.

5. Question by D.D G M. McCormick, District No. 44.—A brother filled the office of V. G. properly for his term and was duly elected N.G. His business engagements required his absence from home so frequently that he only filled the chair seven nights during term. In discharging his duties as above he made long journeys at considerable expense to himself. He had leave of absence from his Lodge. Is he entitled to the honors of a P.G.?

Answer.—He is not. Secs. 241 and 242, White's Digest Proceedings, S.G.L., 1896.

6. Question by Royal Oak Lodge, No. 108, Forest.—Lodge opened in Third Degree. Candidate presented himself for initiation. Lodge opened in Initiatory Degree. Can the Lodge be finally closed in that degree or must it be opened in Third Degree and then closed?

Answer—Lodge must be closed in Initiatory, opened and closed in the Third Degree. It is only opened for the specific purpose, namely, initiation in a lower degree. White's Digest, Art. 1489.

7. Question by D.D.G.M. McCormick. District No. 44. A brother is in arrears on Sept. 31, and does not pay up until Nov. 9. About a week after he is taken sick, and is reported by the Sick Committee as entitled to one week's benefits. The Financial Secretary, being engaged, did not notice the motion for the order and report his standing. At the next meeting he was reported entitled to another week's benefits, and an order passed, although the District Deputy pointed out his standing when reported sick. Is he entitled to sick benefits?

Answer—The sickness having occurred while he was in arrears, according to the By-Laws he was not entitled to benefits unless the Lodge chose to pay him out of the Contingent Fund.

8. Question by Noble Grand of Sarnia Lodge. A traveller, with no permanent residence, but who travels all the year round, stopping in Sarnia for a month, desires initiation. Should he be admitted?

Answer—No. See White's Digest, Secs. 624 and 625.

9. Question by D.D.G.M. Knox, of Orillia. Geneva Lodge, No. 320, adopted a resolution not to sub-let the Lodge room. It was subsequently resolved to sub-let to other societies on approval by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any regular meeting. No notice was given of the intended action at the meeting preceding the resolution to sub-let. The resolution was passed after a discussion. District Deputy ruled resolution was illegal because there was a discussion on a motion to reconsider, and for want of notice to reconsider.

Answer—If Geneva Lodge had a rule common among many Lodges, allowing two members who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration, and that no discussion be allowed and that notice be required the decision was correct, the rule as to notice being an important one preventing important action being taken without notice to members.

10 Question—Grey Lodge, No. 169, desired to admit one who had been a member of Milverton Lodge. Milverton Lodge refused to grant him a Dismissal Card.

Answer—Referred to Milverton Lodge to Decision 13 of P.G.M. Young approved of by Grand Lodge, and asking them to grant a withdrawal card if in good standing. If suspended for non-payment of dues, to grant him a dismissal certificate, unless some charge was pending against him.

11. Question by Rose Lodge, Amherstburg.—Bro. Heard at the time of his death was in good standing. He had been paid about $600 in sick benefits; $40 was also paid his estate for funeral benefits. The Lodge By-Laws provided for paying a sum to the widow according to her needs and necessities. The widow was in good circumstances. Is she entitled to benefits?

Answer—The Lodge is entitled to decide the question of the widows' necessities, but it must be done irrespective of the $640 paid on account of sick and funeral benefits. The decision of the Lodge must be an honest and brotherly one, such as would reasonably be held by a judicial officer. If the widow needs assistance the Lodge must grant it to the extent mentioned in the By-Laws.

12 Appeal of Bro. Denis Reavely.—At an election for Vice-Grand eleven votes seem to have been cast for Bro. Reavely, and ten for his opponent, and there was one ballot marked "D.R." The scrutineers properly decided there was no election, as the officer must have a majority of all the votes including blanks.—White's Digest, Art. 1015. Another vote was taken in which there were twelve votes for Bro. Reavely and ten for his opponent, and he was declared elected. At the next meeting it was alleged that there was no election, as one member had made different statements as to his vote, and enough other members were stated to have voted for Bro. Reavely's opponent to have prevented an election. The D.D.G.M. refused to install Bro. Reavely.

Answer.—Acting upon the decision of Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1896, page 14678, I directed the D.D.G.M. to install Bro. Reavely.

13. Re Representative of Wheatley Lodge, No. 230.—No election of a representative to the Grand Lodge from Wheatley Lodge, No. 230, was made until after the installation of officers on July 1st, when Bro. McCormick, Junior Past Grand, was elected as representative. Bro. Louis Smith, a P. G. of Leam-

ington Lodge, claims to have been requested by Wheatley Lodge to act, and asks for my decision as to whether Bro. McCormick was eligible for election.

Answer—Yes. White's Digest, pars. 489 and 490.

14. Appeal from the decision of the N.G. of Mona Lodge upon a point of order. The N.G. decided against the appellant, and it is said refused to put the question to the Lodge whether the decision of the N. G. should be sustained, though asked to do so.

Answer—The N.G. should have submitted the appeal from his decision to the Lodge. White's Digest, par. 1060.

This is a specimen of many of the questions that are submitted to the Grand Master. The whole matter was as to whether a question should have come up under unfinished business or new business.

15. Appeal of Bros. Geo. Stiver, Harry Bolton and T. H. Spence from the resolution of Huron Lodge, No. 62, passed March 16, 1899, to invest $7,000 in building an Opera House and Lodge rooms, on the ground that the building of an Opera House and Lodge rooms forms no part of the work of an Odd Fellow Lodge, and that the resolution is contrary to the constitution of Subordinate Lodges, Clause 54, as the sum, $7,000, exceeds the total assets of the Lodge, and only such moneys as are not required for immediate use of the Lodge can be invested, and that the investment would interfere with the prompt settlement of claims against the Lodge and injure its reputation, and that investments can only be made in real estate as a first charge on land, and that the investment includes the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which are trust funds, and a speculation with them is unlawful, and that the motion was unlawfully passed without reading the written protest of the appellants who are non-residents and unable to be present, and on other grounds.

On receipt of the appeal, I wrote the Lodge, asking that no further proceedings be taken until I heard the Lodge's answer to the appeal. I also wrote the Chairman of the Building Committee.

I received no statement from the Lodge in answer to my communication, except that a Committee had been appointed to answer my communication, and that it was not considered that the question was of any practical importance, as it was not considered there was any chance of raising money enough to

go on with the building, and to a second letter I received no reply. It seems that the first motion was subsequently repealed, and a proposal to expend $3,500 in erecting Lodge rooms was subsequently adopted without giving me any notice of the proposal.

Upon learning this I wrote the Secretary stating that I must allow the appeal of Bro. Stiver and others, and must insist that no proceedings be taken with respect to the building until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, either under the former or any other contract, and asked the Lodge to take the necessary proceedings to have the question decided by the Grand Lodge.

I submit to the Grand Lodge the correspondence, and request that the matter may receive its careful consideration.

16. Question by Western Star Lodge, No. 149, Brussels—Can a Lodge contribute funds for a Fraternal Society and Citizen's Demonstration? Would the N.G. be justified in refusing to sign an order for money in aid of such demonstration?

Answer—Such grant would be improper, and N.G. should not sign order. See White's Digest, pages 134 and 135.

17. Question re Valley City Lodge, No. 117, by D.D.G.M.—A member had removed to Australia. His dues for some years had been paid by Bro. Lees, a member in Dundas, who on Dec. 31, 1898, notified the Financial Secretary that he would not be responsible for dues. The Financial Secretary had been accustomed to address all notices to the deceased brother in his lifetime to the care of Bro. Lees, not knowing the Australia address. The deceased brother was over 13 weeks in arrears, and by the By-Laws of the Lodge a brother 13 weeks in arrears is not entitled to benefits. The Lodge granted $150 to the widow. Was this grant legal? It is said no notice was given of the proposed grant.

Answer—If the proper notice had not been given as required by the Lodge's By-Laws the money should not be paid without the sanction of the Lodge after proper notice has been given. The Lodge is referred to the decision of the S.G.L. at its last session upon the following question: "Can a Lodge legally grant relief from its General Fund to the widow of a member who died in bad standing from non-payment of dues"? The Grand Sire answered the question, "it cannot." The Committee on the Judiciary refused to sanction this decision, referring to Sec. 23, White's Digest. Their report was adopted.

18. Question from Alba Lodge, No. 254, Pakenham.—A brother who was initiated in 1886, paid his dues to 1895, when he withdrew and joined Renfrew Lodge. He desires to re-join Pakenham Lodge. By the By-laws of this Lodge, the family of each member, after his death, receive from the Lodge all the dues which the brother had paid in *continuously*. Can the heirs claim the dues he paid into Alba Lodge before he joined Renfrew Lodge?

Answer.—I am of the opinion that the only sum to which the brother's widow would be entitled, would be the amount of dues paid after he rejoined Alba Lodge. I should be glad if the Grand Lodge would give this question their consideration.

19. Question, Ripley Lodge.—Is it lawful for Subordinate Lodges to deposit their funds on interest account in chartered banks in the Dominion of Canada?

Answer.—I would say, yes.

20. Question.—If a qualified member has ample means of support and well off, can he force the Lodge to pay him sick benefits, in case of sickness or disability, or by reason of infirmity from old age?

Answer.—Yes.

21. Question, Huron Lodge, No. 62, Goderich.—A brother was sick and required a nurse; a nurse was supplied by the Lodge, the Lodge to pay $1.00 per night and the sick member the balance of the nurse's charges. After he recovered, the nurse sent bill to the Lodge for $1.00 per night, which was paid. A bill was sent to the sick member for the balance, which he declined to pay. The nurse now claims the money from the Lodge.

Answer.—If the nurse was hired by the Lodge, the Lodge should pay the balance; the brother should be charged with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow if he does not re-pay the Lodge.

22. Question by Wm. Brown, D.D.G.M., Sault Ste. Marie.—Brother Cracknell, a resident of Michigan, died at time when the Financial Secretary's books showed that he was fifteen months in arrears. He was notified of his having been in arrears without result, except that he made a verbal statement that he had been sick and should have been credited with sick benefits. The brother had been sick in 1897, but no steps were taken to specify the duration of his sickness or to report such sickness

to the lodge nearest to where he lived. Is Brother Cracknell's widow entitled to the benefits?

Answer—If he was in good standing when first reported sick, and the amount he would have been entitled to would have exceeded his dues in arrears, the widow should get the funeral and other benefits.

XX.—DECISIONS AS TO REBEKAH LODGES.

Question by Mrs. Brills, Rebekah Assembly.

1. Question—Is the permission to hold a public installation to be given by the Grand Master or the President?

Answer—It is to be given by the Grand Master. (See White's Digest, par. 1045).

2. Question—Several Lodges have been changing officers twice a year and holding meetings only twice a month. Until clause 32 of the Constitution is amended are we to be governed by it?

Answer—Section 20 of the Rebekah laws adopted by S. G. Lodge, Sept., 1896, says a Rebekah Lodge may have a six months' term if its by-laws so provide and may meet semi-monthly, in which event thirteen meetings would constitute a term and seven a majority of the nights of the term. Bro. Ross, of Hamilton, brought the question before a committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and was referred by the Committee to the above as giving Lodges power to arrange matters themselves, but our Rebekah Lodges are governed by our Constitution and the section above quoted does not apply. The Lodges you m entioned should not change officers until January, 1900. A Noble Grand must serve for fourteen meetings to obtain the honors of the term, whether the meetings are weekly or semi-monthly.

3. Question—A Lodge disbands and by motion distributes the monies on hand amongst the poor of the town. What should the President do in the matter?

Answer—The action of the Lodge is altogether illegal. See sections 18 and 19 Constitution, which makes it the duty of the Lodge upon disbanding to hand over to the Assembly all the Lodge property to be held in trust. I think you should call upon the officers of the Lodge to hand over the money so distributed and then report the circumstances to the Assembly.

4. Question—Application of Colia Lodge, No. 32, to change their place of meeting from Janeville to the City of Ottawa,

Hazel Lodge having granted permission to hold meetings in their jurisdiction.

Answer—Place of meeting may be changed if the President of the Assembly approves.

5. Question by the Secretary of the Assembly.—Rachel Lodge surrendered its charter and a number of its members joined Viola Lodge last December. Rachel Lodge paid no per capita tax for the term ending December 31st, 1898. Viola Lodge paid no tax for the members coming from Rachel Lodge. Is the Assembly entitled to per capita tax for these members? And if so, from whom?

Answer—The Assembly is entitled to deduct a capitation tax from any funds of Rachel Lodge at the time of the surrender of the Charter.

XXI.—TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.

During my visits to Lodges I frequently invited the discussion of topics which members present might think were likely to be beneficial changes in our laws. In several instances the question of transfer of membership was mentioned as being most important. This question was most frequently suggested in Lodges by visiting members who had changed their residence and thought it unfair that they should have to pay considerable sums upon joining the Lodge nearest to which they had removed.

The time has certainly come when this question must by grappled with. Too many members are lost for want of an easy and cheap means of transfer of membership. If there were a central fund, then there would be no difficulty as to transferring.

XXII.—A CENTRAL OR CONSOLIDATED FUND.

This scheme has much in its favor as a matter of safety to members and an assurance that the promises made them on joining the Order will be carried out—the strong Lodges supporting the weak, and all having a common interest in preserving the funds accumulated. No doubt if the granting or refusing to pay sick benefits was controlled by a strong executive, in many instances payments which are now wrongly made on account of sick benefits could, and would be, refused. The favoritism and pressure which in individual Lodges results in paying unjust claims would be greatly diminished if the matter were in control of an executive of the whole jurisdiction and not left to each Lodge.

In the State of Massachusetts it has been found that the taking the power from local municipalities to grant outdoor relief to the poor except in urgent cases, and vesting this power in the State Board of Charities, who refund to the local municipalities all proper expenditures in urgent cases, has almost completely checked the granting of aid to undeserving persons. It is at least arguable that the principle might be applied to societies such as ours. With this system there would be no difficulty as to transfer of membership. Absence from one's lodge for any lengthened period causes a loss of interest and a diminution of membership.

Our people are restless, energetic and have have more dash and enterprise and a greater disposition to search out new homes than was customary in the days when the Order was first established.

These facts will have to be considered at an early date. Against this is to be considered the great expense of managing the financial concerns of our total membership by a Central Executive.

At present a large amount of work is done gratuitously in different Lodges, which under a central or consolidated fund scheme would, if well done, have to be done by well paid officers.

XXIII.—THE AGE LIMIT FOR ADMISSION TO THE ORDER.

At what age should members be admitted?

One reason why our growth is less rapid than that of other organizations is certainly the fact that between the age of 18 and 21 large numbers of young men become members of such societies as have reduced the age limit.

The general feeling throughout the jurisdiction is that thousands of Odd Fellows' sons, before they are old enough to be admitted into our Order, have attached themselves to other societies. This is the feeling of the majority throughout the various jurisdictions controlled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and has frequently been shown by votes in that body, but the necessary votes to change its constitution have not yet been obtained.

I would strongly urge that this reform be agitated by correspondence in the journals devoted to Odd Fellowship in other jurisdictions.

XXIV.—AID TO STRENGTHEN WEAK LODGES.

While not in favor of paid organizers, such as are employed in other societies, the experience of the past year has satisfied

me that the services of men who know the history of our Order, and who are able to explain its advantages, could be advantageously employed in strengthening weak Lodges. I think some arrangement could be made by which the agents of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association could be advantageously employed in strengthening weak Lodges, which would result advantageously to the Relief Association and to the Order generally. I have discussed, to some extent, this matter with leading members of the Order in various parts of the province, and respectfully submit the proposition to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

XXV.—REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

There has been considerable activity in this branch of the Order, and I was pleased to notice that in referring to it in various Lodges in localities where no Rebekah Lodge exists, the recommendation to establish such Lodges was received favorably. I think it would be found, however, that these Lodges to succeed should be established in places having a considerable population. Where these Lodges have failed in such places, it has been due to the withholding by Subordinate Lodge members of that sympathy and encouragement which should have been extended to Rebekah Lodges, and would generally have been of advantage to the Subordinate Lodges of our Order. I think the sooner it is recognized that the Rebekah organization has come to stay, the better it will be for the whole membership. The fact that during the comparatively short period of existence over 5,000 Lodges have been established, and that it has a membership of over 300,000, should convince our members that unfriendliness to this branch and the failure to accord it the assistance it deserves, impedes not only the progress of the Rebekahs, but our own Order.

XXVI.—UNIFORM BY-LAWS.

One of the greatest difficulties in answering correspondence relating to the administration of Independent Odd Fellowship arises from the varied By-Laws in Subordinate Lodges. A glance through the proceedings of our own and other Grand bodies, and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shows that they are burdened with decisions and efforts to interpret the laws of the Subordinate Lodges. A uniform system of By-Laws once in force, the decisions would be fewer, and the law and practice might be mastered by Subordinate and Grand Lodge officers. With the hope of doing something to abate this positive

nuisance, I have taken the liberty of suggesting to the Committee upon the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which by resolution of the Grand Lodge, was directed to be appointed to incorporate as far as possible in the proposed revision of the Constitution many matters which are now dealt with by the By-Laws. As far as this can be done we shall have uniformity, and much expense will be saved in printing their By-Laws. If By-Laws are printed by some printing house which has the Constitution stereotyped, the supplying of Lodges with Constitution and By-Laws will entail but a trifling expense.

XXVII.—RE OXFORD LODGE NO. 77, INGERSOLL.

I regret that some difficulty exists in this Lodge, and that I was unable to comply with the urgent request of D.D.G.M. Hamilton to visit this Lodge. The District Committee Oxford No. 11 gave attention to this matter and unanimously adopted a resolution that a Committee should be appointed by the Grand Lodge to investigate as to existing differences and attempt to effect a union with Samaritan Lodge, No. 35. I recommend this course and have great confidence that a Committee can be selected which will succeed in settling the difficulties so that Oxford Lodge may resume its former position, or by union with Samaritan Lodge form one of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction.

XXVIII.—IN MEMORIAM.

The Order has sustained great loss by the death of many leading members during the past year. Prominent among these are the following:

W. H. Ryall, Leamington Lodge, No. 140, Grand Marshal and D.D.G.M. of Essex District No. 1. Bro. Ryall was an earnest worker, and, notwithstanding his ill-health, succeeded in establishing Wheatley Lodge, but was unable through illness to institute it under the commission which I issued to him. I much regretted my inability to attend his funeral. Bro. Lewis, Grand Warden, attended in my behalf.

Bro. W. G. Willis, D.D G.M. London District No. 12, whose sudden death has already been referred to.

Bro. W. A. Rawlings, of St. Catharines, for many years was the able and painstaking Chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. His last days were saddened by the fact that his amiable wife was prevented by illness from waiting upon and comforting him.

XXIX.—DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

I submit herewith the reports of District Deputies, an examination of which will show that much good work has been done these Committees. I had the pleasure of attending some of the meetings and was pleased to observe the energy and ability with which they discussed matters of importance to the Order. There seems to be a necessity for By-Laws governing the District Committees. I have much pleasure in submitting copies of By-Laws kindly furnished me by D.D.G.M. Campbell, of Elgin District No. 4, also the proceedings of Royal City District No. 17, which D.D.G.M. Bro. Henry Clark kindly forwarded to me.

XXX.—LODGES IN NEW ONTARIO.

With very little trouble several Lodges could be established in the North-Western part of the Province in rising towns built up by the mining and lumbering industries. The distance from localities where the Sessions of the Grand Lodge are held makes a heavy charge upon the Grand Lodge revenues.

There will be laid before you petitions from some of the Western Lodges asking to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the above and other reasons. The brothers complain that they have not received any visits from Grand Lodge officers. I had hoped to visit them, but was unable to do so. I was promised and would have received a hearty reception. Fortunately P.G.M. Hoyle, M.P.P., was able to visit some of these Lodges during a visit of a number of members of the Legislature to New Ontario. His report as to these Lodges is most gratifying. He says these western brothers are too good men to be lost to Ontario. My own opinion is that these Lodges should be retained and other Lodges established in this country of inexhaustible natural wealth and enterprise. Everyone of these Lodges established, or to be established, is practically a hospital accessible in time of need to hundreds of our young members who are sure to take up their abode in what to them will not only be a land of promise, but of fruition.

XXXI.—CONCLUSION.

Erie Lodge, Port Burwell, as mentioned in my notes of Lodges visited, has ceased to be a working Lodge.

I have since requested D.D.G.M., Eggman to visit Port Burwell, and make a report upon its condition, which I herewith

submit. I have had the bank in which the funds are deposited notified that the Lodge has suspended, and that the monies are not be paid out until instructions are received from the incoming Grand Master. I agree with the District Deputy that resuscitation is hopeless and request the attention of the Grand Lodge to the matter.

There are many other matters connected with our Order which might properly have found a place in this report. Unfortunately, during the last week I was, without notice, compelled to spend several days in the extreme northern part of this county upon matters connected with the administration of criminal justice and have not been able to make my report as full and instructive as I desired.

I have found the position of Grand Master of this large jurisdiction one which requires the expenditure of a large amount of time; one, in fact, which needs daily attention. I agree with a P.G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that the office is one which a large number of members desire to occupy, and before they have undertaken its duties feel quite competent to discharge the same. I also agree with him in the opinion that it is one of the few honorable positions in which no man who desires to do his whole duty ever "hankers" for a second term.

To one who has means and leisure to discharge the duties of the office properly the work would be most pleasing. Throughout the whole jurisdiction one finds everywhere a brother's hand and a brother's welcome. In every Lodge room are to be found assembled men representing different shades of politics and entertaining different religious views, and yet in the main devoting much time and attention harmoniously in works of charity and benevolence.

No better class of men can be found in our Province than those comprising our membership. My only regret is that much work which should have been done has been left undone. In this connection, however, I have this consolation that I have managed in some way to give much time to the performance of the duties of the office which properly ought to have been given to my own affairs.

It is a peculiarity of our Order that few Odd Fellows ever have occasion to regret the time that has been spent in the service of the greatest and most useful fraternal organization of this century, although this century has as one of its chief characteristics the birth and growth of very many societies designed to improve and benefit man. I have to thank

P.G.M.'s Reid, Hoyle, Oliver, Cole, White, Young, P.G. Sire Campbell, Past Chief Patriarchs Blackeby, Bell and Hornibrook, and the District Deputies, for their kind advice and assistance. I have been assisted during the past year by the advice and counsel of the Grand Secretary, Bro. King. He has been "instant in season," and not out of season. I have no hesitation in saying no Grand Lodge has ever been better served by a Secretary than has the Grand Lodge of Ontario. His thorough familiarity with every department of our work, his untiring industry and uniform courtesy, not only to the Grand Officers, but to every officer of the Subordinate Lodges who has asked his assistance, is well known. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Lodge Solicitor have discharged their duties in the most satisfactory manner. I am also under great obligation to the President and Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly for their kind assistance.

Wherein I have failed in the performance of any of my duties, and of such omissions no one is more aware than myself, and wherein I have erred in judgment, I must trust to the generosity and forgiveness of the Brotherhood. I trust that the deliberations of the Grand Lodge at its present session will make for the permanency and advancement of the Order, in the prosperity of which I have the most unbounded confidence.

Fraternally yours,

M. D. Hazewell
Grand Master

The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, presented his Annual Report, Financial Statements, and Statistics, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TORONTO, August 9th, 1899.

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

Your Grand Secretary presents, with great satisfaction and pleasure, his Thirty-third Annual Report of the transactions of the Order in Ontario. The record, as it has been made up by the several Lodges, has added a page to the history of Canada in the shape of a grand work accomplished in the great cause of humanity. Hundreds of wounded hearts have been healed by words of kindness and consolation; homes bereft of husband and father have been kept together; the sick have been cared for—tenderly nursed back to health and strength—the dead lovingly consigned to Mother Earth; hundreds of orphans have had the Odd Fellows' promises faithfully kept towards them—all these factors going to make up a page in the history of this the grandest benevolent Order of the age, and thus in its work proving itself to be a great public benefit. For the prosperity of the year, for the grand work of past years, it becomes every Odd Fellow to return humble and hearty thanks to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the way He has led us, and for all personal blessings which have been vouchsafed to our ever increasing membership, and to humbly invoke the Divine blessing on our work in the future, with a spirit of devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the success of the past; let us push on, and with faith in God, and in our own united efforts, not rest until the beneficent work of Odd Fellowship has a footing in every available place in our grand Province.

The past year has been a very successful one. An increase of nearly five hundred for the year ending with June 30th, must fill the heart of every earnest Odd Fellow with a sense of gratification that the glorious Order of which we are so justly proud is still forging ahead, notwithstanding the usual drain for non-payment of dues, and an abnormally large number of deaths, over two hundred for the year, by far the largest number in our history thus far, but that fact is not to be wondered at—rather to be expected and prepared for.

The Grand Lodge is cordially welcomed at its present session by the Lodges of Toronto District. In no part of our Province has Odd Fellowship shown its unselfishness more than in this metropolitan district. No sacrifice of time in looking after the unfortunate sick who come to this city for relief; no enterprise too great when it has as its object the good of the Order and of humanity, for the brethren here to undertake and carry through, and when you receive, as you will, the cordial greetings of your brothers of Toronto to-day there will not be one selfish, one unfilial feeling, actuate a single brother or sister, but rather a welcome from the heart, and a hope, honest and true, that the representatives will have a pleasant and a profitable time while here, and a safe return to their homes after their labors are over.

The several duties imposed by routine of office or by special resolutions have been attended to with all possible dispatch.

Clause 1.—As promptly as possible after the close of the last session the Journal of Proceedings of 1898 were compiled, printed and issued as directed. The work was done by the Bryant Press Printing and Publishing Company to the entire satisfaction of the Committee having the work in charge.

Clause 2.—Commissions with instructions were sent to each newly-appointed District Deputy Grand Master with a supply of stationery, the use of which adds a dignity to the office, which must be very gratifying. From time to time as occasion required, circulars were issued, and District Deputies and Lodges kept fully informed of all new legislation that was to the interests of the Order. Copies of all circulars issued are herewith submitted.

Clause 3.—The usual exchange of Journals of Proceedings with Sister Jurisdictions has been made. These Journals are replete with interesting facts of the work done by the Order in their several jurisdictions.

Clause 4.—The badge to be worn by officers and representatives in lieu of other regalia has been provided, and makes a very neat souvenir to be kept by those who receive it.

Clause 5.—The Annual Report of this Grand Lodge to the Insurance Department of the Ontario Government was duly made and the certificate issued by the Department is on fyle.

I would again call the attention of Lodge Auditors to the importance of their office, which is far greater than most of them seem to think. Not a few returns are signed by the Auditors as "Audited and found correct," when in fact the returns are far from

correct. The form of return is simple and should not be difficult to understand.

Clause 6.—A bound volume of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions of 1897-8 has been received from Bro. J. Frank Grant, Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and is a valuable acquisition to the library of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 7.—On the 2nd March, 1899, a draft for $118 was received from Messrs. Fisher and Bell, Solicitors, of Alliston, being proceeds of a mortgage held by that firm, on account of late Alliston Lodge, No. 171. The amount was duly acknowledged, and was at once placed to the credit of the defunct Lodge.

January 27th, 1899, Bro. W. G. Willis, D.D.G.M., London, died suddenly. Particulars of the death were not sent. Bro. Willis had for years been a zealous brother and bid fair to have at least the ordinary span of life as his, but an all-wise Providence willed it otherwise, and the Order and his family and friends mourn their loss.

Clause 8.—On the 19th of May, 1899, our esteemed brother, W. A. Rawlings, passed away to join the great majority, after an illness extending over two years. Possibly no worker in the ranks of the Order in Ontario was better or more widely known than Bro. Rawlings, who for twenty years was Chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, though a member of the same Committee for five years prior to that date. Bro. Rawlings' devotion to the duties of his office caused him to forego many an evening's social pleasure that the Lodges might not be delayed in getting their by-laws, not by any means always approved, for he was most conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and as a rule "hewed to the line."

At the request of the Grand Master, your Grand Secretary attended the funeral, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge placed a floral tribute of respect on that noble brother's coffin.

"Weep not for a Brother deceased;
Our loss is his infinite gain;
A soul out of prison released,
And freed from its bodily chain,
With songs let us follow his flight,
And mount with his spirit above,
Escaped to the mansion of light,
And lodged in the Eden of love."

The brethren of Ontario will also sympathize with our esteemed Bro. J. W. Stebbins, P. G. Sire of Rochester, N.Y., whose home was visited by death on the 7th February last, and the beloved wife

taken. Bro. Stebbins has so often been with us in Ontario that we feel more closely drawn to him than to many others, and his grief we feel to be our grief, and we thus share it with him.

The following tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Stebbins is taken from a Rochester paper and bears token of the love and esteem in which that estimable lady was held by those who had known her:

"The tidings of the death of Mrs. J. W. Stebbins, though by no means unexpected, fall upon the wide circle of her friends with keen sense of loss. Hers was a character rich in the qualities that gave life its worth, becoming a blessing in every circle where its influence falls.

"Reared in a home warm with the glow of Christian hope and purpose, with an education, completed at Mt. Holyoke under the wise and inspiring guidance of Mary Lyon, Mrs. Stebbins had the sympathy that could encourage those that aspire and could comfort those that suffer, with the intelligence that could welcome the advance of science, the growth of literature, the progress of reform. In the last years of her life, during the months of advancing illness—passed in cherishing enclosure of her home—she was there a comforting genius, to the very end facing 'life, death, and the vast forever,' with the courage of a 'reasonable and holy hope.'

"The possession of such a memory is a blessing to all that knew her and that love her in the vast beyond, whither she has gone before."

"A sweet air cometh from the shore immortal,
Inviting homeward at the day's decline;
Almost we see where from the open portal
Fair forms stand beckoning with their smiles divine."

After a comparatively short illness our good brother, W. H. Ryall, than whom there was no more ardent Odd Fellow, died at his home in Leamington. At the request of the Grand Master the Grand Warden, Bro. O. L. Lewis, attended the funeral and placed on the coffin a floral wreath as a token of the respect and esteem in which this brother was held by his brethren of the Grand Lodge.

"Think not of the tearful parting,
For beyond death's turbid tide
We will, some day, meet our Brother,
Heaven is on the other side.

Clause 9.—During the past year several lodges have suffered severely by fire. Three losses have been reported to the Grand Secretary, viz.:

February 14th, 1899. Chatham Lodge, No. 29, lost its lodge-room by fire. Full particulars were not sent, save the fact that the property was fully covered by insurance—a most wise precaution.

January 2nd, 1899. Pontypool Lodge, No. 296, lost its lodge-room and total effects by fire. Only partially insured. With most commendable enterprise the Lodge secured new quarters. A dispensation was promptly sent so the work of the Lodge should not be delayed. This Lodge will require a new charter.

January 26th, 1899. The Odd Fellows' Building in Kingston was destroyed by fire. Kingston Lodge, No. 59, the Relief Association and the Rebekah Lodge lost their entire effects. Dispensations to continue at work were at once sent to Kingston Lodge and to Louise Rebekah. These lodges will require new charters. Kingston Lodge lost very heavily in this fire, its funds having been very largely put into the beautiful hall and property. The sympathy of the Order will be given to both the Relief Association, Kingston Lodge No. 59, and Louise Rebekah Lodge.

Clause 10.—The following lodges have been incorporated under the Act of 1892 and amended Acts since the last report was made on this subject, viz.:

Liberty Lodge	No. 325	Berlin	November 11th,	1897.
Millbrook Lodge	" 308	Millbrook	April 13th,	1898.
Electric City Lodge	" 313	Chippewa	" 15th,	"
Fellowship Lodge	" 303	Dickinson's Landing	March 25th,	1899.
Ontario Lodge	" 324	Pickering		
Huron Lodge	" 62	Goderich	July	, 1899.

A number of lodges have not yet secured incorporation under the Acts above referred to, though the necessary blanks have been sent to each lodge. Every lodge in its own particular interest should become incorporated; the cost is almost nil and the labor required to secure this boon is almost less.

Clause 11.—It is to be regretted that our lodges have not more readily adopted the new Official Receipts. It would appear, from the fact that so few receipts have been sold to the lodges during the past year, that many lodges are still using the old form, or are not using receipts at all. This is not as it should be. Loyalty to our obligation has ever been the boast of the Odd Fellows of Ontario; to keep good their reputation in this respect, none but the Official Receipt should be used. It has proved to be all we had hoped when we urged its adoption; now it is our duty to loyally accept and use it, and it only.

Clause 12.—The following communications have been received from Bro. Robert Meek, Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, and explain themselves.

The Grand Master has referred this matter to a Special Committee, consisting of Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., and Bro. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M.

ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Kingston, July 28th, 1899.

J. B. KING, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary I. O. O. F., Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—By direction of the management of this Association, I make application to the Grand Lodge of Ontario for its recognition. This is the more necessary now that the law of 1892, by which the Association had to report to each Grand Lodge and get its license, has been repealed.

In 1890, as a result of a conference between the Association and the special committee appointed by the Grand Master, an agreement was reached by which the sanction of the Grand Lodge was given to this Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association in accordance with the Legislation of the Order then and since existing. The law of 1892 required that all Associations doing a life or accident insurance business in the name of the Order should comply with it; but that law being repealed, it is the desire of the Association to renew and revive the conditions formerly prevailing. Hence the resolution which I enclose. (Exhibit A.)

Let me add that though the law of 1892 altered the routine of our proceedings, in regard to the making of reports to the several Grand Lodges, the agreement already referred to was in effect and essence carried out, save and excepting that an auditor of the Grand Lodge was not required to make an annual inspection of the books and affairs of the Association. To this the management is quite agreeable.

It has seemed to the Association, apart from the considerations to which reference has been made, that the repeal of the law of 1892 by the Sovereign Grand Lodge was very prejudicial to vested interests, and I enclose a resolution which, it is hoped, the Grand Lodge of Ontario may be able to endorse and so give an expression to the fuller protection which the Association desires. (Exhibit B.)

The Association, I am pleased to say, has just closed a prosperous year. It has added largely to its membership and reserve fund. But on these and other points your Advisory Committee may be disposed to report independently, and I have no desire to forestall it.

Hoping that our requests, being fair and reasonable, will merit a favorable response from the Grand Lodge,

I am, Dear Sir and Bro.,
Yours fraternally,
R. MEEK, Secretary.

EXHIBIT A.

AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSSOCIATION.

Moved by H. E. Crawford, Q.C., seconded by H. White, P.G.M.,—

That the various Grand Lodges in Canada be, and they are hereby, requested to pass at their respective first sessions hereafter a resolution along the following lines:

The Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F. hereby declares the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, with its by-laws, rules and regulations, to be an Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association of this Grand Lodge, and the same is

hereby established, sanctioned, and adopted by this Grand Lodge as such Benefit Association, within the meaning of, and for the purposes contemplated by, the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as defined in Sections 332 and 333 of White's Digest, Edition of 1895.

EXHIBIT B.

LEGISLATION OF SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Moved by H. E. Crawford, Q.C., seconded by H. White, P.G.M., and resolved,—

That the Grand Representatives of the various Grand Lodges in Canada be requested, by their respective Grand Lodges, to support the following resolution when submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session of 1899:

Whereas the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada was duly incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada, on the 16th day of April, 1875, and has carried on, continuously since then, its business of life insurance among Odd Fellows only, as well in the said Province of Ontario as in the Provinces of Quebec, Manitoba, and the Maritime Provinces, under the insurance laws of each of such provinces;

And whereas it has received the cordial recognition of the various Grand Lodges in Canada, as a valuable auxiliary to the Order of Odd Fellows, and such Grand Lodges have, at each annually recurring session, placed on record their appreciation of the value of the Association in increasing the membership and usefulness of the Order;

And whereas such Grand Lodges are desirous of continuing to receive the aid and support which the Association has afforded the Order during the past twenty-five years, in its progress and expansion in Canada;

And whereas the said Association has acquired, in pursuance of its operation under Provincial Laws in Canada, certain rights and privileges, and has assumed obligations and responsibilities which are likely to be prejudicially affected by the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, hereinafter mentioned;

And whereas the said Association has at all times complied with the insurance law of the Order, and (being so commended and approved by the various Grand Lodges in Canada and the members thereof), has obtained a large amount of its business, has taken insurance, accepted moneys, built up a large Reserve Fund, and in other ways has entered into contracts and obligations, and its assured have now valuable vested rights, immunities and privileges therein;

And whereas the said Association is solvent, well and carefully managed, and commands the respect and confidence of the Odd Fellows of Canada;

And whereas at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in September, 1898, it was resolved that all legislation heretofore enacted, recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of the Order should be repealed;

And whereas such legislation may prejudicially affect the growth of the Order in Canada;

And whereas such legislation is unjust and unconstitutional, and may seriously and injuriously affect the rights and interests of the 11,000 members of the said Association, assured therein for upwards of $15,000,000;

Therefore be it resolved:

That nothing contained in the said legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1898 shall be, or be construed to be, applicable to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada or its recognition by the various Grand Lodges of Canada.

It cannot be doubted but that the Relief Association has been of very great benefit to the Subordinate Lodges. Many of our active members of to-day became initiated first, possibly from a selfish motive of increasing his insurance, and when once initiated he was so impressed with the noble features of the Order that he soon became an earnest worker, and to-day it is impossible to say how much of our recent prosperity and increase is due to that well-managed Association. It is impossible for the Association to increase in usefulness without a corresponding increase to the Order in general. It thus behooves the Grand Lodge to encourage in every possible way every feature that tends to advance the influence of Odd Fellowship generally.

Clause 13.—The total expenditure of the Order in Ontario in all its departments, for Sick Benefits, Relief of Widows and Orphans, Funeral Benefits, Death Indemnity, and Special Relief since 1856, and including the year ending 31st December, 1898—forty-two years—aggregates the magnificent sum of $2,116,317.18, and adding the expenditures for relief for the past term would swell the amount past the two and a quarter million mark, a vast sum spent in this Province alone by our Order in works of relief, benevolence, and humanity. True, a portion of the money paid out by the Relief Association has been paid out in other jurisdictions, but all in Canada, and that Association being an Ontario Institution, we feel an honest pride in its success and in referring to its ever-increasing usefulness. This grand result is made up as follows:

Paid by Subordinate Lodges, Sick Benefits, Relief, etc.	$1,305,115.20
Paid by Subordinate Encampments	51,763.08
Odd Fellows' Relief Association, Death Claims paid	738,937.00
Odd Fellows' Relief Association, Disability Claims	13,400.00
Mutual Aid Association, London, Death Claims paid	1,136.90
Funeral Aid Association, Lincoln and Welland, Death Claims paid	5,965.00
	$2,116,317.18

Clause 14.—The appeal of Bro. R. N. Sheppard to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as authorized by the Grand Lodge, Jan., 1898, page 6857, was prepared by Bro. Sheppard, examined and certified to, and at Bro. Sheppard's request sent by registered post to Bro. J. Frank Grant, Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on

Sept. 14th, 1898, but the letter was not forwarded to Boston where the session of 1898 was held, consequently was not laid before the Grand Lodge or its Committee on Appeals. The papers, I understand, were returned by the Grand Secretary to Bro. Sheppard on his return to Baltimore.

A copy of the papers certified to is herewith submitted.

Clause 15.—The following new lodges have been instituted during the past year, viz.:

Wheatley Lodge..	No. 330.....	Wheatley.....	Feb. 28,	1899.
Maxville " .. "	331.....	Maxville.....	June 28,	"
Atwood " .. "	332.....	Atwood.....	July ,	"

Warrants were also issued for the institution of the following Rebekah Lodges, viz.:

Brilliant Rebekah Lodge..	No. 61....	Berlin.....	Jan. 11,	1899.
Sydenham " .. "	62....	Owen Sound...	April 3,	"
Bethel " .. "	63....	Harrietsville...	" 11,	"
Parkham " .. "	64....	Parkham	June 6,	"

So far as your Grand Secretary is aware, no Lodge that has been instituted by the dispensation and warrant of the Grand Master has ever had its charter refused. It seems but right that the Charter should be issued to a Lodge immediately after its successful institution, inasmuch as should the necessity arise, the Charter could be as readily cancelled as the warrant, therefore to enable the Executive officers to issue the Charter at once, I would recommend that the Grand Lodge by-law 61 be amended by adding thereto after the word "thereof" in the fourth line, the following: "and the Grand Master may direct that a Charter be at once issued to such Lodge."

Clause 16.—The mileage and per diem of officers and representatives to this Session, Toronto, has been prepared, and inasmuch as the mileage was so easy to get at, with little or no liability to error, no circular was issued to the Lodges as has been done for several years past. In this connection I beg to present, for the nspection of the Grand Lodge, the Map which has been prepared y Bro. Joseph Powley, P.G., giving the location of every existing Lodge. Rebekah Lodge and Encampment, as well as the name and number of defunct Lodges. This map would be a valuable acquisition to the literature of the Order, if issued as a folder and inserted in the Journal of this year.

Clause 17.—On July 1st the following letter was received from the New York State Library asking for a file of our Journals. As our supply of the Journals for several years has been nearly exhausted,

I decided to refer the matter to the Grand Lodge in the hope the missing years might be supplied by some good brother, and the Grand Lodge thus enabled to comply with the modest request of Mr. Dewey. The missing years are 1890, 1891.

To the Grand Secretary, Ontario Grand Lodge I.O.O.F.:

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY,
ALBANY, N.Y., July 1st, 1899.

MR. J. B. KING:

Dear Sir,—We are making as complete a collection as possible of books and pamphlets on Odd Fellows, and find that we lack of your publications all except those noted on the back of this sheet. Will you kindly complete our set to date, and put us on your distributing list for future publications.

We should also be grateful for any other material on this subject that you can send us. Pamphlets are specially desired; for not only are they more difficult to obtain than books, but frequently they contain more valuable matter and our system makes them almost instantly available.

We send our own publications, postage and express paid, to libraries wishing to catalogue and preserve them. When there is no provision for such expenses, packages may be sent to us by express unpaid, or we will send stamps to prepay postage on notice of the amount. When more convenient, foreign packages may be sent, marked New York State Library, to our agent, Gustav E. Stechert, 2 Star Yard, Carey st. W. C., London, or Hospital Strasse No. 10, Leipzig, or 76 Rue de Rennes, Paris, who will forward them weekly.

We shall be glad to send our list of publications from which to select, if you wish to send as an exchange.

Yours truly,

MELVIL DEWEY, *Secretary of the University.*

A. L. BAILEY, *Sub-Librarian.*

Clause 18.—All the By-laws received from lodges were promptly sent to Bro. Henry White, Chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. There being somewhat of a doubt as to the effect of the legislation of last year in the matter of scale of dues, many of these By-laws were held over by Bro. White, pending the action to be taken by Grand Lodge at this session; of this, doubtless Bro. White will make a full report.

Clause 19.—The following summary from the returns of the Rebekah Lodges to Sister Waddell, Assembly Secretary, shows that the Rebekahs are still actively engaged in the good work of Odd Fellowship. It is to be hoped that the several Subordinate Lodges throughout the jurisdiction will do all they can to encourage our sisters in the noble work. It is not because the ladies cannot successfully work their branch of the Order, they have proved that they can. Still the fact remains that with the reasonable help of the brothers, the sisters can do even greater things in the future than in the past. The Order is worthy of and needs the help of all that are

associated with it. There is room for an active Rebekah Lodge in every community where a Subordinate Lodge exists, and with a determined effort there would soon be one.

SUMMARY FROM RETURNS.

Initated during terms ending June 30th, 1899.	176	241	317
Died	1	7	8
Ceased	120	167	287
Membership, June 30th, 1899	1268	1834	3102

Paid for Relief of Members.....$142 20
Paid to Grand Treasurer McCormack on Account of Home Fund..... 135 21

Clause 20.—The following was received from Port Arthur Lodge. No. 244, as herewith submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

Port Arthur, Ont., February 16th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The following proposed resolution explains itself, and if you have anything to say in favor or against the adoption of this resolution kindly make it a point to be present on Wednesday, March 9th, 1899.

I hereby give notice that two weeks from to-night I will move the following resolution:

Yours in F. L. T.,
R. G. SPOFFORD.

Port Arthur, Feb. 15th, 1899.

"WHEREAS, Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, I.O.O.F., is situated at a great distance from the head-quarters of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and in consequence the Grand Lodge officials are apparently unable to visit us, and the Lodge is thereby deprived of that assistance and impetus which such visit always gives.

"AND WHEREAS the members of this Lodge are not in close touch with the officers of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, owing to the great distance at which this Lodge is situated from them, and therefore are unable to acquire that intimate knowledge of the workings of the Grand Lodge which personal contact with its officers will give.

"AND WHEREAS a considerable loss of time is occasioned delegates from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, as compared with a visit to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

"AND WHEREAS the Grand Lodge in Manitoba is situated within 430 miles of Port Arthur, almost half the distance to Toronto, and this district is commercially identified with the West.

"AND WHEREAS the session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is held in the winter at a suitable time for the members of Port Arthur Lodge to attend.

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That in the opinion of this Lodge necessary legislation should be asked for to permit Port Arthur Lodge to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Ontario and affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lodges in Keewatin, Fort William and Rat Portage, all situate within the district of West Algoma."

"Yours fraternally,
F. B. ALLEN, R.S."

J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary,—I am directed to forward you this copy of proposed resolution.

Yours fraternally,
F. B. ALLEN.

Clause 21.—It is to be regretted that the Order does not arise to the necessity of having a live newspaper, devoted to the interests of Odd Fellowship, placed in the home of every member. There is no factor that would do more to increase the interest of our members, or aid in stopping the N.P.D. leak in our Lodges, than a well conducted newspaper. Such an one may be found in the *Independent Odd Fellow*, published by Bro. W. S. Johnston, as outlined in his letter to the Grand Lodge at the last session. The paper is newsy, bright, and entirely Odd Fellow. Bro. Johnston should be encouraged in every possible way by every true Odd Fellow, for it is well known that there can be no success in such an enterprise unless its publisher receives cordial support, which, in this case, is fully merited.

Clause 22.—During year, July 21st, '99, there have been one hundred and twenty-seven veteran jewels issued in accordance with the regulations governing the issue of these jewels. Of this number fifteen (15) were 8-karat gold and one hundred and twelve the plated jewels.

It is gratifying indeed to see that so many lodges are in this manner recognizing the service, or it may be length of service, in this way The jewel is not only an ornament, but the wearer must of necessity feel a great gratification each time he wears it, in that he has been spared so many years to labor in a cause so worthy as Oddfellowship, and that his brethren have in its presentation recognized his worth and value to the Order. With this feeling animating the brother's breast, he will determine to be, if it be possible, even more faithful in the future years that he may be spared.

It is to be regretted that the obverse of this elegant jewel is marred by the large patent mark, which prevents the engrossing in proper form of those words which most lodges would like to have on them, and I would respectfully suggest that our representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge make an effort to have "patent mark" made much smaller and placed on the jewel in a position that would not disfigure it as it now does. The value of the words patented does not lie in the space the words occupy—the law simply requires that they appear.

VETERAN JEWELS.

No.					No.	
227	Bro.	D. S. Burk	Fergus Lodge		73	Fergus.
228	"	S. J. Agnew	"	"	73	"
229	"	Simon Oberdorfer	Cataraqui	"	10	Kingston.
230	"	G. R. Cairns	Amity	"	80	Prescott.
231	"	W. J. Robinson, P.G.	"	"	80	"
232	"	J. Dolman	"	"	80	"
233	"	John Loney	"	"	80	"

No.					No.	
234	Bro.	Jas. Slemin	Maitland Lodge		119	Wingham.
235	"	Wm. Sutherland	Samaritan	"	35	Irgersoll.
236	"	Fife Fowler, P.G.M.	Kingston	"	59	Kingston.
237	"	Geo. Lee, P.G.	"	"	59	"
238	"	Nicholas Hugo..	"	"	59	"
239	"	Henry Thurs'on	"	"	59	"
240	"	Joseph Daunt	"	"	59	"
241	"	William Pugh	"	"	59	"
242	"	Wm. Saunders..	"	"	59	"
243	"	W. H. Reid	"	"	59	"
244	"	John Hazlitt	"	"	59	"
245	"	Wm. H. Derry	"	"	59	"
246	"	Wm. Kleinstaiber	"	"	59	"
247	"	Wm. Hazlett	"	"	59	"
248	"	Robt. Charlton	"	"	59	"
249	"	Wm. Abernethy	"	"	59	"
250	"	Geo. Britton, P.G.	Crescent	"	59	"
251	"	Jas. Williams, P.G.	Durham	"	104	Hamilton.
252	"	Jacob Hoffman, P.G..	"	"	78	Port Hope.
253	"	A. W. Pringle	"	"	78	"
254	"	James Britton	"	"	78	"
255	"	Hugh Walker	"	"	78	"
256	"	Thos. Earl	"	"	78	"
257	"	Wm. Douglas	"	"	78	"
258	"	John W. McMullen	"	"	78	"
259	"	Allan A. Adams	"	"	78	"
260	"	Geo. H. Pidgeon	"	"	78	"
261	"	John Frick	"	"	78	"
262	"	Jas. W. Bevan	"	"	78	"
263	"	Jas. McNab	"	"	78	"
264	"	Thos. Hayden	"	"	78	"
265	"	John W. Britton	"	"	78	"
266	"	Wm. L. Glutton	"	"	78	"
267	"	Harry Rowland, P.G.	Samaritan	"	78	"
268	"	W. T. Watson, P.G.	Minto	"	35	Ingersoll.
269	"	Gardiner Myrick, P.G.	Hope	"	98	Harriston.
270	"	John Berss	Samaritan	"	69	Harrietsville.
271	Bro.	John Livingstone	Minto Lodge		35	Ingersoll.
272	"	John Nugent, P.G.	Otonabee	"	98	Harriston.
273	"	R. W. Bell, P.G.M.	"	"	13	Peterboro.
274	"	R. M. Roy, P.G.	"	"	13	"
275	"	Wm. Luscombe, P.G.	Sarnia	"	13	"
276	"	E. Chalcraft, P.G.	Gore	"	126	Sarnia.
277	"	A. H. Mellish	"	"	34	Brantford.
278	"	John Herbert	"	"	34	"
279	"	R. Matheson, P.G.	"	"	34	"
280	"	John Edy	"	"	34	"
281	"	T. A. Woods	"	"	34	"
282	"	Alfred Cole	"	"	34	"
283	"	Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M.	"	"	34	"
284	"	Alfred Cox, P.G.	"	"	34	"
285	"	A. R. Narraway, P.G.	"	"	34	"
286	"	John Agnew	"	"	34	"
287	"	J. P. Excell	"	"	34	"

No.						No.	
288	Bro.	S. Day	Gore	Lodge		34	B.antford.
289	"	D. Webster	"	"		34	"
290	"	Wm. Walmsley	Wilton	Lodge		242	Toronto.
291	"	Thos. C. Wilson	Cataraqui	"		10	Kingston.
292	"	Joseph Jarvis	"	"		10	"
293	"	John B. McIver, P.G.	"	"		10	"
294	"	Daniel Callahan	"	"		10	"
295	"	N. Weston, P.G.	Gore	"		34	B antford.
296	"	W. J. Wickham, P.G.	"	"		34	"
297	"	J. Summerbell	"	"		34	"
298	"	J. H. Campbell	"	"		34	"
299	"	E. J. Stephenson	"	"		31	"
300	"	J. C. Steele	"	"		34	"
301	"	T. J. Looney	"	"		34	"
302	"	Wm. Batters	"	"		34	"
303	"	A. Harris	"	"		34	"
304	"	Job Wood	"	"		34	"
305	"	R. J. Laird	"	"		34	"
306	"	Edwin James, P.G.	"	"		34	"
307	"	G. Campbell	"	"		34	"
308	"	R. Rutherford	"	"		34	"
309	"	W. Damson	"	"		34	"
310	"	D. D. Campbell	Listowel	"		160	Listowel.
311	"	Alf. Robins	Crescent	"		104	Hamilton.
312	"	Geo. D. McMullen	Brock	"		9	Brockville.
313	"	Joseph West	"	"		9	"
314	"	John F. Wood, P.G.	"	"		9	"
315	"	Harry Wilber	"	"		9	"
316	"	James Taylor	"	"		9	"
317	"	Geo. T. Fulford	"	"		9	"
318	"	H. T. Fitzsimmons	"	"		9	"
319	"	Robt. Walker	Comber	"		298	"
320	"	George Lucas	S. Clair	"		106	Pt. Edward.
321	"	Wm. E. McGregor, P.G.	Valley City	"		117	Dundas.
322	"	S. McCammon	Gananoque	"		114	Gananoque.
323	"	Gilbert Belfie	"	"		114	"
324	Bro.	Gilbert H. Fuge	Gananoque	Lodge		114	Gananoque
325	"	W. D. Gordon, P.G.	Cataraqui	"		10	Kingston.
326	"	Robt. Maxwell	Wilton	Lodge		242	Toronto.
327	"	Geo. Thompson	"	"		242	"
328	"	W. A. Dennis	Water	"		107	Galt.
329	"	Arch. Sinclair	Akrain	"		205	Paisley.
330	"	S. L. Clark	Sarnia	"		176	Sarnia.
231	"	R. J. Faulknar	Crescent	"		104	Hamilton.
332	"	J. L. White	St. Lawrence	Lodge		137	Brockville.
333	"	Geo. H. Weatherhead.	"	"		137	"
334	"	John Menish	"	"		137	"
335	"	Harry E. Vaux	"	"		137	"
336	"	Wm. Robertson	Maitland	Lodge		119	Wingham.
337	"	Dan. Holmes	Chatham	"		29	"
338	"	J. A. Von Karnel	Waterloo	"		107	Galt.
330	"	Geo. Havell	"	"		107	"
340	"	Thos. Vair	"	"		107	"
341	"	Jacob Nerlich	"	"		107	"

No.					No.	
342	Bro.	Wm. Gibson	Garnet Lodge		139	Mt. Forest.
343	"	John Carley	"	"	139	"
344	"	John Boos	"	"	139	"
345	"	Robert Jack	"	"	139	"
346	"	William Andrews, P.G.	St. Mary's	"	139	"
347	"	Michael Robertson	Maitland	"	36	St. Mary's.
348	"	J. D. Curtis	Minto	"	119	Wingham.
349	"	Jno. Anitt	Gananoque	"	98	Harriston.
350	"	James Cochrane	Nith	"	114	Gananoque.
351	"	Arch. McCormick	Western City Lodge		96	New Hamburg.
352	"	W. J. Green	Peterboro'	"	93	Chatham.
353	"	G. G. Haitley	Model	"	111	Peterboro'.
					147	Wyoming.

Numbers 227, 228, 229. 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 355, 356 were each of 8-karat gold.

Clause 23.—The question of the relation of dues and benefits will again be brought before the Grand Lodge at the present session, and it is the question above all others that at the present juncture demands the most careful and cautious consideration, looking to the future welfare of the Order we all have so deep an interest in.

Soon after the last session of Grand Lodge, under directions of the Grand Master, tables were prepared with a view of assisting the Lodges to take advantage of the legislation of last session on this very important matter; but the tables were not as well understood by many Lodges as they should have been, hence so many Lodges simply decided to take no action in the matter, but wait until the present session.

As soon as this feeling was understood to be governing the action of Lodges I undertook to assist any Lodge that desired such assistance in making up their tables, and issued a circular stating that if any Lodge which found it difficult to make satisfactory tables would write the Grand Secretary and state the amount and kind of benefits the Lodge desired to pay to its members a table would be supplied.

Feeling the importance of a greater uniformity in the matter of dues and benefits, your Grand Secretary felt constrained to do all in his power to assist Lodges in arriving at a safe conclusion in this important matter.

Quite a few Lodges availed themselves of this offer, and to each of these a table was sent similar to the one appended hereto marked "B." I have reason to believe those Lodges which have adopted the tables sent are satisfied with the results.

A number of our oldest Lodges have recently found the strain of increasing sickness and death so great that they have had to devise means, and promptly too, to avert coming disaster. The fact

that the Lodge was adverse to changing its by-laws and reduce the amount of benefits promised to members, after its, maybe, twenty or twenty-five years of fair success, had to be overcome. These Lodges were each term beginning to draw on its capital, and soon with a depleted treasury would come a reduced membership, those only remaining who were advanced in years.

A number of these Lodges, and their names may readily be given, seeing the trend of events have adopted the scale of dues submitted, and have also ceased to pay benefits for the first week's sickness, and thus at the close of the first term thereafter a substantial gain in funds was shown, the leak has been stopped and an honorable old age safely promised.

It must not be understood that this oft-recurring question is by any means a fad. The young and thrifty Lodges of to-day may be the old and prosperous Lodges of to-morrow if they will be advised in time, and not court the experience that has been quoted, and which if not carefully watched will as surely be theirs in the not distant future. The doing away with of the first week's sick benefit need not distress any brother, and will greatly help to build up a sound Lodge.

That other jurisdictions are wrestling with this problem, as how best to preserve our Order, the following extract taken from the able report of Grand Secretary C. H. Lyman, of Ohio, bears ample evidence. That worthy officer says: "Three years ago your Grand Secretary began the compilation of statistics showing the average benefits paid on account of sickness. It is a subject worthy of the most careful thought by any honest, earnest man who has a care for the future of himself or the organization. . . . We must keep the average age low or the Subordinates will have to face the problem of a gradually impoverished treasury and a steadily increasing list of benefits to pay."

	Members	Weeks' Sickness	Average Sickness per Member Days.
In 1876 Ohio had	45,393	20,023	3 plus
" 1882 "	46,133	26,670	4 "
" 1892 "	58,651	47,031	5 "
" 1898 "	62,372	47,858	5 "

In the tables issued first the rate to be charged as current expenses was placed at $3 per member, but at a meeting of the Advisory Board it was decided that from this sum should be taken the annuity which the charge for initiation and degrees would produce, and a scale or schedule was made, and is herewith submitted as Table C, from which the calculations here referred to were made.

Several letters from Lodges have been received which will in their regular course come before the Grand Lodge, criticising the legislation of last session in this matter; but before definite action is had it would be well to consult some of the older Lodges and get their recent experience.

In Ontario since 1875, embracing the past 24 years, the record has been as follows. Surely, these figures should be a warning. If they are, and the Lodges act wisely and promptly, the stability of Odd Fellowship in Ontario will be as sure as care and skill can make it:

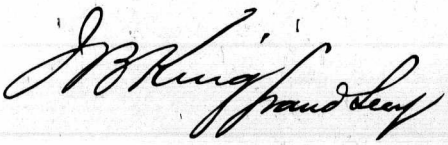
AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP AND SICKNESS FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.

Year.	Membership.	Weeks' Sickness.	General Average per Member.			
			Days.	Hours.	Minutes.	Seconds.
1875	10,188	3,566	2	8	26	51
1876	11,322	4,938¾	3	1	15	60
1877	12,172	4,430¾	2	13	8	53
1878	12,332	4,267	2	10	7	47
1879	12 442	5,024	2	19	50	14
1880	12,168	5,009¾	2	21	14	45
1881	12,776	5,316	2	21	54	12
1882	13,861¼	2,755½	1	9	24	00
1883	14,173	6,682½	3	7	12	48
1884	14,330	7,202½	3	12	26	13
1885	14,591	7,754	3	17	16	42
1886	14,847	7,896¼	3	17	21	10
1887	15,353	8,624	3	21	22	4
1888	16,060	10,231¾	4	11	1	5
1889	16,940	10,261¼	4	5	45	44
1890	17,707	12,539¾	4	22	58	21
1891	18,390	11,842½	4	12	12	57
1892	19,452	14,946¾	5	1	19	30
1893	20,558	14,695	5	00	5	11
1894	21,685	14,558¾	4	16	32	1
1895	22,178	14,600	4	14	35	45
1896	22,669	16,052	4	22	57	41
1897	22.742	17,570½	5	8	44	28
1898	23,052	17,642½	5	8	34	32

To the Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, to each officer of the Grand Lodge, and to the Brothers of the Order generally whose forbearance and kindness have made the labors of the past year a pleasure, my thanks are most heartily tendered.

In conclusion, brothers, study well the records of the past, which have been laid before you, in the hope that each brother, as he reads them, will be stimulated to even greater efforts in the coming year to make the influence of our noble Order for good even more generally felt than it has been in the past. The good work accomplished is an evidence of what more may be done, when the noble army of Odd Fellows, nearly twenty-five thousand strong, shall march unitedly against "vice in every form," and with its banners of Friendship, Love and Truth unfurled in every home in our land what a power for good it will be! May that happy time soon come.

Fraternally submitted,



STATEMENT "A."

BEING THE AMOUNTS DUE BY LODGES DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

NAME OF LODGE.	FOLIO.	AMOUNT.
Maple Leaf	57	$ 1 50
Kingston	59	50
North Star	68	1 25
Fergus	73	22 25
Warriner	75	25
Napanee	86	50
Reliance	89	1 25
Laurel	110	50
Valley City	117	31 25
Sydenham Valley	120	25
Sarnia	126	1 00
Glencoe	13	25
Cobourg	136	2 50
Model	147	10 75
Aurora	148	2 00
Sycamore	151	75
Hillsburg	167	2 00
Chorazin	190	1 00
Cicerone	195	2 50
Georgian Bay	219	75
Woodslee	220	[illegible]
Hensall	223	1 00
Merlin	226	1 00
Embro Star	229	1 00
Prince of Wales	230	50
Equity	232	50
Hanover	233	6 50
Stirling	239	75
Wilton	242	25
Thornbury	243	2 50
Bracebridge	251	25
Floral	252	25
Meaford	260	1 00
Norwood	262	6 45
Arthur	281	1 00
Sudbury	282	25
Earnscliffe	283	26 50
Comber	298	50
Bobcaygeon	300	50
Fellowship	303	50
Valentine	305	6 00
Millbrook	308	25
Harrow	309	25
Electric City	313	50
Fountain	315	1 63
Laurentian	317	25
Webbwood	319	1 00
Saugeen	327	1 25
Prosperity	329	1 00
		$146 58

STATEMENT "B."

BEING AMOUNTS DUE TO LODGES DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

NAME OF LODGE.	FOLIO.	AMOUNT.
Rose	28	$4 00
Huron	62	50
Barrie	63	50
Eastern Star	72	75
Oxford	77	75
Deseronto	102	25
Crescent	104	1 00
Saxon	121	25
Dresden	124	2 00
St. Lawrence	137	2 75
Bay of Quinte	143	75
Brougham	155	75
Listowel	160	1 00
Wellington Square	178	25
Madoc	179	25
Owen Sound	180	2 60
Silver Star	202	1 00
Acton	204	75
Alvinston	208	3 85
Brucefield	210	25
Waterford	235	25
Farmersville	237	75
Carleton	240	75
Gordon	247	75
Ridgely	250	50
Caledonia	253	75
Alba	254	75
Grand Valley	256	75
Credit	257	1 00
Gold Hill	261	1 75
Algoma	267	25
North Bay	271	25
Midland	274	1 00
Rockliffe	278	50
Balmoral	280	75
Lyn	284	1 50
Morewood	285	50
Ripley	287	25
Pontypool	296	25
Cornucopia	299	3 20
Hespeler	321	75
		$41 40

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND AND THEIR VALUE DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

No.	Supplies.	Price Each.	Total.
18	Floor Work		
14	Rituals	$ 30	$ 5 40
325	Odes=Cards	2 00	28 00
45	Odes=Cards with Music	03	9 75
52	Funeral Hymns	10	4 50
5	Prayer Cards	03	1 56
100	Visiting Cards	04	20
90	Withdrawal Cards	20	20 00
54	Dismissal Certificates	20	18 00
28	Veteran Jewels—Plated	20	10 80
1	Veteran Jewels—8k Gold	3 50	94 00
4	Degree Charts	10 00	10 00
4	Digest, Sovereign Grand Lodge	2 00	8 00
492	Digest of Ontario	2 50	10 00
9	Funeral Ceremony	45	221 40
7	Anniversary Ceremony	20	1 80
1300	Decoration Ceremony	20	1 40
6	Book of Forms	01	13 00
9400	Propositions for Membership, $1.20 per 100	75	4 50
88	Reports on Character		11 28
3026	Medical Examinations	30	26 40
3700	Sick Claims	65	19 67
50	Orders A.T.P.W	00½	9 25
79	Orders Term P.W	50	25 00
82	Question Books	27	22 33
27	Treasurer's Receipts	27	23 14
29	Recording Secretary's } Packert's	50	13 50
86	Financial Secretary's } Packert's	1 10	31 90
3	Treasurer's } Packert's	90	77 40
38	Members' Register	1 00	3 00
37	Visitors' Register	78	29 64
70	Ante Room Register	75	27 75
437	Treasurer's Bonds	1 20	84 00
190	Trustee Bonds	01½	5 46
385	Photogravures	01½	2 38
1	Minute Books	30	115 50
24	Orders on Treasurer	1 00	1 00
200	Official Receipts. Books of 100 each, 80 per c.	50	12 00
31	Officers' Roll		160 00
43	Members' Receipt Books	40	12 40
		85	36 55
			$1,213 86

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

SUPPLIES.	On Hand 31st Dec., 1897.	Sold during the year.	Bought during the year.	On Hand 31st Dec., 1898.
Floor Work	5	7	20	18
Rituals	30	28	12	14
Odes=Cards	100	175	400	325
Odes=Cards with Music	45	.....	.....	45
Funeral Hymns	52	.....	.....	52
Prayer Cards	13	8	.....	5
Visiting Cards	36	136	200	100
Withdrawal Cards	9	119	200	90
Dismissal Certificates	74	95	75	54
Veteran Jewels	29	71	71	29
Degree Charts	6	8	6	4
Digests, Sovereign Grand Lodge	8	23	19	4
Digests, Ontario	515	23	.....	492
Funeral Ceremony	22	13	.....	9
Anniversary Ceremony	17	10	.....	7
Decoration Ceremony	1436	136	.....	1300
Books of Forms	3	9	12	6
Propositions	3100	3700	10000	9400
Reports of Character	7	14	102	88
Medical Examinations	5026	2000	.....	3026
Sick Claims	4500	800	.....	3700
Orders A.T.P.W.	58	8	.....	50
Orders Term P.W.	94	15	.....	79
Question Books	98	16	.....	82
Treasurer's Receipts	47	20	.....	27
Recording Secretary's	33	4	.....	29
Financial Secretary's Packets	99	13	.....	86
Treasurer's	7	4	.....	3
Members' Registers	46	8	.....	38
Visitors' Registers	37	.....	.....	37
Ante Room Registers	.....	35	105	70
Treasurer's Bonds	12	75	500	437
Trustee Bonds	223	33	.....	190
Photogravures	386	1	.....	385
Minute Books	.....	11	12	1
Orders on Treasurer	55	31	.....	24
Official Receipts	.....	30000	50000	20000
Degree Certificates	.....	.....	.....	.....
Officers' Roll	44	13	.....	31
Members' Receipt Books	58	15	.....	43

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.

Capita Tax		$11,347 75
Charters		60 00
Odd Fellows' Relief Association		10 00
Supplies		81 68
Interest		48 83
		$11,548 26
Balance		251 59
		$11,799 85

EXPENDITURE.

General Expenditure—		
Guarantee Bond—G. Sec. $5; G. Treas., $30	$ 35 00	
Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax	150 00	
Valuation Tables	25 00	
Daily Papers (for office use)	12 00	
Floral Designs (late A. C. Stewart)	18 00	
Exhibition Tent	50 00	
" " signs painted	7 50	
Grand Treasurer's Jewel	3 50	
Ontario Directory	5 00	
Janitor, Messengers, etc	17 50	
Sundries	16 00	
Bro. Powley (special Deputy)	9 70	
W. A. Rawlings (Com. on By-Laws)	75 00	
Special Committees	90 60	
Ontario Government Tax	25 00	
Supplies to Orient Lodge	31 75	
Expense Grand Lodge Session	37 00	
Postage, Telegrams and Expre	573 19	
Grand Master's Expense	726 61	
		1,908 35
Office Expenses—		
Sundries	$ 71 03	
Bell Telephone Co	53 12	
Repairs	5 15	
Rent, Office	400 00	
" extra room	100 00	
		629 30
Salaries—		
Grand Secretary	$1,999 96	
" Treasurer	200 00	
Auditors	67 50	
		2,267 46
Printing, Stationery and Advertising—		
Journals, 1897 and 1898	$ 744 70	
Grand Master and Grand Secretary Reports	196 00	
Circulars, Pamphlets, etc	213 40	
Stationery	250 08	
Advertising	50 00	
		1,454 18

Legal Expenses—

Retainer Fee—R. K. Cowan	$ 50 00		
Re Weston Lodge	237 50		
Re Nith Lodge	364 01		
		651 51	
Mileage and Per Diem		4,889 05	
			$11,799 85

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. PACKERT, ABNER FRASER, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, July 28, 1899.

Ledger Folio	Account.	Inventory.	Ledger Balances.		Profit and Loss.		Stock Account.		Assets.	Liabilities
			Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.		
		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
439	Stock			2,071 98				2,077 98		
424	Printing									
427	Office Expenses		409 40		409 40					
429	General Expenses		127 35		127 35					
431	Salaries		424 20		424 20					
433	Profit and Loss		2 267 46		2,267 46					
440	Grand Master		31 75		31 75					
448	Law Expenses		726 61		726 61					
449	Mileage and Per Diem		651 51		651 51					
450	Express and Postage		4,889 05		4,889 05					
451	Special Committees		573 19		573 19					
458	Rent		90 60		90 60					
459	Ontario Government		501 95		501 95					
460	Stationery		25 00		25 00					
461	Expenses Annual Session		250 08		250 08					
462	Journal, 1898		37 00		37 00					
463	Advertising		744 70		744 70					
437	Per Capita Tax		50 00		50 00					
442	Interest			11,347 75		11,347 75				
447	Charters			48 83		48 83				
454	Odd Fellows' Relief Association			60 00		60 00				
397	Rebekah Charter Fee			10 00		10 00				
441	Furniture		5 00						5 00	
456	Rebekah Assembly	810 04	810 04						810 04	
443	Special Relief		23 47						23 47	
446	Funds of Defunct Lodges			80 90						80 90
	Statement "A"			512 72						512 72
	Statement "B"		146 58						146 58	
426	Supplies	1,210 66	1,128 98	41 40		81 68			1,210 66	41 40
437	Grand Treasurer		265 66						265 66	
		2,020 70	14,179 58	14,179 58						
	Net Loss					251 59	251 59			
					11,799 85	11,799 85				
	Net Capital						1,826 39			
							2,077 98	2,077 98		
	Net Assets								2,461 41	
	Net Liabilities									635 02
	Capital									1,826 39
									2,461 41	2 461 41

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

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

Your Auditors beg to report that they have made the yearly audit of the Books of your Grand Secretary for the year ending 31st December, 1898, also the accounts of the receipts and expenditures from said date to the 25th July, 1899, and found them correct. We have also examined the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Treasurer which are found correct. The balance of cash at the credit of the Grand Treasurer in the Imperial Bank being Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven 37/100 Dollars. We find that the sum of $100.00 has been paid for rent of a store-room required for the purpose of storing the effects of defunct Lodges. We would therefore suggest that this sum be charged to the "Defunct Lodge Account" on whose account the expenditure has been made.

The statements submitted herewith have been severally examined and verified.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PACKERT,
ABNER FRASER, } Auditors.

Toronto, July 28, 1899.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. McCormack, submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BRETHREN,—Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit his Annual Report of the Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending December 31st, 1898, also a supplemental report for the six months ending June 30th, 1899.

DR.—GRAND TREASURER.

1898.					
Jan.	1	To Balance			$648 60
	31	" Cash from Grand Secretary	$4,752 66		
Feb.	28	" " " "	739 66		
Mch.	31	" " " "	320 80		
June	30	" " " "	353 12		
July	1	" Interest to May 31st	48 83		
	31	" Cash from Grand Secretary	5,633 42		
Aug.	31	" " " "	592 38		
Sept.	30	" " " "	81 48		
Oct.	31	" " " "	52 17		
Nov.	30	" " " "	94 70		
Dec.	31	" " " "	70 36		12,739 58
					$13,388 18

CR.—GRAND TREASURER.

1898.			Order No.	
Jan.	5	By J. Frank Grant, G.S., for supplies	129	$139 50
		" J. B. King, G.S., postage account	130	11 00
		" Express charges	131	30 87
		" Refund to Britannia Lodge	132	30 00
		" Bryant Press, printing journal	133	744 70
		" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	134	166 67
	14	" Bell Telephone, to August 1st	135	22 50
		" Canada Life Co., rent to Jan. 1st	136	100 00
		" G. Booth & Son, lettering tablet in C.L. Building	137	4 50
		" Warwick Bros. & Rutter, stationery	138	144 54
Feb.	8	" J. Powley, on account G. M's. appropriation	139	17 00
		" J. Frank Grant, G.S., supplies	140	53 20
		" J. Frank Grant, balance on rituals	141	38 00
		" Incidental expenses, gas, etc	142	63 93
		" Postage, etc	143	36 68
		" Express	144	22 25

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT—*Continued.*

1898		Order No.	
March 1	By J. B. King, G.S., salary	145	$166 67
9	" J. Powley, Grand Master's expense	146	10 00
	" W. S. Johnston, electros	147	10 00
	" Refund of duty on supplies	148	1 70
	" A. Kent & Son, engraving veteran jewels	149	21 46
	" Barclay, Clark & Co., letter heads	150	42 40
	" Grand Master, on appropriation	151	100 00
	" *Dominion Odd Fellow*, printing	152	24 25
	" W. & E. A. Badenach, Treas. bond	154	30 00
	" R. K. Cowan, retaining fee	155	50 00
	" Sovereign Grand Lodge, veteran jewels	156	20 00
31	" Canada Life Building, rent to date	157	100 00
	" Express charges	158	30 06
	" Postage stamps	159	42 96
	" Grand Master's appropriation account	160	57 43
April 1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	161	166 66
	" Sovereign Grand Lodge, for digests	162	15 00
	" Canada Life, rent	163	100 00
4	" Grand Lodge, supplies	164	27 25
22	" MacDonald, Shepley & Co., law costs	165	89 39
	" Weston Lodge, law costs, ordered by Grand Lodge	166	235 00
	" MacDonald, Shepley & Co., law costs	167	2 50
	" Sovereign Grand Lodge, representation tax	168	150 00
	" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	169	400 00
27	" J. Powley, service and expenses as spec. dep.	170	25 00
	" C. W. Chadwick, valuation tables	171	25 00
	" Express charges, etc	173	7 41
30	" Postage	172	21 92
May 1	" Grand Secretary, salary	174	166 66
	" J. A. Young, on acct. G.M., appropriation	175	50 00
	" Bryant Press, printing	176	21 25
23	" Postage account	177	35 50
	" Postage stamps	178	7 73
	" Express charges on supplies	179	10 58
31	" Ontario Government, registration fee	180	25 00
June 1	" J. B. King, G.S., salary	181	166 66
	" J. Powley, services and expenses as S. Deputy	182	92 00
6	" *Globe*, *Mail* and *World*, year's subscription	183	12 00
	" *Dominion Odd Fellow*, circulars	184	8 00
	" Committee on dues and benefits, expenses	185	45 50
	" Committee on districts, expenses	186	22 00
	" John Irwin, repairing chairs	187	5 15
	" Grand Master, J. A. Young	188	25 00
16	" Barclay, Clark & Co., stationery, etc	189	120 94
27	" Bryant Press, printing reports	190	83 70
July 4	" Geo. Booth & Son	191	7 50
	" Express charges on supplies	192	5 33
	" Postage stamps	193	23 43
	" Canada Life, rent	194	100 00
	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	195	166 66
	" W. S. Johnston	196	8 75

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT—*Continued.*

1898			Order No.	$
July	4	By Bell Telephone Co.	197	22 50
	8	" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	198	30 00
		" J. A. Young, G.M., balance apportioned	199	25 00
		" Home Fund Committee	200	151 56
		" Alf. Coyell, repairs to organ, Allerton Lodge No. 171	201	4 50
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	202	30 00
	30	" Chas. Packert, auditor	203	35 50
		" Abner Fraser, auditor	204	32 00
		" Bryant Press, printing	205	31 00
Aug.	1	" J. B. King, salary	206	166 67
		" Express charges, July	207	27 28
		" Postage account, July	208	44 83
	11	" Bryant Press, printing officers reports	209	196 70
		" Joseph Powley, Assistant Secretary	210	6 00
		" W. A. Dennis, messenger	211	6 00
		" Abner Fraser, press correspondence	212	15 00
		" John Black, janitor	213	10 00
		" W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer	214	200 00
	12	" Joseph Powley, expenses to Lucan	215	9 70
		" J. A. Young, G.M., balance Grand Master's office	216	75 00
		" J. A. Young, G.M., stenographer	217	85 00
		" J. A. Young, G.M., postage, telegrams, etc	218	46 61
		" J. B. King, February omitted	219	166 66
	13	" Mileage and per diem, session 1898	220	4,889 05
	14	" W. F. Mountain, committee on general purposes	221	20 00
	31	" Postage account, stamps, etc	222	48 75
		" Express charges, incidentals, etc	223	13 03
		" Presbyterian Printing Co.	224	22 50
Sept.	1	" J. B. King, salary	225	166 67
		" G. F. Shepley, counsel fee, London cases	226	125 37
		" Nith Lodge No. 96, counsel fee	227	75 00
		" Dunlop & Co., wreath, Bro. A. C. Stewart	228	10 00
		" London Floral Co., wreath, Bro. A. C. Stewart	229	8 00
	6	" W. & E. A. Badenach, guarantee bond	230	5 00
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	231	55 00
		" Franklin Tucoke, services on special committee	232	3 10
		" Nith Lodge, No. 96, balance of costs	233	74 25
	10	" Toronto District, tent at exhibition	234	50 00
	14	" Postage and express on supplies to D.D.G.M	235	40 00
		" W. A. Rawlings, gratuity as chairman	236	75 00
	29	" Brown Bros., supplies and stationery	237	184 00
Oct.	1	" J. B. King, Grand Secretary, salary	238	166 66
		" Ambrose Kent & Sons, grand treasurer jewel	239	3 50
		" Bell Telephone, desk phone	240	6 17
		" Geo. Booth & Son, canvas sign at exhibition	241	7 50
		" Daily *Globe*, advertising	242	25 00
		" Daily *Mail*, advertising	243	25 00
		" Canada Life, quarters rent	244	100 00
	17	" Bryant Press, printing	245	19 75
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	246	88 50

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT—*Concluded.*

1898			Order No.	
Oct.	29	By Joseph Powley, account G.M	247	$ 4 35
	31	" Express charges and incidental expenses	248	14 40
		" Postage account	249	19 20
Nov.	1	" J. B. King, salary	250	166 66
		" Postage stamps on journals, 1898	251	96 00
		" Sovereign Grand Lodge supplies	252	48 30
	18	" Ontario Publishing Co., Directory	254	5 00
		" J. E. Farewell, Grand Master	255	50 00
		" Postage stamps, etc	256	9 85
		" Express charges, etc	257	10 77
Dec.	1	" J. B. King, salary	258	166 66
	24	" Incidentals, Christmas	259	27 50
		" Joseph Powley, account Grand Master	260	58 22
	31	" *Independent Odd Fellow*, supplies and stationery	261	36 00
		" Wm. Robertson, account Grand Master	262	6 00
		" Express charges on supplies	263	11 26
		" Postage account	264	28 04
				$13 289 26
		" Balance on hand		123 68
				$13.412 94

No.		
47	$ 4	35
48	14	40
49	19	20
50	166	66
51	96	00
52	48	30
54	5	00
55	50	00
56	9	85
57	10	77
58	166	66
59	27	50
60	58	22
61	36	00
62	6	00
63	11	26
64	28	04
	$13 289	26
	123	68
	$13,412	94

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, JANUARY TO JULY 25, 1899.

1898.					
Dec.	31	To Balance		$	265 66
1899.					
Jan.	31	To Cash	$5,275 34		
Feb.	28	"	588 83		
March	31	"	320 70		
April	30	"	160 97		
May	31	"	113 75		
June	30	"	78 91		
July	25	"	5,118 22		
				$11,656	72
				$11 922	38
		By Paid Orders, Nos. 203 to 310		4 511	01
				$ 7,411	37

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. PACKERT, } *Auditors.*
ABNER FRASER, }

Toronto, July 28, 1899.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

LODGES.

No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1897		274
Instituted during the year 1898		4
Resuscitated during 1898		0
No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1898		278

MEMBERSHIP.

Initiated	1,522	
Reinstated	151	
Admitted by Card	114	
	—	1787
Suspended for cause	1	
" N.P.D.	1,082	
Withdrawn	198	
Expelled	16	
Died	179	
	—	1,476
Net Increase		311
Membership 31st December, 1897		22,741
Membership 31st December, 1898		23,052
Average Membership per Lodge, 82 17.		

RELIEF FOR YEAR 1898.

Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits	3,014	
Amount paid Sick Benefits		$52,009 12
" Surgeons' Fees		6,804 86
" Nursing Sick Brothers		1,627 53
" Relief of Widows		13,219 88
" Burying Deceased Brothers		7,715 06
" Special Relief and Charity		2,832 04
Total		$84 208 49
An average of $230.70 for each day of 1898.		
Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits	3,014	
Being one in each 7.64 of the entire membership.		
Number of Weeks' Sickness	17,642	
Amount paid for Sick Benefits		$52,009 12
Average amount received by each Sick Brother		17 26
Average cost per Member for Sick Benefits		2 25
Average duration of Sickness....5 weeks, 5 days, 23 hours, 42 minutes, 49 seconds.		
Average duration of Sickness if spread over the entire membership....5 days, 8 hours, 36 min., 45 seconds.		
Amount paid Surgeons' Fees and Nurses		8,432 39
Average cost per Member		36

Amount paid to Widows and Orphans		$13,219 88
Average cost per Member		0 57
Number of Brothers died	179	
Ratio per 1000	7.765	
Amount paid Funeral Benefits		7 715 06
Average cost per Member		0 33
Average paid		43 21
Amount paid Special Relief and Charity		2,832 04
Average cost per Member		0 12
Total paid Relief and Charity		84 208 49
Total paid Current Expenses		62 477 79
Total Disbursements		$146,686 28
Average cost per Member for Relief and Charity	$ 3 65	
" " Current Expenses	2 71	
Total average cost per Member for all purposes	$ 6 36	
Total Receipts per Member		$10 77
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure per Member		4 41

RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiation, Admission by Card, and Degrees		$21,240 78
Average per Member	$0 92	
Dues and Reinstatements		131.334 26
Average per Member	5 69	
Rents and Invested Funds		66.494 57
All other sources		29.393 71
Average per Member	4 16	
Total Average per Member	$10 77	
Total Receipts		$248.463 32

ASSETS AND HOW INVESTED.

Cash in Bank and in Treasurer's hands		$241,637 90
Invested in Mortgages and Securities		271,204 58
Invested in Buildings, Land, etc.		316,657 85
Invested in Furniture and Regalia		18,495 73
All other Assets		40,234 33
Total Assets		$1,051,230 39
Less due on Buildings and Lands	$61,407 54	
Other Liabilities	13.557 42	
Total Liabilities		74 964 96
Assets over Liabilities		$976,265 43

FUNDS.

General Fund	$892,763 38
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	69,205 78
Contingent Fund	12,354 56
Nurse Fund	1,941 71
Total Funds	$976,265 43

An average of $42.35 per Member.

The following is an abstract made from the returns of the several Lodges for the past term. The increase is keeping up and let us hope the close of the year 1899 will show a still greater increase:

ABSTRACT FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE **SIX MONTHS** ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Number of Lodges			277
Membership, 31st Dec., 1898			23052
Initiated during Term ending 30th June, 1899	963		
Admitted by Card " "	64		
Reinstated " "	64		
		1091	
Suspended for Cause			
Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues	445		
Withdrawn by Card	140		
Expelled			
Died	106		
		691	
Net Increase for six months			400
Membership 30th June, 1899			23452
Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits	2222		
Number of Weeks for which Sick Benefits were paid	10149½		
Amount paid Sick Benefits, Nursing and Surgeons			$34,817 92
Amount paid Funeral Benefits			3,801 34
Special Relief and to Widows and Orphans			7,496 66
Total Relief			$46,115 92

MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS AND AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Lodges in Groups of 24.	Number of Members.	Number of Brothers Sick.	Average age of Sick.	Average Duration of Sickness.	Ratio of Members Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness.	Average Sickness per Member.	Sick Benefits—Nursing and Surgeon.	Cost per Member	Number of Brothers died.	Ratio of Members Died.	Average Age at Death.
				Wks. Dys.			Dys. Hrs.					
9 to 51.....	3698	616	46 03	7 3.29	1 in 6.00	4,602,2	8 17	14,392 48	3 89	47	78 68	53 19
52 " 76	2767	433	44.12	6 0.30	1 " 6.39	2,616,6	5 12.7	9,391 62	3 39	23	120 30	50.34
77 " 102	2315	315	43.60	5 4.38	1 " 7.34	1,772,3	5 8.27	5,726 51	2 47	17	136.17	47.29
103 " 129	2736	323	40.08	5 6.35	1 " 8.47	1,908,1	4 8.81	7,013 06	2 56	22	124.36	43.09
130 " 156	1650	202	42.16	5 6.50	1 " 8.11	1,203,4	5 2.54	3,480 81	2 10	12	137.5	42.91
157 " 184	1583	205	40.22	4 1.73	1 " 7.72	900,5	3 23.6	3,576 19	2 26	9	175.8	45.33
186 " 215	1453	183	41.26	6 1.94	1 " 7.93	1,148,6	5 12 8	4,391 02	3 02	12	121.08	51.66
216 " 242.....	1935	211	39.60	4 3.16	1 " 9.17	938,3	3 9.47	3 233 76	1 67	15	129.00	37.33
243 " 267.....	1314	139	31.21	4 5.55	1 " 9.45	667,5	3 13.3	2,601 11	1 97	9	146.00	43 00
268 " 291.....	1441	156	35.66	5 1.84	1 " 9.50	794.5	3 21.03	2,692 75	1 87	8	179.375	48.75
292 " 315.....	1307	161	34.55	4 3.93	1 " 8.16	729,6	3 21.81	2,710 99	2 07	3	435.66	33.66
316 " 329	853	70	26 72	13 6 25	1 " 12.36	272,4	2 5.68	1,131 21	1 44	2	426.50	48 00
	23052	3014								179		

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS, ETC., WITH AVERAGES FOR THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
No. of Members.	14501	14847	15354	16060	16940	17707	18390	19452	20558	21685	22178	22669	22742	23046
No. of Members who received Sick Benefits.	1708	1668	1787	1952	2091	2972	2407	3037	3317	3019	2865	3113	3328	3013
Ratio.....	$8 49	$8 90	$8 58	1 in 8.23	1 in 8.10	1 in 5.96	1 in 7.64	1 in 6.40	1 in 6 48	1 in 7.18	1 in 7.74	1 in 7.28	1 in 6 83	1 in 7.68
Average amount paid each.	$16 14	$14 27	$17 15	$15 98	$15 22	$13 33	$15 19	$14 53	$16 72	$14 73	$15 40	$16 06	$18 12	17.26
Total No. of weeks' sickness	7754⅔	7896⅓	8624	10231⅔	10261¼	12539¾	11842½	14046⅔	14695⅓	14558⅜	14600	16052	17510⅔	17.642⅜
Av. days' sickness per member....	3.74	3.72	3.93	4.45	4.24	4.95	4.50	5.05	5.02	4	4.68	4.95	5.38	5.34
Average cost per member for sick benefits.....	$1 90	$1 60½	$1 73	$1 88	$1 88	$2 23	$1 99	$2 26	2 55	$2 05	$2 00	$2 21	$2 27	2.25
No. of deaths...	91	94	99	103	110	134	123	157	145	138	149	173	154	179
Ratio per 1000..	6.27	6.33	6.44	6.41	6.49	7.56	6.68	8.07	7.05	6.367	6.71	7.63	6.74	5.69
Average funeral benefits paid in each case.	$34 29	$30 14	$31 20	$30 85	$26 87	$36 22	$42 20	$42 15	$41 00	$24 52	$40 79	$36 22	$43 44	13.21

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS, ETC., WITH AVERAGES FOR THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1898—*Continued.*

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS, ETC., WITH AVERAGES FOR THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1898—*Continued.*

	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Average cost per member for Funeral Benefits...	$0 21½	$0 19	$0 20	$0 19¾	$0 17⅓	$0 28	$0 28	$0 34½	$0 28¾	$0 26½	$0 27⅕	$0 27⅖	$0.29	$0 33
Av. cost per member for Sick and Funeral Bene's.	2 11½	1 79½	1 93	4 07¾	2 05⅓	2 50	2 27	2 60½	2 83¾	2 31½	2 27⅕	2 48⅗	2 57	2 58
Av. receipt from each member for Dues.....	4 99	5 38	5 39	5 49	5 49	5 52	5 57	5 45½	5 47¾	5 60	5 48	5 57	5 71	5 69
Av. receipt per member for Initiations & Deg's.	1 50	1 72	1 66	2 00	1 78	1 75	1 63	1 68¼	1 69	1 50	1 15	1 16	90	0 92
Av. receipt per member from all other sources..	2 25	2 09	1 93	2 48	2 33	2 13	1 07	2 19¼	2 19¾	2 25	2 96	3 57	3 34	4 16
Av. total receipt per member....	8 74	9 19	8 98	9 97	9 60	9 40	9 27	9 33	9 36	9 35	9 59	1 30	9 95	10 77
Av. cost per member for current expenses	3 85	3 59	3 64	4 36	4 37	3 96	4 14	3 13	2 43¾	3 50	2 82	3 30	2 84	2 71
Av. cost per member for Sick and Funeral Bene'ts and current ex..	6 18	5 38	5 57	6 43¾	6 42⅖	6 46	6 41	5 73½	5 27½	7 16	5 08	5 78⅖	5 41	5 62

RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP IN ONTARIO AT EACH AGE FOR THE YEAR 1898, SHOWING RATIO OF SICKNESS AND DEATHS, ETC., ETC.

Age.	Number Dec. 31, 1897	Dropped. Ceased.	Dropped. Died.	Remaining Dec. 31, 1897	Added 1898.	Members Dec. 31, 1898	Number Sick	Weeks Sickness.	Average Weeks Sickness per Member.	Number Sick Entire Year.	Cost to pay $3 per week Sick Benefit.	Age.
21	188	0	....	.....	209	209	7	19½	0.0909	.....	2727	21
22	368	2	1	188	132	320	35	152½	.475	.....	1.425	22
23	539	14	2	365	130	495	47	209⅞	.422	.....	1.266	23
24	677	23	....	523	126	649	49	256	.394	.....	1.182	24
25	727	43	1	654	127	781	65	284½	.363	.....	1 089	25
26	796	62	3	683	100	783	72	274⅝	.349	.....	1.047	26
27	839	50	3	731	97	828	68	232	.279	.....	.837	27
28	827	77	4	786	104	890	96	373⅝	.419	1	1.257	28
29	850	61	3	746	74	820	93	452⅝	.551	.....	1.653	29
30	909	58	10	786	68	854	87	459⅝	.537	1	1.611	30
31	918	66	3	841	51	892	110	413⅝	.463	1	1.389	31
32	895	67	5	849	60	909	97	474¾	.521	2	1.563	32
33	865	62	4	823	47	870	86	460¾	.528	.....	1.584	33
34	844	47	4	799	52	851	115	588⅛	.690	2	2.070	34
35	939	64	3	793	65	857	105	495¼	.577	.....	1.731	35
36	783	56	4	873	47	910	81	390¼	428	.....	1.284	36
37	809	46	3	723	45	768	89	331⅜	.430	.....	1.292	37
38	742	55	6	760	50	810	121	571⅛	.704	.....	2.112	38
39	685	53	1	681	37	718	92	355¼	.466	.....	1.398	39
40	676	56	2	631	31	662	86	483⅜	.729	.....	2.189	40
41	635	35	4	618	13	631	70	432⅝	.684	....	2.052	41
42	60	37	7	596	17	613	92	485⅝	.791	1	2.373	42
43	538	29	5	556	21	577	66	419	.726	2	2.178	43
44	562	23	5	504	12	516	87	352⅜	.682	.....	2 046	44
45	491	28	6	534	12	546	73	443⅜	.811	2	2.433	45
46	506	20	6	457	11	468	71	401⅝	.857	1	2.571	46
47	453	25	4	480	16	496	60	328½	.661	.....	1.983	47
48	399	19	5	424	12	436	67	432⅜	.944	3	2.832	48
49	416	6	4	375	8	383	62	333⅜	.874	.....	2.622	49
50	331	23	2	406	3	409	67	367	.897	1	2.691	50
51	302	7	5	306	0	306	54	402⅝	1.313	1	3.939	51
52	293	9	3	290	5	293	47	345⅜	1.203	2	3.609	52
53	287	13	3	281	2	283	62	393¼	1.388	3	4.164	53
54	339	10	3	271	1	272	46	339⅝	1.246	1	3.738	54
55	210	13	7	326	3	329	41	222⅝	0.675	1	2.025	55
56	227	5	2	190	2	192	40	351⅛	1.828	.....	5.484	56
57	176	6	2	220	0	220	36	303¼	1.377	1	4.131	57
58	122	7	3	168	1	169	33	249⅜	1.473	3	4.419	58
59	135	1	1	112	0	112	34	179⅜	1.597	.....	4 791	59
60	126	2	2	133	0	133	30	289⅝	2.172	2	6.516	60
61	97	2	5	122	1	123	27	351⅛	2.853	3	8.559	61
62	109	4	2	90	2	92	16	198⅜	2.130	2	6.390	62

RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP IN ONTARIO AT EACH AGE FOR THE YEAR 1898, SHOWING RATIO OF SICKNESS AND DEATHS, ETC., ETC.—*Continued.*

Age	Number Dec. 31, 1897	Dropped. Ceased.	Dropped. Died.	Remaining Dec. 31, 1897	Added 1898.	Members Dec. 31, 1898	Number Sick	Weeks Sickness	Average Weeks Sickness per Member.	Number Sick Entire Year.	Cost to pay $3 per week Sick Benefit.	Age.
63	75	1	2	103	1	104	28	313⅔	3.009	2	9.027	63
64	75	3	5	72	0	72	26	235	3.263	.....	9.789	64
65	73	2	1	67	0	67	30	395⅓	5.895	6	17.685	65
66	73	1	0	70	0	70	16	198⅔	2.828	1	8.484	66
67	47	1	1	72	....	72	24	303⅔	4 202	2	12.606	67
68	44	1	1	45	....	45	16	171⅓	3.800	.....	11.400	68
69	25	1	2	42	1	43	16	211⅓	4 906	1	14.718	69
70	23	1	5	22	1	23	17	167⅔	7.260	.....	21.780	70
71	24	....	2	17	....	17	13	108⅔	6.352	.....	19.056	71
72	19	....	1	22	....	22	8	90	4.090	.....	12.270	72
73	6	....	4	18	....	18	10	201⅔	11.166	2	33.498	73
74	11	....	1	2	....	2	5	40⅔	20 00	1	60.00	74
75	2	....	2	10	....	10	10	128⅔	128.00	.....	128.00	75
76	4	....	1	0	....	0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	76
77	....	....	1	3	....	3	4	69⅔	23.00	.....	72.00	77
78	4	....	1	0	....	0	3	23	23.00	.....	72.00	78
79	....	....	....	3	....	3	1	2	2.00	.....	6.00	79
80	1	....	1	0	....	0	3	80	80.00	.....	240.00	80
81	2	....	....	0	....	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	81
82	....	....	....	2	....	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	82
83	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	83
84	2	....	....	.....	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	84
85	....	....	1	2	....	2	2	65	32.50	1	97.50	85
86	1	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86
	22741	1297	179	21267	1786	23052	3014	176883	.767	52		

TABLE SHOWING THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE ORDER IN ONTARIO—JULY, 1856, TO DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Year.	No. of Lodges.	Members.	Initiated.	By Card.	Re-instated	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Revenue.	Benefits.	Average Lodge Membership.
1856	12	605	171	11	....	21	38	20	2	*	$299 00	50.46
1857	15	738	200	12	7	22	58	39	2	*	796 00	49.20
1858	15	738	167	7	16	17	50	67	4	*	467 74	49.20
1859	12	556	196	3	4	23	56	108	6	*	596 00	46.30
1860	13	534	96	4	6	19	72	48	6	*	1338 00	41.00
1861	14	544	105	2	13	14	79	43	4	*	1242 68	31.93
1862	15	500	92	7	3	27	63	29	4	*	803 00	33.37
1863	15	573	82	5	9	15	94	3†	6	$3174 60	858 48	38.21
1864	16	512	142	10	5	12	62	....	5	4104 24	1040 20	32.03
1865	14	539	155	7	5	16	65	2	7	4165 41	826 98	38.50
1866	15	647	211	11	8	26	36	3	11	6013 84	1239 00	43.20
1867	14	907	287	24	12	80	49	2	1	8635 13	1382 00	64.80
1868	17	1103	399	29	7	44	35	....	7	9948 27	2145 24	64.88
1869	20	1443	484	40	14	67	113	7	7	13332 59	2547 70	72.15
1870	30	2302	758	91	13	109	147	3	17	18611 56	3290 26	76.73
1871	44	3495	1259	141	21	184	177	7	21	28865 97	4716 53	79.43
1872	66	5079	1864	206	18	294	334	7	25	42974 33	6277 95	76.95
1873	86	6774	2108	223	20	355	412	16	46	58615 37	10822 78	78.76
1874	115	8578	2439	226	46	396	436	19	56	42861 53	12063 37	74.60
1875	141	10188	2369	351	85	448	617	23	52	8999 50	16187 92	72.25
1876	156	11322	2269	266	65	386	980	22	73	98214 07	19403 20	73.28
1877	175	12172	1981	296	176	470	885	30	89	107561 30	22080 84	69.55
1878	180	12332	1776	190	88	339	3316	23	77	106866 19	21287 92	68.51
1879	186	12441	1400	190	103	337	1206	51	79	101723 94	25141 47	66.89
1880	188	12168	1305	97	150	287	1553	23	87	102424 38	26075 76	64.72
1881	192	12776	1783	151	177	318	1038	60	74	113951 81	29719 47	66.54
1881‡	192	13082	808	76	176	117	485	16	49	58824 53	16205 67	68.13
1882§	202	13861	1084	196	82	370	1089	26	98	141474 28	34488 97	68.61
1883	204	14173	1538	165	139	274	1169	10	84	129375 50	3888 72	69 47
1884	204	14330	1453	132	118	261	1186	13	86	129832 74	41224 56	70.24
1885	208	14501	1305	200	118	234	1076	8	91	126787 60	44072 38	70.15
1886	211	14847	1524	139	140	214	1130	9	94	136536 10	47507 13	70.36
1887	254	15353	1606	140	141	225	1047	7	99	137981 19	52232 68	71.41
1888	218	16060	1799	152	161	264	1021	10	103	159975 91	53878 67	73.66
1889	214	16940	1854	210	159	256	929	8	110	162758 62	62522 04	75.66
1890	222	17707	1950	183	209	289	1136	16	134	166533 52	71374 90	76.31
1891	237	18390	1841	162	156	264	1063	15	123	170454 09	65293 84	77.59
1892	234	19452	2155	144	168	305	918	14	157	181509 48	77344 94	79.72
1893	254	20558	2262	167	153	342	981	7	145	192557 15	75176 75	80.90
1894	262	21685	2256	202	166	296	1050	13	138	202780 47	79555 44	82.73
1895	269	22178	1784	143	190	265	1198	12	149	212970 85	75548 79	82.45
1896	272	22669	1808	187	155	266	1210	10	173	233483 78	82430 75	83.35
1897	274	22742	1424	102	129	189	1254	10	154	226450 25	82618 89	82.28
1898	278	23052	1522	114	151	198	1082	17	179	248463 32	84208 49	82.89
										1305115 20		

* Annual Receipts not given on the Returns.
† Expulsions for cause only; hitherto members were expelled for N.P.D.
‡ This is the term ending 31st December, 1881.
§ This is for the year ending 31st December, 1882, from which date all yearly statements are afterwards made.

TABLE SHOWING TOTAL SICK BENEFITS, NURSING AND SURGEON, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

TABLE SHOWING TOTAL SICK BENEFITS, NURSING AND SURGEON, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, DEATH BENEFIT AND AVERAGE COST PER MEMBER OF THE ORDER, FOR BENEFITS.

	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Number of Members	15353	16060	16940	17797	18390	19450	20558	21685	2218	22687	25742	23052
Number Sick	1787	1949	2091	2072	2407	3033	3182	3019	2868	3113	3328	3014
Paid for Sick Benefits, Nursing and Surgeon	$31351.02	$35437.85	$38183 03	$43298.75	$42523.33	$51328.04	$52498 19	$53056 37	$53107.79	$59454.70	$60325.06	$60441.51
Average paid each	17 54	18.18	18 26	14.57	17.67	16.92	16 49	17.57	18.52	19.09	18.12	19 73
Average cost per member	2 04	2.20	2 26	2.44	2.32	2.64	2.55	2.45	2.39	2.62	2.65	2.62
Paid to Widows and Orphans	14011.33	12424.14	18490 17	17089.62	12766 20	14540 46	12695 14	16958 57	12770 63	13935 64	12218.98	13219.88
Average cost per member	.92	.78	1.09	.97	.70	.75	.62	.82	.69	.62	.53	.57
Number Died	99	101	110	134	123	151	145	138	149	173	154	179
Paid Death Benefit	4463.46	4509.00	4377.93	6118.85	6653.50	4250 18	7323.50	6899 26	6077 77	6265 54	6737 35	7715 06
Average cost per member	.29	.28	.26	.35	.39	.22	.35	.32	.27	.28	.29	.33
Paid for Special Relief and Charity	2405 97	1399.18	2310 91	2420 86	3350.81	2835.34	2677.87	2641.24	3795.97	2774 87	3336.61	2832 04
Average cost per member	.16	.09	.14	.14	.18	.15	.13	.12	.17	.12	.14	.12
Total Paid Benefits and Reliefs	52232 78	53770.17	63362 04	68928.68	65293 84	77224.93	75194 70	79555 44	75611.17	82430.75	82318 00	84208.49
Average cost per member	3.43	3.35	3.74	3.90	3.55	3 97	3.66	3.67	3.49	3.65	3.63	3.65

TABLES SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, AGE, AND AVERAGE AGE OF THE SEVERAL LODGES, IN GROUPS OF TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.
9	119	4734	39 77	52	154	6572	42.67	77	48	1852	39 00	103	54	2105	38.98	130	30	1373	45 76	157	71	2650	37.32
10	317	11205	35.34	53	151	5736	37.98	78	126	5382	42.71	104	296	11142	37.64	131	108	3822	35 38	158	115	4655	40.47
13	123	4198	34.13	54	138	5303	38.41	79	58	2749	47.27	105	35	1518	43.37	132	57	3039	53.31	159	57	2227	39.07
16	170	8070	47.57	55	30	1177	39.23	80	237	9350	39.44	106	76	3490	45.92	133	50	2048	40.96	160	70	2727	38.95
22	111	4115	37.07	56	197	8504	43.17	81	215	6881	32.04	107	271	9729	35.90	134	21	865	41.19	161	64	2465	38.64
28	83	3360	40 48	57	34	1286	37.82	82	87	3186	36.62	108	75	2967	39.56	135	46	1964	42.69	163	87	3202	36.80
29	194	7648	39 42	58	113	4427	39.17	83	60	2190	36.50	109	44	1974	44.86	136	96	3517	36.63	164	176	6829	38.80
30	84	3716	44.23	59	309	11994	38.81	84	118	4391	37.21	110	122	3829	31.33	137	128	3546	27 70	165	39	1667	42.74
32	228	8344	36.59	61	255	10083	39 54	85	41	1680	40.97	111	213	8682	40.76	138	49	1896	38.69	167	24	1921	38 37
33	8	472	59.00	62	115	4617	40.14	86	73	2801	38.36	112	98	3640	37.14	139	67	2443	36.46	168	27	1104	40.88
34	278	11050	39.71	63	88	4138	47.02	87	103	4147	40 26	113	58	2349	40.50	140	117	4138	35.36	169	24	859	35.79
35	168	6742	40.13	64	63	2484	39.42	88	120	5134	42.78	114	220	8667	39 39	142	74	2797	37.79	170	48	1816	37.83
36	77	3892	50.54	65	115	4617	40.14	89	172	6858	39.87	115	197	7037	35.72	143	123	4983	40.51	171	..	.....	.....
38	98	5336	54.44	66	143	5794	40.51	90	60	2191	36.51	116	38	1099	28.92	144	91	3591	39.46	172	156	5731	36 75
40	138	5197	37.65	67	49	1813	37.00	91	99	4791	48.39	117	133	5341	10.08	146	65	2364	36.37	173	56	2032	36.28
41	259	11060	42.70	68	26	1218	46.84	92	35	1182	33.77	119	70	2588	36 97	147	42	1531	36 45	174	103	3722	36.13
44	147	6142	41.71	69	102	3447	33.79	93	92	3478	37.80	120	158	6055	38.32	148	77	3123	40.55	176	16	536	33.50
45	207	9282	44.84	70	21	958	45.61	94	149	6335	42.31	121	46	1732	37 65	149	82	2861	34.88	177	15	481	32.07
46	30	1212	40.40	71	84	2868	34 14	96	46	2213	48.10	122	35	1099	31.40	151	50	2054	41.08	178	47	1786	38.06
47	343	16256	47 39	72	77	3598	46.72	97	102	3787	37.12	124	112	4506	40.23	152	63	2607	41.38	179	101	3937	38.98
48	149	6478	43.47	73	85	3578	42.09	98	60	2206	36.76	125	93	3228	34.70	153	64	2398	37.46	180	79	2790	34.17
49	193	9223	47.78	74	24	1116	46.50	100	101	4859	48 10	126	131	4645	35.45	154	109	4521	41.47	182	74	3003	40.58
50	178	6695	37.61	75	56	2403	42.91	101	27	1302	48.22	127	133	4815	36.20	155	18	770	42 77	183	18	702	39.00
51	...	.....	.....	76	343	14748	42.99	102	85	3388	39 85	129	22	888	40.36	156	24	863	35 95	184	119	4324	36.33

TABLES SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, AGE, AND AVERAGE AGE

TABLES SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, AGE, AND AVERAGE AGE OF THE SEVERAL LODGES, IN GROUPS OF TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.	Number of Lodge.	Members.	Total Age.	Average Age.
186	23	801	34.81	216	37	1325	35.81	243	29	1222	42.13	268	29	1053	36.31	292	70	2347	33.52	316	40	1391	34.77
188	37	1563	22.24	217	109	4375	40.13	244	60	2287	38.11	269	109	4259	39.07	293	58	2158	37.20	317	34	1140	33.52
189	83	3033	36.54	218	119	4580	38 48	245	50	1869	37.38	270	68	2558	37.61	294	134	4469	33.35	318	37	1176	31.78
190	131	4926	37.60	219	9(	3587	38.74	246	....	.....	.....	271	86	2996	34.83	295	28	932	33.28	319	44	1429	32.25
191	33	1061	32.15	22C	38	1225	32.25	247	74	2504	33.83	272	69	2426	35.15	296	44	1576	35.81	320	35	1291	36 88
192	10	413	41.30	221	56	1816	32.42	248	66	255C	38.63	273	38	1327	34.92	297	43	1478	34.37	321	39	1293	33.15
194	162	6379	39.38	223	56	213C	38.03	249	49	2009	41.0C	274	33	1212	36.72	298	55	1990	36.18	322	147	4810	32.72
195	10	396	39.60	224	169	6082	35 98	250	56	2041	36.44	275	31	1183	38.16	299	62	2144	34.58	323	51	169C	33.13
196	82	3428	41.80	226	48	1491	31.06	251	59	2309	39.13	276	.	....	.....	300	40	1495	37.37	324	48	1555	32.39
197	64	2348	36.68	227	58	1807	31.15	252	88	2953	13.55	277	65	2482	38.18	301	39	1243	31.87	325	32	1083	33.84
200	28	1102	39 02	228	182	6591	36.21	253	24	881	36.70	278	179	5989	33.45	302	21	799	38 04	326	45	1505	13.44
201	89	2961	33 26	229	36	1178	32.72	254	50	1917	38.34	279	75	2628	35 04	303	36	1142	31.72	327	30	920	30.66
202	57	2117	37.14	230	73	2651	36.31	256	33	1251	37.9C	280	64	2081	32.51	304	61	2052	33.63	328	37	1125	30.40
203	121	4794	39.61	231	57	2061	36.15	257	27	896	13.18	281	62	2216	35.74	305	42	1332	31.71	329	15	553	36.86
204	10	464	46.40	232	11	353	32.09	258	117	4009	34.26	282	66	2034	30.81	306	36	963	26.75	145	66	2316	35.08
205	116	4265	36.68	233	14	489	34.92	259	32	1049	32.5C	283	108	4079	37.76	307	47	1568	33.36	198	46	16d4	35.00
206	69	2568	37.21	234	25	1047	41.88	260	73	2660	36 43	284	28	932	33.28	308	79	2729	34 54	208	39	1468	37.64
207	26	1047	40.26	235	88	3285	37.32	261	139	4725	33 99	285	54	1824	33.77	309	56	1905	34.01	225	71	2444	34.42
209	30	1145	38. 16	236	24	867	36.0C	262	23	809	35.17	286	55	1839	33 43	310	29	943	32 51				
210	27	991	36.70	237	18	808	42.72	263	62	2122	34.22	287	68	2334	34.32	311	69	2309	33.46				
211	61	2284	37.44	239	130	5300	40.76	264	59	2107	35 71	288	21	715	38.87	312	40	1449	36 22				
212	89	3415	38.37	240	230	7807	33.94	265	33	1203	36 45	289	36	1295	35.98	313	41	1377	33.58				
214	73	3035	41.57	241	168	5775	34.38	266	52	1698	32.61	290	52	1763	33.71	314	42	4704	33.12				
215	23	1034	44.95	242	103	3764	36.54	267	66	2410	36.51	291	46	1803	39.19	315	31	1043	33.64				

OLDEST TWENTY-FOUR LODGES, NOS. 9 TO 52* INCLUSIVE. (CALENDAR YEAR.)[a]

Year.	Number of Members.	Number of Sick.	Ratio.	Number of Weeks Sick.	Average Duration of Sickness by Weeks and Days.	Average Sickness per Member, Weeks.	Amount Paid for Sick Benefits.	Average Amount per Week.	Average Cost per Member.	Number of Deaths.	Ratio of Deaths.	Number Initiated.	Ratio of Initiations.	Receipts for Dues and Reinstatements.	Average per Member.	Total Initiation Fees and Degrees.	Average per Member.	Actual Cost of $4 per Week, S.B.
			1 in		W. D.		$ c	$ c.	$ c.		1 in		1 in	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
1882	3,456	428	8 07	2,143	4/75 ... 0	.617	6,373 82	2 98	1 81	35	99	380	9.00	20,326 04	5 88	7,790 80	2 25	2 46
1883	3,502	536	6 53	2,208	1/74 ... 1	.630	6,990 26	3 17	2 00	18	194	299	11.71	19,921 87	5 68	5,538 85	1 58	2 52
1884	3,509	498	7 02	2,317	1/74 ... 4½	.660	7,161 69	3 09	2 04	16	219	278	13.08	20,166 98	5 74	4,777 97	1 36	2 64
1885	3,462	494	7 00	2,714	4/75 ... 3½	.783	8,127 69	2 99	2 34	24	144	188	18 41	20,736 97	5 99	3,098 74	89	3 13
1886	3,370	442	7 62	2,511	4/75 ... 4½	.745	7,563 15	3 01	2 24	32	105	214	15.75	21,069 75	6 25	3,554 90	1 05	2 98
1887	3,348	472	7 09	2,565	5/75 ... 3	.766	7,625 99	2 97	2 28	27	124	214	15 64	21,220 91	6 01	3,477 55	1 03	3 06
1888	3,386	531	6 37	2,779	6/75 ... 1½	.821	8,641 63	3 10	2 55	27	125	269	12.59	22,014 87	6 50	4,584 24	1 35	3 28
1889	3,580	524	6 87	2,834	2/75 ... 3	.792	8,561 02	3 02	2 39	21	170	322	11.11	22,829 13	6 37	6,418 03	1 80	3 16
1890	3,653	688	5 31	3,434	4/75 ... 0	.940	10,666 96	3 10	2 92	42	87	269	13.20	22,166 02	6 07	4,194 00	1 15	3 70
1891	3,722	546	6 81	3,444	2/76 ... 2	.925	10,300 72	2 99	2 76	36	103	274	13 58	22,790 17	6 12	4 577 32	1 23	3 69
1892	3,740	708	5 28	4,037	2/75 ... 4½	1.079	13,100 67	3 24	3 50	47	79	264	14.16	22,898 10	6 12	4,184 97	1 12	4 31
1893	3,913	740	5 28	4,260	4/75 ... 5	1.088	12,761 79	2 99	3 26	33	118	346	11.30	23,823 64	6 08	5,015 06	1 28	4 35
1894	3 988	669	5 96	3,888	4/75 ... 5	0 975	11,306 29	2 90	2 83	46	91	265	15.04	24,725 96	6 20	3,800 99	0 98	3 80
1895	3,931	612	6 42	4,101	2/76 ... 4½	1.04	11,872 02	3 05	3 02	40	98	190	20.68	24,943 81	6 37	2,826 28	0 72	4 16
1896	3,807	621	6 13	4,374	3/77 ... 0½	1.15	12 960 90	2 96	3 41	42	91	236	16 13	23 520 89	6 18	3,169 93	0 83	4 60
1897	3,796	670	5 66	4,805	3/77 ... 4½	1.265	13,814 76	2 87	3 63	32	118	233	16.29	23,482 17	6 18	2,435 90	0 64	5 06
1898	3,698	616	6 00	4,602	2/77 ... 3 2	1 024	12,570 17	2 73	3 39	47	79	141	26 22	23,380 28	6 32	2,058 40	0 55	4 09

* No. 51 defunct.

[a] First 24 Lodges—containing 5 resuscitated Lodges—and the average age of the 24 being 19 years on December 31, 1882.

TWENTY FOUR LODGES NOS. 209 TO 234 INCLUSIVE. *b*

Year.	Number of Members.	Number of Sick.	Ratio.	Number of Weeks Sick.	Average duration of Sickness by Weeks and Days.	Average Sickness per Member, Weeks.	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Average Amount per Week.	Average cost per Member.	Number of Deaths.	Ratio of Deaths.	Number Initiated.	Ratio of Initiations.	Receipts for Dues and Reinstatements.	Average per Member.	Total Initiation Fees and Degrees.	Average per Member.	Actual Cost of $4 per Week S.B.
			1 in		W. D.		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.		1 in		1 in	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
1882	991	89	11.13	401 2/7	4....1	.404	1,004 58	2 50	1 01	4	248	253	3.09	4,613 86	4 65	1,157 48	6 21	1 61
1883	1,089	125	8.07	452	3....4½	.415	1,519 15	3 36	1 39	7	155	178	6 11	4,651 10	4 27	3,100 60	2 84	1 66
1884	1,105	111	10.86	422 4/7	3....5 5/7	.382	1,206 15	3 85	1 09	7	157	133	8.30	5,069 30	4 58	2,257 55	1 95	1 52
1885	1,117	129	8.50	459 5/7	3....4	.411	1,431 72	3 11	1 28	5	223	13	8.52	5,224 43	4 67	2,081 17	1 86	1 64
1886	1,123	128	8.78	461 4/7	3....4¼	.411	1,317 72	2 85	1 17	10	112	131	8.57	5,616 72	5 00	2,012 25	1 79	1 64
1887	1,116	122	9.15	489	4....0	.410	1,498 72	3 06	1 34	5	228	141	9.14	5,410 49	4 84	1,846 48	1 65	1 64
1888	1,148	127	9.00	471 4/7	3....5	.438	1,412 56	3 00	1 23	8	143	173	6.63	5,384 19	4 86	2,459 31	2 14	1 75
1889	1,226	126	9.73	535 5/7	4....1	.436	1,557 13	2 90	1 27	2	613	162	7.57	5,705 02	4 65	2,381 48	1 94	1 74
1890	1,230	187	6.58	594 5/7	3....1½	.483	1,817 94	3 05	1 48	6	205	157	7.83	6,018 17	4 89	2,206 20	1 79	1 93
1891	1,217	172	7.07	578	3....2½	.475	1,775 33	3 07	1 45	14	87	112	10.86	6 698 46	5 50	1,981 98	1 62	1 90
1892	1,290	217	5.94	718	3....2	.556	2,366 14	3 29	1 83	10	129	131	9.84	6,802 515	28	2,181 74	1 69	2 22
1893	1,294	210	6.19	817 3/7	2....6	.629	2,706 86	3 31	2 16	11	118	122	10.69	7,007 73	5 39	1,900 45	1 46	2 51
1894	1,353	190	7.12	759 1/7	4....0	.562	2,521 92	3 32	1 86	12	113	152	8.88	7,412 20	5 47	2,070 50	1 53	2 24
1895	1,424	172	8.27	657 4/7	3....5½	.462	1,980 41	3 00	1 39	5	284	173	8.23	6,901 18	4 83	2,073 30	1 46	1 84
1896	1,452	187	7 76	725	3....2½	.499	2,393 18	3 30	1 65	7	207	109	13.32	7,347 31	5 06	1,472 15	1 01	1 75
1897	1,449	205	7.06	661 6/7	3....1	.456	2,272 76	3 43	1 56	10	144	121	11.97	7,929 73	5 47	1,560 75	1 07	1 82
1898	1,478	173	8.54	82 75	4....5½	.521	2,575 12	3 11	1 74	11	134	104	14.21	7,811 60	5 28	1,271 100	86	2 08

b Average age of these Lodges 2 1/2 years on December 31, 1882. *c* Five new Lodges in 1882

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I.O.O.F., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

No. of Members as per last Report			3,414
Initiated during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1898	156		
Admitted by card	4		
Reinstated	28		
			188
Total			3,602
From which deduct:—			
Withdrawal by card	13		
Suspended, Non-Payment of dues	164		
Suspended for cause	....		
Expelled	1		
Deceased	28		
			206
Total in Membership Dec. 31st, 1898			3,396
No. of Patriarchs Relieved	285		
No. of weeks for which Sick Benefits were paid	1,811		
Am't paid for Burying the Dead		$	350 00
" " Special Relief			28 00
" " Relief to Widowed Families			.....
" " " of Patriarchs			2,965 07
		$	3,343 07
Invested Funds for Subordinates		$	21,276 54
Total amount of Annual Revenue			11,200 00

(Signed.) M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe.

LONDON, Ont., March, 1899.

RECORD OF THE ODD-FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION, MAY 12, 1874, UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Year.	Period.	Number of Members.	Deaths.	Average Age.	Mortuary Rate.	Total Revenue.	Death Claims.	Disability Claims.
1875	12 months.	364				$ 952 01		
1876	do.	810	3	41.66	3.69	3,385 90	$ 1,400 00	
1877	do.	878	7	33.43	7.91	5,388 52	3,255 00	
1878	do.	849	5	41.80	5.85	7,615 66	5,700 00	
1879	do.	828	4	44.75	4.81	4,874 23	4,125 00	
1880	18 months.	974	10	38.20	6.78	11,494 11	8,075 00	$ 400 00
1881	12 months.	1,034	6	42.16	5.77	8,214 64	6,000 00	
1882	do.	1,182	11	40.72	9.22	14,921 15	11,800 00	500 00
1883	do.	1,487	7	44.28	4.68	12,454 37	7,000 00	
1884	do.	1,869	7	41.85	3.73	13,850 81	10,500 00	
1885	do.	2,187	16	44.18	7.26	20,718 91	14,500 00	
1886	do.	2,408	10	45.30	4.14	19,220 72	15,000 00	
1887	do.	2,623	18	33.94	6.82	19,644 34	15,500 00	
1888	do.	2,829	19	42.21	6.67	31,972 94	29,000 00	
1889	do.	3,074	25	46.40	8.07	42,523 57	26,282 00	
1890	do.	4,009	27	45.33	6.69	50,359 62	42,500 00	
1891	do.	5,102	33	44.48	6.43	62,421 87	40,000 00	1,000 00
1892	do.	5,935	37	43.16	6.20	81,053 60	57,100 00	1,000 00
1893	do.	6,825	42	44.62	6.12	86,998 54	53,700 00	1,000 00
1894	do.	7,677	51	43.23	6.60	97,313 35	60,000 00	1,500 00
1895	do.	8,372	51	43.51	6.00	105,165 93	73,500 00	3,000 00
1896	do.	9,058	69	43.58	7.56	114,808 15	93,500 00	1,000 00
1897	do.	9,571	51	43.66	5.30	123,340 88	65,500 00	2,500 00
1898	do.	10,362	71	42.90	6.80	133,965 50	95,000 00	1,500 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	580	.....	6.38	1,072,659 33	$738,937 00	$ 13,400 00

Death Claims.....	$738,937 00
Disability Claims.....	13,400 00
	$752,337 00

RECORD OF THE ODD FELLOWS' FUNERAL AID ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN AND WELLAND.

For the year ending December 31st, 1898.

Number admitted during the year	Age when admitted.	
W. C. Goodsir, reinstated	34 years.	
John R. Peckham	34 "	
Number of Members dropped or lapsed		2
Total Membership		106
Number died		3
Age at death	53, 36, 72 years respectively	
Receipts during the year	$357 20	
		$357 20
Amount paid in death claims		300 00
Expenses paid for management		32 28
Balance on hand at end of year		495 00

(Signed.) THEO. PARNELL, *President*,
JAS. A. SWINTON, *Secretary*.

RECORD OF THE ODD FELLOWS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO.

From January 1st, 1898, to December 31st, 1898.

Number admitted during the year		5
Age when admitted	32, 42, 27, 28, 29 years respectively.	
Number of Members dropped or lapsed		16
Number of Members entitled to indemnity		93
Number died		4
Age at death	65.10, 50, 61, 64 years respectively.	
Receipts during the year		$192 45
Death claims		185 50
Expenses of Management		19 13
Balance on hand at close of year		58 12
Amount of call on each death		50

(Signed.) JOHN I. REED, *President.*
A. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF REBEKAH LODGES, ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS OF LODGES TO THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

Name.	No.	Location.	Admitted.		Died.		Ceased.		Members per Last Return			Present Membership			Relief.	Expenditure.	Receipts.	Assets Last Return.	Present Assets.
			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.					
Victoria	1	London	4	8	1	..	1	4	7	16	23	9	20	29	$15 05	$25 73	$36 80	$80 45	$76 47
Ruth	2	Stratford	3	5	..	..	..	..	32	55	87	35	60	95	.....	126 63	142 05	67 04	82 46
Oshawa	3	Oshawa	..	1	1	..	1	5	10	29	39	8	25	33	60 75	37 90	94 99	228 18	224 52
May Queen	5	London	1	5	..	..	2	9	14	44	58	13	40	53	13 00	131 66	71 03	278 90	205 27
Naomi	6	Windsor	..	5	..	1	8	13	24	67	91	16	58	74	.....	106 24	124 45	822 96	841 17
Our Sisters	7	Pt. Edward	..	5	..	..	..	..	19	36	55	19	41	60	.....	115 74	91 42	43 16	18 84
Louise	10	Kingston	6	21	..	..	14	4	46	34	80	38	51	89	.....	58 49	152 98	365 42	459 91
Beatrice	12	Guelph	..	2	..	..	17	11	46	48	94	29	39	68	....	72 18	63 85	281 26	272 93
Jubilee	13	Chatham	..	..	..	..	2	6	8	2	6	8	.....	.....	.....	41 29	.....	.....	
Edna	14	St. Thomas	..	..	..	..	3	3	21	42	63	18	39	57	4 70	74 14	61 72	432 22	415 10
Harmony	15	Gananoque	..	2	..	..	5	..	12	45	57	7	47	54	.....	34 78	20 65	396 31	382 18
Olive Branch	16	Toronto	12	13	..	..	18	18	72	71	143	66	66	132	.....	180 14	172 18	319 37	311 41
Myrtle	17	Elora	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	15	19	4	15	19	.....	21 86	32 01	91 19	101 34
Excelsior	18	Bridgeburg	4	4	..	..	3	4	18	35	53	19	35	54	.....	124 18	162 56	550 43	588 81
Mizpah	19	Collingwood	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	23	45	22	23	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Donalda	20	North Bay	3	5	..	..	14	15	19	22	41	8	12	20	.....	28 11	15 60	28 98	16 47
Flora	21	Sault Ste. Marie	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	8	19	11	8	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lucknow	22	Lucknow	..	..	..	..	23	27	23	27	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inglewood	23	Waterford	3	5	..	..	2	3	9	13	22	10	15	25	18 00	11 71	20 80	31 17	22 26
Prudence	24	Brantford	1	2	..	..	4	3	17	44	61	14	43	57	.....	103 29	36 50	85 23	18 44
Alberta	25	Kincardine	6	2	..	..	2	1	19	27	46	23	28	51	.....	21 00	29 11	.....	8 11
Ivy	26	Galt	38	24	..	1	1	..	54	58	112	91	81	172	.....	104 08	184 54	356 36	436 82
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	3	7	..	1	4	..	32	38	70	31	44	75	.....	121 04	153 70	32 74	65 40
Colfax	28	Sarnia	1	1	..	..	42	14	70	56	126	29	43	72	.....	87 17	90 60	29 97	26 40
At the Well	29	Almonte	4	3	..	2	1	6	15										
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	4	2	..	..	31	7	78	37	52	18	32	50	.....	60 63	56 10	43 24	38 71
Hebron	31	Toronto	..	..	..	..	14	6	14	53	131	51	48	99	.....	98 43	63 48	53 03	18 08
Colia	32	Cumming's Bdge	2	8	..	..	8	7	31	6	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maple Leaf																			

Colfax	28	Sarnia	1	1			42	14	70	56	126	29	43	72		87	17	90	60	29	97	26	40							
At the Well	29	Almonte	4	3	2	1	6	15	37	52	18	32	50		60	63	56	10	43	24	38	71								
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	4	2		31	7	78	53	131	51	48	99		98	43	63	48	53	03	18	08								
Hebron	31	Toronto				14	6	14	6	20																				
Colia	32	Cumming's Bdge	2	8		8	7	31	32	63	25	33	58		52	10	65	58	8	51	21	99								
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville				1	3	50	40	70	29	37	66		76	82	78	85	31	99	35	02								
Olivette	34	Wingham	2	2		6	5	17	16	33	13	13	26		25	95	31	50	9	24	14	79								
Pansy	35	Amherstburg				10	9	24	28	52	14	19	33		45	80	38	27	16	59	9	96								
Rachel	36	Toronto				14	13	14	13	27																				
Rowena	37	Paris						7	24	31	7	24	31																	
Justitia	38	Hamilton	9	7	1	11	3	53	36	89	50	40	90		164	95	175	29	19	74	30	08								
Margaret	39	Waubaushene		1		6	9	29	41	70	23	33	56		42	49	62	21	11	46	31	18								
Hazel	40	Ottawa	12	1			2	36	60	96	48	59	107		95	93	64	80	59	61	28	48								
Florence	41	Harriston	2	4		11	10	20	33	53	11	27	38		52	00	45	45	18	96	12	41								
Pandora	42	Blenheim		1				16	25	41	16	26	42		17	65	17	75	49	33	49	43								
Rose	43	Woodstock	1	2		8	6	30	38	68	23	34	57		25	18	40	45	17	73	33	00								
Harriet	44	Renfrew	3	9		16	8	50	48	98	37	49	86		80	21	74	75	60	30	54	84								
Peachland	45	Leamington	4	3		6	14	17	25	42	15	14	29		33	45	19	20	21	96	7	71								
Ideal	47	Ruthven				10	6	20	24	44	10	18	28		18	48	17	30	21	40	20	22								
Eastern Star	48	Cornwall	3	5			2	30	29	59	31	34	65		78	48	81	42	28	37	31	31								
Lilly	49	Kingsville	1	2	1	5	6	21	30	51	17	25	42		34	47	17	10	25	92	8	55								
Fern	50	Simcoe	4	13				2	16	25	41	20	36	56		76	10	68	62	27	10	19	62								
Thamesville	51	Thamesville	3	8					28	19	47	31	27	58		33	60	48	80	61	90	78	10								
Violet	52	Otterville	3	4		3	1	33	37	70	33	40	73		25	65	47	65	28	50	50	50								
Viola	53	Toronto	8	16	1		2	25	54	79	33	67	100		164	67	89	95	94	46	19	74								
Queen	54	Hespeler		2		4	4	12	31	43	8	29	37		37	30	43	15	6	87	12	72								
Woodslee	55	Woodslee						11	12	23	11	12	23						19	27										
Ruby	56	Mt. Forest	5	11			1	17	26	43	12	36	58		25	49	31	75	1	54	7	80								
Endeavor	57	Forest	2	3		1		14	14	28	15	17	32		22	65	27	71	4	80	9	86								
Carnation	58	Wallaceburg	8	21		1		20	33	53	27	54	81		100	58	99	14	41	75	40	31								
Primrose	59	Dundas	18	18							18	18	36	15	00	31	95	90	02		43	07								
Triple Link	60	Petrolia	21	22							21	22	43			93	36	100	10		6	74								
			204	285	3	7	333	264	1331	1748	3079	1199	1762	2961	126	50	3200	44	3355	93	5303	59	5332	58							

Certified to as correct.

MRS. ALMA BRILL, PRESIDENT Rebekah Assembly.
MRS. MAGGIE WADDELL, SECRETARY " "

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE TO SECURE ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK'S SICKNESS FOR THE UNDERMENTIONED PERIODS, ETC.

Age.	For 1st 6 months.	For 2nd 6 months.	For 3rd 6 months.	For 4th 6 months.	For Life.	For Life, excluding 1st week's sickness.	1st 6 months excluding 1st week's sickness.	For 1st Year.	1st Year excluding 1st week's sickness.	For 18 months.	For 18 months excluding 1st week's sickness.	For 2nd Year	For Two Years.	For Two Years excluding 1st week's sickness.	Cost of $30 Funeral Expense.	Cost of $100, payable to the Widow or to Dependent Relatives.	Current Expense, to be added, computed at $3.00 per annum. Per member, deduction as per Table C. $11.00 for Initiation and Degrees.	Age.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	$ c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	$ c.	c.	
21	20	3	2	1	35	29	14	23	17	25	19	3	26	20	8	28	50	21
22	21	3	2	1	36	30	15	23	17	26	20	3	26	21	9	29	50	22
23	21	3	2	1	37	31	15	24	18	26	20	3	27	21	9	30	50	23
24	21	3	2	2	38	32	15	24	18	26	20	4	28	22	9	31	50	24
25	22	3	2	2	40	33	15	25	18	27	20	4	29	22	9	31	50	25
26	22	3	2	2	41	34	15	25	18	27	20	4	29	22	9	32	50	26
27	23	3	2	2	42	35	16	26	19	28	21	4	30	23	10	33	50	27
28	23	3	2	2	44	36	16	26	18	28	21	4	30	23	10	34	50	28
29	24	3	3	2	45	37	16	27	19	30	22	5	32	24	11	35	50	29
30	24	4	3	2	47	39	16	28	20	31	23	5	33	25	11	36	50	30
31	25	4	3	2	49	41	17	28	20	32	24	5	34	26	11	37	50	31
32	26	4	3	2	50	43	18	29	22	32	25	5	34	27	12	39	50	32
33	26	4	3	2	52	44	18	30	22	33	25	5	35	27	12	40	50	33
34	27	4	3	2	54	46	19	31	23	34	26	5	36	28	12	41	50	34
35	27	5	3	2	56	48	19	32	24	35	27	5	37	29	13	43	50	35
36	28	5	3	3	59	50	19	33	24	36	27	6	39	30	13	44	50	36
37	28	5	4	3	61	52	19	34	25	37	28	7	40	31	14	46	50	37
38	29	5	4	3	64	54	20	34	26	38	28	7	41	32	14	48	50	38
39	30	5	4	3	66	56	21	35	27	39	29	7	42	33	15	49	50	39
40	31	6	4	3	69	59	22	37	28	41	31	7	44	34	15	51	50	40
41	32	5	4	3	72	62	23	37	29	42	32	7	45	36	16	53	50	41
42	33	6	5	3	75	64	24	39	30	44	33	8	47	38	17	55	50	42
43	34	7	5	4	78	69	25	40	31	46	37	9	49	40	17	58	50	43
44	34	7	5	4	82	73	25	41	32	46	37	9	50	41	18	60	50	44
45	35	7	5	4	85	77	27	43	34	47	39	9	52	43	19	63	50	45
46	36	8	6	4	90	81	28	44	35	50	41	10	54	45	20	65	50	46
47	37	8	6	5	94	85	28	45	36	51	42	11	56	47	21	69	50	47
48	39	8	6	5	98	89	30	47	38	53	44	11	58	49	21	71	50	48
49	40	9	7	5	1 03	93	31	48	39	56	46	12	60	51	22	75	50	49
50	41	9	7	5	1 09	98	32	50	41	57	48	12	62	53	23	78	50	50
51	42	10	7	6	1 14	1 05	33	52	43	59	50	13	65	56	25	82	50	51
52	43	10	8	6	1 20	1 10	33	54	44	61	51	14	67	57	26	86	50	52
53	45	11	8	6	1 27	1 16	34	56	46	64	54	14	70	60	27	90	50	53
54	46	12	9	7	1 34	1 24	36	58	48	67	57	16	74	64	28	94	50	54
55	48	12	9	7	1 42	1 31	37	60	50	69	59	16	76	66	30	99	50	55
56	49	13	10	7	1 50	1 39	38	62	52	72	62	17	79	68	31	1 04	50	56
57	51	14	11	8	1 59	1 47	39	64	54	76	66	19	84	72	33	1 09	50	57
58	52	15	11	8	1 69	1 56	40	67	56	78	67	19	86	74	35	1 15	50	58
59	54	16	12	9	1 80	1 66	42	70	58	82	70	21	91	78	37	1 21	50	59
60	56	16	13	10	1 90	1 78	44	72	60	85	73	23	95	83	38	1 28	50	60

The fifty cents in column 17 is based on $3.00 per year per member, less deduction for the interest derivable from the initiation and degrees, which are calculated at $11.00. (See Table C.) The 50c. and the $11.00 must be placed to the credit of the Expense Fund, from which fund alone all Current Expenses must be paid. A Lodge having an exact record of its Current Expenses, may average it, and use that average instead of the 50c.

All interest received from Invested Funds must be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund, from which fund only benefits should be paid. Interest is an important factor in computing these tables.

Table of Dues to be charged to secure the benefits named, viz. : $3.00 per week first year ; $2.00 per week next six months ; $1.00 week for remainder of sickness. $30.00 funeral expenses. $100.00 funeral Benefits.

	Paying for First Week's Sickness.					Not Paying for First Week's Sickness.				
Age.	Quarterly dues to ensure payment of $3 per week for one year, $2 per week for next six months, and $1 per week for remainder of sickness, including first week.	Cost for $30 Funeral Expense.	Cost for $100 Funeral Benefit.	Estimated Cost of Current Expenses.	Total Quarterly Dues.	Cost of $3 for first year, $2 per week for following six months, and $1 per week for remainder of illness, excluding first week.	Cost for $30 Funeral Expense.	Cost for $100 Funeral Benefit.	Estimated Cost of Current Expenses.	Total Quarterly Dues.
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	$ cts.	cts.	$ cts	cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	cts.	$ cts.	cts.	$ cts.
1	83	8	28	50	1 69	65	8	28	50	1 51
2	84	9	29	50	1 72	66	9	29	50	1 54
23	87	9	30	50	1 76	69	9	30	50	1 58
24	88	9	31	50	1 78	70	9	31	50	1 60
25	92	9	31	50	1 82	71	9	31	50	1 61
26	93	9	32	50	1 84	72	9	32	50	1 63
27	96	10	33	50	1 89	73	10	33	50	1 66
28	98	10	34	50	1 92	74	10	34	50	1 68
29	1 02	11	35	50	1 98	78	11	35	50	1 74
30	1 06	11	36	50	2 03	82	11	36	50	1 79
31	1 08	11	37	50	2 06	84	11	37	50	1 82
32	1 11	12	39	50	2 12	90	12	39	50	1 91
33	1 15	12	40	50	2 17	91	12	40	50	1 93
34	1 19	12	41	50	2 22	95	12	41	50	1 98
35	1 23	13	43	50	2 29	99	13	43	50	2 05
36	1 28	13	44	50	2 35	1 01	13	44	50	2 08
37	1 33	14	46	50	2 43	1 06	14	46	50	2 16
38	1 36	15	49	50	2 50	1 10	14	48	50	2 22
39	1 40	15	49	50	2 54	1 14	15	49	50	2 28
40	1 47	15	51	50	2 63	1 21	15	51	50	2 37
41	1 50	16	53	50	2 69	1 24	16	53	50	2 43
42	1 58	17	55	50	2 80	1 29	17	55	50	2 51
43	1 63	17	58	50	2 88	1 35	17	58	50	2 60
44	1 69	18	60	50	2 97	1 42	18	60	50	2 70
45	1 76	19	63	50	3 08	1 46	19	63	50	2 78
46	1 84	20	65	50	3 19	1 57	20	65	50	2 92
47	1 90	21	69	50	3 30	1 63	21	69	50	3 03
48	1 98	21	71	50	3 40	1 71	21	71	50	3 13
49	2 06	22	75	50	3 53	1 78	22	75	50	3 25
50	2 16	23	78	50	3 67	1 87	23	78	50	3 38
51	2 23	25	82	50	3 80	1 98	25	82	50	3 55
52	2 36	26	86	50	3 98	2 06	26	86	50	3 68
53	2 47	27	90	50	4 14	2 16	27	90	50	3 83
54	2 59	28	94	50	4 31	2 29	28	94	50	4 01
55	2 71	30	99	50	4 50	2 40	30	99	50	4 19
56	2 84	31	1 04	50	4 69	2 53	31	1 04	50	4 38
57	2 98	33	1 09	50	4 90	2 65	33	1 09	50	4 58
58	3 14	35	1 15	50	5 14	2 79	35	1 15	50	4 79
59	3 32	37	1 21	50	5 40	2 94	37	1 21	50	5 02
60	3 47	38	1 28	50	5 63	3 11	38	1 28	50	5 27

The cost for current expenses is estimated on the charge of $11.00 for Initiation and Degrees. If a greater sum be charged, this estimated cost may be reduced, using Table C sent out to Lodges recently.

SCHEDULE "C."

Table showing the yearly payments equal to combined Initiation and Degree Fees, from $11 to $20 inclusive, lapses considered, and approximated from the last four years, on a 4% basis.

Age.	Annuity Purchased by $1.	$11	$12	$13	$14	$15	$16	$17	$18	$19	$20
21	.102	$1 12	$1 22	$1 32	$1 43	$1 53	$1 64	$1 73	$1 84	$1 94	$2 04
22	.099	1 09	1 19	1 29	1 39	1 49	1 58	1 68	1 78	1 88	1 98
23	.095	1 05	1 15	1 24	1 33	1 43	1 52	1 62	1 71	1 81	1 90
24	.093	1 02	1 11	1 20	1 30	1 40	1 49	1 58	1 67	1 77	1 86
25	.090	99	1 08	1 17	1 26	1 35	1 44	1 53	1 62	1 71	1 80
26	.088	97	1 06	1 15	1 23	1 32	1 41	1 50	1 58	1 67	1 76
27	.086	95	1 04	1 12	1 20	1 29	1 38	1 46	1 55	1 63	1 72
28	.085	94	1 03	1 11	1 19	1 28	1 36	1 45	1 53	1 62	1 70
29	.084	92	1 00	1 09	1 18	1 26	1 34	1 43	1 51	1 60	1 68
30	.083	91	99	1 08	1 16	1 25	1 33	1 41	1 49	1 58	1 66
31	.081	89	97	1 05	1 13	1 22	1 30	1 38	1 46	1 54	1 62
32	.080	88	96	1 04	1 12	1 20	1 28	1 36	1 44	1 52	1 60
33	.079	87	95	1 03	1 11	1 19	1 26	1 34	1 42	1 50	1 58
34	.078	86	94	1 01	1 09	1 17	1 25	1 33	1 40	1 48	1 56
35	.078	86	94	1 01	1 09	1 17	1 25	1 33	1 40	1 48	1 56
36	.077	85	93	1 00	1 08	1 16	1 23	1 31	1 39	1 46	1 54
37	.077	85	93	1 00	1 08	1 16	1 23	1 31	1 39	1 46	1 54
38	.076	84	92	99	1 06	1 14	1 22	1 29	1 37	1 44	1 52
39	.076	84	92	99	1 06	1 14	1 22	1 29	1 37	1 44	1 52
40	.076	84	92	99	1 06	1 14	1 22	1 29	1 37	1 44	1 52
41	.077	85	93	1 00	1 08	1 16	1 23	1 31	1 39	1 46	1 54
42	.077	85	93	1 00	1 08	1 16	1 23	1 31	1 39	1 46	1 54
43	.078	86	94	1 01	1 09	1 17	1 25	1 33	1 40	1 48	1 56
44	.078	86	94	1 01	1 09	1 17	1 25	1 33	1 40	1 48	1 56
45	.079	87	95	1 03	1 11	1 19	1 26	1 34	1 42	1 50	1 58
46	.080	88	96	1 04	1 12	1 20	1 28	1 36	1 44	1 52	1 60
47	.081	89	97	1 05	1 13	1 22	1 30	1 38	1 46	1 54	1 62
48	.083	91	99	1 08	1 16	1 25	1 33	1 41	1 49	1 58	1 66
49	.084	92	1 00	1 09	1 18	1 26	1 34	1 43	1 51	1 60	1 68
50	.086	95	1 04	1 12	1 20	1 29	1 38	1 46	1 55	1 63	1 72

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS BY THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1ST, 1898, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Jan. 1	Cataraqui	10	$76 75	$76 75			
3	Wilton	242	24 50	24 50			
	Broadview	294	2 75		$2 75		
4	Prince of Wales	230	1 25		1 25		
	Prince of Wales	230	17 50	17 50			
	Waterford	235	1 12		1 12		
6	Alpha	154	3 36		3 36		
	Naomi	116	9 50	9 50			
	Star	304	20		20		
7	Bay of Quinte	143	4 50		4 50		
	Minnetonka	292	1 68		1 68		
	Beaverton	249	85		85		
	Ottawa	224	2 25		2 25		
	Emerald	173	13 50	12 25	1 25		
8	Gordon	247	18 00	17 75			
10	Lakeview	272	18 00	18 00			
	Thornbury	243	1 25		1 25		
	Pembroke	203	29 75	29 75			
	Mountain	315	1 68		1 68		
	Stella	125	1 25		1 25		
	Alba	254	12 00		12 00		
	Bracebridge	251	15 50	15 50			
	Mizpah	127	33 75	33 75			
	Waterloo	107	61 00	61 00			
	Supplies		2 25		2 25		
	Ripley	287	17 00	17 00			
	Prospect	314	1 75		1 75		
	North Star	68	7 53	7 25	28		
	Marion	131	27 75	27 75			
	Tweed	290	12 50	12 50			
	Brock	9	32 25	32 25			
	Credit	257	8 00	8 00			
	Listowel	160	16 75	16 75			
	Romeo	164	44 00	44 00			
	Athena	306	8 75	8 75			
	Grenville	279	18 25	18 25			
	Union	16	42 75	42 75			
	Dresden	124	28 25	28 25			
	Lynden	259	8 00	8 00			
	Norwood	262	5 75	5 75			
	Florence Nightingale	66	37 75	37 75			
	Beaver	82	21 00	21 00			
	Eastern Star	72	21 00	21 00			
	Howard	58	28 25	28 25			
	Ottawa	224	2 25		2 25		
	Harmony	115	46 75	46 75			
	Coraucopia	299	20 00	20 00			
	Britannia	198	8 25	8 25			
	Maitland	119	16 00	16 00			
	Carleton	240	46 00	46 00			
	Warriner	75	15 00	15 00			
	Stanley	388	7 50	7 50			
	Merlin	226	9 50	9 50			
	Arthur	281	19 00	19 00			
	Maple Leaf	57	9 25	9 25			
	Elora	231	16 25	16 25			
	Rose	28	21 50	21 50			

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Jan. 10	Owen Sound	180	$17 75	$17 75			
	Elmira	216	9 75	9 75			
	Constellation	85	10 25	10 25			
	Bervie	318	6 75	6 75			
	Grand River	91	24 18	22 50	$1 68		
	Samaritan	85	41 25	41 25			
	Thamesford	258	50		50		
	Niagara Falls	53	1 00		1 00		
	Rodney	291	12 75	12 75			
	Silver Star	202	15 25	15 25			
	Oak Leaf	159	14 50	14 50			
	Albert	194	39 50	39 50			
	Niagara Falls	53	38 25	38 25			
	Cambridge	188	10 00	10 00			
	Sutton	168	7 25	7 25			
	Walkerton	84	23 50	23 50			
	Silver City	206	17 50	17 50			
	Prospect	314	1 75		1 75		
	Hope	69	25 25	25 25			
	Minnetonka	292	16 25	16 25			
	Algoma	267	15 00	15 00			
	Stirling	239	33 00	33 00			
	Gold Hill	261	36 00	36 00			
	Amity	80	58 50	58 50			
	Rond Eau	40	36 75	36 75			
	North Bay	271	21 25	21 25			
	Mountain	315	6 50	6 50			
	Webbwood	319	11 50	11 50			
	Progress	158	29 00	29 00			
	Wellington Square	178	10 75	10 75			
	Broadview	294	31 00	31 00			
	Spirit Rock	312	9 75	9 75			
	Thomasburg	293	15 25	15 25			
12	Montana	177	2 25	2 25			
	Royal Oak	108	84		84		
	Hayden	152	14 50	14 50			
	Tweed	290	1 00	1 00			
	Gananoque	114	53 40	53 00	40		
	Stella	125	24 25	24 25			
	Meaford	260	16 00	16 00			
	Thornbury	243	7 75	7 75			
	Olive Branch	88	30 75	30 75			
	Liberty	323	12 75	12 75			
14	Ontario	324	10 00	10 00			
	Prospect	314	1 50		1 50		
	Ahiram	205	1 99		1 99		
	Beaver	82	2 20		2 20		
	Cataraqui	10	1 50		1 50		
	Merlin	226	1 75		1 75		
	Grand Union	97	26 00	26 00			
	Victoria	64	16 50	16 50			
	Madoc	179	23 75	23 75			
	Delta	265	7 00	7 00			
	Sycamore	151	13 75	13 75			
	Manotick	295	6 50	6 50			
	Egremont	207	7 00	7 00			
	Dolman	174	24 25	24 25			

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Jan. 14	Chatham	29	$47 25	$47 25			
	Fraternity	264	15 75	15 75			
	Western City	93	21 00	21 00			
	Covenant	52	40 50	40 5			
	Cobourg	136	23 00	23 00			
	Lyn	284	7 25	7 25			
	Grey	169	5 25	5 25			
	Lucan	70	5 25	5 25			
	Fidelity	55	6 50	6 50			
	Deseronto	102	22 50	22 50			
	Collingwood	54	34 50	34 50			
	Ridgely	250	12 75	12 75			
	Harrow	309	12 25	12 25			
	Fellowship	303	9 75	9 75			
	Comber	298	12 0	12 00			
	Star	304	14 00	14 00			
	Reliance	89	43 75	43 75			
	Minerva	197	16 75	16 75			
	Garnet	139	16 75	16 75			
	Charity	129	6 00	6 00			
15	The Toronto	71	24 75	23 25	$1 50		
	Ivy	90	14 25	14 2			
	Enterprise	218	25 25	25 25			
	Lansdowne	270	17 00	17 00			
	St. Clair	106	19 50	19 50			
	Saxon	121	11 00	11 00			
	Brougham	155	4 50	4 50			
	Alba	254	25	25			
	Peaceful Dove	135	12 00	12 00			
	St. Mary's	36	21 63	21 63			
	Qatar ct	103	12 75	12 75			
	Royal	286	13 75	13 75			
	Exeter	67	12 00	12 00			
	Western Star	149	13 25	13 25			
	Woodslee	220	9 00	9 00			
17	Albert	194	75		75		
	Prospect	314	35 75	35 75			
	Lilly	211	1 25		1 25		
	Simcoe	161	1 68		1 68		
	Silver City	206	1 68		1 68		
	Penetangore	172	37 00	36 00	1 00		
	Alpha	154	27 50	27 50			
18	Clifford	214	18 50	18 50			
	Huron	62	29 50	29 50			
	Hespeler	321	8 25	8 25			
	Woodstock	269	22 75	22 75			
	Cataract	103	36 00		36 00		
	Balmoral	280	16 75	16 75			
	Tecumseh	182	17 50	17 50			
	Missanabie	266	14 00	14 00			
	Belleville	81	55 75	55 75			
	Sydenham Valley	120	39 00	39 00			
	Ilderton	234	6 56	6 50			
	Mallorytown	245	12 25	12 25			
	Beethoven	165	9 75	9 75			
	Sudbury	282	16 25	16 25			
	Manilla	105	9 50	9 50			

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Jan. 18	Golden Star	101	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	.....	.....	.....
	May Flower	297	11 25	11 25	.....	.....	.....
	Pontypool	296	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
	Chesley	221	13 25	13 25	.....	.....	.....
	Parry Sound	189	18 75	18 75	.....	.....	.....
	Caledonia	253	1 96	.....	$1 96	.....	.....
	Nith	96	14 25	14 25	.....	.....	.....
	Leamington	140	31 75	31 75	.....	.....	.....
	Mizpah	127	2 25	.....	2 25	.....	.....
	Sauble	227	14 45	12 75	1 70	.....	.....
19	Britain	316	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
	Unity	47	84 50	84 50	.....	.....	.....
	Lucknow	112	26 00	24 00	.....	.....	.....
	Caledonia	253	8 75	5 75	3 00	.....	.....
	Simcoe	161	16 25	16 25	.....	.....	.....
	Jarvis	191	8 50	8 50	.....	.....	.....
	Norfolk	225	17 25	17 25	.....	.....	.....
	Equity	232	4 25	4 25	.....	.....	.....
	Waterford	235	21 75	21 75	.....	.....	.....
	St. Laurence	137	1 68	.....	1 68	.....	.....
	Barrie	63	1 68	.....	1 68	.....	.....
	Kingston	59	74 25	74 25	.....	.....	.....
	Rideau	241	41 00	41 00	.....	.....	.....
	Frontier	45	55 50	55 50	.....	.....	.....
	Oriental	163	21 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....
	Lancaster	138	14 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....
	Empire	87	28 75	28 75	.....	.....	.....
	Collingwood	54	2 25	.....	2 25	.....	.....
	St. Mary's	36	1 12	.....	1 12	.....	.....
20	Livingstone	130	10 50	7 50	3 00	.....	.....
	Millbrook	308	1 75	.....	1 75	.....	.....
	Orient	134	7 25	7 25	.....	.....	.....
	Bobraygeon	300	9 75	9 75	.....	.....	.....
	Aylmer	94	38 50	38 50	.....	.....	.....
	Phoenix	22	29 00	29 00	.....	.....	.....
	Acton	204	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....
	Model	147	10 50	10 50	.....	.....	.....
	Waterloo	107	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Campbellford	248	16 75	16 75	.....	.....	.....
	Minto	98	13 75	13 75	.....	.....	.....
	Sarnia	126	33 00	33 00	.....	.....	.....
	Thamesford	258	29 00	29 00	.....	.....	.....
21	Aurora	148	16 75	16 75	.....	.....	.....
	Ahiram	205	28 50	28 50	.....	.....	.....
	Crescent	104	72 25	72 25	.....	.....	.....
	Lilly	211	14 50	14 50	.....	.....	.....
	Farmersville	237	5 75	5 75	.....	.....	.....
	Beacon	201	22 00	20 00	2 00	.....	.....
	Florence Nightingale	66	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
	Mallorytown	245	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
	Germania	184	29 50	29 50	.....	.....	.....
	Ottawa	224	43 50	43 50	.....	.....	.....
	Dauncey	176	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
	Lambton	277	16 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....
	Hastings	273	9 50	9 50	.....	.....	.....
	Concord	142	18 25	18 25	.....	.....	.....
	Vivian	146	17 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....

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Date.	LODGE.	No	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Jan. 21	Midland	274	$ 9 75	$ 9 75			
	Queen City of Ontario	56	55 68	51 25	$ 4 43		
	Campbellford	248	3 36		3 36		
	Peaceful Dove	135	1 00		1 00		
	Excelsior	44	38 50	38 50			
22	Strathcona	326	25 33		25 33		
	Saugeen	327	25 33		25 33		
	Oakville	132	13 75	13 75			
	Weston	200	7 50	7 50			
	Eureka	30	25 50	25 50			
	Otonabee	13	33 00	33 00			
	Acorn	236	6 75	6 75			
	Rockliffe	278	45 00	45 00			
	Mt. Brydges	217	27 25	27 25			
	Teeswater	183	4 25	4 25			
	Hensall	223	13 50	13 50			
	Gore	34	69 00	69 00			
	Gordon	247	1 00		1 00		
24	Zeta	311	18 00	16 25	1 75		
	Hayden	15	1 40		1 40		
	Silver City	206	1 50		1 50		
	Hillsburg	16	6 75	6 75			
	St. Lawrence	137	30 25	30 25			
	Fairy	275	6 25	6 25			
	Millbank	209	8 00	8 00			
	Albert	194	40		40		
25	Central	322	30 25	30 25			
	Cambridge	188	1 00		1 00		
	Fergus	73	20 75	20 75			
	Howick	192	2 25	2 25			
	Laurentian	317	8 00	8 00			
	Tottenham	255	1 00			$1 00	
	Floral	252	17 75	17 75			
26	East Toronto	263	17 00	17 00			
	Royal Oak	10	18 00	18 00			
	Streetsville	122	8 50	8 50			
	Valley City	117	31 50	31 50			
	Lucknow	112	1 00		1 00		
	Meaford	260	1 00		1 00		
	Western Star	149	32		32		
	Princeton	307	12 75	12 75			
	Fidelity	55	70	70			
	Nipissing	79	14 00	14 00			
27	Minerva	197	1 00		1 00		
	Crescent	104	2 40		2 40		
	Oakville	132	1 00		1 00		
	Electric City	313	9 00	9 00			
	Webbwood	319	1 50		1 50		
	Ancaster	138	1 00		1 00		
	Fairy	275	1 00		1 00		
	Comber	298	2 75		2 75		
	Bracebridge	251	25		25		
	Laurel	110	29 00	29 00			
	Pyramid	156	7 25	4 25	3 00		
	Orion	109	1 00		1 00		
	Campbellford	248	1 00		1 00		
	Clinton	83	16 50	16 50			

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1898							
Jan. 28	Prospect	314	$ 0 85		$0 85		
	St. Thomas	76	83 00	$83 00			
	Aurora	148	1 00		1 00		
	Missanabie	266	1 75		1 75		
	Alpha	154	2 25		2 25		
	Chorazin	190	31 75	31 75			
	Chesley	221	3 50		3 50		
	Star	304	1 00		1 00		
	Chatham	29	1 00		1 00		
	Owen Sound	180	1 31		1 31		
	Carleton	240	5 00		5 00		
	Ridgetown	114	22 75	22 75			
	Shedden	310	6 75	6 75			
	Millbrook	308	18 75	18 75			
	Napanee	86	20 50	20 50			
	Trenton	113	14 75	14 75			
	Kingston	59	1 50		1 50		
31	"	59	2 25		2 25		
	Rond Eau	40	3 50		3 50		
	Bay of Quinte	143	30 50	30 50			
	Aberdeen	312	6 50	6 50			
	Aylmer	94	4 75		4 75		
	Wildey	153	17 65	16 25	1 40		
	Brucefield	210	6 75	6 75			
Feb. 1	Geneva	320	9 25	9 25			
	Argyll	212	21 75	21 75			
	Gold Hill	261	1 75		1 75		
	Norfolk	225	3 50		3 50		
	Sycamore	151	1 00		1 00		
	Princeton	307	2 00		2 00		
	Fellowship	303	1 00		1 00		
	Lindsay	100	30 50	29 50	1 00		
	Freestone	215	85		85		
	Grand Valley	256	8 25	8 25			
	Elgin	32	56 25	56 25			
	Florence	196	20 75	20 75			
3	Ilderton	234	1 00	1 00			
	Friendship	65	29 00	29 00			
	Riverside	145	15 50	15 50			
	Chesterville	288	8 00	8 00			
	Beethoven	165	1 06		1 06		
4	Rebekah Assembly		9 15		9 15		
	Milton	92	4 25	4 25			
	Broadview	294	1 75		1 75		
5	Napanee	86	1 00		1 00		
7	Minto	98	1 00		1 00		
	Mt. Brydges	217	1 75		1 75		
	Bothwell	74	6 50	6 50			
	Durham	78	31 75	30 75	1 00		
8	Thamesville	157	15 75	15 75			
	St. Laurence	137	3 20		3 20		
	Western Star	149	56		56		
9	Barrie	63	23 25	23 25			
	Liberty	323	1 75		1 75		
10	Fergus	73	40		40		
	Oak Leaf	159	5 00		5 00		
	Empire	87	1 50		1 50		

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Feb. 10	Howard	58	$ 2 00		$2 00		
	Aurora	148	40		40		
	Valentine	305	8 50	$ 8 50			
	Supplies		60		60		
	Dominion	48	38 50	38 50			
	Niagara Falls	53	1 50		1 50		
	Valentine	305	6 25		6 25		
	Dufferin	186	3 50		3 50		
11	Lambton	277	3 05		3 05		
	Southampton	325	6 00		6 00		
12	Waterford	235	1 00		1 00		
	Glanworth	289	1 00		1 00		
	Cataract	103	1 75		1 75		
	Victoria	64	1 00		1 00		
	Lyn	284	1 00		1 00		
	Fellowship	303	1 50		1 50		
	Cobourg	136	85		85		
	Erie	33	2 00	2 00			
	Freestone	215	5 75	5 75			
	Otter	50	1 75		1 75		
14	Lindsay	100	14 25		14 25		
	Glencoe	133	12 75	12 75			
15	Bissell	51	1 00			$1 00	
	Eureka	30	1 00		1 00		
	Hope	69	1 75		1 75		
	Minnetonka	292	1 75		1 75		
	Valley City	117	84		84		
	Pembroke	203	1 00		1 00		
16	Morewood	285	12 75	12 75			
	Concord	142	1 00		1 00		
18	Canada	49	5 00		5 00		
	Ahiram	205	1 00		1 00		
	Vivian	146	5 00		5 00		
	Sauble	227	2 00		2 00		
	Listowel	260	2 60		2 60		
	Oxford	77	13 50	13 50			
19	Excelsior	44	85		85		
	Unity	47	1 00		1 00		
21	Walkerton	84	1 25		1 25		
	Leamington	140	4 35		4 35		
	Sudbury	282	1 09		1 09		
	Beaverton	249	12 25		12 25		
	Penetangore	172	1 75		1 75		
22	Flo al	252	20		20		
	Lakeview	272	2 75		2 75		
23	Olive Branch	88	2 75		2 75		
	Ahiram	205	1 25		1 25		
	Eastern Star	72	1 00		1 00		
	Woodstock	269	75		75		
24	Romeo	164	2 00		2 00		
	Minnetonka	292	2 00		2 00		
	Aberdeen	302	1 00		1 00		
25	Ottawa	224	1 65		1 65		
26	East Toronto	263	1 00		1 00		
28	Peterboro'	111	54 00	53 00	1 00		
	Sydenham Valley	120	3 50		3 50		
Mar. 1	Algoma	267	2 00		2 00		

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1898.							
Mar. 1	Otonabee	13	$ 0 30		$ 0 30		
	Deseronto	102	1 75		1 75		
	Ivy	90	50		50		
2	Otter	50	4 50		4 50		
	Temple	238	58 00			$58 00	
4	Hespeler	321	1 00		1 00		
5	Freestone	215	50		50		
	Canada	49	50 75	50 75			
	Bobcaygeon	300	2 50		2 50		
	Thamesford	258	1 75		1 75		
	Lynden	259	1 75		1 75		
	Alvinston	208	10 25	10 25			
	Embro Star	229	8 00	8 00			
	Mt. Zion	46	8 50	8 50			
8	Progress	158	3 00		3 00		
9	Liberty	323	50		50		
	Wellington Square	178	1 00		1 00		
	Norwood	262	1 00		1 00		
	International	228	48		48		
	Western City	93	1 00		1 00		
10	Missanabie	266	85		85		
	Sarnia	126	1 75		1 75		
	Glanworth	289	8 50	8 50			
	Riverside	145	1 00		1 00		
	Manotick	295	25		25		
	Rebekah Assembly		36 95		36 95		
	Georgian Bay	219	22 75	22 75			
	Livingstone	130	1 00		1 00		
11	Waterloo	107	4 00		4 00		
12	Star	304	1 25		1 25		
	Ridgely	250	3 75		3 75		
	Grand River	91	50		50		
	Listowel	160	11 00		11 00		
	Dufferin	186	3 50	3 50			
14	Stella	125	75		75		
	Acorn	236	1 00		1 00		
16	Waterford	235	5 00		5 00		
	Brucefield	210	50		50		
	Rebekah Assembly		29 50		29 50		
	Pyramid	167	1 00		1 00		
	Florence	196	75		75		
17	Embro Star	229	3 75		3 75		
19	Hayden	152	1 75		1 75		
	Zeta	311	3 00		3 00		
	Grand River	91	1 00		1 00		
	Glanworth	289	1 20		1 20		
	Rockliffe	278	1 75		1 75		
	Supplies		30		30		
21	Ridgely	250	1 00		1 00		
25	Britannia	198	4 50		4 50		
	Thornbury	243	1 75		1 75		
	Earnscliffe	283	2 00		2 00		
	Bervie	318	75		75		
	Alliston	171	1 00			1 00	
	Broadview	294	25		25		
	Farmersville	237	25		25		
	Collingwood	54	1 00		1 00		

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1898.							
April 1	Dominion	48	$ 4 0	$ 4 00			
	Covenant	52	85		$ 85		
	Crescent	104	1 00		1 00		
	Penetangore	172	10		10		
	Otter	50	1 00		1 00		
	Sudbury	282	3 00		3 00		
	Phoenix	22	60		60		
	Gore	34	1 00		1 00		
	Peaceful Dove	135	1 50		1 50		
	Victoria	64	50		50		
	Napanee	86	4 93		4 93		
	Amity	80	2 50		2 50		
4	Floral	252	1 00		1 00		
	Stella	125	1 40		1 40		
	Golden Star	101	30		30		
	Thomasburg	293	1 25		1 25		
	Zeta	311	30		30		
	Saugeen	327	2 75		2 75		
	North Bay	271	1 68		1 68		
	Broadview	294	25		25		
5	Wilton	242	40		40		
	Owen Sound	180	1 00		1 00		
	Central	322	1 00		1 00		
	Constellation	85	1 12		1 12		
6	Chesley	221	2 00		2 00		
9	Grand River	91	90		90		
	Ottawa	224	4 25		4 25		
11	Frontier	45	4 00		4 00		
	Glanworth	289	3 50		3 50		
	Merlin	226	1 75		1 75		
13	Romeo	164	56		56		
14	Forest City	38	60		60		
	St. Mary's	36	1 40		1 40		
16	Peaceful Dove	133	50		50		
18	Owen Sound	180	85		85		
	Cambridge	188	75		75		
19	Port Arthur	244	1 50		1 50		
21	Samaritan	35	1 50		1 50		
	Chorazin	190	85		85		
22	Bay of Quinte	143	50		50		
	Underwood	328	57 43		27 43		$30 00
23	Amity	80	1 50		1 50		
25	Minto	98	1 00		1 00		
26	Prince of Wales	230	25		25		
	Grand Union	97	1 25		1 25		
	De Novo	170	2 10		2 10		
27	Mizpah	127	40		40		
28	Fergus	73	85		85		
	Otonabee	13	1 25		1 25		
May 1	Saxon	191	3 50		3 50		
	Fidelity	56	4 50		4 50		
	St. Clair	106	1 75		1 75		
	Thornbury	243	1 00		1 00		
2	Supplies	....	4 45		4 45		
	Harrow	309	3 00		3 00		
	Athena	306	1 75		1 75		
5	Balmoral	280	5 75		5 75		

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1898.							
May 7	Forest City	38	$ 27 50	$ 27 50			
	Ottawa	224	1 75		$ 1 75		
	Avon	41	67 00	65 00	2 00		
	Rond Eau	40	1 75		1 75		
9	Concord	142	2 00		2 00		
	Dominion	48	2 35		2 35		
	Milton	92	1 00		1 00		
10	Port Arthur	244	1 50		1 50		
	Acton	204	1 00		1 00		
11	O. F. Relief Association		10 00				$ 10 00
12	Olive Branch	88	1 00		1 00		
16	Albert	194	37		37		
18	Rodney	291	5 00		5 00		
21	Otter	50	4 00		4 00		
23	Valley City	117	50		50		
25	Stella	125	50		50		
	Lilly	211	2 75		2 75		
27	Albert	194	50		50		
28	Maitland	119	3 50		3 50		
30	Hayden	152	24		24		
June 1	Corinthian	61	62 75	62 75			
	Sa nia	126	85		85		
6	Millbrook	308	50		50		
	Cobourg	136	75		75		
	Mt. Brydges	217	75		75		
7	Marion	131	1 00		1 00		
10	Prince of Wales	230	85		85		
13	Rond Eau	40	1 50		1 50		
	Walkerton	84	1 25		1 25		
	Minto	98	50		50		
14	Hope	69	4 50		4 50		
	Empire	87	1 00		1 00		
16	Dresden	124	4 50		4 50		
	North Bay	271	5 00	4 70	3		
	Fra ernity	204	40		40		
	Princeton	307	36		36		
18	H ward	58	30		30		
20	Oxford	77	1 00		1 00		
21	Gold Hill	261	1 60		1 60		
	Teeswater	183	50		50		
23	Cataraqui	10	75		75		
	Aberdeen	302	7 25	6 50	75		
	Penetangore	172	2 50		2 50		
25	Bothwell	74	2 00		2 00		
	Kingston	59	1 00		1 00		
	Frontier	45	1 50		1 50		
	Aylmer	91	75		75		
27	Excelsior	44	1 00		1 00		
	Laurel	110	1 00		1 00		
29	Alpha	154	25		25		
	Chorazin	190	1 00		1 00		
30	Tecumseh	182	50		50		
	Constellation	85	25		25		
	Pyramid	156	50		50		
	Lilly	211	50		50		
July 1	Waterloo	107	65 75	65 75			
2	Jarvis	191	8 75	8 75			

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Date.	LODGE.	No	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
July 2	Leamington	140	$ 1 00	.....	$ 1 00	.....	.....
4	Alba	254	12 50	$ 12 50	.....	.....	.....
	Sydenham Valley	120	38 75	38 75	.....	.....	.....
	Pembroke	203	30 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....
	Romeo	161	75	.....	75	.....	.....
	Cataraqui	10	78 00	78 00	.....	.....	.....
	Beaver	82	1 60	.....	1 60	.....	.....
	Walkerton	84	25 25	25 25	.....	.....	.....
	Huron	62	85	.....	85	.....	.....
5	Brock	9	2 10	.....	2 10	.....	.....
	Liberty	323	11 75	11 75	.....	.....	.....
6	Ripley	287	17 75	17 75	.....	.....	.....
	Ancaster	138	12 75	12 75	.....	.....	.....
7	Cataraqui	10	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
	Eastern Star	72	19 50	19 50	.....	.....	.....
	Hensall	223	3 50	.....	3 50	.....	.....
	Marion	131	27 00	27 00	.....	.....	.....
	Charity	129	6 25	6 25	.....	.....	.....
	Silver Star	202	14 25	14 25	.....	.....	.....
	Dauncey	176	3 75	3 75	.....	.....	.....
	Romeo	164	43 50	43 50	.....	.....	.....
	Niagara Falls	53	38 50	38 50	.....	.....	.....
	Florence	196	20 75	20 75	.....	.....	.....
	Interest—W. J. Mc.	.....	48 83	.....	.....	48 83	.....
	Royal	286	3 24	.....	3 24	.....	.....
	Grey	169	83	.....	83	.....	.....
8	Avon	41	65 25	65 25	.....	.....	.....
	Cambridge	188	8 50	8 50	.....	.....	.....
	Bervie	318	8 50	8 50	.....	.....	.....
	Lynden	259	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....
	Naomi Lodge account with Alliston Lodge	116	75 00	.....	.....	75 00	.....
	Bracebridge	251	50	.....	50	.....	.....
	North Bay	271	17 30	17 30	.....	.....	.....
	Webbwood	319	11 25	11 25	.....	.....	.....
	Britannia	198	11 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....
	Ottawa	224	41 25	41 25	.....	.....	.....
	Florence Nightingale	66	36 50	36 00	50	.....	.....
	Oak Leaf	159	14 75	14 75	.....	.....	.....
	Union	16	42 50	42 50	.....	.....	.....
	Listowel	160	17 50	17 50	.....	.....	.....
	Harmony	115	46 75	46 75	.....	.....	.....
9	Queen City of Ontario	56	52 75	52 75	.....	.....	.....
11	Thamesford	258	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....
	Lakeview	272	17 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....
	Arthur	281	17 50	17 50	.....	.....	.....
	Midland	274	8 75	8 75	.....	.....	.....
	Corinthian	61	63 25	63 25	.....	.....	.....
	Elmira	216	9 25	9 25	.....	.....	.....
	Samaritan	35	41 25	41 25	.....	.....	.....
	Bay of Quinte	143	30 25	30 25	.....	.....	.....
	Elora	231	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....
	Wilton	242	26 75	26 75	.....	.....	.....
	Huron	63	29 75	29 75	.....	.....	.....
	Credit	257	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....
	Enterprise	218	25 75	25 75	.....	.....	.....
	Grand River	91	24 00	24 00	.....	.....	.....

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1898.							
July 11	Chatham	29	$47 75	$47 75			
	Hayden	152	15 25	15 25			
	Mt. Brydges	217	27 25	27 25			
	Gordon	247	17 25	17 25			
	Mizpah	127	33 75	33 75			
	Mallorytown	244	12 00	12 00			
	Excelsior	44	37 50	37 50			
	Owen Sound	180	19 25	19 25			
	International	228	91 25	91 25			
	Port Arthur	244	15 00	15 00			
	Amity	80	59 50	59 50			
	Vivian	146	15 75	15 75			
	Clifford	214	16 25	16 25			
	Ontario	324	10 50	10 50			
	Floral	252	85		$0 85		
	Grand Union	97	25 00	25 00			
	Silver City	206	18 00	18 00			
12	Lakeview	272	50		50		
	Ivy	90	14 25	14 25			
	Broadview	294	32 25	32 25			
	St. Lawrence	137	31 25	31 25			
	Rond Eau	40	38 00	38 00			
	Woodslee	220	7 25	7 25			
	Merlin	226	11 50	11 50			
	Peaceful Dove	185	12 75	12 75			
	North Star	68	6 25	6 25			
	Stella	125	25 25	25 25			
	Minnetonka	292	17 00	17 00			
	Algoma	267	16 25	16 25			
	Harrow	80	13 75	13 75			
13	The Toronto	71	20 50	20 50			
	Prince of Wales	230	17 25	17 25			
	Prospect	314	35 00	35 00			
	Meaford	260	18 25	18 25			
	Fquity	232	3 00	3 00			
	Minto	98	14 60	13 50	1 10		
	Nipissing	79	14 00	14 00			
	Collingwood	54	34 75	34 75			
	Lyn	284	7 25	7 25			
	Waterford	235	22 75	22 75			
	Hope	69	25 25	25 25			
	Beacon	201	21 75	21 75			
	Warriner	75	14 50	14 50			
	Minerva	197	15 75	15 75			
	Olive Branch	88	31 75	31 75			
	Princeton	307	13 00	13 00			
	Reliance	89	42 50	42 50			
	Grey	169	6 75	6 75			
	Hastings	173	9 50	9 50			
	Tecumseh	182	17 50	17 50			
	Lucknow	112	25 00	25 00			
	Spirit Rock	312	10 00	10 00			
	Victoria	64	16 00	16 00			
14	Eureka	30	22 75	22 75			
	Sarnia	126	32 25	32 25			
	Madoc	179	25 25	25 25			
	Dolman	174	25 25	25 25			

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
July 14	Star		$ 3 50		$ 3 50		
	Aylmer	304	37 00	$37 00			
	Howard	94	28 25	28 25			
	Bracebridge	58	14 75	14 75			
	Britain	251	10 50	10 50			
	Welling on Square	316	11 75	11 75			
	Rideau	178	1 90		1 90		
	Tweed	241	13 25	13 25			
	Phoenix	290	28 00	28 00			
	Howick	22	3 35	2 25	1 10		
	Durham	192	30 25	30 25			
	Orion	78	12 25	12 25			
	Acorn	109	6 75	6 75			
	Peterborough	236	53 00	53 00			
	Star	111	14 50	14 50			
	Woodstock	304	25 25	25 25			
	Sutton	269	7 00	7 00			
	Western City	168	22 75	22 75			
15	Progress	93	29 25	29 25			
	Cornucopia	158	18 00	18 00			
	Erie	299	4 25	4 25			
	Oakville	33	14 50	14 50			
	Fidelity	132	7 50	7 50			
	May Flower	55	10 75	10 75			
	Rockliffe	297	1 75		1 75		
	Missanabie	278	13 25	13 25			
	Acton	266	2 50	2 50			
	Cobourg	204	25 00	25 00			
	Hespeler	136	9 00	9 00			
	Otter	321	44 00	44 00			
	Brucefield	50	6 75	6 75			
	Brock	210	31 00	31 00			
	Oriental	9	22 25	22 25			
	Rose	163	5 00		5 00		
	Grenville	28	18 75	18 75			
	Covenant	279	41 00	41 00			
	Penetangore	52	38 75	38 75			
	De Novo	172	11 00	11 00			
	Nith	170	11 25	11 25			
	Sauble	96	15 00	15 00			
	Chesley	227	13 25	13 25			
16	Canada	221	50 75	50 75			
18	Cataraqui	49	1 00		1 00		
	Campbellford	10	16 75	16 75			
	Waterford	248	70		70		
	Saxon	235	10 25	10 25			
	Simcoe	121	15 50	15 50			
	Hensall	161	14 25	14 25			
	Ridgetown	223	23 75	23 75			
	Leamington	144	30 25	30 25			
	Montana	140	5 50	3 75	1 75		
	Dresden	177	28 25	28 25			
	Geneva	124	8 75	8 75			
	Aurora	320	18 75	18 75			
	Glanworth	148	8 75	8 75			
	Stanley	289	7 25	7 25			
	Mt. Zion	268	8 75	8 75			
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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
July 18	Bothwell	74	$ 6 50	$ 6 50			
	Maple Leaf	57	9 25	9 25			
	Rose	28	21 00	21 00			
	Streetsville	122	8 50	8 50			
	Grand Valley	256	8 25	8 25			
	Trenton	113	15 00	15 00			
	Pontypool	296	12 25	12 25			
	Golden Star	101	7 75	7 75			
	Beethoven	165	9 75	9 75			
	Shedden	310	7 25	7 25			
	Saugeen	327	5 75	5 75			
	Frontier	45	53 25	53 25			
	Friendship	65	29 50	29 50			
	Ridgely	250	12 75	12 75			
	Fraternity	264	16 00	16 00			
	Farmersville	237	5 50	5 50			
	Constellation	85	10 00	10 00			
	Unity	47	84 50	84 50			
	Central	322	31 00	31 00			
	Sudbury	282	17 00	17 00			
19	Maitland	119	17 00	17 00			
	St. Clair	106	19 50	19 50			
	Mountain	315	7 50	7 50			
	Millbank	209	8 00	8 00			
	Zeta	311	17 50	17 50			
	Riverside	145	16 25	16 25			
	Deseronto	102	22 00	22 00			
	Ilderton	234	6 25	6 25			
	Beaver	82	20 75	20 75			
	Concord	142	19 00	19 00			
	Combe	298	12 75	12 75			
	St. Thomas	76	84 00	84 00			
	Underwood	328	6 75	6 75			
	Crescent	104	75 25	75 25			
	Naomi	116	12 75	11 75	$1 00		
	Woodstock	269	1 25		1 25		
20	Chesterville	288	5 00	5 00			
	Stirling	239	32 00	32 00			
	Alpha	154	27 75	27 25		50	
	Oxford	77	13 00	13 00			
	Chorazin	190	32 75	32 00	75		
	Lily	211	15 25	15 25			
	Athena	306	9 00	9 00			
	Empire	87	29 25	29 25			
	Manilla	105	8 75	8 75			
	Weston	200	7 50	7 50			
	East Toronto	263	16 75	16 75			
	Egremont	207	7 25	7 25			
	Strathcona	326	10 25	10 25			
	Caledonia	253	4 75	4 75			
	Southampton	325	7 75	7 75			
	Fairy	275	7 75	7 75			
	Millbrook	308	19 25	19 25			
	Elgin	32	56 50	56 50			
	Kingston	59	73 00	73 00			
	Ahiram	205	28 75	28 75			
	Albert	194	40 00	40 00			

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
July 21	Emerald	173	$14 25	$14 25			
	Thamesford	258	29 75	29 75			
	Pembroke	203	1 35		$1 35		
	Norfolk	225	17 00	17 00			
	Delta	265	7 00	7 00			
	Balmoral	280	15 50	15 50			
	Lucan	70	5 25	5 25			
	Laurentian	317	8 25	8 25			
	Carleton	240	46 00	46 00			
	Rockcliffe	278	42 25	42 25			
	Earnscliffe	283	27 25	27 25			
	Manotick	295	6 75	6 75			
	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
	Sycamore	151	13 25	13 25			
	Fellowship	303	9 25	9 25			
	Gananoque	114	55 00	55 00			
	Laurel	110	30 00	27 25	2 75		
	St. Mary's	36	20 25	20 25			
	Orient	134	5 25	5 25			
	Gold Hill	261	36 75	36 75			
	Exeter	67	11 75	11 75			
	Brougham	155	4 75	4 75			
	Livingston	130	7 50	7 50			
	Orient	134	1 00		1 00		
	Pyramid	156	5 00	5 00			
	Dufferin	186	5 00	5 00			
	Royal Oak	105	18 75	18 75			
	Bobcaygeon	300	10 25	10 25			
	Cicerone	195	4 75	4 75			
	Wildey	153	16 25	16 25			
	Ottawa	224	1 50		1 50		
23	Teeswater	183	4 25	4 25			
	Western Star	149	21 50	20 25	1 25		
	Elora	231	4 10		4 10		
25	Ivy	90	85		85		
	Gore	34	69 75	69 75			
	Parry Sound	189	19 25	19 25			
	Alvinston	208	10 25	10 25			
	Germania	184	29 75	29 75			
	Embro Star	229	7 00	7 00			
	Otter	56	44 00	44 00			
	Forest City	38	26 25	26 25			
	Freestone	215	5 50	5 50			
	Floral	252	20 75	20 75			
26	Georgian Bay	219	23 25	23 25			
	Egremont	207	75		75		
	Missanabie	266	2 00		2 00		
28	Thamesville	157	15 75	15 75			
	Hillsburg	167	6 25	6 25			
	Valentine	305	8 75	8 75			
	Clinton	83	16 50	16 50			
	Electric City	313	10 00	10 00			
	Lindsay	100	29 35	27 25	2 10		
	Barrie	63	22 0	22 00			
	Dominion	48	38 25	38 25			
	Milton	92	4 25	4 25			
	Prosperity	329	30 00				$30 00

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
July 29	Harrow	309	$ 3 00	.....	$3 00	.....	.....
	Durham	78	3 36	.....	3 36	.....	.....
	Excelsior	44	75	.....	75	.....	.....
	Amity	80	2 75	.....	2 75	.....	.....
	Royal	286	14 25	$14 25	.....	.....	.....
Aug. 1	Frontier	45	56 50	56 50	.....	.....	.....
	Cataract	103	13 25	13 25	.....	.....	.....
	Orion	109	11 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....
	Belleville	81	53 00	53 00	.....	.....	.....
	Napanee	86	18 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....
	Thomasburg	293	15 25	15 25	.....	.....	.....
	Garnet	139	14 50	14 50	.....	.....	.....
	Beaverton	249	12 25	12 25	.....	.....	.....
	Plattsville	301	11 25	11 25	.....	.....	.....
	Waterloo	107	34 00	.....	34 00	.....	.....
2	Millbank	209	1 25	.....	1 25	.....	.....
	Crescent	104	50	.....	50	.....	.....
3	Glencoe	133	12 25	12 25	.....	.....	.....
	Lambton	277	16 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....
	Otonabee	13	30 25	30 25	.....	.....	.....
	Dresden	124	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
	Victoria	64	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....
	Rodney	291	11 50	11 50	.....	.....	.....
9	Stirling	239	1 35	.....	1 35	.....	.....
	Chesley	221	1 25	.....	1 25	.....	.....
	International	228	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
10	Anzaster	138	30	.....	30	.....	.....
15	Thornbury	243	7 25	7 25	.....	.....	.....
	Corinthian	61	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
	Florence Nightingale	66	50	.....	50	.....	.....
17	Madoc	179	1 25	.....	1 25	.....	.....
18	Tweed	290	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
	Prosperity	329	16 97	.....	16 97	.....	.....
	Victoria	64	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
22	Sydenham Valley	120	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....
24	Meaford	260	50	.....	50	.....	.....
26	Aurora	148	50	.....	50	.....	.....
	Lucknow	112	60	.....	60	.....	.....
27	Ottawa	224	85	.....	85	.....	.....
	Mountain	315	25	.....	25	.....	.....
30	Penetangore	172	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
	Barrie	63	85	.....	85	.....	.....
Sept. 1	Prospect	314	50	.....	50	.....	.....
6	Western City	93	50	.....	50	.....	.....
	Sarnia	126	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
7	Port Arthur	244	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
	Germania	184	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
	Western Star	149	25	.....	25	.....	.....
8	Grenville	279	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....
	Dolman	174	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
	Britain	316	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
9	Floral	252	30	.....	30	.....	.....
	Gananoque	114	85	.....	85	.....	.....
	Carleton	240	75	.....	75	.....	.....
12	Frontier	45	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
	Ottawa	224	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
	Gore	34	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898.							
Sept. 14	Royal Oak	108	$ 0 60		$ 0 60		
15	Woodslee	226	2 00		2 00		
	Argyll	212	21 75	$21 75			
17	Gold Hill	261	50		50		
	Mizpah	127	85		85		
23	Rockliffe	278	5 00		5 00		
	Strathcona	326	2 00		2 00		
26	Broadview	294	85		85		
	Western City	93	8 00		8 00		
	Chatham	29	4 00		4 00		
27	East Toronto	263	25		25		
28	Hillsburg	167	25		25		
29	Bay of Quinte	143	1 00		1 00		
30	Progress	158	28		28		
	Amity	80	20 00		20 00		
Oct. 1	Comber	298	2 00		2 00		
	Gordon	247	90		90		
	Empire	87	2 00		2 00		
3	Silver City	206	85		85		
5	Laurel	110	3 25		3 25		
	Chesley	221	1 20		1 20		
	Southampton	325	1 00		1 00		
8	May Flower	297	1 75		1 75		
	Enterprise	218	2 00		2 00		
	Carleton	240	2 00		2 00		
10	Hespeler	321	2 50		2 50		
	Thamesford	258	1 50		1 50		
12	Beaverton	249	1 00		1 00		
	Maitland	119	4 00		4 00		
13	Orient	134	1 00		1 00		
	Port Arthur	244	15 00	15 00			
14	Marion	131	1 00		1 00		
17	Chatham	29	40		40		
19	Grand Union	97	1 85		1 85		
21	Niagara Falls	53	1 00		1 00		
22	Gananoque	114	60		60		
24	Unity	49	75		75		
	Woodstock	269	50		50		
	Minto	98	1 00		1 00		
26	Dresden	124	3 00		3 00		
Nov. 2	Chorazin	190	1 50		1 50		
	Shedden	310	2 00		2 00		
	Norwood	262	85		85		
	Broadview	294	5 00		5 00		
	Ahiram	205	40		40		
	Minnetonka	292	1 55		1 55		
	Dresden	124	3 50		3 50		
4	Alvinston	208	50		50		
	Fergus	73	50		50		
5	Arthur	281	1 50		1 50		
7	Wilton	242	4 00		4 00		
	Cobourg	136	2 00		2 00		
	Morewood	285	14 25	14 25			
8	Harmony	115	50		50		
	Gore	34	85		85		
9	Supplies		1 00		1 00		
10	Samaritan	35	4 50		4 50		

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1898							
Nov. 10	Olive Branch	88	$1 25		$1 25		
14	Chesley	221	85		85		
15	Port Arthur	244	85		85		
18	Webbwood	318	1 50		1 50		
21	Plattsville	301	11 50	$11 50			
22	Gold Hill	261	5 00		5 00		
23	Sydenham Valley	120	50		50		
	Manilla	105	1 25		1 25		
	Carleton	240	1 00		1 00		
	Cobourg	136	40		40		
25	Spirit Rock	312	1 45		1 45		
	Unity	47	4 00		4 00		
	Durham	78	1 25		1 25		
	Lansdowne	270	17 25		17 25		
	Warriner	75	1 25		1 25		
28	Credit	257	1 00		1 00		
Dec. 1	Underwood	328	1 25		1 25		
	Kingston	59	56		56		
2	Bobcaygeon	309	3 00		3 00		
3	Ilderton	234	68		68		
5	Elora	231	1 40		1 40		
6	Silver City	206	1 00		1 00		
	Lyndea	259	1 00		1 00		
12	Amity	80	2 25		2 25		
	Western Star	149	1 20		1 20		
	Southampton	325	3 00		3 00		
	Prince of Wales	230	1 25		1 25		
13	Prospect	314	59		59		
14	International	228	1 00		1 00		
	Grey	169	1 35		1 35		
	Eureka	30	75		75		
16	Supplies		30		30		
	Progress	158	1 00		1 00		
17	Dolman	174	1 00		1 00		
	Valentine	305	1 00		1 00		
19	Maitland	119	90		90		
22	Grand Union	97	60		60		
	Egremont	207	1 25		1 25		
	Alpha	154	85		85		
23	Florence Nightingale	66	1 25		1 25		
	Hope	69	4 50		4 50		
	Milton	92	3 00		3 00		
	Minto	98	5 00		5 00		
28	Enterprise	218	2 50		2 50		
	Frontier	45	85		85		
	Waterford	235	1 00		1 00		
	Thomasburg	293	1 95		1 95		
	Supplies		75		75		
30	Otonabee	13	45		45		
	Aurora	148	25		25		
	Rockliffe	278	75		75		
31	Grenville	279	73		73		
	Maitland	119	5 00		5 00		
	St. Thomas	76	3 50		3 50		
	Cataraqui	10	6 70		6 70		
	Listowel	160	5 00		5 00		
	Rideau	241	42 00		42 00		
	Total						

In Memoriam

The accompanying is a complete list of the Deaths for the year ending 31st December, 1898, with age, etc.:

Name.	Age	Lodge.	No	Location.	Married or Single	Children	Date 1898.
Powers, Wm. T.	30	Brock	9	Brockville	S		Aug. 29
Unsworth, John	30	"	9	"	S		Sept. 19
Lowery, C.	41	Cataraqui	10	Kingston	M	1	Apr. 16
Gwinner, John	71	Union	16	St. Catharines	M	4	July 10
Junkin, J. W.	45	"	16	"	S		Nov. 10
McIntyre, Luther	44	Phœnix	22	Oshawa	M		Apr. 5
Kirkpatrick, Robt. T.	45	"	22	"	M		
Moore, Jas.	60	Chatham	29	Chatham	S		Jan. 27
Nagle, Washington	28	"	29	"	M	1	Mar. 22
Montgomery, W. J.	48	"	29	"	M	1	May 16
Collop, Thos.	68	"	29	"	M		Dec. 10
Burridge, John	75	Eureka	30	London	M		Jan. 3
Wright, John	58	"	30	"	M		June 8
Tuckett, T. B.	80	"	30	"	M		June 14
Stewart, A. C.	49	"	30	"	S		July 23
Milne, John	42	"	30	"	S		
Harrison, T. W.	73	"	30	"	M		
Atherton, Jas.	70	"	30	"	M		
Ellis, A. W	51	Elgin	32	St. Thomas	M		Oct.
Graham, T. W.	35	"	32	"	M		Jan. 10
Peirce, Wm.	74	Gore	34	Brantford	M	3	Apr. 20
Babcock, S. S.	32	"	34	"	S		Oct. 19
Bubyear, W. F.	30	"	34	"	M		Dec. 12
St. Clair, Andrew	33	St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	M		Feb. 22
Seli, John	70	"	36	"	M		Oct. 22
Hamilton, James	55	"	36	"	M		Dec. 3
Goldner, J.	68	Forest City	38	London	M		July 29
McDonald, John	62	"	38	"	M		Sept. 28
Tanner, W. J.	61	"	38	"	M		Dec. 6
Smith, Lindsay	43	Avon	41	Stratford	M		Apr. 2
Green, Jas.	42	"	41	"	M		July 6
Miller, Thos.	75	"	41	"	M		Oct. 10
Hutchinson, Thos.	58	Excelsior	44	Hamilton	M		Mar. 1
Herron, Joseph	67	"	44	"	M		May 11

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NAME.	AGE	LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.	Married or Single	Children	DATE 1898.
Gilray, James	70	Excelsior	44	Hamilton	M		July 6
Gross, Louis	73	"	44	"	M		Sept. 10
Wright, Wm.	46	Frontier	45	Windsor			Jan. 6
Jobe, Elisha	54	Unity	47	Hamilton	M		Jan. 17
Davis, Isaac	61	"	47	"	M		Jan. 20
Kelso, Hugh D.	25	"	47	"	M		Feb. 28
Groves, Samuel	55	"	47	"	M		Mar. 9
Maybank, John P. G.	51	Dominion	48	London			
Burridge, Thos.	64	"	48	"			
Neil, P.	55	"	48	"			
Turner, A.	70	Canada	49	Toronto	M	7	May 7
Emmerton, W.	27	Otter	50	Tilsonburg	S		Apr. 18
Scrivens, S. L.	77	"	50	"	M	4	Sept. 2
Stephenson, W. R.	42	Covenant	52	Toronto	M	6	Sept. 12
Johnson, P. A.	63	Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	M		Mar. 3
Findley, P. C.	30	Collingwood	54	Collingwood	S		Feb. 19
Fraser, M.D., H.D.	38	Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	M	3	Feb. 16
Harrison, Joseph	34	"	57	"			June
Newman, Henry	52	"	57	"	M	2	
Johnson, P. H.	56	Howard	58	Strathroy	M	5	Apr. 18
Kennedy, Joseph	53	Kingston	59	Kingston			May 29
Goddard, E	71	Corinthian	61	Oshawa			Dec. 16
Grant, R. M.	39	Barrie	63	Barrie	M	2	June 14
Meston, Thos.	43	Victoria	64	Hamilton			Jan. 10
Wood, J. W.	23	Flo. Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	S		Mar. 16
Allin, J.	64	"	66	"	M	5	July 16
Gould, R.	70	"	66	"	M	7	Sept. 28
McKowan, Wm.	62	"	66	"	M	6	Dec. 16
Craig, John	55	Fergus	73	Fergus	M		Sept. 6
Perry, R. H.	53	"	73	"	M		Sept. 29
Jewell, Jas.	44	Warriner	75	Port Perry	M		June
Hayes, W. H.	60	"	75	"	M	2	Dec. 6
Bladon, Wm.	55	St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	M		Feb. 14
Jones, Leonard	56	"	76	"	M	2	Apr. 18
Bowles, R. J.	50	"	76	"	S		June 11
Chesley, Albert	45	"	76	"	M		Aug. 17
Scott, Geo.	69	Oxford	77		M		Nov. 9
Strong, Geo. T.	61	Durham	78	Port Hope	M	1	May 28
Simpson, Lewis A.	48	Belleville	81	Belleville			July 15
Black, Wm. L.	22	"	81	"			Nov. 4
Grote, John W.	53	Empire	87	St. Catharines	M		June 29

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NAME.	AGE	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	Married or Single	Children	DATE 1898.
Wright, T. A.	30	Empire	87	St. Catharines	M	..	July 4
Coleman, W. J.	38	"	87	"	M	.	July 14
Dorr, E. D.	37	"	87	"	M	1	Nov. 27
Reid, John	65	Reliance	89	Guelph	M	3	Sept.
Bentley, Jas. O.	55	Aylmer	94	Aylmer	M	..	June t'rm
Copeman, Wm.	44	"	94	"	..	..	June t'rm
Wittlaufer, J. J.	40	Nith	96	New Hamburg	..	..	Jan. 21
Dingwall, John	61	"	96	"	M	3	Oct. 1
Schmidt, O. L.	38	Minto	98	Harriston	S	..	Aug. 5
Reddick, R. D.	40	Lindsay	100	Lindsay	..	..	July 18
Bunting, J. J.	48	Golden Star	101	Brampton	..	..	Feb.
Pickering, W. H.	55	"	101	"	..	..	Nov.
Wallace, J. W.	28	Crescent	104	Hamilton	M	..	Apr. 21
Searle, Chas.	29	"	104	"	..	..	July 3
McDougall, Thos.	29	"	104	"	M	1	Nov. 22
Allin, Thos.	57	Manilla	105	Manilla	M	..	May 31
Owens, W.	59	St. Clair	106	Point Edward	..	..	Mar.
Fraser, W. S.	52	"	106	"	..	..	Sept. 7
White, J.	51	Waterloo	107	Galt	M	2	July 20
Revington, Jos. M.	61	Royal Oak	108	Forest	M	..	July 21
Foot, Fred.	51	Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	M	7	Aug. 1
Littlewood, T. B.	23	Lucknow	112	Lucknow	S		Mar. 7
Thompson, Adam	49	"	112	"	M	6	Apr. 3
Somerville, Jas.	72	"	112	"	..	..	Sept. 17
Campbell, W. J.	28	Trenton	113	Trenton	..	..	Sept. 14
Ireland, Wm.	30	"	113	"	..	..	..
Kelly, Geo.	38	Gananoque	114	Gananoque	M	3	July 23
Fowler, Robt.	45	"	114	"	M	5	Sept. 19
Watson, W. G	26	Harmony	115	Brantford	M	1	Nov. 18
Smith, E. L.	41	"	115	"	M	..	Dec. 22
Dyment, Jas.	42	Dresden	124	Dresden	M	..	June t'rm
Chapple, John	76	"	124	"	M	.	Nov. 5
Wilson, Geo. A.	28	Stella	125	Carleton Place	S	..	Dec. 9
Roger, Thos.	33	Sarnia	120	Sarnia	..	..	..
Bonds, Fred. W	31	Marion	131	Renfrew	S	..	June 7
Granton, S. B	64	Oakville	132	Oakville	M	6	Dec. 24
Williams, M. W.	49	Cobourg	136	Cobourg	M	1	June 22
McCallum, C. Y.	51	"	136	"	M	5	Aug. 20
Moffatt, R.	50	"	136	"	M	..	Sept. 4
Singleton, W. M.	54	St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	M	6	Apr. 17
McFarlane, T.	33	"	137	"	M	..	June 27

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NAME.	AGE	LODGE.	No	LOCATION.	Married or Single	Children	DATE 1898.
Dickson, Alex	41	Garnet	139	Mount Forest	M	5	June 2
Walker, Jas	29	"	139	"	M	2	Nov. 8
Wigle, M.D., F. A	30	Concord	142	Kingsville	M	1	June 20
Miner, Wm	37	"	142	"			Nov. 15
McCormick, (P.G.) E.	46	Pyramid	156	Newmarket			Feb. 10
Baxter, D. G	27	Romeo	164	Stratford	S		Jan. 22
Callin, Jas. E	42	"	164	"	W	2	Feb. 3
Turner, John	46	Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg			May
Bentley, T. B	49	Sutton	168				June 15
Bell, Hector	27	Denovo	170	Port Elgin	S		Sept. 26
Leasalle, E. J	73	Emerald	173	Dunnville	M		Jan. 4
Durkee, S. M	64	Wellington Sq.	178	Burlington	M		Nov. 28
Hulbert, Jas	34	Madoc	179	Madoc			Apr. 28
Inglis, Geo	46	Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	S		Mar. 1
Schultz, C. F	33	Cambridge	188	Preston	M	6	Mar. 30
Halberstadt, C	64	"	188	"			Feb. 28
Nuggitt, Hy	45	Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound			Mar. 28
Beatty, D. O	42	Albert	194	Toronto	S		Apr. 2
Hutchinson, W. L	34	Weston	200	Weston			Dec. 24
Satter, P	46	Ahiram	205	Paisley	M	5	July
Buchanan, A	47	"	205	"	M	9	Aug. 15
Pray, C. W		Alvinston	208	Alvinston			
Perry, Simeon W	57	Argyll	212	Napanee			Dec. t'rm
Cliff, W. Geo	85	"	212	"			Dec. "
Harkness, John	44	Clifford	214	Clifford	M	3	Mar. 10
Shannon, O. S	30	"	214	"	M	4	Mar. 24
Warmington, R. J	46	"	214	"	M	4	Nov. 14
Lucas, Alonzo	54	Mt. Brydges	217	Mt. Bridges	M	3	Sept. 19
Francis, S	30	Woodslee	220	S. Woodslee	M		Jan. 12
Henton, Wm	43	International	228	Bridgburg	M		May 26
Long, Jas	58	"	228	"	M	7	Feb. 23
Ray, Jos. G	47	"	228	"	M	6	Oct. 23
Hankee, Julius	48	Hanover	233	Hanover			Mar.
Cluck, John	41	Farmersville	237	Farmersville	M	2	Mar. 31
Jarvis, Harry	32	Stirling	239	Stirling			Mar. 18
McDougall, John	34	"	239	"			May 2
McCargar, C. H	38	Carleton	240	Ottawa	M		May 29
Nevins, Jas	35	"	240	"	M		
Findleton, Wm	38	"	240	"	M	3	Nov. 29
Gilroy, Fred E	31	Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	M	2	June 13
Splane, Geo. B	37	"	241	"	M	2	Dec. 10

Children	Date 1898.
5	June 2
2	Nov. 8
1	June 20
..	Nov. 15
..	Feb. 10
..	Jan. 22
2	Feb. 3
.	May
..	June 15
	Sept. 26
..	Jan. 4
..	Nov. 28
..	Apr. 28
..	Mar. 1
6	Mar. 30
..	Feb. 28
..	Mar. 28
..	Apr. 2
..	Dec. 24
5	July
9	Aug. 15
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..	Dec. "
3	Mar. 10
4	Mar. 24
4	Nov. 14
3	Sept. 19
..	Jan. 12
..	May 26
7	Feb. 23
6	Oct. 23
..	Mar.
2	Mar. 31
..	Mar. 18
..	May 2
..	May 29
..	.....
3	Nov. 29
2	June 13
2	Dec. 10

LIST OF DEATHS.—*Concluded.*

Name.	Age	Lodge.	No.	Location.	Married or Single	Children	Date 1898.
Bedson, R. G.	35	Wilton	242	Toronto	M	2	Oct. 11
Richmond, S. S.	32	Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	.....	.	Jan. 23
Gollan, Roderick	73	Gordon	247	Palmerston	.....	..	Jan. 13
McMechan, Henry	52	Campbellford	248	Campbellford	S	..	Nov. 27
Turnbull, D. M.	45	Caledonia	253	Caledonia	.....	..	June 3
Snelgrove, C. F.	42	Meaford	260	Meaford	.....	..	Feb. 22
Burrows, John	34	Gold Hill	261	Rat Portgage	.....	..	Feb. 15
Boyes, Robert	26	East Toronto	263	East Toronto	S	..	June
Hogle, Geo.	36	"	263	"	.....	..	April
French, Geo.	47	"	263	"	M	..	Nov. 14
Gurnett, L. A.	43	Woodstock	269	Woodstock	M	2	Jan. 27
Bronfort, C. G.	27	Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	S	..	July 27
Latimer, D. Byron	31	"	270	"	S	..	.....
Harris, Alex.	32	North Bay	271	North Bay	S	..	Sept. 26
Harris, G. A.	47	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	M	3	April 5
Orr, Geo.	36	"	278	"	.....		June 27
Bradford, Richard	43	Greenville	279	Kemptville	M	1	Mar. 14
Esterbrook, John W.	30	Tweed	290	Tweed	M	1	Dec. 19
Hoffman, C.	31	Plattsville	301	Plattsville	M	2	June 22
Turney, John.	26	Millbrook	308	Millbrook	S	..	Oct. 20
Stokes, Alfred P.	44	Prospect	314	Toronto	M	..	May 14
Mueller, A.	48	Liberty	323	Berlin	S	.	Jan. 8

Bro. W. J. McCormack, Treasurer, submitted the following Report of the Home Fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Odd Fellows' Home :

REPORT OF TREASURER OF HOME FUND

TORONTO, August 9th, 1899.

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

Dear Sir and Brother :—As Treasurer of the I.O.O F. Home Fund, I beg to submit for the Grand Lodge the following report, which contains the amount of cash received, and amounts promised since our last meeting on August 10th, 1898 :—

CASH RECEIPTS.

Aug.	12	Ridgeley Lodge, No. 250, Oil Springs	$ 6 00
		Excelsior Lodge, D. of R., No. 18, Bridgeburg	22 56
		Harmony Lodge, D. of R., No. 15, Gananoque	10 00
		Naomi Lodge, No. 116, Markham	5 65
	30	Rebekah Assembly	365 82
Oct.	29	Olive Branch, D. of R., No. 16, Toronto	20 00
		Alberta Lodge, D. of R., No. 25, Kincardine	15 65
		Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, Gananoque	50 00
Dec.	14	Primrose Lodge, D. of R., No. 59	15 00
	19	Aberdeen Lodge, D. of R., No. 30, Deseronto	14 00
Jan.	12	Pansey Lodge, D. of R., No. 35, Amherstburg	5 00
		Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, Sarnia	50 00
	14	Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, Newbury	2 00
	16	Millbrook Lodge, No. 308, Millbrook	10 00
Feb'y.	18	Ontario Lodge, No. 324, Pickering	3 00
	23	Maple Leaf Encampment, Quebec	5 00
		Tecumseth Lodge, No. 182, Otterville	4 00
April	28	Fern Lodge, D. of R., No. 50, Simcoe	10 00
	29	Western Star Lodge, No. 149, Brussels	10 00
May	2	Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, Belleville	9 00
	4	Oshawa Lodges, Anniversary Collection	10 00
	8	Hamilton Lodges, Anniversary Collection	44 00
	9	Naomi Lodge, No. 116, Markham	6 00
	11	Marion Lodge, No. 131, Renfrew	10 25
	16	Harriet Lodge, D. of R , No. 44, Renfrew	27 37
		Thamesville Lodge, No. 157, Thamesville	9 00
	18	Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, Woodstock	11 50
	20	Mountain Lodge, No. 315, Mountain	9 00
	23	Silver City Lodge, No. 206, Tiverton	10 00
	31	Star Lodge, No. 304, Crampton	2 00
		Pontypool Lodge, No. 296, Pontypool	4 19
June	8	Maple Leaf Lodge, D. of R., No. 33, Brockville	10 00
	16	Britannia Lodge, No. 198, Drayton	20 00
	20	Colfax Lodge, D. of R., No. 28, Sarnia	5 00
	21	Valley City Lodge, No. 117, Dundas	10 00

June	26	Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135, Cannington	$ 6 25
July	4	Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, subscribed by 14 members	14 00
	5	Elora Lodge, No. 231, Elora	12 39
	13	Justitia Lodge, D. of R., No. 38, Hamilton	10 00
	15	Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261, Rat Portage	21 15
		Lucknow Lodge, No. 112, Lucknow	5 00
	17	Ottawa Lodges, Anniversary Collection	30 00
	21	Toronto Lodges, Anniversary Collection	130 00
		Tecumseth Lodge, No. 182, Otterville	1 25
		St. Thomas Lodges, Anniversary Collection	50 00
		Total	$1,101 53
		Balance, August 10th, 1898	726 05
		Cash in Bank, total	$1,827 58

CASH PROMISED WHEN REQUIRED.

Mrs. Laura Ryan, Toronto	$ 5 00
Miss Elizabeth Lee, Kingston	5 00
Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 263, Janesville	50 00
Grand Lodge of Ontario	1,000 00
Broadview Lodge, No. 294, Toronto	116 00
International Lodge, No. 228, Ridgeway	100 00
Maitland Lodge, No. 119, Wingham	50 00
Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Smith's Falls	150 00
Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa	100 00
Amount of cash promised in last report, 1898	3,527 00
Total cash promised	$5,103 00
Cash in hand	1,777 58
Total from all sources	$6,880 58

Report No. 2—Bro. W. H. Cole, P.G.M., from the Committee on Distribution, made the following report, which was adopted:—

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

Your Committee on Distribution beg to report that the several clauses of the Reports of Grand Officers be referred to the following Committees:—

To the Committee on Laws of Subordinate—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 18.

To the Committee on Finance—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 7, part 1. Tables on pages 7014 7016 inclusive, 7001-7007 inclusive, and 7060 and 7061, and Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Committee on State of the Order—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 23, 30. Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 15.

To the Committee on Legislation—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 10, 13, 22. Grand Secretary's Report: 14, 23.

To the Committee on Election Returns—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 5.

To the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 16.

To the Judiciary Committee—Grand Master's Report: Clause 19.

To the Committee on General Purposes—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 11.

To the Committee on Districts—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 17, 28.

To the Committee on Rebekah Degree—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 5, 24. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 19.

To the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 11, 29. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 20.

To Special Committee No. 1—Grand Master's Report: Clause 15. Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 17, 21.

To Special Committee No. 2—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 9.

To Special Committee No. 3—Grand Master's Report: Clause 18.

To Special Committee No. 4—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 20, 21.

To Special Committee No. 5—Grand Master's Report: Clause 26.

To Special Committee No. 6—Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 10.

To Special Committee No. 7—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 25, 27. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 7, part 2, and clause 8; pp. 7057-7061 inclusive.

To Special Committee No. 8—Grand Master's Report: Clause 16.

To Special Committee No. 9—Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 13-22.

To Special Committee No. 10—Grand Master's Report: Clause 14. Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 12.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

W. H. COLE,
W. D. SPENCE,
T. S. GRIMSHAW.

The following communications were referred by the Grand Master to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence:

The Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs and Bros.,—I would like to bring to the attention of the Grand Lodge the condition of Bothwell Lodge, No. 74, and for that purpose have made out a statement showing what is being done in the Lodge, and would ask that some action be taken, looking to its improvement.

To show you how the affairs of the Lodge are conducted, a special meeting was called for one night last week to elect a delegate to the Grand Lodge, and out of the members who were present and voted only one is good on the books, one of the members voting being over $20.00 in arrears for dues, so that I claim that the election is illegal, and the delegate, W. A. Scott, has no right to take his place in Grand Lodge, and should not be recognized as delegate.

Kindly take action on the enclosed.

Yours Fraternally,

G. W. S. TAYLOR,
R.S. Bothwell Lodge, No. 74, I.O.O.F.

Sir and Brother,—I wish to bring before the attention of the Grand Lodge at its meeting in Toronto on the ninth of next month, the condition in which Bothwell Lodge, Number 74, is now in, and to ask if anything can be done for its improvement.

We have, according to last half-yearly report, 20 members on our roll, of whom five, Alex. Catto, J. B. Moore, Thomas Reynolds, Frank Rosebrugh and Jas. F. Adkin, are from fifteen to twenty dollars each in arrears for dues.

Deducting these five, who, if the Noble Grand had fulfilled his duty, would have been suspended last year, and deducting also Bro. Wm. Rosebrugh, who has died since last report, we have remaining only fourteen members.

Our receipts from these members would amount to $89.60, and against this we have to pay for rent of hall $65 per year, insurance on furniture and $7.50 per year, salaries of recording and permanent secretaries, and caretaker of hall $21.00 per year; postage and stationery say $3 00 per year; expenses of District Meetings $5.60 per year; capitation tax $7.00 per year; incidental expenses say $15 per year; and when you consider fuel and light and other incidental expenses $15.00 is little enough, and the total expenses will be $124.10 per year, showing that we are running behind at the rate of $34.50 per year, without taking into consideration any sick benefits.

Our Lodge has been very fortunate in the matter of sick benefits, not having had any calls on us for some time. However, we lately lost an old Charter member, William Rosebrugh, and his sick benefits and funeral expenses will reach nearly $100 00, so that instead of getting ahead as we should do we will go behind this year at least $110.00, and, as we only have between $400.00 and $500.00 to our credit as appears by last return, it will only take a short time to use up our small surplus, as, after paying Brother Rosebrugh's heirs and also the amount due for rent, some $42.50, we will only have left about $300.00, and as we have three or four members who are pretty well up in years, it will only be a short time before we are called on to provide sick benefits and funeral expenses for them.

Our late Permanent Secretary, J. B. Moore, left a short time ago for the United States with some thirty odd dollars of our Lodge funds in his hands, which he has failed to return, and no effort has been made by the Noble Grand to obtain repayment of the amount.

We have been in the habit of meeting once in two months, and sometimes not that often.

No proper audit is ever made of the books.

A sub-lease has lately been made of our lodge-room to the I.O.F., but as they only pay $24.00 a year and we have to furnish them with fuel and light, it will take nearly the $24.00 to furnish the fuel and light, so that we will not gain anything by leasing,

Something must be done to stop the Lodge from going down altogether, and I would respectfully request that action be taken by the Grand Lodge at its first session, and some remedy provided.

Dated this 29th day of July, A.D. 1899.

Yours Fraternally,

G. W. S. TAYLOR,
R.S. Bothwell Lodge, No. 74, I.O.O.F.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Toronto, Ont.

A letter from Bro. Alf. McCandlish, referring to a scheme to prevent suspensions for N.P.D.

G—The following letter from Merlin Lodge, No. 266:

Merlin, July 7th, 1899.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Whereas, by resolution of District Lodge, No. 2, at its annual meeting held in Chatham, June 14th, 1899, the question of fees and dues be referred back to the Subordinate Lodges for the purpose that the several Lodges may report their opinion to the Grand Secretary.

Be it therefore resolved, that this Lodge after making careful inquiry into the workings of the present system, and, taking into account the fact that this Lodge is in a good position financially, feel certain that our present scale of fees and dues is ample to meet all requirements that can be reasonably anticipated, and would recommend that instead of Lodges been forced to raise the scale of fees and dues, they look more closely to useless expenditures. We therefore sincerely regret that the Grand Lodge has deemed it necessary to introduce such legislation as to make it compulsory on Subordinate Lodges to adopt this Campbell scale of fees and dues or its equivalent, and we would pray that the Grand Lodge at its coming session may enact such legislation for the government of Subordinate Lodges, modifying, somewhat at least, present instructions, as we feel certain that if forced to carry out the present law it will retard our growth very materially.

J. H. BALLAH, *Secretary*,
W. C. ESTABROOK,
F. S. ARCHER.

H—From Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa:

Ottawa, May 28th, 1899.

To J. B. KING, ESQ.,
Grand Lodge Secretary.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In reference to Grand Lodge Circular, No. 220, as read to Rockcliffe Lodge, No. 278.

The undersigned were appointed as a committee, to draft a resolution expressing the feeling and opinions of this Lodge.

By a unanimous vote, Rockcliffe Lodge, No. 278, hereby notifies you, as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Ontario, and through you the said Grand Lodge of Ontario, that Rockcliffe Lodge entire

ly disapproves of both scales as laid down in said circular No. 220, and further, that Rockcliffe Lodge is not in accord with either scales set forth.

Remaining yours in the bonds of F. L. & T.

L. R. STEVEN, *N.G.*
JAS. A. M. JACQUES, *Rec.-Sec.*

I—From Napanee Lodge, No. 86:

Napanee, May 11th, 1899.

J. B. KING, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Napanee Lodge, No. 86, I.O.O.F., passed the following resolution on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, 1899:

"Moved and seconded that this Lodge through our Secretary, appeal to Grand Lodge against new scale of dues passed by last Grand Lodge Session.' "Carried."

I am, yours fraternally,
W. A. FRIZZELL, *Rec.-Sec.*

Napanee, July 19th, 1899.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary, Toronto.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—This resolution, which was carried unanimously from Napanee Lodge, No. 86, is hereby drafted by the Lodge in session, Noble Grand and Vice-Grand in chairs.

The resolution moved and seconded is as follows:

That the attention of Judiciary Committee be drawn to the fact that Argyle Lodge, No. 212, of this town is not charging proper dues.

Its dues are $1.30 per quarter. We find this detrimental to our Lodge. Your attention is called to the fact without prejudice.

HARRY E. SMITH, *N.G.*
F. W. VANDUSEN, *V.G.*
W. A. FRIZZELL, *Rec.-Sec.*

From Otter District, No. 5:

Moved by Bro. J. Chapman, P.G., seconded by Bro. Austin D. Ellis, P.G., That the representatives to District Meeting, Otter District No. 5, I.O O.F., here assembled at Annual Meeting, desire to place themselves on record, that after hearing from the Lodges composing the District they have not as yet obeyed the mandate of Grand Lodge re adoption of new scales of dues and benefits, that they will use all proper means within their power to enforce the ruling and mandate of the Grand Lodge, and regret very much the action of the Lodges composing this District. Also that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.—Carried unanimously.

From Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244:

Port Arthur, Ont., February 16th, 1899.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—The following proposed resolution explains itself, and if you have anything to say in favor of or against the adoption of this resolution, kindly make it a point to be present on Wednesday, March 9, 1899:

"I hereby give notice that two weeks from to-night I will move the following resolution:

Yours in F.L.T.,
R. G. SPOFFORD."

WHEREAS, Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, I.O.O.F., is situated at a great distance from the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and in consequence the Grand Lodge officials are apparently unable to visit us, and the Lodge is thereby deprived of that assistance and impetus which such visit always gives.

AND WHEREAS the members of this Lodge are not in close touch with the officers of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, owing to the great distance at which this Lodge is situated from them, and therefore are unable to acquire that intimate knowledge of the workings of the Grand Lodge which personal contact with its officers will give.

AND WHEREAS a considerable loss of time is occasioned Delegates from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, as compared with a visit to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Lodge in Manitoba is situate within 430 miles of Port Arthur, almost half the distance to Toronto, and this district is commercially identified with the West.

AND WHEREAS the session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is held in he winter at a suitable time for the members of Port Arthur Lodge to attend.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That, in the opinion of this Lodge, necessary legislation should be asked for to permit Fort Arthur Lodge to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Ontario and affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lodges in Keewatin, Fort William and Rat Portage, all situate within the district of West Algoma.

Yours fraternal'y,
F. B. ALLEN, R.S.

J. B. KING, Esq., Grand Secretary.

I am directed to forward you this copy of proposed resolution.

Yours fraternally,
F. B. ALLEN.

O—From Caledonia Lodge, No. 253:

J. B. KING, Esq., Caledonia, June 22, 1899.
Grand Secretary, I.O.O.F., Toronto.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Our Lodge has passed a resolution, asking the Grand Lodge to transfer us from Long Point District to Hamilton District. Please inform me as to the proper course to pursue in the matter.

Yours very truly,
W. J. BURNS.

L—From London District, No. 12:

J. B. KING, Esq., London, July 31, 1899.
Grand Secretary, I.O.O.F., Toronto.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—A meeting of District Committee, No. 12, London District, was held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, London, June 29th, members from the following Lodges being in attendance: Dominion, Howard, Chorazin, Egremont, Mt. Brydges and Ilderton.

Bro. James Fitzgerald, P.G., the present D.D.G.M. presided, and was the unanimous choice of the meeting for the office of D.D.G.M. for the coming year.

A resolution was passed instructing the District Secretary to write the Grand Secretary, inquiring why no acknowledgment had been made of a report of the last District meeting sent him.

Said report contained the following resolutions:

Moved by Bros. Sanders and Fletcher,—

That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable to urge the Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge to continue the agitation for reduction of age limit to this society to eighteen years, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bros. Cowan and Sanders,—

That our Secretary correspond with the Grand Secretary, calling his attention to the small item in the Canadian Almanac concerning our society, and requesting him to use his efforts to see that the I.O.O.F. receive more notice in future editions, provided it does not cost anything.

The Committee would also like to know if the first of the above resolutions should have been also sent to the Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge, or, if the proper place to send it was to the Grand Secretary only.

Yours in F. L. and T.

E. W. BOYLE, *District Secretary*.

P.S.—Absence on holidays has delayed the sending of this report.

M—From Royal City District, No. 17:

Guelph, July 14th, 1899.

J. B. KING, Esq.,

Grand Secretary I.O.O.F., Toronto.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Enclosed please find a copy of the Minutes of Royal City District, No. 17, held at Waterloo June 14, 1899. I also enclose a copy of a resolution passed at the meeting, which you will please bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge at its week meeting, next month, and greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

R. MACKENZIE, *Secretary*.

Waterloo, June 14th, 1899.

Moved by Rep. W. Graham, seconded by Rep. Erb,—

That this meeting of Royal City District No. 17, I.O.O.F., assembled, would recommend to the Grand Lodge to change the legislation at present in force for electing representatives to the District Meeting by allowing each District to make a By-Law to set the time for electing representatives to the District Meeting, as at present in the rural district the time for electing representatives is too far in advance of the Annual Meeting.—Carried.

R. MACKENZIE, *Secretary*

N—From Georgian Bay District, No. 28:

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

Grand Officers and Brethren,—I beg leave to make the following report from District No. 28: During the past year Odd Fellowship has made favorable progress in this District, although it has not been quite as much as I desired. The Lodges have slightly increased in membership, and all are on

good financial bases. The greatest obstacle in the matter of increased membership appears to me to be the large number of cheap competitors which have entered the field. The towns in the District are flooded with societies which accept members at a much lower cost; nevertheless our Order continues to grow.

I have great pleasure in being able to report to you that I succeeded in awakening a lively interest in the proposed Home for Aged Odd Fellows and Orphans especially in the town of Collingwood. I brought the matter before the Board of Trade and the Municipal Council of that town, and met with gratifying success. The former body passed a unanimous resolution recommending the Council to make a liberal offer to Grand Lodge, which I am pleased to say has been done.

The Council has responded by offering a beautifully situated site of fifty-seven acres on the shores of the Georgian Bay, in close proximity to the town; free water and light from the town systems; also exemption from taxation, on condition the Home is located there. The official document I had the pleasure of forwarding to the Grand Secretary in June.

In addition to the above, Collingwood Lodge No. 54 has made the handsome offer of $1000 cash on the same condition. I sincerely trust that in the near future we may see a Home erected which will be an ornament to the town selected and a monument to the good work of our Order in Ontario.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Order, by invitation, I visited Collingwood Lodge No. 54, and took part in the proceedings along with a number of the members of that Lodge. A most pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, the Committee has not made a recommendation for the office of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WILLIAMS,
D.D.G.M. District No. 28.

Collingwood, August, 1899.

To the Grand Secretary, Ontario Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:

Q—From the New York State University:

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY,
ALBANY, N.Y., July 1st, 1899.

MR. J. B. KING:

Dear Sir,—We are making as complete a collection as possible of books and pamphlets on Odd Fellows, and find that we lack of your publications all except those noted on the back of this sheet. Will you kindly complete our set to date, and put us on your distributing list for future publications.

We should also be grateful for any other material on this subject that you can send us. Pamphlets are specially desired; for not only are they more difficult to obtain than books, but frequently they contain more valuable matter and our system makes them almost instantly available.

We send our publications, postage and express paid, to libraries wishing to catalogue and preserve them. When there is no provision for such expenses, packages may be sent to us by express unpaid, or we will send stamps to prepay postage on notice of the amount. When more convenient foreign packages may be sent, marked New York State Library, to our agent, Gustav E. Stechert, 2 Star Yard, Carey St., W.C., London, or Hospital Strasse, No. 10, Leipzig, or 76 Rue de Rennes, Paris, who will forward them weekly.

We shall be glad to send our list of publications from which to select, if you wish to send an exchange.

Yours truly,

A. L. BAILEY, *Sub-Librarian.* MELVIL DEWEY, *Secretary of the University.*

From Bro. Louis Smith, Leamington:

Leamington, July 27th, 1899.

MR. J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Your favor of July 24th received, and in reply would say, I am pleased to note your views agree with mine in the matter of Rep. I intend writing the Grand Master on the subject. The report of Wheatley Lodge will give you most of the facts; the minutes of the meeting of July 14th, show that the Rep. was elected on that night. I do not think the returns show the same. Thanking you for your prompt reply, and hoping you will give me your kind assistance in bringing this matter before the Committee on Credentials, we will then find out the law by so doing.

Yours in F.L.T.
LOUIS SMITH.

On motion of Rep. Jno. Welsh, P.G.P., it was resolved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns it does so to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

TORONTO, August 10th, 1899.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock and was opened in regular form.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Roll called and the following Officers were present, and a quorum of Representatives:

J. E. FAREWELL ..... Grand Master
JAS. MCLURG ..... Deputy Grand Master
O. L. LEWIS ..... Grand Warden
J. B. KING ..... Grand Secretary
W. J. MCCORMACK ..... Grand Treasurer
THOMAS WOODYATT, P.G.M. ..... Grand Representative
HENRY WHITE, P.G.M. ..... Grand Representative
J. R. OLIVER ..... Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
ALF. COVELL ..... Grand Conductor
J. E. RYAN ..... Grand Guardian
W. A. PRINGLE ..... Grand Herald
REV. T. W. LEGGOTT ..... Grand Chaplain
J. A. YOUNG ..... Junior Past Grand Master

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

Messrs. Galbraith and Lucas and F. Lyonde asked to have the Grand Lodge sit for a group photograph, the sitting to be on the new city hall steps. On motion the request was granted.

The following was read and referred to the Committee on General Purposes, with authority to take action:

From High Court Canadian Order of Foresters,

Brantford, August 9th, 1899.

J. B. KING, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary I.O.O.F.,
Canada Life Building, Toronto.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Is it the intention of your Society to have a tent on the Industrial Fair Grounds at the Exhibition to be held this fall?

I understand there is not to be a society row this year but that any society may have the privilege of placing their tent, should they so desire. Personally, I am not in favor of making any display this year, but should quite a number of the leading societies decide to do so, we may be obliged to follow suit.

Kindly let me know as to your intention in the matter by return mail, and believe me,

Yours fraternally,
ERNEST GARTUNG, *Supt. of Organization.*

Bro. D. J. Dickson, P.G.M. of Quebec, was introduced as visitor by Past Grand Masters Jno. Gibson and J. A. Young.

The following communications were referred to the Committee on Degree of Rebekah.

From the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario:

Toronto, August 8th, 1899.

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

Resolved:—That the Grand Lodge be asked to grant us the following: A Subordinate Grand Lodge has the right to authorize representation of Rebekah Lodges in the Rebekah Assembly by Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges who are members of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing, as well as Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges.

Yours fraternally,
MAGGIE WADDELL, *Secretary*,
ALMA BRILL, *President.*

Toronto, August 8th, 1899

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

Resolved:—We, the Rebekah Assembly now in session, would petition the Grand Lodge to adopt a Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, containing all provisions embodied in present By-laws excepting matters that are purely local; the Grand Lodge printing the same and selling to Subordinate Lodges.

Yours fraternally,
MAGGIE WADDELL, *Secretary*,
MRS. ALMA BRILL, *President.*

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 8, 1899.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Resolved:—That we petition the Grand Lodge to instruct their representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to secure for us a sign for voting other than yea and nay, for it is very unsatisfactory to the Lodges.

Yours fraternally,
MAGGIE WADDELL, *Secretary.*

Resolved further :—That the Grand Lodge be asked to confer the power on our President to appoint the District Deputies for Rebekah Lodges.

Yours fraternally,

MAGGIE WADDELL, *Secretary.*
ALMA BRILL, *President.*

Windsor, July 4th, 1899.

MRS. BRILL,
President of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario :

Dear Madam and Sister,—Will you please inform me as to whether there is any way of having a Rebekah Lodge instituted without the consent of the Subordinate Lodge? I will tell you why I ask! I was out at Essex a short time ago and got twenty-four names, fifteen brothers and nine ladies, who were in favor of organizing. It was put before Lodge for sanction; it was laid over for two weeks, and then thrown out without any reasonable objection. There are some of the members, I suppose six or eight, that object, but I am sure that the majority are in favor. There are also a few members of the Rebekah Degree in town who are members of other lodges, but cannot attend their own, and would like to see a Lodge started at Essex. Some of them told me that they would put in their cards and help them all they could. Will you kindly look into the matter, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

L. M. EDGAR.

The following Report of H. W. Eggman, D.D.G.M., on his visit to Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, was referred to the Committee on State of the Order :

Norwich, Aug. 4th, 1899.

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

Dear Sir and Brother :—In accordance with your desire, I visited Erie Lodge, No. 33, Port Burwell, and beg to report as follows :—

That this Lodge has held no meeting since the middle of the year 1896. That the N.G. at that time, Bro. Gates, of Fair Grounds, was suspended N.P.D., and Wm. Light, of Aylmer, appointed in his stead for the purpose of filling in the semi-annual report, etc., but that this officer has never been installed ; that he is now seven months in arrears.

That the V.G., V. S. Milks, has been in arrears since April, 1896, that he has been ill most of the time, and is stated by Bro. J. H. Hoshal, F.S., to be kept good on the books by the Lodge, although there is nothing in the ledger to show it. That David McNeily, R.S., J. H. Hoshal, F.S., and Richard Drake, Treas., are all in arrears, but are stated by Bro. Hoshal to be in receipt of salaries equal to their dues, and are therefore in good standing. In each of these cases there is nothing on the books showing that these officers have been credited with their dues, while Bro. Drake, Treas., states that he is in receipt of no salary, nor ever has been, and that he has been in arrears since July, 1895, as shown by the books.

Isaac Lang, of Delhi, is paid up until Jan. 1st, 1900, and is the only member good on the books. David Foster, somewhere unknown in the State of Michigan, and Lewis Pearce, of Aylmer, are both in arrears. These eight are the whole membership claimed for the Lodge, but, as pointed out, one only is in good standing.

ASSETS :—The Lodge owns their building valued at $800, worth probably about $400 ; regalia, etc., valued at $200, worth probably $25 ; cash in bank

at Aylmer, $175; and cash in treasurer's hands, according to the semi-annual report, $40 odd, but Bro. Drake denies having any funds whatever in his hands.

The revenue during the last six months has been, as far as I could ascertain, $5.20, dues from Bro. Lang, of Delhi; $5.50 for renting hall for the purpose of meetings. and a rent of $20 per annum commencing May 20th, 1899, from the society known as Free Masons. These sums as far as paid have been received by Bro. Hoshal, who still retains them, never having transferred them to Bro. Drake.

The last money drawn of which the treasurer has an entry was by cheque dated December 6th, '98, on the Savings' Bank Dept. of the Molsons Bank, Aylmer.

PROSPECTS:—The prospects for this Lodge seem hopeless, and conversation with Bro. A. S. Stilwell (Otter, No. 50), of Vienna, makes it evident that the removal of the Lodge to that village would not be beneficial. He in common with one or two others think a Lodge would thrive at Fair Grounds, nine miles from Vienna and fourteen from Burwell, but in my opinion it is a great question whether this could be done successfully. It would certainly be opposed by Bros. Hoshal, Drake and McNeily, who say with some reason that if there is room for a Lodge 14 miles away let them start a new one. They also think that Burwell may improve and the Lodge revive. This seems to me to be looking too far into the future in view of the serious condition of the Lodge at present.

RECOMMENDATION:—I would recommend that Grand Lodge should forthwith suspend the Charter, taking in charge all funds and other property, until, by well directed effort, the Brothers at Burwell obtain say twenty new members, when the Charter, etc., might be returned and the Lodge resuscitated.

H. W. EGGMAN, *D.D.G.M.*
AUSTIN D. ELLIS, *Dist. Sec'y.*

A letter from Bro. Julius Kamm was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The following communications were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

From Bro. A. M. Cady, of Beaver Lodge, No. 82:

J. E. FAREWELL, ESQ.,
Grand Master, Whitby.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Yours of a recent date received. In reply, I mailed to you a copy of the Leamington *Post* containing an account of the fire by which our brothers were affected.

Those who sustained loss by the fire were Bros. F. McCharles and George Grant. You will notice that Bro. McCharles' name is given and the amount of his loss, but while the account tells that Bro. Grant was a loser it does not give the amount. Bro. Grant says his loss is easily $250

Bro. McCharles says he cannot begin to replace his losses with $4,000. I have inquired of several who know Bro. McCharles well and they tell me his loss cannot be replaced for less than $5,000.

Yours truly,
A. M. CADY.

From Bro. Geo. Patterson, of Alvinston Lodge, No. 208:

The Grand Lodge has an account against our Lodge, No. 208, for supplies sent to us after the destruction of our Lodge and furniture by fire. Would you be kind enough to get some of the representatives to make a motion that this

amount be granted to us. I do not know what the amount is, but our Bro. Wallis will try and find out from J. B. King, G.S. and let you know. It was neglected last year to be brought before the Grand Lodge. I ask you to do this, as you are acquainted with the facts of our situation, and as our Bro. Wallis makes his first visit to G.L. he would feel a little timid. I hope I am not imposing too much on you. I was sure that you would be at the G.L. and I did not want it too run any longer. Trusting that you may have a profitable meeting, also that the Order has made a good showing the past year,

I remain yours in F.L.T.

GEO. PATTERSON.

Report No. 3—Rep. A. E. Harley, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, from the Committee on Election Returns, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Committee on Election Returns beg leave to report as follows :—

We find the result of the vote to be :—

For Grand Master :—

Brother Jas. McLurg	859

For Deputy Grand Master :—

Brother O. L. Lewis	828

For Grand Warden :—

Brother C. C. Lyman	341
" A. L. Geen	341
" R. K. Cowan	371
" A. Coyell	174
" A. McFarlane	68
" F. H. Gisborne	57
" W. S. Johnston	59
" Isaac Unsworth	145
" G. Geddes	90
" D. B. Brown	58
" W. J. Hamilton	46
" W. S. Givens	131
" J. B. Turner	129
" W. J. Sanders	35
" W. H. Ryall	107
Total vote for Grand Warden	2152
Necessary for choice	1076

None of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes there is no election for Grand Warden.

For Grand Secretary :—

Brother J. B. King	810

For Grand Treasurer :—

Brother W. J. McCormack	805

For Grand Representative :—

Brother J. A. Young	1070
" J. B. McIntyre	712
Total vote for Grand Representative	1782
Necessary for a choice	891

Bro. J. A. Young has received the requisite number of votes.

Thirty-eight Lodges have not sent in election returns. They are as follows:

Phoenix, 22; Erie, 33; Fidelity, 55; Nipissing, 79; Olive Branch, 88; Reliance, 89; Milton, 92; Livingston, 130; Wildey, 153; Hillsboro, 167; Montana, 177; Teeswater, 183; Dufferin, 186; Howick, 192; Silver Star, 202; Elmira, 216; Woodslee, 220; Norfolk, 225; Merlin, 226; Equity, 232; Beaverton, 249; Caledonia, 253; Norwood, 262; Lansdowne, 270; Glanworth, 289; Mayflower, 297; Cornucopia, 299; Bobcaygeon, 300; Valentine, 305; Spirit Rock, 312; Britain, 316; Webbwood, 319; Geneva, 320; Ontario, 324; Southampton, 325; Prosperity, 329; Wheatley, 330; Maxville, 331.

With the returns from several Lodges were enclosed the Representative Certificates.

The Election Returns as a whole are in better shape than last year, but there is still room for improvement in the manner of filling them in properly, as in many cases there was nothing but the seal of the Lodges to indicate where they were from.

Your Committee would strongly recommend the Representatives to give particular attention to this matter, and instruct the Secretaries of their respective Lodges as to the proper method of filling in these returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

A. E. HARLEY,
W. B. DACK,
MILES S. PLUMLEY,
GEO. WARREN.

The Grand Master thereupon declared as follows:—

Brother Jas. McLurg, Woodstock	Grand Master.
" O. L. Lewis, Chatham	Deputy Grand Master.
" J. B. King, Toronto	Grand Secretary.
" W. J. McCormack, Toronto	Grand Treasurer.
" J. A. Young, Thamesford	Grand Representative

And that there was no election of Grand Warden, whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect a Grand Warden.

The Chair named the Committee on Election Returns as Scrutineers, viz.:—Bros. A E. Harley, W. B. Dack, M. S. Plumley, Geo. Warren.

Bro. C. C. Lyman, of Brock Lodge, No. 9, was declared elected Grand Warden on the second ballot.

Bro. A. E. Harley nominated Bro. Chas. Packert, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford, Auditor.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Bro. Charles Packert duly elected Auditor.

The term of Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., as a member of the Home Committee, having expired, on motion of Rep. R. Meek, Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., was elected a member of the Home Committee, to serve three years.

Report No. 4—Rep. R. N. Sheppard, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence to whom was referred Communications C to S beg to report as follows:

We recommend that communications O, L, M and N be referred to the Committee on Districts.

That communication E. be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That communications J and R be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

That communication D be referred to the Judiciary Committee, and pages 6946 and 6947 with communication C be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

That communication Q be referred to the Grand Secretary, to comply with as far as possible.

Communications G, H and I, from Merlin Lodge, No. 266; Rockliffe Lodge, No. 278; and Napanee Lodge, No. 86, are protests against the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, *re* dues and benefits, and as this matter will be before Grand Lodge at this session, no recommendation is made at this time.

Communications K and S being unsigned, and communication F being a private communication to the Grand Secretary, no recommendation is made.

Your Committee note that in response to petitions, new Subordinate Lodges have been instituted at Wheatley, Maxville and Atwood, and Rebekah Lodges at Berlin, Owen Sound, Harrietsville and Parham, and would recommend that in each case Charters be granted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. SHEPPARD,

Report No. 5—Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., from the Special Committee on Correspondence from Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, made the following report, which was considered and adopted.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communications of Bro. R. Meek, Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, on pages 6988, 6989 and 6990 of the Grand Secretary's report, recommend:—

The approval and adoption of the resolution as set forth in Exhibit A, of said correspondence, the same being in full accordance with the agreement previously

entered into between this Grand Lodge and the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, and confirmed at the Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge, in the City of Toronto, in the month of August, A.D. 1890.

We further recommend the modification of paragraphs Nos. 7 and 9 of Exhibit B respectively, *re* legislation of the Grand Lodge, so as to read :

7 "AND WHEREAS the said Association is financially sound, carefully managed, and commands the respect and confidence of the Odd Fellows of Canada.

9 "AND WHEREAS such legislation is unnecessary (in so far as it relates to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada), and would, if enforced, seriously affect the vested rights and interests of the 11,000 members now insured therein to the extent of upwards of $15,000,000."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED :—That nothing contained in the said legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1898, shall be or be construed to be, applicable to the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, or its recognition by the various Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada.

AND, that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, with instructions to prepare and submit such legislation as may be necessary to give effect thereto.

Your Committee further recommend, that owing to the erection of the Department of Insurance, in the Province of Ontario, subsequent to the agreement between this Grand body and the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, in the year 1890, paragraph 3, thereof be eliminated therefrom and the following clause substituted in lieu thereof :

"The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada shall annually deposit with the Grand Lodge of Ontario, a certificate from the Department of Insurance, of the Province of Ontario, setting forth the assets and liabilities of the said Association, together with such other information as may be required from time to time by this Grand Lodge."

All of which is respectfully submitted and signed by the Committee.

Your Committee move the adoption of this report.

W. H. HOYLE, P.G.M.
J. T. HORNIBROOK, P.G.M.
JOS. OLIVER, P.G.M.

Report No. 6—Bro. H. J. Guppy, from the Advisory Committee Relief Association, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada begs leave to submit to this Grand Lodge the following report :

We were in attendance at the annual meeting of the Association held on the 19th of July, 1899, in the city of Kingston.

The presence of the Grand Masters of the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Manitoba and Ontario testify that the Association is becoming more appreciated year by year, and recognized as a most useful auxiliary in the progress of the Order at large.

The Reports of the President and officers of the Association clearly indicate the continued prosperity of the Association.

The Reserve Fund shows a steady increase, and at present reaches $157,000, entirely made up of cash and negotiable securities.

The surplus of assets over liabilities for the year is $23,474.97. The total assets of the Association, including the reserve fund, is $174,651.40.

The membership of the Association is now 10,849. The average age of the whole membership is 37.23, and the death rate of the year 6.13, which shows a slight increase over that of last year, and the average duration of membership is 8 years 3 months.

The Treasurer's statement showed the revenue of the year to be $139.247.83, the expenditure $115,822.86. The Mortuary claims paid during the year reached the sum of $83,000.00, made unduly heavy by reason of a remarkable prevalence of accidents, the claims for which aggregated $12,500.00

There were four disability claims paid during the year amounting to $2,000.

The Finance Committee reported the securities checked and found correct, and commended the faithfulness of the officers and staff.

Your Committee, having kept before it the object of its appointment, viz.: to examine into the affairs of the Association and make certain that it is being conducted in a manner which is calculated to merit the continued confidence of this Grand Lodge, heartily endorse the foregoing commendation of the Finance Committee.

We have ascertained from the reports of the agents and members of the Association throughout Canada that the Association has been of great assistance towards the increase of membership generally.

And we recommend the continued recognition and support of the Association by this Grand Lodge.

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

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

W. S. GIVEN.
H. J. GUPPY.

The following telegram was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Brothers J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M, W. H. Hoyle, P G.M., and Rep. Wm Amor :

To the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 9, 1899.

The High Court of Ontario Independent Order of Foresters in Annual Session assembled sends fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and wishes them a successful and pleasant meeting. By order.

FRANK E. MCCONNER,
High Sec'y.

Rep C. C. Lyman, on behalf of the Odd Fellows of Brockville, presented the Grand Lodge with a neatly framed photograph of the monument erected by the Order in the cemetery in City of Brockville. It being the first monument erected by the Order in Ontario over the resting place of their deceased brothers, the donors desired that the photograph be hung up in the Grand Secretary's office.

Reps. A. H. Blackeby and Wm. Amor moved the following, which was adopted.

Resolved :—That the following matters of which notice had already been given, be made the special order after the opening of this afternoon's session, viz. :

"*Resolved*:—That recommendations one, two and three of the Committee's report as found on page 6844, Journal of Proceedings, 1898, be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"The following tables are approved and are hereby recommended to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction."

Report No. 7—Rep. R. Meek, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg to report:

Clause 1, Grand Master's Report:

A net gain of five hundred for the last financial and statistical year, is a matter on which the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated, all the circumstances to which the Grand Master has made reference being duly taken into account. That the Order has developed strength in a remarkable way and to a remarkable degree, is the more noticeable when it is remembered that no special and expensive methods have been employed to lift it into prominence.

Surely the evidence is supplied in this result of the inherent merits of Odd Fellowship. It was designed to meet the wants of men in a peculiar way; it has been true to its mission, and nothing of its kind has done or is doing its work. Based on principles that are granitic in their character, it has stood the test of time, and there is no reason to believe that it will not do this in the future, if only true to its important calling. And yet, your Committee are persuaded that the Grand Lodge would be justified in using all the reasonable and dignified agencies that are accessible, in order to make known the virtue of Odd Fellowship. To this end it is hoped the Order will give earnest consideration to every expedient which may be suggested, and which has for its object the up-building of its interest. Your Committee has, for one thing, unlimited faith in the efficacy of printer's ink, and it hopes that every encouragement will be given to the *Independent Odd Fellow* for the benefit it is to the Order.

Clauses 2 and 3, Grand Master's Report. The loss of members by the non-payment of their dues has always been a matter of deep concern. It is the issue which is before every fraternal society. The only thing that can contribute to a reduction of the lapses, in the opinion of your Committee, is a closer attention of the Financial Secretaries to their respective duties. Your Committee has been assured that when the accounts are scrutinized from time to time, where the tendency to run into arrears is judiciously checked, the percentage of lapses will not be large. Your Committee endorses the recommendation of the Grand Master, that in every Lodge there should be a committee to co-operate with the Financial Secretary in the collection of dues.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. MEEK.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TORONTO, August 10th, 1899.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in regular form. Roll Call and reading of the Minutes were, on motion, dispensed with.

The following telegram was read :—

Hamilton, Ont., August 10th.

John E. Farewell, Q.C., Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Victoria Hall, Toronto.

Please accept my congratulations on the great success of your Order, and I take pleasure in extending to your Order a hearty invitation from the citizens of Hamilton to hold your next Grand Lodge meeting here. The Electric City furnishes many attractions and excellent facilities for a most enjoyable meeting.

J. V. TEETZEL, Mayor of Hamilton.

Report No. 8—Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the special Committee on Fraternal Greetings from the High Court of Ontario, I.O.F., made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the telegram conveying the fraternal greetings to this Grand Lodge from the High Court of the I.O.F., now in session at Niagara Falls, Ontario, beg leave to report:

(a) That this Grand Lodge conveys and reciprocates the fraternal greetings of I.O.F. wishing them every prosperity in their fraternal work.

(b) Your Committee also recommend that the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to our sister Grand Lodge now in session in the Maritime Provinces, wishing them God speed in their noble work in behalf of Friendship, Love and Truth. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

J. B. MCINTYRE.

Report No. 9—Rep. C. C. Lyman, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to recommend that the Grand Officers, Representatives, and others serving on committees, entitled to mileage and per diem at this session of Grand Lodge, be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way of the usual travelled route, and $2.00 per diem while in session of Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

C. C. LYMAN.

Report No. 10—Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

1st. Your Committee on Finance have had before them the report of the Auditors for the year 1898, and are pleased to see that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in a better position than they were last year, and that notwithstanding the fact that over $600.00 was paid out for legal expenses we still have a balance on the right side of the ledger amounting to $251.59, at the close of the financial year, 1898. The above satisfactory condition of affairs is largely owing to the Grand Lodge meeting in the town of Galt last year, which resulted in a saving of over $500.00 in the mileage and per diem, along with the careful management on the part of the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. We are pleased to see that $118.00 has been received from the solicitors, part of the assets of the late Alliston Lodge, and trust that before long a new lodge may again be started in that place.

3rd. We approve of the suggestions made by the auditors of this Grand Lodge that $100.00 be charged to defunct lodge accounts, that being the amount paid out for store room in which to store the furniture and other assets of said lodges.

4th. We recommend the payment of the following amounts to the Sessional Officers :

Assistant Secretary	$15.00
Messenger, per diem, $2.00	6.00
Press correspondent, per dien	5 00
Janitor	10.00

5th. That the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and members of all Committees appointed during the recess of this Grand Lodge, be paid for all meetings called during recess at regular return fare and $2.00 per diem.

6th. That the Chairman of the Committee on General Purposes be paid per diem for attendance at this session of Grand Lodge at same rate as is allowed representatives.

7th. That the Chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinate be allowed the sum of $75.00 for his serv ces during the past year.

8th. That the salary list be placed at the same amount as last year, viz. :

Grand Secretary	$2,000.00
Grand Treasurer	200.00

9th. That the Grand Auditors be paid $25.00 each for their services in addition to the regular mileage.

10th. That the sum of $500.00 be placed to the credit of the Grand Master, to be drawn on from time during the year to meet the requirements of the Office.

11th. That the sum of $50.00 be appropriated to defray expense of Odd Fellows' tent at the Exhibition.

12th. We recommend that the usual retainer fee, same as paid last year, be paid Bro. R. K. Cowan of London as solicitor for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

13th. We recommend the Committee on General Purposes be instructed to procure 1,200 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Session.

14th. In looking over the balance sheet as presented we find that the $2,000.00 which was voted to the Odd Fellows' home in the years 1897 and 1898 has not yet been paid over, so while according to the Report shown on page 7013 there is a balance of $7,411.37, there should be also mentioned that there is an outstanding liability of the $2,000.00 mentioned above, making balance only

$5,411.37. We call the attention of the Representatives to the above fact in order that it may influence you in seeing that for the next few years we should continue to hold our sessions in some central place and by so doing save from $500.00 to $1,000.00 per year which we will be able to donate for the establishment of a home which appears to us to be one of the main objects that the Grand Lodge should endeavor to bring to a successful issue as soon as possible.

15th. We have examined the bonds of the Grand Treasurer, also the insurance receipts, and find them correct.

We cannot close this report without bearing testimony again to the efficient manner in which the Grand Secretary attends to his duties.

Resolved—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OLIVER.

Rep. A. H. Blackeby, seconded by Rep. R. N. Sheppard, moved the following, notice of which had been given at yesterday's session :

Resolved :—That recommendations one and two, of the Committee's report, as found on page 6844, Journal of 1898 be rescinded, and the following substituted therefor :

"The accompanying tables are approved, and are hereby recommended to the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction."

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Reps. Jno. Welsh, P.G.P. and J. A. Young, P.G.M., moved the following, which was resolved in the negative :

Resolved :—That the resolution lay on the table until receipt of the report of the Committee on Constitution and other reports bearing on this same subject.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. A. H. Blackeby, it was adopted.

The following telegram was read and received with much gratification :

Kentville, N.S., August 10th, 1899.

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

The Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces sends fraternal greeting. The brethren by the sea clasp the hand of those on the great lakes.

JAMES R. MACDONALD, *Grand Master.*

The following, moved by Rep. J. B. Turner, seconded by Rep. Henry C. Fowler, was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved :—That a committee of five be appointed to consider the question as to the best method of reducing the cost of the Sessions of Grand Lodge, and report at the meeting of Grand Lodge in 1900, the report of the committee to be printed and transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Subordinate Lodges not later than 1st of May, 1900.

On motion of Grand Representative Bro. Henry White, the following was adopted unanimously :

Resolved :—That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet at 7.30 this evening.

At 5.30 the Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 7.30 pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, in the chair.

Roll call and reading the minutes of previous session were on motion dispensed with.

Report No. 11—Rep. R. Meek, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

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

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

Clause 4, Grand Master's Report:

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Master upon his success in adding three new Lodges to the number in this province. Greater progress need scarcely be expected, until the Grand Lodge becomes more persistent in its missionary service. In the past, it has been somewhat spasmodic, because the Grand Master would only make use of the limited means at his disposal. If his successor is to have a different experience, very much depends upon the Lodge's plan of extending its usefulness. Perhaps it may not be amiss here to say that many members are lost to the Order annually because of its inability to receive applications from those who are under twenty-one years of age. The efforts of those who have supported the eighteen year amendment to the Constitution have not been rewarded with success; but it is hoped they will not become weary in well-doing, that they will not cease to press for the amendment, until it has been accepted and passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

R. MEEK.

Report No. 12—Rep. R. Meek, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee beg to report:

Clause 6, Grand Master's Report:

We are glad that the Grand Master has been able to absent himself sufficiently from his professional duties, as a Crown Officer, to visit so many as forty-five Lodges in the jurisdiction. The visits have been greatly valued. They have stimulated the officers and members into renewed activity on behalf of the cause. They are educational and inspirational in their character, and it is hoped the incoming Grand Master will indulge in them as far as possible. One cannot read the record of Grand Master Farewell without feeling that it is a pity every Lodge in the jurisdiction cannot have a visit from the head of the Order in the province during his term of office.

Clause 7, Grand Master's Report:

We approve of the appointment of the General Committees during the recess for the work which was remitted to them.

Clause 8, Grand Master's Report :

Your Committee regret exceedingly the loss which fell upon three Lodges by fire during the year, and approve of the recommendation that they be given new charters without cost to them.

Clause 12, Grand Master's Report :

Your Committee endorse the action of the Grand Master in calling the Advisory Committee for consultation during the recess in certain features of the dues and benefit tables. This was a matter of too grave importance to expect the Grand Master to act alone, and he was warranted in taking counsel with those whom the Grand Lodge has placed at his disposal for that purpose.

Clause 23, Grand Master's Report :

Your Committee have been pleased to hear that the Grand Master has been materially assisted by the officers and agents of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association in the work of the year. Your Committee has the assurance that these officers and agents will co-operate with the Grand officers in the future without cost to the Grand Lodge and in appreciation of the very cordial relations that exist between the Grand Lodge and the Association.

Clause 30, Grand Master's Report :

Your Committee deem it inexpedient that matters should continue longer as they are in Erie Lodge, Port Burwell. The Lodge is in a dormant condition. It should be either revived or made to surrender its charter and funds, and it is hoped that the incoming Grand Master will adopt vigorous measures with this end in view, and without delay.

Your Committee cannot close this report without complimenting the Grand Master upon what he has been able to do for Odd Fellowship. His work for the year will be remembered in all sincerity and gratitude.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved :—That the foregoing be adopted.

R. MEEK.

Report No. 13—Rep. R. Meek, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee beg to report on the following clauses of the Grand Secretary's Report, which were referred to him :

1. The Journal of Proceedings has been issued within reasonable promptitude. Moreover, it is a work which, in its arrangement and appearance, reflects great credit upon the Grand Secretary and the contracting printer.

2. The supplies to the District Deputies of the Grand Master appear to be all that they desire. Your Committee would suggest that the Grand Master impress upon his deputies the necessity of giving to the office all the importance and dignity which it calls for. The D.D.G.M. represents the Grand Master, and the visits of this officer to the Lodges should be made as impressive and frequent as possible.

3. The badge supplied by the Grand Lodge to its officers and representatives is exceedingly neat, and is as appropriate and inexpensive as the Annual Meeting justifies.

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4. The interchange of Journals between the Grand Lodge is a necessary proceeding and should be continued.

5. Your Committee approve of any action which will facilitate the institution of new lodges when these have been petitioned for. The recommendation to Grand Lodge By-law, No. 61, and referred to Clause 15 of the Grand Secretary's Report is therefore approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted

R. MEEK.

Report No. 14—Rep. R. Meek, from the same Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the letter by Bro. Julius Kamm, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, beg to report that they do not see that this matter is one which properly comes before it, and therefore your Committee does not see its way clear to make any recommendation.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

R. MEEK.

Report No. 15—Rep. R. Meek, from the Press Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Press Committee beg to report:

1. That the Grand Master be empowered to engage a reporter before the opening of each Grand Lodge meeting, so that the work may begin with the opening of the session.

2. That the Grand Secretary be empowered to secure space in the Toronto papers for the reports of the Grand Lodge. It is not always the fault of the correspondent if reports of a reasonable length do not appear in the papers. It is necessary to secure space for these reports beforehand.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

R. MEEK.

The Grand Lodge resolved into secret session, when Grand Representatives, Thos. Woodyatt and Henry White, exemplified the unwritten work of the Subordinate Lodge and of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge resumed its regular work.

Report No. 16—Rep. C. C. Lyman, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report with table attached, and on his motion the Grand Master was requested to issue his order on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of five thousand and thirteen dollars to meet the said Mileage and Per Diem expenses of this Session.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, SESSION AT TORONTO, AUGUST, 1899.

OFFICERS.	No.	Location.	Miles Travel'd	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem	Total.	Name of Representative.
J. E. Farewell, Grand Master		Whitby	30	$1 50	3	$6 00	$ 7 50	
Jas. McLurg, Dep. G. Master		Woodstock	86	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	
O. L. Lewis, Grand Warden		Chatham	172	8 60	3	6 00	14 60	
J. B. King, Grand Secretary		Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	
W. J. McCormack, Grand Treas.		"			3	6 00	6 00	
Thos. Woodyatt, Grand Rep.		Brantford	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	
Henry White, Grand Rep.		Port Hope	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	
J. R. Oliver, Grand Marshal		Woodstock	80	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	
Alf. Coyell, Grand Conductor		Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	
J. E. Ryan, Grand Guardian		Prescott	220	6 60	3	6 00	12 60	
W. A. Pringle, Grand Herald		Belleville	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	
Richard Lee, Asst. Grand Guard		Walkerton	49	2 45	3	6 00	8 45	
J. A. Young, Junior P. G. M.		Thamesford	101	5 05	3	6 00	11 05	
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NAME OF LODGE.								
Brock	9	Brockville	208	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	C. C. Lyman.
"	9	"	208	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	E. Leslie Trickey.
Cataraqui	10	Kingston	163	8 15	3	6 00	14 15	R. Meek.
"	10	"	163	8 15	3	6 00	14 15	J. R. Donaldson.
"	10	"	163	8 15	3	6 00	14 15	J. M. Whinton.
Otonabee	13	Peterborough	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80	R. W. Bell.
"	13	"	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80	M. Mowry.
Union	16	St. Catharines	71	3 55	3	6 00	9 55	J. B. McIntyre.
"	16	"	71	3 55	3	6 00	9 55	M. C. Goodsir.
Phœnix	23	Oshawa						

Otonabee	13	Peterborough	76	3	80	3	6	00	9 80	R. W. Bell.
"	13	"	76	3	80	3	6	00	9 80	M. Mowry.
Union	16	St. Catharines.	71	3	55	3	6	00	9 55	I. B. McIntyre.
"	16	"	71	3	55	3	6	00	9 55	M. C. Goodsir.
Phœnix	22	Oshawa	34	1	70	3	6	00	7 70	J. M. Rolph.
"	22	"	34	1	70	3	6	00	7 70	Jas. W. Judson.
Rose	28	Amherstburg	233	11	65	3	6	00	17 65	W. S. Falls.
Chatham	29	Chatham	172	8	60	3	6	00	14 60	Thos. S. Smith.
"	29	"	172	8	60	3	6	00	14 60	Geo. J. Wanless.
"	29	"	172	8	60	3	6	00	14 60	Ben. K. Harper.
Eureka	29	London	115	5	75	3	6	00	11 75	John E. Crawford.
Elgin	30	St. Thomas	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05	Ed. Roe.
"	32	"	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05	W. E. Cox.
"	32	"	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05	John Fraser.
Gore	32	Brantford	63	3	15	3	6	00	9 15	Wm. Gillespie.
"	34	"	63	3	15	3	6	00	9 15	A. E. Harley.
"	34	"	63	3	15	3	6	00	9 15	Alex. Mathews.
Samaritan	34	Ingersoll	96	4	80	3	6	00	10 80	R. T. Agar.
"	35	"	96	4	80	3	6	00	10 80	Chas. Scoffin.
St. Mary's	35	St. Mary's	99	4	95	3	6	00	10 95	W. D. Spence.
Forest City	36	London	115	5	75	3	6	00	11 75	A. Tucker.
Rondeau	38	Blenheim	184	9	20	3	6	00	15 20	Oliver Vansickle.
"	40	"	184	9	20	3	6	00	15 20	A. D. Findlay.
Avon	40	Stratford	89	4	45	3	6	00	10 45	John Welsh.
"	41	"	89	4	45	3	6	00	10 45	A. Abraham.
"	41	"	89	4	45	3	6	00	10 45	Peter Bradshaw.
Excelsior	41	Hamilton	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	Wm. Stevenson.
"	44	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	Hy. Tansley.
Frontier	44	Windsor	225	11	25	3	6	00	17 25	James Montgomery.
"	45	"	225	11	25	3	6	00	17 25	Geo. Latcham.
"	45	"	225	11	25	3	6	00	17 25	Wm. Douglas.
Mount Zion	45	Newbury	151	7	55	3	6	00	13 55	Daniel King.
Unity	46	Hamilton	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	Wm. Amor.
"	47	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	Oliver Beatty.
"	47	"	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95	W. J. Evans.
Dominion	47	London	115	5	75	3	6	00	11 75	R. K. Cowan.
"	48	"	115	5	75	3	6	00	11 75	T. D. Hastings.
Canada	48	Toronto				3	6	00	6 00	Thos. S. Scully.
"	49	"				3	6	00	6 00	David J. Stuart.
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Name of Lodge.	No.	Location.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	Name of Representative.
Canada	49	Toronto			3	$6 00	$6 00	W. B. Dack.
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	98	$4 90	3	6 00	10 90	Wm. McDonald.
"	50	"	98	4 90	3	6 00	10 90	F. Haney.
Covenant	52	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	J. T. Hornibrook.
"	52	"			3	6 00	6 00	H. C. Fowler.
Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	C J. Webber.
"	53	"	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	W. J. Seymour.
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	95	4 75	3	6 00	10 75	Abe Matts.
"	54	"	95	4 75	3	6 00	10 75	Thos. Lawrence.
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	114	5 70	3	6 00	11 70	A. D. Sutherland.
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto			5	6 00	6 00	Albert Macoomb.
" "	56	"			3	6 00	6 00	Chas. Gentleman.
" "	56	"			3	6 00	6 00	J. W. Davidson.
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	49	2 45	3	6 00	8 45	D. B. Brown.
Howard	58	Strathroy	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	F. W. Orr.
"	58	"	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	H. E. Husband.
Kingston	59	Kingston	163	8 15	3	6 00	14 15	Peter M. Thompson.
"	59	"	163	8 15	3	6 00	14 15	William H. Wilson.
"	59	"	163	8 15	3	6 00	14 15	Geo. Lee.
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	34	1 70	3	6 00	7 70	Geo. Warren.
"	61	"	34	1 70	3	6 00	7 70	J. W. Ellis.
"	61	"	34	1 70	3	6 00	7 70	W. Marritt.
Huron	62	Goderich	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	H. D. Reed.
"	62	"	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	W. S. Clark.
Barrie	63	Barrie	64	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	J. R. Young.
Victoria	64	Hamilton	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	Byron F. Richardson.
Friendship	65	Petrolia	166	8 30	3	6 00	14 30	Arthur McDermand.
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Florence Nightingale	66	"	166	8 30				

"	65	"	166	8	30	3	6	00	14 30 Wm. J. Clarke.
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	43	2	15	3	6	00	8 15 Robt. Adair.
"	66	"	43	2	15	3	6	00	8 15 R. C. Trebilcock.
Exeter	67	Exeter	129	6	45	3	6	00	12 45 S. A. Poplestone.
North Star	68	Stayner	87	4	35	3	6	00	10 35 T. S Grimshaw.
Hope	69	Harrietsville	107	5	35	3	6	00	11 35 W. Doan.
Lucan	70	Lucan	114	5	70	3	6	00	11 70 Herbert Gibson.
The Toronto	71	Toronto				3	6	00	6 00 Wm. McLellan.
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	30	1	50	3	6	00	7 50 Alex. Smith.
Fergus	73	Fergus	67	3	35	3	6	00	9 35 Fred. W. Templin.
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	157	7	85	3	6	00	13 85 W. A. Scott.
Warriner	75	Port Perry	49	2	45	3	6	00	8 45 W. L. Marshall.
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05 H. M. Wilson.
"	76	"	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05 John Allen.
"	76	"	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05 W. E. Locock.
Oxford	76	Ingersoll	96	4	80	3	6	00	10 80 Reid A. Size.
Durham	77	Port Hope	63	3	15	3	6	00	9 15 R. A. Lee.
"	78	"	63	3	15	3	6	00	9 15 Hugh Walker.
Nipissing	78	Uxbridge	42	2	10	3	6	00	8 10 J. H. Bustin.
Amity	79	Prescott	220	11	00	3	6	00	17 00 W. H. Plumb.
"	80	"	220	11	00	3	6	00	17 00 Wellington Rowe.
"	80	"	220	11	00	3	6	00	17 00 A. Fricker.
Belleville	80	Belleville	113	5	65	3	6	00	11 65 William Nelson.
"	81	"	113	5	65	3	6	00	11 65 A. L. Geen.
"	81	"	113	5	65	3	6	00	11 65 R. W. Adams.
Beaver	81	Ruthven	214	10	70	3	6	00	16 70 Mark Whaley.
Clinton	82	Clinton	121	6	05	3	6	00	12 05 E. M. McLean.
Walkerton	83	Walkerton	120	6	00	3	6	00	12 00 J. F. Schwalm.
"	84	"	120	6	00	3	6	00	12 00 C. Reickenbach.
Constellation	84	Burgessville	92	4	60	3	6	00	10 60 John Griffin.
Napanee	85	Napanee	135	6	75	3	6	00	12 75 Jas. A. Wilson.
Empire	86	St. Catharines	71	3	55	3	6	00	9 55 N. Bulger.
"	87	"	71	3	55	3	6	00	9 55 Theo. Parnell.
Olive Branch	87	Woodstock	86	4	30	3	6	00	10 30 A. J. Watford.
"	88	"	86	4	30	3	6	00	10 30 Geo. Cheyne.
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Huron	62	Goderich	135	6	75	3	6	00	12 75 H. D. Reed.
"	62	"	135	6	75	3	6	00	12 75 W. S. Clark.
Barrie	63	Barrie	64	3	20	3	6	00	9 20 J. R. Young.
Victoria	64	Hamilton	39	1	95	3	6	00	7 95 Byron F. Richardson.
Friendship	65	Petrolia	166	8	30	3	6	00	14 30 Arthur McDermand.

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Reliance	89	Guelph	49	$2 45	3	$6 00	$8 45	Robert Lovell.
"	89	"	49	2 45	3	6 00	8 45	W. J. Graham.
Ivy	90	Parkhill	129	6 45	3	6 00	12 45	A. E. Smith.
Grand River	91	Paris	67	3 35	3	6 00	9 35	John Inksater.
Milton	92	Milton	32	1 60	3	6 00	7 60	John Metcalf.
Western City	93	Chatham	172	8 60	3	6 00	14 60	John Glassford.
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	F. L. Wagner.
"	94	"	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	W. E. Stevens.
Nith	96	New Hamburg	75	3 75	3	6 00	9 75	Herman Wiese.
Grand Union	97	Berlin	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	Hy. A. Hagen.
"	97	"	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	G. A. May.
Minto	98	Harriston	97	4 85	3	6 00	10 85	Wm. Craigmill.
Lindsay	100	Lindsay	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	John Henderson.
"	100	"	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50	Robt. Chambers.
Golden Star	101	Brampton	22	1 10	3	6 00	7 10	J. J. Manning.
Deseronto	102	Deseronto	134	6 70	3	6 00	12 70	T. J. Naylor.
Cataract	103	Niagara Falls S	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	W. J. Corley.
Crescent	104	Hamilton	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	Thos. Taylor.
"	104	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	J. B. Turner.
"	104	"	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	Wm. Wheaton.
Manilla	105	Manilla	51	2 85	3	6 00	8 85	Hugh Carmichael.
St. Clair	106	Pt. Edward	173	8 65	3	6 00	14 65	Geo. Lucas.
Waterloo	107	Galt	57	2 85	3	6 00	8 85	A. Y. Bruce.
"	107	"	57	2 85	3	6 00	8 85	F. Williams.
"	107	"	57	2 85	3	6 00	8 85	W. A. Dennis.
Royal Oak	108	Forest	146	7 30	3	6 00	13 30	Newton Tripp.
Orion	109	Georgetown	29	1 45	3	6 00	7 45	T. J. Wheeler.
Laurel	110	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	H. Stevenson.
"	110	"						

Waterloo	107	Galt	57	2 85	3	6 00	8 85	F. Williams.
"	107	"	57	2 85	3	6 00	8 85	W. A. Dennis.
"	107	"	57	2 85	3	6 00	13 30	Newton Tripp.
Royal Oak	108	Forest	146	7 30	3	6 00	7 45	T. J. Wheeler.
Orion	109	Georgetown	29	1 45	3			

Laurel	110	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	H. Stevenson.
"	110	"			3	6 00	6 00	E. F. Bowie.
Peterboro	111	Peterborough	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80	R. M. Scott.
"	111	"	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80	John Fanning.
"	111	"	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80	T. C. Elliott.
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	134	6 70	3	6 00	12 70	Geo. H. Lawrence.
"	112	"	134	6 70	3	6 00	12 70	D. Paterson.
Trenton	113	Trenton	101	5 05	3	6 00	11 05	Chas. Crowe.
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	182	9 10	3	6 00	15 10	Geo. Toner.
"	114	"	182	9 10	3	6 00	15 10	C. R. Cotton.
"	114	"	182	9 10	3	6 00	15 10	John Kee.
Harmony	115	Brantford	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	Wm. McConnack.
"	115	"	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	S. M. Thomson.
"	115	"	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	Jas. Brown.
Naomi	116	Markham	23	1 15	3	6 00	7 15	John H. Wilkinson.
Valley City	117	Dundas	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	Geo. Lees, Jr.
"	117	"	45	2 25	3	6 00	8 25	Elmer E. Fisher.
Maitland	119	Wingham	122	6 10	3	6 00	12 10	W. J. Haines.
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	196	9 80	3	6 00	15 80	G. R. Peirce.
"	120	"	196	9 80	3	6 00	15 80	A. Templeton.
Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	121	6 05	3	6 00	12 05	John Morgan.
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	21	1 05	3	6 00	7 05	Robt. Graydon.
Dresden	124	Dresden	184	9 20	3	6 00	15 20	D. A. Warner.
"	124	"	184	9 20	3	6 00	15 20	Geo. Rice.
Stella	125	Carleton Place	228	11 40	3	6 00	17 40	Jas. H. Munro.
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	170	8 50	3	6 00	14 50	R. E. LeSuerer.
"	126	"	170	8 50	3	6 00	14 50	Robt. Irwin.
Mizpah	127	Belleville	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	L. B. Cooper.
"	127	"	113	5 65	3	6 00	11 65	A. Matthews.
Charity	129	Sunderland	53	2 65	3	6 00	8 65	J. H. Glendenning.
Livingstone	130	Thorold	75	3 75	3	6 00	9 75	P. Steep.
Marion	131	Renfrew	229	11 45	3	6 00	17 45	O. Wright.
"	131	"	229	11 45	3	6 00	17 45	H. W. Pearson.
Oakville	132	Oakville	21	1 05	3	6 00	7 05	Geo. Hillmer.
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	145	7 25	3	6 00	13 25	Jno. L. Luckham.

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Name of Lodge.	No.	Location.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	Name of Representative.
Orient	134	Welland	82	$4 10	3	$6 00	$10 10	Wm. H. Lowe.
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	59	2 95	3	6 00	8 95	Thos. Woodward.
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	69	3 45	3	6 00	9 45	W. J. Hamilton.
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	208	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	W. J. Moore.
"	137	"	208	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	S. G. Rothwell.
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	45	2 30	3	6 00	8 30	A. Bradshaw.
Garnet	139	Mount Forest	87	4 35	3	6 00	10 35	John Waddell.
Leamington	140	Leamington	210	10 50	3	6 00	16 50	Geo. McIntyre.
"	140	"	210	10 50	3	6 00	16 50	Alfred Hoffman.
Concord	142	Kingsville	218	10 90	3	6 00	16 90	Jno. Pulford.
Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	133	6 65	3	6 00	12 65	Ed. W. Case.
"	143	"	133	6 65	3	6 00	12 65	H. J. Allison.
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	165	8 25	3	6 00	14 25	H. L. Pattison.
Riverside	145	Iroquis	234	11 70	3	6 00	17 70	Sam'l Landon.
Vivian	146	Arnprior	252	12 60	3	6 00	18 60	G. H. Larivee.
Model	147	Wyoming	160	8 00	3	6 00	14 00	Henry Lucas.
Aurora	148	Aurora	30	1 50	3	6 00	7 50	R. W. Wood.
Western Star	149	Brussels	121	6 05	3	6 00	12 05	Wm. Martin.
Sycamore	151	Arkona	144	7 20	3	6 00	13 20	Geo. W. Carson.
Hayden	152	Norwich	86	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	A. Searles.
Wildey	153	Granton	108	5 40	3	6 00	11 40	J. B. Bryan.
Alpha	154	Almonte	235	11 75	3	6 00	17 75	P. C. McGregor.
"	154	"	235	11 75	3	6 00	17 75	Wm. P. McEwen.
Brougham	155	Whitevale	22	1 10	3	6 00	7 10	W. H. Tran.
Pyramid	156	Newmarket	34	1 70	3	6 00	7 70	D. Morrison.
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	164	8 20	3	6 00	14 20	John Minshall.
Progress	158	Guelph	49	2 45	3	6 00	8 45	S. C. Sunley.

"	158	"	49	2 45	3	6 00	8 45	R. W. Wood.

Brougham	155	Whitevale	22	1	10	3	6 00	7 10	W. H. Tran.
Pyramid	156	Newmarket	34	1	70	3	6 00	7 70	D. Morrison.
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	164	8	20	3	6 00	14 20	John Minshall.
Progress	158	Guelph	49	2	45	3	6 00	8 45	S. C. Sunley.
"	158	"	49	2	45	3	6 00	8 45	F. W. Fenwick.
Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	39	1	95	3	6 00	7 95	Hy. Carpenter.
Listowel	160	Listowel	102	5	10	3	6 00	11 10	F. R. Blewett.
Oriental	163	Cornwall	266	13	30	3	6 00	19 30	J. G. Harkness.
Romeo	164	Stratford	89	4	45	3	6 00	10 45	Wm. Hepburn.
"	164	"	89	4	45	3	6 00	10 45	Geo. Lawrence.
Beethoven	165	Brooklin	37	1	85	3	6 00	7 85	W. R. Kent.
Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg	56	2	80	3	6 00	8 30	A. P. Hunter.
Sutton	168	Sutton W.	54	2	70	3	6 00	8 70	Geo. V. Crocker.
Grey	169	Durham	103	5	15	3	6 00	11 15	Wm. Laidlaw.
Denovo	170	Port Elgin	148	7	40	3	6 00	13 40	John Duff.
Penetangore	172	Kincardine	160	8	00	3	6 00	14 00	R. W. Clements.
"	172	"	160	8	00	3	6 00	14 00	Walter S. Anderson.
Emerald	173	Dunnville	76	3	80	3	6 00	9 80	John Steel.
Dolman	174	Ayr	68	3	40	3	6 00	9 40	W. E. Gammon.
"	174	"	68	3	40	3	6 00	9 40	Jas. G. Fair.
Dauncey	176	Thedford	137	6	85	3	6 00	12 85	W. J. Kearney.
Montana	177	Wroxeter	111	5	55	3	6 00	11 55	Geo. Paulin.
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	33	1	65	3	6 00	7 65	Joshua Kearns.
Madoc	179	Madoc	142	7	10	3	6 00	13 10	James White.
"	179	"	142	7	10	3	6 00	13 10	W. J. Harrison, M.D.
Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	122	6	10	3	6 00	12 10	Robt. J. McKinney, Jr.
Tecumseh	182	Otterville	91	4	55	3	6 00	10 55	D. Hicks.
Teeswater	183	Teeswater	123	6	15	3	6 00	12 15	H. G. Fowler.
Germania	184	Waterloo	64	3	20	3	6 00	9 20	A. B. McBride.
"	184	"	64	3	20	3	6 00	9 20	Wm. Conrad.
Dufferin	186	Flesherton	86	4	30	3	6 00	10 30	W. J. Boyd.
Cambridge	188	Preston	61	3	05	3	6 00	9 05	Fred. Levandusky.
Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	210	10	50	3	6 00	16 50	John A. Johnston.
Chorazin	190	London	114	5	70	3	6 00	11 70	E. W. Boyle.
"	190	"	114	5	70	3	6 00	11 70	James Fitzgerald.
Jarvis	191	Jarvis	70	3	50	3	6 00	9 50	Simon E. Davidson.
Gorrie	192	Gorrie	109	5	45	3	6 00	11 45	Robt. Toung.
Albert	194	Toronto				3	6 00	6 00	R. N. Sheppard.
"	194	"				3	6 00	6 00	W. P. Smith.

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Cicerone	195	Woodville	63	$3 15	3	$6 00	9 15	F. McPherson.
Florence	196	Florence	165	8 25	3	6 00	14 25	Isaac Unsworth.
Minerva	197	Hamilton	39	1 95	3	6 00	7 95	A. McEachren.
Britannia	197	Drayton	82	4 10	3	6 00	10 10	H. A. Mallory.
Weston	200	Weston	7	35	3	6 00	6 35	W. J. Cruickshank.
Beacon	201	Pt. Colborne	92	4 60	3	6 00	10 60	John Houser.
Silver Star	202	Milverton	104	5 20	3	6 00	11 20	J. H. Engel.
Pembroke	203	Pembroke	263	13 15	3	6 00	9 15	Jas. M. Taylor.
"	203	"	263	13 15	3	6 00	9 15	J. R. Beal.
Acton	204	Acton	36	1 80	3	6 00	7 80	W. Williams.
Ahiram	205	Paisley	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	W. R. Barnett.
"	205	"	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	Geo. Rathwell.
Silver City	206	Tiverton	169	8 45	3	6 00	14 45	Peter McPherson.
Egremont	207	Kerwood	140	7 00	3	6 00	13 00	L. H. Cook.
Alvinston	208	Alvinston	156	7 80	3	6 00	13 80	C. Wallis.
Millbank	209	Millbank	106	5 30	3	6 00	11 30	Joseph Gibson.
Brucefield	210	Brucefield	128	6 40	3	6 00	12 40	John Kaiser.
Lily	211	Dorchester	105	5 25	3	6 00	11 25	C. Venning.
Argyll	212	Napanee	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	M. S. Plumley.
"	212	"	135	6 75	3	6 00	12 75	T. F. Oliver.
Clifford	214	Clifford	105	5 25	3	6 00	11 25	Jno. R. Scott.
Freestone	215	Beamsville	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00	T. A. Simpson.
Elmira	216	Elmira	75	3 75	3	6 00	9 75	R. J. Hall.
Mount Brydges	217	Mt. Brydges	130	6 50	3	6 00	12 50	Wm Courtis.
"	217	"	130	6 50	3	6 00	12 50	J. P. Grigg.
Enterprise	218	Essex	216	10 80	3	6 00	16 80	T. D. McCreery.
"	218	"	216	10 80	3	6 00	16 80	E. H. Kernshaw.
Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	106	5 30	3	6 00	11 30	Wm. Gill.

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Woodslee	220	Woodslee	211	10	55	3	6 00	16 55	John Murray.
Chesley	221	Chesley	130	6	50	3	6 00	12 50	John W. Spiesz.
Hensall	223	Hensall	134	6	70	3	6 00	12 70	John Steacy.
Ottawa	224	Ottawa	256	12	80	3	6 00	18 80	R. E. Cockburn.
"	224	"	256	12	80	3	6 00	18 80	Wm. L Moore.
Norfolk	225	Port Dover	80	4	00	3	6 00	10 00	A. Innes.
Merlin	226	Merlin	198	9	90	3	6 00	15 90	W. C. Estabrook.
Sauble	227	Tara	143	7	15	3	6 00	13 15	Chas. Locke.
International	228	Bridgeburg	1 0	5	00	3	6 00	11 00	Thomas Edwards.
"	228	"	100	5	00	3	6 00	11 00	E. W. Doane.
Embro Star	229	Embro	98	4	90	3	6 00	10 90	J. E. McDonald.
Prince of Wales	230	Toronto				3	6 00	6 00	Jas. Bond.
Eloral	231	Elora	64	3	20	3	6 00	9 20	Hy. Clarke.
Equity	232	Hagersville	64	3	20	3	6 00	9 20	Jas. McNichol.
Hanover	233	Hanover	119	5	95	3	6 00	11 95	Simon Young.
Ilderton	234	Ilderton	125	6	25	3	6 00	12 25	Jno. Y. Martin.
Waterford	235	Waterford	79	3	95	3	6 00	9 95	R. S. Robinson.
Acorn	236	Camlachie	155	7	75	3	6 00	13 75	H. West.
Farmersville	237	Athens	217	10	85	3	6 00	16 85	J. W. Kelly.
Stirling	239	Stirling	132	6	60	3	6 00	12 60	H. T. Sine.
"	239	"	132	6	60	3	6 00	12 60	D. W. Fox.
Carleton	240	Ottawa	256	12	80	3	6 00	18 80	F. H. Gisborne.
"	240	"	256	12	80	3	6 00	18 80	John Smith.
"	240	"	256	12	80	3	6 00	18 80	A. T. McKinnon.
Rideau	241	Smith's Fall	210	10	50	3	6 00	16 50	Robt. McGillvray.
"	241	"	210	10	50	3	6 00	16 50	E. A. Anderson.
Wilton	242	Toronto				3	6 00	6 00	J. W. Greig.
"	242	"				3	6 00	6 00	T. R. Bain.
Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	856	42	80	3	6 00	48 80	H. B. Dawson.
Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	195	9	75	3	6 00	15 75	W. C. Lee.
Gordon	247	Palmerston	93	4	65	3	6 00	10 65	R. N. Jennings.
Campbellford	248	Campbellford	108	5	40	3	6 00	11 40	H. Shaw.
Beaverton	249	Beaverton	72	3	60	3	6 00	9 60	W. J. Saunders.
Ridgely	250	Oil Springs	172	8	60	3	6 00	14 60	A. C. Wallen.

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Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	122	$6 10	3	$6 00	$12 10	A. F. Yuill.
Floral	252	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	A. E. Welbourne.
"	252	"			3	6 00	6 00	J. J. Ramsay.
Caledonia	253	Caledonia	56	2 80	3	6 00	8 80	W. J. Burns.
Alba	254	Pakenham	246	12 30	3	6 00	18 30	Isaac Willoughby.
Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	61	3 05	3	6 00	9 05	H. Rounding.
Credit	257	Erin	53	2 65	3	6 00	8 65	W. J. Stevenson.
Thamesford	258	Thamesford	101	5 05	3	6 00	11 05	M. J. Bain.
"	258	"	101	5 05	3	6 00	11 05	D. F. Creighton.
Lynden	259	Lynden	54	2 70	3	6 00	8 70	Jos. Ross.
Meaford	260	Meaford	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75	A. McK. Cameron.
Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage	1154	57 70	3	6 00	63 70	Harry H. Eager.
"	261	"	1154	57 70	3	6 00	63 70	Fred. A. Hudson.
East Toronto	263	York	3	15	3	6 00	6 15	John Berry.
Fraternity	264	Perth	198	9 90	3	6 00	15 90	J. A. Allan.
Delta	265	Delta	228	11 40	3	6 00	17 40	W. J. Birch.
Missanabie	266	Chapleau	479	23 95	3	6 00	29 95	A. McLaren.
Algoma	267	Fort William	861	43 05	3	6 00	49 05	H. Johnstone.
Stanley	268	Lanark	210	10 50	3	6 00	16 50	Jas. McCurdy.
Woodstock	269	Woodstock	86	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	Geo. March.
"	269	"	86	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	Chas. Perrett.
Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	187	9 35	3	6 00	15 35	J. E. Heaslip.
North Bay	271	North Bay	227	11 35	3	6 00	17 35	W. B. Way.
Lakeview	272	Toronto Junc.	5	25	3	6 00	6 25	H. W. West.
Hastings	273	Hastings	98	4 90	3	6 00	10 90	C. R. Fowlds.
Midland	274	Midland	119	5 95	3	6 00	11 95	Joshua Hill.
Fairy	275	Huntsville	146	7 30	3	6 00	13 30	Geo. D. Johnson.
Lambton	277	Brigden	178	8 90	3	6 00	14 90	A. F. Wade.
Rockcliffe	278	Ottawa	256	12 80	3	6 00	18 80	

Lambton	277	Brigden	178	8	90	3	6	00	14	90	A. F. Wade.
Rockcliffe	278	Ottawa	256	12	80	3	6	00	18	80	R. M. Jones.
"	278	"	256	12	80	3	6	00	18	80	A. E. Ripley.
Grenville	279	Kemptville	232	11	60	3	6	00	17	60	Geo. W. Griffith.
Balmoral	280	Merrickville	219	10	95	3	6	00	16	95	Alex. Atchie.
Arthur	281	Sault Ste Marie	485	24	25	3	6	00	30	25	Jno. Dawson.
Sudbury	282	Sudbury	306	15	30	3	6	00	21	30	G. J. Oliver.
Earnscliffe	283	Cummings Br.	258	12	90	3	6	00	18	90	T. F. Ellmitt.
"	283	"	258	12	90	3	6	00	18	90	Jas. M. Doran.
Lyn	284	Lyn	204	10	20	3	6	00	16	20	Geo. J. Billings.
Morewood	285	Morewood	259	12	95	3	6	00	18	95	Thos. Faulkner.
Royal	286	Havelock	100	5	00	3	6	00	11	00	W. T. Curtis.
Ripley	287	Ripley	151	7	55	3	6	00	13	55	R. D. McKenzie.
Chesterville	288	Chesterville	251	12	55	3	6	00	18	55	E. W. Forward.
Glanworth	289	Glanworth	124	6	20	3	6	00	12	20	Jno. Morrison.
Tweed	290	Tweed	131	6	55	3	6	00	12	55	N. M. Lloyd.
Rodney	291	Rodney	151	7	55	3	6	00	13	55	John H. Martin.
Minnetonka	292	Keewatin	1158	57	90	3	6	00	63	90	R. H. Gilchrist.
Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg	138	6	90	3	6	00	12	90	J. A. Beaty.
Broadview	294	Toronto				3	6	00	6	00	Jno. Gibbs.
"	294	"				3	6	00	6	00	T. G. Pendrith.
Manotick	295	Manotick	249	12	45	3	6	00	18	45	Jas. Latimer.
Pontypool	296	Pontypool	55	2	75	3	6	00	8	75	J. W. Anderson.
Mayflower	297	Parham	180	9	00	3	6	00	15	00	Geo. Gray.
Comber	298	Comber	202	10	10	3	6	00	16	10	Thos. H. Warren.
Cornucopia	299	McLaren's Dep	187	9	35	3	6	00	15	35	James Richards.
Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	96	4	80	3	6	00	10	80	W. A. Davis.
Plattsville	301	Plattsville	85	4	25	3	6	00	10	25	A. J. Willson.
Aberdeen	302	Aultsville	250	12	50	3	6	00	18	50	H. Pruner.
Fellowship	303	Dickenson's L	257	12	85	3	6	00	18	85	W. J. Ranson.
Star	304	Crampton	105	5	25	3	6	00	11	25	Geo. Craik.
Valentine	305	Moore	179	8	95	3	6	00	14	95	J. A. Armstrong.
Athena	306	Harrowsmith	156	7	80	3	6	00	13	80	G. A. Griffith.
Princeton	307	Princeton	75	3	75	3	6	00	9	75	Wm. H. Davis.
Millbrook	308	Millbrook	81	4	05	3	6	00	10	05	W. S. Given.

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NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Location.	Miles Travel'd.	Mileage.	No. of Days	Per Diem.	Total.	Name of Representative.
Harrow	309	Harrow	236	$11 80	3	$6 00	$17 80	W. F. Park.
Shedden	310	Shedden	130	6 50	3	6 00	12 50	Geo. E. Norman.
Morrisburg	311	Morrisburg	241	12 05	3	6 00	18 05	T. W. Howson.
Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	165	8 25	3	6 00	14 25	David McConachie.
Electric City	313	Chippewa	87	4 35	3	6 00	10 35	W. E. B. McKenzie.
Prospect	314	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	W. F. Bilger.
"	314	"			3	6 00	6 00	E. E. Short.
Mountain	315	Mountain	237	11 85	3	6 00	17 85	J. S. Anderson.
Britain	316	Little Britain						Not present.
Laurentian	317	Westport	245	12 25	3	6 00	18 25	E. G. Adams.
Bervie	318	Bervie	165	8 25	3	6 00	14 25	Jno. G. Welsh.
Webbwood	319	Webbwood	354	17 70	3	6 00	23 70	Wm. Irving.
Geneva	320	Orillia	86	4 30	3	6 00	10 30	J. D. Knox.
Hespeler	321	Hespeler	59	2 95	3	6 00	8 95	W. R. Whitfield.
Central	322	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00	W. S. Johnston.
"	322	"			3	6 00	6 00	J. C. VanCamp.
Liberty	323	Berlin	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15	C. E. Hoffman.
Ontario	324	Pickering	23	1 15	3	6 00	7 15	W. G. Ham.
Southampton	325	Southampton	152	7 60	3	6 00	13 60	T. H. Burns.
Strathcona	326	Shelburne	65	3 25	3	6 00	9 25	W. J. Mandley.
Saugeen	327	Markdale	93	4 65	3	6 00	10 65	R. W. Ennis.
Underwood	328	Underwood	158	7 90	3	6 00	13 90	H. A. McLean.
Prosperity	329	Delhi	91	4 55	3	6 00	10 55	H. L. Stratton.
Wheatley	330	Wheatley	211	10 55	3	6 00	16 55	Judson A. McCormick.
"	331	Maxville	326	16 30	3	6 00	22 30	A. H. Blackeby.
Total Mileage and Per Diem 378 Reps			2328	116 40	51	102 00	218 40	

	Location.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.
Committee on General Purposes—						
W. F. Mountain	Toronto			3	$6 00	$6 00
Committee on Laws of Subordinates—						
Donald Robertson	St. Catharines	71	3 55	3	6 00	9 55
J. H. Magill	Port Hope	63	3 15	3	6 00	9 15
Total		134	6 70	6	12 00	18 70
Committee on Odd Fellows' Home—						
Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.S.	London	115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75
Special Committees—						
Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., Finance Committee	Toronto			3	6 00	6 00
H. J. Guppy, Advisory Committee O R.A.	Ottawa	256	12 80	3	6 00	18 80
W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M	Cannington	59	2 95	3	6 00	8 95
Jno. Gibson, P.G.M	Stratford			3	6 00	6 00
W. H. Cole, P.G.M	Brockville	208	10 40	3	6 00	16 40
W. N. Ford, P.G.M	St. Mary's	99	4 95	3	6 00	10 95
Total		622	31 10	18	36 00	67 10
Extra Mileage allowed Algoma Representatives—						
H. H. Eager, Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261	Rat Portage	293	8 80			8 80
Fred. A. Hudson, " " "	"	293	8 80			8 80
R. H. Gilchrist, Minnetonka Lodge, No. 292	Keewatin	297	8 91			8 91
Total		883	26 51			26 51

Total Mileage and Per Diem 378 Reps		2328	116 40	51	102 00	218 40

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RECAPITULATION.	Location.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.
Officers		983	$49 15	39	$78 00	$127 15
Representatives		49636	2481 80	1137	2274 00	4755 80
Committee on Laws of Subordinates		134	6 70	6	12 00	18 70
Committee on General Purposes				3	6 00	6 00
Committee on Odd Fellows' Home		115	5 75	3	6 00	11 75
Extra allowance to Algoma Reps., 3c. per mile		883	26 51	.....	.....	26 51
Special Committees		622	31 10	18	36 00	67 10
Total		52373	2601 01	1206	2412 00	5013 01

Report No. 17—Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, from the Special Committee on Odd Fellows' Home, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Special Committee on Odd Fellows' Home submit the following report:

The Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Home, which is now a duly incorporated body under the laws of the Province, held its second Annual Meeting in Toronto, on the 9th August, 1899. The Board at present consists of the following members:

From the Grand Lodge—Jas. McLurg, G.M. elect; O. L. Lewis, D.G.M. elect; J. B. King, Grand Secretary; W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer; W. H. Hoyle, for three years; Hy. White, for two years; Cl. T. Campbell, for one year.

From the Grand Encampment—M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe; A. H. Blakeby, P.G.P.

From the Rebekah Assembly—Mrs. Elizabeth Lee and Mrs. Laura E. Ryan, Past Presidents.

The officers of the Board for the ensuing year are—Cl. T. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. Laura E. Ryan, Vice-Chairman; J. B. King, Secretary; W. J. McCormack, Treasurer.

During the past year, the Board has been trying to secure contributions to the Home Fund, and offers for its location, with a fair measure of success. It has not been possible to institute any canvass of this jurisdiction; and the contributions that have been received came in only as the results of such appeals as could be made to the Lodges by circular. The treasurer's report shows in cash and promised subscriptions, $6,888.50; subsequent additions make the fund aggregate over $7,000. Much more than this amount should be given, and were it possible to have a representative of the Board canvass the Lodges personally, there is little doubt we would soon have all that might be required.

The Board has had several opportunities to purchase suitable grounds at a reasonable cost, but it has not appeared advisable to take any steps that would compel us to start the institution with a burden of debt which would hamper its progress. We have preferred to wait until there might be sufficient money in hand to establish a Home free from any encumbrance. And to this end we have been waiting, and hoping, that the people in some suitable locality would make us such an offer to secure the Home as would justify us in commencing operations. A committee has also been appointed to prepare regulations for the government of the Home, and for the admission of inmates. Up to the present, the following are the only definite offers we have received:

Collingwood—From the municipality, a site of fifty-seven acres, with free water and electric light for the building, and $1,000 from the Lodge.

Beaverton—A site of thirty-five acres.

Other localities are formulating offers, but nothing definite is before the Board. A committee, consisting of Bros. Hoyle, McCormack and Campbell, has been appointed to visit the various localities and report.

In urging the fraternity in Ontario to renewed exertion towards the establishment of a Home for orphan children and aged members, your Committee would again call attention to the fact that this is not simply a charitable enterprise whose success or failure can be a matter of indifference to any single member of the Order. It is not the fad or hobby of some few; nor is it a scheme solely for the benefit of a few persons. It is an integral part of the benevolent insurance

of Odd Fellowship. It is admitted by all that one of the chief features of this Order is the provision it makes for its members in sickness. But not less certain is it that we must carry that provision beyond the ordinary sickness of a brother to the day when, while not actually sick, he is yet just as completely incapacitated for business by old age, and becomes absolutely dependent for support upon others. And no one questions for a moment that the care of the orphan children of deceased members is as much a part of our work as the care of the widows. Many of these orphans, it may be, will be left in charge of relatives; and with regard to these the responsibilities of the Order may be light. But there are some, and there will be more, for whom there are none to care, and who must become subjects for public charity unless Odd Fellowship assumes parental charge. These aged members and these orphan children, who have to depend on the Order alone, must be cared for by us, unless we are to prove recreant to our obligations. We cannot neglect them, any more than we can neglect to pay sick benefits; the one duty is as imperative as the other. The only question is, how can the work best be done—by the individual lodges with which these beneficiaries are connected, or by the entire order? To that, it seems to your Committee, there can be but one answer. The burden could be borne by some lodges; though even the wealthiest lodge might feel the burden heavy. But for many a lodge the expense would be greater than its treasury could bear; and the only result would be failure, to the loss of the beneficiary, to the injury of the lodge, and to the scandal and shame of the Order. The only safe and certain method is to distribute the burden over the entire fraternity, whose shoulders will be broad enough to carry it with ease. The individual lodges have enough to do in providing for the payment of the ordinary benefits in sickness and death; let the entire membership assume the charge of the aged and the orphan.

Your Committee submits the following:

Resolved:—1. That every lodge, which has not yet made an appropriation for the Home is earnestly requested to do so at once; giving to the best of its ability.

2. That each lodge is required to appoint a committee of at least three members, of which the N.G. shall be chairman, to canvass the membership of its locality for subscriptions to the Home Fund.

3. That this Grand Lodge appropriates $1,000 for the year ending July 1st, 1900, to be paid over to the treasurer as soon as the Grand Master deems it expedient.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CL. T. CAMPBELL,
W. H. HOYLE,
H. WHITE.

Report No. 18—Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Clause 19, "Decisions," Grand Master's Report, beg to report:

We recommend that Decisions No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, be approved.

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That Decision No. 6, in answer to question by Royal Oak Lodge, No. 108, be amended by striking out the words "in a lower degree," and that said Decision No. 6 so amended be approved.

That Decision No. 15, in reply to appeal of Bro. Geo. Stiven, Goderich, be sent to the "Committee on Appeals" for consideration, as the correspondence bearing on this matter is in possession of said Committee.

That Decision No. 18, in answer to question by Alba Lodge, 254, be amended by striking out all after the word Lodge in the third line, and that said Decision No. 18 so amended be approved.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. HORNIBROOK.

Report No. 19—Rep. J. Welsh, P.G P., from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee to whom was referred Clause 19, Grand Master's Report, submit the following:

Decision No. 3—Question by Lambton Lodge, 277. Strike out said answer and substitute the following:

"If he was competent to follow his usual or some other obtainable occupation, he would not be entitled to any benefit for said week."

Decision No. 9—Question by Bro. J. D. Knox, of Geneva Lodge, No. 320. Strike out said answer and substitute the following:

"Rule of Order, No 10, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges must be complied with and govern said case, which reads as follows:

After any question except that of indefinite postponement, or the previous question may have been decided, any two members having voted in the majority, may at the same or next regular meeting move for a reconciliation thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion."

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WELSH.

Report No. 20—Rep. F. H. Gisborne, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a letter dated 27th July, 1899, from Bro. Louis Smith, beg respectfully to report that the question involved in the letter has already been dealt with by this Committee under Decision No. 13 of the Grand Master's Report.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the letter dated 7th August, 1899, from Bro. Geo. L. Taylor, be referred to the Committee on Credentials, and the letter of July 19th, 1899, from Bros. Harry E. Smith and others, submitting a resolution of Napinee Lodge, No. 86, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved:—That the foregoing be adopted.

The whole respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS H. GISBORNE.

Report No. 21—Rep. A. L. Geen, from Special Committee No. 8, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Special Committee No. 8 to whom was referred Clause 16 of the Grand Master's Report (on Odd Fellows' Home Association), beg to report :

That we approve of and endorse the actions of the Grand Master excepting the breaking of the chain letter. We trust the Grand Master will be enabled to gather up the fragments and send the letter on its profitable mission, to the great advantage of this most worthy object.

We congratulate the Sisters of Rebekah on their good and liberal work on behalf of the Home.

Resolved :—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT L. GEEN.

The following telegram was read :

Owen Sound, August 10th, 1899.

To R. J. McKINNON,
Rep. Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. :

Extend hearty invitation to Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. to Owen Sound next year. Live town, fine hotel accommodation, beautiful scenery, fine outing, will do all in our power to make meet most pleasant.

WM. S. MIDDLEBRO, Mayor.

Report No. 22—Bro. W. F. Mountain, from the Committee on General Purposes, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted as printed :

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

Your Committee on General Purposes, in accordance with the duties laid down for their governance, beg to submit the following report :

During the year, your Committee have exercised a general supervising care over the Order, more particularly over those matters which have been brought before them.

The Committee have held four meetings during the year, viz., August, December, 1898, March and July, 1899.

At the first meeting, held in August, the re-appointment of Bro. W. F. Mountain by the Grand Master was announced, and the Committee was at once organized, and re-elected the same officers, viz., Bros. W. F. Mountain, Chairman ; J. B. King, Secretary ; W. J. McCormack, Treasurer.

It was ordered the usual necessary circulars be procured by the Grand Lodge, save in cases where tenders were required ; in such cases, tenders to be asked and submitted to the Committee

The *Journal of Proceedings* was printed with all possible despatch by the contractors, the Bryant Press, and as soon as completed, copies were sent out to Lodges, Representatives and Officers, as directed by the Report of the Finance Committee, *Jour.*, 6898.

During the year there has been a demand for the printed Minutes greater than the supply on hand would justify your Committee in complying with. The general statistics and tables furnished by the Grand Secretary and printed in the annual *Journal of Proceedings*, have caused our *Journal* to be in such demand that your

Committee would suggest that this year 1,200 copies be printed, the extra 100 copies to be paid for at a ratio under the contract of the Bryant Press.

The tender of the *Independent Odd Fellow*, Bro. W. S. Johns on & Co., for a supply of medical reports, was accepted and the work completed to the satisfaction of your Committee.

The blank souvenirs ordered by the Grand Lodge—*Jour.*, 6849—were procured from Messrs. Barclay, Clark & Co. The number authorized, 3,000, was exceeded, owing to the fact that an extra 2,000, making the order 5,000, could be had for a trifling difference in the cost. As these souvenirs are in great demand and much appreciated by the brethren, your Committee decided it would be in the interests of the Order to procure the larger number.

In all cases where tenders were asked for, the lowest tender has been accepted. In the matter of printing the officers' reports and the *Journal of Proceedings* of 1889, but two tenders were submitted, viz., the Mail Printing Co. and the Bryant Press. The Bryant Press, being the lowest, was accepted.

The supply of ribbon procured several years ago for badges has been exhausted. While it lasted, the badges each year have been supplied at a very reasonable cost.

Your Committee are not satisfied that it is for the best to continue to purchase ribbon, save for the fact that the color and style may be had uniform each year.

Your Committee would recommend that for the next session of this Grand body the specifications for badges require that the completed badges be supplied by the con ractor, particulars as to color, size, etc., to be given by this Committee.

In the matter of Official Receipts, your Committee regret to report that Lodges are not using these receipts as generally as they should, though circulars have been issued calling attention of the Lodges to the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which makes this receipt the only official receipt of the Order.

This receipt should be more popular, owing to the decision of the Grand Sire last year, and which was adopted, viz., "That a brother holding an official receipt for dues paid to a date later than when the same is presented, is entitled to the current travelling password, the same being sufficient authority for any N.G. to communicate the same to the brother." This simplifies inter-visitation very much, and should commend the receipt to every Lodge.

The flag owned by the Grand Lodge having become worn out and not fit to be unfurled after the session at Galt, your Committee, after consulting with the Grand Master, purchased a new flag, and also had a streamer painted to be used over the Odd Fellows' Tent at the Industrial Exhibition

Your Committee are fully convinced as to the great benefit derived from the "Tent," both as feature in providing a comfortable resting place for the many Odd Fellows and their families who visit the Exhibition, and from the opportunities it affords for judicious advertising in this connection. Your Committee, endorsed by the Grand Master, deemed it wise to insert in the daily newspapers several notices of the Order and its work, in order that the largely increased circulation of these papers "during fair time" might make the people better acquainted with the objects and claims of Odd Fellowship. We believe the money thus spent was well spent, and your Committee would recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to take similar action.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F MOUNTAIN,
J. B. KING,
W. J. McCORMACK.

Report No. 23—Bro. W. F. Mountain, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred Clause No. 11, Grand Secretary's Report, re official receipts, sincerely regret to report that Lodges are not using these receipts as generally as they should, though circulars have been issued calling attention of the Lodges to the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which makes this receipt the only official receipt of the Order. We therefore urgently request and recommend that the Lodges use these receipts and no others.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

W. F. MOUNTAIN,
W. J. McCORMACK,
J. B. KING.

The question being on the adoption of the report, the Grand Master was about to declare the report adopted, when Rep. Jno. Welsh, P.G.P. asked for a standing vote.

The vote having been taken the Grand Master declared the report adopted.

The following, was on motion of W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., seconded by W. H. Cole, P.G.M., adopted:

Resolved,—That the Representatives of this Jurisdiction to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby instructed to take action at the ensuing session of that body to secure the insertion of the benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges upon the offiical receipt.

Report No. 24—Bro. H. White, Grand Representative, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates appointed to examine the Constitution, By-laws and amendments thereto of Subordinate Lodges, submit the following report:

1. That they have carefully examined the By-laws and amendments submitted to them and hereto appended. A full report thereon was sent to each Lodge whose By-laws have been considered, and your Committee recommend that the same be adopted, subject to the corrections in each case noted.

2. That at the commencement of the current year it became quite apparent that only a very small percentage of the Lodges were placing their By-laws in a position conforming to the regulations as to dues and benefits laid down by the Grand Lodge at its last session. Recognizing this, and anticipating action in the matter by the Grand Lodge at the present meeting, your Committee felt it to be undesirable that Lodges which allow their By laws to meet the requirements of the above regulations, should be inconvenienced and put to expense without a definite and final announcement from this Grand Body. Your Committee, therefore, assumed the responsibility of holding over certain By-laws submitted to them in the ordinary course until after this session of Grand Lodge. The action taken

by the Grand Body yesterday in annulling the mandatory character of the legislation of 1898 regarding dues and benefits, will now make it possible for the Lodges concerned to take such action with regard to the By-laws above referred to as they may deem desirable, either by retaining them as altered or preparing others. Your Committee ask approval of their action as above indicated.

3. In conclusion, your Committee desire to place on record their deep sorrow and sincere regret at the death of their late chairman, Brother Rawlings. For very many years, Brother Rawlings was brought into direct personal contact with the Lodges, and his ability, courtesy and kindness were well-known and highly appreciated throughout the jurisdiction. His death has left a vacancy in your Committee hard to fill with anything like the efficiency of our departed brother, and Brother Rawlings' memory will be long cherished and revered as one whose heart was in his work and whose marked ability and earnest zeal were always at the disposal of the Order he loved so well.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY WHITE,
D. ROBERTSON,
J. H. MAGILL.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws relating to Sick and Widows' Benefits submitted under seal of Lodge but not certified by Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

Amendments approved.

These By-laws are not in accordance with the Constitution. The words "or dangerous amusements participated in" not being warranted by the existing law and no provision being made for members who "by reason of infirmity from old age, have no available means of support." See Clause 55, Constitution of 1898.

Note—It is desirable that a full copy of the Lodge By-laws be furnished where amendments similar to these are submitted.

Frontier Lodge, No. 45

Two copies of By-laws and proposed amendment thereto submitted.

By-law No. 13—Copy of By-laws submitted provided for meeting on Wednesday, consequently proposed amendment not required.

By-law No. 49. Insert after the word "livelihood" in the fifth line of draft submitted, the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

Const. of Subordinates G.L.O., Clause 55.

Same By-law. Strike out the words "for fifty-one weeks" in 9th and 10th lines and insert in lieu thereof, the words "until a year's benefits have been paid."

White's Digest, 1895, page 50, Sec. 13.

Same By-law. Subsection (*b*), third line, after the word "preceding" insert the words "Subsection (*a*) of this."

Same By-law. Subsection (*d*), second line, strike out the word "By-laws," and after the word "three," insert the words, "subsections (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of this By-law."

Other amendments approved.

CANADA LODGE, No. 49

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws *re* admission and degree fees submitted in manuscript and approved.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 55

Section 3. General qualification for office. Strike out this clause. All officers must be in good standing and must have attained the Scarlet Degree. Const. Subordinates, Clause 31.

Section 9, Subsection 2. The Bond should be given to the Treasurer's Lodge (if incorporated), not to the N.G. and V.G.

Sect on 12. Substitute the word "term" for the word "quarter" in second line. Const. Subordinates, Clause 43.

Article 5, Section 3, "Campbell Scale." Strike out all dues for ages over forty-five to conform with Article 1, Section 1 of these By-laws, which limits age at admission to forty-five.

Article 5, Section 3. Charges for degrees must be separate for each degree. Const. Subordinates, Clause 19.

Article 6, Section 2, Clause 1. After the word "usual" in the third line of said clause, insert the words "or other attainable." Const. Subordinates, Clause 55.

After the word "disability" in the third and fourth lines of said clause, insert the words "(not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part), or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." Const. Subordinates, Clause 55.

Strike out Subsection 3 of this clause. Sick Benefits must be paid until end of sickness. Const. Subordinates, Clause 56. A Lodge cannot regulate as to this.

Article 6, Section 4. Strike out this section, as no provision is made for such benefit in the Tariff of Dues, "Campbell Scale." If this widow's benefit is to be paid, an addition must be made to the dues based on Column "F," Schedule B of Actuarial Table, issued 26th January, 1899, with circular of Grand Master.

Article 7, Section 4, Clause 1, Subsection 3. After the word "determine," insert the words "after a fair trial had in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and of the Rules of Procedure on Trials adopted by the Grand Lodge."

Article 7, Section 4, Clause 1, Subsection 5. After the word "determine," insert the words "after a fair trial had in accordance with the provision of the Constitution and of the Rules of Procedure on Trials adop ed by the Grand Lodge." Const. Subordinates, Clause 62.

Article 3, Section 8. Substitute the word "fourteen" for the word "seventeen" in the eleventh line.

Same Section. Substitute the word "fifteen" for the word "eighteen" in the seventeenth line.

These alterations require to be made to conform with Article 7, Section 4, Clause 2, providing for extension not to exceed three months over the twelve months provided for in Clause 1, this section.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Two copies of By-laws submitted in proof form duly certified.

QUEEN CITY LODGE, No. 56

First Report

Two copies of proposed new By-laws and proof sheet submitted.

Section 44. Not approved.

The scale of dues must be calculated on the basis set forth on page 6845, *Rev. Jour.*, 1898, as per undermentioned columns of scale.

Sick Benefit. Column G, increased by one-third.

Funeral Benefit. Column E, increased by one-third.

Dependent Relative's Benefit. Column F.

To the aggregate of these must be added seventy-five cents per quarter per member for management expenses, and from the gross total may be deducted one-fourth of the yearly allowance, as set forth in the Chadwick Admission Fee Scale (copy of which can be obtained from Grand Secretary), on admission and degree fees aggregating fifteen dollars.

Section 47. Not approved. The charges for each degree must be separate. Under Section 60, benefits are paid to degree members, which cannot be done unless each degree is complete in itself. See Clause 19, Const. of Subordinates.

Section 60. After the word "part" in the eighth line of the section, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." See Const. of Subordinates, Clause 55.

Section 69. Strike out the words "dependent relatives, should such exist" and insert in lieu thereof, the words "widow, children, or other relatives who may at the time of his death been dependent on him." See Const. of Subordinates, Clause 57.

Section 76. After the word "payment" in last line, add the words "which extension shall in no case exceed six months."

Section 77. Not approved, being in direct conflict with Clause 72, Const. of Subordinates.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Second Report

One copy of By-laws and two copies of proposed amendments, submitted and approved.

THE TORONTO LODGE, No 71

Two copies of By-laws with proposed amendments received.

By-law No. 10 (new) not approved. Definite fixed dates must be stated for payments to comply with Ontario insurance law. Scale of dues not approved as being below the rates fixed by Grand Master's Circular in regard to benefits proposed to be paid.

By-law No. 21. After the word "immoral" in fifth line insert "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." Strike out the words "payment for each of the foregoing to cease after six months sickness."

See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

By-law No. 21. (*b*) After the word "preceding" in the third line insert the words "clause of this."

In other respects proposed amendments are approved.

WALKERTON LODGE, NO. 84

First Report.

Two copies of by-law in reference to admission fee and quarterly dues of non-beneficial members submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-law No. 8 relating to regular and special meetings submitted, not certified by signature of Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

Amendments approved.

GRAND RIVER LODGE, NO. 91

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws submitted duly certified.

Clause 35. (Amendment.) Approved subject to management expenses not exceeding $2.28 per member per annum as stated, and subject further to the limitation that funeral benefit does not exceed $30.

In other respects amendments are approved.

Note. No copy of original by-laws proposed to be amended was forwarded, consequently no information as to benefits other than sick and widows' benefits is before the committee.

LINDSAY LODGE, NO. 100

First Report.

Two copies of proposed new by-laws submitted, duly certified.

Clause 12. Not approved for the following reasons:—

(*a*) Dues are not payable at definite fixed dates.

(*b*) The basis of calculation set out does not appear to agree with the annexed table of quarterly dues.

(*c*) No provision is made for extra dues between 35 and 46 in the basis of calculation.

Clauses 15 and 16 not approved for the following reasons:—

(*a*) A new fund is thereby constituted not authorized by the Constitution, Clause 49, and not under control of the lodge.

(*b*) These clauses are in direct conflict with Clause 59.

Clause 17. Not approved for the following reasons:—

(*a*) No provision is made for members having no available means of support by reason of infirmity from old age as provided in Clause 55 of the Constitution.

(*b*) A provision is made for a benefit of five cents for the first week's illness and subsequently at the rate of $3 per week from commencement of sickness.

(*c*) As the by-law at present reads, a member not having attained the Degree of Truth might be held entitled to $3 per week if sick, if disabled for two weeks or over.

Clause 35. Amend by striking out the words "Recording Secretary" in the tenth line, page 8, and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof to conform with Clause 10.

Clause 36. Strike out the words "and the majority of all Committees on Character" as not being in accordance with Clause 4 of the Constitution.

Clause 39. Nor approved on ground of uncertainty as to whom bond is to be given. If the lodge is incorporated the bond should be given to the lodge. It is suggested that the amount of bond and number of sureties be inserted.

Clause 40. Not approved for same reason as Clause 39, with a similar suggestion.

Clause 45. Strike out "45-61" in last line and insert "62-68" in lieu thereof.

Clause 70. Not approved as being in direct conflict with Clause 72 of the Constitution.

Clause 71. Strike out "55-61" in the eighth line of the clause and substitute "62-68" in lieu thereof. There should be a clause providing for the terms of the lodge in accordance with Clause 43 of the Constitution.

Subject to clerical errors the by-laws in other respects are approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amended by-laws submitted in draft form, duly certified.

Clause 16. Strike out all the words after the words "paid for" in the fourteenth line of the clause and insert the words "at proportional rates" in lieu thereof.

Benefits accrue from day to day. See Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 55.

In other respects the amended by-laws are approved.

GANANOQUE LODGE, NO. 114

Two copies of new By-laws in proof form submitted duly certified.

Clause 13. Strike out "R.S." in the twentieth line, and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof.

Clause 17. Strike out the words "the N.G. or V.G., or to" in the twenty-first line of the clause.

The bond should be given to the Lodge, if incorporated, as presumably this this Lodge is. It is suggested that the amount of the obligation should be inserted in the By-laws.

Clause 18. Strike out the words "the N.G. or V.G., or to" in the eighth line of the clause.

Remarks as next above.

Clause 22. Strike out "63 to 73" in the fifth line, and insert "62 to 67" in lieu thereof.

Clause 34. Clause not approved. The Scale of Dues must be graded according to age and amount of benefits paid. See Grand Master's Circular, 26th January, 1899. Definite dates for payment must also be laid down as per decision of Superintendent of Insurance.

Clause 43. After the word "part" in the fifth line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

Const. of Subordinates, Clause 55.

Clauses 50 and 51. Not approved. No benefit of this character is provided for in the Scale of Dues submitted. Further, all benefits must be of a definite amount, and capable of being estimated in the financial scale of the Lodge.

In other respects the By-laws are approved.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 115

Two copies of proposed amendments to By-laws received under seal of Lodge, not certified by Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

Clause 52. (Amendment). Not approved. The dues payable by members under these By-laws not being sufficient to pay the benefits allowed thereunder. See Grand Master's Circular, 26 January, 1899.

Clause 71. (Amendment). Not approved, for reason above stated as to Clause 52.

Amendments in other respects approved.

NOTE—These By-laws do not make any provision for an infirmity or old age benefit in compliance with Clause 55, Constitution of Subordinates.

This should be rectified.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 142

Two copies of amendments to By-law defining Financial Secretary's duties received, not certified by Noble Grand.

Amendments approved.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 149

Two copies of By-law No. 42, relating to Sick Benefits submitted not properly certified, signatures of Noble Grand and Recording Secretary being omitted.

(*a*) Strike out the words "proceeding from" in fifth line of draft submitted, and insert "occasioned by drunkenness or other."

(*b*) After the word "part" in the fifth line of draft submitted, insert "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support."

(*c*) After the word "sickness" in the seventh line, insert the word "infirmity."

(*d*) After the word "sickness" in the ninth and twelfth lines, insert the words "infirmity or disability."

ALPHA LODGE, No. 154

Two copies of amended By-laws submitted duly certified.

Clause 36. (Amendment). Not approved. The rules of the Campbell Scale cannot be applied, as the benefits proposed to be paid are not Campbell benefits. The widows' benefit of $120 and the wife's funeral benefit of $15, are not provided for in the Campbell Scale and these must be added to the Scale of Dues, the addition for the widows' benefit alone being $1.12 per year at age twenty-one. It is suggested that the Scale of Dues be computed from the Actuary's tables, promulgated per Grand Master's Circular, 26th January, 1899.

Clause 44. (Amendment). Not approved, pending adjustment of proposed Scale of Dues as above.

Clause 63. Strike out the words "Clause 61 to 72 of" in the fourth line.

Clause 64. (Amendment). Not approved, pending adjustment of proposed Scale of Dues as above.

In other respects amendments approved.

Thamesville Lodge, No. 157

Two copies of amendments to By-laws *re* beneficial members received duly certified.

Amendments to Clauses 39 and 40 of By-laws approved.

Amendment to Clause 42 not approved.

Charges for degrees must not be inclusive but must be separate for each degree. See Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 19.

Listowel Lodge, No. 160

Two copies of amendment to By-laws fixing definite dates for payment of regular contributions submitted and approved.

Owen Sound Lodge, No. 180

Two copies of new by-laws in draft form submitted, duly certified.

Note. There is no officer in a lodge styled "Permanent Secretary." Wherever these words or initials thereof are used in these by-laws, the words "Financial Secretary" or initials thereof should be substituted.

Clause 12. Apparently an error has crept into this clause. The names, etc., shall be written upon the ballots, but one name shall be written upon any ballot. This is very ambiguous and should be rectified.

Clause 14. Strike out the letters "R.S." in the twentieth line of the clause and insert the word "Lodge" in lieu thereof.

Clause 33. Definite times for the payment of dues must be laid down and might well be made part of this clause.

Clause 34. Strike out "$1" in second line and substitute such amount as the lodge decides. The amount must not be less than $2 for each degree. See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 51.

Clause 36. Funds. This clause is of very doubtful meaning and is referred back for explanation.

Clause 41. After the word "part" in the fifth line insert the words "for by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

Clauses 46, 47, 48 and 49. These are not approved. The amount to be paid to a widow must be definite to conform to the insurance law of the Province. Further, the lodge dues do not contemplate or provide for any payment to a widow.

Clause 56. Strike out "55-61" in the eighth line of the clause. The clauses of the Constitution governing trials are 62-3-4-5-6-7.

Clause 58. Strike out "55-61" in third line of clause for reason given next above.

Clause 60. Strike out all after the word "tenth." Constitution of Subordinates, clause 19.

By-laws in other respects approved.

Ahiram Lodge, No. 205

Copy of by-laws as recommended by the Advisory Board of Grand Lodge 5th November, 1896, and adopted by lodge 1st December, 1896.

Submitted and approved.

Silver City Lodge, No. 206

One certified copy and one uncertified copy of By-laws received.

By-law 12. Strike out the letters "R.S." in the twenty-second line, and substitute "Lodge" therefor, and whenever the words "Permanent Secretary" or the letters "P.S." occur in these By-laws substitute "Financial Secretary" or "F.S." therefor.

By-law 14. The blank in the last line of the By-law should be filled in.

By-law 15. Substitute "Fourteen" for "Seventeen" in ninth line, and "fifteen" for "eighteen" in fourteenth line, these By-laws under Clause 60 only giving an extension of three months.

By-law 16. If the lodge is incorporated the bond must be given to the Lodge, and this By-law should be amended accordingly. If not incorporated, incorporation should be at once procured.

By-law 17. Same remarks as to 16 above.

By-law 21. Strike out the words "Clauses 55-61 of" in the fifth line.

By-law 35. Not approved. The scale being altogether too low for the benefits proposed to be paid. These benefits require a scale of dues calculated under the actuarial tables promulgated by the Grand Master, 26th January 1899. Further, as dues must be paid at a certain specified time this should be so stated, and as the By-laws do not say whether term is annual or semi-annual they should be amended in this direction, thereby fixing a definite time for payment.

By-law 40. Strike out the words "(if incorporated) otherwise in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge" in the fourth and fifth lines, if the Lodge be incorporated as it should be.

By-law 43. Not approved, pending adjustment of dues to same.

By-law 49. Not approved, pending adjustment of dues to same.

By-law 50. Not approved, pending adjustment of dues to same.

By-laws 51 and 52. Not approved, pending adjustment of dues to same.

By-law 57. Not approved, pending adjustment of dues to same.

By-law 61. Not approved. See Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 72.

Special Clause. Definite fixed dates should be specified for payment of dues hereunder to comply with insurance laws of Ontario.

In other respects By-laws approved.

International Lodge, No. 228

First Report.

Two copies of proposed amendment to By-law 43 regulating payment of sick benefits received, duly certified.

Amendment declaring that no benefits shall be paid where a nurse or attendant is provided disallowed.

Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 55.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to By-law 43 regulating sick benefits received, regularly certified.

Amendment not approved on ground of ambiguity. Members of the Degrees of Brotherly Love, Friendship and Initiatory under this amendment will receive two dollars per week in addition to nursing or attendance, which is apparently not the intention as disclosed in the previous provisions of original By-law.

Floral Lodge, No. 252

Two copies of proposed By-laws submitted.

Clause F. Strike out the words "non-affiliated Odd Fellows, or Odd-Fellows holding withdrawal or dismissal certificates," and insert "members of defunct Lodges who were in good standing in their respective Lodges at the time of surrender of their respective charters, and who, by reason of advanced age, are ineligible for beneficial membership in this Lodge, and non-affiliated Odd Fellows who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the Order for at least five years, and who at the time of making application for re-instalment or membership shall be over fifty years of age and who are not under expulsion for cause."

Remainder of proposed By-laws approved.

Lynden Lodge, No. 259

Two copies of amendments to By-laws relating to nights of meeting, commencement of terms, dues and widows' benefits, submitted in manuscript, not certified by N.G. and Rec.-Sec., or either, and no seal of Lodge.

Amendment to Clause 35, page 32, not approved, the words "Campbell rates" not being sufficiently explicit. Further, the benefits of this Lodge are more than those covered by the Campbell Scale. The table of dues after 1st January, 1899, must be worked out from the tables adopted as per Grand Lodge Journal, pp. 6845, 6846.

Other amendments approved.

Algoma Lodge, No. 267

Two copies of By-laws submitted in draft form duly certified.

Clause 14. Insert the word "lodge" in lieu of "R.S." in the twenty-first line of the clause.

Clause 18. Strike out the words "to the N.G. or V.G., or " in the twenty-second and twenty-third lines of the clause.

Clause 19. Strike out the words "to the N.G. or V.G., or" in the ninth and tenth lines of the clause.

The last two amendments are required as obligee of bond should be definite. Of course Lodge is incorporated ; if not, incorporation should be procured at once.

Clause 23. Strike out the words "Clauses 55-61 of" in the last line of the clause.

The clauses of the Constitution governing trials are 62-67.

Clause 25. Under Clause 15 *ante*, the V.G. is chairman of this committee. He should therefore be named as a constituent member thereof in this clause to secure conformity.

Clause 35. If this amount is intended to cover degrees, it is improper. Degrees must be paid for separately as taken, so much for each degree. As there is no provision made for separate charges for degrees in these By-laws, this clause is not approved pending further explanation. See Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 19. Further, the initiation fee cannot be less than five dollars, and the fees for degrees not less than two dollars for each degree, eleven dollars in all. Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 51.

Clause 38. Quarterly Dues. After the word "advance" in the third line, insert the words "on the first regular meeting of the Lodge in the months of April, January, July and October in each year." The Insurance Department require payment of dues at stated and definite times under a decision of J. Howard Hunter, Superintendent of Insurance. The above alteration is suggested, assuming always that such is the intention of the Lodge as seems to be indicated in the subsequent part of the By-law.

Clause 45. Strike out the words "(if incorporated) otherwise in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge" in the third and fourth lines of said Clause.

All Lodges should be incorporated.

Clause 46. After the word "part" in the fourth line insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 55.

Clause 63. Strike out this Clause. See Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 72.

Clauses 68 and 69. See remarks as to Clause 35, *ante*.

In other respects By-laws approved.

Royal Lodge, No. 286

Two copies of proposed amendment to By-law relating to benefits received in manuscript under seal of Lodge and certified by Recording Secretary, but not signed by Noble Grand.

Amendment not approved, being in conflict with Clause 55 of the Constitution, which provides that benefits must, in case of continuous sickness, be paid for one year before reduction to a minimum benefit.

Ripley Lodge, No. 287

One copy of proposed amendments to By-laws submitted duly certified.

By-law 27 (amendment). Not approved. The scale of dues proposed is not sufficient to pay the benefits alloted under these By-laws in accordance with Grand Master's circular, 26th January, 1899. Dues in accordance with Campbell Scale with additional levy for the $100 widows' benefit. Under Campbell Scale the dues at age twenty-one, allowing only for widows' benefit of $100, would be $7.12. The mistake appears to have arisen in allowing only 28 cents per year for the $100 benefit, whereas it is 28 cents per quarter.

By-law 45 (amendment). Strike out the word "not" in the second line. In other respects amendments approved.

Manotick Lodge, No. 295

Two copies of By-law changing night of meeting from Friday night to Thursday night received and approved.

Pontypool Lodge, No. 296

Amendment to By-laws reducing benefit of widows, orphans and dependent relatives to $50, submitted in duplicate, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

CORNUCOPIA LODGE, No. 299

Two copies of amendment to By-laws, section 14, page 25, reducing charges for degrees from $3 to $2 for each degree received, duly certified.

Amendment approved.

Note. The dues of this lodge have not been based on calculation sufficient to meet the benefits paid; the above reduction is approved, but such approval is given on the supposition that the lodge purposes to re-arrange their dues in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Grand Lodge at its 1898 session.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 325

Two copies of new By-laws submitted in draft form, duly certified.

Clause 6. Strike out all after the word "Constitution" in the second line of the clause. See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 24.

Clause 9. Strike out the words "representatives to the Grand Lodge." Grand Lodge regulates the election of its own members.

Clause 20. After the word "part" in the fourth line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

The whole of this clause after the word "week" in the ninth line is referred back for ratification, as reduction cannot be made to a minimum benefit inside of one year. The lodge should reconsider and adopt these benefits in accordance with Constitution of Subordinates, clause 55.

Clause 25. The word "months" in the second line of this clause is presumably an error. It directly conflicts with clause 29, *post*.

Clause 28. Strike out the word "months" in second line and amend to bring the provision in conformity with clause 29, *post*.

Clause 29. Strike out all after the word "minutes" in the fifth line, unless it be the intention to extend the time by vote of the lodge under Constitution of Subordinates, clause 72. The latter part of the clause as it stands conflicts with the first part, which provides for suspension at twelve months.

Clause 32. Strike out the words "or who shall be guilty of any fraud in any business transaction." The lodge cannot constitute itself a court for the trial of civil or criminal offences.

Clause 33. Not approved. See Constitution of Subordinates, clause 71.

In these By-laws no tariff of dues is laid down in accordance with Grand Master's circular of 26th January, 1899, and no provision whatever is made for dues of any sort. The By-laws are, therefore, not approved.

STRATHCONA LODGE, No. 326

First Report.

Two copies of new By-laws submitted in proof sheet.

Clause 15. Strike out the letters "R. S." in the twenty-second line and insert the word "lodge" in lieu thereof.

Clause 22. Strike out the word "term" in the fourth line and insert the word "year." As it now stands a Trustee might hold office for nine years without re-election.

Clause 43. Not approved. The dues must be calculated in accordance with tables adopted by Grand Lodge. See Journal 1898, pp. 6842 to 6846, inclusive. See also Table of Reduction on account of admission and degree fees, which can be obtained from Grand Secretary.

Clause 57. After the word "part" in the seventh line, insert the words "or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support." See Constitution of Subordinates, 1898, Clause 55.

Clause 66. Not approved. The amount of the widows' benefit must be a definite fixed sum. Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 57.

Clause 75. Strike out the word "three" in last line of clause and insert "six" in lieu thereof. Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 72.

Clause 76. Not approved as being in direct conflict with Clause 72. Constitution of Subordinates, 1898.

In other respects By-laws confirmed.

Second Report.

Copy of By-laws submitted as amended in conformity with previous report and approved, the Table of Dues and Benefits adopted being under the "Campbell" Scale.

Report No. 25—Rep. J. J. Manning, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows :—

That Bro. Jas. T. Johns, of Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, prosecuted an appea in a certain matter before this Grand Lodge at its session held in Galt in 1898, which appeal was dismissed, as by reference to page 6851 of Grand Lodge *Journal*, 1898, will more fully appear—

That Bro. Johns appealed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge against the decision of this Grand Lodge, which appeal was dismissed by the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, as appears by reference to pages 15, 976-7, and 15994 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the following amongst other reasons, namely :—

1. That the papers submitted did not show that Bro. Johns had obtained the consent of this Grand Lodge to make such appeal, and

2. That the papers submitted did not show that Bro. Johns was a member of his Grand Lodge, and therefore entitled to appeal without consent.

Bro. Johns now requests that permission be granted him by this Grand Lodge to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next Session against the decision of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee are of opinion that Bro. Johns should be allowed to bring the matter before the highest tribunal of the Order, if he desires so to do, and we therefore recommend that leave to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be granted Bro. Johns as he requests.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. MANNING.

Report No. 26—Rep. J. J. Manning, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :—

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
BRO. JOSEPH WALLACE,
CRESCENT LODGE, No. 104,
v.
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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

This purports to be an appeal by Crescent Lodge, No. 104, against the decision of the District Committee of Hamilton District, which Committee decided that Bro. Wallace, who had appealed to the District Committee against Crescent Lodge's action in refusing to pay benefits claimed by Bro. Wallace, should be sustained in his appeal.

Certain papers and documents have been submitted to your Committee, but no authenticated appeal paper has come before us from the said lodge.

We, therefore, do not see our way clear to deal with the matter at the present time, and request that we be relieved from further consideration of the matter at the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MANNING.

Report No. 27—Rep. F. R. Blewett, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :—

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
UNITY LODGE, No. 47, HAMILTON,
v.
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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

Bro. Alex. Johnston, a member of Unity Lodge, No. 47, met with an accident by which the fingers and thumb of his left hand were crushed to some extent, and claimed same incapacitated him from following his usual or any other occupation, and claimed five weeks' sick benefit.

Unity Lodge refused to pay the benefits claimed, and Bro. Johnston appealed to the District Committee against the decision of the Lodge, and the District Committee sustained Bro. Johnston's appeal.

Unity Lodge now appeals from the decision of the District Committee to this Grand Lodge.

By-law No. 47 of said lodge contains the following clause: "Every member qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or some other attainable occupation by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part) or by reason of infirmity

from old age, having no available means of support, shall be entitled to receive from the general benefit fund a weekly benefit during such sickness or disability, etc."

Said By-law 47 also contains the following proviso: "Provided always that no brother shall be entitled to any sick benefits unless he shall have procured a certificate from his attending physician that he was unable to follow his usual or some other attainable occupation from such sickness or disability for seven days in succession."

No physician's certificate in accordance with the requirements of said By-law has been submitted to your committee.

Your Committee on Appeals find on the merits, that Bro. Johnston, who is a millwright by trade, notwithstanding such accident, if not entirely able to perform all the requirements of his usual occupation, was nevertheless engaged in some occupation whereby he received his usual wages during the period he claims sick benefits for.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the appeal of Unity Lodge be sustained.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. BLEWETT.

Rep. W. J. Corley asked that permission be granted to Cataract Lodge, No. 103 to have its seal and literature altered by substituting "Niagara Falls South" for the word "Drummondville," under which name the Lodge was instituted.

The reason for the request being made is that the name of the town has been changed by Provincial law.

On motion the permission was unanimously granted.

Report No. 28—Rep. H. C. Fowler, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
OF
GEORGE STIVEN,
HARRY BOLTON AND
F. H. SPENCE.
v.
HURON LODGE.

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

That it appearing to this Committee that the original scheme for building a lodge room and opera house involving the expenditure of $7,000.00, against which this appeal is lodged, was abandoned by the Lodge, this Committee is of the opinion that no appeal lies in this matter.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. FOWLER.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

TORONTO, August 11th, 1899.

The Grand Lodge met and was opened in regular form at nine o'clock,

The Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, presiding.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Roll was called, when the following Grand Officers and a majority of the Representatives were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

J. E. FAREWELL	Grand Master
JAS. MCLURG	Deputy Grand Master
O. L. LEWIS	Grand Warden
J. B. KING	Grand Secretary
W. J. MCCORMACK	Grand Treasurer
THOMAS WOODYATT, P.G.M.	Grand Representative
HENRY WHITE, P.G.M.	Grand Representative
J. R OLIVER	Grand Marshal *pro tem.*
ALF. COVELL	Grand Conductor
J. E. RYAN	Grand Guardian
W. A. PRINGLE	Grand Herald
REV. T. W. LEGGOTT	Grand Chaplain
J. A. YOUNG	Junior Past Grand Master

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved as read.

Past Grand Master, W. H. Cole, introduced Bro. Geo. Varey, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, now a resident of Montreal, but an old earnest worker in Odd Fellowship for about fifty years.

The Grand Lodge gave the brother a hearty reception.

Report No. 29—Rep. H. A. Mallory, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

In reference to Communications referred to your Committee on Finance,

We endorse the action of the Grand Master, in not allowing Brothers to appeal to the Order for private assistance.

Your Committee do not think it best to make a precedent, by cancelling the small account due from Alvinston Lodge, No. 208.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. A. MALLORY.

Report No. 30—Rep. R. K. Cowan, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clauses 10, 13 and 22 of the Grand Master's report and Clauses 14 and 23 of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

The Committee congratulates the order in its freedom from litigation during the year.

That the second paragraph of Clause 10 of the Grand Master's report be referred to the Grand Lodge Solicitor.

That the question in reference to dues and benefits, referred to in Clause 13 of the Grand Master's report, having been considered and reported upon by the Special Committee on Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, we recommend that the matter be disposed of on the consideration of the report of that Committee.

That the representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to support legislation permitting the admission of persons of 18 years of age.

That as Clauses 14 and 23 of the Grand Secretary's report refer to the same matters as the above Clauses of the Grand Master's report, the above recommendations apply to them.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

R. K. COWAN.

Report No. 31—Rep. R. N. Sheppard, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred Clause 11 of the Grand Master's report, beg leave to report as follows:

That we fully appreciate the Grand Master's services and recognize the large amount of work his office requires of him, and the voluminous communications received relating to dues and benefies, and while he may not feel like giving an official opinion at times, we believe that the interests of the Order would be

better served, at least from a business standpoint, by acknowledging the receipt of all communications.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

R. N. SHEPPARD.

Report No. 32—Rep. Sheppard, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred Clause 20 Grand Secretary's Report, also petition from Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, desiring to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the purpose of affiliating with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, beg to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the reasons given for the change, and are of the opinion that they are not sufficient to warrant us in recommending the granting of the petition.

While we do not underestimate the pleasure and profit derived from a visit of an official of the Grand Lodge, we do not think that Lodges should to any extent depend on such visits for either assistance or impetus.

Nor do we think that the cutting down of the distance from Headquarters to 430 miles would make much difference in the number of visits received.

We therefore recommend that the petition be not granted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. SHEPPARD.

Report No. 33—Rep. James White, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee having carefully considered all the facts bearing on the case as referred to in Clause 29 of the Grand Master's report, bearing on the subject of the withdrawal of Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, from the Jurisdiction of Ontario, in order to become attached to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, would consider it unwise to make any change in our boundary or the transfer of any of our Lodges to the Manitoba Grand Lodge. Were the boundary changed and the Lodges transferred, they would still have the same cause to complain of, owing to their position geographically, and as the country is rapidly filling up, new Lodges will spring up, getting them each year nearer the centre of population.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WHITE.

Report No. 34—Rep. W. Amor, from the Special Committee on Clause 15 of G Master's Report, and Clause 21 of Grand Secretary's Report, made the following report, which was considered:

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred Clause 15 of the Grand Master's Report, and No. 21 of the Grand Secretary's, beg leave to report that we have given the subject matter of these important clauses our best consideration, and cannot refrain from recommending to the Grand Lodge the importance of having a copy of the *Independent Oddfellow* in the hands of every Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

The *Independent Oddfellow*, under its present management, has become a paper that not only reflects credit upon the proprietor, but is well calculated to further the development of Oddfellowship throughout this entire jurisdiction and those of our sister Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada.

In order to extend its usefulness in building up our Order we recommend that this Grand Body should, out of its own revenue, place a copy of this valuable journal in every Subordinate Lodge, at the price of seventy cents per copy, and likewise pay for a Lodge card to be inserted therein at the sum of two dollars per card per annum, and that the *Independent Oddfellow* be the official organ of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. AMOR.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. J. G. Harkness, seconded by Bro. W. H. Cole, P.G.M., moved the following, which was laid on the table:—

Resolved,—That the following words be stricken out of the report of Special Committee No. 1, "That this Grand Body should, out of its own revenue, place a copy of this valuable journal in every subordinate lodge at the price of seventy cents per copy, and likewise pay for a lodge card to be inserted therein at the sum of two dollars per card per annum, and that"

The question being the adoption of the report,

Rep. W. H. Lowe, seconded by Rep. A. H. Blackeby, moved the following, which was agreed to.

Resolved,—That so much of the report as relates to the expenditure of funds be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report as amended, it was adopted.

The Grand Master introduced Bro. W. N. Ford, P.G.M., of St. Marys, and appointed him a member of Special Committee.

Report No. 35—Rep. Jno. Gibson, P.G.M., from the Committee on Rebekah Degree, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree, to whom were referred Clauses 5 and 24 of the Grand Master's Report and Clause 19 of the Grand Secretary's Report, also Communications from the Rebekah Assembly, beg leave to report as follows:

1. Your Committee is pleased to note the progress made by the Rebekah Branch of the Order, four new Lodges having been instituted during the year, and the membership increased from 2961 to 3102, a gain of 141. It is gratifying to know that the Rebekahs are so actively engaged in the good work of Odd Fellowship, and we trust that a larger measure of encouragement will be given our Sisters by the several Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction. As pointed out by the Grand Master, the sooner it is recognized that the Rebekah Organization has come to stay, the better it will be for the whole membership. Our Sisters have again given substantial evidence of their ability to successfully conduct the work of this branch of the Order, while much enthusiasm and liberalty have been shown in extending relief and in helping forward the fund for the proposed Home for Aged Odd Fellows, for widows, and for orphans of Odd Fellows. During the year $142.20 was devoted to relief, and $135.25 to the augmentation of the Home Fund.

2. In reference to communication from the Rebekah Assembly, numbered 14, your Committee would recommend that Clause 5 of the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly be amended as provided for by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so as to permit Rebekah Lodges not having a Past Noble Grand, to elect a Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge who is a member in good standing of the Rebekah Lodge as representative to the Rebekah Assembly.

3. In reference to the communication from the Rebekah Assembly, numbered 15, your Committee recommend that the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly and Rebekah Lodges be revised by the Special Committee on Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

4. *Re* communication from the Rebekah Assembly, numbered 16, Clause 1, asking that the representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to secure from the Sovereign Grand Lodge a voting sign for Rebekah Lodges instead of the "yea and nay form now in use," the latter being unsatisfactory to the Lodges. Recommend that the request be granted.

5. Clause 2,—Asking that this Grand Lodge confer the power upon the President of the Rebekah Assembly to appoint District Deputy Presidents for Rebekah Lodges. Your Committee has given earnest consideration to this matter, but deem it inexpedient to transfer the power asked for. Would recommend that the Grand Master in issuing his commissions make it a duty of the District Deputy, not only to report to him, but to the President of the Assembly also.

6. *Re* communication addressed to Sister Brill, asking whether Rebekah Lodges can by instituted without consent of the Subordinate Lodge. Your Committee beg to report that the consent of the Subordinate Lodge, where a Rebekah Lodge is proposed to be instituted, must be obtained before instituting a Rebekah Lodge. It is, in the opinion of your Committee, a matter for regret that even one Lodge in the jurisdiction should be found to raise any objection to the organization of a Rebekah Lodge.

7. While in session your Committee had the honor of being waited on by a deputation from the Rebekah Assembly, consisting of Past President, Sister Ryan, Past President, Sister Brill, the President, Sister Ackland, and the Secretary, Sister Waddell, requesting that power be given to the President of the Rebekah Assembly to answer questions and decide points of law during recess of the Assembly, subject to the approval and confirmation of this Grand Lodge, in the same manner as is conferred upon the Grand Master.

Although this matter was not sent to the Committee through the Grand Lodge in the usual form, your Committee felt bound to give it due consideration. As the authority to interpret the laws of the Order is exclusively confined to the Grand Master, to whom all questions affecting the laws governing the Rebekah Assembly and Rebekah Lodges must be submitted, your Committee cannot recommend that any action be taken.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GIBSON.

Report No. 36—Rep. J. Whinton, from the Special Committee No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred Clause 17, Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to report that we consider the application of the University of the State of New York flattering to this Grand Lodge and to our Grand Secretary, and recommend that the request be complied with, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to obtain, if possible, the back numbers of the Journal of Proceedings asked for, and if attainable forward same to the Secretary of said University.

We therefore move the adoption of this report.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. WHINTON.

Report No. 37—Rep. Robert Meek, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Committee beg to report :—

1. The letter of Bro. E. W. L. Taylor, Bothwell, complaining that the election of a Representative to this Grand Lodge was not legally conducted. The evidence is confined to the communication and the statement of Bro. Scott, the delegate, and it goes to show that Bro. Scott is here in due form. Bro. Scott takes the place of one whom illness in whose family kept him away. He was elected at a special meeting, of which ample notice was given.

2. The complaint of one Napanee Lodge that another Napanee Lodge is not charging enough to pay certain benefits, is a matter which we cannot investigate at this stage of the Grand Lodge's proceedings.

All of which is respectfuliy submitted.

R. MEEK.

Report No. 38—Rep. J. G. Harkness, from Special Committee No. 2, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Special Committee No. 2, to which was referred Clause 9 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to report as follows :

The Grand Lodge sympathizes with the various subordinate lodges in the losses sustained by them by reason of fire, and again takes this opportunity o urging upon all lodges in the jurisdiction the importance and necessity of seeing that their property is fully covered by insurance.

The Committee recommend that new charters be granted to Pontypool Lodge, No. 296, and Kingston Lodge, No. 59, to replace those destroyed by fire, and that the Grand Lodge make no charge for the same.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARKNESS.

Report No. 39.—Rep. A. Macoomb, from Special Committee No. 3, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Special Committee No. 3, appointed to consider Clause 18, Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report as follows :—

We approve of the Grand Master's recommendation in regard to dealing with sick brothers belonging to other lodges, and can only call the attention of the members to the advisability of delaying the payment of benefits until the brother's own lodge sends a copy of their By-laws dealing with benefits, or sends their specific instructions under the seal of the lodge.

We also approve of the Grand Master's action in regard to Brother McCharles, of Ruthven Lodge, and see no other course that could possibly have been taken under the circumstances.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. MACOOMB.

Report No 40—Bro. J. A. Young, from the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, presented the report of that Committee, which was printed and laid before the Grand Lodge, with the reports of the Grand Officers.

On the motion of Bro. Young, the Constitution as so presented was ordered to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings of the present Session, and also that a copy of the said Constitution be sent to each Subordinate Lodge, in time to be considered by them prior to the next Session of the Grand Lodge, together with a circular to be is ued by the Grand Master.

Report No. 41—Rep. H. B. Dawson, from Special Committee No. 5, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

We, your Committee, to whom was referred Clause 26, Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report and recommend as follows :—

That the recommendation of the Grand Master, as contained in said Clause 26—"I regret that some difficulty exists in Oxford Lodge, No. 77, Ingersoll,

and that I was unable to comply with the urgent request of D.D.G.M. Hamilton to visit this Lodge. The District Committee Oxford, No. 11, gave attention to this matter and unanimously adopted a resolution that a Committee should be appointed by the Grand Lodge to investigate as to existing differences and attempt to effect a union with Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.

I recommend this course and have great confidence that a committee can be selected which will succeed in settling the difficulties so that Oxford Lodge may resume its former position, or by union with Samaritan Lodge form one of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction"—be adopted by this Grand Body.

Resolved,—That this report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. DAWSON.

Report No. 42—Rep. W. J. Hamilton, from Special Committee No. 6, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred Clause No. 10, of the Grand Secretary's Report, respecting the failure of some Lodges to secure incorporation, having duly read and considered said clause, heartily endorse the suggestion of the Grand Secretary contained therein ;

And your Commitee would respectfully urge representatives of Lodges not yet incorporated, to bring the matter before their respective Lodges in order that such Lodges may take action in the matter ;

And your Committee would further recommend that Grand Lodge be empowered to compel all Lodges in default in this respect to secure incorporation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. HAMILTON.

Report No. 43—Rep. F. R. Blewett, from Special Committee No. 9, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Special Committee, No. 9, to whom was referred Clause 22 of the Grand Secretary's Report, are pleased to find that during the year up to July 21st, 1899, there have been 127 Veteran's Jewels issued and presented to worthy members of our Order, and we strongly endorse the expression of the Grand Secretary that it is an honor to receive such a jewel, and also to Lodges presenting same.

We further endorse the recommendation of the Grand Secretary that the appearance of these Veteran's Jewels would be improved if the "patent mark" was not so conspicuous thereon, and that our representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge should receive instructions and authority from this Grand Lodge to make an effort to have the "patent mark" made much smaller, and placed on the jewel in a position that would not disfigure it, as it does now, and interfere with other necessary engraving on the jewel.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

F. R. BLEWETT.

Report No. 44—Rep. F. R. Blewett, from Special Committee No. 9, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Special Committee No. 9, to whom was referred Clause 13 of the Grand Secretary's Report, are pleased to find that since 1856, and including the year ending 31st December, 1898, that is 42 years, the magnificent sum of $1,305,115.20 has been paid by Subordinate Lodges for sick benefits, relief, etc., and the sum of $51,763.08 by Subordinate Encampments.

Your Committee are further pleased with the good work being done by the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, of Kingston, its careful management and continuous success, and we recommend that said Association receive the generous support of members of our Order.

Resolved,—That this report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. R. BLEWETT.

Report No. 45—Rep. T. Naylor, from Special Committee No. 7, made the following report, which was adopted :—

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

Your Committee to which was referred Clauses 25-27 of the Grand Master's Report, and Clause 8 of the Grand Secretary's, *re* deaths during the year—with the list of members deceased during 1898-9—beg to report as follows :—

Re Clause 25. Your Committee recommend that, as far as possible, a uniform code of By-laws be established.

Your Committee deeply deplore the sad fact that 179 brethren within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have been taken from us during the past year, leaving gaps in our ranks not easy to fill, especially in the case of three eminent brethren referred to in the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports, viz.: Bro. W. H. Ryall, Grand Marshal and D.D.G.M. of Essex District, No. 1; Bro. W. G. Willis, D.D.G.M., London District, No. 12, and Bro. W. A. Rawlings, of St. Catharines, whose excellent work as chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates is too well-known to need comment.

Bros. Thos. E. McDougall, of Crescent Lodge, No. 104; R. H. Perry and John Craig, of Fergus Lodge, No. 73.

Some of these "brethren beloved" received a "sudden summons," and in our grief at their departure we long for

"The touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

But as, while with us, they were "in labors abundant" we trust their reward is sure, and that "our loss is their gain."

"Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below;
We a little longer wait
But how little—none can know."

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to write letters of condolence to the nearest of kin to the three eminent brethren whose names are

mentioned, expressing the sympathy of Grand Lodge with the bereaved, and also its keen appreciation of the loss sustained by the Order in the death of these brethren.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. J. SANDERS.

Report No. 46—Rep. Isaac Unsworth, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

The Finance Committee to whom was referred that Section of the Report of Special Committee in Clause 15 Grand Master, and 21 Grand Secretary, relating to the *Independent Odd Fellow*, beg leave to report:

That your Committee do not deem it advisable at the present time to increase the financial liability of this Grand Lodge, considering its present obligations.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

ISAAC UNSWORTH.

The Resolution of Rep. J. G. Harkness, page 7124, which was laid over for future consideration was now considered, viz.:

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The following, moved by W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Hitchcock, was resolved in the affirmative,

Resolved,—That all reference in the report of Special Committee No. 1 to Grand Lodge *re* inserting cards for Subordinate Lodges in the *Independent Odd Fellow*, at the cost of two dollars, be eliminated therefrom.

It is further resolved that, providing this Grand Lodge, through its executive officers, can secure space in the above journal for an official column, to be used in each publication by the Grand Secretary for inserting matters to be brought before the Subordinate Lodges, free of cost, then the Grand Lodge shall purchase a copy of said Journal for each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, at seventy cents per copy, and cause the same to be forwarded in the usual manner.

Report No. 47—Rep. R. W. Bell, P.G.M., from the Committee on Districts, made the following report, which was adopted:—

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

1. Your Committee to whom was referred Clauses 17 and 28, Grand Master's report, beg leave to express pleasure with the satisfactory manner in which the D.D.G.M.'s discharged their duties. We also approve of the idea of a uniform set of by-laws for District Committees.

2. With regard to the suggestion that the D.D.G.M. should be made a representative to Grand Lodge and the object to be thereby attained, we do not see how it is to be accomplished absolutely without expense, but if the Report No. 49, adopted last year, which we strongly approve of, and which we wish to

emphasize, be carried out, and legislation in accordance therewith be enacted, we will approach very near the object desired. We therefore recommend that legislation in accordance with the above-mentioned report be enacted.

3. Your Committee recommend that Caledonia Lodge be transferred from No. 6 District to the Hamilton District.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. BELL, P.G.M.

Report No. 48—Rep. R. W. Bell, P.G.M., from Committee on Districts, made the following report:—

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

Your Committee find, according to Clause 103 By-laws of Grand Lodge, that the annual meeting of the District Committee shall be held not later than the second week in June for the election of a nominee of D.D.G.M. for ensuing year.

Many districts hold no other meeting, and no wonder many complaints are made that District Committees are useless, as the only meeting is held near the close of their term of office.

We would recommend, providing that the District Committee elected at the last meeting in June, shall meet during the third week in July following to organize, elect a nominee for D.D.G.M., and arrange plan of campaign for the year. We think in this way the District Committee will provide for interesting and useful work which will be beneficial to the Order.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. BELL, P.G.M.

Pending the consideration of this report, the hour of adjournment arrived, viz., 12 o'clock noon, when the Grand Lodge adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock p.m, pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives were present.

On motion the calling of the roll and reading the minutes of the previous session were dispensed with.

The following, moved by Rep. R. N. Sheppard, seconded by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, was resolved in the affirmative :—

Resolved,—That the Constitution of Subordinates be amended by adding thereto under the heading of "Disbursements" a clause to be called 56 a, which shall read as follows :—

In the case of a member who, having changed his place of residence, or who, on account of the starting of a new Lodge, shall find himself nearer to some other Lodge in the jurisdiction than the one he is a member of, and who, having been granted a withdrawal, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the Lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid by the Lodge he is leaving the balance of his admission fee (that is, his admission fee, less the proposition fee already paid by him), provided that in no case shall the Lodge be compelled to pay more than $3.00 on account of any one brother.

Rep. H. Stevenson, seconded by Rep. I. M. Doran, moved the following :

Resolved,—That the report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and all printed matter of whatever nature, that may hereafter be ordered by the Grand Lodge or its officers, or their successors in office, bear the label of the Allied Printing Trades Council ; Provided, that when printed matter may be required, or contracts for printing may be awarded to any establishment in any city or town in which the said Allied Printing Trades Council Label does not exist, the International Typographical Union Label be used in its place and stead.

Grand Representative Henry White raised the question of the resolution being out of order, and asked the ruling of the Chair. The Chair declared the resolution to be out of order.

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Rep. R. N. Sheppard moved the following, in accordance with notice given by Rep. A. H. Blackeby, which was unanimously adopted, viz. :

Resolved,—That Grand Lodge By-law, No. 99, be amended by striking out the words "representatives to Grand Lodge," the By-law then to read as follows :

99. In every district in the jurisdiction there shall be a District Committee which shall consist of Past Grands, in good standing, legally elected as representatives by the several lodges in the district at their last meeting in June of each year, except in the case of newly instituted lodges, which shall be entitled to elect such representatives as their membership may warrant, from their own Past Grands, or, failing such, any Past Grand, in accordance with the provisions contained in Clause 100, said election to be by ballot as in the case of representatives to the Grand Lodge ; but the tenure of office of the said representatives shall commence at the time the D.D.G.M. for the ensuing term receives his commission.

Rep. D. Patterson moved to amend Grand Lodge By-law 100 as follows, it being in accord with notice of motion given by Rep. A. H. Blackeby, viz., add a new clause to read as follows :

"But the representative or representatives of each lodge to the Grand Lodge shall be members of such committee, and the members elected as provided in By-law No. 99, shall be such additional members of the Committee as the lodge may be entitled to."

Rep. Patterson consented that the above resolution be laid on the table, until a resolution to be presented by Bro. J. A. Young, P.G.M., had been disposed of.

Bro. J. A. Young, P.G.M, moved the following, which, after consideration, was withdrawn :

Resolved,—That Section 5 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "June" in the second line, and inserting the word "May" instead.

The resolution of Rep. D. Patterson was then taken from the table.

The question being on its adoption, it was declared lost.

The following, moved by Rep. W. Amor, seconded by Rep. Wm. Stevenson, was resolved in the negative :

Resolved,—That our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and are hereby instructed to endeavor to secure such legislation as will enable this Grand Lodge to establish a Central Guarantee Fund, which shall be raised by a per capita tax upon the lodges, and from which fund shall be paid such sick benefits as may be due to members who have become permanently sick, and also all widows' benefits.

The following, moved by Rep. F. H. Gisborne, seconded by Rep. J. G. Harkness, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—The Committee on Constitution of Subordinates be empowered to procure actuarial statement with respect to dues and benefits from a registered actuary of the province, and incorporate the same in their report, the statement to properly set out the basis upon which the calculations are made, particular and separate attention being paid to the statistics of Ontario.

Rep. R. J. McKinney, seconded by Rep. A. E. Ripley, moved the following:

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet in the town of Owen Sound in the year 1900.

Representatives Hy. Carpenter and B F. Richardson moved that the words "Owen Sound" be stricken out, and "Hamilton" inserted.

The question being on the amendment to insert Hamilton, it was declared carried.

The resolution so amended was declared carried.

Report No. 49—Rep. F. H. Gisborne, of Carleton Lodge, No. 240, from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the decisions Nos. 1, 3 and 4, given by Sister Mrs. Brill, President of the Rebekah Assembly, be confirmed.

That the answer to question No. 5, from Viola Lodge be struck out, and the following substituted therefor, "Yes."

That the answer to question No. 2 be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:

If the lodges in question have availed themselves of the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as set out in decision 16, 14674, 1896, and passed by-laws in accordance therewith, the officers are entitled to the honors of the office, and Clause 32 of the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly does not govern, being in contravention of Sovereign Grand Lodge Legislation.

The whole respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

FRANCIS H. GISBORNE.

Nominations for Grand Officers were now called for, as provided for in Grand Lodge By-law, No. 16.

GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., nominated Bro. O. L. Lewis, of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Rep. J. B. Turner nominated Rep. C. C. Lyman, of Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville.

GRAND WARDEN.

Rep. D. B. Brown nominated Rep. R. K. Cowan, of Dominion Lodge, No 48, London.

Rep. W. D. Spence nominated Bro. J. R. Oliver, of Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock.

Rep. W. B. Dack nominated Rep. D. B. Brown, of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, Orangeville.

Rep. A. F. Wade nominated Rep. Isaac Unsworth, of Florence Lodge, No. 196, Florence.

Rep. A. McEachren nominated Rep. J. B. Turner, of Crescent Lodge, No. 104, Hamilton.

Rep A. T. McKinnon nominated Bro. George Bell, of Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa.

Rep. J. H. Bustin nominated Rep. W. B. Dack, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto.

Rep. John Smith nominated Rep. F. H. Gisborne, of Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa.

Bro. R. A. Lee nominated Rep. W. J. Hamilton, of Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, Cobourg.

Rep. W. S. Johnston nominated Rep. Alf. Coyell, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto.

Rep. Geo. Warren nominated Bro. Wm. Dickie, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa.

Rep. Stacey nominated Rep. S. A. Popplestone, of Exeter Lodge, No. 67, Exeter.

Rep. H. A. Hagen nominated Rep. W. A. Dennis, of Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt.

Rep. L. B. Cooper nominated Rep. A. L. Geen, of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Belleville.

Rep. H. Jennings nominated Rep. F. R. Blewett, of Listowel Lodge, No. 160, Listowel.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M., nominated Rep. A. L. Macoomb, of Queen City of Ontario Lodge, No. 56, Toronto.

Rep. T. J. Naylor nominated Bro. Thos. Donnelly, of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston.

Rep. Abe Matts nominated Rep. Theo. Lawrence, of Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, Collingwood.

Rep. J. M. Wilson nominated Bro. Geo. Geddes, of Otter Lodge, No. 50, Tilsonburg.

Rep. A. Searles nominated Bro. A. McFarlane, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182, Otterville.

Rep. W. T. Sine nominated Rep. L. B. Cooper, of Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, Belleville.

Rep. L. B. Cooper declined the nomination.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., nominated Bro. J. B. King, Past Grand Secretary, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford, resident Toronto

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. J. A. Young, P.G.M., nominated Bro. W. J. McCormack, of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Bro. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., nominated Bro. J. E. Farewell, P.G.M., of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, Whitby.

Rep. R. W. Bell, P.G.M., nominated Bro. Hy. White, P.G.M., of Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope.

Bro. Hy. White, P.G.M., declined the nomination.

Rep. R. W. Bell, P.G.M., on behalf of the Committee on Districts, moved the following, which was not adopted :

Resolved,—That By-laws of Grand Lodge, Section 103, be amended, by striking out the words in second line "as soon as practicable after his election," and insert in lieu thereof the words "during the third week in July."

In second clause, strike out words "provided that the Annual Session shall be held not later than the second Wednesday in June, for the election of," and insert the word "elect" in lieu thereof.

Also the following, which was considered and declared lost :

Resolved,—Amend Section 99, By-laws of Grand Lodge, by striking out all after the word "time," and insert, "of the holding of the meeting in third week in July."

The following obituary notices were presented and ordered to be entered on the minutes :

Bro. Frederick Venator, of Crescent Lodge, presented the following:

On November 24, 1898, Bro. Thomas E. McDougall, P.G., of Crescent Lodge, No. 104, was suddenly in a moment summoned to his final rest, accidentally, while in the pursuit of his favorite pastime, shooting, on the Hamilton Bay.

Bro. McDougall was one of the most deservedly popular Odd Fellows in Hamilton, and ever since his initiation has been a leading spirit in his Lodge.

Bro. McDougall joined Crescent Lodge by initiation the 7th March, 1890. At once took the several degrees, and in a short time passed the chairs in his Lodge, and was District Deputy Grand Master 1896 7.

As an Odd Fellow, he was an ardent supporter of all that was right and true; his wise counsel and untiring energy gained for him the respect and esteem of every member of the fraternity who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and gained for him a prominence in the councils of the lodges that few attain in so short a time. Words of mine fail to express the high esteem in which our lamented brother was held, not only by his brother Odd Fellows, but by every one who knew him.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M, presented the following:

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

On May 19th, 1899, Bro. W. A. Rawlings, Past Grand of Union Lodge, No. 16, and Past Chief Patriarch of Union Encampment, No. 1, entered into his rest, after a long illness, which he bore with true Christian resignation.

"You heard the solemn roll call—
There was no answer."

Thus the spirit of our dear brother winged its flight to the Great Beyond in sure and certain hope.

Bro. Rawlings was appointed on the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, August, 1876, and held the position of chairman since 1879 continuously until 1898, when he retired owing to his continued illness.

Brother Rawlings was called from a career of acknowledged usefulness—a brother whose fidelity never could be questioned and was evident in every action. His love for the Order was second only to his love of family, and no duties were more cheerfully performed than those done in its interests. It is a duty we owe ourselves to engrave his virtues on the imperishable tablet of love and memory.

Mourn him not whose star has set,
While its light is with us yet;
While remembered words are dear,
While his deeds still linger here.

Our late brother was one of the best known men in Odd Fellowship in Ontario. He was born in London, England, March 24th, 1829, and consequently was seventy years of age when he died. He came with his parents to Canada in 1832, and resided in Kingston till 1848, after which he spent some years in the United States. In 1862 he went to St. Catharines, as manager of the Flint Saw Works, and had been in the employ of the same house, though under different ownerships, until his death, serving as confidential bookkeeper for many years.

Mr. Rawlings' connection with Odd Fellowship dates from March, 1867, when he became a member of Union Lodge. He joined the Encampment in February, 1870. He was appointed on the Committee on Laws of Subordinates

of the Grand Lodge in 1874, and had been chairman of that Committee since 1879. He had been a member of the Public School Board since 1884, and took a lively interest in educational matters. In politics he never played an active part, but was a strong Protectionist and a loyal Canadian. He adhered to the Methodist denomination.

Rep. E. W. Boyle, of Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, London, presented the following:

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

Bro. W. G. Willis, P.G., of Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, and Past Chief Patriarch of Adelphian Encampment, No. , died at his home in the City of London, on the 27th January, 1899, after a very brief illness. While in the discharge of his duties as District Deputy Grand Master, installing the officers of Lily Lodge, No. 211, he contracted a severe cold, which resulted in pneumonia, and ere many of his friends were aware that he was ill, they were summoned to attend his funeral.

The brethren of the above district felt the loss of our noble brother, who ever had the best interests of the Order at heart, while bending his energies towards the advancement of his own lodge.

Bro. Willis was initiated into Chorazin Lodge on the 17th March, 1879, and in Odd Fellowship he seemed to find a congenial element which fitted his noble character, and he soon passed all the chairs of his lodge and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge.

Of a genial disposition, he was always sought for in the social features of his lodge, in which he was ever ready to do service, and was always the life of the meeting. The Order in London deeply and sincerely mourn their loss, while the loss to his beloved brethren and two orphaned daughters cannot be estimated. Bro. Willis was as sympathetic as he was genial, and in every case where the wail of distress or the cry of sorrow were heard, his presence would be seen and felt. He was taken ere his sun had reached its zenith, loved and respected by all.

'Tis well! The earth with all her myriad voices
Has lost the power our senses to enthral;
We hear above the tumult and the noises,
Soft tones of music, like an angel's call.

The following was, on motion of Grand Representative Henry White, seconded by Grand Representative J. A. Young, adopted:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the several Railroad and Steamboat Companies for reduced rates, to the Press for their courtesies in giving the proceedings of the Grand Lodge so much attention, and to the District Committee of Toronto District for their many acts of courtesy during the present session, and further, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks to the several parties named.

The following, moved by Rep. Bro. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. John Welsh, P.G.P., was adopted:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to Grand Master J. E. Farewell, for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties during the past year, and for his courtesy in presiding during the present session.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with.

Past Grand Masters J. A. Young and W. N. Ford, by request of the chair, presented the Grand Master-elect, Bro. Jas. McLurg, M.D., who was obligated and installed by Bro. J. E. Farewell, who thereupon took his seat as Junior Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. McLurg, then installed the other officers-elect as follows :

Past Grand Masters J. A. Young and J. E. Farewell presented Bro. O. L. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master elect, who was obligated and installed Deputy Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Henry White and Bro. Alf. Coyell, P.G , presented Bro. C. C. Lyman, Grand Warden-elect, who was obligated and installed Grand Warden.

Past Grand Masters J. A. Young and W. N. Ford presented Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary-elect, who was obligated and installed Grand Secretary, it being his thirty-third consecutive installation.

Bro. Hy. White, P.G.M., and Alf. Coyell, P.G., presented Bro. W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer-elect, who was duly obligated and installed Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments. The Brothers named were regularly installed into their respective offices :

Bro A. Macoomb, Queen City of Ontario Lodge, No. 56, Grand Marshal.

Bro. F. Gallagher, Ottawa Lodge, No. 214, Grand Conductor.

Bro. W. A. Dennis, Waterloo Lodge, No. 207, Grand Guardian.

Bro. R. N. Jennings, Gordon Lodge, No. 247, Grand Herald.

Bro. Rev. T. W. Leggott, Beethoven Lodge, No. 165, Grand Chaplain (residence, Orono).

The Grand Master announced the following appointments to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the current year.

LIST OF DISTRICTS.

Districts.	Lodges.	No.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Members.	Name and P. O. Address of D.D.G.M.
Essex No. 1.	Rose	28	Amherstburg	Wednesday	80	T. D. McCreary, Essex.
	Frontier	45	Windsor	Wednesday	215	
	Beaver	82	Ruthven	Tuesday	83	
	Leamington	140	Leamington	Thursday	112	
	Concord	142	Kingsville	Friday	78	
	Enterprise	218	Essex Centre	Thursday	127	
	Woodslee	220	South Woodslee	Wednesday	45	
	Comber	298	Comber	Tuesday	60	
	Harrow	309	Harrow	Monday	56	
	Wheatley	330	Wheatley	Friday	40	
Kent, No. 2.	Chatham	29	Chatham	Tuesday	201	W. C. Estabrook, Merlin.
	Rondeau	40	Blenheim	Friday	134	
	Western City	93	Chatham	Monday	95	
	Sydenham Val'y	120	Wallaceburg	Friday	168	
	Dresden	124	Dresden	Monday	115	
	Merlin	226	Merlin	Thursday	49	
Bothwell No. 3.	Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	Thursday	29	C. W. Kent, Ridgetown.
	Bothwell	74	Bothwell	Tuesday	20	
	Glencoe	133	Glencoe	Tuesday	45	
	Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	Wednesday	82	
	Thamesville	157	Thamesville	Thursday	75	
	Florence	196	Florence	Monday	84	
	Alvinston	208	Alvinston	Friday	37	
	Rodney	291	Rodney	Friday	47	
Elgin, No. 4.	Elgin	32	St. Thomas	Friday	216	W. H. Morrison, Shedden.
	Hope	69	Harrietsville	Saturday	95	
	St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	Thursday	344	
	Aylmer	94	Aylmer	Tuesday	149	
	Glanworth	289	Glanworth	Tuesday	36	
	Crampton	304	Crampton	Tuesday	63	
	Shedden	310	Shedden	Wednesday	27	
Otter, No. 5.	Erie	33	Port Burwell	Thursday	8	W. M. Bell, Otterville.
	Otter	50	Tilsonburg	Monday	173	
	Constellation	85	Burgessville	Tuesday	42	
	Hayden	152	Norwich	Friday	67	
	Tecumseh	182	Otterville	Monday	76	
	Prosperity	329	Delhi	Wednesday	17	

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Long Point, No. 6.	Simcoe	161	Simcoe	Friday	63	Hy. Johnston, Simcoe.
	Jarvis	191	Jarvis	Monday	33	
	Norfolk	225	Port Dover	Tuesday	73	
	Equity	232	Hagersville	Wednesday	11	
	Waterford	235	Waterford	Thursday	89	
	Caledonia	253	Caledonia	1 & 3 Friday	25	
Welland, No. 7.	Orient	134	Welland	Tuesday	20	John Bradley, Port Colborne.
	Emerald	173	Dunnville	Tuesday	74	
	Beacon	201	Port Colborne	Wednesday	93	
	International	228	Internat'l Brd'g.	Thursday	174	
Niagara, No. 8.	Union	16	St. Catharines	Monday	164	A. S. Murray, Chippewa.
	Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	Tuesday	163	
	Empire	87	St. Catharines	Thursday	101	
	Cataract	103	Niagara Falls S.	Thursday	54	
	Livingstone	130	Thorold	Tuesday	31	
	Freestone	215	Beamsville	Monday	23	
	Electric City	313	Chippewa	Monday	41	
Hamilton, No. 9.	Excelsior	44	Hamilton	Thursday	150	J. B. Turner, Hamilton.
	Unity	47	Hamilton	Wednesday	364	
	Victoria	64	Hamilton	Alt. Tues.	60	
	Crescent	104	Hamilton	Friday	307	
	Valley City	117	Dundas	Thursday	143	
	Ancaster	138	Ancaster	Monday	50	
	Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	Alt. Tues.	61	
	Wellington Sqr.	178	Burlington	Alt. Mon.	47	
	Minerva	197	Hamilton	Alt. Wed.	63	
Brant, No. 10.	Gore	34	Brantford	Monday	288	A. Dungey, Brantford.
	Grand River	91	Paris	Thursday	100	
	Harmony	115	Brantford	Tuesday	211	
	Dolman	174	Ayr	Tuesday	105	
	Lynden	259	Lynden	1 & 3 Wed.	32	

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Oxford, No. 11	Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	Thursday	186	A. J. Watford, Woodstock.
	Oxford	77	Ingersoll	1 & 3 Mon.	45	
	Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	Monday	125	
	Embro Star	229	Embro	Tuesday	39	
	Thamesford	258	Thamesford	Thursday	119	
	Woodstock	269	Woodstock	Friday	114	
	Plattsville	301	Plattsville	Wednesday	38	
	Princeton	307	Princeton	Monday	49	
London, No. 12.	Eureka	39	London	Tuesday	83	Jas. Fitzgerald, London.
	Forest City	38	London	Monday	81	
	Dominion	48	London	Wednesday	147	
	Howard	58	Strathroy	Wednesday	113	
	Chorazin	190	London East	Monday	126	
	Egremont	207	Kerwood	Friday	28	
	Lilly	211	Dorchester	Monday	63	
	Mount Brydges	217	Mount Brydges	Friday	113	
	Ilderton	234	Ilderton	1 & 3 Thurs	29	
North Middlesex. No. 13.	Ivy	90	Parkhill	Thursday	62	Joseph Cairns, Camlachie.
	Royal Oak	108	Forest	Monday	76	
	Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	Wednesday	48	
	Sycamore	151	Arkona	Tuesday	46	
	Dauncey	176	Thedford	Wednesday	12	
	Acorn	236	Camlachie	2 & 4 Tues.	25	
St. Clair, No. 14.	Friendship	65	Petrolea	Friday	111	Willard Jones, Wyoming.
	St. Clair	100	Point Edward	Thursday	76	
	Sarnia	126	Sarnia	Tuesday	135	
	Model	147	Wyoming	Alt. Mon.	42	
	Ridgely	250	Oil Springs	Monday	55	
	Lambton	277	Brigden	Tuesday	62	
	Valentine	305	Mooretown	Wednesday	35	
Huron, No. 15.	Fidelity	55	Seaforth	Wednesday	32	J. M. Proudfoot, Goderich.
	Huron	62	Goderich	Thursday	127	
	Exeter	67	Exeter	Tuesday	49	
	Lucan	70	Lucan	Tuesday	22	
	Clinton	83	Clinton	Tuesday	64	
	Brucefield	210	Brucefield	2 & 4 Frida	22	
	Hensall	223	Hensall	Friday	56	

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Perth, No. 16.	St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	Tuesday	79	Joseph Gibson, Millbank.
	Avon	41	Stratford	Wednesday	260	
	Nith	96	New Hamburg	Thursday	46	
	Wildey	153	Granton	Wednesday	61	
	Romeo	164	Stratford	Tuesday	179	
	Silver Star	202	Milverton	Friday	46	
	Millbank	209	Millbank	1 & 3 Wed.	32	
	Atwood	332	Atwood	.....	....	
Royal City, No. 17.	Fergus	73	Fergus	Tuesday	85	A. V. McBride, Waterloo.
	Reliance	89	Guelph	Monday	172	
	Grand Union	97	Berlin	Friday	105	
	Waterloo	107	Galt	Monday	275	
	Progress	158	Guelph	Thursday	118	
	Germania	184	Waterloo	Thursday	119	
	Cambridge	188	Preston	Wednesday	42	
	Elmira	216	Elmira	Wednesday	38	
	Elora	231	Elora	Thursday	62	
	Hespeler	321	Hespeler	Tuesday	42	
	Liberty	323	Berlin	Wednesday	50	
Credit, No. 18.	Milton	92	Milton	Tuesday	77	R. W. Grayden, Streetsville.
	Golden Star	101	Brampton	Thursday	26	
	Orion	109	Georgetown	Monday	44	
	Streetsville	122	Streetsville	Friday	35	
	Oakville	132	Oakville	Monday	63	
	Acton	204	Acton	2 & 4 Mon	10	
Toronto, No. 19.	Canada	49	Toronto	Friday	201	G. T. Pendrith, Toronto.
	Covenant	52	Toronto	2 & 4 Tues.	158	
	Queen City of O	56	Toronto	Monday	201	
	The Toronto	71	Toronto	Monday	82	
	Laurel	110	Toronto	2 & 4 Mon.	119	
	Naomi	116	Markham	Wednesday	54	
	Albert	194	Toronto	Friday	158	
	Weston	200	Weston	1 & 3 Tues.	27	
	Prince of Wales	230	Toronto	Tuesday	93	
	Wilton	242	Toronto	Tuesday	109	
	Floral	252	Parkdale	Monday	111	
	East Toronto	263	East Toronto	1 & 4 Tues.	62	
	Lakeview	272	W. Toronto Jct'n	Friday	67	
	Broadview	294	Toronto	Monday	138	
	Prospect	314	Toronto	Friday	144	
	Central	322	Toronto	1 & 3 Fri.	157	

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North York, No. 20.	Barrie	63	Barrie	Monday	89	J. E. Hughes, Newmarket.
	Aurora	148	Aurora	Tuesday	76	
	Pyramid	156	Newmarket	Tuesday	27	
Dufferin No. 21.	Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	Thursday	32	W. J. Manley, Shelburne.
	Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg	Friday	23	
	Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	Friday	24	
	Credit	257	Erin	Alt. Tues	27	
	Strathcona	326	Shelburne	Tuesday	49	
Harriston, No. 22.	Minto	98	Harriston	Friday	62	H. A. Mallory, Drayton.
	Garnet	139	Mount Forest	Tuesday	73	
	Listowel	160	Listowel	Tuesday	59	
	Grey	169	Durham	Monday	24	
	Britannia	198	Drayton	Wednesday	48	
	Clifford	214	Clifford	Thursday	75	
	Gordon	247	Palmerston	Thursday	77	
Wingham, No. 23.	Maitland	119	Wingham	Thursday	72	Amos Tipling, Wingham.
	Western Star	149	Brussels	Thursday	80	
	Montana	177	Wroxeter	Monday	14	
	Teeswater	183	Teeswater	Wednesday	17	
	Howick	192	Gorrie	Tuesday	11	
Bervie No. 24.	Lucknow	112	Lucknow	Friday	101	Wm. Henderson, Bervie.
	Penetangore	172	Kincardine	Tuesday	158	
	Silver City	206	Tiverton	Friday	71	
	Ripley	287	Ripley	Monday	69	
	Bervie	318	Bervie	Thursday	43	
	Underwood	328	Underwood	Monday	40	
Walkerton, No. 25.	Walkerton	84	Walkerton	Friday	120	Richd. W. Lee, Walkerton.
	Denovo	170	Port Elgin	Monday	61	
	Ahiram	205	Paisley	Tuesday	114	
	Southampton	325	Southampton	Friday	33	

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Sauble, No. 26.	Chesley	221	Chesley	Tuesday	59	T. J. Elliott, Chesley.
	Sauble	227	Tara	Friday	57	
	Hanover	233	Hanover	Wednesday	15	
	Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	Monday	48	
Owen Sound, No. 27.	Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	Thursday	76	J. H. Packham, Owen Sound.
	Dufferin	186	Flesherton	Tuesday	22	
	Saugeen	327	Markdale	Friday	35	
Georgian Bay, No. 28.	Collingwood	54	Collingwood	Thursday	141	Alex. McDonald, Stayner.
	North Star	68	Stayner	Thursday	32	
	Thornbury	243	Thornbury	Friday	32	
	Meaford	260	Meaford	Monday	73	
Orillia, No. 29.	Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	Thursday	76	J. D. Knox, Orillia.
	Midland	274	Midland	Friday	29	
	Geneva	320	Orillia	Monday	36	
Parry Sound, No. 30.	Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	Monday	87	T. A. Clarke, Parry Sound.
Muskoka, No. 31.	Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	Monday	59	M. J. Dickie, Bracebridge.
	Fairy	275	Huntsville	Monday	31	
Sutton, No. 32.	Sutton	168	Sutton	1 & 3 Mon.	27	J. Habgood, Sutton.
Ontario, No. 33.	Phœnix	22	Oshawa	Tuesday	111	W. G. Ham, Pickering.
	Corinthian	61	Oshawa	Thursday	260	
	Flo. Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	Wednesday	143	
	Eastern Star	72	Whitby	Tuesday	77	
	Warriner	75	Port Perry	Monday	56	
	Brougham	155	Whitevale	Thursday	17	
	Beethoven	165	Brooklin	1 & 3 Fri.	39	
	Ontario	324	Pickering	Friday	49	

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Victoria, No. 34.	Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	Thursday	57	H. Logan, Beaverton.
	Lindsay	00	Lindsay	Monday	113	
	Manilla	105	Manilla	Monday	32	
	Charity	129	Sunderland	Monday	21	
	Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	Friday	45	
	Cicerone	195	Woodville	Tuesday	12	
	Beaverton	249	Beaverton	Monday	43	
	Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	Tuesday	40	
	Little Britain	316	Little Britain	1 & 3 Mon.	40	
Durham, No. 35.	Durham	78	Port Hope	Tuesday	126	J. H. Magill, Port Hope.
	Cobourg	136	Cobourg	Wednesday	91	
	Millbrook	308	Millbrook	Tuesday	81	
Peterboro', No. 36.	Otonabee	13	Peterboro'	Monday	125	R. F. Morrow, Peterboro'.
	Peterboro'	111	Peterboro'	Thursday	209	
	Norwood	262	Norwood	Tuesday	24	
	Royal	286	Havelock	Thursday	59	
	Pontypool	296	Pontypool	Friday	56	
Midland, No. 37.	Stirling	239	Stirling	Wednesday	129	W. T. Sine, Sine P.O.
	Campbellford	248	Campbellford	Tuesday	60	
	Hastings	273	Hastings	Monday	35	
Madoc, No. 38.	Madoc	179	Madoc	Monday	161	Jas. Murray, Tweed.
	Tweed	290	Tweed	Tuesday	50	
	Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg	Friday	59	
Bay of Quinte, No. 39.	Belleville	81	Belleville	Thursday	214	L. B. Cooper, Belleville.
	Napanee	86	Napanee	Tuesday	81	
	Deseronto	102	Deseronto	Wednesda	80	
	Trenton	113	Trenton	Wednesday	57	
	Mizpah	127	Belleville	Monday	129	
	Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	Wednesday	124	
	Argyll	212	Napanee	Thursday	102	
Kingston No. 40.	Cataraqui	10	Kingston	Tuesday	323	Clarke Walker, Harrowsmith
	Kingston	59	Kingston	Friday	310	
	Gananoque	114	Gananoque	Monday	206	
	Cornucopia	299	McLaren's Dep	Wednesday	62	
	Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	Tuesday	57	
	Mayflower	297	Parham	Monday	46	
	Athena	306	Harrowsmith	Wednesday	43	

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St. Lawrence, No. 41.	Brock	9	Brockville	Tuesday	127	Geo. Hoag, Lynn.
	St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	Thursday	132	
	Farmersville	237	Athens	Wednesday	17	
	Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	Monday	175	
	Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	Wednesday	47	
	Delta	265	Delta	Tuesday	29	
	Balmoral	280	Merrickville	Monday	68	
	Lyn	284	Lyn	Wednesday	25	
	Laurentian	317	Westport	Thursday	27	
Eastern, No. 42.	Amity	80	Prescott	Thursday	240	J. S. Jamieson, Morrisburg.
	Riverside	145	Iroquois	Tuesday	66	
	Oriental	163	Cornwall	Tuesday	86	
	Aberdeen	302	Aultsville	Saturday	24	
	Fellowship	303	Dickinson's Ldg	2 & 4 Thes.	37	
	Zeta	311	Morrisburg	Thursday	68	
Kemptville, No. 43.	Grenville	279	Kemptville	Thursday	75	G. W. Griffith, Kemptville.
	Morewood	285	Morewood	1 & 3 Wed.	62	
	Chesterville	288	Chesterville	Friday	20	
	Mountain	315	Mountain	Thursday	36	
Ottawa, No. 44.	Ottawa	224	Ottawa	Tuesday	175	John Ackers, Ottawa.
	Carleton	240	Ottawa	Thursday	241	
	Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	Tuesday	178	
	Earnscliffe	283	Janesville, Cumming's Bdg. P.O.	Wednesday	111	
	Manotick	295	Manotick	Thursday	29	
	Maxville	...	Maxville			
Lanark, No. 45.	Stella	125	Carlton Place	Friday	92	Jas. Watt, Lanark.
	Alpha	154	Almonte	Monday	108	
	Fraternity	264	Perth	Monday	59	
	Stanley	268	Lanark	Thursday	32	
Renfrew, No. 46.	Marion	131	Renfrew	Monday	102	Wm. Stiles, Arnprior.
	Vivian	146	Arnprior	Tuesday	64	
	Alba	254	Pakenham	Thursday	50	

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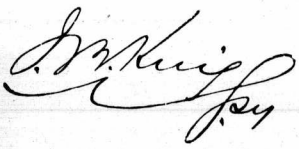
Pembroke, No. 47.	Pembroke.....	203	Pembroke	Tuesday...	114	J. A. Beatty, Pembroke.
North Bay, No. 48.	North Bay.....	271	North Bay.....	Tuesday...	87	Geo. E. Pay, North Bay.
Sudbury, No. 49.	Sudbury	282	Sudbury.....	Alt. Wed..	76	W. Irving, Webbwood.
	Webbwood....	319	Webbwood....	Friday	41	
Sault Ste. Marie, No. 50.	Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie	Thursday..	61	Wm. Brown, Sault Ste. Marie.
Chapleau No. 51.	Missanabie	266	Chapleau	Tuesday...	52	G. B. Nicholson, Chapleau.
Thunder Bay, No. 52.	Port Arthur ...	244	Port Arthur....	Wednesday	62	Jno. McNaughton, Ft. William.
	Algoma.....	267	Fort William .	Thursday..	65	
Rainy River, No. 53.	Gold Hill	262	Rat Portage...	Thursday..	137	Jno. McLeod, Keewatin.
	Minnetonka ...	292	Keewatin.....	Wednesday	71	

The Grand Master, Bro. Jas. McLurg, made a feeling speech, thanking the brethren for placing him in the office of Grand Master, an honor he much appreciated.

The business of the session being concluded, the members of the Grand Lodge rose and sang the closing ode, whereupon the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, when the Deputy Grand Master declared the forty-fifth session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, adjourned *sine die*.



APPENDIX

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Suspended for cause.	Suspended for N.P.D.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Died.	Membership per last Report.	Present membership.
9	Brock		1			7			1	131	124
10	Cataraqui	9				4				307	312
13	Otonabee	3				12	2			132	121
16	Union	1				2				171	170
22	Phoenix	6				9			1	116	112
28	Rose	1				2	1			86	84
29	Chatham	7	1			3			3	189	191
30	Eureka	1				8	1		3	102	91
32	Elgin	7				4	1		1	225	226
33	Erie									8	8
34	Gore	6					2		1	276	279
35	Samaritan	8		1		8	1			165	165
36	St. Mary's	2				10	1		1	91	91
38	Forest City					5				110	105
40	Rond Eau	5								147	152
41	Avon	5		1		3	1		1	260	261
44	Excelsior	1		2		5			2	154	150
45	Frontier					6	2		1	222	213
46	Mount Zion	1								34	35
47	Unity	3	1	1		2	1		4	339	337
48	Dominion	4	1			3			3	154	153
49	Canada	2					1		1	203	203
51	Otter	5	1	1		2			1	174	178
51	Bissel						1			162	164
52	Covenant	3				3			1	153	154
53	Niagara Falls	5					1		1	138	139
54	Collingwood	3								26	30
55	Fidelity	4					2			205	211
56	Queen City	8		2			1		2	39	39
57	Maple Leaf	1		1					1	113	113
58	Howard			2		12	1		1	288	293
59	Kingston	7				2	1			251	253
61	Corinthian	5				1	1			118	117
62	Huron	1				4			1	93	88
63	Barrie		1	1		2	1		1	66	64
64	Victoria						1			116	118
65	Friendship	3				2			1	150	148
66	Florence Nightingale	1		1		2				48	47
67	Exeter					4				30	26
68	North Star						1			101	101
69	Hope	1								21	21
70	Lucan					12				93	82
71	The Toronto	2					6			83	77
72	Eastern Star									83	89
73	Fergus	2		4						26	26
74	Bothwell									60	60
75	Warriner	2		1			2		1	332	336
76	St. Thomas	8	2	3		5	1		3	53	51
77	Oxford					2				122	121
78	Durham			1		1			1	56	56
79	Nipissing									234	238
80	Amity	7		1		3	1			223	212
81	Belleville	5	1		1	16				82	87
82	Beaver	3		2						66	66
83	Clinton									94	101
84	Walkerton	7								41	40
85	Constellation	1					2				

TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1898.

BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
8	98-5	305 50	264 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	599 50	9
17	90-4	224 00	130 00	30 00	.....	2 00	75 00	461 00	10
3	6-2	25 13	.....	.....	4 90	.....	66 00	96 03	13
12	92 6	218 58	145 00	.....	33 00	.....	.....	396 58	16
15	59-3	168 86	125 00	51 20	20 00	.....	37 50	402 56	22
6	73	184 00	.....	.....	.....	16 50	.....	200 50	28
19	79-3	230 28	107 05	75 00	17 50	3 00	111 75	544 58	29
12	176	320 00	.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	470 00	30
26	101-5	313 85	100 00	50 00	39 68	17 20	78 00	598 73	32
1	3	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	14 00	33
26	76	509 98	200 00	40 00	50 00	.....	.....	798 98	34
15	176	704 00	110 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	819 00	35
7	68	166 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	191 00	36
17	252-5	500 00	.....	.....	10 00	33 50	66 25	609 75	38
11	35	139 97	24 00	.....	.....	48 00	.....	211 97	40
25	162-4	382 26	150 00	50 00	10 00	81 30	.....	673 56	41
12	99	354 00	320 00	150 00	.....	.....	56 00	880 00	44
16	2 8 4	394 73	.....	60 06	.....	.....	.....	454 79	45
1	14	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00	46
33	269-5	646 22	765 00	300 00	20 00	25 00	134 25	189 47	47
15	72	155 00	305 00	150 00	10 00	.....	.....	620 00	48
14	130-3	429 50	.....	150 00	16 24	.....	138 75	734 49	49
15	96-4	286 72	.....	30 00	.....	59 00	10 00	385 72	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
5	62-5	250 84	.....	.....	52 96	.....	140 00	440 80	52
7	58-7	224 57	.....	115 00	.....	.....	56 75	396 32	53
6	40-4	121 73	.....	40 00	50 94	12 50	74 75	299 92	54
4	6	18 00	.....	.....	12 50	.....	.....	30 50	55
10	60-4	242 79	40 00	.....	.....	.....	85 00	367 79	56
1	9 6	29 57	40 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	109 57	57
11	39-2	87 8⁵	168 00	30 00	.....	10 00	25 00	320 85	58
21	99-1	286 84	15 00	16 90	87 00	.....	62 50	468 24	59
46	119-1	585 16	.....	.....	5 00	20 00	96 00	706 16	61
10	82-3	247 19	.....	.....	.....	46 00	.....	293 19	62
6	33-1	135 42	210 00	40 00	.....	.....	38 50	413 92	63
9	53-3	114 86	165 00	50 00	.....	.....	27 00	356 86	64
9	15-3	37 50	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 50	65
12	99-2	194 28	.....	40 00	.....	3 00	49 50	286 78	66
6	10	30 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	5 00	55 00	67
1	1	3 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	13 00	68
10	48-3	86 88	.....	.....	8 50	.....	.....	95 38	69
2	4-2	12 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 84	70
7	12-3	38 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	48 00	71
2	5	10 58	.....	15 00	.....	.....	58 00	83 58	72
16	95	285 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 50	326 50	73
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74
10	94-3	254 32	51 00	40 00	5 00	9 50	19 00	378 82	75
35	250-4	780 42	150 00	150 00	2 96	15 00	.....	1098 38	76
6	52	156 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	177 00	77
14	89 3	268 24	170 00	30 00	14 00	20 00	59 62	561 86	78
10	45-6	179 07	.....	.....	10 00	.....	29 00	218 07	79
19	64	192 00	.....	.....	30 00	41 71	2 00	265 71	80
15	104-3	290 68	.....	20 00	1 00	.....	.....	311 68	81
1	6	13 00	15 00	.....	3 00	2 50	.....	33 50	82
6	38-5	92 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	97 50	83
6	30	90 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	105 00	84
4	15	45 00	.....	.....	.....	14 75	.....	59 75	85

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86	Napanee	2					10			82	74
87	Empire	3							1	115	117
88	Olive Branch	2		2						123	127
89	Reliance	3				7	1			176	171
90	Ivy	2				2				57	57
91	Grand River	7	1	1		1		2		90	96
92	Milton									17	17
93	Western City	7	1			1				84	91
94	Aylmer	2				5	1		2	154	148
96	Nith					5			1	54	48
97	Grand Union			1		4				104	100
98	Minto	3				5				56	54
100	Lindsay	2				11				118	109
101	Golden Star								1	32	31
102	Deseronto					2				99	88
103	Cataract	2								51	53
104	Crescent	10					1		1	289	297
105	Manilla					2			1	38	35
106	St. Clair	1							1	78	78
107	Waterloo	24				4	1			244	263
108	Royal Oak	3		1			1			72	75
109	Orion					5				49	44
110	Laurel	5	1			11	2			116	109
111	Peterborough	3	1	1		5				212	212
112	Lucknow	3				5			2	104	100
113	Trenton	1								59	60
114	Gananoque	6		2						212	220
115	Harmony	5				5				187	187
116	Naomi	9		1		1				38	47
117	Valley City	4		1		5	1			126	125
119	Maitland	3		1						64	68
120	Sydenham Valley	4		1		5	1			156	155
121	Saxon					2	1			43	40
122	Streetsville									30	30
124	Dresden	3				1	1		1	113	113
125	Stella	4		1		1				97	101
126	Sarnia	4				2			1	132	133
127	Mizpah	4				4				135	135
129	Charity	1								24	25
130	Livingstone									30	30
131	Marion	2				4			1	111	108
132	Oakville	3								55	58
133	Glencoe					8				51	51
134	Orient									29	21
135	Peaceful Dove	3								48	51
136	Cobourg	7							1	96	102
137	St. Lawrence	8		1		2	1		2	121	125
138	Ancaster	1				6				56	50
139	Garnet	1							1	65	62
140	Leamington	3		3		12				127	121
142	Concord	6				2			1	73	76
143	Bay of Quinte	1				1	1			122	121
144	Ridgetown	5	1			2				91	95
146	Vivian	1		2		8				68	63
147	Model	1								42	43
148	Aurora	6	1	2		1				71	79
149	Western Star	21		3			1			58	81

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
5	23 3	70 50						70 50	86
11	49	163 00						163 00	87
9	44	132 00							
14	140-3	361 00				8 00	47 00	187 00	88
5	13	35 00	30 00		10 00			371 00	89
8	15-3	46 29			5 00			70 00	90
							6 00	52 29	91
11	22-6	67 46	20 00		15 00			15 00	92
9	56	148 00	100 00	30 00			42 00	129 46	93
5	43-4	149 00					6 00	284 00	94
7	30	103 00						149 00	96
3	33-2	103 50					33 00	136 00	97
4	11	15 05						103 50	98
3	5 4	16 73						15 05	100
4	7-4	22 08			25 00		11 25	52 98	101
1	4	12 00						92 08	102
20	152 5	524 70	120 00	75 00	25 00		27 74	64 74	103
4	40-3	66 00		40 00	25 00		110 75	855 45	104
7	42-4	175 09				6 25		112 25	105
17	72	215 00	7 80					175 09	106
4	21-3	64 30			10 00		73 49	306 29	107
3	13	52 00			10 00	8 00		82 30	108
2	6 1	16 55						52 00	109
17	75 6	303 29					57 50	74 05	110
8	64-2	184 00	100 00	60 00			106 00	409 29	111
2	2-2	6 85				11 00		355 00	112
11	82	226 05			5 00			11 85	113
9	57-2	241 17						226 05	114
1	3	9 00			25 00			266 17	115
7	22-3	89 68						9 00	116
4	9-6	29 72		25 00	5 00		57 00	176 68	117
10	49-2	117 49			2 40			32 12	119
4	23	69 00	42 40					117 49	120
3	10	30 00	102 50					111 40	121
7	87	283 00	165 00	30 00	5 00			132 50	122
4	10-3	31 50					44 75	477 75	124
8	24	72 02		46 51				31 50	125
11	68	197 00			1 00		52 75	118 53	126
								250 75	127
1	2	4 00	40 30						129
8	85-1	264 35	20 00	30 00	5 00			49 30	130
6	27	74 30				10 00		324 35	131
1	5	14 00			5 00			79 30	132
								10 00	133
6	22-2	66 89							134
9	81	243 00						66 89	135
6	59-1	117 50	66 75	30 00	17 80	25 00		285 80	136
2	2	6 00			10 00			284 25	137
4	17	51 00	150 00	30 00			21 75	27 75	138
10	54	160 50						231 00	139
3	57	66 80	75 00	30 00		4 75		165 25	140
3	5-2	13 57						175 80	142
8	33	96 00			10 00			23 57	143
	14-5	40 75			19 00			115 00	144
	5	15 00			10 00			50 75	146
	12	36 00	75 00		18 45			33 45	147
	15	45 50						111 00	148
								45 50	149

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151	Sycamore					2				56	54
152	Hayden	5				2				58	61
153	Wildey	3				2	1			65	65
154	Alpha	1				1	1			110	109
155	Brougham			1						17	18
156	Pyramid	4							1	17	20
157	Thamesville	1	1			2				63	63
158	Progress	1								116	117
159	Oak Leaf	1								58	59
160	Listowel	4					1			67	70
161	Simcoe			1		3	1			65	62
163	Oriental	5								84	89
164	Romeo	5				3	2		2	176	174
165	Beethoven	1				1				39	39
167	Hillsburgh					1			1	29	29
168	Sutton								1	29	28
169	Grey	6								21	27
170	De Novo	5					4			43	44
171	Alliston										
172	Penetangore	12					1			144	155
173	Emerald	8		1					1	49	57
174	Dolman	4								99	101
176	Dauncey						1			16	15
177	Montana	6								6	15
178	Wellington Square	3								42	46
179	Madoc		1	5					1	95	100
180	Owen Sound	7							1	71	77
182	Tecumseh	4				3		1		70	70
183	Teeswater	2		1		1				17	17
184	Germania	1								118	119
186	Duffekin	4	2			1				19	24
188	Cambridge						2		2	39	35
189	Parry Sound	2	1						1	75	77
190	Chorazin	1				3				130	128
191	Jarvis	2				1				34	35
192	Howick									9	9
194	Albert	3							1	158	160
195	Cicerone									10	10
196	Florence									83	83
197	Minerva		1			5				67	63
200	Westen									30	30
201	Beacon	8		1		1		1		80	87
202	Silver Star	1				5				61	57
203	Pembroke	1		1			1			119	120
204	Acton									9	9
205	Ahiram	1								114	115
206	Silver City	5					5			72	72
207	Egremont	1								29	30
209	Millbank	2				2				32	32
210	Brucefield			1			1			27	27
211	Lilly	2	1							58	61
212	Argyll		1			1				87	87
214	Clifford			1		1			2	72	70
215	Freestone					1				23	22
216	Elmira					2				39	37
217	Mount Brydges	1		1		2				109	109
218	Enterprise	1	2				1			101	103

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
2	29	35 00			7 00			42 00	151
1	25	25 00					3 00	28 00	152
4	8-3	25 50			10 00			35 50	153
12	77-3	235 00						235 00	154
2	7	21 00					9 50	30 50	155
		33 00						33 00	156
2	4-1	13 50			3 00		42 00	58 50	157
6	32	88 00	200 00				3 00	291 00	158
3	9-3	42 00			10 00		19 00	71 00	159
7	29	87 00			15 00			102 00	160
5	15	44 00			9 00			53 00	161
7	31-1	93 42	15 00				3 50	111 92	163
21	140	478 48	20 00	100 00	25 00	33 75		657 23	164
4	35	52 99	20 00		5 00		20 00	97 99	165
1	17-2	44 00						44 00	167
1	17-2	54 00						54 00	168
									169
3	4-4	16 70			22 00			38 70	170
									171
14	73-3	220 50			5 00			225 50	172
3	35	105 00	100 00	50 00	55 00			305 00	173
13	29	94 50					60 30	154 80	174
						5 00		5 00	176
									177
1	18	72 00						72 00	178
6	40-2	127 64	100 00	55 00		5 00		287 64	179
4	11-4	35 54		38 43	10 00		14 00	97 93	180
3	6-1	18 46						18 46	182
									183
8	19	57 00			10 00			67 00	184
					9 00			9 00	186
5	26	78 50	120 00	60 00				258 50	188
2	17	51 08				67 75		118 83	189
14	84-5	337 00				26 00	51 25	414 25	190
1	10-3	31 72			5 00			36 72	191
									192
16	89-1	356 56	36 67		22 64		97 25	513 12	194
									195
6	18	54 00						54 00	196
7	32	80 00		50 00			18 00	148 00	197
1	22	52 00	50 00		150 00			103 50	200
6	24-1	76 13			5 00			81 13	201
8	48	144 00	10 00		5 00			159 00	202
12	46-3	139 50		20 00	41 30			200 80	203
									204
8	91-4	263 56		15 00	15 00	18 00		311 56	205
5	50	150 08		15 00	50 00		25 75	240 75	206
2	5	15 00						15 00	207
2	10	40 00						40 00	209
1	3	9 00						9 00	210
7	32-4	128 50						128 50	211
6	25-3	75 50						75 50	212
6	22-1	88 78	124 00	100 00	3 00	11 50		327 28	214
1	12	36 00						36 00	215
1	6	18 00			5 00			23 00	216
11	54	160 00						160 00	217
5	27	81 00			1 00			82 00	218

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219	Georgian Bay	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	93	93	4
220	Woodslee	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	35	32	1
221	Chesley	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	.....	53	53	8
223	Hensall	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....	54	57	7
224	Ottawa	2	....	....	....	11	....	....	.....	174	165	6
226	Merlin	8	....	1	....	....	1	....	.....	39	47	1
227	Sauble	10	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	51	60	2
228	International	7	....	....	....	7	1	....	2	184	131	18
229	Embro Star	2	1	2	....	....	....	....	.....	27	32	2
230	Prince of Wales	3	....	1	....	5	....	....	.....	71	70	6
231	Elora	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	.....	65	60	1
232	Equity	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	.....	17	12	.....
233	Hanover	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	13	13	.....
234	Ilderton	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	.....	26	25	2
235	Waterford	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	.....	87	91	6
236	Acorn	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	27	27	1
237	Farmersville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	22	21	1
239	Stirling	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	124	129	13
240	Carleton	7	....	....	....	7	....	....	1	183	182	8
241	Rideau	5	1	....	....	1	1	....	1	164	168	9
243	Wilton	9	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	98	106	8
244	Thornbury	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	.....	33	31	2
245	Port Arthur	1	1	....	....	3	....	....	1	61	59	5
246	Mallorytown	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....	49	48	2
247	Orillia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
248	Gordon	2	1	....	....	4	....	....	1	70	68	4
249	Campbellford	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	67	67	2
250	Beaverton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	49	49	2
251	Ridgely	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	50	51	.....
252	Bracebridge	2	....	....	....	6	....	....	.....	63	59	3
253	Floral	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	71	83	4
254	Caledonia	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	1	22	18	2
256	Alba	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	49	50	.....
257	Grand Valley	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	32	32	.....
258	Credit	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	32	32	2
259	Thamesford	4	....	1	....	2	....	....	.....	116	119	13
260	Lynden	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	32	32	1
261	Meaford	9	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	64	73	2
262	Gold Hill	5	1	....	....	....	1	1	1	143	146	4
263	Norwood	2	....	1	....	1	1	....	.....	23	24	1
264	East Toronto	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	68	67	12
265	Fraternity	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	63	64	3
266	Delta	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	.....	28	28	.....
267	Missanabee	1	....	1	....	....	4	1	.....	56	53	7
268	Algoma	3	3	....	....	....	1	....	.....	62	67	4
269	Stanley	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....	30	29	1
270	Woodstock	8	....	4	....	....	1	....	1	91	101	5
271	Lansdowne	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	68	69	4
272	North Bay	5	....	....	....	4	1	....	.....	86	87	6
273	Lakeview	....	....	....	....	2	1	1	.....	72	68	3
274	Hastings	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	38	38	2
275	Midland	2	....	....	....	6	.....	....	.....	37	33	.....
276	Fairy	1	1	4	....	....	....	....	.....	25	31	2
277	Sheard	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
278	Lambton	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	.....	64	64	4
279	Rockcliffe	7	....	....	....	15	....	....	2	180	170	8
	Grenville	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	73	75	1

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
4	22-3	70 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 10	219
1	2-3	7 50	.....	.....	19 50	.....	.....	27 00	220
8	14	42 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	221
7	25	75 15	15 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	100 15	223
6	35 4	106 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	111 71	224
1	5	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	20 00	226
2	5	13 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 70	227
18	61 1	260 70	100 00	120 00	.....	19 75	.....	500 45	228
2	3	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	329
6	31 5	45 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 69	79 97	230
1	2	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	51 00	231
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	232
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233
2	4	12 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	17 00	234
6	43-4	130 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 74	235
1	2	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	236
1	3	9 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	39 0	237
13	44-6	139 26	50 00	30 00	1 69	.....	.....	220 95	239
8	63-5	204 34	46 50	70 00	16 25	.....	.....	337 09	240
9	48-3	134 00	67 00	30 00	.....	8 00	.....	239 00	241
6	11-6	47 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00	94 42	242
2	34	10 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 25	34 95	243
5	14-2	57 18	26 50	40 00	.....	.....	.....	123 68	244
2	11	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	245
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246
4	23	69 00	20 00	30 00	8 00	.....	35 50	162 00	247
2	13-3	40 42	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	50 42	248
2	4	14 14	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	19 44	249
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250
3	14-1	41 99	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	52 99	251
4	16 2	47 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 25	79 25	252
2	7	17 00	.....	30 00	13 15	.....	.....	60 15	253
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 35	.....	.....	67 35	254
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 60	21 60	256
2	3	9 00	.....	.....	36 50	.....	.....	45 50	257
18	69-4	209 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 00	258 00	258
1	3-5	10 15	.....	15 00	.....	.....	13 13	38 28	259
2	4	12 00	5 00	8 00	.....	.....	22 00	39 00	260
4	21-3	61 22	.....	50 00	66 00	49 50	.....	226 72	261
1	3	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50	14 50	262
12	81	204 00	.....	45 50	.....	.....	26 25	275 75	263
3	15	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	264
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	265
7	27-3	109 75	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	139 75	266
4	31-3	126 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	131 00	267
1	2	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	268
5	9 5	29 06	100 00	40 00	5 00	.....	58 75	232 81	269
4	32	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 00	270
6	20-3	82 20	75 00	65 00	.....	.....	.....	222 20	271
3	24-6	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 24	131 24	272
2	4	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	273
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	274
2	3 4	11 15	120 00	.....	.....	.....	28 68	159 83	275
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276
4	38-6	91 68	.....	.....	10 50	.....	.....	102 18	277
8	56-6	170 16	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	220 16	278
1	2	6 00	.....	34 20	11 50	.....	.....	51 70	279

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MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Suspended for cause.	Suspended for N.P.D.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Died.	Membership per last Report.	Present membership.
280	Balmoral	4	.....	.....	.....	8	1	.....	.....	66	61
281	Arthur	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	76	70
282	Sudbury	3	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	66	69
283	Earnscliffe	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	109
284	Lyn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	27
285	Morewood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
286	Royal	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	57
287	Ripley	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	71
288	Chesterville	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	32	20
289	Glanworth	4	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	34	35
290	Tweed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	54	43
291	Rodney	.....	1	..	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	51	46
292	Minnetonka	5	1	.....	.....	2	1	..	.....	65	68
293	Thomasburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	61
294	Broadview	6	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	124	120
295	Manotick	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	27
296	Pontypool	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	48
297	Mayflower	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	45	43
298	Comber	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	52
299	Cornucopia	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	80	72
300	Bobcaygeon	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	39	41
301	Plattsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	46	45
302	Aberdeen	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	26	27
303	Fellowship	1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	39	39
304	Star	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	56	58
305	Valentine	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	43
306	Athena	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	36
307	Princeton	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	51	52
308	Millbrook	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	75	77
309	Harrow	9	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....	49	56
310	Shedden	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	29
311	Zeta	10	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	65	70
312	Spirit Rock	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	39	40
313	Electric City	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	40
314	Prospect	2	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	143	140
315	Mountain	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	26	30
316	Britain	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	42
317	Laurentian	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	34
318	Barvie	9	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	27	34
319	Webbwood	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	46	45
320	Geneva	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	37	35
321	Hespeler	3	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	32	35
322	Central	7	1	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	121	124
323	Liberty	2	.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	1	51	47
324	Ontario	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	42
325	Southampton	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	31
326	Strathcona	27	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
327	Saugeen	17	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
328	Underwood	18	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
145	Riverside	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	65
206	Alvinston	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	41	41
225	Norfolk	2	.....	2	.....	4	1	.....	.....	69	68
198	Britannia	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	33	44
		839	70	88	1	543	120	10	4	22741	22964

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
1	16	48 00				5 28		53 28	280
8	59-3	216 67			5 00			221 67	281
5	29	116 00			20 25			136 25	282
3	9	27 00						27 00	283
									284
									285
8	58-2	172 00					57 00	229 00	286
4	22-3	76 89			8 00	10 00		94 89	287
1	1-3	4 50						4 50	288
4	11	33 00						33 00	289
3	14	42 00			1 00			43 00	290
5	31-1	94 11			5 00		1 50	100 61	291
5	28	79 00				31 50		110 50	292
3	10	30 00						30 00	293
14	40-3	161 70					39 06	200 76	294
3	10-3	30 00			20 00			50 00	295
1	23	119 00				6 00	8 60	133 60	296
2	10-3	31 50						31 50	297
4	21	63 00			15 00			78 00	298
7	26-3	63 50						63 50	299
3	8	10 00			25 00			35 00	300
3	3-2	12 40			2 00			14 40	301
1	2	4 00						4 00	302
4	22	65 50						65 50	303
10	37-2	70 50						70 50	304
									305
1	1	3 00						3 00	306
1	4	12 00						12 00	307
7	28 4	114 25						114 25	308
					3 00		13 00	16 00	309
1	6	18 00			8 00			26 00	310
4	15	45 00			10 00			55 00	311
3	6-3	19 50			15 00			34 50	312
5	22-2	89 00						89 00	313
6	29-5	117 35	100 00	40 00	11 44		76 26	345 05	314
									315
4	11	33 00			6 00			39 00	316
						59 00		59 00	317
1	5	15 00		20 00				35 00	318
3	8	24 00						24 00	319
1	1	3 00			11 00			14 00	320
4	13	39 00						39 00	321
8	22-2	81 33					138 64	219 97	322
2	6-6	24 00		40 00				64 00	323
4	33	99 42						99 42	324
2	10	30 00						30 00	325
1	8 5	22 50			75	28 75		52 00	326
							3 00	3 00	327
									328
3	7-2	22 00						22 00	145
									208
4	8	21 50			5 00	7 00		33 50	225
1	2	6 00						6 00	198
1662	9392	27912 73	6474 47	3667 80	1636 15	935 24	3549 05	44152 44	

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	207 40		35 00	27 47	869 37
10	Cataraqui	485 94	13 20		75 55	1036 69
13	Otonabee	167 40	500 00		40 77	309 20
16	Union	194 06			105 95	696 59
22	Phoenix	101 90			31 34	535 80
28	Rose	163 06			25 64	389 20
29	Chatham	246 25			603 84	1394 67
30	Eureka	77 73			86 25	633 98
32	Elgin	201 24	8 60		67 35	875 92
33	Erie	10 91			1 50	26 41
34	Gore	343 27		1575 27	93 95	2812 47
35	Samaritan	388 15	19 50		269 26	1495 91
36	St. Mary's	57 00			337 82	585 82
38	Forest City	104 27			168 09	882 41
40	Rond Eau	220 72			3 25	435 94
41	Avon	294 45		243 91	194 20	1406 12
44	Excelsior	163 42			3 85	7047 27
45	Frontier	176 29			323 14	954 22
46	Mount Zion	29 47				70 47
47	Unity	172 22			67 36	2130 05
48	Dominion	121 13			1018 36	1789 49
49	Canada	256 30	10 67		31 33	1032 79
50	Otter	232 92			147 25	765 89
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	174 38	10 67		7 00	635 85
53	Niagara Falls	278 11		1502 96	46 43	2223 82
54	Collingwood	164 71			35 07	499 70
55	Fidelity	100 75			32 00	163 25
56	Queen City	298 92	10 67	1000 00		1677 38
57	Maple Leaf	118 25				227 83
58	Howard	135 84	11 00	75 00		542 69
59	Kingston	525 80	33 78		11 25	1039 07
61	Corinthian	230 90			98 61	1035 67
62	Huron	89 83			152 67	535 69
63	Barrie	148 54			5 18	567 64
64	Victoria	98 33			76 45	531 64
65	Friendship	116 47			261 00	444 97
66	Florence Nightingale	177 01	1 00	300 00	1 00	7o5 79
67	Exeter	82 23		100 00	19 30	266 53
68	North Star	59 25				72 25
69	Hope	52 30			11 14	158 82
70	Lucan	42 57		944 00		999 31
71	The Toronto	63 39	9 30		9 86	130 55
72	Eastern Star	59 81			23 44	166 83
73	Fergus	103 66			146 60	576 76
74	Bothwell	109 15			52 75	161 90
75	Warriner	115 05			10 95	504 82
76	St. Thomas	425 38			130 08	1653 84
77	Oxford	47 95	40 00			265 95
78	Durham	233 96		500 00		1295 72
79	Nipissing	217 11			32 80	517 98
80	Amity	245 18		375 00	20 30	906 19
81	Belleville	407 58				719 36
82	Beaver	147 80			29 25	*10 25
83	Clinton	71 69				69 10
84	Walkerton	139 89			42 76	287 65
85	Constellation	60 11		300 00	21 32	41 18

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Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	344 79	228 41	200 00	773 11	9
113 50	755 30	271 64	60 15	1200 59	10
47 00	362 64	75 63	1 13	486 40	13
11 00	559 50	373 10	.....	943 60	16
42 00	353 03	43 34	137 50	575 87	22
9 25	230 50	88 50	30	328 55	28
102 00	657 63	372 00	176 60	1308 23	29
9 00	286 00	.....	164 92	459 92	30
90 50	680 35	168 50	104 35	1043 70	32
.....	15 50	7 50	.....	23 00	33
84 00	1137 19	1726 27	20 30	2967 76	34
124 00	480 75	307 57	316 18	1228 30	35
16 00	253 95	322 68	39 50	632 13	36
.....	443 85	667 40	117 40	1228 65	38
100 00	398 18	16 30	.....	514 48	40
66 00	929 98	473 32	267 67	1736 97	41
17 00	561 15	18 20	1 15	597 50	44
6 00	620 98	147 50	150 27	924 75	45
11 00	89 77	30 00	.....	130 77	46
72 00	1134 50	883 50	1 70	2091 70	47
49 00	432 44	.....	791 51	1272 95	48
48 00	494 11	360 00	45 50	947 61	49
116 00	749 48	295 60	123 68	1284 76	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
44 00	519 54	63 00	1 35	627 89	52
66 00	424 97	108 56	98 34	697 87	53
54 00	431 84	407 00	1 50	894 34	54
48 00	79 50	171 00	.....	298 50	55
136 55	705 15	47 35	2 30	820 35	56
23 00	115 50	326 09	1 70	566 28	57
3 00	366 97	646 00	.....	1015 97	58
148 55	794 30	15 90	8 35	967 10	59
80 00	876 30	129 75	165 28	1251 33	61
18 00	266 59	1408 55	32 60	1725 74	62
.....	304 42	289 75	30	594 47	63
4 00	205 50	50	.....	210 00	64
42 00	338 30	172 20	30	552 80	65
28 85	453 35	345 1	41 06	868 40	66
.....	168 70	212 10	2 96	383 76	67
.....	64 50	.....	1 00	65 50	68
6 00	286 62	62 95	45	356 02	69
.....	18 65	80 18	30	99 13	70
31 35	253 25	127 00	.....	411 60	71
.....	196 50	.....	.....	196 50	72
23 25	305 55	208 18	4 95	541 93	73
.....	57 05	.....	48 20	105 25	74
12 00	170 00	275 60	.....	457 60	75
203 00	1056 00	387 36	82 15	1728 51	76
.....	158 00	.....	.....	158 00	77
2 00	365 23	438 35	21 42	827 00	78
.....	209 51	58 17	82 80	350 48	79
105 50	715 20	17 50	10 35	848 55	80
83 00	586 50	204 19	30 50	904 19	81
74 00	100 00	278 75	.....	452 75	82
.....	173 52	42 75	15 00	231 2	83
97 00	270 55	158 70	16 00	542 25	84
14 00	108 00	885 85	3 10	1010 9	85

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	220 61			97 86	389 00
87	Empire	178 89			113 50	455 39
88	Olive Branch	166 04		1250 00	35 25	1638 29
89	Reliance	214 34			21 00	606 34
90	Ivy	111 99				181 99
91	Grand River	142 71			5 24	200 24
92	Milton	4 25				19 25
93	Western City	111 25		200 00	99 26	539 97
94	Aylmer	147 11			51 35	482 46
96	Nith	85 00			551 27	785 27
97	Grand Union	157 78	8 80		9 25	311 83
98	Minto	82 87	28 00		152 71	367 08
100	Lindsay	177 65				192 70
101	Golden Star	47 53		1250 00		1350 51
102	Deseronto	223 50	3 25		54 00	402 83
103	Cataract	96 08	96 75		106 68	364 25
104	Crescent	235 92			3 15	1094 52
105	Manilla	34 09		164 48	18 15	328 97
106	St. Clair	122 00			119 80	416 92
107	Waterloo	374 33			71 50	752 12
108	Royal Oak	123 59			18 00	223 89
109	Orion	56 55			4 00	112 55
110	Laurel	93 47	11 00		71 46	249 98
111	Peterborough	230 69			51 50	691 48
112	Lucknow	164 68	39 25	1000 00	2 25	1561 18
113	Trenton	127 59				139 44
114	Gananoque	210 87			14 50	451 42
115	Harmony	436 70		835 23	21 86	1559 96
116	Naomi	88 15	75 00		5 40	177 55
117	Valley City	228 81			3 44	408 93
119	Maitland	145 80		100 00	17 00	294 92
120	Sydenham Valley	239 60	134 19	219 27	145 88	856 43
121	Saxon	101 33			3 50	216 73
122	Streetsville	47 45			33 00	212 95
124	Dresden	102 22	66 06		51 10	697 13
125	Stella	123 70			62 83	218 03
126	Sarnia	106 20				224 73
127	Mizpah	179 98			2 25	432 98
129	Charity	53 70				53 70
130	Livingstone	112 15			4 00	165 45
131	Marion	135 27			80	460 42
132	Oakville	87 98			29 50	196 78
133	Glencoe	121 00				135 00
134	Orient	78 95				78 95
135	Peaceful Dove	87 87			4 00	158 76
136	Cobourg	45 23			2 93	333 98
137	St. Lawrence	136 10	7 00	58 04	4 95	490 34
138	Ancaster	60 63				88 38
139	Garnet	276 20				507 20
140	Leamington	194 85	3 00		15 25	378 35
142	Concord	170 20			80 34	422 43
1 3	Bay of Quinte	146 67		141 75	4 50	316 49
144	Ridgetown	247 83		150 00		512 83
146	Vivian	151 02		100 00		301 77
147	Medel	58 72				92 17
148	Aurora	48 43			106 70	266 13
149	Western Star	229 84				275 34

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Initiations, Admissions by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodges.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
30 50	218 35	107 40	33 00	389 25	86
55 00	324 00	1689 29	87 70	2155 99	87
39 00	448 67	49 00	1078 75	1615 48	88
76 00	511 10	109 35	45 75	742 20	89
30 00	176 43	157 55	110 00	365 98	90
68 00	274 35	138 50	57 02	537 87	91
.....	17 60	15 00	.....	32 60	92
104 00	296 11	261 35	19 65	681 11	93
53 00	306 75	284 00	8 05	651 80	94
.....	171 00	551 27	132 50	854 77	96
.....	296 90	53 25	16 95	367 10	97
40 00	150 75	152 75	1 00	344 50	98
56 30	309 90	.....	30	366 50	100
.....	78 50	107 25	6 70	192 45	101
.....	253 20	54 10	79 85	387 15	102
33 00	118 00	50 00	11 25	212 26	103
144 00	948 50	.....	1 98	1094 48	104
.....	128 50	16 00	86 85	231 35	105
16 00	328 00	61 70	.....	405 70	106
488 00	781 45	1758 33	101 50	3129 28	107
72 00	211 00	129 40	30	412 70	108
.....	121 68	82 00	30	203 98	109
56 00	322 75	.....	1 50	380 25	110
58 00	712 81	194 34	10 00	975 15	111
53 32	372 96	415 94	.....	842 22	112
13 00	202 90	.....	.....	216 90	113
56 00	657 05	78 75	52 60	844 40	114
80 00	663 99	333 75	25 36	1103 10	115
45 00	86 78	22 75	1 97	156 50	116
48 00	471 05	213 22	2 10	734 37	117
43 00	186 12	20 00	3 00	252 12	119
78 00	437 21	412 50	7 30	925 01	120
.....	155 11	83 00	18 60	256 71	121
12 00	94 00	135 00	.....	241 04	122
49 50	334 80	316 50	7 90	712 70	124
65 00	298 00	22 00	89 78	473 78	125
56 00	439 50	.....	34 71	530 21	126
89 00	4 14	28 64	79 05	608 69	127
15 50	49 50	24 00	.....	89 00	129
.....	61 00	24 72	2 15	87 87	130
31 00	309 00	35 00	30	375 30	131
91 50	175 10	22 30	.....	288 90	132
.....	98 79	33 30	.....	132 09	133
9 00	29 50	.....	.....	38 50	134
32 00	142 00	.....	.....	174 00	135
116 00	219 25	.....	.....	335 25	136
91 00	376 00	72 74	1 70	541 44	137
16 00	132 50	22 45	.....	170 95	138
6 00	194 00	293 50	.....	493 50	139
59 95	323 95	56 48	1 00	441 38	140
65 80	224 85	.....	30	290 95	142
20 00	381 12	18 80	2 30	422 22	143
77 00	220 50	10 00	4 25	311 75	144
12 00	216 50	92 00	5 55	326 05	146
22 00	110 50	46 00	.....	178 50	147
50 81	211 73	72 09	14 13	348 76	148
266 05	196 75	42 00	.....	304 80	149

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
151	Sycamore	49 97		135 00		226 97
152	Hayden	72 90			93 00	100 90
153	Wildey	28 20				156 70
154	Alpha	203 13				438 13
155	Brougham	21 72			5 63	52 22
156	Pyramid	29 50				68 13
157	Thamesville	88 12		100 00		246 62
158	Progress	144 93		4500 00	3 00	4978 93
159	Oak Lea	75 49			16 95	183 84
160	Listowel	217 98	11 40	1900 00	2 64	2234 02
161	Simcoe	70 84			9 68	133 52
162	Oriental	189 99		678 16	17 00	997 07
164	Romeo	204 15			142 31	1003 69
165	Beethoven	40 65			4 66	143 30
167	Hillsburgh	38 14				82 14
168	Sutton	31 65			43 64	129 29
169	Grey	67 43			3 78	71 21
170	De Novo	65 32			16 67	120 69
171	Alliston					
172	Penetangore	263 12	15 40	16 17	4 25	2125 27
173	Emerald	82 38	4 75		3 27	350 34
174	Dolman	91 54			10 19	256 53
176	Dauncey	14 37				19 37
177	Montara	68 15				68 15
178	Wellington Square	65 75			16 65	154 40
179	Madoc	111 28			69 15	468 07
180	Owen Sound	166 13	11 55		61 16	336 77
182	Tecumseh	85 80	33 80			138 06
183	Teeswater	16 75	140 00			156 75
184	Germania	117 12		300 00	72 95	557 07
186	Dufferin	35 45				44 45
188	Cambridge	26 33	1 90		7 20	293 93
189	Parry Sound	143 08	11 10	8068 46	145 60	8487 07
190	Chorazin	185 89		97 50	101 26	798 70
191	Jarvis	54 38				91 10
192	Howick	25 63				25 63
194	Albert	142 50			2 77	658 39
195	Cicerone					
196	Florence	97 32			75	152 07
197	Minerva	84 69			367 62	600 31
200	Weston	23 95	4 00	1 00	30 00	261 45
201	Beacon	58 27	13 90		180 80	334 10
202	Silver Star	36 80				195 80
203	Pembroke	100 09		39 50	10 90	4281 79
204	Acton	25 10				25 10
205	Abiram	121 96			3 00	436 52
206	Silver City	118 32		200 00	3 10	562 25
207	Egremont	27 87				42 87
209	Millbank	17 42				57 42
210	Brucefield	114 97				123 97
211	Lilly	94 43			41 35	264 28
212	Argyle	140 84	323 71			540 05
214	Clifford	73 70				400 98
215	Freestone	80 44			2 13	118 27
216	Elmira	34 21				57 21
217	Mount Brydges	61 75	20 10		5 50	367 35
218	Enterprise	159 30		14 05	66 00	1712 30

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.					No. of Lodge.
Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
6 00	120 50	96 00	.....	222 50	151
39 00	161 00	16 38	.....	216 38	152
30 00	210 73	63 40	6 30	310 43	153
22 05	376 50	40 00	7 20	445 75	154
.....	51 50	46 85	.....	98 35	155
50 00	48 75	22 00	.....	120 75	156
17 00	159 15	.....	4 40	180 55	157
18 00	301 25	112 15	3 01	434 76	158
6 00	186 50	.....	.....	192 50	159
64 00	213 06	78 94	50	356 50	160
.....	162 63	58 50	.....	221 13	161
61 00	223 32	9 85	1 50	296 17	163
60 00	612 67	472 00	70 35	1215 02	164
12 00	119 50	32 50	1 00	165 00	165
.....	37 50	21 25	1 90	60 65	167
.....	101 00	134 50	1 25	236 75	168
52 63	94 08	260 65	27 05	434 41	169
61 00	27 00	27 50	.....	115 50	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
171 00	426 90	1483 75	50	2082 19	172
72 00	165 60	832 35	00	1070 05	173
38 50	309 25	46 98	4 40	399 14	174
2 00	28 50	.....	28	30 78	176
54 00	34 00	14 48	.....	102 48	177
35 00	128 20	722 50	1 85	887 55	178
16 00	283 06	.....	.....	299 06	179
122 45	223 21	193 64	5 50	544 83	180
56 00	213 00	29 85	13 50	312 33	182
10 00	40 50	18 19	.....	68 69	183
23 00	355 97	100 15	.....	479 12	184
42 00	66 45	.....	.....	108 45	186
.....	122 00	8 00	1 00	131 00	188
45 00	212 60	8264 91	38 25	8560 76	189
12 00	464 55	225 00	164 70	866 25	190
25 00	102 60	38 50	2 00	168 10	191
.....	8 76	36 00	.....	44 76	192
65 40	567 51	580 32	.....	1213 23	194
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195
6 00	243 00	716 88	1 30	967 18	196
9 00	201 50	33 50	.....	245 00	197
.....	71 50	248 00	50	420 00	200
142 00	235 58	114 50	8 35	500 43	201
17 00	253 42	.....	.....	270 42	202
19 50	291 21	178 71	30	489 76	203
.....	29 00	.....	.....	29 00	204
17 00	383 20	233 55	9 60	643 35	205
56 04	234 34	251 60	50	542 48	206
11 00	55 58	40 00	.....	106 58	207
23 00	100 00	42 00	3 20	168 20	208
7 00	74 50	7 00	1 30	89 80	210
26 00	150 00	21 70	67 00	264 70	211
11 20	199 10	1273 32	6 80	1490 43	212
.....	219 00	1637 20	2 05	1858 25	214
.....	87 50	89 00	1 00	177 50	215
2 00	106 50	36 25	.....	144 75	216
45 50	228 65	20 32	55	355 05	217
23 25	302 45	148 32	110 80	586 85	218

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE.				
		Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	115 06			23 72	208 88
220	Woodslee	17 75		141 41	96 66	282 82
221	Chesley	139 35	162 50			243 85
223	Hensall	16 50	25 00		48 10	189 75
224	Ottawa	174 07			16 10	301 88
226	Merlin	50 20		532 00	86	612 06
227	Sauble	42 75	100 50		49 72	206 67
228	International	183 46			141 43	825 34
229	Embro Star	19 25				28 25
230	Prince of Wales	203 81			30 85	314 63
231	Elora	83 50				134 50
232	Equity	24 70				24 27
233	Hanover	71 50				71 50
234	Ilderton	42 68		800 00	15 32	875 00
235	Waterford	147 73			7 12	285 59
236	Acorn	29 97			1 00	36 97
237	Farmersville	21 41			18 03	78 44
239	Stirling	161 06			14 27	396 28
240	Carlton	367 32			66 75	771 16
241	Rideau	225 52	550 76		58 49	1075 77
242	Wilton	154 36	2 00			250 78
243	Thornbury	19 10			1 00	55 05
244	Port Arthur	180 63		350 00		654 31
245	Mallorytown	33 72		100 00	1 00	167 72
246	Orillia					
247	Gordon	91 65			27 00	281 15
248	Campbellfo d	131 04			8 11	189 57
249	Beaverton	44 06		135 00	25 60	223 83
250	Ridgely	448 97	80 20		75 50	604 67
251	Bracebridge	92 42		150 00	10 07	395 42
252	Floral	75 28			35 99	190 52
253	Caledonia	8 90				69 05
254	Alba	58 58				125 93
256	Grand Valley	34 75				56 35
257	Credit	19 16			32 90	97 56
258	Thamesford	86 45	15 66		44 31	404 42
259	Lynden	34 03		25 00	8 52	105 83
260	Meaford	136 03	2 00	6 25		183 28
261	Gold Hill	288 54	405 00	723 34	272 21	1915 81
262	Norwood	48 72	16 01		6 00	85 23
263	East Toronto	76 47			20 00	372 22
264	Fraternity	48 89			1 90	95 79
265	Delta	44 85				44 85
266	Missanabie	152 20			8 55	300 50
267	Algoma	235 41			41 50	407 91
268	Stanley	38 56				44 56
269	Woodstock	117 28			36 47	386 51
270	Lansdowne	82 32				136 32
271	North Bay	253 62		185 00	18 32	679 14
272	Lakeview	55 17			6 74	193 15
273	Hastings	46 00	8 05			70 05
274	Midland	83 01				83 01
275	Fairy	69 86			16 92	246 61
276	Sheard					
277	Lambton	66 30	13 50		2 75	184 73
278	Rockliffe	371 83				591 99
279	Grenville	93 87	56 76		107 40	311 73

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
	164 00	56 00	12 15	232 15	219
	68 50			68 50	220
3 00	169 94	47 97	11 65	232 56	221
53 00	133 50	75 00	3 10	264 60	223
30 00	430 53	42 84	8 55	511 92	224
115 00	140 45	91 35	30	347 13	226
69 00	96 58	22 50	9 00	197 08	227
106 00	533 24	138 44	61 52	839 20	228
44 25	82 00	25 00		151 25	229
55 00	240 65	113 70	9 25	418 60	230
	185 50	27 63	1 50	214 63	231
	46 50			46 50	232
		40 00		40 00	233
11 00	77 16	78 18		166 34	234
41 00	243 31	35 81	1 89	322 01	235
	51 00			51 00	236
	64 00		1 00	65 00	237
48 00	329 14		34 25	411 39	239
90 00	605 37	158 71	11 62	865 70	240
72 25	425 50	312 24	15 30	825 29	241
85 00	340 01	33 77	18 76	477 14	242
	67 75		1 00	68 75	243
15 00	201 15	697 25	31 35	944 75	244
	184 25	47 10		231 35	245
					246
39 00	228 20	92 00	7 05	366 25	247
	159 80	60 42	1 00	221 22	248
3 00	81 05	25 62		109 67	249
6 25	130 25		6 00	142 50	250
40 00	138 46	26 00	1 75	206 21	251
134 00	208 75	6 13	1 35	350 23	252
	51 00			51 00	253
13 00	114 50	10 00	51 18	188 68	254
	93 00		1 00	94 00	256
26 00	101 50		30 50	158 00	257
62 00	324 00	1132 50	9 00	1527 50	258
9 00	75 53	20 52	3 97	109 02	259
89 00	252 30	37 50	1 00	379 80	260
74 00	370 00	1417 99	127 40	1989 39	261
32 00	55 09	3 42		90 51	262
6 00	209 67	106 25		321 92	263
49 00	178 25	107 70	50	335 45	264
	59 00		30	50 30	265
16 00	256 00	70 00		342 00	266
70 00	206 70	126 03	1 60	404 33	267
	69 50			69 50	268
79 00	279 30	48 30	116 67	523 27	269
24 00	130 50	17 30		171 80	270
87 00	303 80	177 43	12 05	224 00	271
4 00	204 50		15 50	580 28	272
	101 37			101 37	273
27 40	80 00			107 40	274
22 00	106 37	423 53	40 00	591 90	275
					276
30 00	186 20	24 70	1 30	242 20	277
82 00	464 50	48 00	42 40	636 90	278
45 50	212 60	50 00	4 50	312 60	279

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	127 82				181 10
281	Arthur	169 86	41 95		25 00	458 48
282	Sudbury	123 34			36 33	295 92
283	Earnscliffe	141 55		236 00	22 55	427 10
284	Lyn	47 61				47 61
285	Morewood					
286	Royal	90 58			6 24	325 82
287	Ripley	64 00		1300 00	75 37	1534 26
288	Chesterville	51 27				55 77
289	Glanworth	35 14		150 00	5 50	233 64
290	Tweed	84 28			17 01	144 29
291	Rodney	69 01			33 00	202 62
292	Minnetonka	70 60	20 00	315 20	8 75	525 05
293	Thomasburg	67 41			1 25	98 39
294	Broadview	141 40	27 65		32 20	402 01
295	Manotick	21 06				71 06
296	Pontypool	63 07			75 91	272 58
297	Mayflower	26 01	10 10			67 61
298	Comber	54 13		118 00	3 67	253 80
299	Cornucopia	28 99		150 00	47 02	289 51
300	Bobcaygeon	21 32	38 40			94 72
301	Plattsville	26 06	5 15			45 61
302	Aberdeen	17 78	28 75		7 06	57 59
303	Fellowship	45 86				111 36
304	Star	19 20	40 99			130 69
305	Valentine	65 65			1 14	66 79
306	Athena	45 80				48 80
307	Princeton	63 14		400 00		475 14
308	Millbrook	134 56	11 15		12 65	272 61
309	Harrow	115 00	3 00			134 00
310	Shedden	68 29				94 29
311	Zeta	116 89	101 17			273 06
312	Spirit Rock	22 25	35 00		22 50	114 25
313	Electric City	48 45				137 45
314	Prospect	95 57	44 75	225 00	36 62	746 99
315	Mountain	34 72			8 65	43 37
316	Britain	28 21		11 75	50	79 46
317	Laurentian	57 44				116 44
318	Bervie	43 50	1 00		3 75	83 25
319	Webbwood	179 61			1 50	205 11
320	Geneva	69 95		50 00	22 75	166 70
321	Hespeler	94 96	5 75		1 00	110 71
322	Central	200 74			25 76	446 41
323	Liberty	78 29			2 25	144 54
324	Ontario	50 77	2 75		1 00	153 94
325	Southampton	40 50	38 95			109 45
326	Strathcona	59 23	345 41		56 68	513 32
327	Saugeen	1 25	162 20		87 23	253 68
328	Underwood	16 13	243 97		60 43	320 53
145	Riverside	110 29				132 29
208	Alvinston	27 32				27 32
225	Norfolk	73 77			24 84	132 11
198	Britannia	46 80	33 90		4 60	91 30
		32337 45	3817 23	41574 98	11094 03	132976 13

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Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
46 00	184 20	10 40	11 00	251 60	280
20 00	191 95	262 50	15 85	490 30	281
50 00	323 75	.....	30 75	404 50	282
29 00	259 00	.....	17 85	305 85	283
1 00	45 00	.....	.....	46 00	284
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	285
17 75	168 00	.....	28 50	214 25	286
36 00	226 06	31 33	23 25	316 64	287
.....	71 00	16 75	.....	87 75	288
48 00	130 50	.....	60	179 10	289
.....	105 00	20 00	1 00	126 00	290
15 00	142 00	.....	45 22	202 22	291
81 00	174 50	145 00	5 00	405 50	292
.....	157 00	20 22	.....	177 22	293
73 00	429 27	24 75	60	527 62	294
11 00	28 60	.....	2 50	42 10	295
120 00	112 35	.....	.....	232 35	296
.....	123 50	4 00	11 65	130 15	297
53 90	110 00	.....	7 00	170 90	298
6 00	190 25	.....	18 25	214 50	299
41 00	120 75	12 74	30	174 79	300
.....	113 50	.....	15 00	128 50	301
24 00	60 50	.....	.....	84 50	302
11 00	114 48	.....	2 10	127 58	303
59 00	150 00	.....	11 00	220 00	304
.....	117 50	.....	.....	117 50	305
14 00	63 50	6 00	5 75	89 25	306
22 00	137 40	.....	14 30	173 70	307
35 00	223 06	5 50	38 25	301 81	308
165 75	160 50	.....	7 12	333 37	309
28 00	70 50	.....	9 96	108 46	310
110 00	181 80	8 54	.....	300 34	311
17 00	90 50	20 75	22 50	150 75	312
41 00	100 31	5 32	4 43	151 06	313
49 35	495 65	97 69	7 00	649 69	314
64 00	64 50	.....	2 50	131 00	315
49 00	132 10	11 75	33 25	226 10	316
19 00	75 50	.....	.....	94 50	317
112 00	92 00	5 00	.....	209 00	318
26 00	111 00	27 00	25	164 25	319
6 00	106 17	.....	.....	112 17	320
42 00	106 50	26 20	4 13	178 83	321
88 00	387 44	.....	30	475 74	322
28 00	143 08	3 05	50	174 63	323
30 50	105 50	.....	6 45	142 45	324
59 00	60 00	.....	.....	119 00	325
387 00	95 50	.....	30 82	513 32	326
210 00	47 50	.....	.....	257 50	327
216 00	45 50	.....	70 00	331 50	328
45 00	169 00	.....	60	214 60	145
.....	112 00	.....	.....	112 00	206
39 00	198 25	49 50	24 34	311 09	225
144 00	120 50	4 05	30 80	299 35	198
11966 95	67445 71	49586 94	6364 35	135363 95	

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	166 98	5425 96	100 00	900 00	300 02
10	Cataraqui	2510 00	4135 67		1567 67	577 50
13	Otonabee	1895 65			850 00	
16	Union	1116 23	5100 00	12000 00	1797 35	220 50
22	Phoenix	92 44	1543 37		900 00	101 98
28	Rose	56 03		3100 00	1125 50	89 50
29	Chatham	97 01	3000 00	10425 00	1200 00	600 23
30	Eureka			11881 00	1000 00	220 00
32	Elgin	617 04	4890 12		1050 00	229 25
33	Erie	249 88		800 00	250 00	
34	Gore	587 78	17425 27	1216 46	3 27	592 01
35	Samaritan	1209 78		6000 00	2173 15	
36	St. Mary's	67 76		5000 00	480 00	60 00
38	Forcst City	346 54	1420 00	12901 00		119 80
40	Rond Eau	1520 76	481 73		1541 75	264 19
41	Avon	426 82		20069 55	2204 70	275 67
44	Excelsior	1102 97			319 47	
45	Frontier	49 67		12060 00	2174 49	667 75
46	Mount Zion	388 58		1100 00	175 00	
47	Unity	152 26	3500 00	865 00	6870 00	175 20
48	Dominion	1445 54	1550 00	12000 00	946 21	137 38
49	Canada	116 02		6145 00	100 00	754 60
50	Otter	1527 41		7000 00	1000 00	267 75
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	193 16	10692 00	103 16	30 00	406 13
53	Niagara Falls	2560 96	2000 00		900 00	
54	Collingwood	700 77	2700 00	6902 17	2175 00	121 17
55	Fidelity	271 33		4450 00	200 00	
56	Queen City	921 03	5600 00		86 98	568 30
57	Maple Leaf	1282 91	340 00		815 00	52 50
58	Howard	3379 91	4250 00	2400 00	1000 00	164 40
59	Kingston	1456 45		5900 00	900 00	551 30
61	Corinthian	2282 70	5250 00		1570 25	472 72
62	Huron	1427 55	3700 00		809 72	264 45
63	Barrie	171 96	918 75		900 00	89 64
64	Victoria	2427 60			591 98	38 50
65	Friendship	267 82	14000 00		1400 00	
66	Florence Nightingale	1524 55	4925 57		1170 00	57 50
67	Exeter	239 49	875 00	3000 00	200 00	
68	North Star	423 17				
69	Hope	3083 06		900 00	400 00	
70	Lncan	1594 52	944 00		300 00	21 70
71	The Toronto	2246 55		554 74	173 30	120 96
72	Eastern Star	121 88			1000 00	200 00
73	Fergus	618 02	5050 00		498 19	
74	Bothwell	518 07			550 00	119 73
75	Warriner	507 39	700 00	500 00	700 00	92 25
76	St. Thomas	495 90	14425 00	100 00	1000 00	426 68
77	Oxford	356 18			200 00	
78	Durham	299 05	5228 40	50 00	2000 00	223 84
79	Nipissing	1595 33			500 00	83 38
80	Amity	60 15	50 38		2597 60	69 50
81	Belleville	4801 51		200 00	4316 00	202 75
82	Beaver	630 35		2000 00	500 00	
83	Clinton	569 95			565 00	109 70
84	Walkerton	203 71	2800 00		600 00	121 95
85	Constellation	956 34	2000 00		200 00	130 00

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
1000 00	.....	5892 96	.....	.....	.....	5892 96	9
.....	202 85	7923 82	92 50	137 11	.....	8153 43	10
.....	.....	2655 59	.....	90 06	.....	2745 65	13
.....	48 50	20185 58	.....	.....	.....	20185 58	16
.....	199 70	2438 09	.....	.....	.....	2438 09	22
.....	45 00	4323 53	52 50	.....	.....	4376 03	28
.....	204 00	14750 13	361 25	6 86	.....	15118 24	29
3333 33	642 92	9124 75	.....	.....	.....	9124 75	30
.....	33 25	6621 78	92 88	38 50	.....	6753 16	32
.....	.....	1049 88	250 00	.....	.....	1299 88	33
.....	30 07	18083 73	1153 11	557 88	.....	17974 92	34
.....	.....	9382 93	.....	.....	.....	9382 93	35
4000 00	110 00	1497 76	.....	.....	.....	1497 76	36
3333 33	275 38	11039 14	.....	139 57	.....	11178 71	38
.....	.....	3808 43	.....	.....	.....	3808 43	40
8000 00	301 01	14675 73	.....	.....	.....	14675 73	41
.....	.....	1015 62	398 44	8 38	.....	1422 44	44
3350 00	.....	11601 91	.....	.....	.....	11601 91	45
.....	.....	1663 58	.....	.....	.....	1663 58	46
.....	846 25	5879 33	3779 01	627 77	.....	10306 11	47
3333 33	32 58	12664 45	.....	58 77	.....	12723 22	48
.....	490 00	5459 81	554 48	511 33	.....	6425 62	49
2000 00	139 92	7051 66	527 61	15 50	60 47	7755 24	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
.....	1626 01	9738 37	.....	42 57	.....	9780 94	52
.....	.....	51378 31	.....	82 65	.....	5460 96	53
.....	3500 00	9057 60	.....	41 51	.....	9099 11	54
.....	.....	4921 33	.....	.....	.....	4921 33	55
.....	131 25	6366 86	.....	78 20	.....	6445 06	56
.....	.....	1935 69	539 39	15 33	.....	2490 41	57
.....	.....	11191 31	.....	.....	.....	11191 31	58
.....	84 65	8723 10	.....	.....	.....	8723 10	59
.....	145 52	9193 55	.....	236 60	.....	9430 15	61
.....	7 41	2906 44	3258 37	30 00	.....	6194 81	62
.....	.....	2080 35	.....	.....	.....	2080 35	63
.....	24 75	2227 75	788 93	16 62	.....	3033 33	64
2500 00	630 00	12537 82	.....	.....	.....	12537 82	65
.....	16 50	7634 36	.....	26 76	.....	7661 12	66
.....	.....	4314 49	.....	.....	.....	4314 49	67
.....	.....	423 17	.....	.....	.....	123 17	68
.....	.....	3464 41	618 65	.....	.....	4083 06	69
.....	.....	2860 22	.....	.....	.....	2860 22	70
.....	42 00	2374 38	.....	679 17	.....	3053 55	71
.....	.....	1321 88	.....	.....	.....	1321 88	72
.....	.....	6166 21	.....	.....	.....	6166 21	73
.....	95 00	1080 95	.....	12 75	.....	1093 70	74
.....	25 45	2324 19	.....	150 00	.....	2474 19	75
.....	319 50	13197 93	.....	249 65	.....	13447 58	76
.....	.....	556 18	.....	.....	.....	556 18	77
.....	.....	7801 25	.....	.....	.....	7801 25	78
.....	11 39	2167 32	.....	.....	.....	2167 32	79
.....	58 50	6161 91	1490 61	54 21	.....	7706 73	80
.....	99 50	6895 80	2521 96	.....	.....	9120 76	81
.....	.....	3130 35	.....	.....	.....	3130 35	82
.....	1 50	1243 15	.....	.....	.....	1243 15	83
.....	25 90	3693 40	.....	6 36	.....	3699 76	84
.....	.....	3286 31	.....	.....	.....	3286 34	85

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	355 11	2000 00		2879 50	283 66
87	Empire	3009 12	3000 00		1696 14	251 02
88	Olive Branch	70 38	2718 43		800 00	215 37
89	Reliance	358 75	5500 00	24 00	1400 00	324 24
90	Ivy	1253 91	2575 00		500 00	85 49
91	Grand River	355 61	2725 00	1150 00	500 00	74 26
92	Milton	280 00	763 40		503 00	
93	Western City	986 93	1525 00	25 00	448 73	141 12
94	Aylmer	169 34	5909 38		1500 00	
96	Nith	169 27	3680 73		889 00	247 35
97	Grand Union	714 67	1550 00		898 80	213 37
98	Minto	92 01		48 00	478 00	41 75
100	Lindsay	256 99	3480 41		1122 37	94 50
101	Golden Star	1190 21	1250 00		372 53	172 90
102	Deseronto	2544 38			1800 00	
103	Cataract	835 37	296 50		649 75	164 14
104	Crescent	2346 22		6870 00	760 50	140 50
105	Manilla	476 61		650 00	300 00	31 00
106	St. Clair	1976 68		5050 00	500 00	
107	Waterloo	3509 52	8300 00		2900 00	
108	Royal Oak	616 80	3050 00		700 00	76 00
109	Orion	309 56	2500 00	5 00	600 00	30 00
110	Laurel	1302 94			389 00	170 50
111	Peterborough	124 25	7600 72	40 00	1100 00	505 59
112	Lucknow	948 75	3028 52		1100 00	
113	Trenton	149 81	1206 00		750 00	145 71
114	Gananoque	1550 88	5940 00		2000 00	
115	Harmony	385 67	8000 00		2697 05	
116	Naomi	223 50		612 00	334 51	57 50
117	Valley City	4182 03	3800 00	545 00	1640 50	
119	Maitland	154 25	2650 29		467 77	356 09
120	Sydenham Valley	678 51		2474 28	244 18	
121	Saxon	1411 89	1160 00		620 00	35 90
122	Streetsville	65 47		4500 00	700 00	
124	Dresden	987 42		6289 29	1140 21	113 75
125	Stella	2138 30			800 00	128 00
126	Sarnia	1917 76				261 58
127	Mizpah	2106 77			1384 02	176 00
129	Charity	794 98			354 90	127 10
130	Livingstone	436 27			1000 00	150 00
131	Marion	389 73	2630 00		1197 94	299 35
132	Oakville	149 92		3302 55	600 00	139 33
133	Glencoe	1000 44	400 00		825 00	
134	Orient	346 69			600 00	
135	Peaceful Dove	45 24	1885 78		900 00	
136	Cobourg	82 14	1033 00		2300 00	250 00
137	St. Lawrence	228 51	2348 40	150 00	665 25	108 75
138	Ancaster	1647 22			250 00	58 50
139	Garnet	54 13	1200 00		345 00	342 00
140	Leamington	1646 67			1371 44	185 35
142	Concord	2 60		3500 00	500 00	72 66
143	Bay of Quinte	264 94	4364 65		1555 93	130 29
144	Ridgetown	46 55	2187 12		1275 00	224 00
146	Vivian	203 39	1650 00	211 00	927 00	92 00
147	Model	1617 89		8 00	300 00	79 00
148	Aurora	82 73		4232 00	3 6 00	209 25
149	Western Star	415 87			724 50	

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Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
....	23 25	4404 94	836 81	203 27	.....	5495 02	86
....	87 25	6382 51	1586 52	.....	.....	6969 03	87
....	.....	3804 18	.....	.....	.....	3804 18	88
....	27 65	7502 71	76 63	.....	.....	7579 34	89
....	35 84	4378 56	.....	.....	.....	4378 56	90
....	17 38	1317 86	3315 72	153 91	.....	4787 49	91
....	.....	1543 40	.....	.....	.....	1543 40	92
....	189 49	2937 29	.....	.....	.....	2937 29	93
....	23 16	7501 54	54 02	.....	.....	7555 56	94
....	423 47	4565 85	.....	.....	.....	4565 85	96
....	117 08	2620 25	.....	639 51	.....	3259 76	97
....	2020 00	3151 76	.....	.....	.....	3191 76	98
....	128 50	4652 99	.....	44 18	.....	4697 17	100
....	146 00	2254 38	584 26	1 00	.....	2839 64	101
....	.....	3731 08	612 86	44	.....	4344 38	102
....	.....	1945 76	.....	.....	.....	1945 76	103
....	99 40	7806 77	2170 00	43 05	.....	10019 82	104
....	3 00	1454 61	.....	.....	.....	1434 61	105
....	24 00	7502 68	.....	.....	.....	7502 68	106
....	.....	13641 32	992 20	76 00	.....	14709 52	107
....	30 00	4412 80	.....	.....	.....	4412 80	108
....	.....	3444 56	.....	.....	.....	3444 56	109
....	150 50	1422 72	.....	289 22	.....	1711 94	110
....	87 55	7366 11	1845 60	71 30	.....	9283 01	111
....	.....	5972 27	.....	.....	.....	5972 27	112
....	32 00	2035 96	150 00	3356 00	.....	2219 52	113
....	.....	9304 53	.....	186 35	.....	9490 80	114
....	.....	6799 69	3981 33	301 70	.....	11082 72	115
....	27 47	1200 04	.....	.....	.....	1200 04	116
....	.....	4753 94	5412 25	1 34	.....	10167 53	117
....	14 60	3564 33	.....	48 97	.....	3613 80	119
3100 00	59 50	9237 47	.....	.....	.....	9237 47	120
....	24 80	2215 79	987 20	.....	.....	3202 99	121
....	.....	3265 47	.....	.....	.....	3265 47	122
....	17 95	7023 80	579 19	9 73	.....	8512 72	124
....	43 00	2610 45	402 75	10 10	.....	3023 30	125
....	.....	2179 34	.....	.....	.....	2179 34	126
....	59 00	3484 80	.....	122 99	.....	3617 79	127
....	30 00	1256 28	.....	.....	.....	1256 28	129
....	.....	1586 27	.....	.....	.....	1586 27	130
....	46 50	3006 38	.....	13 35	.....	3019 73	131
950 00	63 10	2332 00	844 10	2 60	.....	3178 70	132
....	.....	1074 00	1150 72	72	.....	2225 44	133
....	.....	946 69	.....	.....	.....	946 69	134
....	.....	2086 02	745 00	.....	.....	2831 02	135
....	158 00	3507 14	.....	.....	.....	3507 14	136
....	62 50	3396 09	.....	37 32	.....	3433 41	137
....	24 50	1930 30	.....	92	.....	1931 22	138
....	201 00	1740 13	.....	.....	.....	1740 13	139
....	.....	3263 46	.....	.....	.....	3263 46	140
....	.....	4075 26	.....	.....	.....	4075 26	142
....	31 78	3959 89	2249 29	74 85	.....	6284 03	143
....	12 13	3218 54	444 00	58 00	.....	3720 54	144
....	33 50	3049 89	.....	.....	.....	3049 89	146
....	22 50	1281 85	700 54	.....	.....	1982 39	147
870 00	88 05	3655 18	175 00	34 75	.....	3864 93	148
....	.....	1138 87	.....	1 50	.....	1140 37	149

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
151	Sycamore	1028 77	599 00	700 00		62 00
152	Hayden	404 21	850 00		530 00	49 32
153	Wildey	154 66	1974 94	1575 00	200 00	244 99
154	Alpha	43 25	27 20		1500 00	
155	Brougham	92 80	896 31		150 00	11 06
156	Pyramid	82 42	634 01		600 00	
157	Thamesville	52 46	1255 90		625 00	155 90
158	Progress	274 99	45 00		1000 00	126 00
159	Oak Leaf	1317 32		45 00	250 00	89 25
160	Listowel	47 92	1900 00	16 00	1000 00	68 79
161	Simcoe	346 02		7700 00	750 00	20 65
163	Oriental	85 62	678 16		1000 00	202 00
164	Romeo	374 66	3505 11	66 00	381 95	46 00
165	Beethoven	1121 41			325 00	24 00
167	Hillsburgh			850 00	150 00	
168	Sutton	117 16		4264 88	150 00	162 00
169	Grey	398 06	1600 00		200 00	218 15
170	De Novo	114 67	469 85	140 00	200 00	44 70
171	Alliston					
172	Penetangore	209 51	4114 35			
173	Emerald	2513 81		700 00	2043 05	168 55
174	Dolman	1921 81			370 00	243 85
176	Dauncey	477 41			450 00	28 00
177	Montana	34 33	1308 85		136 70	40 50
178	Wellington Square	772 20	2295 59		300 00	65 68
179	Madoc	2346 32	280 00		120 00	
180	Owen Sound	2493 04	600 00		1361 86	322 00
182	Tecumseh	931 94		1000 00		112 36
183	Teeswater	758 05			311 40	75 50
184	Germania	413 21		7000 00	140 00	
185	Dufferin	71 03			695 83	450 66
188	Cambridge	609 00		800 00		
189	Parry Sound	149 74	649 49	15036 00	400 00	
190	Chorazin	144 58	10 08	5313 71	1461 80	
191	Jarvis	80 66	1890 38		427 50	133 64
192	Howick	160 00	690 00		1064 26	33 40
194	Albert	601 12	3600 00		40 00	
195	Cicerone				443 44	315 80
196	Florence	1449 06	2700 00			
197	Minerva	865 13			800 00	
200	Weston	241 84		45 00	231 00	158 25
201	Beacon	810 68		2000 00	250 00	113 00
202	Silver Star	2543 22		1980 00	822 80	182 91
203	Pembroke	545 85	3950 00		300 00	
204	Acton	5 25	298 75		1400 50	272 97
205	Ahiram	85 98	2078 14	3800 00	150 00	
206	Silver City	30 81	1545 20		746 08	35 00
207	Egremont	99 29	481 37	425 00	475 00	240 53
209	Millbank	209 53	1414 00		100 00	
210	Brucefield	1057 71			100 00	30 75
211	Lilly	30 48	955 80	675 00	200 00	
212	Argyll	1071 07	2050 00	1606 60	249 75	80 90
214	Clifford	1834 42	1718 00			
215	Freestone	1833 17	947 00		291 94	
216	Elmira	1222 91	1115 00		500 00	21 00
217	Mount Brydges	1037 10		4152 82	548 08	52 50
218	Enterprise	1238 36	1105 00	300 00	308 50	195 85
					380 00	205 25

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Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	2389 77	.....	.....	.....	2389 77	151
.....	37 50	1796 09	.....	.....	.....	1796 03	152
.....	.....	4149 59	.....	.....	.....	4149 59	153
.....	.....	2776 40	1434 96	461 89	.....	4263 25	154
.....	.....	1150 17	.....	.....	.....	1150 17	155
.....	.....	1316 43	.....	.....	.....	1316 43	156
.....	89 90	1999 36	.....	.....	.....	1999 36	157
.....	45 00	5855 89	.....	.....	.....	5855 89	158
.....	9 25	1681 03	.....	11 29	.....	1692 32	159
.....	27 21	2771 60	223 25	10 65	.....	3005 50	160
5000 00	.....	3796 02	.....	20 65	.....	3816 67	161
.....	13 47	1952 38	.....	.....	.....	1952 38	163
.....	.....	4484 59	.....	58 88	30 25	4573 72	164
.....	19 50	1430 03	.....	19 98	.....	1450 91	165
.....	50 00	950 90	.....	.....	.....	950 00	167
700 00	153 00	3841 04	.....	.....	.....	3841 04	168
.....	7 55	2406 09	.....	1 67	.....	2408 66	169
.....	.....	969 22	.....	.....	.....	969 22	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
.....	94 25	6339 61	.....	95 60	.....	6435 21	172
.....	.....	3827 66	.....	.....	.....	3827 66	173
.....	92 15	2287 76	.....	19 90	.....	2307 66	174
.....	10 50	644 11	.....	.....	.....	644 11	176
.....	.....	1708 86	.....	.....	.....	1708 86	177
.....	.....	3187 79	.....	.....	.....	3187 79	178
.....	.....	4310 18	.....	.....	.....	4310 18	179
.....	23 33	1725 31	1237 31	219 45	.....	3182 17	180
.....	.....	2318 84	.....	.....	.....	2318 84	182
.....	.....	898 05	.....	.....	.....	898 65	183
3000 00	443 38	5116 32	.....	.....	.....	5116 32	184
.....	.....	71 03	.....	.....	.....	71 03	186
.....	.....	1809 00	.....	.....	.....	1809 00	188
8000 00	1800 00	5549 56	1947 47	.....	.....	7497 03	189
1000 00	40 20	4906 07	.....	83 14	.....	4989 21	190
.....	8 30	3060 40	.....	.....	.....	3069 40	191
.....	.....	890 00	.....	.....	.....	890 00	192
.....	144 90	2759 02	1113 37	744 07	.....	4815 45	194
.....	.....	4949 06	.....	.....	.....	4949 06	195
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196
.....	15 75	368 81	914 76	06	.....	1283 63	197
400 00	66 00	1693 92	444 92	.....	.....	2138 84	200
742 00	71 40	2439 99	543 00	.....	.....	2982 99	201
.....	.....	2843 22	.....	.....	.....	2843 22	202
.....	.....	2852 44	3313 69	3 19	.....	6169 32	203
.....	.....	454 00	.....	.....	.....	454 00	204
.....	27 00	6718 20	.....	.....	.....	6718 20	205
.....	38 70	2252 84	.....	.....	.....	2252 84	206
.....	.....	1105 66	.....	.....	.....	1105 66	207
.....	13 50	1672 76	.....	69 02	.....	1741 78	209
.....	.....	1257 71	.....	.....	.....	1257 71	210
.....	.....	1911 03	.....	.....	.....	1911 03	211
.....	25 00	3844 68	924 11	14 78	.....	4783 57	212
.....	.....	3844 36	.....	.....	.....	3844 36	214
.....	13 50	2236 89	1050 78	.....	.....	3287 67	215
.....	21 00	2915 49	.....	.....	.....	2915 49	216
.....	56 30	5637 97	.....	.....	.....	5637 97	217
.....	77 30	3131 31	.....	.....	.....	3131 31	218

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	1351 97		1400 00	500 00	125 00
220	Woodslee	89 31	100 00	600 00	100 00	66 00
221	Chesley	457 87			675 00	94 00
223	Hensall	1098 16		1400 00	335 00	
224	Ottawa	3047 85			600 00	
226	Merlin	160 28	500 00	1500 00	1160 00	30 00
227	Sauble	208 25	74 78		375 00	187 50
228	International	3277 39		4287 58	1395 22	265 75
229	Embro Star	309 50	500 00		300 00	
230	Prince of Wales	895 31			222 75	135 50
231	Elora	1061 44			955 80	63 50
232	Equity	384 16			450 00	
233	Hanover	175 00			130 00	
234	Ilderton	320 14	800 00	1748 51	267 01	
235	Waterford	1095 47			1100 00	51 50
236	Acorn	737 06			140 00	
237	Farmersville	141 58	380 15		350 00	
238	Stirling	111 39	3305 10		1093 76	523 05
239	Carleton	1980 29			2100 00	333 65
240	Rideau	86 31	3756 94		1820 00	245 00
241	Wilton	1811 48			168 15	3 70
242	Thornbury	568 69			125 00	59 00
243	Port Arthur	1364 12	625 00		1600 00	180 75
244	Mallorytown	162 38	1007 25	500 00	542 25	
245	Orillia					
246	Gordon	384 08	1000 00		418 40	
247	Campbellford	311 48	2479 00		1000 00	
248	Beaverton	56 19	1505 50		685 00	281 50
249	Ridgely	965 31		3447 50	584 68	92 90
250	Bracebridge	52 73	1786 56	25 00	500 00	197 45
251	Floral	989 50			475 00	83 00
252	Caledonia	359 87			100 00	
253	Alba	2003 05			150 00	108 35
254	Grand Valley	511 30			214 00	142 50
256	Credit	893 52			273 86	48 00
257	Thamesford	2563 48	400 00		1189 56	49 00
258	Lynden	19 26	1041 50		251 23	
259	Meaford	878 74	189 66		500 00	101 76
260	Gold Hill	250 28		7018 00	1500 00	737 70
261	Norwood	294 70			400 00	38 88
262	East Toronto	251 77			250 00	134 10
263	Fraternity	543 55	1590 00		620 00	86 27
264	Delta	288 25				
265	Missanabee	1538 18	600 00	100 00	991 26	172 58
266	Algoma	1443 96		135 00	634 43	168 00
267	Stanley	495 28			327 46	54 00
268	Woodstock	169 03	824 63		600 00	234 40
269	Lansdowne	973 57		610 00		191 50
270	North Bay	772 73	385 00	10 00	1000 00	255 10
271	Lakeview	153 37	402 34		180 00	
272	Hastings	671 47			413 32	60 24
273	Midland	368 46			637 75	
274	Fairy	362 27		378 25	248 23	153 16
275	Sheard					
276	Lambton	281 98	1222 00		282 00	120 07
277	Rockcliffe	1749 56			855 65	297 50
278	Grenville	181 49		2700 00	347 46	
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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
	25 00	3261 04		90 93		3351 97	219
225 00	11 50	728 81				728 81	220
	4 50	1222 37				1222 37	221
		2833 16				2833 16	224
		2397 92	1239 88	10 05		3647 85	224
	31 10	2303 61		15 67		2319 28	226
		845 53				845 53	227
	20 00	8226 51	970 71	3 00	5 27	9205 94	228
	6 00	1103 50				1103 50	229
	13 90	1220 64		19 02		1239 66	230
	31 00	2018 07		31 67		2049 74	231
		834 16				834 16	232
		295 00				295 00	233
		2985 66	1 50			3135 66	234
	31 50	2198 59		16 88		2215 47	235
		877 06				877 06	236
		871 73				871 73	237
		5033 30				5033 30	239
	43 63	4370 31				4370 31	240
		4352 35	1554 33	1 57		3908 25	241
	1065 82	917 51				1983 33	242
	54 50	698 19				698 19	243
	21 00	3748 87				3748 87	244
		2126 85		85 03		2211 88	245
							246
	10 00	1700 09	76 39	26 00		1802 48	247
	7 50	3362 09		417 59		3779 68	248
	400 00	1352 55	800 63	307 51		2460 69	249
	1 13	4690 29				4690 29	250
	16 50	1320 46	1240 15			2560 61	251
		1528 20		2 80		1529 00	252
		459 87				459 87	253
	14 50	2117 61		129 29		2246 90	254
	9 00	334 80	434 05	89 95		858 80	256
		1211 88		3 50		1215 38	257
	85 51	3651 04	505 49			4156 53	258
		1305 94		6 05		1311 99	259
	49 60	1650 56				1620 56	260
2387 55	406 04	6524 65		8 74	279 00	6812 39	261
		729 60		3 98		733 58	262
		525 26	96 93	14 68		635 87	263
	10 50	2234 24	584 68	10 40		2829 32	264
		288 25				288 25	265
	54 00	3347 37		65		3348 02	266
	38 00	2343 39				2343 39	267
		876 74				876 74	268
	13 47	920 03	962 53	31 13		1914 59	269
	18 00	1466 17	252 18	28 72		1747 07	270
		2422 83				2422 83	271
		671 39		14 32		685 71	272
		1137 85				1137 85	273
		1006 21				1006 21	274
	39 56	693 54	408 81			1103 35	275
							276
	12 00	1894 05				1894 05	277
	53 48	2849 23				2849 23	278
225 50	200 00	2803 45				2803 45	279

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	771 87			511 71	75 25
281	Arthur	95 14	1068 26		550 00	
282	Sudbury	829 89			1000 00	166 00
283	Earnscliffe	127 21	1434 12		250 00	190 75
284	Lyn	5 15	250 00	200 00	100 00	
285	Morewood					
286	Royal	194 87			458 58	112 00
287	Ripley	498 67	1300 00		441 00	193 73
288	Chesterville	480 81			838 25	74 50
289	Glanworth	734 17			97 50	
290	Tweed	546 12			723 17	128 00
291	Rodney	694 44			264 55	39 50
292	Minnetonka	191 83		1706 00	950 00	189 85
293	Thomasburg	1167 02			639 09	
294	Broadview	1878 80			354 42	74 34
295	Manotick	77 34	125 00		159 76	36 25
296	Pontypool	479 90			308 62	168 42
297	Mayflower	106 50		900 00	257 43	14 82
298	Comber	329 55	118 00		395 63	119 50
299	Cornucopia	74 61		1000 00	800 00	
300	Bobcaygeon	651 47			119 40	95 65
301	Plattsville	349 37			193 76	60 00
302	Aberdeen	208 70	100 00		217 70	109 80
303	Fellowship	60 92	331 00		343 78	28 00
304	Star	899 59			138 74	36 00
305	Valentine	300 36			300 00	27 00
306	Athena	273 17			235 00	95 00
307	Princeton	267 17	400 00		146 00	51 80
308	Millbrook	1010 26			400 00	103 07
309	Harrow	562 95			250 07	7 12
310	Shedden	201 55			180 03	57 00
311	Zeta	513 55			682 00	98 15
312	Spirit Rock	295 92			274 93	141 75
313	Electric City	385 76			147 42	65 27
314	Prospect	02	1552 40		250 00	176 65
315	Mountain	217 62			180 00	30 50
316	Britain	640 09			39 10	34 00
317	Laurentian	10 73	104 89		237 00	135 50
318	Bervie	249 15			152 24	39 50
319	Webbwood	330 20			183 62	280 75
320	Geneva	20 53			500 00	60 00
321	Hespeler	261 47			229 20	6 00
322	Central	363 67	450 00		113 80	175 41
323	Liberty	254 42				15 15
324	Ontario	149 06			250 00	
325	Southampton	99 64			45 00	
326	Strathcona				345 41	3 50
327	Saugeen	3 82			200 00	7 25
328	Underwood	10 97			283 32	9 50
145	Riverside	370 29			566 77	46 50
208	Alvinston	186 47			32 00	94 50
225	Norfolk	1184 95			325 00	63 75
198	Britannia	397 84			169 39	21 40

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LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	75 25	943 12	333 53	6 93	.....	1283 58	280
.....	.....	1713 40	.....	.....	.....	1713 40	281
.....	40 00	1630 54	325 35	.....	.....	1955 89	282
.....	86 50	1915 58	.....	.....	.....	1915 58	283
.....	.....	555 15	.....	.....	.....	555 15	284
.....	96 98	668 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	285
.....	45 87	2387 53	.....	.....	.....	668 47	286
.....	.....	602 71	185 47	45 43	.....	2387 53	287
.....	.....	831 67	.....	.....	.....	893 56	288
.....	32 50	962 68	.....	25 39	.....	831 67	289
.....	100 00	2845 26	.....	3 33	.....	1397 29	290
.....	.....	1799 36	.....	27 54	14 90	965 99	291
.....	84 46	1884 89	.....	6 75	.....	2887 68	292
.....	.....	398 35	.....	338 21	.....	1806 11	293
.....	.....	956 94	.....	.....	.....	2223 10	294
.....	36 00	1235 50	.....	7 25	.....	398 35	295
.....	21 00	935 68	.....	.....	.....	956 94	296
100 00	9 50	1765 11	.....	.....	.....	1242 75	297
.....	10 50	761 96	.....	88 36	.....	935 68	298
.....	37 50	548 98	.....	16 65	.....	1765 11	299
.....	.....	634 78	.....	1 42	.....	850 02	300
.....	22 50	741 20	.....	.....	.....	565 63	301
.....	.....	1074 33	.....	.....	.....	636 20	302
.....	.....	627 36	.....	.....	.....	741 20	303
.....	.....	603 17	.....	.....	.....	1074 33	304
.....	.....	866 35	.....	7 62	.....	627 36	305
.....	16 69	1477 72	.....	18 92	.....	603 17	306
.....	.....	820 14	.....	.....	.....	893 97	307
.....	3 00	435 58	.....	.....	.....	1496 64	308
.....	34 50	1246 83	.....	7 37	.....	820 14	309
.....	.....	712 60	.....	.....	.....	435 58	310
.....	12 48	585 97	.....	.....	.....	1254 20	311
.....	88 75	1890 32	.....	.....	.....	712 60	312
.....	8 00	413 67	.....	6 35	.....	585 97	313
.....	6 40	576 50	.....	30 34	33 25	1890 32	314
.....	.....	488 12	.....	.....	.....	420 02	315
.....	24 00	416 89	.....	.....	.....	640 09	316
.....	4 50	790 07	.....	.....	.....	488 12	317
150 00	10 00	420 53	.....	.....	.....	416 89	317
.....	4 50	401 49	.....	68	.....	790 07	318
.....	45 57	1057 31	.....	.....	.....	420 53	320
.....	1 50	268 07	.....	.....	.....	492 17	321
.....	.....	399 06	.....	.....	.....	1057 31	322
.....	.....	144 64	.....	.....	.....	268 07	323
.....	29 32	319 09	.....	.....	.....	399 06	324
.....	21 75	189 32	.....	.....	.....	144 64	325
.....	95 77	208 02	.....	.....	.....	319 09	326
.....	18 00	964 48	.....	.....	.....	189 32	327
.....	42 00	270 97	.....	1 08	.....	208 02	328
.....	.....	1448 60	.....	125 30	.....	965 56	145
.....	4 40	584 23	.....	.....	.....	270 97	208
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1573 90	225
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	584 23	198

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9	Brock	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	2	124	119
10	Cataraqui	16	...	1	...	11	1	...	...	312	317
13	Otonabee	7	...	2	...	7	1	...	...	121	122
16	Union	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	170	168
22	Phoenix	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	112	111
28	Rose	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	84	83
29	Chatham	9	...	1	...	6	...	...	1	191	194
30	Eureka	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	4	91	84
32	Elgin	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	226	227
33	Erie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8
34	Gore	6	...	...	...	4	1	...	2	279	278
35	Samaritan	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	165	168
36	St. Mary's	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	2	81	77
38	Forest City	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	3	105	98
40	Rond Eau	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	152	138
41	Avon	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	261	259
44	Excelsior	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	150	147
45	Frontier	3	...	1	...	9	1	...	...	213	207
46	Mount Zion	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	35	30
47	Unity	7	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	337	343
48	Dominion	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	153	149
49	Canada	3	...	3	...	13	3	...	...	203	193
50	Otter	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	178	178
51	Bissel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
52	Covenant	3	...	...	...	12	...	...	1	164	154
53	Niagara Falls	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	154	151
54	Collingwood	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	139	138
55	Fidelity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	30
56	Queen City	2	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	211	197
57	Maple Leaf	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	39	34
58	Howard	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	113	111
59	Kingston	20	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	293	308
61	Corinthian	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	253	255
62	Huron	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	117	115
63	Barrie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	88
64	Victoria	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	64	63
65	Friendship	...	...	1	...	7	1	...	...	118	111
66	Florence Nightingale	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	148	143
67	Exeter	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	47	49
68	North Star	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	27
69	Hope	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101	102
70	Lucan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	21
71	The Toronto	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	82	84
72	Eastern Star	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	77
73	Fergus	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	89	85
74	Bothwell	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	26	24
75	Warriner	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	60	57
76	St. Thomas	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	336	343
77	Oxford	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	51	49
78	Durham	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	126
79	Nipissing	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	56	58
80	Amity	3	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	238	237
81	Belleville	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	212	215
82	Beaver	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	87	87
83	Clinton	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	66	60
84	Walkerton	15	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	101	118
85	Constellation	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	41

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
10	52-2	161 15	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	191 15	9
20	47-6	144 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....	75 00	235 00	10
3	5-2	20 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 50	81 07	13
13	79 6	238 58	120 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	433 58	16
12	53	180 50	125 00	.....	48 00	.....	40 00	373 50	22
6	71	117 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	135 00	28
10	48-4	145 50	40 00	100 00	15 00	.....	115 13	415 63	29
9	78	136 00	.....	158 50	.....	.....	.....	294 50	30
24	151-3	443 15	.....	50 00	10 00	.....	78 75	581 90	32
					30 00	.....	.....	30 00	33
26	199-2	939 72	200 00	40 00	3 00	.....	.....	1182 72	34
12	166	664 00	70 00	.....	10 00	.....	3 00	747 00	35
5	48	53 00	75 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	188 00	36
11	172	223 93	.....	120 00	30 00	.....	28 13	402 06	38
7	16	64 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 00	40
31	190-2	489 63	100 00	100 00	.....	58 30	.....	747 93	41
8	75	225 00	245 00	150 00	7 25	.....	54 00	681 25	44
16	164 2	332 86	95 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	427 92	45
2	12	35 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	37 00	46
27	241-6	576 00	315 00	.....	.....	.....	135 50	1026 50	47
8	78	179 00	15 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	224 00	48
17	167-1	385 00	.....	.....	26 24	.....	94 00	505 24	49
8	43-3	128 00	168 00	45 00	.....	.....	.....	341 00	50
									51
4	42-2	169 12	.....	50 00	59 17	.....	70 00	348 29	52
15	66-2	173 25	.....	.....	.....	53 25	.....	226 50	53
2	5 3	16 29	45 00	.....	.....	.....	69 00	130 29	54
6	17	51 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	61 00	55
7	67	267 97	40 00	.....	25 00	.....	92 50	425 47	56
4	26	78 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	118 00	57
5	21-2	50 93	.....	.....	.....	36 50	75 00	162 45	58
14	119-5	365 50	22 50	.....	.....	.....	62 50	450 50	59
27	146-1	434 50	.....	40 00	25 00	20 00	96 00	615 50	61
10	79-3	241 62	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	261 62	62
7	30-3	91 23	210 00	.....	.....	33 50	.....	334 73	63
3	6	16 00	.....	25 00	3 50	26 00	.....	70 50	64
8	30-4	83 50	30 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	128 50	65
13	73-6	179 00	600 00	120 00	10 25	9 00	49 50	967 75	66
4	17	51 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00	67
2	4	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	68
8	55-3	115 99	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	120 49	69
									70
5	14-5	58 85	.....	.....	17 25	.....	70 00	146 10	71
							19 00	19 00	72
8	82-2	247 00	100 00	80 00	.....	.....	41 00	468 00	73
									74
7	113-1	182 35	.....	40 00	.....	.....	16 00	238 35	75
28	226-4	698 61	250 00	50 00	12 00	7 00	.....	1017 61	76
4	41	123 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	153 00	77
4	8 5	26 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 88	83 02	78
2	53	159 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159 00	79
21	79	237 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	246 00	80
11	110-6	312 57	.....	20 00	10 00	.....	.....	342 57	81
1	4	8 20	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	18 20	82
4	49	121 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	121 00	83
7	28-4	86 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	96 00	84
4	9-5	31 50	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	45 50	85

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86	Napanee					1				74	73
87	Empire	2				13			3	117	103
88	Olive Branch	1				3	1			127	120
89	Reliance	3				1			1	171	172
90	Ivy	3								57	60
91	Grand River	3								96	99
92	Milton	18								17	35
93	Western City	2				1				91	92
94	Aylmer			1						148	149
96	Nith	1				2			1	48	46
97	Grand Union	4				1	1			100	102
98	Minto	9				2			1	54	60
100	Lindsay			1		2	1		1	109	101
101	Golden Star					3			1	31	27
102	Deseronto					3				88	85
103	Cataract	1								53	54
104	Crescent	6				4	1		2	297	296
105	Manilla									35	35
106	St. Clair					1			1	78	76
107	Waterloo	9	1			1			1	263	271
108	Royal Oak	1							1	75	75
109	Orion									44	44
110	Laurel	14				1				109	122
111	Peterborough	2							1	212	213
112	Lucknow			1		2			1	100	98
113	Trenton	1					1		2	60	58
114	Gananoque	2							2	220	220
115	Harmony	11		1					2	187	197
116	Naomi					2				47	44
117	Valley City	8								125	133
119	Maitland	3	1			2				68	70
120	Sydenham Valley	4		1		2				155	158
121	Saxon	5	1							40	46
123	Streetsville	1								34	35
124	Dresden	1					1		1	113	112
125	Stella	2				8	1		1	101	93
126	Sarnia	2				4				133	131
127	Mizpah	2	1			5				135	133
129	Charity					3				25	22
[illegible]	Livingstone									30	30
[illegible]	Marion									108	108
132	Oakville								1	58	57
133	Glencoe									50	50
134	Orient									21	21
135	Peaceful Dove					5				51	46
136	Cobourg		1			5			2	102	96
137	St. Lawrence	2		1						125	128
138	Ancaster					2				51	49
139	Garnet	3							1	65	67
140	Leamington	2		2		8				121	117
142	Concord	1		1		3			1	76	74
143	Bay of Quinte	2								121	123
144	Ridgetown	1				5				95	91
146	Vivian	1		1						63	65
147	Model	2				3				43	42
148	Aurora	3	1			5	1			79	77
149	Western Star	4				3				51	82

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Present membership.	Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
			$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
73	5	27·2	84 86						84 86	86
103	5	23	77 00	41 75	800 00				918 75	87
120	4	24	75 00			20 02		53 25	148 27	88
172	17	151·3	422 00	125 00	40 00				587 00	89
60	1	11	32 00						32 00	90
99	8	24·5	74 15			9 30		4 00	87 45	91
35										92
92	7	20 3	61 26	10 00				45 50	116 76	93
149	6	63	147 00			14 57		6 00	167 57	94
46	9	40 5	122 50	300 00	40 00				462 50	96
102	7	18·2	59 50			5 00		31 00	95 50	97
60	4	18	55 05		50 00				105 05	98
101					58 11				58 11	100
27	3	12	36 00				6 00	11 50	53 50	101
85	2	13·4	40 72						40 72	102
54	5	24	72 00			15 00		26 24	113 24	103
296	17	137	435 65	120 00	75 00	70 00		110 50	811 15	104
35	4	14	42 00	16 00		3 00			61 00	105
76	3	10·6	43 67	200 00		5 00			248 67	106
271	14	80	240 00	150 00	40 00	8 75		74 63	513 38	107
75	2	7·2	22 00	140 00	50 00		42 00		254 00	108
44										109
122	4	14·3	41 71			20 00		72 81	134 52	110
213	20	86·3	345 70		40 00	5 32		106 50	497 52	111
98	6	88	264 00	300 00	60 00	5 00	35 00		664 00	112
58	5	25	74 86	60 00	56 40				191 26	113
220	11	77·4	171 62	157 60	60 00	10 00	5 00		404 22	114
197	9	73·4	294 27	230 00	50 00				574 27	115
44				15 00					15 00	116
133	9	46·2	185 12			5 50		59 50	250 12	117
70	3	5·2	15 21						15 21	119
158	12	39·5	125 34						125 34	120
46	3	25	76 00	15 00					90 00	121
35	3	27	21 00						21 00	122
112	8	68	109 71		45 00			44 00	198 71	124
93	9	85	134 00		40 00				174 00	125
131	9	22·3	59 63			30 00			89 63	126
133	3	30	88 00	4 20		50 00		55 75	197 95	127
22										129
30										130
108	7	46·6	164 00						164 00	131
57	4	39	85 00				5 00		90 00	132
50	3	11	30 00						30 00	133
21						2 00			2 00	134
46	1	4·2	12 95			5 00			17 95	135
96	7	52	156 00	99 00	120 00		41 00		416 00	136
128	7	33·3	101 00	30 00	30 00				161 00	137
49	4	23	78 00				27 00	17 00	122 00	138
67	3	6	18 00			15 00			33 00	139
117	5	20·5	62 15						62 15	140
74	5	47	76 40						76 40	142
123	4	35	104 00						104 00	143
91	7	44	132 00			5 00			137 00	144
65	4	7	21 00			5 06			26 06	146
42	3	12	36 00						36 00	147
77	4	12·2	36 85	62 50		4 74		30 00	134 09	148
82	4	11·3	34 30						34 30	149

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151	Sycamore	1		1		4	1			54	50	3
152	Hayden	1		1						61	63	5
153	Wildey					1				65	64	1
154	Alpha									109	109	9
155	Brougham					1				18	19	4
156	Pyramid	3		1						20	24	
157	Thamesville	6								63	69	4
158	Progress	1				3				117	115	1
159	Oak Leaf					2				59	57	4
160	Listowel									70	70	2
161	Simcoe	4				2				62	64	3
163	Oriental	3				5				89	87	11
164	Romeo	6				4				174	176	4
165	Beethoven									39	39	
167	Hillsburgh					1	2			27	24	3
168	Sutton					1				28	27	
169	Grey			1		4				27	24	3
170	De Novo	4	1						1	44	48	
171	Alliston											3
172	Penetangore	1								155	156	
173	Emerald	1				2				57	56	16
174	Dolman	3				1				101	103	3
176	Dauncey	1								15	16	10
177	Montana					1				15	14	
178	Wellington Square	4				2			1	46	47	
179	Madoc	1		1			1			100	101	6
180	Owen Sound	2								77	79	
182	Tecumseh	3		1						70	74	6
183	Teeswater	1								17	18	3
184	Germania									119	119	2
186	Dufferin	2		1		4				24	23	4
188	Cambridge	2								35	37	
189	Parry Sound	6		1				1		77	83	2
190	Chorazin	5	1			3				128	131	4
191	Jarvis	1				3				35	33	6
192	Howick	1								9	10	
194	Albert	3				1				160	162	
195	Cicerone									10	10	10
196	Florence						1			83	82	
197	Minerva	1								63	64	2
200	Weston	1				2			1	30	28	3
201	Beacon	2								87	89	3
202	Silver Star		1			1				57	57	3
203	Pembroke	1								120	121	3
204	Acton									9	9	10
205	Ahiram	3		1			1		2	115	116	
206	Silver City	3	1			4	2			72	69	3
207	Egremont					4				30	26	5
209	Millbank					2				32	30	1
210	Brucefield									27	27	4
211	Lilly									61	61	1
212	Argyll	3	1	1					2	87	89	3
214	Clifford	3	1						1	70	73	4
215	Freestone			1						22	23	6
216	Elmira									37	37	
217	Mount Brydges	2				1			1	109	109	5
218	Enterprise	14	1	3			2			103	119	9
												2

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Membership per last Report.	Present membership.	BENEFITS AND RELIEF. Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
				$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
54	50										
61	63	3	28-2	41 00						41 00	151
65	64	5	48	103 00						103 00	152
109	109	1	8	24 00			2 00			26 00	153
18	19	9	60	180 75		15 00				195 95	154
20	24	4	10-6	31 75					9 00	40 75	155
63	69										156
117	115	4	8	24 00					44 50	68 50	157
59	57	1	30	60 00						60 00	158
70	70	4	8-2	52 65					19 00	44 65	159
62	64	2	19	57 00						57 00	160
89	87	3	8	24 00						24 00	161
174	176	2	2-1	63 43	15 00					78 43	163
39	39	11	67	225 92	130 00					355 92	164
27	24	4	42	74 00					20 00	94 00	165
28	27										167
27	24	3	20	60 00	103 00	40 00				203 00	168
44	48										169
		3	16	48 00	200 00	30 00			9 00	287 00	170
155	156										171
57	56	16	77-1	234 05			5 00			239 05	172
101	103	3	16	48 00						48 00	173
15	16	10	25	84 00				5 00	54 90	138 90	174
15	14										176
46	47						5 00			5 00	177
100	101	6	56	222 00	175 00		20 00	57 00		474 00	178
77	79								30 00	30 00	179
70	74	6	20-5	62 50					3 00	62 50	180
17	18	3	16-2	50 00			40 00			90 00	182
119	119	2	2	6 00					2 00	8 00	183
24	23	4	7	21 00						21 00	184
35	37						12 00			12 00	186
77	83	2	4	12 00						12 00	188
128	131	4	46	139 36				10 00		149 36	189
35	33	6	41-1	[illegible] 00				23 00	51 75	240 75	190
9	10										191
160	162										192
10	10	10	86-6	347 42		20 00	17 80		66 50	451 72	194
83	82										195
63	64	2	7	21 00						21 00	196
30	28	3	56	91 00		25 00			18 50	134 50	197
87	89	2	11	85 00	60 00	40 00				185 00	200
57	57	3	24-1	92 60			5 00			97 60	201
120	121	3	26	78 00			10 00			88 00	202
9	9	10	59-5	179 50			2 70	17 00		199 20	203
115	116										204
72	69	3	19	49 50	400 00	60 00	5 00	19 34		533 84	205
30	26	5	29	87 00					24 50	111 50	206
32	30	1	7	21 00						21 00	207
27	27	4	7	28 00						28 00	209
61	61	1	1	3 00						3 00	210
87	89	3	8	32 00						32 00	211
70	73	4	59	74 00		63 00	10 00			147 00	212
22	23	6	32-5	131 72			5 40			137 12	214
37	37										215
109	109	5	23 2	70 00			5 00			75 00	216
103	119	9	56	168 22	130 25	30 00				328 47	217
		2	6	18 00		15 00				33 00	218

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MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Suspended for cause.	Suspended for N. P. D.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Died.	Membership per last Report.	Present membership.
219	Georgian Bay	1				4				93	90
220	Woodslee	16	1			10	1			32	38
221	Chesley	3								53	56
223	Hensall	2					3			57	56
224	Ottawa	3	2				3			165	167
226	Merlin			1						47	48
227	Sauble	1				3				60	58
228	International	2							1	181	182
229	Embro Star			4						32	36
230	Prince of Wales	5				2				70	73
231	Elora	2				5				60	57
232	Equity					1				12	11
233	Hanover									13	13
234	Ilderton	1					1			25	25
235	Waterford	3				3	3			91	88
236	Acorn					3				27	24
237	Farmersville					4				21	17
239	Stirling	1								129	130
240	Carleton	45	3	2					2	182	230
241	Rideau	5	1			5			1	168	168
242	Wilton	3		1		6			1	106	103
243	Thornbury	1		1		1	1			31	31
244	Port Arthur	1								59	60
245	Mallorytown	1		1						48	50
246	Orillia										
247	Gordon	6					1			68	73
248	Campbellford								1	67	66
249	Beaverton									49	49
250	Ridgely	4		1						51	56
251	Bracebridge	1	1	1		3				59	59
252	Floral	11				6				83	88
253	Caledonia	2		3						18	23
254	Alba									50	50
256	Grand Valley		1							32	33
257	Credit					3	2			32	27
258	Thamesford	2				2	2			119	117
259	Lynden	2				2				32	32
260	Meaford	2				2				73	73
261	Gold Hill	5	1			14				146	138
262	Norwood							1		24	23
263	East Toronto	1				5			1	67	62
264	Fraternity					5				64	59
265	Delta					1				28	27
266	Missanabie	1				1		1		53	52
267	Algoma						1			67	66
268	Stanley									29	29
269	Woodstock	12	1			5				101	109
270	Lansdowne			1					2	69	68
271	North Bay								1	87	86
272	Lakeview	3	1			3				68	69
273	Hastings									38	38
274	Midland									33	33
275	Fairy							1		31	30
276	Sheard										
277	Lambton	1								64	65
278	Rockcliffe	8	1	1			1			170	179
279	Grenville	3				2	1			75	75

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donation.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
1	5	15 00						15 00	219
			42 00				9 00	51 00	220
7	34-4	104 0			5 00			109 00	221
4	17-2	51 63						51 63	223
13	86-2	258 95			8 14		9 00	276 09	224
1	2	6 00						6 00	226
3	6	18 00						18 00	227
30	30 6	123 38	200 00	60 00	10 00	45 20		438 58	228
3	27-2	82 00						82 00	329
							37 81	37 81	230
2	3	9 00			20 00		42 75	71 75	231
									232
									233
2	9	27 00			50 00			77 00	234
5	18 3	55 30						55 30	235
									236
1	5	15 00						15 00	237
4	17	51 00						51 00	239
13	35	107 03	48 00	110 00				265 03	240
9	34-6	83 10			32 00			115 10	241
3	6-5	28 55	1 00		30 00		46 50	205 05	242
2	4	12 00					15 00	27 00	243
5	23 1	92 00	20 00		5 00	70		117 70	244
2	17	51 00						51 00	245
									246
2	10-1	31 00	20 00	20 00	20 00		34 50	125 50	247
3	10	30 00						30 00	248
2	10	30 00			35 00			65 00	249
1	5	12 50			11 00	12 00		35 50	250
4	34-3	103 50		20 00			2 00	125 50	251
5	11-3	35 00			5 00		36 00	76 00	252
					5 20			5 20	253
3	8-3	25 50						25 50	254
3	6 4	19 25					2 50	21 75	256
1	5	15 00						15 00	257
7	42-6	129 00					48 50	177 50	258
2	10-2	27 86					12 50	40 36	259
1	2	4 00					31 12	35 12	260
3	21-5	65 15			10 00			75 15	261
2	2	6 00					12 00	18 00	262
5	14-5	39 50	75 00	40 00			23 50	178 00	263
1	28	84 00						84 00	264
2	2	6 00						6 00	265
5	13	52 00			13 93			65 93	266
4	24	95 00		9 85	5 00			109 85	267
1	1-3	4 30						4 30	268
3	11-1	33 43	2 55		295 00		67 50	106 43	269
4	39	61 00	15 00	30 00	6 00			112 00	270
4	35-3	142 00		68 25				210 25	271
2	6-2	22 00					42 50	64 50	272
2	2	8 00						8 00	273
1	10	31 29						31 29	274
							7 47	7 47	275
									276
5	32-6	70 60						70 60	277
8	37-6	113 55		50 00	5 00			168 55	278
4	15	45 00						45 00	279

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280	Balmoral	3								61	64
281	Arthur	1				9	1			70	62
282	Sudbury	5		1		6	1	1		69	66
283	Earnscliffe	3				4				109	108
284	Lyn	1								27	28
285	Morewood	3					5			50	48
286	Royal						2			57	55
287	Ripley	2					5			71	68
288	Chesterville	2		1			3			20	20
289	Glanworth		1							35	36
290	Tweed								1	53	52
291	Rodney	1								46	47
292	Minnetonka	2								68	70
293	Thomasburg	3				6				61	58
294	Broadview	6				1				129	134
295	Manotick			1						37	28
296	Pontypool	3				7				48	44
297	Mayflower									43	43
298	Comber	2	1							52	55
299	Cornucopia					10				72	62
300	Bobcaygeon						1			41	40
301	Plattsville	1				7				45	39
302	Aberdeen	1				4	2			27	22
303	Fellowship					1				39	38
304	Star	3								58	61
305	Valentine									43	43
306	Athena	1				1				36	36
307	Princeton					5				52	47
308	Millbrook	3							1	77	79
309	Harrow									56	56
310	Shedden	1				1				29	29
311	Zeta					1				70	69
312	Spirit Rock	4	1			4	1			40	40
313	Electric City	1								40	41
314	Prospect	6				4				140	142
315	Mountain	1								30	31
316	Britain					2				42	40
317	Laurentian									34	34
318	Bervie	4				1				34	37
319	Webbwood						1			45	44
320	Geneva									35	35
321	Hespeler					1				35	38
322	Central	24	2			3				124	147
323	Liberty	4	1			1				47	51
324	Ontario	6								42	48
325	Southampton	1								31	32
326	Strathcona	3	1							41	45
327	Saugeen	6	1							23	30
324	Underwood	10								27	37
145	Riverside	4				3				65	66
208	Alvinston	1				5				41	37
225	Norfolk	3								68	71
198	Britannia	2								44	46
329	Prosperity	8	7								15
	31st Dec., 1898	683	44	63		539	78	6	85	22964	23046
	30th June, 1898	833	70	88	1	543	120	10	94	22741	22964
	Year 31st Dec., 1898	1522	114	151	1	1082	198	16	179		23052

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BENEFITS AND RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Sick.	Number of Weeks' Sickness	Amount paid for Sick Benefits.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying Deceased Brothers.	Paid for Special Relief and Donations.	Paid for Nursing Sick Brothers.	Paid to Lodge Surgeon.	TOTAL BENEFITS AND RELIEF.	No. of Lodge.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
3	13-5	38 14				8 00		46 14	280
			25 00	15 00				40 00	281
5	21	84 00		10 00				94 00	282
6	18 3	55 50						55 50	283
3	20	39 50			2 00			41 56	284
2	3	9 00			20 00			29 00	285
3	28-4	86 00						86 00	286
4	9	31 00			5 00			36 00	287
									288
5	5	15 00						15 00	289
4	20	60 00						60 00	290
1	8-5	26 10					3 00	29 10	291
10	20	50 10			20 00	21 50		91 60	292
1	5	15 00			5 00			20 00	293
7	32	128 00					80 75	208 75	294
									295
3	45	119 00						119 00	296
2	14-5	44 50						44 50	297
2	8	21 00			15 00			39 00	298
5	18	54 00			31 00			85 00	299
		6 00						6 00	300
2	3-5	11 00		40 00	6 15			57 15	301
4	13-3	27 00						27 00	302
3	11-5	35 00						35 00	303
4	7	21 00						21 00	304
3	19	57 00						57 00	305
1	3	9 00			5 00			14 00	306
6	25	75 00						75 00	307
2	3 3	14 00		57 15				71 15	308
2	20	60 00						60 00	309
1	5	15 00						15 00	310
1	1	3 00						3 00	311
1	1	3 00						3 00	312
4	13	62 89						62 89	313
8	106	369 50			21 20		73 13	463 83	314
									315
1	1	3 00						3 00	316
1	7-4	22 72						22 72	317
									318
1	6	18 00						18 00	319
2	7	21 00						21 00	320
									321
9	20	80 00					76 56	156 56	322
1	1	3 50						3 50	323
5	58	175 29						175 29	324
2	8	24 00				2 00		26 00	325
1	9-3	28 50				30 00		28 50	326
1	2	6 00					22 00	28 00	327
									328
5	14-3	43 50						43 50	145
									208
2	2	6 00			5 00			11 00	225
							12 00	12 00	198
									329
1352	8269-3	24119 39	6745 41	4047 26	1195 89	692 29	3255 81	40056 05	
1662	9381	27889 73	6474 47	3667 80	1636 15	935 24	3549 05	44152 44	
3014	17642-3	52009 12	13219 88	7715 06	2832 04	1627 53	6804 86	84208 49	

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE.				
		Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
9	Brock	185 94		251 00	17 60	645 69
10	Cataraqui	390 37		149 50	21 20	796 07
13	Otonabee	203 65	6 41		63 25	354 38
16	Union	142 50			131 72	707 80
22	Phoenix	216 50			39 50	629 50
28	Rose	60 32			57 14	252 46
29	Chatham	185 15		200 00	334 82	1133 60
30	Eureka	76 73			237 67	608 90
32	Elgin	286 34	21 36		183 51	1073 11
33	Erie	40 14			50	71 64
34	Gore	311 23		97 32	29 14	1620 41
35	Samaritan	227 94			213 01	1137 95
36	St. Mary's	49 45		61 45	224 32	525 22
38	Forest City	87 36			83 00	572 42
40	Rond Eau	154 18		481 73	3 59	721 50
41	Avon	154 85		346 36	453 27	1702 41
44	Excelsior	127 52			75	809 52
45	Frontier	172 62			322 56	923 10
46	Mount Zion	28 66			65 60	131 26
47	Unity	276 22			96 35	1399 07
48	Dominion	102 91		113 42	131 90	572 23
49	Canada	259 63			10 15	775 02
50	Otter	264 68		42 41	124 04	772 13
51	Bissel					
52	Covenant	163 83	21 25		30 00	563 37
53	Niagara Falls	213 77			6 00	446 27
54	Collingwood	99 83	70		45 30	276 12
55	Fidelity	63 80			69 84	194 64
56	Queen City	272 87				698 34
57	Maple Leaf	75 32		1100 00		1293 32
58	Howard	107 29	6 84		30 15	306 73
59	Kingston	413 55			82 61	946 66
61	Corinthian	244 86			339 81	1200 17
62	Huron	162 12			14 91	438 65
63	Barrie	114 67			85	450 25
64	Victoria	77 64				148 14
65	Friendship	151 09		500 00	133 50	913 09
66	Florence Nightingale	156 18	4 40			1128 33
67	Exeter	52 32		200 00	33 20	336 52
68	North Star	76 79				88 79
69	Hope	62 96			4 27	187 72
70	Lucan					
71	The Toronto	132 93			12 66	291 69
72	Eastern Star	46 74				65 74
73	Fergus	83 49	5 69		19 65	576 83
74	Bothwell	27 91			41 70	69 61
75	Warriner	137 19			88 54	464 08
76	St. Thomas	387 27			348 95	1753 83
77	Oxford	33 85				186 85
78	Durham	234 96	3 00		57 13	378 11
79	Nipissing	60 67				219 67
80	Amity	222 95			46 79	515 74
81	Belleville	552 26				894 83
82	Beaver	34 85		656 43	18 17	727 65
83	Clinton	97 41	1 25			219 66
84	Walkerton	157 11			55	253 66
85	Constellation	37 58		2256 00		2339 08

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.

Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	314 95	250 83	.....	565 78	9
211 50	840 25	234 39	70 30	1356 44	10
89 00	359 82	60 71	156 93	666 46	13
.....	467 50	180 00	.....	647 50	16
15 00	347 93	48 25	135 00	546 18	22
20 00	193 00	.....	14 08	227 08	28
90 00	554 45	522 59	59 71	1226 75	29
6 00	353 67	100 00	149 35	609 02	30
72 00	620 55	170 00	104 50	967 05	32
.....	20 72	15 00	.....	35 72	53
94 00	1040 29	458 11	7 27	1599 67	34
40 25	504 90	331 21	1 40	877 76	35
.....	240 61	300 45	2 50	543 56	36
.....	350 85	46 15	148 45	545 45	38
4 00	373 82	18 57	28 92	425 31	40
36 00	835 44	507 50	200 48	1579 42	41
11 00	487 60	14 05	15 05	527 70	44
41 00	531 23	37 50	264 34	874 07	45
.....	76 25	72 99	28 28	177 52	46
91 00	1244 80	179 45	14 54	1529 79	47
11 00	480 37	65 66	276 60	833 63	48
60 40	671 75	.....	29 84	761 99	49
33 00	498 25	316 20	153 35	1000 80	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
35 00	481 17	.....	.....	516 17	52
24 00	370 27	55 00	608 67	1057 94	53
22 00	392 55	.....	46 97	461 52	54
.....	68 00	178 25	.....	246 25	55
53 00	624 55	24 99	.....	702 51	56
.....	82 90	25 27	35 73	143 90	57
22 00	333 45	74 15	22 00	451 60	58
208 25	981 55	17 50	42 25	1249 55	59
100 00	821 02	215 12	177 26	1313 40	61
10 00	421 86	.....	9 00	440 86	62
.....	257 73	41 66	177 80	477 19	63
6 00	185 50	.....	93 70	285 20	64
6 00	387 57	154 23	142 75	690 55	65
31 75	355 00	138 31	28 00	553 09	66
15 00	143 20	140 20	.....	298 40	67
14 00	96 00	20 00	.....	130 00	68
18 00	333 21	35 95	15	387 31	69
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
27 35	298 90	.....	65 69	391 94	71
.....	99 50	.....	.....	99 50	72
6 00	216 50	94 00	.....	316 50	73
.....	31 40	.....	34 65	66 05	74
.....	174 50	14 50	177 08	366 08	75
160 00	965 20	412 40	29 82	1567 42	76
.....	125 50	5 40	.....	130 90	77
92 00	387 32	108 50	6 35	594 17	78
18 00	166 22	49 10	50	203 82	79
43 00	718 30	17 50	12 95	791 75	80
102 00	560 75	93 76	36 20	792 71	81
24 00	112 00	6 75	64 50	207 25	82
.....	178 99	56 40	.....	235 39	83
266 00	286 85	60 00	3 67	616 52	84
12 00	97 50	84 45	1409 75	1603 70	85

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		Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	175 14				260 00
87	Empire	224 06	90 09		2 00	1234 90
88	Olive Branch	152 87	2 00	150 00	2 50	455 61
89	Reliance	127 37			9 00	723 37
90	Ivy	69 96				101 96
91	Grand River	226 10			20 15	333 70
92	Milton	58 75	105 00		60	164 35
93	Western City	86 27		1000 00	14 60	1217 63
94	Aylmer	206 28			12 40	386 25
96	Nith	45 92				507 92
97	Grand Union	291 38	3 36			390 24
98	Minto	104 96		328 09	190 65	728 75
100	Lindsay	181 36		200 00	45 00	484 47
101	Golden Star	116 87				170 17
102	Deseronto	101 81				142 53
103	Cataract	135 46			18 88	367 58
104	Crescent	281 05			75 03	1167 23
105	Manilla	56 33			1 25	118 58
106	St. Clair	52 00			25 60	326 27
107	Waterloo	276 90		3070 00	126 75	3987 03
108	Royal Oak	75 85				329 85
109	Orion	49 85		350 00		399 85
110	Laurel	104 62	27 00		17 54	283 68
111	Peterborough	189 13			145 00	831 65
112	Lucknow	273 35				937 35
113	Trenton	80 50			30 86	302 62
114	Gananoque	222 16			10 00	636 38
115	Harmony	375 97	1 25	2000 00		2951 49
116	Naomi	108 30	7 00		23 54	153 84
117	Valley City	185 38	11 60		6 00	453 10
119	Maitland	163 65		75 00	91 26	345 12
120	Sydenham Valley	207 67	2 14	311 00	27 00	673 15
121	Saxon	154 88				244 88
122	Streetsville	28 35			57 20	106 55
124	Dresden	74 86			186 89	460 46
125	Stella	150 95	2 40		10 00	337 35
126	Sarnia	143 86			8 80	242 29
127	Mizpah	193 28				391 23
129	Charity	50 28				50 28
130	Livingstone	72 29				72 29
131	Marion	44 30		600 00		808 30
132	Oakville	62 80			100 36	253 16
133	Glencoe	57 57				87 57
134	Orient	20 30	276 41			298 71
135	Peaceful Dove	61 05			3 36	82 36
136	Cobourg	141 56	1 00		16 80	575 36
137	St. Lawrence	207 76			77 99	446 75
138	Ancaster	44 75			6 98	173 73
139	Garnet	350 16				383 16
140	Leamington	154 19			30 00	246 34
142	Concord	72 88			76 55	225 83
143	Bay of Quinte	108 54		185 35	128 93	526 82
144	Ridgetown	135 25				272 25
146	Vivian	101 01			4 88	131 95
147	Model	59 20			91 55	186 75
148	Aurora	57 05	2 00	40 00	110 47	343 61
149	Western Star	114 43				148 73

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.					
Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
7 50	170 25	39 54	11 30	228 59	86
21 00	287 00	49 20	27 00	384 20	87
11 00	384 53	69 37	1 85	466 75	88
42 00	443 90	142 19	19 01	647 10	89
42 00	179 25	42 27	200 00	463 52	90
19 00	263 95	72 00	21 25	376 20	91
90 00	46 50	.....	.....	136 50	92
32 00	283 13	.....	502 75	817 88	93
.....	358 50	70 25	.....	428 75	94
17 00	130 00	150 00	147 55	444 55	96
54 00	342 10	211 50	629 10	1236 70	97
126 00	182 50	230 75	275 00	814 25	98
6 00	192 10	18 00	134 85	350 95	100
.....	70 20	49 10	52 70	172 00	101
.....	234 00	54 27	5 97	294 24	102
16 00	152 05	62 50	1 38	231 93	103
94 00	1017 20	160 60	16 54	1288 34	104
.....	74 50	.....	59 29	133 79	105
.....	272 00	176 05	1 50	449 55	106
168 25	708 25	254 59	81 20	1212 29	107
6 25	167 50	68 55	100 00	342 30	108
.....	90 41	57 00	.....	147 41	109
129 00	272 00	73 56	136 90	611 46	110
36 00	607 79	177 83	37 18	858 80	111
5 00	365 23	208 31	116 00	694 54	112
15 00	109 00	.....	30 86	154 86	113
29 25	451 25	304 72	9 05	794 27	114
206 00	709 40	378 00	1501 75	2795 15	115
.....	116 97	54 97	18 00	189 94	116
84 00	469 11	143 50	576 69	1273 30	117
30 00	239 46	103 00	117 00	489 46	119
108 00	478 35	12 50	.....	598 85	120
59 60	87 15	26 00	1 50	174 25	121
6 00	85 00	23 00	.....	114 00	122
28 50	317 30	277 00	30	623 10	124
45 00	238 50	76 65	30	360 45	125
21 00	367 25	.....	1020 86	1409 11	126
77 00	361 65	29 68	1 25	469 58	127
.....	69 00	.....	.....	69 00	129
.....	45 00	35 00	35 00	115 00	130
3 00	239 00	166 00	100 00	508 00	131
.....	92 70	100 00	.....	192 70	132
.....	97 27	37 20	200 00	334 47	133
.....	46 75	.....	360 94	407 69	134
.....	96 00	.....	10 00	106 00	135
11 00	395 95	.....	181 85	588 80	136
39 00	337 75	59 32	47 01	483 08	137
.....	131 00	.....	36 00	167 00	138
24 00	193 21	162 50	.....	379 71	139
23 05	256 10	22 70	30 36	332 21	140
29 55	216 82	52 40	.....	298 77	142
40 00	443 85	.....	55 50	539 35	143
17 00	262 50	20 00	34 80	334 30	144
23 00	155 00	61 50	2 10	241 60	146
30 00	102 50	7 25	.....	139 75	147
40 40	228 60	50 00	40 00	359 00	148
50 25	173 10	22 00	1 00	246 35	149

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE.				
		Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
151	Sycamore	46 88		500 00	8 45	596 33
152	Hayden	107 90				210 90
153	Wildey	20 10			24 40	70 50
154	Alpha	235 90				431 65
155	Brougham	14 15				54 90
156	Pyramid	116 87				116 87
157	Thamesville	70 05				138 55
158	Progress	18 18		4500 00	28	4648 46
159	Oak Leaf	66 82				111 47
160	Listowel	53 76			10 20	120 96
161	Simcoe	199 50			9 00	232 50
163	Oriental	148 98		688 35		915 76
164	Romeo	198 55			180 00	734 47
165	Beethoven	91 35				185 35
167	Hillsburgh	6 25				6 25
168	Sutton	36 56			71 20	310 76
169	Grey	33 67			24 58	58 25
170	De Novo	42 90	3 50		10 10	343 50
171	Alliston					
172	Penetangore	159 02		600 00	24 30	1022 37
173	Emerald	64 58	2 50		10 80	125 88
174	Dolman	72 90	5 25		12 73	229 78
176	Dauncey	18 62			8 50	27 12
177	Montana	58 50	90 55		3 25	157 30
178	Wellington Square	57 95				531 95
179	Madoc	85 50				115 50
180	Owen Sound	135 54	5 67			203 71
182	Tecumseh	44 05		200 00	8 68	542 73
183	Teeswater	27 45	140 00			175 45
184	Germania	99 53			308 87	429 40
186	Dufferin	35 09				47 09
188	Cambridge	23 40		580 79	20 25	636 44
189	Parry Sound	90 63		239 76	286 06	765 81
190	Chorazin	181 05			183 60	605 40
191	Jarvis	122 16				122 16
192	Howick	2 65				2 65
194	Albert	130 36	76 00		2 25	660 33
195	Cicerone	15 50				15 50
196	Florence	73 58				94 58
197	Minerva	62 12				196 62
200	Weston	46 69			18 10	249 79
201	Beacon	52 51			169 00	319 11
202	Silver Star	91 55			5 00	184 55
203	Pembroke	108 10		3884 74	13 56	4205 60
204	Acton	23 10				23 10
205	Ahiram	110 33			63 36	707 53
206	Silver City	97 12	23 76		1 00	233 38
207	Egremont	14 80			1 25	37 05
209	Millbank	55 90		100 00	1 25	185 15
210	Brucefield	22 15				25 15
211	Lilly	43 89		47 00	16 25	139 14
212	Argyle	101 52	9 00	178 20		435 72
214	Clifford	86 47	28 00	2100 00	5 08	2356 67
215	Freestone	70 36				70 36
216	Elmira	55 50				130 50
217	Mount Brydges	71 08			47 16	446 71
218	Enterprise	505 68		4201 00	134 26	4873 94

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RECEIPTS OF LODGES.					
Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
7 00	172 00	54 10	575 00	808 10	151
27 00	209 75	30 60	56 44	323 79	152
4 00	184 43	10 00	1 45	199 88	153
.....	237 00	136 36	15 04	388 40	154
.....	46 70	.....	.....	46 70	155
50 50	56 75	22 50	50	130 25	156
63 00	216 75	68 40	.....	348 15	157
20 00	241 25	112 50	53 00	426 75	158
4 00	194 00	35 36	28 90	262 26	159
16 00	223 64	.....	.....	239 64	160
36 00	145 46	29 50	.....	210 96	161
51 00	233 78	60 19	17 00	361 97	163
72 00	567 92	27 00	147 40	814 32	164
.....	116 50	26 10	32 60	175 20	165
.....	22 50	.....	.....	22 50	167
.....	78 00	91 00	24 60	193 60	168
21 00	40 50	14 00	.....	75 50	169
56 63	117 50	.....	.....	174 13	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
42 00	453 05	82 55	625 00	1172 60	172
26 00	170 73	.....	27 63	224 36	173
35 00	239 00	27 76	28 85	330 61	174
5 00	31 50	16 00	.....	52 50	176
12 00	34 00	16 00	100 00	162 00	177
52 00	135 00	56 25	1050 00	1293 25	178
17 00	174 50	98 50	100 00	390 00	179
73 55	193 18	19 50	100 00	386 23	180
49 00	227 00	29 50	8 50	314 00	182
23 00	38 00	.....	140 00	201 00	183
.....	354 30	362 00	36 00	752 30	184
22 00	63 70	.....	.....	85 70	186
25 00	86 00	4 00	.....	115 00	188
112 00	229 22	355 00	30	696 52	189
64 00	503 66	159 00	96 93	823 59	190
6 00	107 00	32 00	75	146 35	191
45 80	523 40	72 62	190 45	24 00	192
.....	32 00	.....	.....	832 27	194
.....	155 00	.....	.....	32 00	195
11 00	159 25	.....	16 05	155 00	196
14 00	79 50	81 00	30	186 30	197
33 00	225 12	112 83	45 65	174 80	200
3 00	163 55	.....	.....	416 60	201
15 00	347 80	68 89	.....	166 59	202
.....	21 00	.....	.....	431 69	203
36 50	296 25	153 83	30	21 00	204
30 00	240 62	15 00	1 00	486 88	205
33 50	.....	.....	.....	286 62	206
.....	71 00	10 00	.....	33 50	207
.....	55 00	.....	.....	81 00	209
4 00	139 00	14 25	.....	55 00	210
33 25	168 63	78 20	202 30	157 25	211
36 00	196 25	104 00	599 25	482 40	212
.....	62 50	54 92	84 65	935 50	214
.....	65 00	53 68	1 00	202 07	215
30 75	330 80	169 70	2 50	119 68	216
143 50	358 50	123 20	3525 20	533 75	217
				4150 40	218

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE. Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	77 58			14 40	106 98
220	Woodslee	37 06			3 75	91 81
221	Chesley	97 70			5 40	212 10
223	Hensall	25 85			48 00	125 48
224	Ottawa	233 57	272 06		23 35	805 07
226	Merlin	36 38	3 00	100 00	28 46	173 84
227	Sauble	76 80				94 80
228	International	183 18			41 40	663 16
229	Embro Star	74 48		488 00		644 48
230	Prince of Wales	179 71	44 75		1 25	263 52
231	Elora	95 40			5 50	172 65
232	Equity	19 50				19 50
233	Hanover					
234	Ilderton	37 86			7 91	122 77
235	Waterford	199 00			1 70	256 00
236	Acorn	44 75				44 75
237	Farmersville	21 40			2 35	38 75
239	Stirling	137 54	90 00		17 75	296 29
240	Carlton	201 52	56 06		133 98	656 59
241	Rideau	154 53	85 66		33 21	388 50
242	Wilton	170 37	59 50			434 92
243	Thornbury	84 63				111 63
244	Port Arthur	122 56		400 00		640 26
245	Mallorytown	96 72			1 44	149 16
246	Orillia					
247	Gordon	80 34	37 50			243 44
248	Campbellford	45 90		200 00	12 10	288 00
249	Beaverton	108 39		75 00	1 00	249 39
250	Ridgely	53 34			124 78	213 62
251	Bracebridge	138 78		100 00	4 95	364 23
252	Floral	91 61	12 75		9 22	198 58
253	Caledonia	95 50	59 01			159 71
254	Alba	48 83				74 33
256	Grand Valley	37 10				58 85
257	Credit	53 41				68 41
258	Thamesford	122 64	4 00	135 00	11 91	451 05
259	Lynden	24 90		59 22		124 48
260	Meaford	59 62	21 05		4 65	120 44
261	Gold Hill	260 02	394 71		269 60	999 48
262	Norwood	43 00			5 00	66 00
263	East Toronto	113 92		75 00	24 00	390 92
264	Fraternity	57 64				141 64
265	Delta	27 25	104 28			137 53
266	Missanabie	117 70			15 00	1 8 63
267	Algoma	141 31			15 55	266 71
268	Stanley	37 30				41 60
269	Woodstock	118 79	213 58	212 60	1 75	653 15
270	Lansdowne	95 74				207 74
271	North Bay	157 80			31 57	399 62
272	Lakeview	70 03		75 00	8 10	217 63
273	Hastings	43 20				51 20
274	Midland	38 48				69 77
275	Fairy	79 75			11 90	99 12
276	Sheard					
277	Lambton	65 46			59	136 65
278	Rockliffe	576 07			8 75	753 37
279	Grenville	58 99	12 65		65 23	181 87

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
17 10	183 50	104 00	.....	304 60	219
127 50	78 15	66	.....	206 31	220
33 00	146 50	39 76	6 40	226 66	221
28 00	164 00	92 81	2 50	287 31	223
39 80	417 50	41 73	26 00	525 0	224
.....	113 50	14 50	7 82	135 82	226
21 00	110 87	27 50	.....	159 37	227
22 00	645 00	99 60	.....	780 50	228
.....	116 83	.....	13 90	639 08	229
79 00	228 00	94 50	522 25	427 25	230
21 00	152 00	58 20	25 75	231 20	231
.....	15 00	6 00	.....	21 00	232
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233
11 00	106 80	88 99	.....	206 79	234
42 00	280 48	.....	1 50	323 98	235
.....	70 50	.....	.....	70 50	236
.....	53 00	12 00	.....	65 00	237
10 00	173 10	.....	16 75	199 85	239
359 00	424 41	37 94	30 50	851 85	240
76 50	359 00	99 71	17 50	552 71	241
39 00	320 47	.....	16 95	376 42	242
13 00	78 75	.....	.....	91 75	243
11 00	147 70	164 37	3 74	326 81	244
12 00	90 00	30 80	.....	132 80	245
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246
72 00	214 54	26 50	36 25	349 29	247
.....	164 00	122 50	108 93	395 43	248
6 00	110 50	41 35	108 03	265 88	249
63 50	153 50	158 25	148 00	523 25	250
12 00	193 87	111 54	102 25	419 66	251
124 00	198 00	48 19	79 40	449 59	252
32 00	135 50	.....	.....	167 50	253
.....	136 00	23 00	.....	159 00	254
.....	60 00	18 70	56 80	135 50	256
.....	80 50	23 87	38 55	142 92	257
26 00	324 75	.....	12 00	362 75	258
4 25	64 13	31 22	3 37	102 97	259
35 00	224 32	13 50	169 41	442 23	260
88 00	417 50	411 00	117 38	1033 88	261
.....	31 00	3 45	.....	34 45	262
16 00	175 37	5 30	111 70	308 37	263
.....	165 00	15 99	.....	180 99	264
.....	86 30	.....	120 01	206 31	265
16 00	162 00	109 89	.....	287 89	266
.....	264 00	43 70	14 35	322 05	267
.....	88 50	18 18	30	106 98	268
157 00	304 03	31 10	61 02	553 15	269
.....	160 50	13 75	9 70	183 95	270
10 00	258 93	60 28	1 00	330 23	271
45 00	172 00	.....	.....	217 00	272
.....	129 43	.....	2 00	131 43	273
.....	61 50	.....	.....	61 50	274
.....	47 96	40 40	.....	88 36	275
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276
6 00	143 80	42 80	18 80	211 40	277
81 00	374 50	26 25	36 99	518 74	278
17 50	155 00	.....	13 00	185 50	279

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	EXPENDITURE.				
		Working Expenses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	66 59			9 00	121 73
281	Arthur	136 36			30 35	206 71
282	Sudbury	311 69				405 69
283	Earnscliffe	157 10		100 00	11 17	324 37
284	Lyn	90 08			5 15	76 73
285	Morewood	54 62			18 90	102 52
286	Royal	104 58				190 58
287	Ripley	93 63		1200 00	10 00	1439 63
288	Chesterville	38 92				38 92
289	Glanworth	50 41				65 41
290	Tweed	69 40			12 49	141 89
291	Rodney	48 02			4 10	81 12
292	Minnetonka	80 02	53 15		104 30	329 07
293	Thomasburg	72 79			1 95	94 74
294	Broadview	140 06	4 05		59 29	412 15
295	Manotick	37 00			1 50	38 50
296	Pontypool	22 02				141 02
297	Mayflower	29 68	10 14		33 80	118 12
298	Comber	54 79			13 10	106 89
299	Cornucopia	54 06			40 15	179 21
300	Bobcaygeon	45 65				51 65
301	Plattsville	56 71			20 00	133 86
302	Aberdeen	39 41	22 58			88 99
303	Fellowship	44 38			72	80 10
304	Star	44 77	3 00		13 50	82 27
305	Valentine	28 97				85 97
306	Athena	51 70	53 75			119 45
307	Princeton	63 34				138 34
308	Millbrook	53 75	7 44		14 00	146 34
309	Harrow	108 50			3 25	171 75
310	Shedden	39 50				54 50
311	Zeta	50 54	102 85			156 39
312	Spirit Rock	65 33				68 33
313	Electric City	49 25	6 00		3 90	122 04
314	Prospect	107 84			50	572 17
315	Mountain	30 04				30 04
316	Britain	24 45	1 65	4 50	2 25	481 35
317	Laurentian	37 20				59 98
318	Bervie	17 25				17 25
319	Webbwood	20 21				38 21
320	Geneva	61 50				82 50
321	Hespeler	54 27	25 00		13 70	92 97
322	Central	311 67			30 48	498 71
323	Liberty	46 50				50 00
324	Ontario	56 81			2 50	234 60
325	Southampton	46 25				72 25
326	Strathcona	25 61	29 74		37 47	151 32
327	Saugeen	23 65			5 36	57 01
328	Underwood	45 77	46 85		4 90	97 52
145	Riverside	80 46	1 20			125 16
208	Alvinston	38 00	38 61		15 10	91 71
225	Norfolk	68 81			3 40	83 21
198	Britannia	39 50	17 98		1 50	70 98
329	Prosperity	22 00	10 20		51 97	84 17
	31st Dec., 1898	30140 34	2891 13	36554 72	9334 46	118976 70
	30th June, 1898	32337 45	3817 23	41574 98	11094 03	132976 13
	Year 31st Dec., 1897	62477 79	6708 36	78129 70	20428 49	251952 83

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Initiations, Admission by Cards and Degrees.	Dues and Reinstatements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodges.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
36 00	156 80		9 30	202 10	280
14 00	158 15	95 72	58 40	326 27	281
1 1 00	178 00	51 00		330 00	282
37 00	271 00		75	308 75	283
5 00	48 00	6 00	25 00	84 00	284
45 0	111 00	12 00	3 00	171 00	285
9 00	140 50	9 33	40 15	198 98	286
24 00	213 97	45 14	112 85	395 96	287
14 00	69 00	25 96	5 00	113 96	288
3 00	43 00		10 00	56 00	289
	128 25		28 99	157 24	290
12 00	116 00		76	128 76	291
20 00	212 50	111 50	22 50	366 50	292
42 00	192 00	43 61	65	278 26	293
97 00	406 11	26 86	174 54	704 51	294
	59 50	7 50	25	67 25	295
27 00	115 16			142 16	296
2 00	131 00	11 00	14 11	158 11	297
27 10	126 00		85	153 95	298
	166 50	3 41	28 62	198 53	299
	92 00	10 00	3 60	105 60	300
11 00	100 00			111 00	301
11 00	69 50	8 25	101 00	189 75	302
	81 00		1 70	82 70	303
35 00	178 54		36 00	250 54	304
	75 50	5 49	30	81 29	305
6 00	100 60		19 62	126 22	306
	135 60		9 10	144 70	307
81 00	190 78			271 78	308
12 0	101 00		21 66	134 66	309
16 00	94 00		3 34	113 34	310
	188 20		30	188 50	311
37 50	94 50	52 00	1 50	185 50	312
4 00	71 97		50	125 97	313
59 00	490 15	22 69	95	581 79	314
12 00	69 00			81 00	315
	90 50	16 70	1 50	108 70	316
5 00	78 00		50	83 50	317
50 00	83 00			133 00	318
7 00	88 50	36 60		132 10	319
	89 32		8 00	97 32	320
44 00	106 50	12 90	31 93	195 33	321
208 00	380 76		65 20	653 96	322
59 00	131 50	4 15		194 65	323
76 50	126 00		3 25	205 75	324
84 00				84 00	325
50 50	106 75			157 25	326
67 00	64 75		50	132 25	327
132 00	81 75		1 46	215 21	328
60 00	180 50			240 50	145
11 00	82 50		41 07	134 57	208
47 00	191 00	26 55	19 05	283 60	225
30 00	136 54	6 35		172 89	198
112 00	27 50			139 50	329
9273 83	63888 55	16907 63	23029 36	118099 37	
11966 95	67445 71	49586 94	6364 35	135363 95	
21240 78	131334 26	66494 57	29393 71	248463 32	

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	ASSETS—HOW INVESTED. Cash in Bank or in Treasurer's Hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c.	$ c
9	Brock	87 09	3460 94	425 00	900 00	300 00
10	Cataraqui	3070 46	4133 01	.....	1507 67	505 75
13	Otonabee	2207 73	.....	.....	825 00	.....
16	Union	1055 93	5100 00	12080 00	1717 35	1044 50
22	Phœnix	1 27 49	.....	.....	900 00	151 22
28	Rose	30 65	.....	3150 00	1125 50	105 00
29	Chatham	190 16	3200 00	10425 00	1140 00	476 64
30	Eureka	12	.....	11881 00	1000 00	123 59
32	Elgin	475 98	4835 08	100 00	950 00	335 75
33	Erie	37 96	175 00	800 00	250 00	10 39
34	Gore	967 04	17019 00	1216 46	.....	625 75
35	Samaritan	899 57	.....	6000 00	2173 15	.....
36	St. Mary's	88 10	.....	4500 00	430 00	47 00
38	Forest City	319 57	1420 00	11881 00	1020 00	146 25
40	Rond Eau	1706 30	481 73	.....	1541 75	269 97
41	Avon	303 83	.....	20069 55	2294 70	376 75
44	Excelsior	821 15	.....	.....	303 50	.....
45	Frontier	64	.....	11200 00	1870 00	.....
46	Mount Zion	434 84	.....	1100 00	175 00	.....
47	Unity	282 88	3500 00	6870 00	865 00	140 75
48	Dominion	1706 94	1550 00	12000 00	946 21	11 03
49	Canada	102 99	.....	6145 00	100 00	624 50
50	Otter	1756 08	.....	7000 00	1000 00	302 00
51	Bissel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
52	Covenant	145 96	10692 00	30 00	103 16	246 74
53	Niagara Falls	3172 63	1500 00	.....	900 00	.....
54	Collingwood	886 17	2700 00	6902 17	2175 00	65 00
55	Fidelity	322 94	.....	4450 00	200 0	.....
56	Queen City	925 23	1000 00	4000 00	86 98	339 07
57	Maple Leaf	133 49	1404 27	.....	815 00	42 00
58	Howard	3524 78	4250 00	2400 00	1000 00	172 00
59	Kingston	1759 34	.....	5900 00	900 00	314 45
61	Corinthian	2395 98	5250 00	.....	1570 25	444 82
62	Huron	1472 71	3700 00	.....	800 72	186 22
63	Barrie	736 15	250 00	.....	900 00	137 13
64	Victoria	2564 66	.....	.....	591 98	59 50
65	Friendship	45 28	.....	140 0 0	1400 00	.....
66	Florence Nightingale	949 31	4925 57	.....	1170 00	64 50
67	Exeter	1001 37	275 00	3000 00	2 0 00	.....
68	North Star	464 38	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Hope	3282 65	.....	900 0	400 00	.....
70	Lucan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
71	The Toronto	2346 80	.....	554 74	155 97	129 87
72	Eastern Star	155 64	.....	.....	1000 00	300 00
73	Fergus	346 64	5000 00	.....	483 24	.....
74	Bothwell	515 41	.....	.....	550 00	137 20
75	Warriner	409 39	700 00	400 00	700 00	98 50
76	St. Thomas	309 49	11425 00	150 00	1000 00	504 40
77	Oxford	300 23	.....	.....	200 00	.....
78	Durham	630 59	4100 00	1400 00	2000 00	165 45
79	Nipissing	1609 48	.....	.....	500 00	109 60
80	Amity	336 16	5037 98	.....	2597 60	152 50
81	Belleville	4699 39	.....	200 00	4316 00	235 75
82	Beaver	118 95	.....	2000 00	700 00	.....
83	Clinton	585 68	.....	.....	565 00	94 75
84	Walkerton	566 57	2800 00	.....	600 00	125 56
85	Constellation	220 96	2756 00	.....	200 00	95 00

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Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	7173 03	.....	.....	.....	7173 03	9
.....	39 60	8986 31	92 50	98 48	.....	9177 29	10
.....	.....	2644 13	.....	388 60	.....	3032 73	13
.....	36 50	20961 28	.....	.....	.....	20961 28	16
.....	144 49	2334 22	.....	.....	.....	2334 22	22
.....	40 00	4318 65	52 50	.....	.....	4371 15	28
.....	134 21	14761 30	496 25	40 04	.....	15297 56	29
3333 33	7..1 50	8919 88	.....	.....	.....	8919 88	30
.....	114 25	6451 16	92 90	38 50	.....	6582 56	32
.....	2 55	1020 80	250 00	.....	.....	1270 80	33
.....	9 56	17778 63	980 01	528 05	532 00	19818 69	34
.....	.....	9072 72	.....	.....	.....	9072 72	35
4000 00	291 00	253 76	.....	19 35	520 99	794 10	36
3333 33	77 85	11248 57	127 07	.....	.....	11375 64	38
.....	36 35	3934 48	.....	28 92	.....	3963 40	40
8000 0(	200 00	14627 98	.....	104 93	21 92	14754 83	41
.....	.....	826 88	275 34	22 43	.....	1124 65	44
3445 00	80 00	9545 64	.....	.....	.....	9545 64	45
.....	.....	1709 84	.....	.....	.....	1709 84	46
.....	837 50	9658 62	3519 36	613 15	.....	10821 13	47
3333 33	24 16	12890 51	.....	36 18	.....	12856 69	48
.....	472 25	5379 60	554 45	552 60	13 50	6500 24	49
2000 00	102 26	7475 42	459 26	21 14	.....	7955 82	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
.....	1587 01	9595 68	.....	35 17	.....	9630 85	52
.....	.....	5474 03	.....	98 60	.....	5572 63	53
3700 00	.....	9183 53	.....	44 81	.....	9228 34	54
.....	.....	4972 94	.....	.....	.....	4972 94	55
.....	60 50	6196 86	.....	91 92	.....	6288 78	56
.....	.....	1838 93	539 39	16 44	.....	2394 76	57
.....	.....	11339 71	.....	13 07	.....	11346 78	58
.....	53 85	8784 93	.....	35 01	.....	8819 94	59
.....	140 93	9298 36	.....	221 71	.....	9520 07	61
.....	9 00	2797 51	3342 74	.....	19 40	6159 65	62
.....	.....	2023 28	.....	.....	.....	2023 28	63
.....	24 50	2372 05	788 93	30 66	.....	3191 64	64
2000 0(	890 00	12555 28	.....	.....	.....	12555 28	65
.....	9 00	7068 20	.....	32 18	.....	7100 38	66
.....	.....	4476 37	.....	.....	.....	4476 37	67
.....	.....	464 38	.....	.....	.....	464 38	68
.....	.....	3954 72	627 93	.....	.....	4582 65	69
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
.....	50 70	2409 07	.....	727 61	.....	3136 68	71
.....	.....	1455 64	.....	.....	.....	1455 64	72
.....	.....	5829 88	.....	.....	.....	5829 88	73
.....	87 60	1110 31	.....	4 70	.....	1115 01	74
.....	102 54	2055 35	.....	150 00	.....	2205 35	75
.....	445 70	12613 12	.....	330 07	.....	12943 19	76
.....	.....	500 23	.....	.....	.....	500 23	77
.....	.....	8296 04	.....	.....	.....	8296 04	78
.....	13 69	2205 39	.....	.....	.....	2205 39	79
.....	62 00	6369 20	1634 21	58 83	.....	8062 24	80
.....	39 50	6791 08	2562 92	57 64	.....	9411 64	81
.....	200 00	3218 95	.....	.....	.....	3218 95	82
.....	16 55	1228 88	.....	.....	.....	1228 88	83
.....	34 4(	4051 87	.....	5 86	.....	4057 73	84
.....	.....	2355 95	695 05	220 96	.....	3271 96	85

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
86	Napanee	369 78	2000 00		2879 50	173 45
87	Empire	2158 42	3000 00		1696 14	192 51
88	Olive Branch	81 49	1126 43	1700 00	800 00	296 26
89	Reliance	282 48	5500 00	24 00	1400 00	424 20
90	Ivy	1615 47	2375 00		500 00	172 23
91	Grand River	398 11	2725 00	1150 00	500 00	113 66
92	Milton	870 26			6 5 00	
93	Western City	587 18	2100 00	25 00	275 23	155 18
94	Aylmer	2396 82	3700 00		1500 00	192 89
96	Nith	105 90	3500 00		889 00	299 67
97	Grand Union	1561 13	950 00		890 00	131 75
98	Minto	177 51		5128 09	478 00	22 75
100	Lindsay	123 47	3853 28		1152 37	178 00
101	Golden Star	1192 04	1200 00		363 22	139 75
102	Deseronto	2696 09			1800 00	
103	Cataract	828 73	296 50		649 75	178 72
104	Crescent	2467 33		6870 0	760 50	111 50
105	Manilla	481 62		650 00	300 00	
106	St. Clair	2699 96		5050 00	500 00	
107	Waterloo	734 78	11325 00		2900 00	
108	Royal Oak	629 25	2950 00		700 00	158 00
109	Orion	57 12	2850 00	5 00	600 00	40 00
110	Laurel	1639 72			416 00	213 00
111	Peterborough	7752 12		40 00	1100 00	520 66
112	Lucknow	700 94	3828 52		1100 00	
113	Trenton	1208 05			750 00	183 71
114	Gananoque	1518 77	6130 00		2000 00	378 55
115	Harmony	229 33	8500 00		2698 30	
116	Naomi	259 6		612 00	334 51	69 50
117	Valley City	5002 23	3300 00	545 00	1640 50	
119	Maitland	719 08	2344 00		450 00	225 80
120	Sydenham Valley	604 21		16000 00	1474 00	310 76
121	Saxon	899 71	1770 00		620 00	67 00
122	Streetsville	72 92		4500 0	700 00	
124	Dresden	1150 06		6297 09	1140 21	135 25
125	Stella	2161 40			800 00	79 00
126	Sarnia	1966 82				
127	Mizpah	2185 12			1384 02	200 58
129	Charity	81 00			364 90	89 60
130	Livingstone	475 98		1000 00		100 00
131	Marion	89 45	3200 00		1197 94	312 93
132	Oakville	89 46		3302 55	690 00	131 73
133	Glencoe	1247 34	200 00		825 00	
134	Orient	455 67			276 41	
135	Peaceful Dove	68 88	2191 11		900 00	
136	Cobourg	1109 3			2300 00	4 0 00
137	St. Lawrence	264 84	2407 72	150 00	665 25	185 25
138	Ancaster	1640 48		250 00		49 50
139	Garnet	50 68	1200 00		330 00	282 00
140	Leamington	1732 54			1371 44	257 75
142	Concord	75 54		3500 00	500 00	41 95
143	Bay of Quinte	277 47	4618 00		1555 93	91 41
144	Ridgetown	1747 75	600 00		1275 00	221 50
146	Vivian	520 44	1450 00	100 00	927 00	131 00
147	Model	1570 89		8 00	306 00	59 50
148	Aurora	98 12		4232 00	3 8 00	178 45
149	Western Star	513 49			724 50	

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	12 00	4285 29	886 81	238 63	.....	5410 73	86
.....	34 10	5385 40	1627 57	.....	.....	7012 97	87
.....	18 75	3985 43	.....	.....	.....	3985 43	88
.....	27 65	7562 83	.....	40 20	.....	7603 03	89
.....	12 77	4649 93	.....	.....	.....	4649 93	90
.....	21 03	1406 39	3406 11	53 24	.....	4865 74	91
.....	.....	1475 26	.....	.....	.....	1475 26	92
.....	195 87	2946 72	.....	.....	.....	2946 72	93
.....	53 36	7736 15	.....	.....	.....	7736 15	94
.....	27 00	4531 07	230 00	6 50	.....	4767 57	96
.....	42 64	2793 21	.....	697 03	.....	3490 24	97
2275 00	238 00	3293 35	.....	.....	.....	3293 35	98
.....	3 00	5215 23	.....	88 89	.....	5304 12	100
.....	87 60	2198 86	608 55	.....	.....	2807 41	101
.....	.....	3835 99	659 66	44	.....	4496 09	102
.....	.....	1953 70	.....	.....	.....	1953 70	103
.....	103 15	7914 13	2150 00	42 05	.....	10106 18	104
.....	.....	1431 62	.....	.....	.....	1431 62	105
.....	.....	7649 96	.....	.....	.....	7649 96	106
.....	.....	14061 18	832 20	66 40	.....	14959 78	107
.....	21 00	4416 25	.....	.....	.....	4416 25	108
.....	.....	3552 12	.....	.....	.....	3552 12	109
.....	193 00	1573 99	.....	492 73	.....	2066 72	110
.....	87 91	7372 57	1882 35	69 95	.....	9324 87	1 1
.....	.....	5629 46	.....	.....	.....	5629 46	112
.....	2 50	1948 63	150 00	40 63	.....	2139 26	113
.....	44 60	9796 37	.....	186 35	.....	9982 72	114
.....	.....	7050 50	4022 43	354 70	.....	11427 63	115
.....	9 00	1266 61	.....	.....	.....	1266 61	116
.....	.....	4826 59	5661 14	.....	.....	10487 73	117
.....	7 12	3731 76	.....	.....	.....	3731 76	119
2600 00	271 00	9515 44	.....	2 53	.....	9517 97	1:0
.....	14 10	3342 61	.....	.....	.....	3342 61	121
.....	.....	5272 92	.....	.....	.....	5272 92	122
.....	24 45	8034 07	642 65	21 44	.....	8698 16	124
.....	51 75	2561 45	415 00	12 00	.....	2988 65	125
.....	.....	1946 63	.....	17 19	.....	1963 82	126
.....	52 25	3637 60	.....	79 87	.....	3717 47	127
.....	.....	1267 50	.....	.....	.....	1267 50	129
.....	.....	1578 98	.....	.....	.....	1578 98	130
.....	167 00	4619 95	.....	13 35	.....	4633 30	131
950 00	24 20	2291 14	844 10	11 30	.....	3149 54	132
.....	.....	1092 13	1175 03	5 18	.....	2272 34	133
.....	.....	732 08	.....	.....	.....	732 08	134
.....	113 00	2414 99	745 00	.....	.....	3159 99	135
.....	38 00	3696 73	.....	.....	.....	3696 73	136
.....	27 00	3599 90	.....	35 16	.....	3635 06	137
.....	.....	1912 07	.....	92	.....	1912 99	138
.....	.....	1862 68	.....	.....	.....	1862 68	139
.....	.....	3361 73	.....	.....	.....	3361 73	140
.....	.....	4117 49	.....	.....	.....	4117 49	142
.....	21 87	4065 11	2371 62	84 21	.....	6520 94	143
.....	13 88	3323 12	444 00	63 25	.....	3830 37	144
.....	29 00	3099 44	.....	.....	.....	3099 44	146
.....	21 00	1194 35	723 04	.....	.....	1917 39	147
870 00	99 35	3703 23	100 00	43 99	.....	3847 22	148
.....	.....	1236 49	.....	1 50	.....	1237 99	149

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
151	Sycamore	1240 54	524 00	700 00	.....	62 00
152	Hayden	517 10	850 00	.....	530 00	26 57
153	Wildey	1178 98	1260 00	1575 00	200 00	252 28
154	Alpha	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	2672 00
155	Brougham	81 55	893 94	.....	150 00	28 21
156	Pyramid	347 36	382 45	.....	.....	600 00
157	Thamesville	1403 93	126 25	.....	625 00	139 35
158	Progress	553 18	4500 00	.....	1000 00	100 00
159	Oak Leaf	1468 11	.....	45 00	250 00	61 25
160	Listowel	2065 60	.....	16 00	1000 00	112 41
161	Simcoe	324 48	.....	7700 00	750 00	21 80
163	Oriental	898 34	.....	.....	1000 00	147 00
164	Romeo	559 62	3480 00	66 00	581 95	16 00
165	Beethoven	1120 12	.....	.....	325 00	52 50
167	Hillsburgh	.....	.....	700 00	100 00	.....
168	Sutton	.....	.....	4264 88	140 00	146 50
169	Grey	615 17	.....	140 00	200 00	49 50
170	De Novo	228 69	1600 00	.....	200 00	254 00
171	Alliston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
172	Penetangore	1315 09	3128 00	.....	2043 05	174 45
173	Emerald	2612 29	.....	700 00	370 00	266 17
174	Dolman	2022 61	.....	.....	450 00	39 00
176	Dauncey	502 79	.....	.....	135 00	70 50
177	Montana	991 03	.....	.....	400 00	343 88
178	Wellington Square	1628 79	1200 00	.....	120 00	.....
179	Madoc	2620 82	.....	.....	1361 00	680 00
180	Owen Sound	2675 56	600 00	.....	.....	146 64
182	Tecumseh	703 21	400 00	1000 00	280 26	80 50
183	Teeswater	783 60	.....	.....	140 00	.....
184	Germania	736 11	.....	7000 00	662 04	436 35
185	Dufferin	109 64	.....	.....	.....	.....
188	Cambridge	87 56	600 25	800 00	400 00	.....
189	Parry Sound	80 45	475 00	15036 00	1461 80	.....
190	Chorazin	362 77	.....	5222 66	406 00	83 32
191	Jarvis	919 07	1100 00	.....	1064 26	6 10
192	Howick	210 85	600 00	.....	40 00	230 00
194	Albert	773 06	3600 00	.....	394 44	252 25
195	Cicerone	380 34	.....	.....	.....	.....
196	Florence	1509 48	2700 00	.....	780 00	.....
197	Minerva	854 81	.....	45 00	231 00	215 50
200	Weston	166 85	.....	2000 00	250 00	135 00
201	Beacon	908 12	.....	1980 00	822 80	193 70
202	Silver Star	2525 26	.....	.....	30 00	.....
203	Pembroke	721 94	3884 74	.....	1400 50	275 00
204	Acton	3 15	298 75	.....	150 00	.....
205	Ahiram	521 47	1422 00	3800 00	746 00	72 00
206	Silver City	198 35	.....	.....	500 00	950 45
207	Egremont	600 15	.....	425 00	100 00	.....
209	Millbank	1619 38	.....	.....	100 00	33 71
210	Brucefield	1087 86	.....	.....	200 00	.....
211	Lilly	48 59	1017 05	6 5 00	249 75	.....
212	Argyll	1117 75	1950 00	.....	1806 60	130 60
214	Clifford	413 25	3225 00	.....	290 00	.....
215	Freestone	1964 88	862 35	.....	500 00	87 00
216	Elmira	1219 09	1115 00	.....	546 08	85 50
217	Mount Brydges	1124 14	.....	4152 82	308 50	110 85
218	Enterprise	514 82	.....	.....	350 00	400 00

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$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
.....	.....	2526 54	.....	.....	.....	2526 54	151
.....	32 25	1891 42	.....	.....	.....	1891 42	152
.....	.....	4466 26	.....	.....	.....	4466 26	153
.....	12 54	2265 55	1472 36	421 55	.....	4159 46	154
.....	.....	1156 70	.....	.....	.....	1156 70	155
.....	.....	1329 81	.....	.....	.....	1329 81	156
.....	124 92	2169 61	.....	.....	.....	2169 61	157
.....	43 00	6110 18	.....	.....	.....	6110 18	158
.....	.....	1803 17	.....	21 19	.....	1824 36	159
.....	89 39	2868 53	223 25	13 84	.....	3105 62	160
5000 00	.....	3796 28	.....	.....	.....	3796 28	161
.....	8 32	2037 02	.....	.....	.....	2037 02	163
.....	.....	4604 79	.....	67 53	31 25	4703 57	164
.....	55 36	1442 26	.....	.....	.....	1442 26	165
.....	50 00	750 00	.....	.....	.....	750 00	167
700 00	30 00	3821 38	.....	.....	.....	3821 38	168
.....	.....	1004 67	.....	.....	.....	1004 67	169
.....	43 75	2237 27	.....	1 67	.....	2238 94	170
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
.....	92 75	6461 70	.....	106 14	.....	6567 84	172
.....	2 00	3946 46	.....	.....	.....	3946 46	173
.....	69 80	2427 09	.....	14 75	.....	2441 84	174
.....	1 50	706 79	.....	.....	.....	706 79	176
.....	.....	1734 91	.....	.....	.....	1734 91	177
.....	.....	2948 79	.....	.....	.....	2948 79	178
.....	.....	4661 82	.....	.....	.....	4661 82	179
.....	14 44	1851 00	1237 31	219 45	.....	3307 76	180
.....	.....	2463 97	.....	.....	.....	2463 97	182
.....	.....	914 85	.....	8 75	.....	923 60	183
3000 00	439 10	5395 40	.....	.....	.....	5395 40	184
.....	.....	109 64	.....	.....	.....	109 64	186
.....	.....	1887 81	.....	.....	.....	1887 81	188
7800 00	.....	9253 25	.....	.....	.....	9253 25	189
10 0 00	37 96	4937 96	.....	98 83	.....	5036 79	190
.....	3 70	2771 77	313 96	.....	.....	3085 73	191
.....	.....	942 85	138 00	.....	.....	1080 85	192
.....	130 60	2731 70	1313 37	844 08	.....	4889 15	194
.....	.....	380 34	.....	.....	.....	380 34	195
.....	.....	4989 48	.....	.....	.....	4989 48	196
.....	17 50	405 06	914 76	8 99	.....	1328 81	197
412 00	28 50	1646 56	464 79	.....	.....	2111 35	200
618 00	129 40	2614 27	543 00	.....	.....	3157 27	201
.....	.....	2825 26	.....	.....	.....	2825 26	202
.....	.....	2783 35	3495 58	3 25	.....	6282 18	203
.....	.....	451 90	.....	.....	.....	451 90	204
.....	28 50	6532 97	.....	.....	.....	6532 97	205
.....	65 33	1583 47	.....	.....	.....	1583 47	206
.....	.....	1125 15	.....	.....	.....	1125 15	207
.....	1 50	1674 02	.....	77 57	.....	1751 59	209
.....	.....	1287 56	.....	.....	.....	1287 56	210
.....	.....	1990 39	.....	.....	.....	1990 39	211
.....	23 85	4036 80	924 11	20 19	.....	4981 10	212
.....	.....	3928 25	.....	.....	.....	3928 25	214
.....	7 50	2332 47	1074 26	.....	.....	3406 73	215
.....	9 50	2949 17	.....	.....	.....	2949 17	216
.....	34 60	5661 71	.....	.....	.....	5661 71	217
.....	.....	1264 82	.....	.....	.....	12 4 82	218

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		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
219	Georgian Bay	1549 59		1400 00	500 00	480 90
220	Woodslee	203 81	100 00	600 00	250 00	84 00
221	Chesley	472 43			675 00	34 50
223	Hensall	1259 99		1400 00	345 00	
224	Ottawa	2767 50			600 00	
226	Merlin	122 26	600 00	1500 00	160 00	86 10
227	Sauble	358 60			375 00	125 50
228	International	3494 73		4287 58	1395 22	244 75
229	Embro Star	804 10			300 00	41 92
230	Prince of Wales	1059 04			260 53	113 30
231	Elora	1120 79			955 80	33 00
232	Equity	385 56			450 00	
233	Hanover					
234	Ilderton	404 16	800 00	1748 51	267 01	13 96
235	Waterford	1163 45			1100 00	29 50
236	Acorn	762 81		140 00		
237	Farmersville	167 83	200 00		350 00	
239	Stirling	1092 50	2335 00		1183 76	654 49
240	Carleton	2175 56			2100 00	497 17
241	Rideau	33 67	3175 00		1905 66	628 25
242	Wilton	1752 98			143 57	
243	Thornbury	548 81			125 00	52 00
244	Port Arthur	1050 57	1025 00		1600 00	218 19
245	Mallorytown	146 02	1007 25	500 00	542 25	
246	Orillia					
247	Gordon	490 03	1000 00		418 40	
248	Campbellford	418 91	2207 50		1000 00	431 50
249	Beaverton	322 68	1330 00		625 00	323 00
250	Ridgely	310 23	993 71	3447 50	584 58	129 15
251	Bracebridge	108 16	1670 00	25 00	500 00	289 86
252	Floral	1249 51			464 00	85 50
253	Caledonia	367 69			150 00	
254	Alba	2087 72			150 00	152 65
256	Grand Valley	587 95			214 00	186 75
257	Credit	968 03			273 86	10 50
258	Thamesford	2477 18	585 00		1163 82	40 50
259	Lynden	718 47	400 00		251 23	
260	Meaford	1200 53			504 00	113 88
261	Gold Hill	284 68		7018 00	1650 00	725 00
262	Norwood	263 15			400 00	57 44
263	East Toronto	169 22			200 00	166 40
264	Fraternity	1163 90	1000 00		600 00	102 50
265	Delta	357 03				
266	Missanabee	1627 44	600 00	100 00	941 70	177 26
267	Algoma	1499 30		135 00	634 43	243 95
268	Stanley	560 66			327 46	44 00
269	Woodstock	1038 54			800 00	257 96
270	Lansdowne	949 78			600 00	222 25
271	North Bay	703 34	385 00	10 00	1000 00	289 29
272	Lakeview	642 99			130 00	
273	Hastings	751 70			413 32	76 09
274	Midland	360 19			637 75	
275	Fairy	351 51		378 25	248 23	186 67
276	Sheard					
277	Lambton	356 73	1213 20		282 00	128 80
278	Rockcliffe	1521 43			855 65	405 25
279	Grenville	185 12		2700 00	347 46	

TERM ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.—*Continued.*

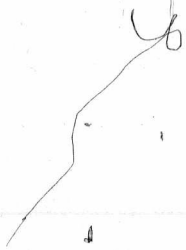
LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
	22 70	3791 15		116 64		3907 79	219
225 00		1012 81				1012 81	220
	4 50	1177 43				1177 43	221
		2994 99				2994 99	223
		2109 10	1258 46			3367 56	224
	29 00	2415 87		23 49		2439 36	226
		859 10				859 10	227
	45 50	8490 11	770 71	15 96		9276 78	228
	7 50	1138 52				1138 52	229
	4 80	1404 07		24 00		1428 07	230
	15 50	2062 27		31 82		2094 09	231
		835 66				835 66	232
							233
		3083 64	150 00			3233 64	234
	47 00	2215 05		30 90		2245 95	235
		902 81				902 81	236
		717 83				717 83	237
		5235 75				5235 75	239
	36 98	4735 74				4735 74	240
		4362 46	1671 55	8 57		6042 58	241
		1065 79	817 51	13 25		1896 55	242
		725 81				725 81	243
	35 75	3858 01				3858 01	244
		2110 47		85 05		2195 52	245
							246
		1845 79	56 39	6 25		1908 43	247
	4 40	3628 77		424 74		4053 51	248
	4 50	1409 24	832 20	354 74		2596 18	249
400 00	7 50	5043 24		14 43		5057 67	250
	1 30	1225 92	1305 14	40 66		2571 72	251
	6 50	1709 91		82 60		1792 51	252
		517 66				517 66	254
	13 00	2237 68		136 69		2374 37	254
	13 75	382 15	446 05	146 75		974 95	256
	1 00	1209 84		41 55		1251 39	257
	35 50	3716 25	512 99	1 76		4231 00	258
		1360 28		9 42		1369 70	259
	48 05	1725 25		45 11		1770 36	260
2307 05	377 55	6634 89		6 19	352 00	6993 08	261
		320 26		33	400 00	720 59	262
	366 40	130 61	21 93	16 68		169 22	263
	21 50	2250 57	584 68	18 65		2853 90	264
		56 54	284 76	15 73		357 03	265
	42 00	3403 75		65		3404 40	266
	33 00	2479 68				2479 68	267
	16 50	915 62				915 62	268
	30 25	2019 42		46 83		2066 25	269
	39 00	1458 21	252 18	22 64		1733 03	270
		2387 63				2387 63	271
		772 99				772 99	272
	13 88	1227 23				1227 23	273
		997 94				997 94	274
	87 84	652 02	424 80			1076 82	275
							276
	5 00	1975 73				1975 73	277
	23 50	2756 94		1 89		2758 83	278
205 50	200 00	2827 08				2827 08	279

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	ASSETS—HOW INVESTED. Cash in Bank or in Treasurer's Hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
		$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
280	Balmoral	852 24			511 71	107 00
281	Arthur	1277 31			550 00	140 00
282	Sudbury	754 20			1000 00	
283	Earnscliffe	1707 64			250 00	172 25
284	Lyn	237 42		200 00	100 00	6 40
285	Morewood	197 93		550 00	175 00	187 45
286	Royal	203 27			458 58	103 50
287	Ripley	765 00	13 00		441 00	152 60
288	Chesterville	555 85			388 25	38 50
289	Glanworth	724 76			97 50	
290	Tweed	562 07			723 17	162 50
291	Rodney	717 08			264 55	52 00
292	Minnetonka	229 26		1706 00	950 00	144 50
293	Thomasburg	1350 54			639 09	
294	Broadview	2171 16			358 47	82 70
295	Manotick	106 09			159 76	165 20
296	Pontypool	556 95			308 62	72 81
297	Mayflower	146 49		900 00	267 57	12 82
298	Comber	376 71	118 00		395 6[illegible]	126 00
299	Cornucopia	93 93		1000 00	750 00	150 75
300	Bobcaygeon	705 42			113 40	117 90
301	Plattsville	326 51			193 76	49 00
302	Aberdeen	309 46			240 28	58 60
303	Fellowship	294 52			348 78	22 00
304	Star	1067 86			145 24	
305	Valentine	284 25			300 00	31 50
306	Athena	279 94			288 75	88 00
307	Princeton	282 53	400 00		145 00	41 60
308	Millbrook	1135 70			400 00	163 49
309	Harrow	525 86			262 32	
310	Shedden	260 39			180 03	86 50
311	Zeta	545 68			784 85	81 15
312	Spirit Rock	413 09			274 93	84 00
313	Electric City	389 59			153 00	101 54
314	Prospect	787 04	775 00		225 00	201 50
315	Mountain	268 48			180 00	39 50
316	Britain	267 44	450 00		37 15	15 25
317	Laurentian	139 14			239 00	167 50
318	Bervie	364 90			152 54	46 00
319	Webbwood	424 09			183 62	246 00
320	Geneva	35 35			500 00	45 00
321	Hespeler	363 83			255 00	
322	Central	968 92			113 80	221 50
323	Liberty	399 07				25 95
324	Ontario	120 21			254 00	36 20
325	Southampton	111 89				
326	Strathcona	5 93			375 15	10 50
327	Saugeen	79 06			200 00	39 50
328	Underwood	119 66			284 82	16 00
145	Riverside	485 63			566 77	43 50
208	Alvinston	229 33			38 00	89 00
225	Norfolk	1385 34			825 00	102 25
198	Britannia	499 75			187 37	17 05
329	Prosperity	55 33			10 20	10 00
	Year 31st Dec., 1898	241637 90	271204 58	316657 85	181495 73	40234 33

TERM ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.—*Concluded.*

LODGE LIABILITIES.		FUNDS.					
Due on Buildings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	
	107 00	1015 40	333 50	15 05		1363 95	280
		1919 72	47 59			1967 31	281
	20 00	1373 85	360 35			1734 20	282
	15 50	2114 39				2114 39	283
		543 42				543 42	284
	8 40	1101 98				1101 98	285
	15 ·3	714 95		35 17		750 12	286
	35 91	2622 69				2622 69	287
		729 50	199 22	53 88		982 60	288
		822 26				822 26	289
		1419 25		28 49		1447 74	290
	23 50	1006 80		3 33		1010 13	291
	50 00	2950 09		13 77	15 90	2979 76	292
		1987 62		2 01		1989 63	293
	55 29	2080 22		476 82		2557 04	294
		431 05				431 05	295
		938 38				938 38	296
	13 00	1313 88				1313 88	297
	1 50	1014 84				1014 84	298
100 00	9 25	1852 46		32 97		1885 43	299
	7 50	824 66		106 56		929 22	300
	20 00	539 34		9 93		549 27	301
	4 50	597 95		5 89		603 84	302
	9 00	651 30				651 30	303
		1213 10				1213 10	304
		615 75				615 75	305
		651 69				651 69	306
		865 97		3 16		869 13	307
	69 74	1620 53		8 9		1629 45	308
		788 18				788 18	309
	4 50	472 42				472 42	310
	4 50	1397 87		9 29		1407 16	311
		772 02				772 02	312
	6 89	637 24				637 24	313
	48 55	1707 48		232 51		1939 99	314
		481 63		6 35		487 98	315
	3 00	669 14	62 95		34 75	766 84	316
		545 64				545 64	317
	35 00	528 44				528 44	317
	13 00	840 71				840 71	318
	160 00	420 35				420 35	320
	1 50	606 82		10 51		617 33	321
	10 49	1293 73				1293 73	322
		425 02				425 02	323
		410 41				410 41	324
		111 89				111 89	325
	44 55	347 03				347 03	326
	1 50	317 06				317 06	327
	48 31	372 17				372 17	328
	21 00	1074 90				1074 90	145
	6 00	3 0 33				350 33	208
		1661 63		150 96		1852 59	225
		704 17				704 17	198
		75 53				75 53	329
61407 54	13557 42	89270 [illegible]	69205 78	12354 56	1941 71	1051230 39	



REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

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

Your Committee appointed by authority of the Grand Lodge (*Journal* 1898, p. 6891), to prepare a Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, herewith submits for your approval the Constitution accompanying this report.

In preparing their work, the Committee has kept in mind the idea upon which its instruction was based, viz, to make constitutional the larger portion of what has been hitherto included in Lodge By-laws, and thus to secure uniformity in the laws under which the various Subordinates are working. By this means only a few provisions relating solely to local matters are left to the By-laws.

CONSTITUTION

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

CREED.

Odd Fellowship, while it is free from anything of a sectarian character, has always held belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, as a cardinal principle; and has maintained the Fatherhood of God as a doctrine of equal importance with the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man. Concerning the qualities and attributes of the Divine Father, it has never undertaken to pronounce with authority; nor does it question the moral character and good citizenship of those who declare that they have no belief in a Supreme Being. It simply exercises the right of all voluntary associations to prescribe the qualifications for membership in its own circle. It has always insisted, and will insist, that belief in a Supreme Being is necessary to attain or retain a place within our ranks. No one should offer himself for membership in our Order who has not this belief; no one should be accepted without it; and no member who loses faith in such a Supreme Being can honestly and consistently remain with us.

PREAMBLE.

Under authority vested in it by its Charter granted to it by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and by the laws and usuages of the Order, the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hereby ordains the following as the CONSTITUTION of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction :

TITLES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled.... Lodge, No.., I.O.O.F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full power and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal Charter, duly granted by the Grand Lodge of Ontario

QUORUM.

Clause 2 —No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge, including one qualified to preside, be then present.

MEETINGS.

Clause 3.—The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held weekly or semi-monthly, and not otherwise, on such evenings and at such time as may be provided for by its By-laws.

Clause 4.—Special sessions may be ordered by the Lodge to be held on any stated night for special business. They may also be called by the Noble Grand or in his absence by the Vice Grand ; and it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to call a special meeting whenever requested in writing by five or more Third Degree members. When meetings are called by such Officers, not less than twenty-four hours' notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in the local press or by circular to each member, unless the meeting be called to receive a Grand Officer or to arrange for or to attend, the funeral of a Brother. No business shall be transacted at any special session other than that for which such meeting has been called and the regular Order of Procedure as set forth in Rule II. shall be omitted.

Clause 5.—Members of other Lodges in Ontario may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the password for the term, or the A.T.P.W. with the Official Certificate ; members from other jurisdictions must present a proper card, or Official Certificate, or be introduced by an elective Grand Officer, or by any Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Clause 6.—Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established (or recognized holiday, the Lodge may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting, and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following.

TERMS.

Clause 7.—The Quarterly Terms of this Lodge shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January, April, July and October, and at the moment the Lodge opens. The Official Terms shall be semi-annual or annual, as provided by the By-laws of the Lodge, and shall commence on the first regular meeting night in January and July, if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting night in January, if annual. The Financial Terms shall begin on the first day of January and July in each year.

RETURNS.

Clause 8.—It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Financial Secretary to prepare a return of the work of the Lodge during each half-year in which they have held office, and in accordance with the blank form of semi-annual return which the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used and forward the same to the Grand Secretary immediately after the close of such half-year, together with the *per capita* tax due the Grand Lodge.

Clause 9.—There shall be payable by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge a fine of $2.00 for each month or portion thereof that may elapse after the 20th day of January and July in each year, until the returns and *per capita* tax required by the Grand Lodge shall have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary; and such fine shall be made good to the Lodge in equal proportions by the officers whose duty it is to prepare and forward such returns; and further, should the first half-yearly returns and *per capita* tax of any year be not forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the 20th day of July, the Lodge shall, in addition to the fine above provided, be debarred from representation at the next ensuing session of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 10.—Should this Lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such Brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same), the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 11.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

Clause 12.—No Brother shall be eligible for the office of N.G. until he has served a term as V.G, nor of V.G. until he has served a term in some office prescribed by the Ritual, has attained the third degree and is in good standing. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Clause 13.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto, and no nominee shall be balloted for who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Clause 14.—The election of such officers as are prescribed by the Ritual shall take place at the last regular meeting in May and November if the terms are semi-annual, and at the last regular meeting in November if the terms are annual.

Clause 15.—The election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge and Delegates to the District Meeting shall take place at the last regular meeting in May; and for Trustees and Medical Examiner, at the last regular meeting in November in each year.

Clause 16.—Before proceeding to open the Poll for the election of any officer, or of Representative to the Grand Lodge, or Delegate to the District Meeting, Trustee or Medical Examiner, the Noble Grand shall appoint three brothers of the Third Degree in good standing to act as Scrutineers; and the Warden shall distribute the ballot papers.

Clause 17.—It shall be the duty of the Scrutineers to count the votes given and make a correct return thereof to the Noble Grand, who shall declare the result to the Lodge.

Clause 18.—Every member voting shall deposit his ballot in full view of the Scrutineers and any ballot containing any writing not the name of a candidate shall be counted a "blank" and so recorded.

Clause 19.—If for any office or committee no more candidates be in nomination than are required to fill such office or commi tee, such candidates shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be more candidates in nomination than are required, the members present shall elect one of such candidates, by paper ballot, and afterwards from among those previously nominated shall proceed

to elect the required number. Only one name shall be written upon any ballot and only members in good standing shall vote. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who may have received no votes, shall be withdrawn. In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest a ballot shall be immediately taken to determine which of those tieing shall be dropped.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 20.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O G., I.G., R.S.N.G., L.S.N.G., R.S.V.G., L.S.V.G., R.S.S., L.S.S., and Chaplain.

Clause 21.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N.G., immediately after his installation, except the R S.V.G. and L.S.V.G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V.G.

Clause 22.—All members appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and must have attained the Third Degree.

Clause 23.—The N.G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O.G. a brother of the Third Degree belonging to any other Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Clause 24.—This Lodge may at any time elect a solicitor, or other officer required for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge, and may pay for the services rendered, out of the General Fund of the Lodge, and for such office the Lodge may elect a person not a member of the Order.

INSTALLATION.

Clause 25.—The officers of this Lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed; except that the installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of his election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

Clause 26.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are or may hereafter be prescribed by this Constitution, by the Charge Books and Usages of the Order, the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-laws and Resolutions of this Lodge.

Clause 27.—Every Officer who may be required to state his duties, or deliver any Charge in the Lodge, shall prepare the same prior to his installation, and in default thereof, his office may be declared vacant, by vote of the Lodge, provided one week's notice of such motion shall have been given.

DUTIES OF JUNIOR PAST GRAND.

Clause 28.—It shall be the duty of the J.P.G. to attend regularly the meetings of this Lodge; to act as sitting P.G. until his successor shall assume the P.G.'s chair; to deliver the charge of that office, or see that the same be done by a P.G. in a becoming manner; to watch over the welfare and interests of every widow and orphan child of deceased Brethren who were members of this Lodge; to visit them, unless non-residents, at least once in each quarter and report their condition to this Lodge; and in the absence of the V.G. to act as Chairman of the Relief Committee.

DUTIES OF THE NOBLE GRAND.

Clause 29.—It shall be the duty of the N G. to preside in the Lodge; to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws and proper respect for the Grand Lodge of Ontario; to see that all Officers of the Lodge and the Members of Committees perform their respective duties as enjoined by their respective Charges; to take charge of the Charter of the Lodge, and have it always in the Lodge while in session; to summon special meetings as required by law; to appoint all Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for; to fill all vacancies occurring in Committees originally appointed by him; to ascertain and announce to the Lodge the result of all balloting and other votes; to give the casting vote in case of a tie on any matter or question before the Lodge, except the vote be by ballot; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-laws to every Brother on admission to membership; to ascertain from the F.S., previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of his receipts since last Lodge night, and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same; to cause the Secretary to invite brothers to attend the funeral of every unsuspended deceased brother; to take charge of such funeral in the absence of competent relatives, and in such case to receive the account of and regulate the disbursements; to sign all Official Certificates presented by the F.S and duly completed by that officer; and to assist the Financial Secretary to prepare the semi-annual return, and see that it is promptly forwarded to the Grand Secretary immediately after the close of the half-year for which it is made.

DUTIES OF THE VICE GRAND.

Clause 30.—It shall be the duty of the V.G. to assist the N.G. in the discharge of his du ies, and in the absence of the N.G. to perform the duties of that Officer, except that he shall not deliver the P.G's. Charge, which must be delivered by a P.G. or by the N.G.; to appoint his own supporters, and the minority of all Committees on Character; to act as chairman of the Visiting Committee, and make a report each week concerning the sickness of every member of this Lodge, or member of any Lodge in this Order, who may be resident for the time being in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and stating the amount of benefits any such member is entitled to; to keep a Sick Members' Register of those on the sick list, recording the cause, date of notice and duration of sickness or disability; and to take special charge of the door, under the N.G.

DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Clause 31.—It shall be the duty of the R S. to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge; to take charge of and safely keep the Seal; to keep carefully and in good order all books, papers and other property belonging to his office, and to fill up all Certificates and Cards ordered by the Lodge; to write and copy into the letter-book and duly despatch all communications ordered by the Lodge, and to read the same at the next regular meeting under the head of unfinished business; to punctually issue all notices required by order of the N.G., or of the Lodge or by the laws of the Order; to inform all candidates for membership of their election or rejection, when the proposer of such candidate declines to do so, but without disclosing any other fact or circumstance in connection ther with; to fill out for the Chairman of the Committee on Character a notice containing the names of such Committee, and also that of the Candidate and Referees; to preserve and file all written resolutions, motions, accounts and reports upon which action has been taken by the Lodge; to keep written up in good order all books placed in his charge, and to carefully preserve all papers placed with him; to call special meetings when ordered by the N.G.; to attest all warrants for moneys legally ordered to be paid and none other; to attach the seal to all official Certificates, when presented, duly signed by the N G. and F.S.; and for such services he shall be paid half-yearly as the Lodge may direct.

DUTIES OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Clause 32.—It shall be the duty of the F.S. to keep just and true accounts between this Lodge and its members; to punctually

charge and receive all dues, charges, assessments and fines ; to notify at least two weeks before the close of each quarterly term, either verbally or by a circular, addressed to every member in arrear, of the amount due by him, and of all fines imposed ; to notify the Lodge of all members three quarters in arrear ; to call *special* attention of any member being eleven calendar months in arrear to the provisions of the Constitution respecting suspension for N.P.D. by means of a written or printed note, to be delivered or sent to his address by registered post prepaid ; to advise the Lodge at the next meeting of the names of all members so notified ; to receive all moneys due to the Lodge ; to pay over forthwith all moneys collected or otherwise received by him for the Lodge, to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same on the face of his cash book ; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last regular meeting in June and December during which he holds office ; to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers and other properties appertaining to his office ; to make out at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term, and transmit the same direct to the Grand Secretary, together with the *per capita* tax ; to make out an official Certificate as a receipt for dues, upon payment thereof, and upon request by any member, and present the same to the N.G. for his signature, and to the R.S., who shall attach the seal thereto ; and for such services he shall be paid half-yearly as the Lodge directs.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

Clause 33.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary all moneys of the Lodge at the close of each meeting and deal with the same in such a manner as may be required by the Lodge ; to pay all legal warrants signed by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary and none other ; to keep correct accounts of all moneys coming into his hands belonging to the Lodge ; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last regular meeting in June and December in which he may hold office ; to make a full report of the receipts and disbursements for the previous term at the first regular meeting in January and July ; to deliver up to his successor, or when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers and other property of the Lodge which may be in his possession, and to furnish the F.S. with such information when called upon as will enable that Officer to prepare his reports to Grand Lodge. Prior to his installation in office, he shall give a bond with at least two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge.

DUTIES OF WARDEN.

Clause 34.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to take charge of the Regalia and other property of the Lodge when not intrusted to another Officer; to act as chairman of the Property Committee, to count all votes, distribute ballot papers prior to the election of Officers, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges of his office, or by resolution of the Lodge or this Constitution.

TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Clause 35.—There shall be not less than three Trustees of this Lodge, whose term of office shall commence on the first regular meeting in January following their election, and who shall retain office for one year thereafter, or until their successors assume office.

Clause 36.—The duties of such Trustees shall be to invest the funds of the Lodge as the Lodge may direct and perform such other duties as may be intrusted to them. Each Trustee, before entering upon his term of office, shall give a bond with two sureties to the Lodge, as the case may require, to be approved of by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties as Trustee. All members elected Trustees must be in good standing, and members of the Degree of Truth, at the time of their election.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

Clause 37.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

Clause 38.—Any vacancy in office by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may require. In the case of elective officers, the nominations to fill such vacancy shall take place at the meeting at which such office is declared vacant and also at the next regular meeting. The election shall take place on such second night of nomination. In the case of an appointed office the vacancy shall be filled at the same or at the regular meeting next following that at which the vacancy is declared. The member so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office provided he shall serve a majority of the meeting nights remaining in such term and to the end thereof.

DISMISSAL OF COMMITTEES.

Clause 39.—Any member of a Committee, failing to discharge any of the duties assigned to him, may be dismissed therefrom by a vote of the Lodge, at a regular meeting; and every member thus discharged shall forthwith surrender to the N. G., or such member as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, moneys or other property of the Lodge, previously placed in his possession.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS.

Clause 40.—Any Officer charged with official misconduct may be dismissed from office after due trial or suspended from membership, such suspension vacating his office. Any officer or other person failing to discharge any duty assigned to him by the Constitution or the resolutions of this Lodge, may be dismissed from his position in the same manner as is provided for the dismissal of a member of a Committee.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Clause 41.—The N. G., on the night of his installation, shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Lodge, the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz.: A Finance Committee, a Property Committee and a Visiting Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Clause 42.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members of the Degree of Truth, whose duty it shall be to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the same or next regular meeting; and to audit semi-annually the books and semi-annual return of the F. S. and of the Treas. and of all other Officers or Committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of any of the Lodge funds.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Clause 43.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members (including the Warden, who shall be Chairman thereof), whose duty it shall be to take charge of all Regalia and other effects of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular Officers or to other Committees; to procure for the Lodge such articles as may be necessary, or as the Lodge may direct; to cause to be made all repairs to regalia or other property of the Lodge as to them may seem requisite, or as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of their proceedings at the close of each half year. This Committee shall not expend a greater sum than $5.00 during any half-year without the previous consent of the Lodge.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Clause 44 —The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least seven members, of whom the Vice Grand shall be Chairman, and shall be selected from such different parts of the Lodge jurisdiction as to be convenient for visiting other members of the Lodge.

Clause 45 —It shall be the duty of each member of the Visiting Committee, who shall receive notice of a Brother being sick, to visit such Brother within twenty-four hours thereafter, and to render him such aid as his case may require or admit; and when circumstances may render it necessary, to call upon so many of the Brethren as may be required to secure the attendance and services of two Brothers to watch nightly with such sick Brother. The Chairman shall make weekly reports upon the sickness or disability of every Odd Fellow in charge of the Committee, and the first and last reports upon the case of any Brother shall be in the form following and signed by as many of the members of the Committee as may be in accord therewith:—

To the Noble Grand, ...Lodge, No...., I.O.O.F.

The undersigned members of the Visiting Committee beg to report on the sickness of Bro ...., of..... Lodge, No ..., I.O.O.F., taken sick on the ..... day of .... month, 1..., and first reported sick to this Lodge on ..... day of .... month, 1.... His attending physician is Dr. .....

The illness from which he is suffering is..... .....

He is entitled to weekly benefits of $....., commencing on .... day of .... month.

The above named Brother has recovered and was declared off the sick list on .... day of .... month.

We recommend that an order on the Treasurer be drawn for $....., being the amount of his benefits to .... day of....month.

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NOTICE OF SICKNESS.

Clause 46.—Every member resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and claiming sick benefits under these laws, shall notify

the Lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of his sickness or disability within one week of the commencement of such sickness or disability; and in no case shall any sick benefit be paid for any portion of the time the member was sick prior to the date of giving such notice.

Clause 47.—A non-resident member of this Lodge shall be required to give the same notice of his sickness as a resident member, but the post-mark date of the receiving post-office upon the envelope containing the letter of notification shall be deemed the date of notice by such non-resident member. He shall also forward with the notice, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the certificate of the attending physician and a certificate of the Noble Grand or the Chairman of the Visiting Committee and Recording Secretary, with seal attached, of any Lodge of the I.O.O.F. in his vicinity; or if there be no Lodge of this Order near him, then he shall send, at the time of giving notice, the name of a clergyman or a magistrate for reference. He shall also report to this Lodge as often as the Lodge may require. And in no case shall such non-resident member receive sick benefits from this Lodge for any portion of the time he was sick, prior to the date of giving such notice.

DUTIES OF RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Clause 48.—It shall be the duty of every member who shall have received notice of his being required to watch with or give attendance upon a sick Brother, to inform the person giving such notice as to whether he is able to comply with the demand or not; and when he is unable to attend, except in case of sickness in his family, he shall be charged the sum of $1.00, unless he provide a substitute. Should any member not inform the Visiting Committee of his inability to do so, or neglect to watch after signifying his intention to do so, then on report of the Visiting Committee the Financial Secretary shall charge him the sum of $2 00.

Clause 49.—In case of contagious or infectious diseases it shall not be incumbent on members personally to visit the sick; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon the Brethren as above provided, the Visiting Committee shall employ a nurse when directed by the Lodge to do so.

Clause 50.—Every unsuspended member resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge shall notify the Lodge or any member of the Visiting Committee of his sickness or forfeit the attention of such Committee until such notice shall be given.

Clause 51.—Whenever a member of this Lodge changes his residence he shall notify the Financial Secretary immediately of such change or forfeit all claims on the attentions of the Order in case of sickness.

DUTIES OF NON-RESIDENTS.

Clause 52.—It is and shall be the duty of every member of this Lodge on removing from its jurisdiction to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name, number and location of his Lodge; and, when requested by the Lodge to which he has been reported, shall watch with the sick who, like himself, are away from home; and any member so failing to report shall not be entitled to attention from any Lodge.

Clause 53.—Neither the emblems nor the name of the Order, or of the Lodge, shall be used in connection with any public entertainment, excursion, party, or amusement of any kind, without the consent of the Grand Master having been previously obtained thereto, upon the request of the Lodge; and at the time of asking such permission, the Lodge shall give the Grand Master a distinct promise that no intoxicants shall be used upon the proposed occasion. The penalty for violation of the foregoing is expulsion from the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 54.—Candidates for membership, by initiation in this Lodge, must be free white males, of not less than twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge. No saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler is eligible to membership in this Order.

Clause 55.—Every petition for membership by initiation must be submitted in form following, and must be accompanied by a reference to at least two members of the Lodge, the proposition fee, and a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, which must be on the form provided by the Grand Lodge:

To the Officers and Members of..... Lodge, No.....working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-laws of your Lodge, and those

of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith, in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event or for any purpose to the civil courts.

My age is ..... *Years.*

My occupation is .....

My residence is .....

Very respectfully yours,

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(*Applicant.*)

Witnessed by .....

Presented by Bro .....

References .....

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Clause 56.—A member of any other Lodge desiring to unite with this Lodge, may apply for membership by first obtaining a Visiting Card or Official Certificate from his Lodge, and depositing the same in this Lodge. Upon election of such Brother by this Lodge, the Lodge of which he is a member shall be notified by the Secretary, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card from his Lodge. Upon deposit of said Card with this Lodge, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-laws and be received into full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by this Lodge. A favorable ballot under the above law cannot be reconsidered.

Clause 57.—Any Odd Fellow desirous of joining this Lodge must make application in the following form, which must be accompanied by a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, and a Visiting, Withdrawal, or a Grand Lodge Card, or by an Official or Dismissal Certificate, or evidence that he had resigned membership when in good standing. The application shall then be disposed of in like manner as a petition for initiation.

To the Noble Grand .....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.

The undersigned herewith presents his .....

(State what kind of Card or Certificate.) .....from.....

Lodge, No.....of .... and respectfully requests to be

admitted to membership in your Lodge. My age at which I joined my former Lodge was..... years; my present age is..... years. If admitted I promise and agree that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event or for any purpose to the civil courts.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

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Dated at.....

Clause 58.—An application for membership shall be referred to a committee of three members, two of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and one by the V.G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or unless the application be withdrawn, which may be done by the proposer any time prior to the report of the Committee on Character, but not afterwards.

Clause 59.—Any candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

Clause 60.—The rejection of any candidate for membership by initiation shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the city, town or village in which such rejection takes place.

Clause 61.—In any case where a candidate for membership has been elected, but subsequent to his election, and prior to his initiation, the Lodge becomes satisfied that he is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election, and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. A new ballot must then be taken on the report of the Committee.

Clause 62.—A Lodge, by resolution, may require the proposer of a candidate for membership or re-instatement to give one week's notice, verbally, in open Lodge, of such proposition.

Clause 63.—No application for membership shall be made known to any person not a Third Degree member of the Order, until after the same shall have been favorably determined by election, under penalties provided by this Constitution.

Clause 64.—No candidate for membership by initiation, who has been rejected, shall again be proposed in any Lodge until at least six months after his rejection.

Clause 65.—No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge in this Order at the same time.

NON-BENEFICIAL MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 66.—This Lodge may receive, as non-beneficial members, former members of defunct Lodges who were in good standing in their respective Lodges at the time of surrender of their respective Charters, and who are ineligible for beneficial membership and over fifty years of age.

Clause 67.—This Lodge may also receive as non-beneficial members, non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the Order for at least five years, and who at the time of making application for re-instatement or membership shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause.

Clause 68.—The admission fee of a non-beneficial member shall be one dollar, and the quarterly dues fifty cents.

Clause 69.—Non-beneficial members, when so admitted, shall have no claim upon this Lodge for pecuniary benefits of any kind, but in all other respects they shall have the same privileges as those holding beneficial membership.

RE-ADMISSION.

Clause 70.—Should any member receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted to membership and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the entrance fee, or any portion thereof.

Clause 71.—When any member expelled from membership desires to be re-admitted, he must secure the consent of the Lodge expelling him. The application of an expelled member for re-admission shall be referred to a committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and two by the V.G., who, after due investigation, shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-admission, and, with the consent of the Grand Master may be re-admitted, provided he pass a satisfactory medical examination.

BALLOT.

Clause 72.—A ballot shall be taken on an application immediately upon the presentation of the report of the Committee on

Character, and if less than three black balls be found the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more appear, he shall be rejected; but upon the intimation of the Vice-Grand that the ballot is unfavorable, the Lodge shall, upon the request of any member, forthwith proceed to retake the ballot, in order to verify the fact that black balls may not have been cast by error; and, if upon such second ballot three or more black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected; and any proposition fee received by the Lodge shall be returned to the candidate, unless action for reconsideration be taken within four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection, and in accordance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Clause 73.—In the case of an application by a Brother who within six months previous to such application has been a member of a Lodge which has merged into, or united with this Lodge, the vote necessary to receive such brother into membership shall be a majority vote by ballot.

Clause 74.—Balloting for candidates, or for advancement to the Degrees, shall only be proceeded with when the Lodge is opened in the Third Degree The ballot box shall be placed in full view of the Noble Grand, and when all present shall have balloted, and the result been inspected by that officer, the Warden shall proceed with the ballot box to the chair of the Vice Grand, who having examined the same shall announce the ballot as favorable, or unfavorable, and the Noble Grand shall declare the result, after which the Vice-Grand shall destroy the ballot. In the case of admission to membership a second ballot may be taken as herein provided.

CONTRACT.

Clause 75.—The Constitution, Laws, By-laws, Enactments, Rules and Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., of the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F., and of Subordinate Lodges, are hereby declared to constitute the contract between the Order and each member thereof and as such shall govern and control each member; and all enactments which may hereafter be made or adopted, whether the same be retroactive or prospective, by the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, or said Grand Lodge, or by the Subordinate Lodges in any way amendatory or supplementary to the whole or any part of either of the above mentioned Constitution, Laws, By-laws, Enactments, Rules or Regulations, immediately upon such adoption shall be binding upon each Lodge and each of its members; but

such contract is hereby declared to be entirely between each member and the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs; and the remedy for enforcement of the rights of any member shall be against such Lodge only, and he shall have no claim therefor against the Grand Lodge of Ontario or the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Clause 76.—Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of his contract of membership, which contract is complete by his initiation or admission by card, or by certificate; such admission by card or certificate dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of this Lodge; and every member shall be subject to the Constitution and By-laws, although he may not have signed his name thereto.

JURISDICTION.

Clause 77.—The jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend half way to the nearest Lodges in every direction by the most direct travelled route; provided always where Lodges are located within adjoining urban municipalities, the boundary line between such municipalities shall separate the jurisdictions of such Lodges. In cities or towns where there are two or more Lodges, such Lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

Clause 78 —No proposition for membership shall be received or acted upon if the candidate's residence be out of the Province of Ontario without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which the applicant resides; nor if the applicant's residence be not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he applies for membership, unless consent of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant lives be obtained; and in the event of the violation of this clause the Lodge so violating shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction over such applicant.

DEGREES.

Clause 79.—Every member previous to his receiving any of the Degrees shall present a certificate from the F.S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the Degree or Degrees for which application has been made; after which he shall be balloted for. Balloting shall be had when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree, and one ballot shall be taken for all the Degrees for which he has applied.

Clause 80.— If, on such ballot, three or more black balls appear, the applicant shall be rejected, otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees applied for. In case of rejection he shall not be again balloted for to receive any Degree unless two weeks' notice be given immediately preceding the meeting at which such ballot is to be taken. The First Degree shall be conferred at the first regular meeting in the month, the Second Degree at the second, and the Third Degree at the third, unless the Lodge by resolution decide otherwise, in any particular case.

Clause 81.—In case the Lodge refuse to grant any Degree to a member, all fees paid on account thereof shall upon his application be returned to him, by the Treasurer, on the order of the N. G., attested by the R. S., without a vote of the Lodge.

CARDS.

Clause 82.—Any member in good standing, desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Recording Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation ; provided that, upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 83.—Any member of this Lodge in good standing and free from charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which such Card is required, and of a fee of thirty-five cents. During recess of the Lodge such Card may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES.

Clause 84.—This Lodge shall grant a Dismissal Certificate upon the receipt of the required fee to a member who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, and who shall make written appli-

cation therefor through a Lodge, if wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction; or if this Lodge shall refuse to reinstate such member; or if such member shall have been suspended for a longer period than five years. It shall be discretionary with the Lodge to grant a Dismissal Certificate if the period of suspension shall not have exceeded five years, to enable a member to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

FEES.

Clause 85.—The Initiation Fee of this Lodge shall be two dollars and must be paid previous to the admission of the candidate; and the fee for degrees shall be one dollar for each degree, which must be paid at the time of application; but the Lodge may by By-law provide for the payment of higher Initiation and Degree fees.

Clause 86.—The fee for a Withdrawal Card shall be fifty cents; for a Visiting Card thirty-five cents, and for a Dismissal Certificate one dollar, which fees shall be paid at the time application therefor is made, and shall be applied to the General Fund.

Clause 87.—The money received on account of an application of membership shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's admission fee, provided he appear within thirteen weeks after having been notified of his acceptance; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Contingent Fund.

QUARTERLY DUES.

Clause 88.—All dues payable to this Lodge, shall be paid during the first calendar month of each quarter.

Clause 89.—The dues payable to this Lodge by each member thereof admitted previous to the adoption of this Constitution, shall be such as this Lodge may from time to time by By-law determine, not being less than $6.00 per year; but in the case of members admitted after the adoption hereof, such dues shall not be less than the amount specified in the following table, according to the benefits which this Lodge may by By-law decide to pay; and further, in the event of this Lodge at any time hereafter altering the scale of dues to be paid by its members, such dues shall be in proportion to such scale at the rate fixed for the age of the member when admitted. Quarterly dues payable for $30 Funeral Expenses, $100 Widows' Benefits and the respective sick benefits mentioned below; but in no case payable for the first week of sickness.

Age.	To pay $3 per week for the first year; $2 per week for following six months, and $1 per week for remainder of illness.	To pay $3 per week continuous sick benefits.	To pay $4 per week continuous sick benefits.
21	$1 51	$1 73	$2 02
22	1 54	1 78	2 08
23	1 58	1 82	2 13
24	1 60	1 86	2 18
25	1 61	1 89	2 22
26	1 63	1 93	2 27
27	1 66	1 98	2 33
28	1 68	2 02	2 38
29	1 74	2 07	2 44
30	1 79	2 14	2 53
31	1 82	2 21	2 62
32	1 91	2 30	2 73
33	1 93	2 34	2 78
34	1 98	2 41	2 87
35	2 05	2 50	2 98
36	2 08	2 57	3 07
37	2 16	2 66	3 18
38	2 22	2 74	3 28
39	2 28	2 82	3 38
40	2 37	2 93	3 52
41	2 43	3 05	3 67
42	2 51	3 14	3 78
43	2 60	3 32	4 01
44	2 70	3 47	4 20
45	2 78	3 63	4 40
46	2 92	3 78	4 59
47	3 03	3 95	4 80
48	3 13	4 09	4 98
49	3 25	4 26	5 19
50	3 38	4 45	5 43
51	3 55	4 72	5 77
52	3 68	4 92	6 02
53	3 83	5 15	6 31
54	4 01	5 44	6 68
55	4 19	5 72	7 03
56	4 38	6 02	7 41
57	4 58	6 33	7 80
58	4 99	6 68	8 24
59	5 02	7 06	8 72
60	5 27	7 50	9 28

SICK BENEFITS.

Clause 90.—Every member of this Lodge who shall have attained the Third Degree, if under no charge regularly preferred against him, and if free from all disabilities by reason of non-payment of dues and fees, whenever rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation through illness of any kind not caused by drunkenness or other immoral conduct, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefits as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge, not being less than two dollars per week, provided that such benefit shall, in case of members admitted after the.....day of August, 1900, bear the same ratio to the dues paid by the member as is established by the scale of dues and benefits defined in this Constitution. No benefits shall be paid for the first week of sickness; but after the first week of sickness the members shall be entitled to benefits for each additional day or days he may remain ill.

Clause 91.—The Lodge may provide by its first By-laws for the reduction of the weekly sick benefit payable to any member after such member has received benefits for twelve months of continuous sickness, and such By-law shall apply to any member who may be receiving benefits at the time of such provision for reduction of sick benefits, provided, however, that the weekly sick benefits so paid shall in no case be less than one dollar per week.

Clause 92.—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a Brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

WIDOW'S BENEFITS.

Clause 93.—On the death of any member entitled under this Constitution to sick benefits there shall be paid to the widow or orphans under the age of twenty-one years, or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at his death, such sum as the By-laws may determine, provided always that the amount so paid shall be according to the scale of dues and benefits defined in this Constitution. The several beneficiaries above mentioned shall be entitled to the widow's benefits in the order of priority therein given; and no person except one bearing the relationship to the deceased herein defined shall be entitled to receive a widow's benefit. This benefit shall be paid from the Widow and Orphans' Fund if any such there be; and if there be no such Fund then it shall be paid from the General Fund.

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Clause 94.—On the death of any member entitled under this Constitution to sick benefits, there shall be paid to assist in defraying the funeral expenses such sum as the Lodge may by its By-laws determine, provided always that the amount so paid shall be in proportion to the scale of dues and benefits defined in this Constitution. But no portion of such amount shall be paid to any person where no funeral expenses have been incurred by the Lodge or by the family or estate of the deceased member.

RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

Clause 95.—Whenever it may become known that any member of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three Brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report to the Lodge whether any and what sum in their opinion should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present, to grant him any sum not exceeding $50.

Clause 96.—If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of his Card or Official Certificate, his case shall be referred to the Noble Grand and one or more members who have attained the Degree of Truth, who shall examine him and make such enquiries as they may consider necessary and if found satisfactory they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding $3, and shall report the same to the Lodge at the next meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum, on motion, may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

DISABILITIES.

Clause 97.—All pecuniary penalties imposed by this Constitution, against any officer or member of this Lodge, for neglect of duty shall be charged against such officer or member by the Financial Secretary, and the non-payment of any such penalty shall work a like forfeiture of the rights and privileges of such officer or member, and consequently a like forfeiture to the beneficiaries or personal representatives of such officer or member, as is herein provided in the event of non-payment of dues.

Clause 98.—No member who is in arrear to this Lodge to the amount of one quarter's dues whether he be under suspension or not, shall be entitled to receive pecuniary benefits of any kind; nor shall

any such member so indebted, or the beneficiaries or personal representatives of such member, have any claim whatever upon the funds of the Lodge, either for sick benefits or funeral expenses of any kind, or for any benefits of any kind payable to such beneficiaries or personal representatives.

Clause 99.—No member who becomes sick or disabled within the meaning of this Constitution while in arrear to the Lodge to the amount of one quarter's dues shall become entitled to receive pecuniary benefits of any kind, by the tender, payment, or acceptance of such arrears during the continuance of such sickness or disability; nor shall the tender, payment, or acceptance of such arrears during the continuance of such sickness or disability entitle such member or the beneficiaries or personal representatives of such member, to make any claim whatever upon the funds of the Lodge either for sick benefits or funeral expenses or for benefits of any kind which, but for the indebtedness of the deceased, might have been payable to such beneficiaries or personal representatives.

Clause 100.—No member of this Lodge who shall become ill while not in good standing, or shall have been in receipt of continuous sick benefits for eleven calendar months and having recovered from such sickness, shall thereafter become entitled to benefits for any recurrence of that illness or for any other sickness within eight weeks from such recovery, unless such subsequent illness occur from causes entirely remote from the previous illness.

Clause 101.—Widows, orphans, or personal representatives of non-beneficial members shall have no claim upon the Lodge for pecuniary benefits of any kind.

Clause 102.—No member of this Lodge who shall fail to give the notice of any personal sickness, as is herein required, shall become entitled to any sick benefits for any portion of the time he was sick prior to the date at which a notice of such sickness may be given; nor shall any beneficiaries or personal representatives become entitled to any sick benefit, or funeral expenses, or widows' benefits, which, but for the failure to give such notice, would have become payable to such beneficiaries or personal representatives.

Clause 103.—No member shall be held to be in good standing while under charges duly preferred against him.

Clause 104.—No member shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while under suspension.

SUSPENSION FOR N. P. D.

Clause 105.—Any member of this Lodge who is in arrears for dues for one year shall be reported to the Lodge by the Financial Secretary, and on such report shall be suspended from active membership, unless the Lodge, by resolution, extend the time of payment, which extension shall in no case exceed six months; provided that a member under suspension for any cause other than N.P.D. shall not be suspended from membership for N.P.D. until the expiration of his term of suspension; but the fact of such member not being suspended, but being allowed to retain his membership during such period, shall not entitle him, his beneficiaries or personal representatives to any pecuniary benefits.

Clause 106.—No member of this Lodge shall be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at least thirty days' notice of the proposed suspension, including a statement of his arrear of dues, has been given, which notice may be either printed or written and delivered, or by registered post, prepaid, sent to the member or left at his last known place of abode or of business A return of such proceedings shall be made by the Financial Secretary and a record thereof entered upon the minutes.

Clause 107.—It is one of the principles of this Order, that a person once affiliated with it, may by reason of non-payment of his dues to the Lodge of which he is a member, and for certain other reasons, be deprived of the privileges and benefits provided for members in good standing, without finally ceasing membership; yet such member may, with the consent of the Lodge of which he is a member, and on compliance with certain constitutional conditions, again become entitled to such privileges and to benefits.

REINSTATEMENT.

Clause 108.—No member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues (except members of defunct Lodges and those possessing dismissal certificates) shall be again admitted to active membership in any Lodge without the consent of the Lodge from which he was suspended; and in no case shall he be reinstated without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident member of this Lodge, he shall not be required to re-sign the Constitution.

Clause 109.—Any member of this Lodge, suspended for non-payment of dues, desiring to be reinstated therein shall make application on the following form :—

To the Noble Grand of.....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.

The undersigned member of this Lodge, having been suspended therefrom for non-payment of dues, hereby applies to be reinstated and in consideration of being accepted I promise a like obedience to the Laws thereof as is required of a candidate for initiation. My medical certificate is enclosed herewith.

.....

Dated at.....

Clause 110.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall, upon application for reinstatement within one year after such suspension, pay a reinstatement fee, being the amount of one year's dues, and if accepted shall pay such quarterly dues as were payable by him at the time of such suspension, unless during his suspension a new scale of dues were adopted which would have applied to such member had he not been suspended.

Clause 111.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall, upon application for reinstatement after one year from the date of suspension, pay the reinstatement fee, being the amount charged an initiate; and if accepted shall pay such quarterly dues as provided in the scale of dues and benefits at the age at which he becomes reinstated.

Clause 112.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and a Withdrawal Card, may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card any time within five years from the date of suspension upon payment of the price of the card and a fee equivalent to one year's dues payable by such member at the time of suspension.

Clause 113.—When any member suspended for cause other than non-payment of dues desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his term of suspension, his case shall be referred to a committee of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the N.G. and two by the V.G., who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor he shall therefore be declared eligible for reinstatement, and with the consent of the Grand Master may be

reinstated; but no such member shall be reinstated until he shall have paid all arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that have accrued against him since that date.

FUNDS.

Clause 114.—This Lodge shall have a General Fund and a Contingent Fund and it may provide for an Expense Fund, a Social Fund and a Nurse Fund.

Clause 115.—The General Fund shall consist of all moneys at its credit at the adoption of this Constitution, and all moneys hereafter received on account of fees, dues, rents, cards, certificates, interest from investment of moneys belonging to such Fund, or from the sale of any property of the Lodge, and all donations and bequests thereto.

Clause 116.—The Contingent Fund shall consist of all moneys belonging thereto at the adoption of this Constitution, and five per cent. of the receipts from dues at the close of each half-year, and all special collections for or contributions to this Fund.

Clause 117.—The Widows and Orphans' Fund shall consist of all moneys belonging thereto at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, but no further appropriations shall be made thereto except interest received from investment thereof, and all donations made to such Fund.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

Clause 118.—Such money in the possession of the Lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario, or on mortgages which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple; or in debentures of some municipality or incorporated loan company in Ontario, or by deposit in some chartered bank or loan company in Ontario, but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

Clause 119.—No motion for the expenditure of moneys of this Lodge for real estate, building, furniture or regalia, nor any motion for the expenditure for any other purpose of any sum exceeding fifty dollars, excepting for the payments of benefits and working expenses, shall be put to the Lodge, unless two weeks' notice thereof has been given.

TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

Clause 120.—Any member who shall violate any of the laws, principles or practices of the Order, or any part of the Constitution or By-laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 121.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, except for an offence alleged to have been committed within three years and unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall be first submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more members of the Order in good standing.

Clause 122.—Every member charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension (except for non-payment of dues) or expulsion shall be tried in accordance with this Constitution.

Clause 123.—All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be submitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by particulars stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

Clause 124.—Any charge or charges so preferred shall, immediately after the reading thereof, be referred to a committee of five members, to be chosen by ballot, three of whom shall be a quorum; which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, in accordance with the Constitution, and report their decision thereon to the Lodge at the first meeting after the determination thereof. In selecting this committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the Convener thereof.

Clause 125.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated and considered by the Lodge, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

Clause 126.—The Secretary shall affix the seal of the Lodge to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual

place of residence The Secretary shall also certify under seal, the duplicate charge, and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C," of these rules.

Clause 127.—The accused shall, within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or answer to the same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

Clause 128.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the plea in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence, call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser and accused shall be served with personal notice, if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time fixed for trial.

Clause 129.—At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed, and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend his proceedings by leave of the Committee

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

Clause 130.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee on Trial shall be:

a Parol evidence (*i.e.* testimony of witness before Committee).

b Depositions procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as set forth in White's Digest, Sec. 1644, Edition 1895.

c Regularly certified Minutes of the Lodge.

d Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

Clause 131.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation, as Odd Fellows, according to "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

Clause 132.—In case either the party making a charge or the party against whom a charge has been made, desires to have the evidence of any person not a member of the Order, the same shall be taken by statutory declaration under the Canada Evidence Act

1893, made before any of the persons authorized to take such declarations; and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the Committee appointed to try the case.

Clause 133.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

Clause 134.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

Clause 135.—Any member of the order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he shall refuse, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as may be deemed necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

Clause 136.—The Report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken and all documents used during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge. Should there be a minority report it may be presented at the same time. The minutes of the Committee should show:

I. The date and place of each meeting and the parties present.
II. The exception taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.
III. Evidence in full subscribed by the witnesses.
IV. All documents used in the trial.

Clause 137. —The finding of the Committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

Clause 138 —The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the second regular meeting after it has been submitted, and may reverse, affirm or amend the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge, or postpone final action until a future meeting.

Clause 139.—Should the Committee report in favor of suspending or expelling the member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by two or more of their members, in their name. A majority vote of the members present, and voting, shall be necessary for a decision.

Clause 140.—The Recording Secretary shall immediately notify both parties of the final decision of the Lodge.

Clause 141.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the D.D.G.M., the District Committee, the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge, within two months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the D.D.G.M. or to the Grand Master, or the Grand Secretary, as the case may require, a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

Clause 142.—The forms to be used in trials shall be the following:—

FORM A—CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To..... .....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of..... Lodge No.....does hereby charge Bro. A. B. of..... Lodge No .....wi'h conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

1st. For that he, the said A. B., did, on the.....day of .....18....at the (*Specify the offence and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be under a separate place in the charge.*)

Contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date..... (Signed.) B.B.

FORM B.—NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date).....18....

To Bro.....I hereby enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by.....of..... The same was referred to a Committee, consisting of..... (*give names*)..... You are required to file your answer to the charge and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one week from the service of this notice with the first named member of the Committee, who will notify you of the time and place of trial. Fraternally,

.....Secretary.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Date).....18....

To Bro..... .....

I enclose you a charge preferred by.....against..... which charge was referred to.....(*give names*) for trial, of which Committee you are convener. The accused was served with a copy of the charge on the.....day of .....and notified to file his answer thereto with you within one week, when you will cause the Committee to meet and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally,

.....Secretary.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date).....18....

To.....A.B. or C.D. (*as the case may be, one to each party*).

The Committee on Trial of the charge and specifications made by.....against.....will meet at.....on .....day of .....at.... o'clock p.m., to hear and determine the same. You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend the same as the case may be.*)

I am, yours fraternally,

.....Convener of Committee.

FORM E.—PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A.B., mentioned in the charge and specifications, preferred by B.B., on the .....day of.....say:

1st. That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

2nd. That I am not guilty.

3rd. Guilty.

4th. I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.

5th. The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

(Date).....18....

To.....Lodge, No...., I.O.O.F.:

The undersigned (*a majority of the*) committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by..... against.....respectfully report as follows: (*State the finding on each specification.*) The minutes of the committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

(Signed by the committee.)

FORM G.—DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare, upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of.....against .....now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you declare.

(The following additional forms are recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as are here submitted, modified to suit the laws and usages of this jurisdiction. Notice to accused and to witnesses should, if possible, be delivered personally, and should be endorsed on the back as delivered, over the signature of the person so delivering; and the receipt thereof should be acknowledged over the signature of the person to whom it is delivered.—JOUR. S.G L., pp. 6542,-6590.

FORM H.—SUBPŒNA.

.....Lodge, No...., I.O.O.F.

To Bro.....

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Bro. ..... at.....on the.....day of..... ..... 18....at.....o'clock.....of that day, to testify as a witness therein on behalf of said Bro.....

By order of committee,

.....Sec. Com.

FORM I.—NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

.....Lodge, No....I.O.O.F.

.....18....

To Bro.....

SIR AND BRO.—Take notice that the committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against you by Bro..... have this day filed their report thereon, which will be considered by the Lodge at the meeting to be held on the evening of the..... day of.....18....

Yours in F. L. and T.,

.....Rec. Sec.

FORM J.—NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To.....Lodge, No.....I.O.O.F.:

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals to..... .....from the action and judgment of this Lodge in the matter of charge preferred against him by Bro..... .....on the following grounds:

1st. The evidence was insufficient to sustain such charges, or the report of the committee thereon, in this (*Here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient.*)

2nd. Errors committed at the trial, and by the Trial Committee as follows: (*Here insert errors complained of.*)

Dated at.....the.....day of.....18....

FORM K—NOTICE OF APPEAL BY MEMBER FROM ACTION OF HIS LODGE.

To.....Lodge No...., I.O.O.F.:

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals to ..... from the action of this Lodge taken on the.....day of.... ... 19...., whereby..... ....(*here insert action taken*) .... the grounds of such appeal are.....(*here insert error complained of*) ....

Dated this.....day of .....19....

REFRESHMENTS.

Clause 143.—All spirituous, vinous and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge-room, and ante-rooms, when under the control of the Lodge.

REGALIA.

Clause 144. (*a*) The members of this Lodge shall wear white collars, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree attained by the brother, namely: Initiatory Degree, white; First Degree, pink; Second Degree, blue; Third Degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar.

(*b*) The Noble Grand, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver; the Vice-Grand, a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand shall wear sashes of the colors worn by those officers respectively. The Warden and Conductor, black sashes; scene supporters and Chaplain, white sashes; Outside and Inside Guardians, scarlet sashes.

(*c*) Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars trimmed with white. Past Grands who are also Past Chief Patriarchs may wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white, not more than five and a half inches wide with a roll of purple two inches wide trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links.

(*d*) Past Officers of every description and members in possession of the Encampment Degrees and all other members of the Order are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest degree which they may have taken.

JEWELS.

Clause 145.—The jewel of a Past Grand is a five-pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour-glass; of Secretary, cross pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed axes; of Conductor, crossed wands; of Guardian, cross swords; Supporters of the Noble Grand, a wand having branching arms connected with three links encompassing a gavel; Supporters of the Vice-Grand, a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the Noble Grand encompassing an hour glass; Scene Supporters, a wand arranged in same manner, encompassing a burning torch; Chaplain, a wand arranged in same manner, encompassing a Bible, each to be of white metal three and a half inches in length.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

Clause 146.—The regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order when attending the funeral of a deceased brother shall be as follows: A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an elective or past officer) the jewel, or jewels, which, as such, he may be entitled to wear. The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother shall be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lapel of the coat and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained. To be worn for one month.

BY-LAWS.

Clause 147.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal or amend the same provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Consti-

tution or Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the laws, principles or customs of the Order.

Clause 148.—No motion to adopt, amend or repeal any By-law of this Lodge shall be made unless notice thereof shall have been given at the two regular meetings immediately preceding that upon which such motion is announced to be made; nor unless every member shall have been notified of the proposed motion and in the exact terms in which it is to come before the Lodge.

Clause 149.—All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and the signature of the N. G. and Secretary, one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be; and no such By-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

APPEALS.

Clause 150.—Any member dissatisfied with the action of the Lodge, may appeal therefrom to the District Deputy Grand Master or to the District Committee within one month; and the Lodge, or such member, if dissatisfied with their decision, may appeal therefrom to the Grand Master, and therefrom to the Grand Lodge. The appeals above specified shall in each case be taken within one month from the date of the action or decision appealed from, and such appeal shall be conducted in a manner similar to appeals respecting Trials.

INTERPRETATION.

Clause 151.—Wherever the word "beneficiaries" occurs in this Constitution it shall mean persons "entitled to benefits." Persons entitled to widows' benefits are the widow, the orphan children under twenty-one years of age, the relatives dependent upon the deceased member, or relatives upon whom the deceased member was dependent at the time of his death, in order of priority herein stated; dependent relatives must be of the household of the deceased member.

Clause 152.—Wherever the words "good standing" occur in this Constitution or in the By-laws or resolutions of this Lodge, they shall mean, "entitled to receive pecuniary benefits."

REPEALING CLAUSE.

Clause 153.—All constitutional laws, rules and resolutions heretofore enacted by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for Ontario, for the government of its Subordinates, are hereby repealed, and all By-laws, rules and regulations of any Subordinate Lodge in conflict with this Constitution, are hereby declared null and void.

AMENDMENTS.

Clause 154.—This Constitution and Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges or any part thereof, shall not be amended (except as provided by Order of Procedure, Rule No. XXIV), suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present and voting.

RULES OF ORDER FOR LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

Rule I.—As soon as the presiding officer shall have taken the chair, and at the sound of the gavel, the officers and brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows :—

1. Calling the roll of officers.
2. Reading and disposal of the minutes of last regular and special meetings.
3. Consideration of excuses of officers absent from previous meetings.
4. The consideration of medical examiner's certificates.
5. Reports of Committees on Character.
6. Balloting for Membership.
7. Initiation.
8. Application for Degrees and balloting thereon.
9. Conferring Degrees.
10. Propositions for Membership.
11. Report of Visiting Committee.
12. Reports of other Standing Committees.
13. Reports of Special Committees.

14. Reports of Officers.
15. Does any brother know of a sick brother or a brother in distress?
16. Presentation of accounts, and reading communications.
17. Unfinished business.
18. New business.
19. Good and Welfare—Has any brother anything to offer for the good of the Order?
20. Closing the Lodge.

Rule III.—The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum and pronounce the decisions of the Lodge on all questions. He may speak on points of order in preference to other members. He shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once.

Rule IV.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

Rule V.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1. To close the Lodge;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone indefinitely;
5. To postpone to a certain time;
6. To refer; or
7. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—After the question shall have been stated by the Noble Grand he shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, he shall rise and put it; and after he has risen to put the question no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

Rule VII.—When the call for the previous question is moved and seconded it shall be put at once in the following words: "Shall the question be now put?" If decided in the affirmative, the debate shall cease and the Chair shall put to vote all pending amendments, in their proper order, and afterwards the original motion; if the call for the Previous Question be decided in the negative, the question shall be before the Lodge as before.

Rule VIII.—Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Rule IX.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, or latest time proposed.

Rule X.—Any two members may call for the Yeas and Nays, which shall be taken by the Recording Secretary calling the roll of members or the names of the members present, each member voting audibly as his name is so called.

Rule XI.—After any question (except a motion for indefinite postponement or for the Previous Question) has been decided by the Lodge, it shall not be again brought before it during the term in which it was decided, unless a notice of motion for re-consideration be given by two of the members who voted with the prevailing side, either at the meeting at which such question was decided, or the next following meeting; but such question shall not be re-considered without a vote of the Lodge to that effect after notice of motion therefor shall have been given at two regular meetings; nor shall any question so decided by the Lodge be again brought up for consideration after the expiration of the term in which it was decided, unless a notice of motion therefor shall have been given at the meeting previous to that at which it is to be acted upon.

Rule XII.—The Presiding Officer shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair, except in case of appeal from his decision, or upon a point of order.

Rule XIII.—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIV.—Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer as N. G. and by giving the sign of the Degree in which the Lodge is open, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

Rule XV.—The Presiding Officer or any member, may call a member to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the member so called to order shall resume his seat until the point of order thus raised be determined, and shall not speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or appeal from the decision of the chair.

Rule XVI.—In all cases where a member appeals from the decision of the Chair he shall use words to the following effect: "N.G., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge." The presiding officer shall make such explanation as he deems necessary and the Lodge may discuss and shall decide the question. The N.G. shall put the question in the following words: "Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?"

Rule XVII.—When a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not be again introduced during the same or next succeeding meeting.

Rule XVIII.—Any member who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required to do so by the Presiding Officer, and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—The Presiding Officer or the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

Rule XX.—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXI.—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without permission of the Presiding Officer, nor enter or retire during the opening or closing ceremonies, nor while degrees are being conferred.

Rule XXII.—No Brother shall cross the floor while a member is speaking, nor without saluting the Presiding Officer, with the sign of the degree in which the Lodge is open nor disturb another while addressing the chair, unless to call him to order.

Rule XXIII.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II. for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

Rule XXIV.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall not be amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the cases provided for by Rule XXIII., and excepting also that Rule II. may be permanently amended in the same manner as the By-laws), unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BY-LAWS.

(The following clauses will serve as a guide to Lodges.)

SESSIONS.

This Lodge shall hold its regular meetings every..... evening at....o'clock from April to October and at....o'clock from October to April.

TERMS.

The official terms for which the officers are elected shall be.....(annual or semi-annual).....

SICK BENEFITS.

Every sick member of this Lodge qualified as required by the Constitution shall receive a weekly sick benefit of $..... per week.

WIDOWS' BENEFITS.

The widows' benefit payable by this Lodge shall be $.....

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

SESSION OF 1899

TORONTO, Aug. 8th, 1899.

The Ninth Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario convened in the Odd Fellows' Hall, corner College and Yonge Streets, Toronto, this day at 9 o'clock a.m., all of the officers and representatives being present. Sister Alma Brill, President, in the chair.

Alderman J. J. Graham, in the absence of the Mayor, welcomed the Rebekah Assembly to the city of Toronto and was pleased indeed to bear testimony to the good and noble work the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship was accomplishing in Ontario. He was pleased to know that the effort put forth to establish a home was being crowned with success and that the time was not far distant when we would have a home built, and thanks to the Rebekahs for starting the fund which is laying the foundation for the Brothers to build upon.

In the work in which he was engaged, looking after the young of the city, he found that the Rebekahs were doing a good work and whose peaceful mission is to execute the behests of charity—to run with willing feet upon errands of mercy, to learn to do good not expecting returns, but for Charity's own sake.

Again to all he extended a cordial welcome, and expressed a wish that this may be a profitable session and that on our return home the influence of the work done may extend to the Lodges here represented and be a help and inspiration to them.

On behalf of the corporation and citizens of Toronto he extended to the Assembly the hospitality of the Queen City of Ontario.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, replied as follows:

Alderman J. J. Graham, Toronto:

DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the Rebekah Assembly it is my pleasant duty to thank you for the kind words expressed in your address of welcome presented in the name of the citizens of Toronto.

The loyalty and hospitality of Toronto is well-known and we appreciate the privilege of again being your guests.

In the name of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario I accept the privileges and festivities you have prepared for us and which you have so courteously extended, and will re-echo your kindly sentiments.

Sister Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, D.D.G M. for Toronto, read the following address of welcome on behalf of the Sisters of Toronto:

To the President, Officers and Representatives of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario:

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,—To me is deputed the pleasant duty of extending to you a cordial welcome to the Queen City of Ontario (and I think I can safely say the fountainhead of Odd Fellowship in Canada), and on behalf of Olive Branch, No. 16, and Viola, No. 53, I extend to you the hand of friendship and hospitality. We trust that your visit here will prove beneficial and that your deliberations will be productive of great good, both to yourselves and our noble Order.

Of the Rebekahs of Toronto it is needless to say anything, they require no eulogy. Their record of the past speaks for them, and we only hope and trust that the golden opinions gained may never be tarnished but that we may go on gaining fresh laurels, still striving to outdo the past, and bearing our olive branch on our mission of love and humanity.

Through you we tender to our sisters in Ontario our best greetings; may they always be animated with purest love for our Order and a desire to promote a stronger bond of unity and friendship.

Apart from your deliberations we extend to you the hospitality of our homes and our fair city, and I assure you that we will do all in our power to make your stay a pleasant one. Our doors are on the latch and the string outside; we want you to feel at home, lay aside all formality and be with us and of us.

Again on behalf of the Rebekahs of Toronto I extend to you our most cordial greetings, with our best wishes for the success of the Ninth Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly.

True, ever true, to our vows we stand,
Pledged heart and soul as a loyal band,
Strong in the power of our womanhood,
To conquer evil through the force of good.

MRS. SARAH E. SMITH, D.D.G.M.

Toronto, Aug. 8, 1899.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, replied to the address in the following happy terms :

Sister Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, D.D.G.M. :

On behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario I desire to thank you for the cordial welcome you have extended to us.

We hardly needed this address to assure us that Olive Branch and Viola Sisters would do all that lay in their power to make us feel at home while in your Queen City. As you have just stated the Rebekahs of Toronto require no eulogy, their record of the past speaks for itself. I can assure you that no ordinary emotion thrills my soul as I stand here as the presiding officer of this grand body—grand not in appellation only, but in its prerogatives, its purposes, its ministry ; a body representing an Order whose principles are eternal, inevitable, because they are the principles of justice and truth—the principles taught by Him who spake as never man spoke, and whose words will never pass away. We have in our Order in Ontario a class of members whose women none are fairer, none truer, none more gifted ; and whose men are brave, loyal and intelligent. During this year we hope to do much toward the establishment of the home, an enterprise which has proven so satisfactory in other States. Again, on behalf of the Assembly, I thank you for your kind words of welcome, and be assured that we will enjoy our brief sojourn and bear away with us a mental picture, bright and beautiful, which shall ever exist a sunny spot in the remembrance, of the city of Toronto and her noble men and women ; and our prayer is that divine wisdom may be accorded you by which you may be guided to plan and execute measures for the best interests of the Order and all humanity.

ALMA BRILL, President.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, then called the Assembly to order.

The opening ode was sung and prayer offered by the Chaplain, Sister Sophia Stephenson, when the Assembly was declared duly opened and ready for business.

The President then appointed the following Committee on Credentials : Sisters Maggie Waddell, Agnes Inglis, Ann Cockram.

Sister Maggie Waddell, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F. :

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials of the following representatives, find them correct, those below named being duly entitled to represent their respective lodges at the present session :

Victoria,	No. 1,	London.....	MRS.	MARY PEARCE.
Ruth,	" 2,	Stratford	"	MAUDE E. MOORE.
Oshawa,	" 3,	Oshawa.....	"	ELIZA HALL.
May Queen,	" 5,	London.....	"	MARY JOHNSTON.
Naomi,	" 6,	Windsor	"	ETTA BRETT.

Our Sisters,	No. 7,	Pt. Edward	Mrs. Jennie Henderson.
Louise,	" 10,	Kingston	" Annie Fairbairn.
Beatrice,	" 12,	Guelph	" Libbie Scoon.
Jubilee,	" 13,	Chatham	" Nellie Dodson.
Edna,	" 14,	St. Thomas	" Annie Shaw.
Harmony,	" 15,	Gananoque	" Mary Finney.
Olive Branch	" 16,	Toronto	Miss Minnie Lennox.
"	" 16,	"	Mrs. Mary Leader.
Myrtle,	" 17,	Elora	Miss Agnes Inglis.
Excelsior,	" 18,	Bridgeburg	Mrs. Mary Magwood.
Prudence,	" 24,	Brantford	" Lizzie Vanatter.
Alberta,	" 25,	Kincardine	" Isabella McGaw.
Ivy,	" 26,	Galt	" Winnie Bascom.
"	" 26,	"	" Susie Dennis.
Esther,	" 27,	Niagara Falls	" Louise M. Warren.
Colfax,	" 28,	Sarnia	" S. J. Ellis.
At the Well,	" 29,	Almonte	" Lucy M. Thoburn.
Aberdeen,	" 30,	Deseronto	" Nan Harvey.
Coila,	" 32,	Ottawa	" Lottie H. McAdams.
Maple Leaf,	" 33,	Brockville	" Lizzie Moore.
Olivette,	" 34,	Wingham	" Mary Hough.
Pansy,	" 35,	Amherstburg	" Nellie Teeter.
Rowena,	" 37,	Paris	Mr. R. Brockbank.
Justitia,	" 38,	Hamilton	Mrs. M. J. Donaghy.
"	" 38,	"	Miss Ida J. Robins,
Margaret,	" 39,	Waubaushene	Mrs. Olive Anderson.
Hazel,	" 40,	Ottawa	Miss Sara Whitton.
"	" 40,	"	Mrs. Lizzie Pearce.
Florence,	" 41,	Harriston	" Salome Morley.
Pandora,	" 42,	Blenheim	" Phebe Beedle.
Rose,	" 43,	Woodstock	" Rose Losee.
Harriett,	" 44,	Renfrew	" Griselda Carruth.
Peachland	" 45,	Leamington	" Hettie S. Fox.
Eastern Star,	" 48,	Cornwall	" Elizabeth Hermiston.
Lilly,	" 49,	Kingsville	" Bertha Palmer.
Fern,	" 50,	Simcoe	" Sarah Cole.
Thamesville,	" 51,	Thamesville	" J. J. Vincent.
Violet,	" 52,	Otterville	" Henrettie McRae.
Viola,	" 53,	Toronto	" Sarah E. Smith.
"	" 53,	"	" Maggie McDonald.
Queen,	" 54,	Hespeler	" Maggie McCloy.
Woodslee,	" 55,	Woodslee	" Sarah Dring.
Ruby,	" 56,	Mt. Forest	" Maggie Ernst.
Endeavor,	" 57,	Forest	" Elizabeth C. Tripp.
Carnation,	" 58,	Wallaceburg	" Louise J. Stevens.
Primrose,	" 59,	Dundas	" E. Rutherford.
Brilliant,	" 61,	Berlin	" Esther J. Shortreed.
Sydenham	" 62,	Owen Sound	" Sara Swartman.
Bethel,	" 63,	Harrietsville	" Ann Cockram.
Ivy Leaf,	" 64,	Parham	" Annie McWaters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MAGGIE WADDELL,
AGNES INGLIS,
ANN COCKRAM.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was then called, when the following Officers and all the Representatives were present:

Past President	SISTER	JANE LUSCOMBE.
President	"	ALMA BRILL.
Vice-President	"	NELL ACKLAND.
Warden	"	AMELIA PUFORD.
Secretary	"	MAGGIE WADDELL.
Treasurer	"	NELLIE DODSON.
Marshal	"	MARY HORTON.
Conductor	"	MAUDE TAYLOR.
Inside Guard	"	HATTIE EDDY.
Outside Guard	"	ELIZA STAIRS.
Chaplain	"	SOPHIA STEPHENSON.
Chairman on Laws	BRO.	R. BROCKBANK.
Home Committee	MRS.	ELIZABETH LEE.
"	"	LAURA E. RYAN.

On proceeding to read the minutes of the last session the following was adopted, on motion of Sister Mary Johnston, seconded by Sister Jane Luscombe:

Resolved:—That the minutes of last session as amended be adopted as printed.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, then appointed the following Committees:

On Distribution—Sisters Mary Leader, Sarah Cole, Maggie McDonald and Bro. R. Brockbank.

On Election Returns—Sisters Ida J. Robins, J. Ellis, Jennie Henderson, M. J. Donaghy.

On Finance—Sisters Winnie Bascom, Annie McWaters, Mary Johnston, Sara Whitton, H. McRae.

On Legislation—Sisters Maude E. Moore, Nan Harvey, Louise Warren, Nellie Teeter, M. J. Donaghy.

On Petitions and Correspondence—Sisters Elizabeth Hermiston, Olive Anderson, Rose Losee, Mary Magwood, Hettie Fox, Mary Haugh.

On Judiciary—Sisters Sarah Smith, Bertha Palmer, Lucy M. Thoburn, Jennie Henderson, J. J. Vincent.

On State of the Order—Sisters Libbie Scoon, Annie Shaw, Phebe Beedle, Louise Stevens, Mary Finney.

On Mileage and Per Diem—Sisters Minnie Lennox, Lizzie Vanatter, Isabella McGaw, Lottie McAdams, Salome Morley.

Special Committee No. 1—Sisters Eliza Hall, Mary Pearce, E. Rutherford, Lizzie Moore, Maggie Ernst.

Special Committee No. 2—Sisters Eliza Taylor, Elizabeth Tripp, Susan Pearce, Griselda Carruth.

Special Committee No. 3—Sisters Sarah Swartman, Jane Luscombe, Agnes Inglis.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, then presented her report, which, on motion of Sister Mary Leader, and seconded by Winnie Bascom, that the report be referred to Committee on Distribution be adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Here in the city of Toronto we are assembled in order to review the work of the past year and to legislate for the advancement of our Rebekah Degree. To this, our annual session, we meet as representatives of a large army whose peaceful mission is to execute the behests of Charity; to run with willing feet upon errands of Mercy; to learn to do good not expecting grateful returns, but for Charity's own sweet sake.

To all present I wish to extend a cordial welcome, and hope that this may be such a profitable session that, upon returning to our homes, its influence may extend to the lodges which we represent and may be help and inspiration to them. May Charity spread her broad mantle over all mistakes, and Friendship, Love and Truth prevail.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Though we might wish to be able to report greater increase in membership, still we are gratified to know that we are steadily growing stronger. As reported, our present membership is 3,102. During the year I was informed that it was the wish of the members of Rachel and Viola lodges in Toronto to amalgamate. Permission was duly granted and D.D.G.M. Sister Smith instructed to perform the work. We now have one strong lodge instead of two weaker ones.

NEW LODGES.

While this has not been a record year we are pleased to report four new lodges instituted as follows:

Brilliant Lodge, No. 61, at Berlin.
Sydenham Lodge, No. 62, at Owen Sound.
Bethel Lodge, No. 63, at Harrietsville.
Ivy Leaf Lodge, No. 64, at Parham.

I had the pleasure of instituting the three former of these new lodges. I wish here to thank the members of Ivy Degree Staff for so ably assisting in the institution at Berlin, and D.D.G.M. Sister Everson, of Guelph, and assistants for their work at the Installation. We are also indebted to the Staff of Edna Lodge of St. Thomas for assisting at the institution at Harrietsville. Bro. Blackeby was also present upon that occasion, and we are deeply indebted for his many acts of kindness during the year. Sister McWater, D.D.G.M., of Kingston, instituted the Lodge at Parham, assisted by the Kingston Degree Staff.

Several places have been considering the advisability of starting lodges, but as yet have not done so. Among these are Ailsa Craig, Ayr, Essex, Listowel, Markham, McLaren's Depot, Port Colborne, Port Dover, St. Catharines and Welland.

VISITATION.

During the year my visitations have been received with kindness and attention, for which I extend sincere thanks. I have had the pleasure of being present at Lodge meetings at the following places:—Mt. Forest, Toronto, Brantford, Bridgeburg, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Berlin, Galt, Hespeler, Guelph, Elora, Woodstock, Waubaushene, Harrietsville, Kingsville, Leamington, Ruthven, Amherstburg, Windsor, Simcoe, Otterville, Waterford, Harriston and Owen Sound. There were other places through which I passed on my way, and, though I could not arrange for meetings to be held, was able to call on some of the Sisters and enquire about the lodges in the following places:—Wingham, Chatham, London and Paris. It was through the kindness of the members that I was able to visit the lodge at Waubaushene—there being no other lodge in their vicinity they paid part of the expense, as I considered it would not be justice to the Assembly to visit, at their expense, one so far away. I have tried not to go beyond the amount granted by the Assembly, and have tried to do all that I could, but feel that what I have done is but as a drop in a great ocean.

CORRESPONDENCE.

My correspondence has been considerable, as may be seen by my letter file and copying-book. I have answered all as promptly as circumstances would allow.

HOME FUND.

I found that most of the lodges were working diligently for the Home by giving socials, etc. The amounts already raised, which I believe are considerable, are being held by some of the lodges until the work of the Home is begun, at which time I hope it will be promptly forwarded. During the year the sum of $135.21 has been received. It is but necessary to visit a like institution to the one which we hope to have in our own jurisdiction in the near future to realize how much good may be accomplished. It was my extreme pleasure to visit the I. O. O. F. Home at Lockport, N.Y., in company with our worthy P. P. Sister Seaton, and our worthy secretary, Sister Waddell. We were indeed gratified by the results of that Home, and feel confident that if all our members were able to see that institution they would be inspired to work even more zealously for the good work which is being undertaken. We found that the Home is almost self-sustaining, though there are only 78 acres of land in the farm, and that comfort and peace reigns supreme.

As we grow wiser we learn to appreciate to what extent and in how many ways we are creatures of circumstance, and how great is our dependence one on the other. Some men are endowed by nature with the faculty of acquiring wealth; some have wealth thrust upon them; some succeed in preserving their means while others see their accumulations vanish from them like the dew of the morning. Such are the vicissitudes of life that the wealthy of to-day may be among the impoverished of to-morrow. Then there are those who have no faculty for making or saving money. Toil as they may, economize as they can, a competence is never acquired. With them life is a constant struggle for existence, a continuous up-hill road, without even the relief of occasional level stretches. Hence it is that "the poor ye have always with you." It is, therefore.

no discredit or disgrace to be poor. The poor man, as a rule, has more charity in his heart, in proportion to his means, and more nobility in his soul than his wealthy neighbor. We see daily proof of this on every hand.

The inevitable condition thus described of a portion of humanity forces all civilized communities to consider what provision they will make for their unfortunate poor when by reason of age or other infirmity their earning power is gone and they have no kindred on whom they can depend for support.

A brother who in earlier days has given of his scanty means to relieve the distressed, who has watched at the bedside of the sick, who has cared for the widow and the orphan of his distressed brother, and who in many different ways has lived up to the principles of our beloved Order, need have no fear that he will be the pitiful object of a forced charity, obliged to spend the rest of his days in sorrow and humiliation. He will be taken by the hand and gently led to a home established for his comfort and that of his dependent widow and orphans by his brothers and sisters in the Order, where in happiness and contentment he can round out the natural period of his existence.

DECISIONS.

Can a sister, who is one year or thirteen months in arrears, be suspended? Yes, in both cases if duly notified by the P. S.

Will the N. G. of a lodge instituted in August be entitled to be a representative at the next Assembly? No, the term of a lodge instituted in the last half of a year does not begin until the following January.

Can a V. G. who has not served the majority of nights be entitled to the honors of the office? No.

Can she be elected to the office of N. G.? No.

Can we legally vote $10 to a Relief Society? No.

Can a brother propose a member, make a motion or vote in a Rebekah Lodge? Yes.

Can any sister other than the V. G. perform the duties of N. G. in a newly instituted lodge not having a P. G.? No.

Is is legal to elect officers twice a year? Yes, if lodge meets weekly.

Can a sister who is elected to fill the office of N. G. upon the resignation of that officer, be entitled to sit in the Assembly? Yes, if she completes the term.

Are members who are in arrears entitled to vote? No, not while in arrears, if lodge objects.

Can a lodge initiate anyone who has been balloted for in another lodge and have constitution of latter lodge signed? No.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I have recognized the disadvantage of our present system, and would recommend that our Lodges be grouped into districts, as are the Subordinate Lodges, and in accordance with our own constitution, and that one D. D. G. M. be appointed for each district.

2. I would strongly recommend that the President of the Assembly be empowered by the Grand Lodge to have the appointment of her D.

D. Presidents, as under the present system some of them do not report to the President, and also too much time is lost before they receive their commissions. The D. D. P. is first recommended by the Lodge to the Assembly Secretary, who makes out a list for the President's approval, it is then forwarded to the Grand Master for his approval, and he sends it to Grand Secretary King to have the commission filled out, all of which occasions unnecessary delay.

3. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge be requested to have a uniform code of By-Laws and Constitution prepared for the Rebekah Lodges. This was requested last year but through some mistake was not considered by Grand Lodge.

4. I would also recommend that this Assembly consider the advisability of withdrawing Charter from Lodges not holding meetings regularly as our by-law requires, namely, North Bay, Chatham, Paris, Elora and Collingwood, some of them not having held meetings for about two years.

5. I would recommend that this Assembly enquire into the manner of disposing of the funds of Lucknow Lodge upon their disbanding. Necessary information may be had from Sister Waddell. I have already done what was in my power during recess, and it remains for the Assembly to take action.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Grand Master for his hearty co-operation during my term of office. I also wish to thank all others with whom I have been associated for their unvarying courtesy and kindness. To our faithful Secretary I extend my heartfelt gratitude for her thoughtfulness and her words of cheer and encouragement which have come to me during the year, and from my knowledge of the work connected with the office of Secretary of the Assembly I consider that the remuneration is not sufficient for the duties performed.

To-day we close another volume of our Assembly history. The new year brings to all who are living thoughtful, earnest lives a desire to rise "on stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things."

"No man is born into the world, whose work
Is not born with him; there is always work,
And tools to work withal, for those who will;
And blessed are the horny hands of toil!
The busy world shoves angrily aside
The man who stands with arms akimbo set,
Until occasion tells him what to do;
And he who waits to have his task marked out
Shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled—
Our time is one that calls for earnest deeds."

Again thanking you all for the kindness you have shown me during my term, I gladly surrender to my successor the emblem of authority with which you have honored me, and trust that her duties will be as pleasant as mine have been. May the vast interests of our Order be first in our thoughts during this session, and our deliberations harmonious, so that when this Assembly shall have closed and we separate, we may cherish the memories of this occasion as foreshadowing something higher

to be attained by our Order. The pendulum of time is swinging for us all. May we, like Ruth of old, come home at eventide bearing our sheaves with us.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;—

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait."

Respectfully submitted in friendship, love and truth.

ALMA BRILL, President.

Sister Maggie Waddell, Assembly Secretary, then read her report of the past year's work, which on motion of Sister Nellie Dodson, seconded by Sister Elizabeth Lee, was referred to Committee on Distribution.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Toronto, August 8th, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,—Another year of Odd Fellowship has been recorded by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge above, and the Almighty Father has permitted us to again assemble to further his teachings as exemplified by our Guide Book, and this new year is a fitting time for us to renew our vows of fidelity to the Order and the concentration of our powers to its highest and best interests.

Let us carefully renew the work of the past year and deliberate on the present condition of the Order, and strive by wise counsel to place before that august body, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, such resolutions as they may deem worthy of approval.

The work outlined for us on the chart of life's mighty ocean is a great work – a work of mercy, love and devotion—and is deserving of the best efforts we possess.

It is no trivial thing to be a member of this distinguished Sisterhood with its cares and responsibilities, and having been blessed with that honor let us demonstrate the fulness of our appreciation by faithfully performing whatever duty may be assigned to us.

In looking around over this assembly this morning and viewing all these preparations made for our reception and entertainment, the thought that comes uppermost in my mind is what a wonderful difference there

is between the Assembly and the Informal Convention that we held here in 1890, when there were about twenty of us came here at our own expense to see if we could organize a Convention. Then we were weak and timorous and almost afraid to hope that the Grand Lodge would recognize us or permit us to exist.

But the members of our worthy Grand Body knew a good thing when they saw it, and instead of frowning upon our feeble efforts, they encouraged and assisted us beyond our wildest anticipation.

And to-day the influence of this organization is felt in every Lodge and is acknowledged by every Odd Fellow who is true to his convictions, and we see here to-day an intelligent and competent gathering of women as ever came together to discuss important questions or legislate for the good of any cause.

From the time when the morning stars first sang together at the dawn of creation down through the varied centuries until the present time, woman has ever been a necessity and indispensable to the success and welfare of man.

Woman is the equal of man. Not the usurper of his position in the great conflict of life, neither should she seek to assume his duties and responsibilities, but remain content in the more glorious realm in which God has placed her—a co-worker of man and his counselor and sympathizer in every enterprise. She should be a companion and friend in every undertaking and his equal along the line of control and interest, but not his supplanter in the method or manner of accomplishing the end.

Woman should stand by man's side, but not in his shoes. I have no sympathy with the new woman who is continually trying to overstep the boundary that separated us as woman from the untiring duties and responsibilities of the sterner sex.

All through the history of the human race the beneficent influence of woman may be traced. Sometimes in bold relief in the wonderful deeds she has performed. Sometimes scarcely discernible like the tiny rill that winds its gentle unassuming way along through the rugged stretches of landscape, but although so modest and unobtrusive its strength is manifested when it bursts forth in some mighty torrent that cannot longer confine to its narrow limits.

In the progress of the work of this Assembly may our deliberations be characterized with that dignity of action and that deference to each other's opinion that should always be observed in any fraternal gathering, and we trust that this Ninth Annual Session may be in no way inferior to any preceding one in beneficial results to our Grand and Noble Order.

In almost every Odd Fellows' Lodge you will observe this emblem, a bundle of sticks tied together with a cord, the signification of which is Unity and Strength.

Each stick in that bundle may be entirely different material. Some of costly and precious wood, others of the most common in every day use. Some may be strong and almost unbreakable, others so frail that the slightest pressure would cause them to snap asunder, and some might be beautifully veneered and polished like the rosewood and mahogany, while others would appear rough and unsightly, just as it was hewn from the tree.

But take all these sticks and lay them side by side and intertwine and firmly bind them with a cord, then the exercise of the greatest strength would be unable to break them.

So we as members of this Assembly may be as varied in our opinions, temperament and individuality, as each stick in the bundle differs from another.

But in our deliberations and legislative work, if we are firmly bound together with the cord of fraternal love, each giving up individual preference and all unselfish motives, and all laboring together with the same object, that of the greatest good for the greatest number, then the Rebekah Assembly will be attended with harmony, peace and success.

The several duties imposed upon your Secretary by Resolution and by Constitution have been performed with all possible promptness.

As speedily as possible the minutes of the Session of 1898 were compiled and issued as directed by the Assembly. There was also a copy of the Grand Lodge Journal mailed to each lodge.

I regret very much that I was not able to send a copy of the Sov. Grand Journal as in former years. Bro. King, Grand Secretary, informed me that he had received only copies enough for the Subordinate Lodges and Officers, and I would recommend that the Sov. Grand Lodge be asked to see that copies are supplied us for 1899 and thereafter.

I have sent out the usual circulars for the year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The labors of the year have been attended by a very large correspondence, much beyond our anticipations. Not unmindful of the fact that the business might be conducted with much less writing and less expense, we know it could not be reduced without detriment to the Order. All communications have received prompt replies.

The correspondence throughout the year, notwithstanding the numerous Lodge difficulties that have been presented, has been pleasant, and in no case have I received a discordant note from any of the Sisters of the Order.

Such a record of ladylike courtesy and gentle obedience to ourselves could scarcely be expected from women placed at the head of fifty-six Lodges, yet such is the case, and in the fact we may be assured our Order is composed of the very best of ladies in this fair Dominion of ours, and in return for your gentle demeanor let me record in this, my Annual Report, the highest appreciation of the same and many thanks for each and every courtesy extended.

REBEKAH LODGES INSTITUTED.

I have the pleasure of reporting the institution of four new Lodges, namely: Brilliant, No. 61, Berlin, instituted January 4th, 1899, by Sister Alma Brill, our worthy President, assisted by the Degree Staff of Ivy Lodge, No. 26, Galt.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 62, instituted April 3rd, 1899, by our worthy President.

Bethel Lodge, No. 63, Harrietsville, instituted April 2nd, 1899, by our worthy President, assisted by the Degree Staff of Edna Lodge and D.D.G.M. Sister Cockram, St. Thomas.

Ivy Leaf Lodge, No. 64, instituted by Sister McWater, June 5th, 1899, assisted by the Degree Staff of Louise Lodge, No. 10, Kingston, and Bro. Meek, Secretary of Relief Association, Kingston.

SUSPENDED CHARTERS.

It is with deep regret that I have to record that Lucknow Lodge, No. 22, handed over its Charter and effects on Sept. 20th, 1898, consisting of the books, regalia and paraphernalia. On looking over the books of the Secretary and Treasurer I found that when they disbanded they had in their treasury $4.35, which on motion was ordered distributed among the poor.

Rachel Lodge, No. 36, handed over its Charter and effects on Jan. 5th, 1899. They amalgamated with Viola Lodge, No. 53. They report having suspended seventeen for non-payment of dues, which would leave seven to join Viola; as I have received no tax on the said members, neither from Rachel Lodge nor Viola for the term ending Dec. 31st, 1898, it is for the Assembly to decide who shall pay this tax, to make them good on the books of the Assembly.

The following gives a concise form of the present standing of the Rebekah Lodge of Ontario:

Victoria, No. 1, London, had at last report 10 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total, 33. Assets were $76.77. Present membership, 9 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total, 28; decrease, 5. Present assets, $67.29.

Ruth, No. 2, Stratford, had at last report 35 Brothers, 60 Sisters. Total 95. Assets were $63.11. Present membership, 36 Brothers, 60 Sisters. Total 96; increase, 1. Present Assets, $110.29.

Oshawa, No. 3, Oshawa, had at last report 8 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total 35. Assets were $230.53. Present membership, 9 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total 34; decrease, 2. Present Assets, $240.54.

May Queen, No. 5, London, had at last report 13 Brothers, 42 Sisters, total 55. Assets were $245.27. Present membership 12 Brothers, 44 Sisters, total 56; increase 1. Present assets $176.89.

Naomi, No. 6, Windsor, had at last report 24 Brothers, 69 Sisters, total 93. Assets $838.92. Present membership 15 Brothers, 48 Sisters, total 63; decrease 30. Present assets $858.16.

Our Sisters, No. 7, Pt. Edward, had at last report 19 Brothers, 39 Sisters, total 58. Assets were $45.96. Present membership 19 Brothers, 43 Sisters, total 62; increase 4. Present assets $23.42.

Louise, No. 10, Kingston, had at last report 47 Brothers, 38 Sisters, total 85. Assets were $424.01. Present membership 39 Brothers, 51 Sisters, total 90; increase 5. Present assets $451.07.

Beatrice, No. 12, Guelph, had at last report 30 Brothers, 40 Sisters. Total, 70. Assets were $255.51 Present membership, 28 Brothers, 42 Sisters. Total, 70. Present assets, $260.96.

Jubilee, No. 13, Chatham, had at last report 2 Brothers, 6 Sisters. Total, 8. Assets were $34.94. Present membership, 2 Brothers, 5 Sisters. Total, 7; decrease, 1. Present assets, $39.24.

Edna, No. 14, St. Thomas, had at last report 19 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total, 60. Assets were $432.69. Present membership, 18 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total 52; decrease, 7. Present assets, $422.50.

Harmony, No. 15, Gananoque, had at last report 12 Brothers, 44 Sisters. Total, 56. Assets were $394.24. Present membership, 7 Brothers, 47 Sisters. Total, 54; decrease, 2. Present assets, $405.83.

Olive Branch, No. 16, Toronto, had at last report 76 Brothers, 77 Sisters. Total, 153. Assets were $319.82. Present membership, 68 Brothers, 68 Sisters. Total, 136; decrease 17. Present assets, $324.73.

Myrtle, No. 17, Elora, had at last report 4 Brothers, 15 Sisters. Total, 19. Assets were $103.14. Present membership, 3 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total, 16. Present assets, $101.71.

Excelsior, No. 18, Bridgeburg, had at last report 17 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total, 42. Assets were $570.00. Present membership, 14 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 50. Present assets, $815.48.

Mizpah, No. 19, Collingwood, had at last report, June 20, 1897, 22 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total, 45. Assets were $15.02. No report received since that date.

Donalda, No. 20, North Bay, had at last report 9 Brothers, 12 Sisters. Total, 21. Assets were $18.15. Present membership, — Brothers, — Sisters. Total, ——. Present assets, ——.

Flora, No. 21, Sault Ste. Marie, had at last report, June 30, 1897, 13 Brothers, 8 Sisters. Total, 21. Assets were $65.11. No report received since that date.

Inglewood, No. 23, Waterford, had at last report 7 Brothers, 10 Sisters. Total, 17. Assets were $14.86. Present membership, 12 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total, 30; increase, 13. Present assets, $32.26.

Prudence, No. 24, Brantford, had at last report 17 Brothers, 46 Sisters. Total, 63. Assets were $5.23. Present membership, 14 Brothers, 21 Sisters. Total, 35; decrease, 28. Present assets, $6.99.

Alberta, No. 25, Kincardine, had at last report 25 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total, 54. Assets were $5.68. Present membership, 27 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total, 54. Present assets, $13.61.

Ivy, No. 26, Galt, had at last report 56 Brothers, 65 Sisters. Total, 121. Assets were $391.31. Present membership, 104 Brothers, 93 Sisters, Total, 187; increase, 66. Present assets, $463.12.

Esther, No. 27, Niagara Falls, had at last report 35 Brothers, 40 Sisters. Total, 75. Assets were $39.41. Present membership, 22 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total, 60; decrease, 15. Present assets, $45.76.

Colfax, No. 28, Sarnia, had at last report 66 Brothers, 54 Sisters. Total, 120. Assets were $4.86. Present membership, 25 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total, 64; decrease, 56. Present assets, $8.97.

At-the-Well, No. 26, Almonte, had at last report 18 Brothers, 40 Sisters. Total, 58. Assets were $38.84. Present membership, 19 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total 52; decrease 6. Present assets, $70.62.

Aberdeen, No. 30, Deseronto, had at last report, 80 Brothers, 55 Sisters. Total, 135. Assets were $20.03. Present membership, 17 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 53; decrease 83. Present assets, $26.98.

Coila, No. 32, Ottawa, had at last report 32 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total, 66. Assets were $3.91. Present membership, 26 Brothers, 32 Sisters. Total, 58; decrease, 8. Present assets, $40.00.

Maple Leaf, No. 33, Brockville, had at last report 24 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 60. Assets were $25.10. Present membership, 26 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 62; increase, 2. Present assets, $37.39.

Olivette, No. 34, Wingham, had at last report 12 Brothers, 14 Sisters. Total, 26. Assets were $11.14. Present membership, 13 Brothers, 12 Sisters. Total 25; increase, 1. Present assets, $6.24.

Pansy, No. 35, Amherstburg, had at last report 24 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total, 52. Assets were $21.46. Present membership, 14 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total, 33; decrease, 29. Present assets, $14.64.

Rowena, No. 37, Paris, had at last report 7 Brothers, 24 Sisters. Total, 31. Assets were $35.31. Present membership, 1 Brother, 4 Sisters. Total, 5. Present assets, ——.

Justitia, No. 38, Hamilton, had at last report 57 Brothers, 38 Sisters, total 95. Assets were $30.01. Present membership, 52 Brothers, 50 Sisters. Total, 102. Increase, 7. Present assets, $61.33.

Margaret, No. 39, Waubaushene, had at last report 28 Brothers, 42 Sisters. Total, 70. Assets were, $37.22. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total, 48; decrease, 22. Present assets, $29.25.

Hazel, No. 40, Ottawa, had at last report 48 Brothers, 59 Sisters. Total, 107. Assets were $38.69. Present membership, 50 Brothers, 59 Sisters. Total, 110; increase, 3. Present assets, $28.97.

Florence, No. 41, Harriston, had at last report 12 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total, 41. Assets were $4.51. Present membership, 9 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total, 32; increase, 9. Present assets, $14.11.

Pandora, No. 42, Blenheim, had at last report 16 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total, 42. Assets were $52.13. Present membership, 16 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total, 42. Present assets, $50.78.

Rose, No. 43, had at last report 22 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total, 55. Assets were $29.29. Present membership, 35 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total, 76; increase, 21. Present assets, $30.48.

Harriet, No. 44, had at last report, 52 Brothers, 54 Sisters. Total, 106. Assets were $48.46. Present membership, 37 Brothers, 49 Sisters. Total, 86. Present assets, $25.22.

Peachland, No. 45, Leamington, had at last report 16 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total, 35. Assets were $5.59. Present membership, 11 Brothers, 9 Sisters. Total, 20; decrease, 15. Present assets, $5.76.

Ideal, No. 47, Ruthven, had at last report 14 Brothers, 21 Sisters. Total, 35. Assets were $15.50. Present membership, 8 Brothers, 16 Sisters. Total, 24; decrease, 3. Present assets, $18.67.

Eastern Star, No. 48, Cornwall, had at last report 32 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total, 65. Assets were $55.16. Present membership, 27 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total, 56; decrease, 9. Present assets, $27.41.

Lilly, No. 49, Kingsville, had at last report 17 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total, 42. Assets were $8.81. Present membership, 12 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total, 30; decrease, 12. Present assets, $10.05.

Fern, No. 50, Simcoe, had at last report 18 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total, 43. Assets were $32.17. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 46 Sisters, Total, 66; increase, 23. Present assets, $25.09.

Thamesville, No. 51, Thamesville, had at last report 30 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total, 53. Assets were $67.35. Present membership, 33 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total, 67; increase, 14. Present assets, $107.05.

Violet, No. 52, Otterville, had at last report 31 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total, 69. Assets were $40.90. Present membership, 47 Brothers, 45 Sisters. Total, 92; increase, 23. Present assets, $71.40.

Viola, No. 53, Toronto, had at last report 30 Brothers, 62 Sisters. Total, 92. Assets were $77.71, Present membership, 36 Brothers, 66 Sisters. Total, 102; increase, 10. Present assets, $12.28.

Queen, No. 54, Hespeler, had at last report 8 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total, 35. Assets were $4.72. Present membership, 7 Brothers, 32 Sisters, Total, 39; increase, 4. Present assets, $12.88.

Woodslee, No. 55, Woodslee, had at last report 8 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total, 31. Assets were $42.84. Present membership, 23 Brothers, 22 Sisters. Total, 44; increase, 13. Present assets, $2.42.

Ruby, No. 56, had at last report 22 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total, 56; Assets were $9.99. Present membership, 18 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 54; decrease, 2. Present assets, $20.00.

Endeavor, No. 57, Forest, had at last report 16 Brothers, 17 Sisters. Total, 33. Assets were $1.60. Present membership, 17 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total, 135; increase, 2. Present assets, $27.76.

Carnation, No. 58, Wallaceburg, had at last report 24 Brothers, 46 Sisters. Total, 70. Assets were $15.21. Present membership, 35 Brothers, 69 Sisters. Total, 104; increase, 34. Present assets, $10.82.

Primrose, No. 59, Dundas, had at last report 14 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total, 27. Assets were $11.80. Present membership, 20 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total, 38; increase, 11. Present assets, $46.19.

Triple Link, No. 60, Petrolia, instituted August 3, 1898, present membership, 21 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total 46. Present assets, $61.68.

Brilliant, No. 61, Berlin, instituted Jan. 11, 1899, present membership, 30 Brothers, 44 Sisters. Total, 75. Present assets, $19.52.

Sydenham, No. 62, Owen Sound, instituted April 4, 1899, present membership, 20 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total, 45. Present assets, $19.12.

Bethel, No. 63, Harrietsville, instituted, April 11, 1899, present membership, 11 Brothers, 11 Sisters, Total, 22. Present assets, $——.

Ivy Leaf, No. 64, instituted June 5, 1899, present membership, 11 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total, 30. Present assets, $6.75.

Copy from abstract reads as follows :

Admitted during the six months ending June 30th, 1899 : Brothers, 176 ; Sisters, 241 ; total, 417.

Died : 1 Brother, 7 Sisters ; total, 8.

Ceased : 120 Brothers, 157 Sisters ; total, 287.

Membership, December 31st, 1898 : 1,199 Brothers, 1,762 Sisters ; total, 2,961.

Present membership : 1,268 Brothers, 1,834 Sisters ; total, 3,102 ; net increase, 141.

RECEIPTS.

Per capita tax for six months ending Dec. 31, 1898..	$288 40
" " " " June 30, 1899..	302 70
Supplies sold during fiscal year	146 99
	$738 09

All of which has been handed over to our worthy Treasurer, Sister Nellie Dodson.

Relief has been paid to worthy members by the following Lodges : Victoria, No. 1, $15.00 ; Oshawa, No. 3, $13.00 ; May Queen, No. 5, $31.00 ; Edna, No. 14, $15.00 ; Lucknow, No. 22, $5.00 ; Alberta, No. 25, $9.00 ; Ivy, No. 26, $12.00 ; Margaret, No. 39, $9.00 ; Rose, No. 43, $14.20 ; Harriet, No. 44, $15.00 ; Woodslee, No. 55, $4.00 ; making a total of $142.20.

In receiving the reports the only annoyance I have had to bear, has been in trying to make the reports of the Lodges for the close of the term agree with the reports of the same Lodges for the beginning of the next term. So many Secretaries will give the number of members as per last report, and when I refer to that report in the copy sent me I find a different number, and this makes my work difficult, as I have to return them or my footing would be very inaccurate in making out the report for the Government in January. It may seem a small thing to get out two reports a year, and to get up the minutes in proper shape for publication, but the work requires much time and thought and days of hard work and sleepless nights, and I would ask the Secretaries to assist me in this by being a little more particular about sending in their reports.

VISITATION.

It would have afforded me a great deal of pleasure could I have visited all the Lodges who so kindly invited me, but owing to my poor health during last winter I was obliged to decline. I gave a public address at Niagara Falls on the evening of the dedication of their new hall. I also gave an address at Port Colborne on the evening of their anniversary. I assisted at the installation of Excelsior Lodge, No. 18.

THE HOME.

From the time our Great God prepared a safe refuge for Noah and his children down through all ages to the present time, man's first impulse is to prepare a home for those near and dear to him. Would it not be strange, then, that we, whose greatest teachings are to be fathers to the fatherless, a guide and shield to the homeless, should so far forget these great tenets to cause us to be the censure of the enlightened public?

Let no reproach ever come on Ontario that they have shrunk from their duty. I have done all in my power this year to stimulate you, and I am sure you are all waiting anxiously to hear the report of our Home Committee, with the hope that they have everything complete for the erection of the Home.

Brother McCormack has notified me that he has received the following moneys during the year from the Rebekah Lodges:

Excelsior, No. 18, Bridgeburg	$ 22 56
Harmony, No. 15, Gananoque	10 00
Rebekah Assembly, No. 15	365 82
Olive Branch, No. 16, Toronto	20 00
Alberta, No. 25, Kincardine	15 65
Pansy, No. 35, Amherstburg	5 00
Fern, No. 50, Simcoe	10 00
Harriet, No. 44, Renfrew	27 00
Maple Leaf, No. 33, Brockville	10 00
Colfax, No. 28, Sarnia	5 00
Justitia, No. 38, Hamilton	10 00
Total	$ 501 40

Cash on hand, from all sources to date, $1,589.68. I understand that there are a number of Lodges that are holding back their donations until our Committee on the Home give us the assurance that a place had been selected, and as soon as they are able to do that there will be no trouble in raising the money to go on with it.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE DECISIONS.

1. Q.—Can a Rebekah Lodge instituted the last of April elect and install officers in June, or should they hold over?

A.—Where a Rebekah Lodge is organized and instituted during the last half of the term, say in April, the officers elected at the institution hold over during the June term. See Sections 1507 and 1510, White's Digest, 1895.

2. Q.—Can the Grand Lodge delegate the power to the President of the Rebekah Assembly to act at interim on appeal from Rebekah Lodge, with a proviso that any Lodge or individual feeling aggrieved by such decision shall appeal to the Grand Master, whose decision must be final until reversed by the Grand Lodge, or should the appeal be taken direct to the Grand Master for his decision?

A.—The Grand Lodge, in my judgment, can so delegate its powers, and if it so delegate, the appeal lies in the first place to the President of the Rebekah Assembly, with the right to appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge.

3. Q.—Can the Grand Lodge delegate to the President of the Rebekah Assembly powers to act at interim without the approval of the Grand Master, and render decisions and answer all questions of law and usage arising in Rebekah Lodges, and to stand as law until reversed and passed upon by the Judiciary Committee at the succeeding Grand Lodge, or should all questions of law and usage of Rebekah Lodge be submitted to the Grand Master for his decision?

A.—It seems to me that the creating of Rebekah Assemblies and formulating law for them clearly indicates that the design of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was to allow them powers to govern subordinate Rebekah Lodges, if the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions choose to clothe them with such powers. I, therefore, answer by saying that the Grand Lodge can delegate such authority as you have named to the President of the Rebekah Assembly. See Sections 30 and 32, Rebekah Code.

4. Q.—Can the Grand Lodge delegate to the President of the Rebekah Assembly the authority at interim to approve By-Laws of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges?

A.—It can.

5. Q.—Can the President of the Rebekah Assembly at interim grant dispensations to Rebekah Lodges without the approval of the Grand Master?

A. She can.

6. Q.—Has the Grand Lodge power to grant the Rebekah Assembly the right to make a law that an appeal from Rebekah Lodges shall be made to Rebekah Assembly?

A.—A Grand Lodge may grant such a right. The law as found in White's Digest, Article 1178, seems to have been repealed, necessarily by implication, by the adoption of the Rebekah Code adopted after the law as found in the said article and by the term of such Rebekah Code. See Sections 32 and 33 thereof. It seems to have been the intention to allow Grand Lodges to invest Rebekah Assemblies with a large amount of power to regulate the affairs of this branch of the Order. Sections 32 and 33 provided that appeals from the decision or action of a Rebekah Assembly shall be made to the Grand Lodge of its jurisdiction.

7. Q.—Can an expelled member of a Rebekah Lodge be re-instated without the permission of the Grand Master, or, in other words, will the permission of the President of the Rebekah Assembly be sufficient?

A.—Under the law as formed in White's Digest, Article 734, a Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction may confer the power on a Grand Master during the recess to grant petitions from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge. I, therefore, have to hold that under the idea that the Grand Lodge has the power to clothe Rebekah Assembly with larger powers for the government of their Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, if such powers have been so conferred upon Rebekah Assemblies. That such Assemblies have the right to authorize and empower the President of such Assemblies to grant permission to restore expelled members of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, but without such direct authority from the Assemblies, no matter how undoubted may be

the power of the Assembly to act in such matters. The President cannot grant such authority any more than a Grand Master could in the absence of authority of his Grand Lodge.

8. Q.—Is there any law to prevent a young Rebekah Lodge making up white robesfor the term, as the sisters may elect to do, to be used in the work, pending the time the Lodge is able financially to buy something better?

A.—There is not. A Rebekah Lodge may, if it deem proper, make up for themselves any regalia or robes, only such regalia must be as prescribed by the law.

9. Q.—Does the marriage of a Rebekah sister to one not an Odd Fellow in any way affect her standing as a Rebekah member?

A.—It does not.

10. Q.—Should the Recording Secretary of a Rebekah Lodge or the Financial Secretary sign the official certificate showing payment of dues?

A.—When a Rebekah Lodge has a Financial Secretary, that officer should sign. If a Rebekah Lodge has no Financial Secretary, then the Secretary should sign.

11. Q.—If a Rebekah Lodge meets every week, and wishes to meet only every two weeks, will it be necessary for them to ask for a special dispensation?

A.—When the By-Laws of a Rebekah Lodge, duly approved by the competent authority, provides for weekly meetings, the Lodge can legally change the number of meetings from weekly to twice a month by changing the By-Laws, and when there is no provision, then the President of the Rebekah Lodge shall have authority to approve amendments to By-Laws. They can only be approved by action of the Assembly. The regular time of meeting cannot be altered or permitted by issuing a special dispensation, although a special dispensation can be issued to such Lodge, and it will be lawful to hold a special meeting at a time not provided for in By-Laws.

12. Q.—When the Grand Lodge of a Jurisdiction authorizes the President of a Rebekah Assembly to appoint and commission a Deputy for Rebekah Lodge, what should be the title of such Deputy?

A.—The title of such officers are District Deputies, President.

13. Q.—A woman joins a Rebekah Lodge; some months after she moves to another town in the same jurisdiction, where she makes application to a Rebekah Lodge located there for admission by initiation; she is duly elected before it is learned by the last named Lodge that she held membership in another Lodge. She never applied for nor received a card from the Lodge she first joined. What is her status as a member, what law, if any, has she violated. What action or decree should the Grand Master make in this case?

A.—She is still a member of the first Lodge she joined, never having legally become a member of the last named Lodge. She is liable to have charges preferred against her in the first Lodge, and while she acted in possible ignorance of the law, of which the Lodge must be the judge on

the trial, such ignorance, if proven, may be taken in mitigation of the offence, which is seeking to become a member of a Lodge by fraudulent misrepresentation. The Grand Master, after his attention has been called to the case, should direct the second Lodge to strike the name of the woman from the roll of membership and notify the Lodge to which she really belongs to prefer charges against her. I think in this case, if the woman erred through ignorance, it might be well, if she is otherwise worthy, for the first Lodge to ignore the offence and ask her to apply for a withdrawal card, so that she can deposit it in the Lodge where she now resides. That would get the matter straight, and perhaps save a worthy woman to the Order. This last, however, is a mere suggestion not official. My answer to the query is the law as I construe it.

14. Q.—May a sister, a member of a Rebekah Lodge, prefer charges against a brother in his subordinate Lodge, and would the Lodge have jurisdiction of a brother in the matter, and could it proceed to trial upon charges preferred?

A.—In the case you cite, a sister of a Rebekah Lodge can prefer charges against a brother of a subordinate Lodge, but in the absence of a local legislation upon the subject, should first present such charges in the usual form to the Rebekah Lodge of which she is a member. Such Rebekah Lodge shall forthwith forward to the Lodge of which the accused is a member a certified copy of the charges over the signature of the Noble Grand and Secretary, and attested by the seal of the Lodge, and the Lodge to which such charges are made shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body. See section 1624, White's Digest, edition 1895. I hold that this article applies as well to members of Rebekah Lodges as to other members of the Order, although they are not specially mentioned in said article.

15. Q.—The legal title of Rebekah Lodges having been fixed as Rebekah Lodges by legislation enacted in 1891, can such Lodges instituted previous to that date continue to use the seal with any other title, such as Daughter of Rebekah Degree?

A.—Under the Legislation referred to, the old designation of Rebekah Lodges was changed from Lodges of Daughters of Rebekah to Rebekah Lodges. Consequently the seal used by such Lodges should conform to their style and so fixed. Therefore I hold that it is not proper to use a seal with a designation of the name on it as it was before the name was changed. The Grand Master should call the attention of the Rebekah Lodges to this, and direct them to provide seals with the proper name and title. The use of the seal with the old name thereon it seems to me is as improper as it would be for a Lodge to use an old seal after such Lodges have changed their name with the assent of the Grand Lodge.

16. Q.—As to the right of a President of an Assembly, to whom has been granted the right to appoint and commission District Deputy-Presidents to formulate and give out the term pass word?

A.—Where such authority is given by the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction the President of the Assembly has the right. See section 36 of Code of Laws for the Government of Lodges to be found on page 349, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

17. Q.—Has any jurisdiction the right to confer the Assembly Degree upon Past Grands of subordinate Lodges who are not Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges?

A.—It has.

18. Q.—Must Rebekah Lodges go without Representation in the Assembly until they have a Past Noble Grand in good standing?

A. (as amended).—A subordinate Grand Lodge has the right to authorize representation of Rebekah Lodges in the Rebekah Assembly by Past Grands of subordinate Lodges who are members of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing, as well as by P. N. G. of Rebekah Lodges. In case such authority is given a Rebekah Lodge having in its membership a Past Grand need not go without representation until it has a Past Noble Grand. In all cases a representative from a Rebekah Lodge to a Rebekah Assembly must possess the qualifications required by the law of the jurisdiction. If the Lodge has not among its members in good standing such qualified members it may elect as its representative a member of another Rebekah Lodge who does possess the required qualifications if the local so provides.

19. Statement.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1896, approved the following decision of Grand Sire Stebbins: A brother in a Rebekah Lodge, no matter what his position, official or otherwise, can only wear the regalia of the subordinate Lodge. At the session of 1897, the Sovereign Grand Lodge approved your decision, which is in direct contradiction to the one first quoted, your decision being as follows: When any one is elected to office in a Rebekah Lodge, whether male or female, they must wear the regalia provided by law for such office. The first decision was incorporated by law in section 25 of the Rebekah Code, which remains to-day the same as in 1896.

Q.—Which decision takes precedence, the one approved in 1896 or in 1897; which is law now?

A.—In answering the question which I now do I must first correct the statement which is quoted just as it is submitted by the representative, for it states as facts some things that are not so in a very important particular.

After the decision of 1897 had been approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, see page 15532, *Journal* of 1897, the Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted the report of the committee on the degree of Rebekah which materially changed, see section 25 of Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, striking out from the section the provision. The brothers shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in their subordinate Lodges. The sisters shall wear the regalia and jewels as follows. The committee in the report after specifying the regalia to be worn by each elective officer proceeded as follows:

All of the foregoing shall apply to all officers irrespective of Secretary. Brothers who are not officers, nor Past Noble Grands, shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. Sisters who are not officers, nor Past Noble Grands, shall wear the badge or collars of pink and green, not exceeding three inches in width. See *Journal* of 1897, page 15643.

Thus the statement as made by the brother asking the decision is naturally wrong as to the correct facts.

To answer now the broad question, I reply that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, having approved a decision of the Grand Sire which is or appears to be in conflict with a former decision of that office, the last approved decision stands as law until reversed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

MEMORIAM.

At our last session, the President, Sister Luscombe, recommended that a page in our Proceedings be reserved for in memoriam, in remembrance of the brothers and sisters who have passed away during the year, so that we might tenderly think of them.

Tenderly think of the dead,
Shield them with charity's hand,
Now that their spirits have flown
To the realms of that beautiful land.
Breathe no reproach as we rove,
There was a strife of the past,
Memories of those whom we love
Are sadly but sweetly o'ercast.
With sorrow that's lingering yet
O'er the graves that with teardrops are wet,
Bring then to their memory our tribute of love,
And tenderly think of the dead.

A touch of sadness ever mingled with pleasure as, after a year's absence, we greet our old friends and welcome our new, and as the time is here, that we devote a few moments to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters. And afresh we lay upon the altar our affectionate tokens of remembrance, and again behold their vacant chairs. We look about for familiar faces, forever lost to view, who were wont to gather around our altars of friendship, where love and duty meet to bliss. We list to far-off whispering voices, and like long-forgotten strains of some soul-stirring melody there steals o'er our hearts the precious memory of our sainted dead, whose cheerful faces greet us no more, whose voices mingle no more in counsel of wisdom and truth, whose willing hands minister no longer in deeds of charity and love, nor feet tread the toilsome path of duty, but whose loving memory will linger long and gratefully in the hearts of the true.

But we cherish no inconsolable grief for those who, having passed into a higher life, have exchanged earthly sorrows for heavenly joys. True, we have lost their pleasant companionship, the grasp of their friendly hand, the welcome of their genial smile, and whose absence has left dark and silent places around the once joyous hearth, but they have entered the pearly portals of bliss and obtained a higher degree of happiness. Our life is like a chrysalis, and when the soul is ripe for purer joy it bursts the bonds which hold it here, and from its prison fetters wings its flight to a higher sphere, and there in ecstacies sublime, unfold perfections, beauty, pure, divine.

But how sad would be the thought that our departed years, our memory, would fade from the hearts whose love we hoped to cherish forever. No thought in life affords us more comfort than to be remembered.

It appeals to every heart, and awakes an echoing desire in every heart to know that when the lamp of life is forever extinguished, when we have passed into the silent land and the earth covers our frail form, kind friends will open the casket of memory, place there a fond token of remembrance, and make our memory a hallowed thought.

There lies no form beneath the sod but has had its share of love and affection, its links of dear domestic ties, its joys and its sorrows. Each one has fulfilled its own sacred mission, and left to the world its record and a memory fragrant with Christian graces.

Dear sisters, wilt thou not, when the beautiful sunshine is glowing upon thine own pathway, no cloud obscuring your happiness when kind heaven is smiling above thee, and hope's fairest promises are wooing the life and love, wilt thou not then

Tenderly think of the dead,
Nor cherish the sorrowful tear,
But garlands of love let us weave
As offerings of memory dear.

The loved and the lost we shall meet
In the realms of the pure and the blest,
And the happiest joys be complete
In the beautiful vale of rest?

In God's Word we find these words, "Better is the day of man's death than the day of his birth," howsoever true this may be. The saddest of all the requirements of the Rebekah Degree is to say of our dear ones, "They are with us no more." To those whose ties were dearest, we, as sisters of the Noble Order of Rebekah, do tender to them our kindest sympathy.

To the Lodge whose members have been called upon to part with each other, we would say we find in all things a lesson, and while it may be our homes have been spared and our Lodge rooms shielded from the unwelcome guest, we hope against hope that each succeeding year you may be granted that earnest prayer, Father, spare us to each other.

Inasmuch as God is not a respecter of persons, it becomes my duty to record the names of the brothers and the sisters who, since our last meeting, have united with the throng of our dear friends, whom it will be joyful to meet in that Grand Lodge on the other shore.

Sister Emma Colthurst,	died	Oct. 19, 1896.
Brother Wm. Backus,	"	Dec. 22, 1897.
Sister Merryweather,	"	May 5, 1898.
Bro. Thomas McDougall,	"	Nov. 24, 1898.
Sister Ella Miller,	"	May 11, 1899.
Brother W. J. Tanner,	"	Feb. 6, 1899.
Sister Sarah Stewart,	"	Jan. 8, 1899.
Sister Sarah Holt,	"	June 15, 1899.

OBITUARY.

Sister M. Sturgein, a member of Alberta Lodge, No. 25, was born about sixty years ago near the town of Napanee. She removed to Bruce County when quite young, and on attaining her majority was united in marriage to Mr. John Sturgein, and located in the town of Kincardine, where she lived up to the time of her decease.

Sister Sturgein was one of the charter members of the Lodge, and was regarded as one of the most zealous and faithful among our membership—always in attendance at our meetings no matter as to the weather or outside attractions, and always took an active interest in Lodge work. For several years she acted as Chaplain, but prior to her death she filled the position of treasurer. Odd Fellowship with her was a matter of conscience (would that we had a few more like her). She had been attending a Lodge meeting in her usual health and jollity, but before the next meeting she had contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia, and although waited upon by faithful sisters of the Order, treated by skilled physicians, and watched over by an almost heart-broken husband, her spirit passed away to enter the pearly gates of that beautiful city, where streets are paved with gold. Our sisters accompanied the remains to their last resting place in the Kincardine cemetery on the 16th of April, 1899. Two daughters (her only children) barely arrived from the west in time to take a last look at all that remained of one whom they once called Mother.

I received the following letter :

KINGSTON, ONT., July 31st, 1899.

MRS. MAGGIE WADDELL,

Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. F., Ridgeway, Ont. :

DEAR MADAME,—I have been directed to report the proceedings of this Association looking to the admission of Rebekahs to its membership. These proceedings have been progressive in their character, thus :

1. A year ago the members of Louise Lodge No. 10, in this city, petitioned the Association for admission to it. This petition came before the annual meeting in July, 1898. The result was the adoption of a report which authorized the issue of insurance certificates to the Rebekahs upon certain conditions, to wit. : (*a*) That the assured, when a mother, name her children as her beneficiaries ; (*b*) that the medical examination be as rigid for the members of the Rebekah Lodges as for the members of the Subordinate Lodges ; and (*c*) that the maximum benefit be $1,000.

2. The President of the Rebekah Assembly, in 1898, endorsed the proposal for membership, and the Assembly concurred in her remarks.

3. It took some time to get the machinery of this branch of the Association in motion, and then but a small number, comparatively speaking, became certificate holders. This was due, the directors said this year, to the legislation of the Association. According to it the Rebekahs felt that they were not at liberty to name their beneficiaries.

4. The matter came before the annual meeting of the Association on July 19th, and a special committee reported upon it. They stated that the giving of insurance to the Rebekahs was a step in the right direction, and that, with due regard to medical selection, they promised to become a source of strength to the Association, that the taking of insurance by the Rebekah branch would be a help to the lodges and the Order, and that the by-laws be amended so as to give the Rebekahs the same privileges as the brethren with respect to the naming of their beneficiaries.

5. The directors, in their report, referred to the fact that two other Orders, whose reports were before them, and in which the women were very numerous, had an experience that was suggestive, and to the effect that the healthy female was much more in evidence than the healthy male. The directors added: "The Association having opened its membership to the Rebekahs, in response to their petition, it is desirable that a larger number of them shall take advantage of its privileges."

6. The Association, I am glad to say, has had a very prosperous year. Its membership is now 11,000; its reserve fund is $157,000; and its assets over all actual liabilities are $174,651.40.

I trust that the Rebekah Assembly will give the Association its warmest endorsement, and that during the coming year a large number of its members will become identified with it.

Yours fraternally,

R. MEEK, Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

In furnishing this report to the Assembly perhaps some of my remarks may seem superfluous and uncalled for, yet daily requests at my office have suggested all. While much has been accomplished this year yet much remains to be done. We have now a list of 56 lodges. Now the difficult problem remains to be solved—how can we retain them? What can and what shall we do to assist them to continue to be active Lodges? As an Assembly officer I am convinced of the fact that what has been accomplished has been by the united efforts of all.

To all co-workers I am indebted, especially to our worthy President, Sister Brill. She has been untiring in her efforts, proving herself in every way capable, and ruling with unflagging interest. She has extended her help to our weak Lodges, imbuing them with new life and energy, and rendering them such aid as only they can appreciate. To Brother King, Grand Secretary, I extend my thanks. He has always proved himself a warm friend to the Rebekah Branch, and has rendered me valuable aid and wise counsel in the varied and responsible duties of my office. To Sister Dodson, Treasurer, for the promptness in the despatch of the business.

Now, dear brothers and sisters, the year's work is before you. The future is a sealed book, and it is well bound, and here before us is the unsoiled sheets of the year, and at such periods in life, occupying so responsible a position, how naturally our hearts cry out, "O, year, let thy face shine upon us, bringing us good gifts with thy hands." Yet we know that the year has no power within itself. It is God's gift, and this year will be to us, my sisters and brothers, just what our hands and hearts make it.

Therefore let us go forward with a full determination to make this year one of the grandest in the history. This, my brothers and sisters, is within our power. If we labor together, putting our trust and confidence in Him with whom all things are possible we will certainly achieve much good. He has said, "in all thy ways acknowledge Me and I will direct thy path."

What a grand motto for the year! I shall try to live and perform the duties of my station, so that I may surrender to my successor this office with as much honor to her as I have received it.

Again thanking you, and asking you to remember that it is human to err, that it is also impossible to please all, and with the promise that I will perform the duties without partiality, and with many a prayer for the future success of our beloved Order.

I am, yours fraternally,

MAGGIE WADDELL,

Assembly Secretary.

Sister Nellie Dodson, Assembly Treasurer, presented the following report, which, on motion of Sister Warren, seconded by Sister Bascom, that the report be received and referred to Committee on Distribution, was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F.:

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report of the financial transactions of the past year:

1898.					
Aug. 8	By cash on hand				$415 59
" 10	To mileage and per diem		$350 60		
" 10	" Jane Luscombe, expenses		38 25		
" 10	" Nellie Dodson, postage		2 07		
" 10	" R. Brockbank, "		1 00		
" 10	" M. Waddell, expenses		3 50		
					395 42
" 10	" Balance				20 17
Nov. 9	By Express order				5 00
" 9	" Order as cash				10 00
1899.					
Jan. 23	" Express order				100 00
Feb. 16	" Order as cash				37 50
" 16	" " "				15 00
" 16	" Express order				47 50
Mar. 4	" " "				40 00
April 29	" " "				50 00
June 17	" " "				20 00
July 15	" " "				50 00
" 15	" Cash				1 40
" 19	" Express order				50 00
" 24	" " "				100 00
" 27	" Order as cash				37 50
" 29	" Express orders				100 00
" 31	" Order as cash				52 62
Aug. 7	" Cash				21 57
" 7	" Interest				2 56
					$760 82

1898.					
Nov.	9	To J. B. King		$24 00	
"	9	" M. Waddell, expenses		10 00	
1899.					
Feb.	16	" J. B. King, supplies		10 65	
"	16	" " "		14 50	
"	16	" John James, printing		14 25	
"	16	" M. Waddell, salary		37 50	
May	10	" J. B. King, rituals		20 00	
July	27	" Wm. Watson, supplies		8 40	
"	27	" John James, printing		14 75	
"	27	" M. Waddell, salary		57 50	
"	27	" A. Brill postage		8 35	
"	27	" J. B. King, supplies		26 50	
"	27	" Nellie Dodson, postage		1 28	
"	27	" M. Waddell, expenses		52 62	
					280 30
Aug.	7	" Balance on hand			$480 52

Faithfully submitted,

NELLIE DODSON,
Treasurer.

The Assembly Secretary received a message of the death of Sister Harriet Pringle, of 218 Clarence St., London, Ont., who was the oldest Rebekah in the world. Sister Pringle was seventy-seven years of age, was born in Ayr, Scotland, and came to London in 1844. For fifty-five long years she was a continuous resident of that city, and became well-known by her many good works and charities that she extended to the sick and unfortunate. She was a charter member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, which was instituted in 1861, and she bore the proud distinction of being the oldest Rebekah in the world.

It was moved by Sister Luscombe, seconded by Sister Ryan, that a vote of condolence be sent by telegram to the sorrowing family of the late Sister Pringle. Adopted.

The Assembly arose in a body and sang that old familiar hymn "Sweet By and By."

Sister Mary Leader, from the Committee on Distribution, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Distribution, on the subject matter of the several reports of the officers, beg to submit that the clauses be referred to Committees as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, to Committee on State of the Order.
" 6, " Petitions and Correspondence.
" 7, " Special Committee, No. 1.
Decisions from 1 to 10, " Judiciary.
Clauses 8, 9, 10, 11, " Legislation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Clauses 1, 4, 9, to Committee on State of the Order.
" 2, " Petitions and Correspondence.
" 5, 10, " Finance.
" 8, 11, " Legislation.
" 12, " Special, No. 2.
" 13, " " No. 3.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Finance Committee.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY LEADER,
SARAH COLE,
MAGGIE MCDONALD,
R. BROCKBANK.

Moved by Sister Inglis, seconded by Sist r Pearce, and resolved that this meeting be adjourned until 2 p.m. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Assembly met at 2 p.m. and opened in regular form, President Sister Alma Brill in the chair.

Roll call; officers and representatives all present.

Sister Maggie Waddell, Assembly Secretary, read the following telegram from Sister Emily Bowden, past President:

To the Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Greetings, regret that I am unable to be with you; have the honor to be yours fraternally,

EMILY BOWDEN,
Past President.

Sister Maggie Waddell, Assembly Secretary, read the following invitation from Bro. and Mrs. Jos. Oliver:

TORONTO, August 8th, 1899.

To the Officers and Representatives, Rebekah Assembly:

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Oliver will be at home to the Representatives and their Escorts to-morrow (Wednesday afternoon) from 4 to 6 o'clock.
510 Ontario Street.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

Sister Jane Luscombe, Auditor, made the following report:

To the Officers and Members, Rebekah Assembly of Ontario:

We, your Audit Committee, beg to report that we have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer for the year ending August 7th, 1899, and find that they have been kept with great care; the balance, $480.52, being correct as shown both in the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, which reflect great credit on the above mentioned officers.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

JANE LUSCOMBE,
LAURA E. RYAN,
Auditors.

Sister Ida J. Robins, from the Committee on Election Returns, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on Election Returns beg leave to report as follows :

Sister Nell Ackland, of Brockville, has received the unanimous vote as President.

For Vice-President there were 151 votes cast of which,

Sister	Bascom	received	42
"	Reynolds	"	40
"	Pulford	"	31
"	Johnston	"	21
"	Pearce	"	14
"	Leader	"	4

No election.

For Warden there were 152 votes cast, of which

Sister	Harvey	received	58
"	Brown	"	35
"	Stairs	"	34
"	Moore	"	25

No election.

For Secretary, Sister Maggie Waddell received the unanimous vote.

For Treasurer, Sister Nellie Dodson received the unanimous vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

IDA J. ROBINS,
SUSIE DENNIS,
MAGGIE MCCLOY,
ETTIE BRETT,
S. J. ELLIS.

Report of Special Committee No. 3.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following, which was adopted :

Report of Special Committee No. 3 suggest that the obituary of Sister M. Sturgein of Alberta Lodge, No. 25, as appearing in Clause 13 of Secretary's report, be inserted in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

SARA SWARTMAN,
JANE LUSCOMBE,
AGNES INGLIS.

Sister Elizabeth Hermi ton, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence beg leave to report that we have examined the correspondence of the President and Secretary, and have pleasure in reporting and bearing testimony to the competent manner in which the very large correspondence of the year has been conducted.

Your Committee find that the correspondence has been very carefully and systematically filed, so as to be readily accessible to any person desiring such information.

No petitions have been laid before your Committee.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH HERMISTON,
MARY MAGWOOD,
MARY HOUGH,
HETTIE FOX,
ROSE LOSEE.

Sister Sarah E. Smith, from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred decisions 1 to 10 of the President's report, beg to report that we fully agree with the answers appended to the various questions by the President, as shown in her report.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SARAH E. SMITH,
BERTHA PALMER,
J. J. VINCENT,
JENNIE HENDERSON,

The following resolution was read to the Assembly:

Moved by Sister Ellice, seconded by Sister Luscombe, and

Resolved,—That Sister Louise J. Stevens, representative of Carnation Lodge, No. 58, be paid mileage from Wallaceburg to Toronto and return.

The foregoing was adopted.

Election of officers was then proceeded with.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, declared Sister Nell Ackland elected President for the coming year.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast for Vice-President, the representatives proceeded to elect a Vice-President.

The President appointed Sisters King, Seaton, Lee and Ryan scrutineers.

The Assembly then proceeded to elect a Vice-President.

The scrutineers announced the ballot as follows:

Sister Winnie Bascom,	24
" Edith Reynolds,	6
" Mary Leader,	3
" Maggie Pearce,	8
" Mary Johnston,	5
" Amelia Pulford,	9
Total,	55
Necessary to a choice,	28

There being no election, the Assembly proceeded again to ballot. The scrutineers reported as follows:

Sister Winnie Bascom,	29
" Edith Reynolds,	5
" Maggie Pearce,	9
" Mary Johnston,	3
" Amelia Pulford,	8
Total,	54
Necessary to a choice,	28

Whereupon the President declared Sister Winnie Bascom elected Vice-President.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast for Warden, the Assembly then proceeded to elect a Warden. The scrutineers reported as follows:

Sister Nan Harvey,	26
" Maude Moore,	13
" Eliza Stairs,	9
" Mary Brown,	5
Total,	53
Necessary to a choice,	28

There being no election, the Assembly again proceeded to ballot. The scrutineers reported as follows:

Sister Nan Harvey,	40
" Maude Moore,	8
" Eliza Stairs,	6
Total,	54
Necessary to a choice,	28

Whereupon the President declared Sister Nan Harvey elected Warden for the coming year.

The President declared Sister Maggie Waddell elected Assembly Secretary for the coming year.

The President declared Sister Nellie Dodson elected Treasurer of the Assembly for the coming year.

Moved by Sister Dodson, seconded by Sister Waddell, and

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks from this Assembly be tendered the scrutineers for their services.

Carried unanimously and replied to by the several scrutineers.

The Assembly proceeded to the nominations of officers for next year, in pursuance of By-law No. 14.

The following nominations were made :

PRESIDENT—Sister Winnie Bascom, Galt.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Sister Maggie Pearce, Toronto ; Sister Amelia Pulford, Amherstburg ; Sister Nan Harvey, Deseronto ; Sister Annie McWaters, Kingston ; Sister Eliza Stairs, Leamington ; Sister Minnie Lennox, Toronto.

WARDEN—Sister Mary Dickie, Oshawa ; Sister L. M. Edgar, Windsor ; Sister Maude Taylor, Harriston ; Sister Sophia Stephenson, Ottawa.

SECRETARY—Sister Maggie Waddell.

TREASURER—Sister Nellie Dodson.

Nominations closed.

Sister Elizabeth C. Tripp, from Special Committee No. 2, made the following report :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Special Committee No. 2, to which was referred the Secretary's reference to deaths of the year in her Annual Report, would suggest that the names of the following departed brothers and sisters be placed upon the memorial page of the Grand Lodge Report :

Sister Emma Colthurst,	died	Oct. 19, 1896.
Brother Wm. Backus,	"	Dec. 22, 1897.
Sister Merryweather,	"	May 5, 1898.
Brother Thos. McDougall,	"	Nov. 24, 1898.
Sister Ella Miller,	"	Nov. 11, 1899.
Brother W. J. Tanner,	"	Feb. 6, 1899.
Sister Sarah Stewart,	"	Jan. 8, 1899.
Sister Sarah Holt,	"	June 15, 1899.
Sister Catharine Greatrix,	"	May 21, 1899.

"The precious dust beneath that lies
Shall at the call of Jesus rise,
We'll meet our loved ones in the skies,
There we shall meet again."

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. TRIPP,
SARAH DRING,
SUSAN PEARCE,
GRISELDA CARRUTH.

Sister Minnie Lennox, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to report as follows:

That the Mileage and Per Diem for officers and representatives amounts to about $450.00.

We recommend that the per diem be placed at $2.00 per day for one and a half day's session.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Finance Committee be directed to provide the sum of $450.00, or as much thereof as may be required to pay mileage and per diem at the present session.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MINNIE LENNOX,
ISABELLA MCGAW,
LIZZIE VAN ATTER,
LOTTIE MCADAMS.

Sister Libbie Scoon, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would refer to the disadvantage of our present system of having a D. D. in each Lodge, and would recommend a D. D. over each three or four Lodges, as in looking over the reports of the different D.D.'s we find many encouraging statements, while others show plainly that to have less, and their work done more perfectly, could not help but be beneficial.

Clause 1.—In reference to the standing of the Order since 1890, we owe it principally to the untiring efforts of our Secretary, Mrs. Maggie Waddell, to our success since that time, when as we were once weak we have strengthened to a very great extent.

Clause 4.—We are sorry to hear of the disbandment of Lucknow Lodge, and think that all moneys in treasury of such lodges be forwarded to Secretary of Assembly for the Orphans' Home Fund.

Clause 9.—We are sure Excelsior Lodge must have derived much benefit from an address and assistance of our Secretary, and would be much pleased if the opportunity were extended still wider to other lodges, and we feel that in speaking of the advancement of our Order that our worthy President, Sister Brill, has labored successfully at all times for the good of the Order.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LIBBY SCOON,
MARY TINNEY,
PHŒBE BEEDLE,
LOUISA STEVENS,
ANNIE SHAW.

Sister Maude E. Moore, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Legislation, beg to submit the following report:

It is recommended that clause 8 of President's address be adopted.

It is recommended that clause 9 be adopted, and that the President be given the power to appoint their own D. D. P.

We would also recommend that section 10 be adopted, and the following resolution be presented to the Grand Lodge:

We, the Rebekah Assembly now in session, would petition the Grand Lodge to adopt a Constitution for Rebekah Lodges containing all provisions embodied in present by-laws, excepting matters that are purely local; the Grand Lodge printing constitutions and selling same to Subordinate Lodges.

We would also recommend that the law governing clause No. 11 of President's address be enforced, which is recorded on page 13, section 19, of Constitution.

We would also suggest that a clause be inserted in By-laws to govern clause No. 8 of Secretary's report.

We also recommend that clause No. 11 of Secretary's report be referred to Judiciary Committee.

We would also suggest all letters received by Assembly Secretary, touching on questions of law, be referred at once by Assembly Secretary to the President for her decision, thereby lessening the Secretary's work.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE E. MOORE,
LOUISE M. WARREN,
NAN HARVEY,
NELLIE TEETER,
M. J. DONAGHY.

There being no further business before the Assembly, adjournment was made until 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The President, Sister Alma Brill, in the chair, called the Assembly to order at 8 p m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

As has been previously announced, the officers were installed publicly by the retiring President, Sister Alma Brill, who appointed the following Marshals: Sisters L. E. Ryan, Prudence King, Elizabeth Seaton, Elizabeth Lee and Jane Luscombe, Past Presidents of the Assembly.

Sister Nell Ackland, President-elect, was presented for installation by Sister L. E. Ryan.

Sister Winnie Bascom, Vice-President-elect, was presented by Sister Prudence King for installation.

Sister Nan Harvey, Warden-elect, was presented by Sister Elizabeth Seaton for installation.

Sister Maggie Waddell, Secretary-elect, was presented by Sister Elizabeth Lee for installation.

Sister Nellie Dodson, Treasurer-elect, was presented by Sister Jane Luscombe for installation.

The following appointed officers were named by the President, Sister Nell Ackland:

Marshal	Sister	Phoebe Beedle, Blenheim.
Conductor	"	Griselda Carruth, Renfrew.
Outside Guard	"	Louise M. Warren, Niagara Falls.
Inside Guard	"	Elizabeth Hermiston, Cornwall.
Chaplain	"	L. M. Edgar, Windsor.

After which they were duly installed in their several offices.

The officers of the Assembly were then declared duly installed for the incoming year.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, called upon the following Brothers, who addressed the Assembly at some length:

J. E. Farewell	Grand Master.
Jos. Oliver	Past Grand Master.
J. Gibson	" "
W. H. Hoyle	" "
J. A. Young	" "

All spoke in glowing terms of the work which had been accomplished in Ontario by the Rebekahs, and urged on all Subordinate Lodges to get one instituted at once, as it would not only strengthen the Order in their midst, but be a benefit to the community at large.

The Assembly then adjourned until 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Whereupon all adjourned to the banqueting room, where Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, gave a reception, and it is needless to say that they outshone themselves on this occasion by making every person feel at home, and by the kind and hospitable manner in which they carried out their programme. From the time we landed in Toronto until our departure, there was nothing but kindness shown us by the members of Olive Branch and Viola Lodges.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Assembly was called to order at 9 a.m. by the President, Sister Nell Ackland.

Assembly was opened by singing the Opening Ode and prayer by the Chaplain

Roll call; all officers and representatives present.

Sister Mary Pearce, from Special Committee No. 1 read the following report, and

Resolved,—That the following be adopted:

To the Officers and Representatives of the Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee, to whom was referred Clause 7 of President's Address, are pleased to know that the President had time at her disposal to visit the Home, and hope that the time will not be long when we have a like institution in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY PEARCE,
EMILY RUTHERFORD,
LIZZIE MOORE,
ELIZA HALL.

Sister Winnie L. Bascom, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Finance Committee beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the books, vouchers and receipts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and found them correct, showing a balance in the General Fund of $480.52.

There are two amounts of $43.95 and $2.50 due the President, and we recommend these be paid.

In reference to Viola Lodge, we would recommend that, as the sum is so small (seventy cents), and the members not having amalgamated at the time the tax was due, that no action be taken.

We would also recommend that the Secretary be paid the sum of $100 for her services for the coming year, and that the President be allowed the sum of $50 for travelling expenses.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WINNIE L. BASCOM,
ANNIE MCWATER,
SARAH WHITTON,
MARY JOHNSTON,
HENRIETTA MCRAE.

Moved by Sister Jane Luscombe, seconded by Sister Winnie Bascom, and

Resolved,—That this Assembly ask the Grand Lodge to take into consideration the advisability of revising the constitution of Rebekah Lodges, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Lodge, so that action can be taken during this session of Grand Lodge.

Carried.

Bro. R. Brockbank, from the Committee on Laws of Rebekah Lodges, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Rebekah Lodges, appointed to examine the Constitution, By-laws and amendments thereto of Rebekah Lodges, submit the following report:

That they have carefully examined all by-laws and amendments submitted during the year, hereto appended. A full report, with corrections (when necessary) was sent to each Lodge whose by-laws have been under consideration, and recommend that the same be adopted, subject to corrections in each case as noted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

R. BROCKBANK,
SOPHIA STEPHENSON,
MARY HORTON.

COLFAX LODGE, No. 28.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws in MS. submitted and approved.

HAZEL LODGE, No. 40.

One copy of By-laws submitted and approved.

THAMESVILLE LODGE, No. 51.

One copy of amendment to By-laws submitted and approved.

The Assembly Secretary notified the Assembly that quite a few Lodges were working without seals, and that some were using a rubber stamp.

It was resolved that all Lodges must purchase seals at once, and those that have seals with the word "Daughter" on them, must have it changed, so as to comply with the laws enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Those using rubber stamps must abandon the use of them, as they are not legal.

It was resolved that the Secretary procure a book for a members' register.

Moved by Sister Henderson, seconded by Sister Horton, and

Resolved,—That a typewriter be purchased for the Secretary, Sister M. Waddell.

The Secretary, Sister Waddell, informed the Assembly that she had in her possession the paraphernalia of Lucknow Lodge, and asked that a committee be appointed to dispose of it.

Moved by Sister Ryan, seconded by Sister Magwood, and

Resolved,—That Sister Maggie Waddell be empowered to dispose of it and apply the proceeds to the Home Fund.

It was recommended that all members of Rebekah Lodges be subscribers for the *Independent Odd Fellow*.

The President, Sister Ackland, appointed Sister Maggie A. Pearce Auditor. Nominations for Auditor were then called for. Sisters Luscombe, Lee, Henderson and Robins were nominated. Sisters King, Ryan and Seaton were appointed scrutineers by the President. On the first ballot, the scrutineers reported that

Sister Luscombe	had	17
" Lee	"	13
" Henderson	"	11
" Robins	"	14
Total		55
Necessary to a choice		28

There being no election, the Assembly then proceeded to ballot a second time. The scrutineers reported as follows :

Sister Luscombe....	19
" Lee.....	10
" Robins	26
	55
Necessary to a choice	28

There being no election, the Assembly then proceeded to ballot a third time. The scrutineers reported as follows :

Sister Luscombe.... 15
" Robins 40

55

The President then declared Sister Robins elected Auditor for the coming year.

Moved by Sister Johnson, seconded by Sister Pulford, that a vote of thanks be tendered the scrutineers. Carried.

The Assembly was honored by the presence of the three-year-old daughter of Sister Rutherford, Representative of Primrose Lodge, Dundas, at all sessions. The young lady was introduced to the Assembly by Sister Prudence King, Past President; and Sister Elizabeth Seaton, Past President, on behalf of the Assembly, presented the babe with a large doll, a silver cup and a gold ring.

The Assembly was called to order, and Sister Ryan, Past President, introduced Mrs. Mills to the Assembly, and Past President, Sister Brill, presented her, on behalf of the Relief Association, with a cheque for one thousand dollars.

The President, Sister Nell Ackland, appointed Sisters Maude E. Moore, Mary Johnston and Maggie Waddell Committee on By-laws.

Past Grand Master Bro. J. A. Young exemplified the unwritten or secret work to the Assembly at the request of the Grand Representative, who was unavoidably absent.

Moved by Sister Ryan, seconded by Sister Bascom, that a vote of thanks of this Assembly be tendered the Dominion Regalia Co. for the presentation of the souvenir badges. Carried.

Moved by Sister Scoon, seconded by Sister Smith, that a vote of thanks of this Assembly be tendered Bro. Cotter for his kind attention to our wants during the session. Carried.

Moved by Sister Bascom, seconded by Sister Harvey, that a vote of thanks of this Assembly be tendered Olive Branch for their untiring efforts to entertain the Representatives during the Assembly session. Carried.

Which vote of thanks was responded to by Sister M. A. Pearce.

Moved by Sister Ryan, seconded by Sister Luscombe, that a vote of thanks of this Assembly be tendered Bros. R. Brockbank and John Waddell for their valuable services rendered to us during the Assembly session. Carried.

Moved by Sister McWaters, seconded by Sister Stephenson, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Lodges who so kindly gave up their nights of meeting for the holding of Assembly Session, and that the Assembly Secretary be instructed to forward the same. Carried.

Sister Ryan, Past President, impressed on the Representatives the necessity of remaining over till Thursday night to see the beautified work put on by the staff of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16.

The business of the Assembly being concluded, the Closing Ode was sung, and prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The President then declared the Ninth Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F., adjourned to meet on the Tuesday preceding the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., in 1900.

Maggie Waddell
Secretary

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO
INSTITUTED AUG. 1890
I.O.O.F.

The Grand Master named the following District Deputy Grand Masters for Rebekah Lodges, viz. :—

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Victoria	1	London	Mrs. Lillie Tanner	London
May Queen	5	London		
Ruth	2	Stratford	Mrs. Maude Moore	Stratford
Oshawa	3	Oshawa	Mrs. M. Bennett	Oshawa
Naomi	6	Windsor	Mrs. L. M. Edgar	Windsor
Our Sisters	7	St. Edward	Mrs. Minnie Bruce	Pt. Edward
Louise	10	Kingston	Mrs. Annie Fairburn	Kingston
Beatrice	12	Guelph		
Myrtle	17	Elora	Miss Maggie McCloy	Hespeler
Ivy	26	Galt		
Queen	54	Hespeler		
Jubilee	13	Chatham	Mrs. Nellie Dodson	Chatham
Edna	14	St. Thomas	Mrs. Martha Anthony	St. Thomas
Harmony	15	Gananoque	Mrs. Lena Henderson	Gananoque
Olive Branch	16	Toronto		
Viola	55	Toronto	Mrs. Prudence King	Toronto
Excelsior	18	Bridgeburg	Mrs. Mary Watts	Bridgeburg
Mizpah	19	Collingwood		Collingwood
Donalda	20	North Bay	Mrs. Hattie Eddy	North Bay
Flora	21	Sault Ste. Marie		Sault Ste. Marie
Inglewood	23	Waterford	Miss Lettie Teeter	Waterford
Prudence	24	Brantford	Mrs. Olive M. Pattison	Brantford
Alberta	25	Kincardine	Mrs. C. Walker	Kincardine
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	Mrs. Minnie Smith	Niagara Falls
Colfax	28	Sarnia	Mrs. Agnes McGregor	Sarnia
At-the-Well	29	Almonte	Mrs. Annie Whitlaw	Almonte
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	Mrs. Harriet Milles	Deseronto
Coila	32	Ottawa		
Hazel	40	Ottawa	Mrs. Elizabeth Pearce	Cumming's Bridge
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville	Mrs. Mary Seaton	Brockville
Olivette	34	Wingham	Mrs. Minnie Tiplin	Wingham
Pansy	35	Amherstburg	Mrs. Amelia Pulford	Amherstburg
Rowena	37	Paris	Bro. R. Brockbank	Paris
Justitia	38	Hamilton	Mrs. Ida Robins	Hamilton
Margaret	39	Waubaushene	Mrs. Olive Anderson	Waubaushene
Florence	41	Harriston	Mrs. Salome Moeley	Harriston
Pandora	42	Blenheim	Mrs. Euphemia Bursen	Blenheim
Harriet	44	Renfrew	Mrs. Emily Ingles	Renfrew
Peachland	45	Leamington		
Ideal	47	Ruthven	Mrs. Hattie S. Fox	Leamington
Lily	49	Kingsville	Mrs. Maude Foster	Kingsville
Rose	43	Woodstock	Mrs. J. C. Campbell	Woodstock
Eastern Star	48	Cornwall	Mrs. C. B. McGregor	Cornwall
Fern	50	Simcoe	Mrs. Sarah Cole	Simcoe
Thamesville	51	Thamesville	Mrs. J. J. Vincent	Thamesville
Violet	52	Otterville	Mrs. Ellen McFarlane	Otterville
Woodslee	55	Woodslee	Mrs. Sarah Dring	Woodslee
Ruby	56	Mt. Forest	Mrs. Maggie Ernst	Mt. Forest
Endeavor	57	Forest	Mrs. E. C. Tripp	Forest
Carnation	58	Wallaceburg	Mrs. Fanny McGregor	Wallaceburg
Primrose	59	Dundas	Mrs. E. Rutherford	Dundas
Triple Links		Petrolia		

LODGE REPORTS

On the call of the Lodges, the following reports were read and ordered to be spread upon the JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:

VICTORIA NO. 1 AND MAY QUEEN NO. 5, LONDON

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I installed officers for Victoria No. 1, July 7th—Treasurer and Inside Guard—on account of the former officers retiring. I have paid several visits to Victoria Lodge No. 1, and have found the Lodge increasing. I am sorry, though, that I am obliged to report that two Brothers and five Sisters have dropped out, and one deceased—Bro. Tanner—who died on February 6th, 1899. New members—Brothers, 2; Sisters, 4; total, 6.

As to my own Lodge—May Queen No. 5—I visit it every meeting night. We meet every alternate Tuesday, practically having missed only two meetings in the past year. We always have a good attendance, and in the past year have had ten new members, but five were suspended for N.P.D. Our Lodge is in a good condition financially, and we have the necessary paraphernalia, and are progressing splendidly with our work.

Now, wishing you a very prosperous and pleasant time at the coming Assembly.

POLLIE L. SANDERS, D.D.G.M.

LOUISE REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 10, KINGSTON

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I am pleased to report Louise Lodge is in a prosperous condition. Our meetings are fairly well attended, and our members feel an interest in the Lodge work. The destruction by fire of the Odd Fellows' building proved disastrous to us, as we lost everything we possessed, our paraphernalia being the only thing insured. We received the insurance money, and with it purchased material for new robes, banner and regalia, and as the Sisters assisted in making the robes, we now have beautiful paraphernalia, the cost being much less than if we had ordered from some firm. The Degree Staff of Louise Lodge had the pleasure of assisting at the institution of a new Lodge of Rebekah at Parham recently, of which we are very proud.

Trusting for continued prosperity for our Order.

ANNIE MCWATER, D.D.G.M.

OLIVE BRANCH AND VIOLA REBEKAH LODGES, TORONTO

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

It is with a certain amount of pardonable pride that I herewith present to you this report regarding the state of the Order in Toronto.

During my term of office I visited Olive Branch, No. 16, regularly, and on the 3rd of January installed their officers. On May 16th paid an official visit, accompanied by the past officers. You will observe by the

semi-annual report that the Lodge is in a good position, both financially and numerically, having a membership of 66 Brothers and 66 Sisters; total 132. During the term, 18 Brothers and 18 Sisters were suspended. Total assets, $311.41. I was very pleased to notice the increasing number of active young members.

On January 5th I installed the officers of Viola Lodge, No. 53, and paid an official visit on June 1st. This Lodge is also in a very flourishing position, having a membership of 36 Brothers and 66 Sisters; total of 102, with available assets of $112.28. During the winter several social gatherings were held to assist in securing paraphernalia. On October 18th, having found that Rachel Lodge, No. 36, was not in good working order, I called a meeting of that Lodge, and found they wished to hand in their charter, which I received from them. At the same time they expressed a desire to amalgamate with Viola Lodge, which they did on January 5th, 1899. You will observe that Sister King has been recommended as our next D. D. G. M. The combined Relief Committee of Olive Branch and Viola Lodges, under the presidency of Sister Smith, did much during the year to assist those in need. The Visiting Committees have also been actively engaged.

I had the pleasure, with a large number of Rebekahs, of attending the anniversary services of the Order, where we had the privilege of contributing our mite towards the "Home Fund." Both the Lodges intend doing much toward this work in the near future.

Wishing you all prosperity during the session and the coming year,

I remain, yours in F., L. & T.,

SARAH E. SMITH, D.D.G.M.

NAOMI REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 6, WINDSOR

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I have not been able to get the officers of Naomi Lodge, No. 6, installed until last eve, on account of the non-attendance of some of the officers-elect. I am sorry to have to report the loss of members of our Lodge, but they are those who have been very little use to the Order. We have still a membership of 63 in good standing, a large proportion of them being active members, and they are determined to wake up and try and bring Naomi back to its old standing. We had the pleasure of a visit from our worthy President, and the work was put on for her especial benefit.

I made another attempt to have a Lodge started at Essex, but on account of the opposition of some of the leading members, the subordinate Lodge did not give their consent. Will make another attempt in the future, and hope to be more successful.

Hoping that you will have a pleasant as well as a profitable session in the Queen City.

L. M. EDGAR, D.D.G.M.

EDNA REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 14, ST. THOMAS

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

In presenting my annual report of Lodges in District No. 14, I am pleased to say that they are in a healthy condition.

Edna Lodge, No. 14, now has 19 Brothers and 34 Sisters; total, 53. We have added 4 to our number by initiation during the past term, 2 Brothers and 2 Sisters. The available assets are $422.50. This Lodge also assisted the other Lodges in the city in a concert on the 24th of April last, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America. The proceeds of same, which amounted to $50.00, were sent to the treasurer of the Orphans' Home.

On the 11th of April I assisted the President of the Assembly, Sister Mrs. Brill, of Guelph, to open Bethel Lodge, No. 63, Degree of Rebekah, at Harrietsville, Ont. The staff of Edna Lodge accompanied me and conducted the initiation ceremony, exemplifying the beautified work in a most impressive manner. Nine Sisters and 11 Brothers were initiated and several more applications were received to be acted upon at their next meeting. This Lodge has a prosperous future, starting, as it has, under the auspices of Harrietsville Lodge, No. 69, which has a very active membership.

I trust the deliberations of this Assembly will be attended with much good and that prosperity may follow.

MRS. ANN COCKRAM, D.D.G.M.

EXCELSIOR REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 18, BRIDGEBURG

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I have installed the following officers for the ensuing term, and I also will send you the names of our deceased members:

Sister Mrs. Emma Coulthurst; died October 19th, 1896.
Sister Mrs. Merryweather; died May 5th, 1898.
Brother William Backus; died December 22, 1897.

All other reports have been made out and will be sent in as soon as possible. The Per Capita Tax has been drawn and all other business attended to.

Yours fraternally,

MARY STEIN, D.D.G.M.

PRUDENCE REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 24, BRANTFORD

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Prudence Rebecca Degree Lodge sends greetings and wishes you all happiness and prosperity during the coming year.

We cannot report any progress, as far as members are concerned. Our report shows that we have had to drop 23 members for non-payment of dues. This is a source of keen regret to the officers in charge, as we know that many have let their dues drop in Rebecca Lodge and paid them in other lodges, the reason given being that we had no financial benefits, and they did not prize the social and charitable part of our Lodge enough to keep up their dues, and others have let them drop through carelessness, and this has caused us financial difficulty at the present time, I regret to say. Another cause of our lack of progress is that we do not receive the sympathy from the subordinate lodge that we should have, being their kinswomen and fellow-laborers. Some of the brethren positively object to help us in any way, and the only reason we

can give for their antipathy is ignorance on their part with regard to the work, aims and objects of the Rebecca Degree; and this class (if fraternal?) of brethren seem to think that ignorance of our work is *bliss* and 'tis folly to be wise. We feel grateful to the Giver of all good that not one of our members has been removed by death. We have had several of our sisters leave us to make their home in the neighboring republic, where they are finding friendship and lodge homes. We are trusting that our lodge life will be somewhat more progressive during the next year, and that some of the stumbling blocks in our way will see their own error and come over and help us. We feel sorry to have to appear so much on the blue side of the work, but facts are stranger than fiction many times, and the principle of truth, which our links represent, should shine always on the condition on all the affairs of lodge life.

LIZZIE VANATTER, D.D.G.M.

AT-THE-WELL REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 29

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

I have to report our Lodge not very prosperous. We have had one initiation, but we have had no deaths and very little sickness. Our meetings are not very well attended during the summer months. Our Lodge has done nothing for the Home as yet, but intend doing so when our meetings are better attended; it has just been neglected. Our officers take an interest in their part and try to obtain the efficiency that is so necessary to the carrying on of a Lodge. With renewed energy and determination we hope for better results in the near future.

Hoping that the Assembly of 1899 may be most successful in its work, I remain,

ANNIE WHITELAW, D.D.G.M.

ABERDEEN REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 30, DESERONTO

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I am pleased to report our continued prosperity, although we have decreased somewhat in membership since last year. However, our present membership is composed of Sisters and Brothers who take deep interest in promoting the interests of our Order.

Last fall we held a "Pink and Green" social, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. As a result, we were able to donate $14.00 to the "Home Fund."

During the past year the hand of Providence removed from our midst a faithful sister.

Hoping that the Assembly of 1899 may be most successful in its work.

NAN HARVEY, D.D.G.M.

MAPLE LEAF REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 33, BROCKVILLE

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I beg to submit this report. We have made no progress this term—no initiation, and there were four withdrawals, and we lost one member

through the hand of Death, so that just leaves us 62 members in good standing. Our greatest difficulty is to get the members to attend lodge meetings, and I am sorry to say that we get no encouragement from our subordinate Lodges. We had a very nice At Home in aid of the Orphans' Home, and we hope to be able to do more for it in the future. Our Lodge is in a good financial condition. Hoping in the future we may still prosper and be able to do the amount of good for which we have been banded together.

MARY SEATON, D.D.G.M.

PANSY REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 35, AMHERSTBURG

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Our Lodge is ahead of last report, financially, but we are not growing in numbers or attendance. Although we are supposed to have a meeting every Monday night, we had only ten meetings last term. In spring it is hard for women to get out to meeting, on account of housecleaning; now it is rather warm, so we do not look for an increase of members at present, but in the future we hope to have a better report to offer.

LIBBIE TAYLOR, D.D.G.M.

JUSTITIA REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 38, HAMILTON

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F..

I have pleasure in reporting for Justitia Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, as follows:

Our meetings during the past year have been well attended, the members taking an interest in the work. The Degree staff, under the direction of an able captain, have put on the beautified work in an impressive manner for eighteen candidates since the 1st of January, a record of which we are justly prond. With able and willing officers we hope to make this a very prosperous year for the Rebekah Degree in Hamilton. We had the pleasure of a visit from our President in January, whose presence among us and whose encouraging words and advice did much to encourage us to greater efforts for our beloved Order. We have a membership at present of fifty-seven brothers and fifty sisters, making a total of one hundred and seven, an increase of eighteen since last report. We have to record the death of one sister since last report. Our financial standing is very satisfactory. We held a social this spring, the proceeds ($10) to be devoted to the Odd Fellows' Home Fund. On the first meeting in January I officially visited and installed the officers, as follows:—N. G., Sister Lizzie Sharpe; V. G., Sister Hattie Diack; Recording Secretary, Sister Emma Carle; Financial Secretary, Sister Dolly Baskerville; Treasurer, Sister M. Johnstone.

Hoping that in the future we may still prosper, and with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship be enabled to do the good for which we have banded ourselves together.

ADA J. ROBINS, D.D.G.M.

Coila, No. 32, and Hazel, No. 40, Ottawa

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Another year has come and gone, and though it has brought many changes, our Lodges have not suffered in any way, for which we are most thankful. It is now my duty to report as far as possible the working of the Lodges in my jurisdiction since last report. Coila Lodge has not made much headway, a fact accounted for, I think, by our having used up all the material in Janeville, and with no special attraction to bring people out from the city. We at last decided to move, which we did on the first of the month. We are now fairly well established in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Sparks street, Ottawa, which we find most comfortable, and I feel it will be a great benefit to our Lodge. The locality is central and there is good car accommodation. I think all we have to do is to work with a will. We added but two members last term, and with two dropped leaves our membership the same as last report. We have a good list of officers, who take an interest in the work, and I feel sure will stand by the Lodge. In regard to our Lodge having contributed to the proposed Home, we have a quilt started some time ago. The members have now decided to send in what has been collected on it, with the part proceeds of an electric excursion, which takes place on the 31st of this month, under the auspices of Coila Lodge. I trust it may be a success and that we may have a handsome sum to send in.

In regard to Hazel Lodge, which I visit very frequently, I find them working hard. Much of the credit is due to the N. G., Mrs. Ida Moore, who is a worker in every sense of the term. If the members will work with her, there is nothing to fear for the prosperity of this Lodge. We have recommended Mrs. Lizzie Pearce as D.D.G.M. for next year, which I trust will be satisfactory to the Assembly. I trust our representatives from both Lodges will be benefited by their visit to the Assembly.

Wishing our beloved Order every success and trusting that my successor may have to report greater progress than has been my lot,

Jennie Barron, D.D.G.M.

Rose Rebekah Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I am very much pleased to be able to tell you that our Lodge (Rose Lodge, No. 43,) is in a very prosperous condition. Everything is in good working order. The members are very faithful and attentive to their duties. We have had a large number of new members in the last term and we have good prospects for this term. We have made a step in the right direction, I think. The Sisters have been making new collars for the officers. They are very beautiful and, in my opinion, lend a charm to the work. I had the pleasure of wearing one the night of installation, which took place Tuesday, July 4th. I installed the N.G., V.G., P.S., R.S. and T. in their respective offices, all of whom I think are competent to fill them; at least, we are expecting great things from them, and I think every member of Rose Lodge is a thorough Odd Fellow.

I am very sorry to tell you there has been no money raised for the Home Fund as yet by Rose Lodge, but we hope to do something in the near future.

MISS ROSE LOSEE, D.D.G.M.

FERN REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 50, SIMCOE

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I am pleased to report our continued prosperity. At the beginning the term just closed we had $19.52 on hand. Our receipts have been $48.40, making a total for the six months of $67.92. We have paid out, including the $10.00 to the Home Fund, $42.83, leaving a balance on hand of $25.09.

On the 1st of July last year we had 43 members, 18 Brothers and 25 Sisters. During the last half of last year we initiated 2 Brothers and 11 Sisters, and during the first half of this year we have received 10 Sisters, making a total on the roll, up to June 30th, of 20 Brothers and 46 Sisters, making a membership of 66. Our attendance has been good and our Degree staff have gotten up the work well, and in addition to our home work went over to Inglewood Lodge and initiated 7 candidates.

We had the pleasure of a visit from the President of the Rebekah Assembly on July 6th and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

MARY HORTON, D.D.G.M.

CARNATION REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 58, WALLACEBURG

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

On behalf of Carnation Lodge, No. 58, D. of R., we are pleased to report the prosperity of our Lodge. We have increased 22 members this term and now have a membership of 104. The Lodge is working harmoniously, and there is every prospect of this being one of the best Lodges in Ontario. We have one of the best Teams in the west and a fine paraphernalia, good attendance at all meetings, and officers and members alive to their work.

J. B. MCDOUGALL, D.D.G.M.

PRIMROSE REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 59, DUNDAS

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

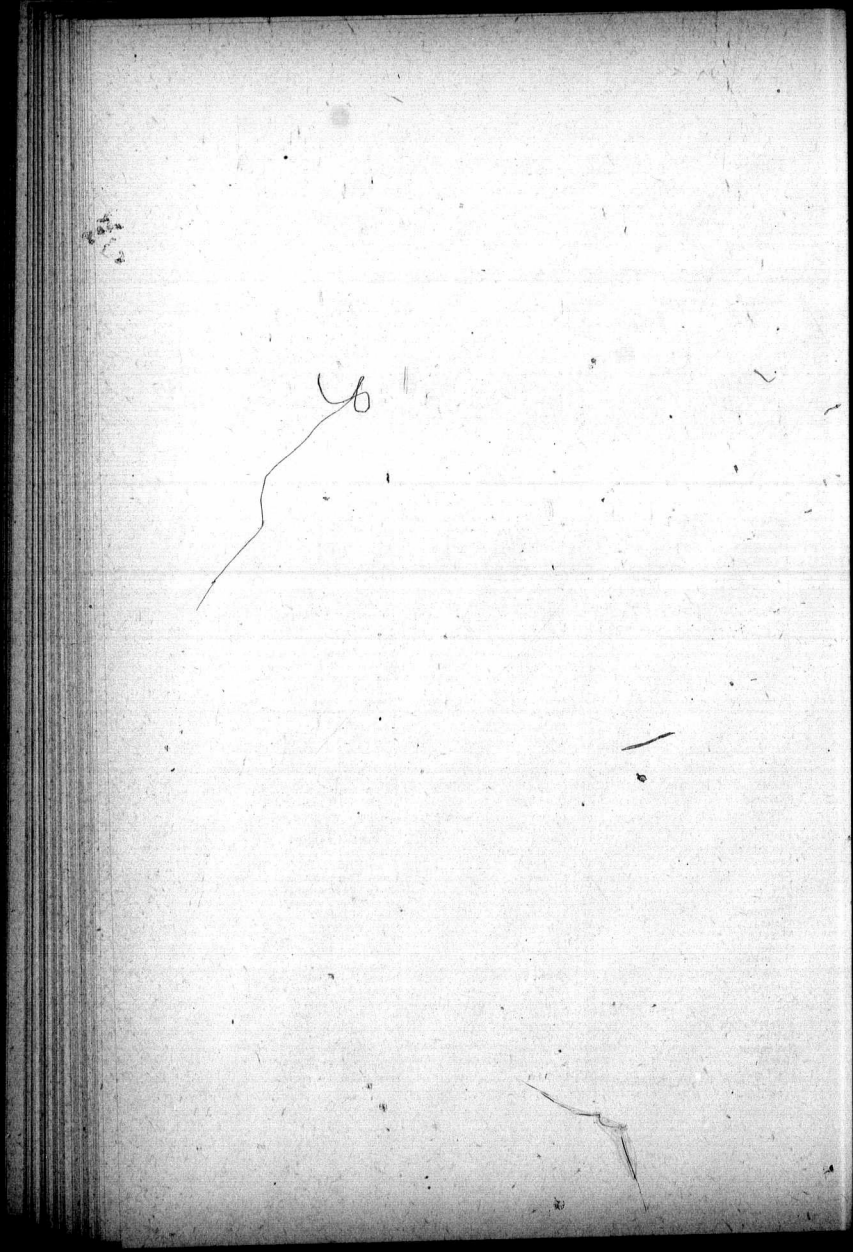
On behalf of Primrose Lodge, No. 59, D. of R., Dundas, it affords me much pleasure to state that it is getting along very nicely. Since being instituted—over a year past—it has a membership of 20 Brothers and 18 Sisters. Our membership during this last term has not increased as we would like to see it, but live in hopes of having as large a membership as any Lodge in Ontario. Available assets, $46.19.

Wishing the Order every success.

K. STODDART, D.D.G.M.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH LODGES.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Victoria	1	London	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Ruth	2	Stratford	1st and 3rd Friday.
Oshawa	3	Oshawa	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
May Queen	5	London	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Naomi	6	Windsor	Every Tuesday.
Our Sisters	7	Pt. Edward	Every Friday.
Louise	10	Kingston	1st and 3rd Monday.
Beatrice	12	Guelph	1st and 3rd Friday.
Jubilee	13	Chatham	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Edna	14	St. Thomas	1st and 3rd Monday.
Harmony	15	Gananoque	Every Thursday.
Olive Branch	16	Toronto	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Myrtle	17	Elora	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Excelsior	18	Bridgeburg	Ev'y Monday but the last.
Mizpah	19	Collingwood	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Donalda	20	North Bay	1st and 3rd Wednesday.
Flora	21	Sault Ste. Marie	Every Friday.
Inglewood	23	Waterford	2nd and 4th Monday.
Prudence	24	Brantford	2nd and 4th Friday.
Alberta	25	Kincardine	1st and 3d Friday.
Ivy	26	Galt	2nd and 4th Friday.
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	Every Thursday.
Colfax	28	Sarnia	Every Friday.
At-the-Well	29	Almonte	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Aberdeen	30	Deseronto	2nd, 4th and 5th Friday.
Coila	32	Ottawa	2nd and 4th Thursday
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville	Every Monday.
Olivette	34	Wingham	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Pansy	35	Amherstburg	Every Monday.
Rachel	36	Toronto	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Rowena	37	Paris	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Jusitia	38	Hamilton	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Margaret	39	Waubaushene	Every Monday.
Hazel	40	Ottawa	1st and 3rd Monday.
Florence	41	Harriston	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Pandora	42	Blenheim	2nd and last Thursday.
Rose	43	Woodstock	Every Tuesday.
Harriet	44	Renfrew	1st and 3rd Friday.
Peachland	45	Leamington	Every Tuesday.
Ideal	47	Ruthven	Every Friday.
Eastern Star	48	Cornwall	Every Thursday.
Lily	49	Kingsville	Every Wednesday.
Fern	50	Simcoe	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Thamesville	51	Thamesville	Every Monday.
Violet	52	Otterville	Every Friday.
Viola	53	Toronto	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Queen	54	Hespeler	1st and 3rd Friday.
Woodslee	55	Woodslee	Every Monday.
Ruby	56	Mount Forest	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Endeavor	57	Forest	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Carnation	58	Wallaceburg	Every Thursday.
Primrose	59	Dundas	2nd and 4th Friday.
Triple Links	60	Petrolia	2nd and 4th Wednesday.
Brilliant	61	Berlin	1st Thurs. and 3rd Wed.
Sydenham	62	Owen Sound	1st and 3rd Monday.
Bethel	63	Harrietsville	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Ivy Leaf	64	Parham	1st and 3rd Tuesday.



Odd Fellows' Relief Association.

ANNUAL MEETING IN KINGSTON

Progress of the Year—Growth in Membership and Finances—Summary of the Business

The annual meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association was held in Kingston on July 19th, 1899. It was attended by representatives of the Grand Lodges of Ontario, Quebec, Maritime Provinces, and Manitoba; by the Directors, and by a great many of the local members. The attendance was the largest in many years. Dr. Fowler, P.G.M., occupied the chair.

There were present from Ontario J. E. Farewell, Whitby, Grand Master; Dr. McLurg, Woodstock, Deputy Grand Master; O. L. Lewis, Chatham, Grand Warden; J. B. King, Grand Secretary; J. A. Young, Thamesford; H. White, Port Hope; W. H. Hoyle, Cannington; John Donogh and Joseph Oliver, Toronto; W. H. Cole, Brockville; Rev. Mr. Jolliffe, Colborne, Past Grand Masters; and many others.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Report of the Directors showed that the Association had had a prosperous year, that it had added a larger number than usual to the roll of membership and a very substantial sum to the Reserve and Surplus Funds. The Reserve Fund now amounts to $157,000 (in cash and negotiable securities); the surplus of the year was $23,474.97; the total assets of the Association, including the Reserve Fund, was $174,951.40. There was paid out in mortuary benefits $93,500, and in disability benefits $2,000. The Rebekah branch had been organized with the promise of a rapid growth. The loss by the fire, which burned out the Association, was not very much in excess of the insurance. Aggressive work should be under-

taken in the provinces. The Local Board at Winnipeg should have enlarged power, and a similar board should be organized in the Maritime Provinces.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS.

The Secretary submitted the statistics of the year. The membership of the Association on June 30th was 10,849. The average age of the new members was 30.94; the average age of the whole membership was 37.23; the death rate of the year was 6.13; and the average age of the deceased members was 41.59.

The Treasurer's statement showed the revenue of the year to be $139,247.83, and the expenditure $115,322.86. The investments of the year, in municipal debentures, etc., amounted to $60,703.69.

The Superintendent of Agencies reported that he had visited the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the States of Vermont, New York, and Michigan, on business; in all he had travelled 18,844 miles. The year had been prosperous and the outlook was promising.

RESULTS OF COMMITTEES.

At the meeting in the evening the reports of committees were presented in the following order:

1. Membership. Recommending another notice to members to have their beneficiaries named where it had not been done. It could not endorse the appointment of a general agent in Manitoba just now, but it did urge that the powers of the Local Board be increased, and that a similar board be organized in the Maritime Provinces. Adopted.

2. Extension of the work. Suggesting a change in the wording of the certificates, and issuing them for a fixed amount without any modification; also the appropriation of a sum for the development of the field in the far east and west. Adopted.

3. Rebekah Branch. Congratulating the Association upon what had been done in the membership here, and recommending changes in the law *re* the naming of beneficiaries. Adopted.

4. Finance. Making mention of the last addition to the Reserve Fund, and finding in this fact the best guarantee of the Membership to make good its engagements with membership. The securities had been checked and found correct.

5. General Business. Recommending the continuance of the relationship between this Association and the Canadian Fraternal Association, and that no action be taken *re* Dominion incorporation until the special act concerning fraternal societies had been disposed of by the federal government. Adopted.

6. Mileage and Per Diem. Fixing the amounts to be paid to the delegates in attendance at the annual meeting. Adopted.

7. Special on Permanent Offices. Confirming the action of the Directors in purchasing the site of the Odd Fellows' hall, but advising that it be sold, as it was not expedient to proceed with the erection of a building by the Association. Adopted.

8. Special Committee. Disposing of several law points that had been referred to it. Adopted after it had been amended in some minor particulars.

9. Laws and Amendments. Recommending a number of changes, made obligatory by new conditions. One cause said the disability law was as explicit as the circumstances called for; one gave a clearer definition of the funds and accounts of the Association, from an accountant's standpoint; another stipulated that the funds of the Association should be invested in such securities as the law approved for the investment of trust moneys, and that real estate should not be acquired until the members have been notified, and the transaction authorized at the annual or a regularly called special meeting of the members. Adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Crawford, Winnipeg, introduced resolutions dealing (1) with the legislation passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session; and (2) with the desire for closer fraternal relations with the several Grand Lodges of Canada. Carried.

A motion, which was unanimously adopted, reads as follows: "That in lieu of the registration fee, heretofore charged, the sum of five cents per member be added to the assessment notices, issued from the head office, and printed thereon, and the agent of the Association shall, after the next bi-monthly assessment, be paid seven per cent upon the amount of bi-monthly assessments received from him and remitted to the head office."

Moved by Mr. Finlayson, of Montreal, seconded by F. H. Gisborne, of Ottawa, that Article X of the Constitution be amended so that the Association may issue certificates for $2,500 and $3,000, with proportionate rates, should there be application therefor. The meeting accepted it only as a notice of motion. It will come up for consideration next year.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, of Chatham, seconded by Capt. Donnelly, Kingston, the hazardous rating, affirmed a year ago, was declared not to be retroactive and so applying to members who were then in occupations alleged to be hazardous. Carried.

The rating of old members will, therefore, remain as at present, even though these members are in the classes called hazardous, they being employed as now when they joined the Association. The old members, changing out of the ordinary class into the hazardous, however, are liable for the extra rating at the age at which they became identified with the Association.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

The following were unanimously elected the non-resident directors:

Ontario—Wm. Donogh, J. T. Hornibrook, H. White.

Quebec—D. John Dickson, J. A. Robb, Andrew Philps.

Maritime Provinces—J. H. Sutherland, C. B. Allen, B. Bremner.

Manitoba—R. H. Shanks, W. J. Roche, M.P., J. W. Baker.

The retiring resident directors, Dr. Fowler, J. B. McIver, and S. Oberndorffer, were re-elected.

The Auditors, John Nicolle and T. D. Minnes, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Officers—President, Fife Fowler, M.D., P.G.M.; Vice-President, J.B. McIver, P.G.; Secretary, R. Meek, P.G.; Treasurer, D. Callaghan, P.G.

Resident Directors—Fife Fowler, M.D., P.G.M.; W. Mundell, P.G.; J. B. McIver, P.G.; W. H. Godwin; T. Donnelly, P.G.; S. Oberndorffer, P. G.; W. J. Livingston, P. G.; R. F. Elliott, P.G.; B. H. Carnovsky, P.G.

Superintendent of Agencies—A. H. Blackeby, P.G.R., Kingston.

Auditors—John Nicolle, P.G., Kingston; T. D. Minnes, Kingston.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME AND GREETING TO THE GRAND LODGE.

The following are the Addresses of Welcome to the Grand Lodge by the Acting Mayor, Mr. J. J. Graham, and Bro. W. C. Macdonald, D.D.G.M., with the replies of the Grand Master thereto:

Before the opening of the Grand Lodge, Alderman J. J. Graham, Chairman of the City Council Reception Committee and Alderman Steiner, another member of such committee, addressed the Grand Lodge, and on behalf of the Council of the City of Toronto, welcomed the Grand Lodge to the city. Mr. Graham congratulated the Order upon its long and successful history. He was glad to be able to state from personal knowledge that the objects of the Order were most praiseworthy and that its membership in this city was strong in numbers and influence. He expressed the hope that the visitors would visit the new Public Buildings and go through the large and elegant buildings devoted to Education and Charity, and claimed that few cities of its age and population had more of such institutions. He said the meeting was a good representation of the people of Ontario and that the city would be glad to tender the Order a steamboat excursion on the following evening in the meantime they tendered the Brotherhood the freedom of the city and hoped the session would be a pleasant and profitable one.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, made the following timely reply:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Municipal Reception Committee of the City of Toronto:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge and of the Odd Fellows of Ontario, I thank you most sincerely for the kindly greetings you have extended to us on this occasion.

This practice of receiving Societies, like our own, which visit your city in connection with their work, is a good one. It shows that while your people are enterprising and prosperous in the matter of commerce and manufactories, your people recognize that the greatness of a city depends not upon success and prosperity alone, but also upon its recognition of the duties which the successful and prosperous owe to those who are unfortunate and distressed. Having a fair knowledge of what your city is doing in the matter of education and charity, I am safe in saying that it has few, if any, equals in this respect.

We thank you for the kindly words which you have spoken as to the usefulness of our Society generally, and the respectability and good work of its membership in this city. Your kindness and words of cheer will stimulate us in the performance of those kindly works for which we are united.

I may be permitted briefly to refer to our objects and as to how we have succeeded in the past.

We are bound to "visit the sick and relieve the distressed" of our Brotherhood, "to bury our dead" and "educate their orphans." With political divisions and parties we have nothing to do. Our platform is a broad one. Our idea is this, that the member who is most loyal to his country, most faithful to his Creator and most fraternal to his fellow man, is the best Odd Fellow.

That there is a reason for the existence of our Society is shown, we think, by the fact that it is founded upon the teachings of the Bible, which is to be open in every lodge room, and that it has prospered as no other Order established for similar ends has prospered.

Founded eighty years ago in the city of Baltimore by five working men who were Odd Fellows in Great Britain, its principles and practices have so commended themselves to the people that there have been initiated into the Order since 1830, and up to December 31st, 1897, 2,197,-165, and notwithstanding the large number of Societies which have followed in our footsteps and are competing with us, there are now over 839,608 adult male members of it with an auxiliary branch Daughters of Rebekah, doing practically the same work, numbering over 300,000. Its receipts during the past 67 years have been over 201,067,165 dollars. Its expenditures for its charitable purposes have been during that time over $70,000,000 and that it now has on hand for the relief of distress invested funds to the amount of $70,000,000.

Besides over $1,000,000 invested in homes for the aged and destitute widows and orphans of deceased members, its annual expenditure for relief amounts to the sum of $5,000,000. Our prosperity has been as phenomenal as that of your city.

You were good enough, Mr. Chairman, to refer to us as a representative body of Canadian people. I may, I trust, be pardoned in saying that your opinion is a correct one, for from every part of this fair province are representatives of the best of Ontario's sons; from lodges along the Ottawa and St. Lawrence, from along the shores of Ontario, Erie, Huron and Superior; from distant "New Ontario" and from every city, town and village in the province in fact. We are here for the advancement of high aims and noble purposes.

We thank you for your cordial greeting and "the freedom of the city" which you have extended to us; we shall use but not abuse this freedom. At home we strive to be earnest, respectable, law-abiding citizens, and here we trust we shall demean ourselves as becometh visitors to "Toronto the Good."

To the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario:

DEAR BRETHREN,—The pleasing duty devolves upon me, as D.D.G.M., to extend to you, on behalf of Toronto District, No. 19, a very hearty welcome to the city of Toronto.

Animated by the pure principle of Friendship, Love and Truth, you have journeyed here from all parts of our fair Province to aid, by your wisdom and counsel, in increasing the influence and extending the beneficence of our noble Order, whose aim for the past four-score years has been to ameliorate the condition of our race.

It will gratify you to know that the welcome here extended to you has behind it nearly 2,000 Odd Fellows, all working in harmony for the advancement of our Order, and all permeated by that good fellowship which is so prominent wherever our standard is raised.

We have no doubt the work you will accomplish during your sessions here will have an important bearing on the future of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, and we only voice the sentiments of the brothers generally when we express our conviction that the destiny of the Order is safe in your hands.

While your duties will no doubt be arduous, we hope you will find time to become better acquainted with our city and its many points of interest.

Wishing you Godspeed in your unselfish labors, and again assuring you of the great pleasure it gives the Odd Fellows of Toronto District to have you with them, I now leave you to the work before you.

On behalf of Toronto District, No. 19,

Yours fraternally,

W. C. MACDONALD, D.D.G.M.

Toronto, Aug. 9th, 1899.

To which the Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Farewell, made the following eloquent reply:

District Deputy Grand Master W. C. Macdonald and Reception Committee of District No. 19:

I have great pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, in thanking you for the kindly greeting extended to us by the Odd Fellows of this district.

We are delighted to hold this meeting in a city and district where the Order is so strong, not only in numbers, but in influence and in the esteem and respect of the people of this metropolitan city.

The enviable position this Order has obtained here and kept

"was not attained by sudden flight,"

but by fidelity to and earnestness in exemplifying principles which are calculated to make men discharge properly their public and social duties.

The Representatives are pleased to hear that the 2,000 members of this great District are working harmoniously. To me no such intimation was necessary, as I have had the good fortune to visit many of your lodges, and to meet hundreds of your members assembled together on various occasions.

Were the works of charity and benevolence performed by your members, and the social and fraternal advantages for pleasure and instruction more generally known, your membership would be doubled.

Allow me to congratulate you upon some items of your work which clearly indicate how closely you are keeping to your work, and how well you understand the objects for which you are banded together.

You have had in the past and now are successfully carrying on the work of the "District Committee." Your success in this matter has put the usefulness of this system beyond question. The excellent work done by your Relief Board is known to a great many of our hundreds of lodges in this jurisdiction and to very many lodges outside of it, because hundreds of brothers—strangers in the city—have here found while sick and in distress a brother's hand and a brother's welcome, have received kindnesses and needed attentions "which the sceptre of a king or the baton of a field-marshal could not command."

You have done your duty in caring for the living, and have not forgotten your deceased brothers. You have enshrined them in your memory, and shown those who are not of our family that our Order is a living, moving power for good.

The prominent burial plot in that well-kept Mount Pleasant Cemetery, which you have provided for the stranger brothers who have died in your city, is a credit alike to your heads and your hearts. The graceful, symbolic and imposing monument which rises from this plot is an inspiration to yourselves and your brothers who visit the city. It must suggest to those who are not of us that our Order is founded upon right principles, and that in this busy, prosperous city there are a large number of men devoted to the work of friendship, benevolence and charity.

From an intimate acquaintance with this city, I am able to endorse, without reservation, your statement that it contains many objects of interest, many great buildings for carrying on its extending commerce and manufactures; noble triumphs of architectural skill—the seats of great educational institutions; and best and greatest of all, these buildings are those devoted to charity and philanthropy.

Allow me, District Deputy Grand Master, to congratulate you personally upon your successful administration of the duties of your important office during the past year, and the brethren under your jurisdiction upon the good work they have accomplished.

Report of the Grand Representatives

TO

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

Session of 1899, held at Detroit, Mich.

The Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario:

BRETHREN,—Your Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Order in accordance with the duties constitutionally devolving upon them, beg to make their report as follows:—

All the representatives from the Province, both Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge, were in attendance at the Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge which opened at the City of Detroit on the morning of Monday, 18th September, 1899. The reception accorded by the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit to the members of the Grand Body was of the most hospitable character and no pains were spared on the part of the local brethren to make the visiting brethren enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Ontario's representatives were honoured by being placed on Committees as follows:—

HENRY WHITE .....Legislation.
J. A. YOUNG.....Grand Bodies not represented.
GEORGE BELL .....Mileage and per diem.
SAMUEL LAW .....International Relations.

Our esteemed Grand Secretary's (Brother King) presence in Detroit was also recognized by the Grand Sire's making him one of the appointed officers of the Grand body, a position he ably filled and which was a slight recognition of the esteem in which Brother King is held throughout the Order. His name is known throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as being one of the oldest and most efficient Grand Secretaries in our great organization.

GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

The able and eminently exhaustive Report of the Grand Sire was a very valuable addition to the literature of Odd Fellowship. The comments made on the work of the Order during the preceding year, being the result of close observation and diligent attention on the part of Grand Sire Pinkerton, are of great moment and deserve the very careful consideration of the membership. Indeed it is to be wished that these Reports could be placed in the hands of every member of our fraternity as an incentive to enthusiastic work and careful obedience to our laws. In his report the Grand Sire says, amongst other things:—

"Wonderful has been the development of this Fraternity. In 1819 one lodge and five members. In 1899, 11,419 lodges and 830,961 members. During the last sixty-nine years 2,252,784 persons have crossed our threshold, and from a total revenue of $209,833,559.13 during this period the sum of $80,903,642.61 has been distributed, not in alms, but in fraternal and brotherly relief.

So much dry numerals tell, but who can estimate the Order's worth as expressed, by brother to brother, in the fraternal hand grasp, in the kindly and timely act, and in the words of salutation and farewell!

The accumulation of material wealth is not the only, nor the true rule by which the accomplishments of organizations, or of individuals are to be measured.

Rejoicing in its monetary strength and in the resources that enable it to do its destined and chosen work, we know that our fraternity lives and prospers because a utilitarian people have recognized its fundamental faith to be true, and have beheld the practical exemplification of that faith. Founded in a splendid sentiment, Odd Fellowship has earned its place amid the civilizing and Christianizing forces of our age. Its works have been those of a practical brotherhood, its victories varied and enduring.

Widespread as our Order is, permeating the atmosphere of our daily life, woven into the fabric of our social and political existence the evidence of its hourly work, its aggressive and progressive force, is a refutation of the oft repeated, but false assertion, that the citizens of this world are not as good as were their fathers. We do not live in a period of retrogradation. The world is brighter to-day than ever before. The people of this world are cleaner, purer, better, than were those who preceded them. Never were the great masses of the people so well housed, fed and cared for as now, and never has the individual man been more sure of his political and religious freedom. Education has illumined the land and brought happiness to those who strive; the laborer can now behold his son seated in honor in the temple, and his daughters raised above the dregs and drudgery of life.

The human race is on the upward march; welcome every agency, of whatever name or creed, that lends a helping hand to those who need it or scatters flowers beneath the bruised and bleeding feet of those who toil upon life's pathway. Our Order is a mighty force in this uplifting work. It has contributed its strength and power to the betterment of men, and as we meet to legislate for an ever expanding fraternity, may wisdom and tolerance so guide and direct our councils that this session of our supreme legislature may be remembered for the benefits it has bestowed upon, and the encouragement it has given, our beloved fraternity.

FINANCES.

The Finance Committee will submit a report that should receive your prompt and serious consideration.

The members of few fraternal organizations are as lightly taxed as are our members, and only indirectly do they support this body. This supreme legislative and judicial Lodge—to which every Odd Fellow can resort for a redress of injuries and adjudication of his claims—does not ask the individual brother to directly contribute to its revenues. As a rule, each State Grand Lodge and Encampment has returned to it, through its Grand Representatives, a greater sum than that annually paid by it as a representative tax. The great source of our financial life is the income derived from the sale of supplies. It has never been your policy to accumulate money; neither has intentional extravagance been indulged in during the past years; still the fact remains that, as a rule, our expenditures exceed our revenues, and a continuance of such a condition can have but one result.

I do not believe that biennial sessions, or a fixed place of meeting, will solve the problem. The first is liable to produce evils greater than those sought to be cured, without reducing expenditures to the extent claimed by some of its advocates, and the latter seems to me to be neither practicable nor desirable.

I earnestly desire the day when, from a financial standpoint, the Sovereign Grand Lodge can feel secure, and while during the past few sessions much has been accomplished tending to that end, and some expenditures sanctioned by custom, rather than by necessity, have been either materially lessened or entirely avoided, further action upon your part is necessary in order to insure the accomplishment of our desires. The seeming remedy for existing conditions is a reduction in the sum paid for mileage, if such reduction can be made without requiring serious sacrifices upon the part of individuals.

Various resolutions submitted at the last session and to be considered at this, merit, as I am sure they will receive, your serious, careful, wise consideration. We cannot differ upon the desirability of avoiding financial complications, nor do I believe you will hesitate to apply that remedy that will most quickly and surely accomplish the purpose sought, as will insure financial stability and confine our ordinary expenditures within our ordinary revenue."

During the recess, the Grand Sire had given one hundred and sixty-four decisions, and without exception these were confirmed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and are now part of the Supreme Law of the Order. These decisions will be found at a later stage in this Report.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The Grand Secretary's Report, as submitted, discloses the following interesting particulars of the Order, its growth, membership and present condition. The gains and decreases mentioned being on comparison of the returns of 1898 as compared with 1897:

Grand Lodges, 55; Grand Encampments, 52, gain of 1; Subordinate Lodges, 11,419, increase 190; Subordinate Encampments, 2,616, decrease 17; Rebekah Lodges, 5,053, increase 257; Lodge initiations, 65,588, increase 6,052; Encampment initiations, 10,459, increase 1,216; Rebekah initiations—brothers, 19,703, decrease 803; sisters, 31,968, decrease 172; Lodge members, 830,961, increase 18,041; Encampment members, 127,141, decrease 635; Rebekah members—brothers, 122,332, increase 2,464; sisters, 190,007, increase 12,184; total members of the Order, 1,020,968, increase 30,225.

Relief by Lodges, $3,126,050.47, increase $78,765.32; relief by Encampments, $249,786.88, decrease $16,178.64; relief by Rebekah Lodges, $47,149.15, decrease $4,229.59; total relief, $3,422,986.50, increase $58,357.09.

Revenue of Subordinate Lodges, $7,752,282.29, decrease $57,893.53; revenue of Subordinate Encampments, $570,762.64, decrease $32,413.50; revenue of Rebekah Lodges, $443,348.63, increase $10,440.69; total revenue, $8,766,393.56, decrease $79,866.34.

Invested funds of Subordinate Lodges, $25,152,982.29, increase $736,381.97; invested funds, Subordinate Encampments, $1,486,760.60, increase $36,082.93; invested funds, Rebekah Lodges, $545,498.57, increase $24,080.82; total invested funds, $27,185,241.46, increase $796,545.72.

Expenses of Subordinate Lodges, $3,579,187.62, increase $269,847.55; expenses of Subordinate Encampments, $208,420.18, decrease $90,585.06; expenses of Rebekah Lodges, $372,118.66, increase $15,310.27; total expenses, $4,159,726.46, increase $194,572.76.

Brothers relieved, 87,613, decrease 2,446; patriarchs relieved, 10,664 decrease 1,468; weeks' benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges, 568,687, decrease 29,764; weeks' benefits paid by Subordinate Encampments, 87,343, decrease 4,552; widowed families relieved by Subordinate Lodges, 5707, decrease 438; widowed families relieved by Subordinate Encampments, 147, decrease 50; brothers buried, 9,012, increase 79; patriarchs buried, 1337, decrease 145.

Condition of the Order Dec. 31, 1898; Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1; Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland), 5; Subordinate Grand Lodges, 65; Subordinate Grand Encampments, 55; Subordinate Lodges, 11,796; Subordinate Encampments, 2,641; Lodge members, 859,929; Encampment members, 128,267; Rebekah Lodges, 5,071; members of Rebekah Lodges, 313,163.

Statistics of the Order from 1830 to Dec. 31, 1898: Initiations in Subordinate Lodges, 2,266,158; members relieved, 2,253,802; widowed families relieved, 239,838; members deceased, 220,889; total relief, $80,726,900.21; total receipts, $208,971,008.08.

Decisions affecting Grand Lodges and Rebekah Assemblies and Subordinate and Rebekah Degree Lodges.

The following decisions and rulings of the Grand Sire, made during the recess, were approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No. 1. Q. Can a Grand Lodge adopt the following law: "When a candidate is balloted for in the initiatory degree, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to pass the ballot box to his right and left supporters, for inspection, before he declares the result of the ballot."

A. It can. The whole matter is left to local jurisdiction, excepting that the Noble Grand alone has the prerogative of deciding the result of the ballot.

No. 2. Q. On page 226, Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1898, it is provided that a properly signed and sealed certificate, under proper identification, shall be authority to any Noble Grand to communicate the "current travelling pass-word of the Order." What is meant by the "current travelling pass-word of the Order" in this resolution?

A. The annual travelling pass-word.

No. 3. Q. Does this resolution authorize the communication of the term pass-word of a jurisdiction upon the presentation of said certificate to the Noble Grand of a Lodge other than that to which the holder of the certificate belongs?

A. It does not.

No. 4. Q. Is a brother who receives an official receipt for his dues entitled to receive the annual travelling pass-word in connection therewith?

A. Only such brothers as pay their dues in advance are entitled to receive the annual travelling pass-word at the time they pay their dues and receive an official receipt therefor.

No. 5. Q. Does the adoption of Resolution No. 200, Page 226, Daily Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, authorize a Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch to communicate the term or semi-annual pass-word in addition to the travelling pass-word, when official receipt is presented by members of their own jurisdiction?

A. The resolution authorizes the communication of the travelling pass-word only. The law relating to the communication of the term pass-word is not changed by this resolution.

No. 6. Q. Under the same resolution, would the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch be authorized to communicate the travelling pass-word to a brother in possession of a visiting card, and not having an order or an official certificate?

A. A Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch can communicate the travelling pass-word only to such holders of a visiting card (unless a member of his own lodge or encampment) as have, in addition thereto, an order for such pass-word or an official certificate as certified as in resolution.

No. 7. The holder of a visiting card desiring to procure the annual travelling pass-word from the Noble Grand of a lodge, other than his own, must also present a properly executed order for such pass-word.

No. 8. The resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Page 16,136 Journal of 1898, Report 199) did not authorize a Noble Grand to give the annual travelling pass-word to the holder of a *visiting* card, such holder not presenting an official receipt such as is named in said resolution, unless with said card was also presented a properly executed order for such pass-word.

No. 9. Under the recent law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Page 16,136, of S. G. L. Journal, 1898) a Noble Grand can legally communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a brother presenting an official receipt for dues, executed in the manner described in said resolution, without a written order for the pass-word.

No. 10. There is nothing in the general laws of the Order which deprives a Past Grand, who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, of the privilege of voting for Grand Officers.

No. 11. Voting for Grand Officers in a Subordinate Lodge is the private business of the Lodge, and it is a violation of the laws and usages of the Order to write or print on postal cards the names of candidates to be voted for, and to request the secretaries of lodges to mail such postal cards with the result of the vote, to a person other than the Grand Officer authorized to receive the official return of the canvass.

Provided, that this decision shall not be construed to prevent any member of a Lodge, in his individual and unofficial capacity from making known to other members of the Order or to the public the mere result of an election for Grand Officers in a lodge.

No. 12. A secretary of a Subordinate Lodge has no right to mail printed or written postal cards or letters giving the names of candidates for Grand Officers with the number of votes cast in his lodge for each, to other Subordinate Lodges, or to any other person than the Grand Officers designated by law to receive the official returns of votes cast in the Subordinate Lodges.

Provided, that this decision shall not be construed to prevent any member of a lodge, in his individual and unofficial capacity, from making known to other members of the Order or to the public the mere result of an election for Grand Officers in a Lodge.

No. 13. A Grand Lodge has the right to forbid by law the issuing of electioneering circulars, by Subordinate Lodges, or individual members of the Order, within its jurisdiction, advocating, or condemning, certain brothers as candidates for Grand Officers.

No. 14. A Subordinate Lodge may provide in its By-laws that "any brother of this lodge, taken sick, shall not be entitled to benefits for more than four weeks anterior to the time of reporting such sickness to his lodge," provided, there is no law of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction to the contrary.

No. 15. An official receipt for dues can be used in lieu of a visiting card as a basis for application for membership in another lodge than that to which the member belonged when the certificate or card was issued, the applicant retaining his membership in the first named lodge pending the result of his application to the second. Such official receipt takes the place of the visiting card required by law as set forth in Section 668 of White's Digest, 1895.

No. 16. Q. Can a mixed blood Indian, having about one-eighth Indian blood, after been initiated into the Order and elected Deputy Grand Master, be legally elected Grand Master?

A. I assume that he whose blood is one-eighth part Indian blood is not a white person but an Indian, and therefore ineligible to membership in the Order.

Therefore I hold that the initiation of an Indian is not void, but voidable, and that, until the termination of his membership, he is entitled to all the privileges thereof, including that of holding an official position in the lodge. In this case the brother has served both the subordinate and Grand Lodge in official capacities, and is now the Deputy Grand Master, and under the interpretation of the law as above set forth, he is, during the time he retains membership, eligible to become a candidate for Grand Master, and, if elected, to be installed into such office.

No. 17. A member in good standing of a subordinate lodge can resign membership therein at any time before charges have been preferred against him.

Provided, That if charges against a member and a resignation of such member be presented at the same meeting of his lodge, such resignation shall not be operative until the proper disposition of such charges.

No. 18. Attentive benefits do not depend upon a member's "good standing" in his subordinate lodge. A brother, though in arrears for dues, and thus not entitled to pecuniary benefits, is entitled to attentive benefits, including

watchers, when needed, so long as he remains a member of his subordinate lodge, and is not dropped or suspended therefrom.

No. 19. A provision for night watchers is a form of attentive benefits and a mode of care distinctively different from payment of sick benefits, and the one is not dependent upon the other.

No. 20. Statement—"A brother in open lodge moves that a donation be made from the lodge funds to be placed to the credit of a member sufficient to place the member liable to suspension in good standing. Motion carried."

Q. Is this legal?

A. It is not. A lodge has no right to remit dues, nor can it draw money from its treasury to pay dues for any class of members. The use of lodge funds, in the manner indicated in the statement, while called a donation, is simply a transfer of funds to the brother's credit for the purpose of paying his dues, and is therefore an illegal use of lodge funds under the general laws of the Order.

No. 21. The disabilities of an ancient Odd Fellow are removed when he is readmitted to membership in a lodge, and he is then entitled to all the privileges and benefits that such membership confers.

No. 22. Members can retire from the lodge room when the lodge is closed in one degree and before it is opened in another.

No. 23. If at the time set for the installation of officers, the Noble Grand-elect is unable to be present by reason of illness, and for such reason is excused by the Lodge, the Vice-Grand then installed should thereafter occupy the Noble Grand's position until the installation of the Noble Grand-elect.

No. 24. In a Subordinate Lodge a third degree member is eligible to appointment as right supporter of a Noble Grand.

No. 25. Q. Is not an official certificate for dues paid in advance, signed by the Noble Grand and attested by the secretary of the lodge with the seal of the lodge thereon, *per se* an order for the annual travelling pass-word in the hands of the holder thereof in other jurisdictions than his own?

A. It is, upon proper identification, such an order for the annual travelling pass-word.

No. 26. Q. If the annual travelling pass-word is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, but may be used by brothers in the jurisdiction to which they belong, if received in good faith for such primary purpose (see Art. 25, By-laws of S.G.L.), by what authority can said annual travelling pass-word be conferred by the officers of a Subordinate Lodge indiscriminately upon the brothers thereof, who, even though their dues are paid in advance and they hold official certificates to that effect, do not require said certificates for uses of visitation beyond the limits of their own jurisdiction?

A. The authority for communicating the annual travelling pass-word (the current travelling pass-word recited in the resolution, meaning the annual pass-word used for such purposes) to the holder of an official certificate for dues is conferred by, and its limitations defined in, the following resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1898 (Journal 16, 136): "*Resolved*, That the possession of an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the

Lodge, or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing the same, with the seal properly attached, be and the same is hereby declared sufficient, proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof, the current travelling pass-word of the Order."

No. 27. Q. Did the adoption of the following resolution by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "*Resolved*, That the possession of an Official Certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the Lodge or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing same, with the seal properly attached, be, and the same is hereby, declared sufficient, proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof, the current travelling pass-word of the Order." (Page 16,136. Approved, page 16,158), authorize the Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge to communicate to a brother of a different jurisdiction the annual travelling pass-word without an order from the brother's lodge for such annual travelling pass-word?

A. It did. The power to communicate such pass-word upon presentation of a proper certificate duly signed and executed, in its terms declared to be sufficient proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof, such pass-word.

No. 28. Where the constitution of a Grand Lodge requires the secretary of a subordinate lodge "To notify the Grand Secretary of rejection of candidates and expulsion of members" it is the duty of the secretary of such subordinate lodge to notify the Grand Secretary when an applicant for membership by card, either withdrawal or visiting, is rejected.

No. 29. The official receipt properly executed is itself an order for the annual travelling pass-word. No other order for the pass-word than the receipt is necessary.

No. 30. A member cannot vote or take part in the business of the lodge unless clothed in appropriate regalia.

No. 31. The rejection of an application for membership, based upon the deposit of a visiting card, subjects such applicant to the provisions of law that forbid applicants rejected to apply to any lodge for admission within six months after such rejection.

No. 32. A brother applying for admission by the deposit of a visiting card is an applicant or candidate, and is, in the absence of a local law making a distinction between applicants for initiation and those applying for membership by card, subject to the general rules regulating the application of candidates for membership.

No. 33. The charter of a subordinate lodge cannot be surrendered by vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the lodge, should five members wish to retain and work under it, even though these five members were not present at the meeting when it was voted to surrender the charter.

No. 34. Statement—Through the insubordination of a part of its members, the charter of a subordinate is arrested and suspended by a proclamation published by the presiding officer of the Grand Jurisdiction. This act of the officer is approved by the Grand Body during its regular annual session. At the same

session seventy-five members of the body whose charter was arrested presented a written apology and petition for the restoration of the charter. The members who were loyal and subordinate refused to sign the apology and petition. The Grand Body ordered the charter restored.

Q. Did the Grand Body possess the right to restore the charter to and include in such restoration the insubordinate members, who were the cause of the expulsion of the subordinate body? Should not the charter have been restored only to the loyal, obedient members, and allow them to pass upon removal of the disability, and not the Grand Body?

A. A Grand Lodge possessing the power to suspend the charter of a subordinate lodge for insubordination possesses also the right to restore such charter upon such terms and conditions as to it may seem best, provided the rights of the innocent are protected. In the statement of facts above cited it appears that the members who were guilty of the acts for which the charter was suspended, purged themselves of contempt, and, their apology being accepted, the charter was then restored, and all members, both the innocent and those who had formerly been guilty of contempt, restored to membership. This, I think, the Grand Lodge had a right to do, and it may well be assumed that the Grand Lodge held that the innocent members were not required to renew their promise of obedience. The right to punish a lodge by suspension of charter must include the right to restore that charter to such brothers, and upon such terms, as, in the judgment of the granting power, seems best, provided that the innocent and non-offending members are not deprived of their rights. In this case, as I understand the facts, the charter being restored, all former members were permitted to return to membership. In the cited case of Smith vs. the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Page 13,439, Journal, 1893, the charter was directed to be restored to a certain class of brothers, and the Grand Master, disregarding the directions of the Grand Lodge, restored it to the guilty and excluded the innocent members of the suspended lodge. The Sovereign Grand Lodge rightly held on appeal that this action was improper, but this case can hardly be invoked to govern an entirely different state of facts.

No. 35. A subordinate lodge has no right to issue to a brother in return for the payment of his dues an order for a receipt, or a paper to be exchanged for a receipt when the brother shall so desire. The issuance of such a paper is a palpable evasion of the law requiring the use of the official receipt for dues. It is in effect a receipt, although not so termed.

No. 36. When a Grand Officer is visiting officially a subordinate lodge he should be introduced after he has addressed the chairs and should then be received with the honors of the Order.

No. 37. Q. (*a*)—Can the Noble Grand of a lodge legally authorize a member of his own lodge, other than the Vice Grand or a Past Grand (whom he knows to be legally in possession of the annual travelling pass-word) to communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a visitor holding an order for the same?

(*b*) Does the law of the Order regarding admission of visitors permit the Noble Grand to appoint a scarlet degree member, not the Vice Grand, who may be in possession of the annual travelling pass-word to communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a visitor holding an order for the same?

(*c*) In the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, a Past Grand being in the chair, is it permissable to appoint a visiting brother, who is the

Noble Grand of another lodge, to serve upon the Committee of Examination, for the purpose of communicating the annual travelling pass-word to a brother holding an order for the same?

A. The answer to each of these questions must be, No. The by-laws and general legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge clearly contemplate that the Noble Grand or presiding officer of a lodge (other than the R.S. of N.G. temporarily occupying the chair) should communicate the annual travelling pass-word to visitors, and I am not aware of any law that authorizes him to delegate that privilege.

No. 38. A subordinate lodge cannot examine a visitor in the Grand Lodge degrees.

No. 39. It is mandatory upon a subordinate lodge issuing a visiting or withdrawal card, to insert therein the highest rank which the brother to whom the card is issued has attained in the Order, and this whether such rank has been attained in the subordinate or Grand Lodge, or in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No. 40. Q. Referring to the laws digested in Secs. 700, 701 and 703, White's New Digest of 1895, and particularly to the words, "he having first been notified of the action that would be taken," in the third resolution on page 7,505 of the Journal of 1877. Must this notice of contemplated suspension be given after the full year's dues have accrued, or may such notice that suspension will follow if dues for one year are permitted to accrue, be given before the end of the year?

A. Such notice must be given after the full year's dues have accrued.

No. 41. Past official rank can only be obtained by service. It cannot be conferred by resolution of a lodge as a mark of esteem for a brother who has not actually rendered the required service.

No. 42. A Grand Warden, being an elective officer of a Grand Lodge, takes rank and precedence over a District Deputy Grand Master.

No. 43. The Vice Grand, while occupying the chair of the Noble Grand, should wear the regalia of the Noble Grand.

No. 44. A minor daughter of a brother, and a member of his family is not entitled to be paid by a lodge for nursing her father during his illness.

No. 45. A newly instituted subordinate lodge must be opened by the Grand Master, or instituting officer, in the third degree.

No. 46. The suicide of a brother is no bar, under the general laws of the Order, to the payment of funeral benefits by his lodge.

No. 47. The travelling pass-word as well as all the pass-words of the various degrees of the Order, are to be spoken as written and pronounced in English, and are not to be translated into any other language.

No. 48. When the Vice Grand of a subordinate lodge is given authority to appoint his own supporters, the Noble Grand cannot prevent their installation upon the claim that the appointees are not acceptable to him.

No. 49. An insane brother, incapable of performing an intelligent act, cannot be expelled from membership because of an infraction of the rules of the Order.

No. 50. Under no circumstances can a member who has not received the third degree be elected Vice Grand of a lodge.

No. 51. A Junior Past Grand is not an officer of a subordinate lodge and is not subject to a fine imposed by the lodge upon "absent officers."

No. 52. The possession of an official certificate or receipt for dues does not, of itself, permit visitation. It is the duty of a lodge to which such certificate is presented to cause the brother's identity to be proven by an examination, or otherwise, and no brother refusing to submit to such examination can insist upon his admission to the lodge.

A. A Rebekah lodge is an entirely independent organization from that of the subordinate lodge. It is auxiliary to the subordinate lodge only by reason of being engaged in kindred work, and being a division of the same Order of Odd Fellows, but in its government and chartered existence it is independent of, and not auxiliary to, the subordinate lodge.

No. 53. (Not of general application.)

No. 54. It is obligatory upon a lodge granting a withdrawal card to state therein the highest rank that a brother has attained in his lodge.

No. 55. The petition for a subordinate lodge must be signed by at least five members of the third degree, in good standing, including brothers holding unexpired withdrawal cards; brothers holding dismissal certificates, or withdrawal cards out of date, may join in the petition, but such petition must also be signed by at least five third degree members in good standing.

No. 56. The power to fix the minimum amount to be received by subordinate lodges for initiation, and degree fees, rests in the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction to which the subordinate lodge is attached. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not fixed such fees.

No. 57. Statement. On the 9th of February, 1899, Brother J. H. McLean, Past Grand, of Port Arthur Lodge, Port Arthur, Ont., made application to become a member of our lodge by deposit of card. The application was not accompanied by either a medical certificate or proposition fee, but was referred to a committee on character, who, on the 16th of February, presented a favorable report, when the candidate was balloted for and, on the ballot being favorable, he was declared elected, and entitled to become a member by deposit of card. The Recording Secretary was then instructed to notify Port Arthur Lodge that Brother McLean had been elected to membership in Minnehaha Lodge and to ask for his withdrawal card. The Secretary did so on the 25th of February; Port Arthur Lodge at first refused the card, claiming that we had no right to ask for it, but subsequently, on their attention being called to the law bearing on the question, they granted the card, and forwarded it to Brother McLean himself, instead of to our lodge as requested.

The brother failed to hand in his card or attend at lodge to sign the constitution. On the 27th of April he was reported sick since the 19th of same month.

Sections 19 and 20 of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba read:

Section 19. "This constitution for the government of subordinate lodges, and the by-laws and rules of the Order made thereunder, and the constitution and by-laws and rules of order of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, shall constitute the contract between the Order and each member thereof; and every member

from the time of his initiation, reinstatement or admission by card, and so long as he continues in membership in the Order, shall be bound by every clause and article therein contained and amendments thereto, and shall be subject thereto in every particular."

Section 20. "Every member shall sign the constitution and by-laws of this lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of the aforesaid contract, which contract is complete by the member's initiation or admission by card, such admission by card dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of this lodge; and every member shall be subject to the said laws as aforesaid, although he may not have signed his name thereto."

Q. Is Brother McLean a member of Minnehaha Lodge or not?

A. Assuming the statement sent me to be correct, Brother McLean is not a member of Minnehaha Lodge. While under the law of 1895, as set forth in Section 668 of the digest, edition of 1895, a brother may deposit his visiting card, with an application for membership, in another lodge than that in which he belongs, his election, in such second lodge, merely entitles him to become a member of the same after he has taken his withdrawal card from the lodge to which he originally belonged and deposited it in the second lodge. The law of 1895 specifically provides that after the deposit of said card he "shall be entitled to sign the constitution and by-laws and be received in full membership from such time." His membership in the first lodge is not terminated until he actually takes his withdrawal card therefrom, nor is it commenced in the second lodge until such card has been actually deposited therein. The provisions of Sections 19 and 20 of the constitution of Manitoba do not conflict with this ruling. A fair interpretation of such sections limits their application to cases where the final card has been deposited with the application for membership. To interpret it otherwise would be to say that, in cases like this, a brother could be a member of two lodges at one time. The law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge expressly provides that a brother elected, upon a visiting card, must deposit his withdrawal card in the lodge so electing him, before his membership commences, and if there is any conflict between said law and the provisions of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which I do not think exists, the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge controls. By the failure of Brother McLean to deposit his card in Minnehaha Lodge he failed to perfect his membership therein.

No. 58. The length of term for which a Grand Representative in the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be elected, has been fixed by the constitution of that body at two years, and such provision cannot be changed by a State Grand Encampment, nor can such State Grand Encampment enact a law limiting the number of terms a brother can serve as such representative.

No. 59. Statement. On the 14th of April, 1899, Royal City Lodge, No. 13, of New Westminster, B.C., merged with New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, of the same place, under the provisions of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge. It appears that at the time, the financial position of Royal City Lodge was superior to that of New Westminster Lodge, and that some of its members objected to the mergement if its identity would be entirely destroyed by the transaction. In order to meet this objection, and accomplish the object sought, it was mutually agreed that the consolidated lodge should be called Royal City Lodge, No. 3, thus taking the name of one and the number of the other lodge. Prior to this amalgamation, he charters of both lodges were destroyed by fire.

A petition was presented to the last session of the Grand Lodge on behalf of the united lodge, asking that a charter be issued it under the proposed name.

Q. Under this statement of facts, can such a new charter with the new name and number be issued?

A. It can. The power to authorize the consolidation of subordinate lodges, and to arrange the terms and conditions of such consolidation, is vested in Subordinate Grand Lodges, and such Grand Lodges possess the power to issue, under the circumstances named, a new charter to the consolidated lodge, bearing such name and number as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

No. 60. An official receipt for dues is a sufficient guarantee of good standing in a lodge to accompany a petition for membership in a Rebekah Lodge in another jurisdiction.

No. 61. In absence of any local law to the contrary, a Past Grand of a subordinate lodge, who is a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge, can be appointed and commissioned by a Grand Master as his special deputy over a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 62. The legislation of 1893, providing for Rebekah installation floor work, has never been repealed.

No. 63. Q. A sister of a Rebekah Lodge had served a majority of meeting nights as Noble Grand of her lodge, when, because of a failure of a quorum of its members, the lodge finally became defunct before the expiration of the regular term. Is the said Noble Grand entitled to a Past Noble Grand's certificate?

A. She is not.

No. 64. Q. What standing does a brother have in his Rebekah Lodge, who stands suspended for non-payment of dues in his subordinate lodge?

A. Membership in a Rebekah Lodge is dependent on continuous good standing in a subordinate lodge, and a brother suspended for non-payment of dues in his subordinate lodge is, by reason thereof, suspended from membership in the Rebekah Lodge to which he belongs.

No. 65. Q. Does his membership in his Rebekah Lodge cease immediately upon his suspension by his subordinate Lodge, or does such suspension in the Rebekah Lodge date from the time the official notice from the subordinate lodge is received by his Rebekah Lodge?

A. He is suspended in his Rebekah Lodge from the date of his suspension in the subordinate lodge.

No. 66. Q. If a brother stands suspended in his Rebekah Lodge by reason of his suspension in his subordinate lodge (even though he may have paid his dues for one year in advance in his Rebekah Lodge), how does he become reinstated in his Rebekah Lodge after being reinstated in his subordinate lodge?

A. When the brother's disabilities are removed in the subordinate lodge, and he is restored to good standing therein, he becomes ipso facto reinstated in his Rebekah Lodge, provided he is not in arrears for dues in such Rebekah Lodge.

No. 67 Statement. A lady, desiring admission into a Rebekah Lodge, presents herself with a number of others in the ante-room of the lodge; she, with others, was then admitted and initiated; subsequent to the initiation it was discovered that no application from this lady had been filed with the lodge, no committee appointed to investigate and no ballot had ever been taken upon her admission. What is the relationship this lady bears to the lodge? Is she a member of the lodge?

A. The person admitted to membership under the above conditions, must, after her initiation, be deemed a member of the lodge to the same extent as if legally initiated. If the error was on the part of the lodge, the lodge cannot take advantage of its own wrong. If the individual has been guilty of fraud in obtaining admission, she becomes liable to charges and to punishment for such fraud, but having been admitted to the lodge and recognized as a member, she must continue to be deemed such until her membership is terminated in a manner provided by law.

No. 68. Q. Is a Rebekah Lodge an auxiliary to, or has it any connection whatever with, the subordinate lodge?

No. 69. Q. Is there any law to prevent the members of a subordinate lodge organizing two or more Rebekah lodges from among its membership?

A. There is not.

No. 70. Q. In case two Rebekah lodges are organized from the same subordinate lodge should they both be accorded the same privileges by the said subordinate lodge?

A. They should be accorded equal privileges.

No. 71. A brother holding a withdrawal card from a Rebekah lodge is entitled to visit upon the same within a period of twelve months after its date.

No. 72. Q. Can the wife of an Odd Fellow be admitted to membership in a Rebekah lodge, she being, at the time of her application thereto, under the age of eighteen years?

A. Yes, if a white woman. The qualification for membership in such case is based upon the marital relation and not upon age.

No. 73. A divorced woman is an unmarried woman and as such is eligible to membership in a Rebekah lodge.

No. 74. Q. Can the Noble Grand before assuming the chair and before clothing herself in regalia fill vacant chairs and direct that the officers repair to the preparation room, there to clothe themselves in regalia and return to the lodge room, the object being to introduce a little floor work at the entrance of the officers in a body to assume their chairs, prior to the Noble Grand calling lodge to order for the opening ceremony?

A. There is no objection to the Noble Grand requesting members present to take the place of absent officers for the above named purpose, but should the actual officer arrive, before the entrance of such procession, such officer cannot be excluded from her proper place therein, and when the procession reaches the chairs, an officer who may not have been present when the procession entered, but who is then present cannot be displaced in her proper chair by the substitute invited by the Noble Grand to act in the procession.

No. 75. Q. May the warden be assisted by the conductor in taking up the pass-word prior to opening of a lodge?

A. Yes, by direction of the Noble Grand.

No. 76. Q. Is it a violation of the law, or the ritual, for an officer when addressed by the Noble Grand in the opening ceremony to reply "Noble Grand"?

A. No.

No. 77. A Rebekah assembly cannot authorize, or permit, its members to wear other regalia than that prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No. 78. A member of a Rebekah lodge cannot vote upon an application for membership unless such member is clothed in proper regalia.

No. 79. An instituting officer of a Rebekah lodge, at the time of institution, and in absence of qualified representatives of the jurisdiction in which the lodge is instituted, can invite a Past Grand Master of a neighboring jurisdiction, who happens to be present, to exemplify the secret work of the degree for the benefit and instruction of the members present.

No. 80. A lady is not rendered ineligible to membership in a Rebekah lodge by the mere fact of being the daughter of a saloon keeper.

No. 81. A Rebekah assembly can neither authorize, nor permit, any additions to, or subtractions from, the ritual of the Rebekah degree.

No. 82. No portion of the Encampment ritual can be used in a Rebekah lodge whether in connection with the Rebekah ritual or otherwise.

No. 83. A Rebekah assembly cannot admit representatives to seats therein who do not possess the qualifications designated for membership therein by the charter of the assembly and the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No. 84. A Rebekah lodge cannot appeal from the action of the Grand Master of its jurisdiction directly to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Its belief that the Grand Master is prejudiced against it, and that it cannot obtain a fair hearing from the Grand Lodge over which he presides, does not excuse it from appealing in the first instance, and in conformity with the laws of the jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge. If dissatisfied, an appeal lies from the action of such Grand Lodge.

No. 85. An Odd Fellow who has only received the initiatory degree is entitled to membership in a Rebekah lodge. All provisions to the contrary were repealed by the enactment of the "laws for the government of Rebekah lodges" now in force.

Decisions 87 to 129 are encampment decisions and will doubtless be contained in the report of the Grand Representatives from that branch of the Order.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

No. 130. If Hennessey Lodge of Oklahoma was reorganized by the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, he being duly instructed to do so, and acting under the authority conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and within the scope of the local law authorizing such reorganization, the lodge so reorganized is a legal lodge.

No. 131. A member of such legally reorganized lodge is eligible to election as Grand Treasurer.

No. 132. Q. All insurance legislation having been repealed, will it be against the law of Odd Fellowship to use the name, or emblems, of the Order in carrying on such business?

A. It is against the general laws of the Order for any insurance company, or association, to use the name, or emblems, of the Order in carrying on its business.

No. 133. Q. Will it be against the law for them to advertise to insure Odd Fellows only?

A. An insurance company, or association, is not violating the laws of the Order by simply advertising that it conducts its business with Odd Fellows only.

No. 134. Q. Was the decision of Past Grand Sire Carleton (upon point of order raised by Representative White, of Washington, see page 200 of the Daily Journal of 1898), that a Grand Representative could vote for his absent colleague upon the question of the adoption of amendments to the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, correct?

A. It was. See Section 576 of White's Digest, 1895, and cases cited.

No. 135. Q. Assuming that an amendment to the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was adopted by the vote of absent representatives, cast by their colleagues, the necessary four-fifths vote required to adopt the amendment not being secured without a vote of such absent representatives, was such amendment legally adopted?

A. It was. The representative having a right to vote for his absent colleague (see section 576 of White's Digest, and cases cited), the vote must be counted the same as if the absent representative had himself cast it, and if four-fifths of all the votes cast, including those cast by a representative for his absent colleague, were in favor of the amendment, it was legally adopted.

No. 136. An insurance company, or association, is not using the name of the Order in conducting its business, by simply advertising that the membership of such company is confined to Odd Fellows.

No. 137. Under the general laws of the Order, an insurance company is using the name of the Order, in conducting its business, when it uses the term "Odd Fellows" as a part of the name, or title, of its association, or company, or uses the emblems of the Order in such name.

No. 138. An amendment to the constitution of a State Grand Lodge is inoperative until approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire in recess.

No. 139. A member of a lodge is not debarred from voting upon the question of the execution of a lease between said lodge and an Odd Fellows' Hall association by the mere fact that he is a holder of stock in said association, the lodge in question being also a holder of one-fifth of the stock of said association.

No. 140. The disapproval in 1898 by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (see page 16,099 Journal) of so much of section 11, B, page 44, of the law as set forth in a new digest issued by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire which in translation reads, "Elective officers of a district (same as state) cannot be chosen representatives," rendered absolutely null and void such quoted provision of the German constitution, without any action on the part of the German Grand Lodge, and that portion of the constitution is not in force in Germany to-day.

No. 141. Where the constitution of a Grand Encampment provides that a proposition for the amendment thereof shall be presented at a regular annual session, entered upon the Journal, and shall not be acted upon until the next annual session, at which time such proposed amendments shall be considered, the Grand Encampment cannot at such second session change or alter the proposed amendment. Such action would be in violation of the constitution of the Grand Encampment, then in force, and the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as laid down in sections 427, 428 of White's Digest and in contradiction of the approved decision, No. 23, of the Grand Sire in 1893.

No. 142. A Grand Lodge cannot, by unanimous consent, suspend the operation of either its constitution or its by-laws. Such laws are in force until repealed or amended in prescribed legal manner.

No. 143. Since the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge repealing all laws in any way recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship, such companies are not required to apply for a license to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and there is nothing in the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to prevent any insurance company, or association, limiting its membership to Odd Fellows, from soliciting membership in any subordinate jurisdiction. subject, however, to such provisions relative to the invasion of lodge rooms by its solicitors, as the local jurisdiction may enact.

No. 144. In all lodge processions, whether grand or subordinate, the post of honor is in the rear, and upon the occasion of a visit of the Grand Officers of a jurisdiction to a subordinate lodge, when such officers enter in procession, the Grand Master or ranking Grand Officer, should be in the rear.

No. 145. The resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the session of 1898, providing that the possession of an official certificate for dues should, under certain circumstances, entitle the holder thereof to the "current travelling pass-word" is a general law of the Order, and mandatory upon all jurisdictions under the dominion of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It does not require the consent of a local jurisdiction to make it effective in such jurisdiction.

No. 146. The manager of a wholesale liquor establishment is not ineligible to membership in the Order, by reason of the provision of section 5, article 16, of the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No. 147. The contingent fund authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and referred to in section 378 of White's Digest of 1895, cannot be used for pleasure excursions, or the mere gratification of individual members of the Order, but may be appropriated for the purpose of providing flowers, or music, at the funerals of deceased members, the payment of necessary railway or carriage expenses of bearers, or of members, attending such funeral, and for such purposes as tend to present the Order to the public in its true light, such as the procurement of speakers to instruct in the tenets of the Order, and in such kindred ways as will awaken general interest in the Order and its work.

No. 148. The provisions of law, a syllabus of which is found in section 326 of White's Digest, edition of 1895, are repealed by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in repealing, in 1898, legislation recognizing, or authorizing, life or accident insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship.

No. 149. Q. Is the issuing and distribution of the following letter a violation of the laws of the Order, and is the officer issuing it, or brothers authorizing its issue, liable to punishment?

Instituted ——.
Visiting Brothers Welcome.

Hall of —— Lodge, No. —.
(Three links with eye.)
I.O.O.F.
Meets every —— Evening.
(Meeting place of lodge.)

(Name of city), Feb. 1, 1899.

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that at a regular meeting of (name of lodge) Lodge, No. —, I.O.O.F., on January 31st, 1899, the secretary was directed to give to Brother ——, a member of the lodge, under seal thereof, endorsement of the lodge of "The —— Cure for liquor and opium Habits." This endorsement is given because this lodge realizes that Brother ——, with his cure, is not only doing a service for Odd Fellowship, but for humanity in general, and that the results of his work in the past within our own Order amply warrant this lodge in giving to him and his cure its unqualified approval and endorsement.

We feel that any agency which has for its object the reclamation and elevation of mankind is worthy of our appreciation and assistance, and we therefore cheerfully endorse the laudable efforts, in this respect, of our Brother ——, and the demonstrated efficiency of his treatment and cure.

(Signature of secretary),
Secretary.

A. The issuing and circulation of the above letter is a violation of the laws of the Order, and a use of its name and emblems in connection with a private business, and any member, or officer, of a lodge using, or permitting the use of his name, or the name or emblems of the Order, for such a purpose, is liable to punishment. A brother enclosing the above letter in a circular letter, signed by him, addressed to the officers and members of a lodge, and reciting his business and calling special attention to the "enclosed testimonials," is using the name and emblems of the Order in his private business, and is liable to punishment therefor.

No. 150. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, having in 1898 repealed all legislation, theretofore enacted by it, in any way recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship, and revoking all certificates theretofore issued, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to such life or accident companies, such repeal revoked all permission given by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to use, or continue the use of, the name of the Order in connection with such insurance business.

No. 151. Statement. A sister is put on trial on certain charges, her husband appears for her; he walks out of the committee room during the course of the trial, in indignation, and leaves her without representation; she is not present. The Trial Committee found her guilty of contempt and the lodge sustained the finding; she took an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which reversed the decision of the lodge. What is defendant's status? Is she liable to trial on the charges? A. The proceedings for contempt are entirely collateral to the main issue. The conviction for contempt being reversed, the defendant can now be tried upon the original charges. (See appeal. Morning Star lodge, S. G. L., 1874, page 6,283; appeal of O'Hara, S. G. L., 1883, page 0,288.)

No. 152. The law as defined in section 668 of White's Digest, 1895, provides that "any member of a subordinate lodge or encampment, or Rebekah lodge of the Order, holding a visiting card in force, shall have the privilege of

applying for membership in any lodge or encampment, or Rebekah lodge, without first applying for a withdrawal card from the subordinate lodge or encampment, or Rebekah lodge, in which membership is held." This is the general law of the Order, and a State Grand Lodge cannot by its constitution limit such privilege to those making "a change of residence."

No. 153. Where the constitution governing subordinate lodges provides in describing the treasurer's duties, "That the treasurer shall pay all warrants drawn at a regular meeting" and "That a lodge may at any time call a special meeting but cannot transact any business at such special meeting except that named in the call without the consent of two-thirds of those present," no warrant for payment of money can be ordered at such special meeting unless the question of issuing said warrant is named in the call, or its issuance is the necessary, or natural, consequence of the business the meeting is called to consider, unless ordered by a two-third vote of those present.

No. 154. The Sovereign Grand Lodge having designated the second Tuesday in June as Memorial Day, and required the Grand Sire to issue his proclamation requesting all subordinate lodges to properly observe such day, it is not within the power of a State Grand Lodge to fix by legislation the Thirtieth day of May or any other date as Odd Fellows' Memorial Day. The evident intent of the Sovereign Grand Lodge legislation was to fix a day which should be observed generally, and universally, throughout all jurisdictions, and the date so fixed by it is binding and operative throughout all subordinate grand jurisdictions, to the extent that such subordinate jurisdictions cannot designate another day for such services.

No. 155. A Noble Grand, who is not also a Past Grand, cannot be elected to a Grand Lodge.

No. 156. The Grand Sire has no power to permit a Grand Lodge to meet at any other time, or place, than is designated in the constitution of such Grand Lodge.

No. 157. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not fixed a minimum fee to be charged by a State Grand Lodge for a charter, issued by it, to a subordinate lodge. The power to fix such fee rests in the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction.

No. 158. A member suspended for non-payment of dues prior to the adoption of section 5, article 16, of the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and who, after his suspension, but before the adoption of said amendment, engaged in saloon business and has not abandoned it, can now apply for reinstatement in his lodge.

No. 159. Since the adoption of the amendment to the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requiring a Grand Representative to have received the Rebekah Degree, a visitor to the Sovereign Grand Lodge must also possess that degree. This in analogy to the previous rule regulating the admission of visitors to that body.

No. 160. Statement: On the election night for grand officers, the election being by Past Grands in the subordinate, a Past Grand, who is sick, asks the secretary to cast his vote, which the secretary does, this in violation of the local law this one vote even if taken from the successful candidate and given to the defeated one would not change the result.

Q. Can the Grand Lodge discard the entire vote of the lodge on account of the one illegal vote?

A. No, unless it can be affirmatively sworn that the casting of such illegal vote did change, or might have changed, the result. To give the illegality effect it must be shown that without its happening the result would have been different. The entire vote of the lodge is not to be thrown out unless the illegality can be cured in no other way.

1873-5920; 1879-8108.

See 15080 (of 1896) which overrules 1895-14249 S. 887, White's Digest.

The rule is well settled that the whole vote of a precinct should not be thrown out, on account of illegal votes, if it be practicable to ascertain the number of illegal votes, and candidates for whom cast. Legal votes are not to be thrown out in order to exclude illegal votes unless necessity requires it as the only means of preventing consummation of a fraud (Barnes vs. Adams 2 Bart. 760).

No. 161. Statement. A Past Grand makes application to be admitted as an Ancient Odd Fellow, he does not deposit the admission fee at the time. At the next meeting night, at which he was elected, he paid a fee of two dollars, which amount the Secretary stated was in his opinion the amount provided by the by-laws, while in fact the amount was two and one-half dollars.

Q. Is the Past Grand a member of the lodge, and is he entitled to vote for grand officers, he being qualified in all other respects, unless the mistake as to the fee disqual fied him?

A. The brother having been admitted to the lodge, without fraud or unfairness on his part, his membership cannot be disturbed by reason of the cited error of the secretary. Being a member, the Past Grand has a right, if otherwise qualified, to cast his ballot for grand officers (Digest 689 696).

No. 162. Statement. The Grand Master is informed that at election of grand officers in a lodge, the conduct of the officers and members was such, that if true, it would amount to corruption and fraud; the Grand Master reports what he has ascertained to the Grand Lodge. No charges are preferred by the Grand Master or any one else; the Grand Lodge appoints a committee to make a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the condition of affairs referred to in the Grand Master's report, and to report speedily their findings, together with such recommendations as to them may seem proper.

Q. A. Has the Grand Lodge a right to appoint any such committee, for such a purpose, without charges having been preferred against the lodge?

A. A Grand Lodge in the exercise of its supervisory power, and being charged with the maintenance of the fair fame of the Order within its jurisdiction, would even in the absence of specific charges against lodges, or individuals, have the right to investigate statements and information submitted to it by the Grand Master, and tending to bring the Order into disrepute. To hold otherwise might prevent the Grand Lodge from exercising its proper supervision, and from obtaining such information as might be necessary to be secured in order to ascertain who the offending parties are, and to enable proper charges to be preferred.

A committee appointed for the above purpose would not have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, nor the production of books or papers belonging to a subordinate lodge. The doctrine of Emmons vs. the Grand

Lodge of the District of Columbia, where it was sought to clothe the committee with privileges here denied it, is not inconsistent with this finding. In that case the claimed power of the committee, and not its right to exist, was denied.

Q. B. Could the committee examine members of the lodge, ex-parte, without giving notice to the lodge, as a lodge, that its affairs were being investigated?

A. B. Ex-parte evidence could only be received as a basis upon which to prefer charges. It could not be received at a trial of the lodge, nor by a committee on whose report the Grand Lodge was to take action affecting the rights of a lodge.

Q. C. Under such a resolution would the committee have any right to demand the books of the secretary to be brought before them?

A. C. It would not (See Emmons vs. Grand Lodge District of Columbia, 1883, 9284).

No. 163. Statement. A member of an encampment is legally elected Chief Patriarch, he is installed, and serves three nights, and is present in the lodge room ready to serve a majority of the meeting nights of the term, but on account of the lack of a quorum the encampment held no meetings after the third one.

Q. Is he entitled to the honors of the office?

A. The requisites for obtaining past official honors are service of the majority of the nights of a term and until the end thereof. Each of these conditions must be fulfilled, and if the encampment, from circumstances over which it has control, fails to hold the requisite number of meetings, the officers for that term would be deprived of past official honors.

Prior to 1889 the officers of a merged lodge forfeited honors. In that year, on the suggestion of the Grand Sire that under then existing laws injustice might be done brothers if a lodge surrendered its charter and consolidated with another, "for cause other than loss of members so as to reduce its membership beneath the charter limits," it was enacted that the officers of such merged lodge should receive honors provided they have served the majority of the meeting nights of a term, prior to such mergement (1889 11724).

Where the members of an encampment are so derelict in duty that only on three occasions during a term does a quorum of its members appear, and the Chief Patriarch only serves three nights of a term, though willing to serve a majority, he is not entitled to the honors of the Past Chief Patriarch. He has not served a majority of nights, and the failure to hold meetings on such majority of nights was caused by the negligence of the encampment itself, and for reasons which it could control (Journal 2781, Digest 241-243).

No. 164. Statement. A member is in good standing and entitled to sick benefits; he is injured to such an extent that he is unable to perform any work, but during the time he is disabled his salary, as clerk, continues.

Q. Is he entitled to sick benefits? The lodge constitution is, "Every member qualified as required by the by-laws shall, in case of being disabled by sickness, bodily accident or mental infirmity from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and receive weekly benefits."

A. Under the above circumstances, the salary of a brother continuing, and his earning capacity not being affected by his injuries, he would not be entitled to benefits (Appeal East Tennessee Lodge 13428).

In connection with decision 159 above, the Judiciary Committee reported adversely. The ruling of the Grand Sire was that since the adoption in 1898 of the requirement that a Grand Representative must be a member of the Rebekah degree, it was necessary that a visitor to the Sovereign Grand Lodge must also possess this degree. Whilst the Judiciary Committee adjudged the decision to be correct, as far as its application to representatives went, they reported unanimously against it in the case of visitors. An energetic discussion arose in connection with the matter, with the result that the Committee's report was negatived and the decision sustained. It is certainly a matter of note in the history of the order that every decision of Grand Sire Pinkerton's was sustained, and speaks volumes as to the legal acumen and know edge of the present head of the Order.

NEW LEGISLATION ADOPTED.

Whilst the session of 1899 may be perhaps more noticeable for proposed new legislation killed, than for new laws enacted, still the following synopsis of new 1899 regulations shows that several important matters directly affecting subordinate and Rebekah lodges have been dealt with.

1. That in all future editions of the Rebekah code all annotations shall be separated from the code enacted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge so that decisions cannot be mistaken for legislation.

2. That subdivision 2 of Sec. 6, of the code for the government of Rebekah lodges, be amended as follows: Sec. 6, Sub. Div. 2: All Odd Fellows in good standing, and their wives, and daughters, their sisters and their mothers, and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows.

3. That the following be added to the telegraph code: *Benefit*—What sick and funeral benefits do you pay? *Widow*—Wife or child of a deceased member of your lodge is in our city asking assistance. Shall we draw on you to the extent of $? That the dollar mark be added before blank at the end of sentence following key words "Fund" and "Regalia" now in use.

4. That the committee on printing supplies be requested in future editions of the visiting card to print after the words "Odd Fellows" in the fifteenth line below the headline the word "until" in lieu of the words "for the space of" as the present used, the said word "until" when the card is filled for use, to be followed with the definite date to which the card is issued.

5. That grand jurisdictions are authorized to provide by appropriate legislation that it shall be unlawful within such jurisdiction for any Odd Fellow to become an officer or agent of any life or accident insurance company or association that is doing business in violation of the laws of the Order, or to solicit or procure or assist in soliciting or procuring, directly or indirectly, by any device whatever, the insurance of Odd Fellows in any such company or association, and to provide for the trial and punishment of all offences against such laws.

6. That such property as comes from defunct lodges as are directly subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, be at the discretionary disposal of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. Likewise that such property coming from defunct lodges to a State Grand Lodge be at the disposal of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of such state jurisdiction. That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and the Grand Patriarch and the Grand Scribe in state jurisdictions, be vested with the same discretionary power as is herein made applicable in the case of property of defunct lodges.

7. That the use of the words "official" or "legal" or either of them, in connection with or as a part of the title of a book entitled "The Official and Legal History and Manual of Odd Fellowship" published by The M. W. Hazen Company, of New York, and the reprint therein of any portion of said White's Digest or said code for the government of Rebekah lodges, is without any authority from this Sovereign body, and illegal, and any endorsement heretofore given said book by this Sovereign body is hereby withdrawn. That if such publication of matter secured to this Sovereign Grand Lodge by copyright be not immediately discontinued, the Grand Sire is authorized to take suitable legal measures to prevent further violation of copyright.

8. That grand lodges and grand encampments, through their proper officers, shall be permitted to issue to members of defunct lodges or encampments, withdrawal cards or dismissal certificates, according to the standing of the brother when the lodge or encampment surrendered its charter, and members holding such cards or certificates shall have the same privilege and are to be recognized by every subordinate lodge or encampment to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them, as having the same force and effect as a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate that has been issued by an existing subordinate in good standing, and will enable the holder to join another subordinate lodge or encampment.

9. That Sec. 26 of the code for the government of Rebekah lodges be, and is, hereby, amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 26 visiting and withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates and certificates for former members of defunct Rebekah lodges, shall be provided by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge for Rebekah lodges and their members, and the same shall be furnished to state, territorial and provincial jurisdictions at the same price as those for subordinate lodges and their members; and all laws and decisions of this Grand Lodge relating to application and fees for, and to issuance, use, force and effect of similar cards and certificates, in and by grand and subordinate lodges and their members, shall apply and extend to said cards and certificates.

10. That Grand Lodges may establish general relief committees, so organized as to enable them to carry out, so far as may be, the requirements for relief found to exist in their several jurisdictions and for the maintenance of which they may authorize such relief committees to receive contributions from lodges and individuals, and may authorize the Grand Master to grant dispensations to such committees to raise funds by such legitimate means as he may approve. Provided that line restrictions be placed upon said relief committees in the giving of entertainments, as are upon lodges under dispensations for like purposes. And provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to divest subordinate lodges of their rights or prerogatives in the case, assistance and relief of sojourning members of the Order, or to compel the formation of such relief committees. That such committees be required to report annually to the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction wherein organized.

11. That the law found on 10,900 of the journal of this Grand Lodge for 1887 and digested in section 112 of White's New Digest of 1895, be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit: Resolved (1) That it is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of the jurisdiction of his own lodge, to give attention and care to his brethren in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; (2) That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own lodge, to report himself to the lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his lodge, and when requested by the lodge to which he has reported, shall watch the sick who are under the care of said lodge, both members and visitors; and any such member failing so to report or to watch, shall not be entitled to attention from any lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any lodge or member from furnishing watchers or giving attention to any sick or needy brother.

12. That the possession of a visiting card, the date of which extends to a date later than when the same is presented, or an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed and sealed, be and the same is hereby declared sufficient, proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch or Noble Grand of a Rebekah lodge, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the annual travelling password, or the annual pass-word of the Rebekah degree (as the case may be), and if the holder of a visiting card or official certificate as above mentioned, is a member of a lodge, encampment or Rebekah lodge in the same jurisdiction as the lodge, encampment or Rebekah lodge to which the said visiting card or official certificate is presented, then and in that event the Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch or Noble Grand of a Rebekah lodge, is authorized to communicate to the holder of said visiting card or official certificate the semi-annual pass-word or check-word (as the case may require). That all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

In matters affecting the interior economy of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it was decided that the mailing lists of Grand Representatives be dispensed with. This will result in an estimated saving of one thousand dollars per year. A committee was also appointed to consider whether the official certificate or receipt is in general use among the subordinate bodies of the Order, and if not, that compliance with the law be enforced, and if deemed best, the price of the same be reduced, and whether the Sovereign Grand Lodge should not provide for supplying the Order with regalia and obtaining a fair profit therefrom, and at the same time reduce the cost of the same to subordinate bodies, and also to consider the whole subject of other savings and reductions practicable to be made to keep expenditures within income.

This Committee, of which Representative Alexander, of Massachusetts is chairman, was directed to report not later than August 1st, 1900, and the report is to be in the hands of all members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge thirty days prior to the next annual session.

PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION PRESENTED BUT NOT ADOPTED.

Relative to the payment of dues, seeking to provide that the lodge room only, on regular meeting nights, was the place to pay dues.

Provided that a member who has been twenty-five years in continuous good standing shall not be required to pay further dues.

Providing for a revision, codifying and annotation of the laws.

A proposition to create an "Aged Odd Fellows' Fund" was not adopted.

A reso'ution was introduced which provided that a member who continuously paid dues for twenty five years was to be exempt therefrom thereafter. In reporting against it, the Committee said:

"We are satisfied that this plan cannot be made operative without changing the entire financial plan of the Order, increasing the minimum of dues and making a reserve fund. That the best method of curing this evil is for financial secretaries of subordinate lodges to keep the dues regularly collected, and not allow members to become more than one quarter in arrears. Almost any member will pay regularly if called upon and the amount is small, while many who are not regular attendants upon lodge meetings, if their accounts are allowed to become large, will drop out rather than pay the large amount."

The following was presented, but not reported:

"That one session of each convocation of this Sovereign Body shall be devoted to legislation for the Rebekah branch of the Order, at which session Representatives from State Assemblies may be present and participate in such legislation."

The S.G.L. refused to favorably consider the appeal from two or three jurisdictions permitting Rebekah lodges to pay benefits, as it did, also, the proposal to require ten black balls to reject for membership in a Rebekah lodge.

A proposition to make elective, and not appointive, the chaplain of a Rebekah Lodge, was rejected.

Also a proposition permitting officers of a Rebekah Assembly to have access to authorized Rebekah Secret Journals for the purpose of examining the secret work of the degree.

All pending amendments to the Constitution were voted down or indefinitely postponed. Many of them were renewed, and will come up again next year.

A resolution giving Grand Lodges the power to authorize the suspension of the payment of benefits for one year by subordinates under certain conditions, was rejected.

The S.G.L. again refused authority to the Grand Sire to send copies of his official decisions and orders to the Odd Fellow press

A proposition requiring subordinate lodges to present to each candidate initiated a plain gold three links pin, was rejected.

The following was offered, but not adopted :

"The dues to a lodge accrue weekly, and only for the convenience of the lodge are paid at stated periods. When unpaid dues aggregate thirteen weeks, they become arrearages, a condition preceding the right to good standing and legitimate benefits. It is therefore, at any lodge meeting, the right and duty of a brother to pay his dues."

A resolution prohibiting the printing of Rituals and supplies for use in the United States and Canada in any other language than English was rejected. But the Grand Lodge refused to authorize the publication of the Rebekah Ritual in the French language.

A resolution abolishing the visiting card was rejected.

The Committee on Rebekah Degree did "not believe that it would be for the best interest of the Rebekah branch of our Order" to pay benefits.

Special Matters Affecting Ontario.

In compliance with instructions, your representatives applied to have the present form of official receipt amended so as to set forth the rate of benefits to which the holder was entitled. The proposition was negatived on an adverse report of the Committee on Legislation.

It is a matter of congratulation to this jurisdiction that the action taken by our Grand Lodge in connection with the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Kingston accomplished its object. The result of the presentation of the resolution which your representatives were instructed to move, together with several others of a similar character and bearing on the same question, was that the Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted the following unanimous report of its committee on Legislation :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. :

The Committee on Legislation have fully and with great care considered the following preambles and resolutions, namely :

By Past Grand Sire Nicholson of Pennsylvania, found on page 31 of the Daily Journal ; of Reps. Pike and Lovejoy of Maine on page 52 ; of Past Grand Sire Campbell of Ontario page 57 ; of Rep. White of Ontario page 62 ; of Reps. Philps of Quebec, Smith of Lower Provinces and Baker of Manitoba, page 68, all herein referred to and made a part of this report.

So careful and conservative has the policy of this Sovereign Grand Lodge ever been in matters of legislation that it has become an axiom well known throughout our great Order that this Sovereign Body never takes a backward step. While not exactly literal, yet this has been almost unexceptionally true. The "sweeping legislation" enacted by this Sovereign Body as its session in Boston last year (a matter with reference to which the Committee on Legislation were nearly evenly divided, two reports being submitted on the subject), removing the name of the Order from and revoking all licenses of so-called Odd Fellow insurance associations, has in the main, we believe, proven wise and "for the good of the Order." Nevertheless the experience of the year past has shown that there are one or more Odd Fellow insurance associations which are most seriously affected by this action, and it is a question for this Sovereign Grand Lodge to determine whether or not such an association shall be "driven to the wall" without the slightest conciliatory redress. It is a well known fact that the universal scope of our beloved Order is not limited by the bounds of a single country, or by a one-established civil government. This being true, it is at once apparent that civil law is more or less at variance as territorial or governmental bounds are crossed. By the testimony of reliable brothers from our Canadian jurisdictions it is shown that the civil laws of that land are forcefully binding with regard to fraternal and all other insurance associations. The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada was duly incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada, on the 16th day of April, 1875. From that time on it has been in continuous existence, has been prosperous, has developed a large business and has at present, in round numbers, existent insurance to the amount of $15,000,000 carried on the lives and pledged to the families of 11,000 Odd Fellows. It has a large reserve fund of $170,000 or thereabouts, and in every way is an insurance association of great value. Our Canadian brothers, as is well known, are loyal, true, law-abiding citizens, and are equally as loyal, true, law-abiding Odd Fellows. The provincial law of Canada is, while perhaps not inexorable, securely binding and not easy of repeal. Under the civil law of Ontario, the association referred to in this report cannot change its name or clientele, and the opening up of its original incorporation is positively and expressly forbidden. Our Canadian brothers, therefore, if loyal to the laws of our Order, as they fully desire to be, are, in order to remove the words "Odd Fellows" from the chartered name of their fraternal insurance association, forced to go into liquidation with their highly solvent and far-reaching helpful fraternal organization. This, as will at once be seen, is a hardship such as is contrary, in its enactment, to the principles of Odd Fellowship. It has also been suggested to your committee that there are one or more associations in this country organized under the auxiliary endowment legislation of this Sovereign Body, that are similarly environed by the binding effect of the civil law as is the specific company herein named. In view of all the facts enumerated, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved,—That the legislation of this Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session in the city of Boston in September, 1898, revoking all licenses heretofore granted to Odd Fellow fraternal insurance companies, and requiring that the name of "Odd Fellows" and the printed emblems of our Order be discontinued in use by all such associations, be repealed in the case of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, with the provision that this repeal shall be not construed to affect and benefit said company, only in so far as the provincial law of Canada is and was binding upon it prior to September 24th, 1898; and also such repeal is extended to any other fraternal insurance association, organized under the auxiliary endowment legislation of this Sovereign Body whose interests are as

vitally affected as are those of the specific company herein referred to, provided that such relief shall only apply upon a presentation of the facts to the satisfaction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That by the concession herein granted, the Sovereign Grand Lodge absolutely enjoins upon said fraternal associations so relieved that it is in no wise responsible for any act or acts of said associations, and hereby prohibits to any such association or associations the right to solicit or do business by any warrant of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

From this it will be seen that our Association is exempted from the operation of the sweeping legislation affecting insurance passed in 1898. This must be very satisfactory to the entire membership in Canada, who know so well the value of the Relief Association as an auxiliary of our work. With full liberty to work under the name and auspices of the Order, we may expect a large increase of membership and the accomplishment of much good by the continued hearty co operation of the Kingston Association.

The appeal of Brother J. T. Johns, Ottawa Lodge No. 224 against the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was reported against by the Committee on Appeals, and was accordingly dismissed by vote of the Sovereign Grand Body.

In conclusion, your Representatives desire to express their thanks for the honor conferred on them by being selected as your Grand Representatives. In endeavoring to perform the duties devolving on them, they have experienced the utmost kindness and courtesy at the hands of every member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in which body Ontario is recognised as one of the prominent and most influential jurisdictions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY WHITE, P.G.M.
J. A. YOUNG, P.G.M.
Grand Representatives.

PORT HOPE, 25th October, 1899.

LIST OF PAST GRANDS.

The following is a list of Past Grands, as shown by the returns, for the terms named:

Lodge.	No.	Dec. 31st. 1898.	June 30th, 1899.
Brock	9	R. D. Moray	Andrew Robinson
Cataraqui	10	W. H. Warren	P. A. Hoffner
Otonabee	13	W. D. Jewett	F. J. Might
Union	16	H. Walker Harris	M. C. Goodsie
Phœnix	22	C. Keeler	C. Keeler
Rose	28	F. M. Falls	C. D. Pettypiece
Chatham	29	W. A. Wanless	Geo. Smithson
Eureka	30	Chas. A. Pratt	Chas. A. Pratt
Elgin	32	Adam Brown	Adam Brown
Erie	33	D. McNeillie	W. B. Cates
Gore	34	W. Brill	J. M. Smith
Samaritan	35	Jas. Burroughs	Chas. Hislop
St. Mary's	36	J. B. Lanning	J. B. Lanning
Forest City	38	Wm. Maddeford	Wm. Maddeford
Rond Eau	40	G. A. Beedle	A. G. Hilts
Avon	41	N. McDermott	Alf. J. Roberts
Excelsior	44	W. D Taylor	Foster Epps
Frontier	45	Jas. P. Smith	Wm. Mergerm
Mount Zion	46	Robert Callan	Donald McAllister
Unity	47	T. L. Moore	A. C. Blake
Dominion	48	S. Smyth	Sydney Smyth
Canada	49	David G. Stuart	Joseph Bell
Otter	50	T. C. Waller	T. C. Waller
Covenant	52	Hy. J. Fowler	T. E. Till
Niagara Falls	53	B. Knight	W. T. Granger
Collingwood	54	J. H. Richardson	J H. Richardson
Fidelity	55	A. D. Sutherland	J. A. Stewart
Queen City	56	J. Wilson Davidson	R. S Crocker
Maple Leaf	57	J. J. White	T. T. Paul
Howard	58	F. W. Orr	A. E. McNeice
Kingston	59	W. H. Wilson	F. W. George
Corinthian	61	Jos. R. Pye	T. E. Lane
Huron	62	Dudley Holmes	H. D. Reed
Barrie	63	J. R. Young	J. R. Young
Victoria	64	F. A. Martin	J. H. Peatfield
Friendship	65	P. M. Wood	W. J. Dialer
Flo' Nightingale	66	W. A. Walker	W. J. Jeffery
Exeter	67	E. J. Spackman	E. J. Spackman

Lodge.	No.	Dec. 31st, 1898.	June 30th, 1899.
North Star	68	H. W. Jakeway	Arch. Hill
Hope	69	T. J. S. Cornish	Wm. Kiddie
Lucan	70	Herbert Gibson	H. Gibson
The Toronto	71	W. H. Aiken	W. H. Aiken
Eastern Star	72	Jas. Stewart	W. J. Hullett
Fergus	73	Chas. R. Armstrong	C. R. Armstrong
Bothwell	74	W. A. Scott	W. A. Scott
Warriner	75	A. K. Campbell	E. H. Purdy
St. Thomas	76	John Allan	W. E. Locock
Oxford	77	R. A. Size	Chas. Smith
Durham	78	S. Alcott	Thos. Bell
Nipissing	79	S. B. Todd	S. B. Todd
Amity	80	Jas. Clint	Arthur Holliday
Belleville	81	R. W. Adams	Nelson Thompson
Beaver	82	Lewis Hutchins	Chas. A. Ryall
Clinton	83	F. I. Jackson	F. I. Jackson
Walkerton	84	A. G. Fortune	Jno. Crawford
Constellation	85	J. H. Neve	J. H. Neve
Napanee	86	Hiram Cline	Geo. A. Cliff
Empire	87	W. J. Hamill, Jr.	A. L. Jackson
Olive Branch	88	John J. Alman	Amos Harwood
Reliance	89	W. J. Watson	Robert Lovell
Ivy	90	Jno. A. McLachlan	Jno. A. McLachlan
Grand River	91	W. J. Fraser	W. J. Fraser
Milton	92	T. A. Morton	T. A. Morton
Western City	93	Richard Pritchard	Neil C. Gibson
Aylmer	94	Jas. Mathews	W. E. Stevens
Nith	96	Herman Wiese	H. Wiese
Grand Union	97	W. J. Woolland	Hy. Stanch
Minto	98	W. A. Glenney	Jos. Grisch
Lindsay	100	J. W. Anderson	A. B. Terry
Golden Star	101	J. M. Warren	J. M. Warren
Deseronto	102	G. A. Parnham	G. A. Parnham
Cataract	103	W. J. Corley	John S. Baxter
Crescent	104	Robert Stevens	Robt. Weston
Manilla	105	Malcolm McPhail	M. McPhail
St. Clair	106	Jas. McMillan	Jas. McMillan
Waterloo	107	T. W. Shortreed	J. H. Radford
Royal Oak	108	J. A. Kimball	D. A. Buchanan
Orion	109	J. Gane	.....
Laurel	110	Hugh Stevenson	C. W. Robinson
Peterboro'	111	John Fanning	M. W. Matchett
Lucknow	112	A. D. Scott	Peter Scott
Trenton	113	J. W. Collins	F. W. Armstrong
Gananoque	114	A. J Reid	Peter Reid
Harmony	115	Jas. Brown	A. E. Brown
Naomi	116	J. H. Wilkinson	F. A. Fox
Valley City	117	E. E. Fisher	Geo. Higgins
Maitland	119	A. J. Sebastian	Chas. Gillespie
Sydenham Valley	120	J. C. Steer	L. Williams
Saxon	121	D. Gray	D. Gray
Streetsville	122	W. G. Webster	W. G. Webster
Dresden	124	T. N. Wells	R. P. Wright

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Stella	125	Jas. A. Jackson	Andrew Dunlop
Sarnia	126	Jno. M. Wilkins	Jas. Miller
Mizpah	127	W. A. Lazier	W. A. Lazier
Charity	129	Wm. Keslick	W. G. St. John
Livingston	130	A. Laughlin	A. Laughlin
Marion	131	A. L. Handford	Wm. C. Ewing
Oakville	132	N. J. Robiason	John Andrew
Glencoe	133	John Hayter	Cornelius Ryckman
Orient	134	Caspar Raney	Jas. S. O'Neil
Peaceful Dove	135	S. H. Glassford	R. A. Sinclair
Cobourg	136	Wm. Isaac	Geo. M. Ferris, M.D.
St. Lawrence	137	S. G. Rothwell	H. A. Knapp
Ancaster	138	R. J. Coates	Wm. Vinton
Garnet	139	P. H. Ainlay	G. F. Chapman
Leamington	140	Geo. McIntyre	Almanson Malott
Concord	142	Elihu Scratch	.....
Bay of Quinte	143	J. J. Cayley	Geo. Sweetman
Ridgetown	144	H. T. Pattison	Samuel Jeffries
Riverside	145	Wm. Bolte	T. W. Hare
Vivian	146	Chas. Jolliffe	Jas. C. Williams
Model	147	Alpheus McKay	Geo. Stilson
Aurora	148	R. W. Wood	R. W. Wood
Western Star	149	Arthur McGuire	S. H. Jackson
Sycamore	151	Elmer Muma	E. Muma
Hayden	152	R. K. Panter	S. J. Miller
Wildey	153	A. Gunning	L. Pidd
Alpha	154	Jno. A. McIntosh	A. E. Keys
Brougham	155	Alf. Hoover	Alf. Hoover
Pyramid	156	L. Atkinson	L. Atkinson
Thamesville	157	Alex. Nickle	D. McEachren
Progress	158	James Hewer	Jas. Hewer
Oak Leaf	159	Hy. Carpenter	Robt. Fleming
Listowel	160	John Gabel	Jno. A. McBain
Simcoe	161	Walter W. Cole	Lewis Sharpe
Oriental	163	Geo. B. Bailey	F. Bisset
Romeo	164	T. McNab	Harry E. Vaux
Beethoven	165	Samson Roberts	S. Roberts
Hillsburgh	167	Jas. Carmichael	Jas. Carmichael
Sutton	168	Geo. Munro	R. J. Shaw
Grey	169	W. Laidlaw	T. G. Holt
Denovo	170	W. J. Cameron	W. J. Cameron
Penetangore	172	W. S. Anderson	Malcolm McPhail
Emerald	173	Robt. Bradford	Robt. Bradford
Dolman	174	John Goudlay	Geo. Hamilton
Dauncey	176	J. H. Powell	J. H. Powell
Montana	177	Geo. Barnard	Geo. Barnard
Wellington Square	178	Joshua Kirns	Peter Heaney
Madoc	179	W. Richardson	J. C. Dale
Owen Sound	180	D. C. Taylor	A. D. Roadhouse
Tecumseh	182	H. A. White	H. A. White
Teeswater	183	David Steel	David Steel
Germania	184	Robt. E. Ritz	F. G. Hughes
Dufferin	186	Jno. Whitten	Wm. Petch

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Cambridge	188	F. Levandusky	G. Gress.
Parry Sound	189	R. G. Ard	Walter Bregg, Jr.
Chorazin	190	F. C. Durdin	F. C. Durdin
Jarvis	191	T. W. James	T. W. James
Howick	192	J. T. Wiggins	J. T. Wiggins
Albert	194	E. J. Humphrey	W. J. Hall
Cicerone	195	Fred. L. McPherson	F. McPherson
Florence	196	Fred. Huston	Orville A. Delong
Minerva	197	Wm. Evans	John Thompson
Britannia	198	H. Brown	E. E. Dales
Weston	200	S. H. Hill	J. K. Keefler
Beacon	201	W. D. Morgan	W. J. Saurin
Silver Star	202	Jno. W. Engle	John Roessing
Pembroke	203	Jas. McLean	Jas. McLean
Acton	204	W. Williams	W. Williams
Ahiram	205	H. Lyon	H. Lyon
Silver City	206	Duncan McKinnon	A. G. Montgomery
Egremont	207	T. T. Mills	A. W. Cook
Alvinston	208	T. A. G. Gordon	T. A. G. Gordon
Millbank	209	Wm. K. Weir	W. K. Weir
Brucefield	210	J. G. Kaiser	Andrew Scott
Lilly	211	C. Venning	John McKay
Argyle	212	T. H. Herrington	Stan. J. Wales
Clifford	214	Hugh Eaglesham	John J. Elliott
Freestone	215	F. S. Prudhomme	M. Zimmerman
Elmira	216	Geo. Ratz	Robt. Jackson
Mount Brydges	217	D. C. Brown	Rich. Steer
Enterprise	218	J. W. Brien	J. W. Brien
Georgian Bay	219	J. C. Else	J. C. Else
Woodslee	220	J. Mitchell	J. Mitchell
Chesley	221	T. J. Elliott	John Heslip
Hensall	223	D. W. Foss	D. W. Foss
Ottawa	224	R. W. Botterell	Wm. Donaghy
Norfolk	225	Andrew Innes	Ed. Moon
Merlin	226	W. C. Estabrook	H. H. Marshall
Sauble	227	Jno. Milne	Alex. H. Speer
International	228	C. W. Doane	T. W. Stephens
Embro Star	229	Matheson Murray	Chris. J. Howes
Prince of Wales	230	R. J. Lightfoot	Neil Taylor
Elora	231	Thos. Angell	F. W. Sheppard
Equity	232	D. J. Almas	D. J. Almas
Hanover	233	E. S. Crussman	C. Axt
Ilderton	234	James Paisley	J. G. Martin
Waterford	235	Wm. M. Evans	Calvin McMichael
Acorn	236	Andrew Lunam	P. McG. Brown
Farmersville	237	Geo. E. Judson	Geo. E. Judson
Stirling	239	D. W. Fox	Thos. Knox
Carlton	240	A. T. McKinnon	F. L. Lamplough
Rideau	241	J. A. Johnston	Geo. W. Barr
Wilton	242	A. E. Boucher	A. A. Glass
Thornbury	243	Hy. Pedwell	Hy. Pedwell
Port Arthur	244	A. M. Gill	A. M. Gill
Mallorytown	245	P. W. Andress	P. W. Andress

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Gordon	247	Jos. Ranton	Jos. Ranton
Campbellford	248	T. Pope	G. A. Payne
Beaverton	249	D. M. McMillan	D. M. McMillan
Ridgeley	250	S. F. Whittaker	W. R. Simpson
Bracebridge	251	Jas. L. Fenn	W. J. Johnson
Floral	252	A. E. Welbourn	F. F. Crawford
Caledonia	253	J. W. Avery	J. W. Avery
Alba	254	A. H. Steen	A. H. Steen
Grand Valley	256	J. D. Durkin	John Luxton
Credit	257		C. F. Byam
Thamesford	258	Dennis Reavely	Dennis Reavely
Lynden	259	Edw. Dryman	S. J. Atkins
Meaford	260	Alex. Douglass	Alex. Douglass
Gold Hill	261	Harry Eager	I. Clifford Baxter
Norwood	262	W. J. Webster	Wm. Eaton
East Toronto	263	Thos. Brownlee	Richard Benson
Fraternity	264	T. A. Wright	T. A. Wright
Delta	265	W. J. Birch	W. J. Birch
Missanabie	266	Wm. Fox	J. D. McAdam
Algoma	267	J. T. Hollingshead	D. Smith
Stanley	268	Jas. McCurdy	Jas. McCurdy
Woodstock	269	S. W. Keyes	Geo. Davison
Lansdowne	270	D. McFadden	D. McFadden
North Bay	271	D. Hill	D. Hill
Lakeview	272	Wm. Hinde	A. D. Thurston
Hastings	273	C. R. Fowlds	J. H. McLelland
Midland	274	Robt. Humphries	Jas. Demorest
Fairy	275	J. N. Mathew	J. N. Mathew
Lambton	277	J. M. Beaton	J. M. Beaton
Rockliffe	278	W. G. Esdale	W. G. Esdale
Grenville	279	G. W. Griffith	G. W. Griffith
Balmoral	280	T. H. Percival	N. Silver
Arthur	281	Alex. McCormick	Alex. McCormick
Sudbury	282	G. J. Oliver	Robt. Horne
Earnscliffe	283	E. Coldrey	T. A. C. Kennedy
Lyn	284	Jno. Square	Geo. Pettem
Morewood	285	Jno. McCormick	Wm. Campbell
Royal	286	W. H. Jeffs, M.D.	Jesse Campney
Ripley	287	R. Swalwell	Chas. E. Marquis
Chesterville	288	A. M. Fetterly	A. M. Fetterly
Glanworth	289	W. A. Brodie	Wm. Kerr
Tweed	290	N. M. Lloyd	N. M. Lloyd
Rodney	291	Orville B. Pegg	F. E. Martin
Minnetonka	292	Jno. Murdoch	D. G. McLean
Thomasburg	293	Joseph English	Joseph English
Broadview	294	W. C. Mitchell	D. Stock
Manotick	295	Jno. A. Rice	Jas. W. Montgomery
Pontypool	296	W. G. Morrow	Wm. Coone
Mayflower	297	O. R. Clow	Geo. Gray
Comber	298	N. Gordon Ainslee	Jas. Young
Cornucopia	299	Duncan McDonald	Duncan Geddes
Bobcaygeon	300	E. Blewett	E. B. Garlick
Plattsville	301	F. Quandt	Harry McKee

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Aberdeen	302	H. Pruner	R. A. Baker
Fellowship	303	F. D. McClaverty	F. H. Ransom
Star	304	Jno. Clement	N. Dafoe
Valentine	305	A. Haslett	Alex. White
Athena	306	G. A. Griffith	G. A. Griffith
Princeton	307	John Rutherford	C. L. Hanes
Millbrook	308	T. A. Kelly	W. T. Wood
Harrow	309	F. H. Bell	A. R. Ferriss
Shedden	310	B. Mitchell	W. W. Farrah
Zeta	311	J. Stafford	G. E. Myers
Spirit Rock	312	Jno. Machan	D. G. McDonald
Electric City	313	E. Greenwood	R. Murray
Prospect	314	Ernest E. Short	Jas. A. Smith
Mountain	315	J. H. Irwin	Fred. Hislop
Britain	316	Richard Avery	J. H. Wickett
Laurentian	317	G. W. Castle	Geo. Jeacle
Bervie	318	R. T. Brown	Walter V. Kellem
Webbwood	319	Wm. Irving	Wm. Irving
Geneva	320	Geo. A. Haywood	D. C. Watson
Hespeler	321	August Pabst	J. W. Parks
Central	322	W. H. Shaw	H. C. Minnis
Liberty	323	W. H. Seage	J. B. Weaver
Ontario	324	Jno. R. Winter	J. B. Horn
Southampton	325	N. B. Zinkan	Wm. Foote
Strathcona	326	W. G. Rowland	W. A. Hillhouse
Saugeen	327	R. W. Ennis	J. W. Sproule
Underwood	328	Coll. McDougall	Dugald McKinnon
Prosperity	329		Hy. L. Stratton

LIST OF LODGES.

IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	In District No.	Membership 30th June, 1899	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Brock	9	Brockville	41	127	Tuesday
Cataraqui	10	Kingston	40	323	Tuesday
Otonabee	13	Peterborough	36	125	Monday
Union	16	St. Catharines	8	164	Monday
Phoenix	22	Oshawa	33	111	Tuesday
Rose	28	Amherstburg	1	80	Wednesday
Chatham	29	Chatham	2	201	Tuesday
Eureka	30	London	12	83	Tuesday
Elgin	32	St. Thomas	4	210	Friday
Erie	33	Port Burwell	5	8	Thursday
Gore	34	Brantford	10	288	Monday
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	11	168	Thursday
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	16	79	Tuesday
Forest City	38	London	12	81	Monday
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	2	134	Friday
Avon	41	Stratford	16	260	Wednesday
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	9	150	Thursday
Frontier	45	Windsor	1	215	Wednesday
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	3	29	Thursday
Unity	47	Hamilton	9	364	Wednesday
Dominion	48	London	12	147	Wednesday
Canada	49	Toronto	19	201	Friday
Oxer	50	Tilsonburg	5	173	Monday
Covenant	52	Toronto	19	158	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Niagara Falls	53	Niagara Falls	8	163	Tuesday
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	28	141	Thursday
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	15	32	Wednesday
Queen City	56	Toronto	19	201	2nd and 4th Monday
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	21	32	Thursday
Howard	58	Strathroy	12	113	Wednesday
Kingston	59	Kingston	40	310	Wednesday
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	33	260	Thursday
Huron	62	Goderich	15	127	Monday
Barrie	63	Barrie	20	89	Monday
Victoria	64	Hamilton	9	60	Alternate Tuesdays
Friendship	65	Petrolia	14	111	Friday
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	33	143	Wednesday
Exeter	67	Exeter	15	49	Tuesday
North Star	68	Stayner	26	32	1st and 3rd Thursday
Hope	69	Harrietsville	4	95	Saturday
Lucan	70	Lucan	15	22	Tuesday
The Toronto	71	Toronto	19	82	Monday
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	33	77	Tuesday
Fergus	73	Fergus	17	85	Tuesday
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	3	20	Tuesday
Warriner	75	Port Perry	33	56	Monday
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	4	344	Thursday
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	11	45	1st and 3rd Monday
Durham	78	Port Hope	35	126	Tuesday
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	34	57	Thursday
Amity	80	Prescott	42	240	Thursday
Belleville	81	Belleville	39	214	Thursday
Beaver	82	Ruthven	1	83	Tuesday
Clinton	83	Clinton	15	64	Tuesday
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	25	120	Friday
Constellation	85	Burgessville	5	42	Tuesday

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Napanee	86	Napanee	39	81	Tuesday
Empire	87	St. Catharines	8	101	Thursday
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	11	125	Monday
Reliance	89	Guelph	17	172	Monday
Ivy	90	Parkhill	13	62	Thursday
Grand River	91	Paris	10	100	Thursday
Milton	92	Milton	18	77	Tuesday
Western City	93	Chatham	2	95	Monday
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	4	149	Tuesday
Nith	96	New Hamburg	16	46	Thursday
Grand Union	97	Berlin	17	105	Friday
Minto	98	Harriston	22	62	Friday
Lindsay	100	Lindsay	34	113	Monday
Golden Star	101	Brampton	18	26	Thursday
Deseronto	102	Deseronto	39	80	Wednesday
Cataract	103	Niagara Falls South	8	54	Thursday
Crescent	104	Hamilton	9	307	Friday
Manilla	105	Manilla	34	32	Monday
St. Clair	106	Point Edward	14	76	Thursday
Waterloo	107	Galt	17	275	Monday
Royal Oak	108	Forest	13	76	Monday
Orion	109	Georgetown	18	44	Monday
Laurel	110	Toronto	19	122	2 d and 4th Monday
Peterborough	111	Peterborough	36	209	Thursday
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	24	101	Friday
Trenton	113	Trenton	39	57	Wednesday
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	40	206	Monday
Harmony	115	Brantford	10	211	Tuesday
Naomi	116	Markham	19	54	Monday
Valley City	117	Dundas	9	143	Thursday
Maitland	119	Wingham	23	72	Thursday
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	2	168	Friday
Saxon	121	Alma Craig	13	48	Wednesday
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	18	35	Friday
Dresden	124	Dresden	2	115	Monday
Stella	125	Carleton Place	45	92	Friday
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	14	135	Tuesday
Mizpah	127	Belleville	39	129	Monday
Charity	129	Sunderland	34	21	Monday
Livingstone	130	Thorold	8	31	Tuesday
Marion	131	Renfrew	46	102	Monday
Oakville	132	Oakville	18	63	Monday
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	2	45	Tuesday
Orient	134	Welland	7	20	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	34	45	Friday
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	35	91	Wednesday
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	41	132	Thursday
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	9	50	Monday
Garnet	139	Mount Forest	22	73	Tuesday
Leamington	140	Leamington	1	112	Thursday
Concord	142	Kingsville	1	78	Friday
Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	39	124	Wednesday
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	3	82	Wednesday
Riverside	145	Iroquois	42	66	Tuesday
Vivian	146	Arnprior	46	64	Tuesday
Model	147	Wyoming	14	42	Alternate Mondays
Aurora	148	Aurora	20	76	Tuesday

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Western Star	149	Brussels	23	80	Thursday
Sycamore	151	Arkona	13	46	Tuesday
Hayden	152	Norwich	5	67	Friday
Wildey	153	Granton	16	61	Wednesday
Alpha	154	Almonte	45	108	Monday
Brougham	155	Whitevale	33	17	2nd and 4th Thursday
Pyramid	156	Newmarket	20	27	Tuesday
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	3	75	Thursday
Progress	158	Guelph	17	118	Thursday
Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	9	61	Alternate Tuesdays
Listowel	160	Listowel	22	59	Tuesday
Simcoe	161	Simcoe	6	63	Friday
Oriental	163	Cornwall	42	86	Monday
Romeo	164	Stratford	16	179	Tuesday
Beethoven	165	Brooklin	33	39	Friday
Hillsburgh	167	Hillsburg	21	23	1st and 3rd Friday
Sutton	168	Sutton	32	27	1st and 3rd Monday
Grey	169	Durham	22	24	Monday
De Novo	170	Port Elgin	25	61	Monday
Penetangore	172	Kincardine	24	158	Tuesday
Emerald	173	Dunnville	7	74	Tuesday
Dolman	174	Ayr	10	105	Tuesday
Dauncey	176	Thedford	13	12	Wednesday
Montana	177	Wroxeter	23	14	Monday
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	9	47	Alternate Mondays
Madoc	179	Madoc	38	101	Monday
Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	37	76	Thursday
Tecumseh	182	Otterville	5	76	Monday
Teeswater	183	Teeswater	23	17	Wednesday
Germania	184	Waterloo	17	119	Thursday
Dufferin	186	Fleherton	27	22	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Cambridge	188	Preston	17	42	Wednesday
Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	30	87	Monday
Chorazin	190	London East	12	126	Monday
Jarvis	191	Jarvis	6	33	Monday
Howick	192	Gorrie	23	11	Tuesday
Albert	194	Toronto	19	158	Friday
Cicerone	195	Woodville	34	12	Tuesday
Florence	196	Florence	3	84	Monday
Minerva	197	Hamilton	9	63	Alternate Wednesdays
Britannia	198	Drayton	22	48	Wednesday
Weston	200	Weston	19	27	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Beacon	201	Port Colborne	7	93	Wednesday
Silver Star	202	Milverton	16	46	Friday
Pembroke	203	Pembroke	47	114	Tuesday
Acton	204	Acton	18	10	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Ahiram	205	Paisley	25	114	Tuesday
Silver City	206	Tiverton	24	71	Friday
Egremont	207	Kerwood	12	28	Friday
Alvinston	208	Alvinston	3	37	Thursday
Millbank	209	Millbank	16	32	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Brucefield	210	Brucefield	15	22	2nd and 4th Friday
Lilly	211	Dorchester Station	12	63	Monday
Argyll	212	Napanee	39	102	Thursday
Clifford	214	Clifford	22	75	Thursday
Freestone	215	Beamsville	8	23	Monday
Elmira	216	Elmira	17	38	Wednesday

LIST OF LODGES—*Continued*

LODGE.	No	LOCATION.	In District No.	Membership 30th June, 1899.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Mount Brydges	217	Mount Brydges	12	113	Friday
Enterprise	218	Essex Centre	1	127	Thursday
Georgian Bay	219	Waubaushene	29	76	Thursday
Woodslee	220	South Woodslee	1	45	Wednesday
Chesley	221	Chesley	26	59	Tuesday
Hensall	223	Hensall	15	56	Friday
Ottawa	224	Ottawa	44	175	Wednesday
Norfolk	225	Port Dover	6	73	Tuesday
Merlin	226	Merlin	2	49	Thursday
Sauble	227	Tara	26	57	Friday
International	228	International Bridge	7	174	Thursday
Embro Star	229	Embro	11	39	Tuesday
Prince of Wales	230	Toronto	19	93	Tuesday
Elora	231	Elora	17	62	Thursday
Equity	232	Hagersville	6	11	Wednesday
Hanover	233	Hanover	26	15	Wednesday
Ilderton	234	Ilderton	12	29	1st and 3rd Thursday
Waterford	235	Waterford	6	89	Thursday
Acorn	236	Camlachie	13	25	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Farmersville	237	Farmersville	41	17	Wednesday
Stirling	239	Stirling	37	129	Wednesday
Carlton	240	Ottawa	44	241	Thursday
Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	41	175	Monday
Wilton	242	Toronto	19	109	Tuesday
Thornbury	243	Thornbury	28	32	Friday
Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	52	62	Wednesday
Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	41	47	Wednesday
Gordon	247	Palmerston	22	77	Thursday
Campbellford	248	Campbellford	37	60	Tuesday
Beaverton	249	Beaverton	34	43	Monday
Ridgely	250	Oil Springs	31	55	Monday
Bracebridge	251	Bracebridge	19	59	Monday
Floral	252	Toronto	6	111	Monday
Caledonia	253	Caledonia	46	25	1st and 3rd Friday.
Alba	254	Pakenham	21	50	Thursday
Grand Valley	256	Grand Valley	21	24	Friday
Credit	257	Erin	21	27	Tuesday
Thamesford	258	Thamesford	11	119	Thursday
Lynden	259	Lynden	10	82	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Meaford	260	Meaford	33	73	Monday
Gold Hill	261	Rat Portage	53	137	Thursday
Norwood	262	Norwood	36	24	Tuesday
East Toronto	263	East Toronto (York)	19	62	1st and 4th Tuesday
Fraternity	264	Perth	45	59	Monday
Delta	265	Delta	41	29	Tuesday
Missanabie	266	Chapleau	51	52	Tuesday
Algoma	267	Fort William West	52	65	Thursday
Stanley	268	Lanark	45	32	Thursday
Woodstock	269	Woodstock	11	114	Friday
Lansdowne	270	Lansdowne	40	57	Tuesday
North Bay	271	North Bay	43	87	Tuesday
Lakeview	272	Toronto Junction	19	67	Friday
Hastings	273	Hastings	37	35	Monday
Midland	274	Midland	29	29	Friday
Fairy	275	Huntsville	31	31	Monday
Lambton	277	Brigden	14	62	Tuesday
Rockliffe	278	Ottawa	44	178	Tuesday

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LODGE.	No	LOCATION.	In District No.	Membership 30th June, 1899.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Grenville	279	Kemptville	43	75	Thursday
Balmoral	280	Merrickville	41	68	Monday
Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie	50	61	Thursday
Sudbury	282	Sudbury	49	76	Alternate Wednesdays
Earnscliffe	283	Cumming's Bridge	44	111	Wednesday
Lyn	284	Lyn	41	25	Wednesday
Morewood	285	Morewood	43	62	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Royal	286	Havelock	36	59	Thursday
Ripley	287	Ripley	24	69	Monday
Chesterville	288	Chesterville	43	30	Friday
Glanworth	289	Glanworth	4	36	Tuesday
Tweed	290	Tweed	38	50	Tuesday
Rodney	291	Rodney	3	47	Friday
Minnetonka	292	Keewatin	53	71	Wednesday
Thomasburg	293	Thomasburg	38	59	Friday
Broadview	294	Toronto	19	138	Monday
Manotick	295	Manotic	44	29	Thur day
Pontypool	296	Pontypool	36	54	Friday
Maytlower	297	Parham	40	46	Wednesday
Comber	298	Comber	1	60	Tuesday
Cornucopia	299	McLa en's Depot	40	62	Wednesday
Bobcaygeon	300	Bobcaygeon	34	49	Tuesday
Plattsville	301	Plattsville	11	38	Wednes'ay
Aberdeen	302	Aultsville	42	21	1st and 3rd Saturday
Fellowship	303	Dickinson's Landing	42	37	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Star	304	Crampton	4	63	Tuesday
Valentine	305	Moretown	14	35	Wednesday
Athena	306	Harrowsmith	40	43	Monday
Princeton	307	Prince on	11	49	Monday
Millbrook	308	Millbrook	35	81	Tuesday
Harrow	309	Harrow	1	56	Monday
Shedden	310	Shedden	4	27	Wednesday
Zeta	311	Morrisburg	42	68	Thursday
Spirit Rock	312	Wiarton	26	48	Monday
Electric City	313	Chippewa	8	41	Monday
Prospect	314	Toronto	19	144	Friday
Mountain	315	Mountain	42	36	Thursday
Britain	316	Little Britain	34	40	Monday
Laurentian	317	Westport	41	27	Thursday
Bervie	318	Bervie	24	45	Thursday
Webbwood	319	Webbwood	49	41	Tuesday
Geneva	320	Orillia	29	36	Monday
Hespeler	321	Hespeler	17	42	Thursday
Central	322	Toronto	19	157	1st and 3rd Friday
Liberty	323	Berlin	17	60	Monday
Ontario	324	Pickering	33	49	Friday
Southampton	325	Southampton	25	33	Friday
Strathcona	326	Shelburne	21	49	Tuesday
Saugeen	327	Markdale	27	35	Friday
Underwood	328	Underwood	24	40	Monday
Prosperity	329	Delhi	5	17	Wednesday
Wheatley	330	Wheatley	1	40	Friday
Maxville	331	Maxville	39	18	Monday
Atwood	332	Atwood	16	.....	Wednesday

LIST OF LODGES,

THEIR LOCATION, ETC., ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED ACCORDING TO LOCATION.

Location.	Name of Lodge.	No	Night of Meeting.
Ayton	Acton	204	2nd and 4th Monday
Allsa Craig	Saxon	121	Wednesday
Almonte	Alpha	154	Monday
Alvinston	Alvinston	208	Friday
Amherstburg	Rose	28	Wednesday
Ancaster	Ancaster	138	Monday
Arkona	Sycamore	151	Tuesday
Arnprior	Vivian	146	Tuesday
Atwood	Atwood	332	Wednesday
Aultsville	Aberdeen	302	1 t and 3.d Saturday
Aurora	Aurora	148	Tuesday
Aylmer	Aylmer	94	Tuesday
Ayr	Dolman	174	Tuesday
Barrie	Barrie	63	Monday
Beamsville	Freestone	215	Monday
Beaverton	Beaverton	249	Monday
Belleville	Belleville	81	Thursday
Belleville	Mizpah	127	Monday
Berlin	Grand Union	97	Friday
Berlin	Liberty	323	Tuesday
Bervie	Bervie	318	Thursday
Blenheim	Rond Eau	40	Friday
Bobcaygeon	Bobcaygeon	300	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Bothwell	Florence Nightingale	66	Wednesday
Bracebridge	Bracebridge	251	Monday
Brampton	Golden Star	101	Thursday
Brantford	Gore	34	Monday
Brantford	Harmony	115	Tuesday
Bridgeburg	International	228	Thursday
Brigden	Lambton	277	Tuesday
Brockville	Brock	9	Tuesday
Brockville	St. Lawrence	137	Thursday
Brooklin	Beethoven	165	Friday
Brucefield	Brucefield	210	2nd and 4th Friday
Brussels	Western Star	149	Thursday
Burgessville	Constellation	85	Tuesday
Burlington	Wellington Square	178	Alternate Mondays
Caledonia	Caledonia	253	1st and 3rd Friday
Camlachie	Acorn	236	Tuesday
Campbellford	Campbellford	248	Tuesday
Cannington	Peaceful Dove	135	Friday
Carleton Place	Stella	125	Friday
Chapleau	Missanabee	266	Tuesday
Chatham	Chatham	29	Tuesday
Chatham	Western City	93	Monday
Chesley	Chesley	221	Tuesday
Chesterville	Chesterville	288	Friday
Chippewa	Electric City	313	Monday
Clifford	Clifford	214	Thursday
Clinton	Clinton	83	Tuesday
Cobourg	Cobourg	136	Wednesday
Collingwood	Collingwood	54	Thursday
Comber	Comber	298	2nd and 4th Tuesday

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Location.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Night of Meeting.
Cornwall	Oriental	163	Tuesday
Crampton	Star	304	Tuesday
Cumming's Bridge	Earnscliffe	283	Wednesday
Delhi	Prosperity	329	Wednesday
Delta	Delta	265	Tuesday
Deseronto	Deseronto	102	Wednesday
Dickinson's Landing	Fellowship	303	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Dorchester Station	Lilly	211	Monday
Drayton	Britannia	198	Wednesday
Dresden	Dresden	124	Monday
Dundas	Valley City	117	Thursday
Dunnville	Emerald	173	Tuesday
Durham	Grey	169	Monday
East Toronto (York)	East Toronto	263	1st and 4th Tuesday
Elmira	Elmira	216	Wednesday
Elora	Elora	231	Thursday
Embro	Embro Star	229	Tuesday
Erin	Credit	257	Alternate Tuesdays
Essex	Enterprise	218	Thursday
Exeter	Exeter	67	Tuesday
Farmersville	Farmersville	237	Wednesday
Fergus	Fergus	73	Tuesday
Flesherton	Dufferin	186	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Florence	Florence	196	Monday
Forest	Royal Oak	108	Monday
Fort William West	Algoma	267	Thursday
Galt	Waterloo	107	Monday
Gananoque	Gananoque	114	Monday
Georgetown	Orion	109	Monday
Glanworth	Glanworth	289	Tuesday
Glencoe	Glencoe	133	Tuesday
Goderich	Huron	62	Monday
Gorrie	Howick	192	Tuesday
Grand Valley	Grand Valley	256	Friday
Granton	Wildey	153	Wednesday
Guelph	Reliance	89	Monday
Guelph	Progress	158	Thursday
Hagersville	Equity	232	Wednesday
Hamilton	Excelsior	44	Thursday
Hamilton	Unity	47	Wednesday
Hamilton	Victoria	64	Alternate Tuesdays
Hamilton	Crescent	104	Friday
Hamilton	Oak Leaf	159	Alternate Tuesdays
Hamilton	Minerva	197	Alternate Wednesdays
Hanover	Hanover	233	Wednesday
Harrietsville	Hope	69	Saturday
Harriston	Minto	98	Friday
Harrow	Harrow	309	Monday
Harrowsmith	Athena	306	Monday
Hastings	Hastings	273	Monday
Havelock	Royal	286	Thursday
Hensall	Hensall	223	Friday
Hespeler	Hespeler	321	Tuesday
Hillsburgh	Hillsburgh	167	1st and 3rd Friday
Huntsville	Fairy	275	Monday
Ilderton	Ilderton	234	1st and 3rd Thursday
Ingersoll	Samaritan	35	Thursday

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Location.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Night of Meeting.
Ingersoll	Oxford	77	1st and 3rd Monday
Iroquois	Riverside	145	Tuesday
Jarvis	Jarvis	191	Monday
Keewatin	Minnetonka	292	Wednesday
Kemptville	Grenville	279	Thursday
Kerwood	Egremont	207	Friday
Kincardine	Penetangore	172	Tuesday
Kingston	Cataraqui	10	Tuesday
Kingston	Kingston	59	Wednesday
Kingsville	Concord	142	Friday
Lanark	Stanley	268	Thursday
Lansdowne	Lansdowne	270	Tuesday
Leamington	Leamington	140	Thursday
Lindsay	Lindsay	100	Monday
Listowel	Listowel	160	Tuesday
Little Britain	Britain	316	1st and 3rd Monday
London	Eureka	30	Tuesday
London	Forest City	38	Monday
London East	Dominion	48	Wednesday
Lucan	Chorazin	191	Monday
Lucknow	Lucan	70	Tuesday
Lyn	Lucknow	112	Friday
Lynden	Lyn	284	Wednesday
Madoc	Lynden	259	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Mallorytown	Madoc	179	Monday
Manilla	Mallorytown	245	Wednesday
Manotick	Manilla	105	Monday
Markdale	Manotick	295	Thursday
Markham	Saugeen	327	Friday
Maxville	Naomi	146	Wednesday
Meaford	Maxville	331	Monday
Merlin	Meaford	260	Monday
Merrickville	Merlin	226	Thursday
Midland	Balmoral	280	Monday
Millbank	Midland	274	Friday
Millbrook	Millbank	209	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Milverton	Millbrook	308	Tuesday
Milton	Silver Star	202	Friday
Morewood	Milton	92	Tuesday
Moretown	Morewood	285	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Morrisburg	Valentine	305	Wednesday
Mountain	Zeta	311	Thursday
Mount Brydges	Mountain	315	Thursday
Mount Forest	Mount Brydges	217	Friday
McLaren's Depot	Garnet	139	Tuesday
Napanee	Cornucopia	299	Wednesday
Napanee	Napanee	86	Tuesday
Newbury	Argyll	212	Thursday
New Hamburg	Mount Zion	46	Thursday
Newmarket	Nith	96	Thursday
Niagara Falls	Pyramid	156	Tuesday
Niagara Falls South	Niagara Falls	53	Tuesday
North Bay	Cataract	103	Thursday
Norwich	North Bay	271	Tuesday
Norwood	Hayden	152	Friday
Oakville	Norwood	262	1st and 3rd Tuesday
	Oakville	132	Monday

LIST OF LODGES.—*Continued.*

Location.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Night of Meeting.
Oil Springs	Ridgely	250	Monday
Orangeville	Maple Leaf	57	Thursday
Orillia	Geneva	320	Monday
Oshawa	Phoenix	22	Tuesday
Oshawa	Corinthian	61	Thursday
Ottawa	Ottawa	224	Tuesday
Ottawa	Carleton	240	Thursday
Ottawa	Rockcliffe	278	Tuesday
Otterville	Tecumseh	182	Monday
Owen Sound	Owen Sound	180	Thursday
Paisley	Abiram	305	Tuesday
Pakenham	Alba	254	Thursday
Palmerston	Gordon	247	Thursday
Parham	Mayflower	297	Wednesday
Paris	Grand River	91	Thursday
Parkhill	Ivy	90	Thursday
Parry Sound	Parry Sound	189	Monday
Pembroke	Pembroke	203	Tuesday
Perth	Fraternity	264	Monday
Peterborough	Otonabee	13	Monday
Peterborough	Peterborough	111	Thursday
Petrolia	Friendship	65	Friday
Pickering	Ontario	324	Friday
Picton	Bay of Quinte	143	Wednesday
Plattsville	Plattsville	301	Wednesday
Point Edward	St. Clair	106	Thursday
Pontypool	Pontypool	296	Friday
Port Arthur	Port Arthur	244	Wednesday
Port Burwell	Erie	33	Thursday
Port Colborne	Beacon	201	Wednesday
Port Dover	Norfolk	225	Tuesday
Port Elgin	De Novo	170	Monday
Port Hope	Durham	78	Tuesday
Port Perry	Mariner	75	Monday
Prescott	Amity	80	Thursday
Preston	Cambridge	188	Wednesday
Princeton	Princeton	307	Monday
Rat Portage	Gold Hill	261	Thursday
Renfrew	Marion	131	Monday
Ridgetown	Ridgetown	144	Wednesday
Ripley	Ripley	287	Monday
Rodney	Rodney	291	Friday
Ruthven	Beaver	82	Tuesday
Sarnia	Sarnia	126	Tuesday
Sault Ste. Marie	Arthur	251	Thursday
Seaforth	Fidelity	55	Wednesday
Shedden	Shedden	310	Wednesday
Shelburne	Strathcona	326	Friday
Simcoe	Simcoe	161	Tuesday
Smith's Falls	Rideau	241	Monday
Stayner	North Star	68	Thursday
Stirling	Stirling	239	Wednesday
Stratford	Avon	41	Wednesday
Stratford	Romeo	164	Tuesday
Strathroy	Howard	56	Wednesday
Streetsville	Streetsville	122	Friday
Southampton	Southampton	325	Friday

LIST OF LODGES.—*Concluded.*

Location.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Night of Meeting.
South Woodslee	Woodslee	220	Wednesday
Sudbury	Sudbury	282	Alternate Wednesdays
Sundridge	Charity	129	Monday
Sutton	Sutton	168	1st and 3rd Monday
St. Catharines	Union	16	Monday
St. Catharines	Empire	87	Thursday
St. Mary's	St. Mary's	36	Tuesday
St. Thomas	Elgin	32	Friday
St. Thomas	St. Thomas	76	Thursday
Tara	Sauble	227	Friday
Teeswater	Teeswater	183	Wednesday
Thamesford	Thamesford	258	Thursday
Thamesville	Thamesville	157	Thursday
Thedford	Dauncey	176	Wednesday
Thomasburg	Thomasburg	293	Friday
Thornbury	Thornbury	243	Friday
Thorold	Livingstone	130	Tuesday
Tilsonburg	Otter	50	Monday
Tiverton	Silver City	206	Friday
Toronto	Canada	49	Friday
Toronto	Covenant	52	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Toronto	Queen City of Ontario	56	2nd and 4th Monday
Toronto	The Toronto	71	Monday
Toronto	Laurel	110	2nd and 4th Monday
Toronto	Albert	94	Friday
Toronto	Prince of Wales	230	Tuesday
Toronto	Wilton	242	Tuesday
Toronto	Floral	252	Monday
Toronto	Broadview	294	Monday
Toronto	Prospect	314	Friday
Toronto	Central	322	Friday
Toronto Junction	Lakeview	272	Friday
Trenton	Trenton	113	Wednesday
Tweed	Tweed	290	Tuesday
Underwood	Underwood	328	Monday
Uxbridge	Nipissing	79	Thursday
Walkerton	Walkerton	84	Friday
Wallaceburg	Sydenham Valley	120	Friday
Waterford	Waterford	235	Thursday
Waterloo	Germania	184	Thursday
Waubaushene	Georgian Bay	219	Thursday
Webbwood	Webbwood	319	Friday
Welland	Orient	134	Tuesday
Westport	Laurentian	317	Thursday
Weston	Weston	200	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Wheatley	Wheatley	330	Friday
Whitby	Eastern Star	72	Tuesday
Whitevale	Brougham	155	2nd and 4th Thursday
Warton	Spirit Rock	312	Monday
Windsor	Frontier	45	Wednesday
Wingham	Maitland	119	Thursday
Woodstock	Olive Branch	88	Monday
Woodstock	Woodstock	269	Friday
Woodville	Cicerone	195	Tuesday
Wroxeter	Montana	177	Wednesday
Wyoming	Model	174	Alternate Mondays
York	East Toronto	263	1st and 3rd Tuesday

In Memoriam

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JOHN CRAIG

PAST GRAND

Fergus Lodge No. 73, Fergus

Born 1843
Died September 6th, 1898
Aged 55 Years

Bro. Craig for many years served his Lodge, the Order, and his adopted Province faithfully. He was, at the time of his death, a respected member of the Ontario Legislature for Wellington Co. He joined Fergus Lodge September, 1871, passed all its chairs, and on several occasions represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge. He was Treasurer of Fergus for a number of years, holding that office at the time of his death. He wore a Veteran Jewel earned and presented to him by his Lodge for faithful service.

"Not dead. To close the eye—to yield the breath—
To change this earth for heaven—this is not death!
'Tis but the transit from the world of care
To one where joy and pleasure fill the air."

In Memoriam

ROBERT H. PERRY

PAST GRAND

Fergus Lodge No. 73, Fergus

Born March 26, 1845
Died September 29, 1898
Aged 53 Years

Bro. Perry was truly a veteran Odd Fellow; for nearly thirty years he was a devoted, faithful worker of Fergus Lodge, and he proudly wore the Veteran Jewel presented to him by his Lodge.

"Our friends and brothers have passed to heaven,
Like some bright star upon the brow of eve'n,
They have not died—their spirits live above,
In those bright regions of Eternal Love."

In Memoriam

THOMAS E. McDOUGALL

PAST GRAND

Crescent Lodge, No. 104, Hamilton, Ont.

Born December 4th, 1868
Died at Hamilton, November 24th, 1898

As an Odd Fellow he was a firm supporter of all that was right and true; his wise counsel and untiring energy gained for him a prominence that few attain in so short a lifetime; words fail to express the high esteem in which he was held by many kind friends.

"Up in the golden city of God,
Where only pure and tearless ones have trod;
There, in reunion sweet, like David, we
Our lost beloved Jonathan shall see."

In Memoriam

W. G. WILLIS

PAST GRAND
Chorazin Lodge, No 190

PAST CHIEF PATRIARCH
Adelphian Encampment, No 38, London, Ont.

Born at Hamilton, September 17th, 1857
Died at London, January 27th, 1899

"As an Odd Fellow he was a most indefatigable worker, and to him, more than to any other member is due the success that Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, has attained."

"Thus pass away the men of might
Where noiseless footprints stamped the age,
Their thoughts that filled the earth with light
Will glow and blaze on Memory's page."

In Memoriam

WILLIAM ANTHONY RAWLINGS

PAST GRAND

Union Lodge, No 16

PAST CHIEF PATRIARCH

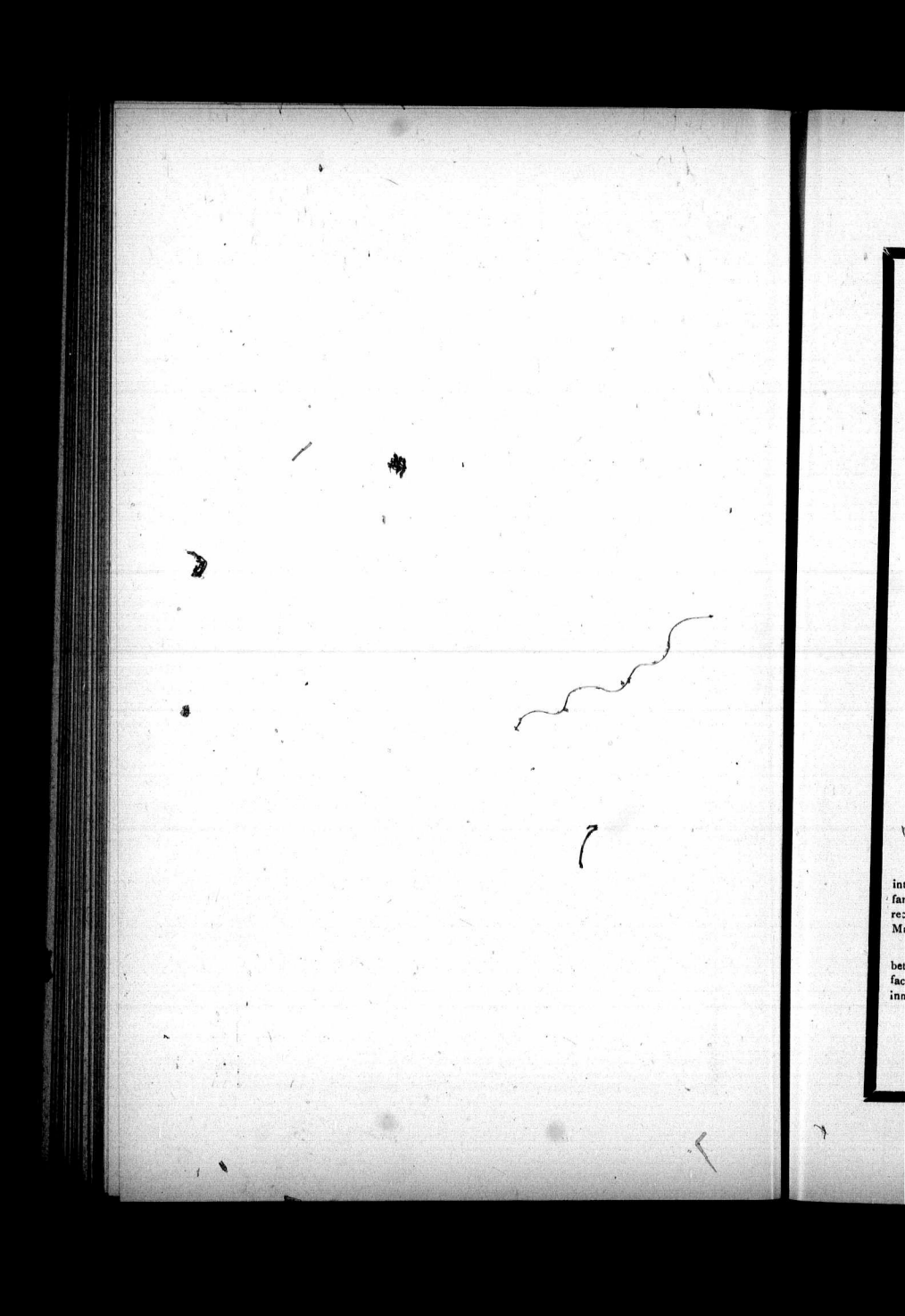
Union Encampment, No. 1, St. Catharines, Ont.

Born in London, England, March 24th, 1829
Died at St. Catharines, May 19th, 1899

For twenty-two years he was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on "Laws of Subordinates"; well and faithfully he served the Order; he retired from the position through illness in 1898.

"You heard the solemn roll call,
There was no answer."

"Mourn him not whose star has set,
While its light is with us yet,
While remembered words are dear,
While his deeds still linger here."



In Memoriam

WILLIAM HARRISON RYALL

PAST GRAND

Leamington Lodge No. 140, Leamington

Died July 11th, 1899

Aged 54 Years

Brother Ryall was a very active member of his Lodge, and always took a deep interest in its advancement, as well as an active part in all that pertained to the welfare of the Order at large. He was much esteemed by his brothers in the Order, and received at their hands many distinctions, and at the time of his death was Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

"The solemn announcement of the departure of our brethren from this world to a better one is a new reminder not only of the certainty of death, but of the additional fact that none know the day or the hour when the summons may come 'to join the innumerable caravan,' to go over to the majority."—S. G. L.

"Bear him in memory, ye kind friends and true,
As one who loved the Order's cause and you;
Join his fond name with yours in three-link chain,
Although on earth you cannot meet again."

S. G. DO
H. C. BI
JAMES
THOMA
WILLIA
JOHN G
JOHN M
CL. T. CA
J. T. HO
FIFE FO
W. H. CO
J. B. McI
HENRY
WM. MA
REV. N.
JOHN OR
JOHN R.
E. R. RO
R. W. BE
JNO. ORM
P. E. FITZ
REV. T. W
JOSEPH O
W. H. HO
THOMAS
HENRY W
J. A. YOUN
J. E. FAR

Past Grand Masters

LIVING.

(Elected Grand Master in August of year named.)

S. G. DOLSON	St. Catharines	1860
H. C. BINGHAM	Brantford	1862
JAMES D. TAIT	St. Catharines	1865
THOMAS PARTRIDGE	London	1869
WILLIAM N. FORD	St. Mary's	1870
JOHN GIBSON	Stratford	1871
JOHN MURRAY	Niagara Falls	1872
CL. T. CAMPBELL (Past Grand Sire, 1894)	London	1877
J. T. HORNIBROOK	Toronto	1878
FIFE FOWLER	Kingston	1879
W. H. COLE	Brockville	1880
J. B. McINTYRE	St. Catharines	1881
HENRY ROBERTSON	Collingwood	1882
WM. MACDIARMID	Lucan	1883
REV. N. H. MARTIN	Chatham	1885
JOHN ORMSBY DONOGH	Toronto	1886
JOHN R. REID	Brockville	1887
E. R. ROBINSON	London	1888
R. W. BELL	Peterboro	1889
JNO. ORMISTON	Gananoque	1890
P. E. FITZ-PATRICK	Hamilton	1891
REV. T. W. JOLLIFFE	Colborne	1892
JOSEPH OLIVER	Toronto	1893
W. H. HOYLE	Cannington	1894
THOMAS WOODYATT	Brantford	1895
HENRY WHITE	Port Hope	1896
J. A. YOUNG	Thamesford	1897
J. E. FAREWELL	Whitby	1898

"Our lives are albums, written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

Past Grand Masters

DECEASED.

(Elected Grand Master in August of year named)

THOMAS REYNOLDS. Died 14th September, 1859	Brockville	1856 to 1865
CHAUNCEY YALE. Died 15th April, 1866.	St. Catharines	1859
WILLIAM BISSELL. Died 4th November, 1878.	London	1861
JAMES WOODYATT. Died 20th August, 1894.	Brantford	1863
JAMES SMITH. Died 26th November, 1890.	London	1864
RICHARD WIGMORE. Died 1st March, 1890.	London	1866
HENRY McAFEE. Died 23rd October, 1892.	Windsor	1867
JOHN BARR. Died 25th January, 1883.	Hamilton	1868
GEORGE WRIGHT. Died 10th March, 1895.	Toronto	1873
WM. FITZSIMMONS. Died 13th July, 1894.	Brockville	1874
H. E. BUTTERY. Died 26th November, 1876.	London	1875
JOHN HAM PERRY. Died 25th March, 1896.	Whitby	1876
A. L. MORDEN. Died 21st July, 1895.	Napanee	1884

In Memoriam.

Thou art not dead, for Death
Can only take away the mortal breath ;
And life commencing here,
Is but the prelude to its full career,
And hope and faith the blest assurance given.
We do not live to die ; we die to live.

Death has cast the shadow of his wings over our Assembly and claimed the following Brothers and Sisters :

SISTER EMMA COLTHURST ..... Died October 19, 1896
BRO. WILLIAM BACKUS ..... Died December 22, 1897
SISTER MERRYWEATHER ..... Died May 5, 1898
BRO. THOMAS MCDOUGALL..... Died November 24, 1898
SISTER ELLA MILLER..... Died May 11, 1899
BRO. J. TANNER..... Died February 6, 1899
SISTER SARAH STEWART ..... Died January 8, 1899
SISTER SARAH HOYT ..... Died June 15, 1899
SISTER M. STURGEIN..... Died April 16, 1899

In losing these Sisters and Brothers we feel that a great light in the Order has been extinguished, and we are reminded that none are exempt from the unalterable decree, that all must die. They have left behind them a name honored and beloved by all who knew them.

As Sisters of the Rebekah Degree we tender our heartfelt sympathy to those who were bound to them by closer ties ; and may God comfort and bless them is the prayer of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Farewell, a word that must be and hath been —a word which makes us linger—yet Farewell !

MAGGIE WADDELL, Secretary.

By direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, under a resolution adopted at Dallas, 1896 (Jour. p. 14,964), the following telegraph cipher and key, which was adopted at Atlantic City in 1895, report 134 (Jour. p. 14,555), and additions made at Detroit, 1899, is hereto appended.

In view of the many frauds who are travelling and imposing on the Order, no Lodge shall grant pecuniary aid to a stranger until his Lodge has been communicated with by this Cipher.

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

HOUSE.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of $.....?

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

RIVER.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of———?

BOAT.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for———.

WHITE.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION.—Look out for a fraud named———.

SECRETARY.—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.—A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK.—He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.—Is in our City and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

PURPLE.—We think it best to bury him there.

LODGE.—Forward remains to this place by———.

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HELP.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

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