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ADDRESS OF THE OFFICERS
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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,
For the Year ending August 1878.

CL. T. CAMPBELL,	-	-	-	-	M. W. GRAND MASTER
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				<i>St. Thomas.</i>	
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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

At a special session of Belleville and Mizpah Lodges, held for that purpose, the Grand Lodge of Ontario being in waiting, and having been duly announced by the Grand Marshal, was introduced and appropriately received.

Bro. Wm. Davis, N. G. of Belleville Lodge No. 81, on behalf of the order in Belleville, greeted the Grand Lodge with a cordial welcome, and expressed the gratification they experienced at the honor conferred upon them in holding this session in their town, and concluded by tendering to the Grand Lodge, for the purposes of the present session, the free use of the hall and ante-rooms.

J. Ham Perry, M. W. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, reciprocated the kind sentiments expressed and cordial greeting extended, and accepted the offer made by the Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master took the chair, and called the Grand Lodge to order, and directed the Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to examine all present, as to their eligibility to sit in the Grand Lodge, which having been done, the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. R. W. Bell, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows :—

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, we come before Thee again, with grateful hearts, and render Thee thanks for Thy watchful care over us during the past year, and for permitting us once more to assemble as the representatives of a great brotherhood, whose mission is one of charity, peace, and good will to our fellow-men.

Let Thy Spirit so guide our deliberations, and so govern all our actions, that our legislation may be for the best interests of our beloved Order.

Help us to do good, O Lord; have compassion on the widow and orphan, and all who are in sickness or distress; bless them as Thou see'st they have need. Look with favor on our great brotherhood, and so bless our efforts in the cause of humanity, that in due time all nations may be gathered under the banner of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Pardon our manifold sins, O God, and answer these our prayers, as shall be most expedient for us; and to Thy Name be ascribed the honor and the glory. Amen.

Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master by direction of the Chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

The Grand Master announced the following Committee on Credentials :—

J. B. King, Grand Secretary; Reps. H. Wilson, of Naomi Lodge No. 116, David Martin, of Garnet Lodge No. 139, J. C. Lander of Laurel Lodge No. 110 and J. G. Moore of Mizpah Lodge No. 127.

The following resolution was adopted, on motion of Rep. W. F. Howell, seconded by Rep. E. R. Robinson :—

Resolved,—That Rep. A. R. Narraway be appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the present session, for which service he is to receive two dollars per diem, in addition to his per diem as a Representative.

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report, that upon examination of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges, and the Certificates accompanying, the following Past Grands have been elected Representatives, viz :

NAME.	LODGE.	No.
John F. Wood	Brook	9
James Nettleton.....	"	9
J. Macallister	Cataraqui	10
Geo. E. Patterson.....	Union	16
Jas. Kernihan	"	16
A. P. Friesman.....	"	16
Chas. Fisher.....	Rose	28
Jas. Richardson, vice R. M. M. Patton	Chatham	29
John Ogle	"	29
E. R. Robinson	Eureka	80
A. C. Stewart.....	"	80
W. D. Riddell	"	80
J. H. Newcombe.....	Erie	83
A. R. Narraway	Gore	84
Thos. Woodyatt	"	84
Wm. Ballantyne	Samaritan	85
W. Sudworth, vice J. F. McDonald.....	Samaritan	85
R. B. Harstone	St. Marys	86
W. C. Moscrip	"	86
J. W. Fletcher	Forest City	88
Geo. Shaw	"	88
W. H. Wigmore	"	88
John Mulholland	Rond Eau	40
Thos. Henderson, vice Jno. Gibson resigned Avon	"	41
John Welsh	"	41
Chas. Packert	"	41
J. S. McMahon	Excelsior	44
J. Addison	"	44
H. McAfee	Frontier	45
J. F. Bell	"	45
J. D. Addison	Mt. Zion	46
Geo. Midgley	Unity	47
Jos. Wilson	"	47
Alex. McKay	"	47
W. F. Howell	Dominion	48
H. J. Boyd	"	48
J. K. Master	"	48
Wm. Moore	Canada	49
T. A. Thompson	"	49
Robt. Dodds	"	49

NAME.	LODGE.	No.
John Dewar	Otter	50
J. Waterhouse, vice C. Thompson, resigned,	"	50
J. Hord	Bissell	51
A. Mulheron	"	51
Hu. Blain	"	51
J. T. Hornibrook	Covenant	52
J. C. Moor	"	52
F. Anderson	"	52
R. C. Guerin	Niagara Falls	53
Henry Robertson	"	53
M. Morrison	Collingwood	54
Jas. A. Cline	Fidelity	55
John Donogh	"	55
Jos. Oliver	Queen City of Ontario	56
Thos. Driver	"	56
P. H. Johnson	Maple Leaf	57
J. W. Baskerville	Howard	58
W. Dunn vice Z. Guy, resigned,	"	58
J. H. Wernb	Kingston	59
Wm. Murphy	"	59
Francis Rae	Wardsville	60
Daniel McKay	Corinthian	61
Jos. Beck, vice W. B. Matthews, resigned,	"	61
C. W. Andrews	Huron	62
W. Hunter	"	62
Wm. Campbell	Barrie	63
John Mearns	Victoria	64
John Sinclair	Friendship	65
S. Burden	"	65
Chas. Senior	Florence Nightingale	66
W. B. SanJers	Exeter	67
Robt. Facey	North Star	68
Albert Goodacre	Hope	69
John Ritchie, jr	Lucan	70
Jas. Hoskins	The Toronto	71
H. B. Taylor	"	71
Geo. Hoyle	Eastern Star	72
T. W. Thompson	"	72
Chas. Miles	Fergus	73
D. Ledingham	Bothwell	74
Angus Murray	Warriner	75
H. M. Wilson	St. Thomas	76
L. A. Cole	"	76
M. J. Lewis	Oxford	77
G. W. Lambert	"	77
John H. Bust ne	Durham	78
Jas. Fairbairn	Nipissing	79
Samuel Dowaley, vice A. Buckham	Amity	80
R. Tracey	"	80
J. H. Post	Belleville	81
M. Whaley	"	81
Jas. A. Yuill	Beaver	82
J. s. Teasdale	Clinton	83
	Walkerton	84

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NAME.	LOGGE.	No.
Joseph Innes	Constellation	85
A. L. Morden	Napanee	86
Robt. Gourley	Empire	87
T. Parnell	"	87
J. Sutherland	Olive Branch	88
G. D. McKay, vice R. McWhinnie, resigned	"	88
Wm. Parker	Reliance	89
John Coulson	"	89
Wm. Reid	Ivy	90
Geo. Inksater	Grand River	91
W. Miller	"	91
A. S. Gillet	Milton	92
S. J. Somerville	Western City	98
W. L. Burdick	Aylmer	94
T. D. Brown	Port Stanley	95
Otto Presprich	Nith	96
Wm. Jaffray	Grand Union	97
Jos. Fisher	Minto	98
Thos. Howden	Peabody	99
F. C. Taylor	Lindsay	100
W. C. Bryant	Golden Star	101
J. H. Beck	"	101
Wm. Evins	Dosoronto	102
W. A. Kennedy	Cataract	108
Geo. Britton	Crescent	104
John Faulkner	"	104
John Short	Manilla	105
J. F. O'Neil	St. Clair	106
A. H. Blackeby	Waterloo	107
Simeon Mallery	Royal Oak	108
Wm. Freeman	Orion	109
J. C. Lander	Laurel	110
Robt. Elder	Peterboro'	111
J. S. Tennant	Lucknow	112
B. B. Way	Trenton	118
John Ormiston	Gananoque	114
Robt. Grigor	Harmony	115
Henry Wilson	Naomi	116
Geo. Coote	Valley City	117
N. Isbister	Maitland	119
R. T. Riddell	Sydenham Valley	120
W. B. Hobbs	Saxon	121
John Jardine	Streetsville	122
W. McMillan	Palmerston	123
Robt. F. Ruddel	Dresden	124
R. Bannerman, vice J. G. McLean, resigned	Stella	125
Chas. Fisher	Sarnia	128
John G. Moore	Minpah	127
D. A. Vanfleet	Mystic	128
J. Lucas	Charity	129
Wm. Williams	Livingstone	180
S. Osborne	"	180
Jas. Clarke	Marion	181

NAME.	LODGE.	No.
T. J. Wilson <i>vice</i> J. G. Heiter, resigned,	Oakville	132
D. A. Ferguson	Glencoe	133
A. B. Cook	Orient	134
A. McKay	Peaceful Dove	135
John E. Kennedy	Cobourg	136
E. R. Woods	St. Lawrence	137
Jas. Field	Ancaster	138
David Martin	Garnet	139
Robt. Gibson	Leamington	140
Thos. A. Beckett	Capital	141
Geo. Broadwell	Concord	142
W. H. R. Allison	Bay of Quinte	143
B. Wilson	Ridgetown	144
Edward Ault	Riverside	145
G. C. Clint	Vivian	146
Geo. H. Reid	Model	147
Jos. Spear	Aurora	148
Peter Scott	Western Star	149
Wm. L. Allen	Bertie	150
E. Thoman	Sycamore	151
H. Couzins	Hayden	152
Jas. S. Grant	Wildey	153
J. M. Munroe	Alpha	154
Samuel Webb	Brougham	155
L. Atkinson	Pyramid	156
W. Decow <i>vice</i> J. A. Wenleh, resigned,	Thamesville	157
Adam Weir	Progress	158
Jas. D. Conklin	Oak Leaf	159
A. Noxon	Listowel	160
P. S. Furniss	Simcoe	161
Henry Harper	Cookstown	162
T. B. Blythe	Oriental	163
C. W. Young	Romeo	164
W. H. Warren	Beethoven	165
C. Roberts	Oswego	166
Wm. Donaldson	Hillsburgh	167
Geo. Hawkins	Sutton	168
Wm. A. Vollet	Stephen	169
R. W. Anderson	Denovo	170
W. H. Hender	Alliston	171
J. B. Peckham	Penetangore	172
Chas. Stevens	Emerald	173
W. D. Watson	Dolman	174
Jos. Wilton	Lorne	175
R. McIntosh	Dauncey	176
Robt. Fox	Montana	177
V. H. Peart	Wellington Square	178
T. G. Carson <i>vice</i> J. C. Dale, resigned,	Madoc	179
Allen Cameron	Owen Sound	180
John Dynes	Ark	181
W. F. Kay	Tecumseh	182
Thos. Fairbairn	Teeswater	183
A. L. Bowman	Germania	184

NAME.	LODGE.	No.
Geo. Cochenour	Live Oak	185
N. Campbell	Dufferin	186
John Blois	Cypress	187
Henry Roat	Cambridge	188
John Galna	Parry Sound	189
W. J. Shaw	Chorazin	190
J. H. Love	Jarvis	191
G. C. Cowper	Howick	192
R. F. Barbour	Victor	193
C. W. Wilmott	Albert	194
P. McSweyn	Cicerone	195
Richard Butler	Florence	196
John Stewart	Minerva	197
Thos. Thompson	Britannia	198
Robert Grisdale	Scotia	199
W. Hay	Weston	200
G. W. Wright	Beacon	201
Samuel Attridge	Silver Star	202
T. W. Rains	Pembroke	203
John D. Winlaw	Acton	204
A. B. St. John	Ahram	205
Edward Leslie	Silver City	206

Also the following Past Grands :

NAME.	LODGE.	No.
J. E. Kennedy	Albert	194
Chas Cottis	Progress	168
J. E. Hughes	Pyramid	166
Thos. D. Stanley	Exeter	67
N. Dickey	Alliston	171
John Wilson	do	do
George Digby	Naomi	116
J. B. Melver	Cataraqui	10
W. Sunley	Progress	168

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Representatives present be at once admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, that those Representatives who may hereafter arrive be instructed by the Grand Warden in the ante-room, and that the Past Grands above named be introduced and instructed with the Representatives.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

J. B. KING,
H. WILSON,
JOHN C. LANDER,
DAVID MARTIN.

The new Representatives and Past Grands reported upon, were now introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Fife Fowler, P. G., Grand Warden elect having been called away from the last Session before installation, was introduced to the chair by Past Grand Masters John Gibson and Wm. Fitzsimmons, where he was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

Bro. S. K. Bradshaw, R. W. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, being announced, the chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Smith and Thos Partridge a Committee to introduce him, which was accordingly done and the Brother appropriately received.

Bro. Walter Marriage, P. G. of Mount Royal Lodge No. 1, Montreal, Province of Quebec, presented a Card and Past Grand's Certificate, together with a request from his Lodge to have the Grand Lodge Degree conferred upon him.—Referred to Past Grand Masters Jas. Woodyatt, W. N. Ford and Juno. Gibson.

The following invitation was read, and on motion of Rep. J. F. Bell, accepted :

BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

Worthy Grand Master and Officers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your R. W. body is respectfully invited to be present at the Regatta at Massasauga Point, and also to take part in the Procession which will form in front of Odd Fellows' Hall at 12 o'clock noon.

Yours in F. L. & T.

GEO. W. MCCARTHY,
Secretary Reception Committee.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was now called.
Present :—

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OFFICERS.

J. HAM PERRY	M. W. Grand Master
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FIFE FOWLER	R. W. G. Warden
J. B. KING	R. W. G. Secretary
WM. BADENACH	R. W. G. Treasurer
JAS. WOODYATT	R. W. G. Representative
JNO. CAMPBELL	R. W. G. Marshall
J. ELIAS DURHAM	R. W. G. Conductor
A. MCFEE	R. W. G. Guardian
R. W. BELL	R. W. G. Chaplain

REPRESENTATIVES.

John F. Wood, James Nettleton, Brock, No. 9; Geo. E. Patterson, James Kernhan, E. P. Friesman, Union, No. 10; James Richardson, John Ogle, Chatham, No. 29; E. R. Robinson, A. C. Stewart, W. D. Riddell, Eureka, No. 30; J. H. Newcombe, Erie, No. 33; A. R. Narraway, Thos. Woodyatt, Gore, No. 34; W. Ballantyne, W. Sudworth, Samaritan, No. 35; R. B. Harstone, W. C. Moscript, St. Marys, No. 36; J. W. Fletcher, Geo. Shaw, W. H. Wigmore, Forest City, No. 38; John Mulholland, Rond Eau, No. 40; Thomas Henderson, John Welsh, Chas. Packert, Avon, No. 41; J. S. McMahon, J. Addison, Excelsior, No. 44; H. McAfee, J. F. Bell, Frontier, No. 45; John D. Addison, Mt. Zion, No. 46; Geo. Midgley, Jos. Wilson, Alex. McKay, Unity, No. 47; W. F. Howell, H. J. Boyd, J. K. Master, Dominion, No. 48; William Moore, F. A. Thompson, Robert Dodds, Canada, No. 49; John Dewar, John Waterhouse, Otter, No. 50; J. Hord, A. Mulheron, Bissell, No. 51; Hu. Blain, J. T. Hornbrook, J. C. Moor, Covenant, No. 52; T. Anderson, R. C. Guerin, Niagara Falls, No. 53; Henry Robertson, Collingwood, No. 54; M. Morrison, Fidelity, No. 55; John Donogh, Jos. Oliver, Queen City of Ontario, No. 56; Thos. Driver, Maple Leaf, No. 57; P. H. Johns, J. W. Baskerville Howard, No. 58; J. H. Werns, Kingston, No. 59; Wm. Murphy, Wardsville, No. 60; F. Rae, Daniel McKay, Corinthian, No. 61; Joseph Beck, C. W. Andrews, Huron, No. 62; W. Hunter, Barrie, No. 63; W. Campbell, Victoria, No. 64; J. Mearns, J. Sinclair, Friendship, No. 65; S. Burden, Florence Nightingale, No. 66; Charles Senior, Exeter, No. 67; W. B. Sanders, North Star, No. 68; Robert Pacey, Hope, No. 69; Albert Goodacre, Lucan, No. 70; John Richie, jr., James Hoskins, The Toronto, No. 71; H. B. Taylor, Geo. Hoyle, Eastern Star, No. 72; T. W. Thompson, Fergus, No. 73; Chas. Miles, Bothwell, No. 74; D. Ledingham, Warriner, No. 75; Angus Murray, H. M. Wilson, St. Thomas, No. 76; L. A. Coje, H. J. Lewis, Oxford, No. 77; G. W. Lambert, Durham, No. 78; John H. Bustine, Nipissing, No. 79; James Fairbairn, S. Dowsley, Amity, No. 80; R. Tracey, J. H. Post, Belleville, No.

81; H. Whaley, Beaver, No. 82; James A. Yull, Clinton, No. 83; Joseph Tensdale, Walkerton No. 84; Joseph Inis, Constellation, No. 85; A. L. Morden, Napanee, No. 86; Robert Gourley, T. Parnell, Empire, No. 87; James Sutherland, Geo. D. MacKay, Olive Branch, No. 88; Wm. Parker, John Coulson, Reliance, No. 89; Wm. Reid, Ivy, No. 90; Geo. Inksater, Wm. Miller, Grand River, No. 91; A. S. Gillet, Milton, No. 92; S. J. Somerville, Western City, No. 93; W. L. Burdick, Aymer, No. 94; T. D. Brown, Port Stanley, No. 95; Otto Presprieb, Nith, No. 96; W. Jaffray, Grand Union, No. 97; Joseph Fisher, Minto, No. 98; Thos. Howden, Peabody, No. 99; W. C. Bryant, J. H. Beck, Golden Star, No. 101; W. A. Kennedy, Cataract, No. 103; Geo. Britton, John Faukner, Crescent, No. 104; John Short, Manilla, No. 105; A. H. Blackeby, Waterloo, No. 107; Simeon Mallery, Royal Oak, No. 108; Wm. Freeman, Orion, No. 109; J. C. Lander, Laurel, No. 110; Robert Elder, Peterborough, No. 111; J. S. Tennant, Lucknow, No. 112; R. B. Way, Trenton, No. 113; John Ormiston, Gananoque, No. 114; Robert Grigor, Harmony, No. 115; H. Wilson, Naomi, No. 116; George Coote, Valley City, No. 117; M. Isbister, Maitland, No. 119; R. T. Riddell, Sydenham Valley, No. 120; W. B. Hobbs, Saxon, No. 121; W. McMillan, Palmers- ton, No. 123; Robt. Rudel, Dresden, No. 124; R. Bannerman, Stella, No. 125; D. A. Vanfleet, Mystic, No. 128; J. Lucas, Charly, No. 129; Wm. Williams, Livingstone, No. 130; James Clark, Marion, No. 131; Thos. J. Wilson, Oak- ville, No. 132; D. A. Ferguson, Glencoe, No. 133; A. B. Cook, Orient, No. 134; A. McKay, Peaceful Dove, No. 135; B. R. Woods, St. Lawrence, No. 137; David Martin, Garnet, No. 139; Robert Gibson, Leamington, No. 140; Thos. A. Beckett, Capital, No. 141; Geo. Broadwell, Concord, No. 142; W. H. R. Allison, Bay of Quinte, No. 143; B. Wilson, Ridgerton, No. 144; G. C. Clint, Vivian, No. 146; Geo. B. Reid, Model, No. 147; James Spear, Aurora, No. 148; Peter Scott, Western Star, No. 149; W. L. Allen, Bertie, No. 150; E. Thoman, Sycamore, No. 151; M. Cousins, Hayden, No. 152; James S. Grant, Wildey, No. 153; J. M. Munroe, Alpha, No. 154; Samuel Webb, Brougham, No. 155; L. Atkinson, Pyramid, No. 156; W. Decow, Thames- ville, No. 157; A. Weir, Progress, No. 158; J. D. Conklin, Oak Leaf, No. 159; A. Noxon, Listowel, No. 160; P. S. Furniss, Simcoe, No. 161; H. Harper, Cookstown, No. 162; H. Weagent, Oriental, No. 163; C. W. Young, Romeo, No. 164; W. H. Warren, Beethoum, No. 165; C. Roberts, Oswego, No. 166; W. Donaldson, Hillsburg, No. 167; Geo. Hawkins, Sutton, No. 168; Wm. A. Vollet, Stephen, No. 169; R. W. Anderson, Denovo, No. 170; W. H. Hender, Alliston, No. 171; J. R. Peckham, Penetangore, No. 172; Charles Stevens, Emerald, No. 173; J. Shoemaker, Dolman, No. 174; Joseph Wilton, Lorne, No. 175; R. McIntosh, Dauncey, No. 176; Robert Fox, Montana, No. 177; V. H. Peart, Wellington Square, No. 173; T. G. Carson, Madoc, No. 179; Allan Cameron, Owen Sound, No. 180; John Dynes, Ark, No. 181; W. F. Kay, Tecumseh, No. 182; A. L. Bowman, Germania, No. 184; George Cochenour, Live Oak, No. 185; John Blois, Cypress, No. 187; Henry Roat,

Cambridge, No. 188; John Galna, Parry Sound, No. 189; W. H. Shaw, Chorazin, No. 190; G. C. Cowper, Howick, No. 192; C. W. Wilmot, Albert, No. 194; Richard Butler, Florence, No. 196; John Stewart, Minerva No. 197; Thomas Thompson, Britannia, No. 198; W. Hay, Weston, No. 200; G. W. Wright, Beacon, No. 201; Samuel Attridge, Silver Star, No. 202; T. W. Ratnes, Pembroke, No. 203, John D. Winlaw, Acton, No. 204; A. B. St. John, Ahiram, No. 205.

On motion of Rep. J. S. McMahon, the reading of the minutes of last session was dispensed with, and the minutes as printed in the Journal were adopted.

The chair named the following Standing Committees :

DISTRIBUTION.

H. MCAFEE,	P. G. M.	of	Frontier	Lodge No.	45
R. WIGMORE,	"	"	Eureka	"	30
GEO. MIDGLEY,	Rep.	"	Unity	"	47
E. R. ROBINSON,	"	"	Eureka	"	30
T. A. BECKETT,	"	"	Capital	"	141
W. JAFFRAY,	"	"	Grand Union	"	97
G. W. LAMBERT,	"	"	Durham	"	78

RETURNS.

JOHN WELSH,	Rep	of	Avon	Lodge No.	41
CHAS. SENIOR,	"	"	Exeter	"	67
S. BURDEN,	"	"	Florence Nightingale	"	66
H. HARPER,	"	"	Cookstown	"	162
G. W. WRIGHT,	"	"	Beacon	"	201
W. WILLIAMS,	"	"	Livingstone	"	180
GEO. HOYLE,	"	"	Eastern Star	"	72

FINANCE.

HU. BLAIN,	Rep.	of	Covenant	Lodge No.	52
JAS. SMITH,	P. G. M.	"	Forest City	"	38
CHAS. PACKERT,	Rep.	"	Avon	"	41
A. B. COOK,	"	"	Orient	"	134
J. T. HORNIBROOK	"	"	Covenant	"	52
GEO. T. PATTERSON	"	"	Union	"	16
MORT. ELDER,	"	"	Peterborough	"	111

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WM. FITSIMMONS,	P. G. M. of	Brock	Lodge No. 9	
H. B. TAYLOR,	Rep.	" Eastern Star	"	72
THOS. WOODYATT,	"	" Gore	"	84
J. R. PECKHAM,	"	" Penetangore	"	172
A. C. STEWART,	"	" Eureka	"	80
A. WEIR,	"	" Progress	"	158
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W. S. CAMPBELL,	P. G.	of Gore	Lodge No.	84
R. KIRKPATRICK,	"	" Eureka	"	80
W. A. RAWLINGS,	"	" Union	"	16
J. SUTHERLAND,	Rep.	" Olive Branch	"	88
W. L. ALLEN,	"	" Bertie	"	150

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W. N. FORD,	P. G. M. of	St. Marys	Lodge No.	86
J. RITCHIE, JR.	Rep.	" The Toronto	"	71
W. H. R. ALLISON,	"	" Bay of Quinté	"	148
P. S. FURNISS,	"	" Simcoe	"	161
GEO. D. MACKAY,	"	" Olive Branch	"	88
T. PARNELL,	"	" Empire	"	87
F. RAE,	"	" Corinthian	"	81

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Name	Rep.	of	Lodge No.	Page
GEO. SHAW,	Rep.	of Forest City	Lodge No.	88
J. F. O'NEIL,	"	" St. Clair	"	106
ROBT. DODDS,	"	" Canada	"	49
DANIEL MCKAY	"	" Corinthian	"	61
W. HAY,	"	" Weston	"	200
S. DOWSLEY,	"	" Amity	"	80

PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Name	Rep.	of	Lodge No.	Page
A. L. MORDEN,	Rep.	of Napanee	Lodge No.	88
JOHN DEWAR,	"	" Otter	"	50
H. J. BOYD,	"	" Dominion	"	48
J. C. TAYLOR,	"	" Lindsay	"	100
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J. B. KING,	R. W. Grand Sec.	of	Gore	Lodge No.	34
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RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

JOHN GIBSON,	P. G. M. of	Avon	Lodge No.	41
JOHN MURRAY,	"	Niagara Falls	"	53
S. BURDEN,	Rep.	Florence Nightingale	"	66
A. S. GILLET,	"	Milton	"	92
P. MCMWEYN,	"	Cleerone	"	195
JOHN F. WOODS,	"	Brock	"	9
R. F. BARBOUR,	"	Victor	"	193
J. F. BELL,	"	Frontier	"	45
R. TRACEY,	"	Belleville	"	81

Rep J. C. Lander, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

We find the following Past Grands present, who have certificates duly signed and sealed, and your Committee would recommend that they be instructed in the ante-room in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to this Grand Lodge:

NAME	LODGE	No.
BRO. JAMES R. HARRIS	Samaritan	35
" GEORGE DIGBY	Naomi	116
" WILLIAM SUNLEY	Progress	158
" H. F. RANKINS	Corinthian	61
" CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG	Fidelity	55
" T. H. Cawley	Avon	41
" THOMAS POWERS	Durham	78
" JOHN McMULLEN	"	78
" H. McININCH	Belleville	81
" FRANCIS MASON	Florence Nightingale	66
" GEORGE LEES	Valley City	117
" J. A. DAWSON	Belleville	81
" GEORGE S. YOUNG	Trenton	113

NAME	LODGE	No.
BRO. W. H. SCHOLES.....	Belleville.....	81
" J. E. TERHUNE.....	Listowel.....	160
" M. O. DONOVAN.....	Eastern Star.....	72
" AMOS RICHARDSON.....	Dosoronto.....	182

Fraternally submitted.

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

J. B. KING,
H. WILSON,
JOHN C. LANDER,
DAVID MARTIN.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the special Committee on that subject, presented the following report, which was adopted, when the Grand Lodge Degree was du'ly conferred upon the brother :—

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF
WALTER MARRIAGE, P. G., FOR G. L. DEGREE.**

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

Your Committee on the above subject beg to report :

That, in the opinion of your Committee, sections 438 and 442 of the Digest fully warrants this R. W. Grand Lodge in granting the request of Bro. Marriage to have the G. L. and P. O. Degrees conferred upon him, he having presented a properly authenticated Visiting Card, and the Certificate of the N. G. and Secretary of his Lodge, and also the Certificate of the D. D. Grand Sire of the Province of Quebec, that he is entitled to said Degree.

Your Committee recommend that said Degrees be conferred upon Bro. Walter Marriage.

And submit the following :

Resolved.—That the above report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. N. FORD,
JOHN GIBSON.

The M. W. Grand Master then presented his report, which on motion of Rep. Hu. Blain was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

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

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS:

Under the directions of our constitution, the pleasing duty now devolves upon me of laying before the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, my official report for the year just closed. Peace, harmony, brotherly-love, and satisfactory progress have been constant visitors in our Lodge rooms during the past twelve months. Our Lodges have increased in number; our membership enlarged its circle; our widows', orphans', and general fund strengthened in amount; our property enhanced in value, and Oddfellowship everywhere throughout this fair Province, rapidly taking, if not already secured, the front rank of the charitable, philanthropic, fraternal societies of the age. Born in America, as it were but yesterday; not yet passed its childhood,—reckoned, as the years of nations and other kindred societies are counted—still, our Order, for all that is good, noble, generous and worthy, has become a mighty power in the land. In age but an infant, in good works, acts and deeds, a giant. Well may Oddfellows with pardonable pride affirm their allegiance to the wonderful magnetic influence and power of the Three Golden Links,—acknowledging, first, their daily duty and consecration to their Maker; secondly, their patriotic devotion and pride for their country, and thirdly their unwavering attachment and unswerving love for the great Brotherhood.

I will now proceed, briefly, to refer to all important matters arising during my term of office, and invite earnest consideration and wise legislation in the disposal thereof.

II.—OFFICIAL ACTS.

DURHAM LODGE No. 78.—In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge (Journal 1874, page 1659,) on 15th August last, I restored to Durham Lodge, No. 78, (being the fifth anniversary of institution) its charter, seal, and properties. In connection with the restoration of this charter two questions

have arisen, and which I only decided after consulting with those of the G. L. U. S., whose opinion I considered valuable and conclusive.

First. That the suspension of a Lodge does not relieve the members of the said Lodge from paying the dues accruing during time of suspension, after restoration of the charter.

Second. That like suspension does not relieve the subordinate Lodge from paying to Grand Lodge per capita tax, with semi-annual returns due and returnable, during time of suspension.

GORRIE LODGE, No. 192.—As instructed by resolution of Grand Lodge, (Session 1876, page 1701) I investigated the petition for warrant for Lodge, at Gorrie. Obtaining all the information I could upon the question, seeking the advice of those qualified to judge, and carefully considering the points at issue in all its bearings, I arrived at the conclusion that a dispensation should be granted, and a Lodge organized. District Deputy J. Campbell carried out my decision by instituting the Lodge, 19th September, 1876.

BELLEVILLE LODGE, No. 81.—On the petition of several members of this Lodge, and at the request of the Lodge itself, as evidenced by resolution. I visited the Lodge on 1st March last. The matters in contest between members, so far as they came before me, were examined, considered and decided, I have reason to believe to the satisfaction of all concerned. The misconceptions which might have caused at least trouble and irritation, if not more serious consequences, have through the good judgment and thoughtful consideration of the members been avoided. In my visit I was ably and efficiently assisted by the counsel and advice of Dr. Fife Fowler, Grand Warden, and District Deputy Grand Master T. G. Carson.

DUES AND BENEFITS.—As directed by Report of Committee on Legislation, (Journal 1876, page 1654.) I appointed the following Select Committee on dues and benefits, who I understand will make a majority and minority report the present session of this Grand Lodge, viz: Dr. George Wright, Past Grand Master; Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, Deputy Grand Master, and Representatives Hu. Blain, D. L. McFarlane, W. D. Gordon.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.—The following Representatives have kindly performed the laborious duties of Committee on By-laws for the past year, whose Report will be presented in regular order: W. S. Campbell, Brantford; W. A. Rawlings, St. Catharines; and Robt. Kirkpatrick, London.

AUDIT COMMITTEES.—Representatives Charles Paeckart, of Stratford, and W. George Mutton, of Toronto, have performed the duties of Auditors. Their Report at the proper time will be laid before the Grand Lodge.

III.—NEW LODGES.

Notwithstanding the very great and increasing depression in trade, manufactures, and commerce in all the various branches, applications for eighteen dispensations for new Lodges have been received, and each separate petition, on the approval of the District Deputy, has been granted. From the reports of the installing officers for the past half year, I note the most favourable accounts from each new Lodge, and have every reason to believe that in due course of time they will become strong and valuable, and add largely to the future success of our Order.

I respectfully request the approval of the Grand Lodge to the dispensations thus granted, by directing the regular and proper charters to be issued in due course.

DISPENSATIONS FOR LODGES.

1. Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, London East, 7 Aug. '76, by W. F. Howell, D.D., G.M.			
2. Jarvis do 191 Jarvis	11 Sep. '76	W. J. Hodgson do	
3. Howick do 192 Gorrle	19 Sep. '76	J. Campbell do	
4. Victor do 193 St. Marys	1 Dec. '76	The Grand Master.	
5. Albert do 194 Toronto	21 Dec. '76	J. Donogh do	
6. Cleorone do 195 Woodville	23 Dec. '76	The Grand Master.	
7. Florence do 196 Florence	10 Jan. '77	J. R. Proctor do	
8. Minerva do 197 Hamilton	26 Jan. '77	W. J. Hodgson do	
9. Britannia do 198 Hollen	26 Jan. '77	R. Noakes do	
10. Scotia do 199 Pt Robinson	7 Feb. '77	D. McConachie do	
11. Weston do 200 Weston	27 Feb. '77	H. Wilson do	
12. Beacon do 201 Pt. Colborne	23 Mar '77	D. McConachie do,	
13. Silver Star do 202 Milverton	29 Mar '77	Wm. Jaffray do	
14. Pembroke do 203 Pembroke	11 Apl. '77	J. T. White do	
15. Acton do 204 Acton	13 Apl. '77	A. S. Gillett do	
16. Ahlram do 205 Paisley	24 Apl. '77	A. B. St. John do	
17. Silver City do 206 Tiverton	28 June '77	A. B. St. John do	
18. Egremont do 207 Adelaide	26 July '77	W. F. Howell do	

Also on 1st May, 1877, Degree Lodge, No. 7, was instituted at Kingston, and for which your approval is now asked.

IV.—VISITATIONS.

Too often, the past twelve months, I have been unable to accept urgent and pressing invitations for Lodge visitations, and joining in numerous public gatherings in connection with our Order. Unfortunately my time has not been wholly my own, and while I have strenuously endeavoured to reasonably meet the wishes and expectations of our members, nevertheless in far too many instances I was reluctantly and unwillingly forced to de-

cline, and in one or two cases even to forfeit a direct appointment. The limited time I have been able to give to this branch of my duties has been of the most instructive and enjoyable character, on all occasions meeting with a warm and hearty welcome. The kindly receptions, the flattering attentions, and the high honor accorded to me as the Head of the Order, will ever continue to be a pleasing and gratifying reflection. To those Lodges extending an invitation for an official visit, and to those warm-hearted, hospitable brothers who cared for me, provided, protected, and helped me on my journeys,—one and all,—I sincerely thank from the depths of a brotherly heart.

LODGES VISITED.

- 1876, November 26th, Romeo Lodge, No. 164, Stratford.
 1876, December 8th, Aurora Lodge, No. 148, Aurora, and Evening Concert.
 1876, December 18th, Garnet Lodge, No. 139, Mt. Forest, and Evening Concert.
 1876, December 19th, Grand River Lodge, No. 91, Paris and Evening Concert.
 1876, December 20th, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, St. Thomas, and Evening Concert.
 1876, December 21st, Progress Lodge, No. 158, Guelph, and Evening Concert.
 1877, January 2d, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, Whitby, Installed Officers.
 1877, January 25th, Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa, Initiations.
 1877, February 2d, Albert Lodge, Toronto.
 1877, February 7th, Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, Walkerton.
 1877, March 15th, Beethoven Lodge, No. 165, Brooklin.
 1877, April 4th, Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, Cobourg and Evening Concert.
 1877, April 26th, Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott, Anniversary Procession, Concert and Banquet.
 1877, June 20th, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, Orangeville, and Evening Concert.

V.—HALL DEDICATIONS.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to take part in the pleasing and instructive ceremony of the public dedication of four halls, for the uses and purposes of Oddfellowship. In each instance the arrangements made were perfect and complete in every detail, and carried out by the respective committees in a most satisfactory manner. The new halls are comfortable, of good size, tastefully and appropriately fitted up and arranged, showing good judgment on the part of the Lodges in securing suitable, neatly furnished rooms, and at the same time without unnecessary or extravagant expenditure of Lodge funds. In this connection, I have thus publicly to express my regret to the members of Livingstone Lodge, No. 130, Thorold, and to my brother Oddfellows on the Welland Canal for my inability to join in the dedication of Thorold Lodge Room, on 21st February. To D. D. G. M. Mc-

Conachie of Welland, I am greatly indebted for so ably and satisfactorily supplying my place on that occasion, on exceedingly short notice. The halls dedicated by me were :

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, St. Thomas ; 20th December, 1876.

The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, Toronto ; 8th January, 1877.

Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, Walkerton ; 7th February, 1877.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston ; 27th March, 1877.

VI.—NEW CHARTERS FOR LODGES DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Since last session of the Grand Lodge, three Subordinate Lodges have lost their Charters by fire, viz.:

Cambridge Lodge, No. 188, Preston, burnt 12th January, 1877.

Oak Leaf, " No. 159, Hamilton, burnt 10th April, 1877.

Niagara Falls " No. 58, Clifton, burnt 19th April, 1877.

Following the action of the Grand Lodge, in the case of Rond Eau Lodge No. 40, (session 1876, page of the Journal, 1606,) I directed the Grand Secretary to supply, in each of the three cases above named, new charters free of charge, and now respectfully ask the approval of the Grand Lodge of my action in this matter.

VII.—DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Jarvis Lodge, No. 191, instituted 11th September, 1876, was burned out on the 26th December following, losing their furniture, regalia and charter, with but a partial insurance on the property. On the application of the Lodge and the approval of D. D. G. M. Hodgson, I granted a dispensation to Jarvis Lodge to receive donations from the Lodges in District No. 16, to assist in repairing the loss and re-furnishing the new Lodge room. The response, I am pleased to report, was prompt and generous, and reflects great credit on the members in that district for their timely and acceptable action in aid of a sister Lodge in the day of its distress and misfortune.

During the year, I have also granted many dispensations for picnics, socials and concerts in the name of the Order, and the wearing regalia at funerals and public occasions appertaining to Oddfellowship. In several cases dispensations were asked for and given by telegraph, thereby preventing me from giving words of caution and advice, as I would otherwise have done. In my opinion the Grand Lodge should settle and determine by general law the conditions, and the only condition, on which the name of the Order could be used, and the regalia displayed outside the Lodge room on public occasions. All dispensations hereafter granted only to be in ac-

cordance with general regulations. Such legislation and practice would secure uniformity throughout the whole jurisdiction, and provide a safeguard against hasty action, and possibly unpleasant complications.

VIII.—DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I declined granting dispensations for the following purposes:—

- (a). To initiate a candidate a few days under 21 years of age.
- (b). To waive the requirements of our law as to six months residence of candidate.
- (c). To initiate a candidate residing in an adjoining local jurisdiction without the consent of the Lodge in said adjoining jurisdiction.
- (d). To waive re-ballot when candidate did not present himself for initiation within thirteen weeks from acceptance by Lodge.
- (e). To wear regalia in a public procession of a semi-political religious character. Replying to this application I said, "Our Order is non-political, non-sectarian."

IX.—DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

As a simple act of justice, I tender, with unfeigned pleasure, my heartfelt thanks to the District Deputies for their unwearied exertions, unflagging interest and invaluable assistance throughout the year just closed. In their selection and approval by Grand Lodge, the Order has been fortunate in securing the assistance of well tried, trusty and experienced brothers, who in the discharge of their responsible and frequently very delicate duties, have shown patience, prudence and good judgment. Necessarily, in a great measure, the yearly progress and permanent success of our Order largely rests with those officers, in whose hands, for the time being, are intrusted the guidance and government of the brotherhood. The office is certainly of the first importance in dignity, honor and position, and when good and faithful servants are found, their continued services should be secured. The past year my intercourse with the Deputies has been of the most pleasing and satisfactory character, and their aid and support highly valued. For interesting extracts and valuable suggestions from district reports, refer to Paper A.

RESIGNATIONS, D. D. G. MASTERS.—District Deputy Grand Master, James Brown, having removed from District No. 6, resigned his commission, which I accepted, and filled the vacancy by appointing J. W. Wonch, of Brongham Lodge, No. 153. Also, District Deputy E. E. Chipman, of Park Hill, being about to remove from Ontario to Manitoba, placed his resignation in my

hands. At my urgent request, Past Grand Master Wm. N. Ford, of St Marys, consented to perform the duties of the office for the remainder of the year. In Brother Chipman's removal from this jurisdiction the Order has lost a most earnest and consistent member, one who was ever ready to perform his whole duty in every particular. For the two appointments to fill the before mentioned vacancies, I crave the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

X.—OBITUARY.

On the 28th November I was summoned to London for the purpose of performing the last sad rites of our fraternity over the mortal remains of my immediate predecessor in this chair, Past Grand Master H. E. Butrey, who died on the 26th of that month.

The name of our departed brother is too fresh in the memory of all to render it necessary for me to refer at length to his work or his character. Faithful and earnest, whether as a private member or an official of the Order, he performed every duty assigned to him in a manner that received the approval of his brethren, and secured his elevation to the chief places amongst us. On the occasion of his death, the members of the Order showed themselves mindful of the command of our laws to "bury the dead," and at the same time testified to the esteem in which he was held, by assembling in large numbers from different parts of the jurisdiction. We laid his remains in the dust in charitable forgetfulness of all faults and failings—the common lot of mankind,—with warm recognition of his many virtues, and with deep sympathy for the widow and orphans left in our care.

XI.—QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AND ANSWERED.

A great number of questions have been submitted by Lodges and members for my opinion. Many of the questions related merely to the interpretation of Subordinate Lodge By-Laws, and others to points well established by law and custom. Nevertheless, while to the Grand Officers the major portion of the questions submitted may appear very trifling, we should not forget that the new Lodges instituted, the new members initiated, and the new officers installed, creates each year a large new element of officers and members. What, therefore, may appear a very simple question of law or practice, may be regarded as a very important one to the Lodge asking for instructions, and the members seeking for advice. To all presented to me I have given careful consideration, and I trust correct decisions. A few of those of more general character are herewith submitted for examination and disposal by Grand Lodge. [See paper B.]

XII.—SUEORDINATE LODGE RETURNS.

The report of the Standing Committee on Returns at the last session of

the Grand Lodge, enumerates 103 returns from 73 Lodges as being imperfect in some particular, such as "error in membership," "error in financial statement," "error in capita tax," "error in visiting cards," "no seal," "no signature of secretary," "no financial statement," "names of representatives omitted," &c. It is a matter of grave importance that all returns and statistics of our Subordinate Lodges, membership in its various branches, initiations, deposit of cards, withdrawals, suspensions, deaths, financial statements, receipts, dues, fines, donations, benefits, (sick, funeral, widows and orphans,) should be scrupulously correct and reliable. To secure so desirable an object, in December last I drew the attention of the D. D. G. M's. to the existing errors, and I have good reason to believe that the larger portion have been corrected, and trust that the semi-annual returns for the year just closed will show a marked improvement on the past. Most heartily do I concur with the committee of last year in their suggestions as to the office of Secretary, and the duty of Representatives to carefully examine all semi-annual returns, and thereby secure correctness. [For letter see paper C.]

XIII.—SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.

The rapidly increasing number of "suspended" and "dropped" members for n. p. d. must cause deep anxiety and pain to every thoughtful, earnest Odd Fellow. From the universal depression and general stagnation of business, I feared still larger loss from this cause, the year just closed. To check this great source of depletion, a special appeal was issued to each Subordinate Lodge in November, pleading for extra delay and brotherly care and consideration. I have good reason to know that my communication was universally acted upon, in that spirit of fraternal love and charity so prominent within our Lodge rooms. I also observe with pleasure that this question is now engaging the close attention of some of the oldest and clearest minds among the Representatives and Officers of the G. L. U. S., and earnestly hope for speedy and successful legislation by the Supreme Grand Lodge to stay great annual loss of membership. [For letter to Subordinate Lodges see paper D.]

XIV.—CORRESPONDENCE.

With the rapid and gratifying yearly growth of our Order, the necessary correspondence of the Grand Master naturally increases in volume and importance. For the past year it has been very large, yet not by any means too extensive to keep up a lively and I believe advantageous intercourse between the chief executive head and the Lodges under his supervision. I have endeavored to be reasonably prompt in the discharge of this duty and trust I have been fairly successful in my efforts in this direction. Throughout, this correspondence, with Grand Officers, District Deputies, Lodges, and individual members, has been of a very pleasing character, and I am con-

ident that on all sides, the one object in view was, the honor, integrity, stability and progress of the brotherhood. All communications of special consequence, and my replies thereto, are now placed before the Grand Lodge for examination and approval.

With the correspondence will be found several letters from the widow of our respected late Grand Master, Brother Buttrey and copies of my replies thereto. The case of the widow is peculiarly touching and cannot fail to receive from the Grand Lodge the fullest consideration and the warmest practical sympathy.

XV.—ST. JOHN FIRE.

The startling report of the terrible and destructive fire in the City of St. John, N. B., sweeping away the entire business part of the city, and causing loss of property, and suffering of person, words can faintly express—fell upon our Province with fearful suddenness and sadness. The whole population of our Dominion was electrified at the awful calamity, and moved as one body, directed by one controlling master-hand and mind, to promptly and efficiently relieve our suffering fellow citizens. Provisions, clothing and money were dispatched from all points, and placed at the disposal of the authorities of the distressed city, as fast as steam could convey, and the lightning spark of the telegraph flash. Naturally our first thoughts were for our brother Odd Fellows in that distant land, to learn their loss—to know their wants—and then to apply the remedy, of succour and relief. Through the well directed exertions of our Grand Secretary, by telegraph, the members of the "Advisory Board" acting in unison, and unanimous approval, obtained the appropriation of \$400 for that purpose. Speed, promptness and dispatch were all important, and as there was no time for doubt, discussion or hesitation, the wishes of the Board were confirmed, and the money paid by the Grand Treasurer. In addition to this grant of Grand Lodge funds, several Subordinate Lodges made special appropriations, which were sent direct to the Grand Officers in St. John. The correspondence is in the possession of the Grand Secretary, and by that officer will be laid on the table of the Grand Lodge. It is expected that before the close of the present session complete detailed information will be received, and it will then be the privilege of this Grand body to devise and arrange such further measures of relief and assistance as may be required.

XVI.—CIRCULAR GRAND SIRE ORDER.

In the month of April, 1877, I issued the following circular (enclosing copy of the proclamation of the M. W. Grand Sire) to each of my deputies and also had a copy posted to each Lodge. Only a few instances have been reported to me of illegal Odes being in use, and which in every case were promptly suppressed. [For circular see Paper E.]

XVII.—CHANGE OF NAME G. L. U. S.

The instructions of the Grand Lodge, as per resolution (page 1645 Journals 1876) relative to change of name of G. L. U. S., I carried out at an early day. On the first of September last I addressed a letter to the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of each Grand Jurisdiction in America and also caused a copy of the same to be laid on the desk of the Representatives at the meeting of the G. L. U. S. in Philadelphia. Following up the action of this Grand Lodge, our Representatives gave notice of motion, signed by one hundred members, to amend the Constitution in this respect and which proposed amendment will be considered at the ensuing meeting to be held in Baltimore, in September. [For copy of my letter, see Paper F, and for which I ask the approval of the Grand Lodge.]

XVIII.—HISTORY.

I would call your attention to the urgent necessity of this Grand Lodge taking immediate steps to place on record in a permanent shape the early history of Oddfellowship in Canada. The duty devolves on us from the fact that this Grand Lodge is the direct successor of the first regularly constituted authority of the Order in British America having under its jurisdiction all the Lodges now existing in the Dominion, that were instituted by or under the control of the old Grand Lodge of Canada.

The history of Oddfellowship in this country, previous to the organization of our own Grand Lodge, is in a confused and imperfect condition. Most of the records are lost and nearly all the pioneers have passed away. By prompt action now possibly we may secure from the survivors the necessary information from which to write our history. Whereas, in a few years, to do so it will be surrounded with difficulties. Something has already been done. This Grand Lodge appointed a Committee on History three years ago, but without power to incur the necessary expense. Dep. G. M. Dr. Campbell has given some interesting and valuable sketches in the Oddfellows' Companion which can be utilized, but unless the Grand Lodge authorizes the expenditure necessary to obtain all the required information it will be impossible for any one to collect the materials and present the history in a perfect form.

XIX.—LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

At the last session of the G. L. W. P. the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—"That Lodge Libraries are a necessity of the Order and should by all means be encouraged, and that the funds of Lodges may be appropriated for that purpose; but that the manner and measure of such appropriations are proper subjects of local legislation."

It will thus be observed that the doubtful question of the right of Subordinate Lodges to grant funds for libraries is set at rest. It now becomes the duty of this Grand Lodge to legislate in the premises and determine "the manner and measure" of such appropriations by some general regulations and thereby give full force and effect to the acts of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

With these new powers in operation, it is to be hoped that every Subordinate Lodge will at least supply itself with the current weekly and monthly Oddfellows' publications, and so place within the reach of every member a opportunity of keeping pace with the rapid onward march of our Order on this continent. The old adage that "Knowledge is power," with us has a fuller and more comprehensive meaning than in its general application in Oddfellowship not only is knowledge power, but it is life, vigor, growth, vitality and strength to each Subordinate Lodge, and fullness, freshness and force to every individual member.

Let a beginning, however small, be speedily made, and thus secure not alone the nucleus of valuable and richly stored libraries hereafter, but information and present interest united and consolidated effort for members now, and well secured order and solidity of our Order in the far distant future.

XX.—MUTUAL RELIEF AND PROVIDENT ASSOCIATIONS.

I would indeed fail in my duty were I to omit to direct special attention to the Mutual Aid Association organized in this Grand Jurisdiction for the exclusive benefit of Odd Fellows; the one at Hamilton, instituted 8th June, 1869, and incorporated in 1871; and the other at Kingston, incorporated 16th April, 1875. This system of Life Insurance in our Order has been largely tested in other and older Grand Jurisdictions and has proved of great benefit to the families of deceased members, who prudently and thoughtfully availed themselves of this mode of protection for the widow and orphan.

□ I regret, however, to learn from the annual report before me, that comparatively few of our members have taken advantage of so favorable an opportunity, to secure such a worthy and commendable provision for those who have the highest claims on our care, forethought and protection. Out of a membership on our Grand Secretary's books, in round numbers, of twelve thousand Oddfellows we have only about twelve hundred members holding policies in these two associations. Instead of one out of ten, or ten per cent. of our members being protected and covered by a mutual life policy, there is no reason why at least one-half of our membership, or five

times the number now insured should not be policy-holders in these associations. The Hamilton Company, since its institution has paid \$3,885, on 17 policies, and the Kingston Company, \$5,375, on 7 claims. The management and directing control of each company is in the hands of prudent and experienced Oddfellows, and all interested may feel assured that every undertaking will be honestly and faithfully carried out. The value of the policy is well secured, the annual cost very low, the calls small and easy of payment, and the satisfaction enjoyed of knowing that every dollar paid does double duty, secures the double object; *first*, of helping and assisting the family of a deceased brother Oddfellow, and *secondly*, of providing sure and certain provision for our own family hereafter. On the attention of every representative to this Grand Lodge I strongly urge the duty of bringing this important question before each subordinate lodge and arranging for reliable agencies, whereby every facility may be given to all our members to secure this cheap and satisfactory mode of protection for "the loved ones at home."

XXI.—FIRE INSURANCE LODGE PROPERTY.

It is estimated that our one hundred and seventy-seven lodges have invested in furniture, fittings and regalia in round figures one hundred thousand dollars. In far too many cases the lodges have no fire policies on this description of property, and in many other instances, even where insured, the risk covered, is greatly below the true insurance value. Each lodge owes it to itself, yea, owes it to every other lodge, to provide a reasonable amount of insurance on their moveable property. The sudden and unexpected loss by fire (from careless neglect of insurance) of one lodge room unquestionably to a greater or lesser extent affects the financial reputation of the whole. Therefore in the interest of all, for the mutual protection of all, it is clearly the duty of every lodge, to be reasonably and as far as possible, safely insured in some good solvent company. How best to secure this worthy object, is a question in my judgment well deserving the careful and patient consideration of the Grand Lodge.

XXII.—LEGISLATION.

In administering the affairs of the office of Grand Master, my attention was early directed to the fact that on several points deeply affecting every subordinate lodge, we had no general law governing the whole jurisdiction, but were left to local Lodge legislation. More especially do I refer to the questions of punishment by reprimand, the mode and manner of suspensions for *n. p. d.*, the same as to "dropped" members, members when entitled to benefits, after initiation or deposit of card; and when entitled to benefits, after payment of arrears. Being strongly impressed with the conviction that a general law should govern these several important and general questions, and thereby secure uniformity in Ontario, I addressed a letter to the Grand Masters of each state in America, asking for their custom, their

practice, and their law. Replies have been received from thirty-six Grand Officers, giving full and valuable information on the particular points desired. The full correspondence I now lay before the Grand Lodge, inviting careful and thorough consideration of the same.

XXIII.—PROCEEDINGS GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

On application by letter to the proper officers, I have received the printed journals of proceedings of the last session from nearly all the State Grand bodies under the control of the Supreme Grand Lodge. These records are always interesting and instructive, and I feel it important that the work, yearly progress, and constitutional laws prevailing in our sister Jurisdictions should be more widely known in Ontario. Several Grand Lodges have a regularly yearly appointed Standing Committee, whose duty it is to minutely examine the proceedings of kindred Grand Lodges, and report all matters of importance, law and custom. This report is considered one of the most interesting and valuable of the session, spreading broadcast within such local jurisdiction the essence of the yearly results, changes and improvements of the Order on this Continent, and in foreign countries. Most earnestly I invite the attention of our Grand Lodge to this point, and recommend provision should be made for a regularly constituted committee to carry out this practice, with instructions to report the first day of each annual session. As an example of the duties and results of such a committee, I confidently refer to the Journals of Wisconsin for December, 1876.

XXIV.—CONCLUSION.

In no words of mere form or compliment, do I desire to acknowledge my obligations, to the Grand Officers, and Past Grand Masters for valuable aid and timely assistance during the year. I do so gratefully and with sincere and hearty thanks. More especially am I indebted to our esteemed and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for prompt correspondence, active co-operation and advice cheerfully rendered upon all occasions.

And now, Representatives and Members, let us, with a will, address ourselves to the duties of the day. Let us review the history of our Order in Ontario with thoughtfulness and care, and closely examine each step in the past, particularly the work of the closing year, and then diligently apply ourselves to wisely legislate for the future; let us sink the foundations deep; build them broad and strong, and by our success secure to future generations the stability, power and permanency of the wide-spreading, ever-enlarging principles of the great Brotherhood of Oddfellowship.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HAM PERRY,
GRAND MASTER.

Whitby, 1st August, 1877.

PAPER A

Referred to in Section 9 of Grand Master's Report.

EXTRACTS REPORTS DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*Deputy J. T. WHITE, Brockville.*

Pembroke Lodge, No. 208, Pembroke, instituted April 11, 1877.

Reports for both half years received in good time. Term ending December, Deputy White says: "It affords me no little pleasure to say, that all the Lodges (with two exceptions) in this district are doing well, and all the reports went in in good time to the R. W. Grand Secretary. I am also pleased to say, some of the Lodges are in splendid condition and bid fair to rank with any Lodge in the Province. Old Brock, No. 9; Amity No. 80; and St. Lawrence, No. 187, are flourishing with renewed energy." He says, in July report, dated 12th: "All officers have been installed and returns sent to the Grand Secretary. I am pleased to be in a position to say, that so far as Oddfellowship is concerned, in this district it is on the increase, and becoming more popular with the public, which is a very gratifying result. The new Lodge at Pembroke, instituted in April last, is doing well, and few Lodges start under more favorable circumstances." The attention of the Grand Lodge is called to Capital Lodge, No. 141, and considerable legislation asked for.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—*Deputy A. L. MORDEN, Napanee.*

Both half-yearly reports received, which are very full and complete. He installed the officers of all Lodges for first term, and says: "Catawaqui, No. 10. This Lodge is worked in an admirable manner. The books are neatly kept, and finances in most gratifying condition, and only a trifling amount in arrears for dues. Kingston Lodge, No. 59. I was delighted to meet a

large number of Brethren, and too much praise can hardly be accorded to this Lodge for the manner in which the work is done. The future prospects of the Lodge are of a most cheering character.

Napanee Lodge, No. 86.—The work is fairly well done. In its membership are zealous, hard-working Odd Fellows, who steadily keep the good of the Lodge and Order in view."

In the report for July, Brother Morden says: "The semi-annual returns exhibit a gratifying increase in the aggregate membership during the year, and the later returns show a diminution in the suspensions for N. P. D. That is an encouraging feature, and one that may be largely attributed to your earnest appeal to the Order, in your Jurisdiction, to address themselves with fraternal zeal and sympathy, to the work of staying the serious drain upon our members, caused by this single agency. Cataract Lodge, No. 10, has completed and dedicated a new spacious and very handsome Lodge Room, with reading room and ante-rooms adjoining fitted with all the modern improvements. Napanee and Gananoque Lodges have each provided themselves with improved Lodge Rooms and are now in very comfortable circumstances. In that respect I am pleased to be able to state that the anticipations formed by me of the success of Gananoque Lodge in my last report, have been fairly realized."

DISTRICT NO. 3.—T. G. CARSON, Deputy, Picton.

Reports for both terms received in good time. In January last the Deputy visited all the Lodges and installed officers, except Madoc, No. 179; Trenton, No. 113; Deseronto, No. 102, Mill Point. Both for good tidy rooms and for quality of membership these Lodges are to be congratulated. Belleville, No. 81, and Mizpah, No. 127, "Lodges of Brothers," with their room and fixtures that is a credit to the two Lodges in Belleville as well as to the Order at large. Bay of Quinte, No. 143, stands second to none in Ontario as to the quality of its membership, its working and its wealth." In last report Brother Carson says: "Visited Madoc Lodge, No. 179 and must say was agreeably disappointed to see how well a candidate was initiated with scarcely the use of a book."

DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 5.—W. H. SCOTT, Deputy, Peterboro'.

Clerone Lodge, No. 165, Woodville, instituted 28th December, 1876.

In the last report received from Brother Scott he says: "The Order in the Districts under my charge has been making very satisfactory progress,

during the year the increase in members being equal in percentage to that of preceding years. I have also to report the institution of a new Lodge at Woodville in December last, pursuant to your warrant, a Lodge that from its local situation and from the standing of its charter members is likely to prove very successful and have a large sphere of usefulness."

DISTRICT NO. 6.—JAMES BROWN, *Deputy*, Oshawa.

" " J. W. WONGH, " Whitevale.

Leaving the District on 26th February, Bro. James Brown resigned his commission and Brother J. W. Wongh was appointed for the remainder of the term. Under date of 10th July, he says: "I have to report that the officers in my District were installed the first week of this month and returns forwarded. For the past year we have an increase of members, finance and in the good opinion of the public. Our members understand their obligations and carry them out, thereby raising our Order in the estimation of all worthy and right thinking citizens."

DISTRICT NO. 7.—W. B. RUSSELL, *Deputy*, Uxbridge.

The two half-yearly reports reached me in good time. In January the Deputy says: "I am happy to state that the Lodges in this District are working harmoniously, and there is every prospect of building up Lodges that will be a credit to our beloved Order." In July he says: "I have visited and installed the officers in my District and find the Lodges in a very healthy condition, all having increased in membership, and consequently in funds."

DISTRICT NO. 8.—H. WILSON, *Deputy*, Markham.

Weston Lodge, No. 200, Weston, instituted 27th February, 1877.

The two half-yearly reports received. Under date of 11th July, the D. D. G. M. says: "Naomi Lodge is in a flourishing condition. Aurora Lodge, No. 148, is progressing. Pyramid Lodge, No. 156, and Sutton Lodge, No. 168, are doing well. Also visited Weston Lodge, No. 200, installed their officers, and found them doing exceedingly well, for which I feel proud. I am pleased to say that I can with the utmost candor report the Order a great deal better and more flourishing in this District than when I took office."

DISTRICT NO. 9.—JOHN POWELL, *Deputy*, Barrie.

In the very full and complete yearly report the Deputy says: "Cypress Lodge, Bradford, No. 187, in a healthy condition and the members earnest in the work. Barrie Lodge, No. 63, is rapidly increasing in membership, and will soon have the best in the District. Cookstown No. 162, the accounts and books are well kept and the brethren attentive to the work. Alliston, No. 171, the books and papers of this Lodge were in excellent order and there were no suspensions for N. P. D. North Star, No. 68, Stayner. This Lodge donated \$30 for St. John, N. B. Bro. G. P. Bishop was deputed to install officers. Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, the books are better kept and the work better performed than in any other Lodge in my District. This is the parent Lodge. I regret I could not pay Parry Sound Lodge, No. 189, a visit, as I am aware of the value of such attention from a Grand Officer. On the whole I can congratulate you on the state of the Order in this District. The Brethren are hard working and enthusiastic and the Order, is flourishing."

DISTRICT NO 10.—A. S. GILLET, *Deputy*, Milton.

Acton Lodge, No. 204, Instituted April 13th, 1877.

The two semi-annual reports received in good time. In the July report Brother Gillet says: "I can say, that Oddfellowship in this District is prosperous, and I can observe with pleasure the kind and brotherly feeling existing between the different Lodges and members. Acton Lodge, No. 204, which was Instituted on 13th April, I am pleased to say bids fair to be a splendid working Lodge."

DISTRICT NO. 11.—C. B. STEVENS, *Deputy*, Walkerton.

Deputy Stevens, under date 23rd July, writes: "It was my intention to visit each Lodge of my District and install the officers the first of this month. I left my office here (Kincardine) on the 30th ult., went to Walkerton; intended to leave there on the 1st inst. for Stephen Lodge, No. 169, Dufferin, No. 186, and Owen Sound, No. 180, on Thursday. Man proposes, but God disposes. Monday afternoon I was taken ill with lumbago, confined to my bed without a moment's warning and remained there for eight days, and only now able to commence work again. Hence I have been unable to visit either Lodge of my District. I have often heard from the Lodges during the year. None of them are progressing very rapidly, but each holding their own, out of debt and working harmoniously together."

DISTRICT NO. 12.—A. B. ST. JOHN, *Deputy*, Walkerton.

Ahram Lodge, No. 205, Paisley, instituted 24th April, 1877.

Silver City Lodge, No. 206, Tiverton, instituted 28th June, 1877.

Two interesting term reports received in good time. He says: "As far as this District is concerned, you will find that your request (suspension N. P. D.) sent to the Lodges has been attended to, and a good increase of membership reported. In each Lodge in the county—7 in number—the good work of the Order is progressing rapidly, and all working with but one end in view—to increase in numbers and brotherly kindness. I find the finances very creditable and books all kept in a business-like manner, each Lodge having large balances on hand."

DISTRICT NO. 13.—J. CAMPBELL, *Deputy*, Seaforth.

Howick Lodge, No. 102, Gorrie, instituted 10th September, 1876.

Received the two regular term reports. The Deputy says: "I visited all my Lodges (with the exception of Goderich) installed the officers, and found them all working well and gaining in membership." In July he reports: "I have visited all my eight Lodges twice, and some of them three and four times. Deputy District business for pleasure, enjoyment and sociability, a success; financially, a failure—out of pocket every time. I have had very few questions to answer, which shows well for the working of the Order. I had Past Deputy Grand Master Warriner at three of my visits and installations."

DISTRICT NO. 14.—RICH'D NOAKES, *Deputy*, Harriston.

Britannia Lodge, No. 198, Hollin, instituted 26th January, 1877.

The two term reports duly received. The Deputy says, February 21st: "The Order in this District is to every appearance progressing very favorably and harmoniously. During the half term not one question referred to me for decision. It is also a pleasure to speak of the kindly reception I received while officially visiting Lodges. I have visited Britannia, No. 198, since its institution, installed officers, and find it working prosperously. I have also visited Maple Leaf, Palmerston, Minto and Garnet Lodges, and find the work performed in compliance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge."

DISTRICT NO. 15.—R. WILKINSON, *Deputy*, Galt.

The two half-yearly reports regularly received. Brother Wilkinson says: "The state of the Order in my District, so far as I can ascertain, never was better. I have not been able to visit all the Lodges, but I can with all confidence say that every one is in a prosperous condition and good working order."

DISTRICT NO. 16.—W. J. HODGSON, *Deputy*, Hamilton.

Jarvis Lodge, No. 191, Jarvis, instituted 11th September, 1876.

Minerva Lodge, No. 197, Hamilton, instituted 26th January, 1877.

The two semi-annual reports are very complete and interesting. The statistical tables exceedingly well arranged, and shewing the position in all financial matter and membership of each Lodge at a glance. Bro. Hodgson says, "I can report that the Officers have all been installed into their respective positions by myself or some responsible Brother. I regret to say that owing to the large number of suspensions N. P. D., which I may say have been unavoidable, there has been little or no increase in membership."

DISTRICT NO. 17.—D. MCCONACHIE, *Deputy*, Welland.

Scotia Lodge No. 199, Pt. Robinson, instituted 7th Feby., 1877.

Beacon Lodge No. 201, Pt. Colborne, instituted 23rd March, 1877.

The two term reports received from Deputy McConachie are comprehensive and satisfactory. He says "I find the various Lodges of the District, notwithstanding the continual depression of the times, prosperous financially, and brotherly love and harmony prevailing. A pervading feeling of retrenchment of expenditure for the future exists, and unanimously expressed unity of action on the part of every Lodge has been declared, to carry out the instructions in your circulars of November and December respectively." Under date of July 13 he says "On the 13th September I laid the corner stone of Odd Fellows Hall, Thorold, and on 21st February last dedicated the Hall. Visited officially, and installed the officers of the following Lodges (all 5, in number). On the whole during the year there has been considerable work done in the District. My labour has been fruitful of pleasure and profit to myself and I trust of some benefit to the Order. The pleasant associations formed and the respect everywhere shown me on my visits, has warmed by ardour in the good work, and fully compensated me for any self sacrifice."

DISTRICT NO. 18.—W. P. CRIPPS, *Deputy*, St. Thomas.

The two regular term reports received in good time. In the return for January the Deputy says "I am able to inform you that I have visited all the Lodges in my District and installed the officers for the present term. In each case I found the Lodge in a very satisfactory condition. I called special attention of the Secretary of each Lodge, also the N. G. to have their returns to Grand Secretary correct." For the July term the Deputy installed officers of all Lodges, except one, Simcoe, 161, and refers particularly to a petition, that will be sent to Grand Lodge from Erie No. 83, Port Burwell.

DISTRICT NO. 19.—J. SUTHERLAND, *Deputy*, Woodstock.

Under date of 19th July, the Deputy transmits his annual report and says "I beg to report that I have visited all the Lodges once, and the most of them several times, during my term of office, that they are all prospering and officers and members, generally, taking a lively interest in their Lodge and the Order. I think from present prospects there will be a considerable increase the coming year, and perhaps an application for a new Lodge at a favourable point in this count". All the returns have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary and I hope will be found correct."

DISTRICT NO. 20.—W. F. HOWELL, *Deputy*, London.

Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, London East, instituted 7th August 1876.

Egremont Lodge, No. 207, Adelaide, instituted 26th July 1877.

Two full and complete reports received from Bro. Howell, who says (19th Feby.) "I have formed a lodge of instruction for the officers of the Lodges of this city, in order that they may make themselves more perfect in the work especially in Initiation. At the request of some of the Lodges, I have made two public addresses on Oddfellowship, which I am led to believe has done some good." Also under date 12th July he says "Since January I have visited all the Lodges in this District twice, those in the city very often. I have on many occasions exemplified the work both of the initiatory and also Degrees, and believe that some permanent good has been done. On the 6th inst., I visited the Daughters of Rebekah. This branch of the Order is doing very well in this District. During the past year we have had a visit from P. G. M. Bro. J. W. Stebbins, of New York. Also Bro. J. B. Tracy, G. M., of Michigan. Summing all up for the past year, notwith-

standing the great depression of business and the general dullness of the times, I think we can say it has been a year of prosperity in the Order here."

DISTRICT No. 21.—E. E. CHIPMAN, Deputy, Parkhill.

" " W. N. FORD, P. G. M., " St. Marys.

Victor Lodge, No. 193, St. Marys, instituted 1st Dec., 1876.

In this District there are ten Lodges and under date 15th Feby., Bro. Chipman says: "While the country in this District, has been suffering from financial depression it is a matter for congratulation, that the Order has been steadily progressing. Although the increase in numbers has not been so large the last term, as in some former ones, it is of a healthier character, and initiates have been in general, men of ability and stability, who will reflect a credit upon the Order for good." Past Grand Master Ford says "In this District the general depression in business has had its effect, yet the Lodges here maintain their standing in all cases. In St. Marys the new Lodge "Victor" No. 193 has gone on beyond precedent, they now number 82 members. O. d. St. Marys No. 86 still having a membership of 149 good on the books. All are in good working order and Oddfellowship never stood so well as now in this District."

DISTRICT NO. 22.—H. MCAFEE, P. G. M., Deputy, Walkerville.

Reports for the two terms received and under date 12th July. Bro. McAfee says, "I have visited and installed the Officers in all the Lodges in my District except Rose Lodge, No. 23. Beaver 82, Raiven, is financially sound and altho' small in number the material is very good. Leamington No. 140 is holding her own and working harmoniously. Concord, No. 142, Kingsville, is a good and live Lodge. Frontier, No. 45, Windsor, as usual is progressing fairly, but our increase is retarded by hard times. The stringency of the times and scarcity of money has a tendency to keep all the Lodges back."

DISTRICT, NO. 23.—JAS. CLEEVE, Deputy, Chatham.

Under date of 13th July, Deputy Cleeve says, "I beg to report to you that I have visited all the Lodges in my District last January, installed the Officers, and find everything connected with the Lodges very satisfactory. I found one Lodge violating the law by using illegal o.s.s."

DISTRICT, NO. 24.—HENRY NEAL, *Deputy*, Sarnia.

Reports for each term were received in good time. The Deputy installed the Officers for all the Lodges—four—for both terms. The reports for each Lodge, their returns, &c., are interesting, and Bro. Neal in closing the July report writes, "The Working of the Order in number 24 District is progressing satisfactorily and as good as could be expected, considering the pressure the dull times has on the Order."

DISTRICT, NO. 25.—WM. JAFFRAY, *Deputy*, Berlin.

Silver Star Lodge, No. 202, Milverton, instituted 29th March, 1877.

Interesting reports have been received for both terms. Under date of 19th February, the Deputy says, "I duly installed all my Officers in the first two weeks of January, and owing to the strike (on the G. T. R.) and bad roads, I had a rough time of it. I found the Stratford, Mitchell, Listowel, Hamburg, Waterloo and Berlin Lodges all in as prosperous condition as could be reasonably expected. They were working well and happily, and in the Hamburg and Listowel cases I found a genuine improvement in numbers and interest taken by members." Under date of 14th July he says, "I have installed the Officers of Romeo and Avon Lodges, Stratford. I have great reason to be delighted with the substantial position of both these Lodges and the evident interest taken by their members in the good work of Odd-fellowship. Also on 5th, installed the Officers of Germania Lodge, Waterloo; the 6th, Grand Union Lodge, Berlin; the 12th, Ninth Lodge, New Hamburg; and 13th, Silver Star Lodge, Milverton. I have now strong hopes that "Silver Star" will shine brighter and brighter to a more perfect existence."

DISTRICT, NO. 26.—J. R. PROCTOR, *Deputy*, Bothwell.

Florence Lodge, No. 196, Florence, instituted 10th January.

The regular term reports were received in good time. Bro. Proctor writes, that in January he installed the Officers for the four Lodges, and for Bothwell Lodge No. 74, found good and efficient Officers; Glencoe Lodge, 183, a first-class Lodge, Mt. Zion Lodge, 46, (the oldest Lodge in the District) the members good workers, and understand their business, and Wardaville Lodge No. 60, working very well. Under date of 13th July he says, "I have visited Florence Lodge No. 196, several times since it was instituted. It is doing well (membership 22), and have a well furnished Lodge room, everything that is required in an Oddfellows Lodge, and out of debt."

DISTRICT NO. 27.—*Deputy* JOHN DONOGH, Toronto.

Albert Lodge, No. 194, Toronto, instituted 21st December, 1876.

This District comprises six Lodges, and I have received from the Deputy a most valuable and interesting report for the year. The officers of all the Lodges were installed both terms by Bro. Donogh. Speaking of the Degree Lodge, he says, "The secret work I know has been correctly exemplified and the various charges and lectures have uniformly been given without the aid of the books. Everything that can be done, has been done to make the meetings interesting and attractive, and yet we can only report a lack of interest and a slim attendance at all the meetings." Of the Lodges as a whole the Deputy writes, "I am pleased to be able to report that in this District both the secret and the written work of the Order is on the whole very correctly rendered. Nevertheless I would suggest that the appointment of a Grand Lecturer or Instructor, whose duty it would be to visit in detail the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, examine their working and correct errors and abuses, would be an improvement of the very highest value in securing the efficiency of the Order in its internal working." He also makes suggestions as to "Degree work," "Business work in Lodges," "Suspensions N. P. D.," "Lodge attendance," "Improved Lodge meetings." Writing of Lodge Rooms, he says, "Toronto Lodge, of this city, deserves especial mention in this connection, they having on the 8th of January removed to new quarters on King Street West. I had the pleasure of attending and assisting in the dedication of the new Hall, on that day. This Lodge has provided a recreation room, open to all Odd Fellows. It is handsomely furnished, and on its tables are to be found a good selection of the periodicals of the day, the daily papers, &c. Various amusements are also provided, and the enterprise may I believe be safely pronounced a decided success, and one that deserves to be copied in every Lodge in the Jurisdiction."

 PAPER B

Referred to in Section 11 of Grand Master's Report.

Nos. 1 and 2 Refer to item, Durham Lodge, No. 78. Section 2 in Grand Master's Report.

No. 3.—By-Laws providing for payment of dues in advance are illegal. See Sec. 560, White's Digest, G. L. U. S. "The dues to a Lodge accrue weekly." Also see Report of Representatives to G. L. U. S., page 1787, 1740, 1741, Journals, Ontario, 1876.

- No. 4.—“Reprimand.” Following the precedent established by the Grand Lodge (London Session, 1875), I have decided “That the adoption of a report fixing the punishment ‘Reprimand’ IS THE REPRIMAND OF THE LODGE.”
- No. 5.—A District Deputy Grand Master (except on night of institution of New Lodge) cannot grant a dispensation to receive application of candidate, refer to Committee, Ballot and Initiate the same evening.
- No. 6.—A Witness giving evidence before a Trial Committee on Charges, need not necessarily be a member of our Order.
- No. 7.—During the term of Suspension on Charges, a member cannot be suspended for N. P. D., for dues accruing during the term of said suspension.
- No. 8.—During the term of Suspension on Charges the member has the right at any time to pay his dues.
- No. 9.—After term of Suspension on Charges expire, and dues paid, the member can demand admission to Lodge Room without new ballot.
- No. 10.—The shortest travelled public road, or other means of public communication, from the residence of the candidate, to the Lodge Room, should govern the question of distance, and consequently jurisdiction of adjoining Lodges.
- No. 11.—The Junior Past Grand, during his term, cannot be elected, or appointed to office, See Sec. 1560, White's Digest.
- No. 12.—At Election of Officers the N. G. can cast his ballot, but only at the same time as members of the Lodge.
- No. 13.—At Election of Officers, in the event of a tie-vote between two candidates, the N. G. has NOT a casting vote.
- No. 14.—By Laws of Subordinates, approved by Grand Lodge, subsequent amendments by Sub-Lodge, only have force and effect after they have received like approval.
- No. 15.—On payment of all dues by a member suspended for N. P. D. (and not otherwise disqualified), he is entitled to immediate re-instatement.

PAPER C

Referred to in Section 12 of Grand Master's Report.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS, I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Whitby, 27th, Dec., 1870.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Permit me to call your attention to the report of the Standing Committee on Returns, page 1705 Journals, Ontario Grand Lodge, 1870. From this report you will observe that the returns from 73 Subordinate Lodges were imperfect, in some cases in both half-yearly returns and in several particulars.

A list of such returns for your district I attach hereto, and trust that in all cases correct and complete returns for January may be promptly sent to the Grand Secretary. I also beg to call your attention to the last two paragraphs of said report—page 1710, and to the 5th section of the report of the Committee on Finance—page 1662.

Believe me,

Yours Fraternaly,

J. HAM PERRY,
Grand Master.

To.....

D.D.G.M., District, No.....I.O.O.F.

PAPER D

Referred to in Section 13 of Grand Master's Report.

SUSPENSIONS N. P. D.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Whitby, 23rd Nov., 1876.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

On examination of the Journals of our Grand Lodge, I regret to find that the number of suspended members for N. P. D. is assuming alarming proportions in comparison with the yearly initiations and the membership good on the books. The following brief statement will at a glance show the number of initiations, the suspensions for N. P. D., and the total membership for the years ending July 1874-'5 and '6:—

YEAR.	INITIATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS.	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.
1874.	2489	436	8578
1875.	2369	617	10186
1876.	2288	954	11366

From this you will observe that the suspensions for 1876 were nearly nine per cent. of the total membership, and while for the same year we had 2,283 initiations, still our *increase* was but 1,180. I may add another painful fact: *vis*: that the suspensions for that year were over one-half greater than they were for the previous year. No doubt but that this increase is largely due to the monetary stringency of the times, and the universal depression of trade and manufactures throughout the whole country. This self-evident fact induces me to confer with the Subordinate Lodges, in order if possible to devise some remedy for this steadily growing evil in our Order.

The end of the current term is rapidly approaching, when the returns of each Lodge will be made up, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary; and I may frankly state that from the continued, if not increased dullness in all departments of trade, I greatly fear the long list of suspensions will be largely increased, UNLESS prompt and judicious action is taken by each Subordinate Lodge to prevent such a deplorable result. To provide against this is the object of the present communication; and while knowing full well that this is a question wholly under the power and control of each Subordi-

nate, nevertheless I am so impressed with its importance, I cannot refrain from seeking your assistance and co-operation.

With but one object in view—the good of our Order—I respectfully, but urgently, ask each Lodge at an early day to appoint a Select Committee, with instructions to consider the case of each suspended member, and endeavour by every friendly, brotherly means, to replace the brother in good standing. By timely action, prompt aid and assistance, and considerate proceedings on the part of the Committee, the officers and members of each Lodge, cannot but result in good work, in retaining our present membership and restoring large numbers to the ranks of our Order. Let us ever bear in mind, that this special occasion demands our warmest sympathy, our kindest words, and most generous assistance. It is now that *individual effort* and *individual confidence*, one brother with and in another, are most urgently desired, and by many will be fraternally accepted. Let us ever remember, in its broadest and most comprehensive meaning, the command of our Order—“Assist thy Brother.”

You will please cause this letter to be read in open Lodge, and I will wait with much anxiety, but firm hope, of pleasing and gratifying results of the combined and united action of our one hundred and sixty Subordinate Lodges.

Believe me,

Yours Fraternally,

J. HAM PERRY,

Grand Master.

To the Noble Grand

.....Lodge No.....
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PAPER E

Referred to in Section 11 of Grand Master's Report.

PROCLAMATION *Re* ODES.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Whitby, April.....1877.

To.....

D. D. G. M.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In obedience to the command of the following circular, you will please take the necessary steps to ascertain if any Lodge in your District is violating the laws of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States in the particulars named, and report to me the names of such (if any) without delay.

I am, &c.,

J. HAM PERRY,
GRAND MASTER.

[SEAL]

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. V. S.

To the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, I. O. O. F.:

Whereas, it has been represented to me that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments have procured and are now using Odes other than those published by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in violation of the laws and to the detriment of the revenue thereof; and as the exclusive right to furnish Odes for Subordinates is vested in that Grand Body, and the laws to be found on pages 588, 888, 814, 1237, 1260, 1314, 3716, 6278, 6657 and 6751 of the Journal from 1843 to the present time, prohibit the printing, publishing, and issuing of Odes by Grand Bodies, Subordinate Bodies, and Individuals; and in 1875 the R. W. Grand Lodge declared *That Grand and Subordinate*

Bodies and individuals, who shall print and circulate any forms or ceremonies of this Grand Lodge that constitute a source of revenue to its treasury, will be deemed guilty of an offence against the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States," you are hereby required to cause your District Deputy Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Patriarchs or other proper officers, to visit the Lodges, Degree or Rebekah Lodges, and Encampments under their charge, and forbid the use of all Odes other than those issued by and bearing the imprint of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to see that they are immediately supplied with the legal Odes through the several Grand Bodies.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, this the twenty-sixth day of February, 1877, and of our Order the fifty-eighth.

J. W. STOKES,
GRAND SIRE.

PAPER F

Referred to in Section 17 of Grand Master's Report.

CHANGE OF NAME G. L. U. S.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Whitby, Sept. 14, 1876.

At the twenty-second annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, held on the 2nd ult. the following resolution was adopted unanimously:—

"Moved by Rep. W. Geo. Mutton,
"Seconded by Rep. J. Ritchie, Jr., and

"Resolved,—That as soon as possible after this R. W. Grand Lodge adjourns, the Grand Master be requested to draft a circular, to be sent to all the Grand Lodges of the United States setting forth certain reasons why the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be changed to the 'Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,' and that the

several State Grand Lodges be requested to take the matter into consideration and instruct their Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the U. S. to bring about the change, if possible."

In accordance with the tenor of the foregoing resolution, it becomes my duty to bring before the notice of the R. W. Grand Lodge, the question of the advisability of change of name of the R. W. G. L. U. S., and ask from yourself, the officers and representatives, a fair and deliberate consideration of the question, and a fraternal and intelligent decision thereon. The subject of change of name appears to have engaged the attention of the G. L. U. S. many times within the past ten years, and in order to place the matter before you as briefly, and in as concise a manner as possible, the following is presented, compiled from the official journals:—

YEAR 1867, (page 4199). Notice given by three Representatives to change name to "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

SAME YEAR, (page 4204). Another notice by ten Representatives to substitute "Supreme Lodge" in place of G. L. U. S.

YEAR 1868, (page 4370). Notice by four Representatives to change to "Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

SAME YEAR, (page 4411). To change to "Supreme Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

SAME YEAR, (page 4422). By five Representatives to change name to "Most Worthy Grand Lodge," &c.

SAME YEAR, (page 4484). By five Representatives to change to "Supreme Grand Lodge," &c.

SAME YEAR, (page 4488). By five Representatives to change so as to read "Supreme Lodge," &c.

YEAR 1869, (page 4666). By four Representatives to change to "Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

YEAR 1870, (page 4831). Nine Representatives gave notice to change name to "Grand Lodge of America."

SAME YEAR, (page 4831). Notice by four Representatives to change name to "Most Worthy Supreme Lodge," &c.

YEAR 1871, (page 5207). Notice signed by ten Representatives to insert "America" in place of U. S.

YEAR 1873, (page 5581). Notice signed by seven Representatives to change name to "The M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd Fellowship."

YEAR 1873, (page 5791). Notice by eight Representatives to change name to "Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

YEAR 1874, (page 6258). Seventeen Representatives gave notice to change name to "Supreme Lodge of American Odd Fellowship."

SAME YEAR, (page 6354). Notice signed by seven Representatives to change name to "Supreme Grand Lodge of American Odd Fellowship."

SAME YEAR, (page 6321). By four Representatives to change name to "The Grand Lodge of Universal Sovereignty of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

It will therefore be observed that during the years 1867 to 1874, sixteen notices were given signed by ninety-three Representatives. It may be said that during the same period really but one test vote has been taken on this question, viz., in 1870, (page 4829), when to change the name to "Supreme Grand Lodge," there were 50 yeas and 84 nays—the fifty yeas were Representatives from twenty-six out of the thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions. Your attention may also be drawn to the fact that between the years 1867 to 1874, either by signing notice of motion or votes, Representatives of all the Grand Jurisdictions (with but three exceptions) have affirmed the advisability of change of name. This statement does not include British Columbia, Montana, and Wyoming, all first represented in the Grand Lodge United States in 1874 or at a later date. From the foregoing it may reasonably be assumed that there is and has been, for the past ten years, a strong feeling in favor of changing the name of G. L. U. S., and upon reflection this is not surprising. The present name of the Grand Lodge of the United States gradually grew out of the title given to the first regularly constituted Lodge on this continent, viz.: "Washington Lodge, No. 1," and which according to the dispensation granted by Duke of York Lodge, England, 1st February, 1820, the title of the said Lodge was to be, "No. 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of the United States of America." At this period there was but one Lodge, and yet, by the terms of dispensation, it was a "Subordinate Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Grand Lodge of the United States." On the 22d November, 1821, the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States was adopted, the whole constituency of the Grand Lodge of the United States consisted of two Subordinate Lodges. In 1824 the present Grand Lodge of the United States was proposed, giving at same time, State Charter for Maryland, and on 22d February, 1825, the new Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States was adopted. At this time the State Grand Lodges stood as follows:—

Grand Lodge of Maryland	with 8 Subordinates.
" " " Massachusetts	" 2 "
" " " New York	" 1 "
" " " Pennsylvania	" 8 "

Total 9 Subordinates.

In 1829 the constitution was amended, but the original name retained. At this time there were five Grand Lodges, thirty-one Subordinate Lodges and a total membership of barely over one thousand, the exact number being 1009. From this brief statement it will be seen how the name of G. L. U. S. originated, and has been retained to the present day. But surely the name that was appropriate in 1820 for one Subordinate Lodge, or in 1825 for nine Subordinate Lodges, or in 1829 for a total membership of 1009, is not at this day appropriate for a membership of nearly half a million; and with their Subordinate Lodges scattered over the four quarters of the globe, and with to-day Grand Lodges in British Columbia, Lower Provinces of B. N. A., Switzerland, Ontario, and Subordinate Lodges in Chili and Peru, South America, Manitoba, Quebec, New Mexico, Sandwich Islands, Australia and London, England. The name "Grand Lodge of the United States" does not do our Order full justice; it is not broad enough nor sufficiently comprehensive. Our great want now is a name that will embrace all nations, all climes, and all peoples; let it be so large that it will cover the whole earth, equally suitable for the north, the south, the east and the west; a name local to no one section, but so comprehensive as to be applicable to all countries, so that the head of our highly valued and universally esteemed Order, the fountain of justice, equity, honor and legislation, shall be hereafter known as "The Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows." It will then rest upon us, the members of the Order in the western hemisphere, to give Odd Fellowship such a high tone and such an unsullied character as to preserve its purity and enlarge its usefulness in all that is true, noble, generous, and charitable. That the moment "The Supreme Lodge" of Odd Fellowship is mentioned, the eye, heart, and feelings are at once turned to America as the birth-place, source and fountain head of the true, genuine Odd Fellowship of the present day.

Believing that the session of the G. L. U. S. for 1878 being America's Centennial, in celebrating which, nations, empires and principalities have most heartily and enthusiastically joined, to be a suitable time to give notice of motion for proposed change of name, whereby all Odd Fellows may deeply feel and fully realize the sympathetic and magic influence of the wonderful power and irresistible control of the three golden links of our Order, and the following session of 1877 to discuss, consider and decide the same. Your thoughtful consideration and fraternal decision in Friendship, Love and Truth are most respectfully and urgently solicited.

Believe me, Yours Fraturnally,

J. HAM PERRY,

Grand Master, Whitby, Ont.

Attest,

J. B. KING, R. W. Grand Secretary, Brantford, Ont.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
GRAND SECRETARY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1877.

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BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

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

As required by law, and with much pleasure, I beg to submit this my Eleventh Annual Report, with statistics compiled from the returns of the past year, together with the receipts from all sources, and a balance sheet from the Ledger to July 25th, 1877, date of closing the books. A supplementary Report of receipts after that date will be given.

1. As early as practicable after the close of last session, I called for tenders for printing the Journal of 1876. I accepted that of the Brantford *Expositor*, and as soon as the Journal was completed I sent three copies to each Lodge, one to each Representative, one to each Past Grand Master, and one to each State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in the United States.

2. As directed by Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates, I sent to each Lodge a copy of the report so far as it related to each. A number of Lodges have not yet made the alterations ordered several sessions since; many have no copies of the Constitution governing them, they holding off from getting a supply printed with the view of procuring the latest Constitution, in the event of a new Constitution being adopted at the present session. I would suggest that while the matter is in type for the Journal, one copy of the same be printed on one side of the page only and sent to each Lodge to revise their Constitution by, or to serve as copy for the printer; this should avoid mistakes on the part of Lodges.

3. By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I notified Bros. W. S. Campbell, W. A. Rawlings, and Robt. Kirkpatrick of their appointment as the Committee on Laws of Subordinates: to Bro. W. S. Campbell, as chairman of such committee, I have sent all by-laws received from Lodges for examination. As soon as they were returned by the committee, I at once forwarded them to their respective Lodges, (certified to, as the report thereon directed.)
4. As required by the Constitution, I had printed all amendments sent in by Lodges to the proposed Constitution as printed in the Journal of 1876, and sent copies to each Lodge three months prior to this meeting, one copy of which, together with a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of last session, is now laid upon the desk of each Representative, as provided by resolution last year.
5. As early as possible after the close of our last session, I sent a commission to each District Deputy Grand Master, with a circular, urging upon them to be faithful to the trust reposed in them; but from many Lodges comes up word, "We have not seen a Grand officer during the year, and scarcely know who our Deputy is." It certainly is to be regretted that brothers will accept such honorable positions, unless they are willing to sacrifice some comfort or convenience to attend to the duties enjoined. It has been questioned in one instance, whether a District Deputy Grand Master has the power to delegate his duties to another, and that *other* to some one else; legislation to settle this matter is desired.
6. The recommendation in my Report last year which was adopted, relative to the Ontario Digest (page 1596 Jour. 1876), was made in the belief that a new Constitution, &c., would have been adopted that year. Such not being the case, I did not deem it advisable to have the whole work done, though I had a sufficient number altered to supply the demands of the year. In the event of a new Constitution, &c., being adopted at the present session, and which for many reasons is greatly to be desired, I would recommend that the new Constitution be added to the Digest, and the legislation completed to embrace the present year, and the further instructions of the Grand Lodge U. S. fully carried out.
7. As directed by resolution at the last session, I called for an estimate or tenders for reprinting the entire Journal of this Grand Lodge. The tenders are herewith submitted for your consideration. I believe it to be necessary for the preservation of our history as an Order, that the work should be done as speedily as possible, inasmuch as there are only some three or four complete copies of our Journal in existence; should they by any means be destroyed, our history as an Order in Ontario would be lost. With the view to have the question acted upon at this session, I mentioned in my annual cir-

ular to the Lodges that the probable cost of the work would not exceed \$3.50 per copy, and that if each Lodge would take four copies, the work could be accomplished and the history and legislation of our Order preserved.

8. Your instructions in regard to the correspondence of J. D. Simpson and others, of the Manchester Unity of Old Fellows at Saint Ste. Marie, has been attended to.

9. The following new Lodges have been instituted during the past year:

Chorazin.....	Lodge No. 190	London East	August 7, 1876
Jarvis.....	" 191	Jarvis	Sept. 11, 1876
Howick.....	" 192	Gorrie	Sept. 19, 1876
Victor.....	" 193	St. Marys	Dec. 1, 1876
Albert.....	" 194	Toronto	Dec. 21, 1876
Cleorone.....	" 195	Woodville	Dec. 28, 1876
Florence.....	" 196	Florence	Jan. 10, 1877
Minerva.....	" 197	Hamilton	Jan. 26, 1877
Britannia.....	" 198	Hollin	Jan. 26, 1877
Scotia.....	" 199	Pt Robinson	Feb. 7, 1877
Weston.....	" 200	Weston	Feb. 27, 1877
Beacon.....	" 201	Pt. Colborne	Ma. 23, 1877
Silver Star.....	" 202	Milverton	Mar. 29, 1877
Pembroke.....	" 203	Pembroke	April 11, 1877
Acton.....	" 204	Acton	April 13, 1877
Ahram.....	" 205	Paisley	April 24, 1877
Silver City.....	" 206	Tiverton	April 28, 1877

10. The Charters of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, Oak Leaf Lodge No. 159, and Cambridge Lodge No. 188 have been destroyed by fire. By direction of the W. M. Grand Master, I issued to each a duplicate charter in accordance with the Laws of the G. L. U. S., Sec. 337.

11. District Deputy Grand Masters James Brown, of District No. 8, and E. E. Chipman, of District No. 21, having resigned their positions as such, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued commissions to Bro. J. W. Wonch, of Whitevale, for District No. 8, and to W. N. Ford, P. G. M., for District No. 21.

12. As per resolution on page 1636 Jour. 1876, I issued Cards to Bros. H. Lanxon, A. D. Steel, Jno. Knight, R. F. Degau, D. N. Roblin, Jno. Blondin, and N. A. Mattis, of late Shannonville Lodge; that of Bro. Mattis was not applied for until some time after the others had been sent.

13. I have succeeded this year in procuring reduced railway rates to delegates and ladies, from each of the lines on which our Lodges are situated. The Toronto, Grey & Bruce only requiring a guarantee, that of at least 15

persons. Not feeling safe in making the guarantee, I have prepared certificates which will be issued to delegates who may have travelled by that route, provided there are the required number of fifteen. Thinking that some delegates might prefer the trip by water, I tried to get rates from the boats running on the Bay of Quinte, from Kingston, but could get no reply to my letters. To each of the Railway Companies and the Canadian Navigation Company, I have written, expressing the thanks of this Grand Lodge for their continued courtesy and liberality.

14. Several appeals have been received, and are herewith submitted, viz.:

1st. Chas. Knight vs. Beaver Lodge No. 82. No papers accompanied this appeal. I wrote to Bro. Knight and informed him what he was required to produce, in order that his appeal might be considered; have not received any reply.

2nd. Chas. Packert, P. G., vs. Avon Lodge No. 41, accompanied by certified papers.

3rd. F. Hellwell vs. Canada Lodge No. 49, accompanied by certain papers and By-laws of the Lodge.

4th. An appeal from W. J. Diamond, against the action of Belleville Lodge No. 81 is received. The certified minutes in the case have also been received from Thos. G. Carson, D. D. G. M.

5th. An appeal or grievance from John McMath of Port Burwell, with some papers from Erie Lodge No. 33, relative to its action in the matter. This case has been holding over for a long time, to the apparent injury of the Order in Port Burwell, and it is to be hoped that the case will be finally settled at the present session.

15. In order to give some idea of the rapid growth of the Order in Ontario, I have compiled the following table:—

The first session of the Grand Lodge of Canada West was held in Brockville, on August 23rd, 1855. Representatives from seven Lodges were present. Number of members not given. The Grand Master, Thos. Reynolds, in his report states that in 1854 there were 230 members.

Year.	No. of Lodges.	Members.	Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Revenue.	Benefit.
1856	12	805	171	11	0	21	38	20	2	•	\$299 00
1857	15	738	200	12	7	22	58	39	3	•	796 00
1858	15	738	167	3	4	17	50	67	4	•	467 74
1859	12	556	106	4	6	23	58	108	6	•	596 00
1860	13	534	98	4	4	19	72	48	6	•	1338 00
1861	14	544	105	2	13	14	79	43	4	•	1242 68
1862	15	500	92	7	3	27	63	29	4	•	803 00
1863	15	573	82	5	9	15	64	31	6	\$3174 60	858 48
1864	16	512	142	10	5	12	62	...	5	4104 24	1040 20
1865	14	589	155	7	5	16	65	2	7	4165 41	826 98
1866	15	647	211	11	8	26	36	3	11	6013 84	1239 00
1867	14	907	237	24	12	30	49	2	1	7635 18	1382 00
1868	17	1103	399	29	7	44	35	...	7	9948 27	2145 24
1869	20	1443	484	40	14	67	113	7	7	13332 69	2547 70
1870	30	2302	758	91	13	109	147	3	17	18611 56	3290 26
1871	44	3495	1259	141	21	184	177	7	21	28865 97	4716 53
1872	66	5079	1864	206	18	294	334	7	25	42974 33	6277 95
1873	86	6774	2108	223	20	355	412	16	46	58615 37	10822 78
1874	115	8578	2439	226	46	396	436	19	56	42361 53	12963 37
1875	141	10188	2369	351	85	448	617	23	52	8999 60	16167 92
1876	166	11322	2269	266	65	386	980	22	73	98214 67	19403 20
1877	175	12725	1983	311	177	470	833	22	69	107561 30	21796 59

* Annual Receipts not given on the Returns.

† Expulsions for cause only; hitherto members were expelled for N. P. D.

‡ Thames No. 43, Rond Eau No. 40, Ceased.

† Imperial No. 87, Ceased.

16. I have seen a number of circulars and letters, written by means of Zucato's Papyrograph, and I believe a saving in the printing account of this Grand Lodge could be effected by the purchase of one; the cost varies, in accordance with the nature of the work to be performed. I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be empowered to purchase an entire outfit suitable for his office, together with a letter press, the old one purchased some years since having lately been broken by accident.

17. I find that almost all Grand Lodges are having their Journals printed on the standard sized page, viz., 5½x9. I would therefore recommend that the Journals of this Grand Lodge be hereafter printed on that sized page.

18. I would suggest that in future the Grand Secretary be instructed to send to each Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in return for the compliment extended by the Representatives of other Jurisdictions to the Representatives of this Grand Lodge.

19. The supply of blank returns having become exhausted, I had to get new forms printed for the present returns, and in doing so I altered the form materially, with the view of getting reliable statistics from each Lodge as to its financial transactions. The returns now in show a marked improvement on former terms, and bear on their face an evidence of correctness, which in very many cases the old form did not. A few alterations have been made in the form, suggested by the returns in, which will I think make it complete. If Secretaries will only take a little trouble, and read the heading of each column or line, before filling it in, mistakes need not occur, then our annual reports would be of value. The form is herewith submitted for your approval. I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to get printed 300 blank return books (with a sufficient supply of blank return sheets), and that each Lodge be given a book free of charge, to replace the one now in their hands, and that the new Lodges be charged the usual advance on cost.

20. I would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be empowered to prepare a sheet to be filled up by Lodges, and sent in with their December returns, giving the name of each unsuspended member, carefully revised.

21. The following abstract from the Semi-Annual Returns shows our numerical strength and financial standing, and is I think a grand eulogium on our Order, that during the past two years of almost unexampled depression in commercial circles we have steadily increased, for without doubt the dullness of the times has caused large drains on our exchequer which would not have occurred in better times.

ABSTRACT FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JULY 31ST, 1877.

Total number of Lodges	....	....	175
Initiated	....	....	1981
Admitted by Card	....	....	296
Reinstated	....	....	176
Total	....	....	2453
Withdrawn by Card	....	....	470
Suspended	....	....	885
Expelled	....	....	30
Died	....	....	89
Increase	....	....	979
Membership per last Report	....	....	11293
Present Membership	....	....	12,172
RELIEF.			
Number of Brothers relieved	....	....	1015
" Widows relieved	....	....	245
Paid Sick Benefits	....	....	12,082 45
" Widows and Orphans	....	....	4,124 98
" Funeral Benefits	....	....	3,192 37
" Special Relief	....	....	2,681 04
Total Relief	....	....	22,080 84
Total number of weeks for which benefits were paid	....	....	4,430 2/7
" " Brothers to whom paid	....	....	1015
Average number of weeks to each brother	....	....	4.36
Average amount paid to each sick brother	....	....	11 90
Of the total membership 1 in each 12 received relief	....	....
Average mortality, 1 in 138	....	....
Receipts of Subordinate Lodges	....	....	108,371 05
Current expenses of Subordinate Lodges	....	....	37,306 41
Of receipts paid for current expenses	....	....	36%
" " relief	....	....	21.37%
Widow and Orphan Fund of Lodges	....	....	64,617 85
General Fund of Lodges	....	....	182,116 85
Total	....	....	246 784 70

The figures in the summary may vary a trifle, when more carefully gone over, than the time between the receipt of returns and compiling this report will permit of, though in the main they are tolerably correct. Our success as an Order depends very largely upon a correct showing of our status, which is only obtained from the returns of Lodges, upon the filling up of which greater care should be bestowed by Secretaries. The irregularities and errors in many of the returns indicate to me that for the most part they are more the result of carelessness than of wilful neglect. Secretaries should bear in mind the great responsibility that rests upon them in keeping correct records from which to prepare their semi-annual reports, upon the correctness of which the welfare of their Lodges so largely depends. These returns are not asked for merely to give work to the officers without object, but with view to get reliable information as to our status, eliminate defects, and pursue the good. Further, it frequently occurs that the returns are the only source from which a Lodge can gather data to start afresh. For instance when it has had its books, &c., destroyed by fire, which has been the case with several Lodges in Ontario, and is liable to happen to many of our Lodges, how necessary, therefore, that these returns should be correct, and how easy to make them so.

The returns for the past year have been promptly received, with a very few exceptions, though the Secretaries in many cases show a total disregard of former returns or instructions sent to them to govern them in filling up the returns. They seem to think that the checking over in this office—re-checking by the Committee on Returns, and their report thereon, are made only for pastime, as they pay no attention to said reports whatever.

A number of Secretaries report the names of those who cease membership for non-payment of dues, as "expelled for non-payment of dues," although in almost every circular and on the back of every return is printed the manner to deal with such. When a member is suspended by his Lodge he is counted out, and the Secretary should take no further notice of him on the returns until he is reinstated, though the name is kept on the Per. Secretary's books, and he is charged with dues until he is declared "ceased."

22. It is well known that money sent by mail, registered or not, is at the risk of the sender; the Post Office department is not responsible for money thus sent. I would therefore suggest that all remittances from Subordinate Lodges be hereafter made by Post Office order; by this means all possibility of discrepancy between the stated amount sent and received is avoided, and no risk of loss to any one.

23. In March, immediately after the receipt of all the semi annual returns I issued a circular, showing the statistics of the past term. I believe this circular does good, as I find it kindly copied into many of the newspapers to which I have sent it. I would suggest that with future circulars of a simi-

lar character a note be sent to each newspaper editor, that upon receipt of a marked copy of the paper containing the report, a copy of the Journal of Proceedings will be sent. This will necessitate the printing of say one hundred extra copies, but I believe the expense incurred will be amply reimbursed by the general dissemination of information relating to the progress of our Order.

24. The Receipts and Expenditure of the past year have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Charters	\$ 515 00
Supplies	1,203 72
Capita Tax	6,024 42
Refunded by overpaid Representatives	6 00
Interest	96 66
	7,845 80
Add Balance on hand August 1st, 1876	6,129 67
	13,975 47

EXPENDED.

Expenses, mileage and per diem	6,541 39
Supplies	1,071 22
Postage and Stationery.....	156 98
	7,769 59
Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands	6,205 88

25. The relation of "Dues to Benefits" is coming to be looked upon by our Order here and elsewhere, with more of the importance that it merits than formerly, and not before it is required, as a reference to many of our returns will readily show and convince any one, that such Lodges are not in a position to fulfil the promises held out by their by-laws to candidates previous to initiation. Many Lodges, out of an annual receipt per member of six dollars, pay three dollars for current expenses, leaving only three dollars to form a fund, out of which to pay three dollars per week to sick members, forty dollars to the widow of a deceased brother, seven dollars per quarter to the widow, and sometimes twenty-five dollars to a brother on the death of his wife. A number of Lodges show that their current expenses actually exceed the contribution of their members for dues. If Lodges cannot lay up funds out of its receipts for dues out of which to pay its benefits, its chances for success are slim indeed. In the first place, many Lodges are promising larger benefits than their dues will warrant, and in the second they are not careful enough of their funds in the item of current expenses. I know of nothing more likely to ruin a Lodge and injure the whole Order, than for it to be unable to meet its obligations for sick and funeral benefits. While I

am not aware of any of our Lodges being in this position at present, many are liable to it at any time, should epidemic or other calamity befall them their funds would very soon be exhausted, assessments rendered necessary, then members drop out—disaster, ruin. Very few Lodges have a contingent fund out of which to draw in special cases, and when a calamity occurs similar to that at St. John lately, the Lodges are unable to contribute to their relief without drawing from their already slim general fund, contributed by the members for their own use in time of distress.

All the facts presented by the vital statistics of Benefit Societies in Great Britain, as well as by the experience of our own Order, go to shew clearly that with increased age come, surely, increased expenses for benefits; therefore an increased quarterly dues in accordance with age is necessary, rather than a high rate of Initiation. The latter only occurs once, while by the former a brother is always paying in proportion to the risk the Lodge assumes in his case.

With the view to get reliable information on this important question, I issued in December last a blank return, similar to that proposed by Bro. I. D. Williamson to the G. L. U. S. some years since, asking for the ages of all members, the number of each age sick and receiving benefits and number of weeks sickness, the number of each age deceased, &c. One hundred and forty four Lodges reported, from which the subjoined tables are prepared. Had the other 20 Lodges reported, a more exact average would have been arrived at, though for the most part the delinquents are new Lodges, with little or no sickness or death. I sent all these special returns to Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, D. G. M., for the use of the special committee on "dues and benefits," and as that committee will doubtless go fully into the question, I will only give the tables as under, which give the average of sickness at 21 to 30 to be .244, or less than a quarter of one week per member, while in the ages of 51 to 60, they are over one and a quarter weeks per member :

VITAL STATISTICS.

Age.	No. of Members.	Number Sick.	Duration in Weeks	Deaths.	Age.	No. of Members.	Number Sick.	Duration in Weeks	Deaths.
21	195	9	16.28	1	49	55	6	15.	0
22	414	16	47.28	1	50	65	6	35.	1
23	509	38	142.85	2	51	35	4	74.	0
24	574	54	159.43	2	52	26	4	15.43	0
25	684	51	179.57	1	53	22	3	10 71	0
26	627	43	121.85	3	54	19	2	3.	1
27	620	46	178.57	6	55	17	2	22.	0
28	609	43	170.85	4	56	19	2	14.	0
29	505	47	153.85	0	57	4	1	52.	0
30	570	31	188.71	1	58	7	2	2.	0
31	417	27	174.85	2	59	7	2	4.	0
32	393	41	159.71	1	60	12	2	19.	0
33	411	30	124.14	0	61	4	2	16.	0
34	357	33	142.57	1	62	1	1	40.	1
35	328	33	94.43	2	63	...	...	...	...
36	302	35	200.	2	64	...	...	...	...
37	285	19	69.	1	65	1	...	...	...
38	226	24	106.85	0	66	4	...	...	...
39	223	20	202.	2	67	...	...	...	...
40	230	26	84.	1	68	...	...	...	...
41	146	20	93.71	0	69	1	...	...	...
42	174	11	35.	0	70	1	40.	...	...
43	140	17	90.	0	71	...	...	...	...
44	129	11	84.	2	72	...	...	...	...
45	121	18	83.	4	73	...	...	...	...
46	106	13	50.28	2	74	...	...	...	...
47	71	7	14.14	1	75	...	...	...	...
48	60	7	62	0	...	1	5	...	1

Age.	No. of Members.	Number Sick.	Duration.	Average.	Deaths.
21-30	5357	378	1309 23	.244	21
31-40	3170	228	1256 57	.396	12
41-50	1067	118	567 14	.581	10
51-60	163	25	216 14	1.286	1
61-70	11	3	56.	6.090	1
71-80	1	1	5.	5.	1
	9774	753	3410 14	.348	46

These returns do not, of course, embrace a sufficient number of lives to be accepted as a basis for a perfect estimate of the average rate of sickness; instead of 10,000 lives, at least 100,000 are necessary for that purpose; but, as far as they go, they substantiate the estimates formed by English actuaries from Benefit Societies in that country. By obtaining these statistics from our Lodges for a few successive years, we will not only be able to frame an absolutely correct system of dues and benefits for our own use, but will also make a valuable contribution to sanitary science.

While on this subject, I feel justified in making a quotation from the late Report of Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. Nicholson, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its late Session. In reporting the surrender of the Charter of Rising Sun Lodge No. 8, after an existence of half a century, despite the efforts of the Grand Officers and others to keep it alive he says:—

'Experience, argument and entreaty were alike thrown away upon the members of No. 8, they adhered blindly to their own ideas, and rejected all advice, they thought, as perhaps others now think, that the Lodge would last their time; yet, sad to relate, a few days after the charter was surrendered, one of the old members died in the eighty-second year of his age. His Lodge was bankrupt, and he died poor, with not money enough left to give him decent burial. Sister Lodges had to be appealed to in order to procure means for his interment. It is difficult to imagine a more painful ending than this, of a long connection with a Lodge, and the failure of cherished hopes. * * * * * And again, the members of No. 8 persisted in a low rate of dues and a high rate of benefits, with no reserve fund to fall back upon. The effect was, therefore, a Lodge of aged men, an empty treasury, and final bankruptcy. No. 8, being dead, yet speaketh. Would that its voice of warning could be heard in every Lodgeroom in Pennsylvania, saying, invite young men to unite with you, take them by the hand, encourage them in the active, practical duties of the Order, and fix your dues and benefits at such rates that you will lay up a reserve fund sufficient to meet all the claims that old age and infirmity will bring; then go on in the inculcation of the cardinal teachings of Odd Fellowship, and carry out its mission of peace and good will to man.'

26. My experience leads me to believe that dues paid in advance is the only proper and safe method, and should become general with our Lodges, though under existing laws the Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that it is not competent for a Lodge to make a by-law, exacting dues in advance. Many Lodges in this Jurisdiction have by-laws, requiring all dues to be paid in advance—some equarterly and some semi-annually. Said laws were enacted without any intention to contravene the laws of the G. L. U. S., and have been acted upon for years. Said Lodges will deem it a great drawback if they are compelled to eliminate such laws, which they must do, under the

late decision, without further legislation on the part of our Supreme Grand Lodge. I would therefore respectfully suggest that this Grand Lodge take steps, with the view to instructing its Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to introduce such legislation as will permit Lodges to enact by-laws requiring payment of dues quarterly in advance.

27. In compliance with my duties, I sent to the Grand Lodge United States a report of the YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1878, from which the following is an extract:

Number of Lodges	164
Initiated	2088
Admitted by Card	278
Reinstated	161
Membership per last Report.....	10683
Withdrawn by Card.....	18105
Suspended or dropped.....	482
Expelled	886
Died	29
	70
	1867
Present Membership.....	11788
Number of Brothers relieved.....	1040
" Widowed families relieved.....	100
" Weeks sickness for which benefits were paid.....	4290
Paid for relief of Brothers	\$12,148 89
" Widowed families	3,946 05
" Burying the dead	2,687 85
" Special relief	1,981 02
Total.....	\$20,668 31
Annual Receipts of Lodges.....	\$101,976 24

28. The correspondence of the past year, which has been very heavy, together with copies of all my replies thereto, are herewith submitted. A great deal of the correspondence is really unnecessary, as by far the greater number of questions asked by Lodges are answered by their own By-laws; and were the By-laws of the Lodge read over occasionally, the most inattentive member could in many cases settle the questions in dispute.

29. Amongst the correspondence is a letter from Bro. W. H. Read, Past Grand Secretary, of St. Catharines, relative to remuneration for past services, and which requires your special consideration.

I cannot close this Report without acknowledging the uniform courtesy that I have met with from the Grand Officers, and others with whom I have had correspondence.

A condensed report of the operations of the past year has now been laid before you; and surely there is abundant cause for thankfulness to God that as an Order we have been permitted to continue on in our labors, and have been the instruments of doing so much good. And let us pray that the same Divine influence may direct our present deliberations, and guide our Order on during the coming year to increased usefulness.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. King.

ASSETS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,
I. O. O. F., JULY 23d, 1877.

FURNITURE AND REGALIA.

Two Desks					
Chest ..					\$75 00
Shelving .....	....	....	....	....	4 00
Officers' Regalia .....	....	....	....	....	4 00
Value for do					80 00
Charter Stones .....	....	....	....	....	6 00
					52 50
					\$221 50

STATIONERY AND POSTAGE.

Six Institution Books ..					6 00
Two Grand Lodge Degree Books...	....				2 50
Two Public Instalatiou Books .....	....				2 50
Account Books .....	....				10 00
Postage Stamps .....	....				17 58
P. G. and Rep. Certificates .....	....				5 00
Blank Return Sheets, Bill Heads, Letter Paper and Envelopes					20 00
Letter Clip and Fyle .....	....				1 50
					65 08

SUPPLIES

6 Charge Books, at \$2 25 .....	....				13 50
6 Degree Books, at \$2 25 .....	....				13 50
1 Degree Lodge Installation Book .....	....				1 50
8 Digest G. L. U. S., at \$2 25 ..	....				18 00
22 Digest G. L. U. S., Amendments, at 20 cents .....	....				4 40
710 Digest Ontario, at 67 cents.....	....				475 70
80 Visiting Cards, at 22 cents .....	....				17 60
67 Withdrawal Cards at 22 cents .....	....				14 74
101 Dismissal Certificates, at 22 cents....	....				22 22
440 Trustees' Bonds }					
75 Treasurer's Bonds }					7 00
2,500 Propositions, at 30 cents per 100 .....	....				7 50
3,600 Reports on Character .....	....				10 80
112 Rebekah Odes, at 6 cents ..	....				6 72
356 Lodge Odes, at 6 cents .....	....				21 36
40 Anniversary Services, at 25 cents .....	....				10 00
18 Funeral Services, at 25 cents .....	....				4 25
2 Minute Books, at \$1.35 .....	....				2 70
22 Members' Receipt Books at \$1.50 .....	....				33 00
36 Permanent Secretary Books, at 67 cents .....	....				24 12
53 Books, Orders for P. W., at 45 cents .....	....				23 85
24 Members' Registers, at \$1.30 .....	....				31 20
19 Visitors' Registers, at 65 cents .....	....				12 35
34 Question Books, at 57 cents .....	....				19 68
23 Black Books, at 77 cents .....	....				17 71
12 Officers' Roll Books, at 57.....	....				6 84
					\$21 24

STATEMENT A.

Being Amounts owing by Lodges.

T. H. Vaan				\$	2 50
Reynolds Degree Lodge					55
Rose	Lodge No. 28				13
gureka	do 30				1 50
Erie	do 33				1 56
Gore	do 34				3 00
St. Marys	do 36				2 00
Rond Eau	do 40				5 75
Excelsior	do 44				5 50
Unity	do 47				6 00
Dominton	do 48				10
Canada	do 49				25
Otter	do 50				28 25
Collingwood	do 54				1 25
Queen City of Ontario	do 56				2 25
Kilgoston	do 59				73
Wardsville	do 60				25
Barrie	do 63				75
Victoria	do 64				75
Bothwell	do 74				2 00
Oxford	do 77				4 75
Durham	do 78				50
Nipissing	do 79				25
Belleville	do 81				2 28
Napanee	do 86				5 88
Grand River	do 91				2 27
Milton	do 92				1 76
Minto	do 98				1 50
Cataract	do 103				1 50
Crescent	do 104				1 00
St. Clair	do 109				25
Royal Oak	do 108				25
Peterborough	do 111				50
Gananoque	do 114				4 00
Valley City	do 117				7 02
Palmerston	do 123				2 25
Stella	do 125				5 25
Sarnia	do 126				17 70
Mixpah	do 128				50
Livingstone	do 130				1 00
Forward,				\$	128 26

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

1895

Brought forward,					
	Lodge No.				
Orient	134	-	-	-	\$ 128 26
Leamington	do 140	-	-	-	5 00
Capital	do 141	-	-	-	50
Bay of Quinte	do 143	-	-	-	3 50
Romeo	do 164	-	-	-	11 25
Hillsburg	do 167	-	-	-	75
Denovo	do 170	-	-	-	1 45
Penetangore	do 172	-	-	-	35 55
Dauncey	do 176	-	-	-	1 50
Teeswater	do 183	-	-	-	75
Albert	do 194	-	-	-	31 80
Britannia	do 198	-	-	-	48
Scotia	do 199	-	-	-	34 48
Silver Star	do 202	-	-	-	01
Perzbroke	do 203	-	-	-	36 05
Ahiram	do 205	-	-	-	29 70
Silver City	do 206	-	-	-	38 80
New Lodge at Adelaide	do 207	-	-	-	35 40
Frontier Degree Lodge		-	-	-	36 18
					2 75
					<hr/> 439 16

STATEMENT B.

Being Amounts overpaid by Lodges.

Brock	Lodge, No. 9	-	-	-	\$1 25
Chatham	do 29	-	-	-	0 37
Forest City	do 33	-	-	-	0 50
Frontier	do 45	-	-	-	2 75
Niagara Falls	do 53	-	-	-	0 35
Fidelity	do 55	-	-	-	0 02
Howard	do 58	-	-	-	37 25
Exeter	do 67	-	-	-	1 65
North Star	do 68	-	-	-	1 00
Hope	do 69	-	-	-	0 37
Amity	do 80	-	-	-	1 00
Beaver	do 82	-	-	-	0 60
Walkerton	do 84	-	-	-	1 25
Ivy	do 90	-	-	-	1 25
Western City	do 93	-	-	-	0 75
Grand Union	do 97	-	-	-	5 00
Forward					<hr/> \$ 99 36

		Brought forward,		
Dosoronto	do	102	-	\$ 55 86
Laurel	do	110	-	0 75
Naomi	do	118	-	0 75
Maitland	do	119	-	3 00
Dresden	do	124	-	2 50
Peaceful Dove	do	135	-	1 75
Cobourg	do	136	-	0 75
Ridgetown	do	144	-	0 25
Riverside	do	145	-	0 75
Model	do	147	-	0 50
Aurora	do	148	-	0 50
Bertie	do	150	-	0 25
Hayden	do	152	-	0 25
Thamesville	do	157	-	0 50
Progress	do	158	-	1 50
Oriental	do	163	-	0 25
Beethoven	do	165	-	0 35
Stephen	do	169	-	0 50
Emerald	do	173	-	0 25
Live Oak	do	185	-	1 00
Victor	do	193	-	0 25
				0 02
				\$71 98

Balance Sheet R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F., 23d July, 1877.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCE.		PROFIT & LOSS.		STOCK.		Resources, Liabil.
	CR.	DR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	
Stock.....		\$ 7674 26				\$7674 26	
Per Capita Tax.....		6080 75		6030 75			
Chartrs.....		545 00		545 00			
Furniture and Regalia.....							
Profit and Loss.....			25 00				221 50
Grand Encampment of Ontario.....			1 40				
Donations.....							300 00
Expenses.....	400 00						
Treas.....	6157 09						
Stationery and Postage.....	225 35						
Interest.....	65 08						
Interest and Discount.....	6205 88			8 00			65 08
Supplies.....	625 55						6205 88
Statement A.....	821 24			168 92			821 24
Statement B.....	439 16			195 59			439 16
Statement C.....							71 98
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AUDITORS' REPORT.

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

Your Auditors appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, beg to report as follows :—

We have carefully audited the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and find that they are kept in a most satisfactory way. We highly commend the manner in which the several accounts are kept—every entry is clear and legible. We consider that the plan adopted leaves very little more to be desired. We would suggest that, as the present set of books are very nearly filled up, a new set be ordered, which should be more strongly bound, of better paper, and more conveniently ruled than the present ones.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and find that they are correct in every particular, and correspond with the accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary. Marked cheques on the standard and consolidated banks were produced for the amount at present in the R. W. Grand Treasurer's hands.

We desire to draw attention to the large and increasing expense attending the annual meetings of your R. W. Grand Body, and think that it is fully time that the Grand Lodge should legislate so as to in some manner reduce the expenditure.

We would also direct attention to the very large outlay for the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and think that this matter should also be carefully considered.

In conclusion, we would call attention to the fact that as there are no less than one hundred and seventy-five Subordinate Lodges in active operation in the jurisdiction, the duties and labors of the R. W. Grand Secretary have been considerably increased. We would therefore respectfully suggest that some addition should be made to that Grand Officer's salary.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. GEORGE MUTTON, }
CHAS. PACKERT, } Auditors.

Brantford, Ont., July 25th, 1877.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

BY THE SECRETARY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1877.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1876.						
July	22 Mount Zion.....	46	...	\$...	\$ 4 75	\$ 4 75
"	Riverside.....	145	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	W D Gordon.....	...	...	1 10	...	1 10
"	Oakville.....	132	...	...	10 75	10 75
"	Friendship.....	65	...	13	...	13
"	24 The Toronto.....	71	...	...	1 20	1 20
"	Lindsay.....	100	...	...	50	50
"	25 Cypress.....	187	...	...	4 00	4 00
"	Farry Sound.....	189	...	29 08	...	29 08
"	27 Covenant.....	52	...	6 25	58 75	65 00
"	Laurel.....	110	...	5 65	23 00	28 65
"	Cobourg.....	158	...	...	18 00	18 00
"	29 Oriental.....	163	...	...	7 00	7 00
"	Chorahh.....	190	30 00	...	...	30 00
"	Owen Sound.....	180	...	32 80	...	32 80
"	Ivy.....	90	...	2 00	...	2 00
Aug.	1 Cl. T Campbell.....	...	...	3 19	...	3 19
"	5 H Neal.....	...	...	3 00	...	3 00
"	Dufferin.....	186	...	33 55	...	33 55
"	19 Romeo.....	164	...	1 50	...	1 50
"	22 Hillsburg.....	167	...	...	6 50	6 50
"	25 Wardsville.....	60	...	3 00	...	3 00
"	26 Jarvis.....	191	30 00	...	...	30 00
"	J Donogh.....	...	...	4 00	...	4 00
"	Waterloo.....	107	...	50	...	50
Sept.	1 Eastern Star.....	72	...	2 75	...	2 75
"	1 Emerald.....	173	...	3 00	...	3 00
"	4 Excelsior.....	44	...	6 25	...	6 25
"	7 The Toronto.....	71	...	3 00	...	3 00
"	9 Oriental.....	163	...	30 28	...	30 28
"	11 Western Star.....	149	...	1 75	...	1 75
"	Valley City.....	117	...	1 50	...	1 50
"	Howard.....	58	...	9 50	...	9 50
"	Dauncy.....	176	...	2 00	...	2 00
"	13 Eureka.....	30	...	1 50	...	1 50
"	18 Golden Star.....	101	...	6 00	...	6 00
"	20 Chorazin.....	190	...	30 43	...	30 43
"	28 Palmerston.....	123	...	3 00	...	3 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap Tax.	Total.
1876.						
Sept. 28	Grand River.....	91		2 77		
	Sycamore.....	151		0 25	2	77
	Constitution.....	85		11 00		25
	Dresden.....	124		12 50		11 00
	Niagara Falls.....	53		3 00		12 50
Oct. 4	Samaritan.....	35		1 00		3 00
	Waterloo.....	107		3 00		1 00
	The Toronto.....	71		1 00		3 00
15	Brook.....	9		3 00		1 00
	Canada.....	49		6 00		3 00
18	Oak Leaf.....	159		7 50		6 00
80	Howick.....	192		30 28		7 50
Nov. 1	Milton.....	92		1 75		30 28
	Amity.....	80		5 50		1 75
3	Forest City.....	38		7 45		5 50
	M B Wilson.....	87		25		7 45
	Empire.....	104		3 00		25
6	Crescent.....	184		3 50		3 00
	Roseo.....	86		1 50		3 50
15	Florence Nightingale.....	74		1 00		1 50
21	Bothwell.....	193	30 00	3 25		1 00
22	Victor.....	189		1 00		3 25
Dec. 1	Parry Sound.....	101		3 25		80 00
	Golden Star.....	119		4 25		1 00
	Maitland.....	194		1 50		3 25
6	Albert.....	66	30 00	3 00		4 25
13	Florence Nightingale.....	44		1 68		30 00
	W H Cole.....	34		1 75		1 50
	Excalibur.....	126		6 00		3 00
21	Gore.....	38		7 50		1 68
	Sarnia.....	59		4 00		1 75
	St Mary.....	110		9 25		6 00
26	Kingston.....	195	30 00	25		7 50
28	Larrel.....	72		0 25		4 00
	Cleone.....	10		0 25		9 25
1877.						
Jan. 1	Eastern Star.....	10		0 25		30 00
	Catawqui.....	94		7 77		25
	Aylmer.....	116		4 75	9 75	7 77
3	Harmony.....	77		3 52	28 75	14 50
	Oxford.....	95		12 75	12 75	31 27
	Pl. Stanley.....	158		19 00	19 00	12 75
	Progress.....	60		2 00	5 00	19 00
	Wardsville.....	126		18 50	16 60	7 00
	Sarnia.....	16		68 50	68 50	16 60
	Union.....	137		15 50	15 50	68 50
	St Lawrence.....					15 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.	5 Niagara Falls	53				
Jan.	Brock	91			22 50	22 50
"	Charity	129		1 50	85 25	85 25
	Manilla	105			7 00	8 50
	Dufferin	186			10 50	10 50
	Mystic	128			8 00	8 00
	Brougham	155		0 50		0 50
	Bertie	150			5 75	5 75
	Grand River	91		2 75	14 25	17 00
	6 Florence	198			25 25	25 25
	Victor	193	30 00			30 00
	Lucan	70		31 75		31 75
	Thamesville	157			14 50	14 50
	Avon	41			8 25	8 25
	Peabody	99		5 75	55 75	61 50
	Cataract	103			5 25	5 25
	Unity	47			10 75	10 75
	Oak Leaf	159			56 25	56 25
	Cetaraqui	10			12 25	12 25
	Dosoronto	102		8 00	16 00	16 00
	Wellington Square	178		0 10	10 50	10 50
	Collingwood	54			10 50	10 50
	Eureka	90		1 50	12 75	12 75
	Nith	96			68 25	69 75
	Farry Sound	189			14 25	14 25
	Cyress	187			5 75	5 75
	Durham	78		9 25	6 25	6 25
	Lorne	175			35 00	44 25
	Amity	80			8 00	8 00
	Exeter	87			28 25	28 25
	Cambridge	188		3 40	15 25	18 65
	Romeo	164			7 00	7 00
	Aylmer	94			14 25	14 25
	Crescent	104			18 75	18 75
	Cansda	49			28 75	28 75
	Grand Union	97			71 00	71 00
	Streetsville	122			18 00	18 00
	Corinthian	61			12 00	12 00
	Lucknow	112			36 50	36 50
	Riverside	146			14 75	14 75
	Sydenham Valley	120			15 00	15 00
	Chatham	29			13 25	13 25
	Covenant	52			39 50	39 50
	Owen Sound	189			58 00	58 00
	Empire	87			6 00	6 00
	Minerva	197			32 75	32 75
	10 Hayden	152	30 00			30 00
					9 50	9 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
Jan.	10 Stephen	169			7 00	7 00
"	Trenton	118			6 75	6 75
	Emerald	178			8 75	8 75
	Capital	141			8 25	8 25
	Kingston	59			31 00	31 00
	Orion	109			18 50	18 50
	Golden Star	101			26 50	26 50
	Allison	171			9 50	9 50
	Tecumseh	182			4 75	4 75
	Beethoven	165			7 75	7 75
	Lindsay	100			13 50	13 50
	11 Chatham	29	1 00			1 00
	Constellation	85			9 00	9 00
	Pyramid	156			17	12 00
	Laurel	110			22 15	22 15
	Olive Branch	88			30 00	30 00
	Chorazin	190			8 50	8 50
	12 Cookstown	162			9 25	9 25
	Simcoe	161			9 75	9 75
	Bellance	89			29 25	29 25
	Naomi	116			10 00	10 00
	Orient	184			22 50	22 50
	Hillsburgh	167			9 50	9 55
	Samaritan	35			33 00	33 00
	Fidelity	55			28 50	28 50
	Bothwell	74	4 00			4 00
	Cambridge	188	2 75			2 75
	Huron	62			7 05	29 75
	Model	147			10 00	10 00
	18 Ridgeway	144			18 50	18 50
	Clinton	88			16 75	16 75
	Rose	28			8 00	8 00
	Maple Leaf	57			14 50	14 50
	Napence	86			17 00	17 00
	Bay of Quinte	143			11 00	11 00
	Palmerston	123			11 75	11 75
	Garnet	139			9 00	9 00
	Oakville	132			10 25	10 25
	Peaceful Dove	135			18 00	18 00
	Erie	33			11 00	11 00
	Barrie	63			8 75	8 75
	Hope	69			11 00	11 00
	Howard	58			87 25	87 25
	15 Stella	125			7 25	7 25
	Saxon	121			8 50	8 50
	Ivy	80			19 00	19 00
	Britannia	198	80 00			80 00
						80 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
Jan. 15	Alpha	154		5 58	8 75	14 33
" "	Marion	131		7 50	.....	7 50
	Florence Nightingale	98		.....	13 50	13 50
	Western Star	66		.....	25 75	25 75
	Howick	149		.....	12 00	12 00
	Beaver	192		.....	4 25	4 25
	Cobourg	72		.....	10 75	10 75
	Nipissing	136		5 63	13 25	18 88
	Gore	79		.....	18 25	18 25
16	Rond Eau	34		.....	28 00	28 00
	Friendship	40		.....	18 00	18 00
	Teeswater	65		.....	23 00	23 00
	Denovo	183		.....	8 50	8 50
	Penetangore	170		.....	10 75	10 75
	Walkerton	172		.....	21 50	21 50
	Valley City	84		.....	15 75	15 75
	Reliance	117		.....	18 25	18 25
	Kingston	89		80 00	.....	30 00
	Waterloo	59		8 15	.....	8 15
17	Concord	106		.....	20 25	20 25
	Milton	142		.....	10 75	10 75
	St. Marys	92		.....	13 75	13 75
	Montana	36		1 75	82 50	84 25
	Ark	177		.....	7 00	7 00
	Maitland	181		.....	5 50	5 50
18	Mystic	119		.....	12 25	12 25
	Dresden	128		.....	11 50	11 50
	Frontier	124		.....	18 00	18 00
	Live Oak	45		6 78	41 75	48 53
	The Toronto	185		.....	6 75	6 75
	Wilday	71		.....	27 50	27 50
	Listowell	153		.....	7 50	7 50
	Glencoe	160		.....	12 25	12 25
	Western City	133		.....	9 75	9 75
	Dolman	98		.....	14 25	14 25
	Germania	178		.....	8 75	8 75
	Oriental	174		.....	9 25	9 25
	Fergus	163		.....	7 75	7 75
19	Vivian	73		.....	19 00	19 00
	Excelsior	146		.....	6 00	6 00
20	Danney	44		.....	43 75	43 75
	Warriner	176		.....	10 75	10 75
	Western Star	75		.....	18 50	18 50
	St. Thomas	149		.....	0 50	0 50
22	Belleville	76		6 00	33 25	44 25
	Mador	81		.....	28 75	28 75
		179		.....	5 50	5 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
Jan.	22 Peaceful Dove	135		0 75	.....	0 75
"	" Mizpah	137		4 75	14 50	19 25
"	" North Star	68		.....	11 50	11 50
"	" Sycamore	151		.....	10 75	10 75
"	25 Ancestor	138		.....	8 25	8 25
"	" Livingston	130		.....	46 00	46 00
"	26 Victoria	84		.....	28 00	28 00
"	27 Amity	80		0 15	.....	0 15
"	" Gore	34		1 75	.....	1 75
"	30 Forest City	85		68 50	.....	68 50
"	" Jarvis	191		35 43	.....	35 43
"	" Parry Sound	189		1 75	.....	1 75
"	" Royal Oak	108		.....	4 65	4 65
"	81 Scotia	199	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
"	" Mt. Zion	46		.....	5 25	5 25
"	" Otter	50		.....	26 25	26 25
"	" Trenton	113		18 35	.....	18 35
Feb.	1 Jarvis	191		.....	5 00	5 00
"	" Sutton	168		.....	10 00	10 00
"	2 Oak Leaf	159		1 63	.....	1 63
"	3 Bissell	51		.....	83 25	83 25
"	6 Oswego	166		.....	2 80	2 80
"	7 St. Clair	106		.....	19 50	19 50
"	9 Albert	194		.....	4 75	4 75
"	12 Peterboro	111		.....	13 50	13 50
"	" Lennington	140		.....	19 00	19 00
"	14 Weston	300	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
"	" The Toronto	71		3 50	.....	3 50
"	15 Eastern Star	72		.....	84 50	84 50
"	16 Scotia	199		26 22	.....	26 22
"	19 Oak Leaf	159		1 35	.....	1 35
"	21 Queen City of Ontario	56		.....	54 50	54 50
"	26 Victor	193		.....	10 50	10 50
"	" Grand River	91		3 63	.....	3 63
"	27 Maple Leaf	57		3 00	.....	3 00
"	" Valley City	117		50	.....	50
Mar.	1 Peaceful Dove	135		13	.....	13
"	7 Gananoque	114		.....	8 25	8 25
"	8 Covenant	52		1 20	.....	1 20
"	9 Howard	58		1 50	.....	1 50
"	12 Montana	177		1 50	.....	1 50
"	14 Expense account .....			.....	.....	6 00
"	" Silver Star	202	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
"	15 Beacon	201	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
"	" Oakville	132		2 75	.....	2 75
"	" Niagara Falls	53		3 00	.....	3 00
"	16 Garnet	139		1 00	.....	1 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.	17 Valley City.....	117				
"	26 Dominion.....	48		1 00		1 00
"	Owen Sound.....	180		3 00	49 00	49 00
"	Minerva.....	197				3 00
"	Acton.....	204	30 00	36 23		36 23
29	Pembroke.....	203	30 00			30 00
April 3	Dresden.....	124		1 26		30 00
"	Ahram.....	205	30 00			1 26
"	Owen Sound.....	180		50		30 00
"	St. Marys.....	36		3 00		50
"	7 Orient.....	134		3 00		3 00
"	10 Jarvis.....	191		31 48		3 00
"	18 Bay of Quinte.....	143		6 38		31 48
"	17 Waterloo.....	107		50		6 38
"	18 Beacon.....	201		38 70		50
"	Clinton.....	83		3 00		38 70
"	19 Degree Lodge Kingston..	72	5 00			3 00
"	23 Eastern Star.....	151		6 00		5 00
May 2	Sycamore.....	29		3 60		6 00
"	4 Chatham.....	111		3 15		3 60
"	5 Peterboro.....	69		13		3 15
"	Kingston.....	110		1 05		13
"	11 Laurel.....	174		3 00		1 05
"	17 Dolman.....	53		3 00		3 00
"	18 Niagara Falls.....	198		38 35		3 00
"	21 Florence.....	180		31 63		38 35
24	Livingstone.....	91		7 25		31 63
June 2	Grand River.....	71		1 50		7 25
"	The Toronto.....	56		3 00		1 50
"	8 Queen City of Ontario..	147		6 00		3 00
"	19 Model.....	206	30 00	2 75		6 00
"	20 Silver City.....	35				2 75
"	25 Samaritan.....	63		1 75		80 00
"	Bhrie.....			4 50		1 75
"	W. D. Gordon.....			1 00		4 50
"	Bothwell.....	74			10 75	1 00
June 29	Queen City of Ontario..	56		9 00		10 75
"	Western City.....	93		1 50		9 00
"	Florence Nightingale..	66		4 75		1 50
July 2	Gore.....	34		5 25	27 25	4 75
"	3 Orion.....	109		5 04		27 25
"	4 Union.....	16				5 04
"	Harmony.....	115			67 00	67 00
"	Romeo.....	164			12 00	12 00
"	Wardsville.....	60			17 25	17 25
"	Pt Stanley.....	95		0 25	6 75	7 00
"	Aurora.....	148		3 00	12 75	15 75
"					10 75	10 75

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
"	5 Covenant.....	52		1 00	58 25	59 25
	Durham.....	78		3 75	19 50	23 25
	Listowell.....	160			12 50	12 50
	Bertie.....	150			14 25	14 25
	Charity.....	129		0 25		0 25
	Howard.....	58			37 25	37 25
	Charity.....	129			7 00	7 00
	6 Sycamore.....	151		10 25	11 50	21 75
	Lucan.....	70			14 00	14 00
	Cambridge.....	188			7 75	7 75
	Fidelity.....	55			30 25	30 25
	Bissell.....	51			31 25	31 25
	Avon.....	41		4 75	54 75	59 50
	Alpha.....	154			8 75	8 75
	Beaver.....	82			12 00	12 00
	Chatham.....	29			38 75	38 75
	Florence Nightingale.....	68			23 50	23 50
	Cookstown.....	162			8 50	8 50
	Allston.....	171			10 00	10 10
	Grand River.....	91			26 25	26 25
	Huron.....	62		4 50	26 75	31 25
	Bothwell.....	74		4 20	11 00	15 20
	Mt. Zion.....	46			6 75	7 75
	Ridgetown.....	144			11 50	11 50
	Olive Branch.....	88			30 75	30 75
	7 Peaceful Dove.....	135			14 75	14 75
	Manilla.....	105			10 50	10 50
	Unity.....	47			59 00	59 00
	Germania.....	184		4 50	11 50	16 00
	Nipissing.....	79			20 50	20 50
	9 Silver Star.....	292			3 25	3 25
	Golden Star.....	101			26 75	26 75
	Empire.....	87			33 00	33 00
	Palmerston.....	123			12 25	12 25
	Brougham.....	155			6 25	6 25
	Emerald.....	173			8 50	8 50
	Lorne.....	175			9 00	9 00
	Amity.....	80		2 48	28 75	31 23
	Bay of Quinte.....	143			13 00	13 00
	Lindsay.....	100		1 50	13 75	15 25
	Scotia.....	199		8 25	5 50	13 75
	Western Star.....	149		2 19	14 00	16 19
	Niagara Falls.....	53			26 00	26 00
	Trenton.....	113			6 75	6 75
	Eureka.....	30			69 50	69 50
	Mizpah.....	127			15 50	15 50
	Riverside.....	145		3 50	15 75	19 25

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
	9 Dolman	175			11 50	11 50
	9 Hayden	152			9 50	9 50
	9 Doseonto	102			10 00	10 00
	9 Brock	9			35 50	35 50
	9 St. Lawrence	157			14 75	14 75
	9 Stella	125			6 50	6 50
	9 Beacon	201			7 00	7 00
	9 Weston	200				
10	Excelsior	44	34 85			34 85
	Crescent	104			38 50	38 50
	Owen Sound	180			30 50	30 50
	Hillsburg	167			7 50	7 50
	Minto	98			7 00	7 00
	Dominion	48		9 00	16 75	16 75
	W. F. Howell			3 00		9 00
	Queen City of Ontario	56				3 00
	Florence	196			46 25	46 25
	Western City	98			5 50	5 50
	Beethoven	165			14 25	14 25
	Britannia	198			9 00	9 00
11	The Toronto	71			3 75	3 75
	Streetsville	122			29 75	29 75
	Orton	100			12 25	12 25
	Vivian	146			15 75	15 75
	Model	147			6 75	6 75
	Chorazin	190			10 25	10 25
	Oxford	77	0 25		9 00	9 00
	Cypress	187			27 50	27 75
	Penetangore	172			8 75	8 75
	Lucknow	112	1 50		22 50	24 00
	Denovo	170			14 75	14 75
	Nahram	205			11 50	11 50
	Kingston	50			4 50	4 50
	Jugie	191			33 50	33 50
	Wellington Square	178			6 25	6 25
	Livingstone	130			10 75	10 75
	Tecumseh	182			45 00	45 00
	Samaritan	35			5 25	5 25
	Mystic	128			39 75	39 75
	Oakville	132			9 50	9 50
	Ark	181			10 50	10 50
	Unlon	16	3 50		6 25	6 25
	Aylmer	84				3 50
	St. Lawrence	187	6 20		13 75	19 75
	Eastern Star	72	0 38			0 38
	Milton	92			36 00	36 00
	Weston	200			12 00	12 00
					4 75	4 75

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1677.	Pyramid	156		2 25	14 75	17 00
	Friendship	65			25 00	25 00
	Sydenham Valley	120			14 00	14 00
	Fidelity	55		3 15		3 15
18	Marion	131			7 25	7 25
	Waterloo	107		0 35	23 25	23 60
	St. Thomas	76		5 70	41 25	46 95
	Danncy	176			10 75	10 75
	Live Oak	185			7 75	7 75
	Orient	134			21 00	21 00
	Simcoe	161			8 90	8 90
	Garnet	134			11 50	11 50
	Rose	28			7 50	7 50
	Frontier	45	16 00		42 00	58 00
	Dresden	124			17 75	17 75
	Constellation	85	0 95		9 75	10 70
	Learnington	140	1 00		11 25	12 25
	Sutton	168			10 50	10 50
	Naomi	116			10 50	10 50
	Parry Sound	189			8 00	8 00
	Albert	194	31 25		11 75	43 00
	Progress	158	1 00		21 25	22 25
14	Teeswater	183			10 25	10 25
	Gananoque	114	0 25		9 75	10 00
	Nith	96	0 25		15 00	15 25
	Thamesville	157			8 50	8 50
	Glencoe	133			10 00	10 00
	Peabody	99	0 50		5 75	6 25
	Warriner	75			31 25	31 25
	Fergus	73			17 00	17 00
	Silver City	206			3 00	3 00
	Walkerton	84	2 00		15 00	17 00
	Milton	92	0 75			0 75
	Napanee	86			19 50	19 50
	Madoc	179			8 50	8 50
	Peterboro'	111			13 37	13 37
	Collingwood	54			12 25	12 25
	Stephen	169			8 00	8 00
	Bellance	89	0 50		29 50	30 00
16	Erle	83	1 47		10 25	11 72
	Capital	141			9 25	9 25
	Concord	142			10 51	10 50
	Maple Leaf	57			16 25	16 25
	Rond Eau	40	5 75		12 25	18 00
	Corinthian	61	0 25		37 41	37 25
	Forest City	38			65 25	65 25
	Albert	193			18 75	18 75

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
	17 Oak Leaf.....	159		.....	12 00	12 00
	North Star.....	78		.....	11 00	11 00
	Cobourg.....	136		.....	13 85	13 85
	Belleville.....	81		.....	32 25	32 25
	Cicerone.....	195		38 88	.....	38 88
	18 Hope.....	89		.....	11 50	11 50
	Howick.....	192		.....	5 50	5 50
	Montana.....	177		.....	7 00	7 00
	Valley City.....	117		.....	14 50	14 50
	Barrie.....	83		.....	12 25	12 25
		27	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
	19 Dorninton.....	48		.....	50 25	50 50
	Victoria.....	84		6 63	21 50	28 13
	Cataract.....	108		.....	12 25	12 25
	Cicerone.....	175		.....	3 0	3 00
	Ivy.....	90		.....	2 75	20 25
	Dufferin.....	186		.....	3 50	3 50
	Minerva.....	197		.....	4 75	4 75
	Ancaster.....	188		.....	7 00	7 00
	Willey.....	153		.....	8 50	8 50
	20 Canada.....	49		.....	65 75	65 75
	Cataract.....	10		12 05	19 50	31 55
	St. Marys.....	86		.....	37 25	37 25
	Saxon.....	121		.....	10 25	10 25
	Laurel.....	110		0 35	21 00	21 35
	Oswego.....	186		2 20	4 75	6 95
	Oriental.....	168		8 50	8 50	15 00
	St. Clair.....	168		.....	18 50	18 50
	23 Acton.....	204		34 70	6 25	40 95
	Howick.....	192		1 90	.....	1 90
	Interest.....					96 64
			545 00	1208 72	4081 42	1397547

SUPPLEMENTARY RECEIPTS.

Since closing the books the following amounts have been received :

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Per Cap. Tax.	Total.
1877.						
July	23 Abiram.....	205		86 30	.....	86 30
	Maitland.....	119		.....	11 00	11
	Sarnia.....	126		1 20	16 00	17 20
	24 Exeter.....	67		.....	12	12
	Gore.....	34		8	.....	8
	Other.....	54		1 25	26 75	28 "
	St. Marys.....	56		1	1	2
	Penetangore.....	172		1 50	.....	1 50
				44 25	66 75	111 40

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report which was referred to the Finance Committee :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

RECEIPTS.

1876,	Aug. 4, By cash on hand.....	\$6093 40
"	" received from Grand Secretary.....	7749 14
"	" late Grand Treasurer's account.....	86 27
"	By Interest.....	96 66
		\$18975 47

EXPENDITURE.

To orders accounts of D. D. G. M. Expenses.....		\$ 490 13
"	" Printing and Stationery	1068 46
"	" Appeal costs.....	12 00
"	" Auditors.....	86 00
"	" Special Committees.....	81 ⁰⁰ 60
"	" M. W. G. M. expenses account.....	20 00
"	" Special Session Executive Com.....	27 90
"	" Grand Secretary's salary	700 00
"	" Mileage and Per Diem.....	8676 40
"	" G. L. U. S. for Tax and Supplies.....	828 09
"	" Office rent.....	75 00
"	" Grand Treasurer's salary.....	100 00
"	" Expense.....	254 01
"	" Donation to St. John.....	400 00
		\$7769 59
Aug. 1st, 1877, Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....		\$6205 88

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BADENACH,
Grand Treasurer.

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1876 77
IN DETAIL.

1876.

Aug. 4, Warrant No. 1, By Fife Fowler, D. D. G. M.....	\$ 7 00
" " 2, do A. McFee	33 00
" " 3, do R. Warriner.....	20 05
" " 4, do W. J. Heyward.....	40 00
" " 5, do J. Dodimead.....	15 90
" " 6, do J. Coulston.....	21 70
" " 7, do L. Ferguson.....	30 75
" " 8, do G. D. McKay.....	21 50
" " 9, do J. McNut.....	16 00
" " 10, do R. Allan.....	32 48
" " 11, do W. Jaffery.....	25 06
" " 12, do G. W. Jessup.....	28 85
" " 13, do D. A. Ferguson.....	7 00
" " 14, do W. N. Ford.....	29 00
" " 15, do W. C. Trimble & Co., Printing...	51 50
" " 16, do Excelsior Lodge, Appeal Costs	12 00
" " 17, do Hu Blain, Auditor.....	21 00
" " 18, do A. R. Narraway, ".....	15 00
" " 19, do Special Com. on Constitution...	39 40
" " 20, do " " Laws of Subor- dinates	42 20
" " 21, do Grand Master, Expense account	20 00
" " 22, do Dr Wright, G.R., special Session	3 40
" " 23, do J. T. Hornbrook, D. G. M.....	13 40
" " 24, do J. B. King, G. S., Expenses ac- count re late Grand Treasurer...	21 10
" " 25, do J. Henry, D. D. G. M.....	14 50
" " 26, do C. B. Stevens, ".....	14
" " 27, do A. R. Narraway, assistant, G.S.	10
" " 28, do J. S. McMahon, D. D. G. M.....	19 00
" " 29, do J. E. Johnston, ".....	31 70
" " 30, do A. S. Gillet, ".....	23 50
" " 31, do Salary to late Geo. Irwin, Grand Treasurer	42 00
" " 32, do A. P. Friesman, O. G. Grand Lodge.....	8 00
" " 33, do Office Rent, Grand Secretary...	75 00
" " 34, do W. Badenach, Grand Treasurer	20 83
" 16 " 35, do Josh. T. Johnston, Printing...	30 75
" " 36, do Mileage and Per Diem.....	3676 40

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

1913

Aug. 21,	Warrant No. 37, By G. L. U. S. Tax and Supplies...	654 63
" 29	" 38, do M. D. Dawson, Printing.	10 50
" 31	" 39, do Grand Secretary, Expenses Duties, &c.....	25 39
Sep. 30	" 40, do G. F. Sproule, Envelopes	8 20
"	" 41, do Josh. T. Johnston, Printing.....	180 48
Nov. 11	" 42, do " " " "	200 77
" 30	" 44, do A. D. Clement, Postage.....	43 75
"	" 45, do Grand Secretary, Expense ac- count	29 00
Dec. 15	" 46, do W. C. Trimble & Co. Printing Journal	425 65
1877.		
Jan. 12	" 47, do Montgomery & Cuff, Printing... ..	23 00
" 22	" 48, do Josh. T. Johnston, do	19 00
" 31	" 49, do Grand Secretary, Expense ac- count	33 37
Feb. 20	" 50, do J. L. Ridgley, 500 Odes.....	24 00
" 26	" 51, do J. Sutherland, Stationery.....	17 50
" 27	" 52, do Josh. T. Johnston, Printing.....	24 00
" 28	" 53, do Grand Secretary, Expense ac- count	13 34
Mar. 7	" 54, do Late Grand Treasurer, salary	36 27
" 31	" 55, do Grand Secretary; Expense.....	21 96
Apl. 19	" 56, do W. C. Trimble & Co., Printing and Stationery	39 25
" 30	" 57, do Johnston & VanNorman, Print- ing and Stationery..	34 50
"	" 58, do Grand Secretary, Expense ac't	14 71
" 6	" 56x, J. L. Ridgley, Supplies.....	78 19
May 10	" 59, do do do	32 97
" 21	" 60, do G. F. Sproule, Envelopes.....	9 00
" 31	" 61, do Grand Secretary, Expense ac't	7 18
June 7	" 62, do J. L. Ridgley, Supplies.....	38 30
" 30	" 63, do Grand Secretary, Expense.....	18 60
"	" 64, do Draft for Donation to St. John's	400 00
July 9	" 65, do J. Sutherland, Stationery.....	21 36
" 24	" 66, do J. S. King, Salary as Grand Secretary	700 00
" 19	" 67, do Josh. T. Johnston, Printing.....	23 00
" 20	" 68, do Grand Secretary, Expense.....	30 80

\$7769 59

Grand Representative Geo. Wright, from the Special Committee on "Dues and Benefits," presented the following majority report, which was laid on the table:—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BRO. MCGREGOR'S CIRCULAR.

Your Committee, to whom was referred, by resolution passed by this R. W. Grand Lodge at its last session, the consideration of the important circular as to readjustment of the fees, submitted by Bro. A. McGregor, of Covenant Lodge, having carefully considered the same, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the present basis upon which dues and benefits are regulated, in most if not all the Lodges of this jurisdiction is unsatisfactory and misleading. They find, upon careful inquiry, that, upon such basis as that which now obtains, the time is almost certain to come when the Lodges will not be able to meet all their financial obligations. They have no hesitation, therefore, in recommending that a scheme shall be adopted as speedily as may be, which will be at once more equitable with regard to the membership, and will greater certainty secure, to the utmost limit, all the objects contemplated in the establishment of the *beneficial* element of our institution.

There are two leading methods by which your Committee think that this readjustment of dues and benefits might be accomplished: Either the amounts for initiation might be graduated uniformly from the age of 21 upwards, as per circular of Bro. McGregor, or a *similar* principle might be applied to the quarterly dues. Your Committee are favorable to the scheme as elaborated in this circular. They think, for instance, that the same fee for initiation between the ages of 21 and 30 years is not an equitable arrangement; nor will it effectually secure all the objects of the benefit system. They regard this feature of the adjustment of fees as the most objectionable; but they also think that the entire scheme might undergo such a modification as would more perfectly equalize the burden among the membership. Your Committee, after much thought upon the subject, are strongly impressed with the justice of the system by which an increase is made in the initiation fee proportionate to the increase of the risk incurred by each additional year of life. For example, if \$8 be the correct fee at the age of 21, it is estimated that the risk at 22 is increased in the sum of 64 cents, at 23, in the sum of \$1.31; and so on until the end of life.

It is recommended upon the adoption of this scheme of Bro. McGregor, that the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, now very inadequately sustained, should receive, in addition to one-fifth of the quarterly dues, some portion of

the initiation fee. Your Committee are fully satisfied that the amount now set apart for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund will, at no distant day, prove altogether inadequate to meet the claims upon it. Suppose, for example, that \$1.20, or one-fifth of the quarterly dues is appropriated to the Widows' and Orphan's Fund, it will be necessary, in order successfully to meet the liability, also to reserve from the initiation fee an amount proportionate to the increased risk incurred by each additional year in the age of the member. It is found upon the most careful actuarial calculation, that at the age of 22 years, the sum of 51 cents, in addition to the \$1.20, will be requisite to meet the present liability upon the fund for the support of the widows and orphans of deceased members.

After a careful comparison of the merits of the scheme as set forth in Bro. McGregor's circular, with that by which the necessary addition is proposed to be made to the quarterly dues, your Committee feel bound to indicate their decided preference for that of Bro. McGregor, and from the following considerations: Granting that both schemes would be alike effectual in realizing the purposes contemplated—a very doubtful proposition, in the estimation of your Committee—that by which the addition of fractional parts of a dollar would be made to the initiation fee, and not to the quarterly dues, strikes your Committee as most desirable. In either case the calculation of these fractional amounts is somewhat perplexing. But it must be apparent that the scheme which renders these calculations necessary less frequently, ought, other things being equal, to command our preference. Then, to the proposed initiate, the scheme by which a uniformly graded initiation fee is required, will appear less formidable, for the reason that, when once paid, it is paid for all time to come; and so far as his dues are concerned he will stand on precisely the same footing as his younger brother, no matter what the disparity of age. Moreover, the Lodge, by this scheme, gains more through the lapses of older than by those of younger brethren, while it will have received all that will be necessary to meet any subsequent contingencies when each brother is initiated. Whereas, in the grading according to age is put upon the quarterly dues, members will soon feel it a hardship to be placed upon an apparent inequality with their brethren, and may soon become disheartened and drop out, and thus valuable membership may, in some cases, be sacrificed, and the necessary addition to the fund lost.

The following is a complete exemplification, from actuarial calculations of the scheme as proposed in Brother McGregor's circular, a careful study of which will show the reserves that should be provided from the initiation, fee, and the entire amount of the fee at the different ages between 21 and 50 years:

COMPONENT PARTS OF THE INITIATION FEE.

Age	1—For General or level purposes	2—Reserve on W. and O. Fund \$100.	3—Reserve on Burial Fund \$80.	4—Initiation Fee.	5—Initiation Fee Regulated.
21	\$6 00				
22	6 00				
23	6 00	\$ 61	\$ 15	\$6 00	\$6 00
24	6 00	1 05	32	6 66	6 65
25	6 00	1 60	48	7 37	7 35
26	6 00	2 18	65	8 08	8 10
27	6 00	2 78	83	8 88	8 85
28	6 00	3 41	1 02	9 60	9 60
29	6 00	4 05	1 22	11 27	10 45
30	6 00	4 73	1 42	12 15	11 25
31	6 00	5 43	1 63	13 08	12 15
32	6 00	6 16	1 85	14 01	13 05
33	6 00	6 91	2 07	14 98	14 00
34	6 00	7 70	2 31	15 91	15 00
35	6 00	8 51	2 55	16 01	16 00
36	6 00	9 36	2 81	17 06	17 05
37	6 00	10 24	3 07	18 17	18 15
38	6 00	11 16	3 35	19 31	19 30
39	6 00	12 11	3 63	20 51	20 50
40	6 00	13 10	3 93	22 08	21 75
41	6 00	14 13	4 24	24 37	23 00
42	6 00	15 21	4 56	25 77	24 85
43	6 00	16 33	4 90	27 23	25 75
44	6 00	17 49	5 24	28 73	27 25
45	6 00	18 70	5 61	30 31	28 75
46	6 00	19 95	5 99	31 94	30 30
47	6 00	21 22	6 37	33 59	31 95
48	6 00	22 53	6 76	35 29	33 60
49	6 00	23 88	7 16	37 04	35 30
50	6 00	25 25	7 58	38 83	37 00
51	6 00	26 66	8 00	40 66	38 80
		28 09	8 43	42 52	40 65
					42 50

The annual cost of \$100, which represents the Widows' and Orphans' Fund at age 21 is \$1.20, and that of the Burial Fund 86 cents. At age 22, 51 cents on hand, and \$1.20 cents a year, will carry a risk of \$100; at age 23, \$1.05 on hand and \$1.20 a year, will carry a risk of \$100; at age 40, \$14.13 on hand and \$1.20 a year will carry a risk of \$100; and so on at all ages.

The same rule will apply to the Burial Fund in the third column. The Burial Fund is a portion of the General Fund, and is allowed to take care of itself. If \$6 at initiation and \$10 for degrees and \$4.34 each year in dues will meet all general benefits and expenses at any or all ages, there will be left from the dues \$1.20 for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and 36 cents for the Burial Fund, and 10 cents to be added to the two latter, because the dues are receivable quarterly instead of at the beginning of the year. It will be

seen from what is already shown, that persons joining at greater ages than 21, require a reserve equal to that shown in the second and third columns, and which is included in the initiation fee.

It will be observed that, in the above table, the calculations are based upon a reserve of \$80 instead of \$25, as found in the circular. More careful calculation since the circular was prepared, has convinced your Committee that \$80 more accurately represents the probable requirements of that part of the general benefit fund.

Your Committee are extremely desirous that some system which would be an improvement upon that at present in operation, should be adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge; and they have no hesitation in recommending the scheme submitted to their consideration as altogether preferable to any other with which they are acquainted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WRIGHT,
HUGH BLAIN,
L. MCFARLANE,
W. D. GORDON.

Deputy Grand Master C. T. Campbell, from the same Committee, presented the following minority report, which was also laid on the table:—

REPORT OF A MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE ON DUES AND BENEFITS.

BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

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

A minority of your Committee on Dues and Benefits, unable to agree with all the conclusions of the majority, would respectfully submit the following report:—

The reference to your Committee of a scheme proposing alterations in the system of dues and benefits hitherto adopted by many of our Lodges, necessarily involves the consideration of two important questions, viz: Is our old system of dues and benefits satisfactory? If not, what plan shall we substitute for it?

To the first question your Committee can give a unanimous answer in the negative. The old hap-hazard system was not and is not a safe one. Crude in its original inception—framed without any data upon which it

could be properly constructed—regardless of the laws of sickness and mortality—it is no matter of surprise that, with all the improvements succeeding years have made, Lodges have so frequently failed to meet their engagements, and have become bankrupt.

In England it was found necessary to make the financial basis of benefit societies the subject of legislation. The Manchester Unity—the parent of our own Order—had drawn near to the gates of insolvency. But through the interference of Parliament a new state of affairs was introduced; statistics were collected; the aid of experienced actuaries obtained; proper tables of dues and benefits compiled; and, as a result, that society stands to-day the most solvent institution of the kind in existence. The old system of the Manchester Unity was the same as that now in force among the great mass of the Lodges of our Order; and the experience of the Manchester Unity will be our experience unless we take advantage of the knowledge it has gained, and adopt remedies similar to those it has adopted.

The great mistake we have been making has been in placing all our members on an exact equality as to dues and benefits regardless of age. Were we simply a charitable society that might be permissible; but with our mutual benefit system—which is nothing more than a form of insurance—it would certainly appear to be the height of folly for us to disregard those laws of sickness and mortality upon which depends so largely the claims made on our treasuries.

The disbursements of a Lodge are of three kinds: 1st, *Working Expenses*, which can always be kept within due bounds by the exercise of a wise economy; 2d, *Charity*, which depends alike on the extent of our funds and the fervency of our sympathies; for we cannot spend more than we have, and we are not obliged to give more than we choose; 3d, *Benefits*, which are fixed by our by-laws, and the payment of which cannot be avoided without going into insolvency and bringing disgrace upon the Order.

Thus, while two of these forms of expenditure are under our control at all times, and can be regulated by the extent of our finances, the third is of a more fixed nature, and has to be provided for before the claims are actually presented. Hitherto that provision has not been properly made, for the reason that the plan upon which most of our Lodges have worked has been imperfect and unjust. In the words of the report of the Special Committee of the G. L. U. S. on this subject in 1873 (Journal p. 5903) the mistake we have made in the past has been "in not graduating dues according to age at entrance, and in not recognizing the laws of sickness and mortality prevailing in the locality."

These two elements must of necessity be taken into consideration. The claim for benefits increases with age. As far as the funeral benefits and the

widow's annuity are concerned no one denies this fact. Though the life of an individual is uncertain, there is nothing more certain than the average in 100,000 lives. Statistics upon this point are abundant. From them those tables of mortality are compiled which form the basis of our modern life insurance, and without attention to which no insurance association would be recognized or could exist.

But the largest claim upon our funds is made for sick benefits, and the question may arise in the minds of some whether this claim also increases with age. The most valuable statistics on this subject come to us from England. They are to be found in the *Vital Statistics* of Nelson, published in 1840, covering the experience of 1,147,000 years of about 200,000 lives; in the tables of the M. U., prepared by their Secretary, Ratcliffe, comprising about 200,000 lives for the three years ending in 1848; and in those of Finlaison, which were deduced from the quinquennial returns received by the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Britain for the term ending Dec. 31, 1850.

In 1858 a report was made to the G. I. U. S. by a Special Committee which tabulated the experience of the English societies and also of our own Order, in so far as the latter were obtainable. This session our Grand Secretary presents you with the record of about 10,000 lives for the year 1876 in the Province of Ontario—the first attempt ever made by any one to discover the rate of sickness in this country. These statistics are here presented in comparison with each other, showing in decades of years the average of sickness in weeks and decimals for one person.

Ages.	Sickness in weeks for one year.				
	Nelson.	Ratcliffe.	Finlaison.	G. I. U. S.	Ontario
26—35	.91	.82	.96	.47	.39
36—45	1.21	1.10	1.19	.88	.48
46—55	2.02	1.91	1.68	1.29	.65
56—65	4.89	4.62	2.84	3.10	2.72
66—75	14.77	10.24	6.78		6.43

The variations in these different tables may be accounted for from these facts: Nelson's conclusions were drawn from lives of all classes, which would bring the rate higher than in selected lives, such as are to be found in Odd Fellows' Societies; besides which, in 1840, the date of his investigations, the rate of sickness was much greater than at present. Finlaison shows a lower rate than either Nelson or Ratcliffe, from the fact that he excluded miners, colliers and sailors from his calculations on account of their more dangerous occupations. It will be seen that from the age of 55

upwards the statistics in Ontario show a remarkable similarity to those of Finlaison, while they embrace the same class of lives. The lower rate which we show in the younger ages is doubtless owing to the fact that nine-tenths of the membership of Ontario have been added to us during the last ten years after careful selection—in most cases dependent on a medical examination; and, as a consequence, the sickness is probably much less than could be depended on for a general average. But with all their variations these estimates and conclusions agree on the general principle that sickness increases with age as surely as does the liability to death.

Further evidence can be found by referring to the statistics of Ohio and Pennsylvania, the two largest jurisdictions. From the returns of the Ohio Lodges for 1875 we learn that the average of time for which benefits were paid was, for the entire membership, .441 of a week per member; for lodges over thirty years old it was .685, and for those over forty years it was 1.221.

The Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania gives a table of Lodges in series of fifties and hundreds, showing the same steady increase of sickness with age. For 1876, with a membership of 91,738, while the general average was 644 of a week, the rate for the fifty oldest Lodges was 1,215—nearly double. Taking these ~~sixty~~ fifty Lodges we find that their average in 1873 was .982, in 1874, .982; in 1875, 1.074; in 1876, 1.215.

The plan upon which most of the Lodges of our Order have hitherto worked failing to take these important elements into consideration, has been of necessity defective; and it is no wonder that in this jurisdiction, as well as in others, we find some of the older Lodges burdened with a weight of beneficiary claims startling in their extent, and awakening the most serious forebodings. In the younger Lodges the evil is not yet noticeable. Their members are young and healthy; they have little sickness and few deaths; the current of popular favor adds to their strength and their wealth; and it is easy for them to accumulate money for a time, even though their financial system is unsound. But it will only require the life of a generation to elapse for them to feel the burden as heavily as do the older Lodges, and possibly heavier. Let us note the fact, that while the average relief expenditure of the Lodges in Ontario is only about 20 per cent. of their income from all sources, in the older Lodges it reaches 50, 60, and sometimes 80 per cent. We cannot see clearly the actual liabilities of a Lodge until it has attained the age of one generation—say thirty years. Unfortunately for purposes of comparison there are only two Lodges in Ontario of that age. Let us turn, however, to last year's proceedings, and take the returns of all the Lodges over twenty years—nine in number. Their transactions per member compared with the remaining 147 Lodges will be seen as follows:—

	Members.	Receipts	Week's Benefits.	Deaths.	Relief of Brothers.	Relief of Widows.	Burying Dead.	Charity.	Total Relief.	Total Expense.
9 Lodges ..	1610	\$8.29	1695.01	\$1.81	\$1.16½	\$0.88½	\$0.08½	\$3.44½	\$5.28½	
147 Lodges ..	9712	9.40½	408.000	86½	19½	19½	16½	1.42½	5.78½	

Thus, while the older Lodges receive yearly per member \$1.11½ less than the younger, they spend for regular benefits alone about \$2.10 more. Were it not that nearly all of them own property, and thus have a revenue apart from their fees, some would have been bankrupt ere this; and what they may be in twenty years from now is not pleasant to anticipate.

Another practical hint may be drawn from the above comparison. The small sum of 8½ cents per member paid by the older Lodges for charity shows conclusively that, as the Lodges have advanced in years, the demands on their treasuries for benefits have been so great that they have not felt able to exercise to any extent that practical benevolence, without which Odd-Fellowship is little more than an insurance society.

It would be well if we could obtain some idea as to the probable expenditure of a Lodge when it has reached the age of maturity, say 40. This cannot be done with absolute certainty; but yet some idea may be gained by analyzing the transactions of the Order. We find from the experience of Ohio and Pennsylvania, the two largest jurisdictions, that the older Lodges are paying 1½ week's benefits to each member yearly. By collating the returns of the various jurisdictions for 1874 and 1875 (equivalent to about 1,000,000 lives for one year) we find that the expenditure for widows' annuities amounts to one-sixth of the expenditure for sick benefits; for funeral benefits one-fourth; for educating orphans one-fifty-sixth. Working expenses in Ontario in the older Lodges amount to \$1.84 per member, a high rate, but no higher than in the United States. There is also the charitable work of the Order—apart from its regular benefits; and 25 cents per member annually is the least amount commensurate with the character and duties of Odd-Fellowship. Now let us tabulate those items:—

Sick benefits (1½ week, \$3 per week)	\$3 75
Widows' annuities, one-sixth of above	62½
Funeral benefits, one-fourth	94
Educating orphans, one-fifty-sixth	6½
Expenses, say	1 62
Charity	25
	\$7 25

This amount, though we do not pretend to call it an absolutely correct estimate, is yet sufficiently near for all necessary purposes. That it is not an over-estimate is evident, from the fact that some of our older Lodges in Ontario are already paying out for relief and expenses over \$8 per member. But, supposing it a correct estimate, it does not represent the full amount a Lodge will require. No Lodge can be in a prosperous condition unless its income exceeds its expenditure; and considering the small membership of many of our Lodges, \$2 per member is little enough to place to the credit of a surplus fund.

We may anticipate, then, that in future years, for a Lodge to meet all its beneficiary claims, to pay its working expenses, to exercise charity as liberally as it should, and to accumulate a small surplus, it will require at least \$9 per member. To meet this it can depend with certainty only on its yearly dues. It may or may not draw something from Initiations, etc., but it can be only certain of dues. With \$6 or \$6.50, the amount charged for dues by most Lodges, it does not require any argument to show that insolvency is only a question of time. With all their receipts, dues, initiations, degrees, and interest from investments, our older Lodges at present only receive on the average \$8.29 per member.

To remedy the evils of this system your Committee have had referred to them a scheme drawn up with the sanction of the Toronto Lodges, which this Grand Lodge is asked to recommend to its Subordinates. An examination of this plan, however, shows it to be only the old plan in a slightly improved dress. A prominent feature of it provides for an alteration in the appropriation for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Admitting this to be an improvement, it is only a matter of book-keeping. Whether a man's money be in his right or left-hand pocket may affect his personal convenience, but does not affect his financial position. In what fund a Lodge places its money is of secondary importance so long as it has the money.

This modification in book-keeping is the main feature of the proposed plan. The general principle is the same that nearly ruled the M. U.; that has caused so many Lodges in America to fall, viz., the same yearly dues, no matter what the ages of the members may be, but grading to some extent the admission fee. In detail only it differs, in so far as the admission fee is graded for a yearly increase, while under the old plan the increase occurs usually in decades or semi-decades. Placing it in comparison with the fees charged by the Toronto Lodges it may be an improvement; but it so happens that Toronto is not the entire jurisdiction, and there are many Lodges in Ontario, even in the rural districts, whose fees for admission are much higher than have ever been charged by the Lodges in the Metropolis. Were they to adopt the plan under consideration they would be making a decidedly retrograde movement, for they would charge less than they do now.

The majority of our Lodges place their members on an equality, so far as benefits are concerned—the difference on account of degrees practically amounting to this, that the brother who has not taken the Scarlet does not get full benefits, for anything less than the amount paid Scarlet members is in many cases scarce worth calling benefits. The Lodge should, then, in justice to itself, draw from all its members an equal amount in fees and dues. Under the new plan proposed, as well as under the old, this is not done; because as is evident, the man who lives the longest will pay the most money.

Let us take an illustration. A and B—aged respectively 21 and 40 years—join a Lodge working under the new plan; the former will pay an admission fee of \$6, the latter \$23.67; each would pay \$6 per year for dues. But A would, on the average expectation of life, live 41½ years; B would only live 28. Consequently their payments would stand thus:—

A would pay $\$6 \times 41\frac{1}{2} = \$249 + \$6 = \255.00

B would pay $\$6 \times 28 = \$168 + \$23.67 = \$191.67.$

From these unequal payments they are promised the same pecuniary benefits. In reality, however, there would be inequality in the benefits as well as the dues; but the inequality is now in the other direction. Funeral benefits and widows' annuities may be considered equal; but not the sick benefits. A's 41½ years (expectation of life) will take him to the age of 82½; B's 28 years will take him to 68. Taking Williamson's tables of sickness (Journal G. L. U. S., 1853), which are a fair average, we find that A will likely have 51 weeks of sickness; B 82½. Thus, with a weekly benefit of \$3, A will receive \$153, and B \$248. Now, contrast the two cases—supposing them both to remain in good standing, and leaving out funeral and widows' benefits and charity, which we may consider equal—and we find:—

A pays \$255; receives back \$153; leaving to his credit \$102.

B pays \$191.63; receives \$248; overdrawing his account \$46.

Showing an inequality of nearly \$150 between these two members. After providing for funeral and widows' benefits, the Lodge will not make much out of A; and certainly will lose heavily on B.

It does not appear, then, that the scheme proposed by the Toronto Lodges would be a very profitable one; and it certainly would not be just.

A serious mistake in this scheme, and one which is visible on the surface, is, that it only provides for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, leaving the General Benefit Fund unaffected. But the disbursements for the relief of widows is only about one-tenth of the entire relief expenditure of the Order (see Journal G. L. U. S., pp. 6838-6851). More than that, the claim on the W. and O. Fund is not a liability which increases with age to any appreci-

able extent, so far as we can judge from the experience of the Order hitherto; while the claims on the General Benefit Fund for funeral and sick benefits do increase most emphatically. Referring again to the experience of Pennsylvania and Ohio, with a combined membership of 140,265, we find that the amount paid during the last year for widows and orphans was, for the entire membership, in round numbers, 64 cents per member, while for the fifty oldest Lodges in each State, instead of increasing, it was actually far less, being only 33 cents. On the other hand, the average sick rate of the entire membership .54 of a week, becomes one week in the fifty oldest Lodges; and the general average of 23 cents for funeral benefits becomes in the fifty oldest Lodges 95 cents.

The fact is, that the widow's annuity is the very claim for which, taken by itself, with our present knowledge, we are utterly unable to make any calculations. It is not like providing for an annuity at a certain age, as the author of the scheme submitted to your Committee appears to think. We cannot tell at what age the anticipated widow is to become an annuitant. Further, when she does become annuitant, nothing short of Infinite Presence can tell how long she will remain one. If it was till the day of her death, we could calculate the time with ease, but the element of matrimony comes in to confuse us; and no statistics have yet been compiled from which we can judge how long the widowhood of the average woman will last.

Herein is the great mistake of this plan, as well as the one of which it is a modification. It admits the principle that the older applicant should pay more than the younger, but it does not make him pay enough. With yearly dues at \$6, to return to our illustration, though B. pays \$17 more on his admission than A, there yet remains a difference of nearly \$150 between the two men. To ask B to pay the extra sum necessary to equalize them at his admission would be absurd. The only available plan would be to spread B's extra payment over a number of years, and make his dues proportionately larger than A's. In other words, while the admission fee might be left equal at all ages, the quarterly dues should be graded according to the age of the member when admitted. This method has been adopted by the M. U., and has made that body the most solvent bereft society in existence; it has received the approval of the Parliament of Great Britain, which requires all benefit societies in the old country to regulate their finances on this principle; it has been recommended year after year since 1873 by a Special Committee of the G. L. U. S., composed of some of the ablest men of that body; it has been adopted by quite a number of our Ontario Lodges, whose enlarging treasures already show its good effects; and, finally, it has been recommended by this Grand Lodge to its Subordinates in the Model Code of By-Laws adopted in 1875.

The table already approved by this Grand Lodge, which we reproduce as an appendix to this report, is drawn up on the simple basis of a comparative

equality of payments into the Lodge funds by the members. Were all the members of the age of 21, calculating according to the estimate on page 192, \$6 would be an ample sum for each to pay; and with this as a starting point, it is required that every man joining at a more advanced age shall pay an equivalent according to his expectation of life. For the convenience of quarterly payments the yearly amount is made divisible by four without fractions. As a consequence it varies in some years a few cents, more or less, from the strictly accurate figure; but this slight variation is more than counterbalanced by the greater simplicity thereby attained.

This is an efficient plan, for all will admit that it will increase the Lodge funds rapidly; it is a practicable plan, for not less than 8000 lodges of various kinds are working upon it to-day; and, if there be any truth in figures, it is certainly a just plan.

At present the supreme law gives Subordinate Lodges full control of their finances. Any action that this Grand Lodge might take on the question of dues and benefits would therefore be only commendatory—not mandatory. It has only made one recommendation two years ago; to make another, after so short a time, and while our statistics are still imperfect and incomplete, would scarcely be wise. But to take a backward step, and advise a return to our old system, or to a modification thereof, would, in the opinion of the undersigned, be folly.

The minority of your Committee cannot therefore recommend this Grand Lodge to approve any other system of dues and benefits than the one adopted in the Model Code at the session of 1875.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CL. T. CAMPBELL

BY-LAW RELATING TO QUARTERLY DUES IN MODEL CODE

Every person hereafter admitted into this Lodge shall pay into its funds—at or before the close of each quarterly term—according to his age at the time of admission, at the rate following, that is to say:—At the age of 21, \$6 per year; from 22 to 35 inclusive, an additional 12c. for each year; from 36 to 40 inclusive, an additional 20c. for each year; from 41 to 45 inclusive an additional 25c. for each year; and from 46 to 50 inclusive, an additional 30c. for each year.

TABLE OF QUARTERLY DUES.

Age when admitted.	Yearly rate.	Quarter's dues.	Age when admitted.	Yearly rate.	Quarter's dues.
21	\$ 6 00	\$1 50	36	\$ 7 88	\$1 97
22	6 12	1 53	37	8 08	2 02
23	6 24	1 56	38	8 28	2 07
24	6 36	1 59	39	8 48	2 12
25	6 48	1 62	40	8 68	2 17
26	6 60	1 65	41	8 88	2 24
27	6 72	1 68	42	9 24	2 31
28	6 84	1 71	43	9 52	2 38
29	6 96	1 74	44	9 80	2 45
30	7 08	1 77	45	10 08	2 52
31	7 20	1 80	46	10 44	2 61
32	7 32	1 83	47	10 80	2 70
33	7 44	1 86	48	11 16	2 79
34	7 56	1 89	49	11 52	2 88
35	7 68	1 92	50	11 88	2 97

—Journal G. L. Ontario, p. 1463.

The following letter was referred to the Committee on State of the Order :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario : BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

Desiring to obtain admittance to R. W. Grand Lodge now assembled, I have procured from Belleville Lodge, No. 81, I. O. O. F., my certificate as Past Grand and have paid all dues claimed by said Lodge, but the N. G. refuses to give me the Term P. W. upon the grounds that a fine of \$1 stands against me for not sitting up with a brother suffering from a contagious disease, viz., typhoid fever. I felt I would be doing myself an injury, when it was not necessary. I offered to pay for a nurse, but the offer was not accepted. The M. W. Grand Master suggested to the Lodge on his last visit here the advisability of remitting the fine, but the Lodge has refused to carry out his suggestion.

If I paid the fine, I feel I would be submitting to an injury, which I trust the R. W. Grand Lodge will not allow me or any other member to do.

I now request the R. W. Grand Lodge to allow me to enter.

I await their decision.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

ALBERT L. GEEN,
Past Grand.

P. S.—I wrote the foregoing expecting, as promised by the M. W. Grand Master and the N. G. of Belleville Lodge, to receive my certificate this morning, but now the M. W. Grand Master tells me I have no right to it. If I cannot be admitted, I ask what course I am to pursue to obtain my rights?

The following resolution, moved by Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by Thos. Partridge, P. G. M., was adopted :—

Resolved,—That a Committee, to be styled the Judiciary Committee, and to consist of seven members, be now appointed.

The letter of Bro. Albert L. Geen, previously referred to the Committee on State of the Order, was by consent transferred to the Judiciary Committee.

An invitation from Mr. G. E. J. Hanwell, Lessee of the Opera House, to the Officers of the Grand Lodge to attend the performance this evening was filed.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

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

Your Committee on Distribution respectfully report :

First—That Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of Clause 2, and Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 21 of the Grand Master's Address, and also Nos. 3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 19, 20, 21, Grand Secretary's Report, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Second—That No. 10 and clause 2 of No. 14 of the Grand Master's Report be referred to a Special Committee of five Past Grand Masters.

Third—That No. 12 of the Grand Master's Report also 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Returns.

Fourth—That No. 14 of the Grand Master's Report; also, Nos. 8, 27, 28 and 29 of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Fifth—That No. 15 of the Grand Master's Report, also No. 18, 20, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$, statements A and B, all on pages 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 32, of the Grand Secretary's Report, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Sixth—That Nos. 22 and 13 of the Grand Master's Report be referred to a Special Committee of Five.

Seventh—That No. 23 of the Grand Master's Report be referred to a Special Committee of Five.

Eighth—That Nos. 2, 4, 6, 25 and 26 of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Ninth—That Nos. 1, 7, 16, 17, 23 of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Tenth—That No. 14, clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Eleventh—That No. 13 of the Grand Secretary's report be referred to a Special Committee of Five.

Twelfth—That No. 19 of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to a Special Committee of Five.

Thirteenth—That No. 25 of the Grand Secretary's Report a Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge has now under consideration.

Fourteenth—That on No. 20 of the Grand Master's Report we recommend no action be taken.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

HENRY MCAFEE, Chairman.
 RICHARD WIGMORE,
 GEORGE MIDGLEY,
 E. R. ROBINSON,
 W. JAFFRAY.

The following was agreed to:—

Moved by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt,
 Seconded by Rep. Geo. D. Mackay,

That the Representatives notify the R. W. Grand Secretary, in writing, before the morning Session of Thursday, of the number of copies of the proposed revised Journal of Proceedings guaranteed by their respective Lodges.

The following was referred to the Judiciary Committee:—

DURHAM LODGE, No. 78, I. O. O. F.,
 PORT HOPE, July 31, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

BRETHREN,—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held this evening, it was moved by Bro. Thomas Harrison, P. G., and seconded by Bro. John

McMullen, P. G., and resolved, that a petition be presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, requesting that they will be pleased to grant the request of this Lodge to allow Mr. David Black, an expelled member of this Lodge, to be reinstated a member for the purpose of enabling him to take a withdrawal card from this Lodge.—Carried.

In accordance with the above resolution, duly passed by this Lodge, we have much pleasure, on behalf of Durham Lodge, No. 78, in asking the R. W. Grand Lodge to grant the request of this Lodge to reinstate Mr. David Black, an expelled member. On 17th of July last, application was received from Mr. David Black to reinstate him. Two weeks' notice of motion was given that a motion would be made to request the Grand Lodge to allow us to reinstate him, which was approved by the Lodge. On account of the good conduct of Mr. David Black since his expulsion, the Lodge no doubt will, if granted permission by the Grand Lodge, unanimously reinstate him.

Trusting that this petition will be favorably considered,

We remain, yours fraternally,

WM. MARSHALL,
Rec. Sec.

GEORGE READING,
Noble Grand.

[SEAL.]

The following was referred to the Judiciary Committee:—

DURHAM LODGE, No. 78, I. O. O. F.
PORT HOPKINS, ONT., July 24, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

REPRESENTATIVES.—The Officers and Members of Durham Lodge, No. 78, respectfully submit the following petition to the R. W. G. L. of Ont.:—

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1875, on the appeal of an expelled member, the Grand Lodge adopted a report of the Appeal Committee ordering his reinstatement. Durham Lodge, on being notified to comply with the mandate of the Grand Lodge, refused to obey, on the ground that such command was illegal and unconstitutional. Finally the Grand Master deprived the Lodge of its Charter for refusing to obey the mandate of the Grand Lodge. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1876, the Grand Master presented his report, and that part referring to his action toward Durham Lodge, was referred to a special Committee. The decision of the Committee of 1875 was reversed, and the recommendation of the special Committee last year was not concurred in.

Grand Lodge by resolution, disapproving of the action of the year previous, by ordering an expelled member to be reinstated without a new trial, and also not concurring in the act on taken by the Grand Master in depriving the Lodge of its Charter for refusing to obey the illegal commands of the Grand Lodge without the Grand Master having first obtained the consent or the command of the Grand Lodge.

Durham Lodge was suspended from 25th Jan., 1876, to Aug. 15, 1876, six months and three weeks. At the previous report of this Lodge, we were reported as having 72 members. If it is right for the members *not to pay dues to the Lodge during suspension*, then the Lodge has sustained a loss of dues from 72 members for six months and three weeks at \$6 per year, which amounts to \$240.92, and if on the other hand it is right for the members *to pay their dues during suspension*, they, by being suspended, have been deprived of all rights, privileges and benefits from the Order during such suspension.

As the M. Worthy Grand Master took the Charter of Durham Lodge, No. 78, away for refusing to obey a mandate of the Grand Lodge without the expressed wish or sanction of Grand Lodge to its Presiding Officer in accordance with section 1633, White's Digest; the Grand Master being the executive authority of Grand Lodge during recess, and being responsible to the Grand Lodge for his actions, and the Grand Lodge being responsible to the Order for the actions of its Presiding Officers; we therefore respectfully submit that Durham Lodge has a just claim upon Grand Lodge for compensation, at least, for the direct loss sustained during suspension, amounting to \$240.92, as above set forth. All of which was caused by the illegal action of the Grand Master in taking away the Charter. Independent of our direct loss, we have sustained indirect losses which amount to more than the direct loss.

Before we surrendered our Charter &c., to the D. D. G. M., a protest was read and handed to him to be forwarded to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, in which the ground was taken, that in the event of its being shown that the action of the Grand Master was illegal, Durham Lodge would expect to be reimbursed the amount of any loss it might sustain during such improper suspension. The Grand Lodge in 1876, ordered that the expelled member, referred to above, be reinstated and a new trial given him on the same charges. That command of Grand Lodge Durham Lodge at once fully and regularly complied with, the Brother was reinstated, a new trial held, and the question between himself and Durham Lodge settled amicably, peacefully and satisfactorily to all parties concerned. There is no doubt if the Grand Lodge in 1876 had taken this action, the matter would have been settled satisfactorily a year previous. Believing we have a just cause with which to approach your Grand Body, we respectfully ask you to take our case into consideration and grant such fair and reasonable compensation as may seem to your case is entitled.

In conclusion we beg to remind you that Durham Lodge was called upon to pay Grand Lodge dues for the year 1876 while its representatives were refused admission to Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of Durham Lodge, No. 78, and its members. We remain, your in F., L. & T.

WM. MARSHALL,
Recording Secretary.

GEO. READING,
Noble Grand.

[SEAL]

The following was by consent withdrawn:—

Moved by W. F. Howell,
Seconded by P. H. Johnson,

That a Session of this Grand Lodge be held this Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m., and that the first order of business be the exemplification of the secret work.

The following was adopted:—

Moved by Rep. Hu. Blain,
Seconded by Rep. J. Welsh, and

Resolved,—That the Committee on the State of the Order do constitute the Judiciary Committee, and that the M. W. Grand Master do appoint a new Committee on State of the Order.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:—

Moved by Representative McAfee,
Seconded by E. R. Robinson,

That the remarks by Representatives on any question that may come before this Grand Lodge during the present session be confined to ten minutes each.

At 12.50 the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, in order to attend the excursion and pic-nic, the invitation to which was accepted this morning.

SECOND DAY.

—o—
THURSDAY MORNING.

BELLEVILLE, August 2nd, 1877.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Roll called. Present:—

OFFICERS.

J. HAM PERRY.....	M. W. Grand Master
CL. T. CAMPBELL.....	R. W. D. " " "
FIFE FOWLER.....	R. W. G. Warden
J. B. KING.....	R. W. G. Secretary
WM. BADENACH.....	R. W. G. Treasurer
JAS. WOODYATT.....	R. W. G. Representative
JNO. CAMPBELL.....	R. W. G. Marshal
J. ELIAS DURHAM.....	R. W. G. Conductor
A. MCFEE.....	R. W. G. Guardian
R. W. BELL.....	R. W. G. Chaplain.

And a majority of Representatives.

The minutes of last sitting were read and confirmed.

Rep. H. J. Lewis asked leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, which, on motion of Rep. J. Donogh, was granted.

Rep. D. Martin, from the Committee on credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1977.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that Bro. G. H. Weagent, P. G. of Oriental Lodge, No. 163, has presented a certificate, under seal of his Lodge, stating that he has been duly elected to represent his Lodge in the stead of Bro. T. B. Blythe, resigned. We therefore recommend that Bro. G. H. Weagent be admitted as a Representative of Orient Lodge.

We therefore move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID MARTIN,
HENRY WILSON,
J. C. LANDER.

The following was adopted :—

Moved by Rep. W. F. Howell,
Seconded by A. B. St. John,

That the adjournments of this Grand Lodge at each sitting be as follows, viz., 12.30 a. m. to 2 p. m., and 6 p. m. to 7.30 p. m.

A number of accounts of D. D. G. M.'s and others were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See reports of Finance Committee.)

The following was agreed to :—

Moved by Rep. W. Murphy,
Seconded by Rep. J. H. Love,

That the matter now before this Grand Lodge since last year in connection with Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, be referred back to the Committee on

the State of the Order, and that the Representative of said Lodge be requested to produce all papers in connection with the case before said Committee.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:—

Moved by Rep. E. R. Robinson,
Seconded by Rep. W. D. Riddell,

That the Committee on Mileage and per Diem be instructed to insert in their report two dollars per diem, and the mileage at four cents per mile for the number of miles travelled.

The following letter from Bro. G. W. Lambert, P. G., was read and on motion duly seconded, and leave of absence was granted Bro. Lambert for the remainder of the Session:—

BELLEVILLE, August 1st, 1877.

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

REPRESENTATIVES,—This evening I received a telegram from Port Hope, informing me of the painful news that Past Grand W. H. Kells, Treasurer of Durham Lodge, No. 78, was shot dead in camp, and that his corpse would be brought home to-morrow. Past Grand W. H. Kells was the Representative from Durham Lodge, No. 78, to the Session of this Grand Lodge held in Stratford in 1873. I have decided to return home, and trust the Grand Lodge will therefore excuse my further attendance this Session.

Hoping the Grand Lodge will give due attention to the petition presented by Durham Lodge, No. 78, and regretting my absence from the remainder of the Session,

I remain, yours in F., L. & T.,

GEO. W. LAMBERT,

Representative Durham Lodge, No. 78.

The Roll of Lodges was now called for the presentation of questions and other business, when the following were submitted and referred to the appropriate Committee.

By Rep. of Eureka Lodge, No. 30:

Suppose a member owes any Lodge for fines levied in accordance with By-Laws of the Lodge, more than the amount of 13 weeks dues, what effect would it have on his claim for benefits providing he had paid his dues up to

dat: of such claim, and also what steps the Lodge must take to recover any fines that may be made against any Brother according to the By-Laws of the Lodge of which he is a member.

By Rep. J. S. McMahon of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44:

At the election of Representatives to Grand Lodge, has the N. G. the right to vote the same as other members at said election?

By Unity Lodge, No. 47.

1—A motion is put from the chair to expend money; objection is taken that it is in conflict with the By-Laws; the N. G. rules against the objection; a majority of the Lodge sustain the N. G.; notice is then given that an appeal will be taken to the D. D. G. M. Would such appeal stop proceedings pending the decision of the D. D. G. M.?

2—If the money was paid by order of the N. G. before the decision of the D. D. G. M. and the D. D. G. M. ruled the action of the Lodge wrong, what redress would the Brothers forming the minority have, they having carried out the appeal in good faith and without any unnecessary delay?

By Rep. Sanders, North Star Lodge, No. 68:

Is it constitutional to re-instate a Brother who has been suspended for N. P. D. and remit the full amount of his arrears after a lapse of two years, the Lodge having unanimously voted in favor of it?

By Rep. Geo. Hoyle, of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72:

1st.—Has any Lodge the power to act on an amended By-Law before the said amended By-Law has been submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval?

2nd.—A Brother disqualified from obtaining sick benefits by reason of N. P. D. in the event of the Brother's demise during such disqualification, would his relatives be entitled to funeral benefits and his widow to her annual stipend, provided, at the date of his demise, he were clear on the books, no provision having been made in By-Laws of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, for same?

By Rep. Ledingham, of Warriner Lodge, No. 75:

Can a Lodge, after incorporation, do away with their Trustees?

By Rep. H. Bustin, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 79:

Can the D. D. G. M. of Subordinate Lodge give the P. W. to private members in the Lodge room?

By Rep. J. H. Post, of Belleville Lodge, No. 81 :

Is a Brother entitled to the term password, his dues not having been paid for that term ?

A Brother pays his dues for the first week in the term, has he a right to receive the password ?

What course can or should be taken to oblige members to pay their dues, fines or other charges against them ?

Has the N. G. the right to refuse the admittance of a Brother who is in arrears for dues ?

A Brother withdraws from his Lodge by card and affiliates with another Lodge, is he entitled to benefits during the first six months of his affiliation, if so, which Lodge is holden for such benefits, the one he withdrew from or the one he affiliated with ?

By Rep. W. Reid, of Ivy Lodge, No. 90 :

Is the child of a Brother Odd Fellow in good standing at time of death to be considered an orphan, the mother being alive, the Lodge By-Laws specifying annual benefit to orphan children up to 14 years of age, and the mother re-married ?

By Rep. S. J. Somerville, of Western City Lodge, No. 93 :

Can the Lodge refuse benefits to a Brother after having undergone an examination by the medical examiner of the Lodge and reported in sound health although it could be proved that he was taking medicine for consumption at the time he joined the Lodge, or should they bring a charge against him for making misstatements ?

By Rep. T. D. Brown, of Pt. Stanley Lodge, No. 95 :

By Law No. 34 says that the quarterly contribution of each Brother shall be considered due at the commencement of each quarterly term, or within 30 days, is the Lodge supposed to use the old term P. W. for the first 30 days, if not, suppose the guardian fails to pay his dues, how is he to be prevented from receiving the new P. W. from members or visitors while he is not lawfully entitled to it ?

By Law No. 15, after defining the duties of the P. S., says that "for such services he shall receive the sum of ten cents for each member in good standing on the books of the Lodge at the close of his term of office," who

are members in good standing in this sense, all whose names appear on the semi annual returns or only those whose dues are fully paid up at the close of the term?

A Brother dies in good standing, the widow who afterward becomes immoral and depraved, what should be done with her annual benefits, can the Lodge withhold it and place it in a bank for the benefit of orphans, and, if so, would that be the best method of disposing of it?

By Waterloo Lodge, No. 107:

Can the evidence taken before a trial Committee be discussed in open Lodge when deliberating upon the report of said Committee?

By Rep. McMillan, of Palmerston Lodge, No. 123:

In case of the death of a Brother, who is also a member of some other Order from which he is entitled to funeral expenses, and is buried by such Order, and the funeral expenses incurred paid by such other Order, entitled to the full amount of funeral expenses from us as provided by our By-Laws?

By Rep. Dresden Lodge, No. 124:

The Permanent Secretary reported a Brother to be eighteen months in arrears? a Brother made a motion that an extension of time be granted to the Brother; the motion on being put to the Lodge was lost; the N. G. then declared the Brother to have ceased membership N. P. D. Was it right to declare the brother to have ceased membership, not having been previously suspended or notified of his arrears in the Lodge?

Our By-Laws say it is the duty of the Permanent Secretary to notify every Brother when twelve months in arrears and report to the Lodge any Brother twelve months in arrears. Also to report to the Lodge when a Brother is eighteen months in arrears.

Next Lodge night two Brothers who voted against the motion of extension of time, moved for a re-consideration. The motion was put to the Lodge and carried. Was it right to re-consider the action of the N. G. or the Lodge in the case?

Can the Brother become a member of our Lodge again without being again balloted for?

A Brother of our Lodge was declared to have ceased to be a member N. P. D. about two years ago. He now wishes to be reinstated so as to join a Lodge in British Columbia, where he now resides. Can he be reinstated without being here to re-sign the Constitution?

Must we have the consent of the Grand Lodge before we reinstate a Brother who has ceased membership N. P. D.

By Rep. T. A. Beckett, of Capital Lodge, No 141 :

When the chair of N. G. becomes vacant, is it legal for V. G. to occupy the N. G.'s chair for the remainder of the term ?

When the P. G.'s of a Subordinate Lodge refuse to take the office of N. G., can a Lodge elect a Scarlet Degree member who has not filled a Subordinate office.

By Rep. Broadwell, of Concord Lodge, No. 142 :

Where dues are payable in advance can the N. G. withhold the P. W. of current term when a member is not three months in arrears.

By Rep. P. S. Furness, of Simcoe Lodge, No. 161.

A member of a Lodge where the quarterly dues are payable in advance is taken sick on the evening of the first meeting in the quarter, his sickness continuing for several weeks. He is unable to send his quarterly dues on that evening, his sickness having commenced but a short time previous to the time of opening the Lodge. On the evening of the second meeting in the quarter he sends for a Brother for the purpose of sending his dues, but finds that the Brother has left for the Lodge. At that meeting he is reported sick, and is attended by the Visiting Committee from that time. He neglects to send his dues at the third meeting of the quarter, although having the opportunity to do so. Query: Is such member entitled to any sick benefits, and if so, for what length of time ?

By Rep. J. Stewart, of Minerva Lodge, No. 197 :

The Constitution of the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., provides that the Election of Officers shall be held semi-annually in Lodges meeting weekly, and annually in Lodges meeting fortnightly.

In case a Lodge is instituted and before the term of thirteen nights of meeting has elapsed (the meetings being fortnightly) the first regular meeting in July has come, is the Lodge acting unconstitutionally in holding an Election of Officers for the ensuing term of twelve months? In case this action is constitutional are not the retiring officers entitled to the honors of their several offices, they having completed the term of office.

Also—

When should the Election and Installation of Officers of said Lodge take place

By Rep. Geo. Cochenour, of Live Oak Lodge, No. 185 :

A Brother having a Clearance Card from his own Lodge to another Lodge but before the Lodge accepted his Card the candidate joined the Canadian Order would Live Oak Lodge be justified in accepting his Clearance Card ?

Rep. Bro. Ormiston of Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, submitted the following which was referred to the Finance Committee.

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

Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, claims that the fine of four dollars imposed by the Grand Secretary for non-receipt of returns for term ending 31st Dec., 1876, should not have been charged, and ought now to be remitted for the following reasons, viz.:

On the night of Installation the returns and tax were tendered to the D. D. G. M. as installing Officer but declined by him with instructions to forward them direct to the R. W. Grand Secretary. A delay occurred in obeying his instructions, owing to the fact that orders were paid by the Treasurer supposing that the tax to Grand Lodge had been paid, so that when the orders for the Capita Tax was presented by the Secretary, there were funds in the treasury.

Rep. W. Jaffray from the Special Committee on that subject presented the following report which was adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred clause 19, Grand Secretary's annual report, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the proposed alterations in the semi-annual return sheets as presented to them, and have decided to recommend their adoption with one or two alterations that have suggested themselves to your Committee. We would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to get the required blank return books printed and forward to the respective Lodges on the terms suggested by him in said clause 19, as follows: "I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to get printed 300 blank return books (with a sufficient supply of blank return sheets), and that each Lodge be given a book free of charge to replace the one now in their hands, and that the new Lodges be charged the usual advance on cost."

We therefore submit for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

W. JAFFRAY,
JAS. HOSKINS,
W. R. HOBBS,
G. BRITTON.

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R. Wigmore P. G. M. from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report and resolutions which were adopted,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to submit the following supplementary report and resolutions, and move the adoption of the same:

Resolved,—That the clauses in the Grand Representatives, report on page 1728, Journal of 1876, referring to the change in the name of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be referred to a special Committee of five.

Resolved,—That "Art. V," in the same report, page 1733, referring to "dues and benefits and expenses of working Lodges," be referred to the special Committee on dues and benefits.

Resolved,—That the last clause on page 1740 and first two clauses on page 1741, same report, referring to the payment of "dues in advance," be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McAFEE, P. G. M.
R. WIGMORE, P. G. M.
GEO. MIDGEY,
E. R. ROBINSON,
W. JAFFRAY.

In accordance with the second resolution of the foregoing report, the Chair named the following Committee: Reps. W. D. Riddell, W. Millar, W. L. Allen, James Kernahan and W. B. Sanders.

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee have examined clause No. 15 of the Grand Master's Report with reference to the St. John fire, and submit the following :

They heartily endorse the action of the Grand Officers in so promptly responding to the call for relief from our distressed brethren.

They also view with pleasure the action taken by the several Subordinate Lodges in likewise extending their assistance to our St. John brethren.

From the information in possession of your Committee, they are of the opinion that further relief for the present will not be necessary from this Grand Lodge.

Resolved.—That the above be adopted.

HU. BLAIN,
JAM. SMITH, P. G. M.
CHAS. PACKERT,
A. E. COOK,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
ROBT. ELDER.

The following was referred to the Committee on Finance :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO,
I. O. O. F

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 2d, 1877.

[SEAL]

J. B. King, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Ontario :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am instructed by the Grand Encampment of Ontario to inform your R. W. Grand Body, that although our financial standing has improved within the past year, still we are not yet in a position to return the loan so kindly granted to us some few years since, and would respectfully request that the time for re-payment be extended for one year.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe.

A charge preferred by Bro. J. R. Freckleton, of Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, against Wm. Murphy, Representative elect, was ruled out of order by the chair.

Rep. D. Martin, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 26, 1877.

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have had submitted to them a certificate to the effect that George Francis, Past Grand of Howard Lodge, No. 58, was duly elected as Representative of Egremont Lodge, No. 207. We find that that Lodge was instituted since 30th June, and has not sent in a return, and according to Constitution of Grand Lodge, clause 9, the Lodge is not entitled to representation.

Your Committee further find that Bro. W. D. Watson, the regularly elected Representative of Dolman Lodge, No. 174, has resigned, and that Bro. J. Shoemaker, P. G., has been duly elected in his stead.

We further find that the certificate presented by Bro. A. W. Dingman, P. G. of Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 143, is correct.

We therefore submit the following for adoption:

Resolved,—That Egremont Lodge, No. 204, is not entitled to representation at this Session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That Bro. J. Shoemaker be admitted as the Representative of Dolman Lodge, No. 174.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on Bro. A. W. Dingman, P. G.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID MARTIN,
HENRY WILSON,
J. B. KING.

The following was adopted:

Moved by Rep. Wm. Miller,
Seconded by Rep. W. F. Howell,

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase from the Grand Lodge U. S., the bound volumes of the proceedings of that body not now in possession of the Grand Lodge, for the use of this Grand Lodge,

The following was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

I. O. O. F.
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

[SEAL]

ST. LOUIS, July 19th, 1877.

J. B. King, Esq., Secretary, R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I enclose Preamble and Resolutions adopted by Grand Lodge of Missouri at its last session, (see page 557 Journal of 1877) a copy of which I am instructed to transmit to each Grand Lodge, as follows :

WHEREAS,—It has become the practice of many Lodges, in aiding brethren not entitled to benefits, and the widows of deceased brethren who desire to return to their former homes, or to reach friends and relatives, to furnish them with the means only sufficient to take them to the next principal point on their journey, where among strangers they are compelled to ask additional aid to reach another principal point on their route, and so on to their destination ; and

WHEREAS,—The Lodges in the City of St. Louis, through their General Relief Committee, are almost daily called upon to assist such cases and provide for their sustenance and transportation to their places of destination, which they are under no obligation to do ; therefore be it

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodges in the Order be requested to call the attention of their Lodges to this practice, and prohibit them by law from sending their own members, or the widows of their deceased members, to other towns or cities to ask aid of the Order to enable them to pursue their journey.

Resolved,—That our Grand Representatives be instructed to present this subject to the G. L. U. S., and that it be requested to adopt a uniform law upon the subject.

Resolved,—That a copy of the above be transmitted to each Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

Be kind enough to submit the same to your Grand Lodge at its next session and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

E. M. SLOAN,
Grand Secretary.

Rep. H. B. Taylor, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 2nd, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

CHAS. KNIGHT,

vs.

BEAVER LODGE, No. 82.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Charles Knight against the action of Beaver Lodge, No. 82, for expulsion on charges preferred against him, beg to report:

That the papers produced in support of the appeal are informal and incomplete, your Committee are therefore unable to examine the facts of the case.

Your Committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed without prejudice.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

H. B. TAYLOR,
HY. ROBERTSON,
J. R. PECKHAM,
A. WEIR,
A. C. STEWART,
WM. FITZSIMMONS,
THOS. WOODYATT,

Rep. A. C. Stewart, from the same Committee, presented the following report which was considered and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

F. HELLIWELL,

vs.

CANADA LODGE, No. 49.

Bro. F. Helliwell, a member of Canada Lodge, No. 49, claims benefits for sickness, commencing on the 22nd of Nov., 1876, and lasting for twelve weeks. At the time he was taken sick, his dues were paid up to the first of the previous July. By-Law 58 of this Lodge says, "No Funeral or Sick Benefits shall be payable by this Lodge to any Brother who when his sickness began was more than three months in arrears." He claims that it was through the neglect of the Lodge not notifying him at the proper time that he was in arrears, quoting By-Law No. 12, which reads: "It shall be the duty of the P. S. to notify in particular, by means of a written or printed circular, every Brother who may be in arrears at the close of the second week in each quarterly term of the amount due by him."

Your Committee find that Bro. Helliwell was in arrears at the time of his sickness, and therefore not entitled to benefits.

The claim set up by Bro. Helliwell that he was not notified by the Per. Sec. according to the By-Law quoted, is no excuse for non-payment of dues.

Resolved —That the appeal be dismissed and the foregoing adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. STEWART,
J. R. PECKHAM,
H. Y. ROBERTSON,
W. M. FITZSIMMONS,
THOS. WOODYATT,
A. WEIR,
H. B. TAYLOR.

Rep. H. Robertson, from the same Committee, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

CHARLES PACKERT,

vs.

AVON LODGE, No. 41.

In March, 1877, Avon Lodge, by resolution, donated the sum of \$1.50 to a Brother "towards paying his dues so as to keep him good on the books."

By the Lodge By-Law No. 46, relief in special cases is allowed to be given only after certain formalities have been observed, such as the appointment of a Special Committee to examine into the case and report, &c., &c.

Bro. Packert appeals against the action of the Lodge, on the ground that the Lodge had no power to make such a donation without first complying with the conditions imposed by By-Law No. 49.

Your Committee are of opinion that the appeal is well taken, and that the Lodge should have pursued the course provided by their By-Law. They therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

HY. ROBERTSON,
THOS. WOODYATT,
H. B. TAYLOR,
WM. FITZSIMMONS,
A. WEIB,
A. C. STEWART,
J. R. PECKHAM.

Rep. J. R. Peckham from the same Committee submitted the following report which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

JOHN McMATH,

vs.

ERIE LODGE, No. 83.

In 1874 this matter was before the Grand Lodge on the Report of a Special Committee appointed to examine fully into the matter. This Committee

recommended that Bro. McMath be reinstated on payment of ten dollars in dispute, and such other amount as demanded by the Laws of the Order. The Grand Lodge adopted this report but no time was fixed within which Bro. McMath should make payment, nor was the amount definitely stated.

Erie Lodge now complains that although three years have elapsed, Bro. McMath has not complied with the order of the Grand Lodge although afforded by the Lodge every opportunity of doing so and they ask that the order of 1874 be rescinded.

Bro. McMath in his answer disputes the amount claimed from him by the Lodge and also claims sick benefits.

Upon an investigation of the matter your Committee are of opinion that there is a sum of \$28.15 justly due by Bro. McMath to Erie Lodge including dues up to the 14th of September, 1877, and further that Bro. McMath is not entitled to benefits.

We therefore recommend that Bro. McMath be reinstated upon payment of that amount on or before the 14th of September next; that notice to that effect be sent to Bro. McMath forthwith by the Secretary of Erie Lodge, and that in default of such payment by said time, the sentence of expulsion already passed upon Bro. McMath be confirmed unconditionally.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

J. R. PECKHAM,
HY. ROBERTSON,
WM. FITZSIMMONS,
A. WEIR,
A. C. STEWART,
THOS. WOODYATT,
H. B. TAYLOR.

Rep. Thos. Woodyatt, from the same Committee, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

W. J. DIAMOND,

vs.

BELLEVILLE LODGE, No. 81.

Your Committee report the facts appear to be as follows: A charge was preferred in Belleville Lodge, No. 81, against Bro. W. J. Diamond by Bro

R. Tracey, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, the specification being that Bro. Diamond did, on the night of December 28, 1876, in the Lodge-room of Belleville Lodge, and also in the ante-room, threaten Bro. Tracey that if he brought a charge against Bro. Hudson, also a member of said Lodge, that he, Diamond, would bring Tracey up before a Court of Law for bringing such charge against Hudson, thereby setting at defiance the laws and regulations of the Order and preventing Bro. Tracey from doing his duty as an Odd Fellow.

The Trial Committee, to whom the matter was referred, reported recommending the expulsion of Bro. Diamond, which was adopted by the Lodge by a vote of 21 to 3.

From this decision Bro. Diamond appeals, on the grounds, amongst others:

1—That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

2—That he has not been guilty of violating any of the principles of the Order or infringing the Constitution or any part thereof, or the By-Laws of Belleville Lodge, or any part thereof.

3—That the finding of the Committee was unjustifiable and too extreme, and contrary to law and evidence and the weight of evidence.

4—And for informality and want of fairness.

We find:

1—That the Trial Committee was duly appointed, who heard the evidence in regular manner in presence of accused, who was also heard in defence.

2—That under the Lodge By-Laws any Brother guilty of language or conduct in Lodge meriting in the opinion of the Lodge expulsion from membership, the Brother may be expelled by vote of the Lodge.

3—Under clause 15 of the Constitution an appeal may be taken on the grounds "of informality or want of fairness, and if such informality or want of fairness be proved, but not otherwise, the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial."

We find no informality or want of fairness in the proceedings, and that the Subordinate Lodge is the proper judge in such a matter. Under Section 1839, Digest G. L. U. S., a Grand Lodge cannot reverse a sentence of expulsion upon the ground that "the penalty was too severe for the offence," where its own fundamental law provides that an appeal to it shall be confined exclusively to matters of law or of irregularity or want of fairness in the proceedings.

We recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. WOODYATT,
HY. ROBERTSON,
J. R. PECKHAM,
A. WEIR,
A. C. STEWART,
WM. FITZSIMMONS,
H. B. TAYLOR.

The following was agreed to:

Moved by Rep. Geo. Cote,

Seconded by Rep. Geo. Laes, and

Resolved,—That the representatives present be requested to notify the Grand Secretary of the amounts contributed by their several Lodges for the relief of the sufferers at St. John, in order that the same may appear on the records of this Session.

The following address presented to the Grand Lodge at the picnic at Massauga Point yesterday, by the Reception Committee of Belleville and Mizpah Lodges, was on motion, ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

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

As Chairman of the Reception Committee of Belleville and Mizpah Lodges of the I. O. O. F., the pleasant duty has devolved on me of welcoming your Right Worthy Body to the town of Belleville, the seat for the current year of your annual deliberations.

Allow me, therefore, on the part of said Lodges to extend to you a sincere, cordial and hearty welcome, and also to express their desire that the Great Grand Master of the Universe may direct your counsels to the welfare of our beloved Order, and the more perfect dissemination of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Never perhaps in the history of our race on this Continent has there been exhibited greater distrust and antagonism than at the present time in the two great classes of civilized life, viz.: the employers and the employed. It

seems that if the bond which binds our common civilization together were about to be destroyed, and chaos resume its sway.

Therefore now is the time for you, our representatives to examine into the causes of this disruption, if possible remove the discordant elements, and re-constitute society with the great principles of our Order.

Right Worthy Brethren, we do not expect to vie with the handsome demonstrations which usually meet you at other places on similar occasions, but trust that the preparations made for your enjoyment, though but few and simple will nevertheless be grateful and acceptable.

In again tendering you a hearty welcome, we hope that nothing during your sojourn will tend to mar a happy recollection of your meeting in Belleville, and your short trip on the Bay of Quinté.

THOS. WILLS,

Chairman Reception Committee,

Belleville, August 1st, 1877.

A telegram from Bro. G. W. Lambert, Representative of Durham Lodge, No. 78, announcing that the funeral of the late W. H. Kells, P. G. of that Lodge would take place at Port Hope on Friday, at 2 o'clock p. m., and requesting the attendance of such Representatives as can do so, was on motion ordered to be filed.

Twelve o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock.

Present: All the Grand Officers and a majority of Representatives.

Grand Lodge opened in regular form.

Minutes of last sitting were read and confirmed

W. N. Ford, P. G. M., from the Committee on State of the Order presented the following report which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter submitted by Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, (page 1674, Journal 1875), whereby said Lodge had been charged the sum of \$75 by one of its members for salary as Secretary, beg leave to report,

That we have examined the papers and heard the statements of Rep. W. Murphy in this matter, and have arrived at the conclusion that the Lodge is not liable for the sum claimed or for any sum as salary to their Secretary, it having been stated and understood by all the members that no salary should be paid.

We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

W. N. FORD,
FRANCIS RAE,
P. S. FURNESS,
W. H. R. ALLISON,
GEO. D. MACKAY,
THEO. PARNELL.

J. Campbell, Grand Marshal, by consent rose and explained a scheme he proposed to submit for the insurance of members of the Order, at the conclusion of which H. McAfee, P. G. M., moved the following, which was agreed to :—

Resolved,—That a Special Committee of five be appointed to confer with Bro. J. Campbell in regard to the scheme proposed and report to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master named the following, as the Committee :—

Reps. J. S. Tennant, W. B. Llantyne, W. Sudworth, Otto Pressprich, and A. L. Bowmar.

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee beg to report that we have examined and find correct the following D. D. G. M. accounts, and recommend that they be paid :

J. T. WHITE, D. D. G. M. District No. 1.....	\$40 20
T. G. CARSON, " " " 3.....	43 50
W. B. RUSSELL, " " " 7.....	15 60
H. WILSON, " " " 8.....	17 67
JOHN POWELL, " " " 9.....	28 90
A. S. GILLET, " " " 10.....	31 00
A. B. ST. JOHN, " " " 12.....	40 50
J. CAMPBELL, " " " 13.....	50 60
RICHARD NOAKES, " " " 14.....	20 45
W. J. HODGSON, " " " 16.....	36 95

D. McCONACHIE,	"	"	"	17	21 90
W. T. CRIPPS,	"	"	"	18	25 76
JAS. SUTHERLAND,	"	"	"	19	27 50
E. E. CHIPMAN,	"	"	"	21	12 28
W. N. FORD,	"	"	"	21	7 50
HENRY MCAFEE,	"	"	"	22	18 45
HENRY NEAL,	"	"	"	24	9 20
WM. JAFFRAY,	"	"	"	25	35 40
JOHN DONOGH,	"	"	"	27	10
					\$476 51.

Also, that the following be paid as corrected by the Committee;

A. L. MORDON, D. D. G. M., District No. 2, account rendered...	\$27 80
deduct 2d visit to Cataragui Lodge..	4 55
	\$23 25.
R. WILKINSON, D. D. G. M. District No. 15, acc't rendered.....	\$6 60
deduct 2d visit to Cambridge Lodge.....	2 00
	4 60
W. F. HOWELL, D. D. G. M. District No. 20, acc't rendered.....	\$7 65
deduct 2d visit to Howard Lodge.....	1 30
	\$6 35
J. R. PROCTOR, D. D. G. M. District No. 26, acc't rendered.....	\$11 00
deduct 2d visit to Glencoe Lodge.....	2 00
	\$9 00

Your Committee would also recommend the payment of the two following accounts, for 1875-6, not presented at the last session of this Grand Lodge:

DANIEL MCKAY, D. D. G. M. District No. 6	14 00
E. BURNHAM, " " acc't rendered.....	\$11 00
deduct 2d visit to Peabody Lodge.....	2 50
	\$8 50
	\$542 11

We have also examined the account of James Cleeve, of District No. 23, and would recommend that it be referred back to him for particulars.

We therefore submit that the above report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HU. BLAIN,
J. SMITH,
CHAS. PACKERT,
A. B. COOK,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
ROBERT ELDER.

On motion of Rep. Hu. Blain, seconded by Jas. Smith, P. G. M., the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted, notice of which was given by the Finance Committee at the last session of the Grand Lodge. See Journal 1876, page 1712.

In view of the vast increasing expenses in the present system, your Committee hereby give notice that at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge they will move that the present system be changed, and that the mode to be then adopted be as follows: "That a D. D. G. M. be appointed in every Lodge, except in cities, towns and villages where more than one Lodge is situated; then one deputy to be appointed for such city, town or village, except in cases in which Lodges are sufficiently near to prevent any expense to this R. W. Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Hu. Blain, the notice of motion given by him last session, page 1697, was considered and adopted as follows:

Amend clause 9, Constitution of the Grand Lodge to read as follows: Strike out "first," in the first line, and insert "last" in lieu thereof; strike out "July" in second line, and insert "June" in lieu thereof.

On motion of Rep. Hu. Blain, seconded by Rep. J. Ritchie, jr., the notice of motion to amend the Constitution of Subordinates as given by Covenant Lodge at the last session, Journal 1876, page 1711, was considered and adopted as follows:

"No Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named, and no nominee shall be allowed to retire after the nominations have been declared closed."

Rep. T. W. Raines, from the Special Committee on that subject presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAUSE 13 GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

We your Committee appointed to consider clause 13 of the Grand Secretary's report which reads as follows :

"I have succeeded this year in procuring reduced railway rates to delegates and ladies from each of the lines on which our Lodges are situated—the Toronto, Grey & Bruce only requiring a guarantee that, of at least fifteen persons. Not feeling safe in making the guarantee, I have prepared certificates which will be issued to delegates who may have travelled by that route provided there are the required number of fifteen," &c., &c.

We your Committee having carefully examined into the above, find that the requisite number, viz 15, have not passed over said route to entitle them to certificates.

We find that the other Railroad: named and the Canadian Navigation Company have very kindly for some years past granted reduced fares to the delegates and their ladies, and such courtesy is worthy the recognition of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the several companies who have granted reduced rates to delegates to this Grand Lodge on this and former years.

We therefore move the adoption of the above report which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. RAINES,
W. A. KENNEDY,
JAMES SPEAR,
J. H. BUSTIN.

Rep. A. L. Morden, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

The undersigned Committee on Petitions and Correspondence beg to submit the following report respecting Lodges to which dispensations have been

granted for new Lodges since the last meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and we recommend the following resolution :

Resolved,—That this R. W. Grand Lodge approves of the dispensations thus granted and directs the issue of the regular and proper Charters to the following Lodges :

Chorazin Lodge.....	No. 190.....	London East
Jarvis ".....	" 191.....	Jarvis
Howick ".....	" 192.....	Gorrie
Victor ".....	" 193.....	St. Marys
Albert ".....	" 194.....	Toronto
Cicerone ".....	" 195.....	Woodville
Florence ".....	" 196.....	Florence
Minerva ".....	" 197.....	Hamilton
Britannia ".....	" 198.....	Hollin
Scotia ".....	" 199.....	Pt. Robinson
Weston ".....	" 200.....	Weston
Beacon ".....	" 201.....	Pt. Colborne
Silver Star ".....	" 202.....	Milverton
Pembroke ".....	" 203.....	Pembroke
Acton ".....	" 204.....	Acton
Ahram ".....	" 205.....	Paisley
Silver City ".....	" 206.....	Tiverton
Egremont ".....	" 207.....	Adelaide

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

A. L. MORDEN,
JOHN DEWAR,
HARRY J. BOYD.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :—

Moved by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt,
Seconded by Rep. Hy. Robertson,

That the notice of motion given last session by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt to amend the Constitution and Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge and Constitution and Rules of Order of Subordinate Lodges, be taken up at the first order of business to-morrow.

The following was referred to the Judiciary Committee :—

By Rep. Cooper, of Howick Lodge, No. 192 :

A candidate was balloted for and declared duly elected. He was not notified of his election until two weeks afterwards. He then asked the Secretary of the Lodge what length of time he would be allowed before being obliged to present himself for initiation, as he was not at that time prepared. He was informed by the Secretary that he had until the 26th June. He accordingly presented himself on that evening, but the N. G. refused to initiate him on the ground that he was one week over the time allowed, which fact was discovered on the evening that he presented himself for initiation.

Rep. J. S. McMahon from the Judiciary Committee presented the following report which was concurred in :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Durham Lodge, No. 78, requesting to be allowed to reinstate Mr. David Black, an expelled member of said Lodge, for the purpose of enabling the Brother to take a withdrawal card from Durham Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that the request be granted, and beg to submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. McMAHON,
A. L. MORDEN,
GEORGE WRIGHT,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. J. F. Bell, from the same Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the decisions made by the M. W. Grand Master and submitted for your approval, respectfully recommend that the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth decisions be approved.

2—That the eleventh decision be modified as follows: "The Junior Past Grand, during his term in office, should not" (instead of can not) "be elected or appointed to office."

3—That the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth decisions be approved.

Your Committee therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

JOHN F. BELL,
JAMES WOODYATT,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,
J. W. FLETCHER,
GEORGE WRIGHT,
J. S. McMAHON.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, which being fixed by the constitution for the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year, that business was proceeded with.

The Chair named James Woodyatt, P. G. M., and Jno. Gibson, P. G. M., as tellers.

Nominations for Grand Master being called for,

H. McAfee, P. G. M., nominated.....P. G. Cl. T. Campbell
Hu. Blain, P. G., " " J. T. Hornibrook

The Tellers announced that Cl. T. Campbell, P. G., had received the majority of votes cast, whereupon the Chair declared that Brother duly elected as Grand Master.

Nominations were called for Deputy Grand Master.

Hu. Blain, P. G., nominated.....F. Fowler, P. G.,
W. F. Howell, P. G., "R. Tracey, P. G., declined
W. McMillan, P. G., "Hu. Blain, P. G., declined

Nomination declared closed and there being but one candidate in nomination the Grand Master desired Rep. H. I. Blain to cast the ballot for the Grand Lodge.

The Tellers announced the ballot in favor of F. Fowler, P. G., whereupon the Grand Master declared that Brother duly elected Deputy Grand Master.

Nominations for Grand Warden were now called for.

M. D. Dawson, P. G.,	nominated	.....R. Tracey, P. G.,
J. Wilson, P. G.,	"	.....Henry Wilson, P. G.
E. R. Robinson, P. G.,	"	.....W. F. Howell, P.G., declined
J. Addison, P. G.,	"	.....Geo. Midgley, P.G.
Jas. Smith, P. G. M.,	"	.....J. Campbell, P.G.
J. R. Peckham, P.G.,	"	.....J. W. Tennant, P.G.
W. L. Burdick, P.G.	"	.....I. Ferguson, P.G.
H. McAfee, P.G.M.,	"	.....C. E. Peirce, P.G.
J. C. Lander, P.G.,	"	.....J. Ritchie, jr, P.G.
	"	.....W. Jaffray, P.G., declined.
	"	.....Francis Rae, P.G.
J. Sinclair, P.G.,	"	.....J. Elias Durham, P.G.

The Tellers announced that 173 ballots had been cast; 87 necessary to a choice: no candidate had received that number.

Francis Rae, P. G., having received the fewest votes, was dropped

Past Grands Henry Wilson, J. W. Tennant and L. Ferguson declined after first ballot.

The ballot being again had, the Tellers declared 159 ballots cast; 80 necessary to a choice, of which R. Tracey, P. G., had received 80.

The Grand Master declared R. Tracey, P. G., duly elected Grand Warden.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, which, by resolution was fixed as the hour for adjournment, the following was agreed to:—

Moved by Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by Jno. Gibson, P. G. M., and

Resolved,—That the special order for adjournment at six o'clock be discharged and that this Grand Lodge do not adjourn until the completion of the election of officers.

Nominations for Grand Secretary being asked for,

David Martin, P. G., nominated J. B. King, P. G.

The nomination being closed and their being but one nominee the chair requested P. G., D. Martin to cast the ballot for the Grand Lodge.

The tellers announced the ballot in favor of J. B. King, whereupon the Grand Master declared that Brother duly elected Grand Secretary.

Nominations were now called for Grand Treasurer.

R. Evans, P. G., nominated Wm Badenach, P. G.

Nominations were closed, and as there was but one candidate in nomination, the Chair requested R. Evans, P. G., to cast the ballot for the Grand Lodge, whereupon the teller announced the ballot in favor of W. Badenach, P. G., when the Grand Master declared that Brother duly elected Grand Treasurer.

Nominations were called for Grand Representatives to G. L. U. S.

W. H. Cole, P. G.,	nominated.....	W. N. Ford, P. G. M.
A. B. Narraway, P. G.,	"	Hu. Blain, P. G., declined,
	"	Geo. Wright, P. G. M., "
A. Murray, P. G.,	"	W. H. Cole, P. G., "
E. R. Robinson, P. G.,	"	Jas. Smith, P. G. M., "
	"	R. Wigmore, P. G. M., "

Nominations being closed and all the nominees having declined, excepting W. N. Ford, P. G. M., the chair desired W. H. Cole, P. G. to cast the ballot for the Grand Lodge.

The tellers announced the ballot in favor of W. N. Ford, P. G. M., and the Grand Master declared that Brother duly elected Grand Representative.

The elections being concluded, the Grand Lodge on motion adjourned to meet again at 7:30 this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

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BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Lodge opened in regular form.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and confirmed.

Rep. G. D. McKay, from the Committee on State of the Order presented the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

We, your Committee to whom were referred the several clauses of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, beg to report as follows :

SECTION II.

1—Clauses 1 and 2 were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

In clause 3, we approve of the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation for organizing a Lodge in Gorrie.

In reference to clause 4, we have to congratulate Belleville Lodge, No. 81, that all difficulties which had arisen and which might tend to destroy the general harmony of the Lodge are now amicably arranged.

In clause 5, we approve of the appointment of the Committee on Dues and Benefits, and the said Committee having presented a minority and majority report, we would respectfully refer the attention of the Grand Lodge to such reports.

SECTION III.

2—Your Committee wish to speak in the highest terms of the labors of the Most Worthy Grand Master during the past year. While it may be a matter of regret that he could not visit every Lodge in his jurisdiction, we believe he has done all that could be reasonably expected of him, and your Committee are glad to know that the Grand Master has received from the D. D. G. M.'s and other members of the Order that attention and assistance to which he is entitled.

SECTION V.

3—This part of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, which has reference to hall dedications, is very satisfactory to your Committee, there being no stronger evidence of the permanent improvement of our Order and the strong hold it has on the affections of its members than the fact that they are willing to erect such large and comfortable buildings for the meetings of their Subordinate Lodges, and more especially during a time of such general financial depression.

SECTION VI.

4—We endorse the action of the Most Worthy Grand Master in granting new charters free of charge to Lodges whose charters were destroyed by fire as mentioned in his report.

SECTION VII.

5—We approve of the action of the Most Worthy Grand Master with reference to Jarvis Lodge, No. 91.

¶ Clause 3 of this section should be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

SECTION VIII.

6—Your Committee approve of the ruling of the Most Worthy Grand Master in clauses A, B, C, D and E, with this explanation as to clause D, viz., that the thirteen weeks has reference to the particular Lodge applying for the dispensation, each Lodge having a right to fix its own limit.

SECTION IX.

8—We heartily endorse section 9, and recommend that paper "A" referred to, be printed and embodied in the Journal of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

9—We regret the loss of the services of the D. D. G. M.'s who resigned, but congratulate the Grand Master on having been able to have the said offices so ably filled.

SECTION XVI.

10—We approve of the circular of the Grand Master relating to proclamation of Grand Sire in regard to the use of illegal odes.

SECTION XVII.

11—We would endorse, with all earnestness, the action of the Most Worthy Grand Master in regard to section 17 of the report, with the hope that the Grand Representatives will use their utmost endeavors in carrying out the recommendations of the Most Worthy Grand Master.

SECTION XVIII.

12—Your Committee fully agree with the Most Worthy Grand Master as to the necessity of recording the past history of Odd Fellowship in Canada, and would recommend the Grand Lodge to grant the sum of \$300 as bonuses for the best history on the above subject, \$200 for the first and \$100 for the second, provided that the Grand Lodge United States has not already provided a historiographer for this jurisdiction.

SECTION XXI.

13—Your Committee cannot speak too strongly on the subject of this section, viz., the insurance of Lodge property, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge is called upon to assist Subordinates who have lost their property in this manner. Your Committee therefore deem it important that the Grand Lodge should enact such laws by amending the Constitution of Subordinates so as to render it imperative for them to insure Lodge property.

We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. FORD,
GEO. D. MACKAY,
JOHN RITCHIE, JR.,
W. H. R. ALLISON,
THEO. PARNELL,
FRANCIS RAE,
P. S. FURNESS.

On motion to adopt the report Rep. J. S. McMahon, moved,
seconded by Rep. A. L. Bowman,

That the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to amend their report on the 18th section of the Grand Master's report, clause 12 of the report.

The rest of the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted :-

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee beg to submit that they have examined the annexed accounts which they find correct, and recommend that the same be paid :

Wm. Badenach, charges, exchange	\$ 6 75
Bell, Hawkins & Co., printing reports.....	6 00
Josh. T. Johnston, printing reports Grand Secretary	49 50
W. C. Trimble & Co., on account printing	12 75
J. B. King, sundry expenses.....	81
Account Grand Master, postage, express, telegrams, printing reports &c.....	103 85

They would also recommend that the loan to the Grand Encampment of two hundred dollars, be continued for another year as requested by the letter of the Grand Scribe of this date.

With reference to the communication from Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, asking for a remission of a fine of \$5.00 said to be imposed by the Grand Secretary, your Committee have examined the account of the said Lodge, and can find no fine charged against the Lodge.

Resolved,—T. a: the above report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HU. BLAIN,
J. SMITH,
CHAS. PACKETT,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
ROBERT ELDER,
A. B. COOK,

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :-

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 26, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts and find them correct, and recommend that they be paid:

W. G. Mutton, expenses and services as Auditor	\$21 00
Chas. Packert, " " "	19 00

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

HU}BLAIN,
JAS. SMITH,
A. B. COOK,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
ROBT. ELDER.

Rep. J. S. McMahon, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 26, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee to whom was referred clause's first and second of section 2, Grand Master's Report, being answers to questions in connection with the restoration of charter to Durham Lodge, No. 78,

Recommend that they be approved, and beg to submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. McMAHON,
A. L. MORDEN,
J. W. FLETCHER,
JAS. WOODYATT,
GEO. WRIGHT,
JOHN F. BELI.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was resolved into secret session, during which time the unwritten work was exemplified by the Grand Representatives Brothers Geo. Wright and Jas. Woodyatt.

After some time spent in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Geo. Wright, P. G. M., from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Bro. Albert L. Geen, P. G., of Belleville, beg leave to report as follows :

They find that the subject matter of the said communication should more properly come under the consideration of the Committee on Appeals. They therefore recommend that the said communication be referred to that Committee.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WRIGHT,
J. S. McMAHON,
JAS. WOODYATT,
JOHN F. BELL.

Rep. G. D Mackay, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted their report, which had been referred back for amendment, with clause eighteen (18) amended as directed.

(See clause 18 of Report of Committee on State of the Order, page 1963.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORLEE.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

We, your Committee to whom were referred back clause 18 of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, beg to submit the following :

Your Committee fully agree with the Grand Master as to the necessity of recording the past history of Odd Fellowship in Canada, and in order that the same may be in some degree effected we would recommend that the sum of \$300 be placed in the hands of the Grand Master and Committee to be used from time to time towards defraying expense while in search of such historical matter.

Resolved,—That this report be adopted.

GEO. D. MACKAY,
WM. N. FORD,
W. H. R. ALLISON,
FRANCIS RAE,
P. S. FURNESS.

On motion to adopt the clause as amended, Rep. Hu. Blain, seconded by Geo. Wright, P. G. M., moved the following, which was agreed to:—

Resolved,—That the further consideration of the amended clause of the report of the Committee on State of the Order, now under discussion, be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. H. R. Allison, of Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 143, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Diamond, asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in the matter of the appeal of W. J. Diamond *vs.* Belleville Lodge, No. 81, which, on motion, duly seconded, was granted.

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 2d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee beg to submit, that they have examined the following accounts, which they find correct, and recommended that they be paid:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DUES AND BENEFITS.

Geo. Wright, P. G. M.....	\$ 2 00
Hu. Blain	2 00
L. McFarlane	2 00
W. D. Gordon, per diem, \$2.00; mileage, \$14.80	16 80
Cl. T. Campbell, per diem, \$2.00; mileage, \$7.20.....	9 20
John Cameron & Co., printing 400 minority reports on above.	16 00

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved.—That the foregoing be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

HU. BLAIN,
JAS. SMITH,
CHAS. PACKERT,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
ROBT. ELDER,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
A. B. COOK.

Agreeably to resolution to that effect, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider applications from Lodges for permission to become incorporated under Cap. 34, 37th Victoria, when on motion the necessary permission was granted to the following Lodges :

Barrie	Lodge.....	No. 63
Hope	"	69
Nipissing	"	79
Peterboro'	"	111
Oakville	"	132
Orient	"	135
Osbourg	"	136
Leamington	"	140
Model	"	147
Sutton	"	168
Wellington Square	"	178
Teeswater	"	183
Albert	"	194
Florence	"	196
Acton	"	204
Ahram	"	205

At ten o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

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THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

BELLEVIEWE, August 3d, 1877.

The Grand Lodge met at nine o'clock a. m., J. Ham Perry, M. W. Grand Master, in the chair.

By direction the Grand Master and Grand Conductor examined all present and declared them duly qualified and privileged to sit in the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer, whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Master declared the Lodge duly opened.

Roll called. Present:—

OFFICERS.

J. HAM PERRY	M. W. Grand Master
CL. T. CAMPBELL	R. W. D. " "
FIFE FOWLER	R. W. G. Warden
J. B. KING	R. W. G. Secretary
WM. BADENACH	R. W. G. Treasurer
JAS. WOODYATT	R. W. G. Representative
GEO. WRIGHT	R. W. G. Representative
JNO. CAMPBELL	R. W. G. Marshal
J. ELIAS DURHAM	R. W. G. Conductor
A. McFEE	R. W. G. Guardian
R. W. BELL	R. W. G. Chaplain.

And a majority of Representatives

The minutes of last sitting were read and confirmed.

Rep. E. R. Robinson asked for and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

The following was on motion of Rep. J. S. McMahon laid on the table, to be again taken up this afternoon :—

Moved by Rep. Wm. Parker,

Seconded by Rep. J. Coulson,

That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet in the town of Guelph, on the second Wednesday in August, 1878.

In response to the resolution of Rep. Geo. Coote, on page 1949, the sum of \$1,258 was reported as contributed to the relief of Odd Fellows distressed by the late fire at St. John, N. B., donated as follows :

Grand Lodge of Ontario.....			\$100 00
Union Lodge.....	No. 16	St. Catharines.....	100 00
Canada ".....	" 49	Toronto.....	50 00
Corinthian ".....	" 61	Oshawa.....	50 00
Huron ".....	" 62	Goderich.....	80*00
Florence Nightingale ".....	" 66	Bowmanville.....	50 00
North Star ".....	" 68	Stayner.....	80 00
Warriner ".....	" 75	Port Perry.....	50 00
Belleville ".....	" 81	Belleville.....	50 00
Empire ".....	" 87	St. Catharines.....	50 00
Grand Union ".....	" 97	Berlin.....	105 00
Golden Star ".....	" 101	Brampton.....	50 00
Valley City ".....	" 117	Dundas.....	105 00
Sarnia ".....	" 126	Sarnia.....	48 00
Oakville ".....	" 132	Oakville.....	75 00
Peaceful Dove ".....	" 135	Cannington.....	50 00
Romeo ".....	" 164	Stratford.....	25 00

* Amount not given.

Rep. W. D. Bidwell, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF
NAME OF G. L. U. S.**

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the Clauses on page 1726, Journal 1876, in Grand Representatives' Report, referring to change of name of G. L. U. S., beg leave to report:

We find that the wish of the Grand Lodge at its last meeting held in St. Catharines, has been complied with. The Grand Master having sent a circular to each State Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S., giving reason why the name should be changed to the Supreme G. L.; also, our Grand Reps. to the G. L. U. S. have given the necessary notice at the last meeting of said G. L. U. S.

And we would urgently recommend that our Representatives to said Grand Body be requested to do all in their power to carry the notice of motion given by our Representatives last year.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

WM. D. RIDDELL,
W. MILLER,
J. KERNAHAN.

Bro. E. Newkirk, P. G., of Michigan, was announced as desiring to visit the Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed Past Grands Chas. Packert and J. R. Peckham a Committee to wait upon and introduce the visitor, which was accordingly done, and the Brother welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master.

Rep. J. F. Ball, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 5d, 1877.

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the matters submitted by P. G. Bro. Fred Claringbowl, by Crescent Lodge, No. 104, beg leave to

report that the same is in the nature of an appeal, and your Committee is persuaded that the communication should be referred to the Committee on appeals and grievances.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted:

JOHN F. BELL,
J. S. McMAHON.

Rep. Jas. Clark, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLAUSES 13 AND
22 OF GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.**

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee, to whom was referred clauses 13 and 22 of Grand Master's report, beg leave to report, That having examined the extensive correspondence which the Grand Master has received from the various Grand Jurisdictions in reference to the questions contained in his letter directed to them, recognize the importance of those questions and the necessity of having a general law laid down for them. Your Committee would recommend that a Special Committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to consider the matter and report at next regular meeting of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted,

JAMES CLARK,
J. M. MUNRO,
THOS. FAIRBAIRN,
ROBT. BANNERMAN,
JAMES RICHARDSON.

Rep. Hu. Blain, seconded by Rep. Chas. Packert, moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was agreed to:—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted yesterday—page 1964 be now re-considered.

The question now being on the resolution to adopt the report, the following was agreed to:—

Moved by Rep. Hu. Blain,
Secounded by Rep. Chas. Packert, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Committee on Finance be amended by striking out the last clause and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

With reference to the communication of Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, asking for a remission of a fine of four dollars imposed by the Grand Secretary, your Committee have examined the account and carefully considered the circumstances of the case, and would recommend that the fine be remitted.

Rep. Hu. Blain from the Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was considered and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee beg to submit that they have examined the report of the Grand Treasurer and find it correct.

They have also examined the accounts paid by the Grand Officers since the last session of this Grand Lodge and find them correct and therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Officers be endorsed.

They have likewise examined the following clauses of the Grand Secretary's report, viz.:

Clause 18.—Your Committee would gladly comply with the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, but fear that the present financial position of the Grand Lodge will not warrant the additional expenditure required.

Clause 24.—Correct.

Clause 29.—They find by referring to page 17, Journal of Proceedings for 1861, that the Committee on State of the Order recommended that "the Grand Secretary be allowed some remuneration for his valuable services during his term of office," and further that on referring to page 14, in Journal of same proceedings, that Grand Secretary Dolson was paid \$80 for his services the previous year. Upon enquiry they learn that the reason for the amount not having been paid at that time was the scarcity of the funds in the treasury. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to W. H. Reid, Past Grand Secretary, for services rendered to this R. W. Grand Body.

We submit the following:

Resolved.—That the foregoing be adopted.

HU. BLAIN,
 JAS. SMITH,
 C. PACKERT,
 A. B. COOK,
 J. T. HORNIBROOK,
 G. E. PATTERSON,
 R. ELDER.

Reps. W. H. Hender, H. Harper, C. Senior, Geo. Coote and G. Cochenour, asked for, and on motion were granted, leave of absence after noon this day.

Rep. Thos. Woodyatt moved,

That the special order for this hour, viz., the consideration of the proposed Constitution, be now taken up.

Which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 8, inclusive, were considered and adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 9, it was not agreed to.

On motion to adopt the clauses 10 to 18 inclusive—relative to representation,

Rep. A. C. Stewart moved to amend, by striking out clauses 10 to 18 and substituting the amendment proposed by Eureka Lodge.

Rep. D. Martin moved to amend by adopting the amendments proposed by Stephen Lodge, No. 169, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments proposed by Eureka Lodge, No. 30, they were not agreed to.

The question now being on the adoption of the amendments as proposed by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt, they were not agreed to.

An invitation from Mr. W. J. Palmer, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, for the Grand Lodge to visit that Institution, was on motion accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the courtesy.

The hour of 12.30 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock.

All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

Grand Lodge opened in regular form.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and confirmed.

Geo. Wright, P. G. M., on behalf of the Lodges in Toronto, invited the Grand Lodge to hold its next Session in the City of Toronto.

The consideration of the proposed Constitution, which was under consideration when the Grand Lodge adjourned, was now resumed.

Clauses 19, 20, 21 were considered and adopted.

Rep. Thos. Woodyatt, moved to adopt Clauses 22 to 28 inclusive.

Rep. A. C. Stewart moved to amend, by substituting the amendments proposed by Eureka Lodge, No. 30.

The Grand Master ruled the notice of amendment by Eureka Lodge, No. 30, to be out of order.

The question now being to adopt the Clauses,

Brothers S. K. Bradshaw, P. G., of Columbus, Ohio, and E. Newkirk, P. G., of Michigan, were, on motion, requested to explain the *modus operandi* of electing Grand Officers in their re-

spective states. The brothers having kindly complied with the request, the question to adopt the Clauses, was, put to the Lodge, and declared lost.

The amendment proposed by Rep. H. Wilson, Journal 1876, page 1643, was considered and adopted.

Clauses 29 to 33 inclusive were considered and adopted.

Pending the consideration of Clause 34, the Mileage and Per Diem Committee were permitted to submit their report.

Rep. J. F. O'Neil, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER
DIEM.**

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

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg respectfully to submit the following report and tabular statement of mileage and per diem which Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge are entitled to receive in accordance with resolution adopted at the present session, the same being computed at the rate of four cents per mile each way, and two dollars per day.

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved,—That the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

J. F. O'NEIL,
GEO. SHAW,
ROBT. DODDS,
D. MCKAY,
W. HAY.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

LODGE.	NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MILES TRAVELLED.	MILEAGE.	NUMBER OF DAYS.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
GRAND OFFICERS:								
J. Ham Ferry, M. W. G. M.		Whitby	166	6 64	3	\$	6 00	
C. T. Campbell, R. W. D. G. M.		London	466	18 64	3	6 00	24 64	
F. Fowler, R. W. G. W.		Kingston	366	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	
J. B. King, R. W. G. S.		Brantford	326	14 40	5	10 00	24 40	
W. Badenach, R. W. G. S.		Toronto	326	1 04	3	6 00	15 04	
Geo. Woodcutt, R. W. G. R.		Brantford	360	9 00	3	6 00	27 40	
John Knight, R. W. G. R.		Toronto	228	9 00	3	6 00	15 04	
John Campbell, R. W. G. Mar		Seaforth	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	
J. E. Durham, R. W. G. G. Con.		Petrolia	560	22 40	3	6 00	28 40	
A. McFee, R. W. G. G.		Belleville	284	11 36	3	6 00	17 36	
R. W. Bell, R. W. G. Chap.		Carleton Place	284	11 36	3	6 00	17 36	
Brock	9	Brookville	190	7 60	3	6 00	13 60	John F. Wood.
"	9	"	190	7 60	3	6 00	13 60	James Nettleton.
Cataraqui	10	Kingston	370	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	J. Macallister.
Union	16-84	Catharines	370	14 80	3	6 00	20 80	Geo. E. Paterson.
"	16	"	370	14 80	3	6 00	20 80	James Kernhan.
Rose	16	"	370	14 80	3	6 00	20 80	A. P. Friesman.
Chatham	28	Amherstburg	586	23 44	3	6 00	29 44	Representative not Present.
"	29	"	586	23 44	3	6 00	29 44	James Richardson.
"	29	"	586	23 44	3	6 00	29 44	John Ozte.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Number of Days.	Per Diem.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
Eureka.....	30	London	466	18 64	3	\$	24 64 E. R. Robinson.
"	30	"	466	18 64	3	6 00	24 64 A. C. Stewart.
"	30	"	466	18 64	3	6 00	24 64 W. D. Biddell.
Erie	33	Port Burwell	499	19 60	3	6 00	20 40 J. H. Newcombe.
Gore	34	Brantford	360	14 40	3	6 00	20 40 J. H. Newcombe.
"	34	"	360	14 40	3	6 00	20 40 Thos. W. Mackay.
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	430	16 40	3	6 00	22 80 W. Ballantyne.
"	35	"	430	16 40	3	6 00	22 80 Wm. Sudworth.
St. Marys.....	36	St. Marys	428	17 04	3	6 00	23 04 R. B. Harstone.
"	36	"	428	17 04	3	6 00	23 04 W. C. Moscrip.
Forest City	38	London	466	18 64	3	6 00	24 64 J. W. Fletcher.
"	38	"	466	18 64	3	6 00	24 64 W. H. W. Moore.
Rond Ean	38	Blenheim	466	18 64	3	6 00	30 40 J. Matholland.
Avon	41	Sturford	610	24 40	3	6 00	22 08 Thos. Henderson.
"	41	"	402	16 08	3	6 00	22 08 John Welsh.
Excelsior	41	"	402	16 08	3	6 00	22 08 Chas. Packert.
"	44	Harilton	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 24 J. S. McMahon.
Frontier	44	"	306	12 24	3	6 00	33 12 J. Ardison.
"	45	Windsor	678	27 12	3	6 00	33 12 J. Ardison.
"	45	"	678	27 12	3	6 00	33 12 J. Ardison.
Mt. Zion	40	Newbury	532	21 28	3	6 00	27 28 J. D. Addison.
						\$	Total.

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Unity	47	Hamilton	306	12 24	3	\$ 6 00	\$ 18 72	Geo. Midgley.
"	47	"	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 72	Joseph Wilson.
Dominion	48	London	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 72	A. W. McKay.
"	48	"	460	18 64	3	6 00	24 64	W. F. Howell.
Canada	48	"	460	18 64	3	6 00	24 64	H. J. Boyd.
"	49	Toronto	238	9 04	3	6 00	14 94	J. K. Master.
"	49	"	238	9 04	3	6 00	14 94	Wm. Moore.
Other	49	"	238	9 04	3	6 00	14 94	T. A. Thompson.
"	50	Tilsonburg	450	18 00	3	6 00	27 00	Robt. Dadds.
Bissell	50	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	27 00	John Dewar.
"	51	Mitchell	426	17 04	3	6 00	24 00	John Waterhouse.
Covenant	52	Toronto	426	17 04	3	6 00	24 00	Hord.
"	52	"	426	17 04	3	6 00	24 00	A. McPherson.
Niagara Falls	52	"	326	9 04	3	6 00	18 04	H. J. T. Hornbrook.
"	53	"	326	9 04	3	6 00	18 04	J. C. Moor.
Collingwood	53	Chilton	390	15 60	3	6 00	21 60	F. Anderson.
Fidelity	54	Collingwood	416	16 64	3	6 00	23 64	R. C. Guerin.
"	55	Seaforth	450	18 00	3	6 00	27 00	Henry Robertson.
"	55	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	27 00	M. Morrison.
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	226	9 04	3	6 00	13 04	Jas. A. Cline.
"		"						John Donogh.

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Queen City of Ontario	Toronto	56	225	9 04	3	6 00	15 04	Jos. Oliver
Wendle Leaf	Orangeville	57	320	12 80	3	6 00	18 80	Wm. Driver
Harold	Strathroy	58	506	20 24	3	6 00	26 24	P. W. Johnson
Kingston	"	58	506	20 24	3	6 00	26 24	J. W. Mackerville
"	Kingston	59	96	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	W. Dunn
Wardville	"	59	96	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	J. H. Werna
Corinthian	Wardville	60	536	21 44	3	6 00	27 44	Wm. Murphy
"	Wardville	61	158	6 32	3	6 00	12 32	Daniel McKay
"	Wardville	61	158	6 32	3	6 00	12 32	Daniel McKay
Barrie	Goderich	62	492	19 68	3	6 00	25 68	Joseph Beck
Victoria	"	62	492	19 68	3	6 00	25 68	C. W. Andrews
Friendship	Hamilton	63	350	14 00	3	6 00	18 24	Wm. Campbell
"	Hamilton	64	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 24	Wm. Campbell
Florence Nightingale	Petrolia	65	560	22 40	3	6 00	28 40	J. Mearns
Exeter	Bowmanville	66	440	17 60	3	6 00	23 60	J. S. Burden
North Star	Exeter	67	492	19 68	3	6 00	25 68	Chas. Sealor
Hope	Stayner	68	392	15 68	3	6 00	21 68	W. B. Sanders
Lucan	Harrickville	69	446	17 84	3	6 00	23 84	Robert Facey
"	Lucan	70	454	18 16	3	6 00	24 16	Albert Goodacre

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The Toronto	71	Toronto	226	\$ 9 04	3	6 00	6 00	John Ritchie, Jr.
"	71	"	226	9 04	3	6 00	15 04	Jas. Hoekie.
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	166	6 64	3	6 00	15 04	H. R. Taylor.
"	72	"	166	6 64	3	6 00	12 64	Geo. Hoyte.
Fergus	73	Fergus	534	14 16	3	6 00	20 16	T. W. Thompson.
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	534	14 16	3	6 00	27 68	Chas. Miles.
Warriner	75	Port Perry	200	8 00	3	6 00	34 00	D. Ledingham.
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	Angus Murray.
"	76	"	498	19 92	3	6 00	23 80	H. M. Winson.
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	420	16 80	3	6 00	22 80	H. J. Cole.
"	77	"	420	16 80	3	6 00	10 00	G. W. Lambert.
Durham	78	Pt. Hope	100	4 00	3	6 00	16 80	John H. Bustina.
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	270	10 80	3	6 00	14 64	James Dowdley.
Amity	80	Prescott	216	8 64	3	6 00	6 00	R. Tracey.
"	80	"	216	8 64	3	6 00	6 00	J. H. Post.
Belleville	81	Belleville	216	8 64	3	6 00	34 80	J. H. Whaley.
"	81	"	216	8 64	3	6 00	24 72	Jas. A. Yull.
Beaver	82	Rathven	728	28 96	3	6 00	25 04	Jos. Pensdale
Clinton	83	Clinton	478	19 12	3	6 00	22 80	Jos. Innes.
Walkerston	84	Walkerston	478	19 12	3	6 00	7 70	A. L. Morden.
Consolidation	85	Burgessville	420	16 80	3	6 00		
Napanee	86	Napanee	44	1 76	3	6 00		

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Empire	87	St. Catharines.....	370	\$ 14 80	3	6 00	Robt. Gourley
Olive Branch.....	88	Woodstock	370	14 80	3	6 00	T. Parne I
Reliance	89	Guelph.....	402	16 08	3	6 00	Chas. Sutherland.
Ivy	89	Guelph.....	322	12 88	3	6 00	Geo. Mackay.
Grand River.....	90	Parkhill.....	322	12 88	3	6 00	Wm. Palmer.
Milton	91	Paris.....	482	19 28	3	6 00	John Cunliffe.
Western City	92	Millton	394	14 56	3	6 00	Wm. Reid
Westerly	93	Chatham	398	15 92	3	6 00	Geo. Inkster.
Port Stanley	94	Aylmer	586	23 44	3	6 00	Wm. Miller.
Nith	95	Port Stanley	510	20 40	3	6 00	A. S. Gillet.
Grand Union.....	96	Port Hamburg	514	20 56	3	6 00	W. L. Burdick.
Minto	97	Port Hamburg	376	15 04	3	6 00	S. J. Somerville.
Peabody	98	Hardiston	350	14 00	3	6 00	W. L. Brown.
Leinster	99	Wakford	426	17 04	3	6 00	Thos. Parrich.
Golden Star	100	Lindsay	482	21 28	3	6 00	Wm. Jaffray.
Doeronto	101	Brampton	268	10 72	3	.....	Thos. Howden.
Catast	102	Mill Point.....	268	10 72	3	6 00	Rep. not present.
	103	Drummondville	38	1 44	3	6 00	W. C. Bryant.
			398	15 92	3	6 00	H. Beck.
							Wm. Evans.
							W. A. Kennedy.
							Total.

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Crescent	104	Hamilton	308	\$ 12 24	3	6 00	\$ 18 24	Geo. Britton
Manilla	104	"	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 24	John Faulkner
St. Clair	105	Manilla	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	John Short
Windsor	106	Point Edward	532	22 48	3	6 00	28 48	J. F. O'Neill
Royal Oak	107	Gall	352	14 08	3	6 00	20 08	H. Blackby
Orion	108	Forest	518	20 72	3	6 00	26 72	W. H. Maitery
Laurel	109	Georgetown	284	11 36	3	6 00	17 36	W. Freeman
Peterborough	110	Yongeville	226	9 04	3	6 00	15 04	J. C. Laurier
Lacknow	111	Peterborough	162	6 48	3	6 00	12 48	Robert Elder
Trenton	112	Lacknow	508	20 32	3	6 00	26 32	J. S. Tennant
Gsnanoque	113	Trenton	24	96	3	6 00	6 96	R. B. Way
Harmony	114	Gananoque	137	5 48	3	6 00	11 48	John Ormiston
Niomi	115	Brantford	337	14 48	3	6 00	20 48	Robt. Grigor
Maitland	116	Markham	294	9 36	3	6 00	15 36	Henry Wilson
Valley City	117	Dundas	318	12 72	3	6 00	18 72	Geo. Coote
St. Catharines	118	Wingham	538	23 52	3	6 00	30 52	M. Iblester
Sudbham Valley	119	Wallingham	630	24 80	3	6 00	30 80	R. T. Riddell
Stromsville	120	Wallaceburg	463	18 72	3	6 00	24 72	E. J. Crobb
Palmerston	121	Allisa Crak	290	11 80	3	6 00	17 80	John J. McMillan
Dresden	122	Strensaville	408	16 32	3	6 00	22 32	Robt. F. Rudel
Stella	123	Dundas	588	23 52	3	6 00	30 52	R. Bannerman
Stella	124	Dundas	282	11 28	3	6 00	17 28	R. Bannerman

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Sarnia	126	Sarnia	558	\$ 23 32	3	\$ 6 00	28 Chas. Fisher
Miramah	127	Belleville	3	6 00	18 John G. Moore
Myrtle	128	Silfiorde	320	12 80	3	6 00	18 John A. Vanfleet
Charity	129	St. Catharines	240	9 80	3	6 00	15 J. L. Williams
Livings one	130	Thorold	374	14 96	3	6 00	20 Wm. Williams
"	130	"	...	...	3	6 00	Rep. not present
Marion	131	Renfrew	364	14 56	3	6 00	20 Jas. Clark
Oakville	132	Oakville	270	10 80	3	6 00	16 Thos. Wilson
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	538	21 52	3	6 00	17 D. A. Ferguson
Orient	134	Welland	300	12 00	3	6 00	15 E. R. Cook
Peaceful Days	135	Canningham	228	9 12	3	6 00	9 J. K. Keedy
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	88	3 52	3	6 00	13 B. E. Woodley
St. Lawrence	137	Brockton	190	7 60	3	6 00	13 B. E. Woodley
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	400	16 00	3	6 00	Rep. not present
Garnet	139	St. Forest	728	29 12	3	6 00	22 David Martin
Leamington	140	Leamington	322	12 88	3	6 00	32 Robert Gibson
Concord	141	Ottawa	720	28 80	3	6 00	18 Thos. A. Beckel
Bay of Quinte	142	Kingsville	70	2 80	3	6 00	8 Wm. Broadwell
Ridgely	143	Belleville	580	23 20	3	6 00	29 B. Wilson
Ridgetown	144	Belleville	569	23 20	3	6 00	29 B. Wilson
Etverside	145	Fredericton	3	6 00	Rep. not present
Vivian	146	Ampror	326	13 04	3	6 00	19 G. C. Clint
		Total.					

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Model	147	Wyoming	556	22 24	3	\$	6 00	Geo. R. Reid
Avonra	148	Aurora	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	J. J. Jones
Western Star	149	Brussels	402	18 48	3	6 00	24 48	Peter Scott
Sycamore	150	Ridgeway	420	16 50	3	6 00	22 80	W. L. Allon
Hayden	151	Arkona	512	20 48	3	6 00	26 48	E. Thoman
Wilder	152	Norwich	426	17 04	3	6 00	23 04	H. Couzins
Alpha	153	Oranont	442	17 68	3	6 00	23 68	J. S. Grant
Brougham	154	Leconte	394	11 76	3	6 00	17 76	J. M. Manroe
Pyramid	155	Newmarket	320	7 60	3	6 00	13 60	Samuel Webb
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	564	22 56	3	6 00	28 56	L. Alkison
Progress	158	Guelph	322	13 88	3	6 00	19 88	W. Decow
Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	306	13 24	3	6 00	19 24	Adam Weir
Stowel	160	Listowel	426	17 04	3	6 00	23 04	Jas. D. Conklin
Simcoe	161	Simcoe	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	P. S. Furnish
Orlandtown	162	Cookstown	346	13 84	3	6 00	19 84	H. W. Harper
Bonco	163	Cornwall	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 24	H. W. Young
Beedhoven	164	Stratford	402	16 08	3	6 00	22 08	C. W. Warren
178	165	Brooklin	360	14 40	3	6 00	20 40	C. Roberts
328	166	Shelburne	328	13 12	3	6 00	19 12	W. M. Donaldson
328	167	Hillsburgh	328	13 12	3	6 00	19 12	Geo. Hawkins
328	168	Sticton	388	13 52	3	6 00	19 52	Geo. Hawkins

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LODGE.	LOCATION.	Miles Traveled.	Mileage.	Number of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
Stephen	Durham	442	\$ 17 68	3	6 00	\$ 23 68	W. A. Volet
Abilisk	170 Port Elgin	518	20 72	3	6 00	26 72	R. W. Anderson
Pencilangore	171 Allison	366	14 64	3	6 00	20 64	W. H. Hender
Emerald	172 Kincardine	520	20 80	3	6 00	26 80	R. Peckham
Dolman	173 Dunnville	388	15 52	3	6 00	21 52	Ch. Stevens
Lorne	174 West Lake	380	15 20	3	6 00	21 20	J. Shearer
Bauncey	175 Theodford	521	20 80	3	6 00	26 80	Joe. Wilton
Montana	176 Wroxeter	444	17 76	3	6 00	23 76	R. McIntosh
Washington Square	177 Wellington Square	290	11 60	3	6 00	17 60	V. H. Peart
Owen Sound	178 Madoc	52	2 08	3	6 00	8 08	T. G. Carson
Ark	179 Owen Sound	470	18 80	3	6 00	24 80	John Cameron
Teeswater	180 Orlingfield	456	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	W. F. Kay
Termania	181 Seewater	470	18 80	3	6 00	24 80	Thos. Fairbairn
Duff	182 Waterloo	357	13 16	3	6 00	19 16	A. L. Bowman
Cambridge	183 Greensville	318	12 72	3	6 00	18 72	Geo. Cochenour
Parry Sound	184 Flesherford	398	15 92	3	6 00	21 92	H. Hooper
Chorazin	185 Preston	310	12 40	3	6 00	18 40	John Blois
.....	186 Parry Sound	344	13 76	3	6 00	20 76	Henry Boat
.....	187 London East	564	22 56	3	6 00	28 56	J. J. Blinn
.....	188	466	18 64	3	5 00	23 64	W. J. Shaw
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LODGE.	Number of Lodges	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Number of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
Jarvis.....	191	Jarvis.....	379	14 88	3	6 00	\$ 20 88	J. H. Love
Kilbrack.....	192	Gorrie.....	444	17 06	3	6 00	\$ 23 76	G. C. Cowper
Victory.....	193	St. Marys.....	426	17 04	3	6 00	\$ 23 04	R. F. Barbour
Albert.....	194	Toronto.....	226	9 04	3	6 00	\$ 15 04	C. W. Wilnot
Cleburne.....	195	Woodville.....	216	8 64	3	6 00	\$ 14 64	C. W. Wilnot
Florence.....	196	Florence.....	580	22 40	3	6 00	\$ 28 40	R. W. McSwain
Minerva.....	197	Hamilton.....	300	12 24	3	6 00	\$ 18 24	John Stearns
Eriannia.....	198	Hollis.....	392	15 68	3	6 00	\$ 21 68	Thos. Thompson
Scotts.....	199	Pt. Robinson.....	230	9 68	3	6 00	\$ 15 68	Robt. Grisdale
Weston.....	200	Weston.....	412	17 88	3	6 00	\$ 23 88	G. W. Wright
Byron.....	201	Pt. Colborne.....	230	9 68	3	6 00	\$ 15 68	Wm. Hay
Belmont.....	202	Milverton.....	182	7 88	3	6 00	\$ 13 88	Thos. Thompson
Pembroke.....	203	Pembroke.....	432	17 88	3	6 00	\$ 23 88	Samuel Attridge
Silver Star.....	204	Acton.....	296	11 84	3	6 00	\$ 17 84	T. W. Raines
Albham.....	205	Palsley.....	596	23 84	3	6 00	\$ 29 84	J. D. Winiaw
Silver City.....	206	Tverton.....	540	21 60	3	6 00	\$ 27 60	Edward Leslie
		London.....	468	18 64	3	6 00	\$ 24 64	R. W. Partridge
		".....	468	18 64	3	6 00	\$ 24 64	R. W. Partridge
		".....	468	18 64	3	6 00	\$ 24 64	R. W. Partridge
		Stratford.....	402	16 08	3	6 00	\$ 22 08	Jas. Smith
		St. Marys.....	492	17 04	3	6 00	\$ 23 04	John Gibson
		Brockville.....	190	7 60	3	6 00	\$ 13 60	W. N. Ford
							\$ 13 80	W. Fitzsimmons

Past Grand Masters present and served on Committee.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

LODGE.	Number of Lodges.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Number of Days.	Per Diem.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	
Outside Guardian Committee on Laws of Subordinates.	}	Harford	367	14 40	3	6 00	W. H. Scholtes	
		St. Charles	370	14 80	4	8 00	W. S. Campbell	
		London	400	18 64	4	8 00	W. A. Rawlings	
		London	400	18 64	3	6 00	R. Kirkpatrick	
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The consideration of the Constitution was now resumed, when the remaining Clauses were adopted.

(See appendix for the new Constitution as finally adopted.)

Geo. Wright, P. G. M., from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following Majority Report :

MAJORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Claim of Durham Lodge, No. 78, for compensation for the loss sustained during the term of said Lodge's suspension in the year '76, having carefully considered the same, beg leave to report as follows:

The majority of your Committee fail to recognize the justice of this claim, and therefore cannot recommend the payment of the amount of the said claim.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

GEORGE WRIGHT,
J. W. FLETCHER,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,
JOHN F. BELL.

Rep. J. S. McMahon, from the same Committee, presented the following Minority Report :

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 3d, 1877

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

The undersigned, a minority of the Judiciary Committee, beg leave to make the following Minority Report upon the petition of Durham Lodge, No. 78, asking to be reimbursed for losses (if any) incurred during time of suspension of said Lodge, from January to August, 1876, being 8 months and 3 weeks actual time under suspension :

Durham Lodge asks this Grand Lodge to reimburse them for loss caused by the suspension of its Charter by our late Grand Master, and afterwards restored to them by action of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

We beg to submit the following:

Resolved,—That Durham Lodge, No. 78, has no *legal* claim on this R. W. Grand Lodge, but taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of their case, they being deprived of representation in this Grand Lodge from the fact of being under suspension at the time of its last Session, we would recommend that Durham Lodge be refunded the sum of \$18.00, being the amount paid by it for per cap. tax for term ending 30th June, 1876, and being the term they were under suspension.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. McMAHON,
JAS. WOODYATT,
A. L. MORDEN.

The question being on the adoption of the Minority Report, it was agreed to.

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee, to whom was referred statements A and B and pages 19 to 32 inclusive of the Grand Secretary's Report, would submit.

Statement A—correct except a typographical error in the amount due by Pembroke Lodge, No. 203, which should be \$89.70 in lieu of \$29.70 and the omission of Mystic Lodge, No. 128, \$0.50.

Statement B—correct.

Page 19—balance sheet correct.

Page 20. Your Committee are pleased to correct the compliments paid to the Grand Secretary by the Auditors for the satisfactory way the books are kept. They would also recommend the suggestion, that as the present set of books are nearly filled up, a new set be ordered, which should be more strongly bound, of better paper, and more conveniently ruled than the present ones.

They also concur with the view of the Auditors as to the satisfactory manner in which the duties of Grand Treasurer have been performed.

Pages 21 to 31 inclusive, correct with the following exceptions: Page 23, Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, entered \$22.50 instead of \$25.50; page 28, Alliston Lodge, No. 171, extended in total column, \$10.10 instead of \$10; and Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, extended \$7.75 instead of \$6.75; page 31, Dominion Lodge, No. 48, extended \$50.50 instead of \$59.25; Ivy Lodge, No. 90, extended \$20.25 instead of \$20.75; and the following items are also omitted from the statement: Aurora Lodge, No. 148, \$12 75; Grand Union Lodge, No. 97, \$19.25; Royal Oak Lodge, No. 108, \$13.75.

With reference to page 32, Supplementary Receipts, we have examined and find correct.

They also recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.....	\$10 00
H. Evans, Per Diem 1 day, omitted to be paid last Session.....	2 00

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

HU. BLAIN,
JAS. SMITH,
CHAS. PACKERT,
A. B. COOK,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
ROBT. ELDER.

Rep. J. S. Tennant, from the special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee appointed to investigate the Schemes of Endowment proposed by Bro. John Campbell, respectfully report that we have examined said Scheme of Endowment, but as Bro. Campbell intends bringing the said scheme fully before the several Lodges in the jurisdiction by circular, we recommend that Bro. Campbell be allowed to lay his scheme, fully developed, before this Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved.—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TENNANT,
WM. BALLANTINE,
W. SUDWORTH,
OTTO PRESPRICH,
A. BOWMAN.

Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the questions propounded by the several Lodges mentioned, beg leave to submit the following answers thereto, viz.:

Ivy Lodge, No. 90.

Is the child of a Brother Odd Fellow in good standing at time of death to be considered an orphan, the mother being alive, the Lodge By-Laws specifying annual benefits to orphan children up to 14 years of age and the mother re-married?

Answer. Yes.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30.

Suppose a member owes any Lodge for fines levied in accordance with By-Laws of the Lodge, more than the amount of thirteen weeks dues, what effect would it have on his claim for benefits providing he had paid his dues up to date of such claim?

Answer. It will have the effect of deferring the brother from benefits. Arrangements for fines legally imposed are the same as for dues.

And also what steps the Lodge must take to recover any fines that may be made against any brother according to the By-Laws of the Lodge of which he is a member?

Answer. Same steps must be taken to collect fines that are required to collect dues or assessments.

Warriner Lodge, No. 75.

Can a Lodge after incorporation do away with its Trustees ?

Answer. Consult your legal adviser, under the Act of Incorporation.

Belleville Lodge, No. 81.

Is a Brother entitled to the term password, his dues not having been paid for that term ?

Answer. If the brother is not in arrears for over thirteen weeks, he is entitled to the password.

A Brother pays his dues for the first week in the term, has he a right to receive the password ?

Answer. Yes.

What course can or should be taken to oblige members to pay their dues, fines or other charges against them ?

Answer. Refer to your Constitution, By-Laws and Digest of the Order.

Has the N. G. the right to refuse the admittance of a Brother who is in arrears for dues ?

Answer. See clause 2, page 89, also page 90, Ontario Digest.

A Brother withdraws from his Lodge by card and affiliates with another Lodge, is he entitled to benefits during the first six months ?

Answer. It depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge with which he affiliates.

If so, which Lodge is holden for such benefits, the one he withdrew from or the one he affiliated with ?

Answer. Your Committee are surprised at the simplicity of the question.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 79.

Can the D. D. G. M. of Subordinate Lodges give the password to private members in the Lodge room ?

Answer. Refer to the Ritual.

Unity Lodge, No. 47.

A motion is put from the chair to expend money; objection is taken that it is in conflict with the By-Laws; the N. G. rules against the objection; a majority of the Lodge sustain the N. G.; notice is then given that an appeal will be taken to the D. D. G. M. Would such appeal stop proceedings pending the decision of the D. D. G. M. ?

If the money was paid by the order of the N. G. before the decision of the D. D. G. M. and the D. D. G. M. rule the action of the Lodge wrong,

what redress would the Brothers forming the minority have, they having carried out the appeal in good faith and without any unnecessary delay?

Answer. The questions are not sufficiently explicit for your Committee to render an opinion.

Pt. Stanley Lodge No. 95.

By-Law No. 34 of Pt. Stanley Lodge No. 95, says that the quarterly contributions of each Brother shall be considered due at the commencement of each quarterly term or within 30 days, is the Lodge supposed to use the old term password for the first 30 days of the new term, if not suppose the Guardian fails to pay his dues how is he to be prevented from receiving the new password from members or visitors while he is not lawfully entitled to it?

Answer. The Lodge is not supposed to use the old password after installation.

A Brother dies in good standing the widow afterwards becomes immoral and depraved—What should be done with her annual benefits? Can the Lodge withhold it and place it in a bank for the benefit of the orphans, and if so would that be the best method of disposing of it?

Answer. Discontinue benefits to the widow and give the same to the children.

By-Law No. 15 of Pt. Stanley Lodge No. 95 after defining the duties of the P. S., says that for such services he shall receive the sum of ten cents for each memento in good standing on the books of the Lodge at the close of his term of office. Who are members in good standing in this sense? All whose name appear on the Semi-annual Returns or only those whose dues are fully paid up at the close of the term?

Answer. The Ontario Digest defines good standing, see page 61.

Simcoe Lodge No. 161.

A member of a Lodge where the quarterly dues are payable in advance is taken sick on the first meeting in the quarter, his sickness continuing for several weeks, he is unable to send his quarterly dues on that evening, his sickness having commenced but a short time previous to the time of opening the Lodge. On the evening of the second meeting in the quarter he sends for a Brother for the purpose of sending his dues but finds that the brother has left for the Lodge. At that meeting he is reported sick and is attended by the Visiting Committee from that time. He neglects to send his dues at the third meeting of the quarter although having the opportunity to do so. Query? Is such member entitled to any such benefits and if so for what length of time?

Answer. Under the circumstances stated the brother not being thirteen weeks in arrears is entitled to benefits.

Western City Lodge No. 93.

Can the Lodge refuse benefits to a brother after having undergone an examination by the medical examiner of the Lodge and reported in sound health although it could be proved that he was taking medicine for consumption at the time he joined the Lodge or should they bring a charge against him for making misstatements.

Answer. The Lodge accepted the certificate of their medical adviser and accepted the responsibility.

Concord Lodge, No. 112.

Where dues are payable in advance can the N. G. withhold the password of the current term when members are not three months in arrears.

Answer. No.

Resolved,—That the foregoing answers be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
J. W. FLETCHER,
GEO. WRIGHT,
JAS. WOODYATT,
J. S. McMAHON,
A. L. MORDEN,
JOHN F. BELL,

Rep. J. W. Fletcher, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee beg leave to report upon the following matters submitted to them as follows, viz.:

Waterloo Lodge, No. 107.

Can the evidence taken before a trial committee be discussed in open Lodge when deliberating upon the report of said Committee?

Answer. Yes.

At the election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge, has the N. Grand the right to vote the same as other members?

Answer. Yes.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72.

Has any Lodge the power to act on an amended By-Law before the said amended By-Law has been submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval?

Answer. No.

2nd.—A Brother disqualified from obtaining sick benefits by reason of N. P. D. in the event of the Brother's demise during such disqualification, would his relatives be entitled to funeral benefits and his widow to her annual stipend, provided, at the date of his demise, he were clear on the books, no provision having been made by the By-Laws for the same?

Answer. No.

By Live Oak Lodge, No. 185.

A Brother having a Clearance Card from his own Lodge to another Lodge, but before the Lodge accepted his Card the candidate joined the Canadian Order, would Live Oak be justified in accepting his Clearance Card.

Answer. Yes.

North Star Lodge, No. 88.

Is it constitutional to re-instate a Brother who has been suspended for N. P. D. and remit the full amount of his dues after a lapse of two years, the Lodge having unanimously voted in favor of the same?

Answer. See White's Digest, 17 8, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774.

By Minerva Lodge, No. 197.

The Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. provides that the election of officers shall be held semi-annually in Lodges meeting weekly, and annually in Lodges meeting fortnightly.

In case a Lodge is instituted, and before the term of thirteen nights of meeting has elapsed (the meetings being held fortnightly) the first regular meeting in July has come, is the Lodge acting unconstitutionally in holding an election of officers for the ensuing term of twelve months?

Answer. Yes.

In case the action is constitutional, are not the retiring officers entitled to the honors of their several offices, they having completed their term of office.

Answer. In view of the answer to the first question, this one drops.
When would the election and installation take place of the officers of said Lodge?

Answer. The election would be on the last meeting in June and the installation on the first meeting in July.

Dresden Lodge, No. 124.

The Per. Secretary reported a Brother eighteen months in arrears. A Brother made a motion that an extension of time be granted to the Brother. The motion on being put to the Lodge was lost. The N. G. declared the Brother to have ceased membership for N. P. D. Was it right to have declared the Brother to have ceased membership, not having been previously suspended or notified of his arrears to the Lodge?

Our By-Laws say it is the duty of the Per. Secretary to notify every Brother twelve months in arrears, and report to the Lodge any Brother twelve months in arrears, also, to report to the Lodge any Brother eighteen months in arrears.

Ans. Must be declared by Noble Grand.

Next Lodge night two Brothers who voted against the motion extension of time moved for a reconsideration. The motion was put to the Lodge and carried. Was it right to re-consider the action of the Lodge or the N. G. in this case? and can the Brother become a member of our Lodge again without again being balloted for?

Answer. Ought to have been notified.

A Brother of our Lodge was declared to have ceased to be a member for N. P. D. about two years ago. He now wishes to be reinstated, so as to join a Lodge in British Columbia, where he now resides. Can he be reinstated without being here to re-sign the Constitution? and must we have the consent of the Grand Lodge before we reinstate a Brother who has ceased membership for N. P. Dues.

Answer. See White's Digest 1767 to 1774, inclusive.

Palmerston Lodge, No. 128.

In case of the death of a Brother, who is also a member of some other Order from which he is entitled to funeral expenses, and is buried by such Order and the funeral expenses paid by such Order, is the Brother entitled to the full amount of funeral expenses from us as provided by our By-Laws?

Answer. Certainly; must pay funeral benefits.

Capital Lodge, No. 141.

When the Chair of the N. G. becomes vacant, is it legal for the V. G. to occupy the Chair for the remainder of the term.

Answer. No.

When the Past Grand of the Lodge refuses to take the office of N. G., can a Lodge elect a Scarlet member who has not filled a Subordinate office.

Answer. See White's Digest, clause 1335.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. FLETCHER,
JOHN F. BELL,
J. S. McMAHON,
A. L. MORDEN,
GEORGE WRIGHT,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,
JAMES WOODYATT.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:—

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon,

Seconded by Rep. A. C. Stewart, and

Resolved,—That while the Representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge fully appreciate the hospitality and courteous treatment extended to them by the members of the Lodges in whose locality their annual sessions are held, they at the same time wish to put some limit to such kind and courteous use of their time by saying that hereafter no assurance must be accepted by Subordinate Lodges that this R. W. Grand Lodge will adjourn its daily sessions to participate in any festivity or demonstration in honor of the visit of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The resolution of Rep. W. Parker, page 1970 was now taken up and considered, viz:

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourns it does so to meet in the town of Guelph on the second Wednesday in August 1878.

Rep. W. Munro moved to amend by striking out "Guelph" and inserting "Ottawa."

Geo. Wright, P. G. M. moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Ottawa" and inserting "Toronto."

The question being on the amendment of Geo. Wright P. G. M., it was adopted.

The question being on the resolution as amended,

Rep. W. H. R. Allison moved to amend by striking out "Toronto" and inserting "Picton," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original motion as amended by the resolution of Geo. Wright, P. G. M., it was agreed to.

The following was laid on the table :

Moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon,

Seconded by Rep. A. C. Stewart, and

Resolved,—That it is desirable, financially, that the sessions of this R. W. Grand Lodge should be centralized in this jurisdiction, and in order to further this object, that the R. W. Grand Lodge do hold its annual sessions in the following cities, and in the order designated: Toronto, Hamilton and London, and to commence with its next annual meeting.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject presented the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MRS. BUTTREY'S CASE.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Special Committee to whom was referred clauses X and XIV of the Grand Master's Report and the accompanying communication of the widow of our late lamented P. G. M., Bro. H. E. Buttrey, having considered the same, beg leave to report as follows :

In view of the peculiarly urgent and painful circumstances in which Mrs. Buttrey has been placed by her sad bereavement, your Committee feel constrained to recommend that the sum of \$100 be donated to her from the funds of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted :

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
GEORGE WRIGHT.
HENRY MCAFEE.
JOHN GIBSON.

On motion to adopt

Rep. J. G. Moore, moved, seconded by Rep. R. Tracey, That the report be amended by striking out \$100 and inserting \$200.

The question being on Rep. Moore's amendment it was declared lost.

The question being on the adoption of the report it was agreed to.

Rep. J. Welsh, from the Committee on Returns submitted the following report which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report:

Brock Lodge, No. 9, June report, error in addition. Reads 212.30. Should read, 152.12.

Chatham, Lodge, No. 29, June report, error in membership of 2. Error carried forward from December report. Should read 153, instead of 155.

Erie Lodge, No. 33, December report, error in membership of 7 continued from each report. Should read 48.

St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, December report, error in membership of 1; June report, error in membership of three—total error, 4. Reads 130; should read 134.

Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, December report, error in membership of 11. Error in membership per last report, 10. Present membership should read 65. Same error carried to June report.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, June report, error in membership of 2. Reads 154; should read 152.

Covenant Lodge, No. 52, error in membership per last report of 5. Error in December report of 1. Reads 232; should read 236.

- Collingwood Lodge No. 54, error in last report of 7. Same error carried into December report. Error in membership in June report of 2. Reads 49, should read 47.
- Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, error in membership per last report of 1. Same error carried into December and June reports. Reads 20; should read 21.
- Barrie Lodge, No. 63, error in membership per last report of 1. Same error carried into December and June reports. Reads 49; should read 50.
- Friendship Lodge, No. 65, error in membership per last report of 7. Same error carried into December report. Reads 92; should read 99.
- Exeter Lodge, No. 67, error in membership per last report of 1. Same error carried to December and June reports. Reads 54, should read 53.
- Bothwell Lodge, No. 74, error in membership per last report of 4. Same error carried to December and June reports. Reads 44; should read 48.
- Oxford Lodge, No. 77, error in membership, June report, of 2. Reads 110; should read 112.
- Durham Lodge, No. 78, error in membership per last report of 2. Same error in December and June reports. Reads 78; should read 80.
- Nipissing Lodge, No. 79, error in June report of membership of 1. Reads 82; should read 83.
- Amity Lodge, No. 80, error in membership in December report of 4. Same error carried to June report. Reads 115; should read 111.
- Beaver Lodge, No. 82, December report, dated January 9th, 1877. Should be dated December 31st, 1876. Error in membership of 1 continued in June report. Reads 43; should read 42.
- Clinton Lodge, No. 83, heading of June report not filled in.
- Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, error in membership, June report, of 1. Reads 60; should read 57.
- Western City Lodge, No. 93, error in membership of 3 in December and June reports. Reads 57; should read 54.
- Peabody Lodge, No. 99, error in membership of 1 in December report. Reads 21; should read 22.
- Toronto Lodge, No. 102, error in membership of 3 in June report. Reads 40; should read 37.

Crescent Lodge, No. 104, error in membership per last report of 2. Same error carried into December and June reports. Reads 130; should read 132.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 106, error in membership per last report of 3. Same error in December report. Reads 78; should read 81.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 108, error in membership in December and June reports of 1. Reads 50; should read 51.

Laurel Lodge, No. 110, error in membership per last report of 3. Same error in December and June reports. Reads 87; should read 84.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 111, error in financial statement of W. and O. Fund and total amount of funds of \$100.00 in December report. Error in membership in June report of 2. Reads 65; should read 67.

Gananoque Log'g, No. 114, error in membership in December report of 2. Same error in June report. Reads 37; should read 39.

Naomi Lodge, No. 116, error in membership in December and June reports, 6. Reads 36; should read 42.

Valley City Lodge, No. 117, no returns of Capita Tax in June report. Should be \$19.00.

Palmerston Lodge, No. 123, error in membership in December and June reports of 3. Reads 49; should read 52.

Dresden Lodge, No. 124, error in membership in December report of 5. Error in membership in June report of 2. Reads 69; should read 71.

Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, error of membership of 1 in December and June reports. Reads 63; should read 64.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, error in membership of 2 in June report. Reads 61; should read 62.

Mystic Lodge, No. 128, June report, error in membership of 2. Reads 39; should read 41.

Livingstone Lodge, No. 130, error in membership of 2 in December and June reports. Reads 180; should read 182.

Marion Lodge, No. 131, December report, no financial statement.

Oakville Lodge, No. 132, error in membership of 2 in December report. Reads 45; should read 46.

Glencoe Lodge, No. 133, June report, no Capita Tax returned. Should be \$10.00.

Orient Lodge, No. 134, error in membership of 3 in December and June reports. Reads 84, should read 87.

Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135, error in membership of 3 in June report. Reads 59; should be 56.

Colourg Lodge, No. 136 error in membership of 1 in December and June reports. Reads 56; should read 55.

Ancaster Lodge, No. 138, report not signed by Secretary.

Leamington Lodge, No. 140, error in membership of 2 in December and June reports. Reads 46; should read 47.

Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 143, error in membership of 1 in December and June reports. Reads 52; should read 53.

Ridgetown Lodge, No. 144, error in membership of 3 in December and June reports. Reads 48; should read 45.

Riverside Lodge, No. 145, error in membership of 2 in December and June reports. Reads 63, should read 61.

Model Lodge, No. 147 error in membership of 2 in December and June reports. Reads 41; should read 33.

Aurora Lodge, No. 148, June Report, error in membership of 1. Reads 43 should read 42.

Bertie Lodge, No. 150, error in membership in December and June reports. Reads 57 should read 56.

Note by ~~me~~ to correct error in June report. See corrected copy. Committee see no corrected copy attached.

Hayden Lodge, No. 152, error in membership, in December and June report. Reads 38; should read 37.

Wildey Lodge, No. 153, June report signed by Jas. B. Bryan, N. G., Richard Sweet, V. G., Duncan Currie. See all *pro tem*.

NOTE.—Your Committee are of the opinion that said report should have been signed by the proper officers.

Brougham Lodge, No. 155, in December return, names of candidates initiated not given.

Thamesville Lodge, No. 157, December return, error in membership of 1. Reads 33; should read 32. One reported withdrawn, name not given. In June return error in membership of 1. Reads 34; should read 33.

Oriental Lodge, No. 168, December return not signed by the Secretary the seal of the Lodge not attached. No record of the widow and orphan fund.

Beethoven Lodge, No. 165, error in membership in December and June returns 1. Reads 36; should read 35.

Hillsburg Lodge, No. 167, December return, seal of the Lodge not attached June return, error in membership of 1. Reads 28; should read 27. Two members expelled for N.P.D., should be marked dropped or ceased.

Stephen Lodge, No. 169, December return, error in capita tax 50 cents. June return, error in membership of 1. Reads 32; should read 31.

Penetangore Lodge, No. 172, in June return, two members expelled for N.P.D., should be ceased and dropped.

Emerald Lodge, No. 173, error in membership of two in December and June returns. Reads 34 should read 32.

Lorne Lodge, No. 175, in June return, two members expelled for N.P.D., should be ceased or dropped.

Germania Lodge, No. 184, to December return, no seal attached.

Your Committee find that there is still much negligence manifested in the Secretary's making up the returns, principally errors in membership. We would strongly advise that the recommendation of Committee of last year be pressed on Lodges so that in getting a good Secretary, he shall be kept as long as possible in that position, and suitably rewarded for his services.

We endorse the sentiments expressed by the M. W. Grand Master in clause 12 of his report, also that of clause 21 of the Grand Secretary's report, and would commend them to the Secretaries and Representatives of different Lodges for careful consideration.

Your Committee would also draw the attention to some of the Lodges who return members as expelled for N.P.D. Members cannot be expelled for N.P.D., and should be inserted under the head of suspended or dropped membership.

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELSH,
GEO. WRIGHT,
S. F. MANN,
CHAS. SENIOR,
E. HARPER,
WM. WILLIAMS,
GEO. HOYLE.

Rep. A. L. Morden, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND
CORRESPONDENCE.**

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined with much satisfaction the voluminous correspondence of the Most Worthy Grand Master during the past year. The style of the composition and the fraternal spirit that pervades every portion of it bear abundant testimony to the zeal and fidelity to the highest interests of the order which has animated our chief executive officer in the performance of his arduous duties, as well as the unwearied patience and assiduity with which he has addressed himself to the work of answering in detail every question submitted to him even when of the most simple and trifling character.

We have further to express our great gratification at the orderly and systematic way in which this mass of correspondence comprising nearly four hundred letters and the replies thereto, were arranged, rendering access to any particular letter or reply easy and without delay. An admirable schedule of the letters received and an index to those sent greatly facilitated our examination and left nothing to be desired further, so far as order and arrangement are concerned.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MORDEN,
H. J. BOYD,
JNO. E. KENNEDY,
JOHN DEWAR.

Rep. A. L. Morden from the same Committee submitted the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Your Committee have had under examination the large correspondence submitted by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. We quite agree with

that officer in the opinion that a considerable portion of the said correspondence is unnecessary, inasmuch as it consists of questions seeking information upon points that are fully elucidated in the Ritual, Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

We have to congratulate the R. W. Grand Lodge upon the efficiency of the Grand Secretary as demonstrated by his correspondence, which has increased, is increasing and seems not unlikely to assume formidable proportions in the near future.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MORDEN,
H. J. BOYD,
JNO. E. KENNEDY,
JOHN DEWAR.

Rep. H. B. Taylor, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the complaint of A. L. Gsen, P. G., setting forth that for certain reasons he had been refused the password of the current term by the Noble Grand of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, thereby being debarred from gaining admittance to this R. W. Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that as no confirmatory evidence has been placed before your Committee, and as the proceedings taken by him to obtain said password appear to have been irregular, no action can be taken by this R. W. Grand Lodge in the matter.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. TAYLOR,
J. R. PECKHAM,
HY. ROBERTSON,
A. C. STEWART.

Rep. A. Weir, from the same Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Crescent Lodge, No. 104, asks the following question, which has been referred to this Committee from the Judiciary Committee :

Is a Brother entitled to benefits under the following circumstances :

A Brother agreed to take the office of R. S. on condition (as he now states) that the Lodge should pay him one year's dues for the service of one term as R. S.

No notice of this agreement appears on the minutes.

After filling the office for twenty-three nights, he met with an accident, and claimed benefits, which the Lodge refused as he was bad on the books, having paid no dues since his installation into office. He claimed that he was not bad on the books while in office as a salaried officer.

Your Committee report that inasmuch as nothing appears on the minutes to show any agreement for salary, *nor proof produced of any such agreement*, the Brother cannot claim any offset to dues, and he was therefore in arrears at time of accident and not in a position to claim benefits.

Your Committee therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WEIR,
A. C. STEWART,
THOS. WOQDYATT,
H. B. TAYLOR,
J. R. PECKHAM,
HY. ROBERTSON.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :

Moved by Rep. Hy. Robertson,
Seconded by Rep. John Galna, that

WHEREAS, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session did declare that a By-Law making the payment of dues quarterly in ad-

vance was, under existing laws, illegal (see pp. 6978, 7051, Journal 1876, G. L. U. S.), and

WHEREAS, this R. W. Grand Lodge considers that the payment of dues quarterly in advance is a matter that should be left entirely to the members of the Subordinate Lodges, they being the best judges of their requirements in the premises, therefore be it

Resolved,—That this R. W. Grand Lodge instruct its Representatives to the R. W. G. L. U. S. to offer the following at the coming session of that body, viz. :

Resolved,—That from and after this date it shall be competent for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to permit their Subordinates to make By-Laws requiring the payment of dues quarterly in advance.

Rep. Hu. Blain from the Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee beg to submit the following resolutions :

Resolved,—That the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary be \$700 for the present year.

Resolved,—That the salary of the R. W. Grand Treasurer for last year be \$100.

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be paid the sum of seventy-five dollars for the rent of office, safe, &c., &c., for the past year.

Resolved,—That the salary of the assistant Grand Secretary be paid at the rate of two dollars per day during the present session.

Resolved,—That Samuel Robinson be paid two dollars per day during the present session for his services as Janitor to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to renew the insurance policies on the effects of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

HU. BLAIN,
JAS. SMITH,
CHAS. FAUKERT,
A. B. COOK,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
GEO. E. PATTERSON,
ROBT. ELDER.

W. S. Campbell, P. G., from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report, which was adopted on motion of Rep. A. R. Narraway :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee have examined the By-Laws of the undermentioned Lodges and would recommend that the same be approved subject to the correction in each case noted.

The first twenty-four were examined by the Committee during the recess and the remainder at the present session.

The authority for correction may be found in foot notes attached to this report.

Your Committee would recommend all Lodges that may require new By-Laws to send the same to the Grand Secretary in manuscript or printer's proof for approval, and that all Lodges send their By-Laws for approval not later than the first of June in each and every year, in order that the same may be examined as far as possible before the Session of Grand Lodge.

And we further recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to return before submitting to the Committee for approval all By-Laws not duly certified under seal of the Lodge in duplicate.

JARVIS LODGE, No. 191.

- a. Only one copy. Not properly certified.
- *Constitution incorrect in clauses 1, 5, 8, 15, 35, 37, 49, 60, 61 and 93.
- v. By-Laws, clause 5, strike out all after word "ceremony."
- rr. Clause 14, strike out "seven" and insert "five."
- u. Clause 23, 5th line after word "done," insert by a P. G. or N. G.
- f. Clause 24, 21st line after the word "Committees" insert "originally appointed by him."
- m. 23d line, strike out "except balloting for membership and for election of officers."
- d. 26th line, after word "Lodge," insert "except the vote be by ballot."
- g. Cl. 25, 3d line, strike out "or cause the same to be done by a P. G."
- n. 6th line, strike out "and declare the result thereof to the Lodge."
- co. Cl. 48, 3d line, strike out "in advance,"
- 5th line, strike out "first" and insert "last."

- c. Cl. 79, strike out whole clause.
- c. Cl. 82, strike out entire clause.
- * Rules of Order wrongly numbered and part of Rule 20 is omitted. Order of Business should be Rule II.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 149.

Amendment to By-Law, making dues payable quarterly. Approved.

GERMANIA LODGE, No. 184.

- a. Only one copy of By-Laws in MS. Not certified.
- c. Art. 3, Sec. 1, last line, strike out "after which none shall be admitted by initiation."
- oo. Art. 4, Sec. 1, 3d line, strike out "in advance."
- t. Art. 7, Sec. 1, 2d line, strike out "January" and insert "July."
- y. Art. 7, Sec. 3, strike out whole section and insert "no ballot shall be taken on an application for degrees, unless at a regular or special meeting of the Lodge opened in the degree applied for."
- p. Art. 11, Sec. 2, strike out "twenty" and insert "fifteen."
- c. Art. 14, Sec. 3, strike out entire section.
- c. Art. 14, Sec. 5, strike out entire section.
- u. Art. 19, sec. 1, 5th line, after word "done" insert "by a P. G. or N. G."
- m. Art. 19, sec. 2, page xii, 16th line, strike out to the "R. S."
- n. Art. 19, sec. 3, 6th line, strike out "announce the result to the Lodge."
- i. Art. 24, sec. 1, 4th line strike out "fifth" and insert "third" or in Art. 26, sec. 2, 2d line, strike out "third" and insert "fifths."

WARDSVILLE LODGE, No. 60.

a. Only one copy in MS. of amendment to By-Law changing from weekly to fortnightly meetings. Approved.

AMITY LODGE, No. 80.

a. Only one copy in MS. of amendment to By-Laws in re W. and O. Benefits. Approved.

STEPHEN LODGE, No. 169.

- a. Two copies of By-Laws in MS. Not certified.
- co. Clause 35, 6th line, strike out "in advance" and strike out "first" in the same line, and insert "last."
- gg. Cl. 57, last line, strike out "One Hundred" and insert "Fifty."

LISTOWEL LODGE, No. 160.

* Constitution incorrect. Art. II. cl. 5, Art. IV. cl. 1, 3, Art. VII. cl. 4, 5.

rr. By-Laws cl. 2, 1st line, strike out "Seven" and insert "Five."

CAMBRIDGE LODGE, No. 188.

a. Only one copy of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Union Lodge submitted. Not certified,

* Constitution incorrect, Art. II. cls. 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13; Art. III. cls. 3, 7, 10, 14; Art. IV. cls. 1, 4, 6, 9; Art. V. cls. 4, 6, 10; Art. VI. cls. 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15.

rr. By-Laws cl. 2, strike out "Seven" and insert "Five."

f. Cl. 10, page 30, 5th line, after word "Committees," insert "originally appointed by him."

8th line, strike out "whenever requisite" and insert "in case of a tie."

d. 10th line, after word "Lodge" insert "except those decided by ballot."

m. Cl. 12, page 31, 4th line, strike out "and declare the result to the Lodge."

oo. Cl. 33, 3d line, strike out "commencement" and insert "end."

p. Cl. 46, 3d line, strike out "20" and insert "15."

c. Cl. 56, strike out entire clause.

c. Cl. 58, after word "charges" in the first line, insert "affecting his right to benefits."

f. Cl. 65, after word "the" in the second line insert "first," in the same line, strike out "June" and insert "July."

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 88.

a. Not properly certified.

* Constitution incorrect in Art. II. cls. 1, 2; Art. III. cl. 4; Art. V. cl. 4; Art. VIII. cl. 5.

nn. By-Laws cl. 31, strike out all after word "sickness" in 13th line.

oo. Cl. 44, 5th line, strike out "in advance" and in the same line strike out "first" and insert "last"

* Rules of Order incorrect. Rule II. should be order of business. All incorrectly numbered.

PENETANGORE LODGE, No. 172.

a. Not properly certified.

* Constitution incorrect. Art. VIII. c. 6, strike out entire clause. (This is cl. 9 Constitution Grand Lodge of Ontario.)

zz. By-Laws, Art. 1, cl. 1, 1st line, strike out "any person" and insert "Free white males."

Cl. 5, add to this cl. " Provided always that in case of rejection such fee shall be returned to the applicant."

y. Cl. 8, 1st line, strike out "no application shall be made known to the Lodge."

rr. Art. II. cl. 5, 1st line, strike out "Seven" and insert "Five."

e-n. Art. III. cl. 16, 1st line, strike out "charged with" and insert "guilty of."

oo. Art. V. cl. 4, strike out "commencement" and insert "end."

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 72.

a. Only copy of amendments to By-Laws. Approved.

LAUREL, LODGE, No. 110.

Amendments to clauses 1 and 11 of By-Laws approved.

DOLMAN LODGE, No. 174.

a. Only one copy of By-Laws and part of Rules of Order in proof sheets submitted. Not certified.

aa. Cl. 16, strike out last six lines.

oo. Cl. 88, 5th line, strike out "in advance" and in same line strike out "first" and insert "last."

*Rules of Order incorrect. Rule II, strike out sections 12 and 18 and renumber 14 and 15 to 12 and 13.

PARRY SOUND LODGE, No. 189.

a. Two copies of amendments in M. S. S. to Model Code. Not properly certified.

oo. Cl. 36, 5th line, strike out "in advance" and in the same line strike out "first" and insert last."

c. 10th line, strike out "none shall be admitted by initiation and."

DAUNCEY LODGE, No. 176.

a. Two copies of By-Laws in M. S. S. submitted. Not properly certified. For number of Lodge, see Journal G. L., 1876, page 1697.

rr. Cl. 2, 1st line, strike out "scarlet."

u. Cl. 11, 6th line after word "done" insert by a P. G. or N. G.

oo. Strike out the last seven lines.

oo. Cl. 27, 8th line, strike out "first" and insert "last," and strike out all after word "October."

ARK LODGE, No. 181.

- a.* Not properly certified.
- * Constitution incorrect in Art. II. clauses 2, 2, 8, 18; Art. III. cl. 7; Art. IV. cl. 1, 4, 6; Art. V. cl. 6, 10; Art. VI. cl. 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 15; Art. VII. cl. 3.
- v.* By-Laws, cl. 5, strike out all after "ceremony" in 4th line.
- m.* Cl. 17, page 28, 2d line, strike out "except balloting for membership and for the election of officers."
- d.* 4th line, strike out "whenever requisite" and insert "in all cases of a tie." 5th line, after word "Lodge," insert "except those decided by ballot."
- m.* Cl. 18, 7th line, strike out "and declare the result thereof to the Lodge."
- oo.* Cl. 36, strike out "in advance."
- ss.* Cl. 82, 6th line, strike out "whether," and in 7th line strike out "or for original offence."
- * Rules of Order incorrect. Rule II. should be order of business. Rules not properly numbered.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 35.

- a.* Only one copy of amendments regulating withdrawal of funds from Bank. Approved.

HOWICK LODGE, No. 192.

- a.* Not certified.
- * Constitution incorrect in Art. II. cl. 5, 8, 13; Art. III. cl. 7; Art. IV. cl. 1, 4, 6; Art. V. cl. 4, 6, 10; Art. VI. cl. 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 13, 15.
- rr.* By-Laws, cl. 2, strike out "Seven" and insert "Five."
- m.* cl. 7, 6th line, strike out "and to the Lodge."
- m.* cl. 9, 6th line, strike out "except ballotings for membership and for election of officers."
- d.* 8th line, strike out "whenever requisite" and insert in "case of a tie."
- d.* 10th line, after word "Lodge" insert except the vote be by ballot.
- m.* Cl. 10, 40th line, strike out "Lodge" and insert "N. G."
- oo.* Cl. 30, last line, strike out "payable in advance."

PARRY SOUND LODGE, No. 189.

- Amendments to "Model Code" with alterations previously ordered by Committee. Approved.

FLORENCE LODGE, No. 196.

- a.* Only one copy of amendments in M.S. to By-Laws to Bothwell Lodge submitted. Not certified.

- w. Cl. 5, 2d line, strike out "or during the ceremony," 3d line, strike out "or ceremony."
- d. Cl. 19, page 19, 18th line, strike out "whenever requisite" and insert in "case of a tie."
- g. Cl. 20, 2d line, strike out "or cause the same to be done by a P. G."
- m. Page 20, 8d line, strike out "declare the result thereof to the Lodge" and insert "announce the condition of the vote."
- nn. Cl. 31, 13th line, strike out "in a special fund for the special relief of sick or indigent members" and insert "to the credit of the W. and O. fund." Amendments to order of business illegal. See Digest of Ontario page 178, Rule XX.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 149.

Amendment to By-Law in regard to absence of officers, approved.

TEESWATER LODGE, No. 183.

- a. One copy only of proof sheets submitted.
- f. Cl. 12, 12th line, after word "Committee," insert "originally appointed by him."
- m. 18th line, strike out "except balloting for membership."
- n. Cl. 18, 7th line, strike out "declare the result thereof to the Lodge" and insert "announce the condition of the vote."
- nn. Cl. 38, 6th line, after word "collected," insert "for neglect of duty."
- hh. Cl. 75, 2d line, after word "shall" insert "upon charges duly proven."

MAPLE LEAF LODGE, No. 57.

- a. Not properly certified.
- * Constitution incorrect in Art. II. cl. 1; Art. III. cl. 5, 8; Art. VI. cl. 6.
- * Rules of Order incorrect. See Rules XX. and XXI. By-Laws.
- g. Cl. 2, 2d line, strike out "V. G. or R. Secretary."
- w. Cl. 9, strike out all after word "ceremony" in the 4th line.
- m. Cl. 10, page 24, 4th line, strike out "declare the same to the Lodge" and insert "announce the condition of the vote."
- z. Cl. 12, last line, strike out "vote" and insert "ballot."
- y. Cl. 14, strike out all previous to "unless" and insert "no ballot shall be had upon an application for degrees."
- u. Cl. 18, page 26, after word "done," 2d line, insert "by a P. G. or N. G."
- m. Cl. 19, page 27, 10th line, strike out "R. S." and insert "Lodge."
- d. 12th line, strike out "when requisite" and insert "in case of a tie."

- m. Cl. 20, 6th line, strike out "declare the result to the Lodge" and insert "announce the condition of the ballot."
- oo. Cl. 22, 12th line, strike out "for the three months in advance."
- c & n. Cl. 15, strike out entire section.
- e. Cl. 38, 8th line, strike out "after which age none shall be admitted by initiation."
- c. Cl. 61, strike out entire section.
- c. Cl. 62, after word "charges," in 2d line, insert "affecting his right to benefits." 3d line, strike out "except under special vote of the Lodge to that effect."
- ff. Strike out funeral ceremony, pp. 75, 76, 77, 78.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 197.

- a. Not properly certified.
- * Constitution incorrect in Art. 2, clause 1.
- w. Cl. 8, strike out "preparation or," in 3d line, and all after the word "ceremony" in 3d line.
- d. Cl. 10, line 24, strike out "when requisite" and insert "in case of a tie."
- cl. 78, strike out entire clause. Lodges cannot pay benefits except they receive dues.

GRAND RIVER, LODGE, No. 91.

- g. Cl. 1, line 4, strike out "or by the V. G. or Secretary."
- w. Cl. 8, 1st line, strike out "during preparation for initiation or." After word "ceremony," in 2d line, insert "of initiation." Strike out preparation or," and all after the word "ceremony" in 3d line.
- m. Cl. 9, strike out all after "shall" in 4th line, and insert "announce the condition of the vote."
- n. Cl. 10, strike out all after the 2d word "the" in 3d line and insert "Covenant Committee to prefer a charge against the member accused of such misrepresentation."
- m. Cl. 11, strike out all after "N. G." in the 5th line.
- Cl. 12, add "but only one name shall be written upon any ballot."
- Cl. 13, end of 1st line strike out "shall" and insert "may."
- m. Cl. 15, 20th line, strike out "R. G." and insert "Lodge."
- oo. Cl. 35, strike out all after the word "payment."
- c. Cl. 46 makes no provision for members of initiatory degree.
- oo. Cl. 47, strike out entire clause.

AMITY LODGE, No. 80.

Two copies of amendments submitted. Not placed in their proper places.
See Journal of Ontario, 1874, page 1237.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 48.

- * Constitution incorrect in Art. II, Clause 1.
- oo. By-Laws, cl. 35, strike out entire clause.
- ss. Cl. 81, strike out all after the word "Lodge" in fifth line.
- * Rules of Order incorrect.

DURHAM LODGE, No. 78.

- d. Cl. 7, strike out the word "requisite" in the 28th line and insert "in case of a tie."
- m. Cl. 10, strike out the words "and announce the result thereof" in 6th line.
- o. Cl. 34, incorrect.
- oo. Cl. 35, strike out entire clause.

LIVE OAK LODGE, No. 185.

- m. Cl. 13, By-Laws, strike out the words "declare the result to the Lodge" in 8th line.
- oo. Cl. 34, strike out all after the word "question" in the 3d line.

STELLA LODGE, No. 125.

Amendment to By-Laws approved.

VICTOR LODGE.

- a. One copy of By-Laws submitted.
- m. Cl. 14, line 21, strike out "R. S." and insert "Lodge."
- oo. Cl. 46, strike out entire clause.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 149.

Two copies of amendments in manuscript received and approved.

PYRAMID LODGE, No. 156.

- Two copies submitted.
- * Constitution incorrect, Art. II cl. 1.
- oo. By-Laws, cl. 27, strike out all after the word "year" in 8th line.
- oo. Cl. 30, strike out all after the word "payment," in 5th line.
- oo. Cl. 31, strike out the entire clause.

SARNIA LODGE, No. 126.

- a. Two copies submitted without seal of Lodge and not certified.
- * Constitution incorrect, Art. II. cl. 1.

- v. By-Laws, cl. 2, strike out all after the word "initiation," in 2d line.
 - oo. Cl. 34, strike out all after the word "quarter," in 3d line.
 - oo. Cl. 35, strike out entire clause.
- Amendments to clause 48, &c., approved.
- uu. Cl. 67, strike out the entire clause.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 65.

- a. Two copies of By-Laws submitted, without seal of Lodge and not certified.
 - * Constitution incorrect, Art. II. cl. 1.
 - rr. By-Laws, cl. 9, strike out the word "seven," in 1st line, and insert "five."
 - f. Cl. 14, after word "Committees," in the 11th line, insert "originally appointed by him."
 - m. Strike out, after the word "votes," in 12th line, "except balloting for membership and for the election of officers."
 - m. Cl. 15, 6th line, strike out "and declare the result to the Lodge."
 - oo. Cl. 35, strike out all after the word "quarter," in third line.
 - oo. Cl. 36, strike out entire clause.
 - v. Cl. 63, 2d line, strike out all after the word "initiation."
 - uu. Cl. 69, strike out entire clause.
 - aa. Cl. 76, strike out entire clause.
 - ss. Cl. 86, Strike out all after the word "Lodge" in fifth line.
 - vv. Cl. 91, strike out the word "suspend" in first line and all after the word "it" in the eleventh line.
- Amendments to By-Laws 92 and 93 examined and approved.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 194.

- a. Not certified.
- oo. Cl. 7, strike out all after the word "year" in the 8th line.
- oo. Cl. 10, strike out all after the word "payment" in 4th line.
- oo. Cl. 12, strike out all between the word "P. S." in the 12th line and the word "should" in the 18th line.
- Cl. 68, strike out "has been suspended or" in first and second lines, and the words "and suspension or" in 3d and 4th lines.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 142.

- a. One copy submitted. Not certified.
- * Constitution incorrect, Art. II, Cl. 1.
- m. By-Laws, Cl. 9, strike out the words "and the Lodge" in 6th line.
- f. Cl. 12, insert "originally appointed by him" after "Committees" in the 11th line.
- m. Cl. 13, strike out the word "Lodge" and insert "N. G." in 7th line.

- iii. Cl. 26, strike out all after the word "dollars" in the 11th line.
Strike out the last line in page 23.
- oo. Cl. 32, after the word "payment," in 5th line, strike out the words
"which shall be in advance."
- oo. Cl. 33, strike out entire clause.
- ss. Cl. 73, strike out all after the word "Lodge," in 5th line.
- vv. Cl. 78, strike out all after the word "it," in 10th line.

GERMANIA LODGE, No. 184.

g. Only one copy submitted with amendments previously ordered by Committee made, also further amendment regarding fees for admission by deposit of card. Approved.

QUEEN CITY OF ONTARIO, LODGE, No. 56.

Examined and approved.

One copy of By-Laws of Kingston Lodge, No. 69, with amendments in manuscript, not certified, and without seal of Lodge, have been submitted. We do not think the same were sent by that Lodge, but were sent by some other Lodge, name not given, to be adopted as their own. We cannot recommend that the same be approved.

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. CAMPBELL,
WM. A. RAWLINGS,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
JAMES SUTHERLAND,
W. L. ALLEN.

AUTHORITIES FOR ABOVE CORRECTIONS.

*All Lodges are referred, for inaccuracies in their Constitution or Rules of Order, to the form adopted at the present session, which will be found in the appendix to the Journal of Proceedings, 1876.

a. Duplicate copies authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and signatures of the N. G. and Secretary, should be submitted.—Const. Sub., Art. VIII, cl. 2.

b. Suspended members cannot be reinstated before their term expires, without the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.—Digest G. L. U. S., 1897.

- c. A member under charges retains all his rights, except those specified in Digest G. L. U. S., 1228, 1232, 325a.
- d. N. G. has casting vote in all cases of tie, except where the vote is by ballot.—Digest Ontario p. 82.
- e. Membership cannot be restricted to persons not over a certain age.—Digest G. L. U. S., 1093b.
- f. N. G. can only fill vacancies in Committees originally appointed by him.—Journal G. L. of Ont., p. 1245.
- g. In absence of N. G., V. G. takes chair.—Digest 1377, 1379.
- h. Const. Subs. as amended, 1874; Art. II, cl. 5.
- i. G. L. U. S. provides form of Visiting Card.—Digest 222.
- j. Officers, as well as members, must wear regalia.
- k. Const. Subordinates, Art. III, cl. 7, as amended in 1874.
- l. Blank votes are to be counted.—Digest 1914.
- m. Though other officers or members may assist at examination of ballot box, or scrutiny of votes, and announce the condition of the votes, the N. G. alone declares the result.—Jour. G. L. U. S., pp. 6238, 6315.
- n. Every member must have a fair trial before he can be punished.—Const. Subs. Art. VI, cl. 6, 12.
- o. Lodge cannot make a B Law dispensing with payment of benefits.—Digest 152, 1311, G. L. U. S.
- p. Funeral benefit for a Brother's wife not to exceed half of the amount fixed for funeral benefits of a Brother.—Const. Sub. Art. V, cl. 8.
- q. N. G. alone can call special meetings, or V. G. acting as N. G. Const. Sub. Art. IV, cl. 2.
- r. A Subordinate cannot alter its Constitution. Const. Sub. Art. VIII, cl. 5.
- s. Const. Grand Lodge cl. 9.
- t. P. G.'s charge can only be given by a P. G. or N. G. Digest 925.
- v. Const. Sub. Art. IV, cl. 6.
- w. No one can leave the room during Initiation. Charge book.

- x.* Any brother before receiving any of the Degrees must present a certificate from the P. S. that he has paid all charges therefor, and is not in arrears. Const. Sub. Art. II, cl. 10.
- y.* Degrees must be applied for when the Lodge is open in the Initiatory Degree. Digest 465.
- z.* Voting for a withdrawal card must be by ballot. Digest 213.
- aa.* A P. G. should not be fined because the returns to the Grand Lodge have not been made out and forwarded. Journal Ontario, p. 1454.
- bb.* Qualifications for elective officers are specified in Constitution, and cannot be altered by a Subordinate Lodge.
- cc.* Cannot refuse a sick Brother his benefits simply because his illness arose from some cause outside his ordinary business, provided it was not the result of immoral conduct. Journal Ontario, p. 1454.
- ff.* Lodges are forbidden by G. L. U. S. printing funeral ceremony or any other copyrighted form.
- gg.* Cannot refuse a widow or orphan benefits because she may be an inmate of some charitable institution. Journal Ont. p. 1407.
- hh.* If there is no charge against a Brother, it is not proper to have any investigation into his conduct. Journal Ontario, p. 1411.
- ii.* Constitution Subordinates, Art. V. cl. 4.
- jj.* Journal Ontario, p. 1444. See note to report on By-Laws of Unity Lodge.
- kk.* Constitution Subordinates, Art. III. cl. 6.
- ll.* Const. Sub., Art. II. cl. 1.
- mm.* In electing an officer to fill a vacancy, there must be two nights of nomination, as in a regular election. Const. Sub., Art 3, cl. 4, 14.
- nn.* All fines for neglect of duty go to W. and O. Fund. Const. Sub., Art. V. cl. 5.
- oo.* Dues accrue weekly. Digest 560, Journal G. L. U. S., pp. 6878, 7051.
- qq.* Pecuniary relief cannot exceed fifty dollars. Const. Sub. Art. V. cl. 6.
- rr.* Five members form a quorum in Subordinate Lodge. Digest 1628 and Digest Ontario p. 96.

ss. Cannot punish for same offence a second time. 618 Digest C. L. U. S.

uu. Brother restored to membership. Digest G. L. U. S. 1776, 1777.

vv. By-Laws cannot be suspended on motion. Digest 213.

Rep. A. R. Narraway from the Committee on Printing submitted the following report which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Your Committee on Printing to whom were referred clauses 1, 7, 16, 17 and 23 of the report of the Grand Secretary beg leave to report,

That they have carefully examined the tenders produced, and would recommend that the action of the Grand Secretary in awarding the contract for printing the Journal of 1876 be approved, the tender of the Branford *Expositor* being the lowest received, also that his action in sending out Journals be approved,

In regard to the matter of re-printing the Journal of this Grand Lodge, it is the opinion of your Committee that the probable sale of the Journal would not warrant this Grand Lodge in incurring the expense at the present time. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the matter be laid over till next session.

In reference to Zucatto's papyrograph, your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to examine the process and if satisfied of its utility, to purchase one for use in his office.

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase a new letter press to replace the one broken.

In reference to the size of the pages of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, your Committee find that the Journals of past years are not uniform in the size of pages, and would recommend that in future the size of pages be that suggested by the Grand Secretary, viz., 5½ by 9 inches.

In regard to the publication of the abstract from the Semi-Annual Returns mentioned in clause 23, your Committee are of the opinion that the dissemination of statistical information in regard to our Order will be for our benefit, and would recommend that the action of the Grand Secretary be approved, and that he be authorized to present the editor of each paper forwarding a marked copy containing such abstract from Semi-Annual Return, with a copy of the Journal of Proceedings.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to ask for tenders for printing the Journal of the present Session, and that he shall accept the lowest tender, provided it be otherwise satisfactory, and that the edition shall number fifteen hundred copies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore beg to offer the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

A. R. NARRAWAY,
GEO. INKSATER.

Thos. Partridge, P. G. M., from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on Legislation beg to report as follows :

That we approve of clauses two and four of the Grand Secretary's Report. Clause six should have been referred to the Finance Committee, to which it properly belongs.

Clause twenty-five has already been acted upon by the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, the report of which is already before this Grand Lodge.

Clause twenty-six is at present before the Judiciary Committee and no doubt will be reported upon. With regard to the circular from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, we deem it inexpedient to take any action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We submit for adoption the following :

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted :

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
THOS. HENDERSON,
WM. F. HOWELL,
P. H. JOHNSON,
JOHN DONOGH,
A. B. ST. JOHN.

J. Gibson, P. G. M., from the Committee on Districts, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

We, your Committee on Redistribution of Districts, beg to report as follows:

We recommend that no change be made in the Districts as at present constituted.

We therefore submit for adoption the following:

Resolved,—That the report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted

JOHN GIBSON,
R. F. BARBOUR,
JOHN F. WOOD,
JOHN F. BELL,
R. TRACEY,
P. McSWFYN,
A. S. GILLET,
S. BURDEN.

The following was agreed to:

Moved by Rep. A. R. Narraway,
Seconded by Rep. Hu. Blain, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary have printed, on one side of paper only, say three hundred copies of Constitution, etc., of Subordinate Lodges—one copy to be sent to each Lodge.

On motion of Cl. T. Campbell, D. G. M., the majority and minority reports of Committee on Dues and Benefits were laid on the table to be considered at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The hour of 6 o'clock having arrived the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 7:30 this p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, August 3d, 1877.

The Grand Lodge met at 7:30 p. m.

Roll called. Present: all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last sitting was dispensed with.

The following was agreed to :

Moved by Rep. J. Hurd,
Seconded by Rep. A. Mulheron,

That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee of three members to devise a scheme to be submitted to this Grand Lodge at its next Session whereby the Widows and Orphans of defunct or weak Lodges may be assisted or provided for.

The following was adopted :

Moved by Rep. Blackeby,
Seconded by Rep. Isbister,

That the exemplification of the Rebekah Degree be now proceeded with.

Whereupon that Degree was duly conferred.

The installation of officers was now proceeded with.

The Chair requested Past Grand Masters James Woodyat and Jno. Gibson to introduce Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P. G., of London; M. W. Grand Master elect for obligation; whereupon the brother was obligated and duly installed Most Worthy Grand Master for the current year.

The M. W. Grand Master requested Brothers W. N. Ford and H. McAfee, Past Grand Masters, to introduce Fyfe Fowler, P. G. of Kingston, R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect; whereupon that brother was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Master requested Brothers James Smith and John Gibson, Past Grand Masters, to introduce R. Tracey, P. G., of Belleville, R. W. Grand Warden elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Master requested the same brothers to introduce Bro. J. B. King, P. G., of Brantford, R. W. Grand Secretary elect; whereupon that brother was duly installed.

The M. W. Grand Master requested Brothers W. N. Ford and H. McAfee, Past Grand Masters, to introduce Wm. Badenach, P. G., of Toronto, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, whereupon that brother was duly installed.

The M. W. Grand Master then made the following appointments:

J. R. Peckham, P. G., of Kincardine, Grand Marshal, who was introduced to the Chair by J. T. Hornibrook, P. G., duly obligated and conducted to his seat;

T. W. Raines, P. G., of Almonte, Grand Guardian who was introduced to the Chair by J. F. Bell, P. G., duly obligated and conducted to his seat;

Samuel Burden, P. G., of Bowmanville, Grand Conductor, who was introduced to the Chair by Geo. Midgley P. G., duly obligated and conducted to his seat;

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT.	LODGE.	Number.	DEPUTY.
Acton	Acton	204	J. D. Winlaw
Adelaide	Egremont	207	Chas. Greenaway, Strathroy.
Alisa Craig	Saxon	121	J. E. Nevils
Alliston	Alliston	171	— Dickey
Almonte	Alpha	154	J. M. Munroe
Amherstburg	Rose	28	Samuel McGee
Ancaster	Ancaster	188	Jas. Fields
Arkona	Sycamore	151	W. H. Hoover
Arnprior	Vivian	146	G. C. Clint
Aurora	Aurora	148	Jas. Spier
Aylmer	Aylmer	94	Wm. M. Lyon
Ayr	Dolman	174	J. Shoemaker
Barrie	Barrie	43	Wm. Ross
Belleville	Belleville	81	Allan McFee
	Mitspah	127	
Berlin	Grand Union	97	Henry Allemang
Blenheim	Rondesu	40	A. D. Steel
Bothwell	Bothwell	74	J. R. Proctor
Bowmanville	Florence Nightingale	66	S. Burden
Bradford	Cypress	187	Jno. Blois
Brampton	Golden Star	101	Jno. Reynolds
Brantford	Gore	34	W. H. Tyson
	Harmony	115	
	Brock	9	
Brockville	St. Lawrence	187	Jno. F. Wood
Brooklin	Beethoven	165	D. P. Wyatt
Brougham	Brougham	155	S. Webb
Brussels	Western Star	149	F. S. Scott
Burgessville	Constellation	88	Chas. E. Burgess
Canboro	Oswego	166	G. H. McLaughlin
Cannington	Peaceful Dove	185	W. H. Royle
Carleton Place	Stella	128	J. G. McLean
Chatham	Chatham	29	R. M. M. Patton
	Western City	93	
Clifton	Niagara Falls	53	Wm. McFaul
Clinton	Clinton	88	Hugh Scott
Cobourg	Cobourg	136	J. E. Kennedy
Collingwood	Collingwood	54	Jas. Clinton
Cookstown	Cookstown	162	Jno. Hood
Cornwall	Oriental	168	T. B. Blythe
Dresden	Dresden	124	Wm. Rudd

DISTRICT.	LODGE.	Number.	DEPUTY.
Drummondville	Cataract	108	W. A. Kennedy
Dundas	Valley Chy.	117	E. A. Woodhouse
Dunnville	Emerald	173	Jno. Steele
Durham	Stephen	169	T. W. Hugo, Owen Sound
Exeter	Exeter	67	C. Senior
Fergus	Fergus	73	R. H. Perry
Forest	Royal Oak	108	Joseph Cairns
Flesherton	Dufferin	186	T. W. Hugo, Owen Sound
Florence	Florence	196	Richard Butler
Galt	Waterloo	107	Robt. Wilkinson
Gananoque	Gananoque	114	Samuel McCammon
Georgetown	Orion	109	T. J. Wheeler
Goderich	Huron	64	Jno. Nairn
Gorrie	Howick	192	Chas. Cooper
Glencoe	Glencoe	133	Robt. Clannahan
Granton	Wilday	153	Jas. S. Grant
Greensville	Live Oak	185	Geo. Cochenour
Guelph	Relliance	89	W. Parker
	Progress	158	
Hamilton	Excelsior	44	J. D. Conkila
	Unity	47	
	Victoria	64	
	Crescent	104	
	Oak Leaf	159	
Harrietsville	Hope	197	David F. Jelly
Harriston	Minto	98	Richard Noskes
Hillsburg	Hillsburg	167	Arch. Currie
Hollin	Britannia	198	Thomas Thompson
Ingersoll	Samaritan	35	Jno. Andrews
	Oxford	77	
Iroquois	Riverside	145	Edward Ault
Jarvis	Jarvis	191	W. J. Campbell
Kilbride	Mystic	123	J. S. Kemp
Kincardine	Penetangore	172	J. B. Peckham
Kingston	Cataragui	10	W. D. Gordon
	Kingston	59	
Kingsville	Concord	142	S. A. King
Leamington	Leamington	146	Chas. H. Fox
Lindsay	Lindsay	100	E. E. Henderson
Listowel	Listowel	160	Alfred Noxon
	Eureka	39	
London	Forest City	38	W. D. Riddell
	Dominton	48	
London East	Chorazin	196	W. J. Shaw
Lucan	Lucan	70	W. E. Stanley
Lucknow	Lucknow	112	Geo. Douglass

DISTRICT.	LODGE.	Number.	DEPUTY.
Madoc	Madoc	179	J. C. Dale
Manilla	Manilla	105	Asaph Edwards
Markham	Naomi	116	H. Wilson
Mill Point	Dosoronto	102	Jno. Newton
Milton	Milton	92	Richard Jones
Milverton	Silver Star	202	D. R. McI-herson, Stratford
Mitchell	Bissell	51	J. P. Langlais
Mount Forest	Garnet	139	Jno. G. Lynn
Napanee	Napanee	80	Jno. Graham
Newbury	Mt. Zion	46	Amos Fennell
New Hamburg	Nith	98	Otto Pressprich
Newmarket	Pyramid	156	L. Atkinson
Norwich	Hayden	152	W. Walker
Oakville	Oakville	132	Jas. G. Heller
Orangeville	Maple Leaf	57	A. J. Anderson
Ottawa	Corinthian	61	Jas. McFedries
Ottawa	Capitol	141	T. A. Beckett
Oterville	Tecumseh	182	W. F. Kay
Owen Sound	Owen Sound	180	T. W. Hugo
Paisley	Ahram	205	A. B. St. John, Walkerton
Palmerston	Palmerston	123	W. McMillan
Paris	Grand River	91	Geo. Inksater
Parkhill	Ivy	90	Wm. Reid
Parry Sound	Parry Sound	189	Jno. Galna
Pembroke	Pembroke	203	T. W. Raines, Almonte
Peterboro'	Peterboro'	111	Robert Elder
Petrolia	Friendship	65	Jno. Mearns
Pleton	Bay of Quinte	143	Thos. G. Carson
Point Edward	St. Clair	106	Walter Wiley
Port Burwell	Erle	33	J. H. Hosiel
Port Colborne	Beacon	201	Geo. W. Wright
Port Elgin	Denovo	170	A. C. Sinclair
Port Hope	Durham	78	Geo. W. Lambert
Port Perry	Warriner	75	D. Ledingham
Port Robinson	Scotia	109	Robt. Goodale
Port Stanley	Port Stanley	96	Jas. Gough
Prescott	Amity	80	Jas. Fairbairn
Preston	Cambridge	189	Henry Boat
Renfrew	Marion	131	Jas. Clark
Ridgetown	Ridgetown	144	R. J. Wilson
Ridgway	Bertie	150	R. A. McIntosh
Ruthven	Beaver	82	F. A. Wigle
Sarnia	Sarnia	120	A. C. Poussette
St. Catharines	Union	16	Jno. E. Cuff
St. Catharines	Empire	87	
St. Marys	St. Marys	36	
St. Marys	Victor	193	R. B. Herstone
St. Thomas	St. Thomas	76	D. Ferguson
Seaforth	Fidelity	55	Jas. A. Cline
Simcoe	Simcoe	161	P. S. Furness
Springfield	Ark	181	J. Dynes

DISTRICT.	LODGE.	Number.	DEPUTY.
Staynor	North Star	68	W. B. Sanders
Stratford	Avon	41	D. R. McPherson
	Romeo	104	
Stathroy	Howard	58	Chas. Greenaway
Streetsville	Streetsville	122	Robert Graydon
Sunderland	Charity	129	Joseph Lucas
Sutton	Sutton	168	Martin McLaughlin
Teeswater	Teeswater	183	Thos. Fairbairn
Thamesville	Thamesville	157	Jas. Welsh
Theford	Dauncey	176	E. McIntosh
Thorold	Livingstone	180	W. Williams
Tilsonburg	Otter	50	Chas. Thomson
Tiverton	Silver City	206	Ed. Lesslie
	Canada	49	
Toronto	Covepant	52	J. Ritchie, Jr
	Queen City	56	
	The Toronto	71	
	Albert	104	
Trenton	Trenton	118	Chas. McLellan
Uxbridge	Nipissing	79	W. Russell
Walkerton	Walkerton	84	A. R. St. John
Wallaceburg	Sydenham Valley	120	Geo. Mitchell
Wardsville	Wardsville	80	E. C. Kerby
Waterloo	Germania	184	A. L. Bowman
Watford	Peabody	90	Jno. Lovell
Welland	Orient	184	A. B. Cook
Wellington Square	Wellington Square	178	Walter S. Bastedo
West Lorne	Lorne	175	Joseph Wilton
Weston	Weston	200	Wm. Hay
Whitby	Eastern Star	72	Geo. Hoyle
Windsor	Frontier	45	J. F. Bell
Wingham	Maitland	119	S. G. Cox
Woodstock	Olive Branch	88	R. McWhinnie
Woodville	Clerone	185	Peter McSweyn
Wroxeter	Montana	177	Robt. Paullin
Wyoming	Model	147	Jno. Mearns, Petrolia
Yorkville	Laurel	110	J. C. Lander

The business of the Session being concluded, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again in the city of Toronto on the second Wednesday in August, 1878.



J. H. King.

Grand Secretary.

REPORT
OF
REPRESENTATIVES

TO THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

SESSION OF 1877, HELD AT BALTIMORE, MD.

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

In accordance with law and custom your Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, submit a synopsis of the proceedings of that Grand Body at their recent session held at Baltimore, Md., commencing on Monday the 17th of September, 1877.

The number of Representatives present was one hundred and thirty-seven; all the jurisdictions being represented except South Carolina, British Columbia, Switzerland and Montana.

The M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted their reports from which it will be seen that the order is still prospering and doing much in the work of alleviating human suffering and providing protection and aid to the widow and orphan.

We give an extract from the report of the Grand Sire shewing the increase or decrease for the past year as follows:

Whilst it is to be regretted that in some localities the membership has fallen off, the aggregate returns will exhibit an increased constituency in both branches, over last year in the United States. We have more than held our own. The ranks that are annually thinned by death, inability and

Indifference of a large class to pay their dues, has been more than made up with new recruits, presenting to the assembled representatives a progressive and appreciative constituency, which, under all the adverse circumstances that have so long paralyzed the industries of the country, is cause of congratulation. And we should not fail in making proper acknowledgements to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the many favors, which enables us to feel that His love appears to govern in our councils, and that we meet again under the most favorable auspices, with peace, harmony, good will and good order pervading the entire brotherhood.

The general returns give the following condition of the Order.

STATISTICS.

	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges. Grand Encampments.	Subordinate Encampments.	Lodge Initiations.	Lodge Members.	Encampment Members.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.
Year '75.	48 6,395	39 1,750	50,043	454,089	57,450	\$1,698,868 92	\$4,714,241 70	
Year '6	48 6,678	39 1,806	40,646	456,125	87,785	1,689,485 62	4,480,872 46	
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Increase.	283	50	1,436	335	
Decrease.	9,397	\$9,383 30	\$224,369 24	

The following decisions made by the Grand Sire were all confirmed :

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE.

Question. Is it right for the Grand Representatives to give the A. T. P. W. to the Grand Lodge or Encampment, the same as he would the Permanent P. W. during the exemplification of the unwritten work ?

No. 1. Answer. No; the A. T. P. W. should be communicated by the Grand Representative to the M. W. Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, who will communicate it to the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe, and cause it to be communicated to the D. D. Grand Masters and such other installing officers as he may find it necessary to appoint to assist him in the discharge of his official duties.

Question. Is it compulsory on the N. G. of a Degree of Rebekah Lodge to communicate the A. P. W. to one of its members who is divorced from her husband, whether he is still in good standing or has been expelled from the Order ?

No. 2. *Answer.* If a member (Daughter of Rebekah), upon her own libel (or complaint) against the husband, has obtained a divorce, she would be entitled, under section 509d White's Digest to the A. P. W., and the N. G. of Degree of Rebekah Lodge would be the proper officer to communicate the same. But if the decree of divorce was made upon the husband's libel, or complaint, against the wife, the A. P. W. should be withheld until the Lodge should be satisfied that she had not been guilty of any immoral conduct. The husband's standing in his Lodge does not affect her standing in the Rebekah Degree Lodge either one way or the other. See section 509d White's Digest.

Question. Are Lodges in this (New Jersey) jurisdiction required to submit their By-Laws, or amendments thereto, to our R. W. Grand Lodge and have them approved before they can have force and effect?

No. 3. *Answer.* The above question is entirely within the control of State Grand Lodges, and with which the Grand Lodge of the United States should not interfere unless upon appeal in the usual manner. Vol. 8, page 6618, Journal G. L. U. S.

Question. Can an Indian with a withdrawal card be a petitioner for and become a charter member of a new Lodge?

No. 4. *Answer.* No, he cannot be either; the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, session 1876, page 6977, decided "That no Lodge can lawfully permit an Indian to visit it under any circumstances whatever," which renders him also incompetent as a petitioner for a new Lodge.

No. 5. A brother of an extinct Subordinate Lodge, holding a certificate or card such as are described and provided for in section 225 and 226, White's Digest, is entitled to visit upon such certificate or card for one year from the date of its issue, and the N. G.'s of Subordinate Lodges, when officially requested by the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction issuing such certificate or card, upon being satisfied of the identity of the individual, should communicate the A. T. P. W. to the brother holding such certificate or card. Sec. 1518 and 1519, White's Digest.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

No. 6. The status of a brother holding dismissal certificate, is specifically defined in the third resolution as reported under 316, White's Digest, and if he wants to renew his membership, he must pursue the same course as that prescribed for Ancient Odd Fellows in section 64, or as an applicant or petitioner for a charter for a new Lodge, as provided for in section 316d White's Digest.

The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, like all the productions of that venerable and highly honored officer, is clear, concise and full, a pamphlet of over one hundred pages, giving a complete account of the Order in every respect. We can give only his summing up, in which he says:

"In concluding this review of the work of Odd Fellowship under the Grand Lodge of the United States and the jurisdictions thereunto belonging, our hearts are gladdened and made happy in the contemplation of the scene which rises before us. We behold the Order, which our fathers founded less than sixty years ago, in that spirit of beneficence which ennobles the age, and for the elevation of human character, now recognized as one of the potential forces of society. In no age of the world have greater efforts combined to befriend man. Offices of philanthropy and of general charity in earlier periods were administered by the church or its auxiliaries in some form. This vast service no longer confines itself to this narrow sphere. Mankind, irrespective of country, creed or religious sentiment, now reckon such duties to be instinctive, and amongst the highest obligations of life, not less binding upon the secular arm than upon church and state. To provide for the poor, for the sick, for the ignorant of every class, for the widow, for the orphan, for the really helpless and destitute, is no longer exclusively the command of religion, but is in all enlightened communities recognized as a high obligation of the state, which challenges the general approval. On this broad field of benefaction, policy harmonizes with humanity and religion, the abundant fruit of which is seen in all well ordered society. In fact, the common sentiment prevails wherever civilization extends. Nobly has our age and people met this humanity and illustrated the generous spirit which it has generally awakened. Thousands and tens of thousands emulate each other in works of brotherly love, in every form of charity and by every form of individual or combined instrumentality for the relief of human suffering. The church, the state and the secular arm, however otherwise divided, move in harmony in this cause. Their counsels may differ, but the course pursued leads to the same great end. Each acting from a common heart strengthens the arm of the other and adds greatly to the general purpose, by the accord of spirit which prevails and unites the whole. Odd Fellowship is an outgrowth of the spirit and the prevailing sentiment of the times. It has been pursuing its mission in its own quiet way for half a century and more, and has enlisted the co-operation of millions of men and of treasure in the great cause, the details of which form its records, which it is our pride to present to you from year to year. No greater moral wealth enriches society than the high standard of character which Odd Fellowship inculcates, inspires and exacts. The truth of which is patent wherever an Odd Fellows' Lodge exists. Out of individual character chiefly is the standard of citizenship evoked, which is at once the ornament of the body politic and of all reformed and refined civil organizations. Character has more to do with healthy human progress than any other of the many elements of civilization. It may be assumed as the broad basis upon which society rests, to constitute the nucleus of public virtue and its real support in every trial. Christianity itself and all religions advance more under its auspices than under all other aids, because it forms its solid foundation and sure defence. Character, in fact, is the gem of life; it en-

noble man and lifts the human to the Divine image. Judging it and any system of religion by the extent of nobility of soul which they inspire, or the moral elevation which they awaken, invokes the highest admiration of all candid men. In this respect, Odd Fellowship stands forth as the champion, advocate and auxiliary of the best interests of the Church, the State and the People, because it demands and inspires character as the highest adornment of life and the strongest support of the social fabric.

"In its ordinary aspect as a vast benefaction, its statistics and volume of detail here presented need no comment. We present its principles, aspirations and labors confidently as a great moral force, and appeal to their fruits, as verified by our record. Among the many beneficent influences at work in every sphere of life, the moral power which educates, trains and moulds man, and by which society is elevated and refined, is probably the most potential. This is our mystic force, the secret power of Odd Fellowship. This is the lever which lifts the masses from degradation and low estate, which conquers "vice in all its forms," and moves like an army with banners responsive to the Divine intendment of human brotherhood. In an age essentially utilitarian, such has been its record. The homogeneity which it engenders, the sympathy of natures which it awakens among men, the community of public and private interests which it recognizes, the reciprocal duties and obligations which it imposes, all recall errate man from the tumultuous conflicts of life, and inspire in him the spirit of brotherhood.

"If it has seemed of late years not to progress with its former impetuous vigor, scattering its seed broadcast upon the moral furrow, and has appeared to have been checked by the eventful times in which we live, and by which the industries and business pursuits of the world have been oppressed it has not been because its principles or labors have been relaxed, or because its normal capacity for beneficence is less effective, or has been administered with less zeal, but because the condition of the masses among which it chiefly acts, and by whom it is mainly upheld in the battle of life, has been for several years and is yet overwhelmed with pecuniary trials and diminished rewards for labor. Men have not had the means, the employment or the ability to prosper and advance its progress as actively as in former years. Besides, our great country has experienced extraordinary trials. It has but recently emerged from a fearful civil strife, which left one-half of it desolate, wasted and impoverished beyond our appreciation, with all the ordinary rewards of labor, commerce and industry stagnant, with a general paralysis of business throughout the world. Superadded to all of which, vast armies confront each other in Europe in sanguinary conflict, involving the peace of the world. Amidst all this combined evil, the wonder is, that in such insidious times, not that our numbers and finances do not keep pace with our former unexampled prosperity, but that Odd Fellowship holds its own and

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really survives such a fearful ordeal—that it still shows signs of vigorous life, and commands its accustomed annual aggregates in its various spheres of action. These facts this report abundantly sustains. We have not only met all the demands of the sick and the needy in our seven thousand Lodges and our two thousand Encampments, but have contributed to such other objects of general benevolence as our means would allow. The condition of the Order is a just subject of congratulation to its friends. There is nothing to excite its fears or to create anxiety for its future. On the contrary, its career is auspicious in the highest degree. Ranking among the strongest organizations of the kind in the world, it maintains its prestige triumphantly, and, beyond a satisfactory examination of its system of 'Dues and Benefits' and their proper reconstruction, needs no organic legislation. This, although a pressing and vital subject, with a view to its permanent existence, is rather a question of calm and considerate reform than of controversy, addressing itself to the practical sense and wisdom of its rulers, involving as it does the life and death of Odd Fellowship, which is inseparably blended with sound finances and a stable system of 'dues and benefits.' "

The legislation of the Grand Lodge of most interest to Ontario will be found in the following reports and resolutions, all of which were adopted. It is proper to state that all that Ontario asked was granted except the change of name of Grand Lodge of United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEES ON APPEALS.

Appeal of Bro. Orendorf against the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The facts of this case are as follows:

A brother, during a regular meeting of a Lodge, and during the pendency of a trial in which he was a material witness, informally, without consent, and against the protest of "one of the presiding officers," left the Lodge room. For this act he was charged with "misconduct" (which your Committee conclude means, "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow,") and pleaded *guilty*. The Grand Master, on appeal to him, set aside the plea and directed the Lodge to find him not guilty. The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master, and this appeal is from that action.

Had not the accused brother pleaded *guilty*, the evidence must have shown that his conduct in leaving the room, coupled with the act of leaving, was such as to have amounted to *conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow*. This charge is often a very indefinite one, and depends generally upon the proof of the *character* of the conduct complained of. As an act otherwise proper may be performed in such an improper manner as to make the performance thereof one unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and improper. If the accused himself had been conscious of rectitude in the premises, pleaded not guilty

and challenged investigation, he might have presented sufficient excuse for his act, and the following reasoning of the Grand Master might have been just, wherein he says:

"A member of a Lodge may not be prohibited from leaving the Lodge room at proper periods during any meeting of the Lodge, provided a quorum remains; and the Noble Grand may not compel a brother wishing to retire to remain. * * * Bro. Dunlop had a right to retire when he did. He may be punished for refusing to respond to the summons of the Lodge to testify, but he cannot be punished because he retired from the Lodge during the progress of a trial in which he was a witness, and the presiding officer had no right to refuse to consent to his retirement or protest against it."

But the accused knew what his own conduct and intentions were better than anyone else could know. The gist of every offence is the intent, and as the accused pleaded *guilty* of unbecoming conduct, it was, in the opinion of your Committee, the duty of the Lodge to pass sentence, and as the punishment a fine of \$5.00 was not excessive, the same should not have been interfered with by the Grand Master.

Wherefore, your Committee recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Your Committee on Appeals, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Edwin Rounds, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, having considered the same, respectfully report: That the only question involved in this appeal is a construction of Art. 3, Sec. 2, of the Constitution or the Grand Lodge from which the appeal is taken in connection with Art. 3, Sec. 1, of the By-Laws of Crescent Lodge, No. 24, of said jurisdiction, to which appellant belonged.

Appellant was an Initiatory member of said Lodge, without degrees, and claimed sick benefits. Art. 3, Sec. 2, of the Constitution above cited, provides that "Every member * * * shall be entitled to receive such weekly benefits from the funds of the Lodge as may be fixed by the By-Laws." And the By-Laws provided that "every brother * * * rendered incapable by sickness, * * * shall be entitled to receive from the hands of the Lodge, * * * if he has taken the first degree, one dollar; second degree, two dollars, &c., making no provision whatever for members who had taken no degrees. Appellant had taken no degrees, but claimed benefits, which his Lodge refused, and from this refusal he brings his appeal on the ground that the Constitution, as quoted, declares that "every member shall receive benefits," and that, therefore, *something* is due him under the law.

Your Committee respectfully submit, that the constitutional provision under which the applicant makes his claim, is by its very terms limited to such benefits as the By-Laws of Crescent, or any other Lodge working under its jurisdiction, may provide for its members, and none other, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved,—That the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in the matter of the appeal of Brother Edwin Rounds, be sustained, and that said appeal be dismissed.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge recognize the principle heretofore established by the cases named in Section 130 of White's Digest to be the law of the Order with reference to persons irregularly admitted to membership, whether the same be by initiation or by card; and that the decision in the case of the appeal of John Zimmerman, in the matter of the admission of W. D. Kennedy to Toronto Lodge, Ontario, reported on pages 6284, 6285 and 6285 of the Journal of Proceedings of the G. L. U. S., be understood to be a decision appertaining only to the circumstances of that particular case.

In the matter of the appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Province of Quebec, from the decision of Bro. G. Vary, D. D. Grand Sire of said Province, that a Subordinate Lodge cannot fine the Junior Past Grand, as an officer, for absence from his proper station in the Lodge at the time of opening, your Committee reports as follows:

Appellant being a Lodge under the immediate supervision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, appealed to the Grand Sire, and by him the appeal was referred to this body.

One of the By-laws of appellant is as follows:

"Any officer of this Lodge failing to discharge his duties shall be fined as follows, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge: For absence from his proper station in the Lodge, at the time of opening, without reasonable cause, whether at a regular, special or degree meeting, if an elective officer, or the Junior Past Grand, 50 cents."

The Grand Lodge of the United States approved this By-Law. After its adoption and approval, the Junior Past Grand of appellant remained away from a meeting, and at a subsequent meeting was fined under the above By-Law for such absence. He appealed from this action to the D. D. Grand Sire of his jurisdiction, and his appeal was sustained on the ground that the Junior Past Grand is not an officer, and that therefore he could not be fined as an officer for absence from meetings of his Lodge.

Appellant asks to have this decision reversed, because:

1. The fine was imposed by authority of a By-Law approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States.
2. The law makes it the duty of the Junior Past Grand to occupy the seat of Past Grand for one term, and the fine was imposed to enforce that duty.
3. There is no law of the Grand Lodge of the United States which forbids the imposition of fines for non-attendance of members of Subordinate Lodges.

The penalty to be inflicted on an officer of a Subordinate, guilty of neglect of official duty, depends upon the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, and, in the absence of such legislation, on the Constitution or By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge. The Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction may therefore, provide for the imposition of fines upon the officers of its Subordinates (excepting the Chaplain), for neglect of duty in remaining absent from the meetings of the Lodge, without reasonable cause for such absence; and a Subordinate may, its Grand Body not having legislated as above indicated, provide by constitutional provision or By-Law for the imposition of fines upon officers for absence from meetings without reasonable cause, and for otherwise neglecting duty. Consequently, if the Junior Past Grand is an officer, he may be fined for non-attendance.

The officers of a Subordinate Lodge are: Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, Permanent Secretary, (when necessary), Treasurer, Chaplain, (when elected or appointed), Warden, Conductor, O. G., I. G., R. and L. S. of N. G. R. S. S., L. S. S., R. and L. S. of the V. G.

All of these officers, or either of them (excepting the Chaplain), may be fined in the manner above indicated, for absence from a meeting of a Lodge. With respect to the Chaplain, it has been decided that it is not wise to require the performance of his duties by the infliction of penalties. The Junior Past Grand is not an officer, and cannot be elected or appointed to an office in his Lodge during the time he occupies the Past Grand's chair. He, therefore, cannot be fined as an officer for absence from the Lodge, or for otherwise neglecting his duty. He obtains the chair of the Past Grand neither by election nor appointment, but by service during a term in an office—that of Noble Grand. Upon him are imposed certain duties—the occupancy of the chair of the Past Grand during the term immediately succeeding his term of Noble Grand, and the delivery, during that term, of the Past Grand's charge at initiations. For neglecting to perform these duties, he may be fined, as a member of a Committee, or of the Board of Trustees, may be fined for neglect of duty; and under a law that members absent from meetings shall be fined, he would be, in common with his fellow-members, liable to the infliction of the penalty for absenteeism; but he cannot be fined as an officer for absence from meetings of his Lodge.

In this case, appellant fined its Junior Past Grand as an officer. By its action, appellant said in effect: "The Junior Past Grand being an officer of this Lodge, is hereby fined for absence from his proper station in the Lodge at the time of opening." Appellant had no legal right to say this. It is true the By-Law in question has been approved by this Grand Body, and to it a forced construction might be given that would make it consistent with the law declaring the Junior Past Grand to be not an officer of a Subordinate Lodge; but your Committee, believing that the law should be made plain, prefers to say that the approval given to the By-Law was improper, and that so much of it as relates to the Junior Past Grand is null and void.

In view of the above considerations, your Committee is of opinion that the appeal should be dismissed, and it recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved.—That the appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, of the Province of Quebec, from the decision of the D. D. Grand Sir of said Province, in the case of Bro. Frank G. Varey, *vs.* St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, of the Province of Quebec, be and the same is hereby dismissed.

In the matter of the appeal of William Garrett, from a decision made by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, approving the answer made by the Grand Master of said State to the following question:

Question.—A member takes a visiting card for six months, paying up his dues for that time; before the expiration of the card the yearly dues are increased. Must the member holding the card pay the increased dues, or does the possession of the card relieve him?

To this the Grand Master answered that "The brother is not liable for the increased dues until after the expiration of the card."

The appeal should be sustained. When persons join Lodges of Odd Fellows, they agree not only to obey the laws of the Order existing at the time but all laws that may be afterwards enacted. And when a by-law is amended, increasing the amount to be paid for dues, it affects every member of the Lodge. A brother has no exemption from his obligations to the laws by reason of having received a visiting card. A pre-requisite to receiving such card is the payment in advance of such dues as the laws in force at the time of granting the card requires. By doing this he is allowed the card, but it gives him no other special privileges. It certainly was not intended to exempt the holder from the same obligations imposed on other members of the Lodge, created by the amendment of its laws.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of E. G. Budd *et al.*, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, would respectfully report the following facts:

The Grand Master decided that if a member of a Lodge dies who is not an Encampment member, the Encampment members should not appear in their regalia.

The Committee on Judiciary while admitting the correctness of the decision, decide that it is a subject belonging to the Encampment branch of the Order. Their decision is confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and from this action an appeal is taken, not on the ground that it does not belong to the Encampment branch, but that the decision of the Grand Master was wrong, inasmuch as claimed by the appellant, it is the established custom of the Order for a brother to wear the regalia of the highest rank to which he may have attained.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the right of a member to wear the regalia of the highest rank which he may have attained, does not apply to the case under consideration. At the funeral of a Lodge member who has not attained the Patriarchal Degree, each member is entitled to wear the regalia of the highest rank he has attained in the Lodge. The regular regalia, as prescribed for the Encampment branch, other than the usual rosette, has not been authorized by this Grand Lodge to be used on such occasions.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Master be sustained.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of G. W. L. Crook *et al*, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, would report that the grounds covered in this appeal are simply these:

The Grand Lodge of the United States has enacted that in certain cases a Subordinate Lodge is required to grant a dismissal certificate on application therefor. The Grand Master decided that in other cases the certificate might be applied for and the Lodge could exercise its discretion in granting or refusing it. This decision, on recommendation of the Judiciary Committee, was reversed by the Grand Lodge, and the appeal is from their action.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the law in relation to the granting of dismissal certificates was intended to cover all allowable cases, and there is no authority for a Subordinate Lodge to grant dismissal certificates except as provided by said law.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Daniel Schloss from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, respectfully report that this is a case where a resolution to pay benefits was decided by the Noble Grand to be out of order, which decision was overruled by the Lodge and an appeal taken from this action. Upon this appeal the question was raised: Can the Noble Grand draw a draft for the money notwithstanding the appeal? The Grand Master decided that he could not, and the Grand Lodge, against the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee, confirmed his decision. The case comes before this Grand Lodge on an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge. Your Committee find that, according to the decision of this Grand Lodge, (Rev. Journal 1878, pp. 5803, 5804, 5945, 5953), where State Grand Bodies have made no provision for a stay of proceedings in case of an appeal, the action of the Lodge must be carried out.

From the paper submitted to your Committee, it does not appear that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has made any provision for such stay on an

appeal, but, on the contrary, has enacted that, "During the pendency on an appeal to the Grand Lodge, the appellant occupies the position that the decision of the Subordinate Lodge places him in until the decision of the Grand Lodge is had thereon."

In view of these facts, your Committee recommend that the appeal be sustained.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 1, have considered the appeal of Geo. A. Calahan, P. G. R., from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

This appeal is taken for the purpose of determining whether or not the proclamation of the M. W. Grand Bre is sufficient authority for Subordinate Lodges to appear in public, in regalia, upon the anniversary of the Order.

Subordinate Lodges are prohibited from appearing in public in regalia (except funerals), unless permission be obtained from their Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Your Committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed; they also recommended that all Grand Lodges do authorize their Subordinate Lodges to observe the anniversary of the Order—28th day of April—by public procession in regalia, or in any other appropriate manner.

In the matter of the appeal of F. G. Rep. John Medola from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree at other time and place than at the hall where its sessions are held, your Committee would report that, in its opinion, the action of the Grand Lodge of New York is in conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It therefore recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved,—That the appeal of F. G. Rep. John Medola against the action of the Grand Lodge of New York be and the same is hereby sustained.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of John F. C. Hollings from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan in the case of Hatch vs. Michigan Lodge, No. 1, have considered the same and submit the following report:

The principle points in the case, briefly stated, are as follows: On the 5th day of June, 1876, Bro. Josiah H. Hatch, a member of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, was, after due trial, expelled from said Lodge. Bro. F. Kunzle, Past Grand of said Lodge, appealed from the action of the Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, charging certain informalities in the conduct of the trial.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, February, 1877, the appeal of Bro. Kunzle was referred to a Special Committee, who reported that they had examined the papers, and evidence and arguments presented by both

parties, and found the proceedings in the case were regular and in accordance with the law, and recommended that the appeal be dismissed. The report of the Committee was not adopted. A resolution was then adopted reversing the action of Michigan Lodge, and reinstating Josiah H. Hatch in said Lodge.

The General Laws of Michigan, Article II, Section III, Clause 6, provide that any brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, and, on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

In the light of this express provision of the General Laws of Michigan, your Committee cannot see in the record before them anything in this particular case, which authorized the said Grand Lodge to go beyond the letter and spirit of the law, and reinstate the brother, when only authorized to remand his case for a "new trial."

Hence, in view of the foregoing, we are of the opinion, without going into the other questions raised in the appeal, that it is not only contrary to the established law, but impolitic for a Grand Lodge to encroach upon the express and exclusive power delegated to, and vested in a Subordinate, by its Constitution, as to the imposition of sentence for an offence, and your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the appeal of John F. C. Hollings, P. G., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, in the case of Hatch vs. Michigan Lodge, No. 1, be sustained. That the action of said Grand Lodge in reinstating Bro. John H. Hatch be reversed.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, submitting for the decision of this Grand Lodge, "whether the establishment and maintenance of libraries for the use of the Order can be included in the legitimate purposes of the Order," so far as to authorize State Grand Lodges to require of the members of their Subordinates the payment of a fixed annual sum, in the shape of dues, for the establishment or support of Odd Fellows' libraries," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they have been unable to find any law of the Order that expressly, or by construction, gives the power to State Grand Lodges to require of the members of their Subordinates the payment of any sum, in the shape of dues or otherwise, for the establishment or support of Odd Fellows' libraries. They therefore report that a State Grand Jurisdiction has not the power to impose such a tax.

WHEREAS, a custom has obtained in many Lodges to extend the time for which a visiting card was granted by a simple endorsement on the back thereof, and whereas it is desirable that this matter should be settled by positive enactment, therefore,

Resolved,—That it is illegal for any Lodge to extend the time for which a visiting card was granted by endorsement on the back thereof, but that in all cases of renewals or extension a new card must be issued.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, asking for such legislation as shall enable Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to permit Subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, respectfully report that while dues accrue weekly, the time and manner of paying them are subjects of, and should be left to local legislation.

This Grand Lodge has decided that "the subject of dues is one peculiarly for the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and any interference therewith by this Grand Body is objectionable."

Believing that the entire subject of the time and manner of the payment of dues should be left to the control of local Grand Bodies, so that a member is not deprived of his right to pay at any time, your Committee would submit the following:

Resolved,—That it is competent for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to permit its Subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, provided such requirement shall not work a forfeiture of any rights now guaranteed to members by the laws of this Grand Body.

The following in regard to payment of dues, fines, suspending or dropping is important:

Resolved,—That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to the term password or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide: nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also be provided as a penalty.

Resolved.—That a Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive in full or in part the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.

Resolved.—That when any member of a Lodge or Encampment shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws, for the space of one year, the Secretary or Scribe shall report the same to the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, and, unless the Lodge or Encampment otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended, he having first been notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears does not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such, the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended.

Resolved.—That all previous legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions, be, and is hereby repealed.

Resolved.—That the foregoing resolutions shall take effect from and after the first day of January, 1878.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS.

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., and submit the following:

Resolved.—That the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., be approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to present for your consideration the following Balance Sheet, as shown by the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary on the first day of September, 1877:

We report the assets in the foregoing Balance Sheet to consist of the following items, as shown by the books:

Cash balance.....	\$13,474 91
United States Bonds, W. M. Fund	2,000 00
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	\$30,974 91
Bills receivable	75 00
Electrotype Plates.....	4,572 10

Steel and Copper Plates.....	1,950 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,912 51
Library.....	670 21
J. Vansant, Trustee W. M. Fund (cash).....	718 48
Grand Lodge Building.....	3,265 04
History of the Order.....	1,504 50
Individuals.....	147 12
Due from Grand Bodies.....	2,064 12
" Subordinates.....	332 24
Supplies per Inventory (at cost).....	7,167 90
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	\$30,379 23

Total assets.....	\$31,854 18
Deduct from the above amount due Wildey Monument Fund.....	2,718 48
Leaves total net capital or assets.....	\$29,135 70

COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF NAME G. L. U. S.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Ferry (page 25 Journal) relative to the probable cost of altering seal, stereotyped plates, legislation, &c., in the event of a "change of name" of this R. W. Grand Lodge, beg to report:

1st.—Your Committee, on consulting with one of the leading firms of engravers in the city of Baltimore, find, that to "change the name," in the official seal of this Grand Body will cost not to exceed \$20; to change the name on the seal used on cards, diplomas, &c., will not cost over \$5, and to make a like change on the seal used for letter headings will cost about \$1—making total outside cost for the whole, \$27.

2d.—That on consulting with an experienced electrotyper, your Committee find, that to prepare a new title page to Digest and make all the necessary changes on some 55 pages of said Digest will cost, not to exceed, \$21.

3d.—Your Committee find the following books printed and sold by this Grand Lodge, viz.: Grand Lodge Book, Grand Encampment Book, Encampment Institution Book, Encampment Charge Books, Lodge Institution Books, Lodge Public Installation Books, Lodge Charge Books, Degree Charge Books, Degree Lodge Installation Books, Rebekah Degree Books, Rebekah Degree Installation Books, Form Books, Funeral Services and Anniversary Services.

From a general examination of the foregoing, your Committee estimate the cost of making all the necessary changes in the electrotype plates in this section will not cost to exceed \$40.

4th.—In all the cards and certificates issued by this Grand Lodge no change will be required except in the seal, the cost of which is provided for in the first paragraph of this report.

5th.—For diplomas a new design is in preparation; therefore, no extra cost for this item.

6th.—The future editions of the present bound Journals would be issued the same as heretofore, except merely changing the lettering on the binding, and which would cause no additional expense.

7th.—The Supplemental Digest, from 1871 to 1874, was not electrotyped, and therefore no expense will be incurred on account of change of name in the next edition.

8th.—Your Committee are informed that the necessary legislation required to confirm the change of name in the act of incorporation will not involve the expenditure of money on the part of this Grand Lodge.

9th.—Your Committee therefore find the total estimated cost of "change of name," as regards seals, digests, books, cards, certificates, Journals and legislation will not exceed the following sums:

To change seals	\$27 00
" " digests	21 00
" " books, &c., &c	40 00
Total	\$88 00

10th.—Your Committee find that the paper on which Lodge and Encampment cards are printed is water lined by a process known as a "Dandy Roll." Should it be determined to change the letters G. L. U. S. in the four corners of the cards, to do so will not cost over \$12 to \$20.

11th.—Your Committee feel that this report would be imperfect were no record made of the supplies of the foregoing articles and cards now on hand, and for detail statement of which refer to page 88 of Grand Secretary's Report of the present Session. The total cost value of said supplies on hand amounts to \$5,804.08. Of this sum \$3,919.50 is made up of Digest and Supplemental Digest, and which will be just as available and valuable as books of law and reference under the new name as the old, leaving only \$1,884.58 of general supplies. As the change of name does not in anywise affect the substance of the matter contained in the remainder of the supplies, in the opinion of some of your Committee it will not materially lessen their value.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution to change the name of the G. L. U. S. to the "Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows" was not adopted. The vote was seventy-four in favor of the change and

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sixty one against. To amend the constitution requires a three-fourths vote; and so, after a well conducted contest the very desirable change was again rejected.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, in view of the fact that complications at present existing in the jurisdiction of Australia, as reported by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, seem to demand and can reasonably be expected to be satisfactorily adjusted only by the personal presence and interference of some responsible agent of this Body, and believing that no one can be by virtue of his office and distinguished ability so capable of arranging matters for the general honor and good of the Order, and especially for the prosperity of the acknowledged Grand Lodge of Australia and the jurisdiction thereto belonging, than our M. W. Grand Sire, we think it important and expedient that he should visit that portion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with full power and authority to act in the premises, and we offer the annexed Resolution :

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire, John W. Stokes, be empowered and requested to proceed to Australia and New Zealand, and in the exercise of authority in him vested as the head of the Order, to effect an adjustment of the present complications there existing, and perform such other offices for the welfare of the Order there as in his judgment he may deem expedient.

And that one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray his expenses.

Provided, That in the event of the inability or refusal of the Grand Sire to perform said duty, the Deputy Grand Sire, John B. Harmon, be authorized and empowered to act in his stead.

COMMITTEE ON DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

Resolved, That hereafter the only qualification for office in a Rebekah Degree shall be, 1st. Such member shall be an actual contributing member in good standing in such Lodge : 2d. No member shall be eligible to the office of the Noble Grand unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Degree or Subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, That the term P. W. of the Subordinate Lodge shall not be applicable to or used in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and the pass words of the Rebekah Degree shall alone be used by both sexes therein from and after the first day of January next.

Resolved, That all former legislation, in conflict with the foregoing resolutions, is hereby repealed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Estion, of Kansas, to wit:

Resolved,—That this Grand Body recognizes the right of the several Grand Lodges to create a widows' and orphans' endowment in the form of a tax upon their Subordinate Lodges, to be collected and paid upon the death of each member in good standing."

After thorough consideration of the subject, have the honor to report that Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions possess the right to establish widows' and orphans' endowments of any nature whatever, provided they are founded upon a basis of voluntary contributions; but it is against the organic law of the Order to make forced assessments for the above purpose, which we do not deem expedient to change, and consequently must report adverse to the resolution quoted above, but would recommend the formation of widows' and orphans' endowments by those members of the Order who may form, in the several jurisdictions, an auxiliary association for such a purpose.

The committee appointed at the last annual session to report a uniform street dress, which may be worn by Subordinate Lodges when in public procession, offer the following and move its adoption:

1. The style of hat or cap and dress shall be left to the jurisdiction of the individual Subordinate Lodges, provided that in each case strict uniformity shall be enjoined and observed.

2. Plain white gloves only shall be worn.

3. A jewel collar two and one-half inches wide (no more nor less) at the widest part, uniting in a point in front, in accordance with pattern herewith presented, made of very light blue silk, Italian cloth or other material (excepting velvet, which shall not be used,) of the shade known as silver blue, edged with silver lace or braid, one-fourth of an inch wide, and without embroidery or other ornamentation of any kind whatever.

4. A medal, to be suspended from the collar, of white metal, one and three-fourths inches in diameter, having on the obverse side, in raised work, the All-seeing Eye, encircled by rays of light; and on the reverse, also in raised work, the three links of the Order, surrounded by the legend, "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH."

Officers and past officers may wear, instead thereof, or in addition thereto such jewel or jewels of the Order as they may be entitled to wear elsewhere, in conformity with the existing regulations.

The Special Committee appointed in conformity with the resolutions of Rep. Given, of the District of Columbia, page 7005 of the Journal, session 1876, of this R. W. Grand Body, would respectfully report that they have

carefully considered the subject referred to them, and believing it to be highly necessary, and indeed very essential to produce uniformity, and also to correct the singular anomaly and evident inconsistency at present existing and operated by our "Book of Forms" for processions, and relating to recognition of title and assignment of position according to rank, etc., beg leave to submit herewith an amended form for processions, etc., and would ask for the same, together with the following resolutions, the favorable consideration of this R. W. Grand Body:

Resolved,—That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to compile and publish (under the supervision of the Committee on Supplies) in one volume, 18mo., with proper title, the Amended Forms for Public and Funeral Processions, Dedicating Halls, and Laying Corner Stones, and the Funeral Services, as hereby approved and adopted, together with such other forms or parts of forms not inconsistent therewith, as may have been prescribed by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and in such number and style as in the judgment of the R. W. Grand Secretary may be deemed requisite and expedient, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum necessary to defray the cost of the same.

Resolved,—That the volumes shall be disposed of by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at the rate of 75 cents per copy to Jurisdictions and \$1 per copy to Encampments and Lodges, in the usual form, after previous notice by the Grand Secretary of his readiness to furnish them.

JOHN T. GIVEN,
CHAS. N. HICKOK,
JOHN B. HARMON,
J. P. SANDERS.

FORM I.

In all processions of the Order, the following form shall be observed. If by a Subordinate Lodge, members of the Patriarchal branch not participating, the procession shall form as follows:

MUSIC.

MARSHAL.

OUTSIDE GUARDIAN,

With drawn Sword.

ESCORT—BANNER—ESCORT.

SCENE SUPPORTERS,

Bearing White Wands.

INITIATORY MEMBERS.

Two or four abreast.

MEMBERS OF THE WHITE, PINK, ROYAL BLUE, GREEN AND
SCARLET DEGREES,
According to Rank.

PAST GRANDS, in order of Juniority,
The Highest Grade in the Rear.

INSIDE GUARDIAN,
With drawn Sword.

CONDUCTOR, Bearing his Wand,	CHAPLAIN, White Scarf,	WARDEN, Bearing the Axe.
SECRETARY—TREASURER—SECRETARY.		
SUPPORTER, Bearing his Wand of Office.	VICE GRAND, With Gavel.	SUPPORTER, Bearing his Wand of Office.
SUPPORTER, Bearing his Wand of Office.	NOBLE GRAND, With Gavel.	SUPPORTER, Bearing his Wand of Office.

FORM 2.

If by a Subordinate Lodge, members of a Patriarchal branch participating, the procession shall form as follows:

MUSIC.
MARSHAL.
OUTSIDE GUARDIAN,
With drawn Sword.
ESCORT—BANNER—ESCORT.
SCENE SUPPORTERS,
Bearing White Wands.
INITIATORY MEMBERS,
Two or four Abreast.
MEMBERS OF THE WHITE, PINK, ROYAL BLUE, GREEN AND
SCARLET DEGREES,
According to Rank.
MEMBERS OF THE SCARLET DEGREE, WHO HAVE TAKEN THE
PATRIARCHAL DEGREES,
In order of Juniority
PAST GRANDS,
Not possessing the Patriarchal Degree.
PAST GRANDS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PATRIARCHAL
BRANCH.
According to Rank and Seniority,
INSIDE GUARDIAN,
With drawn Sword.

CONDUCTOR, Bearing his Wand,	CHAPLAIN, White Scarf,	WARDEN, Bearing the Axe.
SECRETARY, SUPPORTER,	TREASURER, VICE GRAND, With Gavel.	SECRETARY, SUPPORTER, Bearing his Wand of Office.

SUPPORTER.	NOBLE GRAND,	SUPPORTER.
Bearing his Wand of office.	With Gavel.	Bearing his Wand of office.

FORM 3.

If an Encampment turns out as an Encampment it shall form in the following order:

MUSIC.
MARSHAL.
OUTSIDE SENTINEL,
With drawn Sword.
MEMBERS IN ORDER OF JUNIORITY,
Two or four abreast.
PAST OFFICERS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY,
Unless the Grand Encampment is out.
INSIDE SENTINEL,
With drawn Sword.
JUNIOR WARDEN AND GUIDE.
SCRIBE AND TREASURER.

FOURTH WATCH.	SENIOR WARDEN.	THIRD WATCH.
GUARD OF TENT.	HIGH PRIEST	GUARD OF TENT.
With Spear.		With Spear.
SECOND WATCH.	CHIEF PATRIARCH.	FIRST WATCH.

FORM 4.

When a Grand Lodge is in Procession it shall form in the following order, and take position in rear of the Subordinate branch:

MUSIC.
GRAND MARSHAL,
BANNER,
Carried by the Grand Herald.
GRAND GUARDIAN
With drawn Sword.
GRAND SECRETARY—GRAND TREASURER.

G. CONDUCTOR,	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	GRAND WARDEN.
Supported by a P. G. M.	DEPUTY G. M.	Supported by a P. G. M.
Supported by a G. Rep.—GRAND MASTER—Supported by a G. Rep.		

FORM 5.

When a Grand Encampment is in procession it shall take precedence, and the Grand Marshal thereof shall control the procession, in which case he will be in front of the procession.

GRAND MARSHAL.

OUTSIDE SENTINEL,

With drawn sword.

ESCORT—BANNER—ESCORT.

GRAND SENTINEL,

With drawn sword.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND PAST OFFICERS,
In order of seniority.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN—GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

GRAND SCRIBE—GRAND TREASURER.

PAST H. PRIEST, M. E. GRAND H. PRIEST. PAST H. PRIEST,

Bearing crook.

Bearing crook.

G. Representative—M. W. GRAND PATRIARCH—G. Representative.

FORM 6.

In case the Grand Encampment, Grand Lodge and Subordinates of both branches are in procession, the following shall be the order :

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

GRAND LODGE.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

If there is no Grand Encampment, but a Subordinate Encampment, as in form 1, the procession shall form as follows :

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

GRAND LODGE.

If a Subordinate Lodge turns out, as in form 1 and 2, with a Grand Lodge, they will form :

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

GRAND LODGE.

FORM 7.

PRESENT CEREMONY OF LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF AN ODD FELLOWS'
HALL.

If a Grand Encampment participates, the ceremony shall be performed by the Grand Patriarch, or a Past Grand Patriarch.

Provided,—That when the owner or manager of any building has invited a Grand Master or Past Grand Master to lay the corner stone of such building, said Grand Master or Past Grand Master, and the branch of the Order which he represents, shall have precedence.

If a Grand Encampment does not participate, and a Grand Lodge does, the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master shall perform the ceremony.

If a Subordinate Encampment participates, with or without a Subordinate Lodge, the Chief Patriarch or a Past Chief Patriarch shall perform the ceremony.

If a Subordinate Lodge, accompanied by members of the Patriarchal branch, as in forms 1 and 2, the Noble Grand, or a Past Noble Grand shall officiate.

Should the ceremony be performed by the Grand Sire, or his Deputy, the title of that officer should be substituted for Grand Patriarch, or Grand Master, as the case may be.

An officer duly commissioned, and officiating for a Grand Patriarch, or a Grand Master, or as Chief Patriarch, or Noble Grand, shall be addressed by the title of the officer he represents.

The above regulations apply to the dedication of Odd Fellows' Halls or Lodge Rooms.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The present form, &c., shall be observed so far as relates to the duties of the officers of the Lodge, but when the Patriarchal, or Grand Bodies participate, the form as prescribed, shall be adhered to.

FORM 8.

Funeral processions shall form in the manner prescribed, (forms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,) as the case may be, and precedence shall be observed as set forth in each case.

REGALIA.

That the Regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order, when attending the funeral of a deceased brother, be as follows:

1st. A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer 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.

2d. That the ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, 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 bearer may have attained.

(*NOTE.*—The several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may, at their discretion, permit the usual regalia of the Order to be worn at funerals either in connection with or as a substitute for the simple regalia above described.)

On such occasions, the Marshall shall wear a black scarf, and bear a baton bound with black crape.

The Outside Guardian shall bear a red wand bound with black crape.

The Scene Supporters shall bear white wands, bound with black crape.

The Inside Guardian shall bear the regalia and insignia, indicating the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.

The Supporters of the Vice Grand shall bear their wands of office, bound with black crape.

The Chaplain shall wear a white scarf.

The Warden shall bear the axe, bound with black crape.

The Conductor shall bear his wand of office, bound with black crape, and the Supporters of the Noble Grand shall each bear their wands of office, bound with black crape.

If laying a corner-stone, and the ceremony is conducted by a Grand Encampment or Subordinate Encampment, the Grand Scribe or Scribe, as the case may be, shall carry the documents, &c., for deposit in the box, and the Grand Treasurer or Treasurer, as the case may be, shall carry the box to be deposited in the corner stone.

The Grand High Priest or High Priest, as the case may be, shall carry the open Bible, on which is laid a wreath of flowers, and the Grand Senior Warden or Senior Warden, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing water, and the Grand Junior Warden or Junior Warden, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing wheat. The Grand Patriarch or Chief Patriarch, as the case may be, shall bear a crook.

If the ceremony is conducted by a Grand Lodge or a Subordinate Lodge the Grand Secretary or the Secretary, as the case may be, shall carry the documents, &c., for deposit in the box. The Grand Treasurer or Treasurer, as the case may be, shall carry the box to be deposited in the corner-stone.

The Grand Chaplain or Chaplain, as the case may be, shall carry the open Bible, on which is laid a wreath of flowers. The Grand Warden or Warden, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing water, and the Grand Conductor or Conductor, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing wheat. The Grand Master or Noble Grand, as the case may be, shall bear a gavel.

Invited brethren will take places with the members of the Lodge, according to their rank. The Lodges, when more than one attend, shall be arranged in order of juniority, preceding the Lodge conducting the ceremonies.

On arriving at the place appointed for the starting of the funeral, the brothers shall take position in the above order, immediately before the corpse, and shall precede it to the place of interment.

On arriving at such place of interment, the brothers shall open right and left, and allow the corpse, mourners, &c., to pass through, the brothers on either side standing uncovered, the hat held in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other. And after the passing of the corpse, mourners, &c., between the two lines, the brothers shall re-form in procession after them in reversed order, and close the procession into and within the place of interment. After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may cause to be there performed, and before the final closing of the grave, the brothers shall form silently, and as nearly as may be according to the order above set forth, uncovered, the hat in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other in one or more circles, as regular as the nature of the ground may admit, around the grave, when the Chaplain, or in default of a Chaplain, the Noble Grand may address the brothers and offer up a prayer, or may address the brethren without the offering of a prayer; and after such address or prayer, or both, or if there be no address or prayer, then, after a pause suitable to the solemnity of the occasion, the Noble Grand shall advance singly to the head of the grave, and cast into it with the right hand, the sprig of evergreen from his regalia, and shall return to his place; whereupon, the brothers, from left to right, in regular succession, and in such numbers at a time as not to cause confusion, shall advance to the grave, shall cast into it (each with the right hand,) the sprig of evergreen from their regalia, and shall return to their place.

And after all have done this, the brothers shall silently re-form into procession according to the order observed in coming to the place of interment, and shall return in such order to the Lodge room, where the N. G., or other proper officer, shall declare the funeral ceremonies to be closed.

That, if at the time of his death, the deceased brother was a member of an Encampment, the Encampment may attend the funeral in a body, in order similar to that prescribed for Lodges, and shall take the position in line designated; but in all cases the funeral services shall be conducted by the Subordinate Lodge, except that if the brother was a past or present Elective Officer of a Grand Lodge or Encampment, then the ceremonies may be conducted by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

We are assembled, my brethren, to render the last office which the living may minister to the dead.

Man is born to die. The coffin, the grave, the sepulchre, speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood, however unheeded it may be, of "man's latter end."

Youth, in its harmlessness and comparative innocency, and manhood, with its wonted vigor and pride of strength, are not more exempt, than decrepid and tottering age from the fixed law of being, which dedicated all that is mortal to decay and death. This truth is inscribed in the great volume of nature upon its every page.

The beautiful and the sublime which the handiwork of the Creator displays on our every side, are fearfully associated with the unerring certainty of the end of all things, amid the vividness of the moral which they are ever suggesting to the contemplative mind. Day after day we are called upon to follow our fellow-creatures to that bourne from whence no traveller returns, but from the house of mourning we go forth again to mingle in the crowded world, heedless perhaps of the precarious tenure of life and the certainty of that end to which all flesh is rapidly tending. He who gives the vigor of body, without warning paralyzes the stout heart and strikes down the athletic frame. The living of to-day becomes the dead of the morrow. Men appear upon and disappear from the stage of life as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters. "In the midst of life we are in death." He whose lips now echo these tones of solemn warning, in turn will be stilled in the cold and cheerless house of the dead, and in the Providence of God none may escape. Let us then so far improve the lesson as to be prepared for that change which leads to life eternal.

[NOTE.—That both funeral ceremonies be printed, and either used at the option of Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, and if any form of prayer is used, it must be one or other of those in the forms.]

PRAYER.

Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth, shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Thee shall not die, hear, we beseech Thee, the voice of Thy creatures here assembled, and turn not away from our supplication.

We humbly beseech Thee so to imbue us with a conviction of our entire helplessness and dependence upon Thee, that we may be brought to meditate upon the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death. In the dispensation of Thy Providence, Thou hast summoned from amongst us our brother, and we, the surviving monuments of Thy mercy, are gathered together to commit his remains to the earth.

Give, O God, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to us, whom Thou hast spared; increase our knowledge, and confirm our faith in Thee forever.

[Bless and comfort, we pray Thee, those whom it has pleased Thee to add to the number of the disconsolate; buoy them up under this heavy stroke, sustain them against despondency.]

O, wilt Thou be their Father and their God, and pour down from on high Thy blessings upon their heads] Bless, O Heavenly Father, the brethren here assembled; imbue them with the Wisdom of Thy laws, and draw them unto Thee by the cords of Thy inestimable love; impress them with their duty to each other as brethren, and their obligations in the various relations of human life; and finally, bless our beloved Order throughout the globe. Preserve its principles and its purposes from innovations; sustain it from the shafts of enmity—protect it from self immolation, and shield it from all evil, and unto Thee we shall render the praise forever. Amen.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The primary object, without which no Lodge of Odd-Fellows can exist, is, mutual aid and fraternity. That a system of dues and a treasury for the security of the former are the necessary adjuncts of our system; that all other pecuniary benefits are simply incidents which naturally flow from the duty of mutual aid; that therefore, the whole of the assets and property of Lodges are trust funds, equally to be protected, and of equal sacredness: therefore,

Resolved,—That when, from any cause, any separate fund of a Subordinate Lodge shall be found unnecessary. it shall be lawful to otherwise appropriate such fund or to merge it, in whole or in part, in the general funds; provided that the object contemplated by such special fund, be otherwise fully protected, and secured. And provided, further, that provision be fully made to return any donation made to the said special fund which may be demanded by any donor who may insist upon its being donated to the object for which it was donated: provided, further, that no such appropriation shall be made unless the same shall first be authorized by the Grand Lodge to which such Subordinate may be attached.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a donation of the bound Revised Journals, Digests, and Book of Forms to Grand Representatives who have not received them, as provided for by a standing resolution of this body, is impolitic and expensive, and should not be continued, and that the said resolution is hereby repealed.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following has been submitted for action at the next session:

Amend Article I by striking out section 1 and insert as follows:

"Section I. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

Amend Section 4, of Article XVI by striking out all after the words "Grand Lodge" in the seventh line of said section, and insert as follows:

"That the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the re-

Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor the right to readmit to membership within its Jurisdiction, upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card, it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away this privilege shall be yielded up by the Jurisdiction receiving it."

Amend Article XVII by striking out all after the words "Grand Lodge."

W. H. THOMPSON, Missouri.

T. P. SHAFFNER, Kentucky.

JOHN H. OBERLY, Illinois.

ERIE J. LEECH, Iowa.

I. C. STAFFORD, Texas.

The Committee on Dues and Benefits submitted a very full report upon that subject, again calling the attention of Subordinate Lodges to the necessity of a careful revision of their By-Laws in this matter. The Committee speak in commendation of the report of our present M. W. Grand Master, stating that the system proposed by him is no doubt the soundest and most stable, and one well adapted to a young Jurisdiction.

The next session of the Grand Lodge is to be held in Austin, Texas.

The great amount of work accomplished by the Grand Lodge must be the apology of your Representatives for the length of this report, which, with earnest desire for the welfare and prosperity of the Order, is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT, }
WM. N. FORD, } Representatives.

APPENDIX.

[Comprising Abstract from Semi-Annual Returns, Amended Constitution of Grand, Subordinate, Degree, and Rebekah Degree Lodges, Rules of Order, &c.]

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

LODGE.	Number.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinitiated.	Deceased.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Membership Per Last Report.	Present Membership.	Number of Degrees Conferred.	Rejected.
Brock	9	10	2	1	.....	5	0	.....	140	142	34	..
Catawqui	10	32	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	46	78	76	5
Union	16	20	3	.....	.....	1	5	16	.....	267	268	46
Rose	28	7	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	27	80	8	2
Chatham	29	9	3	4	3	1	12	.....	153	163	89	1
Eureka	30	25	.....	3	7	14	15	.....	286	278	27	.....
Erie	33	3	.....	7	1	1	10	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Gore	34	5	2	1	1	1	5	.....	108	109	83	1
Samaritan	35	17	2	1	4	1	28	1	174	159	49	.....
St. Marys	36	43	.....	.....	.....	29	1	2	143	153	139	4
Forest City	38	15	1	15	4	4	11	.....	289	281	28	3
Rond Eau	40	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	65	60	5	3
Avon	41	19	.....	2	9	8	.....	.....	219	219	79	.....
Excelsior	44	11	.....	1	5	29	.....	.....	176	182	38	.....
Frontier	45	11	2	1	1	1	8	.....	163	168	89	5
Mt. Zion	46	8	.....	4	.....	1	3	.....	19	27	18	.....
Unity	47	25	.....	5	2	7	19	.....	234	236	98	.....
Dominion	48	12	1	2	3	7	5	.....	201	201	78	.....
Canada	49	44	2	1	3	7	32	1	260	264	105	1
Otter	51	10	.....	1	4	.....	.....	1	103	107	24	.....
Bissell	51	4	1	1	.....	2	11	.....	132	125	8	4
Covenant	52	23	2	2	3	10	16	.....	235	238	56	1
Niagara Falls	53	4	2	.....	.....	6	2	1	107	104	9	2
Collingwood	54	5	.....	.....	.....	3	18	.....	58	47	25	1
Fidelity	55	15	2	.....	.....	11	7	1	123	121	55	4
Queen City of Ont.	56	23	2	1	1	35	22	.....	217	183	64	2
Maple Leaf	57	15	1	3	1	.....	6	.....	63	65	58	4
Howard	58	12	1	.....	1	5	10	.....	154	151	58	1
Kingson	59	34	1	2	2	8	4	.....	111	134	65	4
Wardsville	60	2	.....	6	.....	3	.....	.....	28	28	3	.....
Corinthian	61	14	.....	1	1	7	.....	.....	143	148	43	5
Huron	62	11	.....	2	3	5	15	.....	117	107	56	1
Barrie	63	22	3	2	2	3	10	.....	38	50	46	3
Victoria	64	18	3	.....	1	6	25	1	99	87	85	.....
Friendship	65	15	.....	1	3	15	.....	.....	105	103	88	1
Flor. Nightingale	66	7	.....	1	1	4	8	.....	99	94	15	.....
Exeter	67	5	1	.....	.....	2	6	.....	55	53	7	.....
North Star	68	4	.....	1	.....	1	5	.....	44	44	32	2
Hope	69	7	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	40	46	45	3
Lucan	70	3	1	.....	1	.....	6	.....	59	56	19	.....
The Toronto	71	21	.....	1	1	5	.....	.....	103	110	59	.....
Eastern Star	72	15	2	1	2	130	144	70
Fergus	73	3	1	2	11	77	68	58	1
Bothwell	74	5	7	2	52	48	47

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Brock	9	21	8	...	70 75	790 16	53 00
Cataraqui	10	12	2	...	85 50	1258 70	39 50
Union	16	203	32	10	135 50	1957 08	671 00	190 00
Rose	28	27	4	...	15 51	218 35	80 38	.....
Chatham	29	54	11	9	77 75	1759 03	158 00	127 50
Eureka.....	30	230	26	36	137 75	2406 01	558 90	680 00
Erie	33	18	7	2	24 75	331 60	49 00	32 00
Gore	34	25	5	14	55 25	1 66 06	90 00	202 50
Sumaritan	35	86	25	2	77 75	1143 69	240 00	60 00
St. Marys	36	85	13	1	71 75	1800 09	213 00	10 00
Forest City	38	245	44	24	131 75	2560 10	668 50	477 53
Rond Eau	40	31	4	1	31 25	443 62	91 00	18 00
Avon	41	201	26	3	110 50	4089 91	511 19	37 50
Excelsior.....	44	33	16	13	81 75	1282 98	100 50	250 00
Frontier	45	48	16	18	83 75	1657 75	142 00	320 00
Mt. Zion.....	46	.....	.....	.....	12 00	185 77	.....	.....
Unity	47	114	30	.....	115 75	3942 95	449 00	.....
Dominion	48	113	18	.....	99 25	1307 00	326 00	.....
Canada	49	129	19	12	137 00	2006 30	316 00	171 25
Otter.....	50	73	17	7	53 00	694 13	211 00	77 50
Bissell	51	81	10	.....	94 50	602 26	86 00	.....
Covenant	52	100	21	7	117 25	1779 78	286 30	99 50
Niagara Falls	53	18	7	1	51 50	1144 13	44 00	15 00
Collingwood	54	17	4	4	28 25	407 99	31 00	60 00
Fidelity	55	15	3	2	58 75	1271 10	43 00	45 00
Queen City of Ont.	56	36	11	6	100 75	1692 78	81 00	78 00
Maple Leaf	57	160	12	4	30 75	752 95	304 00	24 00
Howard	58	25	12	2	75 00	1233 20	64 20	30 00
Kingston	59	87 1/2	16	.....	64 50	1207 51	145 00	.....
Wardsville	60	32	5	4	12 25	98 05	89 00	80 00
Corinthian	61	119	21	5	73 00	1117 39	355 24	63 15
Huron	62	64	15	.....	56 50	850 63	261 00	.....
Barrie	63	2	1	2	21 50	420 64	5 00	15 00
Victoria	64	16	6	.....	49 75	922 41	50 00	.....
Friendship	65	44	10	1	48 75	885 05	130 50	20 00
Flor. Nightingale.....	66	25	6	4	49 25	618 70	75 00	75 00
Exeter	67	19	10	.....	26 25	385 86	54 00	.....
North Star	68	30	5	.....	22 50	323 66	81 00	.....
Hope	69	25	6	.....	22 50	407 53	95 00	.....
Locan	70	9	4	1	28 50	499 77	27 00	15 00
The Toronto	71	42	3	2	57 25	843 68	126 00	30 00
Eastern Star.....	72	50 1/2	12	4	70 50	1134 43	135 50	60 00
Fergus	73	81	13	36 00	729 00	242 00
Bothwell	74	23	5	2	23 75	891 28	69 00	45 00

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			Admitted	Reinstated.	Reinstated.		Suspended.	Expelled.			Number of Degrees	Rejected.		
Warriner	75	14	1	2	..	1	18	1	88	85	35	1		
St. Thomas	79	30	8	..	1	1	6	18	..	152	165	101	7	
Oxford	77	19	1	1	..	2	20	..	113	112	82	1		
Durham	78	8	2	72	..	2	..	..	..	80	33	1	..
Nipissing	79	12	1	..	..	1	..	1	72	83	26	..	..
Amity	80	13	..	1	1	1	5	..	105	111	68	..	..
Helleville	81	25	..	3	1	1	20	1	124	129	52	..	..
Beaver	82	9	1	..	..	1	6	..	44	47	2	..	..
Clinton	83	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	66	69	23	..	..
Walkerton	84	9	1	..	..	1	7	..	57	59	22	..	..
Constellation	85	6	..	1	..	1	..	..	35	39	13	1	..
Napanee	86	10	..	1	..	..	14	..	81	78	22	..	..
Empire	87	26	1	1	..	2	80	..	142	132	14	5	..	
Olive Branch	88	13	1	..	..	3	..	..	112	123	53	2	..
Reliance	89	19	..	..	..	2	..	1	109	118	53	2	..
Ivy	90	12	2	1	1	2	2	..	73	83	28	1	..	
Grand River	91	11	4	..	1	1	1	..	93	105	43	1	..	
Milton	92	6	1	4	5	1	53	48	25	2	..
Western City	93	4	..	3	2	4	11	1	65	54	9	1	..	
Aylmer	94	9	..	2	..	1	19	..	64	55	26	3	..	
Fort Stanley	95	9	..	2	..	2	1	..	44	51	..	..	..
Nith	96	10	..	..	..	3	3	..	53	60	..	..	..
Grand Union	97	8	2	1	..	3	3	..	72	77	30	6	..	
Minto	98	14	..	1	1	1	1	..	55	67	42	2	..	
Peabody	99	2	..	..	..	1	9	..	31	28	9	..	..
Lindsay	100	9	1	..	..	2	8	..	55	55	23	..	..
Golden Star	101	4	..	1	..	2	2	..	108	107	85	3	..	
Dosaronto	102	1	..	..	..	1	8	..	46	37	12	..	..
Cataract	103	12	..	1	..	..	6	..	42	49	22	..	..
Crescent	104	22	1	1	..	7	35	1	133	124	104	..	..
Manilla	105	..	1	1	..	3	1	..	45	42	7	..	..
St. Clair	106	6	1	..	3	..	6	2	78	74	28	1	..	
Waterloo	107	21	..	1	3	3	..	..	79	98	10	1	..
Royal Oak	108	11	2	..	..	2	4	..	44	51	34	1	..
Orion	109	9	1	..	1	10	2	..	66	63	35	1	..	
Laurel	110	5	1	1	1	7	7	..	92	84	37	1	..	
Peterboro'	111	10	1	..	..	1	14	1	70	65	32	3	..
Lucknow	112	9	..	1	..	1	2	..	54	59	32	..	..
Trenton	113	2	..	1	..	1	2	..	27	27	4	1	..	
Ganarogue	114	4	2	..	..	2	..	2	86	86	11	1	..
Harmony	115	10	2	..	..	..	3	..	36	43	14	..	..
Naomi	116	5	1	..	1	1	3	..	42	36	6	1	..	
Valley City	117	8	1	14	..	83	76	37	1	..	
Maitland	119	7	1	2	47	53	9	1	..	

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Warriner	75	19	8	1	39 75	611 30	55 00	15 00
St. Thomas.....	76	38	11	2	79 50	1678 47	109 00	30 00
Oxford	77	32	19	...	56 75	625 34	70 50	...
Durham	78	18	7	1	38 00	487 23	46 00	37 50
Nipissing.....	79	20	4	2	39 00	604 61	815 35	54 80
Amity	80	19	4	2	55 00	61 00	992 70	222 75
Belleville	81	84½	5	2	61 00	22 25	180 45	16 2½
Beaver	82	9	1	...	22 25	30 50	315 25	57 00
Clinton	83	21	6	2	34 00	397 86	57 00	30 00
Walkerton	84	10	7	...	30 50	315 25	48 00	...
Constellation	85	...	...	...	18 75	207 01	...	...
Napanee	86	42	7	2	36 75	354 61	112 50	30 00
Empire	87	29	6	...	65 75	827 56	81 00	...
Olive Branch.....	88	43	16	...	60 75	896 36	111 00	...
Reliance	89	3	4	1	58 75	1146 05	9 00	30 00
Ivy	90	10	5	1	39 75	581 44	27 80	22 50
Grand River.....	91	30	15	2	51 25	764 06	53 00	24 00
Milton	92	16	2	2	25 75	367 68	82 00	18 75
Western City.....	93	24	9	2	27 06	218 68	122 00	40 00
Aylmer	94	4	1	...	27 00	428 97	8 00	...
Port Stanley.....	95	19	4	4	25 50	288 45	41 00	64 00
Nith	96	...	...	...	29 25	484 63	...	...
Grand Union.....	97	7	...	...	37 25	494 50	21 00	15 00
Minto	98	54	5	...	30 25	492 75	135 00	...
Peabody	99	...	...	...	11 25	76 63	383 05	35 00
Lindsay	100	15	6	...	27 25	663 60	45 00	55 00
Golden Star	101	17	10	4	53 25	199 00	42 28	20 00
Dosaronto	102	14½	7	2	19 75	474 16	33 00	197 00
Cataract	103	12	7	...	23 00	684 98	71 00	19 50
Crescent.....	104	52	18	...	64 00	1197 81	75 85	61 00
Manilla	105	24	5	2	21 00	328 85	31 50	13 00
St. Clair.....	106	28	9	...	38 75	828 00	50 00	18 00
Waterloo	107	28	10	...	43 50	864 96	15 00	...
Royal Oak.....	108	13	2	...	24 50	360 96	50 00	...
Orion	109	21	4	1	32 25	518 60	589 60	...
Laurel	110	5	2	1	43 00	589 60	15 00	...
Peterboro'	111	...	...	...	32 75	579 12	...	...
Lucknow	112	...	...	...	29 50	407 20	...	...
Trenton	113	...	...	...	13 50	109 85	...	...
Gananoque	114	...	...	...	17 25	155 30	...	...
Harmony	115	...	...	...	21 75	424 04	21 00	...
Naomi	116	24	4	1	18 75	251 80	72 00	30 00
Valley City.....	117	6½	4	...	37 25	570 60	26 00	...
Maitland	119	13	3	...	26 25	292 62	32 00	...

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	Number Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Deceased.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Membership Per Last Report.	Present Membership.	Number of Degrees Conferred.	Rejected.
Sydenham Valley	120	12	1	1	1	4	50	56	36	1	
Saxon	121	9	1	1	1	1	33	41	12	1	
Streetville	122	8	1	1	4	2	48	49	10	1	
Palmerston	123	8	1	1	1	1	44	52	28	1	
Dresden	124	5	1	1	1	4	70	69	17	1	
Stella	125	5	1	1	3	4	1	27	26	19	1
Sarnia	126	6	3	2	1	1	64	64	34	1	
Mtzipah	127	11	1	1	2	2	56	64	53	1	
Mystic	128	12	1	1	6	7	42	41	58	1	
Charity	129	1	1	1	1	1	59	28	8	1	
Livingstone	130	43	1	1	1	1	149	182	171	5	
Marion	131	10	1	1	6	1	26	29	38	1	
Oakville	132	2	1	1	1	1	41	44	5	1	
Glencoe	133	4	2	1	3	1	37	40	19	1	
Orient	134	22	2	1	17	1	80	87	57	3	
Peaceful Dove	135	7	1	1	6	1	55	56	34	1	
Cobourg	136	9	1	1	2	1	49	55	24	6	
St. Lawrence	137	10	1	1	1	7	56	59	23	2	
Ancaster	138	5	1	1	1	1	22	28	5	1	
Garnet	139	11	1	1	1	1	34	46	31	1	
Lennington	140	10	2	1	2	4	43	47	4	1	
Capital	141	1	1	1	3	6	45	37	7	1	
Concord	142	9	1	1	1	5	36	42	15	1	
Bay of Quinté	143	9	1	1	1	1	43	53	47	3	
Ridgetown	144	12	2	1	2	10	44	45	24	1	
Riverside	145	10	1	1	1	1	52	61	25	1	
Vivian	146	4	1	1	1	1	24	27	2	1	
Model	147	3	1	1	1	2	37	39	11	1	
Aurora	148	6	1	2	1	12	47	42	30	1	
Western Star	149	16	1	1	1	1	41	54	50	3	
Berle	150	7	1	1	5	1	55	56	18	2	
Sycamore	151	10	1	1	1	1	41	46	29	2	
Hayden	152	4	1	1	1	4	38	37	21	1	
Wilsey	153	9	1	1	1	1	25	34	13	1	
Alpha	154	9	1	1	3	1	30	35	17	2	
Brougham	150	4	1	1	1	1	21	25	18	1	
Pyramid	156	9	1	1	1	1	57	59	13	1	
Thamesville	157	5	1	1	1	2	30	33	38	1	
Progress	158	10	1	1	1	1	76	85	30	4	
Oak Leaf	159	10	1	1	13	5	57	48	44	1	
Listowel	160	8	1	1	2	3	46	50	33	1	
Simcoe	161	3	1	1	3	1	37	37	8	1	
Cookstown	162	5	1	1	3	2	33	34	10	1	
Oriental	163	4	1	1	1	1	29	34	15	1	

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Sydenham Valley	120	48	2	...	27 25	576 81	43 00
Saxon	121	12	6	...	19 00	232 61	32 00
Streetsville	122	24 25	339 80
Palmerston	123	19	7	2	25 50	325 80	.....	.....
Dresden	124	2	1	...	34 00	472 69	52 00	40 00
Stella	125	1	1	...	13 75	145 10	6 00	.....
Sarnia	126	25	10	1	31 75	454 15	1 50	.....
Mispah	127	14½	4	1	30 50	532 91	43 50	30 00
Mystic	128	3	1	...	21 75	417 20	3 00	40 00
Charity	129	9½	6	...	14 00	161 25	29 00	.....
Livingstone	130	43	14	...	91 25	1778 08	133 75	.....
Marlon	131	.....	.....	.....	14 75	203 05	.....	.....
Oakville	132	6	5	...	21 75	208 22	11 00	.....
Glenoe	133	33	7	...	19 75	273 42	56 00	.....
Orient	134	31	6	...	45 00	797 00	75 50	.....
Peaceful Dove	135	14	6	...	27 00	368 40	35 00	.....
Cobourg	136	6	2	...	26 75	311 04	18 00	.....
St. Lawrence	137	12	4	...	30 25	433 10	21 00	.....
Ancaster	138	.....	1	...	13 25	60 00	12 00	.....
Garnet	139	8	2	...	20 50	208 00	18 00	.....
Leamington	140	17	6	2	22 25	252 72	29 40	24 30
Capital	141	7	1	...	19 25	156 55	12 00	.....
Concord	142	5	1	...	21 25	271 86	5 00	.....
Ray of Quinté	143	.....	.....	.....	24 50	448 55	.....	.....
Ridgeltown	144	22	4	...	24 00	350 77	30 00	.....
Riverside	145	25	5	...	29 75	174 70	34 00	.....
Vivian	146	9	1	...	12 75	69 75	13 50	.....
Model	147	44½	7	...	19 25	254 68	123 75	.....
Aurora	148	20	5	...	23 25	311 05	67 00	.....
Western Star	149	19	4	1	26 00	482 48	36 00	7 50
Bertie	150	74½	13	...	28 25	494 35	225 74	.....
Sycamore	151	31	4	...	22 25	518 09	93 00	.....
Hayden	152	6	2	...	18 50	239 60	18 00	.....
Wilday	153	.....	.....	.....	18 25	161 23	.....	.....
Alpha	154	4	2	...	17 50	284 00	12 00	.....
Bronham	155	3	2	...	12 00	176 02	9 00	.....
Pyramid	156	.....	.....	.....	27 50	263 40	.....	.....
Thamesville	157	3	1	...	16 25	276 63	6 00	.....
Progress	158	.....	.....	.....	40 50	774 24	.....	.....
Oak Leaf	159	5½	4	1	24 25	541 78	17 00	40 00
Listowel	160	20	5	...	24 75	366 32	53 00	.....
Simcoe	161	6½	2	...	19 00	216 45	17 00
Cookstown	162	10	6	...	17 25	235 59	24 00
Oriental	163	8	1	...	16 25	181 50	8 00

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Romeo	164	16	3	1	51	69	38
Beethoven.....	165	10	1	8	1	28	85	35	4
Osweg.....	166	8	1	18	19	19
Hillsburg.....	167	4	2	26	27	28
Sutton.....	168	7	....	....	....	1	....	....	86	42	15	....
Stephen.....	169	6	....	....	....	1	....	....	28	31	15	....
Denovo.....	170	10	....	....	....	....	1	....	37	46	17	2
Alliston.....	171	5	....	....	....	1	....	....	36	40	23	....
Penetangore.....	172	19	2	....	....	8	2	....	79	90	48	9
Emerald.....	173	6	....	....	....	2	5	....	33	32	19	2
Dolman.....	174	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	46	38	....
Dorne.....	175	11	....	....	....	....	2	....	27	36	14	....
Dauncoy.....	176	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	39	48	20	3
Montana.....	177	7	....	....	....	....	2	....	24	28	19	....
Wellington Square.....	178	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	43	45	....
Madoc.....	179	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	28	44	1
Owen Sound.....	180	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	30	44	4
Ark.....	181	7	2	....	....	....	1	....	17	25	12	3
Tecumseh.....	182	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	21	12	....
Teeswater.....	183	10	2	....	....	1	....	....	30	41	37	....
Germania.....	184	23	2	....	....	5	....	....	26	46	72	....
Live Oak.....	185	9	....	....	....	....	1	....	23	31	59	....
Dufferin.....	186	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	11	14	18	1
Cypress.....	187	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	35	31	1
Cambridge.....	188	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	31	19	5
Parry Sound.....	189	25	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	71	2
Chorazin.....	190	23	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	64	2
Jarvis.....	191	17	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	55	....
Howiek.....	192	17	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	58	2
Victor.....	193	48	28	....	....	1	....	....	....	75	101	1
Albani.....	194	20	27	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	63	1
Cleopatra.....	195	8	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	42	....
Florence.....	196	16	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	17	....
Minerva.....	197	7	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	12	1
Britannia.....	198	10	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	....	....
Scotta.....	199	12	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	35	1
Weston.....	200	8	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	22	....
Beacon.....	201	19	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	37	3
Silver Star.....	202	8	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	21	1
Pembroke.....	203	15	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	25	....
Acton.....	204	16	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	21	2
Ahram.....	205	9	18	34
Silver City.....	206	7	5	13	15
	1981	206	176	89	470	835	30	11,203	12,372	5983	244	

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Romeo	184	16 2-7	6		31 50	553 92	46 15	
Beethoven	185	7 1/2	2		16 25	288 96	18 50	
Oawego	186	2 4-7	1		8 25	126 50	7 50	
Hillsburg	187	7	2		13 25	261 57	14 00	
Sulton	188				20 50	322 00		
Stephen	189				14 75	265 77	21 00	
Denovo	170	13 1/2	1		22 25	326 89	31 50	
Alliston	171	3	5		19 75	297 44	9 00	
Penetangore	172	10	4		44 00	717 65	30 00	
Emerald	178	3	1		16 25	248 85	9 00	
Dolman	174	11	4		20 25	377 45	26 50	
Lorne	175	17	2		17 00	214 01	51 00	
Dauncey	176	20	1		21 50	310 80	46 50	
Montana	177				14 00	227 58		
Wellington Square	178	5	2		11 25	445 72	15 00	
Madoc	179	4	2		12 00	259 10	8 00	
Owen Sound	180	7 5-6	4		13 50	361 62	23 50	
Ark	181	27	6		11 75	178 73	71 00	
Tecumseh	182				10 00	142 22		
Toeswater	183	5	2		18 75	219 55	15 00	
Germania	184	3	1		20 75	670 40	9 00	
Live Oak	185	9	3		14 50	367 54	13 50	
Dufferin	186				6 50	185 15		
Cypress	187				15 00	484 66		
Cambridge	188		1		14 75	389 53		
Ferry Sound	189				13 75	503 96		
Chorasin	190	1	1		15 75	545 62	50	
Jarvis	191	1	1		11 25	780 55	5 00	
Howick	192				9 75	380 25		
Victor	193				29 25	623 21		
Albert	194				16 50	426 87		
Cicero	195				3 00	109 50		
Florence	196				5 50	227 77		
Minerva	197				4 75	161 23		
Britannia	198				3 75	181 87		
Scotia	199				5 50	328 58		
Weston	200				4 75	228 00		
Beacon	201				7 00	284 00		
Silver Star	202				3 25	79 00		
Fembroke	203				5 00	218 00		
Aston	204				6 25	275 50		
Abiram	205				4 50	165 75		
Silver City	206				3 00	102 37		
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LODGE.	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Paid for Buildings and Lands.	Current Expenses.	Paid for Furniture, Carpets and Regalia.	Total Expenditure.
Brook	9	4 50	.....	.....	808 32	120 85	481 17
Cataragui	10	8 00	.....	.....	428 10	935 32	1408 92
Union	14	28 00	38 00	180 50	858 18	142 95	1583 72
Rose	28	.....	.....	.....	156 22	.....	236 60
Chatham	29	15 00	75 00	.....	544 05	.....	920 55
Eureka	30	55 00	280 00	125 00	466 95	.....	2165 85
Erie.....	33	18 50	30 00	.....	51 89	.....	176 89
Gore	34	3 00	30 00	.....	236 65	.....	563 65
Samaritan	35	24 04	90 00	.....	348 24	109 77	872 05
St. Marys	36	68 00	55 00	.....	278 90	21 90	1042 80
Forest City.....	38	150 00	165 00	.....	635 91	16 88	2114 12
Road End	40	20 00	.....	.....	292 11	78 00	499 11
Avon	41	119 10	120 00	.....	251 56	172 84	1211 69
Excelsior.....	44	21 30	50 80	287 00	550 85	.....	1239 45
Frontier	45	95 00	.....	62 12	262 42	64 75	948 29
Mt. Zion.....	46	.....	.....	.....	66 84	.....	66 84
Unity	47	161 00	162 50	461 86	684 88	1854 86	3274 10
Dominion	48	27 00	90 00	.....	329 50	.....	772 50
Canada.....	49	49 20	122 00	.....	559 15	250 00	1487 60
Other	50	28 00	30 00	.....	161 87	7 85	504 22
Blasell	51	.....	80 00	42 50	229 66	.....	345 10
Covenant	52	81 40	84 10	.....	910 78	25 15	1487 38
Niagara Falls	53	18 50	15 00	49 82	394 00	888 04	868 86
Collingwood	54	25 00	15 00	.....	66 83	117 79	382 91
Fidelity	55	30 00	32 00	441 60	378 97	.....	970 57
Queen City of Ont.	56	75 55	20 00	.....	981 52	21 75	1433 81
Maple Leaf.....	57	.....	80 00	.....	178 06	.....	537 06
Howard	58	48 85	15 00	873 50	304 56	.....	834 07
Kington	59	28 00	128 82	.....	1200 76	.....	1497 58
Wardville	60	.....	.....	.....	11 07	.....	180 07
Corinthian	61	88 00	30 00	.....	866 44	.....	827 83
Huron	62	54 00	42 50	.....	470 25	3 00	820 75
Barrie.....	63	.....	84 85	.....	169 86	73 29	347 50
Victoria	64	10 00	.....	.....	281 90	104 00	445 90
Friendship	65	35 00	.....	.....	161 99	27 75	376 24
Fior. Nightingale.	66	17 75	45 00	11 92	342 84	.....	576 24
Exeter	67	30 00	.....	11 50	167 88	.....	464 01
North Star	68	.....	.....	.....	129 95	.....	352 45
Hope	69	.....	.....	.....	49 87	.....	116 57
Lucan.....	70	.....	37 50	.....	171 90	.....	274 88
The Toronto.....	71	45 50	40 00	.....	614 54	144 93	996 97
Eastern Star.....	72	16 00	40 00	.....	581 98	7 00	780 48
Fergus	73	40 00	40 00	375 90	7 73	705 63
Bothwell	74	30 00	28 00	85 31	28 00	278 81

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LODGE	Number.	General Fund.	Widow and Orphan's Fund.	Total of all Funds.	Date of Institution.
Brock	9	1697 72	519 11	2216 83	March 5th, 1846.
Cataraqui	10	805 68	115 25	920 93	Resuscitated May 25, '75
Union	16	12777 85	6122 11	18899 96	March 16th, 1846.
Rose	28	51 49	62 00	113 49	Resuscitated May 6, '75
Chatham	29	4264 12	1721 88	5985 50	Jan. 13th, 1854.
Eureka	30	5742 75	2976 51	8719 26	Feb. 2d, "
Erie	33	1139 67	686 16	1825 83	Oct. 5th, "
Gore	34	3537 86	1612 82	5150 68	Dec. 25th, "
Samaritan	35	3801 20	1835 96	5437 16	Jan. 18th, 1856.
St. Marys	36	5664 61	2681 68	8296 29	Nov. 8th, "
Forest City	38	7642 57	3406 83	11049 40	Feb. 9th, 1857.
Rond Eau	40	193 25	190 85	384 10	Resuscitated July 18, '72
Avon	41	6649 52	2002 48	8652 00	Jan. 9th, 1861.
Excelstor	44	1674 88	1334 87	3009 75	Jan. 9th, 1863.
Frontier	45	7533 25	458 30	7991 55	Jan. 27th, 1864.
Mt. Zion	46	268 08	190 10	458 18	Jan. 16th, 1864.
Unity	47	4169 69	2177 31	6347 00	April 3d, 1867.
Dominion	48	4200 00	1795 00	5995 00	Sept. 18th, "
Canada	49	8620 48	1033 97	9654 45	Jan. 14th, 1868.
Otter	50	2255 48	.....	2255 48	March 16th, "
Bissell	51	2378 06	511 00	2889 06	Oct. 15th, "
Covenant	52	3519 00	1966 50	5485 50	Oct. 22d, "
Niagara Falls	53	1173 04	770 70	1943 74	April 20th, 1869.
Collingwood	54	728 65	90 80	817 45	Oct. 7th, "
Fidelity	55	2577 00	639 52	3216 52	March 8th, 1870.
Queen City of Ont.	56	2110 32	1152 99	3263 31	" 10th, "
Maple Leaf	57	243 75	328 55	572 30	" 24th, "
Howard	58	2728 57	1385 51	4114 08	" 17th, "
Kingston	59	1531 43	656 08	2187 49	April 14th, "
Wardaville	60	259 85	9 45	269 30	" 26th, "
Corinthian	61	1450 80	1075 22	2525 62	May 5th, "
Huron	62	1196 18	828 92	2025 10	" 31st, "
Barrie	63	9 83	63 21	73 04	July 31st, "
Victoria	64	1584 10	327 90	1912 00	AUG. 22d, "
Friendship	65	2636 66	632 87	3269 73	Jan. 13th, 1871.
Flor. Nightingale	66	1084 85	617 00	1701 85	" 25th, "
Exeter	67	471 62	315 42	787 04	" 27th, "
North Star	69	188 40	168 49	356 89	March 2d, "
Hope	69	776 16	217 00	993 16	" 23d, "
Lucan	70	1218 06	348 82	1566 88	" 30th, "
The Toronto	71	18 43	499 40	517 83	May 5th, "
Eastern Star	72	2067 65	660 62	2728 27	" 11th, "
Fergus	73	600 03	670 20	1270 23	" 31st, "
Bothwell	74	554 61	142 31	696	" 2d, "

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LODGE.	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Paid for Buildings and Lends.	Current Expenses.	Paid for Furniture, Carpets and Regalia.	Total Expenditure.
Warriner	75	16 00	.....	.....	77 70	.....	157 70
St. Thomas	76	32 00	15 00	.....	1066 78	624 39	1877 17
Oxford	77	.....	.....	5 50	170 08	17 70	273 68
Durham	78	.....	.....	.....	309 18	.....	309 18
Nipissing	79	30 00	.....	.....	438 34	.....	541 14
Amity	80	27 00	50 75	.....	388 16	45 49	540 90
Belleville	81	12 80	60 04	.....	302 73	2 05	500 13
Beaver	82	.....	.....	.....	37 00	13 81	67 01
Clinton	83	.....	.....	.....	232 93	.....	339 93
Walkerton	84	20 00	.....	.....	178 50	270 00	496 50
Constellation	85	10 00	30 00	.....	32 78	.....	62 78
Napanee	86	.....	.....	.....	180 45	100 00	433 98
Empire	87	120 45	.....	.....	383 37	12 40	611 24
Olive Branch	88	20 00	30 00	.....	392 68	15 65	569 31
Reliance	89	65 80	.....	.....	312 18	.....	416 98
Ivy	90	.....	.....	.....	248 25	8 88	339 38
Grand River	91	7 50	30 00	.....	252 41	18 32	385 23
Milton	92	20 00	40 00	.....	86 99	27 68	235 42
Western City	93	28 00	64 00	.....	103 75	47 00	404 78
Aylmer	94	10 00	.....	.....	308 44	17 41	388 85
Port Stanley	95	.....	.....	.....	80 27	.....	135 27
Nith	96	.....	.....	.....	153 35	25	153 60
Grand Union	97	.....	20 00	.....	178 72	98 40	351 12
Minto	98	70 53	.....	.....	108 45	59 60	373 58
Penbody	99	.....	.....	.....	68 60	5 75	74 35
Lindsay	100	.....	.....	.....	195 02	.....	280 02
Golden Star	101	58 00	.....	.....	288 40	.....	446 40
Dosoronto	102	.....	.....	.....	99 39	4 02	165 69
Cataract	103	.....	.....	.....	424 45	.....	457 45
Crescent	104	.....	.....	.....	550 38	.....	747 38
Manilla	105	.....	40 00	.....	83 90	.....	219 40
St. Clair	106	88 00	65 00	.....	158 00	.....	384 85
Waterloo	107	.....	28 00	.....	126 85	2 60	217 85
Royal Oak	108	1 75	14 38	8 00	140 01	1 30	197 14
Orion	109	100 00	55 00	.....	197 31	.....	415 31
Laurel	110	10 00	60 00	.....	371 13	37 78	487 91
Peterboro'	111	.....	.....	.....	323 42	.....	323 42
Lucknow	112	1 50	30 00	.....	161 81	61 75	254 65
Trenton	113	.....	.....	.....	101 45	.....	101 45
Gannoque	114	6 00	.....	.....	149 90	5 19	161 09
Harmony	115	3 00	.....	.....	169 60	.....	193 60
Naomi	116	111 50	79 59	298 06
Valley City	117	8 90	255 07	339 07
Maitland	119	116 80	148 80

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LODGE.	Number.	General Fund.	Widow and Orphan's Fund.	Total of all Funds.	Date of Institution.
Warriner	75	1888 38	427 27	2265 60	June 27th, 1871.
St. Thomas	76	816 18	788 00	1599 18	July 14th, "
Oxford	77	1611 46	420 79	2032 25	" 27th, "
Durham	78	288 68	441 67	780 85	Aug. 18th, "
Nipissing	79	484 15	245 41	729 56	Oct. 12th, "
Amity	80	1576 06	894 85	1970 91	" 12th, "
Belleville	81	1913 88	664 07	2577 95	Dec. 13th, "
Beaver	82	961 33	130 27	1091 60	Jan. 12th, 1872.
Clinton	83	810 22	808 19	1118 41	" 16th, "
Walkerton	84	650 00	196 65	846 65	" 17th, "
Constellation	85	430 38	125 14	555 52	" 23d, "
Napanee	86	855 42	100 96	956 38	Feb. 8th, "
Empire	87	1700 68	553 97	2254 65	Mar. 13th, "
Olive Branch	88	1768 88	490 82	2254 65	" 14th, "
Reliance	89	2397 13	171 11	2568 24	" 15th, "
Ivy	90	116 03	359 05	775 08	April 24th, "
Grand River	91	1464 67	546 29	2010 96	May 31st, "
Milton	92	930 16	247 61	1177 77	June 11th, "
Western City	93	406 69	186 62	593 81	" 13th, "
Aylmer	94	179 01	243 09	422 10	" 14th, "
Port Stanley	95	718 61	68 16	786 77	July 16th, "
With	96	897 28	260 80	1258 08	" 30th, "
Grand Union	97	943 93	330 36	1274 29	Aug. 2d, "
Minto	98	419 19	254 35	673 54	" 3d, "
Peabody	99	301 85	129 47	430 82	Sept. 11th, "
Lindsay	100	985 62	281 51	1267 13	" 24th, "
Golden Star	101	920 69	448 89	1369 58	Oct. 10th, "
Dowaronto	102	537 17	72 54	609 71	Nov. 15th, "
Cataract	103	918 72	185 06	1108 78	Dec. 5th, "
Crescent	104	1012 27	610 71	1622 68	Jan. 31st, 1873.
Manilla	105	444 33	206 91	651 24	Feb. 26th, "
St. Clair	106	4000 00	410 00	4410 00	" 27th, "
Waterloo	107	1308 59	319 02	1627 61	Mar. 10th, "
Royal Oak	108	166 50	160 32	326 82	" 18th, "
Orion	109	1056 06	317 93	1373 99	" 30th, "
Laurel	110	888 81	414 05	1302 86	May 5th, "
Peterboro'	111	978 86	308 88	1277 19	" 13th, "
Lacknow	112	584 50	271 54	856 04	" 9th, "
Trenton	113	219 00	.....	219 00	June 11th, "
Gananoque	114	120 00	28 07	148 00	" 16th, "
Harmony	115	1002 95	283 30	1286 25	" 26th, "
Nacmi	116	504 90	141 00	645 90	July 1st, "
Valley City	117	1076 28	333 66	1409 94	" 10th, "
Maitland	119	184 98	180 47	365 45	Aug. 4th, "

Total Expenditure.

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73 68
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LODGE	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Paid for Buildings and Lands.	Current Expenses.	Paid for Furniture, Carpets and Regalia.	Total Expenditure.
Hydenham Valley	120	14 20	20 00	24 27	390 73	99 05	591 25
Saxon	121	.....	30 00	.....	98 99	18 83	179 82
Brookville	122	.....	.....	40 85	165 55	19 10	246 50
Palmerston	123	.....	.....	.....	210 61	.....	302 61
Dresden	124	.....	.....	.....	159 29	.....	169 29
Metla	125	.....	.....	.....	93 60	.....	125 10
Marna	126	13 12	.....	.....	176 00	40 41	332 03
Mispah	127	7 50	27 00	.....	256 61	4 04	378 65
Mystic	128	.....	.....	734 90	62 61	34 00	834 51
Charity	129	5 00	.....	.....	55 60	.....	89 60
Livingstone	130	10 00	41 00	50 00	381 19	649 99	1245 38
Marion	131	.....	.....	.....	89 35	7 00	96 35
Oakville	132	2 00	.....	.....	50 93	.....	68 93
Glencoe	133	.....	.....	.....	80 39	.....	146 39
Orient	134	63 00	.....	525 00	225 70	.....	799 20
Peaceful Dove	135	55 00	.....	.....	212 00	.....	302 00
Cobourg	136	.....	.....	.....	125 73	2 95	146 68
St. Lawrence	137	19 00	.....	.....	370 67	246 51	657 18
Amcaster	138	.....	.....	.....	60 25	.....	60 25
Garnet	139	.....	.....	.....	94 62	40 80	160 42
Leamington	140	4 00	23 00	.....	76 00	1 50	158 20
Capital	141	.....	.....	.....	120 12	.....	132 12
Concord	142	.....	.....	.....	109 29	42 00	156 29
Hay of Quinté	143	.....	.....	184 00	207 66	.....	381 66
Lidgetown	144	5 00	62 00	.....	90 64	.....	188 64
Riverside	145	.....	.....	.....	142 04	2 85	178 94
Vivian	146	.....	.....	.....	57 97	.....	103 47
Model	147	25 00	.....	.....	140 60	6 10	295 45
Aurora	148	.....	.....	.....	147 41	81 30	255 71
Western Star	149	10 00	20 00	.....	142 49	6 30	203 79
Bertie	150	.....	.....	.....	163 54	.....	339 25
Sycamore	151	.....	80 00	.....	328 86	7 08	455 94
Hayden	152	8 00	.....	.....	58 18	25 20	109 38
Wilday	153	.....	.....	.....	42 50	.....	42 50
Alpha	154	.....	.....	.....	145 55	.....	157 55
Brougham	155	.....	20 00	.....	39 05	.....	68 05
Pyramid	156	.....	.....	.....	158 39	85 65	243 98
Thamesville	157	.....	.....	.....	142 86	181 18	280 04
Progress	158	.....	.....	.....	453 97	372 58	768 25
Oak Leaf	159	5 00	40 00	.....	238 51	54 65	450 16
Listowel	160	.....	.....	.....	109 23	51 55	213 78
Simcoe	161	121 83	61 34	200 17
Cookstown	162	40 00	118 28	20 75	197 80
Oriental	163	8 00	58 39	34 75	99 14

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LODGE.	Number.	General Fund.	Widow and Orphan's Fund.	Total of all Funds.	Date of Institution.
Sydenham Valley	130	168 82	131 65	290 47	Sept. 5th, 1873.
Saxon	131	111 65	111 54	223 19	" 17th, "
Streetville	132	1732 11	190 86	1912 97	Nov. 28th, "
Palmerston	133	524 26	96 75	621 01	Jan. 1st, 1874.
Dresden	134	757 89	239 94	997 83	" 8th, "
Stella	125	59 44	68 50	127 94	" 23d, "
Sarnia	126	154 74	209 30	364 04	" 26th, "
Mispah	127	1445 10	.....	1445 10	Feb. 6th, "
Mystic	128	778 93	110 95	889 88	" 19th, "
Charity	129	88 19	100 08	188 27	March 3d, "
Livingstone	130	1762 11	396 90	2159 01	" 3d, "
Marion	131	429 44	76 16	505 60	" 5th, "
Oakville	132	235 48	154 78	390 21	" 9th, "
Glencoe	133	160 51	99 86	260 37	" 11th, "
Orient	134	1463 89	197 47	1661 36	" 25th, "
Peaceful Dove	135	833 84	107 50	941 34	" 27th, "
Cobourg	136	720 11	124 55	844 66	" 30th, "
St. Lawrence	137	.....	147 62	147 62	April 10th, "
Ancaster	138	300 00	109 00	409 00	" 14th, "
Garnet	139	135 99	57 17	193 16	" 29th, "
Leamington	140	37 97	53 40	91 37	May 7th, "
Capital	141	148 37	78 94	227 21	" 13th, "
Concord	142	105 15	91 79	196 88	" 25th, "
Bay of Quinté	143	903 93	84 24	987 22	June 5th, "
Ridgetown	144	139 59	116 44	256 03	" 11th, "
Riverside	145	223 74	.....	223 74	" 30th, "
Vivian	146	271 33	48 43	319 76	" 22d, "
Model	147	3 24	108 96	112 20	July 37th, "
Aurora	148	600 00	127 75	727 75	Sept. 17th, "
Western Star	149	440 98	100 57	541 45	" 29th, "
Bertie	150	690 33	163 80	853 98	Nov. 9th, "
Sycamore	151	595 65	53 35	649 00	" 24th, "
Hayden	152	536 34	99 65	635 99	" 26th, "
Wilsey	153	55 52	11 10	66 62	" 26th, "
Alpha	154	455 19	94 81	550 00	Jan. 1st, 1875.
Brougham	155	248 30	51 60	299 90	" 29th, "
Pyramid	156	192 79	106 07	298 86	Feb. 13th, "
Thamesville	157	479 91	60 44	540 35	March 4th, "
Progress	158	1587 65	187 68	1775 33	" 5th, "
Oak Leaf	159	419 45	145 00	564 45	" 11th, "
Listowel	160	583 80	94 39	678 19	" 11th, "
Simcoe	161	90	97 02	97 92	" 18th, "
Cookstown	162	39 41	106 54	145 95	" 26th, "
Oriental	163	110 00	110 00	April 15th, "

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LODGE.	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Paid for Buildings and Lands.	Current Expenses.	Paid for Furniture, Carpets and Regalia.	Total Expenditure.
Romeo	164				196 80	4 28	247 08
Beethoven.....	165				81 08		99 58
Oaweg.....	166				49 87	2 75	56 92
Hillsburg.....	167	18 87			65 60		98 27
Sutton.....	168		10 19		80 25	19 60	100 04
Stephen.....	169	20 00	40 00		87 10		168 10
Denovo.....	170				70 53	38 59	140 62
Allison.....	171				119 40		128 45
Penetangore.....	172				275 84	12 00	817 84
Emerald.....	173	13 00			26 75	92 85	142 85
Dolman.....	174	5 00			223 70	62 85	318 05
Lorne.....	175				61 05		112 05
Dauncey.....	176	20 00	10 00		76 50		118 11
Montana.....	177				168 91	35 52	104 43
Wellington Square	178				62 61		77 51
Madoc.....	179			2 50	111 40	92 07	218 97
Owen Sound.....	180				111 61	114 60	249 71
Ark.....	181				61 21		182 21
Teeswater.....	182				108 52	37 20	145 72
Germania.....	184				392 00	34 68	442 58
Live Oak.....	185	5 75			193 37	287 15	486 52
Dufferin.....	186				185 72	51 05	206 02
Cypress.....	187				118 58	40 00	158 58
Cambridge.....	188				31 74	33 80	385 04
Parry Sound.....	189	1 00			99 91	131 90	282 81
Chorazin.....	190		100 00		284 86	21 66	406 52
Jarvis.....	191				384 17	164 02	399 33
Howick.....	192				175 50	283 77	652 94
Victor.....	193				24 95		175 50
Albert.....	194				240 85	29 28	283 08
Clerone.....	195				62 38	485 55	547 88
Florence.....	196				29 75	88 00	117 75
Minerva.....	197				67 12	154 81	231 93
Britannia.....	198				111 26		111 26
Scotia.....	199			5 25	21 00	156 00	177 00
Weston.....	200	3 45			33 87	70 00	108 90
Beacon.....	201				117 90	114 87	235 22
Silver Star.....	202				67 73	164 72	262 80
Pembroke.....	203				27 84	70 00	97 84
Acton.....	204				35 78	156 50	192 28
Ahram.....	205				38 50	182 06	230 56
Silver City.....	206				6 28	80 89	87 12
					86 00		86 00
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* For half year ending June 30th, 1877.

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Total Expenditure.

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218 97
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182 21
145 72
142 58
489 52
206 02
156 58
885 04
282 81
406 52
399 83
652 94
175 80
286 08
547 88
121 75
117 93
221 98
111 90
177 00
108 90
235 22
262 80
97 84
192 28
230 66
87 12
86 00
722 87

LODGE.	Number.	General Fund.	Widow and Orphan's Fund.	Total of all Funds.	Date of Institution.
Romeo	164	971 17	28 38	997 55	April 18th, 1875.
Beethoven	165	515 71	76 00	591 71	June 10th, "
Oswego	166	58 00	30 00	88 00	" 17th, "
Hillsburg	167	202 28	68 39	270 67	" 18th, "
Sutton	168	519 60	85 40	605 00	" 25th, "
Stephen	169	168 64	48 32	216 96	" 28th, "
Denovo	170	535 63	78 65	614 28	July 21st, "
Alliston	171	141 59	150 09	291 68	Aug. 2d, "
Penetangore	172	1250 51	175 45	1425 96	Sept. 7th, "
Emerald	173	735 00	63 16	798 16	" 29th, "
Dolman	174	9 02	64 20	73 22	Oct. 15th, "
Lorne	175	51 54	12 88	64 42	" 28th, "
Dauncey	176	505 82	70 80	576 62	Nov. 24th, "
Montana	177	78 38	46 41	124 79	" 24th, "
Wellington Square	178	832 04	62 55	894 59	Dec. 6th, "
Madoc	179	271 02	31 31	302 33	Jan. 10th, 1876.
Owen Sound	180	404 45	70 91	475 36	" 20th, "
Ark	181	398 81	27 74	426 55	" 27th, "
Tecumseh	182	181 45	23 40	208 85	Feb. 10th, "
Teeswater	183	186 51	43 56	230 07	" 23d, "
Germania	184	491 64	51 77	543 41	" 28th, "
Live Oak	185	190 97	190 97	March 28th, "
Dufferin	186	29 80	20 74	50 54	April 4th, "
Cypress	187	107 22	13 88	121 10	June 7th, "
Cambridge	188	339 41	339 41	May 31st, "
Perry Sound	189	59 68	37 76	97 44	July 19th, "
Chorasin	190	119 08	27 21	146 29	Aug. 7th, "
Jarvis	191	57 14	10 78	67 87	Sept. 11th, "
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In Memory of

Henry Edwin Buttrey,

PAST GRAND MASTER

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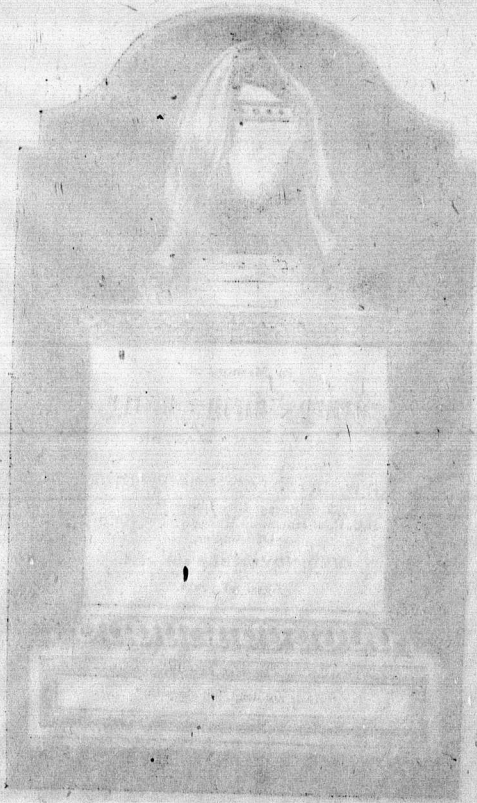
R W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO

P. G. of Forest City Lodge No. 38,
P.C. P. of Harmony Encampment No. 3,
Of London,

DIED, NOVEMBER 27th, 1876,

Aged 36 years.

"He is not dead, but sleepeth."





In Memory of

William Henry Kells,

P. G. of Durham Lodge No. 78,
P. C. P. of Victoria Encampment No. 25,
of Port Hope,

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

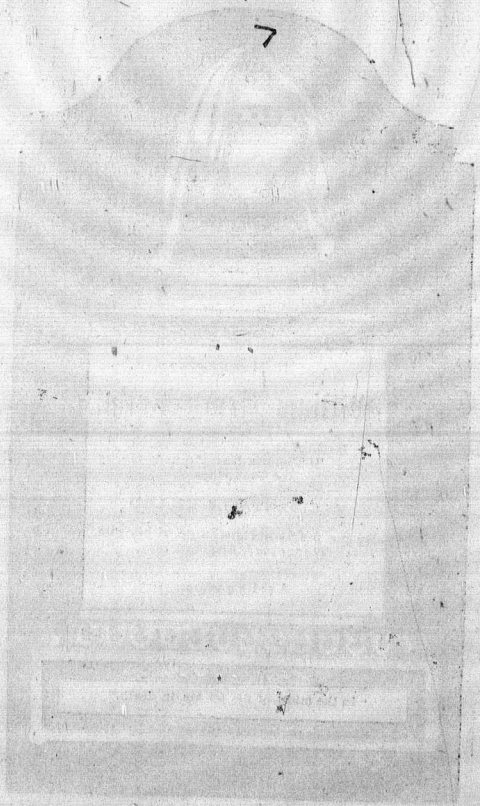
By the premature discharge of his gun.
Wednesday, Aug. 1st, 1877,

Age 29 years.

"In the midst of life we are in death."

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CONSTITUTION, RULES OF ORDER, &C.

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario M. O. O. F.

TOGETHER WITH A CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE,
DEGREE, AND REBEKAH LODGES,

As adopted at the Session of 1877, at Bellecille.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, it has been found expedient and of the utmost importance to the well being of all organized Institutions, to govern the same by sound and uniform laws and regulations :

Therefore, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the view of ensuring co-operation and uniformity of action, of providing for the best interests of the Order, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and Heaven-born principles of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, on which it is founded, doth ordain, declare, and establish the following articles as the Constitution for the Government thereof :

TITLE.

1.—This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

POWERS.

2.—This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, within that section of the Dominion of Canada called and known as Ontario, being the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.

3.—No Lodge can be formed, or continue to exist, within its jurisdiction, without the express sanction of this Grand Lodge.

4.—It possesses within its jurisdiction the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling Charters for proper cause; of receiving, hearing and determining appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Lodges, and of redressing all grievances arising therein; of regulating the means of its own support; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land or the regulations of the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

5.—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the Usages and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States: but its legislative functions shall be vested in and exercised solely by such Representatives as shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by this Constitution.

6.—Any Past Grand, on presenting a Certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

7.—No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

8.—Every Past Grand Master, in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and all officers in this Grand Lodge, shall have the right of debating and making motions.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

9.—Every Lodge within the Jurisdiction shall, at its last meeting in the month of June, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members to be returned in the semi-annual report of the current term shall be 100 or less; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives; over 200 three Representatives.

10.—Any Lodge not having a properly qualified P. G., may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for the like period.

11.—In all ballotings, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

12.—The resignation by any member of his office as Representative, must be addressed in writing to the N. G. of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

13.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a Committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to the Grand Lodge.

14.—The Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by the

acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.

15.—Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the N. G. of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

16.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be :

The Most Worthy Grand Master.

“ Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.

“ “ “ Grand Warden.

“ “ “ Grand Secretary.

“ “ “ Grand Treasurer.

To be elected by ballot.

17.—These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, after previous nomination; such nomination and election to take place at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and on the first day of the Session, at 3 o'clock p. m.

18.—At each election the Presiding Officer shall appoint two of the members present as Tellers, who shall preside at the ballot box and allow each member as his Lodge is called by the Grand Secretary to deposit his ballot, and when the balloting is completed shall examine the same and report the result.

19.—Each Elective Officer shall be chosen separately, by a majority of all the ballots cast. Should there be no choice of such Officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present; and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn.

20.—The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Grand Lodge of the United States, and in the form and manner herein prescribed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

21.—The appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be :

The Worthy Grand Marshal.	
“	“ Conductor.
“	“ Guardian.
“	“ Chaplain.
“	“ Herald.

To be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

22.—The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, appoint, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a District Deputy Grand Master for each District under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and within which one or more Subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

INSTALLATION.

23.—The Grand Officers shall be installed according to the Grand Lodge order of business, unless otherwise ordained by the Grand Lodge, and shall serve until the next Annual Session, and until the installation of their successors.

24.—The sitting Grand Master, or any P. G. Master present, shall instal the Grand Master elect, who shall thereafter instal the other Officers.

25.—Should any Officer elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance, and the Grand Lodge shall forthwith proceed to fill the

same by a new election, the successful Candidate at which shall be immediately installed. Should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the Officer elect, so absent, may take place at such time, and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may then specially direct.

VACANCIES.

26.—Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, or R. W. Grand Treasurer, by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a person to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers and Grand Representatives, provided always that the person so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge, when in the event of the term in the vacant office being still unexpired, the members present shall elect by ballot a person to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

27.—The M. W. Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge when present; he shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in cases decided by ballot; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, the Passwords necessary; he shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of all Committees of the Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he may grant dispensations to open new Lodges, and petitions of a Subordinate Lodge to reinstate an expelled member; and he shall, in person or by deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of each Subor-

dinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, whenever he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests; the necessary expense incurred in making such visits to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

28.—The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex officio*, become Grand Master until the next regular session thereafter.

29.—The R. W. Grand Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge. And in the event of a vacancy in the office of R. W. Deputy Grand Master, he shall perform the duties of that office until the first regular session thereafter.

30.—The duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary shall be to attend in person every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent to transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve all books and files all documents belonging to his office; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and pay over to him monthly all moneys coming into his hands on account of the Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, if in session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all Committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the

Grand Lodge of the United States a regular report of the Order, made up to the 31st of December in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge; affix the Grand Seal to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence; and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within the duties of his office. He shall have his books properly closed before the annual session, and shall have a sufficient number of his Annual Report printed for the use of the Grand Lodge. Prior to installation he shall execute in favor of the Grand Lodge a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of his duties; and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon, at each annual session.

31.—The R. W. Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, depositing the same in some Chartered Banking Institution of this Province, to be named by the Grand Lodge, within three days at furthest, after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear, and legible manner, exhibiting, in as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular Session, and submit them thereat to the Grand Lodge; and shall prior to installation execute in favor of the Grand Lodge a satisfactory Bond for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

32.—The Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and act thereat on behalf of this jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by the Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall also attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge, and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the Sessions thereof attended by them—to appear in the annual printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

- 33.—The R. W. Grand Chaplain shall open and close every meeting of the Grand Lodge with prayer.
- 34.—The R. W. Grand Marshal shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.
- 35.—The R. W. Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshal in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.
- 36.—The R. W. Grand Herald shall securely guard the outer door of the Lodge Room; he shall permit no one to enter without examination and receiving from him the semi-annual P. W.; he shall receive the Cards of Travelling Brothers desiring to visit this Grand Lodge and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge.
- 37.—The R. W. Grand Guardian shall have the charge of the inner-entrance of the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.
- 38.—Each R. W. District Deputy Grand Master shall act as the agent of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly; and to instal the Officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent Officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall counter-sign and issue all Dispensations granted to any Lodge in this District; he shall report to the Grand Master, at least two weeks previous to each regular Session, such Dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit forthwith to the Grand Secretary all Dues, Charges, and other Funds, which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge.
- 39.—The Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, shall not hold office in a Subordinate Lodge while holding either of those offices.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

40.—The Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, and whose duty it shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to their notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

41.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed from among the Representatives or Past Grands by the Grand Master, at or before the opening of each Annual Session, to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge, viz :

Committee on Credentials ;
“ Returns ;
“ Finance ;
“ Appeals and Grievances ;
“ Laws of Subordinates ;
“ Printing ;
“ Legislation ;
“ State of the Order ;
“ Mileage and Per Diem ;
“ Petitions and Correspondence ;
“ Districts.

42.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, who shall report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives or Past Grands, and on the validity of their credentials.

43.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of eight members, who shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

44.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine, at each regular session, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and all other claims and matters laid before them, and report thereon; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem to be expedient and necessary.

45.—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of five members, of whom three shall form a quorum, to whom shall be referred all appeals and grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of the Grand Lodge,) on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary; provided always that no member of this Committee shall act as such, on any appeal to which he himself may be a party.

46.—The Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, sent in for approval. It shall be the duty of the Committee, at the earliest possible opportunity to notify such Lodges through the Grand Secretary of their approval or disapproval of the By-Laws submitted, pointing out all regulations therein (if any) which may violate or conflict with the laws and usages of the Order. All By-Laws so approved will be operative upon the Lodge until next session of Grand Lodge, and no By-Laws shall be operative until so approved. The Committee shall make a full report to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

47.—The Committee on Printing shall consist of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, to whom shall be referred all matters relative to the printing required by this Grand Lodge, and the necessary correction and condensing of material for the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, previous to publication.

48.—The Committee on Legislation shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of Laws.

49.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, during the recess, all questions relating to the interpretation of the Laws and usages of the Order in this Province, and all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.

50.—The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives and members of Committees of this Grand Lodge in accordance with such resolutions as may be adopted from time to time, fixing the rate of such mileage and per diem.

51.—The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all petitions, and all official correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

52.—The Committee on Districts shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to divide the jurisdiction into districts.

53.—All Committees meeting during recess shall be paid Mileage and Per Diem at the same rate as paid to Representatives of Grand Lodge, at the following Session, the chairman of each Committee to present the account.

54.—The Reports of all Committees must be made in writing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

55.—All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge, unless provided for by special vote, and shall report at the next sitting following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

AUDITORS.

56.—Two auditors shall be appointed by the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, &c., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, prior to each annual session, and report upon the same.

SESSIONS.

57.—The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in August in each year, at such a place as may be appointed at the preceding session thereof.

58.—The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, whenever and wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interests and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Odd Fellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and when the importance of the subject matter for consideration is such as to justify the expense necessarily involved in such meetings; provided always, that two weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge of the time and object of such meeting.

59.—At any special meeting of the Grand Lodge, no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.

60.—At all regular and special meetings, the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time, as may be found expedient.

61.—To constitute a regular or special meeting of this Grand Lodge, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction present.

APPEALS.

62.—Upon the investigation of any appeal presented to the Grand Lodge, if it shall appear that there has been irregularity or informality in the form of the charges made, or in the manner of preferring them, or in the appointment of the Committee of Trial, or in the proceedings of the Committee or of the Lodge; or that incompetent evidence has been received, or competent evidence excluded; or that a fair opportunity has not been given the appellant to produce his evidence; or if it appear that the decision is contrary to evidence or the weight of evidence; then the decision of the Lodge may be reversed, and the case referred back for a new trial.

63.—In the event of an appeal coming before the Grand Lodge in any case that has so been referred back for a new trial, if it shall appear after such second trial that the charges are not such as the Lodge by its Constitution and By-Laws, or by the laws and usages of the Order, can take cognizance of; or that the evidence produced was not sufficient to prove the charges, then the decision of the Lodge may be reversed, and the member under sentence restored to all the rights and privileges which he may have lost by the action of the Lodge; and no further proceedings in regard to the subject matter of such charges shall be taken against him, except by appeal to the G. L. U. S.

64.—Or if it appear that the penalty inflicted upon the accused after such second trial has been contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the Lodge, or the Laws and usages of the Order, or disproportioned to the offence committed, the case may be referred back, and the Lodge instructed to impose such penalty as may be legal or appropriate.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

INSTITUTION.

65.—Brothers desirous of establishing a new Lodge under this jurisdiction shall transmit to this Grand Lodge a written application to that effect, accompanied with their Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal Certificates, and the charter fee (\$30) thirty dollars.

66.—Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five Brothers of the Scarlet Degree. Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signatures of at least ten Brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.

67.—On receipt of a formal application for a Charter, as above required, the Grand Master may issue a warrant for the immediate institution of the Lodge petitioned for.

68.—The necessary Charges and Lectures shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge to every new Lodge on its institution, to be paid for at such rates as may be charged by the Grand Lodge. The travelling expenses of the Instituting Officer shall also be payable by the Lodge instituted.

69.—The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice Grand's and Past Secretary's Degrees, and the first V. G. shall be entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree, in addition to the Degrees acquired by actual service.

GOVERNMENT.

70.—The Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, a Form of Constitution and Rules of Order, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

71.—Every Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order, as issued by the Grand Lodge; and also to the By-Laws framed by the Lodge, in accordance therewith, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

72.—No public celebration of any kind shall be held by any Lodge in this jurisdiction, without the express permission of the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master for said Lodge; nor shall any controversy be entered into relating to the Order through the public prints, without the express permission of the Grand Master.

73.—No communication from a Subordinate Lodge shall be recognized as official unless attested by its Secretary, and having its Seal affixed, of which seal an impression shall be furnished to the Grand Lodge, as soon as possible.

74.—The Grand Lodge shall divide the Province of Ontario into Districts, making such arrangements thereof from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

75.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue Dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under this jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

76.—Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the Returns and pay the Dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session. Should any Lodge fail to forward its returns promptly to the Grand Lodge, as required by its constitution, the Grand Secretary shall immediately, upon receipt of such returns, enter to the debit of such Lodge, a fine of two dollars per month for the time which may have elapsed since such return was due.

77.—In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the Charter, Books, Funds, and other property of said Lodge.

78.—The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the Laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes, and must be applied solely to these purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion. And if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all

moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge to be held in trust and applied as herein-after provided.

79.—Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its Charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed Officers and Members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer, and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or the D. D. Grand Master of the District, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any Officer or Member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing.

80.—All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under Clauses 77 and 78, shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge; and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the assets of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust; first, for the benefit of any Brother and Widow or Orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-Laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Subordinate Lodge should it ever be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that should said Lodge not be restored to fellowship within five years, the funds and properties of said Lodge may be disposed of or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or for such other charitable purposes as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.

81.—Members of extinct Lodges, who were clear of the Books of such Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid to the Grand Lodge all arrears then due, may, upon appli-

cation to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card under the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall have all the force of a Withdrawal Card regularly granted. Provided always, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in the illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

82.—Upon the application to the Grand Lodge of five or more members of an extinct Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as provided in clause 80 of this Constitution.

FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

83.—The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its Semi-Annual Return.

84.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of the Grand Lodge, the amount required may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of unsuspended members in each Lodge, as reported in its last Semi-Annual Return.

EXPENDITURE.

85.—All claims against the Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same.

86.—When such claims have been reported correct and approved by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall issue an order on the Grand Treasurer, attested by the Grand Secretary,

for the payment of the same, which payment shall be duly entered in the books of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer.

87.—In cases of urgency, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, at his discretion, issue such order, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

BY-LAWS.

88.—This Grand Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time such By-Laws and resolutions as it may deem expedient; provided they do not, in any wise, contravene any part of this Constitution, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the general laws, principles, or customs of the Order.

89.—Copies of such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Lodge of the United States for approval, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

90.—All By-laws and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge shall be provisionally in force from the time of their enactment; but any portion thereof not conforming to Clause 88, may be annulled by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and such annulment may also have retro-active effect.

AMENDMENTS.

91.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, and upon notice of such proposed alteration being given by the Grand Secretary, three months previous thereto, to each of the Subordinate Lodges.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1st.—The members will clothe themselves in their appropriate Regalia.

2nd.—The Guardian will close the door.

3rd.—The Officers will take their respective Chairs.

4th.—The Grand Master will make *pro tem.* appointments if needed.

5th.—The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor will examine all present in the G. L. Degree and Semi-Annual Pass-Word.

6th.—The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.

7th.—The Grand Lodge will rise according to usage, and the Deputy Grand Master will declare the Grand Lodge open for business.

8th.—The Grand Secretary will submit the Credentials of Representatives and new members.

9th.—The Grand Master shall appoint the Committee on Credentials, which shall report with as little delay as possible.

10th.—The reception and adoption of the Report of the Committee on Credentials.

11th.—The reception of new Members and Representatives, and the calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.

12th.—The Reading and adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Session, and all Special Meetings of the year past.

13th.—The Appointment of Regular Committees.

14th.—The Reading and Reference to Appropriate Committees of the Reports of the Grand Officers.

15th.—The Reception of Petitions, Communications and Appeals, and the reference of the same to Committees.

16th.—The Roll of Lodges shall be called for the presentation of Questions and Business, and proper reference of the same.

17th.—The Election of Officers.

18th.—Unfinished business in order of its priority.

19th.—The reports of Committees shall be read and considered.

20th.—The presentation and disposal of miscellaneous business.

21st.—The adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

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RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.—After each adjournment the Grand Lodge shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.

RULE II.—During the continuance of the Session the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

The order of procedure, after opening adjourned sittings, shall be as follows:

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous sittings.

3.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Committee on Credentials, on claims for admission as Representatives or Members.

4.—The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new members.

5.—The reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last sitting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

6.—Reading of Accounts, Petitions, and other communications.

7.—Reports of Standing Committees in the following order :

On Returns.

“ Finance.

“ Appeals.

“ Laws of Subordinates.

“ Pripting.

“ Legislation.

“ State of the Order.

“ Mileage and Per Diem.

“ Petitions and Correspondence.

“ Districts.

8.—The receiving of any reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

9.—New business.

10.—Unfinished business, in order of priority at previous sittings.

11.—Closing or adjournment (as the case may be), of the Grand Lodge.

RULE III.—Notwithstanding the Order of Business in Rule II, the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, make the consideration of any

matter coming before it, a special order for any particular hour or day.

RULE IV.—No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, and submitted in writing, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the Presiding Officer.

RULE V.—No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the chair; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

- 1—To adjourn;
- 2—To lay on the table;
- 3—To put the previous question;
- 4—To postpone;
- 5—To refer; or
- 6—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.—The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the representatives of the Grand Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

RULE VII.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or further debate thereon.

RULE VIII.—Before taking the vote on any motion, the Presiding Officer shall ask, "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the ques-*

tion?" and, should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

RULE IX.—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 sitting, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

RULE X.—Any representative may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE XI.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or on the longest or latest time proposed.

RULE XII.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any three representatives.

RULE XIII.—Every representative present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

RULE XIV.—Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

RULE XV.—No representative shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member entitled to speak shall have had an opportunity of doing so; nor more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XVI.—Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand

Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken, or rules infringed.

RULE XVII.—Any member, called to order while speaking, shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined; nor shall any member speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the chair.

RULE XVIII.—The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the chair.

RULE XIX.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the chair, he shall use the words following and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: "*Most Worthy Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge,*"—and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: "*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?*"

RULE XX.—Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologise to the Grand Lodge, or to any aggrieved party if required to do so by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the impending question, except to explain and apologise, unless specially permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer.

RULE XXI.—Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

RULE XXII.—A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Business for the remainder of a sitting may at any time be carried by a two-thirds vote, but no motion to suspend or alter any such Order of Business for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

RULE XXIII—These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule 22nd) by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, in the same mode as required in Clauses 88, 89, 90, 91 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTION
AND
RULES OF ORDER
FOR
SUBORDINATE LODGES.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within its jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Ontario—the Supreme Tribunal of the Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the Constitution of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction :

TITLE AND POWERS.

1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five Members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, _____ Lodge, No. _____, I. O. O. F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSION.

- 2.—Candidates for Membership by Initiation in this Lodge, must be free white males of not less than 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and residents within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.
- 3.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Lodge.
- 4.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, 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^d by a two-thirds vote of members present, or the petition be withdrawn by the proposer.
- 5.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.
- 6.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Withdrawal Card or dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.
- 7.—Every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member.
- 8.—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.
- 9.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be im-

mediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village, in which such rejection takes place.

10.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for membership, until, at least, six months after his rejection.

11.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge of this Order at the same time.

12.—No proposition for membership, either by initiation or by card, shall be received or acted upon if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction, (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides); nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge, unless consent of the latter be obtained.

DEGREES.

13.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and then shall be balloted for.

14.—If, on such ballot three or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible and shall be admitted to the Degree, or Degrees, applied for. In case of rejection, two weeks' notice in open Lodge must be given, before a ballot can again be had.

15.—No certificate for Degrees shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the fees required therefor.

16.—No Brother having been less than one month in Membership, shall be Eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting, except by dispensation.

WITHDRAWAL CARD.

17.—Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, 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 Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother 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 of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

RE-ADMISSION.

18.—Should any Brother receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted a member, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as they may think fit.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

19.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

20.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G. or P. V. G.; and for any other of the Elective Officers, except Physician, he must have served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office and have attained to the Scarlet Degree.

21.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

22.—Nomination for the Elective Officers shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, and no Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his wil-

lingness to accept the office for which he may be named, and no nominee shall be allowed to retire after the nominations have been declared closed.

23.—The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months as the Lodge by its By-Laws determine.

24.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot, and only members in good standing shall be entitled to a vote.

25.—A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

26.—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., and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

27.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V. G.

28.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W. O. G., and I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

29.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES

30.—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 taken.

31.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be; in the case of elective officers the election may take place on the second night of nomination; and Brothers so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

32.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Lodge to which they belong.

33.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause.

SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS

SESSIONS.

34.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or fortnightly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws; provided always, that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

35.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

36.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present,

nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

37.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the Term, present a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, or by any Representative to the G. L. U. S., from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.

38.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

TERMS.

39.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual or Annual, as provided by its By-Laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively if semi-annual: and on the first regular meeting in January, if annual. Should the D.M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in January.

40.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

41.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario, immediately on the expiry of their term of Office, a regular return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual or annual return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

42.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being 25 cents for each unexpired member on said return.

43.—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for

every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual term previous to the Returns required by Clause 41 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

44.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, 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 other 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.

FUNDS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

45.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widow's and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

46.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than five dollars.

47.—The charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than one dollar for each of the five Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

48.—The contribution of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-laws; such portion thereof shall be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund as the Lodge may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor

more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

49.—The Lodge shall have the power of exacting such fees for Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, and Dismissal Certificates, except when otherwise provided by the G. L. U. S., (to be applied to the General Fund) and such fines for neglect of duty, &c, (to be applied to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund) as may be determined by the By-laws.

DISBURSEMENTS.

50.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation, by sickness or disability, not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws; Provided always that the Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-laws.

51.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin, or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, if any are incurred by the family or legal representatives, such sum as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge, and the Lodge may also provide by its By-laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

52.—The Lodge may, by its By-laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress.

53.—The Lodge shall make such dispositions of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit.

PENALTIES.

54.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe 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.

TRIALS.

55.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of the Clauses following.

56.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

57.—Any charge or charges so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, three of whom shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; 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 Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

58.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

59.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number, in their name.

60.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under

charge shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

61.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.



(For the convenience of Lodges the Rules of Procedure on Trials are placed here, though not part of the Constitution.)

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

1st.—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 avowment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2d.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a Committee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the convener thereof.

3d.—The accused or seccuser, 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.

4th.—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.

5th.—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."

6th.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the pleas 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 affixed for trial.

7th.—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 their proceedings, by leave of the Committee.

8th.—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 during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner 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 exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.
- III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.
- IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th.—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.

10.—The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the regular meeting to be held two weeks after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm or reverse the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge or their ruling thereon.

11th.—The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, within three months from the action of the Lodge thereon.

The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

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. with 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 piece 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) 187

Bro. I herewith 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,

[SEAL.]

.....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 the.....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:

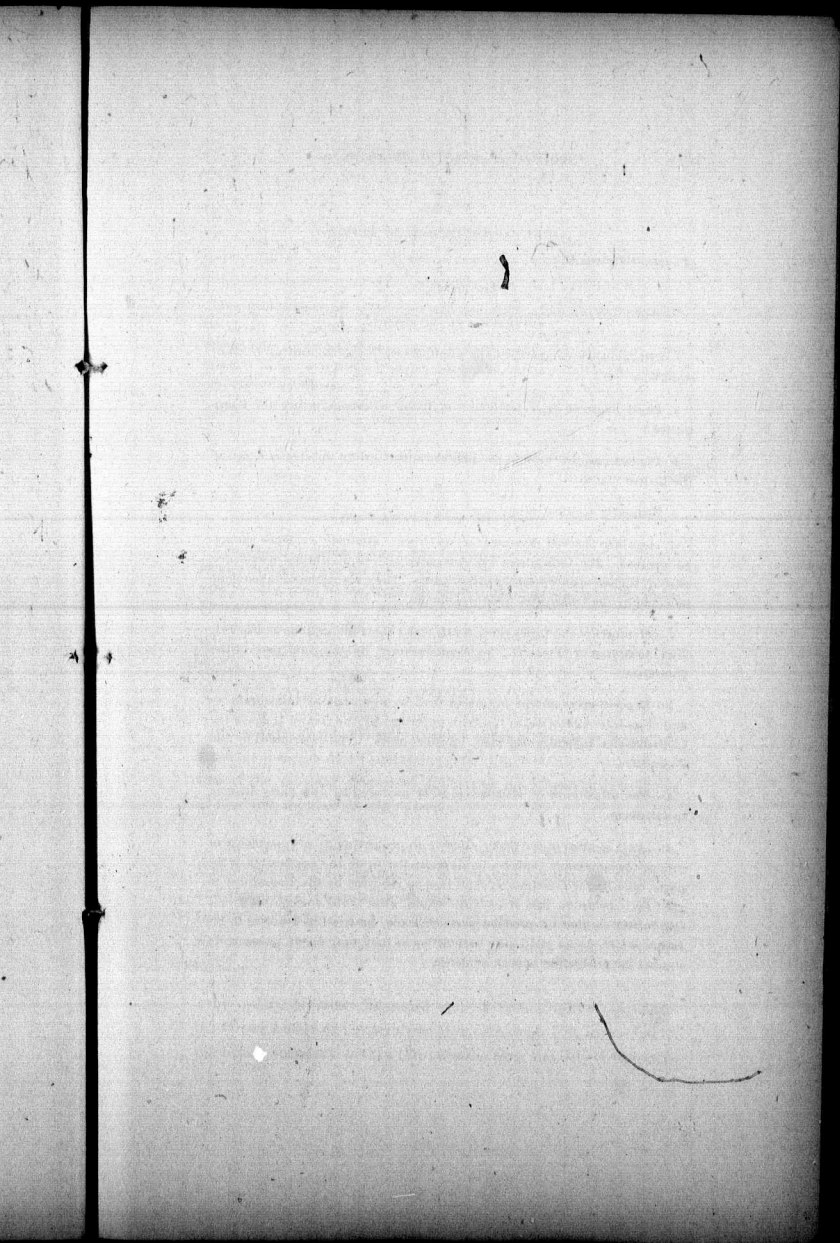
1st.—That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal
 jurisdiction of the Lodge.

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.



(To follow "Form G.")

SECTION II.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of trial shall be—

a. Parol evidence (*i. e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the Committee.)

b. Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

c. Regularly certified minutes of 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.

2.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to "Form G.," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

3.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by Interrogatories and cross-Interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

4.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

5.—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 still refuses, 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 they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

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 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.

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APPEALS.

62.—Any Member shall have the right to appeal to the Lodge from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 58; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

63.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled or modified, as a majority of the members present shall determine.

64.—Any Member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final

action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against; and the Lodge shall be required to provide the appellant with a copy of all the proceedings in the case, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same; which charges shall be refunded to the appellant in the event of his appeal being sustained

RE-INSTATEMENT.

65.—When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his suspension, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, 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 thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement, and, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, may be re-instated.

66.—No Brother shall be re-instated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues.

67.—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

68.—Any Brother suspended for non-payment of dues, may at any time prior to six months thereafter, become re-instated in his Lodge upon payment of the amount due by him at the date of his suspension, together with such sum as may have accrued since that time. Any Brothers so suspended for six months, shall cease to be a member.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

REGALIA.

69.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematical color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

JEWELS.

70.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five-pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice-Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed axes; of Conductor, crossed wands; of Guardian, crossed swords; Supporters of the N. G., a wand having branching arms connected with three links, and encompassing a gavel; Supporters of the V. G., a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the N. G., encompassing an hour glass; Scene Supporter, arranged in same manner, encompassing a burning torch; Chaplain, arranged in same manner, encompassing a bible; all to be of white metal. Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, may have trimmings of yellow.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

71.—Funeral regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen

above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. But the Lodge may wear the ordinary regalia at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia, by obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master or D. D. G. M.

72.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree the wearer has attained. To be worn for one month.

73.—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degree, and all other Members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degree they have taken.

BY LAWS, ETC.

BY-LAWS.

74.—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; provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

75.—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 its 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.

AMENDMENTS.

76.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, 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.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 3.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
- 5.—The nomination or election of Officers, on the evening designated for such nomination or election.
- 6.—The receiving and consideration of reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- 7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.
- 8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.
- 9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-laws.
- 10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
- 11.—The Reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare . being *first*, Unfinished business, in order of priority at former meetings ; and *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

RULE III.—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 IV.—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 adjourn ;
- 2—To lay on the table ;
- 3—To put the previous question ;
- 4—To postpone ;
- 5—To refer ; or
- 6—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 V.—The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following : "*Shall the question be now put ?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

RULE VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon : and if, on the other hand

the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

RULE VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

RULE IX.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

RULE X.—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 re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

RULE XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding: and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

RULE XII.—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIII.—Any Brother intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

RULE XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

RULE XV.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—“*N. G., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge,*” and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—“*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*”

RULE XVI.—Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

RULE XVII.—The Presiding Officer of 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 XVIII.—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, or receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIX.—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XX.—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; but no motion to sus-

pend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

RULE XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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CONSTITUTION

AND GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE FORMATION AND GOVERNMENT OF DEGREE LODGES.

1.—Whenever it may appear to the brethren of any Lodge or Lodges in any city or town under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, that it would be consistent with the interests of the Order to establish a Degree Lodge in such place, it shall be proper for them to authorize ten brothers of the Scarlet Degree to make a written application to this Grand Lodge to that effect.

2.—Such application shall be signed by the full number of the brethren so authorized : and shall be accompanied by the Charter Fee, \$5 ; by a certificate from the D. D. G. M., that the petitioners are properly qualified, and by a certificate over the Seal of the Lodge or Lodges with which they are connected, that they are members in good standing, and that they have been duly authorized by their Lodge or Lodges to apply for such Charter.

3.—On receipt of a formal application for a Charter as above required, the Grand Master may issue a Warrant for the immediate establishment of a Degree Lodge.

4.—As soon as the necessary authority shall have been obtained from the Grand Master, the D. D. G. M. shall summon all Scarlet Degree members in good standing in their Lodge or Lodges, and

proceed with the institution of the Lodge and the election and installation of the officers, after the manner and form prescribed for the same.

5.—A Degree Lodge shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order of the Scarlet Degree, resident within the jurisdiction of the Degree Lodge, and all business (except that of conferring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees of this Order), shall be transacted when open in the Scarlet Degree, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

6.—The Elective Officers of a Degree Lodge shall be a Degree Master, Deputy Degree Master, 1st Assistant Deputy Degree Master, 2nd Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by a majority of the votes polled for that purpose.

7.—Nominations for Elective Officers shall be made upon the last two meetings in the Term, and the election shall be held upon the last regular meeting in the Term, and the Installation of Officers shall take place on the first regular meeting of the succeeding term.

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

9.—No brother shall be eligible for the office of Degree Master or Deputy Degree Master, who is not a P. G. in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge of this Order in Ontario.

10.—Loss of good standing, suspension or expulsion from membership in a Subordinate Lodge, shall at once similarly affect the member's standing in the Degree Lodge, and re-instatement in the Subordinate shall work re-instatement in the Degree Lodge.

11.—The Degree Master shall preside, and shall have power to convene special meetings, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the official obligations and the usages of the Order.

12.—The Deputy Degree Master shall occupy the usual position of the V. G., assist the Degree Master in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall preside.

13.—The 1st A. D. D. Master, 2nd A. D. D. Master, Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Inside and Outside Guardian, shall perform the duties assigned to them at their installation, and by the usages of the Order.

14.—The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of the Degree Lodge; he shall conduct all correspondence, and report promptly to their respective Lodges the names of brothers upon whom Degrees are conferred, and also the date and the name or names, or numbers of the Degrees conferred. He shall make out for the Grand Lodge, at the first regular meeting in each term, a report of the Officers for the current term, and the number of each Degree conferred, and also of the funds of the Degree Lodge, particularizing the sources whence such funds have been derived. He shall enter in a separate book or record, the name of every brother receiving Degrees, together with the name of his Lodge, and date of receiving the said Degrees, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by his charge of office, and the laws and usages of the Order.

15.—The application of a brother for any Degree, with the fee for the same, must be received by his Subordinate Lodge, in which Lodge he shall be balloted for by the members of the Degree for which he applies, when opened in that Degree. If three, or more, black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected, otherwise he shall be deemed eligible, and a certificate to that effect shall be granted him, which certificate, on being presented to the Degree Lodge, shall be its authority for conferring the Degree or Degrees applied for.

16.—A Degree Lodge may, with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges connected with it, present and voting at a regular meeting of such Subordinate Lodge or Lodges, charge its members an entrance fee and stated

dues. Should no fees or dues be charged, the expenses of the Degree Lodge shall be borne by the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges to which the Degree members belong.

17.—A Subordinate Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment to the Degree Lodge of a part or the whole of the regular charge for the Degrees.

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

19.—Degree Lodges shall be subject to all the laws applying to Subordinate Lodges in the matter of sessions, terms, returns, trials, and penalties, and forfeiture of Charter; except that they shall not be required to pay per capita tax to the Grand Lodge.

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CONSTITUTION

AND GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE FORMATION AND GOVERNMENT OF REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

1.—Rebekah Degree Lodges may be instituted on the application of ten or more persons in possession of that Degree, five of whom shall be members in good standing of some Subordinate Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and five wives of Scarlet Degree members in good standing in the Order. Such application shall be signed by the applicants, and shall be accompanied by the Charter Fee of \$5, by certificate of qualification from the Lodges to which the applicants or their husbands may belong, and by a recommendation from the Lodge or Lodges in the city or town from which the application comes.

2.—Rebekah Degree Lodges shall have power to confer the Degree of Rebekah on such Scarlet Degree members and their wives as present certificates from Subordinate Lodges within this Jurisdiction; and also upon widows of Odd Fellows presenting certificates from Lodges of which their husbands were members at the time of their decease. No fee shall be charged for conferring such Degree, but the Lodge may ordain fees of admission and dues, to be paid by all who may be admitted to membership.

3.—Rebekah Degree Lodges shall have power to adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order as they may see fit; provided always, that no such By-Laws or Rules of Order shall become operative until after they have been approved by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

4.—Rebekah Degree Lodges shall be subject to all the laws applying to subordinate Lodges in the matter of sessions, terms, returns, trials and penalties, and forfeiture of Charter; excepting that they shall not be required to pay a per capita tax to this Grand Lodge.

LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

*THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.....	Brockville, 1856 to 1859
†CHAUNCEY YALE.....	St. Catharines, 1859
S. G. DOLSON.....	" 1860
WILLIAM BISSELL.....	London, 1861
H C. BINGHAM.....	Brantford, 1862
JAMES WOODYATT.....	" 1863
JAMES SMITH.....	London, 1864
JAMES D. TAIT.....	St. Catharines, 1865
RICHARD WIGMORE.....	London, 1866
HENRY McAFFEE.....	Windsor, 1867
JOHN BARR.....	Hamilton, 1868
THOMAS PARTRIDGE.....	London, 1869
WILLIAM N. FORD.....	St. Marys, 1870
JOHN GIBSON.....	Stratford, 1871
JOHN MURRAY.....	Clifton, 1872
GEORGE WRIGHT, M. D.....	Toronto, 1873
WM. FITZSIMMONS.....	Brockville, 1874
†H. E. BUTTERY.....	London, 1875
J. HAM PERRY.....	Whitby, 1876

*Died 14th September, 1859.

†Died 15th April, 1866.

†Died 26th November, 1876.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGE.	Number.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting.
Brock	9	Brockville	Tuesday
Cataragui	10	Kingston	Tuesday
Union	16	St. Catharines	Monday
Rose	28	Amherstburg	Wednesday
Chatham	29	Chatham	Tuesday
Eureka	30	London	Tuesday
Erie	33	Pt. Burwell	Thursday
Gore	34	Brantford	Monday
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	Wednesday
St. Marys	36	St. Marys	Tuesday
Forest City	38	London	Monday
Rond Eau	40	Bienheim	Monday
Avon	41	Stratford	Wednesday
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	Thursday
Frontier	45	Windsor	Wednesday
Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	Thursday
Unity	47	Hamilton	Wednesday
Dominion	48	London	Wednesday
Canada	49	Toronto	Friday
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	Monday
Bissell	51	Mitchell	Monday
Covenant	52	Toronto	Tuesday
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	Tuesday
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	Thursday
Fidelity	55	Seasforth	Wednesday
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	Wednesday
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	Thursday
Howard	58	Stratbrov	Wednesday
Kingston	59	Kingston	Friday
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	Alternate Monday
Corinthian	61	Osawa	Thursday
Huron	62	Goderich	Thursday
Barrie	63	Barrie	Monday
Victoria	64	Hamilton	Tuesday
Friendship	65	Petrolia	Friday
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	Wednesday
Exeter	67	Exeter	Tuesday
North Star	68	Stayner	Alternate Friday
Hope	69	Harrietaville	Saturday
Lucan	70	Lucan	Tuesday
The Toronto	71	Toronto	Monday
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	Tuesday
Fergus	73	Fergus	Tuesday
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	Tuesday
Wariner	75	Port Perry	Monday
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	Wednesday
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	Monday
Durham	78	Port Hope	Tuesday
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	Thursday
Amity	80	Prescott	Thursday
Belleville	81	Belleville	Thursday
Beaver	82	Ruthven	Tuesday
Clinton	83	Clinton	Tuesday
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	Friday
Constellation	85	Burgessville	Tuesday
Napanee	86	Napanee	Tuesday
Empire	87	St. Catharines	Thursday
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	Monday

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGE.	Number.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting
Rellance	89	Guelph	Monday
Ivy	90	Park Hill	Thursday
Grand River	91	Paris	Thursday
Milton	92	Milton	Tuesday
Western City	93	Chatham	Wednesday
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	Tuesday
Port Stanley	95	Port Stanley	Monday
Nith	96	New Hamburg	Thursday
Grand Union	97	Beilin	Friday
Minto	98	Harriston	Friday
Peabody	99	Watford	Thursday
Lindsay	100	Lindsay	Thursday
Golden Star	101	Brampton	Thursday
Dosoronto	102	Mill Point	Wednesday
Cataract	103	Drummondville	Thursday
Crescent	104	Hamilton	Friday
Manilla	105	Manilla	Wednesday
St. Clair	106	Point Edward	Thursday
Waterloo	107	Galt	Monday
Royal Oak	108	Forest	Monday
Orion	109	Georgetown	Monday
Laurel	110	Yorkville	Monday
Peterboro'	111	Peterborough	Thursday
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	Friday
Trenton	113	Trenton	Wednesday
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	Monday
Harmony	115	Brantford	Tuesday
Naomi	116	Markham	Monday
Valley City	117	Dundas	Thursday
Maitland	119	Wingham	Thursday
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	Friday
Saxon	121	Alisa Craig	Wednesday
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	Friday
Palmerston	123	Palmerston	Thursday
Dresden	124	Dresden	Monday
Stella	125	Carleton Place	Monday
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	Monday
Mirach	127	Belleville	Monday
Mystic	128	Kilbride	Monday
Charity	129	Sunderland	Monday
Livingstone	130	Thorold	Tuesday
Marion	131	Renfrew	Tuesday
Oakville	132	Oakville	Thursday
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	Monday
Orient	134	Welland	Wednesday
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	Tuesday
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	Thursday
St. Lawrence	137	Brookville	Friday
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	Monday
Gaget	139	Mt. Forest	Monday
Lamington	140	Leamington	Tuesday
Capital	141	Ottawa	Thursday
Concord	142	Kingsville	Thursday
Bay of Quinté	143	Pictou	Friday
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	Wednesday
Riverside	145	Qurois	Wednesday
Vivian	146	Arnprior	Friday
Model	147	Wyoming	Tuesday
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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGE.	Number.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting.
Aurora	148	Aurora	Tuesday
Western Star	149	Brussels	Thursday
Bertie	150	Ridgeway	Monday
Sycamore	151	Arkona	Tuesday
Hayden	152	Norwich	Friday
Wilsey	153	Granton	Wednesday
Alpha	154	Almonte	Monday
Brougham	155	Brougham	Thursday
Pyramid	156	Newmarket	Tuesday
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	Thursday
Progress	158	Guelph	Thursday
Oak Leaf	159	Hamilton	Thursday
Listowel	160	Listowel	Tuesday
Simcoe	161	Simcoe	Friday
Cookstown	162	Cookstown	Tuesday
Oriental	163	Cornwall	Wednesday
Romeo	164	Stratford	Tuesday
Beethoven	165	Brooklin	Friday
Oswego	166	Attercliffe	Thursday
Hillsburg	167	Hillsburg	Friday
Sutton	168	Sutton	Monday
Stephen	169	Durham	Thursday
Denovo	170	Pt. Elgin	Friday
Alliston	171	Alliston	Monday
Penetangore	172	Kincardine	Thursday
Emerald	173	Dunnville	Friday
Dolman	174	Ayr	Tuesday
Lorne	175	West Lorne	Wednesday
Duncey	176	Theodford	Thursday
Montana	177	Wroxeter	Wednesday
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	Wednesday
Madoc	179	Madoc	Monday
Owen Sound	180	Owen Sound	Alternate Monday
Ark	181	Springfield	Thursday
Tecumseh	182	Otterville	Thursday
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Germania	184	Waterloo	Wednesday
Live Oak	185	Greenaville	Thursday
Dufferin	186	Flesherton	Alternate Wednesday
Cypress	187	Bradford	Tuesday
Cambridge	188	Preston	Monday
Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound	Wednesday
Jarvis	190	London East	Monday
Howick	191	Jarvis	Monday
Victor	192	Gorrie	Monday
Albert	193	St. Marys	Tuesday
Cicerone	194	Toronto	Friday
Florence	195	Woodville	Friday
Minerva	196	Florence	Tuesday
Britannia	197	Hamilton	Wednesday
Scotia	198	Hollin	Alternate Friday
Weston	199	Pt. Robinson	Friday
Beacon	200	Weston	Wednesday
Silver Star	201	Pt. Colborne	Tuesday
Pembroke	202	Milverton	Friday
	203	Pembroke	Friday
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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGE.	Number.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting.
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Invitation on behalf of the Lodges in, to hold their next session at

Resolution to hold the next session at, adopted

Tracey, R., P. G.,

Elected R. W. Grand Warden

Installed R. W. Grand Warden.....	2025
<i>Treasure, R. W. Grand,</i>	
Report of.....	1911
<i>Wardsville Lodge, No. 69</i>	
Resolution by Rep. W. Murphy, to have the matters of, which were laid over from the last session, referred to the Committee on State of the Order.....	1933-4
<i>Widows and Orphans,</i>	
A Committee of Five to be appointed, to devise a scheme to pro- vide for the widows and orphans of defunct or weak Lodges, and to report at the next session. Resolution by Rep. J. Hurd, adopted.....	2024
<i>Woodyatt, Jas., P. G. M., Grand Representative,</i>	
Report by, of Special Committee on the petition of Bro. Walter Marriage, to have the Grand Lodge Degree conferred on him	1846
Report in the affirmative, adopted.....	1927
Resolution by, to appoint a Judiciary Committee, adopted.....	1958
Appointed one of the Tellers at the election of officers.....	2032
Report of, as Grand Representative	
<i>Wright, Geo. P. G. M.,</i>	
Report by, of a majority of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, laid on the table.....	1914-17

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Initiatory Charge Books	3 00
Degree Charge Books.....	3 00
Degree Lodge Installation Books.....	3 00
Degree of Rebekah Charge Books.....	3 00
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Rebekah Visiting Cards.....	0 30
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Rebekah Certificates.....	0 30
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Interleaves to Digest.....	0 35
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Propositions for Membership, per 100.....	0 50
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Orders for A. P. W. (Book)	0 60
Orders for Term P. W. "	0 60
Question Book.....	0 75
Receipt Book, Per Secretary.....	1 00
Order Book.....	1 00
Receipt Book, members, containing 1,000 Receipts.....	2 25
Members' Register.....	1 65
Visitors' Register.....	1 00
Black Book.....	1 25
Return Book.....	0 80
Treasurers' and Trustees' Bonds, per doz	0 50

