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EDITORIAL NOTES.

OUR RATES FOR LODGES.

The following are our rates for lodges subscribing their entire membership:

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" " " of 100 to 150	...55c
" " " over 150	...50c

We do not demand payment in advance. Lodges may make payment monthly, quarterly or half-yearly. Try us, and we will not disappoint you.

We are still looking for subscriptions for this paper.

An Exchange says—"A singular experiment was tried by a certain lodge to increase the membership. —The lodge subscribed for 150 copies of a fraternal paper and sent them to *worthy* men in the neighborhood—not members of the order—with the compliments of the lodge. As a result, three applications were received within the first month, and twenty-five the second month, with the prospect of further applications. If this statement is true, as without doubt it is, this is a most wonderful illustration of the power of the press." Are there any lodges in our jurisdiction who will try this experiment? The columns of the BRITISH COLUMBIA ODDFELLOW are replete with news of our Order, and we are satisfied that there is no better way of bringing our order before the public than giving them the perusal of the fraternal papers, published in the interests of the Order. Who will try the experiment for a few months?

In this connection the *Lodge Weekly* says,—

Did you know that a fraternal paper will do more to build up your order than any other agency that can be employed?

Did you know that one must be a reader of some fraternal journal in order to thoroughly enjoy his fraternal connections?

Did you know that it is the province of your fraternal paper to revive interest in lukewarm lodges, as well as to stimulate the progressive ones?

Did you know that the only way to make your fraternal paper a success is to give it your liberal and hearty support, and induce others to do likewise.

If you want to take out a life insurance, patronize our home institution—The Odd Fellows' Insurance Company of B.C. You will see its Ad. on the cover.

Pressure upon our space, this month, precludes us from publishing a list of the officers of the various lodges, which we compiled for that purpose.

Brother Wm Coughlin, of Pacific Lodge No. 26, who was injured in a railway accident, near Agassiz, recently, is recovering as well as can be desired. Brother Coughlin expresses himself as very grateful for the kindly and brotherly treatment he received at the hands of the members of Cheam Lodge, who watched over him and did all that was possible for him during the few days he was lying at Agassiz.

The officers for the current term of the subordinate lodges No. 10, 19 and 26. Vancouver, were installed into their respective offices in ample form, by Grand Master Gilmour, assisted by several Past Grands. D. D. G. M. Mackenzie installed the officers of No. 8. D. D. G. P., Wm. Davis, installed the officers of Columbia Encampment No. 5. These lodges and encampment are in a fairly prosperous condition. Let us hope, however, that the new officers will work energetically during their term of office, and not only add to the membership, but do what is of greater importance—retain those they have.

JOINED THE BENEDICTS.—Who would believe it? Is it possible that anyone would believe that our much respected Past Grand Alick Miller of No. 8, would have the boldness to try and win a fair lady's heart? He has done so, and she is his, much to the chagrin of many young men who were not adepts in the arts of love. It is with extreme pleasure that we have to announce that brother Alick Miller and sister Rosa Standwell Banford were made one by brother, the Rev. G. R. Maxwell M. P. At the close of the marriage ceremony a pleasant evening was spent by the invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will reside on Seymour St.,

and with their many friends and well wishers the BRITISH COLUMBIA ODDFELLOW joins in wishing them much happiness.

The subordinate lodge is not the only place where harsh and discordant notes are struck, where factions spring up without any apparent cause. We find these elements of discord existing among the fair daughters of Rebekah! What is the cause of this? We feel satisfied that if the contending parties stopped to reason, they would have very poor ground to stand upon; they would find that the want of sympathy and neglecting to cultivate that cardinal principle of Oddfellowship—*friendship*—is the cause of it all. When we express our opinions honestly and reasonably in our lodge, why should we lose the sympathy and friendship of those who are bound to us by the most sacred obligation? Let us cherish sympathy, for it is by that we enter into the concerns of others, that we are moved as they are moved, and are never suffered to be indifferent spectators of almost everything men can do or suffer. Sympathy may be considered as a sort of substitution by which we are put into the place of others, and affected in many respects as they are affected.

Do You Know Him?—You don't mean to tell me that you are an Oddfellow? Yes, I am.

How many years have you been one? Six years.

But you don't belong to the I. O. O. F? Yes, I do.

I never yet met you in a lodge room! I guess not.

How often do you attend your lodge? Go once in a while.

How often have you been this year? Was once last year.

Don't you go up to pay your dues? I send them up with Dick.

Have you drawn sick benefits from your lodge? Yes, you bet I did, sixty dollars! forty-eight dollars! and fifteen dollars, and the boys gave me a nurse, once.

Do you like the Order? Yes, you bet I do; its a mighty good thing for a fellow when he is sick.

Did you ever bring a member into the Order? No, but I was thinking about joining the Rebekah Lodge, but won't do

it now, as they give nothing to a fellow when he is sick, what's the use of them anyway!

Would you like to join the Camp? I never heard about that club.

It's a higher branch of the Order to which we belong, the dues are only 50c per month, and the admission fee is \$6.00, but the sick benefits are \$20.00 per week!

Will you please propose me for a member at once?

Can't do it my friend, *you must become an Oddfellow first.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

(From our Correspondent)

At the regular meeting of Amity Lodge No. 27, held on Monday evening July 6th, the following officers were duly installed in their respective chairs for the ensuing term: Noble Grand, Ed. Walmsley; Vice Grand, C. C. Fisher; Rec. Sec., W. C. Coatham. Per. Sec., D. McPherson; Treas., Geo. Adams; Jun. Past Grand, R. Kilpatrick; Warden, Isaac Howard; Cond., W. H. Gardnier, P. G.; O. G., David Adams; I. G., A. Kirkland; R. S. N. G., J. A. Johnson, P. G.; L. S. N. G., W. C. Calhoun; R. S. V. G., J. J. Johnston. L. S. V. G., W. V. Davies; R. S. S., Chas. Clapp; L. S. S., R. A. Kinderson; Chap., W. T. Cooksley; Org., Percy Peel.

The Installation was conducted in a most able and impressive manner by the D. D. G. M., Bro. T. A. Muir of New Westminster Lodge No. 3, assisted by the following Past Grands, who acted as Grand Lodge officers. Grand Warden, W. H. Gardnier; Grand Sec., R. May; Grand Treas., H. Gilley; Grand Mar., D. Welch, G. Rep.; Grand Guardians, J. A. Johnson.

After the ceremony the Lodge was treated to pleasant and complimentary remarks by the noble grand, followed by a brilliant and instructive oration by the vice grand (which, by the by, lasted for about half an hour), full of wit and information. It was much appreciated and was applauded until the hall rang.

All the other officers made very appropriate speeches, as also did the visitors.

The team captain Bro. W. H. Gardnier, P. G., has great expectations from the new team, and Amity invites the "British Columbia Oddfellow" staff to come over and see the work put on the floor as it ought to be

The following officers of Royal City Lodge No. 13 were duly installed on Thursday evening, July 9th: Noble Grand, W. Andrews; Vice Grand, W. E. Fales; Rec. Sec., W. H. Lewis, P. G.;

Per. Sec., D. Welch, P. G., G. K.; Treas., W. B. Townsend, P. G.; Warden, D. Walker; O. G., Jno. Campbell, P. G.; I. G., M. Phillips, P. G.; R. S. N. G., H. Gilley, P. G.; R. S. S., J. Campbell; Chap., C. H. Keith, P. G.

New Westminster Lodge No. 3 installed their officers at their regular meeting on Friday evening, July 10th, when the following brothers occupied the chairs: Noble Grand, W. Smith; Vice Grand, D. E. Mackenzie; Rec. Sec., H. Mackenzie; Per. Sec., T. A. Muir, P. G.; Treas., J. E. Phillips, P. G. M.; Cond., H. V. Smith; O. G., A. Latham; I. G., P. Ryan; R. S. N. G., A. Ferguson, P. G.; L. S. V. G., W. E. Townsend, P. G.; D. D. G. M., Bro. T. A. Muir conducted the ceremony, assisted by the following Past Grands acting as Grand Lodge officers: G. W., W. H. Gardnier; G. S., R. May; G. Treas., P. J. Foulds; G. M., D. Welch, G. R.; G. G., A. J. Holmes.

Past Grand, Bro. Muir is to be congratulated for the way in which he carried out the various installations, really he is a model D. D. G. M.

Bro. Walmsley the popular noble grand of Amity Lodge has gone on a visit to Kootenay, we hope he will not catch the gold fever; if he does we trust he will catch heaps of gold as an antidote.

We regret to say that Bro. H. R. Townsend has also left Westminster and is settled at Rossland, we hope he will also find riches in the land of gold.

Bro. C. C. McGregor has gone to Butte City on a visit but we all hope he will return again. He seems to have a hankering after Uncle Sam as he only returned a short time ago from a protracted visit to California and brought any amount of innovations from that jurisdiction.

Beulah Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 5. Officers for the term ending December 31st were installed in their respective chairs by the D. D. G. M., Sister Pearce assisted by the following Past Grands, who acted as Grand Officers: G. W., Sister Foulds; G. S., Bro. A. Ferguson; G. T., Sister Cunningham; G. Mar., Sister Ferguson.

The following officers occupy the chairs: N. G., Sister Holmes; V. G., Sister M. Williams; R. Sec., Sister Pearce; Per. Sec., Sister Cairns; Treas., Sister Gilley; Ward., Sister Battlett; Cond., Sister Hughes; O. G., Bro. W. Clarke; I. G., Sister M. Dillabaugh; R. S. N. G., Sister Shiles; L. S. N. G., Sister Johnson; R. S. V. G., Sister E. Dillabaugh; L. S. V. G., Sister Sample; Chap., Sister Mrs. Dillabaugh; organist, Sister Latham. After the ceremony which was carried through in a most exemplary manner by the installing officer, refreshments, (ice cream, lemonade, cakes, fruits etc. etc.) were served in the library and a most enjoyable time was spent.

At the regular meeting of Fidelity Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 10 held at Ladners on Tuesday evening, July 21, the following officers were installed in their respective chairs for the present term: N.G., Sister Mrs Skinner; V.G., Sister Mrs. Stainton; Sec., Sister Mrs. Ellis; Treas., Sister Mrs. Sherman; Ward., Bro. Skinner, P.G.; Cond. Bro. Sherman; I.G., Bro. Davey; R.S.N.G., Bro. M. Cullock, P.G.; R.S.V.G. Bro. Chaplain.

The ceremony was conducted by D.W. G.M., Sister Pearce of Beulah Lodge No. 5, New Westminster assisted by the following Past Grands: Sister Ferguson; Sister Gilley; Bro. Skinner; and Bro. McCulloch. Compliments to the D.D.G. M., were the order of the evening after the ceremony was over, for the able manner in which the installation was carried through.

But the fun of the fair was Bro. Chaplain went home with Sister Sinims; the jealous glances of the other sisters would cut cheese.

The Oddfellows of the royal city must be blest with wives who do not talk too much, as I am told that one brother is forced to keep a phonograph to fill the long felt want at home.

CHEAM LODGE No. 28.

Editor "British Columbia Oddfellow."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rather late in writing you this month; but I hope not too late. Our new D. D. G. M. installed our officers for the present term on the 4th inst. There are a few offices still vacant which we hope to see filled shortly.

We are pleased that our new officers are going to get up the floor work again as well, and if possible better than it used to be done. New brooms sweep clean; let us hope and trust our officers will fulfil expectations. Let us do all we can and help them in their work; especially at this time when things seem to be awakening to a new life.

We initiated a candidate last week and have another application on hand.

At our meeting on July 4th, our Grand Master, H. B. Gilmour was present in an unofficial character. We hope to see him back in his official capacity. We are always glad to be able to practice a little of the teaching of our beloved Order, and discharge our duties to the strangers who may visit us, or those who may be cast our way, sick or distressed.

Fraternally,

J. K. B.

DUNCAN LODGE No 17.

Editor "British Columbia Oddfellow."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our officers for the present term were duly installed into their respective offices by our D.D.G.

M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren had refreshments which were dealt with in good style. The evening was enlivened with songs and speeches. An exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. Duncan Lodge is getting along fairly well, considering hard times. The attendance of our members has been rather slim, as most of them are a goodly distance away, and cannot be present; but the majority are keeping up their dues. We have had no sickness or accidents to speak of. The following are our elective officers for the present term:—R. J. Manly, N. G.; J. H. Blyth V. G.; Jas. McL. Campbell, Secy; C. H. Dickie, Treas. We hope everything will move along smoothly and that the brethren will vie with each other in doing all they possibly can during the present term. Wishing you every success and prosperity.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

JAS. McL. CAMPBELL.

KOOTENAY LODGE No. 16.

Editor "British Columbia Oddfellow."

Just a few lines to let you know how our lodge is progressing. The lodge is in a good position financially; we have paid off the account against the lot owned by the lodge, and have a good balance in the treasury. Two new members to initiate next meeting and promise of three or four applications. We have quite a few visitors in town, most of them visit us once in a while. The attendance of our members is not so good as it ought to be. We have quite a good number who can't attend on account of living out of town, but most of our members living in town could attend more regularly than they do; one of our members had been away so long, he had forgotten the sign of the third degree. Our officers for the new term are: B. C. Turner, N. G.; S. P. Shaw, V. G.; A. E. Lott, Rec.-Sec.; W. Hodson, Per.-Sec.; M. J. McGrath, Treas.; S. Nelson, Con.; E. C. Arthur, Warden; A. Johnson, R.S.N.G.; some of our members wondered who was sending them the BRITISH COLUMBIA ODDFELLOW, and were pleased to get it. We hope some of them will profit by it and take a greater interest in the lodge, and not leave all the work to be done by the same members all the time.

Yours fraternally,

TRIPLE LINK.

HOW TO VISIT THE SICK.

1. Enter and leave the house and move about the room quietly.
2. Carry a cheerful face and speak cheerful words; but you need not tell lies to be cheerful.
3. If your friend is very sick do not fall into gay and careless talk in an attempt to cheer him.

4. Do not ask questions and thus oblige your friend to talk.

5. Talk about something outside and not about the circumstances and disease of the patient.

6. Tell the news, but not the list of the sick and dying.

7. Never whisper in the sick room.

8. If possible, carry with you something to please the eye and relieve monotony of the sick room; a flower, or even a picture which you can leave for a few days.

9. If desirable, some little delicacy to tempt the appetite will be well bestowed; but it is the most unkind unkindness to tempt the sick to eat too much of rich cakes, preserves, sweetmeats, etc.—*E.c.*

REBEKAH!

BY ANNA PATTERSON.

Rebekah! What vivid associations the word recalls! What noble deeds, what self-sacrifice and what unselfishness is brought to mind by the mere name of Rebekah. I am proud that I belong to this noble Order, for nowhere is to be found an Order composed chiefly of women, whose aims are higher, whose deeds are nobler, or whose work is more unselfish. We stand first, and as we spread our wings above the land, and as the name Rebekah is blessed by those whom we have befriended, the feathers that have fallen in our upward flight have been gathered, and helped to make softer the pillow under some poor dying one's head. Our hands have wiped the death-dew from many foreheads—some furrowed with the marks of many years of pain and toil—some that were yet bright with joy and ambitions of youth and some bowed low with sorrow and shame.

Friendship, Love and Truth, the corner stones of Oddfellowship and Rebekahism, embracing the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity, support a structure which rises to a sublime height, directing us forever upward and onward until at last we reach the end of our journey, where we will be welcomed by the Supreme Grand Master and rewarded with a crown set with those precious jewels.

This mighty structure which we have helped to rear, shall live in time to come as a monument to woman's undying trust and love and long years after we have left this world, it shall stand to perpetuate the divine principles on which our Order is founded.

Woman's trust and tenderness are the mainstay of all Rebekah Orders, and how tenderly woman watches by the bedside of the sick and how carefully she smooths the pillow beneath the feverish head! And when the poor tired soul is about to take its flight from its earthly casket, how earnestly she prays for the dying one, and

how gently she comforts the stricken family.

When the last sad rites are over, the thoughts of the bereaved family turn toward those noble women who were so untiring in their ministrations of mercy and in their hearts they pray, "God bless the Rebekahs."—*Oddfellow's Herald*.

I CANNOT BUT SIGH.

I cannot but sigh when the friends of my youth,
Whorepaid with fond and love that I gave,
Who tendered their pledge on the altar of truth,
Forgetful, return to their rest in the grave.

I cannot but sigh when the visions of joy,
That rose on gay childhood, and sought to allure,
Like the dreams of the wretched, but smiled to destroy,
Or adorn the bright sketchings they failed to ensue.

I cannot but sigh, while reviewing the years,
When hope in this bonum beat ardent and high;
Oh, memory! what art thou? a record of tears
of meteor enjoyments, that sparkle and die.

I cannot but sigh, when futurity's scroll
Unfolding, gives sign of no pleasure in store;
When regret for the past still remains on the soul,
While the present is lost in aspiring to more.

I cannot but sigh, when heart-stricken I scan
The victims of misery that float down the stream;

And even recounting the bliss of frail man
I cannot but sigh, for that bliss is a dream.
"Pacific Lodge."

THE OUTSIDE GUARDIAN.

Very few brothers recognize the importance of the position of the Outside Guardian. To many, it seems an insult to be asked to fill that position, and yet it is a position which requires as much tact and intelligence as any other station. The duties of an Outside Guardian are various and many. For instance, he is the first brother to come in contact with visiting brothers. A hearty hand shake, a pleasant "how do you do," "glad to see you with us," etc., will go a good way towards making an everlasting good impression upon any visiting brother. In addition to that he is asked for information oftener than any other brother. He listens to many conversations which should never go further. He has charge of the candidates, and his cheerful manner towards them inspires nervous and wavering candidates with courage and makes them more capable of going through the degree work in good shape. These are only a few of the qualifications a good O. G. should possess. There are many more, too numerous to enumerate them here. The smallest and most insignificant position in the lodge can be made one of importance and call the attention of the brothers to you if you do your duty cheerfully and to the best of your ability, knowledge and power.—*Bundle of Sticks*.

INFLUENCE OF THE ORDER

It would seem impossible to estimate the influence exerted by our Order during the period of seventy-seven years it has been in operation. Its origin was of the humblest character. Thomas Wildey, a blacksmith by trade, English born, with out education or experience beyond that of an ordinary young mechanic among strangers in Baltimore, the city of his adoption call together four other men of the same nationality and organized Washington Lodge No 1, in crude form. Perhaps his only thought was to afford temporary relief to his fellow countrymen in times of sickness and distress and to avail himself of the social advantage that follow from association with kindred spirits. But behold the grand results from the organization of Washington Lodge with only five members of unpretentious origin and limited means and influence. They laid the foundations of a structure now grown to enormous proportions. Surely they builded better than they knew and their labors, probably without much design, have culminated in the grandest social, moral and fraternal fabric ever reared by human hands. The world looks on in wonder and admiration. The people are amazed at its growth, power and influence, for them it is a little less than a fraternal miracle. Millions of men, women and children rejoice to-day in the knowledge that the Order with a fidelity no where approached, visits the sick, relieves the distressed, buries the dead and educates the orphan, and performs many other functions scarcely less valuable to mankind. Why is this? Surely because the Order is based on the eternal principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and the members most sacredly and religiously perform the duties they have obligated themselves to do, and this fidelity to principle has been owned and blessed of God.—*Joseph Kilder*.

A FEW DONT'S.

Don't discuss lodge business on the street.

Don't allow the chair to influence the vote. It is a bad precedent.

Don't allow a chair, when visiting a sister lodge, criticise the action of its members.

Don't allow cliques to form in your lodge, as it means, "breakers ahead."

Don't put too much on the willing horse. You may work it to death.

Don't report "favorable," when you don't know the candidate. You may regret it some day.

Don't be an ante-room ranter, but go into the lodge room and say your little speech like a man.

Don't allow your by-laws to be ignored. Carry them out to the letter or abolish them altogether.

Don't move to "lay on the table" because you wish to go home. Others are interested if you are not.

Don't allow a young or new member to be browbeat or bullied when he rises to speak. See that he gets a fair show.

Don't go on a committee and then not attend the meetings. It would mean failure if all the committee men did likewise.

Don't be forever suggesting coffee and cake socials. They are pleasant enough at intervals, but when you think the lodge room is a restaurant it's time you quit.

Don't go to lodge, simply to pay your dues. You have as much right to take a share of the work as any other brother, and if you don't you are shirking your duty.

Don't allow your staff to do their work in a slovenly manner. Call their attention to it under "good and welfare." Remember, first impressions are always best and lasting.—*Ec*.

HE KEPT A DIARY.

March	
1.	—Advertised for typewriter... \$ 1.50
9.	—Violets for new typewriter... 75
13.	—Salary, new typewriter... 10.00
16.	—Roses for typewriter... 4.00
20.	—Salary, Miss Remington... 4 50
20.	—Candy for Wife & Daughter. 60
27.	—Salary, Daisy... 40.00
29.	—Theatre tickets and Supper at Del's. 19.00
30.	—Sealskin Sack for Wife... 225.00
30.	—Silk dress for Wife's Mother. 60.00
30.	—Advertised for young Man as typewriter 1.50
	— <i>Theatrical Tidings</i> .

TO BE AN ODDFELLOW.

The late Rev. A. B. Grosh, in his day a very prominent Oddfellow, wrote the following to be an Oddfellow in the sense it has in our minds, you must act and speak like an honest man; you must do all the good to mankind that is in your power; you must reverence God; do to your neighbor as you would have him do unto you, and keep yourself free from all excesses and pollution. Alas, some who bear the name do not sustain the character! To do the work of an Oddfellow you must attend the couch of the sick or dying, the side of suffering and distress, the house of mourning, the grave of the departed, the abode of poverty and want, and visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction; as well as the lodge room, where social intercourse and fellowship abound. Become an Oddfellow and sustain the character and perform the duties, and share the privileges of that name, and it will sound as sweet to you as it is dear to us."

LAW OF THE ORDER.

Brothers are invited to ask questions on subjects relating to the Law of the Order, which we will endeavor to have answered in this column. We wish it however, to be distinctly understood that our exposition of the law must not be considered as official.

31. Q. Can a lodge ballot on several applications for withdrawal cards at one ballot? A. No.

32. Q. Can a lodge subscribe for a fraternal journal for its members and pay for same out of funds in the treasury? A. There is no law against it. Lodges in this jurisdiction are subscribing for the BRITISH COLUMBIA ODDFELLOW in this way.

34. Q. Can a brother who is three years in arrears in his subordinate lodge and one and a half years in his camp be elected to office in the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment? A. Submit this question to the Grand Master and the Grand Patriarch.

35. Q. Is the widow of a man who was not an Oddfellow eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge? A. Yes.

36. Q. Can a D. D. G. M. appoint a deputy to perform his duties in his absence? A. No.

37. Q. Must a lodge ballot on visiting cards? A. No; they are granted as a matter of course to members in good standing, and whose dues have been paid for the time for which the card is asked.

38. Q. Is it lawful to write off charges from the Ritual for the officers to commit to memory? A. It is unlawful, and a breach of this law should be met with condign punishment.

39. Q. Can a Vice Grand of a Rebekah Lodge deliver the P. G.'s charge at initiation of a candidate? A. No.

40. Q. If there be no Past Grand member of a Rebekah Lodge, who can deliver the Past Grand's charge at initiation? A. The Noble Grand.

41. Q. Is it lawful for the D. D. G. M. to serve as Noble Grand in conferring the degree in a Rebekah Lodge? A. There is no law against it.

42. Q. Can a brother be D.D.G.M and at the same time Treasurer of his lodge? A. Yes.

43. Q. What provisions are made for visits of D.D.G.M.'s? A. They should visit upon the invitation of the lodge desiring their presence, expense incurred to be borne by the lodge.

44. Q. Can a Rebekah Lodge receive a petition for membership, refer the same to a committee, ballot thereon, and confer the degree, all at the same meeting? A.

No, except under dispensation in case of necessity.

45. Q. Can a Rebekah Lodge expend its funds for paraphernalia? A. Yes.

46. Q. Should the annual travelling password be given aloud in a Rebekah Lodge to candidates? A. No; it should only be given when a card is taken and then secretly.

"P.G."—The questions which you have submitted to us, lead us to think that you have very good reason indeed to prefer charges against the brother. His suspension in his subordinate lodge does not sever his connection with the Order. During his suspension he is still amenable to the laws of the Order.

DECISIONS.

The following are the decisions of Grand Master Holmes, rendered during his term of office, and all of which were approved by the Grand Lodge at its last session.

1. A brother elected to membership in a lodge by deposit of card should be considered a member from the date the withdrawal card is deposited with the lodge, although the brother did not sign the constitution on that date.

2. A District Deputy Grand Master may hold the office of permanent secretary of his lodge.

3. A brother should not be deprived of benefits through a clerical error made in his accounts by the lodge secretary two years ago and which had never been brought to his notice.

4. A brother who had been expelled from the order, but whose expulsion had been set aside on appeal by the Grand Lodge and a new trial ordered, should pay all dues and other charges that had been levied on other members of his lodge during the period he was under suspension, the lodge having dropped all proceedings against him.

5. A receipt given by a secretary in error, showing a brother's dues paid three months beyond the date to which the amount paid would entitle him, does not absolve the brother from his indebtedness for the three months in question.

6. Rebekah Lodges cannot pay stated benefits fixed by the by-laws. This construction of the code of laws governing Rebekah Lodges became operative from the 20th September, 1894, the date of its adoption by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

7. The action of the Grand Lodge, session 1895, re Odd Fellows Insurance Association does not affect members at present insured in these associations, but simply prohibits such associations from doing fresh business in this jurisdiction.

8. The only dispensations which D. D. G. M's. are authorized to issue are (1st) to confer three degrees of the order at one meeting or in less time than otherwise permitted by law and (2nd) to empower lodges to elect a scarlet degree member to the office of N. G. or V. G. when all other qualified members decline to serve.

8a. That sick benefits are rights personal to a member, his family or dependent relatives, and are not payable to the legal representatives of a member's estate. The sick benefits due to a member who is an inmate of the Provincial Asylum for the Insane, should not be paid to the Local Government, but to the member's wife, for the maintenance of herself and family.

9. Members cannot be kept out of the lodge room during the reading of the minutes or of a communication, nor whilst a brother is speaking.

10. A lady legally divorced from her husband possessing all the other qualifications prescribed by law, is eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

11. The constitution of Rebekah lodges (sec. 4, art. 4) provides that all officers may hold their offices for six months or one year, the by-laws of each lodge should provide which of these periods apply to that particular lodge. If the by-laws provide for six months and the lodge wishes to retain the officers services for a longer period they must be re-elected and installed at the end of six months.

12. Charges should be preferred against a member who misrepresented his age at the time of initiation into the order. If, however, the fact of his being under 21 years of age was known to the members of the lodge at the time of his admission such a knowledge would preclude the lodge from subsequently proceeding against the brother and punishing him.

13. The record of the attendance of officers at roll call should not be altered on account of the presence of officers who come after the roll call has been called. One of the principal objects of calling the roll is to secure the punctual attendance of officers at the opening of the lodge and this would be defeated if the roll was afterwards altered.

14. The fee to be paid by members on reinstatement in a Rebekah lodge should be provided for in the by-laws of the lodge, but if the by-laws are silent on this point the amount should not be less than 12 months' dues.

15. Question—"Can elective officers be chosen as trustees if other members of the lodge refuse to act?"

Answer—The holding of two offices excepting Recording and Permanent Secretary, by any member of the lodge is objectionable in principle. As a rule trustees give bonds to the N. G., V. G.,

and J. P. G., it follows therefore that neither of these officers can hold the office of trustee. Further, the treasurer gives bonds to the trustees, therefore the treasurer cannot hold that office and it appears to me that as the duties of the secretary and those of trustees are liable to conflict it is not desirable that this officer should hold both offices. I am therefore compelled to answer the question in the negative.

16. A lodge cannot legally change its location except by permission of the Grand Master or change its name without permission from the grand Lodge.

17. When charges are preferred against a member who has been convicted of a crime and who is suffering the penalty in prison, in pursuance of a resolution No. 155, page 14580 of Proceedings of Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1895, the trial may be conducted in conformity with the Code of Procedure laid down in the constitution for subordinate lodges.

FRATERNAL POPULARITY.

In treating of this subject an exchange among other things, says: "A man of apparently no influence and inferior ability may by dint of effort and persevering zeal gain for his lodge a collection of material that will add character to the membership, increase the treasury funds, place his lodge before the world as a growing and glittering example to others, and win for himself that degree of popularity which will enable him to control the ballot and obtain for himself any office within the gift of his fraternity.

"Rings, cliques and combinations he defies, and the pinnacle of his popularity may be so high that no member would dare to accept a nomination in opposition to him. He may be regarded as the most earnest worker, most successful advocate, and most ardent lover of his Order, and his merits be almost lauded to the skies. His name may be a synonym of success, and the lodge even be denominated as his lodge.

"Yet let this popular and influential brother make one slip, let him be guilty of a single indiscretion, or let him be one of those unenviable unfortunates who are out of money or out of a job, and the eye of criticism, the voice of ingratitude, and acts of envy are at his heels to hasten his decline, cripple his influence, and drag him down to insignificance and often to ruin.

"A hundred good and noble deeds of his may be overshadowed and consigned to oblivion by one unguarded error that will afford some envious, ungrateful and untrue brother (?) member an opportunity to show how insecure, undesirable and unreliable a thing is fraternal popularity.

"What a glorious day it will be when all popularity will rest solely upon the in-

dividual merit of an honest, capable, unselfish, wise and conscientious being! And what a blessed thing it will be for all true merit when ingratitude and envy are banished from this world and chained to the devil, their king!" *Etc.*

THREE PAIRS OF SHOES.

There they are in a neat little row under the mantle in the children's bedroom, a pair of twelves, a pair of nines and a tiny pair of fives belonging to the baby.

They are all more or less wrinkled and worn and the pair of twelves have holes in the toes which caused me to say a little while ago to the sturdy wearer of them that there was "no sense in his kicking out shoes like that," and if we were not more careful he would just have to go barefooted.

He heard me with the utmost indifference as I know from the fact that the threat was hardly out of my mouth when he asked me if I knew whose little boy he would have been if I had never been born.

"You might have been the little boy of some papa who couldn't have bought you any shoes at all," I said reproachfully.

"Oh, well," he says, calmly, in the fullness and beauty of his childish faith, "God has millions and trillions of shoes and I could just ask Him for a pair whenever I wanted them. Don't you see, papa.

Three pairs of shoes! Three pairs of tender little feet upon the untried border of life's mysterious land.

I sit and look at the little shoes, wondering where the feet that wear them will be led in the time to come, the little feet that "—Through long years,

Must wander on 'mid hopes and fears."

How much I would give to know the future that I might stand between them and the temptations so sure to assail them, that I might guide their feet aright, that I might shield them from pain and sorrow if I could.

There is something strangely appealing and half pathetic to every loving father and mother in the sight of a row of little shoes like those I see before me now. They arouse the tenderest instincts of one's nature. I don't know why.

The wearers of the little shoes may have been very fretful or mischievous or trying all day.

You may have been "all out of patience" with them. You may have whipped the little hands or put the rebellious little ones to bed, declaring that they were "worrying the life out of you," but they are not "worrying" you any now, and you go about picking up a little stocking here and a little shirt there with nothing but tenderness in your heart toward them.

You think only how precious the wearers of the little clothes are, and there is no melody on earth one-half so sweet to you as the music of the baby voices when they knelt around you a little while ago saying, "God bless mamma and papa, and keep us all safely through the night." You will hear no sweeter music than that this side of Paradise.

You reproach yourself for your lack of tenderness and patience as you look at that little row of shoes, and sometimes you fall to thinking of the unutterable sorrow that would fill your heart to breaking if the wearer of any one of the little shoes would wear them no more—if you should awaken some morning, as heart-broken fathers and mothers have sometimes awakened, and find that the wearer of one pair of the little shoes had gone from you in the night to wear the garments that wax not old.

Three pairs of little shoes! There are tears in your eyes as you look at them now, and perhaps you steal softly to the bedside of the little sleepers to make sure that they are sleeping sweetly and safely and to touch their little hands to their cool, moist brows with your lips, your heart filled with tender memories, with hopes and fears, with unspoken prayers.

Three pairs of little shoes? Three little pilgrims setting out on the voyage of life, their frail barks as yet untouched and unharmed by adverse winds and waves. God bring them all to port.

It's becoming more and more apparent, every year, that biennial sessions is the only remedy in sight, for it is very evident that sight-seeing and entertainments are getting more burdensome on the general membership. Increased taxation in times of depression will not reap a fruitful harvest.

Do not make a burlesque out of our solemn ceremonies. There is nothing funny about them. They are calculated to make a deep and lasting impression upon the mind, and lodges should see to it that that impression is the proper one. The wounded Israelite did not think it much of a joke when the Priest and Levite gave him the cold shoulder; neither did the Samaritan observe anything ludicrous when he cared for his fellow man. —*National Odd Fellow.*

The estimated expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for this year are \$60,669. Every year an inroad is made on the reserve fund. This can't be kept up always, because there will soon be no reserve fund, and then subordinates will have to pay a higher rate of taxation. The sooner the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge recognise this fact, and vote for biennial sessions, the sooner will they prove that they are worthy to represent us. —*Virginia Odd Fellow.*

A BUNDLE OF STICKS.

We were born with two eyes and one tongue that we should see twice as much as we say.

The Grand Lodge of California increased the Grand Master's annual allowance to \$1,500.

The Odd Fellows is a fraternity that will bear investigation. The longer good men stay in, the better they invariably like it.

Past Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson, has entered upon his twenty-seventh, and M. Richards Muckle his forty-first year as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectively.

The Odd Fellows contributed \$10,000 for the relief of the forty-four families of East St. Louis, who suffered loss by the recent cyclone. To their credit he it also said that the amount was raised within ten days.

The Odd Fellows' Temple Company of Cincinnati, has made an assignment. The assets are estimated at \$550,000, and liabilities are \$260,000. The building was completed a year or to ago and is one of the most complete of its kind on this continent.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has prohibited its subordinate lodges loaning money to members of the order. This is a step in the right direction, and much trouble and dissention in lodges would be avoided—yes, bankruptcy in cases—if every grand body would take similar action.

Fraternal organizations should be regarded by the people as essential to the community because they encourage their members in all that is good and noble, caring for them during sickness and trouble, and last, but not least, furnishing means for the maintenance of their widows and the education of their children.

The Odd Fellows of Seattle, Wash., have a handsome building, thoroughly equipped for lodge purposes, but it is encumbered with a mortgage of \$15,000, which may soon be foreclosed. The sisters of Ridgley Rebekah Lodge have adopted the chain-letter plan of raising funds to assist the brothers in clearing the mortgage. One is already going the rounds in New Hampshire.

It is passing strange that so many men find their way into our Order to be suspended, in a longer or shorter time, for the non-payment of dues, but few of whom are ever re-instated to membership. The suspensions in 1893, were 39,886; in 1894, 48,339. The number for the last year is not at hand, but we presume it was greater than in the previous year. Candidates for our mysteries should join the Order for life.

TO REVIVE THE ENCAMPMENT INTEREST.

In speaking of the Encampment branch of the Order, which seems to be not only at a standstill, but actually in a decline in many jurisdictions, and how to revive its interest, a brother offers the following suggestion, which is not only feasible, but practical. He says: "Above all else, utilize every opportunity which is presented to bring the beauties of the Patriarch Order to the attention of the lodge members. Remember that our subordinate lodges never grew to any extent until the thoughtful public were taught its work and worth. Oddfellows constitute the public from which we seek recruits, and we are justified in resorting to every legitimate means to gain their favor and support. As a part of the Order, the Encampment is a fitting topic when 'good of the Order' is reached and a Patriarch is called upon. See that 'Patriarchal Odd fellowship' secures a place upon the programme when public meetings are held, and let it be occasionally discussed in the Order's fraternal journals. Open occasionally the Patriarchal tent to members of the Scarlet Degree, and show them that hospitality, which our traditions tell us, was regarded by the ancient Patriarchs as a solemn duty, can be practiced by their descendants as royally, though, perhaps, with less solemnity. In this way their knowledge of our work can be enlarged, and our Encampments will profit, thereby. --*Bundle of Sticks.*

THE MODEL NOBLE GRAND.

Much has been said and written within a year or two, on making successful lodge meetings of those that are now comparative failures. The prescriptions have been varied, and in some instances amusing. A writer in *The Widows' and Orphan's Friend* has at last discovered the unfailing remedy for poor lodge meetings. He says the Noble Grand should be held responsible for dull meetings and specifies the remedy in the following words: "The Noble Grand should call the lodge to order at the proper time, and from that moment should not hesitate or delay until the work is done. He should be self possessed and courteous to all, should be fully informed on rules of order and all our laws, so as to meet and deal gracefully with any little surprise that may come to the service during the evening. He should recognize any brother who rises to speak, if he is entitled to the floor, by pronouncing his name, and should two or more brothers rise at, or about the same time, he should decide which one has the floor, and when his remarks are concluded he should ask the brother who previously desired to speak if he still wishes to do so."

With such a Noble Grand, the writer remarks there will be a speedy revival of interest in the lodge, and the meeting will prove a grand success. We know of a Noble Grand of this character who is so zealous in his duties that he frequently brings down his gavel a little before the stated time, whether the officers and members are present or not. Some think he is a little "previous" in his ideas, but his method works well. --*Ex.*

ODD ITEMS.

Some people's heads become dizzy when elevated to office. This comes of looking down upon others.

When a young man—or an old one either—spends more than he earns, somebody has to make up the deficiency.

It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

If right is right and God is God,
Then right the day will win.
To doubt would be disloyalty;
To falter would be sin.

A brother being recently asked as to the qualifications of a successful Rebekah degree staff, replied: "Dutiful, beautiful, graceful, mindful, cheerful, grateful, careful, tasteful, helpful, youthful, joyful."

The old member tells of what he has done for his lodge; the new member tells of what he is doing—bringing in new members. The drone tells of what he is going to do, and the kicker objects to doing anything.

Shiver—"This is one of those Masonic rooms, isn't it?"

Mrs. Defrees—"What do you mean, sir?"

Shiver—"It never gets above thirty three degrees." --*Ex.*

Johnny—"Did they hurt you much at lodge Saturday night, papa?"

Papa—"No, Johnny. Why do you ask that?"

Johnny—"Cause, I heard Mr. Johnson say you were about 'half shot.'" --*Ex.*

First citizen—"I beg your pardon sir, but I am a stranger in Dublin. Can you direct me to Grafton Street?"

Second ditto—"With Pleasure. Sure 'tis the second turn to the right."

First ditto—"Thank you sir." (Walks off.)

Second ditto (calling after him)—"Hi! if you're a left-handed man it's the other way entirely."

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 James B. Blunks, Grand Marshall, Petersburg, Va.
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 D. D. GRIFFITH, Grand Herald.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Lodge caps as below are inserted at \$2.00 per year, for six lines, additional lines at cents per line extra. Cancel each term conformably to the election of new officers. The following are the most progressive lodges in B. C., and at their meetings visitors will always find a brotherly welcome.

Victoria.

VICTORIA LODGE No. 1 meets every Monday at 8 o'clock p. m., in Oddfellows' Hall, Douglas Street. Visitors cordially welcomed.
 A. STEWART, N.G., MATHIE SALMON, V.G., FRED. DAVEY, P. G., Per. and Rec. Secy.

COLUMBIA LODGE No. 2 meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Douglas Street, every Wednesday night. Visiting brethren invited to attend.
 R. L. ALAN, N. G., ADAMS EDWARDS V. G., R. W. FAWCETT, R. S.

DOMINION LODGE No. 1. The regular meetings of this lodge are held in the Hall of Dominion Lodge every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.
 F. J. HOLLAND, N. G., WM. MERRIFIELD, V. G., T. BAMFORD, Rec. Secretary.

Vancouver.

VANCOUVER LODGE No. 8 meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Oddfellows' Hall, corner of Homer and Hastings Streets. Sojourning brethren cordially invited to attend.
 CHAS. NYP, N.G., WM. CROV, V.G., H. H. DAVIS, Rec. Secy.

WESTERN STAR LODGE No. 10 meets every Thursday at 8 p. m., in the Hall on third floor of the Sullivan Block, Conroy Street. Visiting brethren always welcome.
 C. H. MAYAT, N.G., E. P. DENNIS, V.G., John McTAGGART, Rec. Secy.

MOUNT PLEASANT LODGE No. 19 meets every Friday evening at 8 p. m., in Oddfellows' Hall, Archer Block, Mt. Pleasant. Sojourning brethren cordially invited.
 R. H. POOL, N.G., R. H. CARSEADEN, V.G., F. J. HAIR, Rec. Secy.

PACIFIC LODGE No. 26 meets every Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, in the Oddfellows' Hall, corner of Homer and Hastings Streets. Visiting brethren always welcome.
 G. R. GORDON, N. G., S. A. CHURCH, V. G., H. K. RICKARD, Rec. Secy.

New Westminster.

NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE No. 3. The regular meetings of this lodge are held at Oddfellows' Hall, Columbia Street, every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.
 J. H. HOLLIS, N.G., WILLIAM SMITH, V.G., H. MCKENZIE, Rec. Secy.

ROYAL CITY LODGE No. 13 meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, Columbia Street. Visiting brethren are kindly invited to attend.
 C. S. CAMPBELL, N.G., W. ANDERSON, V.G., W. H. LEWIS, Rec. Secy.

AMITY LODGE No. 27. The regular meetings of this lodge are held at Oddfellows' Hall, Columbia Street, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.
 R. KILPATRICK, N.G., E. WALUSLEY, V.G., W. C. GUYMAN, Rec. Secy.

Nanaimo.

CENTENNIAL LODGE No. 20 meets every Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, Commercial St. Visitors are cordially welcomed.
 G. McKINSELL, N. G., J. NEWTON, V. G., F. S. WHITESIDE, P. G., Rec. Secy.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 30 meets every Friday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, Commercial St. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.
 A. DENLAR, N. G., N. McCUSH, V. G., J. B. NICHOLSON, Rec. and Per. Secy.

BLACK DIAMOND LODGE No. 5 meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, Commercial Street every Wednesday evening.
 Geo. E. NORTON, N. G., JAS. HABLEY, V. G., W. H. MORRIS, Rec. Secy.

AGASSIZ--CHEAM LODGE No. 28 meets every Saturday evening in Oddfellows' Hall, Agassiz. Visiting brethren always welcome.
 F. WEST, N.G., B. VANCO, V.G., H. L. CALVERT, Rec. Secy.

Ashcroft. ASHROFT LODGE No. 23 meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Oddfellows' Hall. Sojourning brethren cordially to attend.
 E. LA FOREST, N. G., FRED. C. TINGLEY, V. G., J. LEHMAN, R. S.

Cedar. CEDAR LODGE No. 35 meets in the old school, Nanaimo River Bridge, every Saturday at 7.30 p. m. Sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend.
 G. C. GORDON, N.G., H. McDONALD, V.G., JOHN G. PETERBROCK, Rec. Secy.

Chilliwack. EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 7 meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in Henderson Hall, Chilliwack. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.
 J. H. ASHWELL, N. G., THOS. PYM, V. G., JOS. BANKS, Rec. Secy.

Cloverdale. CLOVERDALE LODGE No. 15 hold their meetings in Odd Fellows' Hall, Cloverdale, Surrey, at 7.30 o'clock on Saturday evenings. Visiting brethren welcomed and their presence appreciated.
 D. Z. McLENSAN, N. G., WILLIAM HAMILTON, V. G., H. T. THURP, P. G., Rec. Secy.

Donald. Selkirk Lodge No. 12 meets every Thursday at 8 o'clock p. m., in their Hall and extend a welcome to visiting brethren.
 JAMES MAOK, N. G., JAMES LOPAN, V. G., JAMES MARTIN, Rec. Secy.

Duncans. DUNCAN LODGE No. 17 meets in Oddfellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Sojourning brethren kindly invited.
 R. J. MASLEY, N.G., J. H. BATH, V.G., JAMES Mc. L. CAMPBELL, Rec. Secy.

Eburne. ISLAND LODGE No. 24 meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Eburne, every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren invited to attend.
 R. H. ANGERMOMME, N. G., D. E. MCKAY, V. G., IRA McLAUREN, Rec. Secy.

Kamloops. TATNAI LODGE No. 9 meets in Odd Fellows' Hall every Monday at 8 p. m. We invite visiting brothers to attend.
 J. S. SMITH, N.G., CHAS. W. WHITE, V.G., E. T. W. PEARSE, P. G., Rec. Secy.

Ladner's Landing. DELTA LODGE No. 21 meets in their Hall, Ladner's Landing, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren welcome.
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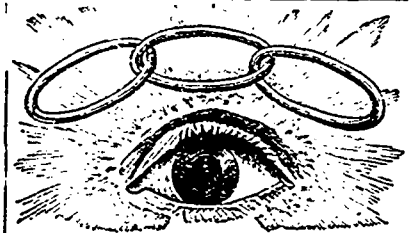
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