

REPORT

—OF THE—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF—

The Grand Lodge



Sons of England Benevolent Society

CANADA.

HELD AT GALT, ONTARIO,

—ON—

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

February 9, 10, & 11, 1886.



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ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF—

THE GRAND LODGE

SONS OF ENGLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

GALT, Ont., Feb. 9th, 1886.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society was opened in the Foresters' Hall, Galt, Ont., Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 1886, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present :—Bros. J. W. Higginbotham, M. W. G. P.; W. Edmett, R. W. Vice-Pres.; Rev. E. W. Sibbald, R. W. G. Chaplain; Ben'j Hinchcliffe, R. W. G. Treas.; John W. Carter, R. W. G. Sec.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened by the M. W. G. President, assisted by the R. W. G. Chaplain. Bro. F. J. Prior, of Excelsior Lodge, 36, Montreal, was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The M. W. G. P. then appointed the following committee on Credentials. Bros. T. R. Skippon, Middlesex Lodge; M. A. James, Wellington Lodge; John Clayton, Acorn Lodge; E. S. Brown, Canterbury Lodge, who reported the following representatives present :—

DELEGATES TO GRAND LODGE.

Albion Lodge—Bros. Dr. J. S. King, A. Partridge.

Middlesex Lodge—Bros. Thos. R. Skippon, E. Blundall.

Kent Lodge—Bros. Thos. N. Beech, Jas. M. Williams.

- Essex Lodge—Bros. W. H. Finnemore, Wm Paul.
 Sussex Lodge—Bros. John Judd, John Hallett.
 York Lodge—Bros. John Mellon, T. W. Morton.
 Brighton Lodge—Bros. James Banks, Fred. Hayward.
 Britannia Lodge—Bros. Wm. Hover, R. Hanniford.
 Old England Lodge—Bros. Frank M. Yarnold, John Heard.
 Somerset Lodge—Bro. Samuel Hobbs.
 Surrey Lodge—Bro. George Knight.
 Warwick Lodge—Bros. A. Riddiford, Wm. J. Hill.
 Manchester Lodge—Bros. Wm. Toms, Samuel Coxen.
 Durham Lodge—Bros. J. W. Wallace, A. Skitch.
 Oxford Lodge—Bros. R. Croft Hulme, J. W. London.
 Chester Lodge—Bros. J. Brown, J. Lee.
 Wellington Lodge—Bro. M. A. James.
 Westminster Lodge—Bros. S. Parsons, John Calvert.
 Bedford Lodge—Bros. W. H. Gribble, W. E. Wilkinson.
 Rose of Couchiching Lodge—Bro. George Matthews.
 Lansdowne Lodge—Bro. Wm. Brundrett.
 Royal Oak Lodge—Bros. H. Thomas, Wm. Lewis.
 St. George Lodge—Bro. J. C. Swait.
 Southampton Lodge—Bros. Jos. Rodgers, J. W. Kempling.
 Acorn Lodge—Bros. John Clayton, S. Roberts.
 London Lodge—Bros. Samuel Hine, J. W. Haynes.
 Stafford Lodge—Bros. Dr. L. Pickering, G. W. Ansell.
 Windsor Lodge—Bro. Dr. S. B. Pollard.
 Canterbury Lodge—Bros. John Nettleton, E. Stanly Brown.

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

The Grand President then appointed the following Committees :

COMMITTEES.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—Bros. W. Hover, Britannia ; J. W. London, Oxford, E. S. Brown, Canterbury ; J. W. Wallace, Durham ; W. H. Gribble, Bedford ; J. W. Kempling, Southampton.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.—Bros. Wm. Brundrett, Lansdowne ; J. C. Swait, St. George ; S. Roberts, Acorn ; Wm. J. Hill, Warwick ; S. Hobbs, Somerset ; Jas. Banks, Brighton.

BENEFICIARY.—Bros. T. R. Skippon, Middlesex ; J. Nettleton, Canterbury ; Wm. Brundrett, Lansdowne ; J. W. Wallace, Durham ; Jos. Rodgers, Southampton ; J. Clayton, Acorn ; Sam'l Hine, London ; Wm. Toms, Manchester ; Thos. N. Beech, Kent.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.—Bros. John Mellon, York ; A. Partridge, Albion ; A. Riddiford, Warwick ; H. Thomas, Royal Oak ; T. M. Beach, Kent ; S. Parsons, Westminster ; Dr. L. Pickering, Stafford ; S. Coxon, Manchester ; G. Matthews, Rose of Couchiching ; A. Skitch, Durham ; S. Hine, London.

APPEALS.—Bros. R. Croft Hulme, Oxford ; Dr. S. B. Pollard, Windsor ; A. Riddiford, Warwick ; Wm. Paul, Essex ; John Judd, Sussex ; John Mellon, York ; G. Knight, Surrey ; James M. Williams, Kent ; A. Partridge, Albion ; F. M. Yarnold, Old England ; J. Brown, Chester.

PRINTING.—Bros. M. A. James, Wellington ; J. W. London, Oxford ; F. M. Yarnold, Old England ; F. Hayward, Brighton ; J. W. Haynes, London ; G. Ansell, Stafford ; G. Matthews, Rose of Couchiching.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Bros. Dr. S. B. Pollard, Windsor ; T. R. Skippon, Middlesex ; Geo. Knight, Surrey ; J. Clayton, Acorn ; F. Morton, York ; J. Lee, Chester ; J. W. Kempling, Southampton.

LAWS AND RITUALS.—Bros. Dr. King, Albion ; E. Blundell, Middlesex ; A. Skitch, Durham ; J. Lee, Chester ; J. Nettleton, Canterbury ; R. Hannaford, Britannia ; J. Hallett, Sussex ; W. H. Finnemore, Essex ; J. Rodgers, Southampton ; S. Hine, London ; J. Calvert, Westminster ; W. E. Wilkinson, Bedford Rev. E. W. Sibbald.

Moved by Bro. Partridge, seconded by Bro. Dr. King, that sessional hours of the Grand Lodge be from 9 o'clock a. m.

till 12 o'clock noon, and from 2 o'clock p. m. till 6 o'clock p. m.—Carried.

Bro. Lewis, President of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt, read an Address of Welcome to the Grand Lodge, which was heartily received.

GALT, Feb. 9th, 1886.

*To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge
S. O. E. B. S.*

MOST WORTHY SIR—The members of Royal Oak Lodge would embrace this opportunity of extending to you, the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, a most cordial welcome to our town, and permit us to say we esteem the honor very highly you have conferred upon us in selecting Galt as the place for holding your Eleventh Annual Session.

The brethren of Royal Oak Lodge have been looking forward to the time when they would have the pleasure of meeting so many of their brethren from the distant parts of our Dominion and hear from them the progress our Society has made since its establishment.

We hope the arrangements that have been made for your comfort while among us will meet with your approbation.

We are deeply sensible of the important duties which you have to discharge, and trust that all your deliberations will be carried on in peace and harmony, and while we flatter ourselves that your presence in our midst will redound to our special benefit as a Lodge, it is our earnest prayer that your labors will result in the advancement of our beloved Order throughout the Dominion.

Commending you to the unerring wisdom of Almighty God,

Signed on behalf of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26,

We remain yours fraternally,

WM. LEWIS, President.

HENRY THOMAS, Past President.

P. BESWICK.

W. P. CLAY.

Moved by Bro. Hover, seconded by Bro. Banks, that the Address be received and a Committee appointed to draft a suitable reply.—Carried.

Grand President appointed the following Committee :—Bros. Rev. E. W. Sibbald, J. Banks and J. Clayton.

Moved by Bro. Hill, seconded by Bro. Partridge, that the minutes of the last Annual Grand Lodge meeting be adopted as printed.—Carried.

The Grand President then read his report.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT.

GALL, February 9th, 1886.

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of England Benevolent Society in Grand Lodge Assembled :

DEAR BRETHREN,—Another eventful year has rolled away, and in the order of Divine Providence we are once again assembled together as a Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society.

You have been called together in accordance with our constitution as representatives of the different lodges, to consider and legislate upon many questions of vital import to the well-being of our beloved order, and for the best interests of its members, and we have the utmost confidence that every question that may be brought before you will receive that careful consideration that its importance demands, and that the result of your deliberations will be such as will tend to the advancement of our cause in all its branches.

As year succeeds year, we are pleased to find that our Society gathers strength and grows both in numbers and usefulness, and to-day we can look back over a *past* that abounds with triumphs, and forward to a future that teems with glowing hopes and ever brightening prospects. The organization that we represent has already achieved a mighty work in cementing more closely and firmly the ties of friendship and brotherly love that should ever characterize all members of our great nationality.

We are to-day a firmly established, permanent and prosperous institution, and as such it becomes my pleasurable duty as Presiding Officer, to strike hands with you on this occasion and bid you an earnest heartfelt welcome to this our Eleventh Annual Convocation.

One of the leading features of the past year has been the introduction of our new and beautiful ritual, and it has often been a source of delight to witness the practical improvement made by the various lodges in perfecting their work in this direction, and in every lodge visited, the members have expressed their approval of the change from the *old* to the *new*, and to-day in nearly every lodge it is working admirably.

We have issued charters for the institution of three new lodges during the year viz. ; Canterbury Lodge, No. 34, Collingwood, Windsor Lodge, No. 35, Toronto. Excelsior Lodge, No. 36, Montreal, and I have also made visits and attended meetings as follows :—

March, Attended Anniversary of Wellington Lodge, No. 19, Bowmanville.

April 23, Officially visited Victoria Lodge, No. 12, Cornwall. Held a lodge of instruction during the day and attended their annual public meeting same evening.

May 4, Officially visited Lansdowne Lodge, No. 25, Peterboro.

May 8, Instituted and dedicated Windsor Lodge, No. 33, Toronto.

May 24, Dedicated New Lodge Room, Wellington Lodge, No. 19, Bowmanville.

June, Officially visited Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Whitby.

July 3, Attended meeting Executive, Toronto.

" 29, Officially visited Leicester Lodge, No. 33, Kingston.

" 30, Attended reception of S. O. E. volunteers on their return from the battlefield.

Oct. 13, Officially visited Lodges Britannia, No. 8, and Acorn, No. 29, Hamilton.

" 27, Attended Entertainment Stafford Lodge, No. 32, Toronto.

" 28, Officially visited Chester Lodge, No. 18, St. Thomas.

" 29, Officially visited Bedford Lodge, No. 22, Woodstock.

" 30, Officially visited Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26, Galt

Jan. 5, Installed Officers Wellington Lodge, No. 19, Bowmanville

" 27, Held Lodge of Instruction, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Whitby;

And paid many other visits and attended meetings of a non-official nature, not necessary to mention in this report.

I have also had to deal with an almost incalculable number of intricate questions, have given decisions in a great many cases, and have answered a voluminous quantity of correspondence on all subjects relating to our Constitution and Ritual. Have examined and approved of a number of Lodge By-laws, and it is a source of satisfaction to me to find that only one appeal has been entered against my ruling, and that one to be decided by you at this session.

At the time of the outbreak amongst the Rebels of the North-West Territory your Executive were on the watch and were proud to find that a host of our members were ready to protect our country's flag when menaced by the enemy, and many of them did go and had the honor of fighting their country's battles, and met with an enthusiastic reception by the brethren on their return.

Early in March I instructed the Grand Secretary to proceed to Ottawa to watch the insurance Bill then before Parliament, and to interview the authorities who had the Bill in charge, as one clause of it threatened to extinguish our Beneficiary Department. I am glad to say that he, with others, succeeded in their object.

There are other topics that I might call your attention to, but they will all be noticed in the more detailed and complete report of the R. W. G. Secretary, and so I will pass on.

The Shaftesbury Hall scheme will receive your attention, as also the introduction of the new paper printed at Montreal and entitled the Englishman's Journal. Suffice it to say that while approving of the Journal we could not and did not commit the Society in any way, but whilst personally approving of it we recommend that it meet with the endorsement of the Grand Lodge at this session.

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I have from time to time, at the request of the R. W. G. Secretary, authorized him to procure the necessary printing for the year. We have approved of and circulated the subscription books for the use of members, and have also distributed several thousand circulars on the "Aims and objects of our Society."

I cannot close this report without testifying to the support and valuable aid I have received at the hands of my colleagues in office. They have at all times responded to every call of duty, and too much credit cannot be bestowed upon them for their endeavor to advance our united interest. Our R. W. G. Secretary has especially distinguished himself by his indefatigable effort, his promptness and despatch in the duties of his office are well known to you all, and I would recommend that in view of his ever increasing labors, his salary be so increased that he may be secured to give his whole time and attention to the work of the Society. I must also bear testimony to the courtesy and kindness I have always received at the hands of the brethren everywhere, and trust that we may all be united in pushing on our work more zealously than ever in coming years. I ask your support and forbearance whilst occupying the chair at the present session, and trust that harmony and good-will shall prevail and that all will be profited by our assembling together.

I have the honor to be,

Very fraternally yours,

JOHN. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,
M. W. G. P.

Moved by Bro. Kempling, seconded by Bro. Rogers, that the report be received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

The Vice President read his report.

GALT, Ont., February 9th. 1886.

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

BRETHREN,—In presenting to you this my Report, I ask your forbearance and trust that any short comings on my part will be kindly looked over.

I regret that through sickness amongst my family and myself, I have been prevented from visiting Lodges as I desired.

I have visited during the year "Essex" Lodge, Oshawa, "Westminster" Lodge, Lindsay, and "Old England" Lodge, Port Perry.

I first visited "Essex" Lodge, which was a source of great pleasure to me, having been a Charter member of this Lodge, and am pleased to report the flourishing and prosperous condition of said Lodge. The Grand Lodge Executive and also Bro. Dr. King being present. Our new Rituals were fully exemplified. A meeting of the Executive was convened and various matters discussed and settled.

Visited officially "Westminster" Lodge, 18th November, 1885, and was called upon to decide various matters. A report of which I mailed to the M. W. Grand President.

Visited officially "Old England" Lodge for the purpose of installing their Officers. This Lodge deserve great credit for their perseverance since the disastrous fire of 1884. They are now in a prosperous condition, both numerically and financially.

Visited officially and installed the officers of "Westminster" Lodge, and report this Lodge now in a prosperous condition; its new officers promising well for the future. A report of which I mailed to your R. W. G. Secretary.

I have been called upon from time to time during my term of office to answer correspondence upon several matters for "Westminster" Lodge, and in some cases to decide differences existing between members. All of which has received my attention and decision, according to the best of my ability.

I have been endeavoring to have a Lodge opened in the Town of Uxbridge, and am confident ere long we shall have our standard planted there.

Upon our sessional papers I find many clauses which will be decided improvements to our Constitution. May your deliberations be productive of good for the Order in general.

Fraternaly yours,

WM. EDMETT,

R. W. G. Vice Pres.

Moved by Bro. Kempling, seconded by Bro. Finnemore, that it be received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.
—Carried.

Grand Secretary read his annual report and financial statement.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

GALT, Feb. 9th, 1886.

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

SIRS AND BRETHREN,—With great pleasure, and in compliance with the requirements of our Constitution, I have the honor to submit this, my fifth annual

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report and financial statement, with balance sheet marked appendix (a) showing the receipts and expenditure to Feb. 1st, 1886, also statistics marked appendix (B) compiled from the returns of the various Lodges during the year. Copies of which are printed and distributed to the Representatives of this Grand Body.

By direction of the M. W. G. P., and in compliance with report of the Committee on printing, (see printed proceedings, page 35), I invited Tenders for printing Grand Lodge reports, and 4,000 Constitutions, submitting with each notification a sample of paper to be used, and naming the kind of type for each job, the tenders were submitted to the Grand President for his approval. Bro. London, of Oxford Lodge, Belleville, receiving the order for Grand Lodge reports, and Bro. Thos. Moore, of Somerset Lodge, the order for the Constitutions. As soon as the reports were printed they were distributed to the various Lodges free of charge, several copies being sent to Bro. Spence, Grand Lodge Officer, for Cape Colony. I am very pleased to say that those reports were read by a large majority of our members, and that copies of the reports were sent to many of the friends of the members in different parts of the world.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge meeting, I procured a Past Grand President's Jewel and forwarded same to District Deputy Bro. Henry Tammadge, with the request that he would present it to Past Grand President Bro. R. Croft Hulme in the name, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hulme kindly acknowledged the honor and appreciation of his services by your Grand Body.

By direction of the M. W. G. P., and after the Committee on Rituals had fully considered the necessities of the case, an agreement was entered into with Bro. Thos. Moore, of Somerset Lodge, for the printing of the Red and White Rose Degree Rituals, also agendas for secret work. Owing to the peculiarities of the work and the great necessity for secrecy in the composing and binding, some delay was experienced. The Committee on Rituals for over a month superintended almost daily the progress of the work, on the 6th of April I received the first parcel of books, and during the same week the remainder; at the earliest possible moment, after receipt of same, I notified all Lodges to send in their old Rituals, but on finding that the new Ritualistic work could not be properly conducted or understood, the Grand President, after consulting with the Committee, decided that as far as practicable Lodges of Instruction should be held in various districts; this necessitated a further delay, which caused some officers to complain of neglect in sending on the new Rituals. On the 17th of April the first District meeting was held, at which the Ritual Committee and Grand Lodge officers were present, Oshawa being selected as the place of meeting. Lodges Essex, Sussex, Wellington, Durham, and Old England, were fully represented. Orillia was visited on the 21st and Southampton, Barrie on the 23rd; Bro. Kempling, District Deputy, assisting. On the 28th the Ritual Committee with the Grand Secretary, held a Lodge of instruction with the officers and members of Britannia and Acorn Lodges, Hamilton, on the 4th of May. The next District meeting was held at Lansdowne Lodge, Peterborough when Representatives from Durham, Port

Hope, Westminster, Lindsay and Lansdowne, were present; the Grand President and Grand Secretary conducted the ceremonies. A large number of members of the Lansdowne Lodge were advanced in the Second Degree under the new Ritual. On the 21st of May a District meeting was held at Woodstock, at which Representatives from St. Thomas, Chester and Royal Oak, Galt, were present, the Grand Secretary was alone on this journey. As soon as possible afterwards all Lodges were supplied with their Rituals, and with the exception of Derby Lodge, Ottawa, have been instructed in the new work. I desire to state that neither Dr. King nor Bro. McCartney has made any charges for the visits and work they have performed, but magnanimously gave their time and spent their money, for which they deserve the special thanks of this Grand Body. I am pleased also to state that, without exception, the new Rituals has been received with great favor and an interest taken in the new Ritualistic work. The cost of the new Ritual was thought somewhat excessive, but when it is remembered that special offices had to be engaged and extra precautions taken for the preservations of the work, the item will not be considered large, the greatest loss falls on your Grand Lodge Exchequer, and the question has been very often discussed, if the Lodges should not pay for the Rituals as well as for the Lodge Charters. I ask this Grand Body to consider the question at this session of the Grand Lodge; the number of Rituals printed was 250 red, and 250 white, with 75 agendas of secret work; there were only 150 each of the red and white Rituals bound, the remaining 200 being in sheet form. Tenders for all other large jobs of printing have been obtained and submitted for the approval of the M. W. G. P., who in every case has awarded the tender to the lowest offer. I am pleased in this connection to say that all our printing during the year has been of first-class character, and in every way satisfactory.

The desirability of publishing the aims and objects of our Society being so often urged, I took the earliest opportunity of drawing up a draft circular setting forth, in as condensed form as possible, the principles of our Order, together with the fees and payments. This I submitted to the M. W. G. P. who approved of the same, and 3,000 were at once printed and distributed; the demand, however, was greater than the supply, and at the request of a large number of our officers and members the Grand President instructed me to order an additional 6,000, which was immediately done: I have only about 100 left. A great deal of good has been accomplished by the issue of those circulars and a great saving to our Constitutions during the last two months of 1885. I have sent a large number of the aims and objects of Society to Guelph, Ingersoll, Uxbridge, Windsor, Brockville, Napanee, Newcastle, Brampton, and I am satisfied that before long the seed sown in this direction is bound to return a very rich harvest. I would urge upon our officers and members to carry the aims and objects of our Society with them, give them to their friends when in conversation, and the results will be before long a very large increase, not only of members but of Lodges. There are hundreds of Englishmen in our large cities like Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, who if they could receive a copy of our aims and objects would no doubt join without hesitation.

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In compliance with a further recommendation of the Committee on Printing, Bros. Thos. Moore, who was a member of that Committee, was requested to prepare and provide a new emblem in accordance with the suggestions laid down in the report, the cost of the new emblems was seventeen dollars.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge meeting (see printed proceedings page 36), the question of introducing the Order into England was duly considered, but no definite action has been taken in that direction. Bros. London, of Oxford Lodge, and Brundrett, of Lansdowne Lodge, who, during the past year, visited the Old Country, and who are representatives to this Grand Body, have been asked to give their views upon the question, and both agree in the opinion, that the establishment of the Order in England at the present time would not result in any benefit to our Society.

In compliance with recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, (see printed proceedings, page 30), I made several attempts to open up communication with the Grand Secretary of the Order Sons of St George. On the 13th of September, I received the first communication from the Secretary of the Order, Sons of St. George, with the statement, that my last letter, which had been addressed to Wm. Laphorn, Past Grand President, with whom we were well acquainted, and who had died in the spring, had been forwarded to him by Mrs. Laphorne. I sent a copy of our last grand report to Mr. Williams, who acknowledge the same, and expressed a strong desire for the affiliation of our Societies. I also received a copy of their Journal of proceedings of their last Grand Lodge meeting held in Boston, August 18th, 1885. In reading over that report I noticed in the report of the Worthy Grand President (page 33) of the Journal, the following statement:—"It is with pleasure I am enabled to report that satisfactory steps are being taken to establish a Lodge in the Canadian Dominion, and but a short time will elapse before the inauguration of the same." I immediately wrote to the Secretary, Mr. Williams, calling his attention to the paragraph in the report, and requesting him to carefully consider the question before taking any steps to institute Lodges in Canada. I entered into a long argument to show that such a step might prove disadvantageous to both Societies, and as we were doing the very work they professed to do, would it not give color to the idea of antagonism to our Society. For copy of this correspondence I refer you to Fol. 54, 55 and 56 of the letter book. I urged upon Mr. Williams to write me his opinions so that I could lay them before this Grand Body. I am sorry that up to the present I have not received any answer to my last communication.

On the 24th of April, 1885, Victoria Lodge, No. 22, held a grand celebration in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, it being St. George's Day, at which many of the leading and prominent civic authorities were present. The chair was taken by the President of Victoria Lodge. A. C. Wylde, Esq., R. M. ; Sir J. D. Barry being called upon to propose the toast of the Society, said he felt honored in being a guest, and more especially in being called upon to propose the toast of the Sons of England Society. This Society is built upon the noblest instincts of our nature—Loyalty and Benevolence—and should become one of the most important Societies of the British Empire. The Mayor, ex-Mayor, Captain F. Skead, and

other gentlemen gave addresses. Bro. Spence, your Deputy Grand Lodge Officer, was present, and responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge. The meeting was a magnificent success.

On the 12th of December, 1885, the anniversary of the opening of our Order was celebrated by the Joint Lodges of Rose of Africa and Victoria at a grand banquet in Uitenhage; a report of which is given by Bro. Spence in his letter to us last month.

I am pleased to lay before this Grand Body a full and official report of the progress of the Order in South Africa from District Deputy Grand Officer Bro. Spence. The report is replete with interesting items, and in a small space speaks volumes for the interest and devotion to our grand and noble institution by Bro. Spence. The rapid development of the Order in that district necessitating considerable change in the wording of many clauses in the Constitution, power is asked to print their own Laws and Circulars and papers to suit that Colony; all of which we recommend for your careful perusal, and also to grant them the powers they seek, as it is entirely in the interest of our Society in that far off district. Bro. Spence deserves the fullest sympathy and condolence of this Grand Body in the sad loss he has sustained, both through death in his family and in the burning down of his house and home.

I have pleasure in reporting that as soon as your Executive became aware of the fact that the Dominion Government had introduced in the House of Commons a Bill to amend the Insurance Act of 1887, we acted upon the motion passed at last Grand Lodge Session, (page 32, printed proceedings.) The Bill was introduced by Sir Leonard Tilley, and if it had been allowed to pass without a protest would virtually have destroyed our Beneficiary Enterprise. With the able assistance of Bro. Dr. King we attended a mass meeting of members of Societies in St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, and entered a strong protest against the Bill on behalf of the Benevolent Societies.

The interests of our Society being so much at stake and the results so serious, we urged upon the Grand President the necessity of at once proceeding to Ottawa for the purpose of interviewing Sir Leonard Tilley, with a view of modifying the Bill. I waited upon several prominent officers and members of other Benevolent Societies in Toronto, who, however, showed a lukewarm disposition in the matter, and left us to take action for ourselves. The Grand President telegraphed me to make preparation to leave for Ottawa without delay. We telegraphed to Mr. James Beatty to arrange for an interview. On Wednesday night, Feb 25th, I left Toronto, and on Thursday, Feb. 26th, at 2 o'clock, I had the honor, on behalf of this Society, of obtaining a hearing before the Committee on Banking and Commerce, (the most important Committee of the House of Commons), and was received with great courtesy and consideration. I entered into an explanation of the principles and objects of our Insurance Department. I explained the laws governing friendly Societies in England, and entered a strong protest against being classed with the old line Insurance Companies, or even with the Mutual Associations who were trading and making a business of the same. I cannot omit to

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mention that Mr. Mulock, the member for North York, gave us very valuable assistance and treated us in a very gentlemanly manner, as also did Mr. James Beatty, member for West Toronto, and others. Though our labors on that deputation have never been publicly recognized by the other Benevolent Societies, I have the satisfaction of knowing that it is entirely owing to the prompt and energetic action taken on that occasion that the change was afterwards made by Sir Leonard Tilley in the Insurance Bill.

Under the Insurance Act of 1877 Sir Leonard Tilley, in the House of Commons, said that no organization giving insurance under the Assessment principle could do business in Canada without depositing with the Government \$50,000 without violating the provision of the Act, and making themselves liable to heavy penalties. A number of Associations had come into existence since the passing of that Act, naming the Foresters, the Oddfellows, the U. of W., Sons of Temperance and others, and in order to relieve them from the penalties of the Act he proposed a system of registration, which was both burdensome and objectionable in every particular. He proposed that all friendly Societies should take out a yearly license, that statements and returns should be made annually to the Superintendent of Insurance, who should have the discretionary power of renewing or refusing a new license. This would kill our insurance at once; we would never be sure if our license would or would not be issued, and members could not be expected to join when they knew we were only licensed for one year. I made a strong appeal to Sir Leonard Tilley to exempt Friendly Societies from the provisions of the Bill. Mr. Tilley promised to consider our objections, and I am very glad to say that when the Bill had passed through the Senate Chamber and had received the Royal assent, the 12th Clause of the Bill read, "neither the Consolidated Insurance Act of 1877 or this Act, shall apply to any Society or association of persons for fraternal, benevolent, industrial, or religious purposes, among which shall be the insurance of the lives of the members thereof exclusively, or to any Association for the purpose of life insurance formed in connection with such Society or organization and exclusively from its members, and insuring the lives of such members exclusively." I contend we accomplished a great and substantial benefit to the cause of insurance in connection with our Society, and I am of opinion that if we had done no more during the year, this one action would have demonstrated the usefulness of the Executive.

During the year a large number of questions and opinions on various points of the Constitution have been asked by different officers and members. Those requiring the opinion of the M. W. G. P. has been submitted to him for his decision. The following points on the Constitution were answered by your Grand Secretary, it not being necessary to occupy the valuable time of the Grand President.

Question from Kent Lodge :—Can a Lodge in which a member deposits his Clearance Card, raise his weekly dues according to his age at the time the clearance is deposited? Answer.—The Constitution lays down two restrictions regarding clearance members, the first is Clause "12," page 24, last two lines, "such

clearance shall be decided by ballot—the second is Clause “14,” page 35, showing distinctly that the Lodge has the power to refuse such clearance, but no Lodge has the power to increase the rate of contributions.

A question involving peculiar considerations comes from the Secretary of Essex Lodge. If a member is nominated for any of the higher positions, say V. P. Secretary or Treasurer, and also M. C., and there is no opposition for the M. C. position, does it debar him from standing his election for the other offices for which he is nominated? As there is considerable difference of opinion upon this point, I trust the Committee on Laws and Constitution will give special attention to the answers given, so that in future questions might be settled by reference to this decision. My answer was decidedly not, for the following reasons: 1st, no officer can be declared elected on nomination night; 2nd, that “Clause 2, article 13,” page 37, distinctly lays down that all officers must be elected by ballot; even if there is no opposition, it is necessary that one ballot be cast to comply with the conditions. I consider this a wise provision, else some worthy brother might be allowed to run for some lower office unopposed to prevent him running for the one he was most anxious for, and thus prevent him from rising in his Lodge, and this perhaps from some personal feelings.

In reply to a question from a member of Brighton Lodge, W. R. D., as to whether they were entitled to pay sick dues to a Bro. who had withdrawn his clearance and deposited it in a lodge that had no Second Degree Charter. I stated that while I did not think they were legally bound to pay the Bro. that he had a moral claim upon the Lodge.

From Old England Lodge:—A question based upon the answer given to a question from Kent Lodge in 1885, (see printed proceedings, page 16, can the Lodge pay the expenses of two duly appointed delegates to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge officers for instruction in the new Rituals at Oshawa? Answer if you have no contingent fund, it is perfectly legal. The Lodge which appoints officers to do certain and special duties must be prepared to remunerate them for their special services.

Durham Lodge:—Is it intended that a member living within the jurisdiction of the Lodge Surgeon, and employing another Doctor in his stead, that the Lodge should accept the stranger's certificate and pay the \$3 per week-sick allowance. Answer, “yes,” providing he is a duly certified medical man. A member is not bound to have his own Lodge Doctor, and in some cases the Doctor does not express any regret at it. Some Lodges have By-laws providing that if a brother does not have the Lodge Doctor's services when sick that the medical certificate of sickness shall be countersigned by the Lodge Surgeon.

Westminster Lodge:—1st, can an Honorary Member be initiated without a doctor's certificate?—Answer, “yes.” 2nd, (a) if a candidate is blackballed can those who are favorable to the candidate call on those known to be against him to give their reasons? (b) if they will not can a motion be made to reconsider the vote, (c) and afterwards take an open vote? In answer to “A” (No), answer to

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"B" (No), answer to "C" (No). The Constitution lays down that the President may, if he is convinced that a mistake has been made, order a fresh ballot to be taken at that same meeting.

3rd question. Can a Lodge set aside by motion the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, so as not to enforce the law providing for the fine for non payment of dues?—Answer, (No). The Lodge is liable under the Constitution to a fine that would pass such a resolution.

4th question. Can a Lodge let a Brother have their Lodge funds on good security and interest?—Answer, "No." The answer, however, did not avail anything, as the Lodge had loaned the funds before the question had been asked, see letter book, Fol. 575.

Rose of Couchiching :—1st, is a candidate, who was born in Scotland, but whose father was born in England, eligible to join our Society?—Answer, if he claims to be English certainly "yes."

2nd. If a loss is sustained by running an excursion or concert on behalf of the Contingent fund, can the loss be made good out of the Contingent fund?—Answer "yes."

3rd. If a member is in arrears for the space of 12 months and afterwards suspended, can he before the 12 months is expired present a new proposition with the fee of 50 cents and join as a new member without paying his back arrears,—Answer, he cannot. All arrears must be paid up from the time he was suspended till he is over two years in arrears, when his name should be struck off the Lodge Roll. In this connection I would venture to suggest that every effort should be made to save our members from getting beyond the two years limit.

4th. Is the Lodge responsible for any extra charge through accident to members where extra medical assistance is necessary in amputation and the like?—Answer, "yes." First, because it would not be fair to expect the brother to pay when the Constitution says he shall receive medical attendance and medicine, and second, it would not be reasonable to expect the doctor to give any more than his own services.

In addition to the above official answers and opinions, I have given a very large numbers of answers to questions of law which did not require any special ruling of the M. W. G. P. I have submitted all questions of importance where doubt existed for the Grand President's advice and ruling. I am very strongly of opinion that an absolute law ought to prevail, that all official communications where decisions of law are required necessary for the government of the Lodges, should pass through the proper channel so as to avoid any possible chance of a conflict of opinion and apparent neglect of duty, for instance an officer or brother writes two letters, one to the Grand President and one to the Grand Secretary, the two letters may or may not be exactly worded, the slightest alteration or the absence of one word would make a difference, and without knowing each officer sends his opinion, which might be entirely opposite to the other. The wise suggestion of Past Grand

President Hulme last year should be adopted and strongly enforced, then all official opinions would be placed on record and answered as they should be with the Grand Seal attached. I am pleased to say that, with one exception, the M. W. G. P. has approved of all explanations of the points raised and decisions given, and submitted to him during the year. The want of a thorough acquaintance with the Laws and Constitution of our Order has caused considerable difficulty to some of our officers;—the few difficulties that have occurred this year are entirely owing to a misconstruction of the letter and a misapprehension of the spirit of our laws, but in many minor difficulties the want of a knowledge of what the law really was, caused considerable anxiety. I think we should become as well versed in the objects and principles of the Society as we are in the world politic, and it behooves us in order to save trouble and difficulties, to so read our constitutions, that we shall be able to answer all points of law and advocate the claims of the Society among those with whom we come in contact. I am strongly of opinion that at no distant day it will be necessary for the guidance of our officers and members that a digest containing all official opinions and explanations of the laws shall be printed.

With a view of harmonising several parts of the Constitution to that of the new Rituals, I have suggested several alterations of words and of striking out clauses that properly belong to the Rituals. I beg to say that there are about 2,000 Constitutions on hand at the present time, which are enough to last us for another year, so that I would recommend that any alterations that are made this year should be printed in fly sheet form for the back of the Constitution, which we have on hand. It is said that we are always changing our Constitution, but it must happen that as our Lodges increase, and our Membership increase, our wants will become more varied and extensive, and for a few years yet, we shall find it necessary to amend and enlarge, and enact new Laws for our Society, as its varied interests may demand.

The progress made by our Society during the past year, will be found by a careful perusal of the accompanying statistics, (in appendix B), which are compiled with the greatest possible care and accuracy from the returns of the various Lodge Secretaries. It is true that only three new Lodges have been organized during the past year, viz. Canterbury No. 34, at Collingwood, on the 22nd of April, when over 20 members were initiated, Windsor No 35, at Toronto, on May, 8th, when 15 were received into membership, and perhaps the crowning act of all our efforts is Excelsior Lodge, No 36, in the City of Montreal, on November the 2nd, when over 35 members joined hands together, and pledged themselves to perpetuate the memories of the Land that gave us birth.

The statistics show that the past year's record for additions to our membership and finances is unparalleled in the history of this Society, During the year 855 candidates were received into membership, and while we have lost by suspension 270 members, by expulsion 8, and by death 16, we have a net gain over all losses of 600 members, at the present time our membership on the rolls is three thousand and fifty, the number of members in good standing is 2295, an increase of 486

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Amount paid for sick benefits during the year is \$3,947, or an increase of \$1,369, amount paid for funeral benefits this year \$821.77 or a decrease of \$125, on last year, during the year there have been 16 deaths, some of whom were not entitled to benefits; the sum of \$821, for funeral benefits includes, 11 wives of members costing \$220, and 12 children costing \$84, so that our funeral benefits through the death of members is only \$427; the amount paid for medical fees is \$3 000, or an increase of \$773, over that of last year; the amount paid for Capitation Tax \$839,55, or \$164,85, in excess of last year; amount of cash invested in the bank \$20,652,75, or an increase of \$5,648.73; amount of cash in hands of Treasurer \$2,546,45, which is considerably reduced after paying off Quarterly Liabilities, which amount this year to \$790. Total Funds of Lodges, on December 30th, was \$23,709,76, the amount of cash received by our Lodge Officers during the year, was \$18,743,59, deducting \$7,068,80, for sick, funeral, and medical benefits, we have a balance of \$11,674,79, on the year's renew of which more than one half, has been added to our Lodge funds in the bank, the remainder covering all expenses in management rent, cost of Lodge property regalia, ect.

Of the number suspended 30 per cent may reasonably be expected to be reinstated if proper means be employed to bring them back. Of the number over six months in arrears, 70 per cent will certainly, by proper visitations, keep good on the books. Of the number expelled during the year, I am happy to say only one was for drunkenness, two for contempt and five for non-payment of dues.

Victoria Lodge No. 22, Port Elizabeth, heads the list with the largest number of Initiations during the year '69, Middlesex next with 52, London 50, Westminster 49, Stafford 48, Lansdowne 46, St. George 40, Wellington 36, Albion and Southampton 32, Brighton 29, Durham 25 Surry 28, Rose of Couchiching 22, Kent 20, and the other lodges are below 20.

The balance sheet marked appendix A, gives a detailed account of the receipts from our regular revenue as well as extra receipts, also expenditure and financial standing of the Grand Lodge.

I am pleased to be able to announce, that notwithstanding the free distribution of last Grand Lodge reports, which cost us over 80 dollars, and the printing of the new Rituals which cost us over 200 dollars, and the cost of the deputation to Ottawa re insurance, that there is a cash balance of \$147.23 in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, the total receipts from all sources during the year are \$1749.74, of which \$868.84 were from cash sales. I have as often as the Grand Lodge assembled urged the importance of all lodge supplies being furnished by and through your Grand Lodge. I am pleased to report that this is being done to a much larger extent than ever before, the printing of the price list enables our Lodge Officers to judge as to the cost of goods supplied by the Executive and those purchased elsewhere. I am also pleased to state that the whole of our supplies, with one or two exceptions, come through the hands

of our own members. I trust the representatives to this grand body will see the necessity of strengthening the hands of the Executive Council by urging their lodges to purchase their supplies from the Grand Lodge.

The strictest economy has been observed in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge during the year. The extra expenses this year in instructing Lodges in the new Retails \$43 80, waiting upon the Dominion Government at Ottawa \$19.75, and printing the new Rituals should be classed as extraordinary expense and will not occur again for some years. The amount of correspondence has largely increased during the year, but on account of the accumulation of Lodge property I was compelled to procure extra accommodation, and am obliged to devote one room entirely for office purposes. While the Cash Balance is creditable Under the extraordinary and unforeseen expenditure of several contingencies, I have yet greater pleasure in announcing to this grand Body that the saleable stock according to the accompanying Inventory is \$541 15, this with cash assets of \$10.32 the Grand Lodge has a workable capital of \$698.70, though the bulk of this sum will not be realized perhaps during the present year.

INVENTORY OF GOODS IN CARE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

2,000 Constitutions	\$100.00
350 Subscription Books..	25.50
19 Roll Books and Ledger.....	57.00
9 Black Books.....	9.00
7 Registration Books.....	7 00
34 Medical Books.....	17.00
8 Lodge Charters.....	40.00
33 W. R. D. Charters.....	33.00
280 Members' Certificates	70 00
500 F. Badges.....	90 00
76 Pads of Different Forms	30 40
Sundry Notices	3 00
16 W. R. D. Surplices.....	16 00
5 Officers' Regalia.....	15 00
80 Sets of Officers' Bonds.....	20 00
1 Dozen Wool Roses.....	1 60
8 Boxes of Ballots.....	8 00
33 Badges.....	1 65

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

197 Red and White Rose Degree Rituals.....	200 00
37 Agendas.....	1 00
Seats for Certificates and Charters.....	3 00
Scales for letters.....	8 25
Cupboard for Books and Papers.....	4 00
Forms for Suspended Lists	3 00
Bill Heads.....	5 00
Letter Press	5 00
Grand Lodge Seal.....	5 00
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It afforded me great pleasure to propose five years ago a reduction of the Cap. Tax from 50 to 40 cents per annum. I am strongly of the opinion that by the meeting of the Grand Lodge, February, 1887, that a further reduction of ten cents per member per annum might be made without in any way affecting the efficient working of the Grand Lodge, but I would propose that the ten cents per member should be carried to the Contingent funds for the benefit of distressed members.

I am glad to be able to report, that with hardly an exception, the officers and members of our society are true and loyal to this grand body. Some few members, and officers as well, run away with the idea that the Grand Lodge is a separate institution. This is an unfair position to assume. What we want our members and officers to feel is that the Grand Lodge is a part of themselves, the trunk from which stretch out all the branches. The more confidence placed in the Grand Lodge, the more useful will it become, the more we feel it a part of ourselves, the greater will be our power. I ask in all sincerity that the representatives to this grand Body will stand by its Executive, strengthen their hands by implicit confidence, and support them, by accepting all their efforts for the good of the order in the proper spirit.

Before concluding my report I beg to call attention to the efforts now being made on behalf of our society to purchase that magnificent building known as Shaftesbury Hall, Queen St., Toronto. This action on the part of our members surpasses anything in the line of society enterprise since Toronto became a city, and has staggered many older societies for our dash and pluck in entering in upon such a project. with a little more fire and enthusiasm, that hall, on the 1st. of April, 1886, will belong to this Society, and will prove a boon to hundreds of Englishmen, who shall yet seek our Canadian home.

I also beg to call the attention of this Grand Body to the fact that this year is the Jubilee of Her most gracious Majesty, the Queen. As the pulse of the British people will beat for joy the whole world over, I urge upon this Grand Body to take immediate steps for a grand Jubilee Celebration on the 28th of June, the Coronation day. I also ask this Grand Body to set apart the 23rd of May for the regular church services of our lodges, and the 12th of December as the anniversary of the order.

Any complaints against the Grand Secretary during the year I trust will be received as mistakes of the head and not of the heart. I regret to report our death roll contains two of our youngest members by drowning in the Toronto Bay. One Brother, a perfect stranger, without a friend or a relation, and without being entitled to benefits, was honorably buried by the members of St. George's Lodge, of which he was a member. The troubles in our North West Territory have been fully dealt with by the M. W. G. P. About seventy-five of our members took part in suppressing that unhappy rebellion.

Before closing I desire once again to acknowledge the most universal kindness shown towards me, as representative of this Grand Lodge, both by the representatives, officers, and members of our Society. I desire most gratefully to thank

my Brother Grand Lodge officers for their timely assistance and Brotherly sympathy in the discharge of the increasing and onerous duties of this office.

In conclusion I desire sincerely to urge upon this Grand Body, and through it, on our officers and members, the necessity for a closer and more constant study of the principles and objects of our association, which are the elevation of our fellow countrymen throughout the world.

Let us be as firm in our devotion to the principles of this Society as the cliffs of our native Albion. Let Brotherly love, that distinguished characteristic of our order, be more than ever cultivated by us. We are engaged in laying the foundations for future generations to build upon, let us so perform our work that the good we do, shall be written in letters of gold upon the pages of our history. In this great, and at present, undeveloped part of our Empire, let our noble Society be so grounded upon the rock of Fidelity, that all the storms of prejudice, malice, ignorance, hatred and scorn shall beat against it in vain, let us live to build up, not to pull down, to encourage and cheer one another, not to bewilder and make sad. Let all petty feelings of jealousy and personal differences give place to harmony and a generous sympathy for each other, who are of one blood, one kindred and one race.

And may a merciful, kind and beneficent Providence direct all our deliberations for the benefit of our fellows. May the coming year yield a hundred fold more than the past, and may our Great Grand President guide us safely over the tide of this earthly life and bring us into the peaceful harbor of our Grand Lodge home at last.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER
Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bro. Mellon, seconded by Bro. Gribble, that the Grand Secretary's Report be received and referred to Committee on Officers Reports.—Carried.

Bro. Carter read a supplementary report of the Committee on the Beneficiary Department.

GALT, Ont., February 9th, 1886.

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

I have great pleasure in submitting for your consideration a report of the state and progress made in this department of our Order during the year 1885 together with the accompanying Balance Sheet, showing the receipts and expenditure up to February 1st, 1885, in (Appendix C), also a tabulated form showing the number insured under the different heads, the average assesment of each Lodge, and the total assesment for the first death claim in (Appendix D:)

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It is with great gratitude I announce, that during the year just closed, not one claim has been made upon this department, showing, to some extent, the care and attention paid by our Medical Examiners in the selection of applicants for Beneficiary policies. While thankful for this fact, I have however to express on behalf of the Finance Board their regret that so large a number of our members neglect to take advantage of this important and beneficial branch of our association.

With the view of giving our members a full opportunity of becoming acquainted with the workings of this department, and of reading for themselves the benefit to be derived from joining the Beneficiary, the reports of last Grand Lodge were distributed free of charge and we had hoped that a careful pursual of the experience and opinions of many of our Medical Examiners as expressed in their letters upon the subject of the Beneficiary would have induced a large number of members to join that department.

The universal opinion expressed in those letters is that our system, as laid down for the government of this department, is the cheapest and safest mode of Insurance that our members could possibly have. They also contain a very strong recommendation that our members would apply for policies.

The necessity and importance of this department will become more apparent if we take into consideration the fact, that during past years, on many occasions, local efforts have been made by Lodges to raise money by concerts and entertainments, for the purpose of relieving, by charity, the poor condition of the relatives of deceased Brethren. A large number of our members, while they do not like to refuse giving assistance in this direction, nevertheless feel that their dues and payments are already high enough, and cannot afford to be giving every time these cases occur. Our Beneficiary would prevent this begging and charity giving system, and by the members joining would make ample provision in time of bereavement and difficulty, with the view of bringing this department more prominently and constitutionally before our members, I have ventured to suggest for the consideration of this Grand Body, that the order of business in connection with Lodge meetings shall contain one for the consideration of application for the Beneficiary. During the year '55, application for polices have been made, of this number five were rejected on account of over age, one under age and one on Medical certificate.

Forty-seven Beneficiary polices have been issued, making a total of 177 members in this department. There are 166 insured for \$1000 polices, 11 for \$500 polices. The tables in (Appendix D), shows numbers, the various ages, the number in each Lodge average assesment, with the total amount for the first death claim. Since the last meeting on the 30th of January four more applications have been received, making the claim at the present time abut \$133. I have not been notified of any members of the Beneficiary having elapsed through non-payment or suspension.

Appendix C, shows the condition of the funds of the department. Beyond the payment of medical fees which were due to the examiners on February 1st., 1885,

not one single cent has been spent by the Board of Management in conducting the department. The Treasurer holds no money in his hands. The whole amount as shown on the Balance Sheet is invested in the names of two trustees, appointed by the Board in the Savings Department of the Dominion Bank, at 3 per cent interest, on behalf of the Sons of England B. S. Beneficiary department.

The meetings of the Finance Board are held the first Wednesday in every month at the Grand Secretary's office. The average attendance of members of the Board per meeting during the year has been six, and on several occasions, the presence of officers and members of the different lodges. The Most Worthy Grand President presided at the Board meetings twice during the year. The proposed alterations to the Beneficiary, as suggested, and printed in the sessional papers, has been duly considered by the Finance Board, and they desire to convey to this honorable body their views on the same.

Having carefully examined into the proposals of Middlesex Lodge, the Board would recommend their adoption. The proposal of the Brighton Lodge they would not recommend at the present time. The alteration proposed by Lansdowne Lodge, by which the whole system at present in working order would be changed, would, in the opinion of the Finance Board, retard rather than advance the interest of the Beneficiary. They therefore cannot recommend its adoption by this Grand Body. In conclusion, while we may be thankful for the present condition of the Beneficiary, and that death has made no inroads upon our ranks, we nevertheless trust that our members will enter more heartily into the consideration of this department of our Society's work, and by their individual exertions strive to induce their fellow members to join and take out policies and thus secure for their wives and families what will in the deepest hour of affliction and distress, help to soothe the aching heart, and lighten the burden of many of our poorer bereaved friends.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,

Secretary to the Beneficiary Department.

Moved by Bro. Partridge, seconded by Bro. Hover, that the report be received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

The Grand Treasurer read his report.

GALT, Ont., February 9th, 1886.

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

BRETHREN,—In presenting this, my report for the past year, I do so with greater pleasure than I anticipated. There has been a great demand upon the

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funds, and I fully expected to come here with a report showing a deficit, instead of a balance.

There was an expenditure of \$234 67 for Rituals, etc., and \$82 00 for Grand Lodge reports, which is taken entirely out of the Grand Lodge funds, which if Subordinate Lodges had paid their proportion for the same, would have made considerable difference to our balance.

There was a balance in hand last year of \$342 71, and I have received from the Secretary, \$1749 74 during the year, making a total of \$2092 45.

I have expended as per orders from the Secretary, the sum of \$1945 20, which leaves a balance in hand at the present time of \$147 23.

I must again congratulate this Grand Lodge in having such a balance in their favor, although not so large as last year; but considering such a year of expenses, it is larger than I expected; but it shows the society is progressing, and as we do not anticipate spending so much this present year, no doubt a larger balance will be shown at the next Grand Lodge.

Thanking you again for the cordial manner you have always received me amongst you, and wishing our beloved Order every prosperity,

I remain, Yours fraternally,

BENJAMIN HINCHCLIFFE,

Grand Treasurer, S. O. E. B. S.

BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Although the above is not taken up by the members as largely as we would desire, it is still progressing. We have not been called upon for a claim up to the present, and our bank book shows a good sum to our credit.

The receipts for the year have been \$94, and the expenditure \$34, and the balance, with what we had in hand, makes a total of \$296.35 in the Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

B. HINCHCLIFFE,

Treasurer.

Moved by Bro. M. A. James, seconded by Bro. R. Croft Hulme, that the report be received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

District Deputy Wallace read his report.

GALT, February 9th, 1886.

Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members, of Grand Lodge, S. O. E. B. S.

I beg to lay before your Grand Body this, the first report of D. D. G. P. No. 2 District.

I have very little to report, upon owing to the fact that the duties of this office were very imperfectly defined, but I trust the matter will receive due consideration at this Grand Lodge. With reference to troubles in the Westminster Lodge, No. 20, I beg to recommend as follows:

1st. With reference to the suspension of Dr. Burrows, I beg to advise this Grand Lodge to declare the whole proceeding, as regards trial, to be unconstitutional, and that he may be reinstated, and that the Lodge be authorized to take up the charges in order, and deal with them in a proper and constitutional manner.

2nd. That said Lodge be allowed, if they deem it necessary, to hold a new election of officers for the balance of this year, there having been a serious disturbance on account of moving their place of meeting.

Thanking the Grand Lodge for the honor of electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M., for the past year,

I have the honor to be, brethren, yours fraternally,

J. W. WALLACE,
D. D., No. 2 District.

Moved by Bro. Dr. King, seconded by Bro. Gribble, that the report be received and referred to the Committee on Appeals—Carried.

District Deputy Buckingham's report was read by the Grand Secretary.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, Right Worthy Grand Officers, and Representatives, in Grand Lodge, Assembled.

HAMILTON, February 9th, 1886.

RESPECTED BRETHREN,—Your District Deputy of No. 4 District, begs leave to submit the following report:

That the term just brought to a close has been a very successful one. The Lodges in Hamilton have been very harmonious in their workings, most of the committee work being conducted conjointly and sometimes have wondered if there was any necessity of having two managements.

The visit paid by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. J. W. Carter, Bro. Dr. King, and the Ritual Committee early in the term was an event which will long be remembered by the Hamilton Brethren, and the very energetic and interesting manner in which the Rituals and unwritten work was exemplified by those brethren, was creditable, indeed. We have found the Rituals work to the

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utmost satisfaction, the only drawback to them being a want of legislation to support them.

The Lodges were honored by a visit from the Most Worthy Grand President, Bro. Higginbotham, accompanied by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. J. W. Carter, which has been the cause of much good, and I sincerely hope that the same may be lasting.

My ramifications during the year have not been very extensive, as I have not been called upon to visit any Lodge outside the City of Hamilton. I have written letters to parties in London, St. Catharines, Guelph and Hagersville, respecting the opening of Lodges, and have sent constitutions to them, but up to the present time have not received a favorable reply.

I installed the officers of the two Hamilton Lodges, and believe they are all brethren worthy of their positions. My visits to the Lodges have been courteously received, and the future prospects are very encouraging. The Constitution, with very few alterations, meets the requirements of the members, and I earnestly hope that the alterations, amendments and additions will be the means of further consolidating the best national benevolent society in the world.

I found some difficulty, for want of legislation, to carry on my duties as I would like, and recommend that the District Deputies' duties be defined, and that they be furnished with a printed commission duly signed and sealed.

I herewith return my Red and White Rose Rituals, and Agenda, and wishing you a pleasant and profitable session, have the honor to remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN B. BUCKINGHAM.

Moved by Bro. J. W. London, seconded by Bro. T. Skippon, that the report be received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

District Deputy Bro. Kempling read his report.

GALT, February 9th, 1886.

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

BRETHREN,—I beg leave to submit for your acceptance, my report as District Deputy for No. 3 district.

April 21st. Visited "Rose of Couchiching," No. 23, Orillia, gave new rituals, and exemplified them by initiations and advancements.

April 22nd. Went to Collingwood and instituted "Canterbury Lodge," No. 34, dedicated the lodge, and installed the officers.

April 23rd. Visited Southampton Lodge No. 28, Barrie, gave new rituals, and exemplified them by initiations and advancements.

April 27th. Visited "Surry Lodge," No. 11, Toronto, and exemplified Red Rose Degree.

May 4th. Visited "Lansdowne Lodge," No. 25, Peterboro, in connection with M. W. G. P., and R. W. G. S., assisted in exemplifying W. R. D. in the afternoon, and the R. R. D. in the evening.

May 6th. Visited "Westminster Lodge," No. 20, Lindsay, and instructed the brethren in both rituals for the first time.

May 11th. Visited "Surry Lodge, No. 11, Toronto, and installed one officer.

May 20th. Visited "Westminster Lodge," No. 20, Lindsay, and, by request, held a 2nd. Degree meeting, again exemplifying the new work.

May 14th. Visited "Oxford Lodge," No. 17, Belleville, and exemplified new work by initiating and advancing candidates.

May 19th. Visited "York Lodge," No. 6, Toronto, and assisted the officers in the new rituals.

June 8th. Visited "Kent Lodge," No. 3, Toronto, and initiated two candidates.

June 10th. Visited "Southampton Lodge," No. 28, Barrie, by request, and worked 1st and 2nd degrees.

Nov. 13th. Visited "Canterbury Lodge," No. 34, Collingwood, and instituted a White Rose Degree Lodge, advancing sixteen candidates.

Dec. 8th. Visited "Rose of Couchiching," Lodge, No. 23, Orillia, and installed its officers, also held a special W. R. D. meeting and Lodge of Instruction.

Dec. 13th. Visited "Southampton Lodge," No. 28, Barrie, and installed its officers.

Dec. 15th. Visited Canterbury Lodge No. 34, Collingwood, and installed its officers.

I have also fraternally visited Albion, Somerset, Manchester, Stafford, St. George, and other lodges, and assisted them in their work.

Most Worthy Sir and Bro.,—It is with some trepidation that I make this, my first report, lest it should not be received. Still I recognize the fact that this honorable body that appointed me to the position, expects from me a full and impartial report as an officer of this Grand Lodge. Of the substantial numerical gains to the roll books of our various lodges, your R. W. G. S. has already acquainted you. It gives me pleasure to add, that I find we are recruiting largely from a class of men that hitherto practically held aloof from us. Men of wealth and influence are readily joining our beloved order, thus virtually admitting, what they previously failed to recognize; viz., that we do contain that element of cohesion, so necessary to the stability and permanent progress of all Fraternal societies. In regard to financial matters, I have ever found that ready

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thrift and care in the disbursement of the lodge funds, which is of itself a sure mark of solid advancement. I also found a laudable desire on the part of the brethren to carry out the laws of the constitution as far as they were understood by them.

In the general working of our rituals, there is still room for improvement. I find that simplified assistance is required, especially in the working of the W. R. D. To this end I have prepared sample copies, in the form of cards, which I submit for your approval. I also find that a simple, but appropriate badge is required by the brethren for processional and anniversary uses, and also to carry out the intention of the framers of our new rituals. To cover this, I have had prepared a sample for your acceptance. There was also an outspoken desire on the part of the brethren, for a set of simplified appropriate marches and tunes to accompany the words made use of in our rituals; copies of these I also present you.

I trust, Sirs, some scheme will be devised, that will at least soften, if not entirely remove that feeling of sectional jealousy and personal bitterness that is engendered at each recurring election of officers. The two weeks intervening between nomination and election, is a tacit admittance of the legality of canvassing with all its various intricacies. I would also call your attention to the numerous systems in use in our lodges in balloting for candidates, and would ask that some one be selected, and ordered to be generally used.

I beg further to call your attention to the fact that many of our lodges are but poorly provided with ballot balls, both in the kind and number.

I cannot close my report without speaking of the courteous and hearty manner in which the various lodges received me when visiting them, and if the past is any criterion of the future, I can promise my successor the same brotherly treatment I have received, and however strong his desire may be to aid and instruct, he will find an equally strong desire on the part of the brethren to profit by his visit.

I remain, Sirs, yours fraternally,

J. W. KEMPLING,
District Deputy,

Moved by Bro. Skippon, seconded by Bro. London, that the report be received and referred to Committee on Officer's Reports.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hallett, seconded by Bro. Hover, that the Lodge go into a Committee of the Whole on the sessional papers. The Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole, Dr. Pollard in the chair, and sat until a few minutes before 6 o'clock, when the Committee rose, reported and asked leave to sit again.

The Grand President took the chair and declared the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, February 10th.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

GALT, February 10th, 1886.

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

The minutes of previous sitting were read by the Assistant Secretary, and on motion of Dr. Pollard, seconded by R. S. Roberts, adopted.

On the Roll Call of Delegates all answered to their names.

1st order of the day. Nomination of Grand Lodge Executive officers being called the following were nominated for M. W. G. P. J. W. Kempling, Southampton Lodge; W. Edmett, Old England Lodge; Dr. S. B. Pollard, Windsor Lodge; John Clayton, Acorn Lodge, and Dr. Pickering, Stafford Lodge.

Bros. R. Croft Hulme, of Oxford Lodge; J. W. Higginbotham, of Essex Lodge; M. A. James, of Wellington Lodge, and W. J. Hill, of Warwick Lodge, were also nominated but declined to stand.

Bro. J. W. London, Oxford Lodge, and M. A. James, Westminster Lodge, were appointed Secretaries.

The Ballot being taken for M. W. G. P., Bro. John Clayton, of Acorn Lodge, Hamilton, was declared elected M. W. G. P., on the fifth Ballot.

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Nominations for R. W. G. V. P.—Bros. Thos. R. Skippon, Middlesex Lodge ; M. A. James, Wellington Lodge ; Dr. S. B. Pollard, Windsor Lodge.

On the second Ballot Bro. T. R. Skippon, of Middlesex Lodge, Toronto, was declared elected.

Nominations for R. W. G. S.—Bro. J. W. Carter, of Albion Lodge, was nominated, there being no opposition, the ballot was cast and Bro. J. W. Carter re-elected by acclamation.

Nomination for Grand Treasurer.—Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, of Surrey Lodge, was nominated, there being no opposition, the ballot was cast in favor of Bro. Hinchcliffe, who was re-elected by acclamation.

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

Bro. M. H. Spence was re-elected District Deputy Grand Lodge Officer for South Africa by acclamation.

Moved by Bro. Gribble, seconded by Bro. Hobbs, that the election of District Deputies be deferred until the question relating to them is settled.—Carried.

A vote of thanks to the Scrutiners was moved and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on appeals presented report No. 1.

GALT, Ont., February 9th, 1886.

To the Most Worthy President, Officers and Brethren of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26, S. O. E. B. S.

We, your committee on appeals, beg leave to report that the decision of the Arbitration committee of Westminster Lodge, Lindsay, is unconstitutional and irregular. And your committee further report that the notice of motion of Westminster Lodge, of November 4, 1885, and carried on the 18th November, were in order and constitutional, and all subsequent motions touching on the

same subject were irregular and should have been ruled out of order

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Bro. R. CROFT HULME.

“ DR. POLLARD,

“ RIDDIFORD,

“ PAUL,

“ JUDD,

“ WRIGHT,

“ PARTRIDGE,

“ YARNOLD,

“ MELLON.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment that the Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole on the Report. The amendment carried.

The Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on the Report, Bro. Dr. J. S. King in the chair.

In Committee Bro. Wallace, from Westminster Lodge, was allowed to explain the troubles existing in the Lodge. After a discussion by several Delegates it was moved and carried that the report be adopted as presented by the Committee.

The Committee then rose and reported, the Grand President in the chair. The report was adopted in Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain presented the reply to the Address of Welcome from the Royal Oak Lodge.

GALT, Ont., February 9th, 1886.

To the Most Worthy Grand President, S. O. E. B. S.

Worthy President, and Brethren,—The most Worthy President, Right Worthy Officers, and delegates of the Grand Lodge of our beloved order, now assembled, desire to thankfully acknowledge your kindly-worded address of welcome, and desire to further express their sincere gratification at the hearty and courteous reception you extended to us all on our visit to your town. You have fully maintained the dignity which should characterize the honored representatives of such a large member of our countrymen.

By your frank-heartedness, sincerity and attention to our creature comforts you have won our esteem and gratitude.

Brethren. allow us to assure you that our sojourn among you must delight all

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of us, and our visit to your substantial, business-like, and prosperous town, will be recalled with pleasure and satisfaction.

In coming to hold the eleventh session of our Grand Lodge among you, we wish thereby, to indicate our admiration of your English pluck in planting the standard of our young society in this part, your indomitable energy and success in maintaining the honor and prestige of our country most loyally, and in retaining your national allegiance bright and unsullied.

May you ever, more and more, cherish the highest love, fidelity and devotedness to our common cause, our common country, and our common Protestantism.

It certainly must be most gratifying to every true Englishman, to witness the unprecedented success achieved by our young order; to consider the favor and important position it has gained in the country; to realize the great amount of good it has done in promoting national unity, charity and brotherly love, and in binding our hearts together in unswerving fidelity to our Empire, our Queen, and our religion.

We learn with pleasure the great success which has crowned your work in Royal Oak Lodge, and we hope that the same prosperity and progress may attend your efforts in the future.

It would be of the utmost advantage to Englishmen to imitate your example by instituting lodges in every part of this western portion of the Province.

May the Divine blessing rest upon you richly in all things, and upon your friends and families. May peace and prosperity reign in our land, in England, and throughout the British Empire. May God bless our brethren, our Queen, and all her subjects.

Believe us, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, yours,

J. H. HIGGINBOTHAN, M. W. G. P.

JOHN W. CARTER, R. W. G. Secretary.

It was moved and carried that the address be received, adopted, engrosed and presented to the President of Royal Oak Lodge on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Dr. J. S. King presented the report of the Committee appointed to draw up new Rituals for opening and closing of Grand Lodge, also installation of Grand Lodge officers.

A motion to receive and adopt the report was lost.

A motion to receive report and go into Committee of the Whole at 2 o'clock was carried.

The R. W. G. V. P. asked leave to return home on account of having received a telegram announcing the death of Bro. Daws, one of the members. Leave granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President called the Grand Lodge to order at 2 p. m. Roll call dispensed with.

Moved by Bro. Clayton, seconded by Bro. M. A. James, that a vote of Condolence be sent to Old England Lodge, on the death of one of their late members, Bro. Daws.—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Rituals, R. Croft Hulme in the chair.

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by J. Clayton, that the report as read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by J. W. Kempling, seconded by J. W. Haynes, that the report be laid over for 12 months.—Lost.

Moved in amendment by J. W. Higginbotham, seconded by S. Hine, that the report be referred back to Committee with instructions to insert the words, the names whom we wish to honor.—Lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The Committee rose and reported, the Grand President in the chair.

The report from the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report.

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GALT, February 10th, 1886.

To the M. W. G. F. etc.,

Your committee on correspondence beg to report as follows in reference to the communication from the Grand Secretary of the Sons of St. George, that they would recommend that this matter be left as it is, as our Grand Secretary has received no communication from them of late.

With reference to the voluminous communication from South Africa, we would recommend those portions concerning by-laws of the lodges and changes in the constitution to the Committee on Constitution and Laws,

Regarding the application for a ratification of Bro. Spence's dispensation, we recommend they be granted.

We also desire to express our heartfelt condolence with Bro. M. H. Spence, in his recent bereavement, and sympathy in his late severe losses, and trust that great prosperity will yet attend his noble efforts.

S. B. POLLARD, M. D.,
JOHN CLAYTON,
J. KEMPLING.
T. R. SKIPPON,
GEORGE KNIGHT,
F. W. MORTON.

On motion of Dr. S. B. Pollard, seconded by J. W. Kemp-
ling, the report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Committee on Audit and Finance present the following
report :

FEBRUARY 10th, 1886.

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

We, the members of the Audit and Finance committee, beg leave to report, that we have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary, also those of the Grand Treasurer, and we find them to agree, and be correct in every particular.

WM. HOVER, Chairman,
JAS. BROWN,
J. W. KEMPLING,
J. W. LONDON,
W. H. GRIBBLE.

On motion of James Brown, seconded by J. W. Kemp-
ling, the report was received and adopted.

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by A. Partridge, that the odes in the Rituals be printed on suitable cards by the Grand Lodge with marches and music added thereto for convenience of members, and supplied to Subordinate Lodges upon payment thereof.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by Dr. Pollard, that the Grand President is the only officer authorized to give legal decisions when the Grand Lodge is not in session, that all such decisions shall be in writing, and stamped with the Grand Lodge seal and shall be reported to the Grand Lodge for approval or rejection.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. E. W. Sibbald, seconded by Fred Hayward, that the Executive revise all amendments to the Constitution, and so arrange and make more definite the propositions to be brought before Grand Lodge.—Carried.

A motion by Bro. Gribble, seconded by Bro. Lewis, that the Executive prepare a declaration with the names of the founders, frame same and use for Grand Lodge meetings, was lost.

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by Rev. E. W. Sibbald, that the Executive of the Grand Lodge, with the Grand Chaplain be a committee to make such changes in the Constitution as shall harmonise the Ritual and Constitution. Such changes to be printed in sheets and sent to all Subordinate Lodges.—Carried.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals presented report No. 2.

LODGE ROOM, February 10th, 1886.

In appeal of St. George's Lodge, No. 27, against ruling of M. G. W. P.

Your Committee recommend that this appeal be not entertained.

R. CROFT HULME.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

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 COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

The Committee on Widows and Orphans presented the following report.

GALT, February 10th, 1886.

We, your Committee on Widow and Orphans, submit the following report,

That we think it desirable that the proposal to establish a Widow and Orphans fund be withdrawn for the present.

Bro. A. PARTRIDGE,
 " RIDDIFIORD
 " THOMAS,
 " BEACH,
 " PARSONS,
 " DR. PICKERING,
 " COXON,
 " G. MATTHEWS,
 " SKITCH,
 " HINE.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

R. Croft Hulme presented the report of the Committee on Furniture. Report was received and adopted.

The question of Badges was referred to Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on Sessional papers and sat till 6 o'clock, when the Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Grand President took the chair.

Bro. Lewis, President of Royal Oak Lodge, invited the Grand Lodge officers and Delegates to a banquet to be held at the Queen's Hotel at 10 o'clock.

The Grand President gave notice that a Lodge of instruction in the Red and White Rose Degrees would be held that evening at 8 o'clock, and requested all the Delegates to be present.

The Grand President then declared the Grand Lodge adjourned till Thursday morning at 9 a. m.

JOHN W. CARTER,
 Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING.

GALT, February 11th, 1886.

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

Roll call dispensed with. Minutes of previous session were read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY.

GALT, February 11, 1886.

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

Brethren,—We, your committee on Beneficiary, having carefully read the Grand Secretary's Supplementary report, recommend the same for adoption by the Grand Lodge.

THOS. R. SKIPPON,
T. N. BEECH,
J. W. ROGERS,
S. HINE,
W. BRUNDRETT,
JOHN CLAYTON,
J. W. WALLACE,
JNO. NETTLETON,
WM. TOMS.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

On motion of T. R. Skippon, seconded by E. Blundell, the following were appointed the Finance Committee of the Beneficiary for the ensuing term:

Bros. A. Partridge, T. R. Skippon, G. Knight, Dr. Pollard. J. C. Swait, James Banks, J. W. London, J. W. Kempling.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Kempling, seconded by George Matthews, the 23rd of May next was recommended for Lodges to attend divine service.

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by W. H. Finnemore, that it shall be an instruction to the Committee on Officers' Reports to classify and sub-divide officers' reports, and assign all decisions of the G. P. to the Committee on Laws and Rituals

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REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

To the Grand President, and Members of the Grand Lodge S. O. E.

Your committee on Law and Constitution submit their first report, and recommend the approval of the By Laws submitted by Victoria Lodge, Port Elizabeth, Africa, and recommend that the constitution be adapted to the South African Lodges, so the time shall read three, instead of six in all places where the Beneficiary and benefits are allowed.

JNO. S. KING, M. D.,
E. BLUNDALL,
JNO. NETTLETON,
W. E. WILKINSON,
ALF. SKITCH,
J. H. CALVERT,
R. HANNAFORD.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Bro. Wm. Lewis, on behalf of Royal Oak Lodge, asked for permission to become incorporated.

On motion of Bro. London permission was granted under the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE.

GALT, February 10th, 1886.

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

We, your Committee on Printing, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts for the printing for the past year, and are of the opinion that some of the charges are excessive, and would strongly recommend that all printing in future be let by tender. That the Grand Secretary do issue specifications as to type, paper, binding, etc., said tenders to be confined to financial members of the order, and where other things are equal, that the publishers of the Englishman's Journal should have the preference.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. A. JAMES,
GEO. MATTHENS,
J. W. HAYNES,
FRED. HAYWARD,
G. W. ANSELL,
J. W. LONDON.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Dr. King presented the second report on Laws and Constitution.

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

We, your committee on Laws and Constitutions, recommend that the answer to a question, "Can Executive officers hold non-Executive offices as well?" be "No." Except in case of Lodge Surgeon.

JOHN S. KING, M. D.,
E. BLUNDALL,
JNO. NETTLETON,
W. H. FINNEMORE,
JOHN HALLETT,
ALF. SKITCH,
W. E. WILKINSON,
R. HANNAFORD,

On motion the report was received and adopted.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

Several invitation, to hold next Grand Lodge meeting were given in from different Delegates, but on being put to the Ballot, Barrie was selected as the next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

On motion the Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on the Sessional papers. Bro. Kempling in the chair.

The Committee sat till 12 o'clock, when they rose, reported and asked leave to sit again.

The Grand President took the chair and declared the Lodge adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand President called the Lodge to order at 2 p. m. Roll call dispensed with.

Several delegates asked permission to return home that afternoon. Leave granted.

Committee on Badges presented their report, recommending

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the Grand Lodge to adopt the sample sent from Coventry through Bro. Joseph Shaw, late of Manchester Lodge. On motion the report was received and adopted.

On motion of John Millon, seconded by W. H. Gribble, the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure 50 badges as per sample for approval.—Carried.

Moved by M. A. James, seconded by J. W. London, that the Grand Lodge Executive do rearrange the districts and appoint an additional number of District Deputies to extend the Order in such places as they deem advisable.—Carried.

The Committee on Officers' Reports then presented the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

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

Sirs, and Brethren,—We, your committee on Officer's reports, respectfully submit that we have considered the same.

The decisions of the Grand President, we consider belong to the committee on Laws and Constitutions.

The purchasing of Shaftesbury Hall we view with pleasure, and heartily join in wishing it a prosperous future, and consider its purchase will be of lasting benefit to our order.

The Englishman's Journal, we recommend the paper to the patronage of every member of our order. No copy was placed before the committee. Its success will greatly depend upon the spirit in which it will be conducted, and that this Lodge accept it as its official organ.

The reports of the deputies, Bros. Wallace, Kempling, and Buckingham, all unite in reporting the extension of our order, and its increasing usefulness, and benefits conferred on its members, which we are pleased to record.

The subject of Instruction cards that are required, we feel belongs to the Committee on rituals.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Printing and Binding accounts, we refer them to the printing and finance committees.

We remember with gratitude the time gratuitously given by our worthy

Brothers, Dr. King and Bro. McCartney, in making known to our Brethren the practical workings of the new rituals in our various lodges.

We are of the opinion that as the expense of alteration of the rituals was the work of the Grand Lodge, it is only just the expense should be paid by that body.

Referring to the opening up of Lodges in England, and acting upon the united convictions of Bro. London, of Oxford Lodge, and Bro. Brundrett of Lansdowne Lodge, both having recently visited the old country, we are of the opinion that the principles of our society are more adapted for the Colonies than the Mother Country.

We feel pleasure at the meetings of the brethren of our South African Lodges held at Port Elizabeth, and Uitenage, and trust that the spread of our beloved order will be extended to all the towns in that important colony.

We deeply deplore the loss sustained by death and fire of our worthy Bro. Spence, whose house was burned down, and trust ere this he has been reinstated in a larger and better dwelling.

The action taken by the Grand Lodge on the Insurance bill at Ottwa, merits our best thanks, and that we should give our hearty support and approval to Mr. Mulock, the member for North York and Mr. James Beatty member West Toronto, for their valuable assistance rendered in defeating that portion of the bill affecting Friendly Societies.

We notice the large stock of goods kept by the Grand Lodge amounting to upwards of \$800.

We recommend the Lodges of the order to purchase all their supplies from the Grand Lodge. The contents of the stock have been selected with great care and foresight, all of which experience has taught the Grand Lodge they are the class of articles most required by our order, and at prices considerably below outside depots.

The Questions of Law submitted to the Grand Secretary for his opinions we have left to the committee on Laws and Constitution.

The recommendations of the Grand Secretary to print the alterations of the Constitution on a fly-sheet, and thus render valuable the balance of Constitutions now on hand, amounting in numbers to about 2000 copies, we endorse.

We have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the careful expenditure of the funds of the Grand Lodge. It appears to us to be conducted upon true economical principles.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the past year's success, and would recommend the Lodges to study the statistics printed in Appendixes A and B.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. G. SWAIT,
SIDNEY ROBERTS,
W. BRUNDRETT,
SAMUEL HOBBS,
WM. O. HILL,
JAMES BANKS.

On motion the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole on the report of Committee on Officers' Reports. Dr. Pollard in the chair.

The report was considered clause by clause, after which the Committee rose and reported to Grand Lodge. The Grand President in the chair.

The report of Committee on Officers' Reports was adopted as amended.

Moved by M. A. James, seconded by J. W. London, that the Assistant Secretary receive six dollars for his services.—Carried.

Moved by James Banks, seconded by A. Partridge, that the salary of R. W. Grand Secretary be increased to \$400.—Carried.

Moved by James Banks, seconded by J. W. Kempling, that the Executive look into Trenton Lodge matter with a view to its resuscitation.—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole on the Sessional papers, and sat till all the proposed amendments were disposed of, when the Committee rose, and Bro. Kempling, Chairman, reported to the Grand President the amendments to the Constitution as passed in Committee of the Whole.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Moved and carried, the Grand Lodge remain in session till the completion of the business.

The Grand President called recess of twenty minutes to prepare for installation.

On resuming the chair, the Grand President then proceeded with the installation of the Executive Officers, assisted by Past Grand Secretary, Banks.

The newly installed officers thanked the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred, and hoped that the Delegates would assist the Executive in the discharge of their duties.

Past Grand President; Bro. Higginbotham, then presented the Grand President with a pair of cuffs, which was duly acknowledged.

A standing vote of thanks was then given to the retiring Past Grand President.

Bro. Higginbotham replied in a feeling and earnest address, which was received with great applause.

There being no further business the Most Worthy Grand President closed in due form the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, at 7:30 p. m.

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JOHN W. CARTER,

Grand Secretary.



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ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

The following are the alterations and amendments passed at the Grand Lodge, meeting held at Galt, February 11th, 1886.

Page 10, Article 2, Clause 2, after the word "Candidate" on ninth line add, "and Members."

Article V, clause 1, page 15, Add "the exact wording of amendments or alterations only to be printed in the sessional papers."

Pag 21. Add the following to duties of District Deputies. Said officers shall send in their report to the Executive, not later than the 31st of January of each year.

Page 23, Article 8, Clause 6, read Executive Grand.

Page 23, Article 8, Clause 7, read Executive Grand.

Article XI, clause 1, page 30. After the word "charter" on fourth line insert "said charter shall designate the locality in which such Lodge shall be held, and upon the change of such locality the Grand Lodge shall be notified."

Article X, clause, 1, page 28. Insert "Worthy Past President" after Worthy President on sixth line.

Article XIV. After duties of Worthy President, page 39, insert "the Worthy Past President shall assist in the Ritualistic work of the Lodge, and perform such other service as may be delegated to him by the Worthy President."

Article XIX, page 52. Strike out clause 6; the same being covered by Rituals.

Article XXI, clause 1, page 60. Strike out all words after "order" on eighth line and substitute the following: "And shall be governed by the officers of the first degree." Page 61. Strike out clause 4, and all words after "Lodges" on fourth line of clause 6.

Page 79, clause 3. Insert "and Past President" after "President" on third line.

Page 82. The 14th order to read "the consideration of applications for Beneficiary Policies."

Page 54—General laws—Clause 20. Members may be nominated for more than one office; but shall not be eligible to hold more than one executive office. The President, Secretary, or Treasurer, shall not be eligible to hold the office of Trustee.

75 per cent of the funds of a Subordinate Lodge may, by resolution passed at a special meeting thereof and carried by a two thirds majority, be invested for its benefit in the names of two trustees, in the Capital Stock or Debentures of The Sons of England Hall Company of Ontario (Limited)," or debentures, or mortgages, or other good securities

Beneficiary Department—Section 2, clause 2. To be added: "Upon the formation of new Lodges members shall be eligible to join who are over the age of fifty years, providing they join within three months from the formation of the Lodge, and have not previously belonged to the Order."

Honorary members shall be eligible to join on the same conditions as financial members; that the limit of time in which members over fifty years of age are permitted to join be extended for three months after this meeting of Grand Lodge.

Page 85. Insert the following. "12. In the event of disputes arising whereby none of the foregoing decide the case, resource shall be made to Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Usage."

Article XIII, clause I, be amended so as to read from fifth line, "that nomination and election be held on the same night."

Page 51, article 18. Substitute the word "may" for "shall" on top line.

Page 28, article 10. After the Worthy Vice President read Worthy Recording Secretary and Worthy Financial Secretary, and after G. L. Delegates read provided always that when necessity requires, the Secretary may also discharge the duties of Financial Secretary strike out. (sub-Secretary if necessary.)

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the Grand Lodge the name, age, birthplace, date of death, cause of death, and Lodge, of all members who may die during the previous year.

Article X IV, page 41, sixth line, after the word "same," add, "shall forward to the Grand Secretary with each quarterly report the name, age, birthplace, date of death, and cause of death of any brother who may have died during the previous quarter for insertion in the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge."

That the incoming Grand Lodge Executive be requested to petition the Dominion Parliament to grant a Friendly and Benevolent Society Act, the same as is now in force in Great Britain.

Article 16, Clause 4, a ld. No member shall be allowed to do any work or be out of doors after 9 o'clock, p. m., in the summer and 6 o'clock, p. m., in the winter, unless authorized by the Lodge Surgeon. Any member so doing shall forfeit his sick dues.

The Grand Lodge Executive shall have power to re-arrange the Districts and appoint a sufficient number of District Deputies to extend the Order in such places as they deem advisable.

That the badge as adopted by the Grand Lodge, be used in the Lodge Room as laid down in the Ritual, also at parades, anniversaries, &c.

That the following be added to the General Laws:—"The Grand Lodge Executive shall have power to decide on all matters arising, not laid down in, or provided for, by the Constitution, subject to the usual right of appeal."

Page 43, duties of Lodge Surgeon. Strike out the word "good" on fifth line, on or after the word health on same line read, "and forward same to the Lodge Secretary.

Add to General Laws. Executive Officer cannot hold non Executive Officer except in case of Lodge Surgeon.

DIRECTORY OF LODGES.

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PLACE OF MEETING.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Albion	1	Toronto	1st and 3rd Thursdays	Shaftesbury Hall, Queen St. W.	G. Vennill	747 Queen Street East, Toronto.
Middlesex	2	Toronto	Alternate Tuesdays, from February 23rd.	Occident Hall, Queen St. W.	T. R. Skippon	82 Baldwin Street, Toronto.
Kent	3	Toronto	2nd and 4th Mondays	Shaftesbury Hall, Queen St. W.	P. Rigby	106 Chuech Street, Toronto.
Essex	4	O. hawa	Alternate Fridays, from January 8th.	Sons of England Hall	Thomas Martin	P. O. Oshawa.
Sussex	5	Whitby	Alternate Fridays, from January 1st.	Brock Street Hall	T. Dixon	Box 61, Whitby.
York	6	Toronto	Alternate Tuesdays, from February 16th.	Cor. Cameron and Queen Streets	Jas. Baylis	267 Lippincott Street, Toronto.
Brighton	7	Toronto	1st and 3rd Fridays	Shaftesbury Hall, Queen St. W.	W. Pugh	31 Nelson Street, Toronto.
Britannia	8	Hamilton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	St. Georges' Hall	Jas. Fisher	57 Oak Avenue, Hamilton.
Old England	9	Port Perry	Alternate Tuesdays, from January 5th.	Sons of England Hall	F. M. Yarnold	Port Perry.
Somerset	10	Parkdale	2nd and 4th Thursdays	Somerset Hall	A. J. Hallett	Parkdale P. O.
Surrey	11	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from February 15th.	Hinchliff's Hall, Bloor Street	T. Cannon	283 Hope St., Toronto.
Victoria	12	Cornwall	Alternate Wednesdays, from January 11th.	Sons of England Hall	Edward M. Fry	Box 154, Cornwall.
Warwick	13	Toronto	2nd and 4th Thursdays	Jackson's Hall, Young Street N.	Hy. Amos	783 Young St. Toronto.
Manchester	14	Toronto	Alternate Mondays, from January 11th.	Winchester Hall	James Lomas	371 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.
Durham	15	Port Hope	Alternate Wednesdays, from February 17th.	Sons of England Hall	Alf. George	P. O. Port Hope.
Ro. e of Africa	16	Uitenhage	Alternate Mondays	Sons of England Hall	Henry Jones	College Hill, South Africa.
Oxford	17	Belleville	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Temperance Hall	Hy. Tammadge	P. O. Belleville.

Chester	18	St. Thomas	Alternate Tuesday, from January 12th.	Foresters' Hall	P. R. Williams	Box 433 St. Thomas.
Wellington	19	Bowmanville	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Foresters' Hall	M. A. Jones	P. O. Bowmanville.
Westminster	20	Lindsay	1st and 3rd Wednesday	Sons of England Hall	J. L. Dunsford	P. O. Lindsay.

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Oxford.....	17	Belleville.....	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.....		Temperance Hall.....	Hy. Tammadge.....	P. O. Belleville.
Chester.....	18	St. Thomas.....	Alternate Tuesday, from Jan- uary 12th		Foresters' Hall.....	P. R. Williams.....	Box 433 St. Thomas.
Wellington.....	19	Bowmanville.....	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.....		Foresters' Hall.....	M. A. James.....	P. O. Bowmanville.
Westminster.....	20	Lindsay.....	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.....		Sons of England Hall.....	J. L. Dunsford.....	P. O. Lindsay.
Bedford.....	21	Woodstock.....	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.....		Sons of England Hall.....	W. E. Wilkinson.....	Box 168 Woodstock.
Victoria.....	22	Port Elizabeth.....	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.....		Masonic Temple.....	W. B. Pantou.....	Port Elizabeth.
Rose Couchiching.....	23	Orillia.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....		Sons of England Hall.....	John Roberts.....	Orillia.
Trenton.....	24	Trenton.....	.....		.....	J. Richardson.....	P. O. Trenton.
Lansdowne.....	25	Peterborough.....	1st and 3rd Mondays.....		Sons of England Hall.....	F. Brunscomb.....	Brock Street, Peterborough.
Royal Oak.....	26	Galt.....	Alternate Wednesdays, from February 10th.		Foresters' Hall.....	M. Bartholomew.....	G. T R., W. D., Galt.
St. George.....	27	Toronto.....	1st and 3rd Mondays.....		St. George's Hall, Queen Street E.....	J. Hall.....	199 Ontario Street.
Southampton.....	28	Barrie.....	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.....		Sons of England Hall.....	J. J. Dowell.....	P. O. Barrie.
Accorn.....	29	Hamilton.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....		St. Georges' Hall.....	S. Roberts.....	26 Locomotive Street, Hamilton.
Derby.....	30	Ottawa.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....		Sons of England Hall.....	Edward B. Cope.....	341 Lisgar St., Ottawa.
London.....	31	Toronto.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....		Masonic Hall, Kingston road.....	J. W. Haynes.....	Paul St. Riverside, Toronto.
Stafford.....	32	Toronto.....	Alternate Mondays, from January 4th.		Copeland Hall, King Street E.....	R. H. Loan.....	237 Ontario Street, Toronto.
Leicester.....	33	Kingston.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....		St. Georges' Hall.....	Alfred LeRicheux.....	186 Barrie St., Kingston.
Canterbury.....	34	Collingwood.....	Alternate Fridays, from De- cember 18th.		Sons of England Hall.....	E. S. Brown.....	Collingwood.
Windsor.....	35	Toronto.....	2nd 4th Fridays.....		Cecil Hall, Spadina Avenue.....	W. Huxley.....	9 Chestnut Street, Toronto.
Excelsior.....	36	Montreal.....	Alternate Tuesdays, from February 17th.		Oddfellows' Hall.....	James Wright.....	299 St. James St., Mon real.
Chelsea.....	37	London.....	Alternate Wednesdays, from April 7th.		Foresters' Hall.....	F. St. G. Thompson.....	P. O. London, Ont.

APPENDIX A.—BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1886.

1885. RECEIPTS		1885. EXPENDITURE.	
To balance in hands of Treasurer, February 1st, 1885	.....\$142 71	By Expenses of G. L. Meeting at Lindsay, 1885	..... \$ 72 70
Sundry balance due, February 1st, 1885	..... 41 40	Printing	..... 629 39
Capitation Tax for the year 1885	..... 839 55	Regalia	..... 500 95
Cash Sales—		Lodge Seals	..... 31 50
Constitutions	..... \$ 78 93	Miscellaneous Accounts—	
Subscription Books	..... 33 78	Lodge Jewels	..... 100 52
Lodge Seals	..... 35 00	Past Grand President's Jewel	..... 35 00
Ballots	..... 7 70	Grand Lodge Emblems	..... 17 00
Medical and Roll Books	..... 50 10	Ballots	..... 9 00
Fureral Badges	..... 50 40	Cupboard for Books, &c.	..... 8 25
Regalia	..... 351 70	Expenses of deputation to the Dominion Government re Insurance Legislation	..... 169 77
Lodge Flags	..... 52 80	Grand President's expenses official visits	..... 19 75
Roses for Altar	..... 3 21	Expenses in opening new Lodges	..... 87 73
Lodge Jewels	..... 110 00	Expenses in connection with new Rituals	..... 67 85
Forms, in Pads	..... 35 55	General Postage for year 1885, including Book Post and Express charges	..... 43 80
Miters Certificates	..... 28 75	Stationery for Secretary's office	..... 30 68
Clearance Forms	..... 1 10	Grand Secretary's salary for year	..... 10 95
Lodge Charters	..... 20 00	Grand Treasurer's expense, including postage and interest on money loaned to G. L.	..... 250 00
W. R. D. Sales	..... 7 10	Grand Vice-President's expenses	..... 20 25
Incidental Receipts	..... 2 60	Incidental expenses	..... 6 70
Credit Westminster Lodge	..... 13	Balance in hand of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1886	..... 147 23
			<u>\$2,092 50</u>

FINANCIAL STANDING OF GRAND LODGE.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
To cash balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1886	..... \$147 23	Balance in favor of Grand Lodge Feb. 1st, 1886	..... \$963 70
Assets	..... 10 32		
Value of saleable stock	..... 541 15		
Value of Grand Lodge Property	..... 265 00		
	<u>\$963 70</u>		

Grand Secretary's Office, February 1st, 1886.

JOHN W. Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX C.—BALANCE SHEET OF THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT

Showing Receipts and Expenditure up to February 1st, 1886.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To cash in Bank February 1st, 1885	..... \$150 00	By Fees to Medical Examiners, due February 1st, 1885,	..... \$ 34 00
Receipts of Treasurer, February 1st, 1885	..... 83 40	Cash in Bank	..... 296 35

Balance in favor of Grand Lodge Feb. 1st, 1886 \$963 70
 To cash balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1st, 1886 \$147 23
 " Assets 10 32
 Value of saleable stock 541 15
 Value of Grand Lodge Property 265 00
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Grand Secretary's Office, February 1st, 1886.

JOHN W. Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX C.—BALANCE SHEET OF THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT
Showing Receipts and Expenditure up to February 1st, 1886.

RECEIPTS.	
To cash in Bank February 1st, 1885.....	\$150 00
" Hands of Treasurer, February 1st, 1885.....	83 40
To 47 Applications for Policies, February 1st, 1886,	91 00
Interest on cash in Bank,	2 95
	\$330 35
EXPENDITURE.	
By Fees to Medical Examiners, due February 1st, 1885,	\$ 34 00
Cash in Bank,	296 35
	\$330 35

JOHN W. CARTER, Secretary to Beneficiary Department.

APPENDIX D.—BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.
 TABLES COMPILED FROM THE GRAND LODGE REGISTER SHOWING THE NUMBER OF POLICIES ISSUED UNDER THE VARIOUS SCALES OF ASSESSMENT.

LODGE.	No. of Policies.										No. in each Lodge.	Average assessment per Lodge.	Total Assessment for each Lodge.
	No. of \$1,000 Policies.	No. of \$500 Policies.	Age 30.	Age 35 to 40.	Age 40 to 45.	Age 45 to 50.	Age 50 to 55.	Age 55 to 60.	Age over 60.				
Albion.....	19	2	5	2	9	2	12	2	..	..	21	69	\$14 60
Middlesex.....	50	2	9	10	11	12	..	..	..	..	52	6	35 05
Kent.....	7	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	71	5 00
Essex.....	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	93	8 70
Sussex.....	9	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	95	8 55
Brighton.....	7	..	1	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	79	5 55
Britannia.....	4	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	55	4 18
Old England.....	5	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	70	3 50
Surrey.....	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	8	54	4 38
Manchester.....	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	70	6 20
Durham.....	9	..	2	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	16	68	11 30
Oxford.....	15	1	1	5	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	85	8 85
Westminster.....	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	3 05
Rose of Couchiching.....	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	61	2 55
Lansdowne.....	3	..	2	..	4	1	1	1	..	..	15	74	11 15
St. George.....	15	..	2	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	85	8 85
Southampton.....	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	2 20
Acorn.....	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	3 35
Derby.....	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	166	11	25	31	43	27	19	7	2	177	73	128 81	

APPENDIX B.

Showing the Numerical and Financial Standing of each Lodge,

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Members Last Report.	No. in Good Standing.	No. 6 Months in Arrears.	No. over 6 Months.	No. over 12 Months.	No. Expelled during year.	No. Suspended during year.	No. With drawn during year.	No. of Honorary Members.	No. Initiated during year.	No. Deceased.	Present Membership.	Amount Paid for Sick Dues	
														\$	c.
1	Albion	223	197	12	12	7		15	15	1	32	1	221	376	50
2	Middlesex	248	236	10	21			19	3	8	52	3	276	501	25
3	Kent	162	95	15	42			23	6	6	20		158	269	65
4	Essex	62	46	3	15	11		16	2	3	12		64	104	40
5	Sussex	63	52	7	4	1		9	1	1	13	1	64	118	85
6	York	84	55	12	16	4		10	3	1	13	3	84	102	00
7	Brighton	62	62	3	7	2	1	20	5	1	29	1	63	146	00
8	Britannia	147	111	20	12	5	1	12		2	8		144	252	30
9	Old England	55	46	8	5			6		5	18		64	13	50
10	Somerset	77	60	2	15	4		9			11	2	77	97	20
11	Surry	87	88		4	8		9	2	2	28	1	94	131	00
12	Victoria	34	24	1		5			1		6		25	90	55
13	Warwick	98	64	9	8	5		37	1		10		81	244	50
14	Manchester	83	58	9	5	10			5		17		72	81	00
15	Durham	91	89	9	8			6	3	1	25		107	178	65
16	Rose of Africa	50	30	2	14			7	1	4	6		50	467	20
17	Oxford	155	112	22	16	11		21		6	11		156	201	00
18	Chester	49	48	5	4		1	6		2	11		59	29	50
19	Wellington	68	68	7	3			2	1	5	36		101	58	75
20	Westminster	32	58	3	9	2			1	1	49		69	105	43
21	Bedford	32	21	7	4	2	1	2			4		32	8	00
22	Victoria (Pt. Elizabeth)	45	71	9	15			14		20	69		116		
23	Rose of Couchiching	38	45	3	3		1	2	1	6	22		57	90	00
24	Trenton														
25	Landsdowne	49	73	12	9	2		8		7	46	2	101	76	00
26	Royal Oak	27	32					1		1	11	1	35	84	00
27	St. George	51	78	4	4	2		3	2		40	1	86	16	30
28	Southampton	52	75	3		4	2		1		32		78	72	00
29	Acorn	26	22	4	2	2	1	4	1	1	10		35		
30	Derby	38	49	3	3					2	16		54		
31	London	20	81	2	1				1	3	50		87	34	50
32	Stafford	20	64	8							48	1	72		
33	Leicester		26		1					1	28		28		
34	Canterbury		41								41		41		
35	Windsor		30							1	31		31		
36	Excelsior												60		

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Amount Paid for Funerals.		Surgeon's Fees.	
\$	c.	\$	c.
14	00	279	49
127	00	321	75
20	00	148	75
		44	00
48	50	56	00
107	00	113	85
57	00	67	87
20	00	114	00
27	00	38	50
120	00	83	87
70	00	108	74
		28	30
		76	73
20	00	97	14
20	00	121	80
		40	30
70	00	143	30
		31	20
		76	75
		50	00
7	00	34	80
		180	90
25	00	69	00
		126	00
20	00	53	60
49	27	93	10
		87	50
		25	50
		57	90
		73	60
		44	40
		20	90
		36	00
		22	30

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with Funeral and Sick Benefits for year ending Dec. 31st, 1885.

Lodge,

No. Deceased.	Present Membership.	Amount Paid for Sick Dues	Amount Paid for Funerals.		Surgeon's Fees.		Capitation Tax.		Cash in Bank.		In Treasurer's Hands.		Liabilities.		Total Fund of Lodge.		No. Paying Capitation Tax.	Amount of Contributions for the year.	INSTITUTED.
			¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢			
1	221	376 50	14 00	279 49	75 70	3014 38	52 95	124 18	3191 51	202	1405 47	December 12, 1874.							
3	276	501 25	127 00	321 75	80 80	3400 25	28 35	133 60	3428 60	215	1844 81	September 21, 1876.							
...	158	269 65	20 00	148 75	48 30	1569 60	31 86	.....	1601 46	115	908 33	March 16, 1877.						
...	64	104 40	.....	44 00	15 60	884 47	62 83	.....	947 20	40	357 35	October 12, 1876.					
1	64	118 85	48 50	56 00	22 20	852 35	46 38	42 74	906 13	59	415 39	September 12, 1877.							
3	84	102 00	107 00	113 35	23 90	155 29	197 50	25 92	352 79	55	419 67	March 18, 1878.							
1	63	146 00	57 00	67 87	18 10	350 45	132 01	24 00	482 46	49	406 63	March 12, 1879.							
...	144	252 30	20 00	114 00	44 60	1682 48	51 55	.....	1731 03	110	715 69	April 8, 1878.						
...	64	13 50	27 00	38 50	14 70	312 84	65 23	.....	378 07	47	512 84	September 10, 1878.						
2	77	97 20	120 00	83 87	23 70	500 62	20 07	.....	520 69	60	412 45	December 19, 1878.						
1	94	131 00	70 00	108 74	29 60	892 35	75 31	52 70	967 66	76	583 18	May 19, 1879.							
...	25	90 55	.....	28 30	10 80	94 01	19 51	.....	113 52	25	295 94	March 23, 1880					
...	81	244 50	.....	76 75	30 70	869 78	50 00	10 01	919 78	81	582 41	September 27, 1880.						
...	72	81 00	20 00	97 14	25 9	460 69	30 88	.....	491 57	65	429 67	March 9, 1881.						
...	107	178 65	20 00	121 86	32 50	350 00	152 13	.....	502 13	80	640 90	May 2, 1881.						
...	50	467 20	.....	40 39	9 80	821 44	.....	.....	821 44	20	467 20	August 17, 1881.				
...	156	201 00	70 00	143 30	57 50	1228 41	106 33	76 40	1334 74	132	814 94	December 19, 1881.							
...	59	29 50	.....	31 25	19 70	228 22	73 48	45 15	256 72	53	337 50	January 19, 1882.						
...	101	58 75	.....	76 75	31 90	207 90	74 90	50 00	282 80	93	671 59	February 24, 1882.						
...	69	105 43	.....	7 00	17 00	85 00	.....	.....	282 30	50	456 26	March 1, 1882.				
...	32	8 00	.....	34 86	10 80	.....	176 96	.....	176 96	26	95 52	March 15, 1883.				
...	116	.....	.....	180 98	28 95	1119 00	.....	.....	1119 34	59	1000 00	December 2, 1883,			
...	57	90 00	.....	25 00	69 00	13 50	285 89	.....	285 89	45	452 05	July 9 1883.					
...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	July 18, 1883.
2	101	76 00	.....	126 04	21 60	341 36	45 24	.....	386 60	75	803 87	August 6, 1883.					
1	35	84 00	20 00	53 67	11 50	75 00	27 83	.....	106 91	30	248 60	October 31, 1883.						
1	86	16 30	49 27	93 10	24 30	86 98	313 19	.....	400 97	75	605 22	November 12, 1883.						
...	78	72 00	.....	87 52	23 30	200 00	221 25	.....	421 95	65	563 00	April 23, 1884.					
...	35	.....	.....	25 50	10 20	125 00	16 84	125 00	132 84	27	267 15	June 2, 1884.					
...	54	.....	.....	57 95	18 50	110 00	20 76	.....	130 76	49	144 63	July 15, 1874.				
...	87	34 50	.....	73 68	17 00	200 00	60 96	.....	260 96	71	496 30	January 15, 1885.					
1	72	.....	.....	44 48	10 80	148 99	109 80	36 05	258 79	64	464 97	January 29, 1885.					
...	28	.....	.....	20 91	6 90	.....	72 14	.....	72 14	25	229 42	January, 1885.			
...	41	.....	.....	36 01	4 60	.....	140 31	.....	140 19	28	270 50	April 22, 1885.			
...	31	22 35	6 69	69 90	45 00	69 90	31	191 18	May 8, 1885.							
...	60	232 96	232 96	November 2, 1885.							

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