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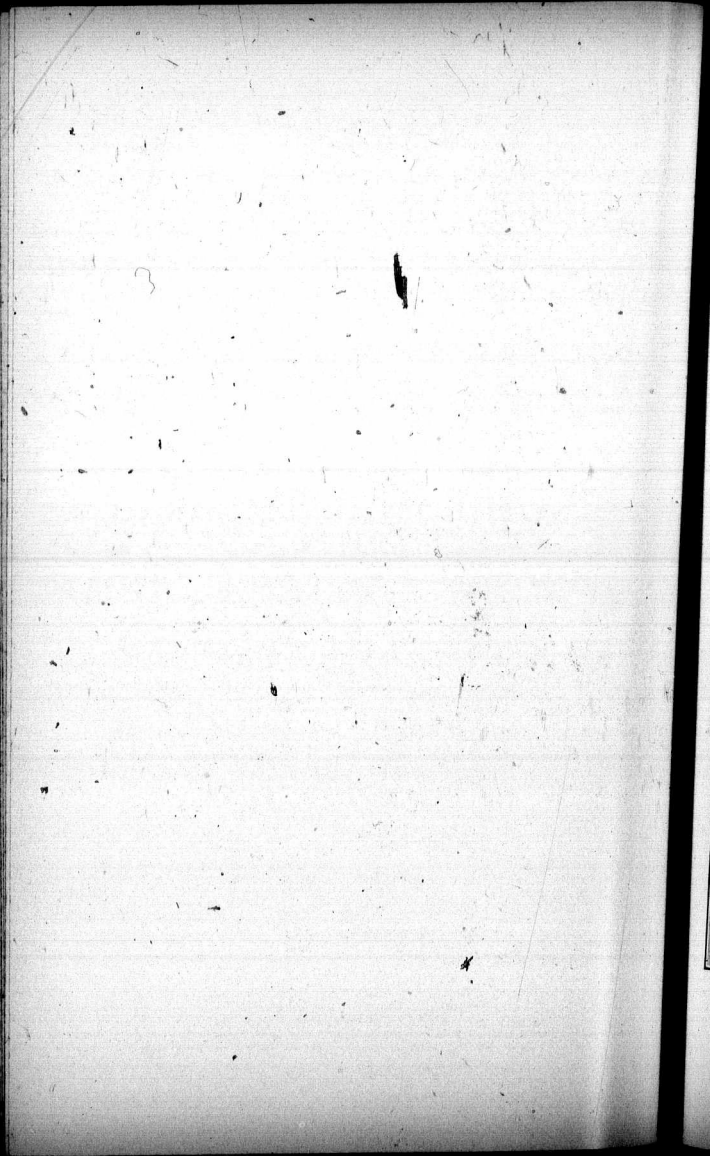
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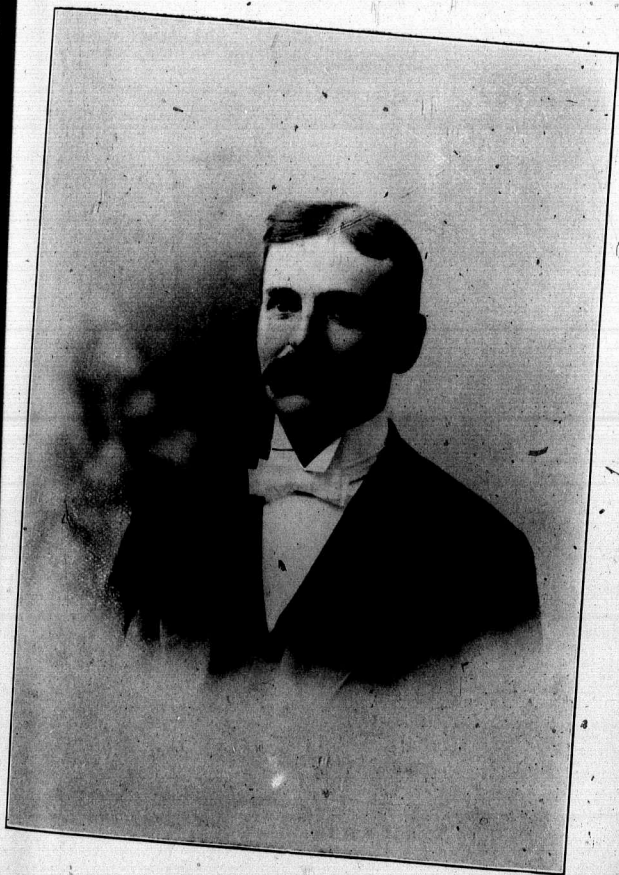
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GRAND PATRIARCH, 1898-1899.

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

TORONTO, ONT., August 8th, 1899.
 The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session at the Victoria
 Hall, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

PRESENT:

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| SAMUEL LAW..... | Grand Patriarch. |
| WM. POTTER..... | Grand High Priest. |
| LEONARD FERGUSON..... | Grand Senior Warden. |
| M. D. DAWSON..... | Grand Scribe. |
| EDMUND BELTZ..... | Grand Treasurer. |
| GEORGE BELL..... | } Grand Representative to Sov-
ereign Grand Lodge. |
| FRANK JEFFERY..... | |
| R. J. FAULKNER..... | Grand Junior Warden. |
| J. H. MAGILL..... | Grand Marshal. |
| CHAS. W. STUART..... | Grand Sentinel. |
| | Grand O. Sentinel. |

Also Past Grand Patriarchs John Gibson, John Welsh, S. S. Merick,
 A. H. Blackeby, Jos. Oliver, W. H. Cole, Fred. Doggett, Geo. Bell,
 J. T. Hornibrook, Abner Fraser and Thos. Woodyatt.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on
 Credentials: Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, and Representatives Thos.
 Colby, D. Henwood, James Britton and Richard Lee.

Ald. Graham, of the City Council, of Toronto, welcomed the members
 of the Grand Encampment to the city, and extended to them, one and all,
 the hospitality of the city. They would be glad to show the Representatives
 through the city, and have them visit all points of interest. Any informa-
 tion required would be given. An illuminated excursion on the electric
 railway is provided for the Representatives this evening, also a moonlight
 excursion on the beautiful steamer Chippewa to-morrow (Wednesday)
 evening. He had much pleasure in presenting them with the freedom of
 the city.

The address was acknowledged in fitting terms by the Grand Patriarch, Samuel Law. He stated that six years had elapsed since the last session was held in Toronto. Those present on that occasion had not forgotten the kindly hospitality extended by local members of the Order and citizens generally, and all were pleased at the warmth of the present reception. No doubt every member would thoroughly enjoy himself.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Welsh, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

"That the very kind invitation extended to this Grand Encampment by the chairman of the Reception Committee be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Encampment."

JOHN WELSH.
S. S. MERICK.

The regular business was then resumed.

Grand Scribe, M. D. Dawson, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

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

Your Committee on Credentials report, that, from an examination of the Returns of Subordinates, and of the Certificates of Representatives elect, the following named P. C. Patriarchs are entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment :

Union	Encampment,	No. 1.....	Donald Robertson
Frontier	"	" 2.....	George Breen
"	"	" 2.....	W. J. Brett
Harmony	"	" 3.....	Jos. Sanders
Brant	"	" 4.....	J. C. Spence
"	"	" 4.....	H. B. Adams
Charity	"	" 5.....	J. R. Boothby
"	"	" 5.....	J. T. Perry
Burlington	"	" 7.....	Wm Rogers
"	"	" 7.....	W. J. Evans
Toronto	"	" 8.....	Thos. Colby
"	"	" 8.....	W. C. Ogilvy
Brock	"	" 9.....	W. F. Edgar
Chatham	"	" 10.....	O. E. Willson
"	"	" 10.....	H. Garrett
Ontario	"	" 11.....	W. H. Mark
Albert	"	" 12.....	Levi Morris
Fidelity	"	" 14.....	F. L. Harrison
Limestone City....	"	" 15.....	Ronald McDonald
Mt. Ararat	"	" 16.....	D. Henwood
Hebron	"	" 17.....	H. Matheson
Quinte	"	" 19.....	Samuel Symons
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Encampment	No.	Representative
Unity	21	F. E. Aldrich
Guiding Star	22	J. S. Henderson
Niagara Falls	23	Geo. Clark
Friendship	24	James F. Draper
Victoria	25	James Britton
Alpha	26	S. L. Clark
Wentworth	30	W. Brown
Wellington	31	Geo. J. Stephens
Exeter	33	E. J. Spackman
Adelphian	38	Daniel Spice
Dufferin	41	Jos. T. Henderson
Aylmer	42	Charles Watson
Collingwood	44	A. G. Campbell
Saugeen Valley	45	Richard Lee
Minerva	46	J. H. Chisholm
Samaritan	47	F. M. Zaruke
Rehoboth	49	Alfred Maccoomb
Ridgely	50	C. W. Anderson
Outaouais	52	J. K. Pearce
Maple Leaf	53	Henry Schofield
Mount Hebron	55	R. F. Perry
Phoenix	56	Fred. Harris
Waba	57	Jno. S. Moir
Moira	58	Nelson Thompson
Central	59	John Alliss
Amicus	60	Elijah Beal
Galt	61	Jas. R. Mitchell
"	62	T. W. Shortreed
Eureka	62	Robert McCallum
Hiawatha	65	Harry Morgan
Aurora	66	C. Collett
Forest	67	D. A. Buchanan
Pictou	69	T. T. Smith
Pointe Aux Pins	72	J. V. Mills
Amity	73	Wesley Hetley
Cornwall	74	M. Hermiston
Sterling	76	Elgin Jackman
George B.	80	J. H. Doherty
Lake View	81	Chas. A. Ryall
Montreal	83	D. J. Dickson
Farnham	1	W. H. McCabe
Maple Leaf	4	A. Jno. Teakle
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Returns have been received from all Encampments up to 31st December, 1898, except Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston; Moitá Encampment, No. 59, Belleville; Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, Peterborough; Moshassuck, No. 2, Montreal; and Farnham, No. 4, Farnham, Quebec.

For the present term, Huron Encampment, No. 28, Goderich; Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston; Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66; Peterborough; Golden Encampment, No. 70, Rat Portage; and Nebewin Encampment, No. 75, Chapleau, have not reported. Returns from the other Encampments have come in very promptly.

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

Union	Encampment,	No.	
Frontier	"	1	Donald Robertson
Charity	"	2	W. J. Brett
Burlington	"	5	Peter Bradshaw
Toronto	"	7	Wm. Rogers
Brock	"	8	W. C. Ogilvy
Chatham	"	9	W. F. Edgar
"	"	10	O. E. Willson
"	"	10	H. Garrett
Ontario	"	11	W. H. Mark
Fidelity	"	14	F. L. Harrison
Limestone City	"	15	Ronald McDonald
Mt. Ararat	"	16	Jas. A. Wilson
Hebron	"	17	H. Matheson
Quinte	"	19	Samuel Symons
"	"	19	Alfred Mathews
Elgin	"	20	W. H. Crack
Unity	"	21	F. E. Aldrich
Guiding Star	"	22	J. T. Henderson
Wentworth	"	30	W. Brown
Adelphian	"	38	Daniel Spice
Dufferin	"	41	Jos. T. Henderson
Collingwood	"	45	A. G. Campbell
Saugeen Valley	"	46	J. F. Schwalm
Minerva	"	47	J. H. Chisholm
Samaritan	"	49	F. M. Zaruka
Rehoboth	"	50	Alfred Maccoomb
Ridgely	"	52	C. W. Anderson
Ontaouais	"	53	J. K. Pearce
Maple Leaf	"	55	Henry Schofield
Mount Hebron	"	56	R. F. Perry
Phoenix	"	57	Fred. Harris
Moira	"	59	Nelson Thompson
"	"	59	William Nelson
Central	"	60	John Alliss
Amicus	"	61	Elijah Beal
Galt	"	62	Jos. R. Mitchell
"	"	62	T. W. Shortreed
Hiawatha	"	66	Harry Morgan
Forest	"	69	D. A. Buchanan
Picton	"	72	T. T. Smith
Pointe Aux Pins	"	73	J. V. Mills
Amity	"	74	Wesley Hetley
"	"	74	John P. Grigg
"	"	74	Wm. Courtis
Cornwall	"	76	M. Hermiston
Sterling	"	80	Elgin Jackman
George B.	"	81	J. H. Doherty
Lake View	"	83	Chas. A. Ryall
Maple Leaf	"	6	A. Jno. Teakle

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

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,
THOMAS COLBY,
DANIEL HENWOOD, } Committee.
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

The minutes of last session, as printed, were adopted.

The roll was called by the Grand Scribe, and absentees noted.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES :

ON DISTRIBUTION.—P. G. P., S. S. Merick ; Representatives, R. F. Perry, A. Jno. Teakle, J. C. Spence, J. S. Henderson and Geo. Clark.

ON FINANCE.—P. G. P.'s, Jos. Oliver ; Representatives, Geo. J. Stephens, Robt. McCallum and F. L. Harrison.

ON DISTRICTS.—P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby ; Representatives, Donald Robertson, W. C. Ogilvy, W. T. Edgar, Jos. Sanders and James R. Mitchell.

ON BY-LAWS.—P. G. P., John Welsh ; Representatives, Geo. Breen, H. B. Adams, Wm. Rodgers, Levi Morris and Jno. Hunter.

ON RETURNS.—P. G. P., Wm. H. Cole ; Representatives, Jno. S. Moir, C. Collett, W. J. Brett and O. E. Willson.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—P. G. P., John Gibson ; Representatives, Nelson Thompson, John Alliss, T. T. Smith and Wesley Hetley.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Representatives, E. J. Spackman, T. W. Shortreed, W. H. Mark, Samuel Symons and W. F. Forbes.

ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.—P. G. P., Fred Doggett ; Representatives, W. H. McCabe, J. H. Doherty and Ronald McDonald.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—P. G. P., Geo. Bell ; Representatives, W. J. Evans, H. Garrett, F. E. Aldrich and H. Matheson.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—Representatives, D. J. Dickson, W. H. Crack, Jas. F. Draper, S. L. Clark and A. Maccomb.

ON LEGISLATION.—P. G. P., Thos. Woodyatt ; Representatives, Daniel Spice, Chas. Watson, J. K. Pearce and J. T. Perry.

ON JUDICIARY.—P. G. P., J. T. Hornbrook ; Representatives, Fred Harris, J. H. Chisholm, C. W. Anderson and Elijah Beal.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.—P. G. P., A. Fraser ; Representatives, M. Hermiston, J. V. Millns, D. A. Buchanan and Elgin Jackman.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 2.—Representatives, W. Brown, Jos. T. Henderson, A. G. Campbell and F. M. Zaruke.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

P. G. P., S. S. Merick, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report of his Committee, which was adopted :

TORONTO, August 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg leave to recommend the various clauses to be distributed as follows :

Committee on Finance—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, clause referring to auditors, on page 13.

The Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs Nos. 6, 7 and 8, and the whole report of the Grand Treasurer.

Committee on State of the Order—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed State of the Order; Amalgamation; Official Visits; Dispensations; Appendix A, and Appendix B.

That part of the Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs Nos. 1 and 2, and down to paragraph headed Oddfellows' Home, also statistical information on pages 3 and 4, Abstracts of Returns from Subordinates, and No. 5.

Committee on Petitions and Correspondence—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed New Encampments; Correspondence.

That part of the Grand Scribe's report, paragraph No. 9.

Committee on Judiciary—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed Decisions.

Committee on Districts—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report under the heading District Deputy Grand Patriarchs.

Special Committee No. 1—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed Fraternal Press; I. O. O. F. Home; Appendix C.

That part of the Grand Scribe's report under the heading the "Oddfellows' Home."

Special Committee No. 2—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, Opening Address and concluding remarks; Acknowledgments; and the whole of the report of the Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. MERICK,
R. F. PERRY,
A. JNO. TEAKLE,

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Committee.

REPORTS.

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

Grand Patriarch's Report.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Again we are assembled at this, the thirtieth annual session of the Grand Encampment, to render an account of our doings and to legislate for the welfare of our Order, and the Encampment Branch in particular. I trust much good will be accomplished from your deliberations, and that peace and harmony will prevail throughout our Tents.

I am pleased indeed to meet so many of the old representatives, showing the interest they take in Encampment Oddfellowship by attending the sessions of this Grand Encampment year after year; also extending a most hearty welcome to those who come for the first time to meet with us.

Six years have elapsed since the Grand Encampment last met in the Queen City of Toronto. Those of us who attended at that time will have pleasant recollections of the hospitality extended to us on that occasion, and we are pleased indeed to have again the pleasure of meeting with the Patriarchs of this, the hub of Oddfellowship in the Dominion of Canada.

Patriarchs, allow me to thank you most heartily for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me to the exalted position of Grand Patriarch of this Grand Encampment; an honor which I appreciate very highly. I am only sorry that owing to ill health I have not been able to give it all the attention I intended or would like to have done. I will now give an account of the trust which you so kindly placed in my hands a year ago, and I trust it will meet with your approval.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

1. While our records will not show the increase in membership that we had hoped for (the general prosperity has evidently not reached us as yet), still from the reports of the D. D. G. P.'s and from others, and also from the fact that the subordinate Lodges have made a material increase during the past year, the outlook for the future should be brighter. While we cannot show any increase in membership, I am pleased to report our finances to be in a satisfactory condition.

NEW ENCAMPMENT.

2. On the 16th of December, 1898, I received from D. D. G. P. Roberts, of Essex, an application, accompanied by the names of eight Patriarchs, as applicants for a charter for a new Encampment in Ruthven, according therewith. Not being able to be present myself, I requested G. H. P. Potter to officiate at the institution, which he so very kindly consented to do, and on Friday evening, January the 13th, 1899, accompanied by P. C. P., O. B. Hulen, and Patriarch S. A. McCarnock, of Chatham, Encampment, No. 10, he instituted Lake View Encampment, No. 83, in the village of Ruthven, County of Essex. On arriving at Ruthven they were

very heartily welcomed by D. D. G. P. Roberts, of Essex, and visiting Patriarchs from Windsor, Essex and other places. Patriarch Roberts deserves credit for the establishment of this Encampment. After the institution of the Encampment the officers elect were installed by D. D. G. P. Roberts, assisted by P. C. P.'s Chatterton, Chase, Allen, Hannon, Park and May, of Central Encampment, of Essex. The work was performed in a very creditable manner, not a ritual being used. The degree team of Frontier Encampment, Windsor, under the captaincy of Patriarch Geo. Breen, conferred the degrees in a very efficient manner. Lake View starts out with a membership of 18, with good prospects for the future, and I take pleasure in requesting this Grand Encampment to grant a charter for Number 83.

AMALGAMATION.

3. KINGSTON.—On the 15th March, 1899, I received a petition from Kingston Encampment, No. 15, and Cataraqi Encampment, No. 79, for permission to amalgamate the two Encampments, under the name of Limestone City Encampment, No. 15, believing that one strong Encampment was better than two weak ones. I granted the prayer of the petitioners and granted a dispensation for the amalgamation of the two Encampments. P. G. P. Blackeby kindly consented to act for me at amalgamation. On the evening of April the 15th, 1899, a meeting of the Patriarchs was held in Cataraqi lodge room for the purpose of amalgamating Kingston Encampment No. 15, and Cataraqi Encampment, No. 79. P. G. P. Blackeby in the chair. Among those present were P. C. P.'s McWater, McCuen, Lee, Filgete, George Dillon, Donaldson, Callaghan and McDonald, Patriarchs Elliott, Wilson, Funnell, Thorne, W. G. Hamilton, S. Hamilton, Bushel and Rogers. The Scribes reported having notified all Patriarchs of the proposed amalgamation by circular; I also notified all the officers of both Encampments to be present on that occasion. The moneys, books and papers of both Encampments were handed to the presiding officer, also the Charter of Cataraqi Encampment, No. 79; the Charter of Kingston Encampment, No. 15, being destroyed by fire. I would recommend that a charter be granted to Limestone City Encampment No. 15.

CORRESPONDENCE.

4. The correspondence has not been very heavy this year. I endeavored to answer promptly all communications.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

5. I desire to thank the D. D. G. P.'s who have so faithfully endeavored to advance the Encampments in their respective districts. Much of the prosperity of the Encampments depend upon the D. D.'s, the G. P. having to depend upon them almost solely for his information and for suggestions for the advancement of the Order in their districts. There was one change made after the original appointments were made. Patriarch Jennings, of No. 17, resigned, and I appointed Patriarch Geo. Warren in his stead. On the 20th of August I issued a circular marked Appendix A, and sent out the commissions to the D. D. G. P.'s. In a few instances no nominations having been made by the representative, a little delay was caused in getting the name of a suitable Patriarch. I also wrote to the D. D. G. P.'s again in July, requesting them to forward reports at once, in answer to which the following reports have been received:

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District No. 1, Chas. Roberts, D. D. G. P. "We are holding our own in Central, as you will see by the reports. The one great drawback to the Encampment is lack of attendance. I think if the Grand Encampment would employ one or more Grand Organizers and have them visit and arouse the members to activity would be a step in the right direction. I visited Frontier Encampment, No. 2, in Windsor, and installed their officers on the 27th day of January last. I found the Encampment in a good healthy condition. I also instituted an Encampment at Ruthven on the 13th of January last, which I think bids fair to become a large and prosperous Encampment."

District No. 2, J. V. Bosworth, D. D. G. P.—"Chatham and Phoenix Encampments have made an increase this term; Blenheim is holding its own; Dresden Encampment is not working. I have written to them several times, but have received no reply, but I hear indirectly that they are doing no work."

District No. 4, Chas. Cowherd, D. D. G. P.—"I could not get the statements of Amicus Encampment, so had to wait till I came up before I could properly make my reports, which I am mailing, as you see, at once. You will see there has been a gain in membership in each Encampment, but not what I expected, especially in Brant. You will also see a fall-term of sickness, the expenditure alone in that being \$357.03. Also we have recommended Amicus Encampment to do the same. They have their's valued at \$268.00, which present value would not be one-third of \$275.00, and when we came to get our new, the old was not worth \$5 to us or anyone else. As regards the work of the Encampment Branch, I am of the opinion that some more definite action should be taken in bringing the Encampment out more distinctly. As it is, as a rule, the Encampment members simply turn out with the Lodges and no distinction is made in funeral or decoration parades, and as in most cases there is no benefit to speak of. We have got to have more inducements in these days, as there are so many societies that offer large benefits, etc. The Canton branch having dropped off to a great extent, has also taken a great deal of the interest out of the work. These are my opinions of some of the reasons the Encampment work is not progressing as it should, which I have simply stated, and you may take them for what they may be worth."

District No. 5, J. A. Burwash, D. D. G. P.—"I have carefully filled out report. You will notice our increase is good, and what is better, of a good quality. We have to depend on Jarvis Lodge, No. 181, totally for the Encampment, as the other Lodges in this district, the few we have, do not attend regularly, and the number is getting less each year."

District No. 6, T. J. Webber, D. D. G. P.—"Union Encampment, No. 1, is not progressing very favorably; cannot say cause, as I have not visited them to install the officers. I expect to do so next meeting night. Niagara Falls Encampment, No. 23, is in very bad shape on account of poor attendance. Impossible to get enough to attend to do any work. Am looking for better things next term."

District No. 7, J. F. Bremner, D. D. G. P.—"I herewith submit my semi-annual report. As you will see by looking over it, Burlington, No. 7, and Galt, No. 62, are in very good shape, but Wentworth, No. 30 still goes back. I have done my utmost to infuse new life into it, but am sorry to

have to report a decrease of six members. At the last meeting all the members undertook to put their shoulders to the wheel and try and get it on its feet again. They gave me to understand if they had no better success this next term they would altogether likely have to return their charter. I will still continue to do all I can to help them along. Hoping that the rest of the reports are better than my own, also that you have had a pleasant year as G. P."

District No. 8, W. F. Snell, D. D. G. P.—"I have requested reports from the two London Encampments, but they have failed, so far, to reply. I can only say in regard to Fidelity and Amity, they are simply holding their own. I would suggest that Encampments be instructed to select their D. D. G. P. before attending the Grand Encampment."

District No. 9, J. F. Draper, D. D. G. P.—"Our Encampments are about holding their own. Friendship is doing a little, and although some members were suspended for N. P. D., the outstanding dues were considerably reduced during the term, and we expect the fall term will be an increase in membership. We hope to have a number of reinstatements as well as a few initiates next term. Financially, Friendship is in a good position."

"Alpha, No. 26, Sarnia, has had a very quiet term, but I hope that the incoming D. D. G. P. will be able to stir them up. There is material for a large increase. Dufferin is not likely to be any better where it is. Most of the members are railroad men, and owing to the removal of R. R. shops to the tunnel, they are moving or will have to move to Sarnia to be near their work. I think that the amalgamation of the two Encampments would be a good move and make one strong Encampment. Patriarch Wm. Luscombe, of Alpha Encampment, is recommended for D. D. G. P., and I would endorse the recommendation. He is an active worker."

District No. 10, Chas. W. Stuart, D. D. G. P.—"I don't know that I have any suggestions to offer to you. I wish I had. Our Encampment has made no great strides this term, which you will see by the reports, but the prospects are good for this winter. We have done away with the sick benefits and lowered our initiation. We have a goodly number that promise to come in soon. I am doing my best to increase our membership. We have a good Encampment. I would have sent you this report sooner, but was not able to visit Parkhill, and had to send for their report. Hoping we will have a good meeting at Grand Encampment."

District No. 11, Geo. Porter, D. D. G. P.—"Encampments are still at a standstill. If new I. O. O. F. building in Goderich goes ahead, I think it will give the Encampment a good push."

District No. 13, W. E. Norris, D. D. G. P.—"Walkerton holding its own, and Harriston not doing very well."

District No. 14, F. Kress, D. D. G. P.—"Jan. 13, 1899.—Visited Charity, No. 5, and found it to be the Banner Encampment of the district. Installed the officers. Golden Rule Degree was conferred on two candidates by their excellent degree staff, Patriarch Tom. Savage, captain. Grand Patriarch Samuel Law, Guelph, was also present and gave an exemplification of the secret work. I had also the pleasure of meeting with several pioneers of the Order, viz., P. G. P. John Gibson, Port Huron, and P. G. P. John Welsh. P. G. P. Gibson giving an excellent address on the earlier days of Oddfellowship in this western district. After the meeting a banquet was tendered, and hospitality was exemplified to the stranger. On

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March 10, 1899, I visited the tent of the Grand Patriarch in the Royal City of Guelph. Was met by the genial Grand Patriarch at the station and escorted to his Tent, where some refreshments were partaken of. Found the Encampment to be in good trim and excellent working order, everything done with snap and precision by the officers of the Encampment. The officers being duly installed, a banquet was tendered by the officers, and a right royal hour was spent in speech and song. District No. 14 is flourishing."

District No. 15, Theo. Lawrence, D. D. G. P.—"In speaking on the Encampment Branch of the Order here I can't report any progress. We are not doing as I would wish. We have too many societies. We week added another one, Canadian Home Circle; all, of course, insurance affairs. We must have some eighteen different societies here, and last ever there may be in the future, I don't see much encouragement at the present. There are only a few that seem to take any interest in trying to build up the Encampment, and of course when the subordinate is not doing much we can't expect much. I've tried to infuse interest into the Encampment, but it don't seem to go. However, we'll try again and see what good may be done."

District No. 16, James Munroe, D. D. G. P.—"Herewith I send the semi-annual reports of Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments, which I trust will meet with your approval. The increase in membership is not very marked, but hope to make a better showing during the unexpired portion of the term. I may state that the interest taken in the work is much greater than one would judge from the increase in membership. The utmost harmony also exists between both the Encampments here, and I bespeak a continuance of that good feeling. I still find it impossible to get reports from Aurora and Newmarket Encampments, but as I purpose in the near future running up to see them, I hope to get their reports then, and I will endeavor also to create enough interest to have them call meetings before the approaching communication of the Grand Encampment."

District No. 17, George Warren, D. D. G. P.—"You will find inclosed the report of Ontario Encampment, No. 11. From the enclosed report you will notice that this Encampment has made splendid progress during the past term and will compare favorably with almost any Encampment."

In regard to Albert Encampment, No. 12, Bowmanville, "I visited with officers for the purpose of installing their officers, but found they could not raise a quorum, and appointed another night for me to come. Since sending you my report I am pleased to inform you that I have installed the officers of Albert Encampment, although the meeting was not very large. I have strong hopes that there will be an improvement in the membership during this term."

District No. 19, J. S. Henderson, D. D. G. P.—"I think if the Encampments would get up a degree team to do the work, then let the different Encampments in a district visit each other and put on the degrees in competition for a trophy, a great deal of interest could be awakened in the Encampment Branch of our Order. It would also put new zeal and energy into those Patriarchs who have grown careless and who have let themselves be suspended for N. P. D. I also think it would be a great help to our Branch of the Order if the Encampment members would stick together in the subordinate lodge and elect the officers of the lodge, also the representatives to Grand Lodge, from among the Encampment members."

District No. 20, R. H. Ketcheson, D. D. G. P.—“Enclosed you will find a correct statement of Encampments in my district. Although a small decrease in membership, yet the Encampments seem to be getting along very nicely. I have been unable to get the Trenton Encampment in running order again. Still I believe it will soon take a new start and be made one of the best Encampments in the District. As my term of office is at a close, I must take this opportunity of thanking the Patriarchs throughout the district for the help they have given me during my two years of office, and wish them every success in the future.”

District No. 22½, N. D. McCallum, D. D. G. P.—“I hardly know what to say about the condition of Eureka. There has only been two meetings held since January 1st, a quorum not being present on other meeting nights. At the beginning of January the by-laws were amended, doing away with benefits and reducing the fees to the lowest limit. These amendments were duly forwarded to the Grand Scribe, but the Encampment never heard anything further about them. There were six propositions in, only waiting for the by-laws to be certified, when they would have been initiated. Where the blame lies I do not know, but our representative has been instructed to see about the matter at the next Grand Encampment meeting. I feel sure when we get in some younger members there will be no difficulty about meetings.”

District No. 23, W. F. Edgar, D. D. G. P.—“In answer to your request for remarks in regard to Order, I, as representative of Brock Encampment to our meeting in Toronto, view with much pleasure my meeting the Grand Encampment Officers, and hope that the meeting will prove of much good to the Encampment Branch of the Order.”

District No. 24, F. Bisseth, D. D. G. P.—“During the past term we have held our own, and admitted three. Our numbers are small, but we have met regularly, and the prospects for the coming term are very favorable, and we hope to make a good showing at close of next term.”

District No. 26, J. McAdam, D. D. G. P.—“This Encampment is not making any increase. It seems impossible to get members to join, or the present members take an interest in the work.”

District No. 28, D. B. Atkinson, D. D. G. P.—“I am glad to report that Montreal Encampment has had a very fair term, adding eight new members and starting the term with as many more applications, and from all appearances during the coming winter months they expect to have lots of work to do. As for Moshassuck Encampment, they are entirely at a standstill. Will endeavor to give a more minute report in a week or so.”

DECISIONS.

(6) Q.—Is it the privilege of subordinate Encampments to retain their rates of admission for initiation, degrees and dues at the old standard, viz., minimum for initiation and degrees \$6, dues \$3 for beneficial members, and also to adopt By-laws providing for non-beneficial members, with minimum price of degrees \$3, and dues \$1 per annum, as per legislation passed at the last session of the Grand Encampment of Ontario?

A.—No. Subordinate Encampments must adopt one or the other.

Q.—Can a C. P., when asked for a ruling on the legality of a certain motion, as per I. O. O. F. rulings and By-laws, defer said ruling for four weeks, and accept an amendment to said motion, afterward declaring said motion as amended, carried?

A.—Yes; there is no law that I am aware of that compels the C. P. to give his ruling at the same meeting, if he decides otherwise.

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Q.—Is it legal, in absence of a contingent fund in an Encampment, to vote a certain sum, as a loan from the general fund, described as "Trust Fund" in the digest, to the contingent fund, and then to pass a motion to draw on said contingent fund for the amount?

A.—It is not legal to so dispose of trust funds, but an Encampment may by By-law establish a contingent or other special fund, and may set apart for such fund or funds not more than five per cent. of the annual receipts for dues.

Q.—Can an Encampment pay benefits for the first week's illness, providing a brother is sick two or more weeks?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Are we right in taking the Constitution to mean that we cannot pay more than \$1.50 if we take \$3.00 per week dues?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is it necessary to mail a notice of a proposed change in the By-laws to all members of the Encampment, or will a notice in the press do as well?

A.—A notice in the press will do, unless your By-laws provide otherwise.

Q.—I want to ask your ruling on the following: Can a Senior Warden of an Encampment take his seat as C. P. when he has absented himself from office six consecutive meetings? The C. P. and Recording Scribe wrote him, but got no reply. He gave a verbal reply to a Patriarch, stating that his business required him to work at night, and he could not attend; also stated that he would not be able to attend August meeting. Has he forfeited his right to the office of Senior Warden by his absence? The matter was left over for another month. Meanwhile a Patriarch would interview him; must the C. P. declare his office vacant and another election take place for S. W. for balance of term?

A.—To be eligible for the office of C. P., the S. W. must serve a majority of meetings in the term. Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Encampment on a motion to that effect, provided notice has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I am sorry that owing to ill health I was not able to make as many official visits as I intended when I assumed office. However, as I did not receive any invitation from others, I presumed they were getting along as well without a visit from the G. P. as with one. Had I received an invitation from struggling Encampments where I could have done any good, I would have made a great effort to get there.

GALT.

On the 21st of October, 1898, accompanied by the degree team of Wellington Encampment, No. 31, under the captaincy of P.C.Pr. Fenwick, I visited Galt Encampment, and notwithstanding the wet night there was a large turnout of the Patriarchs of that thriving Encampment. It afforded

me a great deal of pleasure to meet so many of my old friends. Among those present were: Dr. Radford, Mayor of Galt, and P. C. P.'s, W. A. Dennis, Harry Dakin, Jos. Donaldson, A. G. Bruce, captain of the Galt team, Geo. H. Bascom, Ald. Thos. Vair, C. L. McWilliams, Geo. Turnbull, D. Wilson, R. Barnes, and others. The chair was very ably occupied by C. P. Jas. Mitchell. After the routine of business was gone through with and a number of applications for membership received, the officers of the Galt Encampment vacated their chairs, and the degree team of Wellington Encampment exemplified the Patriarchal Degree, which was exceedingly well done. This team has made splendid progress of late under their able captain, P. C. P. Fenwick. After short addresses by the Grand Patriarch, P. C. P.'s Parker, Stephens, Wreford, MacKenzie, C. P. Rapp and others of Wellington Encampment, Patriarch Brill, of Brant Encampment, and P. C. P.'s Vair, Dennis, Bascom and others, of Galt Encampment, an adjournment was made to the Baker House, where a sumptuous repast was spread in Mine Host Baker's usual good style. After the regular toasts and speeches, a very enjoyable meeting was adjourned. The Guelph contingent started for home, well pleased with the reception they had received from the members of Galt Encampment.

GUELPH.

On the evening of December 7th, when the Galt team made their return visit to Wellington Encampment, I made my official visit to my own Encampment, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Patriarchal and the Golden Rule degrees exemplified by the team from Galt Encampment in their well known style. The floor work was excellent, and in the ritualistic work they excelled themselves. There was a large turnout from both Galt and Wellington Encampments. I was very pleased to meet on that occasion the old standard bearers of Galt Encampment, who are always to be found out with them on every occasion of this kind, viz., Patriarchs Dennis, Bruce, Vair, Donaldson, Turnbull, Bascom, Knowles and others. After the work of the Encampment was finished short speeches were made by the Grand Patriarch, P. C. P.'s Sunley, Parker, Stephens, Harper and others from Wellington Encampment, P. C. P.'s Vair, Bascom, Dennis and others from Galt. An adjournment was made to Bro. Barnhardt's hotel, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, and under the able chairmanship of Patriarch J. A. Harper, a pleasant hour was spent in song and sentiment, when a very enjoyable evening was broken up at an early hour.

STRATFORD.

Having received a very pressing invitation, accompanied by D. D. G. P. Kress and Patriarch Bilger, of Berlin, I visited Charity Encampment, No. 5, on the evening of January 13th, 1899. On our arrival in the Classic City we were taken in charge by Grand Junior Warden Jeffrey, and taken to his home, where we were very heartily welcomed by his estimable wife and family.

Arriving at the Encampment rooms we were greeted by over fifty members of the Encampment, with C. P. Bradshaw in the chair. Among them I was very pleased to meet P. G. P. John Gibson, of Port Huron, who, as soon as I was installed G. P., volunteered to meet me in Stratford if I would make an official visit there. P. G. P. Welsh, I was sorry, could not remain throughout the evening owing to the illness of his wife. H. C. P.'s Armstrong, Boothby, Perry and others were also present. The Golden Rule Degree was conferred by the team of Charity Encampment under the efficient captaincy of Patriarch Thos. Savage. The work was exceedingly well done, both floor and ritualistic.

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After the work was finished, D. D. G. P. Kress, assisted by Grand Junior Warden Frank Jeffrey and P. C. P., J. L. Armstrong, R. R. Weild, Alex. Graham, J. T. Perry, J. H. Roberts, installed the officers of the Encampment.

Short addresses were made by P. G. P. John Gibson, J. L. Armstrong, myself and others. At the request of the Encampment, I exemplified the unwritten work, after which an adjournment was made to the parlors of Bros. Reynett, where a tempting repast was served. After a pleasant hour spent in song and sentiment, a very enjoyable evening was brought to an end.

TORONTO.

On the evening of Feb. 9th, 1899, I attended an open meeting of Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments, at the I. O. O. F. Temple. There was a large attendance of Patriarchs, their wives and friends, the reason being the public installation of the officers of both Encampments. The installation was conducted by James Munroe, D. D. G. P., assisted by P. C. P.'s W. J. Foster, E. M. Clapp, H. E. Terry, W. J. Graham, Geo. C. Mortimore, W. Woodley and Geo. Porter, the work in every particular reflecting great credit on the Patriarchs who took part. I was very pleased to meet on this occasion P. G. P.'s Oliver and Hornbrook, Grand Sec. King, and D. D. G. M., MacDonald. After the installation, short addresses were given by the above named Patriarchs and others. About ten o'clock the floor was cleared for dancing and Patriarchs and their ladies enjoyed themselves. Refreshments were served under the able supervision of Patriarch Cutler. The members of the committee are to be congratulated on the manner in which every part of the evening's entertainment was carried out.

PICTON.

On the 21st of July, 1899, accompanied by P. G. P. Blackeby, I visited Picton Encampment, No. 72, and had the pleasure of meeting D. D. G. P. Ketcheson, of Belleville, who had come over to install the officers of Picton Encampment. Patriarch Ketcheson deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which he performed his work. There was a large turnout of the members. Among those who were present were: C. P. Cayley, P. C. P.'s Garbut, Roblin, Martin, Hess, McKenzie, Gilbert, Smith and others. After installation, short addresses were made by the visiting Patriarchs, and also by some of the Picton Patriarchs. After spending a very pleasant evening, an adjournment was made at an early hour.

FRATERNAL PRESS.

Every Patriarch who desires to be well posted in Oddfellowship, if not a subscriber to our official organ, the *Independent Oddfellow*, should become one at once. We do not appreciate the help to the Order a paper conducted as the *Independent Oddfellow* is, by our worthy Bro. W. S. Johnson. It has always given prominence to Encampment Oddfellowship and is endeavoring to advance the best interest of our Order in all its branches, and certainly deserves better support than it has hitherto received at our hands. A fraternal paper is indispensable, and every member should have a copy of each issue in his home for the perusal of his family and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I desire to express my thanks to M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, for valuable assistance given at all times, also G. H. P. Potter, P. G. P. Blackeby, P. G. P. Hornibrook, P. G. P. Oliver, D. D. G. P. Ellis and others.

I. O. O. F. HOME.

On November 27th, 1898, I received a letter from the Chairman of the Home Committee, Past Grand Sire Campbell, asking me to indorse a circular that was being sent out to the Lodges, so that the same could be sent out to the Encampments. I was very pleased to approve of the same, and submit it for your approval, marked appendix C.

AUDITORS.

I reappointed P. G. P. Frank Riddell, and P. C. P., E. J. Spackman, as Auditors.

DISPENSATIONS.

I issued a dispensation to Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments, through the D. D. G. P., James Munroe, to publicly and jointly install the officers of these Encampments on February 9th.

I issued a dispensation to D. D. G. P. Chas. Ellis to hold a public installation upon the institution of Lake View Encampment at Ruthven.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion permit me to thank you and the Patriarchs of this Jurisdiction for your confidence in and the honor you have conferred upon me, and I trust my successor will receive the same loyal support which has been tendered to me.

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL LAW,

Grand Patriarch.

Toronto, August 8th, 1899.

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APPENDIX "A."

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF
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DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH :

GUELPH, ONT., August 20th, 1898.

You have been recommended to me for appointment to the responsible position of D. D. G. J. P., and your commission is enclosed herewith, which I trust you will accept, and enter upon your duties with a determination to excel all previous records in your District. You are doubtless aware of the fact that the Encampment branch of our Order has not increased in membership during the past few years to the extent that we could wish, and I trust now that the financial outlook throughout the country is improving, that you will use your best endeavors, so that the Encampments under your immediate jurisdiction will have a revival such as they have not experienced in many years. A great deal depends upon the D. D. G. P., and if everyone will do his best I am confident that he will at the end of the year feel well repaid by the increased membership in the Encampment branch. I was very much pleased to hear the Grand Scribe report that he had received the returns from the various Encampments more promptly this last term than at any time during the thirty years that he has held the office. Now, this fact speaks well for the interest taken by the officers; everything points to a grand old revival of the Encampment Oddfellowship, and we want you to have a part in it. I shall make it my particular business to encourage the growth of new Encampments, and will give you my active support to assist you in establishing new Encampments. At your earliest convenience I would be pleased to hear from you as to the prospects of establishing any new Tents in your immediate vicinity, also giving full information regarding the Encampments in your jurisdiction, and any suggestions you may have to offer looking to the advancement of same. It will be impossible for me to visit every Encampment, much as I would like to do so. I do not think there will be much actual necessity for a visit from the G. P. when the D. D. G. P.'s are doing their duty.

Kindly forward me, not later than the 1st of January and the 1st of July, 1899, a full report of the Encampments under your charge, on the forms sent you. Your report is sent to me direct, and on your promptness (especially in July) mainly depends my ability to get my report for the Grand Encampment. Write on your report the name of your representatives.

Now, in conclusion, I would urge upon you to utilize every opportunity to bring before the Lodge members the beauties of the Encampment work, so that this year may be a red letter year in the history of the Patriarchal family.

I am, dear sir and Patriarch,

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL LAW,

Grand Patriarch.

APPENDIX "B."

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

GUELPH, March 15th, 1899.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Encampments:

GRETING,—In accordance with the time-honored custom, and in obedience to the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire has issued his proclamation, enjoining all Grand and Subordinate bodies to duly commemorate the 26th of April, 1899, being the Eightieth Anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day, and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for his manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order during the past year.

Now, therefore, I, Samuel Law, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., by virtue of authority in me vested, do most earnestly request all Encampments in this jurisdiction to assemble themselves together on the 26th of April, and appropriately celebrate the Eightieth Anniversary of our Order.

The Patriarchal Branch of Oddfellowship should be in the foreground on this important occasion, and to that end all Patriarchs are requested to enter heartily into any celebration under the auspices of and in harmony with the teachings of our beloved Order; and this will be sufficient authority for using the name and regalia of the Order at said Anniversary observance.

Done at Guelph, Ontario, this, the fifteenth day of March, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Order the eightieth year.

[Attest]

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.

SAMUEL LAW,

Grand Patriarch.

Approved.
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APPENDIX "C."

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

(Scribes are required to read this Circular to their Encampments.)

To the Oddfellows of Ontario:

BRETHREN,— Under authority of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, offers are now invited from localities desiring to secure the Oddfellows' Home for the Orphans and for the Aged. To ensure the acceptance of any proposition, some sufficient inducement must be offered in the way of site, buildings, or cash bonus. Some offers have already been made, but it is not thought advisable to accept any until opportunity has been given the membership in all sections of the Province to submit their claims. The preference of the Directors is for a site of not less than fifty acres, near some central town; but they are not committed to any definite scheme, and a smaller site may be accepted if there are compensating advantages.

If you desire the Home to be located near your Lodge, will you not make some effort now to secure it? Appoint a committee and see what your fellow-citizens are prepared to do to secure the Home for their town.

Meanwhile, other and valuable assistance can be rendered. We have now in cash and subscriptions about \$6,000. At least three times that amount, either in lands, buildings or cash, should be in the hands of the Directors. It can be easily raised. If your Lodge has not yet made an appropriation, will it not do so now? Cannot an entertainment be given early this winter for the benefit of the Home? Will not some brother give a little time and effort towards securing a personal subscription from each member of the Lodge? There needs only the desire on the part of each and all to do something for the work, and much will be done.

The establishment of Homes is to-day the most pressing need of the Order, and its grandest work. In each of the leading jurisdictions Homes are now in active operation. Canada only lags behind. There are orphan children and aged Oddfellows in Ontario waiting for admission to your Home. When will you throw open the doors?

Subscriptions to be sent to Bro. W. J. McCormack, Treasurer, 26 Grosvenor St., Toronto, and communications in reference to locating the Home to the Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, Canada Life Building, Toronto. All propositions for the location of the Home should be in by the 30th June, 1899.

CL. T. CAMPBELL,
H. WHITE,
W. H. HOYLE,

Special Committee on Home.

Approved.

SAMUEL LAW,
Grand Patriarch.

Toronto, Nov. 24th, 1898.

Annual Report of the Grand Scribe.

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

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PATRIARCHS.—Thirty years have passed since the first gathering of a constitutional number of Patriarchs assembled in Ontario for the purpose of instituting this Grand Encampment. There were only representatives from six subordinates present at that meeting. Only one of the petitioners for that charter is a constant visitor at our annual sessions since, and not more than four aged Patriarchs of the entire number are here to-day, our own Grand Treasurer and the venerable Grand Secretary having never grown weary in the good cause. Three Past Grand Patriarchs and the majority of the Patriarchs at that first session have long since joined the Grand Lodge above. Our growth and prosperity in the three decades has not been phenomenal, still it has been steady, and the good accomplished and charitable deeds done will be known only when time shall reveal it. Oddfellowship has always been a factor for good in this beautiful city, and while you are cordially welcomed, we are reminded that we are in the home where Friendship, Truth and Love are the prevailing virtues. We can certainly welcome you, and know full well you will enjoy the hospitality of the Queen City.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The Order has not been booming, but it has held its own in most localities. Some very weak Encampments have become entirely dormant. 1898 will show a decrease in membership. Suspensions for non-payment of dues continue to cancel the initiations, and the reinstatements do not appear to cut much of a figure. One new Encampment, Lake View, No. 83, Ruthven, was instituted at the close of the year, with good prospects of permanency.

The following Encampments have not sent in returns for December, 1898:

Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope; Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston; Moira Encampment, No. 59, sent their capitation tax, but failed to send in returns; Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, did the same; Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton; Superior Encampment, No. 78, Fort William; Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, Montreal, and Farnham Encampment, No. 4, Farnham, Que. The latter Encampment has reported for the present term. The charter and effects should be called in from all dormant Encampments. The returns for the June term just closed have come in very promptly; still, there are some ten or twelve not reported a month after the proper time.

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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The Standing Committee on By-laws have, since last session, approved amendments to By-laws from Burlington Encampment, No. 7, Hamilton; Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingersoll; Catarauqui Encampment, No. 79, Kingston, and Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Montreal, Que.

I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings, as in previous years, printed and distributed in the usual way.

THE ODDFELLOWS' HOME.

The Board of Directors of the Oddfellows' Home has been duly incorporated under the laws of Ontario, and during the past year has been endeavoring to push on the grand enterprise in which we are now engaged. On the 20th of May last the Treasurer reported the Home Fund at \$6,688.85 in cash and subscriptions. But this is only a part of what the Order must do to secure the establishment of the Home. Many of the lodges have as yet done nothing. What more especially concerns us, however, is that very little has been done by the Encampment Branch. Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 6, Quebec, has lately made a small grant. While the finances of the Grand Encampment may not permit this body to contribute directly, there is no reason why the Patriarchs should be inactive. If each Encampment would appoint a Committee to canvass the members of the Order in its own locality, a very large sum could easily be raised. There has been, so far, no systematic canvass of the jurisdiction, and all contributions received have been, with scarcely an exception, unsolicited. There is now opportunity for the patriarchs to secure an amount sufficient to enable the Board to commence operations immediately, and the subject is submitted for your serious consideration. Several localities are making offers for the Home, and these will be placed before the Board at its annual meeting this week. One town offers a site of fifty-seven acres, with free water and light for the building, and a cash donation of \$1,000. Other towns are also formulating propositions to the same effect; and it is hoped that a still better offer than this will await our consideration. Patriarchs, help on this good work with all possible energy, and to the full extent of your ability.

The following figures will give the progress of the Encampment Branch during the six months ending June 30th, 1899:

Initiated	91
Admitted by card	8
Reinstated	4
Total	103

From which deduct:	
Withdrawn by card	5
Suspended for non-payment of dues	68
Suspended for cause
Expelled
Deceased
Total	17
	90

Net increase for six months 13

About twelve Encampments have not yet reported, but so far the term just closed shows an increase in membership.

The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending December 31st, 1898:

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term ending June 30th, 1898.

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NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.

No.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Payment of Dues.	Suspended for Cause.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	No. of weeks for which Benefits were paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	12	68	8	53	\$ 90.50				\$ 70.50	\$ 569.41	\$ 17.00	\$ 117.60
2	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	88	8	44	70.00				129.50	29.96	23.00	173.80
3	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	132	19	51%	115.48		\$ 30.00		135.48	3095.98	33.00	264.26
4	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	103	10	56	149.00				149.00	704.97	25.75	287.74
5	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	101	15	146%	249.00		50.00		299.00	937.99	32.75	253.50
6	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	142	4	48%	48.70				48.70	562.34	10.50	56.60
7	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	155	13	80	160.00		75.00		235.00	522.00	38.75	255.25
8	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	66	13	45	45.05				45.05	16.50	142.75	142.75
9	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	30	4	12	12.00				12.00	28.18	8.00	77.86
10	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	56	1	2	4.00				4.00	52.75	14.00	57.50
11	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	18	1	3	3.00				3.00	171.07	4.50	19.24
12	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	34	1	3	3.00				3.00	62.44	6.00	41.00
13	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	133	7	63	100.00				100.00	2479.71	33.25	294.10
14	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	46	5	74	148.00				148.00	241.20	11.50	107.62
15	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	36	1	1	1.00				1.00	140.48	9.00	19.48
16	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	75	1	25%	14.00				14.00	672.81	11.75	19.50
17	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	15	1	1	11.00				11.00	879.46	3.75	118.00
18	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	15	1	1	11.00				11.00	79.46	1.80	148.90
19	2	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	12	78	1	1	11.00				11.00	252.57	19.50	149.90

28	Huron	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1	1	1.00				1.00	55.31	5.25	24.00
29	Wentworth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	1	8	16.00				16.00	39.48	5.25	39.48
30	Wellington	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	2	4	6.00				6.00	120.46	5.25	14.50
31	Dresden	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1.00				1.00	120.46	5.25	14.50
32	Adelphian	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.00				1.00	55.31	5.25	24.00
33	Dufferin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1.00				1.00	120.46	5.25	14.50

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.									
1890	1885	1880	1875	1870	1865	1860	1855	1850	1845
Huron	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wentworth	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wellington	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dresden	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Adelphian	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dufferin	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aylmer	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Collingwood	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saugeen Valley	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sanerva	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rehoboth	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Justinouais	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt Hebron	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Phoenix	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Waba	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Central	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amicus	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Salina	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hiawatha	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Forest	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aurora	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pointe aux Pins	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unity	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cornwall	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Catacaui	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Strling	81	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moosassuck	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Farnham	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maple Leaf	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term ending December 31st, 1898.

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NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	No. of weeks for which Benefits were paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
Union	1	1								67	3	22	\$ 42 00	\$ 20 00			\$ 62 50	\$ 520 10	\$ 16 75	\$ 72 50
Frontier	2		2							98	3	19	\$ 33 00	\$ 30 00			\$ 33 00	\$ 81 77	\$ 24 50	\$ 100 75
Harmony	3						4			79	6	28	\$ 22 25	\$ 22 25			\$ 22 25	\$ 44 86	\$ 19 75	\$ 65 25
Brant	4	1			3		1			103	8	43	\$ 93 00	\$ 93 00			\$ 93 00	\$ 202 50	\$ 25 25	\$ 265 12
Burlington	5	1								131	13	137	\$ 176 50	\$ 25 00			\$ 201 50	\$ 600 08	\$ 32 50	\$ 282 02
Toronto	6	5								111	2	12	\$ 24 00	\$ 25 00			\$ 24 00	\$ 27 75	\$ 27 75	\$ 126 85
Brook	7	1			1					40	1	7 1/2	\$ 17 50	\$ 50 00			\$ 32 50	\$ 58 61	\$ 10 00	\$ 39 92
Chatham	8	4					1			157	9	19 1/2	\$ 14 75	\$ 19 27			\$ 13 50	\$ 58 61	\$ 10 00	\$ 39 92
Albion	9	4								12	5	18	\$ 19 27	\$ 19 27			\$ 19 27	\$ 58 61	\$ 10 00	\$ 39 92
Fidelity	10	4								18	2	3	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00			\$ 3 00	\$ 19 38	\$ 4 50	\$ 12 00
Kingston	11	1								54	1	14	\$ 14 00	\$ 14 00			\$ 14 00	\$ 229 54	\$ 8 00	\$ 24 00
Mt. Ararat	12	1								18	1	3	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00			\$ 6 00	\$ 21 77	\$ 13 50	\$ 43 00
Debron	13	1								18	1	3	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00			\$ 6 00	\$ 35 27	\$ 4 00	\$ 31 00
Debon	14	1								38	1	2	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 27 71	\$ 9 50	\$ 43 00
Elgin	15	2								130	8	62	\$ 104 00	\$ 40 00			\$ 144 00	\$ 2513 01	\$ 32 50	\$ 268 85
Unity	16	1								45	4	42	\$ 84 00	\$ 15 00			\$ 99 00	\$ 193 56	\$ 11 25	\$ 64 97
Guiding Star	17	1								48	2	29	\$ 16 50	\$ 16 50			\$ 16 50	\$ 626 46	\$ 12 00	\$ 7 00
Victoria	18	1								67	6	19	\$ 41 00	\$ 41 00			\$ 41 00	\$ 944 59	\$ 16 75	\$ 91 00
Alpha	19	2								15	6	6	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00			\$ 6 00	\$ 265 00	\$ 18 25	\$ 56 35

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	No. of weeks for which Benefits were paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
Harmon	28									21		2	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 61 00	\$ 5 25	\$ 7 00
Wentworth	29									53		11 1/2	\$ 23 00	\$ 23 00			\$ 23 00	\$ 39 33	\$ 5 25	\$ 12 00
Wellington	30									57		15	\$ 22 50	\$ 22 50			\$ 22 50	\$ 1132 33	\$ 15 25	\$ 33 00
Kingston	31									24		3	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00			\$ 3 00	\$ 124 27	\$ 4 25	\$ 119 53
Dresden	32									21		2	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 124 27	\$ 4 25	\$ 119 53
Adelphian	33									21		2	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 124 27	\$ 4 25	\$ 119 53
Dufferin	34									21		2	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 124 27	\$ 4 25	\$ 119 53
Bymer	35									21		2	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 124 27	\$ 4 25	\$ 119 53

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STATISTICS.

The following summary from the returns will give our membership and standing December 31st, 1898:

Number of members, as per last Report.....	3,378
Initiated during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1898.....	156
Admitted by card.....	4
Reinstated.....	28
	188

Total..... 3,566

From which deduct:

Withdrawn by card.....	11
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	164
Suspended for cause.....	..
Expelled.....	1
Deceased.....	32
	208

In membership December 31st, 1898..... 3,358

Number of Patriarchs relieved.....	295
Number of weeks sickness for which Benefits were paid.....	1,846
Amount paid for Burying the Dead.....	\$ 350 00
Amount of Special Relief.....	28 00
Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.....
Amount paid for the Relief of Patriarchs.....	3,001 82

Total amount of Relief paid..... \$3,379 82

Invested Funds of Subordinates..... \$20,448 85

Total amount of Annual Revenue..... 7,124 93

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FINANCES.

Our Receipts for 1898 have not been nearly as good as the previous year. Our expenditure, however, has been proportionately less, and we have endeavored to economize so that our revenue would meet the ordinary expenditure. We will have enough on hand this year to pay the expenses of the session.

Aurora Encampment, No. 67, has been owing a large amount of arrears to this Grand Encampment for several years. The account has been regularly sent in, but no effort has ever been made to pay it. The present officers claim that if they are compelled to pay it they might as well close up and go out of business. If that is the case, this Grand Body had better instruct me to cancel all arrears and allow them to make a fresh start free of debt. The amount now due is \$32.90, most of which was for supplies at their institution, March, 1888.

ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due from Subordinates December 31st, 1898. This includes the Capitation Tax, which is not paid until the beginning of the year. A summary of the stock on hand is also added :

Amount due by Subordinates.....		\$754 98
6 Charters on hand, @ \$ 1 00.....		\$ 6 00
39 Books of Laws, @ 30.....		11 70
7 Registration Books, @ 1 00.....		7 00
22 Draft Books, @ 60.....		13 20
12 Proposition Books, @ 1 00.....		12 00
14 Roll Books, @ 50.....		7 00
12 Treasurer's Books, @ 75.....		9 00
19 Return Books, @ 70.....		13 30
11 Charge Books, @ 2 75.....		30 25
11 Term P. W. O. Books, @ 25.....		2 75
750 Notices of Arrears, @ 50 per 100.....		3 75
6 Black Books, @ 75.....		4 50
1 Floor Work, @ 35.....		35
1 Emblematical Chart, @ 2 00.....		2 00
300 Application Forms, @ 25.....		75
850 Certificate Forms, @ 25.....		2 12
3 Official Receipts, @ 80.....		2 40

Total..... 128 07

In Treasurer's hands, Dec. 31st, 1898.....	\$ 227 36	
Cash, 1st August, 1899.....	1,300 00	\$883 05
Balance overpaid Dec. 31st, 1898.....		\$1,527 36
-Expenditure.....	\$ 154 24	
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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

From 1st January to 31st December, 1898

NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	DUES.	Charters	Supplies.	Total.
Union Encampment No. 1.....	\$ 34 75		\$ 1 00	\$ 35 75
Frontier " " 2.....	46 75			46 75
Harmony " " 3.....	47 50			47 50
Brant " " 4.....	65 50		2 00	67 50
Charity " " 5.....	51 25			51 25
Burlington " " 7.....	67 00			67 00
Toronto " " 8.....	54 25		1 00	55 25
Brock " " 9.....	21 00			21 00
Chatham " " 10.....	79 00		1 00	80 00
Optario " " 11.....	31 75		1 50	33 25
Albert " " 12.....	10 25			10 25
Fidelity " " 14.....	14 00		2 90	16 90
Kingston " " 15.....	28 50			28 50
Mt. Ararat " " 16.....	9 25		3 00	12 25
Hebron " " 17.....	11 00			11 00
Quinte " " 19.....	18 25			18 25
Elgin " " 20.....	66 50			66 50
Unity " " 21.....	24 25			24 25
Guiding Star " " 22.....	17 75		1 75	19 50
Niagara Falls " " 23.....	24 00			24 00
Friendship " " 24.....	33 75		2 30	36 05
Victoria " " 25.....	7 50			7 50
Alpha " " 26.....	37 25			37 25
Huron " " 28.....	10 50		2 50	13 00
Wentworth " " 30.....	10 50			10 50
Wellington " " 31.....	25 75			25 75
Exeter " " 33.....	9 25		2 00	11 25
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Adelphian " " 38.....	21 50			21 50
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Saugeen Valley " " 46.....	13 25			13 25
Minerva " " 47.....	11 50		1 00	12 50
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Rehoboth " " 50.....	37 75			37 75
Ridgely " " 52.....	11 75		1 68	13 43
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Maple Leaf " " 55.....	9 00			9 00
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Moira " " 59.....	34 25			34 25
Central " " 60.....	18 00		3 00	21 00
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NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	DUES.	Charters	Supplies.	Total.
Brought forward	\$1227 25			
Eureka Encampment No. 65.....	10 00		\$ 38 49	\$1265 74
Hiawatha " " 66.....	12 50			10 00
Aurora " " 67.....	7 75			12 50
Forest " " 69.....	19 00			7 75
Golden " " 70.....	22 50			19 00
Picton " " 72.....	31 00			22 50
Pointe Aux Pins " " 73.....	21 50			31 00
Amity " " 74.....	14 00			21 50
Nibewin " " 75.....	5 00			14 00
Cornwall " " 76.....	7 25			5 00
Catarauqui " " 79.....	17 75			7 25
Stirling " " 80.....	13 00		1 25	19 00
George B. " " 81.....	15 75			13 00
Lake View " " 83.....		\$ 30 00	17 00	15 75
Montreal " " 1.....	31 00			47 00
Moshassuck " " 2.....	13 00		5 00	31 00
Farnham " " 4.....	12 75			18 00
Maple Leaf " " 6.....	14 75			12 75
Grand Encampment of Manitoba.....			6 50	14 75
Total.....	\$1495 75	\$ 30 00	\$ 68 24	\$1593 99

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EXPENDITURE.

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Beddome & Brown, Premium on Insurance.....	\$ 3 00
McPherson & Drope, Printing 600 Fly Sheets (Queen).....	2 50
Drafts, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	158 00
Salary of the Grand Scribe.....	400 00
A. Talbot & Co., Printing Journal, Etc.....	220 50
Geo. Ross, Printing Anniversary Proclamation.....	1 60
Frank Riddell, } Auditors.....	15 10
E. J. Spackman, }	
Paynter & Abbott, Printing Grand Patriarch's Report.....	27 00
Mileage and Per Diem, Representatives, Etc.....	589 36
Postage, Express, Charges, Telegrams, Etc.....	42 12
Reid Bros. & Co., Stationery.....	15 40
	\$ 1,474 58

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CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence during the year has not been large. There has been nothing of a character that requires particular notice. The great bulk of it has been of a business nature. My communications with the Scribes and D.D.G.P.'s have been of the most pleasant and harmonious character. Peace and good will appear to be the prevailing features.

By instructions from the Grand Patriarch, I had the proclamation of the Grand Sire, with reference to our 80th Anniversary, printed and distributed, but did not learn that any Encampment made any special effort apart from the Subordinate Lodge celebrations.

The Grand Patriarch during the year was very much afflicted with rheumatism, and was not able to devote the time he otherwise would to the Order. I found him, however, exceedingly prompt, and our intercourse and correspondence was very cordial. I trust he may speedily be restored to his former vigorous health.

I trust that this present session may be a glorious reunion, that it may be productive of the most fraternal feelings, and that any legislation introduced and carried through may be productive of much good to this branch of the Order.

Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.

London, Ont., Aug. 5th, 1899.

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

PATRIARCHS.—The following is my Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1898:

1898.		RECEIPTS.		
Jan.	1—	To balance on hand.....		\$68 61
May	27—	" Cash from Grand Scribe.....	\$ 388 85	
"	31—	" Interest.....	1 00	
July	27—	" Cash from Grand Scribe.....	300 00	
"	29—	" " " ".....	200 00	
Aug.	1—	" " " ".....	100 00	
"	4—	" " " ".....	100 00	
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1898.		EXPENDITURE.		
Jan.	11—	By Order No. 286.....	\$ 3 00	
"	27—	" " " 287.....	8 00	
Feb.	12—	" " " 288.....	2 50	
April	2—	" " " 288½.....	188 50	
May	27—	" " " 289.....	3 50	
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"	8—	" Mileage and per Diem.....	590 25	
"	9—	" Order No. 299.....	27 00	
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Yours fraternally,

EDMUND BELTZ, Grand Treasurer.

London, Ont., Aug. 1st, 1899.

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The Election of Officers was made the special order of business this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Encampment took recess at 12 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment opened at the appointed time, Grand Patriarch, Samuel Law, presiding.

Present—All the Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Opened in due form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby, Chairman of Committee on Districts, presented the following report, which was adopted:

TORONTO, ONT., August 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS.—Your Committee on Districts have had before them no requests for changes in the present grouping of the Encampments in this jurisdiction, and therefore beg to be discharged.

-Faternally submitted,

A. H. BLACKEBY,
JOSEPH SANDERS,
D. ROBERTSON,
W. C. OGILVY,
JAS. R. MITCHELL,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, No. 1.

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

TORONTO, Aug. 8, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS.—We, your Committee, have examined the credentials of A. G. Smith, Hebron Encampment, No. 17; A. Matts, Collingwood, No. 45; and C. Reichenbach, No. 46, Saugeen Valley; find same correct, and recommend that they receive the Encampment degree.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. COLBY,
RICHARD LEE,
Committee.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Past Grand Patriarch, George Bell, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted:
To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report:

That as peace and harmony prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction therefore, we have had no appeals or grievances laid before us, and therefore ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE BELL,
W. H. GARRETT,
F. E. ALDRICH,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Past Grand Patriarch, Jos. Oliver, Chairman of the Special Committee on Insurance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

TORONTO, Aug. 8, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee, to whom was referred the Resolutions of the Oddfellows Relief Association of Kingston, present the following report:

That the request of the Oddfellows Relief Association be complied with, and the Grand Encampment give the Association the fullest recognition that lies in its power, and that the Representatives of the Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to use their best endeavors to have such legislation enacted as will empower the Grand Encampment to more fully assist the Relief Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,
S. S. MERICK,
JOHN WELSH,
W. H. COLE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Past Grand Patriarch, Fred. Doggett, Chairman of the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, presented the following report, which was adopted:
To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee re Patriarchs Militant, not having anything referred to them relating to that branch of our Order, beg leave to report as follows:

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That in the opinion of your Committee, this Grand Encampment not having jurisdiction over that body, that your Committee be relieved from its further consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED DOGGETT,
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RONALD McDONALD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Past Grand Patriarch, Thos. Woodyatt, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Legislation beg to report:

That no matter of Legislation has been presented to us for consideration. This fact would appear to indicate that the laws now in existence for the government and well-being of the Order meet with the general approval of the jurisdiction, and are perfectly satisfactory for all purposes without addition or amendments.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. WOODYATT,
JOHN T. PERRY,
CHAS. WATSON,
D. SPICE,
J. K. PEARCE,
Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Welsh, Chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

PATRIARCHS,—We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg to report:

That we approve of the amendments to the By-laws of the following Encampments, as recommended by the Standing Committee on By-laws: Burlington Encampment, No. 7; Unity Encampment, No. 21; Cataraqui Encampment, No. 79; Brant Encampment, No. 4; Montreal Encampment, No. 1. Also Elgin Encampment, No. 20, with the following correction: "All places in By-laws, officers' titles must be in full, not C. P., S. W. or J. W." At clause 16, the word "respective" strike out, and insert "only one." Clause 17, after "members" in 12th line, insert "in good standing." Clause 20, strike out word "charge" in 2nd line. Clause 39, second paragraph, must conform to clause 726 digest, "after one year not more

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Also amendment to By-laws Eureka Encampment, No. 65. Clause 5 we recommend be not approved, contra to clause 2, Constitution of Subordinates. Clauses 6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 be approved.

Resolved, that the above be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELSH,
JOHN HUNTER,
H. B. ADAMS,
GEO. BREEN,
L. MORRIS,
WILLIAM ROGERS,
Committee.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time for the special order of business having arrived, "Nomination and Election of Officers," it was proceeded with, with the following result :

Past Grand Patriarchs, John Gibson, W. H. Cole and A. H. Blackeby were appointed scrutineers.

WILLIAM POTTER.....	Grand Patriarch
LEONARD FERGUSON.....	Grand High Priest
FRANK B. JEFFREY.....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer
E. J. SPACKMAN.....	Grand Junior Warden
GEORGE BELL.....	Grand Representatives
SAMUEL LAW.....	Sovereign Grand Lodge

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Past Grand Patriarch, J. T. Hornibrook, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

TORONTO, August 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Clause 6, Grand Patriarch's Report, "Decisions," would recommend that Decisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 be sustained ; that Decision 2 be not sustained.

The C. P. should give his decision when requested, unless deferred by consent of the Encampment.

That Decision No. 6 be amended by striking out "answer yes," and inserting the following: "Notice, if any, required, should be sent in accordance with By-laws."

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. HORNIBROOK,
C. W. ANDERSON,
J. H. CHISHOLM,
F. HARRIS,
ELIJAH BEAL,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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

TORONTO, August 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS.—Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence would respectfully report:

That we have given the correspondence of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe some little attention, and find that, although voluminous, all has been fully considered and properly attended to by the above named grand officers.

We therefore offer the following:

That this report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GIBSON,
NELSON THOMPSON,
T. T. SMITH,
JNO. ALLIS,
WESLEY HETLEY,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

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

PATRIARCHS.—Your Committee on Returns beg to report that there are no returns from Nos. 25, 42, 45, 59, for the first term of the year, nor from Nos. 28, 38, 70, 75, for the second term of the year. No returns from No. 2, Quebec, nor No. 4, Quebec, first term, but we find that balance of returns are correct, except Nos. 12, 15, 23, 21, 42, 67, 75, Ontario, and Nos. 1, 4, Quebec.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

W. H. COLE,
W. J. BRETT,
J. S. MOIR,
Committee.

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.

Past Grand Patriarch, Abner Fraser, Chairman of the Special Committee, No. 1, presented the following report, which was adopted:

TORONTO, August 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS,—We, your Special Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the articles headed "Fraternal Press" and "Oddfellows' Home," in the Grand Patriarch's and Grand Scribe's Reports, beg leave to report as follows:

That we heartily recommend the *Independent Oddfellow*, published at Toronto by Bro. W. S. Johnston, P. G., as a society paper, well worthy that the subscription list will increase to such an extent that Bro. Johnston will be enabled to make his paper a permanency among fraternal journals.

Regarding the "Oddfellows Home," we suggest that each Encampment in the jurisdiction appoint at once a Special Committee to canvass the members thoroughly, reporting what each member is willing to subscribe and pay as soon as called upon, and that a copy of such reports be forwarded by each Subordinate Encampment to Grand Treasurer McCormack as soon as possible, and thus get an idea of the total amount immediately available from the Encampment Branch of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

ABNER FRASER,
ELGIN JACKMAN,
MARK HERMISTON,
D. A. BUCHANAN,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Past Grand Patriarch, Jos. Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

TORONTO, August 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS,—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, also the Auditors' Report, certifying to their correctness.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LONDON, August 3rd, 1899.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe, also the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be correct.

FRANK RIDDELL,
E. J. SPACKMAN,
Auditors.

2nd. We find the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending December 31st, 1898, to be as follows :

1898		RECEIPTS.	
Jan. 1	To balance on hand.....		\$ 68 61
May 27	" Cash from Grand Scribe.....	\$ 388 85	
" 31	" Interest.....	1 00	
July 27	" Cash from Grand Scribe.....	300 00	
" 29	" " " ".....	200 00	
Aug. 1	" " " ".....	100 00	
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Dec. 31	" " " ".....	414 37	
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1898		EXPENDITURE.	
Jan. 11	By Order No. 286.....	\$ 3 00	
" 27	" " " 287.....	8 00	
Feb. 12	" " " 288.....	2 50	
April 2	" " " 288½.....	188 50	
May 27	" " " 289.....	3 50	
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" 9	" Order No. 299.....	27 00	
" 11	" " " 301.....	1 64	
Dec. 31	" " " 302.....	200 00	
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" 31	" Balance on hand.....	227 36	
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3rd. We find the balance on hand in Treasurer's hands August 6, 1899, \$812.10.

4th. We recommend the payment of the following accounts :

Grand Patriarch's Expenses.....	\$18 00
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5th. We recommend that 600 copies of the Annual Report be printed and distributed in the usual way.

6th. We recommend that the sum of two dollars be granted the janitor of this hall for services rendered.

7th. We approve the action of the Grand Patriarch in appointing P. G. P. Frank Riddell and E. J. Spackman as Auditors for the Grand Encampment.

8th. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the manner in which the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer have performed the duties of their offices.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,
R. McCALLUM,
GEO. J. STEPHENS.

Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Representative Colby, of Toronto Encampment, No. 8, presented the following "Notice of Motion," to be taken up next Annual Session :

Amend Article 16, Constitution of Grand Encampment, by striking out the word "Annually," and inserting the word "Biennial."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Representative E. J. Spackman, Chairman of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted :

TORONTO, ONT., Aug. 8th, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the distance travelled by the several Representatives, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Patriarchs, and recommend that they be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way, and two dollars per day for their attendance at this Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. SPACKMAN,
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Quinte	19	Belleville	113	5 05	2 00	7 65	Samuel Symons	6 15
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	122	6 10	2 00	8 10	W. F. Forbes	10 05
"	20	"	122	6 10	2 00	8 10	W. H. Crack	15 15
Unity	21	Ingersoll	97	4 85	2 00	6 85	F. E. Aldrich	15 40

Guiding Star	22	Lindsay	70	3 50	2 00	5 50	J. S. Henderson	2 00
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	83	4 15	2 00	6 15	Geo. Clark	2 00
Friendship	24	Petrolia	161	8 05	2 00	10 05	James F. Draper	2 00
Victoria	25	Port Hope	63	3 15	2 00	5 15	James Britton	2 00
Alpha	26	Sarnia	168	8 40	2 00	10 40	S. L. Clark	2 00
Wentworth	30	Dundas	46	2 30	2 00	4 30	W. Brown	2 00
Wellington	31	Guelph	48	2 40	2 00	4 40	Geo. J. Stephens	2 00
Adelphi	33	Exeter	146	7 30	2 00	9 30	E. J. Spackman	2 00
Dufferin	38	London	115	5 75	2 00	7 75	Dan 1 Spice	2 00
Aylmer	41	Pt. Edward	170	5 80	2 00	7 80	Jos. T. Henderson	2 00
Collingwood	42	Aylmer	8	5 80	2 00	7 80	Chas. Watson	2 00
Saugueen Valley	45	Collingwood	94	4 70	2 00	6 70	A. G. Campbell	2 00
Minerva	46	Walkerton	118	5 90	2 00	7 90	Richard Lee	2 00
Samaritan	47	Wingham	128	6 40	2 00	8 40	J. H. Chisholm	2 00
Rebooth	49	Berlin	118	6 40	2 00	8 40	F. M. Zarnke	2 00
Ridgely	50	Toronto	63	3 15	2 00	5 15	Alfred Maccoomb	2 00
Outsiders	52	Jarvis	71	3 55	2 00	5 55	C. W. Anderson	2 00
Manitoulin	53	Ottawa	256	12 80	2 00	14 80	J. K. Pearce	2 00
Mt. Hebron	55	Woodstock	88	4 40	2 00	6 40	Henry Scofield	2 00
Phoenix	56	Peterborough	76	3 80	2 00	5 80	R. F. Perry	2 00
Wabesa	57	Wallaceburg	203	10 15	2 00	12 15	Fred. Harris	2 00
Mosra	58	Arnprior	252	12 00	2 00	14 00	Jno. S. Moir	2 00
Central	59	Belleville	112	5 05	2 00	7 05	Nelson Thompson	2 00
Anticus	60	Essex	219	10 95	2 00	12 95	John Allis	2 00
Galt	61	Norwich	100	5 00	2 00	7 00	Elijah Beal	2 00
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Eureka	62	"	58	2 90	2 00	4 90	I. W. Shortreed	2 00
Hiawatha	65	Carleton Place	228	11 40	2 00	13 40	Robt. McCallum	2 00
Forest	66	Peterborough	76	3 80	2 00	5 80	Harry Morgan	2 00
"	69	Forest	146	7 30	2 00	9 30	D. A. Buchanan	2 00
Pictou	72	Pictou	132	6 60	2 00	8 60	T. T. Smith	2 00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Continued.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Pointe Aux Pins.....	73	Blenheim.....	191	\$ 9 55	\$ 2 00	\$ 11 55	J. V. Miller
Amity.....	74	Mt. Brydges.....	130	6 50	2 00	8 50	Wesley Hetley
Cornwall.....	76	Cornwall.....	266	13 30	2 00	15 30	M. Herminion
Sterling.....	80	Sterling.....	130	6 50	2 00	8 50	Elgin Jackman
George B.....	81	Ottawa.....	256	12 80	2 00	14 80	J. H. Doherty
Lake View.....	83	Ruthven.....	218	10 90	2 00	12 90	D. J. Dickson
Montreal.....	1	Montreal.....	333	16 65	2 00	18 65	A. Jno. Teakle
Maple Leaf.....	6	Quebec.....	368	25 40	2 00	27 40	
GRAND OFFICERS.							
Wellington.....	31	Guelph.....	48	2 40	2 00	4 40	Samuel Law
Chatham.....	10	Chatham.....	179	8 95	2 00	10 95	Wm. Potter
Elgin.....	20	St. Thomas.....	122	6 10	2 00	8 10	Leonard Ferguson
Harmony.....	3	London.....	115	5 75	2 00	7 75	M. D. Dawson
Adelphian.....	38	".....	115	5 75	2 00	7 75	Edmund Beltz
Ontonaris.....	53	Ottawa.....	256	12 80	2 00	14 80	George Bell
Charity.....	5	Stratford.....	88	4 40	2 00	6 40	Frank Jeffrey
Burlington.....	7	Hamilton.....	40	2 00	2 00	4 00	R. J. Faulkner
Forest.....	68	Forest.....	155	7 75	2 00	9 75	Chas. W. Stuart
Victoria.....	25	Port Hope.....	63	3 15	2 00	5 15	J. H. Magill

Charity.....	5	Stratford.....	88	4 40	2 00	6 40	Frank Jeffrey
Eureka.....	65	Carleton Place.....	228	11 40	2 00	13 40	Chas. W. Stuart
Galt.....	62	Galt.....	228	11 40	2 00	13 40	J. H. Magill
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Burlington	40	2 00	2 00	4 00
Forest	68	7 75	2 00	9 75
Victoria	25	3 15	2 00	5 15
Hamilton	40	2 00	2 00	4 00
Port Hope	155	7 75	2 00	9 75
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Fraternally submitted.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

- John Welsh
- S. S. Merrick
- A. H. Blackeby
- Joseph Oliver
- Wm. H. Cole
- Fred. Doggett
- John T. Hornbrook
- John Gibson
- Alex. Frazer
- Thos. Woodyatt
- John Hunter
- Wm. Lee

- E. J. SPACKMAN,
- S. SYMONS,
- W. H. MARK,
- T. W. SHORTREED,
- W. F. FORBES.

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Representative D. J. Dickson, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

TORONTO, August 8, 1899.

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

PATRIARCHS, —Your Committee on State of the Order beg to report as follows :

1. We regret to notice that the end of another year does not show any increase in membership in this branch of our Order. We would recommend that more of the Encampments avail themselves of the amendment to Sections 2 and 7, of the Constitution for Subordinates, passed last session, and thus endeavor to increase their membership. Also that an extra effort be made on the part of Financial Scribes to collect dues closely, and thus avoid such a large proportion, of suspensions for N. P. D.

2. Amalgamations :

We approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in granting the petition for the amalgamation of the two Encampments at Kingston, and would strongly recommend that the same rule be followed in all cases where weak Encampments exist, as they are a source of weakness to the Order. We would also recommend that the incoming Grand Patriarch direct his efforts to that end —also that a charter be granted to Limestone City Encampment, No. 15.

3. Official Visits :

We regret that inability through illness prevented the Grand Patriarch from making as many official visits as he would otherwise have done, but note with pleasure that he did so as far as his health permitted.

4. Dispensations :

We approve of the dispensations granted to hold public installations, and would recommend that Encampments should more generally follow this custom, as it would be some inducement to increase membership.

5. Appendix A and B :

We approve of Appendix A. and B., and the action of the Grand Patriarch in issuing circulars to the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs.

We regret to notice that a number of Encampments neglect to send their returns regularly, thus causing unnecessary delay in getting out reports.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. DICKSON,
JAS. F. DRAPER,
S. L. CLARK,
A. MACCOOMB,
W. H. CLARK,

Committee

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE UNWRITTEN WORK.

Past Grand Patriarchs, A. H. Blackeby and George Bell, exemplified the unwritten work of the Order, to the satisfaction of the Grand Encampment.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Welsh, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That Clause 2, Constitution of Subordinates, be amended by striking out the word 'six,' and inserting the word 'three,' so it will read:

"No brother shall be admitted into this Encampment for a less sum than three dollars, which shall entitle him to all the degrees."

JOHN WELSH,
JOS. SANDERS.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Welsh, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That the latter clause of Section 7, after the word 'five,' Constitution of Subordinates, be stricken out, and the following be substituted:

"On being admitted, he shall be charged a fee of not less than fifty cents for each degree he may previously have obtained, and a dollar for any degree he may subsequently have conferred upon him."

JOHN WELSH,
WM. H. COLE.

Past Grand Patriarch, A. H. Blackeby, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That the Grand Scribe be requested to secure, at as early a date as possible, a sufficient number of copies of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, to furnish each Encampment with at least one copy, and also that it be printed in the Journal."

A. H. BLACKEBY,
D. J. DICKSON.

Past Grand Patriarch, S. S. Merick, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due, and hereby tendered, to the brethren of the city of Toronto, for placing at the disposal of this Grand Encampment, the Hall wherein to hold its session, and for the many courtesies extended to the Officers and Representatives."

S. S. MERICK,
FRED. DOGGETT.

Past Grand Patriarch, Jos. Oliver, of Toronto, presented the following motion, which was adopted:

"That the incoming Executive be instructed to procure for the Grand Officers of this Encampment, suitable regalias, and also to procure suitable badges, to be worn by the Representatives, and the same shall be considered the regalia of this Grand Encampment."

JOS. OLIVER,
J. F. EDGAR,

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Patriarch installed the officers elect for the ensuing year, in the following order :

WM. POTTER, Chatham.....	Grand Patriarch
LEONARD FERGUSON, St. Thomas.....	Grand High Priest
FRANK JEFFERY, Stratford.....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London.....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ, London.....	Grand Treasurer
E. J. SPACKMAN, Exeter.....	Grand Junior Warden
GEO. BREEN, Windsor.....	Grand Sentinel
L. B. COOPER, Belleville.....	Grand Marshal
JOS. SANDERS, London.....	Grand Outside Sentinel

TELEGRAM.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Manitoba, and it was ordered to be engrossed upon the minutes, and the Grand Scribe requested to send a suitable reply :

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 8, 1899.

Grand Patriarch Grand Encampment I. O. O. F., Toronto :

May your work bear as abundant harvest as will the golden fields of this jurisdiction within next few weeks.

J. J. ROBERTS,
Grand Patriarch.

REPLY.

J. J. Roberts, Grand Patriarch, I. O. O. F., Winnipeg, Man :

A thousand thanks for kind remembrances. Our session was harmonious. May your fruitful anticipations be fully realized.

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe.

Business being at an end, the Grand Encampment closed with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON,

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REINSTATEMENTS.

The following are the Reinstatements to June 30th, 1899.

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR.—John Hillman, July 2nd, 1898, and Louis B. Meacham, Oct. 28th, 1898.

CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM.—John Northwood, May 18th, 1899.

QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—Oscar Reddick, July 13th, 1898.

ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, ST. THOMAS.—Harry Christmas, May 1st, 1898.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—R. Law, Oct. 12th, 1898.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—Arthur McDermid and Daniel M. Shiglds, May 9th, 1898.

MINERVA ENCAMPMENT, No. 47, WINGHAM.—T. J. Elliott, July 11th, 1898.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—C. E. Naylor and J. S. Laird. No date given.

POINTE AUX PINS ENCAMPMENT, No. 73, BLENHEIM.—A. D. Finlay. No date given.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT No. 1, MONTREAL.—D. K. Church, Oct. 26th, 1898.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following are the Suspensions to the 30th of June, 1899, for non-payment of dues:

UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, ST. CATHARINES.—Chas. E. Heron, October 20th, 1898; C. J. Leslie, June 20th, 1899.

HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, LONDON.—Hugh O'Neil, June 30th, 1899; Wm. George, A. F. Hennessey, Thos. Weston, Thos. Rowe and Thos. Essery, Dec. 31st, 1898.

BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD.—Dan. Blesdell, A. Ghent and Frank Parker, Dec. 16th, 1898.

TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO.—F. E. Cooper, J. H. Cook, H. Wilber, A. G. Gowanlock, B. Robinson, W. Craig, H. Morris, T. Tuchman, C. P. Austin and H. M. Forsythe, June 8th, 1899.

BROCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, BROCKVILLE.—W. J. Hute, Dec. 2nd, 1898.

CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM.—H. R. McDonald, D. M. McNichol, A. R. Paterson, H. B. Lamont, W. W. Mitchell and F. A. Hogel, Dec. 15th, 1898.

ONTARIO ENCAMPMENT, No. 11, OSHAWA.—A. E. Morgan, F. W. Edmonton and Wm. Luke, June 23rd, 1899.

ALBERT ENCAMPMENT, No. 12, BOWANVILLE.—N. G. Young, A. Norton, G. J. Hoskin and W. H. Osborne, 19th Dec., 1898; W. A. James, July 24th, 1899.

FIDELITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 14, STRATHROY.—J. L. Murdock, Dec. 12th, 1898.

KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, KINGSTON.—J. Powley and T. McCutcheon, Dec. 27th, 1898.

MOUNT ARARAT ENCAMPMENT, No. 16, NAPANEE.—E. L. Lapon, M. Conger and C. A. Anderson. No date given.

QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—John Benedict, John Cornelius, C. W. Cook, John Elloner and Wm. Ryan, June 28th, 1899.

ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, ST. THOMAS.—J. H. Cole and W. N. May, December 19th, 1898; E. B. Campbell, June 19th, 1899.

UNITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, INGERSOLL.—Jas. Dundass, Chas. Daniels, F. P. Leake, A. Partlo and J. A. Young, June 27th, 1899.

APPENDIX.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—A. W. Martin, June 28th, 1898.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—A. McDermand, J. Morrison and M. L. Ward, Dec. 31st, 1898; John McRobie, B. F. Kittridge and T. H. Sackrider, June 27th, 1899.

ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, SARNIA.—James Lucas, Dec. 31st, 1898.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, GUELPH.—Wm. Stewart, June 30th, 1899.

DUFFERIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 41, PT. EDWARD.—Frank Coleridge, May 9th, 1899.

COLLINGWOOD ENCAMPMENT, No. 45, COLLINGWOOD.—Robt. McLeod, Dec. 23rd, 1898.

SAUGEEN VALLEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 46, WALKERTON.—Joseph Latchford, F. J. Fraser, John Paul, and John J. Johnston, Dec. 19th, 1898.

MINERVA ENCAMPMENT, No. 47, WINGHAM.—Arch. F. Pringle, Geo. Anderson and J. F. Groves, June 26th, 1899.

RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS.—James King, James McNicol, F. H. Vice, James Secord and A. H. Purcel, Dec. 29th, 1898; Isaac Jaques, June 15th, 1899.

OUTTAOUAIS ENCAMPMENT, No. 53, OTTAWA.—J. Usher, R. A. L. Sproule, Jas. McIntosh, A. Begg, M. J. Mulligan, N. S. Tarr, W. Corbett C. Craig and E. P. Newhall, 16th Dec., 1898.

MAPLE LEAF ENCAMPMENT, No. 55, WOODSTOCK.—John Mitchell, Angus Campbell, James Allan, H. M. Ballaugh and T. J. McBeath, Dec. 31st, 1898; W. E. Gould, W. P. James, Geo. McGregor and C. H. Sackrider, June 28th, 1899.

MOUNT HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 56, PETERBOROUGH.—Jos. Kidd. No date given.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 59, BELLEVILLE.—L. C. Pescoe, P. Acton, R. Applebee, H. Vanderout, H. Bull, J. P. Cousins, M. McDonald, J. Belch, J. Collip, J. Williamson, L. W. Gibson, F. Greatrix and Jas. Middleton, June 30th, 1899.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—Fred. Gilboe and Geo. Clark, June 30th, 1899.

AMICUS ENCAMPMENT, No. 61, NORWICH.—Philip Willitt, C. A. Garthwaite, A. A. C. Denoran, G. H. Parker and D. A. Colver, Dec. 22nd, 1898.

AURORA ENCAMPMENT, No. 67, AURORA.—A. Devlin, Dec. 26th, 1898; G. H. Richardson, G. Stone and D. Phillips, June 26th, 1899.

FOREST ENCAMPMENT, No. 69, FOREST.—J. A. Dillon, A. Lunham, Wm. Prouse, J. B. Gellies, H. West, R. Foster, Wm. Hester and D. Detwiler. No date given.

CORNWALL ENCAMPMENT, No. 76, CORNWALL.—M. Meyers, 23rd Dec., 1898.

CATARAQUI ENCAMPMENT, No. 79, KINGSTON.—W. P. Aubin, W. P. Campbell, Robt. Gage and D. A. Shaw, Dec. 22nd, 1898.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, MONTREAL.—M. Kollmer and E. Defayette, Dec. 28th, 1898.

EXPELLED.

AMITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 74, MOUNT BRYDGES.—Thos. Pearce, for contempt, Oct. 11th, 1898.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS
—OF—
THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.
OF THE
Province of Ontario, for 1899-1900.

WILLIAM POTTER.....	Grand Patriarch.....	Chatham
LEONARD FERGUSON..	Grand High Priest.....	St. Thomas
FRANK JEFFREY.....	Grand Senior Warden.....	Stratford
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.....	London
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.....	London
GEORGE BELL.....	Grand Rep. S. G. L.....	Ottawa
SAMUEL LAW.....	Grand Rep. S. G. L.....	Guelph
E. J. SPACKMAN.....	Grand Junior Warden.....	Exeter
GEORGE BREEN.....	Grand Sentinel.....	Windsor
L. B. COOPER.....	Grand Marshal.....	Belleville
JOS. SANDERS.....	Grand Outside Sentinel.....	London

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

*JAMES WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1869-1870
S. G. DOLSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1870-1871
†HENRY McAFEE.....	Walkerville.....	1871-1872
‡ADAM PURVES.....	St. Catharines.....	1872-1873
§JOHN HAM PERRY.....	Whitby.....	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON.....	Stratford.....	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1875-1876
W. H. COLE.....	Brockville.....	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON.....	London.....	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS.....	Hamilton.....	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH.....	Toronto.....	1880-1881
¶FRANCIS RAE.....	Oshawa.....	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON.....	Kingston.....	1882-1883
HECTOR URQUHART.....	Strathroy.....	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER.....	Toronto.....	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH.....	Stratford.....	1885-1886
FRANK RIDDELL.....	London.....	1886-1887
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	Petrolia.....	1887-1888
ABNER FRASER.....	Hamilton.....	1888-1889
J. T. HORNIBROOK.....	Toronto.....	1889-1890
JOHN A. MACDONALD.....	Arnprior.....	1890-1891
D. H. MOORE.....	Peterborough.....	1891-1892
FRED. DOGGETT.....	St. Thomas.....	1892-1893
A. H. BLACKEBY.....	Galt.....	1893-1894
S. S. MERICK.....	Carleton Place.....	1894-1895
JOHN J. REED.....	Montreal.....	1895-1896
GEORGE ROSS.....	Hamilton.....	1896-1897
GEORGE BELL.....	Ottawa.....	1897-1898
SAMUEL LAW.....	Guelph.....	1898-1899

*Died August 25th, 1894.

‡Died March 25th, 1896.

†Died Oct. 23rd, 1892.

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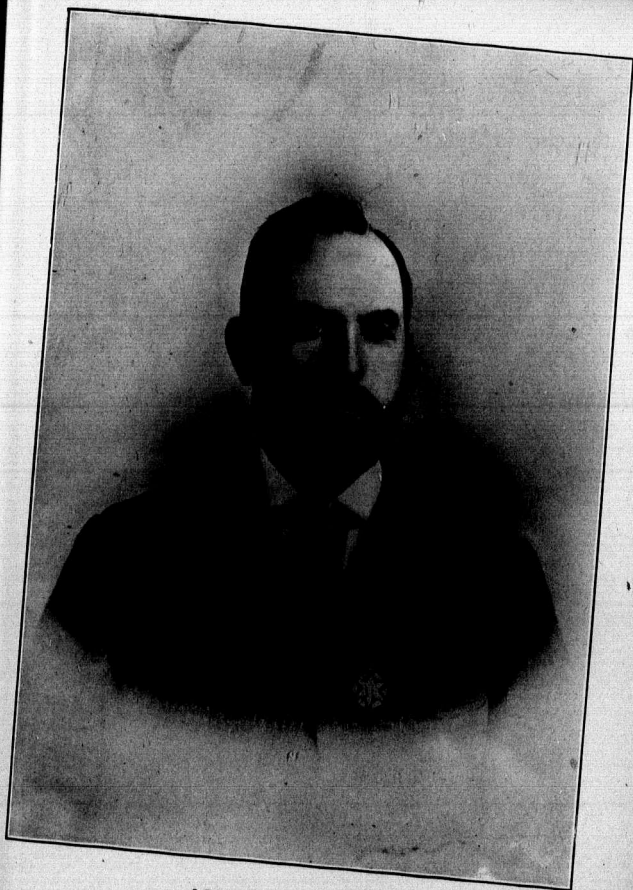
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JOHN P. YOUNG.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST, GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.
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Farnham...
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS —OF— SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS

Elected and Installed for Term Ending Dec. 31st, 1899.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT	NO	LOCATION.	CHIEF PATRIARCH	SCRIBE.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Union	1	St. Catharines	Edwin Moore	Edwin Page	
Frontier	2	Windsor	Jas. Montgomery	W. J. Beck	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Harmony	3	London	R. Womcott	Alf. Davis	2nd and 4th Friday
Brant	4	Brantford	Wm. McIntosh	Chas. Cowherd	1st and 4th Thursday
Charity	5	Stratford	Alex. Frame	F. B. Jeffrey	2nd and 3rd Friday
Burlington	7	Hamilton	Jno. T. Swinton	Geo. H. Britton	2nd and 4th Friday
Toronto	8	Toronto	W. B. Dock	H. W. Taylor	2nd and 4th Monday
Brock	9	Brockville	C. Lyman	H. B. Coates	2nd Thursday
Chatham	10	Chatham	Wm. Fullerton	Edwin E. Wing	1st Friday
Ontario	11	Oshawa	Chas. Tuttle	J. W. Ellis	2nd and 3rd Thursday
Albert	12	Bowmanville	W. Jones	J. Jennings	2nd and 4th Friday
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	O. L. Berdan	J. Nichols	2nd and 4th Monday
Limestone City	15	Kingston	W. L. Wilson	A. E. Paul	2nd and 4th Thursday
Mt. Ararat	16	Napanee	M. S. Plumby	W. G. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Monday
Hebron	17	Farkhill	Wm. G. S. Fraser	Geo. R. Frown	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Quinte	18	Bellefleur	James Boyd	Geo. R. Frown	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	H. A. McIntyre	L. Ferguson	2nd and 4th Monday
Unity	21	Ingersoll	H. A. Manning	Wm. Brett	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Guiding Star	22	Lindsay	Ernest Perry	J. A. McLean	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	T. J. Robertson	W. J. Hamilton	1st and 3rd Thursday
Friendship	24	Petrolia	M. R. Fletcher	J. J. Mathews	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Victoria	25	Port Hope	H. White	A. A. Stevenson	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Alpha	26	Sarnia	Wallis Granger	Jno. Ross	4th Friday
Huron	28	Georgetown	Thos. Bradley	C. A. Nairn	1st and 3rd Thursday
Wentworth	30	Dundas	Robt. Hill	W. H. Knowles	2nd and 4th Monday
Wellington	31	Quehph	Wellington Johns	Samuel Law	1st Tuesday
Exeter	32	Exeter	Geo. E. Rose	A. E. Fuke	2nd and 4th Friday
Adelphian	38	London	Josiah Burgess	John Bamed	1st Thursday
Dufferin	41	Pt. Edward	J. M. Farbys	J. E. Campbell	2nd and 4th Thursday
Aylmer	42	Aylmer	A. Mattel	Chas. Watson	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Collingwood	45	Collingwood	John J. Leary	T. Lawrence	2nd and 4th Monday
Saugen Valley	46	Walkerton	T. J. Elliott	Richard Lee	2nd and 3rd Friday
Minerva	47	Wingham	C. H. Walper	J. W. Dodd	1st and 3rd Monday
Samaritan	49	Berlin	C. H. Walper	F. M. Zaruck	2nd and 4th Monday
Rehoboth	50	Toronto	J. W. Rugg	A. D. Thurston	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Ridgely	52	Jarvis	J. W. Rodgers	C. W. Anderson	4th Thursday
Outaouais	53	Ottawa	T. G. Sheen	Geo. Bell	1st Friday
Maple Leaf	54	Woodstock	John McIlraith	Chas. F. Trant	1st Thursday
Mt. Hebron	56	Peterborough	Wm. King	Robt. Mulligan	Alternate Wednesdays
Phoenix	57	Wallaceburg	J. B. Cowson	Fred. Harris	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Waba	58	Arnprior	Geo. Miles	Jno. A. Macdonald	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Moira	59	Bellefleur	Geo. Miles	Wm. Nelson	2nd Friday
Central	59	Bellefleur	J. S. Laird	G. F. Hill	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Amicus	61	Norwich	H. Herrick	R. K. Panter	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Galt	62	Galt	Chas. Tovell	Thos. Vaz	2nd and 4th Thursday
Eureka	64	Galt	S. Merick	N. D. McCallum	1st and 3rd Friday
Aurora	65	Carleton Place	J. B. Anderson	G. T. Smith	3rd Monday
Forest	67	Aurora	Chas. Stuart	A. F. Steele	2nd and 4th Monday
Golden	69	Forest	Owen Lewis	N. Schnarr	1st Thursday
Picton	72	Rat Portage	J. L. Graydon	E. C. Carbal	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Poiteaux Pins	73	Blenheim	C. Vansickle	Geo. M. Baird	1st and 3rd Friday
Amity	74	Mt. Brydges	M. Hermiton	J. Robinson	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Cornwall	76	Cornwall	Wesley Hetley	F. Bisset	Tues. on or before 11 a.m.
Geo. B.	80	Stirling	Geo. Smith	Wm. F. Ashley	2nd and 4th Friday
Lake View	81	Ottawa	F. H. St. George	T. J. Benbow	1st and 3rd Monday
Montreal	83	Ruthven	Frank McCharles	W. F. Williams	3rd Friday
Farnham	1	Montreal	H. I. Crigem	D. J. Dickson	1st and 4th Thursday
Maple Leaf	4	Farnham	W. H. McCabe	A. H. Esger	2nd and 4th Wednesday
	6	Quebec	Thos. F. Taskin	S. J. Edwards	4th Wednesday
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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

DISTRICT NO. 1—

*Walter Chater, Walkerville.*Windsor.
Essex.
Ruthven.

DISTRICT NO. 2—

*Lewis H. Side, Wallaceburg.*Chatham.
Blenheim.
Wallaceburg.
Dresden.

DISTRICT NO. 3—

*W. A. Sudworth, Ingersoll.*St. Thomas.
Aylmer.
Woodstock.
Ingersoll.

DISTRICT NO. 4—

*James C. Spence, Brantford.*Brantford.
Norwich.

DISTRICT NO. 5—

*J. A. Burwash, Jarvis.*Waterford.
Jarvis.

DISTRICT NO. 6—

*Chas. Young, St. Catharines.*St. Catharines.
Niagara Falls.

DISTRICT NO. 7—

*W. J. Evans, Hamilton.*Burlington.
Dundas.
Galt.

DISTRICT NO. 8—

*J. P. Grigg, Mt. Brydges.*London.
Mt. Brydges.
Strathroy.

DISTRICT NO. 9—

*James Shanks, Sarnia.*Sarnia.
Pt. Edward.
Petrolia.

DISTRICT NO. 10—

*John Hamilton, Parkhill*Forest.
Parkhill.

DISTRICT NO. 11—

H. W. Ball, Goderich.

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DISTRICT NO. 12—

*F. A. Popplestone, Exeter.*Exeter.
Wingham.

DISTRICT NO. 13—

C. Reichenbach, Walkerton.

Walkerton.

DISTRICT NO. 14—

*Peter Bradshaw, Stratford.*Stratford.
Guelph.
Berlin.

DISTRICT NO. 15—

*Theodore Lawrence, Collingwood.*Collingwood.
Barrie.

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DISTRICT NO. 16—

*H. E. Terry, 140 Terauley St.,
Toronto.*

Toronto (2).
Newmarket.
Aurora.

DISTRICT NO. 17—

Geo. T. Everett, Oshawa.

Bowmanville.
Oshawa.
Whitby.

DISTRICT NO. 18—

Port Hope.
Cobourg.

DISTRICT NO. 19—

J. W. Butcher, Peterborough.

Lindsay.
Peterborough.
Norwood.

DISTRICT NO. 20—

G. L. Scott, Stirling.

Belleville (2).
Trenton.
Picton.
Stirling.

DISTRICT NO. 21—

Wm. Bassom, Bagot St., Kingston.

Kingston.
Napanee.

DISTRICT NO. 22—

*J. K. Pearce (Gov't Printing
Bureau), Ottawa.*

Ottawa.
Carleton Place.

DISTRICT NO. 22½—

*N. D. McCallum, Carleton Place.
Agnprior.*

DISTRICT NO. 23—

*Wm. H. Aule, Brockville.
Brockville.
Prescott.*

DISTRICT NO. 24—

*Wm. Clayton, Cornwall.
Cornwall.*

DISTRICT NO. 25—

*N. Schnarr, Rat Portage.
Rat Portage.*

DISTRICT NO. 26—

*J. D. McAdam, Chapleau.
Chapleau.*

DISTRICT NO. 27—

Fort William.

DISTRICT NO. 28—

*Thos. Brown, Cole St. Paul,
Montreal, Que.
Montreal (2).*

DISTRICT NO. 28½

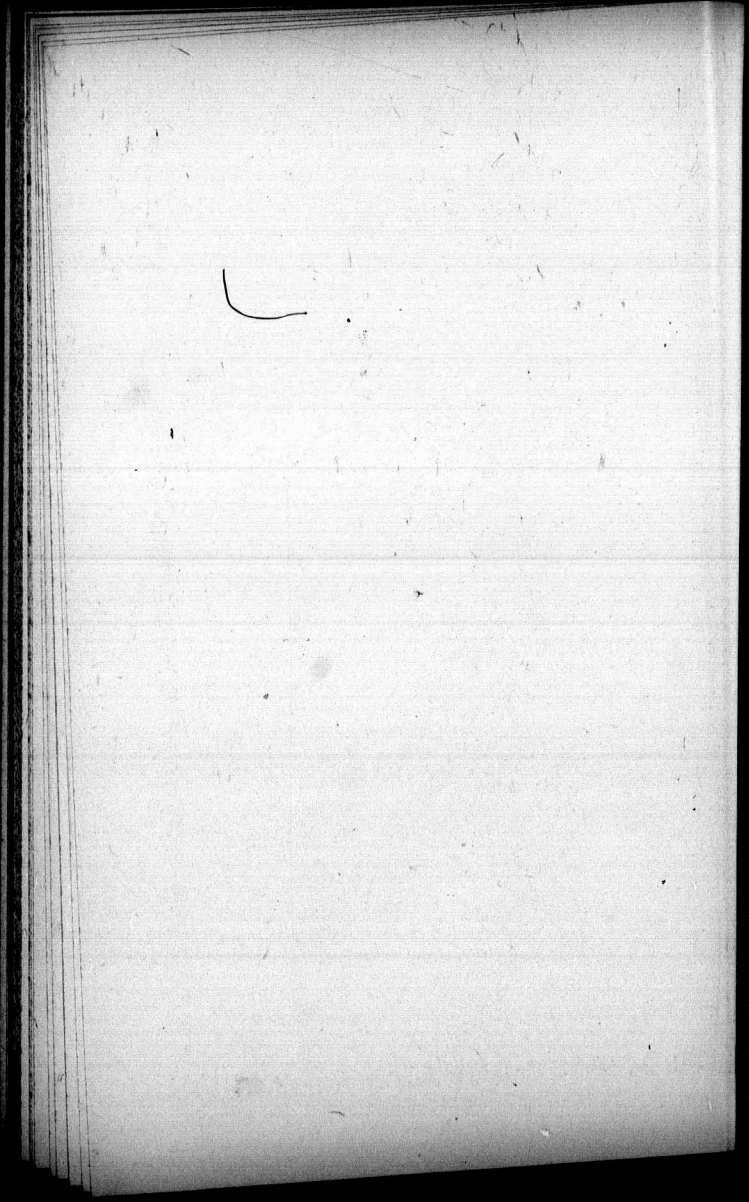
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Farnham.
St. John's.*

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Sherbrooke.

DISTRICT NO. 30—

*A. P. Doddridge, Quebec City.
Quebec.*



In Memorium.



No. 1—

- H. B. Harris, St. Catharines..... May 8th, 1899
W. A. Rawlings, St. Catharines..... May 19th, 1899

No. 3—

- John McDonald, London..... Sept. 28th, 1898
John Milne, London..... Oct. 9th, 1898
Jos. Goldner, London..... August 29th, 1898
A. C. Stewart, London..... July 23rd, 1898
R. F. Matthews, London..... March 18th, 1899
R. N. Curry, London..... March 20th, 1899
Thos. Ellis, London..... May 18th, 1899
Wm. Lewis, London..... May 20th, 1899

No. 4—

- Silas Babcock, Brantford..... October 19th, 1898
John Harrison, Brantford..... April 7th, 1899

No. 5—

- Thomas Millar, Stratford..... October 10th, 1898
W. G. Willis, Stratford..... June 1st, 1899

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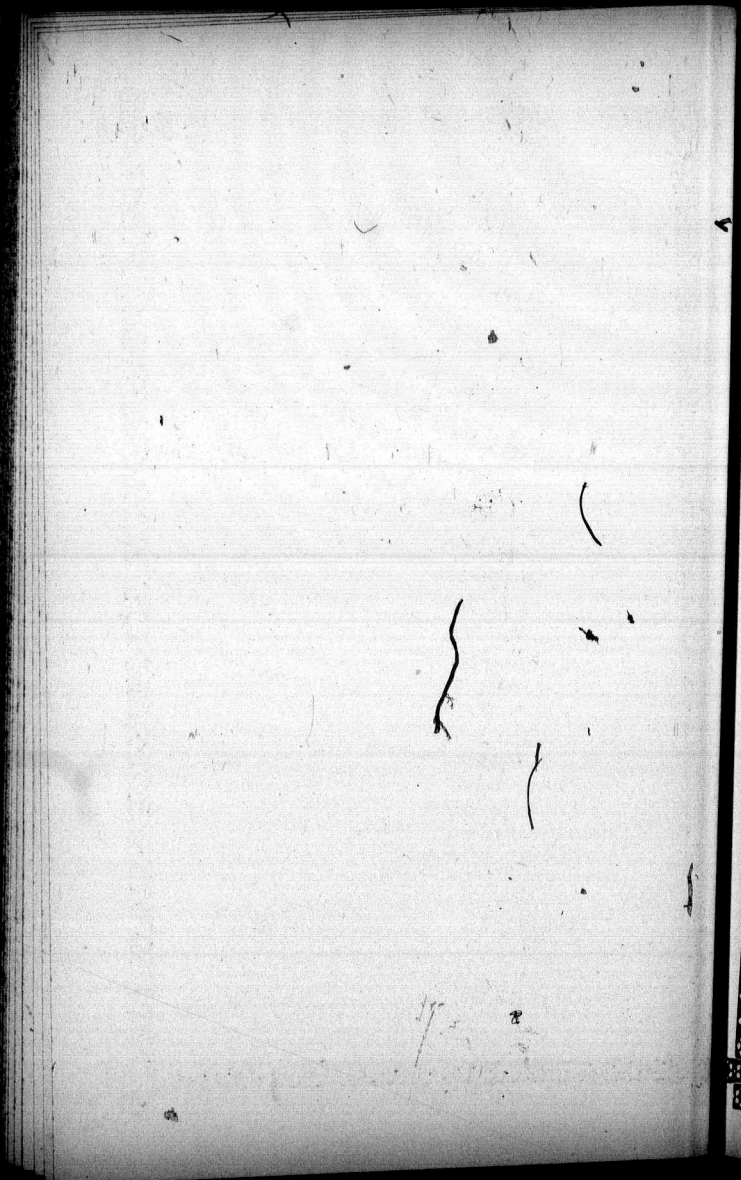
- Chas. Searles, Hamilton..... July 1st, 1898
Thos. McDougal, Hamilton..... Nov. 24th, 1898

No. 9—

- J. F. Wood, Brockville..... March 10th, 1899

No. 10—

- Thos. Collop, Chatham..... Dec. 10th, 1898



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- No. 20—
Albert Chesley, St. Thomas August 17th, 1898
A. Mason, St. Thomas October 21st, 1898
A. H. Ellis, St. Thomas October 28th, 1898
- No. 21—
Geo. Scott, Ingersoll Sept. 8th, 1898
- No. 23—
J. R. Campbell, Niagara Falls February 28th, 1899
- No. 38—
W. G. Willis, London January 27th, 1899
J. H. Flock, London May 28th, 1899
- No. 56—
John Clark, M.D., Peterborough April 2nd, 1899
- No. 62—
John White, Galt July 20th, 1898
- No. 65—
Geo. A. Wilson, Carleton Place December 9th, 1898
- No. 80—
David A. McMurray, Stirling April 17th, 1899
- No. 81—
Holmes Cowan, Ottawa January 7th, 1899
- No. 1—
Joseph Wilson, Montreal May 5th, 1899
George Menish, Montreal March 21st, 1899

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CONSTITUTION

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS UNDER THE
 JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.,
 OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

REVISED TO AUGUST, 1899.

PREAMBLE.

By the authority vested in it by its charter, and for the purpose of insuring uniformity in the Patriarchal Order within this jurisdiction, THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS OF ONTARIO, the supreme tribunal of all Encampments of Patriarchs within its limits, ordains the following as the Constitution of all Subordinate Encampments of Patriarchs working under its jurisdiction.

NAME, STYLE AND TITLE.

1. This Encampment shall be constituted by at least five members of the R. P. Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled Encampment of Patriarchs No. _____, I. O. O. F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Encampment, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP.

2. No member shall be admitted into this Encampment for a less sum than three dollars, which shall entitle him to all the Degrees.

3. A candidate for membership by initiation must be a member of the Degree of Truth in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge, and a resident in the Province of Ontario. He must make application in writing through a Patriarch of this Encampment, who must certify to his age, residence, occupation, and state of health.

Petitions for membership shall, in all cases, be accompanied by a certificate of good standing, signed by the Secretary of the Lodge to which the applicant belongs.

The application and certificate shall be in the form prescribed by the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

4. Application for membership shall be made to the Subordinate Encampment nearest the place of residence of the applicant, unless there should be two or more Encampments having concurrent jurisdiction in the neighborhood where he resides, in which case he may apply to either.

5. A proposition for membership must be referred to three Patriarchs for investigation, who shall investigate the state of health and character of the candidate, and (unless the application is withdrawn) shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if three or more black balls appear against him he shall be rejected, provided that at least five ball ballots shall appear in the ballot box. Should, however, less than five ball ballots be found in the

ballot box on the first examination, the C. P. shall, without announcing the result, declare the ballot void, and order it to be re-taken, and shall on the second ballot require every qualified Patriarch present to vote.

Should any objection be made to any person after his election, and previous to initiation, this Encampment may by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting rescind the vote by which said candidate was elected.

6. A petition for membership cannot be withdrawn after the Investigating Committee have reported.

7. A Patriarch of the Order wishing to become a member of this Encampment shall present with his application a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate from the Encampment of which he was formerly a member, and also a certificate of good standing from the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, and such application shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed in Section 5.

On being admitted he shall be charged a fee at the rate of not less than fifty cents for each degree he may have previously attained, but for any degrees subsequently conferred on him he shall be charged at the rate of not less than one dollar each.

8. If a candidate fails to present himself for admission within three months after notice of his election has been sent to him the election shall be null and void.

9. All dues and fees shall be collected prior to the admission of a candidate.

Membership, by initiation or by card, shall commence when the candidate signs the Constitution; but in the case of members reinstated, it shall not be necessary to sign the Constitution.

The Scribe shall notify the Lodge of which the candidate is a member as soon as he has been admitted, and the Scribe shall also notify the Lodge to which a Patriarch belongs when he terminates his membership.

10. The Scribe or Recording Scribe shall semi-annually (January and July) furnish the Lodges with a list of their members belonging to this Encampment, and shall enquire as to the standing of such members in their respective Lodges.

CANTON ROSTER.

11. The Scribe or Recording Scribe of each Subordinate Encampment shall keep a roll-book, to be known as the "Roster of Canton Patriarchs," and he shall record therein the names of all Patriarchs of such Encampment who have received the honors of the Militant Degree, and shall also record therein the termination of any Patriarch's membership in said Degree upon receipt of information to that effect from the Clerk of the Canton over its seal, and it shall also be the duty of such Scribe or Recording Scribe to notify the Canton of which a member of the Encampment is a member, upon the termination of his membership in the Encampment, over the seal of the same.

12. Any Patriarch of the Royal Purple Degree in good standing, who desires to join a Canton of Patriarchs Militant, shall be entitled to receive, and the Scribe or Recording Scribe shall furnish him, on proper application, a certificate of membership and good standing in his Encampment.

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LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.

13. The membership of a Patriarch in this Encampment shall cease at the expiration of one year from the date of his withdrawal card from the Lodge of which he was a member, unless within that time he shall have again united with some Lodge and have presented a certificate from the Secretary thereof to that effect.

DUES.

14. The regular contributions to this Encampment shall not be less than \$1.00 per annum, payable as may be determined by the By-laws.

ARREARS OF DUES.

15. A member of this Encampment who is in arrears for dues more than three months is not entitled to benefits, or to the term check pass or expelled, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such may visit his Encampment.

16. This Encampment may suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of dues for twelve months:

Provided that no member shall be suspended unless there shall have been previously mailed to his last known address an account for his arrears of dues, and at least thirty days' notice of the meeting, at which, in case of failure to pay, his suspension shall be determined.

VISITING AND WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

17. Any member in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from this Encampment, may signify such desire either personally in open Encampment or by a letter addressed to the Scribe, whereupon the Encampment shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Scribe, under the seal of the Encampment, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that a member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Encampment.

The fee for a Withdrawal Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and shall be paid at the time the application is made.

18. Any member in this Encampment in good standing and free from all charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which said Card is required, and of a fee not exceeding fifty cents. During recess of the Encampment such Card may be issued by the C. P. and Recording Scribe.

FUNDS.

19. There shall be one General Fund into which shall be credited all the regular receipts of the Encampment, and out of which shall be paid all benefits and expenses of management, but the Encampment may by its By-laws make provision for the institution of any special fund or funds for

purposes in harmony with the principles of the Order, and may set apart for such fund or funds not more than five per cent. of the annual receipts for dues.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

20. Such moneys in the possession of the Encampment as may not be required for immediate use, may be invested in stock debentures, or securities of the Government of Canada or of the Province of Ontario, or in securities which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple, but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.

ASSESSMENT.

21. Whenever the available cash assets of this Encampment shall be reduced below an amount sufficient for carrying on the work, the Encampment may either by By-law or by resolution adopted after two weeks' notice, assess its members equally in a sum sufficient to increase the funds to the amount required to make up the deficiency.

BENEFITS.

22. Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other occupation by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part), or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws; provided such weekly benefit shall not exceed one-half the rate charged for annual dues. The Encampment shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, but after one week's sickness the member may be entitled to benefits for each additional day or days that he may be ill.

23. The Encampment may provide by its By-laws for the reduction of the weekly sick benefit payable to any member after such member has received benefits for six months' of continuous sickness, and such By-law shall apply to any member who may be receiving benefits at the time of its adoption: or the Encampment may provide by its By-laws, that no weekly sick benefit be paid.

24. The Encampment may by its By-laws make provision for giving assistance toward the funeral expenses of a deceased Patriarch; provided that in any case not more than twenty-five dollars shall be expended.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES AND REINSTATEMENT.

25. A member of this Encampment, in arrears for dues for the period of one year may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

26. A Patriarch suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in this Encampment within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the law.

27. After one year from the date of suspension, a Patriarch dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such sum as the By-laws may prescribe.

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28. A Patriarch suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and a withdrawal card, for the purpose of uniting with another Encampment in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues, and the usual price of a card.

29. A Patriarch suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join an Encampment, in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

30. This Encampment, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at its discretion, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a Patriarch suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join an Encampment in this jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

31. A Patriarch suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

32. In all cases where this Encampment shall refuse to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

33. Dismissal certificates may be received upon deposit (as Ancient Odd-fellows) in this Encampment, but the privilege of visiting the Encampment shall not be awarded to the holder of a dismissal certificate.

TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

34. Any Patriarch who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles, or By-laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct.

35. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion (except when made liable by non-payment of dues to the Encampment, or when suspended or expelled by the Lodge of which he is a member, in either of which cases a formal trial is not necessary), but no member of this Encampment shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence be submitted in writing by one or more Patriarchs of the Order, within three years after the offence was committed.

36. Charges shall be made with specifications in the Encampment in the manner and form provided in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario under the caption, "Rules of Procedure on Trials," which code of procedure is hereby adopted as substantially the law of this Encampment.

37. When the report and resolution of the Committee shall have been submitted in due form at a regular session, the consideration of the same shall be made the special order of business for the next regular session, and the accused shall be summoned to attend at such last named session, and be furnished with the report of the Committee and the resolution appended thereto, at which time, whether the accused be present or not (unless he furnishes a good excuse for his absence), the Encampment may proceed to consider and determine the case. If two-thirds of the members present,

voting by ballot, are in favor of expulsion, it shall be carried, but a majority only of the members present shall be necessary to adopt any other penalty, and the Encampment shall be fully competent, while the subject is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original resolution.

38. Any member interested shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Encampment of Ontario, provided that such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Scribe within three months from the date of the action of the Encampment on the matter to be appealed against, said appeal to be prosecuted in the manner prescribed in the By-laws of the Grand Encampment, and no member shall carry the case to any of the Civic Courts until after the same has been adjudicated upon by the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and on further appeal, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

39. A Patriarch having been suspended from this Encampment for an offence, after due trial by the same, the Recording Scribe shall immediately notify the Encampments in this jurisdiction, and the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Ontario of said action. A Patriarch having been expelled from this Encampment for an offence, after due trial, the Recording Scribe shall immediately notify the Encampments of Ontario of the action. A Patriarch thus expelled shall not be re-admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Encampment of Ontario; provided, however, that a Patriarch expelled by his Lodge may be re-admitted to membership by a vote of the Encampment, as provided by its By-laws, upon proof of his being restored to good standing in his Lodge, without any action by the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

REINSTATEMENT.

40. When any member, suspended for a definite period for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his suspension, or having been expelled, desires reinstatement, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five members, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for reinstatement, and with the consent of the Grand Encampment, may be reinstated.

41. No member shall be reinstated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues and assessments that may have accrued since that date, except in the case of a member dropped for non-payment of dues.

TERMS.

42. The terms of this Encampment shall be semi-annual, commencing at the first regular sessions of January and July only, and shall consist of two regular sessions in each month; provided, that if the Encampment only meets once in each month, the term shall be annual, and shall commence at the first regular session in January. Each term shall end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

SESSIONS.

43. Special sessions may be called by the C. P., or in the absence of that officer from the place, by the S. W., such notice therefor being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Encampment. The notice shall contain the particular reasons for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

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It shall be the duty of the C. P. to call a special meeting when requested, in writing so to do, by no less than five members in good standing.

44. Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday, the Encampment may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting, and any business that should by law or resolution, be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting next following.

45. No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting, unless, at least, five members in good standing of this Encampment be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution. All business shall be transacted in the R. P. Degree.

VISITORS.

46. Members of other Encampments may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the check word for the term, present a proper card, or are introduced by an elective Grand Officer, or by any representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

OFFICERS.

47. The elective officers of this Encampment are the Chief Patriarch, High Priest, Senior Warden, Scribe or Recording Scribe and Financial Scribe (if desired), Treasurer and Junior Warden, who will serve a regular term each, and until their successors are duly installed.

48. The appointed officers are an Inside Sentinel, Outside Sentinel, Guide, First, Second, Third and Fourth Watches, who shall be appointed by the Chief Patriarch and the First and Second Guards of Tent, who shall be appointed by the High Priest, all of whom shall serve a regular term each, and until their successors are installed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

49. None but Royal Purple Degree members can be elected to office in a Subordinate Encampment; all such members are eligible to any office therein, except to the offices of Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden. To be eligible to the office of Senior Warden in a Subordinate Encampment, a Patriarch must have served a term in some elective office, other than Trustee, or in an appointed office. To be eligible to the office of Chief Patriarch in a Subordinate Encampment, a Patriarch must have served a term in the office of Senior Warden. A Royal Purple member of an Encampment may be elected to either of the offices of Chief Patriarch or Senior Warden, in similar cases and under the same conditions as those where a Scarlet member may be elected Noble Grand or Vice-Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, and the rules as to what shall be considered terms of service for Encampment Officers shall be the same as those for Subordinate Lodges, so far as the same are applicable.

50. Nomination for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the meeting next preceding that fixed for the election thereto, and on the evening of election, and no nominee shall be ballotted for who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.

51. The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term. If for any Elective Office or for the Office of Representative to the Grand Encampment, only one member shall be in nomination, such member will be declared elected by acclamation, but should there be two

or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot, and only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

52. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall have received no votes, shall be withdrawn.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

53. The officers of this Encampment shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they may have been elected or appointed, except that an installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of his election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed. No officer shall be installed who is not clear of all charges on the book of the Encampment.

JEWELS.

54. All officers of this Encampment shall wear the jewels and regalia of their office during the transaction of business.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

55. Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent, without satisfactory excuse, from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Encampment on a motion to that effect; provided that notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

56. No officer shall be entitled to the honors of office who has not served a majority of the meeting nights in a regular term, and continued in office until the end of the term.

57. Any vacancy in office by resignation, death or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be. In the case of elective officers, the election may take place on the second night of nomination, and the members so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

58. The officers of this Encampment shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge Books and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Grand Encampment of Ontario and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-laws and Resolutions of this Encampment.

RETURNS.

59. It shall be the duty of the C. P. and Scribe (or Financial Scribe) to prepare and forward to the Grand Scribe, semi-annually, a report of the work of the preceding term, according to a form provided by the Grand Encampment.

60. Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Encampment, the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

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61. Should this Encampment fail to make its returns, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, for two terms, its charter may be declared forfeited, and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Patriarch (or such other Patriarch as may be appointed by that officer or the Grand Encampment to receive them), the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Encampment.

SEAL.

62. This Encampment shall have a seal, a proof copy of which shall be deposited with the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

63. This Encampment shall not hold, make or manage, or in any way control, any excursion, picnic party or other entertainment where the regalia, emblems or name of the Order may be used, without first obtaining the consent of the Grand Patriarch; and no intoxicating beverage of any kind shall be offered to the members or guests present at such entertainment.

BY-LAWS.

64. This Encampment shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal, alter or amend the same, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, or the laws, principles or customs of the Order.

65. All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Scribe, authenticated by the seal of the Encampment and the signature of the C. P. and Recording Scribe, one copy to be retained by the Grand Encampment, and the other to be returned to the Encampment, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be, and no such By-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Encampment, or in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

66. When doubts arise as to the true meaning of any part of this Constitution, it shall be determined by the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

AMENDMENT.

67. This Constitution and the Rules of Procedure on Trials and Rules of Order for Subordinate Encampments, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, in regular session, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

1st.—All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be submitted direct to the Encampment of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2nd.—The Encampment shall immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a Committee of five, as near as possible, from

among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the Convener thereof.

3rd.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Encampment acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated and considered by the Encampment, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

4th.—The Recording Scribe shall affix the seal of the Encampment to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Recording Scribe shall also certify under seal the duplicate charge, and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C" of these rules.

5th.—The accused shall, within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or answer to the same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

6th.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the plea in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence, call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser or accused shall be served with personal notice, if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time fixed for trial.

7th.—At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed and trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings by leave of the Committee.

8th.—The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Encampment within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the Committee would show :—

- I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
- II. The exceptions taken by either party and the decisions thereon.
- III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.
- IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th.—The finding of the Committee shall be entered in the minutes by the Scribe, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to a copy thereof.

10th.—The Encampment shall take up the report for consideration at the next regular meeting after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm, or reverse the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge of their ruling thereon.

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11th.—The final decision of the Encampment shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Encampment to the Grand Encampment, within three months from the action of the Encampment thereon. The Encampment shall transmit to the Grand Scribe a copy of all the proceedings regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

FORM A.—CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To..... Encampment No.... I.O.O.F.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of..... Encampment No.... does hereby charge Patriarch A.B. of..... Encampment No.... with conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

1st. For that he, the said A.B., did on the..... day of..... 18...., at the (Specify the offence and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be under a separate place in the charge.)

Contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date..... (Signed)..... B. B.

FORM B.—NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

Patriarch..... (Date)..... 18....

I hereby enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by..... of..... The same was referred to a Committee, consisting of..... (give names).... You are required to file your answer to the charge and specifications according to the form prescribed, within one week from the service of the notice, with the first named member of the Committee, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,

..... Recording Scribe.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

To Patriarch..... (Date)..... 18....

I enclose you a charge preferred by..... against..... which charge was referred to..... (give names) for trial, of which Committee you are convener. The accused was served with a copy of the charge on the..... day of..... and notified to file his answer thereto with you within one week, when you will cause the Committee to meet and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally,

..... Recording Scribe.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date).....18....

To.....A. B. or C. D. (*as the case may be, one to each party*),

The Committee on Trial of the charge and specifications made by
against.....will meet at.....on.....
 day of.....at.....o'clock p.m., to hear and determine the same.
 You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend
 the same as the case may be.*)

I am, yours fraternally,

..... Convener of Committee.

FORM E.—PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

1. A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications, preferred by B.B.
 on the day of.....say:

1st. That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal
 jurisdiction of the Encampment.

2nd. That I am not guilty.

3rd. Guilty.

4th. I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.

5th. The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

(Date).....18....

To.....Encampment No. ... I.O.O.F.

The undersigned (*a majority of the*) Committee appointed to investigate
 the charge and specifications preferred by.....against.....
 respectfully report as follows: (*State the finding on each Specification.*) The
 minutes of the Committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial
 be submitted herewith.

(Signed by the Committee.)

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FORM G.—DECLARATION OF WITNESSES.

You sincerely declare upon your honor as an Oddfellow, that the evidence
 you shall give in the matter of.....against
now pending shall be the truth, the whole truth, and
 nothing but the truth. Thus you declare.

(The following additional forms are recommended by the Sovereign
 Grand Lodge as are here submitted, modified to suit the laws and usages of
 this jurisdiction. Notice to accused and to witnesses should, if possible, be
 delivered personally, and should be endorsed on the back as delivered over
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FORM H.—SUBPENA.

To..... Encampment No.... I.O.O.F.

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Patriarch..... at..... on the..... day of..... 18.... at..... o'clock..... of that day to testify as a witness therein on behalf of said Patriarch.....

By order of Committee.

..... Sec. Com.

FORM I.—NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

To..... Encampment No.... I.O.O.F. 18....

SIR AND PATRIARCH.—Take notice that the Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against you by Patriarch..... have this day filed their report thereon, which will be considered by the Encampment at the meeting to be held on the evening of the..... day of..... 18....

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

..... Rec. Scribe.

FORM J.—NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To..... Encampment No.... I.O.O.F.

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals from the action and judgment of this Encampment in the matter of charges preferred against him by Patriarch..... on the following grounds:

- 1st. The evidence was insufficient to sustain such charges, or the report of the Committee thereon, in this (*here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient.*)
- 2nd. Errors committed at the trial and by the Trial Committee, as follows: (*here insert errors complained of.*)

Dated..... the..... day of..... 18....

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES

2. The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee on Trial shall be:—

- a Parol evidence (*i. e.*; testimony of living witnesses before Committee).
- b Depositions procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
- c Regularly certified minutes of the Encampment.

d Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

2. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation, as Odd-fellows, according to "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee:

In case either the party making a charge or the party against whom a charge has been made, desires to have the evidence of any person not a member of the Order, the same shall be taken as follows:

The party giving the evidence shall make a statutory declaration of all the facts relating to the matter within his own knowledge, in the manner provided for the taking of statutory declarations by chapter 37 of the Statutes of Canada, 37 Victoria (1874), and to be taken before any of the persons therein authorized to take such declarations; and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the Committee appointed to try the case; provided always, that the party procuring such declaration to be taken, shall give to the opposite party forty-eight hours' notice in writing of the time and place where and when such declaration will be taken, and the party receiving such notice shall have the right to attend at the time and place appointed, for the purpose of asking such questions as he may wish of the party making such declaration, and the replies to such questions shall be embodied in the declaration; and in case such notice as is herein required shall not be given, such declaration shall not be received by the Committee in evidence. Should the party so notified not attend at the time and place appointed, the declaration shall be taken in his absence, and shall be received by the Committee as if the said party had been present.

3. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be received by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

4. The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

5. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he shall refuse, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officers and Patriarchs present shall take their respective stations, and the Encampment shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows :

1. Admission of Patriarchs.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. The Scribe will read the Minutes of the last Regular or Special Sessions.
- Any objections or amendments will be considered. The Minutes will be confirmed and signed by the Chief Patriarch, with or without amendment, as may be determined by the Encampment.
4. Excuses offered by Officers absent at previous meetings will be received and considered.
5. Does any Patriarch know of a Patriarch sick or in distress ?
 - (1) Considering new cases of illness.
 - (2) Report of Visiting Committee in writing.
 - (3) Reception of medical-certificates or claims for Benefits.
 - (4) Ordering warrants for Sick Benefits.
6. Receiving and considering reports of Committees on Character.
 - (1) Balloting for Membership.
7. The admission of new members.
 - (1) Introducing candidates for admission by Card or Reinstatement.
 - (2) Initiating new candidates ; conferring Degrees.
8. Receiving applications for Membership and referring same to Committees on Character.
9. Unfinished Business arising out of the Minutes.
 - (1) Reports of Officers or Standing Committees.
 - (2) Reports of Special Committees in order of seniority.
 - (3) Any other Unfinished Business.
10. The Nomination or Election of Officers on the evenings designated for such business.
11. New Business.
 - (1) Reading and disposing of accounts.
 - (2) The receiving and consideration of communications.
 - (3) Applications for Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.
 - (4) Miscellaneous Business.
12. The Installation of Officers.
13. Has any Patriarch anything to offer for the Good of the Order ?
14. What are the Receipts of the evening ?
15. Closing the Encampment.

Rule III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Scribe, the Presiding Officer, or the Encampment.

Rule IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put, and when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1. To adjourn;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone;
5. To refer; or
6. To amend.

The several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Encampment present, and then shall always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the Previous Question may have been so made.

Rule VI.—If the vote of the Encampment, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Encampment be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

Rule IX.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the Previous Question, may have been decided, any two members having voted in the majority may, at the same or the next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI.—Any question decided by the Encampment shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by reconsideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule XII.—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII.—Any Patriarch intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one

Patriarch rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a Patriarch to order while speaking; and in such case the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Patriarch so called to order shall not proceed, until of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XV.—In all cases where a member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: "M. N., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Encampment;" and the Encampment shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: "Will the Encampment sustain the decision of the Chair?"

Rule XVI.—Any Patriarch who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologize to the Encampment or to any aggrieved party, if required to do so by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question; except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Encampment may at any time require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

Rule XVIII.—Patriarchs, not members of this Encampment, may address the Encampment, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—No Patriarch shall retire while Encampment is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II. for the remainder of a meeting, may at any time be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven Patriarchs call upon the Encampment to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.) by action of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

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Grand Representatives' Report.

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

PATRIARCHS.—As the representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, it is our pleasant duty to report to you the deliberations and enactments of the seventy-fifth session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Before proceeding to business it may interest you to know something about the beautiful "City of the Straits," and the manner in which we were entertained there. Few cities possess more attractions for the traveller and sightseer than Detroit, with its history dating back to 1701, when Cadillac founded an Indian trading post on the site of the present city. It has changed its flag five times, and been the scene of more than fifty battles. It is now one of the most prosperous and enterprising cities on the continent, having a population of 367,000, and covering an area of 29 square miles. It is situated on the noble Detroit River, between Lakes St. Clair and Erie, on the bosom of which each season passes a greater tonnage of vessels than is recorded at any port on the continent. Surrounded by splendid summer resorts in every direction, the couplet written by Wordsworth aptly expresses the situation:

"Who comes not hither ne'er shall know
How beautiful the world below."

In fact a more fitting place for the gathering of this great international society it would be impossible to find.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge meeting at Detroit will ever be remembered as one of the red-letter events in our lives, which can never be forgotten. The city was profusely decorated, and the citizens seemed to endeavor to outvie each other in trying who could do the most to promote the comfort and pleasure of their guests, who had no difficulty in getting accommodation at the many first-class hotels. The public buildings, business places, and private residences were a mass of red, white and blue, and in every direction were to be seen symbols of that great society whose cornerstone is Friendship, Love and Truth. Our home, during the session, was at the Hotel Cadillac, which was the headquarters of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a hotel which is presided over by very genial officials, and where a stranger is made to feel at home as soon as he crosses its portals. Representatives will always find it to their advantage to be at headquarters of Grand Officers, as acquaintance ripens much more rapidly in the social functions and at the dinner table, and friendships are formed which are never forgotten.

The entertainment commenced on Saturday, September 16th, when the representatives with their ladies and friends, comprising about five hundred persons, embarked on the splendid Steamer Greyhound going up the Detroit River, across Lake St. Clair and up the St. Clair River to the Oakland, a famous summer resort about sixty miles distant. The steamer had been specially decorated for the day and what was far more important, especially provisioned for the cruise. There was no necessity for any one to quench his thirst with Detroit river water during the day unless he preferred such thin beverages. As the Greyhound went down the river the

fire-boat, Detroit, came out and hoisted a considerable portion of the Detroit river into the upper atmosphere from whence it descended in the form of spray. The exhibition was exceedingly fine. Just before the river was pumped dry the exhibition terminated. When the Greyhound returned to its dock about midnight, the expression was general among representatives who had attended many excursions at Sovereign Grand Lodge meetings, that this was the most enjoyable outing they had ever taken part in.

On Sunday morning the representatives were taken to the First Congregational church, when a very eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, on "Brotherhood." The trip to the St. Clair Flats on the previous day was a big day's outing, considering the distance travelled and the number of times it was necessary to eat and drink in order to do justice to the preparations of the entertainment committee, therefore it was not surprising that some prominent members of the Order were not out of bed in time for the sermon.

On Monday morning, in spite of the drizzling rain and a dispiriting atmosphere, the delegates lined up in the Hotel Cadillac, and when the time for the start came, everybody marched away for the Detroit Opera House with the band playing lively airs in cheerful disregard of the efforts of the elements to dampen the enthusiasm. However, our spirits revived when we found hundreds of our dear sisters, the Rebekahs, awaiting our arrival. Addresses of welcome were given by the Mayor of Detroit, the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of Michigan, Mrs. Emma Haskins, the president of the Rebekah Assembly, and others, after which the Sovereign Grand Lodge marched to Harmonie Hall, and immediately opened the session for business. Upon the call of the roll the following officers were present:

ALFRED S. PINKERTON	Grand Sire.
A. C. CABLE	Deputy Grand Sire.
J. FRANK GRANT	Grand Secretary.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE	Grand Treasurer.
ELVIN J. CURRY	Asst. Grand Secretary.
JOHN B. COCKRUM	Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. BOURLET	Grand Guardian.
CHARLES F. LUMSDEN	Grand Messenger.

and one hundred and eighty-nine representatives from fifty-five Grand Lodges and fifty-two Grand Encampments.

FAST GRAND SIREs.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SAUNDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD	Kentucky.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
J. W. STEBBINS	New York.
FRED. CARLETON	Texas.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario.

The Grand Sire in announcing the Standing Committees, recognized the representatives from Ontario as follows:

- Mileage and Per Diem—George Bell.
- International Relations—Samuel Law.

From the able and interesting report of the Grand Sire we take the following:

ENCAMPMENTS AND CANTONS.

"While we all hoped that the year 1898 would show an increase in Encampment membership, the returns are not discouraging. The loss is comparatively small and about one-fifth of what it was in the preceding year, while the initiations, instead of falling off as in 1897, show an increase of 1216. In another portion of this report reference is made to the Patriarchal Branch; sufficient to say that all our information is that the tide has turned, and that the present calendar year will reward our hopes and expectations.

"The Militant Division of our Order exhibits a net increase in membership of 93. A few departments have not reported, and in another portion of this communication this branch of our Order is considered.

ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

"I have ever been an advocate of the Encampment Branch of the Order, and an admirer of its beautiful ritual. I believe that every Oddfellow would be benefited by receiving the degrees exemplified within Encampment walls, and that his interest in the Order, and his perception and understanding of his duties to God and his fellow men, would be enlarged and strengthened by his membership in, and adhesion to, this branch of our Fraternity. The public demonstration, made twelve months since, by the Subordinate Encampments, demonstrated their virility and cohesive strength, but the lethargy that, during the past few years, has been apparent in this division of our Fraternity was not pleasing to contemplate, and I became convinced that a determined effort should be made to revive the interest in the Encampment to which the beauty of its ritual, and the record of its accomplishments, entitled it.

"The passing away of a period of financial depression, and the general revival of industrial enterprise, seemed an appropriate time to ask concerted action among the leaders of the Patriarchal Branch of Oddfellowship. On the first day of January, as a New Year greeting, I wrote the following words to the head of every Subordinate Grand Encampment:

"The coming session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will mark an important epoch in the history of our beloved Order. We shall have then completed eighty years of striving to encircle the globe with the great principles which we believe to be so beneficial in uplifting humanity, and it is earnestly desired that that session will be a memorable one. To order that we wish to report the splendid gains in the Encampment Branch of the Order.

"During the past year many efforts have been made to revive the old-time interest, and we rejoice that a reasonable measure of success has attended them. But we are not satisfied with the progress made, and therefore we appeal to you. Can you not furnish such an incentive to the Patriarchs of your jurisdiction as will call forth extraordinary efforts, in order that we may have your help in our present endeavors, and that you may do your full share to insure the enduring prosperity of Patriarchal Oddfellowship.

"The story of Oddfellowship is not all written in the ritual of the Subordinate Lodge. The lessons of love, fraternity, faith and hope are extended, amplified, and beautified in the Encampment Branch of our

Order. The beautiful ritual of the Encampment contains lessons that every Oddfellow should know and heed. It is a practical and working, as well as a social, body, and is worthy of loyal labor and unflinching support. It supplements the work, as it enlarges upon the teachings of the Subordinate Lodge, and as the leader of the Encampments of your jurisdiction we ask an earnest effort on your part to advance its interests.

"For the past few years there has appeared to be a lack of interest in this division of our Order. This is unnecessary and unwise. It can easily be overcome if those specially charged with Encampment interests *determine that it shall be overcome*. Whatever may have been the local causes of this apathy, the one remedy is *work*; constant, unceasing, *tireless work*."

"Preach Encampment Oddfellowship. Let its virtues be known, its beauties realized, and prosperity has dawned once more.

"Ask your membership to do missionary work among the members of the subordinate lodges in your jurisdiction. Ask their co-operation and aid.

"If every Encampment member secures the application of *one* reliable, worthy brother during the coming year, success is assured.

"We want to make the Encampment strong and enduring. Can we not confidently rely upon your support, your co-operation, your earnest, conscientious hard work, to accomplish that result? Do not be discouraged at one failure; try again.

"We return thanks for past successes. We are proud of the Order and of every department of it. We rejoice in the success of your jurisdiction and the wonderful progress of the Order, but we desire to make the opening year the brightest of our history, and as the Grand Patriarch of your jurisdiction we ask your personal aid and labor in behalf of the Encampment Branch of the Order, and every brother and every Patriarch will call you blessed.

"By an examination of the correspondence in the Grand Secretary's Report, Journal of Proceedings, 1898, you will observe that ten Grand Encampments furnish no information concerning the condition of the Order in their several jurisdictions, and you will also note that two Grand Encampments failed to make the required annual statistical returns. Was your's one of that number? If so, will you not personally see that we receive the Journal of your jurisdiction, or a report embodying the necessary information and facts about the progress of this branch of the Order, so that the report of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge may be complete at the session of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine?"

"We address you at an opportune time. The Oddfellows of every portion of this country and in our foreign jurisdictions are manifesting more enthusiasm than has ever before characterized their work. Let us "strike while the iron is hot," and present the facts concerning our Order in such a manner that the world may see Oddfellowship in its true light. Let us have your cordial help, that you may rejoice with us at the close of the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

"By exercising your good judgment and influence among the Subordinate Encampments which are under your supervision you can greatly benefit the Order and assist us in arousing every latent power.

"We trust that you will cheerfully respond to an appeal that is made, not because our Order is weak, but because we wish to make it stronger; that is issued in the spirit of fraternity and brotherhood, and may the new year bring to you and to the Oddfellows of your jurisdiction abundant prosperity."

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Identical letters were sent to every Grand Scribe. To my gratification most of the Grand Patriarchs promptly responded in words that attested their devotion to the cause committed to their keeping, and their determination to diligently labor in its interest.

I sought to render to you a report of the present numerical strength of the Patriarchs, but as most of the Grand Encampments do not require a report from their Subordinates except at the end of the calendar year, it was impossible to obtain the desired data. The report of the Grand Secretary, already alluded to, indicates that the tendency is upward, and the reports which have been constantly made to me by Grand Pratriarchs justify the hope, and belief, that, during the present calendar year, substantial gains will be exhibited in this branch of our fraternity. I do not expect that rapid gains will be made at once, but I do believe that persistent labor on the part of those specially charged with Encampment interests, accompanied by such legislation and encouragement as your wisdom may suggest, will bring renewed prosperity and strength to a division of our Order that needs, and is entitled to, the support of every Oddfellow.

The Grand Treasurer's Report, summarized, is as follows: Cash balance, \$60,843.41; received from Grand Secretary, \$50,609.18; total, \$111,452.59; payments, \$62,781.56; total balance, \$48,671.03.

The general condition of the Order is as follows:

COMPARISON OF THE RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1897 AND 1898

	Dec. 31st, 1897.	Dec. 31st, 1898.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	55	52		
Grand Encampments	51	52	1	
Subordinate Lodges	11,239	11,419	190	
Subordinate Encampments	2,563	2,563		17
Rebekah Lodges	59,536	5,053	257	
Lodge Initiations	20,506	65,588	6,052	
Encampment Initiations	32,140	10,459	1,216	
Rebekah Initiations (Brothers	137,750	19,703		803
Lodge Members	177,823	31,968		172
Encampment Members	119,868	127,131	18,041	
Rebekah Members (Sisters	177,823	1,90,007	2,464	
Rebekah Members (Brothers	119,868	122,332	3,234	
Total Members of the Order	\$3,047,285 75	\$3,126,050 47	\$78,765 32	
Relief by Encampments	265,965 52	249,786 88		\$16,178 64
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	51,378 74	47,149 15		4,229 59
Total Relief	3,364,629 41	3,422,986 50	58,357 09	
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges	7,810,175 82	7,570,762 64		\$2,413 50
Revenue of Subordinate Encampments	432,907 94	443,348 63	10,440 69	
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	8,846,259 90	8,766,393 56		79,866 34
Revenue of Rebekah Encampments	24,416,600 32	25,152,982 29	736,381 97	
Total Revenue	1,450,617 57	1,585,498 50	24,080 82	
Invested Funds of Subordinate Lodges	26,388,695 74	27,185,241 46	796,545 72	
Invested Funds of Subordinate Encampments	299,005 24	3,579,187 62	269,847 55	
Invested Funds of Rebekah Lodges	3,965,153 70	3,921,128 66		90,585 06
Invested Funds of Rebekah Encampments	90,059	4,159,726 46	15,310 27	
Total Expenses	12,132	87,613		2,446
Brothers Relieved	598,481	10,664		2,446
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges	94,345	86,947		20,764
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Encampments	5,707	4,552		4,552
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Lodges	0,197	5,707		438
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Encampments	8,933	147		50
Widowed Families relieved by Rebekah Lodges	1,482	1,337		145
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*1261 Members in Sweden reported under Foreign Jurisdictions; 158 Members in Alberta and Assiniboia reported through Grand Lodges of Manitoba.

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APPENDIX.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,266,158
Members relieved.....	2,253,802
Widowed families relieved.....	239,838
Members deceased.....	220,889
Total relief.....	\$ 80,726,900 21
Total receipts.....	208,971,008 08

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

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Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland).....	5
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	65
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	55
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,796
Lodge members.....	2,641
Encampment members.....	859,929
Rebekah Lodges.....	128,267
Members of Rebekah Lodges.....	5,071
	313,163

We cull a few flowers from the Grand Secretary's bouquet:

CORRESPONDENCE.

"In examining the reports from the different branches of the Order, one is not surprised to find many accounts of the late war with Spain, and, after a careful perusal, is ready to concede that the problem as to its influence on our Fraternity has been solved. While our hearts rejoice that the cannon's roar has ceased, we should hold ourselves in readiness to continue the shouts of victory, for our representative men say it is ours. The reports and letters which have been received during the year are full of encouragement and hope with regard to future progress, and, no doubt, the hearts until our gains shall satisfy even the chronic grumblers. Let us praise God and take courage.

"It is gratifying to note that we have the list of correspondence this year in a completer form. Many who failed to report last year have surely said in their hearts that they would join the good company; so, we have extracts from their reports and letters, and thereby have an opportunity to learn how they thrive or how much they need our prayers. One of the greatest incentives toward the promotion of interest in our beloved Order is the heart to heart touch that exists between the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies, and one of the best means of increasing this fraternal feeling is through correspondence. It is hoped, therefore, that all branches of the Order will lend a helping hand and profit much by such exercise.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

"As was predicted in this part of the Grand Secretary's report last year, the Encampment Branch of our Order has become more enthusiastic towards infusing new life into Encampments that have been in a lethargic state, and, therefore, presents a better showing than for many years past

While there is still a decrease, it is not so large by 2,321 as it was last year, and the feeling of discouragement has been driven from the minds of most of the Patriarchs who flock to the camp. The reader will notice that the word "regret" does not appear in so many of these extracts, and that the word "encouraged" has taken its place. So it seems that many have been courageous and have put forth every effort to revive Encampment Oddfellowship.

"It will be noted that many of the Grand Patriarchs and Grand Scribes have expressed themselves with regard to the restoration of the Royal Purple Degree Uniform, and have made suggestions about other legislation that it might be well for this branch of our Order to consider. Let us use our best judgment in legislating for and bringing up the interest in the several Grand Encampments, that we may all sing of victories gained."

On Tuesday morning the Sovereign Grand Lodge got down to business, and a large number of reports were introduced, and Richmond, Va., was selected as the next place of meeting.

A great deal of time was taken up discussing the mileage question, and many resolutions were offered, which ended with the usual result that the old rate was adhered to, of ten cents a mile for all representatives coming from east of the Colorado state line, and twelve cents for those on the other side.

On Wednesday morning the following amendment was moved:

"Resolved, That Section 3, of Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by inserting the words, "be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing," the following, "be a member in good standing of a canton, in good standing," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing and a member of a lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree, be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing, be a member in good standing of a Canton in good standing, and he must have received the Rebekah Degree and be a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing; and he must reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located. No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time."

"After a lively discussion the vote was 102 for and 80 against, but not having the requisite majority it fell through. We voted in the affirmative, as we felt that representatives had no right to legislate for a branch of the Order that they did not belong to themselves. The feelings of the Chevaliers of the Patriarchs Militant on this question are somewhat similar to that of the Uitländer's in Oom Paul's country."

The proposition to hold biennial sessions instead of annual was also argued to a vote, and as might be expected, met with the same fate as the other constitutional amendment—it was indefinitely postponed. The vote on this matter was 48 to 120. It is our opinion that the wave of enthusiasm which radiates from the annual meeting justifies the expense of the session outside of the necessity of annual sessions as shown by the business transacted.

One of the great features of the Sovereign Grand Lodge meeting was the parade on Wednesday afternoon. The morning looked rather dubious

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as rain fell the night before, and the morning was anything but favorable, but the Detroit Free Press said, "the spirit of the Sovereign of the Universe pink, green and scarlet to the white and blue of the sky to greet the start, and a great many of the Grand Representatives failed to see the pageant, as their carriages were switched off on to a side street, and when they got into line the main body had passed on. The uniforms were but unique. Not a detachment wore the conventional black suit and silk hat, but red, white and blue uniforms were in order. Walking canes and varied colored umbrellas were carried, and there were many beautiful floats, representing the principles of Oddfellowship: goats were there; David, Jonathan and Saul were in duplicate, while Washington was resurrected and marched at the head of his Lodge. Rebekah was at the "well," moving along with the aid of horses, and many a Jacob on the sidewalk cast a loving glance at the beautiful maiden in Oriental costume. "We Educate the Orphans" was the message painted in large letters on one float, on which were reclining figures symbolical of Wisdom, Power, Literature and Music. In the centre stood fourteen little girls, all dressed in white, representing the orphans, who sang songs as the chariot moved past the admiring throngs.

The Cantons and Encampments made a magnificent turnout, their gay uniforms and splendid marching being much admired. Notwithstanding Canada, the number in the procession was not nearly as large as in Boston last year.

The Rebekahs were more progressive in the "woman's rights" questions than down east, hence a large number of the Rebekahs of Detroit were in the parade in carriages. Although the decorations along the streets were quite elaborate, especially the magnificent "Welcome, I. O. O. F.," with a three link emblem, which was displayed in front of the city hall with beautiful electric light effects, still the people showed very little enthusiasm, and looked upon it in a very matter of fact way. Beyond the waving of handkerchiefs and some weak cheering, there was not much enthusiasm displayed. Detroit is only three minutes sail from Windsor, and the British flag can be seen waving over Her Majesty's Dominion, and the British flag as it was in Boston. Of course the Representatives from Canada unfurled the old flag, and gave it a good swing in the faces of Uncle Sam's satellites. The shields placed on each side of the carriages giving the name of the state or province the Representatives were from, were all painted alike with the stars and stripes, to which we had decided objection, as the shields on the vehicles containing the delegates from the Dominion of Canada should certainly have had the Union Jack on them, or something emblematic of the country we belonged to.

On Wednesday evening the Degrees of Patriarchal Oddfellowship were exemplified by the degree team of Chatham Encampment; No. 10, before an immense audience at the Light Infantry Armory. The Grand Sire and many of the Representatives were present and pronounced the work to be the finest they had ever seen. We were proud of our Ontario Patriarchs, and must congratulate Grand Patriarch Potter and his associates on the unqualified success which crowned their efforts.

On Thursday a large amount of business was transacted, the several committees making reports which were taken up and considered.

A proposition to reduce the salary of the Grand Secretary and Adjutant

General from \$3,500 to \$2,500, and of his assistant from \$1,200 to \$700 a year, was defeated.

The right of Encampment members to wear the old Royal Purple Degree uniform in the future is left to local jurisdictions.

Hermann Block, of Iowa, was continued as special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

The question of admitting members of the civilized tribes of Indians of the Indian Territory into Oddfellowship was considered and indefinitely postponed, only eleven members voting for it.

A proposition to have the Sovereign Grand Lodge provide a three link pin for each newly initiated member, at a cost of \$1 each, was defeated on the ground that it would be undignified for that august Body to engage in the retail jewellery business.

A proposition for the adoption of an educational scheme for Oddfellows, a sort of adaptation of the Chautauqua circle to Oddfellowship, was indefinitely postponed.

For the first time in the history of Oddfellowship the sacred precincts of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were penetrated during an actual session by fifty-six young ladies, members of the Detroit Union Rebekah Degree staff. Thirty-six of these damsels were attired in white, each encircled with a wreath of pink roses. The remaining twenty were Past Grands and were attired in black. Headed by the Grand Marshal they marched on the stage where they were received by the Grand Body with applause. The Grand Sire and other officers made appropriate speeches.

The prize drill on Thursday morning was a very picturesque affair. The broad field of green was covered with purple plumed men, and in the centre the twelve Cantons in turn drilled before the judges.

The following Cantons were present from Ontario:—Hamilton Canton, Hamilton, 24 men and 3 officers; Victoria Canton, St. Thomas, 28 men and 3 officers; Toronto Canton, Toronto, 30 men and 3 officers, under Col. Faulkner.

St. Thomas Canton received third prize in a competition drill, class B., and Hamilton Canton second in class C. Chevalier W. Worth, of St. Thomas Canton, carried off second in the sword competition, class B.

The conferring of the Grand Decoration of Chivalry is one of the most impressive ceremonies in the Ritual of Oddfellowship. Nine candidates presented themselves, including our worthy Bro. G. W. Cutter, of Toronto. The candidates passed the Sentinel, and were met by a Captain, who obliged them to disarm and uncover in token of trust and respect. The ceremony of washing the hands in pure water and drying them on a pure white towel was then performed in token of purity of purpose. The candidates were then led to the acting Grand Sire, who commanded each to take oath to defend and protect all distressed women. Four ladies then surrounded the candidates, giving them a spur, a sword, a gauntlet, and a glove. They were then pronounced fit for the Decoration, and the Jewel of Chivalry was pinned on their breasts by a young lady in white, with plumes and a silver decoration in the hair typifying purity. The jewel consists of a white cross, with a heart on the face, and a cross above it. Prayer was then offered.

But one session was held on Friday. One of the most important questions before the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so far as Canada is concerned,

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was the insurance matter. At Boston last year the Sovereign Grand Lodge passed laws doing away with all insurance schemes in connection with the Order, and not allowing any company to use the word "Oddfellows." The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Ontario, in which we are all interested, made application at this session to be allowed to continue the name under which they are incorporated. A lengthy resolution granting this was introduced by Representative Farnham, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Legislation, stating the facts of the case very fully and clearly, and which passed almost unanimously.

On Friday afternoon a trolley ride was tendered to the delegates, to Mount Clemens, a celebrated sanitarium with many large bath houses, situated about twenty-five miles from Detroit. The water contains a large percentage of salt and mineral substances, therefore it is not fit to drink or mix with whiskey, so the progressive people of the town, finding it was no good in that way, or even for washing, came to the conclusion that it was good for rheumatism and other diseases. This was discovered by an old horse afflicted with rheumatism which had been abandoned by its owner. The horse used to take shelter where the water from the salt spring dropped on him, with the result that he was cured of the disease. The owners of the sanitarium do not resort to the primitive horse way, but the most approved methods of handling invalids are put in use.

A dinner was given to the delegates, and the Mount Clemens Oddfellows and the citizens generally gave a fine exhibition of hospitality.

Saturday morning saw the closing session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and little was left to be done by the Body, so closely had each day's work been followed up. About noon, after singing the Oddfellows' Ode, and the recital of the Lord's Prayer by the Representatives, the seventy-fifth session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was a thing of the past.

DECISIONS OF GRAND SIRE PINKERTON.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

1. Question.—Can a Grand Lodge adopt the following law? "When a candidate is balloted for in the initiatory degree, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to pass the ballot box to his right and left supporters, for inspection, before he declares the result of the ballot."

Answer.—It can. The whole matter is left to local jurisdiction, excepting that the Noble Grand alone has the prerogative of deciding the result of the ballot.

2. Question.—On Page 226, Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1898, it is provided that a properly signed and sealed certificate, under proper identification, shall be authority to any Noble Grand to communicate the "current travelling pass-word of the Order." What is meant by the "current travelling pass-word of the Order," in this resolution?

Answer.—The annual travelling pass-word.

3. Question.—Does this resolution authorize the communication of the *term* pass-word of a jurisdiction upon the presentation of said certificate to the Noble Grand of a lodge other than that to which the holder of the certificate belongs?

Answer.—It does not.

4. Question.—Is a brother who receives an official receipt for his dues entitled to receive the annual travelling pass-word in connection therewith?

Answer.—Only such brothers as pay their dues in advance are entitled to receive the annual travelling pass-word at the time they pay their dues and receive an official receipt therefor.

5. Question.—Does the adoption of resolution No. 200, Page 226 Daily Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, authorize a Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch to communicate the term, or semi-annual, pass-word in addition to the travelling pass-word, when official receipt is presented by members of their own jurisdiction?

Answer.—The resolution authorizes the communication of the *travelling* pass-word only. The law relating to the communication of the term pass-word is not changed by this resolution.

6. Question.—Under the same resolution, would the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch be authorized to communicate the travelling pass-word to a brother in possession of a visiting card, and not having an order or an official certificate?

Answer.—A Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch can communicate the travelling pass-word only to such holders of a visiting card (unless a member of his own Lodge or Encampment) as have in addition thereto, an order for such pass-word, or an official certificate certified as in resolution.

7. The holder of a visiting card desiring to procure the annual travelling pass-word from the Noble Grand of a Lodge, other than his own, must also present a properly executed order for such a pass-word.

8. The resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Page 16, 136 Journal of 1898, Report 199) did not authorize a Noble Grand to give the annual travelling pass-word to the holder of a *visiting* card, such holder not presenting an official receipt such as is named in said resolution, unless with said card was also presented a properly executed order for such pass-word.

9. Under the recent law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Page 16, 136 of S. G. L. Journal, 1898), a Noble Grand can legally communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a brother presenting an official receipt for dues, executed in the manner described in said resolution, without a written order for the pass-word.

10. There is nothing in the General Laws of the Order which deprives a Past Grand, who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, of the privilege of voting for Grand Officers.

11. Voting for Grand Officers in a Subordinate Lodge is the private business of the Lodge and it is a violation of the Laws and Usages of the Order to write or print on postal cards the names of candidates to be voted for, and to request the Secretaries of Lodges to mail such postal cards, with the result of the vote, to a person other than the Grand Officer authorized to receive the official return of the canvass.

12. A Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge has no right to mail printed or written postal cards or letters giving the names of candidates for Grand Officers with the number of votes cast in his Lodge for each, to other Subordinate Lodges, or to any other person than the Grand Officers designated by law to receive the official returns of votes cast in the Subordinate Lodges.

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13. A Grand Lodge has the right to forbid by law the issuing of electioneering circulars, by Subordinate Lodges, or individual members of the Order, within its jurisdiction, advocating, or condemning, certain brothers as candidates for Grand Officers.

14. A Subordinate Lodge may provide in its by-laws that, "any brother of this Lodge, taken sick, shall not be entitled to benefits for more than four weeks anterior to the time of reporting such sickness to his Lodge," provided there is no law of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction to the contrary.

15. An official receipt for dues can be used in lieu of a visiting card as a basis for application for membership in another Lodge than that to which the member belonged when the certificate or card was issued, the applicant retaining his membership in the first named Lodge pending the result of his application to the second. Such official receipt takes the place of the visiting card required by the law as set forth in Section 668 of White's Digest, 1895.

18. Attentive benefits do not depend upon a member's "good standing" in his Subordinate Lodge. A brother, though in arrears for dues and thus not entitled to pecuniary benefits, is entitled to attentive benefits, including watchers, when needed, so long as he remains a member of his Subordinate Lodge, and is not dropped or suspended therefrom.

19. A provision for night watchers is a form of attentive benefits and a mode of care distinctly different from payment of sick benefits and the one is not dependent upon the other.

20. Statement.—"A brother in open Lodge moves that a donation be made from the Lodge funds to be placed to the credit of a member, sufficient to place the member liable to suspension in good standing. Motion carried."

Question.—Is this legal?

Answer.—It is not. A Lodge has no right to remit dues, nor can it draw money from its treasury to pay dues for any class of members. The use of Lodge funds, in the manner indicated in the statement, while called a donation, is simply the transfer of funds to the brother's credit for the purpose of paying his dues, and is therefore an illegal use of Lodge funds, under the General Laws of the Order.

21. The disabilities of an ancient Oddfellow are removed when he is re-admitted to membership in a Lodge, and he is then entitled to all the privileges and benefits that such membership confers.

22. Members can retire from the Lodge-room when the Lodge is closed in one degree, and before it is opened in another.

23. If at the time set for the installation of officers the Noble Grand-elect is unable to be present by reason of illness, and for such reason is excused by the Lodge, the Vice-Grand then installed should thereafter occupy the Noble Grand's position until the installation of the Noble Grand-elect.

24. In a Subordinate Lodge a third degree member is eligible to appointment as right supporter of a Noble Grand.

25. Question.—Is not an official certificate for dues paid in advance, signed by the Noble Grand and attested by the Secretary of the Lodge with the seal of the Lodge thereon, *per se* an order for the annual travelling

pass-word in the hands of the holder thereof in other jurisdictions than his own?

Answer.—It is, upon proper identification, such an order for the annual travelling pass-word.

26. Question.—If the annual travelling pass-word is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, but may be used by brothers in the jurisdiction to which they belong, if received in good faith for such primary purpose (see Art. 25, By-laws of S. G. L.), by what authority can said annual travelling pass-word be conferred by the officers of a Subordinate Lodge indiscriminately upon the brothers thereof, who, even though their dues are paid in advance and they hold official certificates to that effect, do not require said certificates for uses of visitation beyond the limits of their own jurisdiction?

Answer.—The authority for communicating the annual travelling pass-word (the current travelling pass-word recited in the resolution, meaning the annual pass-word used for such purposes) to the holder of an official certificate for dues is conferred by, and its limitations defined in, the following resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1898 (Journal 16, 136). "Resolved, That the possession of an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the Lodge, or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing same, with the seal properly attached, be and the same is hereby declared sufficient, proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand, or Chief Patriarch, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof, the current travelling pass-word of the Order."

27. Question.—Did the adoption of the following resolution by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "Resolved, That the possession of an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the Lodge or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing same, with the seal properly attached, be, and the same is hereby declared sufficient proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the current travelling pass-word of the Order." (Page 16, 136. Approved, Page 16, 158), authorize the Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge to communicate to a brother of a different jurisdiction the annual travelling pass-word, without an order from the brother's Lodge for such annual travelling pass-word?

Answer.—It did. The power to communicate such pass-word upon presentation of a proper certificate duly signed and executed, is in terms declared to be sufficient proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof, such pass-word.

28. Where the Constitution of a Grand Lodge requires the Secretary of a Subordinate "To notify the Grand Secretary of rejection of candidates and expulsion of members," it is the duty of the Secretary of such Subordinate Lodge to notify the Grand Secretary when an applicant for membership by card, either withdrawal or visiting, is rejected.

29. The official receipt properly executed is itself an order for the annual travelling pass-word. No other order for the pass-word than the receipt is necessary.

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30. A member cannot vote or take part in the business of the Lodge unless clothed in appropriate regalia.

31. The rejection of an application for membership, based upon the deposit of a visiting card, subjects such applicant to the provisions of law that forbids applicants rejected to apply to any Lodge for admission within six months after such rejection.

32. A brother applying for admission by the deposit of a visiting card is an applicant or candidate and is, in the absence of a local law making a distinction between applicants for initiation and those applying for membership by card, subject to the general rules regulating the application of candidate for membership.

33. The charter of a Subordinate Lodge cannot be surrendered by vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge, should five members wish to retain and work under it, even though these five members were not present at the meeting when it was voted to surrender the charter.

35. A Subordinate Lodge has no right to issue to a brother in return for the payment of his dues an order for a receipt, or a paper to be exchanged for a receipt when the brother shall so desire. The issuance of such a paper is a palpable evasion of the law requiring the use of the official receipt for dues. It is in effect a receipt, although not so termed.

36. When a Grand Officer is visiting officially a Subordinate Lodge he should be introduced after he has addressed the chairs, and should be then received with the honors of the Order.

37. Question.—(a) Can the Noble Grand of a Lodge legally authorize a member of his own Lodge other than the Vice-Grand or a Past Grand (whom he knows to be legally in possession of the annual travelling pass-word) to communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a visitor holding an order for the same?

(b) Does the law of the Order regarding admission of visitors permit the Noble Grand to appoint a Scarlet Degree member, not the Vice-Grand, who may be in possession of the annual travelling pass-word to communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a visitor holding an order for the same?

(c) In the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand, a Past Grand being in the Chair, is it permissible to appoint a visiting brother, who is the Noble Grand of another Lodge, to serve upon the Committee of Examination, for the purpose of communicating the annual travelling pass-word to a brother holding an order for the same?

Answer.—The answer to each of these questions must be, No. The By-laws and general Legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge clearly contemplate that the Noble Grand or presiding officer of a Lodge, (other than the R. S. or N. G. temporarily occupying the Chair), should communicate the annual travelling pass-word to visitors, and I am not aware of any law that authorizes him to delegate that privilege.

38. A Subordinate Lodge cannot examine a visitor in the Grand Lodge Degrees.

39. It is mandatory upon a Subordinate Lodge issuing a visiting or withdrawal card, to insert therein the highest rank which the brother to

whom the card is issued has attained in the Order, and this whether such rank has been attained in the Subordinate, or Grand Lodge, or in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

40. Question.—Referring to the laws digested in Secs. 700, 701 and 703, White's New Digest of 1895, and particularly to the words, "he having been first notified of the action that would be taken," in the third resolution on Page 7,505 of the Journal of 1877. Must this notice of contemplated suspension be given *after* the full year's dues have accrued, or may such notice that suspension will follow if dues for one year are permitted to accrue, be given *before* the end of the year?

Answer.—Such notice must be given after the full year's dues have accrued.

41. Past official rank can only be obtained by service. It cannot be conferred by resolution of a Lodge as a mark of esteem for a brother who has not actually rendered the required service.

42. A Grand Warden, being an elective officer of a Grand Lodge, takes rank and precedence over a District Deputy Grand Master.

43. The Vice-Grand, while occupying the Chair of the Noble Grand, should wear the regalia of the Noble Grand,

44. A minor daughter of a brother, and a member of his family, is not entitled to be paid, by a Lodge, for nursing her father during his illness.

45. A newly instituted Subordinate Lodge must be opened by the Grand Master, or instituting officer, in the third degree.

46. The suicide of a brother is no bar, under the General Laws of the Order, to the payment of funeral benefits by his Lodge.

47. The travelling pass-word as well as all the pass-words of the various degrees of the Order, are to be spoken as written and pronounced in English and are not to be translated into any other language.

48. When the Vice-Grand of a Subordinate Lodge is given authority to appoint his own supporters, the Noble Grand cannot prevent their installation upon the claim that the appointees are not acceptable to him.

49. An insane brother, incapable of performing an intelligent act, cannot be expelled from membership because of an infraction of the rules of the Order.

50. Under no circumstances can a member who has not received the third degree be elected Vice-Grand of a Lodge.

51. A Junior Past Grand is not an officer of a Subordinate Lodge, and is not subject to a fine imposed by the Lodge upon "absent officers."

52. The possession of an official certificate or receipt for dues does not, of itself, permit visitation. It is the duty of a Lodge to which such certificate is presented to cause the brother's identity to be proven by an examination, or otherwise, and no brother refusing to submit to such examination can insist upon his admission to the Lodge.

54. It is obligatory upon a Lodge granting a withdrawal card to state therein the highest rank that a brother has attained in his Lodge.

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55. The petition for a Subordinate Lodge must be signed by at least five members of the third degree, in good standing, including brothers holding unexpired withdrawal cards; brothers holding dismissal certificates, or withdrawal cards out of date, may join in the petition, but such petition must also be signed by at least five third degree members in good standing.

56. The power to fix the minimum amount to be received by Subordinate Lodges for initiation, and degree fees, rests in the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction to which the Subordinate Lodge is attached. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not fixed such fees.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

86. To entitle a Grand Encampment to a second representative in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such Grand Encampment Jurisdiction must have more than one thousand members at the time of the election of the Second Grand Representative.

87. Where the Constitution of a Subordinate Encampment fixes the regular night of meeting, the Grand Patriarch cannot, by dispensation, authorize a change of the time of meeting, even temporarily.

88. A Subordinate Encampment cannot appeal to the Grand Sire or to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the action of the Grand Encampment of its jurisdiction, without the consent of said Grand Encampment.

89. A Grand Patriarch cannot in vacation grant permission to appeal a Subordinate Encampment from the action of his Grand Encampment.

90. It is not permissible for a District Deputy Grand Patriarch to wear the Royal Purple Degree uniform, either in connection with the Past Chief Patriarch's regalia or without it, while installing the officers, either publicly or privately, of a Subordinate Encampment.

Representing the Grand Patriarch, he must, while performing the duties of Deputy, wear the regalia of the office he represents. The permission granted Subordinate Encampments to wear the Old or Royal Purple Degree uniform, on the occasion of public parades or other public ceremonies of the Order did not authorize the use of such uniform in the working chairs of such Encampment.

91. The terms of Subordinate Encampments must be for six months or one year, as the Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction may determine.

92. A Grand Encampment has no power to permit three months' terms of their Subordinate Bodies, even though such Subordinate Encampment meet weekly. No other or different terms than six months or one year are allowed.

93. If a Subordinate Encampment is instituted during the latter half of a regular term, such term is extended to the end of the succeeding regular term.

94. A Subordinate Encampment is in session even when "at ease," and during such time the principal officers must remain in their chairs so as to permit Patriarchs to enter and retire, and Patriarchs so entering and retiring must do so in form. Should a Patriarch enter the room during recess without form, he must, when the Encampment has been called to order, retire, and work his way in in form.

95. A Grand Encampment can legally insert the following provision in the Constitution provided for its Subordinate :

"Any Patriarch who shall refuse or neglect to watch with a sick member in his turn, or procure a suitable substitute, after having been notified by the Visiting Committee, shall be fined two dollars or be expelled, suspended or reprimanded, as the Encampment may determine, after due trial."

96. Every Subordinate Encampment must have a copy of the Bible in the Encampment Room while such body is in session.

97. No member of a Degree Staff is privileged to deliver any charge, or conduct any work of the Order, which he is not privileged to do by virtue of the rank he has attained in the Order.

98. A Grand Patriarch cannot authorize the use of any portion of the Encampment Ritual in a Rebekah Lodge. His duty requires him to see that it is not used.

99. If the Constitution provided by a Grand Encampment for its Subordinates does not contain the provisions quoted in decision No. 95, such Grand Encampment can approve a By-law of a Subordinate Encampment containing such an article.

100. A District Deputy Grand Patriarch, cannot, while clad in a Patriarchs Militant uniform, install the officers of a Subordinate Encampment. Representing the Grand Patriarch he must wear the regalia of the office he represents and of no other.

101. The Grand Sire has no power to suspend from office any officer of a State Grand Encampment.

102. The Grand Sire has no power to permit, or to authorize, the suspension of any portion of the Constitution of a State Grand Encampment even if requested to do so by such Grand Encampment. The provisions of such Constitution remain in force until repealed in a constitutional way by the Grand Encampment itself.

103. Even if he is not a member of the Grand Encampment, a Past Chief Patriarch has a right to wear regalia designating him as such.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT DECISIONS.

104. Question.—Is it a violation of the Laws of the Order, for a Canton, or Division, of the Patriarchs Militant to serve intoxicating liquors at an entertainment or reception given by it?

Answer.—It is.

105. Question.—Is it the duty of the Department Commander, or officer, granting permission to a Canton to hold an entertainment or reception, to require, as a pre-requisite to such permission, a direct promise that no intoxicating liquors shall be offered to its members or guests present on such occasion?

Answer.—It is.

106. Question.—Should charges be preferred against any Canton, or members thereof, offering intoxicating beverages of any kind to the members or guests of the Canton present at the entertainment or reception given by such Canton?

Answer.—Yes.

107. Question.—Are all active Chevaliers, in good standing in their Cantons, eligible to the office of Ensign?

Answer.—They are.

108. Question.—Is the current term pass-word of the Subordinate Encampment the department check in the Canton?

Answer.—No. The department check is now issued annually by the Department Commander, and, by him, promulgated throughout his department.

109. Question.—Is it not a part of the duty of the Ensign and Lieutenant to receive of each Chevalier the countersign and department check in opening a Canton?

Answer.—Yes.

110. Question.—The Lieutenant of a Canton in Washington belongs to an Encampment in New Hampshire, and is not entitled to the current term pass-word in the State of Washington. How can he receive the department check in the Canton?

Answer.—From the Commandant of the Canton of which he is a member, upon presentation of a certificate that he is a member, in good standing, in the Subordinate Encampment to which he belongs in the jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

111. The term pass-word of the Subordinate Encampment is not now the department check of the Patriarchs Militant. The department check is now issued annually by the Department Commander, and, by him, promulgated to the Cantons in his department.

112. A certificate of honorable discharge of a Chevalier from the Patriarchs Militant Army should be signed by the Commander-in-Chief in office when the certificate of discharge is issued.

113. Question.—Who should preside over election of officers at the regular Canton meeting?

Answer.—The Commandant, in the absence of any local law providing otherwise.

114. Statement.—The Patriarchs Militants Ritual requires the bestowal of a regulation badge upon the candidate, and, from him, an obligation to wear it.

Question.—Does the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Canton, or the candidate, furnish this badge?

Answer.—There is no legislation that requires, or authorizes, the Sovereign Grand Lodge to furnish such badge. The Ritual implies that the Canton should furnish it.

115. Statement.—A Canton officer elected for one year resigns after serving seven months. An election to fill the vacancy is held.

Question.—When does the term of the officer elected to fill such vacancy expire?

Answer.—At the end of the term for which the first officer was originally elected.

116. Question.—Does an officer elected to fill a vacancy, caused by the resignation of a Battalion or Brigade officer, hold office until the regular election would take place, or until the regular Canton election?

Answer.—An officer so elected to fill such vacancy serves during the

remainder of the term for which the first officer was originally elected, that is, until the time when the next Battalion, or Brigade, election would regularly occur.

117. Question.—In the first degree work in the Subordinate Lodge can Canton members take part therein and wear their Canton uniforms.

Answer.—They cannot. No Chevalier can occupy any Chair or do the work of an officer in a Subordinate Lodge while dressed in the Patriarchs Militant uniform, nor can such uniform be used as the regalia of a degree staff in conferring any part of the Degrees of a Subordinate Lodge.

118. In order to enable members of a defunct Canton to become petitioners for the mustering in of a new Canton, they must first obtain honorable discharge.

119. A certificate of discharge should state the rank which the Chevalier has attained in the Canton or Militant Army.

120. The Grand Decoration of Chivalry cannot be conferred upon a woman.

121. The Constitution and Rules of a Department Council must yield to those of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

122. A Colonel who has served four consecutive years, and has received a commission for another term, is the senior of one who has just been for the first time commissioned, even though the commission of the latter may be dated one day earlier than the commission last issued to the other.

123. Section 355, Regulations and Army Register, in regard to triennial parade of the Patriarchs Militant, has been repealed by subsequent legislation.

124. The Turm of Horse, or Hussars, cannot recruit its membership directly from the Subordinate Encampment.

125. To acquire membership in a Turm of Horse the applicant must first be a member of a Canton, and such Turm of Horse can only recruit its membership in the manner designed in the laws governing the Turm of Horse, as set forth in the Army Register, attention being particularly called to Section 106 of such laws.

126. All members of the Turm of Horse are entitled to be commissioned as Captain.

127. The commissions of officers and members of a Turm of Horse must be issued by the Commander of the Department in which such Turm of Horse is located.

128. The territorial requirements, relative to membership, as applied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, has never been extended by it to Cantons. A Patriarch residing in one jurisdiction can apply for membership in a Canton located in another jurisdiction.

129. The law does not limit the number of ladies that may be recommended, in any one year, by a Department Council, as worthy of receiving the Decoration of Chivalry.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

134. Question.—Was the decision of Past Grand Sire Carleton (upon point of Order raised by Representative White, of Washington, see Page 200 of the Daily Journal of 1898), that a Grand Representative could vote for his absent colleague upon the question of the adoption of Amendments to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, correct?

Answer.—It was. See Section 576 of White's Digest, 1895, and cases cited.

135. Question.—Assuming that an Amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was adopted by the vote of absent representatives, cast by their colleagues, the necessary four-fifths vote required to adopt the amendment not being secured without a vote of such absent representatives, was such Amendment legally adopted?

Answer. It was. The representative having a right to vote for his absent colleague (see Section 576 of White's Digest, and cases cited), the vote must be counted the same as if the absent representative had himself cast it, and if four-fifths of all the votes cast, including those cast by a representative for his absent colleague, were in favor of the Amendment, it was legally adopted.

136. An insurance company, or association, is not using the name of the Order in conducting its business, by simply advertising that the membership of such company is confined to Oddfellows.

137. Under the General Laws of the Order an insurance company is using the name of the Order in conducting its business, when it uses the term "Oddfellow" as a part of the name, or title, of its association, or company, or uses the Emblems of the Order in such name.

138. An amendment to the Constitution of a State Grand Lodge is inoperative until approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire in recess.

139. A member of a Lodge is not debarred from voting upon the question of the execution of a lease between said Lodge and an Oddfellows' Hall Association by the mere fact that he is a holder of stock in said association, the Lodge in question being also a holder of one-fifth of the stock of said association.

141. Where the Constitution of a Grand Encampment provides that a proposition for the Amendment thereof shall be presented at a regular annual session, entered upon the Journal, and shall not be acted upon until the next annual session, at which time such proposed Amendments shall be considered, the Grand Encampment cannot at such second session change or alter the proposed Amendment. Such action would be in violation of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, then in force, and the Law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as laid down in Sections 427, 428, of White's Digest, and in contradiction of the approved decision, No. 23, of the Grand Sire in 1898.

142. A Grand Lodge, cannot, by unanimous consent, suspend the operation of either its Constitution or its By-laws. Such laws are in force until repealed or amended, in prescribed legal manner.

144. In all Lodge processions, whether Grand or Subordinate, the post of honor is in the rear, and upon the occasion of a visit of the Grand

Officers of a jurisdiction to a Subordinate Lodge, when such officers enter in procession, the Grand Master, or ranking Grand Officer should be in the rear.

145. The resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the session of 1898, providing that the possession of an official certificate for dues should, under certain circumstances, entitle the holder thereof to the "current travelling pass-word" is a General Law of the Order, and mandatory upon all jurisdictions under the dominion of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It does not require the consent of a local jurisdiction to make it effective in such jurisdiction.

146. The manager of a wholesale liquor establishment is not ineligible to membership in the Order, by reason of the provision of Section 5, Article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

147. The contingent fund authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and referred to in Section 378 of White's Digest of 1895, cannot be used for pleasure excursions, or the mere gratification of individual members of the Order, but may be appropriated for the purpose of providing flowers, or music, at the funerals of deceased members, the payment of necessary railway, or carriage, expenses of bearers, or of members, attending such funeral, and for such purposes as tend to present the Order to the public in its true light, such as the procurement of speakers to instruct in the tenets of the Order, and in such kindred ways as will awaken general interest in the Order and its work.

148. The provisions of law, a syllabus of which is found in Section 326 of White's Digest, edition of 1895, are repealed by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in repealing, in 1898, legislation recognizing, or authorizing, life, or accident, insurance in the name of Oddfellowship.

150. The Sovereign Grand Lodge having in 1898 repealed all legislation, theretofore enacted by it, in any way recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of Oddfellowship, and revoking all certificates theretofore issued, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to such life or accident companies, such repeal revoked all permission given by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to use, or continue the use of, the name of the Order in connection with such insurance business.

151. Statement.—A sister is put on trial on certain charges, her husband appears for her; he walks out of the Committee room during the course of the trial, in indignation, and leaves her without representation; she is not present. The Trial Committee found her guilty of contempt and her Lodge sustained the finding; she took an appeal to the Grand Lodge which reversed the decision of the Lodge. What is defendant's status? Is she liable to trial on the charges?

Answer.—The proceedings for contempt are entirely collateral to the main issue. The conviction for contempt being reversed, the defendant can now be tried upon the original charges. (See appeal, Morning Star Lodge, S. G. L., 1874, page 6,283; Appeal of O'Hara, S. G. L., 1883, page 9,288.)

152. The law as defined in Section 668 of White's Digest, 1895, provides that "any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge of the Order, holding a visiting card, in force, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge, without first applying for a withdrawal card from the

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Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge in which membership is held." This is the General Law of the Order, and a State Grand Lodge cannot, by its Constitution, limit such privilege to those making "a change of residence."

158. A member suspended for non-payment of dues prior to the adoption of Section 5, Article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and who after his suspension, but before the adoption of said amendment, engaged in saloon business and has not abandoned it, can now apply for reinstatement in his Lodge.

159. Since the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requiring a Grand Representative to have received the Rebekah Degree, a visitor to the Sovereign Grand Lodge must also possess that Degree. This in analogy to the previous rule regulating the admission of visitors to that body.

160. Statement. - On the election night for Grand Officers, the election being by Past Grands in the Subordinate, a Past Grand who is sick asks the Secretary to cast his vote, which the Secretary does, this in violation of the local law, this one vote even if taken from the successful candidate and given to the defeated one would not change the result.

Question.—Can the Grand Lodge discard the entire vote of the Lodge on account of the one illegal vote?

Answer.—No, unless it can be affirmatively shown that the casting of such illegal vote did change, or might have changed, the result. To give the illegality effect it must be shown that without its happening the result would have been different. The entire vote of the Lodge is not to be thrown out unless the illegality can be cured in no other way.

The rule is well settled that the whole vote of a precinct should not be thrown out on account of illegal votes, if it be practicable to ascertain the number of illegal votes and candidates for whom cast.

Legal votes are not to be thrown out in order to exclude illegal votes unless necessity requires it as the only means of preventing consummation of a fraud (*Barnes vs. Adams* 2 Bart. 760).

161. Statement.—A Past Grand makes application to be admitted as an Ancient Oddfellow, he does not deposit the admission fee at the time. At the next meeting night, at which he was elected, he paid a fee of two dollars, which amount the Secretary stated was in his opinion the amount provided by the By-laws, while in fact the amount was two and one-half dollars.

Question.—Is the Past Grand a member of the Lodge, and is he entitled to vote for Grand Officers, he being qualified in all other respects, unless the mistake as to the fee disqualified him?

Answer.—The brother having been admitted to the Lodge, without fraud or unfairness on his part, his membership cannot be disturbed by reason of the cited error of the Secretary. Being a member, the Past Grand has a right, if otherwise qualified, to cast his ballot for Grand Officers (*Digest* 689-696).

163. Statement.—A member of an Encampment is legally elected Chief Patriarch, he is installed, and serves three nights, and is present in the Lodge room ready to serve, a majority of the meeting nights of the term, but on account of the lack of a quorum the Encampment held no meetings after the third one.

Question.—Is he entitled to the honors of the office?

Answer.—The requisites for obtaining Past Official honors are service of the majority of the nights of a term and until the end thereof. Each of these conditions must be fulfilled, and if the Encampment from circumstances over which it has control, fails to hold the requisite number of meetings, the officers for that term would be deprived of Past Official honors.

Prior to 1889 the officers of a merged Lodge forfeited honors. In that year, on the suggestion of the Grand Sire that under then existing laws injustice might be done brothers if a Lodge surrendered its charter and consolidated with another, "for cause other than loss of members so as to reduce its membership beneath the charter limits," it was enacted that the officers of such merged Lodge should receive honors provided they have served the majority of the meeting nights of a term, prior to such mergerment (1889-11724).

Where the members of an Encampment are so derelict in duty that only on three occasions during a term does a quorum of its members appear, and the Chief Patriarch only serves three nights of a term, though willing to serve a majority, he is not entitled to the honors of the Past Chief Patriarch. He has not served a majority of nights, and the failure to hold meetings on such majority of nights was caused by the negligence of the Encampment itself, and for reasons which it could control (Journal 2781, Digest 241-243).

164. Statement.—A member is in good standing and entitled to sick benefits; he is injured to such an extent that he is unable to perform any work, but during the time he is disabled his salary, as clerk, continues.

Question.—Is he entitled to sick benefits? The Lodge Constitution is, "Every member qualified as required by the By-laws shall, in case of being disabled by sickness, bodily accident or mental infirmity, from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and receive weekly benefits."

Answer.—Under the above circumstances, the salary of the brother continuing, and his earning capacity not being affected by his injuries, he would not be entitled to benefits (Appeal East Tennessee Lodge 13428).

NEW LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

That upon the occasion of all future drills or parades of the Patriarchs Militant, the fatigue cap need not be suspended from the belt as a requisite to full dress, unless required by the Commandant.

That on the occasion of future parades and other public ceremonies of the Order, Subordinate Encampments be allowed to wear the old or Royal Purple degree uniform: Provided, that the local legislation by the Grand Encampment so authorizes.

That hereafter no Chief Patriarch shall communicate the check pass word to any Patriarch holding membership in a Subordinate Lodge in another jurisdiction, unless the patriarch has a certificate showing his dues to be paid in his Subordinate lodge within twelve months.

That Sub-division 2 of Sec. 6 of the Code for the government of Rebekah Lodges, be amended as follows: Sec. 6, Sub-Div. 2. All Odd-

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fellows in good standing, and their wives, their daughters, their sisters, and their mothers, and the daughters, sisters, and mothers of deceased Oddfellows.

That the Law of 1881 and 1887 as found in Section 1,822 of White's Digest be amended by substituting the following in lieu thereof: Rituals--Each Subordinate Encampment is hereby allowed to procure not to exceed six rituals, and each Subordinate Lodge not to exceed four rituals, for the use of said Subordinate Bodies.

That the following be added to the telegraph code: *Benefit*—What sick and funeral benefits do you pay? *Widow*—Wife or child of a deceased member of your Lodge is in our city asking assistance. Shall we draw on you to the extent of \$—? That the dollar mark be added before blank at the end of sentence following key words "Fund" and "Regalia" now in use.

That Grand Jurisdictions are authorized to provide by appropriate legislation that it shall be unlawful within such jurisdiction for any Oddfellow to become an officer or agent of any life or accident insurance company or association that is doing business in violation of the Laws of the Order, or to solicit or procure or assist in soliciting or procuring, directly or indirectly, by any device whatever, the insurance of Oddfellows in any such company or association, and to provide for the trial and punishment of all offences against such laws.

That such property as comes from defunct Lodges as are directly subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge, be at the discretionary disposal of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. Likewise that such property coming from defunct Lodges to a State Grand Lodge be at the disposal of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and the Grand Patriarch and the Grand Scribe in State Jurisdictions, be vested with the same discretionary power as is herein made applicable in the case of property of defunct Lodges.

That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, through their proper officers, shall be permitted to issue to members of defunct Lodges or Encampments, withdrawal cards or dismissal certificates according to the standing of the brother when the Lodge or Encampment surrendered its charter, and members holding such cards or certificates shall have the same privilege and are to be recognized by every Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them, as having the same force and effect as a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate that has been issued by an existing Subordinate in good standing and will enable the holder to join another Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

That provision be made for a sanitarium loan fund to be handled by the Grand Treasurer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge under directing legislation by that Body; such fund to be loaned in limited amounts to jurisdictions establishing Oddfellows' sanitariums, upon mortgage security of the sanitarium property, at a very low rate of interest, not exceeding two or three per cent. per annum, and on such time as will give such jurisdictions opportunity to easily provide for the payment of the principal and interest; all such sanitariums to be open to the Oddfellows of the world, their wives, widows, and orphans, free if possible, or at the very lowest cost permissible by the financial condition of such institutions or prevailing in any such jurisdiction.

That Grand Lodges may establish General Relief Committees, so organized as to enable them to carry out, as far as may be, the requirements for relief found to exist in their especial jurisdictions; and for the maintenance of which they may authorize such Relief Committees to receive contributions from Lodges and individuals, and may authorize the Grand Master to grant dispensations to such Committees to raise funds by such legitimate means as he may approve. Provided, that like restrictions be placed upon the said Relief Committees in the giving of entertainments, as are upon Lodges under dispensations for like purposes. And provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to divest Subordinate Lodges of their rights or prerogatives in the case, assistance and relief of sojourning members of the Order, or to compel the formation of such Relief Committees. That such Committees be required to report annually to the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction wherein organized.

That the law found on page 10,900 of the Journal of this Grand Lodge for 1887, and digested in Section 112 of White's New Digest of 1895, be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit: *Resolved* (1), That it is the duty of every Oddfellow, when he is away from home and out of the jurisdiction of his own Lodge, to give attention and care to his brethren in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; (2), That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch the sick who are under the care of said Lodge, both members and visitors; and any such member failing so to report or to watch, shall not be entitled to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy brother.

That the legislation of this Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session in the city of Boston, in September, 1898, revoking all licenses heretofore granted to Oddfellow fraternal insurance companies, and requiring that the name of "Oddfellows" and the printed emblems of our Order be discontinued in use by all such associations, be repealed in the case of the "Oddfellows" Relief Association of Canada, with the provision that this repeal shall be not construed to affect and benefit said company, only in so far as the provincial law of Canada is and was binding upon it prior to Sept. 24th, 1898; and also such repeal is extended to any other fraternal insurance association, organized under the auxiliary endowment legislation of this Sovereign Body whose interests are as vitally affected as are those of the specific company herein referred to, provided that such relief shall only apply upon a presentation of the facts to the satisfaction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. That by the concession herein granted, the Sovereign Grand Lodge absolutely enjoins upon said fraternal associations so relieved that it is in no wise responsible for any act or acts of said associations, and hereby prohibits to any such association or associations the right to solicit or do business by any warrant of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the possession of a visiting card, the date of which extends to a date later than when the same is presented, or an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed and sealed, be and the same is hereby declared sufficient, proper, and legal authority for any Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch, or Noble

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Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the annual travelling pass-word, or the annual pass-word of the Rebekah Degree (as the case may be), and if the holder of a visiting card or official certificate, as above mentioned, is a member of a Lodge, Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge in the same jurisdiction as the Lodge, Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge to which the said visiting card or official certificate is presented then, and in that event the Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch, or Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, is authorized to communicate to the holder of said visiting card or official certificate the semi-annual pass-word or check-word (as the case may require). That all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

INCIDENTS OF THE SESSION.

"On to Richmond" is the cry for 1900.

An effort to abolish the old-time visiting card proved fruitless.

The adverse legislation of the S. G. L. would fill a much larger book than the laws passed by the Body.

A proposition to permit non-beneficial membership in Lodges and Encampments was adversely considered.

Rainy weather marred the pleasures of the week somewhat, but nevertheless they were thoroughly enjoyed.

As an indication of the cleanliness of Detroit was the sign, conspicuously displayed, "Do not spit on the sidewalks."

"Belle Isle" Park, containing 700 acres, is the jewel of the parks of the beautiful city of Detroit, and one of the finest in any city.

The estimated receipts of the S. G. L. for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1900, is fixed at \$62,125; the estimated expenditures at \$55,100.92.

The representative that wanted to "Amend White's Digest" was on hand as usual. Generally this brother is an old timer, who ought to know better.

The total number of miles traveled by the representatives was 193,790. The mileage amounted to \$20,732.06; the per diem to \$6,210; total \$26,942.06.

Reps. Blanton and Rogers of Texas asked for "a sister's word of distress to be used in the dark," but they didn't get it. The suggestion created considerable laughter.

The badge fiend got in his work with great effect in Detroit. The camera fiend was a close second. He probably would have stood first if his work had been as conspicuous.

The Cadillac, S. G. L. headquarters, is a fine hostelry. Its dining-room is a gem. The hotel orchestra—violin, flute, saxophone, harp—furnished excellent music during dinner hours.

A resolution containing ten paragraphs expressive of appreciation and acknowledgment to the brethren and sisters of Michigan, the State and city representatives and all who contributed to make the stay of the S. G. L. highly enjoyable, was passed unanimously.

The brothers of Detroit and Michigan were untiring in their efforts to please and entertain, and the session will long be remembered by those who participated in the festivities of the week.

The rules of parliamentary procedure of the Sovereign Body are to be considered by a Committee of which the Grand Sire is an *ex officio* member, which will report thereon at the next session.

Reps. Benedict of South Dakota, Mack of Nevada, Glenn of Kansas, and Waldo of Colorado, were the irrepresibles of the Body. They had something to say on everything that came up, and showed great ability for talking.

The practice of sending mileage request statements to representatives will hereafter be discontinued. Such information as is wanted will be procured from Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes of the various jurisdictions.

An effort was made to have the official receipt contain a statement giving the amount of benefits the holder would be entitled to in case of sickness, but as this would destroy the use of the old-time visiting card, it was not approved of.

A pail of chewing tobacco was sent up to the hall for the use of the representatives. But few knew about it, and when the Body adjourned it had not been disturbed. We imagine the janitor made a haul after the close of the session.

The Committee on Printing Supplies was authorized to have made an appropriate jewel for District Deputy Grand Masters, the same to be sold at a remunerative price. They are to be made only upon order for same to the Grand Secretary.

The genuine Oddfellow is kind-hearted and of a generous disposition. That is undoubtedly why no libel suits have been instituted against the Detroit newspapers for the publication of so-called likenesses of some of the leading members of the Order.

The mileage and per diem discussion brought out considerable oratorical display. "Vote as you feel, not as you fear," said Rep. Russell of Texas, and, acting upon the suggestion the representatives voted almost unanimously for the ten and twelve cent. rate.

For the first time for many years Grand Chaplain Venable was absent, by reason of old age and infirmities. By vote of the Body he was paid mileage and per diem as if present. Rev. J. I. McCoy, representative from Indiana, officiated as Chaplain during the session.

The action of the Grand Sire in commissioning Brother D. Mayer as Special Deputy Grand Sire for the Argentine Republic, and authorizing him to confer the degrees upon such qualified persons as might be necessary to institute the first Lodge in that country, was approved.

A cane formerly owned by Thomas Wildey, the "founder of Oddfellowship," was presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. John Milan, Past Grand Master of Ohio, made the presentation speech. The cane is made from the wood of the historic old Fort Duchesne, which once was a landmark of Pittsburg. The cane will be placed in the relic room of the Oddfellow Library at Baltimore.

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As a fitting conclusion to the festivities of the week, guests were given the tally-ho ride, Saturday afternoon, which was postponed from Tuesday on account of rain. Four tally-ho coaches and twenty-five hacks carried the visitors from Hotel Cadillac along the boulevard system to and around Belle Isle Park and back to the city.

"When I reached Windsor," said a Maine delegate, "I found that my watch was twenty-eight minutes out of the way, and so to be accurate, I adjusted it to the Windsor time. Then we boarded the boat and when I looked at the clock of the Michigan Central station I found my watch was an hour wrong. Accordingly, I adjusted it again and rode up to the city minutes slow and—well, I just put my timepiece was twenty-eight going it blind ever since."

Most of the representatives had souvenirs for exchange. The New Jersey souvenir had a faithful likeness of the New Jersey mosquito; Arizona had a copper ingot; Georgia had a little bale of cotton; Kansas had a satin sunflower with a photo of Gen. Funston in the centre; Pennsylvania gave its friends a small liberty bell; but the souvenir in greatest request was that of the Ontario representatives, a beautiful Maple Leaf pin enamelled in colors, with the three links and Ontario inscribed on it, designed by our good Bro. George C. Mortimore.

For the first time at least in the modern history of the Sovereign Grand Lodge all the decisions rendered by the Grand Sire during the past year were approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. There were 164 of them. There were objections to but one of the Grand Sire's decisions. One year ago the Grand Lodge added a qualification, to the Grand Representatives, requiring them to have taken the Rebekah Degree; during the year the Grand Sire also ruled that visitors to the Grand Lodge must have taken the Rebekah Degree, in order to be eligible to admission. To this single decision the Judiciary Committee reported an objection, but the Grand Sire was supported by the Sovereign Grand Lodge by a vote of 107 to 48.

In conclusion we desire to express to the Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, our grateful and heartfelt appreciation of the honor conferred in selecting us to represent them in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we cherish the hope that our labors in that Grand Body will meet with your approval, as we have endeavored to discharge the high trust with faithful and fraternal zeal.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE BELL,
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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New Jersey	Lewis Parker	Trenton.
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North Dakota	J. C. Garrett	Devil's Lake.
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