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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa Lodge No. 224 has been crowded with affliction lately. First two of our brothers lost a dear sister, who had just reached the bad of womanhood, secondly, Wm. Andrew, P.G., falls down and breaks his arm; thirdly, Bro. Jas. Goodall, after a lingering sickness, is carried to his last resting place, fourthly, Bro. Chas. Hutchison is killed by an accident on the O. A. & P. S. Ry., fifthly, Bro. J. B. Hall receives a telegram notifying him that his brother William has been killed on the railroad near Albany, N.Y., and sixthly, a number of the brothers have been stricken down with la grippe, and all within a period of six months.

On the evening of January 21st Carleton Lodge presented F. J. Daniels, P.G., with a veteran's jewel.

George B. Encampment is offered for the pre-ent term by the following Patriarchs: J. M. Doherty, C.P.; Arthur Simms, H.P.; J. Donaldson, Sr. War; J. H. St. George, Treas.; Geo. Fraser, Scribe; H. G. Simms, Per Sec.; Fred. Gallagher, Jr. War; Holmes T. Cowan, J. Gallagher, G. E. St. George, Trustees.

Bro. J. B. Hall on the 29th of last month received the sad intelligence by telegraph, that his brother William had been killed while railroading near Albany, N.Y. He left by the first train for the scene of the accident.

On Tuesday evening, January 26th, Rockliffe Lodge was visited by Carleton Lodge and a pleasant evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music, recitations, speeches etc.

On Monday evening, Jan. 25th, Hazel Rebekah Lodge had their officers installed by Geo. Bell, P.G.

A. W. Cameron, P.G., of Carleton lodge, has met with sudden and severe grief in the untimely death of his wife. In the morning she dressed her children and sent them to school; on their return they found their mother lying dead on the floor. The cause of death was heart failure, resulting from an attack of la grippe.

The District Committee paid an official visit to Earncliffe lodge on the 10th instant.

Past Grand O. Morin and Bro. L. Jarvis, who have been ill for some time past have completely recovered.

Bro. Ringland, of Brockville, who is at present residing in the city, received a

cordial welcome from the brethren of Ottawa lodge on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the 27th anniversary of his entrance into Oddfellowship.

Over 500 ladies and gentlemen attended Mayor Bingham's "at-home" in Harmony Hall on Tuesday evening, the 11th. Bro. J. T. Johns and lady were among the invited guests.



BRO. J. T. JOHNS.

The Officer at the Grand Fraternal Rally.

OUR VALLEYFIELD LETTER.

(Special to Oddfellows' Gazette.)

VALLEYFIELD, Feb. 9.—The initiatory contest between Excelsior No. 17 and No. 11 did not come off, nor will it come off for the present, but hope to be able to say something of it later on when No. 11 meets the brothers of Huntingdon Lodge on the floor.

We have to report the severe illness of B.O. Robert Inis; he has had a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs. Bro. Inis is at present on the mend, but it will be some time before he will be able to leave the house and return to his work.

Bro. Geo. Fish has also been on the sick list for a few days, but hear that he is well again.

If the brothers of No. 11 who never attend lodge knew of the good times enjoyed by those brothers who are in at-

te dance every meeting night, we think they would endeavor to get there and get a share of the good things going.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following brothers testify their practical good will towards the fraternal press by paying their subscriptions to the ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE in advance. We will be pleased to insert under the above heading the names of all brothers who emulate the good example shown by the following.

Montreal—Thos. McTier, J. S. McCallum, A. Backus, C. Wickem, D. Baird, E. Lloyd, L. Happy, Wm. Miller (74 Luvignan street), Sept., 1897; C. H. Coughlin, Charles Reid, A. Barsalo, C. Townsend, Dec., 1897; Z. Laplante, P. P. Duval, July, 1897; Alex. Barrie, Sept., 1897.

Quebec—Jas. Norton, N. G. Albion Lodge, Sept., 1897.

Big Rapids, Mich.—Miss Lizzie L. Taylor, Sept., 1897.

Granby, Quebec—E. N. C. Streeter, Dec., 1897.

Lachute, Que.—R. McArthur, Sept., 1897; G. J. Walker, Robert Law, J. A. Middleton, A. W. McConne, A. Riddle, Dec., 1897.

Brownshurg, Que.—James Flood, F. H. Hooper, Dec., 1897.

Picton, Nova Scotia—Keaneth Monroe, Nov., 1897.

St. Johns, Que.—Jas. Greendale, J. Gillespie, Wm. Roy, Sept., 1897; Dan. Choumiere, Sept., 1896.

Iberville, Que.—James Black, Sept., 1897.

Huntingdon, Que.—J. Findlay, J. A. Hunter, C. Dewick, M. J. Boyd, James D. Bicknell, Sept., 1897.

As important business will be introduced at the regular meeting of Canton Mount Royal No. 1, to be held on Thursday evening, 25th inst. A full attendance of members is particularly requested.

At the meeting of Hochelaga Degree Lodge No. 1, to be held on Saturday, 20th inst., the lodge will elect a captain for the degree staff. This is a move in the right direction.

Wellington lodge No. 20 have tendered the use of their beautiful lodge room to the Rebekah lodges for the initiatory competition, which takes place next Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. Well done, Wellington.

ODDFELLOWSHIP TRIUMPHANT

Its Origin and Progress.

QUEBEC TO THE FRONT—A GRAND FRATERNAL RALLY.

Eloquent Address by Bro. Jas. T. Johns, of Ottawa.

Thursday evening, January 28th, was a red-letter event for members of our order in the city, when at the hall, No. 5 Place d'Armes Square, under the auspices and management of Hochelaga Degree lodge and Canton Mount Royal No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, several hundred brothers and their friends assembled, notwithstanding the most severe and unfavorable weather, to listen to the able and eloquent address of Bro. James T. Johns, of Ottawa,—who was especially invited for the occasion,—and to the excellent musical programme which had been so carefully arranged and provided. A distinction in particular was afforded the occasion by the presence of Grand Master J. Wilson, Jr., who occupied the chair; Deputy Grand Master A. Philips, who had the seat of honor; on the right Bro. George Varey, P.D.D.G.S., an Oddfellow of forty-two years standing; on his left, James D. Allen, Grand Master of Manchester Unity of Oddfellows; A. M. Featherstone, Dominion Council Royal Templars; Thomas Liggett, Grand Master Workman, A.O.U.W.; W. C. Scott, P.G., Argyle Lodge, Napanee, Ont., and the speaker of the evening, Bro. James T. Johns. The musical portion of the programme was participated in by Bros. G. Freeman, W. Grant, G.H. McLeod and Bro. C. W. Read, and Messrs. F. Dribis, Geo. Parks, H. Upton, H. Hover and the Bell male quartette, composed of Bro. C. W. Read and Messrs. H. Greenough, H. Morton and Maticc, whose vocal and instrumental contribution was well received. Upon being introduced by the chairman, Bro. Jas. T. Johns was loudly applauded. After thanking the chairman, the committee of arrangements and the brethren, upon the honor conferred upon him by inviting him to come from Ottawa to address them upon the principles and objects, the origin and growth of Oddfellowship, he spoke in part as follows:

"The first public notice of an organization under the name of Oddfellows was in England in 1745, and the titles of the officers of the lodge were taken from the Order of Gregorianus, which met at St. Albans in May, 1736. The Manchester Unity was formed in 1809, and the natal day of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was the 26th day of April, 1819, at the 'Seven Stars,' in the city of Baltimore, Md., its father and founder being Bro. Thos. Wildey, who having left England, where he was a member of

the Manchester Unity, had sought the United States as his future home, and, arriving there, at once commenced his work to surround himself with a like fraternity to that which he had learned to love so well on the other side of the Atlantic." Here Bro. Johns interestingly described how Bro. Wildey persistently searched for the necessary five to initiate a lodge, how he met Bro. John Walsh, and how those two advertised, worked and waited patiently at the "Seven Stars" for the necessary long-sought brothers, and were rewarded by the appearance of Brothers Richard Rushworth, John Duncan and John Cheatham, when, in the highest glee their hearts could possess, they instituted Washington lodge. He then traced the progress of the order, showing that in September, 1821, Washington lodge had twenty-one members; and, in addition, Franklin lodge, Baltimore, Massachusetts lodge, Boston, and others had already been started, the Grand lodge formed, and in 1823 Grand lodges in New York, Massachusetts, etc., started. The establishment of the Grand lodge of the United States, now the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was instituted on September 25th, 1825, with Bro. Thos. Wildey as Grand Sir, and the procuring of the independent charter from the Manchester Unity in 1826, and the present state of the order, showed a total subordinate membership of 1,000,000, with 11,222 lodges, an encampment membership of 133,857, with 2,651 encampments, 253,493 Rebekahs with 4,117 lodges, 491 cantons, with 15,428 chevaliers, real estate to the value of \$16,445,598 66, homes for the widows and orphans and infirm Oddfellows, 26 in 17 jurisdictions, at a value of \$818,000 and 3,913 acres; members relieved, 1,992,280; widowed families relieved, 221,734; total relief, \$71,288,702 95 from 1830 to 1895; relief in 1895, \$3,333,923.74; members deceased from 1830 to 1895, 192,730. Membership in Canada, 35,000. Membership in Quebec in 1886, 13 lodges, 773 members; membership on August, 1896, subordinate lodges 29, members 2,391, Rebekah lodges 10, members 611, encampments 5, members 156; relief during the year, \$8,038 61; widowed families relieved \$1,212 74; orphans educated, \$122 50; brothers' wives buried, \$210, while the total of the Ontario encampment membership is 3,499. The eloquent brother then described the origin of Oddfellowship, which he said originated in the human heart, came from human affection, and was encouraged by human love, and was combined and established in a reign of selfishness, when all classes were separated and the need of brotherly companionship was sorely wanted. Its objects were social and benevolent, and it stands as the champion for mutual relief and protection, loyalty to the flag of your country, to honor, morality, temperance, law, charity, purity; to care for the sick, bury the dead, protect the widow, feed and clothe and educate the orphan, to cultivate social graces and encourage true

manhood, to make men better citizens, better Christians, better husbands, better brothers. Becoming grandiloquent, the talented speaker said: "You cannot be an Oddfellow in spirit and in truth unless you are grateful to your Creator, faithful to your country, and fraternal men;" and in a convincing, fascinating and clear manner referred to the several degrees. The initiatory degree gave an impressive representation of the story of life and death. It showed that friendship cannot exist without affection and sympathy, that it leads to brotherly love, and must be indelibly stamped with truth. A break in any one of the links breaks the chain. Love was representative of God. God is love. God loves us. It means to fill our brothers' lives with sunshine, to purify and beautify their lives by our own example. Truth was a cardinal virtue, a principle only too often violated, but which, being left out, obliterates friendship and love and breaks the entire chain, as one can neither be a friend or have love and be untruthful. The speaker pleaded for the inseparable adherence to that cardinal principle which, when held firmly to, brings in its train and holds fast friendship and love. The speaker, after illustrating the value of Oddfellowship in a foreign land, touched upon the Patriarchal or Encampment branch of our order, which he designated as the "crowning glory of Oddfellowship," which contained degrees than which there were none more beautiful or impressive. They teach hospitality as it was exercised by the Patriarchs of old; toleration, which tells you to be firm and honest, yet to permit others to think and act for themselves, by which conduct we induce all to live as brothers, to make love sway the hearts of all; courage and patience, possessing which one reaches safely and reposes in his reward after the turmoil of life is over. He pleaded to have this branch of our order receive more attention in the future than it has in the past, to have it right after night mentioned in the subordinate lodges, in the degree lodge, subordinate lodges to invite encampment members to deliver addresses, and at all times to have the candidate to consent to take the further degrees after he has received the degree of truth. He urged united action on behalf of the Patriarch Militant. The degree is based upon the principle of universal justice, and was adopted to secure membership, inspire interest and to add to the financial operations of the order. It is an essential portion of our order, and the more attention you attract to the order and the stronger this branch becomes, the more powerful will our order become. Its usefulness has many features. It does escort duty when required; it secures young blood in the order; it gives to its members elegance of carriage, grace of movement, dignity of bearing, and cultivates honorable and chivalrous conduct. There is nothing so imposing as the cantonment on parade with the rich trappings of purple and gold glistening in the sunlight, lending pomp

and grandeur to the other god-like attributes of the order. He urged the necessity of keeping brothers in the order. We seek new members, but the brothers we have are only too often neglected. We should encourage their continuation by fraternal visits, by entertaining them, by holding open meetings and by electing competent officers, particularly the permanent secretary, whose neglect of duty has caused our order a serious loss in membership. He also referred to the fraternal press, which he considered as necessary for each brother to have as it is to have a pastor in a church, as it elevates, tells of the doings, history and progress of the order. In concluding our eloquent speaker delivered the following grand peroration: "Brothers, our order preaches peace on earth, good will towards men. Let us show by our actions that we love the principles of our order. Let us give a brother justice, help him in temptation, be honest with him, truthful and fraternal to him. Let us never wrong him, but let us always defend his reputation. The scandal-monger, the envious man, the back-biter are our bitterest enemies. Let us shun them. They pollute our atmosphere and despoil our pleasure; they gnaw away at our good works and strive to destroy them. But the principles and objects of our order and the stern fidelity of its members are solid fortifications to resist all attacks and to lay low the base chaff and abhorrence of the black sheep. The tree of Oddfellowship planted in Baltimore in 1819 is well planted, and its branches reach everywhere, while its leaves, beautifully tinged and strengthened with the heavenly dew, and the sparkling sunlight waves over the heads of millions, giving them protection and singing songs of Friendship, Love and Truth. Their seeds are found in Canada, the United States, Newfoundland, Chili, Peru, Mexico, Alaska, Cuba, West Indies, Sandwich Islands, Italy, Japan, Sweden, France, Norway, German States, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere, cementing a chain of motherhood that reaches through the universe, on land and on sea, whose binding and nourishing fruits will preserve it against trial and time, leaving it a monument to be admired by all to the end of the world.

At the conclusion of Bro. Johns' eloquent oration (which occupied thirty-five minutes in delivering) the vast audience cheered to the echo. Bro. A. Philips, D.G.M., delivered a fine address, which captivated all present and was considered a gem, sparkling with wit and humor, interspersed with anecdotes, showing the grand work our order is performing in its daily ministrations. Bro. W. C. Scott's, P.G., (Napanea, Ont.) address was an able effort and received much merited applause. The other speakers spoke briefly, each referring in turn to the masterly address of Bro. Johns. Letters of regret were received from Col. Fred. Massey, Grand Master, A.F. & A.M.; F. Grouche, D.D.G.M., S.O.E.B.S.; Wm. Smith, G.W.P., Sons of Temperance; Wm. Renshaw, P.D.D.H.C.R. & M.E.C.,

Canadian Order Foresters; Wm. Galbraith, Grand Master, I.O.A.; C. A. Power, D.S.C., Knights of Pythias, also from Bro. John Moffatt (Valleyfield), Grand Guardian; E. W. Arkhurst, Grand Conductor, Grand Lodge of Quebec; R. Gamble, D.D.G.M., Ottawa, Ont.

Echoes of the Rally.

The Grand Rally on January 28th was a complete success; such is the verdict of all who were there.

Grand Master Wilson made a model chairman and proved himself a happy and practical speaker.

Deputy Grand Master Philips was never heard to better advantage; he will make an excellent Grand Master.

Did you hear Bro. Johns at the rally? Our eloquent brother's address was an able effort.

Exchange fraternal visits and become better acquainted with each other.

Canton Mount Royal made a fine appearance in full dress uniform, seventeen chevaliers being present.

The committee have just reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the rally.

Take Bro. Johns' advice and elect competent officers in all our lodges.

"Heaven and earth" was not moved, but the generous impulse of every Oddfellow present was quickened into renewed activity by the inspiring address of Bro. Johns.

The critics came, they saw and were conquered. There was no room for carping criticism or fault finding in that grand fraternal assembly. The fraternal bonds of true brotherhood were strengthened as a result of the rally.

The weather was unfavorable on the evening of the rally, nevertheless the large room of Hochelaga Degree Lodge was packed to overflowing.

Patronize the fraternal press, every brother should be a subscriber. It is the greatest agency for the maintenance and upbuilding of our beloved order.

Place copies of the GAZETTE in the hands of outsiders, they will soon become interested in our fraternal order.

We have nearly reached the million mark in the I. O. O. F.

Grand Master Wilson and Bro. Johns made eloquent speeches on behalf of the fraternal press. Act on their advice.

Remember this: "Oddfellowship first established a well defined system for visiting and watching with the sick.

And remember this: Oddfellowship is the father of all the benevolent and assessment societies of the present day.

And this: The Independent Order of Oddfellowship is the largest fraternal organization in the world.

Bro. W. C. Scott, P.G., is a most pleasing and gifted speaker.

Bro. P. S. Morrison, P.G., made a decided impression, so well he performed the duty of receiving invited guests.

After the rally the members of Canton Mount Royal escorted Bros. J. T. Johns and W. C. Scott to their respective hotels.

"The father of our order in this juris-

dition," Bro. G. Varey, in a brief address gave a pleasing picture of the progress made by our order in the Province of Quebec and referred to the "soldier boys," the chevaliers of Canton Mount Royal, presence as a proof. Such a grand display in connection with our order he never expected to witness in this province.

We were pleased to greet Grand Master Allen of the Manchester Unity at the rally. Fraternal intercourse between the two great branches of our order is most desirable and it would be a move in the right direction to bring the M. U. and the I. O. O. F. in closer touch with each other.

We were pleased to welcome Bros. E. H. Walling, P.G., and J. S. Burford, of Albion Lodge, Quebec, at the rally. Both brothers addressed the meeting, expressing their pleasure at being present as the representatives of Albion Lodge; they received a cordial welcome and were greeted with much applause.

Fraternity Lodge did well at the rally and added considerable to the musical programme, Bros. McLeod, Grant and Freeman taking part. Bro. Grant's song, the "Oddfellow," created a decided sensation and was heartily applauded, while the singing of Bro. G. H. McLeod is so well and favorably known throughout our city to mention his name is sufficient. Fraternity Lodge has talented members, who are a whole entertainment in themselves.

The Bell Male Quartette deserve special mention, they were heartily applauded and encored. Their singing was a special feature of the evening and we congratulate them on their first appearance before an I.O.O.F. audience.

There was several visiting brothers from Ontario present, also from other sister jurisdictions.

The Encampment and Canton branch of our order should start into new life and vigor as a result of the rally.

Jack Was a Sailor.

A sailor belonging to H.M.S. Melpomene returned home rather unexpectedly.

"Why, what's up, Jack?" says his old dad.

"Had to put back; too rough, dad."

"Too rough? Well, that's yer modern navy, is it, with yer quick-firers and torpedo-catchers? Too rough, ay? Why, Jack, my boy, I 'members when I was in the old Grampus we was in a gale, and it did blow! Well, it blowed so hard the skipper give orders to cut away the mast, and no sooner did 'Chips' appear on deck than the wind blowed the teeth right clean hout of 'is-saw."

"That's nothing," says Jack. "Yesterday the wind happened to veer round, and caught our guns 'end on,' and it blowed the breeches clean out of all of 'em."

"Jack, my boy," says the old man, "give us your 'and; ye was cut hout for the navy, I see, and I'm right proud of ye!"



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MONTREAL, FEB 15, 1897.

A GRAND FRATERNAL RALLY.

The general results flowing from the fraternal rally on the 28th of last month are bound to be of a most gratifying nature, not only to Oddfellows but to many others who will, in the near future, seek the shelter of our brotherhood for the good they know it has rendered, and is rendering, to humanity at large. Never before in our hearing was so much appertaining to the origin, growth, principle and object of our order, the bare truth and true meaning of subordinate lodge and encampment degrees told in so short a time, so fully, so convincingly and so well as was listened to in the discourse of Bro. Johns on that evening. He traced our order from 1845 to 1896, showed its conception, its gradual and present growth, the grandeur of its principles, the nobility of its work and the good purposes it has served in less than three-quarters of a century. His happy reference to the parent order—the Manchester Unity—was particularly pleasing, and was gracefully acknowledged by Grand Master Jas. D. Allen, of that order, and his plea for the higher cultivation of those principles which alone can bind together in an invincible chain of brotherhood, was a masterpiece of argument and oratory. The presence of representatives of sister fraternal societies was another feature of the evening, and pointed vividly to a good omen for the future. And what would be more in place, on such an occasion, than the words of Mr. A. M. Featherstone, Do-

minion Councillor of Royal Templars, who said: "I can see no reason why all fraternal societies should not unite and carry on the good work together. We are all working in the same cause, have the same object in view and desire to reach the same end—the elevation, comfort, reformation and contentment of humanity at large. May we continue in the good work, and God bless all such societies." Grand Master Wilson's parting words to Grand Master Allen, of the Manchester Unity, as he was about to retire, struck a fraternal chord that sank deeply into the hearts of those present: "Take back with you to the Manchester Unity," he said, "the greetings of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and tell the grand order that we are carrying on the same grand work as it was engaged in, with a will and zeal that will make it proud of its offspring, as we are of the parent. We seek close companionship between these two strong bodies, and we shall never fail to heartily welcome any brother from the Manchester Unity who seeks our acquaintance, friendship and assistance." And Deputy-Grand Master A. Philips reached the same goal in a brief and spirited address. Every word came from his heart, and every sentence rang out in bell-like tones, and tingled pleasantly on the ears, and touched the hearts of his hearers. The event was, indeed, a success. Its effect for good will be really seen in the near future. But apathy should not be allowed; the time is ripe for action. Thousands are waiting to join our ranks and need but the asking. Let us invite them to our open meetings. Let us tell them of what we have done and are doing. Let us bind them together under the banner of the "Fatherhood of God," and the "Brotherhood of Man." Instil into their hearts our motto, "Friendship, Love and Truth," congregate in true brotherly harmony and fill our lodge-rooms to overflowing with the brothers in the grand army of our beloved order.

Tomelobia Lodge No. 18, now meet every Friday instead of fortnightly, as heretofore.

Mrs. Gibbons and Bro Bissett of Eastern Star Rebekah lodge, Cornwall, Ont., were welcome visitors at the meeting of Beaver Rebekah lodge, held on the 8th inst.

Owing to a pressure of matter this month, we are compelled to hold over the letter of "Observer" until another issue.

Common report says that the Excelsior Rebekah lodge team have their work down fine, and a keen contest for supremacy is expected between this lodge and the Beaver Rebekah lodge for Grand Master Wilson's trophy.

Grand Master Joseph Wilson, jr., will pay an official visit to Victoria lodge No. 16, Coaticook, Feb. 16; McLaren lodge, Wakefield, Monday, Feb. 22; Knowlton lodge No. 28, Knowlton, Friday, 26th.

Some of the lodges are returning the old rituals without any means of knowing where they are from. The Grand Secretary requests that the name of the lodge returning rituals be marked on the package, so that proper credit may be given for same.

We are sorry to learn through our Ottawa correspondent of the sudden death of Mrs. Cameron, beloved wife of Bro A. W. Cameron, P.G. Bro. Cameron is well known to many of our Montreal brethren, who will sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

Valleyfield Lodge No. 11 was the first lodge in the jurisdiction to receive the new official certificate for dues. Excelsior No. 17 of Huntingdon the first to procure the new rituals, and Fraternity No. 21 the first city lodge to receive the new official certificate.

Bro. F. J. Loso, Albion Lodge No. 12, Quebec, paid a visit to Beaver Lodge on Tuesday evening, January 26th, and received a cordial welcome. During the course of the evening he was called upon for a "few remarks," and responded, giving a most pleasing account of Albion Lodge.

Bro. A. W. Childs, P.G., Duke of Edinburgh Lodge No 4, mourns the loss of a valuable pipe as the result of his installation into the office of treasurer of the lodge. It has now become lodge property. Query: Is a dispensation necessary to recover it?

Rumor says that the elective officers of Lansdowne Lodge are all single men— young and handsome—and we vouch for them being model Oddfellows. Here is an excellent opportunity to institute a Rebekah lodge under the auspices of Lansdowne Lodge.

To be honored as an editor of a fraternal journal carries with it grave responsibilities, an unblemished life and unsullied character, in addition to being an encyclopaedia of universal knowledge, and to so high an estate has the fraternal editor been elevated that his prayers and benediction are much desired in all great and important undertakings, and, true to the traditions of the editorial sanctum, we never refuse any reasonable request, more especially if asked by a fair and beautiful sister of Rebekah. We have been requested by an enthusiastic member of one of our city Rebekah lodges to pray for the success of the team of her lodge for the Grand Master's trophy. Our prayers will ascend, and sure and certain success awaits the lodge for the triumph of whose team our prayers are offered in the true sincerity of heart, and humbly as becomes our humble station.

The presence of Bros. E. H. Walling and J. S. Burford, of Albion Lodge, at the recent rally reminds our Montreal brothers of the competition in the initiatory

degree work a year ago, in which Albion Lodge played such a prominent part. Bro. Walling was conductor of the team, Bro. Burford warden (the star warden of the competition). It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when Albion Lodge will again send a team to do battle for the honor of the Ancient Capital, and may better fortune favor their next efforts.

After the installation of the officers of Lansdowne Lodge No. 9, on Tuesday evening, January 19th, Bro. Chambers, P.G., Mizpah Lodge, was presented with a handsome Past Grand's collar by the officers and members of the lodge as a token of esteem for the active part he has taken in the welfare of the lodge, his regular attendance and willingness at all times to help them. Bro. W. Marriage, P.G.M., on behalf of Lansdowne Lodge, made the presentation speech, and referred to Bro. Chambers' zeal as an Odd-fellow and the esteem in which he is held by all who are acquainted with the worthy brother. Several visiting brothers present also referred to Bro. Chambers in the most complimentary manner.

Bro C. J. Brown, P.G.M. and Grand Representative, holds the office of Rec. Sec. for Miriam Lodge No. 10, Scribe of St. Johns Encampment No. 5, and is also a member of the following lodges: Floral Rebekah No. 2, Hochelaga Degree No. 1, Dorchester Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M.; Carnavon Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Montreal; P.M.W. Richelieu Lodge No. 6, A.O.U.W.; P.D.S.C., P.C., R.K. St. Johns Tent, No. 1, K.O.T.M.; Florence Council, R.A., Florence, Mass. With the above array of lodge meetings to attend Bro. Brown can always give a valid reason for an occasional absence from home at night without coining an excuse.

The square and compass, as well as the triple link pin of our order is worn on the breasts of many of our most active members. At the recent session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M., held in this city on Wednesday evening, January 27th, many of our lodges throughout the jurisdiction were well represented, Albion Lodge of Quebec having Past Grand E. H. Walling, F. J. Loso and Bro. J. S. Burford present. In fact one of our city Masonic lodges is known as "the Oddfellows' Lodge," and a live progressive lodge it is. Masonry and Odd-fellowship wield a powerful influence for good throughout the land and both stand peerless as the grandest and best of institutions to hasten forward the time which hope looks forth with ardent joy when one law shall bind all nations, creeds and kindreds of the earth, and that law shall be the law of universal love, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Fraternity Lodge can always entertain visiting brethren, and to visit the lodge on "a musical night" after the regular business of the lodge is transacted is to enjoy an evening of rare pleasure. Such an evening was held January 15th, it also

being the occasion of an official visit from The Excelsior Lodge No. 12. Bro. T. J. McGrath, P.G., occupied the chair and made the visiting brethren cordially welcome, among whom were H. L. Cohn, D.D.G.M., G. R. Woodburn, N.G., W. Scoular, V.G., R. W. Percy, P.G., and Bro. A. W. Childs, P.G., Duke of Edinburgh Lodge. Songs were sung by Bro. McLeod, Grant, Upton and Melville, and Broughter of Fraternity Lodge, and Bro. Percy of The Excelsior, and a piano solo by Bro. A. W. Childs.

The concert and hop of Beaver Rebekah Lodge held in their lodge rooms on Friday evening, January 15th, was an important as well as pleasant event and a financial success. All present enjoyed themselves. The programme was good and well rendered in every number and the hop after the concert was participated in by more than thirty-five couples. The orchestra was all that could be desired and under such favorable circumstances comment is unnecessary. After a few introductory remarks by the chairman, Bro. J. T. Courtenay, an excellent programme was gone through, consisting of songs, recitations, quartettes, etc. An exceedingly enjoyable entertainment was the result.

A Worthy Brother Honored.

To the Editor of ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE:

SIR,—Maple Leaf Encampment No. 6 was the scene of a very pretty presentation at their last meeting, when Past Chief Patriarch John S. Burford was presented with an address and a gold-mounted walking-stick, embellished with encampment and subordinate emblems. "Jack," although taken by surprise, made a very nice reply and seemed to be highly pleased with this token of the encampment's respect for him. I send you a copy of the address, which you may insert in THE GAZETTE, if you can conveniently find the space.

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

Quebec, Feb. 6, 1897.

To John S. Burford, Esq., Past Chief Patriarch Maple Leaf Encampment No. 6, I.O.O.F., Quebec:

Worthy Past Chief Patriarch,—The patriarchs of Maple Leaf Encampment No. 6 take this opportunity of greeting you as the second Past Chief Patriarch our beloved encampment has had since its institution.

The executive ability displayed by you in the discharge of the manifold important duties you were called upon to perform when presiding over this encampment, coupled with your proverbial courtesy and ever readiness to assist in every way for the good and welfare of the encampment branch of our order and the individual comfort of its members, has fully borne out the sanguine anticipations entertained in advance of a wise and happy reign under your benign rule. You have now attained the highest honors in the gift of the members of

this encampment, and we feel that, although we cannot speak from age and experience as an encampment, we can confidently look forward and feel that, when called upon to fill any more exalted positions in the councils of the order, you will continue to do honor to any position to which you may be assigned.

In conclusion: Renewing the expression of our esteem, the members of this encampment cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their unfeigned pride in the great distinction gained for this encampment through your efforts at the last great competition in Montreal, where, in presence of the assembled wisdom and talent of the order in the provincial jurisdiction, you succeeded over all comers in earning the honor of being the "peerless warden of the subordinate jurisdiction of the Province of Quebec," an honor which reflects its glory over our young encampment, and which its members feel cannot be too highly appreciated because of the severe ordeal through which you so successfully passed by the impartial judgment of competent brothers who were called upon to award where all your fellow-competitors were of such high order of merit. The members of this encampment, therefore, beg your acceptance of the accompanying slight token of their esteem and gratitude, not for its intrinsic value, but to serve as a souvenir of this occasion, together with their best wishes for your welfare and advancement both in the order and out of it, as also the welfare and happiness of your family.

MAPLE LEAF ENCAMPMENT NO. 6.

January, 1897.

CONCERT AND HOP.

Enjoyable Entertainment Largely Attended.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Wellington lodge held an entertainment in their rooms, Merchants Bank of Halifax Chambers, corner Seigneurs and Notre Dame. There was a very large attendance, their roomy quarters being literally packed, and each and all enjoyed to the fullest extent the following excellent programme: Musical trio, Messrs. Hesse and Inness and Miss Hesse; reading, R. O. Thicke; piano solo, Miss Fiola; song, Bro. G. H. McLeod; quartette, Bell family; song, Miss Wilshire; reading, Mr. Shepherd; song, Mr. Parks; concertina solo, Mr. Gray; remarks by Grand Master Joseph Wilson, jr.; quartette, Bell family; song, Mr. Parks; song, Miss Wilshire; concertina solo, Mr. Gray; song, Mr. James Hardman; musical duet, Pateau children.

Bro. George Lamb, P.G., occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with a few pertinent remarks relating to the progress and standing of the lodge. Bro. Joseph Wilson, G.M., also gave a very interesting address. At the conclusion of the concert a dance took place, which was kept up interruptedly for several hours. Everyone present were a unit in declaring the entertainment to be one of the best ever held in the city.

HISTORY OF . . . MOUNT ROYAL LODGE

No. 1. I. O. O. F.

[Written by W. Marriage, P.G.M.]

(Note—The early history is necessarily incomplete in many details on account of the books and records being destroyed by fire in 1888.)

Mount Royal Lodge No. 1, on the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was instituted at (the old number) 295 Notre Dame street, Montreal, on the afternoon of the 13th of December, 1870, by Bro. Fred. D. Stuart, Grand Sire, ably assisted by Bro. Geo. Varey, P.G. of Gore Lodge No. 34, Brantford, Ont., who thereupon received his commission as District Deputy Grand Sire, which office he filled with prudence, zeal and ability, until the year 1877, instituting all the lodges up to that year, including Unity No. 8, at Sherbrooke, when steps were taken towards establishing the Grand Lodge.

The charter members of No. 1 were Bros. John C. Becket, P.G.M., Wm. Hilton, P.G., F. W. Henshaw, P.G., D. Mulligan, P.G., and Joseph Levy. The above rank was held at that time by the charter members, Bro. Becket having been a member of Commercial Lodge No. 5, and the other four of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1, the latter being the first lodge of our order on British soil, an honor its descendants in Montreal may well be proud of.

In its early days the order had a short but glorious existence, the leading professional and business men uniting with it and by their exertions establishing not only three lodges and two encampments in Montreal and two lodges and one encampment in the city of Quebec, but planting lodges in Ontario also, and the prospects of the Grand Lodge of British North America, which was granted an independent charter, seemed for a while exceedingly bright, when in 1848 through a combination of circumstances, caused principally by the stirring events of the time, these hopes were doomed to disappointment by the collapse of all the lodges, with the exception of Brock No. 9, Brockville, Ont., which continued its career uninterrupted and is to-day the senior lodge of Ontario.

To return to Mount Royal, at the next session of the infant lodge held on the evenings of the 13th and 14th December, 1870, fourteen gentlemen were initiated and instructed in the degrees and the first officers elected and installed as follows: John C. Becket, P.G.M., P.G.; Jos. Levy, N.G.; Wm. Hilton, V.G.; Max Boehm, Treas.; A. E. Cohen, Rec. Sec., and the lodge started out on its career, destined to be a very checkered one, as the events will show. In addition to the above officers the lodge secured the services of Bro. Robert Dixon (who at that period held the position of

Grand Tyler in the Orange body) as O.G. and caretaker, and as that brother's action saved the lodge from subsequently surrendering its charter his memory deserves honorable mention.

The members, particularly Bros. Becket, Hilton and Dixon, presented the lodge with a quantity of paraphernalia, consisting principally of collars, sashes, aprons and records, together with a set of solid silver officers' jewels, nine in number, the first set made in Canada, and which had been the property of old Prince of Wales No. 1. These jewels were worn with reasonable pride by the officers of Mount Royal until the fire of January, 1888, when all that remained of them was secured by the writer and Bro. P. S. Morrison, P.G., from the ashes and are now in possession of the lodge.

Shortly after the institution of the lodge the various elements disagreed, although their numbers were added to slowly; but even this did not entirely quell the spirit of discord, and when on one occasion some of the leading officers were discussing the advisability of giving up the ship, Bro. Robert Dixon, from his position outside the lodge, divined the trouble and entering called upon four others to unite with him in holding the lodge together. The four nobly responded, that they would stand by him. The action of Bro. Dixon saved the lodge; for when the then N. G. becoming tired of his position returned the charter to the Grand Sire at Washington, it was at once sent back, the Grand Sire warmly congratulating the noble five upon their firmness. Bro. Jno. C. Becket then assumed the chair as N. G. and matters went along more smoothly; new members were initiated and before the end of 1871 the lodge had increased to about fifty members, and desiring to mark their appreciation of the services of Bro. Geo. Varey, D.D.G. Sire, who had done much to restore harmony, presented him with a handsome jewel, which is still worn by that worthy brother.

In this year, with a view to prevent a recurrence of the former troubles and also to extend the order, six of the brothers withdrew and organized St. Lawrence Lodge No. 2. The loss caused by these active brothers was speedily made up by others joining and new life seemed to be infused into the members, but the efforts of both lodges soon slackened and both were almost at a standstill by the end of 1872.

In March, 1873, the writer having conceived a favorable opinion of Oddfellowship whilst travelling in Ontario, although entirely unknown to the membership here, put in an application and the eventful night of his initiation was at hand.

After being kept in a state of suspense in a very dreary ante-room for a long time he was ushered within the portals and there duly "impressed" by the eight brothers assembled, who made up in demonstration for what they lacked in numbers. The ceremony embraced many features, happily not now permissible, and at the conclusion he was rather "depressed" by the advent of two other

brothers, who in haughty tones demanded their withdrawal cards, for the purpose of joining with other members of St. Lawrence Lodge in petitioning for the charter of Mizpah Lodge No. 3, which was instituted the same year.

The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge No. 4, followed soon after. All four lodges occupying the same hall for some time; but after awhile the younger lodges left their birthplace, sitting up rooms on Craig street, corner St. George. Mount Royal's lease would not permit of her leaving the premises; but they at once enlarged and beautified the hall and the renovated quarters were dedicated to Oddfellowship by Bro. Geo. Varey, D.D.G. Sire, in 1875. The attendance more than filled the hall and at the conclusion of the ceremony there followed a social, and it was on this occasion that Brothers Silverman and Roman received the impression that Oddfellowship was "worth joining, for at the next meeting of the lodge their names were proposed for membership. From this date the lodge enjoyed a season of prosperity, new members being added every week.

From the institution up to this date the following brothers had passed through the Noble Grand's chair: Bros. J. C. Becket, H. Levy, A. E. Cohen, J. Phillips, W. H. Lulham, M. Sternberg, Jos. Cochen-thaler, H. Samuel and J. H. Field. Early in the first term of 1875 the lodge was favored by a visit from the distinguished brother who instituted it, Fred. D. Stuart, P.G. Sire; on this occasion also his helper, Bro. Geo. Varey, D.D.G. Sire, was present, also John C. Becket, the brother who had the honor of being the first N.G., and a large assemblage of the members of all the lodges.

The following evening the Past Grand Sire was entertained at a banquet, when he was presented with a gold-headed cane from the members of No. 1 and a silver mounted meerscham from the past grands of No. 2, who were initiated by him at the institution of No. 1 in 1870.

Efforts were made in 1875 to establish the Rebekah Degree, some 20 brothers and 10 ladies having made application therefor; but the night appointed proving a very stormy one, only ten brothers and two ladies presented themselves for the degree, which was conferred on them by the writer, who was then N.G. The untimely death of these two ladies shortly after caused a damper upon our efforts to establish a Rebekah lodge, Mrs. J. H. Field and Mrs. J. L. Cohen, the ladies referred to, being the wives of two of our most enthusiastic members; but in 1883 Bro. L. Silverman conferred the degree on a large number of brothers, yet it was some years before the movement took the shape of regularly organized Rebekah lodges.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Within two weeks after installation the Vice-Grand should be qualified not only to perform his own part without the use of the ritual, but equally well qualified to take the place of the Noble Grand and do his work without prompting.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A Prosperous Year and an Encouraging Outlook.

To the Editor of THE ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take pleasure in presenting the annual report for year ending December 31st, 1896, through the columns of your bright and interesting journal, which reaches me regularly and is looked forward to with much pleasure.

I am pleased to report continued prosperity in this jurisdiction, of which the following is a summary:

Number of lodges last report.....	27	
Instituted during the year.....	2	
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Present number of lodges.....	29	
Number of members last report..	2227	
To which add—		
Initiated during year.....	335	
Admitted by card.....	79	
Reinstated.....	7	
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	421	
From which deduct—		
Withdrawn by card.....	90	
Suspended N.P.D.....	133	
Deceased.....	13	
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	236	
Increase for the year.....	185	
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Present membership.....	2412	

RELIEF REPORT.

Brothers relieved (280).....	\$5,220 73
Brothers of other lodges relieved (18)	663 22
Widowed families relieved.....	1,100 13
Orphans educated.....	215 00
Brothers buried.....	694 51
Special relief.....	654 23
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	\$8,547 82
Paid for relief last year.....	7,925 58
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Increase for the year.....	\$622 24
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid.....	1,290 5.7
Number of weeks last year.....	1,283 3.7
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Increase for the year.....	7 2.7

RECEIPTS OF SUBORDINATES.

Initiations.....	\$ 3,418 00
Degrees.....	305 00
Dues.....	15,379 35
Deposit of cards.....	328 00
Visiting and withdrawal cards ..	104 50
From other sources.....	479 47
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Total.....	\$20,014 32
Receipts last year.....	19,748 34
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Increase for the year.....	\$265 98

The most important acts of legislation adopted at the last session of the Sovereign Grand lodge was that providing for an official receipt and the printing of the revised ritual, which was as follows:

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

Resolved—That there be prepared the form of a certificate for dues, etc., to be recognized as evidence of the good standing, when the holder desires to make visitation in another jurisdiction in lieu of a visiting card. Said form of certificate to be universal throughout all the jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all lodges, encampments and Rebekah lodges. The annual A.T.P.W., to

be communicated to every member when paying his dues. The privilege to visit in another jurisdiction to depend upon the certificate which shall bear his signature on the margin, the genuineness of which he must prove before the Examining Committee and give the proper password.

NEW RITUALS.

Resolved, further—That the Committee on Printing Supplies shall procure the compilation and publication of revised editions of the said rituals of subordinate lodges, encampments, Rebekah lodges and cantons—that said revised editions be placed on sale by the Grand Secretary as soon as practicable after January 1st, 1897. That the prices of said revised rituals be the same as now fixed for the present editions, and that said revisions be furnished to Grand and subordinate bodies in exchange for copies of the old editions of one-half the prices so fixed.

Resolved—That Grand jurisdictions, through their Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs and Department Commanders, be, and they are hereby, directed to cause their subordinates to procure and use such revised rituals when the same shall be ready for distribution under the terms of the above resolutions.

In accordance with the foregoing, the said form of certificate for dues, etc., has been prepared, and the same will be sold to Grand bodies at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per one hundred certificates. The price to subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand lodge, has been fixed at three dollars per one hundred certificates, being the same price charged to subordinates and Grand bodies. The certificates are bound in books from one hundred to five hundred each.

The copy for the new rituals, as above ordered, has all been carefully prepared, and is now ready for delivery.

As the use of both the certificates and rituals is made mandatory by the foregoing resolutions, you are hereby requested to send your orders for what you need as early as possible.

The price of the new ritual to subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction is \$1.50, less an allowance of one dollar for each copy of the old ritual returned.

Yours fraternally,
T. J. POTTER,
Grand Secretary.

Letter from Davie Jones' Uncle.

To the Editor of the GAZETTE.

QUEBEC, Feb. 6.—I fully coincide with your views on the official receipt question and trust at the next meeting of the S. G. L. there will be a sufficient number of representatives present under instructions from the various subordinate grand lodges and encampments to remove from our code of laws the unjust tax now imposed on our subordinate lodges by the action of a committee of the S. G. L. (with full power to act).

By-laws and constitution are the order of the day, and afford much display of

legal ability on the part of the lodge lawyers.

I am sorry to say the degree team of Albion Lodge is now a thing of the past, current term officers are now doing the work. Maple Leaf Encampment is at a standstill, it requires some "big gun" to give an impetus to this branch of our order. I regret to say that Bro. R. J. Edward, P.G., little son is laid up in hospital and at last accounts was very low. Past Grand E. H. Walling's son is also laid up at home, but is recovering. Bro. Billings went into the hospital recently and will be likely to remain there for eight or ten days. Bro Simpson, of Lansdowne Lodge, has been ill, he is in "B" Battery. Some of the brothers called on him during his illness. I am pleased to say he is out again. Your remarks re rumor in the ante-room of Hochelaga Degree Lodge after the usual election of officers, can be made very properly to apply to Albion Lodge No. 2.

I devoutly trust that "our ghosts" will hereafter make their presence felt in the work of the lodge, but up to date there is no appearance of the "ghosts" materializing.

Is there no means of choking off that \$10 discussion; it is like trashing very old straw. Let us hear from John Collins, he was an interesting correspondent. Davie Jones must have got a "tip." Alas, poor Davie, I loved you well.

Yours fraternally,
DAVIE JONES UNCLE.

FAVORS RECEIVED.

Journal of Proceedings of the fifty-third annual session Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, held at Pittsfield, October 14, 1896, Joseph Kidder, G.S. The journal is neat typographically, and illustrated with excellent half-tone photos of past and present grand officers. From the journal I glean the following interesting figures in regard to the standing of our order in this jurisdiction: Total number of lodges, 95; membership, 12,644, an increase of 219 during the year. Total relief during the year, \$45,217.15; revenue of sub. lodges during the year, \$96,912.08; total cash and investment of sub. lodges, \$383,740.26, being an increase in funds and property for the year of \$12,504.27. There are 66 Rebekah lodges in the jurisdiction, with a total membership Jan. 1, 1896; of 20,223, of which number 4652 are brothers and 5572 are sisters.

Journal of Proceedings of the 39th annual session Grand Lodge of Kansas, held at Leavenworth, Oct. 13, 14, 1896; D. W. Kent, G.S. Total number of lodges in this jurisdiction, 432; membership, 22,086; total amount of relief paid during the year, \$48,693.36.

Journal of Proceedings 41st annual session Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of B.N.A., held at Truro, N.S., Aug. 12-13, 1896; J. C. P. Frazee, G.S.; also proceedings of the 5th annual meeting Grand Encampment of the Maritime Provinces of Canada. A. D. Grant, G.S.

OUR QUEBEC LETTER.

To the Editor of THE ODDFELLOWS' GAZETTE:

SIR,—It is indeed sad to contemplate the fact that a lodge of Oddfellows of the strength, influence and reputed talents of the membership of Albion No. 2 of this city, an official organ like the GAZETTE has to depend for its news from Quebec on such a young member of the order as "Davie Jones," who as yet is only an occasional visitor at the meetings, and who is not sufficiently interested in the welfare and good government of the lodge as to attend on election night, or to assist in welcoming the Grand Master on the occasion of his late official visit to the Ancient Capital. Besides being obliged in his evident zeal to promote the interests of the GAZETTE to secure his material second-hand, he might have himself of an at times to the charge of mending the membership by forwarding garbled reports of the business transacted. As an example, the Grand Master's decision regarding suspended members, qualified by certain remarks, which I fail to see quoted and which materially alters the point in dispute. Well, notwithstanding Davie Jones' absence (although, in my frail human nature, I am wicked enough to think he was very much present), the Grand Master was greeted by one of the largest gatherings of brothers at any meeting since the institution of the lodge, and the choice of officers for the next six months was a most happy one, the men selected in every case being amongst the most enthusiastic in the lodge. Had Davie Jones been on hand to listen to the words of wisdom that fell from the lips of the Grand Master, he might have had brought home to him the duties of a good Oddfellow, and have thus succeeded in making him an up-to-date member, instead of one of the back numbers who too often unfortunately, in their inflated condition of self-admiration and importance, sit idly on the fence and lose no opportunity to criticize the work of the brothers who bear the burden and heat of lodge battles, thus going far to discourage many a young member in his desire for good and honest work in the interest of the lodge. Davie Jones has evidently been nursed in a very close atmosphere, if one may judge of the rumors that reach him from time to time, causing him endless pain and evident worry, the latest one, regarding a supposed election deal, but which exists only in his own imagination. I can assure him that those who have the interests of this subordinate lodge at heart before all other considerations, were the brothers elected, which it is certainly to be hoped will always be the case. Probably, after all, the election deal consisted in keeping some of his particular friends out of office. I herewith append a complete list of the new officers, as follows:

Fred Ruthven, J P G; James Norton, N G; Henry Hull, V G; W. F. Fanning, Rec Sec; J. Barrington, Fin Sec; J. H. Wood, Treas; Jos. Kelly, P G, R S N G; A. J. Messerver, L S N G; W. T. Martin, R S V G; Jas. Presho, L S V G;

C. Leighton, R S S; H. Billing, L S S; D. Scott, O G; R. M. Reed, War; T. Reynar, P G, Con; Jas. Barr, Organist; V. A. Hoskin, Chaplain; C. E. Elliott, M. D.; Finance Committee—E. H. Walling, P G, R. J. Edwards, P G, and V. A. Hoskin.

On Wednesday last, after the meeting, quite a company of the brothers, including two visitors, Rev. E. J. Etherington, of Gananoque Lodge, and H. Griffith, of Excelsior Lodge, of Hamilton, enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The lodge is threatened with an early invasion from the Citadel, but if we may judge of the material already in the lodge from the R. C. A., I say let them come on, we cannot have too many of the soldier boys; they are hustlers and make very desirable members.

Bro. J. H. Wood, regimental quartermaster of the R. C. A., is giving himself a great deal of trouble in organizing a first degree team, and it is to be hoped that he will succeed in his efforts.

In conclusion, Bro. Editor, I trust some live brother in the lodge will rise up who can send you an occasional letter, giving the facts that he considers of interest to the order at large and not lose time in this lively age of sending news gathered at street corners or in idle gossip, which has a streak of sarcasm between the lines and tends to sow the seed of discord among the members instead of promoting fraternal feelings.

CONSTANT READER.

Quebec, Jan. 25th. 97.

OUR STANSTEAD LETTER.

(Special Correspondence)

STANSTEAD, February 6.—"Tomefobia" has been rather silent of late, but has not been asleep altogether—at least, you would not have thought so had you seen Bro. E. R. Pocock go down to Jericho with our new degree team on the 5th of January. We have at last got together what has been a long-talked-of desideratum. After four or five weeks' practice in floor work and ritual we have been able for the first time to go through a degree without the aid of the rituals, and those who compose the team deserve the thanks of the lodge.

On January 15th Grand Master Joseph Wilson, jr., paid his official visit to the lodge. Arriving early in the afternoon from Dunham, he was escorted through the villages of Rock Island, Que., and Derby Line, Vt., where several visits were made to some of the Vermont Oddfellows, afterwards proceeding to Stanstead.

At 5 p.m. the lodge was called to order by Bro. C. M. Monroc, P.G. Among those present to welcome the Grand Master were Bro. L. A. Young, P.G.; Bro. A. T. Allen, jr., secretary; Bro. J. W. G. Abbey, treasurer; Bro. F. P. Pocock and Bro. A. Millar, Oriental lodge No. 56, Derby Line, Vt. After the regular routine of business had been gone through, the G.M. (who had had a talk previously with the secretary in regard to our by-laws, explained to the lodge certain errors in our by-laws which were un-

constitutional which ought to be corrected. These errors, I am glad to say, have been corrected at our last meeting, and are now in the hands of the Grand lodge for ratification.

The Grand Master, by request, exemplified the secret work of the four degrees in a manner which showed a thorough mastery of his subject, and then launched forth into the most brilliant oration on Oddfellowship which the members of this lodge have had the opportunity of listening to. He traced the order from its beginning in Baltimore to the present, its growth throughout the world, its work in lifting up the moral standard, the benefits conferred on the sick, the relief to the distressed, the help to the widow and the education of the orphan, and the burial of the dead. These were brought out in vivid pictures before the minds of the brethren, and they felt that they knew more than ever the true worth of Oddfellowship. At the conclusion of his address a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Wilson. After various remarks on the good of the order the lodge was closed. An oyster supper was provided by Bro. H. J. Wheeler in his usual style, to which ample justice was done.

The Grand Master left for Montreal early the next morning.

I am glad to report that Bro. W. T. Forsythe is progressing favorably, and is now able to sit up for a little this week, and we now look for a speedy recovery. Tomefobia extends thanks to Montreal brethren for the care and attendance given Brother Forsythe whilst in hospital.

I am sorry to report that Bro. C. J. Mellow, of Commercial lodge, Boston, Mass., who has been under our care since last July with lung trouble, is gradually failing, although we hope that the doctors may yet bring him round.

There has been a growing feeling in this vicinity that a great impulse would be given to Oddfellowship in this section if the amalgamation of Oriental lodge No. 36, Derby Line, Vt., with Tomefobia lodge could be brought about. So far there seems to be no objection to the scheme, but, of course, nothing can be done until the appointment of a committee to draw up a scheme that will be agreeable to both lodges.

Although we cannot report any candidates this time, we are on the warpath, and hope to have something to report in that line next issue. I will likewise have a word to say on Tomefobia's jurisdiction, as I hear we have been getting some hard rubs on that question.

Yours truly, Rex.

Montreal Encampment No. 1, the pioneer encampment of the province of Quebec has on the roll of membership some of the most active and up-to-date Oddfellows that can be found in this jurisdiction. At the regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., a committee was appointed to organize a degree team, for the purpose of rendering the beautiful work of patriarchal Oddfellowship in a more complete form than has been heretofore observed in this city.

Lodge Directory

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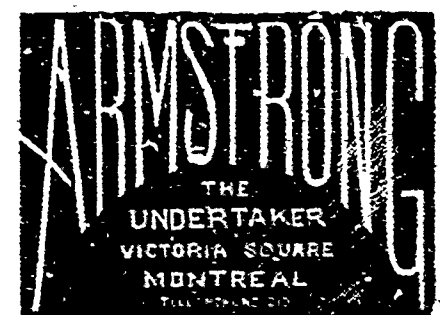
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