

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## R. W. GRAND LODGE

OF CANADA WEST.

**H. O. O. F.**

AT ITS

**TWELFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

HELD IN THE

**TOWN OF BRANTFORD,**

In the Hall of Gore Lodge, No. 34, on the 1st day of  
August, A. D. 1866, at 9 o'clock, A. M.



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The members of Gore Lodge having assembled in special session to receive the Grand Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, and:

The Grand Master, Officers and Representatives having been duly announced and admitted,

The Noble Grand, Bro. Edwin Chalcraft, on the part of Gore Lodge, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Brantford, and tendered the use of the Lodge Room—expressing a desire that the session would prove harmonious and useful.

The M. W. Grand Master thanked the Brethren of Gore Lodge for their cordial reception, and gladly accepted the use of their Lodge Room for the Grand Lodge, after which the special meeting of Gore Lodge closed, and

The Most W. Grand Master having taken the chair, called the Grand Lodge to order, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The roll of Officers being called the following answered to their names:—

M. W. Grand Master, .....	JAMES D. TAIT.
R. W. D. Grand Master, .....	HENRY McAFEE.
R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas .....	RICH'D WIGMORE.
R. W. Grand Rep. to G.L.U.S. ....	JAMES SMITH.
Grand Guardian .....	JOSIAH B. KING,
Grand Marshall .....	JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.,

The Most Worthy Grand Master appointed Rep. John Barry Grand Conductor *pro. tem.*

The Most Worthy Grand Master announced the Committee on Credentials, viz:—Deputy Grand Master, Henry McAfee; P. G. M., H. C. Bingham; R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas., Richard Wigmore.

D. G. M. McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

*To the R. W. G. L., C. W.*

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following as the result of their investigation.

We find the certificates of the following in due form, entitling them to seats in this Grand Lodge as Representatives:

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.,	<i>Brock Lodge</i>	.....	No. 9
ADAM PURVES,	<i>Union Lodge</i>	.....	No. 16
WM. B. WOODYATT,	<i>Gore Lodge</i>	.....	No. 34
HENRY NORTHWOOD,	<i>Chatham Lodge</i>	.....	No. 23
M. D. DAWSON,	<i>Forest City Lodge</i>	.....	No. 38
THOMAS PARTRIDGE,	" " "	.....	" "
WM. BISSELL,	" " "	.....	" "
WM. MOWATT,	<i>Aron Lodge</i>	.....	No. 41
J. H. STEWART,	<i>Frontier Lodge</i>	.....	No. 45
JOHN BATTY,	" " "	.....	" "
JOHN BARR,	<i>Excelsior Lodge</i>	.....	No. 44
J. W. FERGUSON	" " "	.....	" "

We also find the Certificates of the following, entitling them to seats as Past Grands:

A. D. CLEMENT,	<i>Gore Lodge</i>	.....	No. 34
A. FREW,	<i>Excelsior Lodge</i>	.....	No. 44

We therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*,—That the Past Grands and Representatives above named be now admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree.

HENRY McAFEE,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
RICHARD WIGMORE.

The Grand Marshal, Rep. John Taylor, Jr. introduced the following Representatives to the Grand Master as entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree, viz:—

Rep. HENRY NORTHWOOD,	<i>Chatham Lodge</i>	.....	No. 29
" MELVILLE D. DAWSON,	<i>Forest City Lodge</i>	.....	No. 38
" J. H. STEWART,	<i>Frontier Lodge</i>	.....	No. 45
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D. G. M. McAfee from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Supplementary Report, No. 1, which was adopted:—

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

To the R. W. G. L., C. W.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report further upon the Credentials of the following named Past Grands entitled to seats as Reps.:

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,	.....	<i>Eureka Lodge</i>	.....	No. 30
JAMES HERON,	.....	" "	.....	" "
ALEXANDER McBRIDE,	.....	<i>Erie Lodge</i>	.....	No. 33
W. A. GLOVER,	.....	" "	.....	" "
JAMES McINTYRE,	.....	<i>Samaritan Lodge</i>	.....	No. 35

We therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*.—That the foregoing Past Grands be admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, if not already instructed.

HENRY McAFEE,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
B. WIGMORE.

D. G. M. McAfee from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Supplementary Report, No. 2, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. G. L., C. W.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report Past Grand Master, S. G. Dolsen in waiting, and entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative, his Certificate being in due form, and we therefore recommend his admission.

HENRY McAFEE.  
H. C. BINGHAM.  
RICHARD WIGMORE.

The question of adopting the minutes of the last Session as printed, having been considered;

On motion of Rep. Partridge, a special committee was appointed to revise and correct the printed proceedings of the last Grand Lodge meeting, and report upon the same.

The Grand Master appointed the following as a Committee: Reps. Bissell, and Partridge, and P. G. Master, H. C. Bingham.

The M. W. G. Master then announced the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Reps. Samuel Dolson, Robert Kirkpatrick, Melville D. Dawson, John Barr, and John Batty.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Reps. John Taylor, Jr., Adam Purves, Henry Northwood, James McIntyre.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Reps. W. A. Glover, James Heron, Melville Dawson, J. W. Ferguson.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

Reps. Samuel G. Dolson, W. Bissell, Thomas Partridge, W. B. Woodyatt, John Barr, W. Mowatt.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Reps. John Taylor, Jr., Robert Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, H. Northwood, W. R. Ford.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

Reps. Wm. Bissell, John Taylor, Jr., Jas. Heron, W. A. Glover, W. Mowatt.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Reps. J. W. Ferguson, John Batty, James H. Stewart, James McIntyre, and Wm. M. McBride.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Reps. A. Purves, Thomas Partridge, John Barr, J. W. Ferguson, W. W. Brown, and W. M. McBride.

On motion the Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Most Worthy Grand Master submitted his Annual Report, as follows:—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.*

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—Permit me to welcome you once more to the mystic circle of the Grand Lodge.

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Through the infinite mercy of Divine Providence we have again been permitted to assemble together, to legislate in "Friendship, Love and Truth," for the welfare and advancement of our Noble Order.

1.—It affords me much gratification to preside over your deliberations at this time, and to meet so many old familiar faces. But that pleasure is alloyed with sorrow, at the removal from this earthly encampment of those devoted and time honored Brethren, P. G. Master C. Yale, and P. D. G. M. Henry Sewell. While we mourn over their demise, let us hope that our loss is their everlasting gain, and that, though these pillars of Odd-Fellowship have been removed from this earthly Lodge, the memory of the good deeds they have done, will long be green and fresh in the memory of the Brotherhood. The loss of Bro. Yale is severely felt in the St. Catharines District, where he was regarded as a patriarch indeed, and a connecting link in the chain of our fraternal existence. Long and sincerely he labored to build up and extend the influence of Odd-Fellowship, and in the evening of his days, he had the proud satisfaction of seeing that his life long labors had not been altogether in vain.

2.—Since we last assembled our country has been subjected to an invasion by a horde of ruffians styling themselves Fenians, who endeavoured to render our homes desolate, and deprive us of that beneficent system of government under which we have been so abundantly blessed as a people; we have reason to feel proud of the spontaneous response given by all classes of the people, to repel the invaders and drive them back in disgrace from whence they came. How marked a contrast does there exist between the Fenian organization and our own, there is a fellowship in each, but while theirs is avowedly for exciting the worst of human passions, ours is calculated to cement together the kindest feelings of our nature, to succor the widow and orphans to relieve the distressed, and so act under the divine providence of God, as to attain as nearly as possible the summit of human happiness.

On a former occasion my predecessor had the pleasure of submitting to you a communication from Bro. Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, through whom was transmitted an address to His Excellency Andrew Johnston, President of the U. S., referring to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States. His reply was couched in very complimentary language, and dwelt upon the friendly and brotherly feeling expressed in our letter. I regret to state that I have since learned that this Brother has openly countenanced the Fenian organization, and thus placed himself in a position of antagonism to us, and also to the well known principles of our Order.

3.—On June 5th, in company with P. G., A; Purves, and according to arrangement with D. D. G. M., A. Frew, I paid a visit to Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Hamilton. This Lodge is one of the

youngest in the jurisdiction, but the membership and representation show her to be in a flourishing condition. In Bro. Frew's report for July he says, "the prospects of our Order here are exceedingly encouraging, during the last term we have made 28 new members, conferred 92 degrees, and since the first of the month we have had eight applications for membership. I feel assured that if harmony continues to prevail among the members of Excelsior Lodge, she will take high rank in the Order, from her position in one of the first cities of the West. While visiting the above Lodge, the Minute Book of Burlington Lodge, No. 17, which had been recovered by the energetic endeavors of Bros. Baer and Frew, was handed to me. The last meeting held by this Lodge was in March, 1848, over eighteen years ago. The records contain matters of much interest, and will repay the curious who may give them a careful perusal.

4.—In the month of March I received a pressing invitation from D. D. G. M. John Taylor, to visit Brock Lodge, No. 9, to attend their anniversary supper. I could not at the time comply with their wishes. A short time after, while on a business journey to Montreal, I stayed over a few hours at Brockville, but was unable, from the short notice given, to obtain a special meeting. This was during the first Fenian excitement, and I found Bro. Taylor together with other Bros. "doing duty at their country's call," thereby giving practical evidence, that while we as Odd Fellows are "fraternal to our fellow-men," we are at the same time faithful to our Queen and country. Brock Lodge in her old age is still healthy and vigorous.

5.—On Monday evening July 16th, I visited Forest City Lodge, No. 38, London, a well filled Lodge and a bright glare of scarlet regalia greeted my eyes as I entered the room, thus reflecting on my mind the motto, "zealous in the cause, and well up in the Order,"—I took part in an Initiation, (and although early in the term) I was much pleased with the proficiency of the several Officers.—Seven Petitions were presented.

The following evening I visited the officers and members of Eureka Lodge, No. 30. The meeting to me was an interesting one, the work was prompt and correct, showing that this Lodge is a strong pillar in the Temple of Odd Fellowship.

From among the warm hearted brothers of London, I took my departure to visit Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll; arriving there I found awaiting me our firm, tried and true Bro. D. D. G. M., A. Bristol; after an hours conversation with a few of the Bros. I proceeded to their Lodge Room, took my seat among them in due form, and the business of the evening went on. I am pleased to say that a more contented and happy family compact it never has been my privilege to witness. Samaritan Lodge during the early part of the year was in rather a precarious condition, in the D. D. G. M.'s Report, he alludes to the time when he saw but little hope of their

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surviving long as a Lodge, but towards the close of the term he forwarded a most encouraging report.

I have met thrice with Union Lodge, No. 16, in an official capacity. I installed the officers of both terms, and also paid an official visit in June last. It would be unbecoming in me to eulogise my parent Lodge, I may, however, be pardoned for the just pride that I cherish in hailing from one so honored and revered by all for her steadfast adherence to the principles of the Order. She is now as she has ever been—faithful and true.

6.—I regret to report that Long Point Lodge has been compelled to surrender her Charter. In a letter from Bro R. Thoroughgood, he deploras that such is the case, giving as a reason for their discontinuing to work, a lack of interest, and irregular attendance of the members. He enclosed me \$2.00 as per centage due Grand Lodge up to the time that the Lodge became defunct, and informed me that the Charter, W. Books, and a quantity of blank forms were in his hands, I instructed him to forward them to D. D. G. M. Lauterbach, in trust for Grand Lodge. This request has been complied with.

I have been supplied through the same source with a list of brothers names who are entitled to Cards of Clearance from the time Long Point Lodge became defunct. I would most respectfully recommend that said Cards be issued by authority of this R. W. G. Lodge, to the following brothers, viz:—Geo. Weatherly, John Wilson, Thomas Simpson, Geo. F. Counter, John Reid, George Werrett, Chas Damyon, Thos. Robertslaw, John S. Austin, Duncan M. Wilson, and Reuben Thoroughgood. I have to commend those brothers for their fidelity to their pledge of honor.

Imperial Lodge, No. 37, has also ceased to exist. I am in receipt of communications from Bros. Smith Mathews, H. O. Forsyth and others, tendering their effects and funds to Grand Lodge, with the view of joining Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford.

7.—During the early part of January I received a communication through the R. W. G. Secretary, from five Scarlet members, praying for a Warrant to open a Lodge, under the name and title of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, in the Village of Newbury, C. W. I issued said Warrant and commissioned the proper officer of that jurisdiction to institute said Lodge. He having declined, I instructed the R. W. Grand Secretary to proceed and perform that duty. He accepted the trust, and carried out the same on the 18th of January, in company with Grand Warden Beltz, D. D. G. M. R. Kirkpatrick, P. G. Anderson Chapman, and M. Dawson. The R. W. Grand Secretary informs me that since their institution he has paid them several visits, and that they are making daily improvement both in knowledge of the work and in point of membership.

8.—When I accepted the office of Grand Master at your hands, I did so under the impression that, selecting my own time, I could accom-

plish a visit to every Lodge in the jurisdiction ; in this I have been disappointed. I have therefore been compelled to deny myself the pleasure of visiting the following Lodges, viz : Chatham Lodge No. 29, Erie Lodge No. 33, Gore Lodge No. 34, St. Mary's Lodge No. 36, Avon Lodge No 41, and Frontier Lodge No. 45. Nevertheless, I have been in constant correspondence with the different D. D. G. Masters of those districts (whose diligence I take pleasure in recording here) and from all, come the cheering intelligence, "We are increasing in membership, in wealth, and position." The powers of expansion exhibited in the "Infant" Lodge at Windsor are unprecedented ; they, truly, are giants in latter days.

9.—Report of commission to Rond Eau Lodge is detailed in correspondence of Bros. Bennett and Snyder, and also referred to in a letter marked A, from the R. W. Grand Secretary. A card of clearance, as ordered by the Grand Lodge, has been issued to Bro. Graham of the late Thames Lodge, Mitchell.

10.—Points of law, submitted for my decision, are few in number, and as follows :—1st. Query—Is the junior P. G. of a Lodge eligible to be sent to Grand Lodge, when there are other qualified P. G's who are willing to attend? Answer,—A junior P. Grand is not directly speaking an officer of a Lodge, but may be elected a representative to G. Lodge. (Page 148, clause 5 of revised Digest.)

2nd. A person is proposed for admission by card, pays his fee \$5, and is appointed or elected to office. On the next night of meeting some of the members take exception to his standing in the community, alleging that he is engaged in an unlawful calling. A committee is appointed to make the necessaries inquiries in the case, report in due time to the Lodge that they are satisfied beyond doubt that the party in question keeps an unlicensed grogery. The Lodge take action on the report, and recommend that the Five Dollars which the party had paid into the Lodge be given back to him, and that he be requested to consider his membership at an end. He accepts the money, and there the matter rested for, say two years and a half, there being a mutual understanding that no membership exists. The party now wishes to become a member of the same Lodge, not considering himself as belonging to any. The question is, how can it be done? Can he be received as an ancient Odd-Fellow ; or is he actually a member, having been formerly received? Did the mutual understanding between him and the Lodge two and a half years ago, dissolve his connection, he having received back his fee ; or is he still a member? If a member, must he pay his two and a half year's dues before he can be accepted as good on the books? If not a member, can he be proposed as if no former action had been taken? In short, what is his position in connection with the Lodge?

Answer given by referring to Digest, page 89, clause 19. "If a person be illegally elected to membership through fraud or mistake,

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(as to his health or otherwise) a majority of the Lodge can, previously to his initiation, order a new ballot; but if the fraud be not discovered until after his initiation, the party must be regarded as a member, and can only be expelled upon a regular trial." In accordance with the foregoing, I decided that the Lodge committed an error in returning the fee and coming to an understanding of the kind.— If the Brother has not ceased to become a member from non-payment of dues, he can make himself good by paying all arrearage, or by compromise; yet the charge would still be pending.

11.—I have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, U. S. In looking over it I find the following reference, "No action has yet been had in regard to procuring charters from the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the same reason as assigned in a former report, viz: the high rate of exchange. The Subordinate Lodges are exceedingly anxious to have their charters, and would respectfully ask some definite legislation on the subject.

12.—According to resolutions passed at the last session of Grand Lodge, appointing the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as a special committee, to draft an address to be presented to Bro. John Peel. The committee have carried out their instructions. The address and Jewel was presented by Grand Rep. Jas. Smith, assisted by the R. W. G. Secretary at a meeting of Eureka and Forest City Lodges, and in the presence of P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson. Bro. Peel made a most affectionate reply, and all present were delighted with the social reunion. A copy of the address is herewith submitted.

13.—P. G. Sire Nicholson's visit to Canada, were times of refreshing to all who had the privilege of hearing his lectures, receiving his instructions, and enjoying his social company. His institution of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, London, and Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor, gave them a prestage otherwise unattainable.<sup>A</sup>

14.—REPRESENTATIVES.—In resigning again to your keeping the highest office in your gift, permit me to thank you for the uniform courtesy and assistance so freely extended to me in everything pertaining to my office. I am deeply sensible of my short comings, and regret exceedingly the many calls of my own private business would not allow to devote that attention I intended to bestow upon the duties pertaining to the Grand Master's chair.

In conclusion, I have to congratulate you on the steady advancement and progress of Odd-Fellowship, both in Canada and the United States. And I retire from the chair with feelings of pleasure and pride afforded me by the prospect of still greater triumphs awaiting the Order in the future. May Providence have you all in his safe keeping, and let us earnestly invoke a continuance of those blessings which have been so abundantly showered upon us as individuals and as a Society. God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN DAVIDSON TAIT, Grand Master.

On motion of Rep. Barr, the Grand Masters Report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers, Representatives and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Canada West.*

In compliance with the Constitution of our R. W. Grand Lodge, I herewith submit to you a report upon the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

BRETHREN,—The return of another Grand Lodge meeting should bring with it the solemn and peculiar feeling common to all of our race, who are alive to their instincts as children of one common parent, the lapse of another eventful year. And while its trials and sorrows are past, we cannot forget the manifold blessings and privileges with which we have been favored, how we are again permitted to associate ourselves together under the mild and benign banner of our Order, clasp each others hand in communion and fellowship, and unite to more closely develop the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. Who that has a heart to feel, must not at this hallowed moment and under such gracious and favorable circumstances, thankfully render the tribute of gratitude to Almighty God for his kindness in sparing our lives and permitting us once more to meet in this Hall, consecrated to Friendship, Love and Truth.

Since our last annual communication, part of our jurisdiction has had a visit from Past Grand Sire, Bro. Nicholson, of Philadelphia, and speaking of that worthy Brother brings up joyous emotions. His visit to Canada will never be forgotten. Imbued with fervent charity to all men—long may the great Master of the universe spare him to expound the gentle teachings and grand truths to which he gave utterance in the halls of St. Catharines, Brantford, London, and Windsor—may his shadow never grow less and immortality crown his earthly transit.

Immediately after the Session of this Grand Body, held at Hamilton, Canada West, I compiled the proceedings thereof, and according to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, caused 200 copies to be printed and forwarded to all Subordinate Lodges and Grand Officers of this jurisdiction; also, to all Grand Lodges and Encampments through the United States.

I have, during the past year, received the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges and Encampments, viz: From the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Kansas, California, Maine, Connecticut, Oregon, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan, and Massachusetts, and from the Grand Encampments of Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Hampshire, Kentucky, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Illinois.

1. My correspondence for the past year will be laid before you for your inspection. But little of consequence has been received.

2. According to the report of the Committee on Correspondence at the last year's Session, and adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, (page 327,) I notified Jared M. Gleeson and Chas. M. Male, of Lockport, U. S., of the action of this Grand Body regarding their cards of clearance from this Grand Lodge, and returned the one dollar "green back" which they forwarded for said cards.

3. The resolution of this Grand Lodge of last year, on page 334 of

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the Journal of Proceedings, referring to the presentation of the Jewell to Past D. Grand Master, Peel, has been duly carried into effect.

4. The By-Laws of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, are hereby laid before this Grand Body for approval.

5. On July 13th, 1866, I received a letter from Columbia, South Carolina, dated July 6th, 1866, and signed by John Stork, enclosing 30 cents in scrip to forward 13 circulars to the different Lodges in this jurisdiction; said circulars have not yet arrived.

6. The semi annual returns for both terms have been duly received from all our Lodges, except Imperial Lodge No. 37, Burford, and Long Point Lodge, No. 42, Simcoe. I received two dollars from the R. W. Grand Master, as sent to him from Long Point Lodge, being the amount due Grand Lodge at the time of said Lodge breaking up.

7. Your Secretary, since his arrival in Brantford, received from Bros. Matthews and Findley the books, papers, funds, &c., &c., belonging to Imperial Lodge, with an Inventory marked B. The funds returned to this Grand Lodge by said Brothers amount to (\$40) forty dollars.

The communication received by our M. W. Grand Master, will explain the position of Long Point Lodge No. 42, Simcoe.

8. On the 29th of November, 1865, I received from D. D. Grand Master, Bro. Snyder, and P. Grand Bro. J. Bennett, of Chatham Lodge, through express, property of Rond Eau Lodge No. 40, consisting of books, papers, &c., &c. On receipt of said property your Secretary caused an Inventory to be taken of the same by Grand Warden Bro. E. Beltz, of Forest City Lodge, and Bro. Craig of Eureka Lodge, London, C. W. The valuation of said property amounts to \$36.35. The Charter and Seal of said Lodge are now in possession of this Grand Lodge.

9. A circular has been duly received from the R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary of the Grand Lodge, United States, informing this Grand Body that at the next Session of the R. W. G. Lodge of the U. S., the revision of the work will come especially before the R. W. G. Lodge for consideration and final action.

10. A communication has also been received from the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary of the Grand Lodge, United States, enclosing slips of the new forms of O. B. N., which I distributed to the different Lodges under this jurisdiction.

11. In accordance with the report of the Committee on Returns, (page 327 of last year's Journal,) regarding overcharge of per centage to Erie Lodge, No. 33, by this Grand Lodge, which report was adopted. I credited Erie Lodge with the amount overcharged.

12. At the Institution of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, Newbury, C. W., your Secretary disposed of all the effects received from Rond Eau Lodge, except the Seal and Charter to Mount Zion Lodge, at the valuation of Bros. Beltz and Craig, and Rond Eau Lodge has been duly credited on the books of this Grand Lodge.

13. Your Secretary received communications from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Massachusetts, asking for all back numbers of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Body. There not being sufficient numbers on hand, I could not comply with the request.

14. The account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States is most respectfully laid before this Grand Lodge.

15. The Income and Expenditure of this Grand Lodge for the past year is herewith respectfully submitted, which I hope will prove in every way satisfactory.

## RICHARD WIGMORE,

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, C. W., I. O. O. F.

1865		Dr.		
August 3	To cash on hand	.....	\$456	22
1866				
Jan'y 1	To Brock Lodge No. 9, per centage	.....	\$9	52
June 30	do do	.....	30	11 22 62
Jan'y 1	To Union Lodge No. 16, per centage	.....	17	80
June 30	do do	.....	22	85 40 65
Jan'y 1	To Chatham Lodge No. 29, per centage	.....	12	08
June 30	do do	.....	12	44 24 52
Jan'y 1	To Eureka Lodge No. 30, per centage	.....	36	91
June 30	do do	.....	45	11 81 02
Jan'y 1	To Erie Lodge No. 33, per centage	.....	22	26
June 30	do do	.....	27	21 49 87
Jan'y 1	To Gore Lodge No. 34, per centage	.....	11	29
June 30	do do	.....	11	06 21 35
Jan'y 1	To Samaritan Lo. 35, per centage	.....	7	52
June 30	do do	.....	13	60 21 12
Jan'y 1	To St. Mary's Lodge No. 36, per centage	.....	9	26
June 30	do do	.....	12	09 21 35
Jan'y 1	To Forest City Lodge No. 38, per centage	.....	49	24
June 30	do do	.....	60	45 109 69
Jan'y 1	To Avon Lodge No. 41, per centage	.....	7	31
June 30	do do	.....	8	81
Jan'y 1	To Long Point Lodge No. 42, per centage	.....	2	00 18 12
Jan'y 1	To Excelsior Lodge No. 44, per centage	.....	8	70
June 30	do do	.....	44	92 53 62
Jan'y 1	To Frontier Lodge No. 45, per centage	.....	31	30
July 1	do do	.....	32	92 64 32
June 30	To Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, per centage	.....	15	00 15 00
"	To Imperial Lodge, amount surrendered	.....	40	00
August	To cash from Union Lodge, cards, books, &c	.....	8	87
July	" Erie " "	.....	12	79
"	" Gore " "	.....	2	44
"	" Samaritan Lodge " "	.....	1	50
"	" Forest City Lodge cards	.....	12	36
"	" Frontier Lodge " "	.....	10	00 87 96
"	" Eureka Lodge " "	.....	7	80
"	" Mount Zion Lodge	.....	81	00
"	" Union Encampment	.....	6	00
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August	By paid mileage and per diem of Officers and Grand Rep. at the Session held at Hamilton, C. W.	
"	By paid R. W. G. Rep. to U.S., Bro.H.C.Bingham,	\$6 80
"	" G. Master, James Smith.....	10 08
"	" Grand Sec'y and Treas'r, R. Wigmore.	10 08
"	" Grand Rep., John Taylor, jr.....	23 68
"	" " George Wales.....	6 56
"	" " A. Purves.....	6 56
"	" " Thos. Bennett.....	15 28 79 04
"	" " George Powell.....	10 08
"	" " James Heron.....	10 08
"	" D. G. M. Thos. Brown.....	10 08
"	" Rep. W. A. Glover.....	10 88
"	" " Josiah B. King.....	6 80
"	" " George Marlatt.....	9 68
"	" " H. C. Forsyth.....	6 66 64 26
"	" " Edmund Beltz.....	10 08
"	" " Wm. Harrison.....	10 08
"	" " C. B. Taylor.....	8 88
"	" " George Merritt.....	8 56
"	" " C. W. Kempster.....	4 01
"	" " John Barr.....	4 00
"	" " Henry McAfee.....	18 88
"	" " John Batty.....	18 88 83 36
"	" Paid Post Office account.....	1 06
Sept & Oct	" do do.....	2 63
Nov	" do do.....	0 67
Dec & Jan	" do do.....	3 99
Oct 3	Dawson & Bro for printing Journal of Proceedings	35 00
Sept	" Express charges on Proceedings of the G.L.U.States	1 55 44 90
	" JamesSmith Rep. Tax G.L.U.S.\$75.00	
	Bal due Wiley Mon't fund 6.00	
	Chatham L. \$4, Erie Lodge 5.00	
	Can. money \$15 00 21.75	
	American money 96.75 less discount	68 75
1866, May	" Post Office account.....	1 76
"	" A. Lang, engrossing parchment, D.	
"	" D. G. M. Peel's address.....	2 00
"	" Paid Dawson & Bro declaration book	
"	" Erie Lodge.....	3 75
"	" do books, &c, Mt Zion Lodge	10 50
"	" J. Taylor for box, &c.....	7 75
"	" W. L. Carry, Stationery, &c., &c...	3 22
"	" Post Office account.....	2 76
"	" Sec'y & Treas'rs ac incidentals.....	10 22
"	" Grand Master's ac't.....	20 15 62 11
	Cash to balance.....	780 11
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## Stock on Hand, August 1st, 1866.

WITH AMOUNT OF VALUE TO GRAND LODGE.

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Banner, Regalia, and Emblems .....	\$6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge .....	5 00
2 new Charge Books, at \$3 each .....	6 00
6 new Degree of Rebekah Books, \$2 .....	12 00
2 do Degree Book .....	2 00
1 Rebekah .....	1 25
3 Public Instalation Books at \$1.25 .....	5 75 36 00
8 Degree Books at \$2 .....	16 00
789 Favorable and Unfavorable Reports, at 2 cts .....	15 78
269 Rep. Certificates at 2 cts .....	5 38
12 Past Grands do, at 2 cts .....	0 24
266 Treasurer's Bonds at 5 cts .....	13 30
5 Proposition for membership at 2 cts .....	0 10
8 Orders for Supplies .....	0 24
334 Odes at 6 cts .....	20 04
199 Travelling Cards at 25 cts .....	27 25
69 Withdrawal cards at 25 cts .....	17 25 115 58
Letter Headings for Grand Master and Grand Secretary	
"    D. D. G. Master Commission .....	7 00
Blank Semi Annual Reports, say .....	2 80
28 Blank Rules and Regulations at 10 cts .....	52 50
1 Charter Stone and drawing thereon .....	96 00
48 Blank Charters for sale at \$2 .....	126 00 236 30
63 " use of this Grand Lodge at \$2 .....	4 00 4 00
Stationery on hand, say .....	
	\$441 88

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Amount Due by Subordinate Lodges to the R. W.  
Grand Lodge, to the 1st day of August, 1866.

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Erie Lodge No. 33, balance due .....	\$1 88
Samaritan Lodge No. 35, do .....	0 27
Avon Lodge No. 41, do .....	0 30
Excelsior Lodge No. 44, do .....	35 36
Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, do .....	9 56
St. Mary's Lodge, do .....	6 00
Total amount due .....	\$53 37

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Amount of cash on hand .....	\$780 11	
Amount of Stock on hand .....	443 88	
Amount due by Subordinate Lodges .....	53 37	1277 36
Initiations .....	211	
Rejections .....	22	
Admitted by card .....	11	
Reinstated .....	8	
Expelled .....	3	
Deaths .....	11	
Members in arrears not suspended .....	140	
Suspended .....	36	
Ceased to be members for non-payment of dues .....	31	
Contributing members .....	647	
Degrees conferred .....	642	
Number of Brothers relieved .....	82	
Number of Widowed Families relieved .....	8	
Withdrawn by Card .....	26	
Amount paid for relief of Bros .....		669 00
" Widowed Families .....		385 00
" Educating the Orphan .....		
" Burying the dead .....		185 00
Total amount of relief .....		1239 00
Amount of Annual Receipts .....		6013 84
Widow and Orphan Fund .....		8356 75½
General Fund .....		7613 38½



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 ABSTRACT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
 CANADA WEST, BALTIMORE UNITY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, A. D. 1866.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not Suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased to be Members for Non-payment of Dues.	Contributing Members.	Degrees Conferred.	Number of Brothers Relieved.	Number of Widowed Families Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Amount paid for the Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Educating the Orphan.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan's Fund.	General Fund.	LOCATION.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Brookville	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	41	28	3	1	\$ 18 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 98 00	\$ 261 25	\$ 1299 18	\$ 781 54	\$ 181 46	Brookville.	5 Mar '46	John Taylor Jr.
London	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	0	3	17	2	0	\$ 16 00	\$ 135 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 459 45	\$ 2658 74	\$ 834 89	\$ 350 09	London.	16 " '46	S.G. Dodson
Chatham	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	0	3	17	2	0	\$ 16 00	\$ 135 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 459 45	\$ 2658 74	\$ 834 89	\$ 350 09	Chatham.	13 Jan '54	Henry Northwood
Fourkas	29	10	1	3	2	1	6	9	9	3	92	80	1	2	\$ 69 50	\$ 40 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 108 20	\$ 453 92	\$ 400 00	\$ 883 81	\$ 81 45	Port Burwell.	6 Oct '54	W. B. Woodville
Errie	33	23	3	1	5	2	3	6	9	6	61	65	9	3	\$ 69 50	\$ 40 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 71 50	\$ 239 46	\$ 883 49	\$ 281 45	\$ 189 10	Branford.	25 Decr '54	W. B. Woodville
Samartian	34	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	30	12	3	0	\$ 37 50	\$ 25 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 52 50	\$ 253 50	\$ 492 40	\$ 1000 07	\$ 1000 07	St. Mary's.	29 Jan '56	James Melnyre.
Gore	35	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	36	12	4	0	\$ 37 50	\$ 25 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 52 50	\$ 253 50	\$ 492 40	\$ 1000 07	\$ 1000 07	Branford.	6 Nov '56	Wm. N. Ford
St. Mary's	36	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	38	12	4	0	\$ 37 50	\$ 25 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 52 50	\$ 253 50	\$ 492 40	\$ 1000 07	\$ 1000 07	Branford.	6 Nov '56	Wm. N. Ford
Forest City	38	47	4	2	0	0	0	38	38	0	103	143	27	11	\$ 180 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 170 00	\$ 1223 71	\$ 781 54	\$ 181 46	St. Mary's.	9 Jan '57	W. B. Woodville	
Avon	41	5	2	0	0	0	0	14	14	0	19	24	5	0	\$ 61 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 567 11	\$ 76 01	\$ 175 65	\$ 387 65	Hamilton.	29 Oct '61	No Browns or Kepp
Long Point	42	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	10	2	0	\$ 12 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 727 60	\$ 45 00	\$ 387 65	\$ 207 79	Hamilton.	27 Jan '61	J. Barr
Excelsior	44	35	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	10	2	0	\$ 12 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 727 60	\$ 45 00	\$ 387 65	\$ 207 79	Hamilton.	27 Jan '61	J. Barr
Frontier	45	22	2	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	14	42	0	0	\$ 12 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 727 60	\$ 45 00	\$ 387 65	\$ 207 79	Newbury.	15 Jan '66	W. W. Brown.
Mount Zion	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	14	42	0	0	\$ 12 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 727 60	\$ 45 00	\$ 387 65	\$ 207 79	Newbury.	15 Jan '66	W. W. Brown.
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16. During the past year your Secretary has received monthly a publication entitled 'The Odd Fellow's Companion,' devoted to the interest of Odd-Fellowship and published by M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio. The said publication is now in possession of this Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN,—I should do violence to my own feelings were I to allow this opportunity to pass, without returning my sincere thanks to the Grand Master, Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge for the many acts of kindness shown to me as your Secretary for the last two years, and I hope that all errors and omissions will be overlooked.

And now, Brethren, let our deliberations be characterized by the spirit of kindness and charity, that we may realize how good it is for Brethren to meet together in unity.

And let us not forget those who have been removed from this earthly existence, but remember those lines that are laid down for our guidance,

Falling not when life has perished,  
Living still beyond the tomb.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. WIGMORE,  
Grand Sec. & Tres.

On motion of Representative Barr, the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Rep. to the Grand Lodge of the United States submitted the following Report:

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.*

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with feelings of much pleasure that I, as your Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, have the honor to submit an abstract of the proceedings of the last memorable Session of that Grand Body, which convened in the Odd-Fellow's Hall, North Gay Street, in the City of Baltimore, on Monday the 18th September, 1865, and which continued in operation during the entire week.

Tongue could not tell, nor pen fully describe the unwonted joy and unbounded felicity manifested throughout the membership during the whole period of that memorable meeting of the Brethren on that Mecca of Odd-Fellowship; nor was it indeed confined to the members, for citizens generally seemed to vie with each other as to who would do the most for our noble cause.

To say that the meeting of 1865 was one of unusual interest, would be saying little indeed; but when our good and present, noble Captain Isaac M. Vetch of the bark, Odd-Fellowship, took the helm, according to ancient custom, and kindly ordered his venerable mate,

James L. Ridgely, to pipe all hands. Joy knew no bounds, for after a voyage of four years spent in war, tumult, and trouble, five only of the jolly crew were found wanting, viz: the Representatives from North Carolina, Florida, Canada East, Arkansas, and Oregon; the last two were reported in good health, but from causes over which they had no control, failed to answer to their names.

The report of our most Worthy Grand Sire is in itself a very able production, and one well calculated to promote harmony and love among the Brethren. Neither time nor space will permit me to here give it you word for word, but it is more than evident that he has spent a vast amount of valuable time in infusing new life and spirit into the Order generally, more especially those jurisdictions which were lagging by the way. Need I say that already he has reaped a rich reward, and to his untiring zeal in writing, speaking and visiting, may be attributed the fact (to a great extent) that our Order is now in its good and present prosperous condition. Among his many decisions during the past year, I have selected the following as requisite for submission in this report.

2nd. That a motion for a reconsideration of a ballot for an applicant for membership, who has been rejected, may be made at such time as the local law of a Lodge may specify; and in the absence of any local law on the subject a motion for reconsideration may be made at any time, provided such motion is made by those depositing the black balls.

3rd. If the local law so provides, a Lodge may go through its regular business, close in due form, and then open in and confer any of the degrees.

4th. Where the law of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment provides that a Grand Representative is an elective Grand Officer thereof, he is to be recognized as such and entitled to the honors of the Order when visiting a Subordinate officially.

5th. It is the duty of a Subordinate to obey the decisions of its Grand Lodge, which are final and conclusive, until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States upon proper application thereto. Pending such appeal, the Subordinate Lodge is not entitled to any privileges other than those accorded to it by its Grand Lodge, which may enforce its decision by demanding the Charter and effects of the Subordinate for non-compliance with the decision appealed from.

6th. A number of Subordinate Lodges cannot legally establish a Union Degree of Rebekah Lodge, and hold regular meetings thereof for conferring and working that degree.

7th. When a Grand Master and Grand Representative of the same jurisdiction, each at different times during the recess of the Grand Lodge instruct a Subordinate Lodge or a D. D. Grand Master, in the secret work of the Order and their instructions differ, the instructions of the Grand

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Master as the supreme authority in the jurisdiction, are to be followed.

8th. A candidate for membership in the Order, who has been elected in a Lodge where he resides, cannot be initiated in a Lodge located where he may temporary reside, upon the request of the Lodge electing him: but all initiations must take place in the Lodge in which the applicant is elected.

9th. Societies of the Degree of Rebecca, composed of ladies in possession of that degree, the Regalia Room and the work of that degree used, are irregular, unauthorized, and in contravention to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

10th. The law of the Session of 1864, prohibiting anniversaries, &c., without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, predicated upon the promises that no intoxicating beverage would be used, is not intended to prevent Lodges and Encampments from joining in a public procession in regalia, in connection with other organizations when invited to do so by the civil authorities; and permission for that purpose may be obtained from the respective jurisdictions under such regulations as they may prescribe.

These decisions of the Grand Master were severally confirmed by the Grand Lodge, except the 7th, which was modified by the R. W. Grand Lodge. (See page 3821, 3843, Journal G. L. U. S.)

The Report of our venerable and highly esteemed Brother, Grand Secretary Ridgely, is replete with a vast amount of information, and fully shows that our beloved Order never was in the same healthy condition as it now is; and what goes far to substantiate this is the fact, that the revenue also for the fiscal year ending September 1, 1865, has far exceeded that of any previous year.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances of the R. W. Grand Lodge to be in a most satisfactory condition, the total amount to the credit for the period above mentioned, sums up \$31,224 02, while the disbursements during the same time was only \$17,425 02, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$13,799 00.

The Report from the Finance Committee, and which is substantially as follows, was adopted.

*Resolved*,—That the Digest hereafter be sold at \$1.50 each, with a discount of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent., when fifty or more copies are purchased at one time.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Lodge of the United States hereby remits the tax of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas; and of Grand Lodges of Florida, Arkansas, and Vermont, for the years 1861, '62, '63, '64.

*Resolved*,—That the notes of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for Representative tax for said five years, and notes of Grand Encampment of North Carolina, given for taxes and supplies previous to 1861, be and are hereby cancelled.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary be, and hereby authorized to furnish upon reasonable credit to such institutions, whatever supplies he may deem necessary, during the current year,

The consideration of the last three clauses of this report drew out a discussion, in which many noble Brothers out-poured the essence of their inmost souls, expressing sentiments hallowed by the purest principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Yes, men and Brothers of the North and South there met and gave utterance (breathings of peace and harmony) to such expressions as never before fell from human lips. Joy knew no bounds: All seemed to realize that beautiful passage in our Ritual, "That the wolf and the lamb were about to lie down together." Yes, and in reality a little child could easily have lead all assembled there, they were so impressed with the magnanimous, kindly, and brotherly feelings so beautifully portrayed during the occasion. All was peace and harmony.

The Committee on the state of the Order, gave decisions of law as follows:—

1st. Question—What is meant by the words, "Satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order." They, the Committee, expounded.

1st. "That the evidence to be satisfactory, must come from the Lodge of which the person was formerly a member."

2nd. "If such Lodge be extinct, then from the Grand Lodge, under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate existed."

3rd. "In case the evidence can be procured from neither of these sources, then the party may be admitted into the order by initiation."

2nd Q. Upon a question as "to how a Brother expelled or suspended, whose Lodge has afterwards become extinct, may regain membership."—The interpretation of the law was to the following effect.

"That a Brother who has been expelled for nonpayment of dues or crime from a Lodge which subsequently became extinct, can only regain membership in the Order through the Grand Lodge, to which the Lodge he belonged to was subordinate; and this rule applies also to the patriarchal branch of the Order."

3rd Q. Upon an inquiry as to whether members of Lodges and Encampments visiting other Lodges and Encampments in a body, and introduced by their own officers, are entitled to the "honours of the Order." The Committee submit.—

"That officers and members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments visiting other Lodges and Encampments in a body and introduced by their own officers, are not entitled to be received with the honors of the Order."

The following Report by the Committee on Legislation was adopted.

**Resolved.**—That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of this Order shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards, made in accordance with existing laws; and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, shall be necessary to the granting of such card.

**Resolved.**—That upon such ballot, should a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card to an applicant therefor; such applicant upon payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not otherwise disqualified,

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shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation, provided,—“That upon a refusal of a Lodge or Encampment to grant such withdrawal card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal, to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction.

*Resolved*,—That visiting and withdrawal cards, heretofore issued by any Southern jurisdiction, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and attested by the seal of the Grand Body issuing the same, shall be taken and deemed to be as effectual as if the same had borne the counter signature, or *fac similitie* thereof, of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Resolved*,—That from and after this date expired withdrawal cards may be received or deposited for applications for charts for Subordinate Lodges and for charts for Subordinate Encampments, where the holders of such cards are contributing members of Subordinate Lodges.

*Resolved*,—That the place designated in the charter is the seat of a State Grand Lodge, until properly changed. It is, however, the legal right of a State Grand Lodge to hold its sessions from time to time at such place within its own jurisdiction as may be determined upon at any preceding meeting.

The consideration of having an Honorary Membership attached to our Order, was referred to this Committee, who reported adversely; which report, notwithstanding a strong opposition, was adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution, as follows, was adopted.

Amend Art. 16, sec. 4 of Constitution, by striking out all after the words “Provided however,” and adding the following,—“That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Jurisdiction applying therefor the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it, shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

The By-Laws were amended as follows, viz :—

Strike out of Art. 22 of By Laws, in twenty fifth line, Digest page B, the words “and aprons as above described,” and add the words “trimmed with yellow lace, or fringe”; so that, so much of said By-Laws as relates to the regalia of the Past Chief Patriarch, shall read as follows,—“Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.”

The Degree of Rebecca seems to stand in jeopardy, as the special committee appointed on that head, reported unanimously that the same be

abolished; but upon a resolution the report was laid over until the next session of Grand Lodge.

The revision of the secret work and ritual of our Order was, after a good deal of consideration, postponed until the next assembly of the Grand Lodge; Officers and Members having promised to report verbally to their several Grand Bodies, the main feature of the proposed alteration.

A resolution was adopted to this effect. "That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to publish in the appendix to the revised Journal, the debate had in the Grand Lodge upon the report of the Committee on Finance, remitting the dues of the Southern Grand Bodies; and also to collect all the proceedings had on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument and connected thereunto, including the speeches made on the stand on the day of the dedication, at the banquet given by the Corporation of Baltimore, and by the merchants and business men of Baltimore, and that he has full power and discretion to omit any part of such proceedings, which, in his judgment, may be proper."

One of the most important items in the week's exercises was the dedication of the Wildey Monument, which took place on the 20th September last amid great eclat; only fancy, between fifteen and sixteen thousand members all clothed in regalia appropriate to rank, and displaying many new and elegant banners, marching in one grand procession, accompanied by numerous Military and other Bands of music, the sweet and melodious strains of which, enlivened and added much to the pagantry of the day.— Time nor space will not permit me to give a full and particular description of the monument and proceedings in connection therewith. That day will certainly form an epoch in the history of our beloved Order, suffice it to say, that the sun has never shone on a day more memorable in the annals of the monumental city than the one on which was unveiled the figure of Charity, standing on the pillar erected to the memory of P. G. Sire Wildey, the pioner of Odd Fellowship on the American continent.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without mentioning two important attractions which added much to the grandeur of the procession. One was a large vehicle drawn by six magnificent horses, bearing the beautiful tent of the Grand Encampment, in which was seated the Grand High Priest wearing his gorgeous robes, on either side of which sat the Guards of the Tent, arrayed as became their position. The other was the "Jewels of our Order" otherwise the "Orphan children," some eight hundred or more of the State of Maryland. The girls were in five magnificent chariots built expressly for the occasion, each drawn by six splendid horses led by coloured grooms attired in oriental costumes, (which had a very attractive appearance.) Each chariot was draped in colors representing the different Subordinate degrees, viz: 1st, white, 2nd, pink, 3rd, blue, 4th, green, and 5th, red. The occupants were very neatly attired and bore in their hands numerous decorated banners and shields, named after the different States and Territories. "Canada West!" was well represented, as in each car I perceived some fair daughter of Eve upholding a banner with that endearing name thereon.

There was only one disappointment to mar the happiness of the day's proceedings, and that was the absence of his "Excellency, President

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Johnson." It was fully anticipated that, that august personage would have been present; although the Committee made every effort to secure his presence amongst us on that important occasion, owing to previous Cabinet engagements, he was obliged very reluctantly to decline the invitation.

Notwithstanding the above disappointment the day passed away most pleasantly. The programme as laid down, being fully carried out to the satisfaction of all, and to the glory and honour of Odd-Fellowship generally.

One of the most interesting, and at the same time beneficial laws, (especially to those more immediately concerned) carried into effect during the Session, was the consolidation of the Grand Lodges and Encampments of Northern and Southern New York, which had been separated for a period of more than fifteen years, causing to each jurisdiction a great deal of difficulty and annoyance during that time. The Legislative Committee, to whom the matter was submitted for consideration, submitted a report that the two Grand Bodies be united and consolidated; and they also reported a resolution to satisfy and confirm the enactment of those two Bodies to carry the union into effect, and directing that the Grand Sire issue a proclamation that such takes force from and after Tuesday following the third Monday in August, 1866. With the exception of one of the Representatives from the Southern Jurisdiction of New York voting in the negative, the above report was carried unanimously; as all the Officers and Representatives were too glad of the opportunity to have all differences existing in their Jurisdictions forever buried. Immediately on the Grand Sire declaring the resolution carried, a scene was enacted on the floor of the Grand Lodge, which will not be easily forgotten by those who had the pleasure of witnessing the proceedings. The Representatives from each district of Northern and Southern New York, arose and grasping each other by the hand, shook hands and embraced each other for several minutes, amid the greatest applause from those assembled.

Several resolutions of thanks were submitted to the Grand Lodge and each adopted unanimously, (for brevity sake I enumerate the parties without going fully into the resolutions) viz: to the Corporate authorities of Baltimore for a splendid banquet given by them in Druid Hill Park; To the merchants and business men of Baltimore for a similar entertainment in the new Assembly Rooms; to Mr. John T. Ford for an invitation to performances in his Theatre; to Artemus Ward, entertainment at the Concordia House; to Messrs. Porter & Dudley for the privilege of the Merchants' Exchange and News Room; to Henry Tyson, Esq., President of the City Railway Co., for tickets for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge; to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute; to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge; to the gentlemen of the State Tobacco Warehouse; to Messrs. G. W. Gail & Ax, and to all others whose desire to render the visit of the Grand Representatives pleasant and profitable, was manifested by invitations to visit institutions and to inspect objects of general interest.

In addition to the above, Rep. Stuart of the District of Columbia moved the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously.

*Resolved.*— That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Body be and the same are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge, and the R. W. Grand Eu.

campment of Maryland for the excellent collation furnished the members of this Grand Lodge during the present Session.

*Resolved further*,—That this R. W. Grand Body desires to express and does express its full appreciation of the consideration of fraternal kindness of our Maryland Brethren in their oft repeated and continual efforts to contribute to the pleasures and comforts of its members, while attending the annual Session in the hospitable "City of Monuments."

Officers and Brethren, my predecessors have heretofore reported to you of the magnanimous, generous, and fraternal kindness extended to them by the Brethren generally on their attending the different Sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I have only to add that nothing could exceed the open hearted, courteous, friendly and brotherly manner in which I was received by the Officers and members, and not only by them but by all the Brothers and friends with whom I had the pleasure of meeting. All seemed to vie with each other as to who would do the most to make Canada, as they called me, feel at home and happy.

In drawing to a close, I beg hereby to tender my most grateful and heartfelt thanks for the kindness evinced to me at all times by the Officers and members of this Grand Lodge; and also for the trust at present reposed in me. Hoping that our present Session may be one fraught with much good and that our deliberations may be the means of spreading the glorious and noble cause of Friendship, Love and Truth.

All of which is submitted

By yours faithfully and fraternally, &c.,

JAMES SMITH,

Grand Rep. to G. L. of United States.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the report of the Grand Rep. to the Grand Lodge U. S., was referred to the Committee on Distribution:

By the instructions of the M. W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Rep. Alex. McBride, of Erie Lodge No. 33; Rep. James McIntyre, Samaritan Lodge No. 35; Rep. Wm. B. Woodyatt, Gore Lodge No. 34.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

M. W. G. Master presiding, and on call of roll the following officers and Reps. answered to their names:—

M. W. G. Master, .....	JAMES D TAIT.
" " D. G. Master, .....	HENRY McAFEE.
" " Grand Secretary, .....	RICHARD WIGMORE
" " G. Rep. G. L. U. S. ....	JAMES SMITH.

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Rep. JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.....	Brock Lodge No. 9:
" SAMUEL DOLSON, .....	Union Lodge No. 16.
" A. PURVES .....	" "
" HENRY NORTHWOOD, .....	Chatham Lodge 29.
" JAMES HERON,.....	Eureka Lodge 30.
" W. A. GLOVER,.....	Erie Lodge 33.
" A. McBRIDE,.....	" "
" W. B. WOODYATT,.....	Gore Lodge 34.
" JAMES McINTYRE,.....	Samaritan Lodge 36.
" WM. BISSELL,.....	Forest City Lodge 38.
" THOS. PARTRIDGE,.....	" "
" M. D. DAWSON,.....	" "

Rep. Bissell, from the Committee on Revision of Journal of last Session, submitted the following Report, which was adopted;—

*To the R. W. G. L., C. W.*

Your Committee, appointed to revise and correct the minutes of last session, as printed, submit the following:—

We find, on examination, many errors of minor import, but propose to call attention to only a few of the most important.

On page 325—Report of Committee on State of the Order—answer "1" refers, we suppose, to question from Eureka Lodge on page 326. Answer (2) given, but the question does not appear. Answers (3) and (4) in same report evidently refer to questions on page 326 by Rep. Glover.

We also find a series of resolutions marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, commencing on page 325, which it seems to us can only refer to a Report of the same Committee on page 331. But a difficulty arises here, because two sets of resolutions will then appear on adoption of the same report, and somewhat conflicting. For instance, resolution (D) in the one set as printed is adopted, and in the other it is lost. On reference to the manuscript, we find that resolution (D) of this Committee on Grand Master's Report was lost. The fifth resolution, referring to clause "E" of the same report is carried, according to the minutes as printed. The recollection of those members of this Committee who were present last session is positive that the fifth resolution of clause "E" was lost.

On reference to the Digest, page 69, clause "11, we find the decision of the Grand Master and the approval of that Committee as expressed in said clause and resolutions, are in direct conflict with the law, which more fully confirms the opinion of this Committee that the minutes are wrong in this respect.

On page 335 in a Supplementary Report from the G. Secretary on Monument Fund, he reports \$6 balance due that Fund, whereas a careful examination of his main Report will show a balance of \$9.45 due from this Grand Lodge to the said fund at that time.

In conclusion, we respectfully submit the following.—

*Resolved*,—That the opinion of this committee as set forth in the above report be approved as corrections to the Journal of last session.

WM. BISSELL.  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
T. PARTRIDGE,

On motion the Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. Dolson, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

*To the R. W. G. L. of Canada West, Officers and Reps.*

We your Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the distribution of their various subjects to appropriate committees, submit the following, as distributed according to minutes in the different Reports.

No. 1, referring to the deaths of P. G. Master Yale and P. D. G. M. Sewell, we would refer to the Reps. of the various jurisdictions to which they were attached, to present some suitable eulogy that may be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge regarding their deaths.

Subjects referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5. Regarding official visits of G. M. in G. M.'s Report.

No. 6. Alluding to the closing of Long Point Lodge.

" 7. Institution of Mount Zion Lodge.

" 8. Lodges not visited.

" 9. Reference to commission visiting Rond Eau Lodge.

" 10. Points of Law.

" 13. P. G. S. Nicholson's visit.

" 7. Referring to books and papers of Imperial Lodge, Sec. Report.

" 8. Receipt of books and papers and other property from Rond Eau Lodge.

" 9. Revision of work of Grand Lodge U. S.

" 10. Receipts of new forms of O. B. N. from Grand Secretary of G. L. U. S.

The whole of the Report of the Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.

Subjects referred to Committee on Correspondence.

No. 11. Proceedings from Grand Lodge of Kansas, in G. M.'s Report.

" 12. Bro. Peels testimonial mentioned in Grand Secretary's Report.

" 1. Printing proceedings of this Grand Lodge and receipt of proceedings of different Grand Lodges.

" 2. Report of Committee on Correspondence with Bros. Gleeson and Male of Lockport, N. Y., regarding Cards of Clearance.

" 3. Bro. Peels testimonial already alluded to in G. M.'s address.

" 13. Communication from Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Subjects referred to Committee on Finance in Grand Secretary's Report.

No. 11. Overcharge—Erie Lodge.

" 12. Institution of Mount Zion Lodge and disposal of effects of Rond Eau Lodge to said Mount Zion Lodge.

" 14. Account of the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

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Subject referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates in Grand  
Secretary's Report.

No. 4. By-Laws of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46.

Subject referred to Committee on Returns in Grand Secretary's  
Report.

No. 6. Lodge Returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON,  
JOHN BARR,  
JOHN BATTY,  
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,  
M. D. DAWSON.

Rep. Barr submitted the following question, which was referred to  
Committee on Legislation :

A person who wishes to become connected with our Order as an  
Ancient Odd Fellow, but not in possession of a withdrawal card and  
unable to get one, the Lodge to which he belonged being extinct,—  
the question is asked, "How is he now to be admitted?"

Reps. Ferguson and Barr submitted the following question which  
was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

"Can a Lodge in any case initiate a person into the Order with-  
out the payment of the usual initiation fee and quarterly dues  
prescribed by the By-Laws of said subordinate Lodge?"

On motion of Rep. Partridge, the matter of Bro. Brown, of Mount  
Zion Lodge, was referred to Committee on Credentials to report.

D. G. M. McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted  
the following Supplementary Report.

*To the R. W. G. L., C. W.*

Your Committee on Credentials to whom was referred the case of W.  
W. Brown of Mount Zion Lodge at Newbury, who claims admission here  
as the Rep. of the above Lodge, have to report as follows :

We find his name upon the Returns of the Lodge as having been duly  
elected as Representatives to this G. L.

But Bro. Brown has no certificate either for his service as Past Grand or  
as Rep. here, and in addition to these disqualifications we learn directly  
and indirectly that it was on account of some difficulty between him and

the members of his Lodge that he now appears without the requisite certificates.

Your Committee regret that on these grounds we are compelled to withhold our approval of his admission as the Rep. of Mount Zion Lodge.

In arriving at this conclusion, we wish it distinctly understood that it is from no desire to dishonor Bro. Brown, but because we deem it unwise to establish a precedent so dangerous and troublesome as this might become.

In conclusion, we move the adoption of this Report.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY McAFEE,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
R. WIGMORE.

Rep. Partridge moved in amendment that Bro. Brown be admitted as representative of Mount Zion Lodge, which was adopted.

By the instructions of the R. W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Rep. Brown.

Rep. McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted:—

*To the R. W. G. L., C. W.*

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the credentials of W. N. Ford, and find them in due form entitling him to a seat in this Grand Lodge as the Rep. of St. Mary's Lodge No. 36, and recommend his admission and instruction in the G. L. Degree.

HENRY McAFEE,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
RICHARD WIGMORE.

Rep. Bissell, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, BRANTFORD, AUG. 1st, 1866.

*To the R. W. G. Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.*

We your Committee on Laws of Subordinates to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, having examined the same, do report as follows:

That we find the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge to be in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*,—That the Constitution and By-Laws of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46 be approved and adopted.

WM. BISSELL, Chairman.  
W. A. GLOVER,  
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Rep. Glover, from Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Returns having examined the returns from the various Lodges, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. The returns of Union Lodge No. 16, Samaritan No. 35, Excelsior No. 44, St. Mary's No. 36, Brock No. 9, Eureka No. 30, Erie No. 33, Chatham No. 29, Gore No. 34, and Frontier No. 45, we find correct.

2nd. The Report from Forest City Lodge No. 38, for the term ending 30th June last, we find correct; but the report for the term ending 31st December, 1865, we find incorrect in data as to members in good standing, &c.

The returns of Avon Lodge No. 41, for December 31st, is without a seal, and the return for June 30th does not give the names of members suspended.

The report of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46 we find incorrect, as to the number of Degrees conferred.

Your committee would congratulate the Lodges on the marked improvement manifested in the filling out of their semi-annual Returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER,  
J. W. FERGUSON,  
JAMES HERON,  
M. D. DAWSON.

P. Grand Master, H. C. Bingham, on behalf of Gore Lodge, invited the members of the Grand Lodge to a supper to be held at the Brant Hotel this evening.

On motion of Rep. Partridge, the Grand Lodge accepted the invitation.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock (to-morrow) Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 2nd, 1866.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Roll being called, the following officers and representatives answered to their names :

R. W. Grand Master,.....	J. D. TAIT.
" D. Grand Master, .....	HENRY McAFEE.
" Grand Secretary & Treasurer,.....	R. WIGMORE.
" " Rep. to G. L. U. S.,.....	JAMES SMITH.
P. G., Bro. J. B. KING, .....	Grand Guardian.
" " JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,.....	Grand Marshall.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Rep.	JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,	.....	<i>Brock Lodge No. 9.</i>
"	A. PURVES,	.....	<i>Union Lodge No. 16.</i>
"	HENRY NORTHWOOD,	.....	<i>Chatham Lodge No. 29.</i>
"	JAMES HERON,	.....	<i>Eureka Lodge No. 30.</i>
"	ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,	.....	" " "
"	W. A. GLOVER,	.....	<i>Erie Lodge No. 37.</i>
"	ALEX. McBRIDE,	.....	" " "
"	W. B. WOODYATT,	.....	<i>Gore Lodge No. 34.</i>
"	JAMES McINTYRE,	.....	<i>Samaritan Lodge No. 35</i>
"	WILLIAM BISSELL,	.....	<i>Forest City Lodge No. 38</i>
"	THOS. PARTRIDGE,	.....	" " "
"	M. D. DAWSON,	.....	" " "
"	W. N. FORD,	.....	<i>St. Mary's Lodge.</i>
"	W. MOWATT,	.....	<i>Avon Lodge.</i>
"	J. W. FERGUSON,	.....	<i>Excelsior Lodge No. 44.</i>
"	JOHN BATTY,	.....	<i>Frontier Lodge No. 45.</i>
"	J. H. STEWART,	.....	" " "
"	W. W. BROWN,	.....	<i>Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46.</i>

On motion of Rep. Ferguson, it was resolved that the claim of Mrs. Williams against Eureka Lodge No. 30, London, for benefits, be referred to a special committee to report thereon at this session of this Grand Lodge.

The Most Worthy Grand Master then appointed the following Reps. as a Committee, viz:—J. W. Ferguson, Thomas Partridge, and W. N. Ford.

On motion of P. G. Master Bingham, it was

*Resolved*,—That the incoming Grand Officers be instructed to issue suitable Cards to Bros. Smith, G. Mathews, and James Ramsay, members in good standing of Imperial Lodge No. 37 at the time the Lodge ceased to work.

Also,—

*Resolved*,—That Bros. John Findlay, John Collins, Wm. Douglass, John Douglass, Calvin Forsyth, and Lewis Evans, of the same Lodge, do also receive similar Cards from the same source as soon as they make themselves good on their books up to the same time as Bros. Mathews and Ramsay, the said Lodge having surrendered their effects in due form.

Rep. Ferguson, from the special Committee on the petition of Mrs. Williams, submitted the following Report, which was adopted ;

*To the R. W. G. L., C. W.*

The Committee having carefully heard the evidence and examined the papers connected with the said case, find that the late Bro. Williams died of Typhoid Fever on Saturday, 9th December, 1865. That he had paid \$6 on 6th February, 1865, which according to the By-Laws of the said

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Lodge, paid up the dues of the late Brother to December 31st, 1864. That in July, 1865, the Secretary of the said Lodge had duly notified the late Brother that he was bad on the books, and not entitled to benefits, of which no notice was taken by the late Brother. That a further sum of \$5 was remitted by a member of St. Mary's Lodge to Eureka Lodge a week before the Brother died, and received by the Secretary of Eureka Lodge on the Tuesday following the decease of Bro Williams. That on the Saturday previous a telegraph despatch was received by the officers of Eureka Lodge, notifying them of the death of Bro. Williams. That the said Five Dollars were immediately returned to Mrs. Williams, accompanied with the instruction that she was not entitled to widow's benefits.

In view of these facts, and in accordance with the By-Laws of Eureka Lodge, your Committee are of opinion that Mrs. Williams has no legal claim to benefits as widow of the late Bro. Williams, and would not even had the said Five Dollars been received by said Lodge on the day it is claimed to have been remitted, as six weeks would have had to elapse ere the late Brother would have been good upon the books of the said Eureka Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON,  
THOS. PARTRIDGE,  
WM. MOWATT,

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

R. W. G. Master, James Tait, presiding; R. W. D. G. Master, Henry McAfee; R. W. G. Secretary & Treasurer, R. Wigmore; R. W. G. Rep. G. L. U. S., James Smith; P. G., Bro. J. B. King, Grand Guardian; P. G., Bro. John Taylor, Jr., Grand Marshall; P. G., Bro. George Powell, Grand Conductor. Present:—

The following Repts. answered to their names:—John Taylor, Jr., S. G. Dolson, A. Purves, Henry Northwood, James Heron, Robert Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, Alex. McBride, W. B. Woodyatt, James McIntyre, William Bissell, Thomas Partridge, M. D. Dawson, W. N. Ford, W. Mowatt, John Barr, J. W. Ferguson, John Batt, J. H. Stewart, W. W. Brown.

Rep. Taylor, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Brantford, Aug. 2nd, 1866.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.*

We the Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report.

We have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary & Treasurer, and compared them with the vouchers accompanying the

same, and find them correct. We also find that the books, property and funds of the Lodges that have surrendered their Charters during the last year, have been properly accounted for.

Your Committee feel great pleasure in reporting that the Finances of this Grand body are in as healthy and prosperous condition, as shown by the increased balance of cash on hand.

Your Committee would also report that they find that the books and accounts of your Secretary & Treasurer have been kept in a very satisfactory manner, and that much credit is due that officer for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of those offices.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that a vote of thanks is due and is hereby tendered to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. R. Wigmore, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the laborious duties of his office.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,  
W. A. GLOVER,  
WM. N. FORD,  
HENRY NORTHWOOD,  
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. John Taylor, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

COMMITTEE ROOMS,  
Brantford, Aug. 2nd., 1866. }

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, beg most respectfully to report as follows:—

*First*—We have examined all correspondence of the above named Officers, and find that it has been most extensive for the past year.

*Second*—We find that all subjects referred to them for advice or decision have been mostly promptly attended to, and disposed of in a manner quite satisfactory and reflecting much credit on the aforesaid Worthy Grand Officers.

*Third*—We find that many questions of importance have been brought before the notice of this Grand Lodge in their respective Reports, as will be seen from the following, and referred to this committee by Committee on distribution of subjects, viz: clause in Grand Master's Report with reference to proceedings of Grand Lodge of Kansas. Your Committee would recommend that our R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to communicate with said Grand Lodge of Kansas and inform them that their money would be received at par in payment for Charters.

Clause 12, in same Report. Your Committee are much pleased to find that the Address and Testimonial to Bro. Peel have at last been presented and accepted by the worthy recipient, after having made a most suitable and affectionate reply; and we have also to congratulate the special committee on presentation, for the manner in which they accomplish-

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ed their task, and would recommend that that committee be discharged with the thanks of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 1, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report.

We entirely concur with the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary, in having proceedings of last Session printed after having been compiled by the said worthy Officer, and in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Body, and your Committee would recommend the adoption of said proceedings, if such are found correct.

Clause 2—With regard to the correspondence between your Grand Secretary and Jared M. Gleason and Chas. M. Male, of Lockport, New York, your Committee find that the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary was in direct accordance with the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge at its last Session.

Clause 3—In reference to the Peel testimonial, we would refer to the report of our Committee, in clause 12, of the R. W. Grand Master's address.

We would recommend your Grand Secretary to inform the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Massachusetts, that not having all back numbers of proceedings of this Grand Lodge we would be most happy to forward to each, such proceedings as we have in our possession, in compliance with their request.

Clause 16—We would advise your R. W. Grand Secretary to acknowledge, with thanks of this Grand Body, the receipt of a copy of the "Odd Fellow's Companion," published by M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

In conclusion, your Committee would beg leave to offer the following resolution.

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing Report of the Committee on correspondence be adopted.

(Signed)

JNO. TAYLOR, JR.,  
HENRY NORTHWOOD,  
JAMES MCINTYRE,  
ADAM PURVES:

G. Master Tait, from the special Committee appointed last Session, submitted the following Report which, on motion of Rep. Fergusson, was laid over until next Session for more mature consideration.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.*

The undersigned Committee, appointed at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, held at the City of Hamilton, for the purpose of preparing and submitting to this Grand Lodge such legislation as in their judgment was necessary, to prevent the illegal distribution of the funds, regalia, furniture, or other property of Subordinate Lodges which had ceased to work, by the members of such Lodges submit.

Your Committee report that the amendments introduced by the Grand Lodge of the United States at their last Session, into the obligation to candidates for membership, and to the Officers and Subordinates at instal-

lation, covers the whole ground contemplated in the appointing of your Committee.

Your Committee would ask leave to introduce the following resolution, viz:—

That on any Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction ceasing to work, any of its Officers or members illegally taking part in the distribution of any monies or property of whatsoever kind, belonging to said Lodge, or, not using all due diligence in preserving said property or monies and having the same sent to the Officers of this Grand Lodge, shall upon being found guilty of so doing, be expelled from the Order and published as such in every working Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

*Resolved.*—That whenever a Lodge in this Jurisdiction surrenders its Charter and other effects, that if there are any monies surrendered at the same time, that such money shall be kept as a separate trust for any number of the Brothers of said Lodge (five or more) who were in good standing at the time of the surrender of said Charter and effects, and may be paid over to the Lodge in this Jurisdiction; or such part or parts of said money (on resolution submitted to this Grand Lodge and carried,) to assist said Brothers in defraying the expense of again gaining active membership.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Special Committee, JAMES D. TAIT,  
HENRY MCAFEE, D. G. M.  
RICHARD WIGMORE, G. Sect'y.

Brantford, August 2, 1866.

The M. W. G. Master instructed the D. Grand Master to confer the Grand Lodge Degree on Bro. J. Chapman, of Eureka Lodge.

P. G. M. Bingham submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

*Whereas*, Imperial Lodge No. 37 has ceased to work, and the Officers and members thereof have honorably surrendered to this Grand Lodge their entire effects, including books, regalia and funds; *and whereas*, at least eight of the members of the said Lodge have applied to this Grand Lodge for clearance cards, with a view to unite elsewhere, and thus keep their connection with the Order; it is hereby

*Resolved.*—That so many of the Brothers of the late Imperial Lodge No. 37 as have applied to this Grand Lodge for clearance cards, and whose application has been constitutionally granted, shall have off placed to their credit individually as an admission fee in any Subordinate Lodge in this Province to which they or any of them may apply, such a proportion of the funds of the said Imperial Lodge as may be required to pay their respective admission fees as members joining by card: *provided always*, that such application or applications to join by card shall be made and accepted within six months from this date, and *provided also*, that so much as may be necessary to pay such admission fee or fees, shall have been received from the source above named by this Grand Lodge, subsequent to July 1st, 1866; and *provided further*, that in case the amount

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so received is insufficient to pay such fee or fees in full, then the amount actually received shall be divided in fair proportions to their respective credits as above mentioned, upon the conditions and within the time aforesaid.

On motion of Rep. Fergusson, it was

*Resolved*,—That the opinion of this Grand Lodge is adverse to the precedent of the work of Grand Lodge being transacted in the Scarlet Degree, believing that the business of Grand Lodge should only be transacted in Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Rep. Batty, this Grand Lodge instructed the Representative to the Grand Lodge of United States, to support any motion to carry out the Degree of Rebecca to the fullest extent.

Rep. W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge, read a eulogy on the death of P. D. Grand Master Sewell, of Avon Lodge.

EULOGY BY REPRESENTATIVE BRO. WM. MOWAT OF AVON LODGE, No. 41, I. O. O. F.

**MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER**,—I learn from the very able address which you presented to this Grand Lodge, that it is the duty of the Representatives of the districts of deceased members of this Grand Lodge to make a suitable eulogy on the character of deceased members. I regret, therefore, that it devolves upon me, as the Representative of Avon Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F., to have to refer to the decease of our late Brother, Henry Sewell, who was a distinguished member of this Grand Lodge for many years past, and also an active and useful member of Avon Lodge. My regret is two fold in its character—first, that this Grand Lodge has lost one of its brightest ornaments—and second, that it has not been the lot of one more competent than I am, to do that justice to the memory of our deceased Brother which duty demands. Imbued with one of the kindest hearts, with an ardent and sincere temperament, with a disposition leading almost to an extreme in the dispensing of his Charity, and in the manifesting of the reciprocal duties of friendship Brother Sewell has left few equals, and I venture to say, no one more heartily devoted to the true legitimate interests of our Order. Having enjoyed a close intimacy with him for some 8 or 9 years I speak that which I know, and testify to that which I have seen, when I state that a more warm hearted friend of the cause has not been left in our ranks, for under whatever reverses, his zealous exertions to promote the welfare of our Order never once flagged. But it is not so much in this Grand Lodge as in the Subordinate Lodge to which he was attached, that his ever cheerful countenance will be most missed, for seldom indeed was there ever a meeting but he was there, however pressing his other engagements. But besides being an ardent friend of our Order he occupied several prominent and responsible positions in his lifetime. He took an important interest in fostering the Volunteer movement of our young country, and held the position of Ensign in the Stratford Infantry Company and I need not say that had he been spared in life he would gladly and cheerfully have responded to his country's call, to assist in rolling back the tide of invasion which

threatened—and still threatens—“this Canada of ours.” The deceased was for nearly twenty years a member of the Order, the “Manchester Unity,” but some six years ago he became connected with the Baltimore Unity, and was one of the Charter members of Avon Lodge. In his family relations our deceased Brother enjoyed an enviable position, being blessed with a most amiable partner and an affectionate and well-doing family, with whom the members of this Grand Lodge in common deplore their sad bereavement. A kind husband and a loving father, he strove to walk in the paths of duty, and he has descended to the tomb with his character unstained by sin, unspotted by vice.

The late Bro. Sewell, who honorably filled the office of Deputy District Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died on the eleventh day of January, 1866.

Yours, &c.,

WM. MOWATT,  
Rep. Avon Lodge No. 41.

Brantford, August 2, 1866.

On motion of Rep. Patridge, it was

*Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge go into secret Session.

When R. W. Grand Rep. Smith rehearsed the secret work, and gave a synopsis of the proposed change in the Ritual.

On motion of D. Grand Master McAfee,

The Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. Dolson, from the Committee on the state of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

Your Committee have much pleasure in presenting this report as the result of their labors upon the different subjects referred to them by the Distribution Committee :

It is highly gratifying to find the manner in which the good and welfare of this Grand Lodge has been attended to during the past year. The very able reports presented show conclusively that our officers have not neglected any of the duties devolving upon them.

#### GRAND MASTER'S VISITS.

We are pleased to see the manner in which the visits of the M. W. Grand Master have been received by those Lodges he has been enabled to visit, and the good order and harmony which seems to prevail, and we are of opinion that the annual visits of Grand Officers upon Lodges in their jurisdiction are highly desirable, and conducive to the interest of the Order.

#### DEFUNCT LODGES.

We deeply regret that some of our Lodges have seen proper to close up their affairs during the past year, but it is a source of great satisfaction to see the honorable and upright manner in which this has been done, and reflects credit upon those who have been instrumental in its accomplishment; and we recommend that the action taken by the Grand Officers in closing up

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the said Lodges, viz., Long Point, Imperial and Rond Eau Lodges be approved. Also their action in instituting Mount Zion Lodge at Newbury is correct, and we recommend that a Charter be granted.

#### CARDS OF GOOD STANDING.

It is to be hoped that should any of the members of these defunct Lodges require any evidence of good standing from this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Secretary will give them every facility in his power to enable them to do so, and grant certificates to all those whom he finds to be in good standing, by their paying the regular fee for the same; and any member of defunct Lodges not good upon the books at the time of the expiration of said Lodge, may be granted certificates of good standing by paying up all dues against them on the books at the time of closing, which will enable them to deposit said card in any other Lodge, the nearest to the place of their residence, should they desire to do so, and continue in membership with the other; provided always that there are no other charges pending against them.

#### GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

As to the decisions made by the M. W. Grand Master, alluded to in item No. 10 of his report we find to be correct, and recommend their confirmation.

#### CHARTERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The G. Master alluded to a copy of proceedings received from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, wherein the subject of Charters for subordinate Lodges is mentioned. We would recommend that the Grand Secretary inform them that the Grand Lodge will supply them with what copies they may require, get \$2 each, American funds, for we are satisfied that when once introduced, other Grand bodies will be anxious to purchase more, for they will find as regards the item of expenses, they never can have a better opportunity.

#### TESTIMONIAL.

We are pleased to find that the Committee appointed to procure a testimonial to P. D. G. M., G. R. Peel have completed their duties, and we recommend that the address and reply to the same be entered upon our minutes as a further evidence of our appreciation of the work done by our respected Brother.

#### PAST GRAND SIRE, JAMES B. NICHOLSON'S VISIT.

The visits of P. G. Sire, James B. Nicholson, alluded to by our M. W. Grand Master, we believe have fully come up to the expectations of the Brethren, and those Lodges who had the pleasure of hearing him will look back to that time with feelings of respect and admiration for that distinguished member of our Order and noble champion of Odd Fellowship; and it is to be hoped that those jurisdictions who have not had the pleasure of listening to his able and eloquent speeches on Odd Fellowship will embrace the first opportunity in their power of doing so, and we are satisfied they will never have occasion to regret it.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The very able report of that Grand Officer upon the proceedings of the R. W. G. Lodge of the U. S. speaks for itself, and is well worthy of a careful perusal by any who take an interest in the Order; he will there

see described one of the greatest epochs in the annals of Odd Fellowship. The reunion of Representatives from the Southern jurisdictions, after an absence of four years, engaged as they were in fierce civil war, is a scene which it is to be hoped may never be witnessed again, notwithstanding the great pleasure which was experienced in that happy reunion. The inauguration of the Wildey monument is also full of interest, and cannot but send a thrill of joy to each and every one of us, to think that the founder of the cause which we espouse has been so honorably and triumphantly consigned to his last resting place; and may it remind us all that as each succeeding year is revolving around, the sands of life are fast wasting away, and the places which now us will soon know us no more for ever.

#### QUESTIONS SUBMITTED.

The question proposed by Reps. Ferguson and Barr, of Excelsior Lodge, viz., "Can a Lodge initiate a person into the Order without the payment of the usual initiation fee and quarterly dues prescribed by the By Laws of said Lodge?" Answer,—No.

Also question proposed by Rep. Barr of Excelsior Lodge, viz., "A person who wishes to become connected with our Order as an ancient Odd Fellow, but not in possession of a withdrawal Card, and unable to get one, the Lodge to which he belonged being extinct, how is he to be admitted?" In answer, we refer all interested to the decision of the Committee on the State of the Order in the Grand Lodge of the U. S., as laid down in Grand Representative's Report for 1866, and also to clause 3, page 321, of our Grand Lodge proceedings for 1865 alluding to the same subject, and in our opinion fully answering the question.

#### THE FUTURE OF OUR ORDER.

Your Committee having covered all the subjects referred to them, would say, in conclusion, that as regards Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, we have good cause to congratulate ourselves upon our present position and good prospects which are before us for its advancement. The future of our Order looks bright and hopeful; from every quarter we hear that Odd Fellowship is reviving and progressing, far exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine, and in proof of what we here assert, we recommend to you a perusal of the *American Odd Fellow*, published by Bro. Orr, of New York, every number of which contains glowing accounts of the renewed spirit in the Order from all jurisdictions, and should be read by every good Odd Fellow. May the holy principles which constitute the rock upon which our fabric is based, take such deep root in the hearts of our present brotherhood, that will encourage us to advance its interest in such a manner that we will all be benefitted by its teachings, and in future addition, be made from a class of men who will add new lustre to the laurels it has already attained.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,  
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D. D. G. M. Geo. Latuerback, of Gore Lodge, No 34, formerly delivered to the Grand Lodge the books, papers, etc., of the late Long Point Lodge.

P. Grand Master, S. G. Dolson, read a eulogy on the death of P. G. Mater, Chauncey Yale, of Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines.

EULOGY ON THE DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER,  
CHAUNCEY YALE, PRESENTED BY P. GRAND  
MASTER, S. G. DOLSON, REP. UNION  
LODGE, NO. 16.

*To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives:—*Death, relentless and inexorable, has made mournful breaches in our fraternal circle, during the past year, and forcibly reminds us that no manly virtues, no endearing and social qualities, no uprightness of character, can shield us from his unerring shafts.

Brethren,—Let us pause a moment in our deliberations, and do honor to one who, when living, was ever ready to give a helping hand to the cause of Odd Fellowship.

Past Grand Master Chauncey Yale, so long and favorably known to many of you is gone, he has been gathered to his fathers, his seat is now vacant, his voice is lost, his earnest pleadings is no longer heard, his silent vote is no longer to be seen upon our weekly records, his regalia is laid aside, like a cast off garment, and nothing remains but the treasured recollections of associations and intercourse, many of us have engaged with him, into his grave let us deposit this covenant emblem, sweet memory. May his rest be that of the just, and his awakening be among those who shall be received by the Father of us all, into that Grand Lodge above, where meetings never end, and where the sublime principles of our order are fully recognized and approved.

Our departed brother was a good and tried Odd Fellow, the great interest he always took in the order procured for him the confidence of his brethren and elevated him to the highest position in our gift to bestow. He not only held the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but represented us in the Grand Lodge of the United States during the same time. He had the honor of being the second Grand Master in our jurisdiction, and was installed into his office by our departed and much esteemed brother, P. G. Master, Thomas Reynolds of Brockville, eight years ago, in this beautiful town, and in the presence of many familiar faces, I see assembled here again to day. How little we know whose turn may come next. Brethren, let us live, that when death closes up this earthly scene, we may be prepared to meet those worthy brothers who have gone before.

While we deeply deplore the loss of worthy, useful and zealous members of our order let us avail ourselves of this consolation, that our loss though great, may prove to be his eternal gain, and cheerfully bow to the will of an Almighty and inscrutable Providence.

Brethren, although a link has been detached, we trust the chain is not broken. Let the camp fires still burn, and fraternal greetings and good fellowship be our watch word, and may we go on extending the hospitali-

ties of our order to the wandering and destitute travellers of life.

On motion of Rep. W. N. Ford, it was

*Resolved*,—That the incoming Grand Master and Grand Secretary sell to Chatham Lodge, No. 29, the regalia of the late Round Eau Lodge, provided they can agree as to price, etc., etc.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson moved the following

*Resolution*,—That the matter securing an Act of Incorporation be referred again to the Grand Officers, to act upon or not at their discretion.

Rep. Ford moved in amendment that the last clause of the resolution be struck out, and the following inserted with instructions to make the necessary application and publish the necessary notices before the next meeting of Parliament, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Ferguson of Excelsior Lodge, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:—

**NAYS.**—Reps. Northwood, Wm. Bissell, Dawson, Ford, Mowatt, W. B. Woodyatt &c.—

**YEAS.**—Reps. John Taylor, S. G. Dolsen, Adam Purves, James Heron, Robert Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, A. McBride, James McLean, Partridge, Barr, Ferguson, John Batty, Stewart, Brown.—14.

D. D. G. M. McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:—

*That*,—Brother C. D. Tufford, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, having the proper certificate, your Committee recommend that the Grand Lodge degree be conferred on him.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half-past seven o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7.30 pursuant to adjournment and opened in the Scarlet Degree. Present:—

JAS. D. TAIT, ..... *M. W. Grand Master.*  
 H. MCAFEE ..... *D. G. Master.*  
 E. BELTZ ..... *Grand Warden.*  
 R. WIGMORE ..... *R. W. G. Sec'y and Treas.*  
 JAS. SMITH, ..... *R. W. G. Rep to G. L. U.S.*  
 J. B. KING, ..... *Grand Guardian.*  
 JNO. TAYLOR, Jr ..... *Grand Marshall.*  
 GEORGE POWELL ..... *Grand Conductor.*  
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GRAND OFFICERS  
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Grand Master...  
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Rep. A. Purves, of Union Lodge No. 16, from the Committee on mileage and per diem, submitted the following Report.

COMMITTEE ROOMS,  
Brantford, August 2nd, 1866. }

To the R. W. G. L. of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on mileage and per diem beg leave to submit the following table, report, and resolution:—

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge.	Number of Miles Travelled.	No. of Reprs.		Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.		Rate per Diem.	Amount per Diem.	Total of Mileage & per Diem.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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Eureka . . . . .	30	236	2	..	9 44	4	..	..	8 00	17 44	R. Kirkpatrick & J. Heron.
Erie . . . . .	33	296	2	..	11 84	4	..	..	8 00	19 84	W. A. Glover & W. McBride.
Gore . . . . .	34	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	4 00	4 00	W. H. Woodlyatt.
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St. Mary's . . . . .	36	102	1	..	4 08	2	..	..	4 00	8 08	Win. N. Ford.
Forest City . . . . .	38	354	3	..	14 16	6	..	..	12 00	26 16	W. Bissell, T. Patridge & Daws'n
Avon . . . . .	41	80	1	..	3 20	2	..	..	4 00	7 20	Wm. Mowatt.
Excelsior . . . . .	44	169	2	..	6 40	4	..	..	8 00	14 40	John Barr & J. W. Fergusson.
Frontier . . . . .	45	672	2	..	26 88	4	..	..	8 00	34 88	J. Batty & J. H. Stewart.
Mount Zion . . . . .	46	190	1	..	7 60	2	..	..	4 00	11 60	W. W. Brown.
<b>GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.</b>											<b>NAMES OF GRAND OFFICERS.</b>
Grand Master . . . . .	16	144	1	..	5 76	2	..	..	4 00	9 76	James D. Tait.
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Grand Warden . . . . .	38	118	1	..	4 72	2	..	..	4 00	8 72	Eduard Beltz.
G. Sec. & Treas. . . . .	30	118	1	..	4 72	2	..	..	4 00	8 72	Richard Wigmore.
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The foregoing composition is made at 4 cents per mile, and \$2.00 per diem for two days.

In conclusion, your Committee submit the following —

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing Report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

(Committee,)

A. PURVES,  
T. PATRIDGE,  
JOHN BARR,  
J. W. FERGUSSON  
ALEX. McBRIDE,  
W. W. BROWN.

Nominations for Officers being in order, G. Rep. Smith nominated G. Secretary and Treasurer R. Wigmore, for M. W. Grand Master.

For D. G. Master, Rep. Purves nominated H. McAfee.  
 " Bissell " Rep. Partridge.  
 " Mowatt " " Barr.

For Grand Sec'y & Treasurer, Rep. Partridge nominated J. B. King.  
 Rep. Smith nominated J. Taylor, Jr, declined.  
 " Ford, " Mowatt.  
 " Dolson, " Barr.  
 " Barr, " Glover, declined.  
 " Dolson, " G. W. B. Beltz, dec'd.  
 " Smith, " P. G. McPhail, declin'd.

For G. Warden, G. R. Smith nominated Rep. Purves.  
 Rep. Barr " " Fergusson, declined.  
 " Batty, " " Barr.  
 " Dawson, " " J. Taylor, jr.  
 " Mowatt " " Ford.  
 " Barr, " " Batty.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Reps. Kirkpatrick and Fergusson as scrutineers.

There being no opposition, the M. W. Grand Master declared R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, R. Wigmore, elected "Grand Master by acclamation."

The vote for D. D. Grand Master resulted in the election of Bro, H. McAfee. The M. W. Grand Master so declared.

The M. W. Grand Master declared Grand Guardian, Josiah B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect for the ensuing year—first ballot.

The M. W. Grand Master declared Rep. J. Taylor, jr., of Brock Lodge No. 9, Warden of Grand Lodge, C. W.—third ballot.

D. D. G. Sire, H. C. Bingham, then proceeded to instal the Officers elect into their respective chairs.

P. G. Secretary R. Wigmore..... M. W. Grand Master.  
 D. G. M. H. McAfee..... Deputy Grand Master.  
 P. G. G. J. B. King,..... R. W. Grand Sec'y & Treas'r-  
 Rep. Jno. Taylor, jr.,..... Grand Warden.

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" McPhail .....	" Conductor.

The M. W. Grand Master then, on recommendation of the several Representatives, appointed the following D. D. Grand Masters :—

Brock Lodge No 9 .....	James Curle.
Union Lodge No. 16 .....	Geo. Wales.
Cbatham Lodge No. 29 .....	Jno. Sneider
Eureka 30, Forest City Lodge No. 38 .....	E. Beltz.
Erie Lodge No. 33 .....	W. A. Glover.
Gore Lodge No. 34 .....	A. D. Clement.
Samaritan Lodge No. 35 .....	Jas. McIntyre.
St. Mary's Lodge No. 36 .....	Jno. McLean.
Avon Lodge No. 41 .....	C. B. Taylor.
Excelsior Lodge No. 44 .....	Jno. Barr.
Frontier Lodge No. 45 .....	Jas. H. Stewart.
Mount Zion Lodge No. 46 .....	.....

On motion of Rep. S. G. Dolson, the sum of three dollars (\$3) was ordered to be paid Bro. A. G. Batson, for services as Janitor of R. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Purves, of Union Lodge No. 16, it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the worthy Brothers of Gore Lodge for the use of their Lodge Room, the accommodations granted, and for the general hospitality and kindness extended to the members of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

On motion of Rep. Partridge, it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby unanimously extended to each and all of our retiring Grand Officers for the earnest, zealous, and indefatigable manner in which they have performed their onerous duties; during the past year. To one and all this Grand Lodge hereby tenders their affectionate regards, and having retired from the exalted position in which they were placed by this Grand Lodge, it will be a most gratifying and happy remembrance to us to know that they have done their duties with honor to themselves, and to the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

D. G. M. McAfee cordially invited this R. W. Grand Lodge to a moonlight excursion, to take place from Windsor on the 22nd of August inst.

Rep. Partridge of Forest City Lodge, moved the following resolution: "That when this Lodge adjourn, it do so to meet in the town of St. Catharines, on the first Wednesday in August, 1867."

Rep. Glover, of Erie Lodge, moved in amendment, "That the next meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge be held in the town of Port Burwell, on the first Wednesday in August, 1867," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original motion of Rep. Partridge, it was adopted.



On motion of Rep. Partridge, of Forest City Lodge, the Bonds of the R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas. were ordered to be cancelled.

On motion of Rep. Glover, the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to have the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge printed at his earliest convenience.

On motion of Rep. McBride, of Erie Lodge, the Grand Lodge adjourned, in conformity with a previous resolution.

JOSIAH B. KING,  
Grand Secretary.

## ADDRESS

TO P. D. G. M., JOHN R. PEEL, ON THE OCCASION OF PRESENTING HIM WITH AN EMBLEM OF THE ORDER.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—It was with feelings of unalloyed regret to the members of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., of Canada West, at their last session, held in the city of Hamilton, to learn that a sudden and unexpected bereavement in your family would prevent you from being present at that meeting, and thereby deprive them of the pleasure they had in view of placing upon their records the high estimation in which you were held by the Order in this jurisdiction, as an Odd Fellow, and a just appreciation of your ability as an artist, which the beautiful design presented by you to the Grand Lodge for a Charter, most fully and substantially proves.

The Grand Lodge has long felt its inability to do you the justice which the time and labor you have spent on that beautiful design fully entitles you; but we are satisfied that it is not so much the real value of the article that may be tendered to you as the spirit from which it emanates, that we can assure you is unanimous, and only to be regretted by all, that more could not be done. Therefore, Dear Brother, please to accept this Jewel

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of the Order as a slight souvenir of our affectionate regards towards you, and my the feelings which prompt the gift stimulate you to still persevere in spreading faithfully, wherever your lot may be cast, the healthy and beneficial influence of Odd Fellowship.

May the All-seeing Eye of the Ruler of the Universe watch over you during your earthly pilgrimage, and at the Great Day, when all shall be called upon to give an account of their stewardship, may you be permitted to receive the everlasting Jewel of Eternal Life, and with the right hand of Angelic Fellowship be enrolled a member of the Grand Lodge above, where our Heavenly Father rules and presides for evermore.

(Signed,)

JAMES D. TAIT,

*M. W. Grand Master.*

RICHARD WIGMORE,

*R. W. Grand Secretary.*

**Address of the Officers of the**

**R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, I. O. O. F. AND  
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**GRAND OFFICERS.**

RICHARD WIGMORE, M. W. Grand Master, ..... London.  
HENRY McAFEE, M. W. D. Grand Master ..... Windsor.  
JNO. TAYLOR, Jr., R. W. Grand Guardian ..... Brockville.  
JOSIAH B. KING, R. W. Grand Secretary & Treasurer .. Brantford.  
WM. MOWATT, Grand Marshall ..... Stratford.  
— McPhail, Grand Conductor .....

**DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS.**

JAS. CURLE, Brock Lodge, No. 9 ..... Brockville.  
GEO. WALES, Union Lodge, No. 16 ..... St. Catherines.  
JNO. SNEIDER, Chatham Lodge, No. 29 ..... Chatham.  
E. BELTZ, Eureka No. 30 & Forest City Lodge, No. 38. London.  
W. A. GLOVER, Erie Lodge, No. 33 ..... Port Burwell.  
A. D. CLEMENT, Gore Lodge No. 34, ..... Brantford.  
JNO. McINTYRE, Samaritan Lodge, 35 ..... Ingersoll.  
JNO. McLEAN, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36 ..... St. Mary s.  
C. B. TAYLOR, Avon Lodge, No. 41, ..... Stratford.  
JNO. BARR, Excelsior Lodge, No: 44 ..... Hamilton.  
JAS. H. STEWART, Frontier Lodge, No. 46: ..... Windsor,  
Mount Zion, No. 45, ..... Newbury.

# OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS AND MODERATORS.

FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1866.

LEDGE.	NO.	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	REC SEC'Y.	TREASURER.	P. SECRETARY.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Brook . . . . .	9	Brockville.	Wm. Brownlow.	Wm. Seaton.	Jno. Taylor, jr.	R. Fitzsimons.	Jas Curle.	Tuesday.
Union . . . . .	18	St. Catherine's	H. N. Camp.	L. Dorr.	A. Riddell.	G. Wates.	Alex. Chricton.	Monday.
Chatham . . . . .	29	Chatham.	O. Springer.	Isaac Smith.	W. A. McRae.	J. Schneider.	H. Northwood.	Tuesday.
Eureka . . . . .	30	London.	Thos. Ellis.	Chas. Hunt.	H. Abbott.	G. Powell.	Robt Craig.	do
Erie . . . . .	48	Pt. Barwell,	P. Hidden.	R. H. Cameron.	W. A. Moore.	G. H. Hankinson.	V. S. Milks.	Thursd y
Gore . . . . .	34	Brantford.	E. Chalcraff.	J. Noble.	J. B. King.	T. James.	J. B. King.	do
Samaritan . . . . .	35	Ingersoll.	W. C. Bell.	R. Cnll.	T. Simons.	J. McDonald.	G. Dennis.	Wednd'y
St. Mary's . . . . .	36	St. Mary's.	Wm. Box.	A. Cameron.	W. N. Ford.	T. Iredale.	J. Kuntz.	Tuesday.
Forest City . . . . .	38	London.	Jno. Bagley.	Chas. Cater.	J. R. C. Dawson.	Jno. Running.	D. McCormack.	Monday.
Avon . . . . .	41	Stratford.	F. Winkler.	Thos. J. Irving.	D. Carrell.	Wm. Mowatt.	H. Gibson.	Friday.
Excelsior . . . . .	44	Hamilton.	R. C. Holbrook.	Eyre Evans.	C. E. Pierce.	J. W. Fergusson.	H. H. Reid.	Thursd'y
Frontier . . . . .	43	Windsor.	Robt. Caldwell.	Geo. Irvin.	F. M. Rae.	Wm. McGregor.	S. Blakely.	Wedn'dy
Mount Zion . . . . .	46	Newbury.	F. Green.	Jno. Deacon,	A. Purdy.	G. E. Ward.	A. Purdy.	do