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**Grand Encampment of Ontario, I.O.O.F.**

BRANTFORD, ONT., 26th July, 1892.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session in the Brantford Collegiate Institute Hall, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

PRESENT :

D. H. MOORE.....	Grand Patriarch.
FRED. DOGGETT.....	Grand High Priest.
FREEMAN I. DANIELS.....	Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN A. MACDONALD.....	Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge.
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	
A. H. BLACKABY.....	Grand Jr. Warden.
K. McIVOR.....	Grand Marshal.
H. A. SAUNDERS.....	Grand Sentinel.
DANIEL WILSON.....	Grand O. Sentinel.

Also Past Grand Patriarchs Jas. Woodyatt, W. H. Cole, John Gibson, Thos. Woodyatt, Abner Fraser, John Welsh, F. Rae, F. Riddell, Jos. Oliver and John Donogh.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on Credentials: M. D. Dawson, John Hunter, J. S. Edgar, Wm. Rudd, Thos. Workman and N. N. Walley.

Past Grand Patriarch Thos. Woodyatt made a short speech of welcome to the delegates in behalf of the Oddfellows of the city. He and those whom he represented hoped the session would be a bright and happy one, and result in much benefit to the whole Order. He introduced Mayor Secord who said:

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the city of Brantford, I am here to express to you the feelings of good will and confidence which our citizens have in you, not only as members of the Grand Encampment, but as members of that body of Oddfellows which has won the appreciation of the whole civilized world by the great benevolent work which has characterized the Order. I am

also here to extend to you such a welcome as the city of Brantford is ever proud to extend to strangers, and especially to strangers who come among us wearing the badge which unites them in fraternal association with such a large number of our most respected citizens. As delegates from the Subordinate Camps in your jurisdiction, you are here to legislate for the benefit of your whole membership, and we are hopeful that the ozonic character of the air which you breathe and the sparkling purity of the water you drink, and the inspiring quality of the food you eat while engaged in your deliberations will so enable you to legislate with such good judgment and with such happy results as will win for you a still more favorable consideration by the public of the country. I learn that your body in Canada consists of about seventy Camps, with a total membership of 3,200, and in wishing you, as representatives of that total membership all the happiness and success which it is possible for us as citizens to be a party to, we further desire you to carry home with you the knowledge that the city of Brantford is in sympathy with your work, and appreciates the great benefit which you have conferred upon humanity. During your sojourn among us, I am anxious that you should accept of the freedom of the city with all assurance that the hospitality of our people is unbounded, and that you will receive a generous welcome wherever you may go. Without trespassing on your time to too great an extent, perhaps I may be allowed to call your attention to the commercial and industrial importance of the city, and when I tell you that we have a population of nearly 16,000 souls, and with a larger proportion of men engaged in our manufacturing concerns than any other city in Canada, you will realize that we consider ourselves as of some considerable importance in this Dominion. Many of our factories have a world-wide reputation, and indicative of their success is the fact that we are annually increasing in population and commercial importance. We have been more than fortunate in the possession of citizens who have felt it a duty to give largely of their means to benevolent and philanthropic purposes, and to give you an idea of the munificence of their gifts, I would call your attention to the John H. Stratford hospital, presented as a free gift to the city of Brantford in 1884. I trust your society may be as a sun of wisdom and benevolence; shining out upon the world to which your influence may extend, and that you may carry away with you happy recollections of your sojourn in the city of Brantford.

The Grand Patriarch in reply desired to thank the Mayor, and through him the citizens of Brantford for the kindness the Order has received here, and for the privileges extended and to be extended to the Grand Encampment. Brantford had always shown the kindest feelings to the Oddfellows Order, whether in Grand Lodge or the Grand Encampment. He hoped Brantford would go on and prosper, and he assured the people of Brantford this visit would remain green in their memories.

The business of the session was then proceeded with.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

BRANTFORD, ONT., July 28th, 1892.

The Committee on Credentials after examining the necessary Certificates, presented of Representatives-elect, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:*  
Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that from an examina-

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tion of the Returns of Subordinates, and of the Certificates of Representatives-elect, find the following named P. C. Patriarchs entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment:

Union	Encampment, No.	1	C. Young.
Frontier	"	2	John W. Laing.
Harmony	"	2	Jos. S. Edgar.
	"	3	E. T. Essery.
Brant	"	3	John Hunter.
	"	4	Wm. Pierce.
Charity	"	4	J. S. Robson.
Burlington	"	5	Samuel H. Weir.
	"	7	Abner Fraser.
Toronto	"	7	Geo. Ross.
	"	8	E. W. Barton.
Brock	"	8	S. Holmes
Chatham	"	9	Hugh Wilkinson,
	"	10	Chas. Evers.
Ontario	"	10	Wm. Terry.
Albert	"	11	J. W. Ellis.
Whitby	"	1	Geo. E. Maynard.
Fidelity	"	13	Geo. Britton.
Kingston	"	14	C. Greenaway.
Mt. Ararat	"	15	Geo. E. Wilkinson.
Hebron	"	16	John Carson.
Quinte	"	17	W. J. McRoberts.
Elgin	"	19	W. A. Pringle.
	"	20	James Vicary.
Unity	"	21	Geo. A. Branton.
Guiding Star	"	21	Matthew Hyslop.
Niagara Falls	"	22	John Comstock.
Friendship	"	23	R. L. Bigger.
	"	24	Thos. McGill.
Victoria	"	24	C. H. Langford.
Alpha	"	25	John Hawkin.
Huron	"	26	Chas. A. Frink.
Wentworth	"	28	Geo. Porter.
Wellington	"	30	Wm. Forrest.
Newmarket	"	31	T. D. Fenwick.
Exeter	"	32	J. P. Hunter.
Royal	"	33	Henry Nelson.
Dresden	"	36	Duncan Robertson.
Adelphian	"	37	Wm. Rudd.
Aylmer	"	38	J. M. Symonds.
Collingwood	"	42	J. W. Hutchinson.
Saugen Valley	"	45	Theo. Lawrence.
Minerva	"	46	Christian Kettlebron.
Samaritan	"	47	J. A. Morton.
Rehoboth	"	49	Benj. Greybill.
Ridgley	"	50	Jos. Oliver.
Outaouais	"	52	J. B. McMicken.
Mizpah	"	53	A. W. Cameron.
Maple Leaf	"	54	Geo. H. Sewery.
Mt. Hebron	"	55	H. M. Bauslaugh.
Waba	"	56	Thos. Workman.
Moira	"	58	Joseph McDougall.
	"	59	J. A. Coon.
Central	"	59	John Cousins.
Amicus	"	60	Arthur S. Scott.
	"	61	Hugh Stewart.

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Galt	Encampment, No. 62	Jas. M. Lamond.
Simcoe	" 63	Geo. Williamson.
Ivy	" 64	Stanley Barr.
Eureka	" 65	S. S. Merick.
Hiawatha	" 66	R. W. Bell.
Aurora	" 67	H. J. Charles.
Forest	" 69	Ed. J. Flavin.
Golden	" 70	N. Schnarr.
Trenton	" 71	Chas. Crowe.
Picton	" 72	B. G. Gilbert.
Point aux Pines	" 73	Jas. G. Morgan.
Amity	" 74	Thos. Pearce.
Nibewin	" 75	C. A. Stark.
Montreal	" 1	A. W. Stavelly.
Moshassack	" 2	Chas. R. Willis.
Union	" 3	N. N. Walley.

Returns have been received from all Encampments up to the 31st December, 1891; except Beaver, No. 6, St. Marys; Livingstone, No. 29 Thorold; Dresden, No. 37, Dresden; Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgetown; Waba, No. 53, Armprior; Aurora, No. 67, Aurora; and Point aux Pines, No. 73, Blenheim; Beaver, No. 6; Livingstone, No. 29, and Excelsior, No. 39, appear to be dormant. Waba, No. 53, and Dresden, No. 37, suffered severe loss from fire and have had no place to meet in, but have sent in returns for both terms in one this term. Point aux Pines, No. 73 is a new Encampment, instituted late in the year, and on that account neglected their duty. Guiding Star, No. 22, Manilla, lately resuscitated have sent in Capitation Tax for six term sand again take their place upon our roll with good prospects. In addition to those named, Dufferin, No. 41, Point Edward; Aurora, No. 67, Aurora; and Moshassuck Encampments, No. 2, Montreal, are behind with their returns for this term just closed.

We find the following Representatives and P. C. P.'s in waiting, and recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment degree, viz:

Wm. Price	Brant	Encampment, No. 4	Brantford.
Chas. Eyers	Chatham	" 10	Chatham.
Wm. Terry	"	" 10	"
Geo. Britton	Whitby	" 13	Whitby.
John Carson	Mt. Ararat	" 16	Napanee.
James Vicary	Elgin	" 20	St. Thomas.
Geo. A. Branton	"	" 20	"
Matthew Hyslop	Unity	" 21	Ingersoll.
John Comstock	Guiding Star	" 22	Manilla.
C. H. Langford	Friendship	" 24	Petrola.
John Hawkis	Victoria	" 25	Port Hope.
Geo. Porter	Huron	" 28	Goderich.
Wm Forrest	Wentworth	" 30	Dundas.
Henry Nelson	Exeter	" 33	Exeter.
J. M. Symonds	Adelphian	" 38	London.
Chas. Watson	Aylmer	" 42	Aylmer.
Theo Lawrence	Collingwood	" 45	Collingwood.
Benj. Graybill	Samaritan	" 49	Berlin.
A. S. Scott	Central	" 60	Essex.
Stanley Barr	Ivy	" 64	Cobourg.
E. J. Flavin	Forest	" 69	Forest.
Chas. Crowe	Trenton	" 71	Trenton.
B. G. Gilbert	Picton	" 72	Picton.
Thos. Pearce	Amity	" 74	Mt. Brydges
A. W. Stavelly	Montreal	" 1	Montreal.

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We would respectfully recommend that the above named Patriarchs be allowed to take their seats as P. C. P.'s and Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,  
JOHN HUNTER,  
WM. RUDD,  
J. S. EDGAR,  
THOS. WORKMAN, } Committee.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

## COMMITTEES :

- ON DISTRIBUTION.—P. G. Patriarch John Gibson, and Reprs. Hugh Wilkinson, C. A. Stark, Geo. Ross and Geo. Porter.
- ON FINANCE.—P. G. Patriarchs F. Rae, and Jos. Oliver, and Reprs. A. W. Staveley, Jas. G. Morgan, A. W. Cameron and E. S. Gilbert.
- ON DISTRICTS.—Grand Representative John A. Macdonald, and Reprs. J. P. Hunter, S. S. Merick, Geo. Ross and Hugh Stewart.
- ON BY-LAWS.—P. G. Patriarch John Welsh, and Reprs. C. Young, Chas. Crowe, Thos. Pearce, T. D. Fenwick and Henry Nelson.
- ON RETURNS.—P. G. Patriarch W. H. Cole, and Reprs. C. Greenaway, Geo. E. Wilkinson, John Carson, W. J. McRoberts and Wm. Forrest.
- ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—P. G. Patriarchs James Woodyatt, and Representatives R. W. Bell, Jas. Vicary, E. W. Barton and Wm. Terry.
- ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—P. G. Patriarch Frank Riddell, and Reprs. Thos. McGill, Duncan Robertson, Theo. Lawrence, Christian Rettlebron and S. Holmes.
- ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.—P. G. Patriarch Abner Fraser, and Reprs. Geo. H. Sewrey, C. H. Langford, Geo. E. Maynard and Saml. H. Weir.
- ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—Grand Representative J. T. Hornbrook, John Comstock, Mathew Hyslop, H. M. Bauslaugh, A. S. Scott and Ed. J. Flavin.
- ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—P. G. Patriarch John Donogh, and Reprs. J. M. Lammond, J. A. Morton, John Hawkin, N. Schnarr and Benj. Greybill.
- ON LEGISLATION AND JUDICIARY.—Representatives E. T. Essery, J. M. Symonds, Chas. Evers, J. W. Ellis, R. L. Bigger and Stanley Barr.

On motion the Minutes of last Session, as printed, were adopted.

## REPORTS.

The Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, then submitted their reports in printed form, which were by resolution referred to the Committee on Distribution.

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## Grand Patriarch's Report.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

PATRIARCHS,—Through the Divine favor, we are permitted, after a lapse of eleven years, to once more meet in annual session in the Telephone City—beautiful Brantford—which has the honor to count among its citizens the first Grand Patriarch of our jurisdiction, our esteemed and venerable Brother, James Woodyatt. A brief comparative statement will serve to show the gratifying growth of our branch of the Order for the period under review. Eleven years ago there were 51 Encampments, with a total membership of 1,883. Now Ontario is dotted with the tents of 69 Encampments, with at least 3,300 members. There is to be noted a corresponding increase in invested funds and annual revenue. Although our annual growth may to some not appear to be large, yet the aggregate results indicate substantial and satisfactory growth. The select and comparatively exclusive character of our branch of the Order is not favorable to mushroom multiplication of members. Great and solid bodies expand slowly, the sturdy oak grows in girth by very moderate degrees, but what it gains is good solid wood—all oak.

We are met for the purpose of reviewing the past and of learning lessons from, and correcting the errors inseparable from the working of all institutions under human management; to legislate for the future welfare of our beloved Order, and we trust that the same wise and unerring Providence which has watched over us in the past, will guide us in the important deliberations of the present Grand Session in a manner to conduce to the promotion of the interests, prosperity and welfare of our Order; and I also trust that the spirit of harmony, a pre-eminent characteristic of our Order will, as in past grand gatherings, prevail throughout this, our 23rd session.

In assuming the duties of the responsible position to which you did me the honor to elect me a year ago, the burden of responsibility I felt was lessened by the feeling that I might confidently count upon the hearty assistance of my predecessors in office, and the co-operation of the Patriarchs in general. That assistance and co-operation I desire gratefully to acknowledge.

To one and all of you I desire to extend a fraternal greeting and hearty welcome.

In compliance with Constitutional usage, I submit a report of my official acts, and trust they will meet with your approval.

### (1) NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

It affords me very great pleasure to report that during the year we have added four tents to our number, three being new and one, Guiding Star, No. 22, resuscitated.

On the 1st of October, 1892, assisted by G. H. P. Bro. Doggett, Patriarchs Bushell, Edgar and Morgan of Windsor, Turner, Lafferty and several others whose names I did not succeed in obtaining from Chatham, also Patriarchs from Ridgeway and Dresden, I instituted Point aux Pine Encampment No. 73 at Blenheim. This Encampment started with five charter members, four were admitted by card and four were admitted, advanced and exalted. Although the number joining was not so large as was expected by the promoters of this Encampment, (owing to the unavoidable absence of some, and others being busily engaged in connection with the fall show), I believe there will

be a good Encampment here as the matter is in the right hands, Patriarch Gibson being a host in himself, and with the warm and active sympathy of many Patriarchs in that vicinity I feel confident that Point aux Pinces will take a good place among our tents.

I desire to acknowledge with gratitude the great assistance rendered by the degree team under the direction of Patriarch Turner, of Chatham. This team did their work in a most systematic and practical manner and showed the effect of thorough training.

I feel deeply grateful to the Patriarchs already mentioned for their kindly assistance in instituting this Camp.

Owing to a previous engagement to go to Chapleau to institute an Encampment there, I was unable, personally, to institute the Encampment at Mount Brydges. I therefore requested G. H. P. Doggett to perform that work for me which he kindly did, and reports to me that he was assisted by Patriarchs W. J. Keefer, J. B. Squance and W. D. Weller of Elgin Encampment, No. 20, and Patriarchs P. H. Johnston, W. F. Snell, Chas. Greenaway, W. Wilkinson, J. Murdock, J. H. Nichols, John Herd, Chas. Grist, George Newton, W. Green and J. F. Evans of Fidelity Encampment, No. 14, instituted Amity Encampment, No. 74, at Mount Brydges, on the 17th day of May, 1892, with eight charter members. In the evening eight candidates were balloted for, four of whom were admitted and instructed in the mysteries of the three degrees of the Encampment branch of the Order. He also reports that the work has fallen into the hands of the best citizens of the town, and that we may expect to hear good reports from Amity, No. 74.

I am under a debt of gratitude to the Grand High Priest, and the Patriarchs who assisted him for so promptly coming to my relief in this emergency.

As will be seen from my correspondence, I had some doubts as to the propriety of granting a dispensation to start an Encampment at Chapleau. The place is small and isolated, and I had fears as to their success. I, therefore, instituted a careful enquiry among Brothers who, from their knowledge of and association with the Brethren of Chapleau, were well qualified to give an advice, and they all most heartily recommended me to grant the dispensation.

Accordingly, on the 18th of May, 1892, assisted by P. C. P., A. H. Hoover, of North Branch Encampment No. 93, of North Branch, Michigan, (with whom I had the good fortune to become acquainted at North Bay on my way to Chapleau), I instituted Nibewin Encampment, No. 75, at Chapleau. This Encampment started out with twelve charter members. In the evening there were three admitted by card, and six were admitted, advanced and exalted, making a total of 21.

Notwithstanding there are several other societies represented there, Oddfellowship is looked upon as the society *par excellence*, and any misgivings I had as to the possible success of an Encampment there were entirely removed by the unanimous, hearty and enthusiastic zeal manifested by the Brethren of that place.

I desire to place on record my indebtedness to P. C. P. Hoover, who generously stopped over to assist me. And when you consider that the work of the Ritual was practically new to all those who joined the new Encampment, few, if any, having had an opportunity of seeing the work done for a long time previous, and that consequently it was necessary to devote a great deal of time and attention to instruction therein, as being isolated they would not have the advantage of many visits from Patriarchs capable of instructing them, you will readily see what an advantage it was to me to have such a capable and willing assistant.

I desire also to thank most heartily P. C. P. Stark, of White River, who came over one hundred and thirty miles to be present with us. He, having

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attended Camp more recently than others, was a much appreciated help in our endeavors to convey a true conception of the work of the Ritual.

I recommend that Charters be granted in each of the foregoing cases.

I received a petition from fourteen of the Patriarchs who were in good standing in Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, at the time it became defunct, Manilla. Having received assurances that it was the unanimous wish of the Patriarchs that it should be resuscitated and removed to Manilla, in accordance with By-law No. 6. I granted the prayer of their petition and resuscitated Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, at Manilla, on the 18th of July, 1892.

Manilla is a small place and it seems strange that it should be necessary to remove an Encampment from a place the size of Lindsay to Manilla, but the latter place is centrally located, being quite close to Cannington and Woodville, and also within easy reach of Lindsay and Beaverton. There should be a good Encampment there, and I am assured by the Patriarchs in that vicinity that the change is a wise one, and that the results will prove satisfactory and beneficial to our Order. I trust my action will meet with your approval.

### (2) PROSPECTIVE NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

From conversation with Patriarchs in Campbellford, I have no doubt my successor will be asked for a dispensation to start a new Encampment there in the near future.

### (3) OFFICIAL VISITS.

At the request of the Patriarchs of Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 56, who desired that my first official visit should be made at home, I visited this Camp on the 25th of August last, and found a large number of Patriarchs present, who took advantage of the occasion to pre-ent me with a flattering illuminated address and a magnificent gold-headed cane as a mark of their appreciation of the honor conferred on them by the Grand Encampment. This Camp is doing good work and slowly but steadily growing.

I visited Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, on the 27th of October last, and although the attendance was not great the feeling manifested was good and hopeful, and I am glad to learn that this Encampment has had a prosperous term with good prospects for the future.

On account of the refusal of Moira Encampment, No. 59, to comply with the requirements of the Grand Encampment as passed at its last session, viz: "to remove the name of Brother A. McFee from their books" I visited this Encampment on the 8th of March last, and I am very much pleased to be able to state that with the assistance of Patriarch J. B. Ferris, of Campbellford, whose services I desire to acknowledge, I succeeded in inducing them to comply with the commands of the Grand Encampment and remove Brother McFee's name from their books. It was indeed a hard test of the loyalty of members toward Brother McFee whom the feeling of the majority of its fellowship in that city, and as being too severely punished for the commission of an error, to which, they claim he was goaded on by the unkind actions of those who still oppose him, will yet cause further trouble in that city. This is very much to be regretted when we reflect on the possibilities and probabilities that would otherwise be in store for our Order there. While I must express regret at the strong language used by some of the more impulsive Patriarchs, yet I must admit that with the feelings that existed there Moira Encampment is certainly to be commended for their action on that occasion.

Having succeeded in restoring loyalty in Moira Encampment, and learning that Quinte, No. 19, would meet the following night, and considering it my duty to bring to their notice the resolution, to be found on page 1103 of the Journal, passed at our meeting in Galt urging this Encampment to reinstate Brother McFee, without further apology, into their camp, I visited

Quinte Encampment on the 9th day of March. I regret to have to say that beyond performing my duty in requesting them to comply with the Grand Encampment recommendation, my visit was a complete failure. While the expressions were not of so personal a character as those used in Moira Encampment the previous night, yet the cool and apparently vindictive determination of the principal speaker, whose actions and words betrayed the pleasure it was for him in the consciousness of his power to demand the last pound of flesh, was something sad and pitiful to behold *anywhere*, let alone within the walls of an Encampment. It was even insinuated that the Grand Encampment had no right to make such a recommendation.

As an evidence of the sincerity (?) of some of these patriarchs, I give the following instance: The representative of Quinte Encampment as you are aware stated last year at Galt, on the floor of the Grand Encampment that he would "do all in his power to have Quinte Encampment comply with the recommendation of the Grand Encampment." He made the same statement to me personally, and re-iterated it in Moira Encampment the previous night, yet when the time came he voted *directly against any compliance with the Grand Encampment recommendation*. I will give another instance: They passed a resolution which from its vagueness I consider only aggravates. In it they propose to *consider* Brother McFee's reinstatement and withdrawal after receiving an apology from him. I requested them to make it definite, and state that they *would* reinstate him as soon as he apologized (and we have always been led to believe that this was their attitude) but they refused to do so, evidently showing their determination, that if by any means they could secure an apology they were prepared to *consider*, and the inference is that even with an apology his opponents would not reinstate him.

I am very glad to say that I believe the opposition is confined to a very limited number. The vast majority would prefer an amicable settlement, but for fear of creating disturbance in their own Camp or some other cause they refuse to act.

It seems rather anomalous that although this Grand Encampment has repeatedly recognized and acknowledged that Brother McFee is being unduly punished and persecuted, yet, by our laws we appear to be powerless to help or protect him.

I feel humiliated to have to write such a report of my visit, yet it is absolutely necessary in order to convey a statement of the facts as found by me.

Having received a letter of enquiry about some of the secret work from my D. D. at Whitby, which I did not deem prudent to answer in writing, I found it necessary to visit Whitby Encampment, and did so on the 6th of May last. I found a good meeting and a number of visitors from Oshawa and Bowmanville. I exemplified the secret work and spent a very pleasant evening. Notwithstanding the complaint about hard times, this Encampment is still holding its own.

#### (4) PETITION.

I received a petition from Brother J. W. Bardgett and twenty-six others of International Lodge, No. 228, asking permission to join a proposed International Encampment, No. —, soon to be instituted in Buffalo, N. Y. Believing it would be inconsistent with the principles of our Order, to debar those brothers of the privileges and advantages of our branch, when it was so close at their door, and as they set forth that at present they were unable to sustain an Encampment of their own, and express the hope that the granting of their prayer would awake sufficient interest in the Patriarchal branch of the Order to result in the institution of an Encampment of their own in that place in the near future, I therefore granted the prayer of their petition. (Vide Sections 630 and 632 Digest).

#### (5) DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

On application from Golden Encampment, No. 70, I granted permission

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to wear regalia at a church parade, to be held on the 24th of April last. (Vide Digest Sections 2 and 4).

## (6) DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The Commissions to the District Deputies were promptly issued, also forms for reporting to the G. P. the state of the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

I am sorry to have to report that very few of the D. D. G. P.'s have fulfilled the wish of the Grand Encampment by furnishing semi-annual reports to the G. P. This is an important duty, and one which should be performed, as on it the Grand Patriarch must depend largely for his information as to the condition of the Order in the several localities. I am strongly of the opinion that a system of grouping the Encampments into districts similar to that adopted by the Grand Lodge would be an advantage to the Order. It would enhance the dignity of the office and place him in a better position to judge and act impartially.

I return my sincere thanks to all my D. D. G. P.'s for their cordial assistance, but especially to the following mentioned Deputies who have reported to me:—

R. McCallum, D. D. G. P., Eureka No. 65, Carleton Place: "We had a successful term. Our expenses were very light, only \$43.30."  
Jno. Howard, D. D. G. P., Phoenix No. 57, Wallaceburg: "We used the new installation work for the first time. We like it very much. This Encampment is not increasing in numbers, but we hope for the best in the future."

W. F. Green, D. D. G. P. of Mt. Hebron No. 56, and Hiawatha No. 60, Peterboro': "I am sorry not to be able to report a larger increase in membership. Mt. Hebron only added two to their numbers. Hiawatha doing a little better by adding seven, with a good prospect of doubling that number next term. As both Lodges have added a large number of young men to their roll last term, I think I can safely say that both Encampments will have plenty to do next term."

Wm. Wicks, D. D. G. P., Whitby Encampment No. 13, Whitby: "While we have not increased our numbers, and have been obliged to suspend some for non-payment of dues, yet we have a membership of good and true Patriarchs, who take an interest in their work, with the prospect of others coming in this term. So on the whole I can say we are getting along very well."

J. H. Morton, D. D. G. P., Minerva Encampment, No. 47, Wingham: "The Encampment being dependent on the Subordinate Lodges from which to recruit its membership, times of inanition and non increase are to be expected. I am happy to be able to report that notwithstanding no work has been done during the past year, meetings have been held regularly and have been very well attended."

## (7) DECISIONS.

I have not had many questions referred to me for decision, which is an evidence of peace and harmony and that D. D. G. P.'s and Patriarchs give due attention to the Constitution. By-laws and Digest.

Hoping to effect a settlement of the difficulty that exists in Belleville when there, I expressed the opinion that it would meet the requirements of the case for Quinte Encampment to give permission to Moira Encampment to receive Brother McFee, and I am happy to say, that on referring the matter to the Grand Sire he confirmed my opinion.

From Dufferin Encampment, No. 41—Can a Subordinate Encampment adopt badges to be worn on the street on any public occasion instead of regalia? Yes.

If adopted does it require a dispensation to wear badges the same as regalia? No.

Can the funds of the Encampment be used to purchase said badges or must they be the property of individual members? Badges not being Camp regalia Camp funds cannot be used to procure them.

From G. H. P. Doggett, asking permission to compromise with Patriarchs who have fallen in arrears for dues. The matter of terms of reinstatement is governed entirely by local law.

The same from Jno. S. Robson, Brantford.

From Saugeen Valley Encampment, No. 46—Can an Encampment invest its moneys in a Loan and Investment Company? Yes.

From C. P. Hobert, of Ivy Encampment, No. 64—Should the C. P. sign his own visiting card when going temporarily outside of his own jurisdiction? Yes.

From N. Schnarr, Rat Portage—Has a D. D. G. P. power to grant a dispensation to wear Encampment regalia at a church parade? No. (Sections 2 and 4 Digest).

From Whitby—Does suspension for N. P. D. or withdrawal by card from Subordinate Lodge affect standing in Camp for one year? No. (Digest, Section 622).

Does expulsion from Subordinate Lodge sever membership in the Encampment? Yes. (Digest, Section 596).

From Wm. Wick, D. D. G. P., Whitby, No. 13—Is the retiring G. P. eligible for election for representative to the Grand Encampment? Not till he has completed his term as C. P. and his successor is appointed.

#### (8) CANTONS.

I had the pleasure of officially signing the necessary documents for the establishment of a Canton at Petrolia. I trust this branch will continue to flourish, as I consider it is in the interest of the Order at large it should.

#### (9) CORRESPONDENCE.

I have endeavored to answer all correspondence as promptly as possible, and whenever delays have occurred they were owing to my absence from home. The correspondence has not been very great, but it has been of the most pleasant character and it is submitted herewith.

#### (10) AUDITORS.

I reappointed Patriarchs F. Riddell and Alf. Davis as auditors for the present year.

#### (11) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COURTESIES.

I desire to thank Grand Scribe Dawson, whom I found to be a prompt, courteous and valuable assistant; also G. H. P. Doggett for assistance in emergency promptly and freely given; to acknowledge my gratitude to P. G. P. Donogh and Dep. Grand Sire Campbell for wise counsels; to acknowledge my appreciation of the assistance rendered by my D. D. G. P's, particularly those that reported, and to the Patriarchs generally for the courtesies extended to me, the pleasant memories of which will ever remain green in my mind.

#### (12) LEGISLATION NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION.

On the 3rd of June last I received a letter from Grand Rep. Hy. Robertson, calling my attention to the position of our branch of the Order under the new Insurance Act, and setting forth that unless we were registered, the Grand Officers and officers of Subordinate Encampments would be liable to prosecution, and that as the Grand Encampment had never been incorporated, we could not register alone; and urging me to take steps to register as an adjunct of the Grand Lodge, as this appeared to be the only way out of the difficulty. I requested the Grand Scribe to issue a circular asking all Encampments to send to him duplicate copies of their By-laws and Constitutions at once, and also for him to send duplicate copies of our own

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Constitution and By-laws and a copy of the last Journal of Proceedings to Brother King, at Toronto. As all these had to be forwarded and in the hands of the Grand Secretary before the 1st of July, inst., I was obliged to act promptly, and I trust my action will meet with your approval.

In order to complete the arrangements necessary to carry out this plan it will be necessary to add another clause to be numbered 80 to our present By-laws whereby we acknowledge our connection with the Grand Lodge and make an annual report thereto. I herewith submit the By-law suggested by Grand Rep., Henry Robertson together with the correspondence in the case and commend that it be adopted.

Proposed By-law No. 80—"The Grand Encampment acknowledges the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Oddfellows as the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges in the said Province. On or before the first day of February in each year, the Grand Scribe shall send to the Grand Secretary of the said Grand Lodge a summary statement of the work of the Subordinate Encampments, their receipts and Expenditure, and the State of their funds, as shown by their returns for the preceding year."

## (13) SPECIAL.

I received a letter from P. G. P., Jas. Woodyatt, suggesting the propriety of appointing a committee to ballot for and allot seats to the various representatives to the Grand Encampment.

As such a course appeared to me to have a tendency to systematize and consequently expedite work and assist in maintaining order, I therefore appointed the following committee:—P. G. Patriarch, Jas. Woodyatt; P. C. P., Albert Harley, the representatives to the Grand Encampment, and P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt, to ballot for and allot the seats to the various representatives, and I trust you will find this an improvement on the *no plan* system we have had heretofore.

## (14) STATE OF THE ORDER.

While some Encampments are not in a healthy condition, notably, as I am informed through the Grand Scribe, Beaver, No. 6, and Excelsior, No. 39, will require the attention of the incoming officers. Notwithstanding this, I am pleased to be able to report that the Patriarchal branch of our Order is in a very satisfactory condition, and, as far as judgment can be formed from its returns received, the past year has been one of prosperity, distinctly in advance of previous years—the improvement being shared by the several items of membership, revenue, invested funds, and (with the exception of Belleville), Peace and Harmony. The report of the Grand Scribe will furnish particulars as to the numerical and financial standing of our branch of the Order.

## (15) CONCLUSION.

The work of the past year is before you. I regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to make as many visits as I intended or Executive. I have, however, endeavored to discharge the duties of the honorable position to the best of my ability, and I trust my actions will meet with your approval.

Let us stand up for all that is in Oddfellowship, and remember that it is not a mere Accident and Life Insurance Association, but that it is pre-eminently a "Mutual Benefit" Society, and that the benefits are *moral* as well as social and financial. Never sacrifice the moral for the sake of the pecuniary, and the result will, I am sure, be satisfactory. And, in conclusion, again I pray that our Heavenly Father may so guide us in our deliberations, that all our works, begun, continued and ended, may redound to His glory and the good of mankind.

Fraternally yours,

D. H. MOORE,  
Grand Patriarch.

Brantford, July 26th, 1892.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

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**PATRIARCHS** :—It is eleven years ago since we met in this hospitable city. Our growth has not been phenomenal, but it has been steady. We had a membership then of 1,883, while now we have 3,300. At that time we paid out for relief of distress \$1,000 per annum, now we quadruple that, and that with only a revenue of not double what we had then. The cultivation of those principles taught at our altars has therefore grown with our growth and strengthened with our strength; visiting the sick and relieving distress have been virtually inscribed upon our banners, and we have not been compelled to adopt the *assessment* system to enable us to accomplish that. We have added 24 Tents to our fold, an increase of 50 per cent., distributed in the most flourishing parts of Ontario. This historic city may justly be styled the home of Oddfellowship. One of its venerable fathers held the position of Deputy Grand Sire, and instituted this Grand Encampment in 1869. We are all pleased to greet him still amongst us, covered with Patriarchial glories, in good health, notwithstanding his weight of years. His undying zeal and energy can be seen which ever way you look, and when the history of Oddfellowship in Canada is written, it will embrace the history and heart life of James Woodyatt. Brantford has ever been progressive in "Friendship, Love and Truth." It has nurtured two Grand Patriarchs; and the most painstaking and efficient Grand Secretary of any Oddfellows' Grand Lodge on the continent commenced his labors under the shadow of the patriotic Brant. No wonder, then, that it boasts of the richest and one of the strongest Encampments in the jurisdiction. This year it is the banner Tent, having taken in 29 new members and elected a staff of officers for the present term, whose motto is "Progress."

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### STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Order is flourishing in every jurisdiction where Oddfellowship is known on this continent. In many places it is booming. Its intrinsic merit is recognized wherever the English language is spoken. Its increase in Ontario, notwithstanding the numberless attractions held out by kindred societies, whose name is legion, is very encouraging. One Encampment,

which was dormant for years, was resuscitated by the Grand Patriarch last week, and now bids fair for a successful future. Nearly 200 new members have joined during the last term, and the attendance at the regular meetings has improved.

It is to be regretted, however, that Beaver Encampment, No. 6 St. Marys; Dresden Encampment, No. 37, Dresden; and Excelsior Encampment, No. 39, Ridgetown, are in a dormant condition. Dresden Encampment lost everything by fire, which accounts for their condition. The other two report want of interest, and require some new incentive to stir them up. In addition to those named, Livingstone Encampment, No. 29, Thorold, Waba Encampment, No. 58, Arnprior, and Aurora Encampment, No. 67, Aurora, did not report for the December term. Waba was burnt out and suffered severe loss, besides having no hall to meet in; the others have offered no excuse for their delinquency. It is to be hoped they may yet be heard from.

Three new Encampments were instituted during the year. Point Aux Pines, No. 73, Blenheim, with 15 members; Amity Encampment, No. 74, Mt. Brydges, with 14 members, and Nibewin Encampment, No. 75, with 25 members. Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, Liadsay, which has been dormant for years, has been resuscitated, paying back dues to the Grand Encampment for six terms. The Grand Patriarch will, no doubt, make a full report upon their work and prospects.

The Standing Committee on By-laws examined all By-laws referred to them, and desire to report that they have approved amendments to Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket; Minerva Encampment, No. 47, Wingsha, and Collingwood Encampment, No. 45, Collingwood. The By-laws of Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingers 11, and Picton Encampment, No. 72, Picton, have also been approved.

I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of last year printed and distributed as in previous years. I also had 1,000 copies of the new Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Encampment printed in pamphlet form for the use of this Grand Body. A new Constitution for Subordinates is very badly needed, and I would suggest that a committee be appointed to draft a new one to embrace all amendments that have been made since the old one was published.

In compliance with the desire of the Grand Patriarch on the 6th of June last I issued a circular asking all Encampments to send in their By-laws for registration with the Commissioner of Insurance, so as to comply with the new Act regarding all Assessment and Benefit Societies. That functionary allowed the Grand Lodge to register the Grand Encampment, as the latter body was not incorporated. It appears to me a work of supererogation that this Order, which is not either in spirit or letter, an assessment institution, should be put to so much trouble and expense, while assessment societies were not compelled to do likewise. About 50 Encampments responded to the call. The others either have no By-laws or are in a dormant condition. Perhaps the working of the new law may wake them up.

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The following figures will give the progress of the Encampments during the six months ending June 30th, 1892, or so far as it is possible to give it:—

Initiated.....	170
Admitted by card.....	12
Reinstated.....	13

Total.....	<u>195</u>
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Withdrawn by card.....	17
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	79
Suspended for cause.....	1
Expelled.....	1
Deceased.....	13

Total.....	<u>111</u>
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Increase for the last six months.....	<u>84</u>
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The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending December 31st, 1891:—

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term ending June 30th, 1891.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Pariaarchs No. of Wives for which Benefits were Paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Pariaarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount paid for burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
Union.....	1	1	1						1	82	9	71	56	30	0	127	26	91	06
Frontier.....	2	1	1						1	124	9	145	100	30	0	245	73	10	183
Harmony.....	3	1	1						4	90	145	119	25	30	0	254	84	75	30
Brant.....	4	1	1						7	80	3	44	16	1	0	97	58	84	20
Essex.....	5	1	1						7	3	19	5	4	1	0	28	00	11	00
Barry.....	6	1	1						6	66	5	42	186	00	0	213	00	176	00
Burlington.....	7	1	1						12	12	17	66	00	1	2	83	00	3	00
London.....	8	1	1						33	108	14	10	50	0	0	114	96	27	25
Toronto.....	9	1	1						4	10	10	10	50	0	0	88	31	27	00
Proct.....	10	1	1						10	112	10	180	00	0	0	51	53	59	86
Chatham.....	11	1	1						4	47	3	31	10	0	0	157	00	17	00
Albion.....	12	1	1						4	62	2	3	10	0	0	267	12	10	50
Albion.....	13	1	1						3	38	1	2	00	0	0	35	25	15	50
Whitby.....	14	1	1						3	95	2	3	00	0	0	187	00	9	00
Frederic.....	15	1	1						8	18	3	3	00	0	0	32	18	34	00
Kingston.....	16	1	1						80	95	2	3	00	0	0	192	00	4	50
Mount Amherst.....	17	1	1						18	18	3	3	00	0	0	240	16	3	75
Quebec.....	18	1	1						15	105	8	8	00	0	0	144	73	16	25
Quebec.....	19	1	1						15	65	8	8	00	0	0	144	73	16	25
Quebec.....	20	1	1						14	14	6	104	00	60	0	164	00	35	17
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Quebec.....	25	1	1						12	50	3	12	00	0	0	101	00	11	00
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Quebec.....	27	1	1						12	12	2	11	00	0	0	137	79	11	00
Quebec.....	28	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	29	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
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Quebec.....	51	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	52	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	53	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	54	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	55	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	56	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	57	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	58	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	59	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	60	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	61	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	62	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	63	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	64	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	65	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	66	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	67	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	68	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	69	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	70	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	71	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	72	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	73	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	74	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	75	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	76	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	77	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	78	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	79	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	80	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	81	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	82	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	83	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	84	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	85	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
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Quebec.....	90	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	91	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	92	1	1						12	12	1	11	00	0	0	33	00	11	00
Quebec.....	93	1	1																

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

Alpha	33	15	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Beta	34	16	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Gamma	35	17	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Delta	36	18	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Epsilon	37	19	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Zeta	38	20	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Eta	39	21	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Theta	40	22	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Iota	41	23	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Kappa	42	24	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Lambda	43	25	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Mu	44	26	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Nu	45	27	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Xi	46	28	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Omicron	47	29	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Pi	48	30	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Rho	49	31	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Sigma	50	32	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Tau	51	33	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Upsilon	52	34	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Phi	53	35	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Chi	54	36	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Psi	55	37	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Omega	56	38	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Summit	57	39	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Maple Leaf	58	40	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Phoenix	59	41	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Webb	60	42	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Canara	61	43	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Amicus	62	44	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Simcoe	63	45	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Ivy	64	46	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Eureka	65	47	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Amawaka	66	48	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Golden	67	49	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Forest	68	50	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Pleasant	69	51	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
London	70	52	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Macdonald	71	53	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	72	54	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
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Madison	143	125	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	144	126	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	145	127	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	146	128	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	147	129	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	148	130	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	149	131	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	150	132	1	4	100	4	22	370 51	3 75	28 80
Madison	151	133	1	4	100	4	22	370 51		

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term Ending December 31st, 1891.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	Initiation.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Pariauchs Killed.	No. of Weeks for which Benefits were paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Pariauchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
Union	1	3							58	1	98	20	30	100	0	100	70	33	19
Harmony	2	3							58	1	98	20	30	100	0	100	70	33	19
Harmony	3	3							58	1	98	20	30	100	0	100	70	33	19
Erant	4	6							202	3	105	54	75	115	0	115	144	50	173
Charity	5	4							60	3	15	78	72	270	0	270	103	52	188
Beaver	6	1							60	7	56	168	0	0	0	168	50	53	50
Burlington	7	1							12	1	1	116	0	0	0	116	10	11	11
Port Hope	8	7							15	1	1	116	0	0	0	116	10	11	11
Brook	9	1							15	1	1	116	0	0	0	116	10	11	11
Chatham	10	5							110	13	65	130	0	0	0	130	86	40	121
Ontario	11	1							110	13	65	130	0	0	0	130	86	40	121
Albert	12	1							45	1	15%	14	4	30	0	30	24	16	50
Widley	13	1							24	1	1	45	0	0	0	45	3	3	30
Kingston	14	1							8	1	1	45	0	0	0	45	3	3	30
Mount Ararat	15	1							53	1	1	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	100
Montebello	16	1							14	1	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	100
Quine	17	1							15	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	100
Unity	18	1							14	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
Niagara Falls	19	1							6	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Friendship	20	1							14	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Victoria	21	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Heron	22	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Langston	23	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	24	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	25	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	26	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	27	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	28	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	29	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	30	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	31	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	32	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	33	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	34	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	35	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	36	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	37	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	38	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	39	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	40	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	41	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	42	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	43	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	44	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	45	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130

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Erant	1	3							58	1	98	20	30	100	0	100	70	33	19
Royal	2	3							58	1	98	20	30	100	0	100	70	33	19
Adelphi	3	3							58	1	98	20	30	100	0	100	70	33	19
Excelsior	4	6							202	3	105	54	75	115	0	115	144	50	173
Aviator	5	4							60	3	15	78	72	270	0	270	103	52	188
Collingwood	6	1							60	7	56	168	0	0	0	168	50	53	50
Saugen Valley	7	1							12	1	1	116	0	0	0	116	10	11	11
Waltham	8	7							15	1	1	116	0	0	0	116	10	11	11
Waltham	9	1							15	1	1	116	0	0	0	116	10	11	11
Waltham	10	5							110	13	65	130	0	0	0	130	86	40	121
Waltham	11	1							110	13	65	130	0	0	0	130	86	40	121
Waltham	12	1							45	1	15%	14	4	30	0	30	24	16	50
Waltham	13	1							24	1	1	45	0	0	0	45	3	3	30
Waltham	14	1							8	1	1	45	0	0	0	45	3	3	30
Waltham	15	1							53	1	1	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	100
Waltham	16	1							14	1	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	100
Waltham	17	1							15	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	100
Waltham	18	1							14	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
Waltham	19	1							6	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	20	1							14	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	21	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	22	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	23	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	24	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	25	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	26	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	27	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	28	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	29	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	30	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	31	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	32	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	33	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	34	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	35	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	36	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	37	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	38	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	39	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	40	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	41	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	42	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	43	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	44	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130
Waltham	45	1							15	1	1	160	0	0	0	160	193	10	130



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## STATISTICS.

The following summary from the Returns will give our membership and standing December 31st, 1891 :

Number of members, as per last Report .....	3,199
Initiated during the year ending December 31st, 1891.....	270
Admitted by Card.....	26
Reinstated.....	12
	308

Total ..... 3,507

From which deduct—

Withdrawn by Card.....	33
Suspended for non-payment of Dues.....	189
Suspended for Cause.....	3
Expelled.....	1
Deceased.....	15
	241

In Membership, December 31st, 1891 ..... 3,266

Number of Patriarchs relieved..... 283

Number of weeks' sickness, for which Benefits were paid..... 1,938

Amount paid for Burying the Dead..... \$ 205 00

Amount of Special Relief..... 46 00

Amount of Relief to Widowed Families..... 10 00

Amount paid for the Relief of Patriarchs..... 3,668 14

Total amount of Relief paid... \$3,929 14

Invested Funds of Subordinates..... \$19,488 30

Total Amount of Annual Revenue..... 9,253 05

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The finances of the Grand Encampment are in a flourishing condition. We are able to satisfy all demands upon us, and sufficient on hand to meet our prospective requirements.

## ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due and stock on hand 31st December, 1891 :—

Amount due by Subordinates.....			
5 Charters @ \$1.00.....		\$ 5 00	\$827 56
43 Copies Book of Laws, @ \$0 30.....		12 90	
15 Registration Books, @ 2 50.....		37 50	
21 Receipt " @ 1 75.....		36 75	
10 Draft " @ 2 00.....		20 00	
17 Roll " @ 1 00.....		17 00	
21 Treasurer's " @ 75.....		15 75	
3 Return " @ 75.....		2 25	
2 Charge " @ 2 60.....		4 00	
79 Cards, @ 25.....		19 75	
650 Notices of Arrears, @ 1 00.....		6 00	
1 Term Order Book, @ 50.....		50	
			\$177 40
Total.....			\$1,004 96
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st December, 1891.....			\$ 526 52
Cash received up to 15th July, 1892.....			1,266 72
Total.....			\$1,793 24
Expenditure to 15th July, 1892.....			526 73
Total cash on hand.....			\$1,266 51

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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED

From 1st January to 31st December, 1891.

NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	DURS	Charte.s	Supp ie	TOTAL
Union Encampment, No. 1	\$ 41 50			\$41 50
Frontier " " 2	68 75		\$1 50	70 25
Harmony " " 3	49 50		4 84	54 34
Brant " " 4	42 75		4 68	47 43
Charity " " 5	48 00		3 11	51 11
Beaver " " 6	6 00			6 00
Burlington " " 7	52 50		1 50	54 00
Toro-to " " 8	55 75		1 50	57 25
Breck " " 9	24 50			24 50
Chatham " " 10	55 50		1 50	57 00
Ontario " " 11	23 00		1 00	24 00
Albert " " 12	21 25			21 25
Whitby " " 13	31 25			31 25
Figelliy " " 14	10 00			10 00
Kingston " " 15	47 5			47 5
Mount Ararat " " 16	9 00			9 00
Hebron " " 17	11 75			11 75
Quinte " " 19	38 00		1 68	39 68
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Unity " " 21	14 50		3 86	18 36
Niagara Falls " " 23	23 10			23 50
Friend hip " " 24	61 75		5 68	67 43
Victoria " " 25	22 00			22 00
Alpha " " 26	18 25			18 25
Huron " " 28	24 25			24 25
Livingstone " " 29	4 00			4 00
Wentworth " " 30	15 00			15 00
Wellington " " 31	23 25		3 20	26 75
Newmarket " " 32	23 75		1 75	25 50
Exeter " " 33	7 25			7 25
Royal " " 36	10 00			10 00
Dresden " " 37	14 00			14 00
Adelphian " " 38	35 10		1 25	36 75
Excelsior " " 39	13 75			13 75
Dufferin " " 41	17 00		3 36	20 36
Ay mer " " 42	11 30			11 30
Collingwood " " 45	13 75			13 75
Saugen Valley " " 46	9 75		1 40	11 15
Minerva " " 47	10 00		2 85	12 85
Samaritan " " 49	10 00		6 25	16 25
Rehoboth " " 50	21 00			21 00
Bothwell " " 51				
Ridgley " " 52	6 50			6 50
Oumouais " " 53	34 75		3 65	38 40
Mirrah " " 54	18 75			18 75
Maple Leaf " " 55	35 25			35 25
Mount Hebron " " 56	37 75		5 00	42 75
Phoenix " " 57	24 75		2 25	27 00
Waba " " 58	26 00			26 00
Moi-a " " 59	50 00		3 93	53 93
Central " " 61	18 25		35 18	53 43
Amicus " " 62	12 75			12 75
Galt " " 63	10 50			10 50
Simcoe " " 64	14 00			14 00
Ivy " " 65	9 50		2 00	11 50
Eur ka " " 66	15 75			15 75
Hiawatha " " 67	14 75		1 50	16 25
Aurora " " 69	11 00			11 00
Forest " " 70	13 00			13 00
Golden " " 71	20 00			20 00
Trenton " " 72	13 75			13 75
Picton " " 73	4 25	30 00	21 15	55 40
Point aux Pises " " 74			21 00	21 00
Montreal " " 75	25 00		5 00	30 00
Mohassack " " 76	15 50		2 80	18 30
Union " " 77	5 00			5 00
Interest in bank				12 33
Total	\$1,587 83	\$30 00	\$124 48	\$1,742 61

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EXPENDITURE.

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Drafts, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$166 00
Express Charges, Duty, Freight, Telegrams, etc...	11 55
Cash as per Pay Roll.....	806 20
Salary Grand Scribe, 1 year to 31st Dec., 1891....	370 00
Frank Riddell, } Auditors .....	13 60
Alf. Davis, }	
R. B. Hungerford, Renewal Premium on Stock...	3 00
Postage Account for one year.....	31 25
H. E. Matthews, Engrossing Charters....	1 00
Reid Bros. & Co., Stationery Account.....	13 50
Grand Patriarch's Account, Postage, etc.....	10 00
Type Writer's Services re-Constitution.....	6 00
Advertiser Printing Co., Journal 1890, Constitu- tion, etc .....	170 90
A. Talbot & Co., Printing, Supplies, etc, and Journal 1891.....	135 20
Dec. 31—Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$1,738 20
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence the past year has been very heavy. The new Insurance Act of the Ontario Legislature, making Oddfellows amenable thereto, has given a lot of labor and expense to the Order. I trust it may prove as profitable. Quite a few of the Encampments made no response to the appeal for them to send in their By-laws. They either had none or they were in such a dormant condition that they did not consider that an oppressive law in the interests of old Line Insurance Companies could cripple them any worse than they were.

The following extracts from reports of D. D. P. 's will be of interest.

**BRANT, No. 4.**—"It affords me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that Brant Encampment, No. 4, has prospered beyond anything I expected this term, which I think is all on account of the Grand Encampment holding its session in Brantford this year. We have admitted 27 new members by initiation and reinstated two, and I must say that the material is the pick of both Lodges. We have as good a staff of officers as any Encampment in Ontario."

**BROCK, No. 9.**—"The progress of this Encampment has not been as rapid as some, but it is in a sound condition. Dues are well paid up. There have been two added during the term, and at the last meeting four were proposed, so we expect to show up better next term. We are beginning to draw now from the younger portion of the Subordinate members, and it is taking well. We wish to get enough of them to enable us to form a Canton. The officers are all young men and good workers. We are expecting good results."

**DRESDEN, No. 37.**—"On the morning of January 27th, 1892, the Oddfellows' Hall here was destroyed by fire, and Dresden Encampment, No. 37, lost everything except their Charter which by some means came out all right. Dresden Canton lost everything and nearly all of their uniforms. Whether they will be able to start again or not is doubtful. I am afraid they will not be able to raise the necessary funds. That is why returns have not been sent in."

Patriarch Wm Rudd, D. D. G. P., writes under date of July 18th, 1892:—"Dresden Encampment, No. 37 has not had any meeting since January last, not having any place to meet in. We are having a meeting on Thursday, 21st inst., to reorganize and get a new outfit of books and paraphernalia. The funds in the hands of the treasurer amount to about \$150 or \$160."

**FOREST, No. 69.**—"Our Encampment is in first class working order, and we hope to report steady progress for the future. The returns for the June term show an increase of 16 members and 39 degrees have been conferred."

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## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

MINERVA, No. 47.—“The Encampment being dependent on the Subordinate Lodges from which to recruit its membership times of non-increase must be expected. Meetings have been held regularly and are generally well attended.” This Encampment made no increase.

Mt. ARARAT, No. 16.—“Have done better the past term, having added nine new members, and think we are going to make a good showing for the next term, as a great many of the brethren say that they are going to join the Encampment.”

OUTAOUAIS, No. 53.—“I regret that our report does not show any increase in membership, but rather a decrease, but I hope we will more than make up the loss during the present term. In fact two members have already been admitted since the term closed.”

PICTON, No. 72.—“We have 25 members and one proposition. We expect to run up our membership to 35 or 40.”

SAMARITAN, No. 49.—“This Encampment has made some progress, and if the present officers do as well as the last we will be satisfied.”

ALPHA, No. 26.—“We have made a net gain of two members this term, not much of course, but better than nothing. I believe the Encampment is in a healthier condition than it has been for some time.”

AMITY, No. 74.—“This is a new Encampment, and much cannot be expected. We have only initiated six, but we have several more balloted for, but they have not yet presented themselves for initiation. It is a very busy time now among the farmers. We hope to make a good showing next term as a large number say they will join us after harvest is over.”

WABA, No. 58.—Past Grand Patriarch, John A. Macdonald, of Arran, writes under date of July 16th, 1892: “We have had a hard pull during last year. Our Lodge room was burned out, and we lost considerably by fire, and owing to the fact that we had no place to meet until the hall was rebuilt, our meetings became disarranged, and things remained at a standstill. Now, however, I am glad to say, we have entered on a new lease of life. At a meeting held last Friday evening we had two initiations and a dozen more in prospect, so that we hope soon to be on a good footing again. That will account for our failure in sending in our returns last January.”

EXCELSIOR, No. 39.—“Kindly accept my resignation as D. D. G. P. for Ridgetown. Interest seems to have fallen completely out of this branch of the work here, and I take this means of bringing it to a *focus*. It is nothing but pure apathy that is hurting it. I do not think that they have opened up this term. I know that no officers have been installed since July, 1891. I am ready to share the blame with the others.”

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT.—The D. D. G. P. writes under date of July 18th, 1892: “Both Encampments here adopted new By-laws, copies of which have been forwarded to you for approval, and also copies as called for

by your circular re-assessment system. During the term just closed Hiawatha has cleared it self of all indebtedness, and starts the new term with a clean sheet, and the members are looking forward to a splendid half-year's work. Boths Camps work harmoniously together. The only fault I have to find is that the Encampment branch is not brought prominently enough before the public, the Encampments never turning out as Encampments, and I suppose it is the same elsewhere."

In conclusion, I have to thank the Grand Officers and D. D. G. P.'s, as well as the Scribes of the different Encampments, for their courte-y and promptness in response to all communications. The Grand Patriarch has had more work than many of his predecessors, and he has done his duty manfully. If he has not made a business of prescribed visits, it was because his home duties prevented him. He went everywhere where it was possible for him to go, and his energy and zeal in the duties of his office will be felt throughout the jurisdic tion for some time to come. It is impossible to expect any one man who may be at the head of the Order to devote the time necessary to visit every portion of the jurisdiction. Many weak localities have been roused into action, and we hope that the coming year may be equally productive of good results. We have some weak Encampments in the west, and some of them in localities where the greatest energy and enterprise is exhibited in other walks in life, and there is no good reason why very flourishing Encampments should not exist. Take for example old Beaver, No. 6, St. Mary's, and Excelsior No. 39, Ridgetown. Their names alone should inspirit Oddfellows to wake up. The former is one of the original number that organized this Grand Encampment in 1869 at Hamilton. They have a fine hall, a romantic town, full of highland vigor and very distinguished and honored members, and their emblematical name, if nothing more should stir them up. There is no good reason why old No. 6 should die. The D. D. G. P. of "Excelsior" says that apathy alone is the cause of their dormancy, and to make the matter worse he resigned his commission. I hope that during the coming year their exalted banner shall again be unfurled to the breeze, and that that thriving town shall again boast of a healthy Tent. May the legislation of this session be in keeping with our advancement and progress as an Order.

I remain, fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON.

*Grand Scribe.*

LONDON, ONT., July 25th, 1892.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Past Grand Patriarch John Gibson, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th. 1892.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives, beg leave to recommend as follows :

GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14 and 15 to be referred to Committee on State of the Order; Clause 7 to Committee on Judiciary; Clause 9 to Committee on Correspondence; Clause 10 to Committee on Finance, and Clause 12 to Committee on Legislation.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

Clauses 1, 2 and 5 to be referred to Committee on State of the Order; Clauses 6, 7 and 8 to Committee on Finance, and Clause 9 to Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To be referred to Committee on Finance.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To be referred to Committee on State of the Order.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.  
Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON.  
GEORGE ROSS.  
HUGH WILKINSON.  
GEO. PORTER.

Representative John Hunter presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

"That the election of officers of this Grand Encampment be made the special order of business for 3 o'clock p. m. to-day."

JOHN HUNTER  
JOS. OLIVER.

The Grand Scribe announced that an error had been made in the printing of the new Constitution, that Clause 4 had been struck out by order of the Grand Encampment at last session and Sec. 2 of the old Constitution substituted therefor.

On motion of Representative Oliver, seconded by Grand Junior Warden Blackaby, the Grand Scribe was instructed to make the necessary correction in the present edition.

Representative Wm. Rudd presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

"That this Grand Encampment furnish Dresden Encampment No. 37, with Rituals, books and such other stationery as is usually supplied in starting a new Encampment."

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## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

Representative H. Nelson, of Exeter Encampment, made application for a dismissal certificate for Brother R. J. Eacrett, of Otter Valley Encampment, No. 68, Tilsonburg, which is now defunct. Said Patriarch was in good standing of said Encampment at the time said Encampment became defunct. I am not in possession of the cause, but the books and papers were destroyed by fire held by C. P. McDonald, and the said Encampment was working under dispensation. I would ask this Grand Encampment to refer this application to a committee

Yours fraternally,  
H. NELSON.

Referred to Committee on Petition and Correspondence.

On motion, the Grand Encampment took recess at 12 o'clock until 1.30 o'clock p.m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment resumed at the appointed time. Grand Patriarch D. H. Moore presiding.

Present—All the officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Opened in due form.

The following application was received from the Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, and referred to the Committee on "State of the Order :"

*M. D. Dawson, Esq., Grand Scribe Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to apply through you to the officers and members of the Grand Encampment for permission to do business in the Camps of the jurisdiction. Last year this Association made full reports to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; this year it reports again, and does all it can to comply with the law of the Order.

The minutes of the Association's meeting, on July 20th, are now in the hands of the printer; but I enclose you the reports of the Directors and Officers, and trust they will be referred as last year to the Committee on State of the Order, to be reported upon in the usual way.

Trusting that you may favorably consider this application for your recognition,

I am, fraternally yours,  
R. MEEK,  
*Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Past Grand Patriarch Frank Riddell, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted:

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that they have examined the distance travelled by the several Representatives, Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, and recommend that they be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way and three dollars per diem for their attendance at this Session of the Grand Encampment,

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK RIDDELL,  
THOS. MCGILL  
THEO. LAWRENCE.  
D. ROBERTSON.  
S. HOLMES.

The following letter from Moira Encampment, No. 59, with petition, was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence :

BELLEVILLE, July 21st, 1892.

*M. D. Dawson, Esq. :*

DEAR SIR.—I send you a petition from the members of our Encampment which you will please bring before the Grand Encampment.

Yours in F., L. and T.

JOHN COUSINS.

BELLEVILLE, July 21st, 1892.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Ontario :*

Whereas, Brother Allen McFee severed his connection with Quinte Encampment, No. 19, by taking his withdrawal card in 1880, and still holds said withdrawal card. And whereas subsequently said Quinte Encampment took action to summon for trial said Brother McFee, said action being taken and carried on at the time of the last illness and death of the said Brother McFee's late wife—at a time when said Brother McFee could not reasonably be expected to attend—and the result was that said Brother McFee was expelled from said Encampment for contempt of Court. And whereas, as the said Brother McFee held said withdrawal card, he did not know that it was necessary to appeal from the decision of expulsion from said Quinte Encampment and consequently did not appeal to the Grand Encampment from the decision of said Quinte Encampment. And whereas, said Quinte Encampment, although ostensibly willing to reinstate the said Brother McFee on his making an apology to them, yet they word their resolutions bearing on his case so that they only pledge themselves to "consider" his application and withdrawal, after having received the apology asked for. And whereas, your Grand Body has repeatedly urged said Quinte Encampment to reinstate said Brother McFee without further apology on his part, and expressed the opinion that said Brother McFee has already been sufficiently punished. And whereas, it is inconsistent with the laws and teachings of our Order to permit the persecution of a brother to be continued without cause, or to continue to perpetrate an acknowledged injustice. And whereas the Civil Courts of our land, on receipt of satisfactory evidence of just cause, have allowed such appeals to be heard.

We, your petitioners, members of the Order, would therefore pray that your Grand Body would entertain and hear the appeal of said Brother McFee, notwithstanding the lapse of time for appeal has expired, and determine such appeal on its merits, or, on the other hand, take such action as will either reinstate said Brother McFee in said Quinte Encampment or grant permission to another Encampment to admit him, and your petitioners will ever pray.

J. D. COLLIP, P.C.P.  
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W. GORDON.  
DANIEL COYLE.  
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S. A. LOCKWOOD, C.P.  
J. BROWN.  
J. KAIN.  
ALFRED BATES, P.C.P.  
HENRY BALL.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.  
No. 1.

Representative Wm Rudd presented the following Supplementary Report from the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that we have examined the Credentials of Representatives Geo. Williamson, of Simcoe Encampment, and Christian Rettlebron, of Credit Valley Encampment, and find them correct, and recommend them to seat; in this Grand Encampment. Also Past Chief Patriarchs R. J. Stewart, No. 66; John Muir, No 56; Theo. Emerson, No. 56; C. Moffat, No 56.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. RUDD.  
JOHN HUNTER.  
T. WORKMAN.  
J. S. EDGAR.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Representative E. T. Essery, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation and Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. of Ontario :*

The Committee on Judiciary and Legislation report that they endorse the action of the Grand Patriarch, as contained in clause 7 of the Grand Patriarch's Report.

They also recommend that in accordance with clause 12 of the same report that the By-Laws of the Grand Encampment be amended by adding the following section :

"The Grand Encampment acknowledges the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Oddfellows as the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges in the said Province. On or before the first day of February in each year the Grand Scribe shall send to the Grand Secretary of the said Grand Lodge a summary statement of the work of the Subordinate Encampments, their Receipts and Expenditure, and the state of their funds, as shown by their returns for the preceding year."

And that the notice of motion given by Representative T Workman at this morning's Session is within the amendment described in the last paragraph of the Grand Representatives' Report, page 1150 of the last Journal of Proceedings, published by this Grand Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. ESSERY.  
J. M. SYMONDS.  
J. W. ELLIS.  
STANLEY BARR.  
R. L. BIGGER.  
CHAS. EYRES.

The following resolution presented by Representative Rudd, was referred to the Committee on Finance :

“ That this Grand Encampment furnish Dresden Encampment, No. 37, with Rituals, books and such stationery as is usually supplied by this Grand Encampment in starting a new Encampment, free of charge.”

WM. RUDD,  
N. SCHNARR.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Grand Representative Oliver, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Finance beg respectfully to present the following report :

1st. We have had submitted to us the books, financial statements and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and also the report of the Auditors of this Grand Encampment certifying to their correctness.

2nd. Your Committee find that the receipts for the calendar year, ending December 31st, 1891, were—

Balance on hand January 1st, 1891.....	\$ 423 50
Cash received up to December 31st, 1891.....	1,841 22

	\$2,264 72
and the expenditures for the same period.....	1,738 20

Leaving balance on hand December 31st, 1891, of.....	\$526 52
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Your Committee would further report that on the 15th July, inst., our financial position was as follows :

Balance on hand January 1st, 1892.....	\$ 526 52
Cash received up to July 15.....	1,266 72

	\$1,793 24
Expenditure to same date.....	526 73

Leaving balance on July 15 of.....	\$1,266 51
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3rd. Your Committee approve of the reappointment of P. G. Patriarch Frank Riddell and Patriarch Alf. Davis as Auditors of this Grand Encampment.

4th. Your Committee would recommend payment of the Grand Patriarchs' account for travelling expenses, postage, telegraphing, etc., amounting to \$17.75.

5th. Your Committee would further recommend that the salary of the Grand Scribe be four hundred dollars per annum.

6th. In reference to motion passed by this Grand Encampment referring the question of granting Dresden Encampment, No. 37, with Rituals, books and such stationery as this Grand Encampment furnishes new Encampments without charge, after investigating fully into the matter and finding that they have lost not only all their Encampment effects but also all their Canton uniforms, and as they had no insurance, we feel that in this case we might strain a point and grant their request ; at the same time we do not want this to be taken as a precedent, and we must say that we think it was very unbusiness-like for any Encampment to have their effects uninsured, and we trust this will act as a warning to all Encampments to see that their effects are properly insured.

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7th. Your Committee are pleased to report that the finances of the Grand Encampment are in a healthy condition, and is an evidence to us that this branch of the Order is still prospering.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS RAE.  
JOSEPH OLIVER.  
B. G. GILBERT.  
A. W. CAMERON.  
A. W. STAVELY.  
JAS. G. MORGAN.

*The Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

IN ACCOUNT WITH D. H. MOORE, G.P.

March 8, 1892, to expenses incurred visiting Encampments in Belleville.	\$ 4 00
May 6, 1892, to expenses incurred visiting Whitby	3 75
To telegraphing, postage and express, etc.	10 00
	\$17 75

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LONDON, July 20th, 1892.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :  
We, your auditors, beg to report that we have examined the books and compared the vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

FRANK RIDDELL, {  
ALF. DAVIS, { Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Past Grand Patriarch Abner Fraser, Chairman of the Committee on "Patriarchs Militant," presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July, 26th 1892.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :  
We, your Committee appointed on Patriarch Militant matters, find nothing in the reports that require our attention.

We recommend that all Encampments in the Jurisdiction, that are sufficiently strong, make a special effort to get a Canton started in their town, and if they cannot get enough for a Canton, try and get a Section to join some near Canton, and they will find that their respective Encampments will be considerably increased thereby.

We are also of the opinion that the moneys collected yearly by the Adj't-General's Department for Canton Tax should be returned in part immediately to the several regimental departments to enable the commandants of the regiments to equip their commands with necessaries, and recommend that our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge secure such legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

ABNER FRASER.  
GEO. H. SEWERY.  
C. H. LANGFORD.  
GEO. E. MAYNARD.  
SAMUEL H. WEIR.

The following resolution was presented and adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

To the Grand Patriarch, (Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

In accordance with a provision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as reported by the Grand Representatives on page 1150, appendix, Journal 1891, it is hereby moved by Rep. Workman, seconded by Rep. Barton, that the By-Laws of this Grand Encampment relating to Subordinate Encampments be amended by inserting the following clause :

"Subordinate Encampments may set apart five per cent. of their annual receipts from dues as a contingent or special fund, to be expended in the payment of necessary and proper obligations, which every Subordinate Encampment must meet, and for which purpose such Subordinate Encampments, under existing laws, cannot expend their funds." Carried.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, No. 2.

T. Workman, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

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

We, your Committee on Credentials, have examined the certificate of P. G. Patriarch J. H. Hall, of Brant Encampment, No. 4, and find it correct, and recommend him to a seat in this Grand Encampment.

T. WORKMAN.  
W. RUDD.  
J. S. EDGAR.  
JOHN HUNTER.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time fixed for the special order of business, nomination and election of officers, having arrived, was proceeded with, with the following result :

Past Grand Patriarchs John Gibson, Thomas Woodyatt and W. H. Cole were appointed scrutineers

FRED. DOGGETT, St Thomas	Grand Patriarch
FREEMAN I. DANIELS, Ottawa	Grand High Priest
A. H. BLACKABY, Galt	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ, London	Grand Treasurer
S. S. MERICK, Carlton Place	Grand Junior Warden
JOHN A. MACDONALD	} Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge
D. H. MOORE	

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

P. G. Patriarch John Welsh presented the following resolution which was adopted :

"That Golden Encampment, No. 70, situated at Rat Portage, being such a distance from any centre in Ontario where our Grand Encampment can assemble to hold its annual sessions, that the matter be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to recommend some way whereby this Encampment can be attached to the Grand Encampment of Manitoba."

JOHN WELSH  
J. S. ROBSON.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Grand Patriarch Welsh, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

Your Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that no By-Laws have been submitted to your Committee for their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELSH.  
THOS. PEARCE.  
CHAS. YOUNG.  
HENRY NELSON.  
T. D. FENWICK.  
CHAS. CROWE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Grand Patriarch John Donogh, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :  
Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Patriarch J. Welsh, P.G.F., relating to Golden Encampment, No. 70, I. O. O. F., Rat Portage, beg leave to report as follows :

We are informed by the Representative of Golden Encampment, No. 70, that the question of uniting with the Encampments of Manitoba in an application for a charter for a Grand Encampment in Manitoba, was considered by Golden Encampment some two years ago and the members were at that time unanimously opposed to such action.

No request for transfer to the jurisdiction of Manitoba has been made by Golden Encampment, nor have we any indication that any desire exists for such a change.

It appears to your Committee that it would be both impolitic and inexpedient for this Grand Encampment to, of its own motion, suggest any severance of official relations with one of the youngest but at the same time one of our most active and flourishing Encampments.

On the contrary it seems to us that this Encampment is deserving of our warmest support and encouragement in its work in that far-away isolated district. We offer the following :

Resolved—"That it is inexpedient to take at the present time any action looking to the transfer of Golden Encampment to any other jurisdiction."

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN DONOGH.  
J. A. MORTON.  
N. SCHNAER.  
BENJ. GRAYBILL.  
J. M. LAMMOND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Grand Patriarch Donogh, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :  
Your Committee have had under consideration the Report of the Grand Representatives.

The thanks of the Grand Encampment are due to our Grand Representatives Bros. John T. Hornibrook and Jno. A. Macdonald, for their full and valuable report of the business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as transacted at the late Session at St. Louis.

In the report we notice a reference to what is known as the eighteen-year-question, and also notice that this was supported by our Representatives.

We recommend that our Grand Representatives be requested to continue to actively support the passage of an amendment which will give to the Subordinate Lodges the right to initiate members at the age of eighteen years.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN DONOGH.  
J. A. MORTON.  
W. SCHNARR.  
BENJ. GRAYBILL.  
J. M. LAMMOND.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Grand Patriarch John Donogh, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee have had before them the Report of the Oddfellows' Relief Association for the half year ending June 30th, 1892, and we are pleased to find that there has been a very large increase in the membership, and that the business of the Association is being managed carefully and successfully.

We recommend that official recognition be granted to the Association, and that its agents be permitted to canvass for membership in the Subordinate Encampments of the Jurisdiction.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN DONOGH.  
J. A. MORTON.  
N. SCHNARR.  
BENJ. GRAYBILL.  
J. M. LAMMOND.

The following is the Directors' Report, which will be of interest to the Order :

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT.

*The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada.*

BRETHREN,—The Directors are pleased to lay before you their eighteenth annual report, and commend it to your earnest consideration.

A heavy mortality among the members was experienced during the past six months, but it was not peculiar to this Association. It had no delay in paying its benefits. It accepted all demands as they were legally presented, and paid out \$29,500 without drawing from the reserve fund reported in a former report to be securely invested. The death rate has again become normal, and it is expected that before the close of the year there will be a handsome addition to the reserve fund, or without varying the assessments and making them burdensome. To have done so well during the last fiscal year, to have been instrumental in distributing so large a sum in relief, and make but four calls, one of which has just fallen due, is a tribute to the quality of the Association, which merits more than a passing notice.

Attention is called to the statistical matter submitted by the Secretary, and also to the following financial information supplied by the Treasurer :

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An Abstract Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Association, from the date of its organization, 12th May, 1874, up to the 30th June, 1892.

*Revenue.*

Admission Fees.....	\$28,781 80	
Annual Call .....	32,948 72	
Assessments.....	305,147 08	
Other Sources.....	4,191 26	
		\$371,068 86

*Expenditure.*

Death Claims Paid.....	\$270,137 00	
"    "    in course of adjustment.....	7,500 00	
Disability Claims Paid.....	2,400 00	
Commission.....	27,433 34	
Expenses.....	36,365 22	
		343,835 56

Assets on 30th June, 1892..... \$27,233 30

## Detail of Assets of the Association as on 30th June, 1892:

Annual Call.....	\$ 81 27	
Assessments.....	8,706 37	
		\$8,787 64
Deduct claims in course of adjustment.....	7,500 00	
		\$ 1,287 64
Freehold Loan and Savings Co. Debentures.....	15,000 00	
Bank of Montreal.....	6,000 00	
Merchants Bank of Canada.....	4,000 00	
Frontenac Loan and Investment Society.....	153 86	
The Toronto General Trusts Co.....	500 00	
Office Furniture.....	291 80	
		<u>\$27,233 30</u>

The agreements existing between the various Grand Lodges and the Association have given great satisfaction. The more cordial relations between the Order and the Association the better for both. The Association is anxious to perform all the functions of an auxiliary assurance department, and it is felt that if the initiates into the Order are persuaded to at once become members of the Association there will be fewer lapses among them, because they can have all and greater advantages within Oddfellowship than they can possibly find outside of it.

The average age of the Association has decreased during the last three years. This is due to the influx of young blood, whose preponderance more than counteracts the effects of an addition annually to the age of older members.

The rejections are not so numerous in the Association as in some similar organizations, for the reason that there is a double selection in the risks. The Lodges are careful about their membership, and the O. F. R. A. have had a choice community upon which to make draft for the recruiting of its ranks.

Since the last annual meeting the offices of the Association in the city have been removed to the new Oddfellows' Hall, where ample room is had for the expansion of its business.

One vacancy on the board has been occasioned by the removal and retirement of Bro. W. Dunn, for some years an active and useful Director, and for some time the Vice-President of the Association. Three Directors—Dr. W. H. Henderson, W. J. Livingstone and W. H. Godwin—who were elected in

January, 1890, for three years, have decided to resign, so that the election of Directors may occur at the annual meeting of the Association hereafter in July in place of January. They are eligible for re-election.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

F. FOWLER, M.D.,  
President.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Representative J. A. Morton presented the following report from the Committee on State of the Order, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

*To the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee are gratified to be able to note the steady advance of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction and recommend that charters be granted in each of the cases mentioned in Clause 1 of the Grand Patriarch's report.

Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in granting the prayer of the petition of Brother J. W. Bandyatt and others, of International Lodge, No. 228, and in granting permission to wear regalia at church parade.

The plan of balloting for seats, although an innovation, is an improvement on the system heretofore in vogue.

Your Committee are much pleased to learn of the loyal spirit in which the requirements of Grand Encampment, as to the standing of Brother McFee, were met by Moira Encampment, and regret that Quinte Encampment has not exhibited a disposition to regard the matter in the charitable manner recommended twice by this Grand Body, and consider that the duplicity of the Representative of Quinte Encampment, referred to in Clause 3 of the Grand Patriarch's report, is deserving of your strongest condemnation.

Your Committee regret to note the continued neglect of some of the D. D. G. P.'s in the discharge of their duties, a condition of affairs the more to be regretted on account of the tendency that Encampments have to reflect the inattention of those appointed to supervise them.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

J. A. MORTON.  
JOHN DONOGH.  
JAS. M. LAMMOND.  
N. SCHNARR.  
BENJ. GRAYBILL.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

P. G. Patriarch James Woodyatt, Chairman of the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of a large number of the members of Moira Encampment, No. 59, I. O. O. F., Belleville, beg to report as follows :

That having considered the petition for the reinstatement of Patriarch A. McFee into Quinte Encampment, No. 19, or reception into Moira Encampment, regret that Quinte Encampment has not acted on the suggestion of this Grand Encampment repeatedly expressed in 1888 and 1891, and in view of the report of the Grand Patriarch at this session of the unlikelihood of Patriarch McFee's reinstatement by Quinte Encampment, would recommend as follows : Resolved, that this Grand Encampment reiterate its view that Patriarch McFee's punishment for his offence (which was more an impulsive breach of etiquette under aggravating circumstances than any desire to violate

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the laws of the Order) has been excessive and prolonged, and would therefore instruct Quinte Encampment to reinstate Patriarch McFee within three (3) months, or in the event of non-compliance with this instruction, that Moira Encampment be permitted to receive the application of Patriarch McFee for membership therein.

JAMES WOODYATT.  
JAMES VICARY.  
WM. TERRY.  
E. W. BARTON.  
R. W. BELL.

Resolved that the foregoing report be adopted.

## NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Representative W. A. Pringle, from Quinte Encampment, No. 19, gave notice that the said Quinte Encampment would respectfully appeal from the expressed decision of this Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting.

W. A. PRINGLE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.  
No. 3.

Representative Wm. Rudd, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted :

BRANTFORD, July 26th, 1892.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Representatives :*  
We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that we have examined the credentials of Thos. Spence, P.C.P., of Brant Encampment, No. 4, and find them correct, and recommend that he be instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

All of which is submitted,

WM. RUDD.  
J. S. EDGAR.  
JOHN HUNTER.

## EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE SECRET WORK.

Grand Representatives J. T. Hornibrook and John A. Macdonald exemplified the secret work of the Order to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Encampment.

Representative J. S. Robson presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

"That the Janitor, Wm. Lewis, be paid the sum of \$3.00 for his services."

J. S. ROBSON.  
WM. PEARCE.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Past Grand Patriarch Wm. H. Cole, Chairman of the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Patriarch and Members of the Grand Encampment of the Province of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to submit the following report. That we have examined the returns of the past and find as follows :

	Dec. 31, 1891.	June 30, 1892.
Union, No. 1, St Catharines...	Correct	Correct
Frontier, No. 2, Windsor.....	"	"
Harmony, No. 3 London.....	"	{ Error in number in June returns
Brant No. 4, Brantford.....	"	Correct
Charity, No. 5, Stratford.....	Error in both reports.....	4 members short
Beaver, No. 6, St. Mary's.....	No report	"
Burlington, No. 7, Hamilton.....	Error. Report 3 members over in both returns	"
Toronto, No. 8, Toronto.....	Error in both reports.....	1 member short
Brock, No. 9, Brockville.....	Correct	Correct
Chatham, No. 10, Chatham...	"	"
Ontario, No. 11, Oshawa.....	"	"
Albert, No. 12, Bowmanville...	18 members short	"
Whitby, No. 13, Whitby.....	Correct	"
Fidelity, No. 14, Strathroy...	"	"
Kingston No. 15, Kingston...	"	"
Mt. Ararat, No. 16, Napanee.	"	"
Hebron, No. 17, Parkhill.....	"	"
Quinte, No. 19, Belleville....	Error in both reports	"
Elgin, No. 20, St. Thomas....	Correct	"
Unity, No. 21, Ingersoll.....	"	"
Guiding Star, No. 22, Lindsay	"	"
Niagara Falls, No. 23, Nga. Falls	"	"
Friendship, No. 24, Petrolia..	15 members short	"
Victoria, No. 25, Port Hope...	Correct	"
Alpha, No. 26, Sarnia.....	"	"
Huron, No. 28, Goderich.....	"	"
Aviingstone, No. 29, Thorold..	No report	"
Wentworth, No. 30, Dundas..	Correct	"
Wellington, No. 31, Guelph..	"	"
Newmarket, No. 32, Newmkt.	"	"
Exeter, No. 33, Exeter.....	"	"
Royal, No. 36, Hamilton.....	"	"
Dresden, No. 37, Dresden....	No report	4 members short
Adelphian, No. 38, London...	Correct	Correct
Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgétown.	"	"
Dufferin, No. 41, Pt. Edward.	"	No report
Aylm r, No. 42, A. lmer.....	"	Correct
Collingwood, No. 45 Coll'ngwd.	"	"
Saugeen Vly, No. 46, W'at' ton.	Error in both returns.....	1 member short
Minerva, No. 47, Wingham...	Correct	Correct
Samaritan, No. 49, Berlin....	Error in both returns.....	1 member over
Rehoboth No. 50, Toronto....	Correct	Correct
Ridgely, No. 52, Jarvis.....	"	"
Outaouais, No. 53, Ottawa....	"	"
Mizpah, No. 54, Barrie.....	"	No report
Maple Leaf, No. 55, Woodstock	"	Correct
Mt. Hebron, No. 56, Peterboro'	"	"
Phcnix, No. 57, Wallaceburg..	"	"
Waba, No. 58, Arnprior.....	No report	Correct.
Moirs, No. 59, Belleville....	Correct	"
Central, No. 60, Essex.....	Error in both reports, 11 members short	"
Amicus, No. 61, No. wich.....	Correct	Correct
Galt, No. 62, Galt.....	"	"
Simcoe No. 63, Simcoe.....	"	"
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Eureka, No. 65, Carleton Place	"	"
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Aurora, No. 67, Aurora.....	Dec. 31, 1891.	
Forest, No. 69, Forest.....	No report	June 30, 1892.
Golden, No. 70, Rat Portage..	Correct	Correct
Trenton, No. 71, Trenton....	"	"
Picton, No. 72, Picton.....	"	"
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Amity, No. 74, Mt. Brydges...	"	"
Nibewin, No. 75.....	"	"
No. 1, Province of Quebec....	"	"
No. 2.....	"	No report
No. 3.....	"	Correct

Your Committee would urge upon Scribes of Subordinate Encampments the necessity of being more correct in their returns, and would recommend that the Grand Scribe be instructed to change the figures in all the last returns from Encampments that are not correct, making said figures correct—initialing the same—so that further returns can be checked off from them correctly.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.  
Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

W. H. CGLE.  
W. J. McROBERTS.  
W. FORREST.  
JOHN CARSON.  
C. GREENAWAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Past Grand Patriarch Abner Fraser presented the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next session of the Grand Encampment :  
I hereby give notice that at the next session of the Grand Encampment it will be moved to amend Clause 40 of the By-Laws by striking out after the word Representatives and the Past Grand Patriarch :

ABNER FRASER,  
Past Grand Patriarch.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Representative E. W. Barton presented the following resolution, which was adopted :  
"That this Grand Encampment hold its next annual session in Toronto."

E. W. BARTON.  
S. HOLMES.

P. G. Patriarch Abner Fraser presented the following resolution, which was adopted :  
"That this Grand Encampment meet on the last Tuesday in July."

ABNER FRASER.  
A. H. BLACKABY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Past Grand Patriarch Frank Riddell presented the following Report from the Committee on mileage and per Diem which was adopted :

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, FOR 1892.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVE.
Union	1	St. Catharines	59	\$ 2 95	\$ 3 00	\$ 5 95	C. Young.
Frontier	2	Windsor	103	3 25	3 00	11 25	John W. Leing.
"	3	"	103	3 25	3 00	11 25	Jos. S. Edgar.
Harmony	3	London	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	E. T. Essey.
"	3	"	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	John Hunter.
Brant	4	Brantford	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	Wm. Pierce.
"	4	"	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	J. S. Robson.
Charity	5	Stratford	39	1 95	3 00	4 95	Samuel H. Weir.
Burlington	7	Hamilton	27	1 35	3 00	4 35	Abner Fraser.
"	7	"	27	1 35	3 00	4 35	Geo. Ross.
Toronto	8	Toronto	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	E. W. Barton.
"	8	"	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	S. Holmes.
Brock	9	Brock	275	13 75	3 00	16 75	Hugh Wilkinson.
Chatham	10	Chatham	119	5 95	3 00	8 95	Chas. Evers.
"	10	"	119	5 45	3 00	8 95	Wm. Terry.
Ontario	11	Oshawa	98	4 90	3 00	7 90	J. W. Ellis.
Albert	12	Bowmanville	108	5 40	3 00	8 40	Geo. E. Maynard.
Whitby	13	Whitby	94	4 25	3 00	7 25	G. Britton.
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	228	11 40	3 00	14 40	C. Greenaway.
Kingston	15	Kingston	200	10 00	3 00	13 00	Geo. E. Wilkinson.
Mt. Ararat	16	Napanee	79	3 95	3 00	6 95	John Carson.
Hebron	17	Parkhill	178	8 90	3 00	11 90	W. John McRoberta.
Quinte	19	Belleville	59	2 95	3 00	5 95	W. A. Pringle.
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	59	2 95	3 00	5 95	James Veary.
Unity	21	Ingersoll	36	1 80	3 00	4 80	Geo. A. Branton.
Guiding Star	22	Manilla	122	6 10	3 00	9 10	Matthew Hystop.
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	70	3 50	3 00	6 50	R. L. Bigger.
Friendship	24	Petrolia	106	5 30	3 00	8 30	Thos. McGill.
"	24	"	106	5 30	3 00	8 30	C. H. Langford.

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Edouard	26	St. Charles	116	4 25	3 00	3 00	8 50	Chas. A. Frink.
Wenworth	28	Goderich	85	1 80	3 00	3 00	7 25	Geo. Porter.
Wellington	30	Dundas	20	1 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	Wm. Forrest.
Newmarket	31	Guelph	36	1 80	3 00	3 00	4 80	T. D. Fenwick.
Exeter	33	Newmarket	100	5 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	J. P. Hunter.
Royal	36	Exeter	90	4 50	3 00	3 00	7 50	Henry Nelson.
Dresden	37	Hamilton	27	1 35	3 00	3 00	4 35	Duncan Robertson.
Adelphian	38	Dresden	131	6 35	3 00	3 00	9 55	W. Rudd.
Aylmer	42	London	65	3 25	3 00	3 00	6 25	J. M. Symonds.
Collingwood	45	Aylmer	57	2 85	3 00	3 00	5 85	Chas. Watson.
Saugeen Valley	46	Collingwood	138	6 90	3 00	3 00	9 90	Theo. Lawrence.
Mincera	47	Walkerton	104	5 20	3 00	3 00	8 20	Christian Rettlebroun.
Samaritan	49	Walkerton	95	4 75	3 00	3 00	7 75	J. A. Mortson.
Rehoboth	50	Berlin	33	1 65	3 00	3 00	4 65	Benjamin Greybill.
Ridgely	52	Toronto	32	3 25	3 00	3 00	6 25	Jos. Oliver.
Outsounia	53	Jarvis	327	1 60	3 00	3 00	4 60	J. B. McMicken.
Mispah	54	Ottawa	123	6 15	3 00	3 00	19 35	A. W. Cameron.
Maple Leaf	55	Barrie	26	1 30	3 00	3 00	9 15	Geo. H. Sewery.
Mt. Hebron	56	Woodstock	147	7 35	3 00	3 00	4 30	H. M. Rauslaugh.
Waba	58	Peterborough	323	16 15	3 00	3 00	10 35	Thos. Workman.
Moir	59	Arnprior	178	8 90	3 00	3 00	19 15	Joseph McDougall.
Central	60	Bellefleur	178	8 90	3 00	3 00	11 90	J. A. Coon.
Amicus	61	Essex	154	7 70	3 00	3 00	11 90	John Cousins.
Galt	62	Norwich	21	1 05	3 00	3 00	10 70	Arthur S. Scott.
Ivy	63	Galt	20	2 00	3 00	3 00	4 65	Hugh Stewart.
Shimcoe	65	Simcoe	40	6 75	3 00	3 00	4 01	J. M. Lammond.
Etureka	66	Cobourg	135	7 35	3 00	3 00	9 75	Geo. Williamson.
Hiawatha	67	Carlton Place	299	14 95	3 00	3 00	17 95	Stanley Barr.
Aurora	67	Peterborough	147	7 35	3 00	3 00	10 35	S. S. Merick.
Forest	69	Aurora	95	4 75	3 00	3 00	7 75	R. W. Bell.
		Forest	96	4 80	3 00	3 00	7 80	H. J. Charles.
			6514	\$325 70	\$189 00	\$514 70		Ed J. Flavin.

Amount carried forward

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, FOR 1892—Continued.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVE.
Amount brought forward				\$625 70	\$189 00	\$ 514 70	
Golden	70	Rat Portage	1219	60 95	3 00	3 00	N. Schnarr.
Trenton	71	Trenton	166	8 30	3 00	11 30	Chas. Crowe.
Pictou	72	Pictou	196	9 80	3 00	12 80	B. G. Gilbert.
Point aux Pines	73	Blenheim	131	6 55	3 00	9 55	Jas. G. Morgan.
Amity	74	Mt. Brydges	79	3 95	3 00	6 95	Thos. Pearce.
Montreal	1	Montreal	398	19 90	3 00	22 90	A. W. Stevely.
Moshasnuck	2	Moshasnuck	398	19 90	3 00	22 90	C. R. Willis.
Union	3	Sherbrooke	499	24 95	3 00	27 95	N. N. Walley.
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Elgin	20	Peterborough	147	7 35	3 00	10 35	D. H. Moore.
Ontario	53	St. Thomas	60	3 00	3 00	6 00	Fred Loggett.
Harnony	3	Ottawa	327	16 35	3 00	19 35	Freeman I. Daniels.
Adelphi.	38	London	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	M. D. Dawson.
Rebooth.	50	"	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	Edmund Beltz.
Wabe	58	T. ronto.	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	J. T. Hornbrook.
Galt	62	Arnprior	323	16 15	3 00	19 15	John A. McDonald.
Kingston	15	"	20	1 00	3 00	4 00	A. H. Blackaby.
Ontario	11	Kingston	228	11 40	3 00	14 40	K. McIvor.
Collingwood	45	Oshawa	99	4 95	3 00	7 95	W. H. Saunders.
		Collingwood	138	6 90	3 00	9 90	Daniel Wilson.
		Sarnia	116	5 80	3 00	8 80	John Gibson.
		Toronto	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	John Donogh.
		Braantford			3 00	3 00	J. Woodysatt.
		Stratford	39	1 95	3 00	4 95	J. Walsh.
		Brookville	275	13 75	3 00	16 75	W. H. Cole.
		Oshawa	99	4 95	3 00	7 95	F. Rae.
		Petrolia	106	5 30	3 00	8 30	F. Riddell.
		Janitor			3 00	3 00	Wm Lewis
			11,837	\$691 85	\$270 00	\$961 85	

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## REINSTATEMENTS.

The following are the Reinstatements to the 30th June, 1892 :

- BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD.—Jas. Boughner, Jan. 15, 1892, and W. F. Towler, June 17, 1892.
- BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON.—John Kerber, April 11, 1892.
- TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO.—J. W. Wingfield, April 14, 1892, and H. W. Taylor, June 9, 1892.
- KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, KINGSTON.—John Anderson, Aug. 10, 1891, and Geo. Wilkinson, Oct. 12, 1891.
- HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 17, PARKHILL.—Alex. Thomas, and Alex. Bartlam, June 20, 1892.
- NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—John Murray, May 11, 1892.
- ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—John Whittaker and Walter Scott, Nov. 27, 1891, and J. T. Stephenson, March 11, 1892.
- AYLMER ENCAMPMENT, No. 42, AYLMEER.—W. Monkish, May 30, 1892.
- CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—George Thornton, Feb. 1892.
- FOREST ENCAMPMENT, No. 69, FOREST.—Chas. W. Stewart, Nov. 12, 1891.

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## SUSPENSIONS.

The following are the Suspensions to the 30th June, 1892 :

- UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, ST. CATHARINES.—W. W. Greenwood and W. F. Tallman, Dec. 15th, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR.—W. D. Hortin, J. W. Riggs, W. G. Bray, W. A. Head and L. B. Meacham, June 24th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, LONDON.—John Aitkin, Dec. 31st, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, STRATFORD.—D. R. McPherson, Dec. 31st, 1891; W. E. Dunsmore, Jos. Dunsmore, J. R. H. Fisher, W. Grey, Jas. Shannan, J. H. Wilber and T. W. Edwards, June 24th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON.—C. Blasse, J. M. Durward, Hugh Flook, Thos. Greenway, G. E. Russell and J. E. Tuckett, Dec. 28th, 1891; and W. J. Davis, June 27th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO.—Geo Pike, J. B. Smith, J. Marshall, E. O. Weeks and W. Craig, June 9th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- BROCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, BROCKVILLE.—W. G. Brunning, January 8th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM.—A. Wipegarden, June 16th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- ONTARIO ENCAMPMENT, No. 11, OSHAWA.—W. Alguire and A. Brooks, date not given; John Jewell, Wm. Holland, Samuel Glidden and Charles Sanalsystine, July 8th, 1892.
- ALBERT ENCAMPMENT, No. 12, BOWMANVILLE.—Nelson S. Young, George Baiden, Romaine Dumas, Chas. Burden, Chas. Gage, Wm. McCullough, Thos. Downing, James Archibald, John McIntyre, John B. Archibald, Frank McLaren, Adolphus Nichols, Wm. H. Williams, Edward Welch, Wm. Glover, Joseph Bryant, Wm. Edgar and Wm. Jennings, January 11th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- WHITBY ENCAMPMENT, No. 13, WHITBY.—H. M. Ross, M. Murray, C C Ray, T. H. Wilson, J. McPherson, W. Puens, H. B. Taylor, H. R. Rowland, P. McPherson and W. Hault, June 30th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- MOUNT ARARAT ENCAMPMENT, No. 16, NAPANEE.—John Walroth, James Henderson, Fred Britain and John W. Robinson, Dec. 23rd, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—Robert Virtue, C. C. Finkle, Ira Huffman, E. Miles, E. Fonone, G. W. McCarthy, June 22nd, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, ST. THOMAS.—A. J. Green, L. B. Weller and Samuel Whitlock, June 20th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- UNITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, INGERSOLL.—Hugh Kerr, Dec. 22nd, 1891, A. Webster, Thomas Wood, Daniel Palmer and W. Longdon, June 28th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—R. Spong, H. H. Hooten, John Belt, Ed. Morse, date not given; Chas. Tossell, June 22nd, 1892; R. Frotheringham and Walter Percy, date not given, for non-payment of dues.

- FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—T. G. Jackson, J. C. Forbes, Septimus Whittaker, John Wilson, W. K. Leeper, E. A. Archer, Samuel Fisher, S. D. Abell, R. Anderson, D. Whitehead, Wm. McKay, Alex. Hughes, Geo. Primmer, Alex. Walker and John Walker, January 12th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- VICTORIA ENCAMPMENT, No. 25, PORT HOPE.—Geo. R. Stevens, W. H. Symonds and Wm. Johnu, Dec. 11th, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, SARNIA.—F. Wood, June 30th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, GUELPH.—C. W. Wright and John Robertson, June 24th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—A. H. Clair, A. M. Scott, J. Williams, W. C. Drake and J. Browne, June 30th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- DUFFERIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 41, POINT EDWARD.—J. L. Webb, Dec. 31st, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- AYLMER ENCAMPMENT, No. 42, AYLMEK.—B. L. Michael, June 27th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- SAUGEEN VALLEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 46, WALKERTON.—W. J. Mickle and W. A. Irvine, Dec. 29th, 1891, and Geo. Shantz, and Alma Pengelly, June 27th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- SAMARITAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 49, BERLIN.—Alex. McPherson, suspended on account of being suspended in the Subordinate Lodge, Dec. 22nd, 1891.
- REHOBOTH ENCAMPMENT, No. 50, TORONTO.—A. Williams, M. H. Saunders and T. S. McCool, January 20th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS.—Wm. Turner and James Fryatt, date not given.
- OUTAOUAIS ENCAMPMENT, No. 53, OTTAWA.—J. H. St. George, Robert St. George, J. W. Fraser, W. H. Fligg and W. A. McQuestion, April 8th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- MAPLE LEAF ENCAMPMENT, No. 55, WOODSTOCK.—S. W. Hurst, J. M. Grant, Jos. Quick and Jacob Smith, Sept. 17th, 1891, and W. E. Waldron, J. W. Magill, Geo. Neal and Henry Neal, June 16th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.
- PHENIX ENCAMPMENT, No. 57, WALLACEBURG.—Hugh Thornton, Dec. 22nd, 1891, and W. Littleton, A. L. Shambleau, T. S. Hodges, A. D. Thornton, J. Littleton, C. Lynch, J. Graham and W. C. Dainty, date not given, for non-payment of dues.
- CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—John Gormley, G. C. Pulford, J. E. Stone, D. C. Horton, Wm. Betcome, Frank Day, Joseph Fisher, Robt. Johnston, and Richard Wolfe, Dec. 15th, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- SIMCOE ENCAMPMENT, No. 63, SIMCOE.—J. W. Cullimore, Spencer Sebring, C. A. Austin and Wallace McQueen, date not given, for non-payment of dues.
- HIAWATHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 66, PETERBOROUGH.—W. J. Minore, W. Throop, Dec. 29th, 1891, for non-payment of dues.
- AURORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 69, AURORA.—Chas. Ruks, Geo. Stone and G. U. Phillips, May 23rd, 1892, and F. H. Broad and G. F. Smith, Dec. 14th, 1891, for non-payment of dues.

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GOLDEN ENCAMPMENT, No. 70, RAT PORTAGE.—Howard Barnes, P. C. P. on  
account of suspension in Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261, for six months, from  
July 9th, 1891, and J. B. Nadon, P. C. P. for six months, from Oct. 8th,  
for same cause.

TRENTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 71, TRENTON.—A. W. Bingham and G. W.  
Sylvia, July 4th, 1892, for non-payment of dues.

MOSHASSUCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, MONTREAL. J. J. Heard, J. J. Ulley, J.  
B. Roger, P. O. Gibons and J. Brooke, Dec. 24th, 1891, for non-payment  
of dues.



## EXPULSIONS

The following are the Expulsions to the 30th June, 1892 :

- CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, STRATFORD.**—Alex. Anderson, embezzlement from his employer, date not given
- WHITBY ENCAMPMENT, No. 13, WHITBY.**—J. H. Thompson, expelled from subordinate Lodge; June 28, 1892.
- MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 59, BELLEVILLE.**—Allan McFee, by order of the Grand Encampment, March 8, 1892.
- POINT AUX PINE'S ENCAMPMENT, No. 73, BLENHEIM.**—T. E. Arkell, seduction, date not given.

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## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

JOHN W. GROTE .....	Union Encampment, No.	1
S. T. REEVES .....	Frontier	2
JESSE SYMONDS .....	Harmony	3
WM. PEARCE .....	Brant	4
E. K. BRENSDALE .....	Charity	5
THOS. MCCALLUM .....	Burlington	7
W. E. STONEHAM (629 Queen St.) .....	Toronto	8
B. F. STEBEN .....	Brock	9
ABRAM SAVAGE .....	Chatham	10
R. H. JAMES .....	Ontario	11
R. H. HENRY .....	Albert	12
B. MADILL .....	Whitby	13
JESSE SYMONDS (London) .....	Fidelity	14
R. F. ELLIOTT .....	Kingston	15
DANIEL HENWOOD .....	Mt. Ararat	16
W. J. McROBERTS .....	Hebron	17
JESSE HARRIS (Belleville, Box 412) .....	Quinte	19
ALEX. MASON .....	Elgin	20
JOHN ANDREWS .....	Unity	21
J. COMSTOCK .....	Guiding Star	22
WM. McFAUL .....	Niagara Falls	23
B. F. KITTREDGE .....	Friendship	24
J. N. SAUNDERS (Cobourg) .....	Victoria	25
GEO. LUCAS .....	Alpha	26
I. F. TOMS .....	Huron	28
G. A. WOODHOUSE .....	Wentworth	30
WM. CAIRNS (Berlin) .....	Wellington	31
F. G. SAXTON .....	Newmarket	32
E. S. SPACKMAN .....	Exeter	33
THOS. MCCALLUM .....	Royal	36
R. F. RUDD .....	Dresden	37
JESSE SYMONDS .....	Adelphian	38
R. BRUCE .....	Dufferin	41
G. F. CLARK .....	Aylmer	42
DANIEL WILSON .....	Collingwood	45
JAMES ROCKWELL .....	Saugeen Valley	46
THOS. J. ELLIOTT .....	Minerva	47
WM. CAIRNS (Berlin) .....	Samaritan	49
W. B. STONEHAM .....	Rehoboth	50
D. T. HIND .....	Ridgely	52
GEO. BOWIE .....	Outaouais	53
GEO. H. SEWERY .....	Mispah	54

GEORGE MCGREGOR .....	Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55		
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JOHN HOWARD .....	Phoenix	"	" 57
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WM. WALKER .....	Amicus	"	" 61
WM. CAIRNS (Berlin) .....	Galt	"	" 62
WM. SUTTON .....	Simcoe	"	" 63
J. N. SAUNDERS (Coburg) .....	Ivy	"	" 64
JAS. MONROE .....	Eureka	"	" 65
WM. SAVIGNY .....	Hiawatha	"	" 66
H. J. CHARLES .....	Aurora	"	" 67
E. FLAVIN .....	Forest	"	" 69
GEO. BARNES .....	Golden	"	" 70
CHAS. CROW .....	Trenton	"	" 71
FRED. MARTIN .....	Pictou	"	" 72
JOHN McCOWIE (Chatham) .....	Point Aux Pines	"	" 73
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JOS. OLIVER  
JOHN WELSH  
FRANK RIDD  
JOHN SINCLA  
ABNER FRAS  
J. T. HORNIBB  
JNO. A. MACD  
D. H. MOORE.



NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

—OF—

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.

—OF THE—

Province of Ontario, for 1892 and 1893.

FRED DOGGETT.....	GRAND PATRIARCH.....	S. Thomas
FREEMAN I. DANIELS.....	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.....	Ottawa
A. H. BLACKABY.....	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....	Galt
M. D. DAWSON.....	GRAND SCRIBE.....	London
EDMUND BELTZ.....	GRAND TREASURER.....	London
JOHN A. MACDONALD.....	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE S. G. L.....	Arnprior
D. H. MOORE.....	GRAND REP. S. G. L.....	Peterborough
S. S. MERICK.....	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.....	Carlton Place
E. T. ESSERY.....	GRAND MARSHAL.....	London
ROBT. W. MEADE.....	GRAND SENTINEL.....	Simcoe
HUGH WILKINSON.....	GRAND O. SENTINEL.....	Brockville

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

JAMES WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1869 1870
S. G. DOLSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1870 1871
HENRY McAFEE.....	Walkerville.....	1871-1872
ADAM PURVES.....	St. Catharines.....	1872-1873
JOHN HAM PERRY.....	Whitby.....	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON.....	Stratford.....	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1875 1876
W. H. COLE.....	Brockville.....	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON.....	London.....	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS.....	Hamilton.....	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH.....	Toronto.....	1880-1881
FRANCIS RAE.....	Oshawa.....	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON.....	Kingston.....	1882-1883
HECTOR URQUHART.....	Strathroy.....	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER.....	Toronto.....	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH.....	Stratford.....	1885-1886
FRANK RIDDELL.....	London.....	1886-1887
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	Petrolia.....	1887 1888
ABNER FRASER.....	Hamilton.....	1888-1889
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Toronto.....	1890-1890
JNO. A. MACDONALD.....	Arnprior.....	1890-1891
D. H. MOORE.....	Peterborough.....	1891-1892

### Executive Officers of Subordinate Encampments Elected and stilled for Term Commencing July 1st, 1892.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	LOCATION.	CHIEF PATRIARCH	SCRIBE.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Union	1	St. Catharines	Jas. Harris	J. W. Grott	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Frontier	2	Windsor	Wm. Phillips	Michael Walsh	2nd and 4th Friday
Harmony	3	London	J. Sanders	Alfred Davis	2nd and 4th Thursday
Brant	4	Brantford	Wm. Glover	F. J. Grenny	1st and 3rd Friday
Charity	5	Stratford	John H. Roberts	Jas. R. Boothby	2nd and 4th Friday
Burlington	7	Hamilton	Alf. Hewitt	Geo. Britton	2nd and 4th Monday
Toronto	8	Toronto	Geo. Post	C. E. Holmes	2nd Thursday
Brook	9	Brockville	Thos. McFarlane	W. W. Wood	1st Friday
Chatham	10	Chatham	Alex. McDougall	W. W. Mitchell	1st and 3rd Thursday
Ontario	11	Oshawa	F. Warren	C. H. Crysdale	2nd and 4th Friday
Albert	12	Bowmanville	W. J. Jeffery	Geo. E. Maynard	2nd and 4th Monday
Whitby	13	Whitby	John Reid	John Noble	1st Friday
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	F. F. Evans	C. Greenaway	1st Tuesday
Kingston	15	Kingston	James Powley	W. J. Moore	2nd and 4th Monday
Mount Ararat	16	Napates	G. B. Joy	R. G. Hawley	2d and 4th Wednesday
Hebron	17	Parkhill	George Fraser	Jno. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Monday
Quinte	19	Belleville	C. B. Hayes	J. A. Davis	2d and 4th Wednesday
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	W. H. Welter	L. Ferguson	1st and 3rd Monday
Unity	21	Ingersoll	F. P. Leake	W. Brett	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Guiding Star	22	Manilla	D. Lindsay	A. Edwards	1st Thursday
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	W. J. Seymour	Jas. R. Campbell	2d and 4th Tuesday
Friendship	24	Petrolia	Allan McCann	B. F. Kittredge	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Victoria	25	Port Hope	Henry Hales	A. A. Stevenson	2nd and 4th Friday
Alpha	26	Sarnia	J. Robson	John Ross	1st and 3rd Thursday
Huron	28	Goderich	Geo. Porter	C. A. Nairn	1st Monday
Wentworth	30	Dundas	Alex. Mackenzie	W. H. Knowles	1st Tuesday
Wellington	31	Guelph	Geo. C. Wreford	Samuel Law	4th Friday
Newmarket	32	Newmarket	E. McCormick	R. H. Brimson	1st Thursday
Exeter	33	Exeter	James Grieves	A. E. Fuke	2nd and 4th Thursday
Royal	36	Hamilton	G. E. Heming	Wm. Brooks	1st and 3rd Monday
Dresden	37	Dresden	R. Rudd	H. E. Clark	2nd and 4th Thursday
Adelphian	38	London	W. G. Willis	J. Barned	2nd and 4th Friday
Dufferin	41	Point Edward	H. Cameron	Geo. A. Mitchell	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Aylmer	42	Aylmer	Chas. Watson	J. W. Hutchinson	2nd and 4th Monday
Collingwood	45	Collingwood	Alex. McDermid	Theo. Lawrence	1st and 3rd Friday
Saugeen Vally	46	Walkerton	Jas. D. Crouden	Alma Shuttleworth	Alternate Mond' yev's
Minerva	47	Wingham	John W. Dodd	W. J. Sheffield	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Samaritan	49	Berlin	F. Kriss	Wm. Cairnes	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Rehoboth	50	Toronto	Thos. M. Bryer	John Irwin	3rd Wednesday
Ridgely	52	Jarvis	J. D. Crichton	J. A. Burwash	1st Thursday
Outaouais	53	Ottawa	G. Lindsay	Jas. N. McIntosh	1st Friday
Mizpah	54	Barrie	John Rogerson	J. A. McIntosh	1st and 4th Friday
Maple Leaf	55	Woodstock	Geo. March	Wm. Izzard	1st and 3rd Thursday
Mount Hebron	56	Peterborough	Wm. Stacey	Geo. Kidd	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Phoenix	57	Wallaceburg	C. Miles	C. B. Jackson	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Waba	58	Amprior	John S. Moir	Jno. A. Macdonald	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Moira	59	Belleville	S. A. Lockwood	John Cousins	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Central	60	Essex	Frank Walters	G. F. Mill	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Amicus	61	Norwich	Hugh Stewart	Geo. E. Walker	2nd and 4th Thursday
Galt	62	Galt	D. Watson	A. G. Bruce	1st and 3rd Friday
Simcoe	63	Simcoe	J. H. Sterling	Geo. Williamson	Tuesday on or after full moon
Ivy	64	Cobourg	W. H. Johns	S. Barr	1st and 3rd Monday
Eureka	65	Carlton Place	S. S. Merick	A. C. Brown	1st and 3rd Monday
Hiawatha	66	Peterborough	J. W. Butcher	Jas. A. McGill	2nd and 4th Friday
Aurora	67	Aurora	C. Collett	H. J. Charles	2nd and 4th Monday
Forest	69	Forest	John A. Kimball	Robt. McLaren	2nd and 4th Thursday
Golden	70	Rat Portage	John Bremblay	N. Schurr	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Trenton	71	Trenton	K. H. Spencer	Geo. H. Riley	1st and 3rd Monday
Picton	72	Picton	E. C. Garbutt	H. M. Love	1st and 3rd Friday
Pt. aux Pines	73	Blenheim	W. H. Stephenson	A. Denholm	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Amity	74	Mt. Brydges	Robt. Smith	J. Elsey	2nd Tuesday
Nibewin	75	Chapleau	W. Yule	F. W. Sleet	2nd and 4th Thursday
Montreal	1	Montreal	R. J. Stevenson	D. J. Dickson	2d and 4th Wednesday
Mohansuck	2	Montreal	J. Millar	R. H. Brennan	4th Thursday
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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

The certificates of Past Chief Patriarch and Representative to Grand Encampment should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe immediately after the installation of officers.

Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives shall be furnished with a duplicate Certificate by the Scribe in order to avoid any possible inconveniences arising out of the miscarriage of the original. Especially should this be the case when Past Chief Patriarchs present themselves for admission to the Grand Encampment some time after they have passed the chairs.

The Per Capita Tax is twenty-five cents for each member upon the roll at the last stated meeting in the term.

Charge books cannot be delivered except upon the special order of an Encampment, signed by the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the Seal, and the old Charge Books must in all cases be returned to the Grand Scribe.

When old Charge Books cannot be returned by the hands of a Patriarch they should be sealed up and sent by express.

The money must accompany all orders for supplies of all kinds, and all orders must be signed by the Scribe and attested by the seal of the Encampment.

Post Office Money Orders are recommended as a safe mode of transmitting money.

Supplies are furnished to Encampments in this Jurisdiction at the following rates, viz. :

Charge Books .....	\$2 50
Books of Law, each .....	40
Digest .....	3 00
Emblematic Chart .....	3 00
Visiting Cards, each .....	28
Withdrawal Cards, each .....	28
Dismissal Certificates .....	28
"Orders for P. W." in Books .....	50
Encampment Floor Work .....	50
Register Books, each .....	3 50
Proposition Books, each .....	3 25
Black Books, each .....	2 00
Draft Books, each .....	2 00
Treasurers' Books, each .....	1 00
Receipt Books, each .....	1 75
Return Books, each .....	1 00
Roll Books, each .....	1 00
Notices of Arrears, per 100 .....	1 00
New Installation Ceremony .....	75



## In Memoriam.

- No. 1—  
T. MONTGOMERY. St. Catharines, June 5, '92
- No. 2—  
JOHN ROSE . . . . . Windsor, June 28, 1892
- No. 3—  
THOS. BROCK. P.C.P. . . London, Jan. 6, 1892  
THOS. G. LOWE, P.C.P. London, May 27, 1892  
DAVID MITCHELL . . . . London, Sept. 10, 1891  
CHARLES LAWRENCE . . . London, July 11, 1891
- No. 4—  
W. McTAGGART . . . Brantford, Feb. 10, 1892
- No. 5—  
THOS. WOOD . . . . . Stratford, Jan. 27, 1892
- No. 7—  
THOS. COX, P.C.P. . . Hamilton, Feb. 11, 1892  
HUGO KLEINETIBER, Hamilton, Mar. 21, 1892
- No. 8—  
ARCH. MCGREGOR . . . Toronto, Sept. 8, 1891
- No. 9—  
FRANK YOUNG . . . Brockville, Nov. 24, 1891
- No. 21—  
THOS. BUDD . . . . . Ingersoll, Feb. 10, 1892
- No. 22—  
PETER McSWEYN . . . Manilla, date not given  
THOS. S. WILLIAMS . . Manilla, date not given
- No. 30—  
T. W. WATERMAN . . Dundas April 19, 1892
- No. 54—  
E. W. KING, P.C.P. . . Barrie, Oct. 20, 1891
- No. 58—  
A. D. CAMPBELL . . . Arnprior, Feb. 14, 1892  
H. W. MILNE . . . . . Arnprior, May 24, 1892
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B. S. WILLSON . . . Belleville, Jan. 14, 1892

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## Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

SESSION OF 1892.

HELD AT PORTLAND, OREGON, SEPT. 19 to 24.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

**PATRIARCHS.**—Your representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge have the honor to report that they attended the sixty-eighth annual convocation of that Grand Body, held in the City of Portland, Oregon, commencing on Monday, September 19th, and closing on Saturday, September 24th, 1892.

At nine o'clock on the morning of the 19th a formal reception to the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held in the Opera House when addresses of welcome were given by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the City of Portland; Governor Pennoyer, on behalf of the State of Oregon; and Bro. Joshua J. Walton, P.G.M. and P.G.R. of Oregon, on behalf of the Old Fellows of the Pacific coast. An eloquent and feeling response to the speeches made by the above named gentlemen was delivered by Hon. Charles M. Busbee, Grand Sire, on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A procession was then formed, and escorted by several Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, the Sovereign Grand Lodge marched to the hall which had been provided for its use, where the first session began at 10 a.m.

Upon the call of the roll the following members were found present :

### OFFICERS.

CHARLES M. BUSBEE, .....	Grand Sire
CL T CAMPBELL, .....	Deputy Grand Sire
THEO. A. ROSS, .....	Grand Secretary
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, .....	Grand Secretary
GEORGE COBURN, .....	Grand Treasurer
REV. J. W. VENABLE, .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
A. C. CABLE, .....	Grand Chaplain
ALEXANDER GUTHRIE, .....	Grand Marshal
E. A. KELLY, .....	Grand Guardian
	Grand Messenger

### PAST GRAND SIRES.

James B. Nicholson, Pennsylvania; James P. Sanders, New York; F. D. Farnsworth, California; John C. Underwood, Kentucky.

### REPRESENTATIVES.

One hundred and seventy-eight (178) Representatives representing 52 Grand Lodges and 49 Grand Encampments.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, after which the Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

When in 1890, I was honored by being elevated to this Chair, I looked forward to two years of diligent service as your Chief Executive, but God, to whose all-wise decrees I bow with willing submission, ruled otherwise, and I have been debarred by physical disability from the performance of the active services I had anticipated. The period of my enforced inactivity is dear to me, because of the brightness thrown upon it by the many manifestations of the affection of my brethren. I desire to acknowledge and to thank them, for their cordial and continuing sympathy, and to express my sincere appreciation of the substantial token of the good will of this Grand Body. To you, my brethren, and to each of you, I feel bound by the ties of a firmer and ever-strengthening friendship.

On January 4th, 1891, I resumed the discharge of my official duties, issuing a circular letter to that effect.

#### THE ACTING GRAND SIRE.

I submit herewith the report of the Acting Grand Sire. The report covers the decisions made by him, and his official acts during the time he was palled upon to perform the duties of this office. The Order is to be congratulated that in the person of Deputy Grand Sire CAMPBELL, it had an official so thoroughly conversant with the functions of this office, and so capable of discharging them with such eminent skill and faithfulness.

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The report of the Grand Secretary, whose energetic devotion to the duties of his office I take pleasure in commending, will exhibit to you in attractive detail the wonderful progress made by the Order during the year 1891. A tabulated statement of totals is herewith given. The net increase of active Lodge membership from January 1st, 1891, to January 1st, 1892, was 48,807. This is the largest increase ever made in a single year in the history of the Order. The Lodge membership in good standing, on the first of last January, had reached the enormous total of 721,146, and including the Sisters of Rebekah Lodges, 802,881. The expenditures for relief, the test of the operative fraternity of the Order, during 1891 were \$3,176,382.08. It is interesting to compare the relative progress of the Order with that made by our English brethren. On January 1st, 1890, the membership of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows exceeded our membership by 14,316. On January 1st, 1892, the membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows exceeded that of the Manchester Unity by 33,378. The total membership of both Orders on January 1st, 1892, aggregated 1,572,384, a membership largely greater than that of any benevolent society on the face of the globe. Surely we have cause for gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings He has vouchsafed to us.

Underneath the numerical statements, showing the present condition and inherent strength of our Order, can be discerned the vitality that animates it throughout every Jurisdiction—the spirit of unity and progress, one and inseparable—and which being maintained, will bring to this vast Brotherhood an ever-quickening impulse and a more abounding prosperity. Let it be our highest endeavor, as the supreme legislative body of our Order, to foster and encourage this blessed spirit of united effort, suppressing in our deliberations,

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every discordant and jarring note, and hastening to the consideration and settlement of all differences and controversies in the spirit of mutual concession, remembering, that, if we are to aid in speeding forward this Order to its great and manifest destiny, the true genius of Odd Fellowship—the fraternal love and forbearance that constitutes its life and power—must underlie and inspire our every act.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The condition and outlook of the Order in foreign countries, can be fully ascertained by reference to the facts summarized in the report of the Grand Secretary. While the Order continues to grow in certain countries, it is not to be denied that in several Jurisdictions notably in South America and Mexico, it has never made satisfactory progress. In Chili, it is virtually moribund. What may be the antidote, and whether there be one, for the apathy and listlessness pervading these Jurisdictions, I confess myself unable to say. I granted permission to the Peruvian Lodges to work either in Spanish or English, and I am assured that a revival of activity will be the probable result. I trust that it may be so.

The establishment and successful operation of Odd Fellowship, as we expound and practice it, in distant and foreign lands, is and has ever been, largely experimental. We are still engaged in endeavoring to solve the problem, animated by the consciousness that the fundamental truths and principles of American Odd Fellowship are not confined in respect to their humanizing tendencies to the country in which we live, but that wherever and by whomsoever they are accepted and pursued, they will give a healthier moral tone to the community and prove a cogent factor in the development and real progress of the people. In review of this, and because of our disinterested sympathy for our brethren of other lands, I counsel the continuance of every legitimate effort, even in the face of repeated disappointments, "to fraternize the human race."

The condition of the Order in European lands is more encouraging. It gives me unfeigned gratification to report the institution of the *quasi* Independent Grand Lodges of Switzerland and Denmark. The former was organized at Zurich, on the 13th day of February, 1892, and the later at Copenhagen, on the 9th day of June, 1892. Both of these Grand Bodies were instituted by Bro. HERMAN BLOCK, Past Grand Representative of Iowa, who holds the Commission of this Grand Lodge as its Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe. The interesting story of his labors in connection with this work will be found set out in full in his official report appended hereto. The respective contracts entered into between these two Grand Bodies and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will be found attached to this report, and also an interesting letter to myself, from the officers of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, and my reply thereto.

I cannot too highly commend the diligence, the capacity and the faithful service of the distinguished Brother who bore the Commission of this Grand Body and the zealous care with which he discharged the delicate and important functions committed to his charge. In all matters connected with his work he displayed rare intelligence and tact, and despite sundry hindrances, succeeding in perfecting the organization of these Grand Bodies to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is to be noted that in the contract, all requisite reservation of sovereign power on behalf of this Body is sufficiently affirmed. I am glad to believe that the institution of these Grand Bodies, in all essential particulars independent, has infused new life and vigor in the Order in Switzerland and Denmark, and in each country we are warranted in anticipating a large and speedy increase of membership and a rapidly widening circle of influence. I believe that our brethren, citizens of these two countries, are filled with the true, fraternal, progressive spirit of Odd Fellowship.

I cannot forbear to add a word of deserved commendation in regard to Bro. BLOCK. He has given his time and his steadfast labor freely to this

work, which he has so successfully completed. He has borne the entire expense. He has shown what an Odd Fellow, enthusiastic and earnest, can do. He has been faithful in good works. I recommend that this Grand Body tender him its thanks, that it may go upon record that this Grand Lodge always appreciates intelligent, devoted and skilful service.

The report submitted by Bro. BLOCK will well repay attentive perusal. It contains certain recommendations worthy of your favor. I indorse them. I do not deem it necessary to again enumerate them. Whatever suggestions our Brother may make in respect to our work in foreign lands, are presumably entitled to your favorable consideration.

#### THE ONTARIO INSURANCE LAW.

My attention has been called to a statute recently enacted by the Provincial Legislature of Ontario, the consideration of which becomes interesting in connection with the question of the "consolidation of funds," now attracting attention in that part of our Jurisdiction. The law is known as "The Insurance Corporations Act," and by its terms the Order as a "Friendly Society" seems to be brought within its purview. The law defines "insurance," forbids insurance except by registered corporations, prohibits suspension of members except dues are payable at fixed dates, permits governmental inspection of books, and requires annual statements. I cite these as some of its salient provisions. I commend the subject to your consideration, as directly affecting the work of the Order in Ontario, and I file with this report a copy of the law referred to with a memorandum of certain portions of apparent importance and applicability.

#### DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

In respect to this Degree, I recommend that its relation to the Order be carefully considered and that the lines be more clearly drawn and adjusted. The status of a member holding a withdrawal Card from his Subordinate Lodge, ought to be similar in his relation to his Rebekah Lodge, as to his Encampment. I mention this, because the question has been brought officially to my notice. This branch of our Order is constantly growing and exerts an ever-increasing influence. Its increase during the year 1891 was 22,117, which is the largest in its history. It merits, and should receive, the sympathy and aid of this Grand Body in every legitimate way. Only those who have studied its effective strength have a just idea of the good it is accomplishing. There is a large amount of the real salt of Odd Fellowship to be found in the Lodges of this Degree.

#### THE FRATERNAL PRESS.

I deem it not inappropriate to this report to recommend to the membership at large the duty of giving a hearty and liberal support to the fraternal press. The various papers and periodicals published in the interest of the Order, are generally ably edited and are intrinsically of much more value than the small amount charged for them. More than any other agency do they contribute to the propagation of the Order and to its continued progress and prosperity. Their publishers labor intelligently and assiduously for the welfare of the Order, and, except in rare instances, do not receive the encouragement and assistance to which they are justly entitled. Each locality ought to maintain a live and active Odd Fellows' journal, and do so in a sufficient and substantial way; that is, primarily, by furnishing a satisfactory subscription list. The good that these publications accomplish is a truth never disputed, but it serves perhaps a good purpose, now and then, to direct attention to a fact, even if it be universally recognized, and to suggest the performance of a duty always admitted yet frequently neglected or forgotten.



## CONCLUSION.

And now, in bringing this report to a close, I beg to again assure you of my profound appreciation of the honor you bestowed upon me, in calling me to this chair, and my keen disappointment that I have been unable to discharge more actively its high functions.

The Order to-day occupies a commanding position among the agencies on this continent for the maintenance of public virtue and private morality, for the cultivation of patriotism, for the more faithful discharge of all civil and social obligations, for the broader spread of the sacred truth of human brotherhood, for the wider diffusion of that spirit of fraternal love, of which is born a practical and genuine charity, and for the furtherance of that development of our moral nature, out of which is evolved the sublimer privileges and duties of this human life.

Let it be our chief desire and purpose to give added strength to the mission of our Order by wise and prudent legislation. And above all, let us render to our Father in Heaven the grateful homage of our hearts, and relying upon His divine favor and walking in the light of His countenance, let us continue to "go forward."

C. M. BUSBEE,  
*Grand Sire.*

## APPROVED DECISIONS.

BY THE GRAND SIRE.

1. It is within the power of a State Grand Lodge, to which application is made for the use of the name of the Order, to decide whether or not the enterprise for which such application is made, comes within the legitimate uses of the Order; but the decision of such State Grand Lodge must be in pursuance of the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and especially in furtherance of the specific prohibitions and general tenor of the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, found on page 12,677 of the Revised Journal of 1891. Such decision, must, of course, also be made subject to the revisory jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

2. It is the duty of all Encampments to use the new installation ceremony, and the use of the old ceremony is illegal. Where an Encampment uses the old ceremony by reason of excusable inadvertence or other sufficient excuse, such installation should be validated; but where the use of such old ceremony is wilful and contumacious, the Encampment so using it, should be proceeded against for insubordination.

3. It is not within the power of a Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, to grant permission to a Subordinate Lodge, or Rebekah Lodge, to hold meetings alternately, in two separate towns.

4. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota provides, that that Body "shall be composed of the duly qualified Past Grands of all the Subordinate Lodges within the State," and does not in any way restrict its legislative power to any representative basis whatever.

*Held,* That for the purpose of establishing the fact that a quorum of Lodges is present at roll-call, a Past Grand of any Lodge in good standing may answer for his Lodge, whether he be a duly elected Representative or not.

5. Funeral benefits are payable, first, to the widow; second, to the orphans of the deceased; and third, to dependent relatives as defined in Sections 90, 91 and 95 of White's Digest. If there be no widow, but orphans of the deceased in existence, some of whom were dependent upon him for support, and some who were not, then the funeral benefits are primarily payable to those who were so dependent; if there were none who were so dependent, then they are payable to such orphans as may be in existence.

6. The provision in the Constitution of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, "that no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, unless previous

service is shown in the office of Vice-Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, or Rebekah Degree Lodge," is invalid in so far as the requirement in regard to previous service in a Subordinate Lodge as affecting eligibility to office in a Rebekah Degree Lodge is concerned, being in conflict with decision No. 8, of the Acting Grand Sire, reported on page 12,355, Revised Journal of 1891.

7. A District Deputy Grand Sire cannot legally charge his travelling expenses to a Subordinate Lodge, unless he is invited by such Lodge to visit it for some legitimate purpose. The payment of all necessary expenses of a District Deputy Grand Sire, is provided for in Section 855 of White's Digest.

8. If the Noble Grand-elect shall be excused by the Lodge, on account of sickness or disability, from attendance at the time when he should have presented himself for installation, and if the Lodge shall continue to excuse him on account of such sickness or disability, up to the time when he shall present himself for installation during the term for which he was elected, then upon his so presenting himself, he is entitled to be installed, and, if he serves until the expiration of his term, will be entitled to the honors thereof. The Sitting Past Grand, having been inducted into that office at the time the other officers were installed, including the Vice Grand, should have, thereafter, occupied his chair as Sitting Past Grand, and the Vice Grand, under Section 961 of White's Digest, should have occupied the chair and discharged the duties of Noble Grand.

9. The Grand Sire has no authority to change the date of the session of a State Grand Lodge, the Constitution of such Grand Lodge fixing the date of its annual session.

10. *Ques.*—In the absence of law, the Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge being obligated to oversee and take charge of the initiatory work and being also the Noble Grand of the staff, has she the authority to direct and control the staff in matters pertaining to initiatory work, drilling, &c.?

*Ans.*—Yes.

11. *Ques.*—The Captain not belonging to the Lodge, can he exercise his authority, if he has any, in the Degree Staff?

*Ans.*—He can exercise only such authority as is specifically given him by the Lodge in conferring Degrees.

12. *Ques.*—What authority has the Captain of a Degree Staff over the Noble Grand of a Lodge, when the Degree Staff is confined to one Lodge?

*Ans.*—He has no authority whatever over the Noble Grand, and only such authority in conferring Degrees as is specifically given him by the Lodge and which is subject to revocation by the Lodge at any time.

13. *Ques.*—Has the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin authority to pass a resolution placing all Past High Priests, who have attained that rank prior to June 30th, 1891, upon the books and records as Past Chief Patriarchs, they to be known as such hereafter?

*Ans.*—No. Such Past High Priests as were entitled to seats in the Grand Encampment on the date when its Constitution was changed by limiting its membership to Past Chief Patriarchs, retain their rights and are on an equality, in all respects, with Past Chief Patriarchs, but the Grand Encampment has no authority to confer upon them a title which they have not acquired by actual service.

14. *Ques.*—Two Lodges jointly rent a hall and through a joint trustee board manage it, that is, sub-let it to other societies, &c. In connection with the Lodge and ante rooms, there is attached another hall used for a supper-room, ball-room, &c., and is controlled by the Lodges through the trustees. The Lodge room has an organ used for Lodge purposes and it is now desired to have the Lodges purchase a piano for use in the concert-room. It is admitted that the hall will rent better with the piano, than without it, and no doubt the increased rental would in a few years pay for the piano. Would it be legal for the Lodges to appropriate money from their general fund to purchase the piano, or failing that, could the Lodges allow the trustees to use the revenue of the two halls for the purchase?

*Ans.*—It is within the power of the Lodges to appropriate money for the purchase of such piano from their general fund, or to allow the trustees to use the revenue of the two halls for the purchase, as the Lodges may see fit.

15. *Ques.*—Under the law, as it now is, defining the relations that exist between the Subordinate and Rebekah Degree Lodges, are Subordinate Lodges required to "furnish their hall, also fuel, light and host," free of charge to Rebekah Degree Lodges that are, or may be, organized under their respective jurisdictions?

*Ans.*—No.

16. *Ques.*—Has the Grand Lodge of Indiana, under the law as it now is, the power to require Subordinate Lodges to furnish their hall, &c., free of compensation, to Rebekah Degree Lodges, under their respective jurisdictions?

*Ans.*—No.

17. *Ques.*—Where there are four Subordinate Lodges in one city (one of which is German and the other three American Lodges), the three American Lodges meet in a hall jointly leased by them, and the German Lodge meets in a hall leased by itself, and there is one Rebekah Degree Lodge composed of members of the four Lodges enumerated, and meets in the hall occupied by the three American Lodges; whose duty is it to furnish the hall, light, fuel, &c., for the Rebekah Degree Lodge?

*Ans.*—It is not the duty of any of these Lodges to furnish a hall to the Rebekah Degree Lodge. If a Rebekah Degree Lodge occupies a hall under contract with any of these Lodges, then the duty to furnish light fuel, &c., would depend entirely upon the contract.

18. Under the amended Article V. of the By-Laws, a petition for the establishment of a Grand Encampment will be sufficiently signed by the Chief Patriarch and Scribe and duly attested by the seal of the Encampment; but it would be unobjectionable if the Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests of the Encampment were to add their signatures to the petition.

19. When a per capita assessment is made upon each Subordinate Encampment to pay for the Charter fee and preliminary expenses in connection with the institution of a Grand Encampment, each Subordinate Encampment contribute its per capita share, whether the petition is signed by every Encampment or not, each Subordinate being, of course, officially notified that the majority of Subordinates have decided to petition for a Grand Encampment.

20. At the time of the institution of a Grand Encampment, Past High Priests are entitled to seats therein, as well as Past Chief Patriarchs. (Section 512, White's Digest.) Of course, the Grand Encampment has power, therefore, to frame its Constitution so as to limit its membership to Past Chief Patriarchs alone, but this is a matter for the subsequent action of the Grand Encampment in framing its Constitution.

21. Past High Priests are entitled to seats at the institution of a Grand Encampment and are entitled to sign the petition for its institution.

22. It is contrary to law, in conferring the Initiatory Degree, to admit to the Lodge room all the candidates except one, and, after obligating them, permit them to witness the initiation ceremony on the other candidate.

23. *Ques.*—Is it proper for the Noble Grand to appoint upon a committee to retire and examine a visitor, a Past Grand belonging to another Lodge, who is in possession of A. T. P. W. through his official position in the Order?

*Ans.*—Strictly speaking, it is not within the power of a Noble Grand of a Lodge to appoint upon a committee a member of any other Lodge, because the possession of the power to appoint presupposes the possession of the power to compel service. But if a member of another Lodge, possessing the A. T. P. W., is willing to serve upon such committee, I take it, that unless objection is made, the Noble Grand has the right to request and permit such service.

24. *Ques.*—The Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in Utah has the following clause regarding elections:  
"Sec. 1. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting in June and December.

"Sec. 2. Should there be no choice on the first ballot, the balloting shall be continued, but the candidate having the least number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nominations at each succeeding ballot.

"Sec. 3. The Noble Grand shall appoint two tellers, who with the Warden shall collect and canvass the votes given and report the result to the Noble Grand."

Is it permissible under the above clauses of our Constitution, considered in connection with Section 1,012 of White's Digest, there being but one candidate for each office, and no member objecting to, by motion, have the Noble Grand declare all elected by acclamation?

*Ans.*—No. Where only one candidate is in nomination, the proper motion is that A. B. shall cast the ballot for such candidate on behalf of the Lodge.

25. *Ques.*—Is it permissible under the above clauses, for the Lodge to nominate *visa voce*, or must they proceed to ballot without nominating, the By-Laws being silent upon the subject?

*Ans.*—It is permissible for any member of the Lodge to nominate candidates *visa voce*.

26. *Ques.*—If a Subordinate Encampment in Jurisdiction about to organize a Grand Encampment, declines or refuses to pay the per capita assessment that has been agreed upon by a majority for the payment of the Charter fee, &c., will it be entitled to representation at the organization of the Grand Encampment?

*Ans.*—Such Encampment cannot be debarred from participating in the organization of the Grand Encampment; but if such Encampment shall continue insubordinate after the organization of the Grand Encampment, proper proceedings may be taken against it by the Grand Encampment or Grand Patriarch, to punish it for insubordination by demanding its Charter, &c.

27. *Ques.*—Will it be competent for the Grand Encampment, as soon as instituted, to authorize all Subordinates who have paid their per capita assessment to change their present numbers to 1, 2, 3, &c., according to seniority, omitting older Encampments who have not contributed, so that the latter shall be obliged to take junior numbers?

*Ans.*—These matters are subjects of local legislation and will be entirely within the control of the Grand Encampment when it is organized.

28. You ask me to decide as to the validity of a certain provision in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in your (Arkansas) Jurisdiction. Section 7 is as follows:

"Section 7. Upon the report of the committee, whether it be favorable or unfavorable, the applicant shall be balloted for, and if no black balls appear, he shall be declared duly elected. If one or more black balls appear (and in order that no rejection be had by reason of having black balls cast by mistake) the Noble Grand, without stating the result of the vote, shall immediately retake the same, and if two or more black balls appear, the Noble Grand shall simply declare the applicant rejected."

In response to your inquiry, I beg to say that the provision of the foregoing section requiring the Noble Grand to retake the ballot is invalid. The ballot cannot be immediately repeated. This is the precise law as laid down in the decisions collated in Section 656 of White's Digest.

29. Under the general law, a person can be admitted to membership in any Lodge in your (Missouri) Jurisdiction, provided he has the consent of the Lodge located nearest his residence. This matter is, however, a subject of local legislation, and I do not know whether or not there is any law in your Jurisdiction militating against the general law, as I have stated it. A person whose application for membership in the Lodge located nearest his residence has been refused, is not thereby prevented from petitioning for membership in any other Lodge in the Jurisdiction, provided that the Lodge nearest his residence shall consent thereto, and provided that there is nothing in the law of your Jurisdiction which prevents such application.

30. *Ques.*—Can a Grand Officer who has taken a Withdrawal Card from

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his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, perform any official duties as such officer until he has deposited his Card with a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment?

*Ans.*—No.

31. *Ques.*—How do you construe Section 883, Digest of 1899, which says that a Grand Officer does not vacate his office for the space of one month after taking a Withdrawal Card from his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment?

*Ans.*—My construction of Section 883, taken in connection with certain other sections hereinafter mentioned, is that while a Grand Officer does not "vacate his office" for the space of one month after taking a Withdrawal Card, yet the exercise of the functions of his office is suspended, until he deposits his Card in another Lodge or Encampment.

32. *Ques.*—How do you construe Section 883, Digest of 1889, in connection with Sections 790 and 793, same Digest on the same subject?

*Ans.*—My constructions of the sections named together with Sections 895 and 896, is as follows: A Grand Officer taking a Withdrawal Card, has a right to deposit the same within one month, in another Lodge or Encampment, or to immediately deposit it in his State Grand Body accompanying an application for a Charter for a new Lodge or Encampment. During the time between his taking the Card and depositing it in another Lodge or Encampment, or during the time between the taking of the Card and the institution of a new Lodge or Encampment of which he becomes a Charter member, the discharge by him of the functions of his office is suspended, to be revived (if before the expiration of his term), upon the deposit of his Withdrawal Card, or the institution of a new Lodge or Encampment, as aforesaid. I think the above is the only construction of the law, as stated, which will render the different sections cited, harmonious and operative.

33. *Ques.*—Can a Grand Officer, who has taken a Withdrawal Card from his Subordinate Lodge, or Encampment, under these sections of the law, deposit his Withdrawal Card in his Grand Body for issuing of a Charter for a new Subordinate Lodge, or Encampment, sign the same as such Grand Officer, and institute such Subordinate Body legally under the law, as such Grand Officer?

*Ans.*—He can deposit the Card, of course, but although a Grand Officer, by taking a Withdrawal Card does not thereby "vacate his office," yet the discharge of the duties by him is suspended, as I have above stated, and during the period of such suspension, and until he resumes the duties incident to his office, as stated in my answer to the preceding question, the duties of the office devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master, or Grand High Priest, as the case may be. (See Section 895.)

34. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to assume the payment of sick benefits in its jurisdiction, taxing all its Subordinate Lodges to provide a fund for that purpose.

*Ans.*—No.

35. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to form a sick benefit fund, to which such of its Subordinate Lodges as may be willing, can contribute such sums as the Grand Lodge shall name, and out of which sick benefits shall be paid to the members of such contributing Lodges only?

*Ans.*—No.

36. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to undertake the payment of any benefits?

*Ans.*—No.

In my opinion, under the laws and policy of the Order, as at present existent and operative, Subordinate Bodies are charged with the duty of providing and dispensing benefits to their members entitled to the same, and this duty cannot be assumed by, or transferred to, Subordinate Grand Bodies.

37. A Grand Representative, not being a Past Chief Patriarch, or Past High Priest, is not entitled to sit in a Grand Encampment. (See Section 590, White's Digest.)

38. A member of a Lodge entering a Lodge room while the Lodge is in

recess, should be required to retire and work his way in, according to law, when the Lodge resumes its regular session.

39. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, must have the Degree conferred upon him in the Lodge in which he was elected. The right and duty of conferring this Degree, which is equivalent to initiation, cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge.

40. Two Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consolidating and retaining the Charter of one Lodge, the names of the Charter members of the other Lodge cannot be placed upon such Charter.

41. Two Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, surrendering their Charters and obtaining a new Charter, the original Charter members of such Lodges cannot be placed upon the new Charter as such original Charter members. The proper names to be entered upon the new Charter, as Charter members, are the names of the members of the two Lodges uniting in such consolidated new Lodge.

42. A fee is required for a new Charter obtained by two Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, upon their consolidation.

43. An expelled member of an Encampment cannot be re-admitted to membership by another Encampment in the same jurisdiction, without the consent of the Encampment expelling him, duly authenticated, and permission of the Grand Encampment duly obtained.

44. The provisions of Section 1,211, White's Digest, do not nullify or abrogate the general law (or a specific provision in the Constitution of a Rebekah Lodge, in affirmance of the general law), declaring that good standing in a Subordinate Lodge is essential to retention of membership by a Brother in a Rebekah Lodge. It was never intended by the legislation embodied in Section 1,211, to make Rebekah Lodges, at least so far as their male members are concerned, separate and independent organizations, with the power residing in male members to retain their membership, without regard to, and independent of, their membership and standing in their Subordinate Lodges.

45. Membership in a Rebekah Lodge is terminated by suspension for non-payment of dues in the Subordinate Lodge.

46. Membership in a Rebekah Lodge is terminated by taking a Withdrawal Card in the Subordinate Lodge.

As the receipt of a Withdrawal Card from a Subordinate Lodge, destroys the good standing of the member in such Subordinate Lodge, and as good standing in his Subordinate Lodge is essential to his retention of membership in his Rebekah Lodge, it necessarily follows that the taking of a Withdrawal Card terminates his membership in the Rebekah Lodge.

47. Membership in the Rebekah Lodge is dependent upon continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, as a Brother of the Degree of Truth.

The law permitting a Brother to hold his membership in his Encampment for twelve months after taking a Withdrawal Card, is by reason of a specific enactment (Section 954, White's Digest), which does not include membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

48. Under the "Minimum Benefit Law" (Revised Journal of 1891, page 12,670), all Lodges are required to pay at least two dollars per week to a sick or disabled member, otherwise entitled, during the first year, and afterwards to pay at least one dollar per week during the continuance of such sickness or disability. This law applies to a case where a sick or disabled member has been heretofore receiving a smaller amount under the By-Laws of his Lodge. The law went into effect January 1st, 1892, and since that date, all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges in conflict with the law above cited, are inoperative and void. The fact that for any portion of the first year, a larger amount than two dollars per week has been paid, does not cure a subsequent failure to provide for the payment of the minimum amount required to be paid.

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49. *Ques.*—Can a brother who was disabled, or taken sick, prior to January 1st, 1892, and is receiving benefits under a contract made with him by his Lodge, in accordance with existing laws, compel the Lodge to pay him benefits under the law found on page 12,870, Revised Journal of 1891?

*Ans.*—To this question I answer, Yes. The By-Law of any Lodge conflicting with the law passed at the session of 1891, became inoperative and void on the 1st day of January, 1892. To hold otherwise, upon the ground that the brother was receiving benefits under "a contract" between him and his Lodge, would virtually nullify the law of 1891; because if the benefits are drawn under "a contract," such contract necessarily dates from the admission of the brother into his Lodge, and would exclude from the operation of the law of 1891 nearly all the present membership of the Order. Whatever contract was entered into between the brother and his Lodge at the time of his initiation, as evidenced by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge, is a contract in so far as the promise to pay benefits is concerned, subject to alteration, either by the Lodge itself, or by any superior authority, including the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and whenever such alteration is duly and legally made, neither the Lodge, nor the brother, has any cause to complain, but must comply therewith. The law is, that a sick or disabled brother is entitled to receive at least two dollars per week, during the first year of his sickness or disability, and one dollar at least per week, after the expiration of the first year, and so long as he continues sick or disabled. And this is so, notwithstanding the terms of any By-Law of his Lodge, and notwithstanding the fact that he became sick or disabled and was drawing benefits prior to January 1st, 1892.

50. *Ques.*—Can a Brother who was drawing benefits for six months, one year, or three years, under a contract with his Lodge, made in accordance with existing laws at or prior to his disability, compel his Lodge to pay him benefits under the law above referred to, which took effect January 1st, 1892?

*Ans.*—I think this question is answered in the foregoing response to your first question. The right of a sick or disabled brother to benefits from his Lodge under the law of 1891, is altogether independent of the fact that he has been heretofore receiving benefits for any length of time, under the law of his Lodge existing prior to January 1st, 1892.

51. *Ques.*—Does the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, found on page 12,670, Revised Journal of 1891, take precedence over all laws as found under the head of "Benefits," White's Digest?

*Ans.*—It takes precedence over all existing laws, in so far as its provisions conflict with the same.

52. *Ques.*—Will it prevent State Grand Lodges from enacting laws limiting benefits to Third Degree or Scarlet Degree members?

*Ans.*—Yes.

53. *Ques.*—Will it prevent State Bodies from limiting Cards of members, requiring them to be members six months, before being entitled to benefits?

*Ans.*—Yes.

54. *Ques.*—Does it require all Subordinate Lodges on and after January 1st, 1892, to pay not less than two dollars per week, without regard to the amount and number of weeks a Lodge may have paid its members prior to January, 1892?

*Ans.*—Under the law, all Lodges are compelled to pay sick or disabled members (except such as are sick or disabled by reason of vice or immorality) at least two dollars per week for the first year, and thereafter, one dollar per week, so long as the sickness or disability continues. But in calculating the "year," such time as the member may have been sick or disabled prior to January, 1892, must be taken into account; for example, if a member has been sick and receiving benefits under the laws of his Lodge, for one year prior to January, 1892, then the law as enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, only makes it incumbent on the Lodge to pay him at least one dollar per week during the remaining period of his sickness or disability. If the

Lodge has been paying such benefits for six months prior to January, 1892, then the law requires that benefits for six months after January 1st, 1892, shall be at least two dollars per week, and thereafter, one dollar per week.

The language of the law is plain; it requires each Lodge to pay from its funds, weekly benefits amounting to at least two dollars, to every member who shall be sick or disabled. This is required without qualification or limitation, save in two particulars, embodied in two provisos: first, it excepts from the operation of the law those members who become sick or disabled by reason of vice or immorality; second, it provides that after one year's sickness, the weekly benefits may be reduced to one dollar.

The substance of a law is found in the body of the law; provisos contain exceptions to the law. The language of this law is free from ambiguity and is too plain for a doubt. It imposes an obligation upon each Lodge, in terms not to be misunderstood, nor susceptible of modification by any proper or reasonable construction. "Every member" cannot mean anything except every member, and the simple word "membership" cannot be limited to members of the Scarlet Degree, or any other Degree, or to members of any certain length of service.

BY THE DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.

1. A report of a Committee on Character must be signed by a majority of the committee. Two so-called reports, one in favor of the applicant and one against, each signed by a single member of the committee, are not proper reports to be received and acted upon by the Lodge.

2. Non-beneficial members are entitled to the same rights and privileges as beneficial members, except in the matter of benefits; they can vote and hold office.

3. A brother paying up arrears of dues while ill, and dying before he became beneficial, the Lodge is not required to refund the arrears so paid.

4. While a candidate's application for membership must be received and acted upon at regular meetings, his initiation may take place at a special meeting called in accordance with the By-laws.

5. The election and installation into office of a member who is disqualified by law for such office, is null and void, and should be declared by the proper authority in the Jurisdiction, and the vacancy filled according to law.

6. A Subordinate or Rebekah Degree Lodge may use any form of Floor Work it prefers, provided it conforms in all respects to the Ritual; the forms authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge are only guides, and are not obligatory. But if a Lodge uses any other form than that provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge it is not proper to print and publish the same, as it must of necessity contain reference to the Ritual and ceremonies of the Order, which can only be printed or published by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

7. A Lodge may procure as many copies of the authorized Floor Work as it requires, but they should be retained in the custody of the Lodge, for the use of its officers; they are not to be sold to or held by individual members as personal property.

8. The question of qualification of delegates to a State Convention of Rebekah Degree Lodges is a matter for local legislation.

9. Under terms of the resolution appearing on page 12,700, Journal of 1891, an insurance organization with membership limited to Odd Fellows, is not required to obtain permission to do business from any Jurisdiction other than that in which its head office is located—decision 18 of Grand Sire Busbee being in force until the session of 1892.

10. It is the duty of Grand Representatives to report to their several Jurisdictions, all enactments of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the matter of general law, and it is the duty of the Executive Officers of the Jurisdiction to communicate the same to their Subordinates. But the failure of either Grand Representatives, or Executive Officers, to perform their duty in the premises,

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would not render the law inoperative. All general laws come into force on the 1st of January following their adoption (unless otherwise ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge), whether the same have been officially announced by the officers of the Jurisdiction, or not. The publication of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is, in effect, an official announcement of law by that Body.

## DISAPPROVED DECISION.

The following decision of the Grand Sire was disapproved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

13. A Grand Patriarch, in the institution of a new Encampment, has the power to confer, or authorize the conferring of, one or more Degrees on a few candidates, allowing the remainder of the candidates to witness the conferring of such Degrees; but all proper and necessary obligations must be duly administered to each and all of the candidates.

## FROM REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

## FINANCIAL.

The balance sheet herewith exhibits a net profit of \$14,033.48 on the business of the year, being \$988.11 more than the amount reported August 20th, 1891. This result is very gratifying, and shows that notwithstanding the large expenditures of money, which must year after year increase, the demand for supplies is sufficient to meet all the requirements of an ordinary year, and add something to the assets.

Receipts from Grand Lodges .....		
"    "    Grand Encampments .....	\$51,360	63
"    "    Subordinate Lodges .....	10,715	59
"    "    Subordinate Encampments .....	1,785	23
"    "    Sundry Cantons .....	385	24
"    "    Individuals .....	752	50
	294	80
From Woodward & Tiernan Printing Company .....	\$65,293	99
Interest on Railroad bonds .....	3	00
	1,875	00
Total cash paid to Grand Treasurer .....	\$67,171	99
Ordinary revenue .....	\$65,293	99
Balances (Dr. \$910.84, Cr. \$47.67) .....	863	17
Amount August 20th, 1891, per Journal, page 12,514 .....	\$66,157	16
Increase for year, August 21st, 1891, to August 20th, 1892 .....	61,091	40
	\$5,065	76

The balance sheet herewith exhibits the Profit and Loss account as follows:

Net profit on books .....		
"    "    Visiting and Withdrawal Cards .....	\$16,767	44
"    "    Rebekah Cards .....	17,843	38
"    "    Cards for a wife or widow .....	2,057	66
"    "    Dismissal Certificates .....	12	45
"    "    Rebekah Dismissal Certificates .....	819	62
"    "    Encampment and Lodge Charts .....	40	18
"    "    Odes—Lodge, etc .....	1,030	30
	757	46

Net profit on Diplomas .....		\$416 25
"    "    Rebekah Certificates .....		2 10
"    "    Veteran Jewels .....		316 50
Total for supplies .....		\$40,063 34
Interest on Railroad bonds .....	\$ 1,875 00	
Representative tax .....	13,275 00	
Dues of Subordinates .....	1,298 73	
Charter fees .....	288 00	
		16,736 73
Total amount of credits .....		\$56,800 07
<i>Debits</i> —Annual expenses .....	\$ 6,041 55	
Sixty-seventh Annual Session .....	36,675 04	
Ridgely Monument .....	25 00	
Willey Monument .....	25 00	
		42,766 59
Net profit .....		\$14,033 48

## ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer .....	\$48,895 72
Note of John C. Underwood, Lieutenant-General .....	2,000 00
Railroad bonds .....	45,000 00
Steel and electrotype plates .....	11,906 75
Library (cost of binding volumes) .....	1,198 83
Books, Cards, Odes, etc., at cost .....	18,525 32
Paintings and furniture .....	9,742 55
Balance due (\$910.84, less credit balances \$47.67) .....	863 17
	\$138,132 34
Amount August 20th, 1891 .....	124,098 86
Increase .....	\$14,033 48

## RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1890 AND 1891.

	Dec. 31st, 1890.	Dec. 31st, 1891.	Increase.
Grand Lodges .....	55	53	(Decrease) 2
Grand Encampments .....	48	49	1
Subordinate Lodges .....	9,133	9,524	391
Subordinate Encampments .....	2,221	2,346	122
Rebekah Degree Lodges .....	2,214	2,564	350
Lodge Initiations .....	68,295	80,119	11,824
Encampment Initiations .....	12,392	15,640	3,248
Lodge members .....	649,712	698,533	48,821
Encampment members .....	115,644	124,076	8,432
Rebekah Lodge members .....	132,808	154,920	22,112
Relief by Lodges .....	\$2,629,436 12	\$2,755,630 73	\$126,194 61
Relief by Encampments .....	260,420 57	274,839 69	14,419 32
Relief by Rebekah Lodges .....	27,831 44	34,250 18	6,418 74
Total relief .....	2,917,688 13	3,064,720 80	147,032 67
Revenue of Lodges .....	6,459,101 98	6,882,697 94	423,596 96
Revenue of Encampments .....	592 173 75	656,373 84	64,200 09
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges .....	192,951 66	229,822 24	36,870 58
Total revenue .....	7,244,227 39	7,768,894 02	524,666 63

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## APPENDIX.

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 STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1891, INCLUDING  
 AUSTRALASIA AND GERMANY.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	1,785,558
Members relieved.....	1,621,992
Widowed families relieved.....	197,097
Members deceased.....	159,022
Total relief.....	\$ 57,449,375 51
Total receipts.....	150,349,900 47

## CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31st, 1891.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark and Switzerland).....	4
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	52
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	63
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,358
Subordinate Lodges.....	9,807
Encampment members.....	124,553
Lodge members.....	721,146
Rebekah Lodges.....	2,566
Sisters members of Rebekah Lodges.....	81,735
Brothers members of Rebekah Lodges.....	73,280
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant (estimated).....	603
Chevaliers, rank and file (estimated).....	26,000

## THE DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

The tables in this report conclusively indicate that this Degree is constantly growing in popularity. Year after year the increase in membership has been steady, until at the close of 1891, we present the grand aggregates of 73,237 Brothers and 81,682 Sisters, total 154,919, enrolled as members of Rebekah Lodges, a magnificent gain of 22,112 for the year. In a few, and a very few, Jurisdictions there appears to be little interest in the Rebekah work; but in most, and it must be said nearly all in the States where the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments exhibit great vitality, and are justly denominated "progressive," the Rebekah Lodges are eminently prosperous.

## CONCLUSION.

A year ago the Grand Secretary congratulated the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the splendid results achieved in the year 1890, by the addition of 37,442 to the membership, in Bodies reporting directly to this Body; but the record of 1891 far surpasses any previous year in our history in the increase in membership; the same Jurisdiction that reported 37,442 as the gain in 1890, showing the magnificent number of 48,503 added to the roll in 1891, and, Australasia and Germany included, we exhibit the grand record of 48,807 as the outcome of the efficient labors of our brethren in the cause. With a membership of 721,146, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows stands above and beyond every other institution of a similar character. The entire membership in 1844, after an existence of twenty-five years, was reported as 40,238, and now we show a larger number added in a single year. The tables show that the Encampments and the Rebekah Lodges have shared in the prosperity of the Subordinate Lodges, and that the Patriarchs Militant, though not as might be expected from the nature of the organization, increasing so rapidly, are steadily gaining in numbers and influence, and on every occasion of display reflect great credit on the Order by their splendid appearance, admirable drill and discipline.

It is gratifying to know that the subject of erecting homes, schools and asylums for widows, orphans and the aged and indigent of the Order, has received marked attention in several Jurisdictions during the last year. Notwithstanding the indifference, and we might say the avowed opposition of some prominent members to all such institutions, the efforts, in many of the States to provide for the needs of the unfortunate, have been crowned with success, and handsome and attractive buildings have been erected, to stand as proud monuments of the practical work of Odd Fellowship.

Large as the contributions in aid of the sick and suffering have been during the last year, the figures do not tell the entire story of our work. While "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan is the command of our laws," and generally, the injunction is faithfully observed, there are many other duties that the faithful and conscientious member of the Order will not forget.

Our progress, from every point of view, has certainly been wonderful, and we may well "rejoice and be exceeding glad" that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has smiled upon our efforts during the nearly three-quarters of a century that Odd Fellowship has existed on American soil. The homage of grateful hearts should be freely given to the "Creator and Preserver," in whom every true member of the Order believes.

Again, and for the third time in our history, we meet on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. The beautiful City of Portland, in the great State of Oregon, welcomes the representatives in royal style. Only forty-one years ago Portland (laid out in 1845) became a city, and has steadily increased in population and wealth, until to-day it is justly regarded as one of the largest and most important cities in the United States, and especially in the western section of the country. In 1872, only twenty years ago, the Order in Oregon consisted of 45 Subordinate Lodges, with 1,955 members. December 31st, 1891, we find 105 Lodges, 5,186 members. 24 Encampments, 896 members, 25 Rebekah Lodges, with 722 brothers and 689 sisters, active and earnest workers. The Patriarchs Militant, also, has been established in this enterprising and ever-growing State, and the Cantons will present an imposing appearance.

That the present session, with all the attractions so lavishly provided by our brethren of this (to us of the east) far distant State, will be an enjoyable occasion will be conceded by all, and no doubt when the hour for departure arrives the representatives will leave their hospitable brethren with much regret.

Fraternally submitted,

THEO. A. ROSS,

*Grand Secretary.*

#### ASSETS.

##### THE GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The available assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this date (Sept. 19th 1892,) are as follows:

Cash balance in treasury.....	\$48,895 72
Lehigh Valley Railroad 4 1/2 per cent bonds.....	15,000 00
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad 4 per cent. bonds.....	15,000 00
Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad 4 per cent. bonds.....	15,000 00
Total.....	\$93,895 72

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

*Grand Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMANDER OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS,

CHICAGO, ILL., September 10th, 18'2

*Hon. Chas. M. Busbee, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Commander-in-Chief, etc. :*

SIR AND SIRE,—I have the honor to report to you, and through you to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the condition of the Patriarchs Militant branch of the Order under my command, embracing full statistical tables, record transcripts of my principal actions and rulings during the Militant year, together with a number of recommendations and an appendix of important communications; and request that you make such mention thereof in your report as your better judgment shall dictate, and present this document to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for its consideration.

Notwithstanding the many disadvantages under which the Patriarchs Militant exist, and the limited field from which Chevaliers are required to be recruited, the Militant movement has advanced in a reasonable degree in many of the departments, and the statistics reported show an aggregate increase of the Army but little below that of last year, thereby indicating the general growth to have been steady and, under existing circumstances, greater than could have been reasonably expected. The enthusiasm previously manifested toward the Militant Degree has continued in many sections of the continent, and new Cantons have been formed and mustered into the service with undoubted relish for the military work and unabated zeal for the cause, all of which is fully attested by the synoptical data to be found in the subjoined table, from which it will be seen that there are in the service at present 648 Cantons of all arms, including thirty-four new Cantons organized during the year; a total reported membership of 23,310 Chevaliers, of which number 522 are classified as dormant in consequence of their membership in certain Cantons in that condition (not included in the 648 reported), or which have been consolidated with others and no report made of the condensed membership. The number of Chevaliers made during the year is 1,791, and the net increase over the reported membership of 1890-91 is 727; and the total investment in "Military outfit," etc., as reported and estimated, is \$1,261,101.41, an increase of \$97,397.72; nearly all of which outlay was made by Chevaliers individually or collectively, consequently there has been little or no drain upon other branches of the Order for the equipment and support of the Patriarchs Militant.

With the exception of the department of Michigan, there has been activity in the principal departments, and now that Michigan has been organized on a provisional basis it is hoped that such department will soon read its attestation to the general prosperity. The smaller departments are generally in fair condition, but it should be known that it is far more difficult to hold slight organizations together than great bodies, which through numbers contagiously engender enthusiasm, which causes activity and consequent success.

As usual and of necessity the case, because non-compulsive duties are frequently neglected, there are a great many reports due from Cantons, and some from officers of more extensive Commands, and, therefore estimates have in many instances been made from insufficient data; yet, taken as a whole, the general report is satisfactory, and, could the membership be increased by the reported numbers entitled to be added thereto, it is more than probable that the gross number of Chevaliers would approximate 30,000.

The movement of the Army has certainly been forward, and although there have been no phenomenal local successes, as reported last year, still the steady ratio of increases, culminating in an aggregate increase, justifies the reporting of the general condition thereof as healthy and prosperous.

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## GENERAL CONDITION OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT IN THE WORLD.

FROM ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S FILES, SEPTEMBER 1, 1892.	General Data.	ANNUAL.	
		Increase.	Decrease.
Patriarchs Militant Departments . . . . .	51	1	
Component Cantons (Foot) . . . . .	642	New, 34	Consolidated
"    "    (Mounted) . . . . .	3		[etc., 8
"    "    (Bands) . . . . .	3		
"    "    (Total) . . . . .	648		
Chevaliers made (reported) . . . . .	1,791		
Canton Members . . . . .	22,788	727	
"    "    (Dormant) 1891 . . . . .	370		
"    "    "    "    1892 . . . . .	152		
"    "    Total . . . . .	* 23,310		
Value of Military Outfit, uniforms, arms, overcoats, military trunks, jewels, headquarters' effects, horse equipments, etc. . . . .	\$1,261,101.42	\$97,397.72	

If full and complete returns could be had, the membership would in all probability reach twenty five to thirty thousand, and the investment nearly or quite two million dollars.

Official :

WM. T. FROST,

*Adjutant-General.*

## PRINCIPAL RULINGS.

1. All Chevaliers, active and honorary, when attending a regular or special Cantonment, should wear at least regulation cap, belt, and sword.
2. A Canton has a right to hold its Cantonments in an I. O. O. F. hall or any other hall that it may secure, where the secrets of the Degree can be protected.
3. An Officer of past record, not a member of a Canton, or not in good standing in his Canton, can not legally take part in parades and public demonstrations in uniform.
4. In cases of a vacancy by resignation or promotion of the Commandant of a Canton, under the present law, notice thereof shall be filed, and the clerk of the Canton will proceed to hold an election to fill said vacancy, all under provisions of the law.
5. A quorum of nine Chevaliers applies to individuals, not as to how they are dressed, and the Commandant (*de facto* or acting) must be the judge in the premises, taking into consideration the circumstances pertaining to the Cantonment in session.
6. All appeals from the rulings of the Commandant of a Canton as to construction of law, etc., must first be made to the Commandant of the Department, who is the Departmental representative of the Commanding General, and if his decision is not satisfactory it can be forwarded through military channels to the Commander F. M.
7. It is proper to admit a Chevalier to a Canton who holds membership in another Encampment Jurisdiction, but he cannot be given the Department check, and will obtain admission through the order of the Commandant; and when he visits other Cantons within the Department, it will be through the order of their Commandants exactly as a visiting Chevalier from another Department.

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8. A Canton can not throw up its warrant on its own motion, but, by resolution, can ask the Commanding General to be mustered out of service. However, so long as there is a quorum of nine members who have expressed their willingness to hold the warrant and work for the increase of the Canton, it would not be probable that the General, Commanding, would issue orders to muster the Canton out of service.

9. The Commander of the Department is the Militant Commander in all respects, so far as the troops of his Department are concerned, and is by law the ranking officer in command of Militant bodies therein; if the same be a Battalion, the commanding officer will be a Major; if a Regiment, a Colonel; and the Commander of the Department is also the Ritualistic representative of the Commander P. M., within his Department.

10. The Major of a Battalion is entitled to a staff, which consists of an Adjutant, with rank of Lieutenant, and a Q. M. Sergeant who shall act as Sergeant-Major on occasions of Battalion parades. Of course, on occasions of Battalion Departmental parades, where there are other officers present, there is no harm in the Major inviting them (the visiting officers) to take part as a complimentary staff.

11. All Odd Fellow parades are to be formed according to the existing law, and if the Militant portion thereof be less than a Brigade the officer in command will report to the Grand Marshal and take the right of line as escort parade be a Brigade or Division the General in command will take charge of and conduct the entire parade.

12. A Chevalier who is dropped from his Subordinate Lodge for the non-payment of dues, and surrenders membership in his Encampment, can not hold membership in a Canton; and whether he be an active member in the Canton at the time he severs membership with the Subordinate Bodies, or holds an honorable discharge, makes no difference whatever for his connection with the Canton is dependent upon his good standing in the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment; and therefore, if he loses his membership in the Canton by the foregoing or in any other way, he is not entitled to hold office in a Canton, or turn out in uniform with Patriarchs Militant on parades and other public occasions.

13. Annual parades of the Order are made under different circumstances. If it is the purpose of the Order to parade within the State Jurisdiction and confine the bodies in line to I. O. O. F. organizations located within said boundary, then the Commander of the Department is the proper officer to organize and command the Militant portion of the parade, unless by request another officer shall have been harmoniously selected. If the demonstration is intended to be made by I. O. O. F. organizations in an adjoining Jurisdiction, and a Regiment or Brigade of the Patriarchs Militant is requested to participate, then the commanding officer of said Regiment or Brigade is the proper person to take charge of the Militant body.

14. A Colonel of a Regiment has no authority in Departmental affairs, unless he be the Commander of the Department; and if the Commander of a Department is a Major, the Colonel of the Regiment of which the Departmental Battalion forms a part can not supersede said Major in command of the Battalion on occasions of Departmental parades, unless requested to take command by the Department Commander. For instance the Major of the Battalion comprising the troops within the Department of Maryland lives in Baltimore; the Colonel of the Chesapeake Regiment, of which the said Battalion forms a part, also resides in Baltimore; and the Brigadier of the Brigade of which said Regiment and said Battalion form a part also has his home in Baltimore, and if the Colonel of the Regiment could supersede the Major who is the Departmental Commander on occasions of Departmental parades, the same reason will allow the Brigadier who commands the Brigade to supersede both the Colonel and the Major, all of which would clearly be wrong.

15. On occasions of Departmental parades when a Major is the Commander of the Department and consequently in command of his Battalion, should the Colonel of the Regiment of which said Battalion forms a part appear with his staff in full uniform, it would be a courtesy on the part of the Commander of the Battalion, the Major, to tender the command to the Colonel of his Regiment; but should the Major of the Battalion, being the Commander of the Department, not do so, or refuse to do so, he would undoubtedly have the right to so act under his prerogative: and this rule applies to higher grades of Commanders. For instance, at the L. O. O. F. demonstration in St. Louis, in September last, there was a parade of Militants and other Odd Fellows and the Division of the Mississippi comprised the Militant portion thereof, therefore Major-General E. M. Sloan commanded the parade, and the Commander P. M. and his staff took positions in the parade to lend to its magnitude, having declined the courteous tender to command.

### ACTS OF THE COMMANDER.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the Department of Michigan, I acted upon the general instructions received from the Commander-in-Chief (Grand Sire), and have reorganized the troops within that Department on a provisional basis (see documents in Appendix; and I believe that the new officers will work actively toward effecting the reorganization of the various Cantons, Battalions, Regiments, and Brigade therein. Yet there is one disadvantage under which they will labor, viz.: The too cheap estimation of the pecuniary requirements of the Order throughout the Department, as shown by the table giving averages of delinquent Cantons, and indicated even more strongly by a visiting card from a Subordinate Lodge in my possession, which expresses that it pays six and a quarter (6¼) cents only as weekly sick benefit. However, the new officers have commenced work, promise well, and I believe they will accomplish much, certainly all that can be done; and with a view of aiding them I have promised to remit arrearages of Cantons, *except one year's tax*, where they will elect and make return of officers and go to work actively, subject to approval by your Sovereign Grand Body.

#### COTERIE OF DAUGHTERS MILITANT.

As means of influencing membership to the Militant Degree, authority was granted to the wives, daughters, sisters, and nieces of Chevaliers to form auxiliary entertainment associations to be known as Coterie for purposes of entertainment, etc., and such movement has met with initial success; and it is hoped that through such bodies, because of the desire of the ladies of the Order generally to obtain membership therein, to influence the Patriarchal husbands, fathers, brothers *et al* to become Chevaliers. Such cannot of course become a very great power at the start, but since the privilege ceded was nothing more than that the class of ladies named already possessed, there can be no hurt and a possible gain through their organized activity.

#### DELINQUENT CANTONS.

In order to give every chance to delinquent Cantons, many have been carried on the books when they were greatly in arrears, with the hope that they could be resuscitated; and of course such policy was the only one to be pursued in a voluntary organization like the Patriarchs Militant, but now that the effect of such leniency has been tested, I believe it will be well to arrest the warrants and reclaim the effects of all delinquent and dormant Cantons which hold out no promise of resuscitation, all within the reasonable option of the Commander.



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## APPENDIX.

## THE STOKES PRIZE MEDAL.

In compliance with the action of your Sovereign Grand Body I had a silver gold plated, gold and enamel duplicate of the "Stokes Prize Medal" made (considered better and not more expensive than a rolled gold article) and delivered both the original and imitation jewel to Grand Secretary Theo. A. Ross, with request that he should forward the representation of the jewel to Canton Marion, No. 6, of Marion, Ind., and place the original in the vault, subject to future order; all of which he has reported having done.

## THE REBEKAH VETERAN JEWEL.

At the request of the Committee on Printing Supplies I made the design of the "Rebekah Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F.," and herewith show a single color print of the same, and refer to the description of the Jewel as given by Grand Secretary Theo. A. Ross. The service was gladly rendered the Com- mittee and the Order.

## VISITATIONS.

The Commander has made many visitations during the year, those to Wilmington, Del.; Paducah, Ky.; and Springfield, Mass., being of the greatest importance.

The occasion of the demonstration at Wilmington was exceedingly happy, and made evident the fact of a most prosperous Order in that city, with a flourishing Canton and a Lodge Hall and Armory second to none on the continent; the visitation to Paducah was to attend and take part in the anniversary celebration, which passed off in excellent style; and the pilgrimage to Springfield was to participate in the Militant parade, etc., by the Division of the East, Maj.-Gen. Chas. B. Foster commanding, and to confer the Decorations of Chivalry. At the latter place the weather was very stormy and greatly against public ceremonies, but notwithstanding its inclemency, the Order (comprising Lodges, Encampments and Cantons) turned out in the rain and made a most creditable display, much to the credit of the fraternity. At night the Decoration of Chivalry was conferred upon many applicants, in a superb hall, before an elegant audience of ladies and gentlemen, and the assistants of the Commander deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which they discharged their duties.

The other visitations were of lesser note, and are too numerous and varied to attempt portrayal here.

It was the intention of the Commander to have been present at the dedication of the new Odd Fellows Temple in Baltimore, Md., but owing to urgent duties near headquarters he could not go to such a distance therefrom.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. It was recommended at the last session of your honorable body that the basis of the Patriarchs Militant be changed, and that the condition for receiving and retaining membership in the Degree should be membership in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of the Order and possession of the Scarlet (3rd) Degree. Many who opposed such move have since written in acknowledgment of error, saying that the measure proposed was wise and should be adopted. Consequently, believing the said recommendation to be expedient and the only sure basis for the Degree, I unhesitatingly present it again, and ask for it a careful and business consideration. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows possesses the means for making its semi-military auxiliary branch the largest of any similar Order, and to my mind it is a great mistake not to take advantage of such legitimate means for the building up of the structure. As it is, with the requirement of membership in the Royal Purple Degree, the restriction is so great that it practically legislates the Patriarchs Militant

into an aristocracy; whereas, could the basis of military requirements be changed to the Scarlet Degree of the Subordinate Lodge, it would make the Militant movement popular, greatly recruit the army, and create such a quantity of young enthusiasm as would undoubtedly redound to the credit of the general cause, and insure the increased building of the Order at large.

II. A great difficulty in solving the financial problem of the Patriarchs Militant has been the inability of the Commander to force the payment of the revenue promptly, or even to collect the whole of it. The Degree now has proportions which will easily enable it to be self-sustaining, provided the revenue from all sources can be collected. The obstacle in the way of collecting revenues is the lack of business attention to small matters by a large number of officers and Cantons though neglecting to pay amounts due for long periods, and then asking that arrearages be remitted, or by suffering drafts to be made on them for such amounts, to which no attention is given; and the only adequate remedy is to use the strong arm of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in collecting such character of debts.

It is therefore recommended that hereafter the financial affairs of the Patriarchs Militant shall be conducted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge itself, and that the Grand Secretary of the said Sovereign Body shall furnish all supplies of every nature, and collect all revenues that accrue to the Patriarchs Militant from all sources whatsoever, and convey the same into the Treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and that the amount of money necessary for carrying on the Patriarchs Militant business shall be paid therefrom monthly, on requisitions therefor drawn by the Commander Patriarchs Militant on the Grand Secretary, who shall issue warrants for the same on the Grand Treasurer Sovereign Grand Lodge, ex-officio Quartermaster-General of the Army, who shall honor the same and pay over the amounts named in the said requisitions to the said Commander Patriarchs Militant, all within the limit of the revenue received and standing to the credit of the Patriarchs Militant.

A recommendation somewhat similar to the foregoing was made to your honorable Body at its session of 1890, at Topeka, Kansas, but failed to become a law, and owing to its plain business sense, is again presented with a safeguard attached, so that no moneys can be drawn from the Grand Treasurer other than those received for Patriarch Militant purposes, and is practically the design of the original draft of the law.

Owing to the impossibility of collecting sufficient revenue to carry on the Military Departments at Army Headquarters after the manner of thorough Army organization it is suggested that after the year 1893 (excepted because of its triennial feature and the already expressed desire for a Militant demonstration to be then made in Chicago), that unless the financial problem can be solved to greater satisfaction, the Army executive management shall be modified as follows:

That the General of the Army shall not be required to remain at Army Headquarters and give his time to the Militant government, but he shall discharge executive duties after the manner of service required of the Grand Sire, and shall be paid quarterly——dollars as an allowance for stationery, postage, limited travelling expenses, etc., and he shall be allowed mileage and per diem when attending the sessions of the Military Council and the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the permanent headquarters of the Patriarchs Militant shall be where the office of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is situated, the requisite number of rooms for office purposes being furnished by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the Adjutant-General be made the resident officer in charge of archives, paraphernalia, etc., at such headquarters, and be required to conduct the affairs of his office after the present usage, and be allowed one assistant, and for and in consideration of such continuous service that he be allowed a salary of \$2 400 per annum, with an additional allowance of \$900 per annum as salary to an assistant, whom he shall appoint.

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That the Adjutant-General shall be subject to orders from the Commanding General as at present; and he shall issue the orders of the Commander P. M. discharge other duties of office, etc., as now conditioned.

That the incidental expenses of running Army Headquarters shall be guarded as at present, and be defrayed after manner of voucher requisitions on the General Commanding, made through the Grand Secretary S. G. L. and expended after the manner of the foregoing recommendation.

That the Lieutenant-Generals of Army Corps shall conduct the correspondence with the various elements of their respective commands and forward to the General Commanding, such documents only as may be necessary to receive labor. For and in consideration of such services each Corps Commander shall receive an allowance of \$30 for stationery, postage, etc., to be paid quarterly on requisition therefor as previously conditioned.

That should the above outline of revised executive control be adopted, the Commander P. M. shall prepare a detailed reorganization, in keeping with its purpose, present the same to the Military Council for approval, and then, with the action of said Council attached, present the whole to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for final sanction.

Otherwise, it would be well to disconnect the Patriarchs Militant from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except so far as to retain a supervisory control to prevent a misconstruction of I. O. O. F. law, and allow the Military Council to manage its affairs with a sufficient delegated power to enforce obedience to monetary obligations of officers and Cantons.

III. From time immemorial, prior to the establishment of the characteristic Germanic "Iron Cross" during the reign of Charlemagne and the romantic beginning of the "Order of the Garter" in England, down to the origin date of the most recent "Legion of Honor" of France, and even later, Orders of merit and distinction conferred by the rulers of the world have been coveted by the people. Such spirit and inclination still exists, and, in consequence thereof, the Decoration of Chivalry has been in general favorably, and in many instances enthusiastically, received throughout the great number of Departments, and consequently can with safety be considered a success.

It should therefore be protected by such restrictions as will prevent its too frequent conferance, and also guard against its being conferred upon persons through absolute favor rather than because of requisite conditions expressed in its organization laws. It is accordingly recommended that the Cantons, Rebekah Degree Lodges, Commanders of Departments, and officers generally, recommending parties to receive the Decorat on of Chivalry, shall be governed by the following requirements for procedure, viz.:

1. Both the Decoration and Grand Decoration of Chivalry shall be conferred only at stated intervals, to be determined by the various Commanders of Departments as to occasions within the several Departmental territories, and by the Commanding General for occasions at large; and that the conferring of the Decoration shall not be attempted except under favorable auspices and at proper places when, if possible, the ceremony should be worked in suitable halls and not be attempted at picnics and like places, where the great majority of the audience comprise uninterested spectators. In other words, it is requisite to surround the ceremony of conferring such an honor with a certain amount of dignity, in order to maintain the respect of the public and prevent ridicule.

2. The number of Chevaliers who shall be allowed to receive the Decoration of Chivalry, during the Militant year, shall be limited to one from each Canton within the Department; and the number of Daughters of Rebekah who shall be allowed to receive the Decoration of Chivalry for a Lady, during the Militant year, shall be limited to one from each Rebekah Degree Lodge within the Department, and conditional to their being wives, sisters, daughters, or nieces of Chevaliers—since as a Militant honor it should be confined to the

near relatives and connections of those who take interest in the Militant Degree.

3. Papers Patent, authorizing the conferring of the Decoration of Chivalry by Department Commanders on either Chevaliers or Ladies, shall issue on written recommendation therefor, made over the seal of the recommending body, giving a synopsis of the character of the person so recommended and the reasons why the Decoration should be conferred upon such particular individual, the same to be forwarded to the Commander of the Department wherein the recommending body is located, who shall pass upon the application and indorse his approval or dissent upon the back thereof, and then forward the document to Army Headquarters for the approval or dissent of the Commanding General and for file. The Grand Commander of the honorary and ornamental Degree having approved the application for the Decoration, the papers-patent will issue and be sent direct to the party who is to receive it; and he shall also notify the Department Commander of his action. Papers-patent shall expire one year from their date.

4. The Commander of the Department shall give numbers to jewels in his Department; keep a registry book and record the names of persons upon whom he confers the Decoration, with numbers of the jewels with which each has been decorated. The Grand Commander shall confer the Decorations at will, but he shall cause a proper record of his action in the premises to be kept at Army Headquarters, with written reasons why the different honors have been conferred.

5. Where the reason for conferring the Decoration shall be deemed insufficient, the document shall be returned with indorsement setting forth wherein the recommendation is inadequate, etc; and the decoration honor may be revoked for cause which plainly indicates the violation of fundamental principles of the said honorary Degree, subject to appeal through military channels to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

IV. Owing to the fact that there are many dormant Cantons, which, through negligence in paying taxes, have become so greatly indebted to Army Headquarters as to be unable to pay up all arrearages, it is therefore recommended:

That dormant Cantons may be resuscitated upon presentation of reasons causing their inactivity, with a promise to go to work in earnest, the same to be indorsed with the approval of the Department Commander, who shall collect and forward to Army Headquarters one year's past due Canton tax, together with the return of officers elect. All subject to sanction by the General commanding.

V. The Patriarchs Militant Degree having been introduced in Australia and established through the mustering of a Canton in Denmark, it would seem proper to legislate as to the local government of Militant bodies in trans-oceanic countries, and I therefore suggest and recommend:

That should the Militant branch of the Order ever amount to anything in foreign countries, other than Canada, that it would be well to place the Patriarchs Militant under the distinctive Grand Lodges thereof, with a sub-commander, having rank commensurate with the command, for each distinct Supreme Jurisdiction.

#### DEMONSTRATION AT CHICAGO IN 1893.

In relation to the proposed demonstration to be made by the Order at Chicago during the holding of the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893, I have to report preliminary action in the appointment by the Grand Sire of a Marshal-General, and of the raising of a Committee by the Grand Lodge of Illinois to co-operate with the Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in making arrangements for the said demonstration. (See organization of Committee and full documents in the premises, etc. in Appendix.)

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## PATRIARCHS MILITANT REGULATIONS AND ARMY REGISTER.

The above named work, authorized to be compiled by the Commander, has been published in three editions, one of which will be found on the desks of the officers and Grand Representatives. The main edition, of 4,000 copies, as originally contemplated; a muslin-bound edition, with colored plates, of 1,100 copies, and a limited morocco-bound edition of 300 copies—5,400 copies in all—were nearly all subscribed for prior to publication, and the book as a whole will net a profit to the Patriarchs Militant of between three and four thousand dollars, the greater portion of which having already been received and credited to the Headquarters fund. Owing to the delays of the printer and the late date at which the books were received, the audit and full settlement of the publishing account and a statement of returns from drafts on subscribers to the work can not, with accuracy, be made at this time, but enough is known to assure the profit heretofore estimated.

## MILITARY COUNCIL.

The Military Council met pursuant to orders, and was called to order by the Commander, who presented the recommendations he had prepared to offer to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which were considered, amended, and are given hereinbefore in such corrected form. At the instance of the Commander a committee consisting of Lieut-Gen. Alfred Orendorff, M. J. Gen. Wm. S. Frost, Brig. W. G. Crocker, Brig. J. P. Ellaott, and Maj. H. J. Reeziger, as expert, was appointed to examine and report upon the cash accounts of Patriarchs Militant Headquarters for 1890-91 and 1891-92, and the detailed balance sheets are herewith reported in manuscript.

## MONEYS, PROPERTIES, AND RESOURCES.

*Seventh Annual Balance Sheet, September 1, 1891, to September 1, 1892.*

The total receipts and expenditures, less three thousand five hundred and eighty-seven dollars ninety-five cents (\$3,587.95), proceeds of notes in bank, accommodation loans, etc., entered in detail and aggregate as bills receivable and payable, and deducted to obtain proper Militant balance sheets, were as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
For Engrossing	
“ Warrants	\$ 33 91
“ Commissions, N. C. warrants, and Canton tax	709 00
“ Seals	8,480 45
“ Tactics	136 00
“ Supplies	1,005 24
“ Sundries, including trust funds	6,284 14
Total	\$17,334 09
EXPENDITURES.	
For Visitations	
“ Salaries	\$1,152 04
“ Revenue Percentages	6,318 20
“ Printing	53 35
“ Supplies	507 00
“ Postage	4,289 93
“ Sundries, rent, payment of outstanding debts, extra engrossing, office stationery, gas, expressage, telegrams, tubes, etc.	216 01
Total	\$16,539 01

Thereby showing a cash balance on hand of \$795.08, which amount is on deposit to the credit of the Commander in the Farmers' & Traders' National Bank, Covington, Ky.

APPENDIX REFERENCE, COURTEOUS MENTION, AND CONCLUSION.

The correspondence relating to the regradation of the higher officers of the Army promulgated in General Orders and in the new P. M. Regulations, will be found in full in the Appendix.

During the year the Commander has received valuable assistance from many officers; and Col. Theo. A. Ross, A. I. C., Quart. Gen. Isaac A. Shepard and Adjt.-Gen. Wm. S. Frost are especially deserving of mention for the efficient and courteous discharge of the duties of office, together with other assistance and many kindnesses.

In closing this report, the documents referred to, together with books, papers, printed orders, etc., held for inspection, are hereby made part and parcel thereof. In conducting the affairs of office I have endeavored to so discharge the duties imposed upon me as to advance the Patriarchs Militant Degree, recruit the Army, and aid the Order at large, and have happily succeeded in reducing the Headquarter indebtedness several thousand dollars.

Again thanking your honorable Body and its officers for the many honors conferred upon me, I wish happiness and prosperity to all.

Fraternally and courteously

Your obedient servant,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,  
*General Commanding.*

PATRIARCHS MILITANT MATTERS

REGARDING QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

The following resolution in regard to qualification of candidates for the Patriarchs Militant Degree, was defeated by a vote of 135 nays to 37 yeas:

*Resolved*.—That from and after December 1, 1892, all Scarlet Degree Members of the Order, shall be eligible to membership in the Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, subject in all other respects to existing laws.

LIABILITY OF S. G. L. FOR INDEBTEDNESS AT P. M. HEADQUARTERS

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*.—That the Sovereign Grand Lodge is legally liable for the payment of all indebtedness of the P. M. "Headquarters" contracted within the scope of authority granted by past or existing laws.

Inasmuch as the object sought to be attained in the establishment of the P. Ms. in the present form, in overcoming a then existing obstacle to the progress and success of the Encampment branch of our Order, has thereby achieved, and therefore there no longer exists a necessity for the present form of Military Government for the P. Ms. through the Department known as "Army Headquarters."

THE P. M. BRANCH TO BE PLACED UNDER CONTROL OF GRAND ENCAMPMENTS

The following resolutions, offered by the special committee on Patriarchs Militant, were adopted:

*Resolved*.—That from and after the termination of the present term of office of the Lieut.-General, the P. M. Branch of the Order shall be placed under the control of the Grand Encampments of the several Jurisdictions in which the same are located, with the right reserved to each chevalier to vote for all of the military officers of any Organization of the P. Ms. of which he i

a member; and such votes shall be certified to the Grand Encampment of the proper Jurisdiction, which Body shall canvass the votes so certified and publish the result.

ALL OFFICERS ABOVE THE RANK OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS TO BE ABOLISHED.

*Resolved*,—That on and after the termination of the present term of office of the Lieut. General, "Army Headquarters" and all military offices above those of Department or State Commanders, be and the same are hereby abolished.

*Resolved*,—That in view of the foregoing changes, and with a view to the liquidation of the outstanding indebtedness of the P. Ms. "Headquarters" all and that all moneys required for the payment of expenses of P. Ms. shall be paid from such fund in the same manner as the funds of the S. G. L. are now appropriated and paid.

*Resolved*,—That a committee of five shall be appointed to revise all laws relating to the P. M. Branch of the Order, so that the same shall conform to the legislation hereby recommended, and report the same to this Grand Body at its session in 1893.

*Resolved*,—That a committee of three shall be appointed who shall assist the Lieutenant General in the collection of all arrearages and army dues, they shall ascertain the amount of indebtedness of "Army Headquarters," and may employ a skilled accountant to assist them in this part of their work, and shall report the result of their labors to this Grand Body at its next session in 1893.

THE MINIMUM BENEFIT LAW.

The following resolutions from the Committee on Legislation were adopted:

*Resolved*,—That the resolution adopted at the annual session of 1891, and as found on page 12,670, Revised Journal, be amended by adding at the end of word "member" in the third line of said resolution, the following words, "entitled to sick benefits by the Constitution or By-laws of his Lodge," so that said resolution will read as follows, viz:

*Resolved*,—That it be and is hereby made obligatory upon each Subordinate Lodge of the Order to pay from its funds, during the continuance of the disability, a weekly benefit of not less than two dollars to every member entitled to sick benefits by the Constitution or By laws of his Lodge, who shall be disabled by sickness or bodily injury from following his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood for himself, provided such disability be not the result of his own vice or immorality, provided however that Subordinate Grand Lodges may provide that when a member shall have received one full year's benefits the weekly benefits thereafter to such member may be fixed at not less than one dollar per week.

"THE EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD AMENDMENT."

As instructed by this Grand Encampment at its last session, your Grand Representatives voted in favor of "the eighteen-year old amendment" in whatever form it was brought forward. The first amendment presented reads as follows:

*Resolved*,—That Section 2, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Be, and the same is, hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of

eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present, in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; and *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

A motion made by Representative Grant, of Kentucky, that the consideration of the above amendment be indefinitely postponed, was put and agreed to.

The next resolution offered in regard to the subject read as follows:

*Resolved*,—That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the word "twenty-one," in the third line of said section, and inserting instead thereof the word "eighteen."

The indefinite postponement of the consideration of this resolution was also agreed to.

Another resolution was then presented as follows:

*Resolved*,—That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and the same is, hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order, except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of 18 years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided*, that no person shall be admitted to membership who is under 21 years of age, in any Grand Jurisdiction until the Grand Lodge of such Jurisdiction shall by a two thirds vote, provide for the admission of persons under that age; *provided further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

The resolution being put to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it was resolved in the negative. The vote stood 83 yeas to 78 nays, the majority being insufficient to carry the amendment as required by constitution.

#### THE TEMPERANCE AMENDMENT.

The amendment to exclude saloon-keepers or those engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 91 yeas to 70 nays. The following was the substance of the resolution:

*Resolved*, to amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation. No person who is a saloon-keeper, or who is engaged in the business of the retail sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages, shall be admitted, or continued in membership; *provided, however*, that this qualification shall not apply to members of the Order, who are, at the time this amendment goes into effect, saloon keepers, or engaged in the business of the retail sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages.

#### BALTIMORE OUR HOME.

It was resolved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to remove the office of the Grand Secretary from Columbus, Ohio, back to Baltimore, Maryland, as soon

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as suitable quarters can be provided, and a special committee was ordered to be appointed by the Grand Sire to lease a building with vaults, etc., to meet the requirements of the Grand Secretary.

#### REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

The representatives from Ontario were placed upon the following committees:  
 Bro. Henry Robertson, on Appeals; Bro. W. H. Cole, on Legislation;  
 Bro. John A. Macdonald, on Patriarchs' Militant and Fraternal Press; Bro. D. H. Moore on the special committee on the proposed Demonstration in Chicago 1893.

#### QUINTE ENCAMPMENT VS. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

In the matter of the appeal of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, I. O. O. F., of this Jurisdiction, against the action taken by your Grand Encampment at its last session, (held at Brantford in July, 1892,) *re* the re-admission of Patriarch Allan McFee into the Patriarchal ranks, the appeal of Quinte Encampment was sustained by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the decision of this Grand Encampment reversed.

#### OUR GRAND SIRE.

Your Grand Representatives take pleasure in availing themselves of this opportunity to announce officially to the Grand Encampment of Ontario the unanimous election to the exalted position of Grand Sire of our Order a Past Chief Patriarch of this Jurisdiction, our honored and well-beloved brother, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, of London, Ont. It was with feelings of deep gratification and satisfaction that your Representatives beheld the installation of our illustrious brother to this high position, and we join fervently, with our brethren throughout the Dominion, in the hope that his term of office will be a successful, pleasant and prosperous one, and that the Great Creator and Preserver of the Universe will spare him many years on earth to carry out the grand work of Oddfellowship, in which during the past he has been such an earnest and zealous worker.

#### SESSION OF 1893.

The next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, commencing on the third Monday in September, 1893.

#### CONCLUSION.

In concluding our report, which we have endeavored to make as complete as possible, we thank you for the honor conferred upon us in selecting us as your representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and trust that our labors in this respect will meet with your approval.

Hoping that success and prosperity may attend the Patriarchal Branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the present year, we are

Yours in F. H. & C.,

JOHN A. MACDONALD,

D. H. MOORE,

} Grand Representatives.

Am prior, October, 1892.



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