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OF THE
Twelfth Annual Meeting
OF
THE GRAND LODGE



Sons of England Benevolent Society,

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- No. 12.—Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, and Elgin—
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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
Sons of England Benevolent Society.

BARRIE, ONT., *Feb. 8th, 1887.*

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society was opened in the Council Chamber, Barrie, Ontario, February 8th, 1887, at two o'clock p.m. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present:—Bros. John Clayton, M.W.G.P.; Thos. R. Skippon, R.W.G.V.P.; B. Hinchcliffe, R.W.G.T.; Rev. E. W. Sibbald, R.W.G. Chap.; John W. Carter, R.W.G. Sec.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened by the M. W. G. P. assisted by Past Grand President Bro. J. W. Higginbotham. Bro. James Bedford, of Southampton Lodge, Barrie, acting as Assistant Secretary.

On point of order P. G. P. Caddick asked the ruling of the Chair as to a law that was passed at the last Grand Lodge in reference to executive officers of lodges not being eligible to sit as members of the Grand Lodge. The M. W. G. President requested that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws.

The M. W. G. P. then appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—Bros. Philip, Sussex Lodge; Blundall, Middlesex Lodge; Edmett, Old England Lodge; Dudley, Southampton Lodge. After a short recess the Committee on Credentials reported the following representatives present:—

Albion Lodge, No. 1—Bros. A. Partridge, J. B. Vick.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 2—Bros. E. Blundall, W. Hall.

Kent Lodge, No. 3—Bros. R. Caddick, P. G. P., J. M. Williams.

Essex Lodge, No. 4—Bros. J. W. Higginbotham, P. G. P., Wm. Alchine.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5—Bros. J. R. Philip, A. R. Roland.

York Lodge, No. 6—Bros. Chas. Tarling, W. C. Bezor.

Brighton Lodge, No. 7—Bros. W. Miles, E. Davis.

Britannia Lodge, No. 8—Bro. A. Hanniford.

Old England Lodge, No. 9—Bros. Wm. Edmett, John Heard.

Somerset Lodge, No. 10—Bros. W. P. Parsons, Samuel Hobbs.

Surrey Lodge, No. 11—Bros. Geo. Knight, B. Lowen.

Victoria Lodge, No. 12—Bro. Henry Williams.

Warwick Lodge, No. 13—Bros. A. Riddiford, J. B. Tremaine.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14—Bros. James Lomas, Wm. Toms.

Durham Lodge, No. 15—Bros. Chas. E. Smith, George Woodley.

Oxford Lodge, No. 17—Bros. R. Croft Hulme, P. G. P., Geo. Twining.

Wellington Lodge, No. 19—Bro. John M. Kivell.

Westminster Lodge, No. 20—Bros. John Millburn, J. L. Dunsford.

Rose of Couchiching Lodge, No. 23—Bro. Geo. Matthews.

Lausdowne Lodge, No. 25—Bros. E. Mannell, Thos. Gunn.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26—Bro. Chas. Squire.

St. George Lodge, No. 27—Bros. Ald. J. C. Swait, W. Barker.

Southampton Lodge, No. 28—Bros. J. W. Kempling, George Dudley.

Acorn Lodge, No. 29—Bros. H. Mason, W. Hancock.

Derby Lodge, No. 30—Bros. Chas. Hewlett, Jno. R. Hooper.

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Stafford Lodge, No. 32—Bros. Dr. Pickering, Wm. Moull.

Leicester Lodge, No. 33—Bro. Dr. E. C. Smythe.

Canterbury Lodge, No. 34—Bros. E. S. Brown, H. Evison.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35—Bros. Dr. S. B. Pollard, William Huxley.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 36—Bro. H. J. Boswell.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 38—Bros. Jas. Boyer, J. Alexander.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 40—Bro. W. R. Worfolk.

On motion the report was received and the delegates took their seats.

Bro. J. W. Kempling, on behalf of Southampton, Lodge, read the following Address of Welcome:—

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

MOST WORTHY SIR AND BROTHERS,—It is with true pleasure the brethren of Southampton Lodge welcome you to our town, and trust that the arrangements made for your accommodation while amongst us will meet with your approval.

We are deeply sensible of the honour of your visit, and although light is not expected from the north yet we trust that the result of your deliberations in this the Twelfth Annual Session, will mark high noon in our noble Order.

We pray that the God of our fathers, in His wisdom, may so direct your labours that the work of this session will aid in a further cementing of the bonds of brotherly love between us, and prove of lasting benefit to us financially, morally, and spiritually.

On behalf of the lodge,

J. W. KEMPLING.

On motion the Address was received, and the following committee appointed to draft a reply:—Past Grand Presidents Higginbotham and R. Croft Hulme.

The Grand President then appointed the following committees:—

COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.—Bros. J. W. Higginbotham, Essex ; R. Caddick, Kent ; J. Heard, Old England ; S. Hine, London ; H. Mason, Acorn ; J. R. Hooper, Derby.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Bros. Dr. Pollard, Windsor ; Henry Williams, Victoria ; J. W. Tremaine, Warwick ; W. Barker, St. George ; A. R. Roland, Sussex ; Geo. Dudley, Southampton ; T. W. Ingram, London.

PRINTING.—Bros. J. W. Kempling, Southampton ; W. Edmett, Old England ; W. Allchin, Essex ; A. R. Roland, Sussex.

SUSPENSIONS AND APPEALS.—Bros. R. C. Hulme, Oxford ; Dr. E. C. Snythe, Leicester ; J. W. Kempling, Southampton ; A. Hannaford, Britannia ; E. Blundell, Middlesex ; A. Riddiford, Warwick ; W. C. Bezor, York ; W. P. Parsons, Somerset.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—Bros. W. Hancock, Acorn ; George Twining, Oxford ; W. Edmett, Old England ; E. S. Brown, Canterbury ; W. R. Worfolk, Buckingham.

BENEFICIARY.—Bros. T. R. Skippon, G. V. Pres. ; W. Allchin, Essex ; Chas. Tarling, York ; J. B. Vick, Albion ; W. Miles, Brighton ; W. Toms, Manchester ; Chas. Squire, Royal Oak ; Thos. Gunn, Lansdowne ; Chas. Hewlett, Derby ; J. M. Williams, Kent ; Geo. Woodley, Durham.

JUVENILE DIVISION.—Bros. W. J. Hall, Middlesex ; A. Partridge, Albion ; W. Moull, Stafford ; S. Hobbs, Somerset ; Geo. Knight, Surrey ; Chas. Tarling, York ; Jas. Lomas, Manchester ; Geo. Matthews, Rose of Couchiching ; W. Huxley, Windsor.

CONSTITUTION.—Bros. J. R. Philip, Sussex ; E. Davis, Brighton ; J. M. Kivell, Wellington ; H. Eveson, Canterbury ; Wm. Hall, Middlesex ; J. C. Swait, St. George ; H. J. Boswell, Excelsior ; C. E. Smith, Durham ; Dr. Pickering, Stafford ; Jas. Boyer, Lancaster.

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Moved by Bro. Caddick, seconded by Bro. J. M. Williams, that the hours of sitting of the Grand Lodge be from 9 a.m. till 12 noon, and from 2 o'clock p.m. till 6 p.m.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Higginbotham, seconded by Bro. Hinchcliffe—*Resolved*, that this Grad Lodge of the S. O. E. B. S. in session assembled, do take the earliest opportunity of conveying to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, our sincere and hearty congratulations on this the 50th year of her illustrious reign, and do express our devout wish that she may long be spared to rule as she does in the fear of God over a grateful people.

That the message be cabled forthwith, and that Bros. Caddick, Clayton, Hulme, Miles and the mover be a Special Committee to draft and transmit the same.

Carried by a standing vote, the members singing "God Save the Queen," and giving three cheers for Her Majesty.

The Grand Secretary then proceeded to read the minutes of last meeting, when it was moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as printed, with the amendment that the latter clause of amendments be referred to Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The Grand President then read his address.

ADDRESS OF GRAND PRESIDENT.

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society here assembled :

BRETHREN,—It gives me much pleasure at this our Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of our Order to bid you welcome and to give a report of my stewardship during the past year. I give it without dividence because I have confidence in you, that any mistakes or shortcomings on my part will have arisen from the head and not from the heart which beats in unison with yours for the welfare of our beloved order.

It seems but a short time since we last met in annual convention, and yet a year has passed and gone, a useful one if wisely spent, but worse than wasted if given to folly. Here we are met as representative men from nearly

every lodge, assembled to legislate for the good of their brothers, widows, and orphans, and I pray that God, our Great Grand President, will be with us during our deliberations in this Grand Session.

Having asked for the assistance and presence of our God, our next thought as Sons of England naturally turns to our beloved Queen, and to express our joy at the long life and continued health of our good and gracious Queen. And to give utterance to our gratification that we have entered the fiftieth or jubilee year of her benign reign, therefore we will pray for Victoria

Long to reign over us,
Happy and glorious,
God save the Queen.

And long will she reign in the heart of every Son of England.

During the year we have issued charters for five new lodges, viz.:—Chelsea, No. 37, London; Lancaster, No. 38, Bracebridge; Buckings, No. 39, Uxbridge; Yorkshire, No. 40, Montreal; and Victoria Jubilee, No. 41, Montreal.

I have been ably assisted by the District Deputies, who have made official visits and installed the officers of the lodges in their districts, and has been thereby a saving of money to the Grand Lodge, and I cannot let this occasion pass without returning them my sincere thanks for their readiness to assist me on all occasions when called upon, especially to Bros. Barker, of Toronto, and Twining, of Belleville Districts.

I have officially visited the following lodges and attended meetings as follows:—Middlesex, No. 2; Britannia, No. 8; Durham, No. 15; Chester, No. 18; Wellington, No. 19; Rose of Couchiching, No. 23; Lansdowne, No. 25; Acorn, No. 29; Excelsior, No. 36; Chelsea, No. 37. And attended with much pleasure the opening of Shaftesbury Hall, which will form an epoch in the history of our Order. I also accepted an invitation to attend the reception of the Knights of Pythias in Toronto. I have attended every meeting of the Executive and Finance, and have been more than repaid for my time at those meetings by the great growth of our Beneficiary department. I have written innumerable letters and answered many questions, of which none were so serious that I think they have appealed from my decision.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge a motion was carried that Cards of Instructions be issued for the use of officers of subordinate lodges; Bro. Kempling was the author of them, and, I believe, had them printed before the last Grand Lodge met, but after I commenced my duties as your representative and had copies of the cards sent to me, I considered it my duty to forbid them to be distributed, and I would ask that they be handed over to the Committee on Laws and Rituals.

On appeals—the Executive have brought two appeals from members of Stafford Lodge, Toronto, for consideration.

I would ask this grand body if they will sanction any letters to be published in the *Journal* anonymously, censuring the Executive, and the editor would not give the name under the excuse of *sub rosa*.

During last summer we directed Bro. Twining, D.D., to go to Trenton, and he reported that no lodge was in existence there—although opened on July 18th, 1883, they had held but one or two meetings, and that the leading spirit had died, and it seemed that the lodge died too, and it will be struck off the list.

There are other topics I might call your attention to but that the R. W. G. Secretary will enter more fully into them.

Before I conclude I would put two questions for your careful consideration. 1st, Is it not time that the Executive officers of this body should not have a regalia supplied to them upon taking office, to be the property of the Grand Lodge? 2nd, Is it fair to ask our R. W. G. Chaplain to attend this meeting at his own expense?

I cannot close without returning my thanks to my colleagues in office, and to the members of the Finance Committee in the way they have assisted me at all times. I have also received much courtesy and kindness from the brethren everywhere, and hope that the spirit will grow so, that we will all be united in the bonds of brotherly love.

I ask for your support and forbearance during this session, and trust that unity and goodwill will prevail, and when we leave for our respective homes we may be able to say it was good for us to be here.

I have the honour to be,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CLAYTON,

M. W. G. P.

On motion the address was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Vice-President then read his report.

GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society :

BRETHREN,—In submitting my report I have been deeply sensible of the important duties of the office, and of the many and heavy responsibilities resting on the faithful performance of my duty. During the past year I have attended twelve meetings of the G. L. Executive and Beneficiary Board.

May 24, I attended Essex Lodge Demonstration, Oshawa.

Oct. 6, Old England Lodge Demonstration, Port Perry.

Nov. 17, Paid an official visit to Old England Lodge, Port Perry.

Nov. 18, Accompanied and assisted by the R. W. G. Secretary and Bros. Swait, Barker, Edmett, and others, I instituted Buckingham Lodge, No. 40, in the town of Uxbridge, and installed its officers.

Aug. 21, Met the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of St. George, *re* amalgamation; a report of the proceedings will be printed by our W. G. Secretary.

I have also made official and fraternal visits to all the lodges in the City of Toronto, and have installed the officers in a number of them. During the year just ended I have made seventy-three visits, and I am pleased to report that a very marked increase and improvement has taken place in our lodges both numerically and financially; I therefore claim that we have been fairly successful in the past year.

In conclusion, I would respectfully urge upon you the necessity of making our lodge rooms as attractive as possible; comfortably furnished rooms should always be a pre-requisite, then a good live staff of officers who are punctual in their attendance with harmony and sociability; unkind words and bickerings never permitted; essays, readings, debates and general business should all be a portion of each night's work. Outside the lodge room the members should especially guard their words and actions, always remembering that one evil disposed member permits the finger of scorn to be lifted at the entire body.

I am also pleased to report that our beneficiary department is in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition, and is no longer a doubtful experiment, I would therefore respectfully suggest that it be allowed to remain in its present shape with this exception, that the Finance Board shall not be allowed to receive any pay whatever for services rendered.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

THOS. R. SKIPPON,

R. W. G. V. P.

On motion the address was received and referred to Committee on Officers's Reports.

The Grand Secretary then read his annual report and financial statement.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Sons of England Benevolent Society :

SIRS AND BRETHREN,—In compliance with the requirements of our Constitution I have great pleasure in submitting my Sixth Annual Report and Financial Statement, with Balance Sheet marked Appendix A, showing the receipts and expenditure to February 1st, 1887, also statistics marked Appendix B, compiled from the returns of the various lodges during the year. Copies of which are printed and distributed to the representatives of this Grand Body.

Immediately after the close of last Grand Lodge meeting, by direction of the Executive, I invited tenders for printing the Grand Lodge Reports, issuing specification for the same, which was duly acknowledged; the tender of Bro. J. W. London, of Oxford Lodge, being the lowest, was accepted. The reports were prepared with every dispatch, and distributed without delay proportionately to the various lodges free of charge. An official copy of the alterations and amendments passed at last Grand Lodge meeting were printed in fly sheet form and sent to every lodge.

In compliance with report of Committee on Law and Constitution (see printed Proceedings, page 41) I notified District Deputy Grand Lodge Officer Bro. M. H. Spence that the By-laws of Victoria Lodge, Port Elizabeth, had been approved by this Grand Body, also that the recommendations from Bro. Spence to adapt the Constitution to the South African Lodges, were approved and sanctioned. I also conveyed to Bro. Spence the sympathy and condolence of this Grand Body in his late severe losses. I also forwarded to Bro. Spence, as directed, a copy of the original dispensation constituting him the Grand Lodge representative in that District, also charters for the opening of two other lodges, which, I fully expect, are in a fair way of completion. I have also forwarded to Bro. Spence the new Red and White Rose Degree Rituals and Aggenda, also marked explanations, which, after considerable time and labour bestowed by our esteemed Bro. Dr. J. S. King, were sent in registered packages. I am pleased to report that Bro. Spence has from time to time acknowledged receipt of these parcels, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the change, and the possibility of his being able to make out all the secret work without any great difficulty. I am also pleased to report that I have received a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the South African Branches, as revised in accordance with the directions and approval of this Grand Body. Bro. Mowat, the esteemed Worthy President of Victoria Lodge, Port Elizabeth, deserves great credit for the care and trouble bestowed in preparing a very elaborate Index to this Constitution, of which we shall take advantage in our new issue. Bro. M. H. Spence is still working heartily and energetically for the spread of our Order in South Africa, and deserves honourable mention in this Grand Lodge meeting.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Session respecting badges for members, (see printed proceedings, page 43.) I wrote to our Bro. Joseph Shaw, Manchester, requesting him to ascertain the cost of fifty badges as samples; I received an answer stating that fifty could not be done at the prices quoted, and that the Company would not undertake any such order without charging prices that would come up to those in the estimate per 1,000. I also requested our R. W. Grand Treasurer, who was paying a visit to England, to call on Bro. Shaw and see what could be done with the order of fifty; the Grand Treasurer met Bro. Shaw, who reported the same as his letter. I also asked Bro. J. W. Haynes, secretary of London Lodge, who was visiting England, to call on the makers of the Foresters' regalia, to furnish us with a sample badge and price; Bro. Haynes reported that he could do nothing in the transaction. Through a friend of District Deputy Bro. Barker, in Manchester, I wrote and sent our sample badge for prices, but he recommended us to go to the original tenderers. The Executive, after long and serious consideration of the necessity for the badges, and the instructions issued by this Grand Body, came to the conclusion, considering the importance of the year 1887, to give a general order for 2,000 of the approved badge, and instructed me to make arrangements for the same. I asked for prices from a Toronto firm, Flett, Lowndes & Co., Front street, who agreed to furnish us with 2,000 badges at 15c. each, free of all duty, and according to the sample produced. This order, through so much time being lost in writing and explanations, was not given till the latter end of November; I am pleased to report, however, that the badges are made and on their way to Toronto, and will be ready for distribution in a few weeks. As there are only 2,000 ordered it will be necessary for the lodges requiring them to send in their orders immediately, so that we can obtain an extra supply if needed before the middle of June.

In compliance with the adoption of report of Committee on Officers' Reports, I forwarded to Mr. Jas. Beaty, M.P., and Mr. Mulock, M.P., to the House of Common, the thanks of this Grand Body for their valuable support and assistance in regard to the Insurance Bill introduced by Sir L. Tilley. Both these gentlemen acknowledged the letters with thanks.

Shortly after the close of last Grand Lodge Session I received from the Grand Secretary of the order Sons of St. George an answer to my last communication, which I had hoped to have laid before this Grand Body, in reference to the amalgamation of the two societies. As the Committee on Correspondence recommended no action to be taken, (see page 37, printed proceedings,) I merely acknowledged the communication, and suggested the consideration of the subject of affiliation whereby a transfer of Membership Cards could take place for the mutual benefit of both societies. The matter, however, took a more definite shape at the Grand Lodge Meeting of the order Sons of St. George in Buffalo. The result of my correspondence with Mr. Williams, Grand Secretary, was the appointment of a deputation consisting of Mr. Williams and several Grand Lodge Officers of the order Sons

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of St. George, to meet our Executive in Toronto. As the notice was so short I could only get a few of our Toronto members together—consisting of the G. V. P. Skippon, P. G. P. Caddick, Dr. Pollard, and Bro. Prior. We received the deputation in Shaftesbury Hall with becoming respect, and discussed the question of amalgamation for over two hours, the result was the following resolution was drawn up and carried unanimously:—"That in the opinion of the meeting it would be for the interest of the two societies that they should become amalgamated." This resolution was passed without prejudice, and it was agreed that a circular based upon the resolution should be drawn up and submitted to the lodges for their consideration. The deputation was highly pleased with our progress, and thanked us for our kind reception. As the question will come legally before this Grand Lodge for discussion through a motion from Surrey Lodge, No. 11, I need not enter more fully into the matter at this stage than to say that the case stands in precisely the same position as it did in the year 1882, when, after a visit to the Grand Lodge Officers at Buffalo by the M. W. G. P. Bro. Venables and myself, a report was presented to the Grand Lodge (see printed proceedings, pages 20, 21, Grand Lodge Records, 1882,) of which the following resolution of Committee on Correspondence was adopted by Grand Lodge:—"That after due and careful consideration of the question of affiliation in all its bearings, so far as presented to them, conclude that, for constitutional and other reasons, it would be inexpedient and impracticable to effect a closer union than that of brotherly regard as Englishmen, and sincere interest in each other's welfare, and therefore recommend that no action be taken, but would suggest that some arrangements might be mutually entered into by the two Grand Bodies by which members of each order could extend to each other to some extent the benevolent benefits and advantages of their respective orders." Signed by the Rev. Dr. Clark, as chairman, and Bros. Caddick, Skippon, C. E. Smith, T. Hastings, Wm. Miles, and B. Lowen. The Executive intrusted me with the drawing up of a circular to the lodges embodying the resolution passed at the meeting of the joint committee in Shaftesbury Hall on the 21st of August, but the difficulties surrounding the question were so peculiar and complex that I asked to be relieved from that duty. The matter was accordingly left over for the consideration of this Grand Body. Copies of correspondence with the Grand Secretary Sons of St. George will be laid upon the table. For official correspondence with Mr. Williams, Grand Secretary, see Letter Book, folios 418, 563, 642, and 756.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Meeting (see printed proceedings, page 49,) and by request of Executive Council, after several unsuccessful attempts, we succeeded, in company with Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait, who is a representative to this Grand Body, and Bro. J. S. Williams, who also represented the A. O. F., in obtaining an interview with the Rt. Hon. Sir John Macdonald in reference to the passing by the Dominion Government of a Benevolent and Friendly Societies' Act similar to the one in Great Britain. Your deputation was received by Sir John with great cordiality. We explained the object of our interview, the standing of our

Society, and the necessity of a Dominion Act for the protection of our lodges in the other provinces outside of Ontario. Sir John Macdonald expressed himself pleased at the success of our Society and the praise worthy objects of our order, and said he saw no objection to such an Act, and thought that all these benevolent societies should come under Dominion legislation. He pointed out several difficulties in the way which your representatives fully comprehended; he promised to give the matter his consideration and to consult the members of the government, and requested us to send all the particulars to him at Ottawa. We thanked the Premier on behalf of the Society and withdrew. The hurried appointment prevented my obtaining a larger deputation.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Meeting, (see printed proceedings, page 45.) Bro. Twining, District Deputy, was instructed to visit Trenton Lodge and endeavour to resuscitate it and get it into active operation. Bro. Twining did not succeed, and, after further instructions from the executive, collected the charter, rituals, and books of the lodge, and sent them by express, and they are now in the custody of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Twining failed to collect any funds, the late treasurer of Trenton Lodge having died, and no account could be obtained regarding the amount. We have consequently dropped Trenton Lodge from the list of lodges.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge Session, (see printed proceedings, page 49.) and by direction of the Executive, I prepared a revised plan of districts for use of District Deputies, which the Grand President, after some minor alterations, approved, and instructed me to insert them in the Annual Report of Grand Lodge. By direction of the Grand President the appointment, with the proper authority given under the seal of the Grand Lodge and signed by the Grand Lodge officers, was duly forwarded to the several District Deputies and acknowledged. An entire misunderstanding seems to exist in regard to the powers of the District Deputies—some going so far as to say that they have no report to make simply because they being under the direction of the Grand President, and receiving no instructions did no work. This is entirely a misconstruction of the Act. The authority under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, giving the power to exercise their duties as District Deputies, was sent at the very earliest moment after Grand Lodge closed, also with the special request that the commission should be read in open lodge. The law defining the duties of District Deputies (see Grand Lodge Proceedings at Lindsay, page 40,) gave the District Deputies power to visit lodges in their jurisdiction, superintend the secret and other work and general welfare of the order, open new lodges when ordered under direction from the M.W.G.P., to whom they shall apply for instruction, and to perform such other duties as may from time to time be imposed upon them. The general instructions were given under seal of Grand Lodge, other instructions for special work has also been given by the M. W. G. P. What are the reports? Bro. Twining reports upon the efforts to revive Trenton Lodge and visiting Leicester Lodge. Bro. Matthews

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reports Lancaster Lodge room to be anything but suitable, and Bro. Wm. Barker reports general visitation of the Toronto lodges,—week after week through the year, and a general improvement in the carrying on of the ritualistic work, and largely increased additions to the Beneficiary in most of the lodges. Not one word from the District Deputies of Montreal, Ottawa, or St. Thomas; in fact in the City of Montreal more work of organizing was done by private members than the District Deputy. Bro. J. Lee, of St. Thomas, though travelling considerably, sends no report whatever, and yet in that very district there is Stratford, Windsor, Chatham, Paris, and other good localities for Lodges. I respectfully suggest that the law is explicit and plain, and that District Deputies who are so disposed, having the instructions from the Grand President, stamped with the Lodge seal, in their possession, have all the power necessary to work.

In the month of May the following resolution was forwarded to the Executive from Oxford Lodge, Belleville: "That this Lodge strongly deprecates the attempt now being made in Great Britain to grant Home Rule to Ireland, which we believe to be a measure which very seriously threatens the integrity of our Empire." This was accompanied with another resolution, requesting the Executive to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to all the subordinate lodges for their discursion. After considerable thought the Executive concluded it would be impolitic to send such a resolution, which would perhaps not answer the purpose of the lodge which passed it.

As the next number of the Englishman's Journal will complete the first Vol., I ask this Grand Lodge in all seriousness to consider whether it should continue to be recognized as the official organ of the Society, and if so, to what extent the Executive and Grand Lodge should supervise all matters relating to the Order published therein, without in any way depreciating the motives of Bro. Prior, the manager of the Journal, who has, no doubt, done all that he considered was for the best, no one can deny that reports and communications have appeared that caused considerable feeling, and gave rise to warm discussions, and caused considerable anxiety to the Executive Council. In the very first number, page 5, there is a report of a correspondent's visit to Warwick Lodge in which very discouraging remarks are made, and which caused feelings of disappointment to the officers and members of the Lodge. I immediately wrote Bro. Prior, calling his attention to the report and advised him not to put such unqualified reports in the Journal. For copy of this correspondence see Letter Book, fol. 315. Other causes of complaint and dissatisfaction will arise, which in themselves perhaps may not amount to much or without having any intentional wrong result, but its bearing, upon the whole, may considerably interfere with the dignity and safety of constitutional authority. In the 6th No. of the Journal, page 88, our Brother, without due consideration, has taken upon himself the position of Judge and settled points of law. In answer to a correspondent, which I have every reason to believe was from Peterborough, he answered "no" to a question which I believe the M. W. G. P. had already answered "yes," and in the same No. answers "certainly not" to another

question. This is assuming the position granted to the M. W. G. P. and may lead to serious difficulties. In September of 1886 I was instructed by the Executive to write Bro. Prior, manager of the Journal, requesting him not to publish any matters relative to Lodge business unless it came through the Executive office. This request has been ignored altogether, and the Executive feel that they have no control over that department of the Journal, which they are entitled to have, in order to prevent the publication of matters irrelevant and calculated to cause dissatisfaction. The Executive with the view of helping the Journal, made arrangements with Bro. Prior to advertise the aims and objects of the Society for \$100, but would not recommend its renewal without a proper understanding in regards to its future management. The motion upon the Sessional paper proposing a subsidy to the Journal, was placed there for the express purpose of bringing the discussion of the Journal before the subordinate lodges, so that the Delegates to this meeting might be prepared to vote according to the instructions from their Lodges. Personally, I have done my very utmost to uphold and advocate the Journal and regret exceedingly the lukewarmness of our members in not supporting it more. The removal of the Journal to Toronto, and the incorporating with it what is called the Union Publishing Company, opens up another phase of the question. It must be distinctly understood, that as a Society, we have nothing whatever to do with this Union Publishing Company, beyond the fact that some of our members have become shareholders. I desire to explain that the reason I make this statement is because so many of our members have been under the impression that it was a part of our connection with this Journal. While earnestly trusting that our members will use every endeavour to uphold the Journal as a representative organ of our Society, I would have our members thoroughly understand that the Union Publishing Company is a private speculation, and beyond the control of this Grand Body.

I am pleased to report to this Grand Body that the purchase of Shaftesbury Hall for the purposes of the Sons of England Society is meeting with great success. That the law passed at last Grand Lodge meeting, (see printed proceedings, page 48,) giving the Lodges power to invest a portion of their capital in the Hall Shares has been taken advantage of, and the following sums invested: Albion, 100 shares; Middlesex, 100; Kent, 50; Brighton, 10; Britannia, 25; Somerset, 15; Warwick, 50; Manchester, 25; London, 10; Windsor, 5; in all \$3,900, of which \$1950 or 50 per cent. has been paid. I am pleased to say that the value of the land alone has increased since we have held possession from \$21,000 to \$35,000, and I have reason to believe that in the course of the next two years will be worth the entire purchase money. The Dedicatory Ceremonies on the 15th of September was a red letter day for our Society. Hundreds of members and from all districts took part in the day's festivities. The whole building was decorated and illuminated and thrown open to members and their friends; all the Grand Lodge officers were present, the M. W. G. P. performing the act of Dedication, and the Grand Chaplain delivered the Dedicatory address. The importance of

this purchase is very significant. "What do the Sons of England mean by this sum of \$35,000? It is a principle of this latter Canadian Grand Lodge. The growth of \$55,000 for the last year is a testimony to the enterprise of our members for hundreds of years in this land, W. G. P. reading a paper on the Grand S.

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this purchase of Shaftesbury Hall by the Sons of England and for them alone, is very significantly commented upon by the Free Press of Ottawa. It says : " What do the advocates of Canadian independence think of the purchase by the Sons of England of the Shaftesbury Hall in Toronto, for the magnificent sum of \$55,000. This Society is a Benevolent organization, but its central principle is the preservation and maintenance of British connection. It is this latter principle that will in the immediate future, when the advocates of Canadian separation become more noisy, give a great increase of membership. The growth of this organization in a few years to be so wealthy as to pay \$55,000 for a public building in Toronto must show the Canadian separationists that if they are to win, something more than mere talk is necessary." We recommend all our Lodges and all our members to interest themselves in this enterprise, which is bound to prove a public benefit, and will become a home for hundreds of our fellow countrymen, who may come to this, our adopted land, We sincerely hope that by the summer months, we shall have the reading and waiting-room in good order, also the stationary office of your Grand Secretary.

Mention having already been made by the M. W. G. P. in reference to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, I would recommend that a special committee be appointed to draw up a message of congratulation to her Majesty the Queen, to be sent under the auspices of this Grand Body. I beg also to state that I am taking the preliminary steps to call a meeting of all our representative members with a view of taking such steps that will do honor to the occasion, and shall be glad to receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge.

I am pleased to report that in compliance with resolution passed by this Grand Body (see printed proceedings, page 40) all our Lodges that could conveniently, attended divine service on the 24th of May, our Grand Chaplains in most cases preaching the anniversary sermons. A pleasing feature of the Toronto church service is that the collection on that occasion was donated to the Toronto General Hospital, as a fund to provide comfortable accommodation for unfortunate members who may meet with accidents. As the nearest Sunday to the 24th this year is the 23rd, I would respectfully ask this Grand Body to set apart the 23rd of May, 1887, as the general church parade day. Some of our lodges turn out in full force on St. George's Day, which shows to the members of that Society that we are interested in the work of their Society. I am pleased to report that there are a very large number of the Sons of England in the St. George's Society of Toronto.

I am pleased to report the opening of five new lodges during the past year. Chelsea Lodge, No. 37, instituted on March 26th by the M. W. G. P. and the Grand Secretary, assisted by the officers and members of Chester Lodge, St. Thomas. To Bro. Buckingham of Britannia Lodge is due the credit of completing our oft repeated efforts to organize the Sons of England in the city of London.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 38, at Bracebridge, instituted May 27th, by the Grand Secretary, assisted by the District Deputy, Bro. Matthews, and Past

District Deputy Bro. Kempling, to whom in his business visits to that locality, is mainly owing the organization of that Lodge.

Yorkshire Lodge, No. 39, instituted Nov. 4th by the M. W. G. P. assisted by the officers and members of Excelsior Lodge and D. D. Prior.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 40, instituted Nov. 18th by the R. W. G. V. P. Grand Secretary, District Deputy Bro. Barker, Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait, and the officers and members of Old England Lodge, Port Perry. Bro. Edmett, Past Grand Vice-President, deserves credit for his efforts in organizing Buckingham Lodge at Uxbridge.

Last but not least, Victoria's Jubilee Lodge, No. 41, instituted January 15, 1887, by the Grand Secretary, assisted by Past Grand President, Bro. Peter Millington, and the officers and members of Excelsior and Yorkshire Lodges.

I am pleased to record the fact that we have instituted three good and substantial lodges in the city of Montreal within the 13 months, and that great credit is due to Past Grand President Millington and Bros. Papps, Wright and Boswell for their untiring efforts in this direction.

Other lodges are on the way of organization. I am in communication with gentlemen in Windsor, Paris, Brampton and West Toronto Junction, Cobourg and Dundas can be organized whenever the proper officers get down to work. A new lodge is contemplated in the city of Ottawa, a lodge will be organized in Huntsville during the year; Chatham, Stratford, Brantford, Perth, Napanee, Brockville and other places, only required to be looked after, and the prospects are good. I have sent parcels of our aims and objects to all these places, including Guelph, Owen Sound, Meaford, Port Arthur, and as far to the north-west as Winnipeg, and to the Provinces down by the seas, British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

I am pleased to report that with few exceptions all our lodges are in a strong and healthy condition. Our visitations to the various lodges during the year has been of a most enthusiastic character. The Grand Lodge and its officers were never more loyally honored and respected than they are today, and the authority of your Executive, without perhaps a single exception, is looked upon with great favor and confidence.

I am pleased to report, that with two exceptions the year has passed without your Executive being called upon to intervene for the settlement of lodge difficulties. The first is that of lodge Rose of Couchiching, No. 23, of Orillia, which the Grand President investigated, and reported as having settled satisfactorily, though, I understand, with the loss of one or two members.

The other case is that of Lodge Stafford, No. 32, of Toronto; in this matter an application was made to the Executive by one of the auditors of the lodge, asking for an examination of the lodge books; after consulting with the lodge President, who expressed the desire for such an inspection in order to satisfy those who had any doubts, the R. W. G. V. P. and your grand Secretary were appointed a committee from the Executive to investigate said books, which was done, I believe, to the satisfaction of nearly all concerned; and while your

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committee are of opinion that many of the charges were frivolous, still several errors were corrected and settled to the satisfaction of your Executive.

A second case was reported to your Executive in connection with a Bro. Martin, of Stafford Lodge, who claimed \$20 for the death of his wife. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary was appointed to see the Treasurer of Stafford Lodge in this matter, and the Treasurer stated that, for monies owing to him for a business transaction, he had put a lien upon the claim of Bro. Martin; as Bro. Martin would not contest the claim, your Executive took no further action in the matter. I am sorry to have to report that a third case in connection with this lodge has been reported to the Executive within the past month, but that, after due consideration of the questions at issue, and the near approach of the Grand Lodge meeting, they have referred both cases for this Grand Lodge to settle. A report of the investigation by the Executive will be laid before the Committee on Appeals.

I desire to call the attention of W. Secretaries to the necessity of being more prompt with their lodge returns; the delay causes a great deal of trouble and anxiety, and the issuing of quarterly and half-yearly statements are very often weeks behind the proper time. One, if not the chief cause of this delay is the seeming carelessness of several Lodge Auditors; if there is one position more responsible than that of the W. Secretary, it is the Lodge Auditors, and the repeated excuses sent for the delay in forwarding lodge returns are the Auditors. This, Brethern, ought not to be; nothing is more important than to have the lodge books properly and promptly audited, according to the rules laid down by this Grand Lodge. I trust that this timely notice will suffice, and whoever may be your Grand Secretary, it will remove a great deal of anxious thought from his mind, and greatly assist him in his ever increasing duties. I am pleased to report a decided improvement this last quarter.

I would venture to suggest to this honorable body, and through them to the officers and members of our Society, a more thorough acquaintance with the rules, regulations, laws and constitution of our order. There seems to be considerable indifference as to what the constitution really is, both by officers and members. The result is, such simple questions as the following are asked: "What constitutes an Executive officer?" "Is a member who filled the 4th committeeman's chair a year ago eligible for election as W. President?" and another question, "Can a brother claim two Sundays in one week's sick pay?" It seems that many members never read their constitutions at all, and only when extra difficulty arises, are they puzzled about what the laws are. I have to admit that one or two of our general laws want a little more defining, and on account of two years amendments not being in the Constitution some few difficulties may have occurred.

The laws in reference to the payments of weekly dues for charter members requires a little more explanation so that members cannot possibly mistake that the weekly payment of charter members, is based upon the regular tariff. One or two cases have occurred in which old members of the order transferring from one lodge to the other, have actually paid the lowest rate of payment, viz,

ten cents per week, while they were paying the thirteen cents in the lodge they left, to remedy these things trouble very often arises, and members refuse to pay the increased rate, alledging that they understood the charter members come in at the lowest rate.

There are some laws, which if taken in one light, means altogether different to what the object of making the law was intended; for instance, a general law was passed at last Grand Lodge session (see printed proceedings, page 49.) which says, Executive officers cannot hold non-executive office, except in case of Lodge Surgeon. Now the proper meaning of the law is, that Executive officers cannot hold office such as Trustees or Auditors, and was passed for the purpose of having thoroughly independent members to perform these duties. But the law has been construed to mean more, and to go further, and it is argued even by our very esteemed past Grand President Caddick, who is a great authority on law and constitution, that that very clause prohibits Executive officers from holding the position of delegates to this Grand Body. This was never the intention of that law, but if it is possible to construe it into such a meaning, why by all means alter it. In view of the fact that in two years the probability of considerable change in the laws would take place, lead me to order what I thought would cover that period; I am pleased to say I am within the mark, and that we have only about one hundred copies left, so that in the next edition the alteration at Galt and Barrie will be inserted. I have very carefully gone through the ritual and those parts of the Constitution which did not agree, and as far as I could suggested alterations to harmonize the same. A serious error seems to be becoming prevalent at our Grand Lodge sessions, that of hastily considering and rushing, at the last hours of the Grand Lodge, some of the most important and valuable suggestions for the benefit of the order, which too often receives the least attention. I trust that a system by which all these important propositions will be thoroughly examined and reported upon will be adopted by this Grand Body.

The correspondence of this year has very largely increased and in case of any apparent negligence, I beg to say that my anxiety to make a complete success of the Shaftesbury Hall enterprise, which is proving such a valuable adjunct to our Society, and has been the means of bringing us so prominently before the people of Canada, and receiving public recognition from all classes, may have caused on some occasions a little delay; but I ask the forbearance and sympathy of this Grand Body in the working out of this great undertaking, which will prove a powerful impellent in placing this Society in the front rank of public institutions.

In calling your attention to the financial and numerical aspect of this Order, I think we can congratulate ourselves upon the progress of the past year, which, while it does not quite come up to the previous years increased numerical strength, is nevertheless satisfactory. When elected to the honorable position of Secretary to this Grand Body in the year 1881, we had 13 Lodges with a membership of 938 all told, and a total Lodge fund of \$7,307. To-day, I am pleased to say, we have 40 Lodges in good working order, with a membership of 3,311, and a total Lodge fund of \$26,401. We need make no

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apology for the existence of our Society, we need no further proof of the necessity for, or usefulness of our Order than the fact that during the last 6 years we have paid out for sick and funeral benefits the sum of \$32,186. The statistics compiled with the greatest care from the returns of the various lodge Secretaries, and marked appendix B, I would recommend to the earnest consideration of our officers and members. During the year we have initiated 695 new members, a decrease of 160 over that of last year, and yet I am pleased to say that the number paying cap. tax this year is 2,689, or an increase of 415 over last year. Number of members in good standing, 2618, or an increase of 323 over the corresponding month of last year; number of members suspended, 190, a decrease of 120 over that of last year; number of deaths, 19, an increase of 3 over that of last; I am pleased to say that only 4 members during the year have been expelled, most of these for non-payment of dues; amount paid for sick benefits this year is \$4,096.26, or an increase of \$139 over last year; paid for funerals, \$1,039, or an increase of \$268 over that of last year; amount paid for surgeon's fees, \$5,397, an increase of \$397 over last year; amount received for cap. tax, \$999.60, an increase of \$170 over last year; this should be over \$1000 as one quarter's cap. tax is due from two lodges; amount of cash in bank, \$21,856, an increase of \$1,206 over the corresponding month of last year; cash in hands of treasurers, \$2,367. Some lodges show capital invested, but do not mention the form of the investment. I think it highly desirable that all Lodge funds should be properly secured, and invested according to the Constitution. The amount of cash received by our Lodges during the year was \$20,518, an increase of \$1,775 over last year, deducting \$8,582, an increase of \$1,514 over that of last year. We have a balance of \$11,936, over the year's revenue, the bulk of which has been added to the capital stock in the Bank, making the total of Lodge funds, \$26,401.46. I would strongly urge upon our Lodge officers to put forth every effort to retain our members; it is as important that we hold fast to those within our ranks, as it is to increase our members. The material from which we gather our members, is to a certain extent limited, unlike other Societies, who admit members of all nationalities. We are restricted, and it therefore behooves us to use every influence and endeavour to keep and hold fast those who join our ranks. One or two of our Lodges at the present time are feeling a depression in this connection; those I would strongly encourage to redouble their efforts and strive to win back many who are careless and lukewarm. It should be a special point on the part of our officers to see that members are not allowed to drop out without great efforts to retain them. Of the 695 initiations during the past year nearly two-thirds are among the city Lodges, and allowing for the new Lodges, leaves a small per centage for the Lodges outside of Toronto. I am pleased, however, to note already this year an improvement in several other districts. There are causes which we understand has affected to a large extent the increase of members in some Lodges: the unfortunate black-balling system, which in some instances has been carried to extreme lengths; one case in particular that has come under my observation, has affected the Lodge more or less for the last two years. I earnestly hope this dangerous trifling will cease among us, that we will remember that we are

friends, nay, more, brothers, Englishmen, who have enemies enough outside our ranks, without making enemies of one another.

Appendix A on the printed papers placed before this Grand Body, shows the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year, also the present financial standing on the first of Feb., 1887. Total receipts from cash sales, \$529.89, over \$200 less than last year, but this is accounted for from the fact that many of our Lodges are already supplied with goods; balances from last year, \$10.55; from capitation tax, \$999.60, nearly \$200 in excess of last year; total receipts, including balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1886, \$1,688.27. I have pleasure in being able to announce to this Grand Body, that after paying all expenditures that we have a surplus in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$403.75, a state of things that we must all feel proud of, and which has never occurred before since the formation of this Grand Lodge. Now is beginning the realization of my earnest efforts to place this Grand Lodge above the unfortunate and poverty-stricken position in which it was placed for so many years. It is just now being able to fulfil its proper functions as a supreme head, and with another year of consistent and economic management, will be able to assume its proper place with the other leading societies of this Dominion, with a cash balance due Grand Lodge on the 1st of Feb., 1887, \$140.10, making the total cash assets of the Grand Lodge, \$543.85. I do not desire this Grand Lodge to suppose for one moment that we are anxious to accumulate a large surplus at the expense of no action by our Executive, for it is just possible that a too close nursing of the funds may produce the very opposite result to that which we would desire. I believe strongly that money spent judiciously in visiting and encouraging our weaker Lodges, and in opening up new fields, would result in a far greater addition to our surplus. I desire most heartily to congratulate this Grand Body on its present financial standing, and trust that officers will use all their influence to support, by purchasing as far as is practicable all their Lodge supplies from the Grand Lodge. The value of Lodge supplies at the present time is \$146.25, and of Grand Lodge property about \$250.

It will be necessary for this Grand Body to pass a vote for the purchase of new Constitutions, embodying all the amendments since the last issue. Another important matter for the consideration of this Grand Body is the purchase of new Charters. I have only one left on hand, which may be asked for at anytime, and the question is worth considering whether at this important period, we should not have larger and more imposing Charters. Other smaller supplies will be necessary for the incoming Executive to purchase, in order to keep the goods regularly used by the subordinate lodges. It has been suggested by the R. W. G. V. P. that in future the statistics or balance sheet should show two columns, one for cap. tax and the other for goods, which would give the Lodges an opportunity to see at a glance if the account tallied with the Lodge's payments. I think the idea is a good one, and would recommend its adoption for the future, for I am satisfied we cannot have financial matters between the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges made to plain. One or two slight errors may have occurred during the year, but they

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have been rectified. I am pleased to say that our Lodge Secretaries have always been willing to put matters right.

I am pleased to say that fraternal visitation of lodges is productive of much good and should be encouraged. That a short recess for social intercourse during Lodge business cannot but increase a greater interest and liking for the Lodge room. I am pleased to report that as far as I have visited this year, our Lodges as a rule have handsome and comfortable meeting places.

In rendering up my stewardship for the past year, I do so with great humility, as far as I am personally concerned, I may have erred, but it was not willfully. I have acted for the best interest of this Society, I have no other interest to serve, I have courted the favor nor feared the frown of any man. I have acted on principle and endeavored to carry out to the very best of my ability the obligations and responsibilities I assumed just one year ago. To my brother Grand Officers I feel grateful for the uniform kindness, and considerate sympathy of our Lodge officers and members, I feel under obligations, and I trust that in the future we shall yet rise to a higher conception of the object and necessities of our great Institution.

I cannot close my report without referring to the loss we have sustained by the death of some of our most esteemed and zealous workers, most of which during the past year seems to have been of an unusually sad nature. Bro. Samuel Thornton, of Leicester Lodge, suddenly, when away from home; Bro. Chas Henderson, Old England Lodge, suddenly, when returning home from the Dedication of Shaftesbury Hall; Bro. Realf of Britannia Lodge, typhoid fever, cut down in the very bloom of life; Bro. Donovan, of Middlesex Lodge, and a member of this Grand Body; Bro. Hamilton of Lansdowne Lodge, who came to Toronto to look for work, died within a week and was sent home to be buried; Bro. Parsons of Brighton killed by falling from a scaffold. Others have passed away, whose names I have not to hand, but who will appear according to resolution in the printed reports. Out of all these sad occurrences only one member belonged to the Beneficiary Department.

In conclusion, I beg to suggest that we have passed the primary period of our existence; the young sapling is growing into the majestic oak; the inexperience and consequent difficulties of the past is being replaced by wise and judicious legislation. We have been weighed in the balance of Public Opinion and received the approbation of all right thinking men; by our devotion to the principles of our beloved Order, we have lived down many of the prejudices of those who envied us, and have placed our glorious Institution beyond a peradventure. Having passed, then, the trial stage of our life, let us rise to the full importance of our position, and become stalwarts in the work of uniting all good and true Englishmen in one bond of fellowship, and

for the consummation of all the great and grand possibilities of our noble Institution.

If we try to do good wherever we are,
To make lighter a brother's trouble and care,
To aid the erring one his place to regain,
To help earnest workers the right to maintain,
We may find, when seed time and harvest are past,
Our garnered sheaves all await us at last.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Grand Secretary.

On motion the Report was received, and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Grand Secretary read a supplementary report of the Beneficiary Department.

SUPPLIMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

BARRIE, Feb, 1st 1887.

To the M. W. E. P. Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge S. O. E. B. S. :

I have great pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval a report of the state of the Beneficiary Department, during the past year, together with the accompanying balance sheet (marked appendix C.) showing the receipts and expenditure, also a tabulated form, compiled from the Beneficiary Register, and marked (appendix D), showing the number insured under the different heads, the average assessment of each lodge, and the total assessment for the first claim.

The attendance at the meetings of the beneficiary board, the finance committee, is gratifying also on some occasions. Visitors have attended and been welcomed.

We report with pleasure a very large increase of memberships, while there were only 47 applications for Beneficiary policies during the year 1885, this year there has been 192 applications approved and policies issued. Instead of the death benefit being \$128.81, as in Feb. 1st, 1886, it is \$265.41 to-day, with several others in, making it over \$275. The tables will show the increase made during the year. At Feb. 1st, 1886, only 19 lodges were identified with the department. Now we have 28 lodges, with the prospect very shortly of every lodge taking out policies. Windsor, Canterbury, Southampton, Oxford, Kent, Middlesex, and Albion, are among the largest increases. The manage-

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ment expenses, which comprises Printing, Seals, and two Examinations due Dr. King for 1885, only amount to \$18.75. The balance, \$200, is properly invested in the bank, in the name of Bros. Caddick and Chapple, Trustees.

The Committee believe that one cause of this gratifying increase is the placing of the order of business, the applications of Beneficiary policies ; also to advocacy by Grand Officers and others.

We have to report the first claim upon the department through the unexpected and sad death of our late Bro. C. Henderson. The Finance Committee, however, lost no time in forwarding the amount due the widow of our late Bro. Henderson, after proper certificates, and Lodge Officers' signatures had been sent in ; the amount paid to the widow was passed after the auditors, Bros. Dr. Pollard and Banks, had carefully fixed the amount, and as it was the first claim, your committee very anxiously awaited the return assessment, which we are pleased to say came duly to hand, with the exception of about four members, including our late Bro. Henderson. This is very encouraging ; your committee feel that there is no reason whatever why the amount should not be raised to the \$1000 before the year is out.

Your committee also begs to suggest that this Grand Body would deal very carefully with the proposed alterations in the sessional papers regarding this department, believing that any serious change might retard rather than improve its progress.

We trust that the many sad and untimely deaths during the past year, among our brethren who were not members of the Beneficiary, will have the effect of inducing all members to join at once. The accounts and vouchers of this department have been audited by request of the Finance Committee, who recommend its adoption by this Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Secretary B. Department.

On motion the Report was received, and referred to Committee on Beneficiary.

The Grand Treasurer than read his Report.

BARRIE, Feb, 8th, 1887.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society.

Brethren,—In again presenting this my report for the year just past, it gives me great pleasure to show you a balance far beyond my expectations. As one of the Executive I have always endeavoured to curtail the expenses of the Grand Lodge ; by that means I can come here and present to you a good account of my stewardship.

There was a balance in hand last year, of \$123.25, and the receipts during this present year have been \$1539.99, making a total of \$1687.24. The expenditure, of which you will see the items in the Secretary's report and balance sheet, has been \$1283.52, leaving a balance of \$403.72. But had the badges arrived, which we are daily expecting, the balance of the funds of the Grand Lodge would have been left at very small figures; although the badges would have been in stock, we would not have had time to realize any return from them.

I can again congratulate this Grand Lodge and Society on its prosperous condition and would earnestly wish that the members will always work with that same untiring energy they have hitherto done for the Sons of England Benevolent Society.

I again thank you for the kind and cordial manner in which you always receive me wherever and whenever I meet you, and I honestly hope this Society of ours may be one of the great lights of this our great Dominion.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

BENJAMIN HINCHCLIFFE.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

It would have given me greater pleasure to have shewn a larger amount in the bank at this session of the Grand Lodge. But as the members learn to see the benefit they will derive from belonging to this department, not for themselves, but for those they leave behind, they will join, and by so doing they will contribute their proportion to those who should be the first to be taken from amongst us.

The balance in the bank last year was \$296.35. The receipts for entrance fees and interest amount to \$629.41, making a total of 915.76.

There has been one claim during the year, that of Bro. Henderson, of Port Perry. The assessment realized \$222.91, which was paid, and accounts for printing, and \$4.00 for examination fees, leaving a balance of \$674.10 in the bank.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN HINCHCLIFFE,

Grand Treasurer.

On motion the Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Bro. Hulme, gave notice that he will, as soon as convenient, ask the following question:—If the relief of members provided for by clause 9, page 49, can be voted by the Lodge when in session from the general fund of that Lodge?

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to allow the Committees to proceed with their work.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Pollard, that the Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole on Sessional Papers. (Amendment lost).

The motion was then put and carried.

The Grand President then declared the Lodge adjourned till 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, Feb. 9th.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

BARRIE, Feb'y 9th, 1887.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. G. P. at 9 a. m., prayer being offered by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Delegates.

Minutes of previous sitting were read by the assistant Secretary, which, after several amendments, was adopted.

Before the orders of the day were called, Past Grand President Caddick reported the following cable message to the Queen :

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, QUEEN VICTORIA :

Congratulations, gratitude, loyal obedience and prayers, on Jubilee of your Majesty's reign, from Grand Lodge, Sons of England Benevolent Society.

PONSONBY, Windsor Castle.

On motion of Past Grand Higginbotham, seconded by Dr. Pollard, the Grand President was instructed to sign the cablegram, and sign an order on the Treasurer for the cost of transmission.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Election of officers.

The Grand President appointed the following delegates as Scrutineers: Dr. E. H. Smythe, Ald. J. C. Swait, John R. Hooper.

Nominations for M. W. Grand President:— Bros. J. W. Kempling, Southampton Lodge; T. R. Skippon, Middlesex Lodge; Dr. Pollard, Windsor Lodge; W. Edmett, Old England Lodge; J. R. Philp, Sussex Lodge.

On the fourth ballot, Bro. Thos. R. Skippon, of Middlesex Lodge, was declared elected.

Nominations for R. W. G. V. P.:— Bros. J. W. Kempling, Southampton Lodge; Dr. Pollard, Windsor Lodge; H. J. Boswell, Excelsior Lodge; J. R. Philp, Sussex Lodge; S. Hine, London Lodge; Dr. Pickering, Stafford Lodge. W. Barker, St. George's Lodge, declined.

On the third ballot Bro. Boswell of Excelsior Lodge, was declared elected.

Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, of Surrey Lodge, was re-elected by acclamation as R. W. Grand Treasurer.

For R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Carter, of Albion Lodge, was re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. Deputy Grand President for South Africa, M. H. Spence, re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. Grand Chaplain. Rev. E. W. Sibbald, re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. Deputy Grand Chaplains, Rev. E. P. Hobson, Toronto; Rev. A. W. Cooke, Kingston; Rev. Henry Pollard, Ottawa; Rev. E. Roberts, Bowmanville; Rev. James Boyden, Bracebridge; Rev. C. Ockney, Port Perry.

On motion the Grand President conveyed a vote of thanks to the scrutineers, which Bro. Dr. Smythe acknowledged in suitable terms.

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Rev. E. W. Sibbald reported on the prayers to be used at the opening and during the sessions of Grand Lodge.

On motion of Dr. Pollard the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Swait, seconded by Bro. Squire, the last clause in the amendments of last Grand Lodge session was referred to Committee on Constitution and Laws.

Bro. J. W. Higginbotham then presented the following Report on Officers Reports :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members :

We, your Committee on Officers' Reports, beg to report as follows :

M. W. G. PRES. REPORT.

CLAUSE I.—We consider that the Grand Lodge Executive acted wisely in withdrawing the charter from Lodge 24 at Trenton, under the then existing circumstances,

CLAUSE II.—We recommend the adoption of the suggestion made by the M. W. G. President that the Grand Lodge purchase suitable regalias for the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge and the same be owned by the Grand Lodge as their property. We would also add that we believe such purchase was sanctioned at a previous session.

CLAUSE III.—It is our opinion in answer to the question of the M. W. G. P. that the M. W. G. Chaplain be paid his expenses incurred in attending Grand Lodge sessions, and that this session be included.

R. W. G. VICE-PRES. REPORT.

CLAUSE IV.—We strongly endorse the suggestions that lodge rooms should be made as attractive as possible, and that members be encouraged to attend lodge meetings by means of friendly debates and suitable programmes of entertainment.

GRAND TREAS. REPORT.

CLAUSE V.—Your committee believe that too much praise be given to our R. W. G. Treasurer in his worthy efforts to curtail the expenditure of the Grand Lodge funds.

G. SEC'YS REPORT,

CLAUSE VI.—As the question of amalgamation of our Society with that of the Sons of St. George appears on the sessional papers for discussion we did not consider it in connection with this report.

CLAUSE VII.—With reference to the "Englishmen's Journal," we agree that all questions of law affecting lodges should be decided by the M. W. G.

P. and not by the editor, and we also believe that Bro. Prior had no intention to encroach on the duties of the M. W. G. P., but as soon as he found he was restrained from answering questions of law, he ceased to do so, and the other questions referred to were only of a purely business character.

CLAUSE VIII.—We would recommend that matters of interest to the various lodges be sent to the Journal by a properly authorized correspondent appointed by each Lodge, and that each President be held responsible for the nature and character of the reports sent, and that all official matter be placed in the official column, and with this understanding we recommend that the advertisement of "Aims and Objects" be continued if thought desirable. We would further suggest that no letters reflecting adversely on any of the G. L. officers should be printed without the sanction of the Executive.

CLAUSE IX.—We endorse the sentiments of the R. W. G. Secretary, and recommend the "Englishmen's Journal" as a useful medium for disseminating Society news, and with the Secretary we deprecate the lukewarmness that has existed towards it in the past.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The clause of the M. W. G. President's address referring to the printing of certain portions of the Ritual, we have handed to the Committee on Constitution and Law.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,
RICH. CADDICK,
JOHN R. HOOPER,
JOHN HEARD,
HEDLAY MASON.

On motion the report was received and referred to Committee of the whole.

Past Grand President R. Croft Hulme in the chair. The report was considered clause by clause and recommended for adoption.

On motion the committee rose and reported, the Grand President in the chair.

Past Grand President Higginbotham moved the adoption of the report.—Carried.

It being 12 o'clock, the Grand President declared the Lodge adjourned till 2 p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President called the Grand Lodge to order at 2 p.m.

Roll call dispensed with.

Bro. R. Croft Hulme presented the report of Committee on Arbitration and Appeals.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION AND APPEAL.

BARRIE, Feb'y 9th, 1887.

To the M. W. G. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge :

We, the Committee on Arbitration and Appeal, beg to report. In *re* arbitration Stafford Lodge, having considered the evidence laid before us in these appeals, find that the arbitration committee was not constitutionally appointed and therefore had no jurisdiction in the premises.

R. CROFT HULME.
J. W. KEMPLING,
A. RIDDIFORD,
E. BLUNDALL,
W. C. BEZOR,
P. P. PARSONS,
ALFRED HANNAFORD.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

Bro. W. Hall presented the report of Committee on Juvenile Divisions.

THE COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE DIVISION.

The committee have unanimously come to the conclusion that the matter relating to the above should not be entertained.

WILLIAM HALL,
WILLIAM HUXLEY,
JAMES LOMAS,
GEORGE KNIGHT,
CHARLES TARLING,
SAMUEL HOBBS,
A. PARTRIDGE.

Report received and laid on the table.

Bro. J. W. Kempling presented report of Committee on Printing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

BARRIE, Feb'y 8th, 1887.

To the Most Worthy Grand President and Members of Grand Lodge :

We, your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that the printing for the past year has been duly tendered for in accordance with motion carried at last Grand Lodge. We are also satisfied with the prices charged. Your committee would also recommend that the Grand Lodge reports be printed as heretofore. Also that a sufficient number of copies of the constitution be printed, embodying in the new issue all the alterations and amendments made since the last issue. Also that all other printing that may be required be obtained, including new and enlarged charters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. KEMPLING,
WM. ALLCHIN,
WM. EDMETT,
A. R. ROWLAND.

Report received and laid on the table.

Dr. Pollard presented report of Committee on Correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

To the G. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that we have carefully perused the various correspondence submitted to us.

In regard to that from M. H. Spence, Deputy Grand Officer for South Africa, we would recommend that this Grand Lodge accede to the request of the Deputy, and also that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge to Bro. C. T. Mowat, President of Victoria Lodge, No. 22, South Africa, for the very efficient services he has rendered the Order there.

We would also recommend that Bro. Spence be designated Deputy Grand President for South Africa. In regard to defining his powers, we think that should be referred to the Committee on Laws and Rituals.

In regard to the communication of Bro. Dr. J. S. King, we think his suggestions well worthy of consideration.

We have carefully considered the correspondence from the Grand Secretary of the Sons of St. George, and would recommend that further efforts looking towards the amalgamation of the two societies be deferred.

S. B. POLLARD, Chairman.
GEO. DUDLEY, Secretary.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

Bro. Wm. Edmett presented report of Committee on Audit and Finance.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE,

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

To the M. W. G. President, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

We, the members of the Audit and Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary, also those of the Grand Treasurer, and we find them to agree and be correct in every particular as per balance sheet for the year ending February 1st, 1887.

WM. EDMETT,	}	Auditors.
WM. HANCOCK,		
GEO. TWINING,		
WM. R. WORFOLK,		
E. S. BROWN,		

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Hall the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Correspondence.

The report was considered clause by clause and, with slight amendments, recommended for adoption.

In Grand Lodge the report was adopted as amended.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Committee on Suspension and Appeals, Dr. Pollard in the chair. After considerable discussion the report was referred back to Committee for further information.

In Grand Lodge it was moved and carried that the Grand Secretary telegraph for the minute-book of Stafford Lodge.

The Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Audit and Finance, Bro. J. W. Higginbotham in the chair.

The report was considered clause by clause and recommended for adoption.

The Grand President in the chair, on motion of Bro. Edmett the report was adopted.

The Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Printing, P. G. President Caddick in the chair.

The report was considered clause by clause and adopted.

Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on Juvenile Division, Bro. Williams, of Victoria Lodge, in the chair.

The report as presented, after some discussion, was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN.

At this juncture an answer to the message of congratulation sent to the Queen was received, and read as follows :

Her Majesty the Queen thanks your Lodge for their kind congratulations.

(Signed)

PONSONBY, Osborne.

On reading of the telegram the Delegates gave three rousing cheers.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on Sessional Papers, Bro. J. C. Swait in the chair.

The recommendations of the Committee on Constitution and Laws were read by Bro. Wm. Hall as each clause in the Sessional Papers was called. At 6 o'clock the Committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

The Grand President in the chair.

Bro. R. C. Smith, of Durham Lodge, gave notice that he would ask Grand Lodge on the morrow, "What was the correct definition of an Englishman as accepted by this Society?" Also, "Can a man whose father was born in England, whose grandfather's nationality was Scotch, join our Society?"

The M. W. G. P. in answer to a question by Bro. Hulme, (notice of which had been given the day previous,) stated that according to the Constitution, the General Fund could not be used.

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By Bro. Moull, Stafford Lodge—"That all committees shall be appointed by the Grand Lodge in session in future."

By Bro. H. J. Boswell, Excelsior Lodge—"To define the position of our Order outside the Province of Ontario in reference to incorporation." Referred to the Executive.

By Bro. Swait of St. George's Lodge—"That the Grand Chaplain receive the same fees as Executive Officers attending Grand Lodge."

By Bro. Toms, Manchester Lodge—"Is a man born in the Isle of Man eligible for membership?"

By Rev. E. W. Sibbald—"That the word "benevolent" be omitted in the title of our Order."

The following invitations for place of meeting of next Grand Lodge was handed to the Secretary: H. J. Boswell, Montreal; W. Edmett, Port Perry; R. C. Smith, Port Hope; Dr. Pollard, Toronto; E. Mannell, Peterborough.

The Grand President then declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till Thursday morning, Feb. 10th, 9 a.m.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING.

BARRIE, February 10th, 1887.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9 a. m. by the M. W. G. P., Bro. John Clayton, prayer being offered by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Dr. Pickering disputed the right of Bro. J. W. Kempling to sit as a Delegate at this Grand Lodge. On the suggestion

of the Grand Secretary the matter was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Bro. Toms presented the report of the Committee on the Beneficiary Department.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY.

To the M. W. G. President and Grand Lodge assembled.

We, your Committee on the Beneficiary, beg to report as follows:

That the supplementary report of the Grand Secretary on the Beneficiary Department as read and printed on appendix attached, be adopted.

SESSIONAL PAPERS.

That No. 11, clause 5, page 66, be not entertained ; that No. 12, clause 5, page 68, be adopted ; that No. 13, clause 4, page 69, be adopted ; that No. 14, clause 4, page 70, be adopted ; that No. 14, clause 1, page 71, be adopted ; that No. 15, clause 1, page 71, be adopted ; that No. 16, clause 2, page 74, be adopted ; that No. 37, clause 2, page 74, be adopted with this addition, and report under the 16th order of business ; that No. 46, section 2, clause 2, be not entertained ; that No. 56, section 2, clause 2, be not entertained ; that Nos. 62 to 68, section 2, clause 2, be not entertained ; that No. 72 is contained in No. 11 ; that No. 93, article 10, clause 1, be not entertained ; that No. 99 be not entertained ; that 100 be not entertained ; that No. , section 5, clause 2, add the following : That under no consideration will any remuneration be allowed for their services.

Your Committee would also recommend the following brethren as a Finance Committee for the ensuing year : Bro. Partridge, Bro. James Banks, Dr. Pollard, Bro. Wm. Toms, J. C. Swait, Charles Tarling, E. Blundell.

THOS. R. SKIPPON, Chairman.
 CHAS. TARLING,
 JOHN B. VICK,
 WILLIAM MILES,
 J. W. WILLIAMS,
 CHAS. SQUIRE,
 GEO. WOODLEY,
 E. MANNELL,
 THOS. GUNN,
 CHAS. H. HEWLETT,
 WM. ALLCHIN,
 WM. TOMS, Secretary.

On motion the report was received and laid on the table.

Moved by Bro. Boswell and carried, that the Grand Lodge proceed to ballot for the next place of meeting of Grand Lodge at 11:30.

Moved and carried, that Bros. Dr. Pollard, R. Caddick, H. Evison, J. W. Kempling, J. W. Higginbotham, H. J. Boswell, and W. Moull, be a special committee to consider the various clauses in the Sessional papers referring to funeral benefits, and report as early as possible to Grand Lodge.

Motion by Bro. J. Lomas, seconded by Bro. Toms, that all candidates on the night of initiation be presented with a certificate of membership, the same as provided by the Grand Lodge of this Order, at the expense of the Subordinate Lodge. Referred to Committee on Constitution and Laws.

Notice of motion by J. W. Kempling, that the Grand Lodge decide in what manner fines are enforced and collected.

REPLY TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Bro. J. W. Higginbotham presented the report of Committee on the reply to address of welcome from Southampton Lodge.

REPLY FROM GRAND LODGE.

BARRIE, Feb. 8th, 1887.

To the Worthy President, Officers and Members of Southampton Lodge, No. 28.

DEAR BRETHREN.—The Grand Lodge in session assembled have received with sincere gratification the very kind address of welcome you have been pleased to present to us.

We are greatly pleased with the very hearty manner in which you have received us — from our first meeting at Allandale, until the present time — you have billeted us at comfortable quarters, you have provided a handsome and commodious Hall for our sessional meetings, and we are satisfied that you have done everything possible to make our stay amongst you comfortable and pleasant ; your citizens have also shown us many courtesies, for which we thank them.

We hope that your lodge may continue to be successful in promoting the well-being of Englishmen in your beautiful town, and that your department may be such as to reflect credit on our noble and beloved institution.

Trusting that the richest blessings of God may rest upon you and your families, and again thanking you for your extreme kindness and consideration in our behalf.

We are, on behalf of the Grand Lodge,

JOHN CLAYTON, M. W. G. P.
JOHN W. CARTER, R. W. G. Sec'y.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on the report of Committee on Beneficiary, Past Grand President Hulme in the chair. The report was considered clause by clause, and after slight amendments carried.

In Grand Lodge the Report as recommended by Committee was adopted.

Notice of motion by Bro. Caddick, that the word "mortgage" be expunged from clause 3, page 48 of last year's report, and that the word "good" be changed to "legal" in same clause. Referred to Committee on Constitution and Laws.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

The following places were proposed: Peterboro, Toronto, Port Hope, Montreal, Port Perry.

On the fourth ballot Toronto was carried as the next place of meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Grand President then declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President called the Grand Lodge to order at 2 p. m.

Roll call dispensed with.

Moved by Dr. Pollard, seconded by Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, that in consideration of the very valuable services rendered this Grand Lodge during the past five years by Grand Treasurer Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, it is hereby resolved that he be

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created a Past Grand President, also that he be presented with a suitable Past Grand President's jewel.—Carried.

Dr. Pollard then presented the report of special committee appointed to consider the Funeral Benefit clauses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUNERAL BENEFITS.

BARRIE, February 10th, 1887.

To the Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge,

Your Committee appointed to consider those clauses upon the Sessional Paper referring to the payments of Funeral Benefits, beg leave to report as follows:

We have embodied the clauses Nos. 22, 55, 74, 82, 88 and 96 into the following clauses, which we would recommend for adoption by this Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE I.—Resolved, that the amount of Funeral Benefits be increased for members to \$75, and members' wives, \$30, the benefit upon the death of a members child to remain as it is at present in the Constitution.

CLAUSE II.—Resolved, that the Grand Lodge shall assume the responsibility of paying all funeral claims. The money for which purposes shall be raised as follows: Each subordinate lodge shall pay from the initiation fee of each candidate 50c to the Grand Secretary, and 25c semi-annually for each member entitled to Benefits.

CLAUSE III.—Members and their nominees shall be entitled to full funeral benefits at the expiration of 12 months after initiation, and to half funeral benefits at the expiration of six months after initiation.

CLAUSE IV.—All claims upon the Grand Lodge Funeral Fund shall be presented to the Grand Secretary accompanied by a medical certificate of death, and a statement signed by the President and Secretary of the lodge, with the seal thereof attached, certifying to the correctness of the claim.

H. J. BOSWELL,
S. B. POLLARD,
RICH. CADDICK,
J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,
J. W. KEMPLING,
H. EVISON.

On motion the report was received and referred to Committee of the Whole, Past Grand President Hulme in the chair.

Bro. H. Williams moved and Bro. S. Brown seconded an amendment to clause 2 of the report, that the assessment be 40 cents per member per annum to be paid quarterly, but in the event of the quarterly assessment failing to meet the number of deaths, the Executive can make an extra assessment of ten cents per member. The amendment was lost.

The report was then carried. The Committee rose and reported, the Grand President in the chair. Bro. H. Williams moved his former resolution in Grand Lodge, which after considerable discussion was lost.

The report was then adopted as recommended by Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Dr. Pollard and carried, that a Past Grand President's jewel be obtained and presented to the retiring Grand President.

Moved by Rev. E. W. Sibbald that the word benevolent be omitted from the title page of our Order. Deferred till next meeting of Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Higginbotham the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on the Sessional Papers, Past Grand President Hulme in the chair. The Sessional Papers being completed the Committee rose and reported the amendments, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Grand Lodge hold an evening sitting, and remain in session till Grand Lodge business was completed.

The Committee on Credentials reported having inquired into the objections raised against Bro. J. W. Kempling by Dr. Pickering, and found that Bro. J. W. Kempling was duly and legally elected by Southampton Lodge, and was entitled to a seat as a delegate.

Report received and adopted.

The Grand President then declared the Lodge adjourned till 8 p. m.

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EVENING SESSION.

The Grand President called the Lodge to order at 8 p.m.

Roll call dispensed with.

The R. W. G. C. reported the closing prayers for the Grand Lodge Ritual, which were adopted.

Moved by Bro. Higginbotham, P. G. P., seconded by Bro. Caddick, P. G. P.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge now in session be conveyed to the Warden and members of the County Council of Simcoe County for their very generous action in placing at the disposal of our Society this commodious Council Chamber and Committee rooms and all privileges of this building during our Session, and that the R. W. G. Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the persons mentioned, signed by the M. W. G. President and R. W. G. Secretary under the seal of this Grand Lodge.—Carried unanimously.

Bro. Philp presented the final report of Committee on Constitution and Laws.

SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION
AND LAW.

BARRIE, February 10th, 1887.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws beg leave to report—

1st. That they recommend this Grand Lodge to indorse the action of the Grand President in his suppression of the Ritual Cards, and would recommend that they be destroyed forthwith.

2nd. Your Committee would recommend as suggested by Bro. Caddick's motion, that the action of the Grand Lodge of last year regarding the investment of Lodge funds, clause 3 on page 48 of Grand Lodge report, be amended by striking out all words after "Debentures" on fourth line, and insert in their place "or other legal security."

3rd. Your Committee are of the opinion that it would be unconstitutional for this Grand Lodge to take into consideration the resolution of Manchester Lodge, because it does not appear upon the Sessional paper.

Your Committee are of opinion that Bro. Kempling's motion is covered by Article 17, clause 1, page 49, of our Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. R. PHILP, Chairman.
H. J. BOSWELL,
JAMES BOYER,
WILLIAM HALL,
HENRY EVISON,
LATIMER PICKERING,
J. C. SWAIT,
JOHN MILBURN,
B. LOWEN.

The report was received and referred to Committee of the Whole, Dr. Pollard in the chair.

The report was considered clause by clause and recommended for adoption.

In Grand Lodge the report was adopted as passed by Committee of the Whole.

Past Grand President Hulme presented the final report of Committee on Suspension and Appeals.

SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

BARRIE, February 10th, 1887.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that no further evidence has been laid before us, or books produced according to telegram sent.

R. CROFT HULME,
J. W. KEMPLING,
A. RIDDIFORD,
E. BLUNDELL,
ALFRED HANNIFORD,
W. P. PARSONS,
W. C. BEZOR.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Moved by Bro. Evison, seconded by Bro. Swait, that this Grand Lodge records its high appreciation of the admirable

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welcome and generous hospitality extended to it during its present session at Barrie by the Officers and members of Southampton Lodge.—Carried.

Past Grand President Hulme suggested that a special effort be made to open lodges in the lower Provinces.

Bro. J. W. Kempling moved, Bro. Brown seconded, that the sum of \$50 be voted for use of Grand Secretary's office for the last six years.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Swait, seconded by Bro. Partridge, that the Assistant-Secretary receive \$2 per day for his services, also that the sum of \$5 be given to the caretaker for his services.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Swait, and carried that the Grand Chaplain receive the same for his services as the Executive Officers attending Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. R. Hooper moved a resolution, which on request of Grand Lodge was withdrawn.

The motion moved by Bro. Moull was withdrawn.

Moved by R. Croft Hulme, P. G. P., seconded by Bro. Higginbotham, P. G. P., that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge no further alterations or amendments to the Constitution should be made till the year 1890. Ordered notice of motion for next Grand Lodge meeting.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Swait, that the Executive get copies of Charter for lodges and submit to next Grand Lodge, and issue provisional charter in the meantime.

Moved by Bro. Higginbotham, seconded by Bro. Allchin, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of the town of Barrie for the very pleasant sleigh ride they have given us to-night, and for the many other courtesies we have received at their hands, and which we all

have so heartily appreciated, and the members of the band.—
Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Rev. E. W. Sibbald, seconded by J. W. Higginbotham, that clause 89, Sessional Papers, be referred to next Grand Lodge meeting. Amendment that the clause be struck out. The amendment carried.

On the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Past Grand President Caddick was appointed to assist the Executive in re-arranging the new Constitution before being printed.

Moved by Rev. E. W. Sibbald, seconded by J. W. Higginbotham, P. G. P., that the installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges be accomplished by Grand Lodge officers, or in their absence by any Past President appointed.—
Carried.

Moved and carried that 1000 copies of Grand Lodge proceedings be printed for distribution.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The M. W. G. P. then proceeded with the installation of Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Presidents R. Caddick, R. Croft Hulme, and J. W. Higginbotham, assisting at the ceremony.

The newly installed Officers then assumed their respective stations and delivered short and appropriate addresses, which were enthusiastically received by the members of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. James Boyer moved that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby due and tendered to the retiring Past Grand President for his services during the past year.—Carried with a standing vote.

Bro. John Clayton thanked the Grand Lodge for this expression of their good will and hoped that the coming year with his successor would be more illustrious than the past.

The minutes of Thursday session were read and approved.

There being no further business the Most Worthy Grand President closed in due form the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, at 12 midnight.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.



In Memorium.

ALBION LODGE, NO. 1.

BRO. JAMES NORMAN.

Born at Potten Beds, Bedfordshire, England.

Died November 24th, 1886,

(After a long and painful illness of abscess),

Aged 34 years.

BRO. JAMES WEST.

Died September 1st, 1886. Typhoid fever.

Aged 53 years.

BRO. WILLIAM CONSTABLE.

Born in England,

Died September 20th, 1886, of abscess.

Aged 58 years.

MIDDLESEX LODGE, NO. 2.

BRO. FRANK SPACEY.

Born in London, England,

Died February 19th, 1886. Typhoid fever.

Aged 29 years.

BRO. FRED. DONOVAN.

Born in London, England.

Died December, 1886. Paralysis.

Aged 38 years.

In Memorium.

MIDDLESEX LODGE CONTINUED.

BRO. D. G. WOOTTEN.

Born in Wiltshire, England.
Died December, 1886. Typhoid fever.
Aged 37 years.

BRO. HENRY FOX.

Born in Cumberland, England.
Died suddenly December 25th, 1886.
Aged 54 years.

ESSEX LODGE, NO. 4.

BRO. W. T. DINGLE.

Born in Cornwall, England. Died May 21st, 1886.
Inflammatory rheumatism.
Aged 52 years.

BRIGHTON LODGE, NO. 7.

BRO. ALFRED PARSONS.

Killed by falling from a scaffold, March 4th, 1886.

BRITANNIA LODGE, NO. 8.

BRO. B. LESTER.

Born in London, England.
Died November 25th, 1886. Nervous prostration.

In Memorium.

BRITANNIA LODGE CONTINUED.

BRO. R. A. REALF.

Born in England.

Died October, 1886. Typhoid fever.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, NO. 9.

BRO. CLEMENT DAWES.

Born in England.

Died February 8th, 1886. Inflammation of brain.

Aged 54 years.

BRO. CHARLES R. HENDERSON.

Born in England.

Died September 22nd, 1886. Paralysis of the heart.

Aged 42 years.

OXFORD LODGE, NO. 17.

BRO. DANIEL BEARD.

Killed by railway accident.

LANSDOWNE LODGE, NO. 25.

BRO. SAMUEL HAMILTON.

Born in Durham, England. Died August 3rd, 1886.

In Memorium.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, NO. 27.

EDWIN ANDERTON.

Died February 17th, 1886. Consumption.

BRO. WILLIAM HAYNE.

Born in Staylebridge, England. Died March 10th, 1886.
Inflammation.

BRO. JOHN HALL TEMPERTON.

Died April 29th, 1886. Accident.

LEICESTER LODGE, NO. 33.

BRO. SAMUEL THORNTON.

Died suddenly in New York when on a visit.

WINDSOR LODGE, NO. 35.

BRO. J. R. BULLIVER.

Born in Toronto.

Died June 1st, 1886. Inflammation of Lungs.

BRO. HENRY P. BOLTON.

Born in England.

Accidently drowned July 4th, 1886.

DIRECTORY OF LODGES.

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PLACE OF MEETING.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Albion	1	Toronto	1st and 3rd Thursday ..	Shaftesbury Hall, Queen st. w.	Chas. E. Smith.....	27 Sword street.
Middlesex	2	Toronto	Alternate Tuesdays, from March 8th.	Occident Hall, Queen st. w.	R. J. Hodge, jr.....	222 Farley avenue.
Kent	3	Toronto	2nd and 4th Moudays	Shaftesbury Hall, Queen st. w.	P. Rigby	106 Church street.
Essex	4	Oshawa	Alternate Fridays, from January 7th, 1887.	Sons of England Hall	T. Martin	Oshawa.
Sussex	5	Whitby	Alternate Fridays, from January 14th, 1887.	Sons of England Hall, Yule's Block.	T. Dixon	Box 61, Whitby.
York	6	Toronto	Alternate Tuesdays, from March 1st, 1887.	Corner Cameron and Queen street west.	Jas. Baylis	267 Lippiucott street.
Brighton	7	Toronto	1st and 3rd Fridays	Shaftesbury Hall	W. Pugh	70 Sussex avenue.
Britannia	8	Hamilton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	St. George's Hall.....	Jas. Fisher	57 Oak avenue
Old England	9	Port Perry	Alternate Tuesdays, from January 4th, 1887.	Sons of England Hall	Wm. Edmett	Port Perry.
Somerset.....	10	Parkdale	2nd and 4th Thursdays	Somerset Hall	H. Worman	28 Gordon st., Toronto.
Surrey	11	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from February 28th, 1887.	Hinchcliffe's Hall, Bloor st.	T. Cannon, jr.....	415 Maunng avenue.
Victoria	12	Cornwall	Alternate Wednesdays, from January 5th, 1887.	Sons of England Hall	E. M. Fry	Box 154, Cornwall.
Warwick	13	Toronto	2nd and 4th Thursdays	Jackson's Hall, Yonge st. n.	Hy. Amos	783 Yonge street.
Manchester	14	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from March 7th, 1887.	Winchester Hall.....	J. Hughes	Rear 315 Sumach street.
Durham	15	Port Hope	Alternate Wednesdays, from January 12th, 1887.	Sons of England Hall	James Leach	Brown street, Port Hope.
Rose of Africa	16	Uitenhage	Alternate Mondays	Sons of England Ha	J. H. Braybook.....	Uitenhage, South Africa.
Oxford	17	Belleville	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Temperance Hall	Hy. Tammadge	Belleville.
Chester	18	St. Thomas.....	Alternate Tuesdays, from February 8th, 1887.	Foresters' Hall.....	P. R. Williams	Box 433, St. Thomas.
Wellington.....	19	Bowmanville... ..	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Foresters' Hall.....	M. A. James	Bowmanville.

Westminster	20	Lindsay	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.....	Foresters' Hall	W. J. Hallett.....	P. O., Lindsay.
Radford	21	Woodstock	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.....	Sons of England Hall	Jas. Trebilcock	P. O., Woodstock.

17	Oxford	Belleville	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Foresters' Hall	Foresters' Hall	W. J. Hallett	P. O., Lindsay.
18	Chester	St. Thomas	Alternate Tuesdays, from February 8th, 1887.	Foresters' Hall	Sons of England Hall	Jas. Trebilcock	P. O., Woodstock.
19	Wellington	Bowmanville	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Foresters' Hall	Masonic Temple	W. B. Panton	Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
20	Westminster	Lindsay	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	Foresters' Hall	Sons of England Hall	John Roberts	P. O., Orillia.
21	Bedford	Woodstock	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	Sons of England Hall	Sons of England Hall	F. Brouncombe	Brock st., Peterborough.
22	Victoria, Pt. Eliz.	South Africa	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	Masonic Temple	Foresters' all	M. Bartholomew	G.T.R., G.W.D., Galt.
23	Rose of Cou'ching	Orillia	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Sons of England Hall	St. George's Hall Queen st. e.	J. D. Jones	144 Parliament street.
25	Lausdowne	Peterboro'	1st and 3rd Mondays	Sons of England Hall	Sons of Eng., and Hall	George May	P. O., Barrie.
26	Royal Oak	Galt	Alternate Wednesdays, from January 12th, 1887.	Foresters' all	St. George's Hall	H. Mason	13 James st., Hamilton.
27	St. George	Toronto	1st and 3rd Mondays	St. George's Hall Queen st. e.	Sons of England Hall	John R. Hooper	68 Albert street, Ottawa.
28	Southampton	Barrie	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Sons of Eng., and Hall	St. George's Hall	J. W. Haynes	Broadview ave., Toronto.
29	Acoru	Hamilton	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	St. George's Hall	Sons of England Hall	John Moull	14 Sword street.
30	Derby	Ottawa	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Sons of England Hall	Masonic Hall, Kingston Road.	Alfred LeRicheux	186 Barrie st., Kingston.
31	London	Toronto	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Masonic Hall, Kingston Road.	Copeland Hall, King st. e.	V. M. Durnford	P. O., Collingwood.
32	Stafford	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from January 3rd, 1887.	Copeland Hall, King st. e.	Sons of England Hall	Wm. Huxley	9 Chestnut street.
33	Leicester	Kingston	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Sons of England Hall	Sons of England Hall	James Wright	239 St. James street, Montreal.
34	Canterbury	Collingwood	Alternate Fridays, from January 14th, 1887.	Sons of England Hall	Sons of England Hall	F. St. G. Thompson	P. O., London, Ont.
35	Windsor	Toronto	2nd and 4th Fridays	Cecil Hall, Spadina ave.	Cecil Hall, Spadina ave.	James Boyer	Lock Box 5, Bracebridge.
36	Excelsior	Montreal	Alternate Fridays, from January 4th, 1887.	Oddfellows' Hall	Foresters' Hall, over Federal Bank.	Herbert Rider	Box 36, St. Henri, Montreal.
37	Chelsea	London	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Orange Hall	Foresters' Hall, over Federal Bank.	H. Solley	P. O., Uxbridge.
38	Lancaster	Bracebridge	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Orange Hall	Orange Hall	J. A. Edwards	4 College st., Montreal.
39	Yorkshire	Montreal	2nd and 4th Mondays	St. Jude's Church School House.	St. Jude's Church School House.		
40	Buckingham	Uxbridge	1st and 3rd Thursdays	Sons of England Hall, Bloor street.	Sons of England Hall, Bloor street.		
41	Victoria's Jubilee.	Montreal	Alternate Thursdays, from February 24th, 1887.	St. Charles Club House	St. Charles Club House		

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APPENDIX C.—BALANCE SHEET OF THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Showing Receipts and Expenditures to February 1st, 1887.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Cash in Bank February 1st, 1886.....	\$296 35	1886.	
" 192 applications for Policies approved	384 00	May 5. By Thos. Moore & Co., printing.....	\$ 9 25
" One New Policy	0 50	" Purchase of Seals.....	2 00
" Interest in Bank, January 1st, 1887	15 20	" Dr. J. S. King, two examinations due	
" First Assessment	219 71	in 1885	2 00
		Mrs. Mary Henderson, widow	222 91
		J. S. Williams, printing	5 50
		Cash in Bank, February 1st, 1887	672 10
		Cash in hands of Treasurer	2 00
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To First Assessment	\$219 71		
" Balance	3 20		
	<u>\$222 91</u>		
		By Death Claim	\$222 91

Audited this 22nd day of January, 1887, and found correct.

S. B. POLLARD, M.D.,) Audit Com.
JAMES BANKS,) Benef. Dep't.

APPENDIX B.

Shewing the Numerical and Financial Standing of each Lodge,

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	No. at last Report.	No. Suspended during year.	No. Expelled.	No. Withdrawn.	No. 6 months in Arrears.	No. over 6 Months.	No. over 12 Months.	No. in Good Standing.	No. Initiated during year.	No. of Honorary Members.	No. Deceased.	Present Membership.
1	Albion	221	13			12	16	6	217	72	1	3	277
2	Middlesex	276	22	1	3	19	17		312	70	3	4	320
3	Kent	158	12	1	6	8	11	5	148	47	9		181
4	Essex	64	9		2	12	13	6	51	23	2	1	76
5	Sussex	64	8		2	4		3	57	8	2		73
6	York	84	14			14	8	6	57	9	1	1	80
7	Brighton	63	5		1	4	11	7	64	24	1	1	80
8	Britannia	144	15	1	1	10	5		103	14	4	2	122
9	Old England	64				7	15			8	6		70
10	Somerset	72	3			10	12		56	6			78
11	Surrey	94				10	5		97	18	2		114
12	Victoria	25	10			3	1		20	1			22
13	Warwick	81	4			10	6	4	73	13			89
14	Manchester	72	20		1	9	3		63	14	1		76
15	Durham	107				7	18		86	4	1		112
16	Rose of Africa												
17	Oxford	155	9			7	6		133	17	4	1	155
18	Chester	59	7			9		1	58	17	3		70
19	Wellington	101			2	5	11	4	86	14	5		110
20	Westminster	69	5			18	10	5	45	10			73
21	Bedford	32				4	2	1	28	6	1		34
22	Victoria, Pt. Elizabeth												
23	Rose of Couchiching	57	6			1	3		60	12	6		70
25	Lansdowne	20				5	10		90	25	6	1	112
26	Royal Oak	27	1	1		8	4		26	6	1		37
27	St. George	86	10		8	4	8	2	96	42	1	3	117
28	Southampton	78					8		92	28	1		104
29	Acorn	26	10			4		28	34	11	2		41
30	Derby	54						7	45	5	2		47
31	London	87	1		1	8	6		91	27	2		107
32	Stafford	72	18		7	6	15		70	26		1	85
33	Leicester	28							41	25			48
34	Canterbury	41			1	3	1		63	28			67
35	Windsor	31			1	3	4		61	37	1	1	69
36	Excelsior	60			2	5	12		70	32			88
37	Chelsea												40
38	Lancaster												20
39	Yorkshire												20
40	Buckingham												20
41	Victoria's Jubilee												20

Amount Paid Sick Dues.	Amount paid for Funerals.
\$ c.	\$ c.
520 10	242 0
504 05	104 0
370 8	7 0
121 50	50 0
129 80	
190 55	50 0
106 00	
215 00	57 0
61 28	107 8
20 00	20 0
145 00	20 0
34 57	
76 00	14 0
91 50	7 0
103 60	
180 00	57 0
105 50	7 0
95 00	90 0
87 63	
31 00	
195 60	
59 00	50 0
103 20	20 0
71 75	54 2
116 00	7 0
23 00	
66 24	20 0
112 50	20 0
13 00	20 0
125 00	
17 00	62 8
39 39	

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Present Membership.	Amount Paid Sick Dues.		Amount paid for Funerals.		Amount Paid for Surgeon's Fees.		Amount Paid for Cap. Tax.		Cash in Bank.		Cash in Treas. hands.		Liabilities.		Total Fund of Lodge.		Amount of Contributions for year.		No. Paying Cap. Tax.		INSTITUTED.
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	No.	Date.	
277	520	10	242	00	329	99	91	00	3298	98	6	32	160	07	3376	04	1681	08	248	December 12, 1874	
320	504	05	104	00	389	61	96	80	4129	75	44	96	156	30	4174	71	2070	00	252	September 21, 1876	
181	370	81	7	00	150	58	48	30	1984	93	90	41	.....	.....	2075	44	1115	42	127	March 16, 1877
76	121	50	50	00	62	25	22	30	966	07	.....	.....	.....	.....	966	67	472	72	61	October 12, 1876
73	129	80	.....	.....	52	50	21	40	860	95	50	80	.....	.....	1011	75	414	46	59	September 12, 1877
80	190	55	50	00	94	78	27	00	280	94	.....	.....	55	33	364	87	485	92	71	March 18, 1878
80	106	00	.....	.....	66	00	24	40	466	72	101	56	.....	.....	31	00	568	78	64	March 12, 1879
122	215	00	57	00	100	00	41	60	1452	95	78	31	.....	.....	1531	26	1006	80	110	April 8, 1878
70	61	28	107	83	40	25	16	40	342	29	46	10	18	75	388	39	377	85	41	September 10, 1878	
78	20	00	20	00	90	86	25	20	650	00	121	00	.....	.....	777	55	465	89	66	December 19, 1-78.
114	145	00	20	00	143	50	37	80	1221	35	133	87	65	92	1355	12	586	38	99	May 19, 1879	
22	34	57	.....	.....	23	25	8	90	94	01	57	94	.....	.....	151	95	208	07	20	March 23, 1880
89	76	00	14	00	99	80	30	00	1076	37	50	00	.....	.....	1126	37	632	50	80	September 27, 1880
76	91	50	7	00	80	01	27	20	425	00	29	88	.....	.....	454	88	473	37	68	March 9, 1881
112	103	60	.....	.....	118	11	31	30	653	45	49	32	.....	.....	702	77	614	68	80	May 2, 1881
155	180	00	57	00	129	95	52	30	1365	02	116	44	92	00	1481	46	791	83	128	December 19, 1881	
70	105	50	7	00	54	75	23	40	317	67	45	35	.....	.....	363	02	405	65	63	January 19, 1882
110	95	00	90	00	115	25	42	10	300	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	800	00	775	37	110	February 24, 1882
73	87	63	.....	.....	77	75	21	70	200	00	66	78	96	70	339	99	407	91	61	March 1, 1882
34	31	00	.....	.....	25	50	10	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	40	82	12	33	March 15, 1883
70	195	60	.....	.....	84	50	17	70	72	91	.....	.....	43	45	142	87	379	62	35	December 2, 1883
112	59	00	50	00	172	05	36	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	135	10	596	36	762	32	96	July 9, 1883
37	103	20	20	00	50	63	13	30	75	00	48	38	.....	.....	123	38	230	71	31	August 6, 1883
117	71	75	54	20	124	70	31	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	91	761	62	87	October 31, 1883
104	116	00	7	00	103	93	32	70	500	00	586	94	.....	.....	886	94	845	87	92	November 12, 1883
41	23	00	.....	.....	33	15	13	90	.....	.....	98	33	.....	.....	98	33	372	31	35	April 23, 1884
47	66	24	20	00	52	90	20	00	153	21	15	11	.....	.....	168	32	270	56	47	June 2, 1884
107	112	50	20	00	144	55	35	30	500	00	55	67	.....	.....	555	67	766	76	92	July 15, 1884
85	13	00	20	00	104	38	21	70	306	07	43	26	.....	.....	352	60	432	92	55	January 15, 1885
48	125	00	.....	.....	34	10	13	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	415	47	41	January 29, 1885
67	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	00	16	40	431	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	431	10	519	51	58	January, 1885
69	17	00	62	80	74	24	13	20	.....	.....	115	63	.....	.....	115	64	426	13	58	April 22, 1885
88	39	39	.....	.....	76	50	26	00	264	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	264	55	551	13	76	May 8, 1885
40	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	98	4	90	.....	.....	77	01	.....	.....	77	01	241	85	25	November 2, 1885
20	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	30	.....	.....	189	30	.....	.....	20	March 26, 1886
20	20	May 27, 1886
20	November 4, 1886
20	November 18, 1886
20	January 15, 1887

APPENDIX D.—BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.
 Tables compiled from the Grand Lodge Register shewing the number of Policies issued under the various Scales of Assessment.

No.	NAME.	No. of \$1,000 Policies.	No. of \$500 Policies.	Age 30.	Age 30 to 36.	Age 35 to 40.	Age 40 to 45.	Age 45 to 50.	Age 50 to 55.	Age 55 to 60.	Age over 60.	No. in each Lodge.	Average Assessment per Lodge.	Total Assessment for each Lodge.	Increase.
1	Albion	32	3	7	4	4	11	3	5	1	..	35	69	24 20	14
2	Middlesex	63	2	9	9	12	13	16	4	2	..	65	71	45 98	13
3	Kent	26	2	7	4	6	7	1	3	..	..	28	64	17 80	21
4	Essex	11	..	2	3	1	..	2	2	1	1	11	90	9 80	2
5	Sussex	17	..	4	..	4	..	2	8	1	1	17	98	16 60	8
6	York	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	73	1 46	2
7	Brighton	8	1	2	1	1	2	..	2	..	1	9	82	7 40	2
8	Britannia	10	1	..	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	11	86	9 48	6
9	Old England	6	..	1	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	6	65	3 90	2
11	Surrey	8	4	3	1	2	2	2	2	..	..	12	58	6 93	4
13	Warwick	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	68	2 05	3
14	Manchester	5	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	63	3 15	4
15	Durham	12	..	2	2	2	2	3	1	..	..	12	70	8 85	3
17	Oxford	29	3	6	1	6	7	9	3	..	..	32	67	24 56	16
18	Chester	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	53	1 05	2
19	Wellington	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	10	1 10	1
20	Westminster	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	85	..	..
23	Rose of Couchiching	5	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	5	61	3 05	..
25	Lansdowne	19	..	9	2	1	2	3	2	..	..	19	65	12 35	16
27	St. George	21	..	7	..	3	6	1	1	2	1	21	78	17 45	6
28	Southampton	15	..	..	1	4	6	3	1	..	..	15	72	10 80	13
29	Acorn	5	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	5	92	4 60	3
30	Derby	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	35	35	..
31	London	7	..	2	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	7	64	4 45	7
32	Stafford	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	70	1 70	1
34	Canterbury	11	1	2	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	12	98	11 80	12
35	Windsor	18	1	10	2	2	1	..	1	2	1	19	69	13 10	16
36	Excelsior	6	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	..	6	1 02	6 10	6
		343	20	76	38	54	74	57	41	17	6	363	73	265 41	183