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## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

### R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

*Held in the Hall of Samaritan Lodge, No. 35,  
INGERSOLL, ONT.*

INGERSOLL, August 5th, 1868.

Samaritan Lodge having assembled, the R. W. Grand Lodge was introduced by Grand Conductor (*pro tem.*) Jas. McIntyre, and were received by the N.G., in a few happy remarks, who tendered the Grand Lodge the free use of their fine Hall and Committee Rooms, and also extended an invitation for the Grand Lodge to become the guests of Samaritan Lodge at a Dinner to be given at the Royal Hotel, that evening. The M. W. Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge accepted both.

The M. W. Grand Master having taken the chair, called the Grand Lodge to order, and the Grand Warden having examined those present, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Roll of Officers being called, the following were present :—

HENRY McAFEE.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
EDMUND BELTZ.....	R. W. " WARDEN.
J. B. KING.....	" " SEC'Y & TREAS.
JAS. WOODYATT.....	" " REP. TO G. L. U. S.
WM. MOWATT.....	" " CONDUCTOR.
JAS. McINTYRE.....	" " MARSHAL.

also a quorum of Representatives.

The chair appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz:—

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, Rep. Thos. Partridge, and Grand Sec'y and Treas., J. B. King.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Certificates of the following named Past Grands find them in due form, entitling them to seats in this Grand Lodge as Representatives of the several Lodges named, viz:—

P. G. JOHN WRIGHT,	Rep. Brock Lodge,	No. 9
" S. G. DOLSON,	" Union Lodge,	No. 16
" GEO. WALES,	" Chatham Lodge,	No. 29
" JAS. BIRD,	" Eureka Lodge,	No. 30
" ISAAC SMITH,	" Erie Lodge,	No. 33
" ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,	" Gore Lodge,	No. 34
" H. G. ABBOTT,	" Samaritan Lodge,	No. 35
" W. A. MOORE,	" St. Mary's Lodge,	No. 36
" JOHN McMATH,	" Forest City Lodge,	No. 38
" JOHN NOBLE,	" Avon Lodge,	No. 41
" H. C. BINGHAM,	" Excelsior Lodge,	No. 44
" GEO. DENNIS,	" Frontier Lodge,	No. 45
" W. C. BELL,	" Unity Lodge,	No. 47
" ROBT. BARBOUR,	" Dominion Lodge,	No. 48
" W. N. FORD,	" Canada Lodge,	No. 49
" R. J. C. DAWSON,	" Otter Lodge,	No. 50
" THOS. PARTRIDGE,		
" WM. BISSELL,		
" HENRY GIBSON,		
" THOS. HENDERSON,		
" J. W. FERGUSON,		
" C. E. PEIRCE,		
" J. H. STEWART,		
" WM. McGREGOR,		
" GEORGE IRWIN,		
" JOHN SMITH,		
" J. J. DYAS,		
" J. J. DODD,		
" MICHAEL BLUME,		
" J. C. LINDOP,		

Your Committee would recommend their admission to this Grand

Lodge as the Representatives of the Lodges named. We would recommend that those Representatives and Past Grands who have not received the Grand Lodge Degree, be instructed therein by the Grand Warden, in the ante-room.

We also find the Certificates of the following Past Grands in due form, entitling them to seats in this Grand Lodge :—

P. G. H. G. ABBOTT,	- - -	<i>Eureka Lodge,</i>	-	No. 30
" C. H. CLEMENT,	- - -	<i>Gore</i>	"	No. 34
" THOS. FLETCHER,	}	<i>Samaritan Lodge,</i>	-	No. 35
" A. N. CHRISTOPHER,				
" WM. SPRINGER,				
" WM. MCGREGOR,	- - -	<i>Frontier</i>	"	No. 45

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

J. W. FERGUSON,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
T. PARTRIDGE,		
J. B. KING,		

The chair then named the following committees :—

**Committee on Distribution.**

Reps. S. G. Dolson, Union Lodge ; W. Bissell, Eureka Lodge ; W. C. Bell, Samaritan Lodge ; H. C. Bingham, Gore Lodge ; Robt. Kirkpatrick, Eureka Lodge.

**Committee on Correspondence.**

Reps. Dawson, Forest City Lodge ; Gibson, Avon Lodge ; Stewart, Frontier Lodge ; Dennis, Samaritan Lodge ; Ford, St. Mary's Lodge.

**Committee on Returns.**

Reps. Partridge, Forest City Lodge ; Wright, Brock Lodge ; Moore, Erie Lodge ; Isaac Smith, Chatham Lodge ; Bird, Union Lodge.

**Committee on State of the Order.**

P. G. Masters Dobson, Union Lodge ; Bingham, Gore Lodge ; Reps. Ferguson, Excelsior Lodge ; Irwin, Frontier Lodge ; Powell, Eureka Lodge.

### Committee on Finance.

Reps. Wales, Union Lodge ; Barbour, St. Mary's Lodge ; Dyas, Dominion Lodge ; Lindop, Otter Lodge ; McMath, Erie Lodge.

### Committee on Mileage and per Diem.

Reps. Wright, Brock Lodge ; Dodd, Dominion Lodge ; Abbott, Eureka Lodge ; Noble, Gore Lodge ; Henderson, Avon Lodge.

### Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Reps. Pierce, Excelsior Lodge ; McGregor, Frontier Lodge ; Wm. Smith, Chatham Lodge ; W. C. Bell, Samaritan Lodge ; Blume, Canada Lodge.

### Committee on Appeals.

Reps. Bingham, Gore Lodge ; Smith, Unity Lodge ; Dawson, Forest City Lodge ; Kirkpatrick, Eureka Lodge ; Ward, Mount Zion Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then read his Annual Address and Report, which on motion of P. G. M. Jas. Smith was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

## Grand Master's Report.

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

REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS, AND BROTHERS,—We have again met in Annual Session to legislate for the welfare of our noble Order, and in accordance with a time-honored custom it becomes my pleasing duty as Grand Master to submit to you a report of my official acts during the past year.



Brothers, the past official year has indeed been one of marked prosperity to Odd Fellowship—not only in this, but in every jurisdiction of our neighbouring Republic. Never since our Order was started on its hallowed mission of Friendship, Love, and Truth, have we had greater cause to lift up, one and all, our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our Supreme Grand Master the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, for the manifold evidences of His approval of our humble efforts in the great cause of the Brotherhood of man, and elevation of the human character. The most convincing evidence of the prosperity of the Order for the past year, is the increased representation from many of the old Lodges and the full representation from all of the new Lodges.

Brothers, one and all, I am happy to meet you, and I earnestly hope that your deliberations at this Session will be fraught with much good for the increased usefulness and prosperity of our noble Order in this jurisdiction.

I will now proceed to give you in detail a history of my official doings during the past year, and should errors or omissions be discovered therein, attribute them to the head, and not to the heart, as all my acts were intended for the best.

## CLAUSE ONE.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge at the last Session, (see page 430,) wherein the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge were instructed to take the requisite measures to secure an Act of Incorporation for the Order in this Province, I have to report that every means deemed necessary was tried to accomplish that purpose, for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer you to the Communications from and by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, which are herewith submitted, as nearly all of the work in this matter was done by that efficient officer, and submitted to me for my approval from time to time. I have to add that all that was done by him had my hearty approval, and I only regret that we failed for the time being in securing for our Order the Act applied for. This lack of success was not from any factious opposition to our Order, for I happened very opportunely to be in Toronto in January last, and in company with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer and other distinguished members of our Order, was introduced to many members of the Legislature on both sides of the House, and I did not find one solitary Member oppose our measure on principle. From conversation with many of them on the subject of incorporation, I have grounds to hope that if the application is renewed, we will be more fortunate at some future Session.

## CLAUSE TWO.

Early in the year, an application in proper form, accompanied with the Withdrawal Cards of the Constitutional number of Brothers was forwarded to me by the Grand Secretary, for a new Lodge to be located in the City of London. As there were already two good working Lodges in that City, before granting the prayer of the petitioners, I

wrote to those Lodges, asking them if the interests of our Order would be subserved and if the project had their approval? On receiving their reply in the affirmative, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18th last, with the assistance of Brothers of the other London Lodges, I instituted Dominion Lodge, No. 48, and installed the Officers; after which, the Secretary of Forest City Lodge rose in his place and addressed the Noble Grand of the new Lodge, stating that as all the Brothers constituting the Charter Members were from Forest City Lodge, he was instructed to make known to the new Lodge their appreciation of their efforts in extending the cause of Odd Fellowship in the City of London. and on behalf of the parent Lodge presented to them a cheque for fifty dollars donated by Forest City Lodge to its offspring, Dominion. This was genuine Odd Fellowship; and is it to be wondered that a Lodge starting under such favorable auspices is now on a par with her elder sisters in correct working! To the Brethren of Dominion Lodge-I was under many obligations at that time, and since for their hospitable and Brotherly treatment whenever I have visited them.

Brock Lodge, No. 6, the oldest of our Lodges, being as it were isolated on account of its location, I was very anxious to be able to visit. Much to my gratification the desired opportunity offered, and on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 23rd last, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Brothers of that Lodge at a special meeting, in their beautiful Hall in the Town of Brockville. It is hardly necessary to add that the Brethren, one and all, entertained me in the most hospitable and agreeable manner, and my visit to them will not soon be forgotten. On my return from business at Ottawa I again met them on Tuesday evening, their regular night of meeting. Upon this occasion I witnessed an initiation in the Ancient form. At the proper time I gave the Lodge such instruction in the work as I trust will be beneficial and profitable, and which I believe was well received. They are a noble band of Brothers there, and I can assure you that the Order has not degenerated in that isolated locality.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 23rd, I had the pleasure of visiting officially Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, at Hamilton, and they are, I am pleased to say, as their name indicates, *excelsior* in doing their work. I expected this from them, it being the Lodge of my respected colleague R. W. Deputy Grand Master Barr, also of my respected Brother D. D. Grand Master Ferguson. Excelsior Lodge has fitted up her Hall in a style which is a credit to them and the Order in Hamilton.

On Wednesday evening the 20th, I had the pleasure of visiting Dominion Lodge in London, and was very much pleased with the progress made and the thorough manner in which Lodge business was disposed of. On Friday evening the 29th, I visited Avon Lodge, No. 41, at Stratford, supposing it to be their regular night of meeting, as it is so laid down in the Grand Lodge proceedings of last Session; unfortunately it being St. Andrew's eve, and a fearful snow storm prevailing, only a few of the Brothers were out at the special meeting called for the occasion. I left the Brothers of Avon Lodge next day, hoping to be able to visit them at some future time on their regular

meeting night, but I am sorry to say I have not been so privileged.

Monday evening, January 6th, 1868, I was present officially and installed the Officers of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, in London; and on Tuesday evening the 7th, had the pleasure of visiting and installing the Officers of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, in London. It is hardly necessary for me to add that Lodge business in both of those Lodges is done correctly. On Wednesday evening the 8th, I officially visited and installed the Officers of Unity Lodge, No. 47, at Hamilton, this being a new Lodge. I was pleased to have the privilege of being with them on that occasion, and regretted very much that I had not the assistance of D. D. G. M. Bro. J. W. Ferguson, who was so seriously indisposed as to be unable to leave his room. I had expected the pleasure of meeting Dep. G. M. Bro. Barr to assist me, but a prior engagement on his part prevented. Unity Lodge at that time was not progressing as rapidly as her elder sister, but since then, I learn, is making great efforts to outstrip her. May nothing ever exist between them but a generous and healthy rivalry to see who will do most in the cause of genuine Odd Fellowship, in the interesting field which they occupy.

Thursday evening the 9th, I had the pleasure of visiting officially Gore Lodge, No. 34, at Brantford. A candidate was initiated, and seldom indeed have I ever seen the whole ceremony so well performed. Every officer had his charge perfect, and rendered it well. It was a pleasure to me to see it so remarkably well done, though it could hardly have been otherwise, as this is the Lodge of Brothers Bingham, Wood-yatt, and King, three of the lights of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. I need hardly add that I was handsomely and hospitably entertained during my stay amongst the Brantford Brothers.

CLAUSE THREE.

And now, Brothers, I come to the most interesting episode in my official career. I had often looked with longing eyes to the City of Toronto as a vast field ready for the laborers in Odd Fellowship, and to this end had been using every effort to have a Lodge established there. I am pleased to say that with the support and co-operation of Brothers John J. Ramsay, William R. Roberts, and M. Blume, who had located there some time previously, I succeeded, and on Tuesday evening, January 14th, Odd Fellowship which had slumbered in Toronto for over a score of years was again awakened, and as I believe and hope was awakened never again to sleep until time shall be no more. On the evening named, with the assistance and co-operation of Dep. Grand Master Barr, Grand Sec. and Treas. King, P. G. M. Bingham, P. G. Sec. Reid, D. D. G. M. Purves, and P. G. Wales, P. G. M. Bissell, P. Dep. G. M. Brown, and Bros. Thorburn and Blaïning, representing Gore, Union, Eureka, Forest City, Excelsior, and Frontier Lodges,—the petition and cards having been placed in my hands,—I proceeded to institute Canada Lodge No. 49, in one of the Orange Halls of the City. The Lodge was duly instituted, Officers installed, and a number of Candidates initiated, and the Brothers of the new Lodge were started on their career of usefulness by words of encourage-

ment from all. It affords me much pleasure to add that Canada Lodge now meets in the Hall of the Manchester Unity Lodges, and that she is prospering as well as we had reason to hope. I have had the pleasure of visiting with them several times since, and to assist at initiations and in Degrees.

At the last Session of this Grand Lodge, arrangements were made by some of the Lodges to secure the services of P. G. Master Barnes as a Lecturer. I am happy to report the success of the efforts both on the part of the Lodges who secured him, and on the part of the Lecturer; and I believe the success he met with in Windsor, London, St. Catherines, Hamilton, Chatham, and Brockville, warrant me in attributing to his talent and tact very much of the interest taken in the Order in those localities. It gives me pleasure to know that he is again with us in Grand Lodge, ready and willing to encourage us by his presence, and to aid us with his council and instruction.

On Tuesday, the 25th, I visited St. Mary's, where I had the pleasure of meeting officially in the Lodge a large turn-out of the Brethren of St. Mary's, in their own handsome and commodious Hall. After Lodge business was disposed of, I was escorted by the Brothers to the Hotel, where I was kindly and hospitably entertained; after which we separated, all hoping for the pleasure of meeting again on some future occasion.

#### CLAUSE FOUR.

Having received a petition and withdrawal cards from the Constitutional number of Brothers to form a Lodge at Tilsonburg, in the County of Oxford, I proceeded there in company with D. D. G. Master Fletcher, of Samaritan Lodge, and Bro. Simons, of same Lodge; and on Monday, March 16th, instituted Otter Lodge No. 50, under very favorable and flattering auspices, and installed the Officers, after which fifteen Candidates were duly admitted into the Lodge! This Lodge rather took me by surprise, (very agreeably, I must confess,) for I had not anticipated so many in numbers or so much intelligence. I am convinced that Otter Lodge will take high rank among her elder sisters in the great mission of Odd Fellowship, and will, I trust, do much good in that section.

Wednesday evening, April 15th, I visited officially Samaritan Lodge No. 35, at Ingersoll. This Lodge, I am happy to say, is rapidly progressing, adding to her membership some of the best men in the community. You are now their guests, and can judge for yourselves of their zeal and ability.

On Tuesday evening, June 9th, in company with fourteen of the Brothers of Frontier Lodge No. 45, I visited officially Chatham Lodge No. 29. There was a full turn-out of the Chatham Brethren, and a highly interesting and pleasant meeting, as the Chatham Brethren are proverbial for their large hearted hospitality. I need hardly add that we were sumptuously entertained.

On Wednesday evening, June 24th, I visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, at Newbury. This Lodge is small in numbers, but what she lacks in that respect is, I believe, fully made up in the zeal and energy of the few good and true Odd Fellows of which she is composed; and if the same spirit prevails as was manifested on my visit, she must prosper.

## CLAUSE FIVE.

In looking over our jurisdiction, it seems to me there should be a special effort made to extend our influence, especially east of Toronto; by the institution of New Lodges, and would call your attention to the necessity for measures to accomplish these ends.

## CLAUSE SIX.

On Monday evening, July 6th, I again visited and installed the Officers of Canada Lodge No. 49, in Toronto, but I am grieved to add that for a short time previous a feeling had prevailed which was prejudicial to the best interests of the Lodge, and which resulted that evening in several of the officers elect refusing to be installed. A new election was resorted to, and after the installation seven members asked for and were granted withdrawal Cards, amongst them the retiring Noble Grand Brother Ramsay, and the retiring Secretary, who was V. G. elect. I regretted this action very much, and used all my persuasive powers to prevent it, but in vain.

## CLAUSE SEVEN.

Representatives, I would recommend that Charters and Working Books be given to each of the new Lodges previously named, for the sum of Thirty Dollars each, as I had told them all that was the amount they would be charged.

Brothers, I have much pleasure in stating that but very few questions of a legislative character have been submitted to me during the year, which I take to be a plain indication of harmony and uniformity in the working of our Lodges. I have visited all of the Lodges but two in the jurisdiction, some of them twice, and many three times in the past year, and I congratulate each and all upon their correct manner of working, and the punctuality and dispatch of Lodge business; and without undue boasting, I believe our Lodges will compare favorably with older and more favored jurisdictions.

## CLAUSE EIGHT, NINE AND TEN.

Under date of Oct. 10th, 1867, D. Dep. G. M. Ferguson wrote me that the custom prevailed in Excelsior Lodge of members vouching for Brothers without the term pass-word, and in arrears sufficient to disqualify them from receiving it, and asking my decision. My decision was, "That a brother in arrears sufficient to disqualify him from receiving the term pass-word cannot be admitted to the Lodge. See Digest, page 11, section 4, Arrears." And that Excelsior Lodge voting to

admit a member in arrears after being so refused admittance by order of the N. G., was illegal. Bro. Ferguson also asked, "Should the candidate be put in possession of the P. W. before retiring, to work his way in?" Answer,—“Before retiring.”

## CLAUSE ELEVEN.

D. D. G. M. Purves, of Union Lodge, asks, "In opening the Lodge, does the Warden receive the Pass-Word or Explanation, or both?"—My reply was, that the Pass-Word was all that was required of Brothers to be given to the Warden prior to opening.

## CLAUSE TWELVE AND THIRTEEN.

Chatham Lodge, No. 26, asks, under date of May 28, as follows:—“Charges having been preferred by one Past Grand against another Past Grand for slander; if there are not sufficient P. G.’s in good standing to form the required Committee, is it legal to put Scarlet Degree members on said Committee?” Answer,—“Yes! if there are not five qualified brothers, the peers of the accused.” An appeal has been taken by Bro. Thomas Lawless, of Excelsior Lodge, against the action of said Lodge and of D. D. G. M. Bro. Ferguson. The appeal is herewith submitted without comment, marked C.

## CLAUSE FOURTEEN.

I have received reports from the following District Deputy Grand Masters, all of which are highly encouraging, and show a marked degree of prosperity and correct working of their respective Lodges, viz.: D. Deputy G. Masters Taylor, of Brock No. 9, Purves, of Union 16, Smith, of Chatham 29, Heron, for Eureka 30, Forest City 38, and Dominion 48 of London, C. D. Tufford, of Gore 34, Fletcher of Samaritan 35, Marlatt, of St. Mary’s 36, Ferguson, for Excelsior 44, and Unity 47 of Hamilton, which are herewith submitted.

## CLAUSE FIFTEEN.

Brothers, I believe the time has arrived when this Grand Lodge has abundant means to provide her officers and representatives with the Regalia and Jewels of their respective offices, and I think it is imperative on this Grand Lodge to do so. See Digest page 76, section 10. I would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to procure for the Grand Officers the proper and appropriate Regalia and Jewels, and a sufficient number of Past Grands’ sashes and aprons for the use of the Representatives.

## CLAUSE SIXTEEN.

I would also recommend for your earnest consideration the expediency of reviving the separate office of Grand Treasurer in this Grand Lodge, as I believe such an officer did once exist here. I fail to see the policy or economy of merging the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand

Treasurer in one incumbent ; I think it extremely injudicious, and should be abolished.

## CLAUSE SEVENTEEN.

I believe the time has arrived when this jurisdiction is entitled to an additional representative in the Supreme Grand Lodge. If such is the fact, which you will learn from the Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, you will have the right to elect an additional representative to that R. W. Grand Body at your present session should you so elect. This fact in itself is an evidence of the increased prosperity and progress of our beloved Order in the year just closed.

## CLAUSE EIGHTEEN.

I would respectfully recommend that such changes be made in the Constitution of Subordinates as will allow the admission of members with unexpired Withdrawal Cards over the proscribed age of 50 years. As the Constitution now stands, there is no provision for this class of members. Allow me to add that in my judgment many healthy changes might be made in our Constitution, and to this end I would earnestly recommend that a committee of revision be appointed to meet in the recess, and report at next Grand Lodge Session.

## CLAUSE NINETEEN.

In consequence of a geographical change in the name of this Province, and the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, you will be required to make such changes in the Constitution, Charters, Seal, &c., as will conform to such change.

## CLAUSE TWENTY.

On the 23th July, I received from five Brothers, Scarlet members of Canada Lodge No. 49, of Toronto, their withdrawal Cards and petition to institute another Lodge in the city of Toronto. I forwarded the same to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. King, requesting him to make out a dispensation, sign my name to it, and forward the same to Deputy Grand Master Barr, with commission and instructions to proceed to Toronto and institute the new Lodge. I received a letter from the Grand Secretary stating that I must have overlooked that provision in our Constitution requiring ten applicants for a new Lodge in a locality where one already existed. I regretted this very much, as Canada Lodge had granted in my presence their full sanction to the instituting of the contemplated new Lodge. And although it was not altogether with my approval, yet as the field is very large in the city of Toronto, I believe that eventually it will be productive of good, and I would recommend that such action be taken as will be requisite to institute another Lodge in that city.

## CLAUSE TWENTY-ONE.

Brothers, we have in our jurisdiction four Lodges of the Canadian

Order of the Manchester Unity, two in Toronto and two in Hamilton, and as they are isolated and cannot affiliate with us, would it not be wise in us, being the stronger, to extend the right hand of fellowship and invite them in the name of F. L. T. to come into our fold?—It certainly would be for their benefit and interest to do so. The recent action in Australia should afford us encouragement to make an effort.

I cannot close this Report without here publicly returning my sincere and heartfelt thanks to your efficient and obliging Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Josiah B. King, to whom I am under many obligations for his prompt and business-like manner in performing the duties of his office.

Officers and Representatives, allow me here to present a synopsis of the work of our Order in this jurisdiction for the past year, referring you to the report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the same in detail, viz:—

Whole number of members, June 30th, 1867,	- - -	1050
Initiated during the year,	- - -	405
Admitted by Card,	- - -	18
Reinstated,	- - -	7
	- - -	430
Withdrawn by Card,	- - -	44
Ceased to be members by N. P. of D.,	- - -	11
Deaths,	- - -	7
	- - -	62
Increase,	- - -	368
Total contributing members in good standing,	- - -	1137

showing an increase of over 33 per cent on last Report.

The annual receipts of Subordinates for the year was nearly \$10,000

Widow and Orphan Fund on hand amounts to nearly 10,000

General Fund is 15,000

Who can say after this exhibit that our noble Order is not progressing in this jurisdiction? And I trust this is only the beginning of what we may soon expect if we are true to the teachings and principles which we all profess.

In conclusion, Brothers, permit me to congratulate you on the very prosperous condition of our beloved Order in our jurisdiction; and to return to you one and all my heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed in me at all times since my first connexion with this Grand Lodge. Commending you one and all to the favor and protection of our Father above,

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.,

HENRY McAFEE, G. M.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer then submitted his Annual Report, with statement of receipts and expenses for the past year, which was on motion of Rep. T. Partridge referred to the Committee on distribution.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF J. B. KING,

**H. G. Grand Secretary and Treasurer.**

OF THE

**R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, DOMINION OF CANADA.**

*For the Year ending August 6th, 1868.*

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*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.*

BROTHERS,—Once again, after the lapse of another eventful year, have we been permitted by the great and All-wise Grand Master of the Universe to assemble in Grand Lodge, to hear accounts of the progress we have made during the year, and to legislate for the good of the Order. With the close of the fiscal year, devolves upon me again the duty of rendering an account of my stewardship.

The duties specially assigned me, by resolutions adopted at the last session, have been attended to as far as practicable.

Immediately after the close of the session I received tenders for printing the Journal of 1867. The *Courier* being the lowest, I accepted, and with all despatch I compiled the Minutes, and had printed (300) three hundred copies, sending copies to each Lodge, Officer, Past Officer, and Representative of this Grand Lodge, and to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in the United States.

In accordance with the resolution of Rep. C. H. Hankinson on page 430 of Journal, I had inserted in the *Ottawa Gazette*, *Essex Record*, and *Brant Expositor*, the proper notice of our intention to apply to the Legislature of Ontario for an Act of Incorporation for our Order, which application was duly made. The result will be communicated to you hereafter.

The resolution authorizing a letter of condolence and sympathy to our late M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. Wigmore, on account of his being compelled by a Provincial law to resign his position in the Order, has been complied with.

In accordance with the resolution of Rep. Smith of No. 47, page 431, Journal 1867, I wrote to the Managers of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways, asking them to grant free return tickets to all Officers, Representatives and Past Grands who may attend the session of this Grand Lodge at Ingersoll, on the 5th August, 1868. The Great Western, with its accustomed liberality, at once acceded to the request, and instructed me to have printed a form of certificate, one to be given to each member here, entitling him to a free return ticket. The Grand Trunk did not grant the request, inasmuch as the distance to be traveled by representatives was so short.

The resolution instructing me to correspond with the several Lodges which contributed to the relief of the Quebec sufferers, with a view to ascertain what disposition each Lodge wished to have made of the amount they subscribed, has been complied with. Union Lodge No. 16, Eureka Lodge No. 30, and Avon Lodge No. 41, ordered the amounts subscribed by them to be returned to them, in all \$22.00; while Brock No. 9, Gore 34, Excelsior 44, Samaritan 35, St. Mary's 36, Frontier 45, and Mount Zion 46, instructed me to send the amounts donated by them to the Southern Relief Fund. I accordingly sent to Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Jas. L. Ridgely, a draft for \$80.35 gold, as a donation from the Lodges in Ontario to the Southern Relief Fund, the receipt of which has been duly acknowledged.

## CLAUSE ONE.

Agreeably to resolution on page 427, Journal, I instructed Bro. J. W. Orr, publisher of the *American Odd Fellow*, to send one copy of his magazine to each Lodge in this jurisdiction. In view of the efforts put forth by Bro. Orr for the advancement of our Order and the principles it teaches, I would respectfully recommend that the subscription be renewed.

## CLAUSE TWO.

With regard to the resolution instructing the Grand Officers to invest the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge, I would say, that not knowing what amount would be required to secure the Act of Incorporation applied for, we could not tell what amount there would be left to invest.

Immediately after the close of the session I forwarded to D. D. G. M. James Heron, London, the resolution of the committee relative to the admission of P. G. Thomas Brown, of Eureka Lodge, and in due course received a reply that the same had been complied with.

On the 25th December I received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado an order for ten blank Charters, which were at once forwarded, and the receipt thereof duly acknowledged.

## CLAUSE THREE.

While in Toronto, on the 14th January, 1868, assisting at the insti-

tution of Canada Lodge, I met a Brother, James George, formerly a member of Home Lodge of that city, who delivered to me the minute and other books of that Lodge, which had been in his keeping since the Lodge became defunct.

## CLAUSE FOUR.

Bro. J. C. Lindop, once a member of the late Elgin Lodge, St. Thomas, wishing to become a member of Samaritan Lodge, with a view to being one of the charter members of Otter Lodge, and having no card, applied to this Grand Lodge for one. By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, a card was given him, it having been clearly established that he was not one of those brethren who took part in the proceedings which caused the dissolution of late Elgin Lodge.

## CLAUSE FIVE.

On the 10th February, Grand Rep., Bro. James Woodyatt, received a telegram from Toronto, stating that our Act of Incorporation was meeting strong opposition, requesting him to show the message to me, and for both of us to come immediately to Toronto to look after our interest. I telegraphed the M. W. Grand Master for instructions, who at once replied, deputizing Bro. James Woodyatt and myself to go at once to Toronto and use our utmost exertions to secure the passage of the Act. We did so, but without success. (A report of the deputation will supplement this report—marked B.)

## CLAUSE SIX.

Mr. Charles Foster, of the city of Hamilton, represented that he was a member in good standing in late Victoria Lodge, at Caledonia, when it became defunct, and requested a Card of Clearance. Not having any of the records of that Lodge, and no other satisfactory evidence, the request was not granted.

## CLAUSE SEVEN.

I received on the 5th June a number of circulars from the Secretary of Walker Lodge No. 19, of Huntsville, Texas, setting forth their misfortune in having their hall and effects destroyed by fire, and asking a donation from the several Lodges in this jurisdiction. By direction of the Grand Master I sent one circular to each Lodge in this jurisdiction. The following is the result, viz:—Gore Lodge 34, \$6; Chatham Lodge, 29, \$4; Frontier Lodge 45, \$5, U. S. currency.

## CLAUSE EIGHT.

The Constitution and By-laws of Dominion Lodge No. 48, Canada Lodge No. 49, and Otter Lodge No. 50, are herewith submitted.

## CLAUSE NINE.

Application has been frequently made to me for a copy of our Con-

stitution, together with the Constitution and Rules of Order as laid down for subordinate Lodges. The supply printed in the first Journal of proceedings is now exhausted; and with a view to having a new edition printed, I have compiled the amendments which have been adopted from time to time, and would suggest that a number be printed.

## CLAUSE TEN.

Though I have written to one or two Lodges, and given them the amendment to our Constitution relative to the amount of contributions to be set apart for the W. & O. Fund, I find they persist in adhering to the original law, and place one-third instead of one-fifth to the credit of that fund.

## CLAUSE ELEVEN.

As a matter of convenience and reference, I would suggest that your Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a book in which to register the names of all Past Grands whose certificates shall have been sent in to this Grand Lodge.

## CLAUSE TWELVE.

The financial statement for the year ending 30th June, is substantially as follows:—

**Dr.**

To balance on hand, per last report, - - -	\$1304 08
“ Amount received during the year, - - -	1141 22
Total,	\$2445 30

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By paid mileage and per diem, session of 1867, - - -	\$ 977 71
Balance on hand, June 30th, 1868, - - -	1467 59
	\$2445 30

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**Financial Statement.**

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## JOSIAH B. KING,

*Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the R. W.  
Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

		<i>Dr.</i>		
1867.	Aug. 9	To	balance from last report	\$1304 08
	" 30	"	Dominion Lodge No. 48 Charter fee, &c.,	30 00
	Oct. 19	"	Forest City do 38 supplies	3 36
	" 24	"	Excelsior do 44 do Tracts	50
	" 28	"	do do 44 do	5 00
	Nov. 10	"	Gore Lodge do 34 do Tracts	80
1868.	Jan'y 3	"	Frontier do 45 per centage	32 26
	" 3	"	do do 45 supplies	5 63
	" 8	"	Gore do 34 per centage	14 69
	" "	"	do do 34 supplies	4 00
	" 14	"	Union do 16 do	29 92
	" 18	"	Eureka do 30 do	42 66
	" 18	"	Forest City do 38 do	57 54
	" 18	"	Dominion do 48 do	11 05
	" 18	"	do do 48 supplies	6 00
	" 18	"	Chatham do 29 per centage	17 78
	" 18	"	Erie do 33 do	23 78
	" 18	"	do do 33 on acct of supplies	22
	" 18	"	Mt. Zion do 46 do per centage	9 41
	" 18	"	St. Mary's do 36 per centage	22 20
	" 18	"	do do 36 digest	1 50
	" 18	"	Colorado Grand Lodge; 10 Charters \$20. U.S. Cy	14 20
	" 18	"	Samaitan Lodge No. 35 per centage	32 63
	" 18	"	do do 35 supplies	1 32
	Feb. 1	"	Excelsior do 44 per centage	22 87
	" 10	"	J. C. Lindop, of late Elgin Lodge, T. Card	25
	" 17	"	Unity Lodge No. 46 per centage	16 87
	" 18	"	Avon do 41 do	21 60
	" 18	"	Samaritan do 35 supplies	2 00
	" 26	"	Unity do 46 bal. of per centage	2 12
	April 8	"	Brook do 9 per centage	13 39
	" 8	"	Mt. Zion do 47 bal. of do	2 00
	" 30	"	do do 47 supplies	2 90
	April 21	"	Union do 16 do	3 00
	June 14	"	Samaritan do 35 supplies	4 00
	July 9	"	Gore do 34 per centage term, June 30, '68	20 02
			<i>Carried forward</i>	\$1781 15

**JOSIAH B. KING,**

*Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

1867.

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Aug. 9	By paid mileage and per diem to Officers and Representatives at the Session held in St. Catharines, August 7th and 8th, 1867, viz :	
"	Henry McAfee, M. W. Grand Master, 1	\$21 44
"	John Taylor, jr., R. W. Grand Warden 2	26 24
"	J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas. 3	9 44
"	Jas. Smith, R. W. Grand Rep. to Grand Lodge U. S. - 4	12 64
"	Jas. Carle, Rep. of Brock Lodge, - 5	26 24
"	S. G. Dolson, " Union do - 6	4 00
"	T. Henley, " do do - 7	4 00
"	Isaac Smith, " Chatham do - 8	17 75
"	James Heron, " Eureka do - 9	12 64
"	John Hunter, " do do - 10	12 64
"	Robert Kirkpatrick, do do - 11	12 64
"	C. H. Hankinson, Erie do - 12	13 60
"	W. A. Glover, do do - 13	13 60
"	E. Chalcraft, Rep. Gore do - 14	9 44
"	Jas. McIntyre, " Samaritan - 15	11 12
"	G. H. Marlatt, " St. Mary's - 16	14 32
"	Robt. Barbour, " do - 17	14 32
"	Wm. Bissell, " Forest City - 18	12 64
"	Thos. Partridge, do - 19	12 64
"	M. D. Dawson, " do - 20	12 64
"	E. Beltz, " do - 21	12 64
"	Thos. T. Irwin, " Avon Lodge - 22	11 28
"	C. B. Taylor, " do - 23	11 28
"	J. W. Ferguson, " Excelsior Lodge, 24	6 56
"	C. E. Pierce, " do 25	6 56
"	A. B. Graham, " Frontier Lodge, 26	21 44
"	George Irwin, " do 27	21 44
"	F. Green, " Mt. Zion Lodge, 28	15 62
"	John Smith, " Unity Lodge, 29	6 56
"	Committee of Union Lodge, extra appropriation, - - - 30	42 12
"	Bro. Callaghan, Janitor, - - - 31	3 00
"	Bro. B. Wigmore, late Grand Master,	

*Carried forward* ... .. \$432 39

		<i>Dr.</i>				
		<i>Brought forward</i>				\$1781 15
July	10	"	Union	do	16 do do	45 05
"	10	"	St. Mary's	do	36 do do	19 10
"	13	"	Erie	do	33 do do	23 75
"	13	"	do	do	33 amount of acc't	9 26
"	16	"	Chatham	do	29 percentage	31 92
"	16	"	Avon	do	41 do	30 43
"	17	"	Otter	do	50 do	21 61
"	17	"	do	do	50 supplies and charter	34 17
"	17	"	Eureka	do	30 percentage	43 03
"	17	"	Forest City	do	38 do	55 93
"	17	"	Dominion	do	48 do	33 12
"	17	"	do	do	supplies	5 55
"	22	"	Brock	do	9 do	4 00
"	"	"	do	do	percentage	17 60
"	"	"	Samaritan	do	35 do	32 72
"	23	"	Otter	do	50 digest	1 50
"	28	"	Forest City	do	38 supplies	7 30
"	"	"	Frontier	do	45 do	3 00
"	24	"	do	do	percentage	32 96
"	"	"	Mt. Zion	do	47 do	11 28
"	"	"	do	do	supplies	1 00
"	28	"	Canada	do	49 percentage	36 04
Aug.	1	"	Union	do	16 supplies	6 50
"	4	"	Canada	do	49 charter fee and acc't	82 18
"	5	"	Excelsior	do	44 percentage	40 83
"	"	"	do	do	supplies	3 00
"	"	"	Unity	do	47 do	8 42
"	"	"	do	do	percentage	22 90

Total, ..... \$2445 30



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		<i>Brought forward</i>		\$432 39
		account for postage and traveling expenses,	32	40 21
		Bro. Schneider, of Chatham Lodge, for expenses attending the procuring of the effects of late Rond Eau Lodge 33		7 00
		Express charges on desk to Brantford, 34		2 00
		Cartage on same,		0 25
1868.	9	Bro. Jas. Woodyatt, Rep. to G. L. U. S.:		
		Representative tax, \$ 75 00		
		Supplies,	100 28—	35
			175 28 less disc't	131 46
	20	Avon Lodge, Quebec subscription ret'd	36	7 00
	21	Union do do do	37	5 00
	30	Eureka do do do	38	10 00
	8	H. Lemmon, printing Journal, 1867.	36	62 46
	8	Express charges on supplies,	40	1 05
	17	Bro. James L. Ridgely, amount subscribed by subordinate Lodges to Southern Relief Fund,	41	80 35
		B. F. Fitch, drawing up and engraving Act of Incorporation,	42	12 00
		Expositor office, printing blank returns, letter heads for G. M.,	43	10 00
		Express charges on proceedings Grand Lodge U. S.,	44	2 35
1868.	3	J. Sutherland's account, stationery,	45	10 96
		A. D. Clement, post-office account,	46	9 55
	14	Expenses of Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, and Grand Secretary J. B. King to Toronto, to look after our Act of Incorporation, per order of Grand Master,	47	40 60
March	6	Bro. J. W. Orr, 16 copies <i>American Odd Fellow</i> ,	48	22 26
January.		American Express, supplies from Grand Lodge United States.	49	1 25
Feb.	22	Expositor office, books for Canada Lodge	50	6 00
April	1	A. D. Clement, postage acc't to date,	51	4 97
May.		American Express charges,	52	2 85
		Montreal telegraph company	53	4 49
	16	Expositor office, printing forms, &c.,	54	6 50
July	1	Post-office account to date, 3 months,	55	3 46
	17	Express company,	56	1 00
	30	J. Sutherland, stationery.	57	7 30
Aug.	5	J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treasurer,	58	50 00
		do do account, incidentals.	59	3 00
		Cash on hand to balance,		1467 59
		<i>Total,</i>		\$2445 30

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## Statement of Stock on Hand,

August 5th, 1868.

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1 Installation Book at \$2.00		\$2 00
7 Charge Books " 3.00		21 00
8 Degree do " 3.00		24 00
4 do of Rebecca do " 2.00		8 00
3 Public Installation Books at \$1.25		3 75
6 Copies Digest G.L.U.S.	1.25	7 50
834 Propositions for Membership	2c.	16 68
153 Reports on Character	2c.	3 06
204 Representatives Certificates	2c.	4 08
191 P. G. do	2c.	3 82
250 Treasurer's Bonds	5c.	12 50
240 Orders for Supplies	3c.	7 20
196 Odes	6c.	11 76
28 Blank Rules and Regulations	10c.	2 80
49 Withdrawal Cards	25c.	12 25
53 Travelling do	25c.	13 25
46 Tracts on Odd Fellowship	2c.	92
1 Charter Stone		52 50
4 Blank Charters for sale	1.50	6 00
62 Charters, for use of this Grand Lodge		
Letter-headings, Stationery, &c.		5 00
		\$218 07

## ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE.

Amount of Stock on hand		\$218 07
Regalia, &c., of defunct Lodges		10 00
Amount due by subordinate Lodges		4 24
Cash in Treasurer's hands		1487 59
		\$1699 90

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### Y. O. of O. F., Statistical Table.

ABSTRACT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1868.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.		Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased to be members. Non-payment dues.	Contributing members.	Degrees Conferred.		Number of Brothers relieved.	Number of widowed families relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.		Amount paid for relief of widowed families.		Amount paid for burying the Dead.	Amount paid for Educating the Orphans.	Total Relief.		Annual Receipts.		Widow and Orphans' Fund.	General Fund.	Amount of percentage to G. L. of Ontario.		Location.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.						
	Members.	Brothers.										\$	cts					\$	cts	\$	cts			\$	cts	\$	cts			\$	cts				\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts
Brock .....	9	11					16				40	42	10						\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts					5 Mar. '46	John Wright.				
Union .....	16	23			3		31	4	4		106	66		3	1				131	00	130	00	15	00	230	00	358	40	292	65	267	00	30	99			16 " '46	S. G. Dolson, G. Wales, J. Bird		
Chatham .....	29	26	1	4			16	7	6		55	64							30	00	10	00	45	00	85	00	864	15	2761	69	994	19	74	97			13 Jan. '54	Wm. Smith, Isaac Smith.		
Eureka .....	30	28	1	3	2		27	3			128	26		4	4				263	50	110	00	80	00	453	50	1011	00	1469	55	1561	62	85	59			2 Feb. '54	W. A. Moore, J. McMath.		
Erie .....	33	10					0	31	9	6	51	34	20	3	1				179	00	25	00			204	00	415	81	599	34	665	66	47	53			5 Oct. '54	R. Kirkpat'k, G. Powell, Abott		
Gore .....	34	14					1				51	34	3	1	1				6	00	63	00	30	00	99	00	408	50	963	96	662	92	34	61			25 Dec. '54	J. Noble, H. C. Bingham.		
Samaritan .....	35	24	1	5			16				55	110	14	4	2				100	31	20	00			120	31	718	19	486	56	676	63	65	35			20 Jan. '56	George Dennis, Wm. C. Bell		
St. Mary's .....	36	10					13				55	67	5						42	00			15	00	57	00	479	00	496	40	2369	75	41	30			6 Nov. '56	Robt. Barbour, Wm. N. Ford.		
Forest City .....	38	44					1	80			126	116	11	2	16				292	25	50	00	30	00	372	25	1310	48	1134	67	4075	90	113	47			9 Feb. '57	Dawson, Partridge, Bissell.		
Avon .....	41	27					8				75	85	5		2	1			42	00					68	18	593	50	350	00	435	64	52	05			9 Jan. '61	Henry Gibson, T. Henderson		
Excelsior .....	44	28			2	4	28				104	60	4	3	2				56	00	30	00			86	00	712	34	177	73	131	00	63	70			27 Jan. '64	W. McGregor, Irwin, Stewart		
Frontier .....	45	20					8				47	36	1	1	2				52	00	60	00			112	00	756	15	147	81	423	54	23	29			18 Jan. '66	G. E. Ward.		
Mount Zion .....	46	11					12	1			18	46	5	3					22	00					22	00	250	64	48	56	180	00	41	02			3 April '67	John Smith.		
Unity .....	47	28	1								34	58		2					20	00	10	00			30	00	450	50	45	00	122	35	44	17			18 Sep. '67	J. J. Dyas, J. G. Dodd.		
Dominion* .....	48	42									34	58		2					14	00					14	00	472	64	30	62	180	00	36	04			14 Jan. '68	M. Blume.		
Canada* .....	49	29									28	33														374	61	16	17	252	29	36	04			16 Mar. '68	J. C. Lindop.			
Otter* .....	50	23	6																							224	85	30	66	84	85	21	61							
	399		29	34			7	258	35	17	1103	987	104	15	44				7	1335	65	558	00	252	18	2145	24	9948	27	9598	36	14047	09	890	61					

\* Instituted since last Session.



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Recapitulation.

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Number initiated	- - - -	405
“ Admitted by card,	- - - -	18
“ Reinstated,	- - - -	7— 430
“ Withdrawn by card	- - - -	44
“ Ceased to be members, N. P. D.	- - - -	11
“ Expelled,	- - - -	00
“ Deceased,	- - - -	7— 62
Net increase,	- - - -	368
“ Of members as per last report,	- - - -	1050
Actual membership,	- - - -	1418
“ Of members in arrears, (suspended and not sus- pended)	- - - -	281
Contributing members,	- - - -	1137
“ Of degrees conferred,	- - - -	987
“ Of brothers relieved,	- - - -	104
“ Of widowed families relieved,	- - - -	15
Amount paid for relief of brothers,	- - - -	\$1335 06
“ “ “ of widowed families,	- - - -	558 00
“ “ Burying the dead,	- - - -	252 18
		\$2145 24
Amount percentage received,	- - - -	\$ 890 00
“ Annual receipts,	- - - -	9948 27
“ Widow and Orphans' Fund,	- - - -	9598 56
“ Amount General Fund,	- - - -	14047 09
Total,	- - - -	\$34483 92

## CLAUSE THIRTEEN.

But one case of appeal has been sent in for your action, that is the case of Gore Lodge No. 34 versus Alfred Bax. Mr. Bax being a resident of Brantford, applied to and was initiated into Avon Lodge No. 41, of Stratford. For reasons (which are stated in the charge made) a charge was made against Mr. Bax by Gore Lodge, and it would appear that the charge had been sustained, and a penalty inflicted by Avon Lodge upon Mr. Bax, which Gore Lodge deems unconstitutional. Therefore this appeal.

## CLAUSE FOURTEEN.

The correspondence of my office for the past year is herewith submitted. All that required immediate attention has been attended to.

## CLAUSE FIFTEEN.

I find that the new form of Returns adopted at the late session, and which is now in use by the Lodges, answers the purpose designed admirably, both in simplicity and correctness. I would call the special attention of the Committee on Returns to the difference in the amount of W. & O. fund and general funds held by some Lodges, in the June return as compared with the December return. When writing to the Lodges referred to on the subject, I have been informed that the Grand Lodge has no right to interfere (and as a consequence no right to ask questions in regard to the correctness of Lodge statements) in the matter of the funds of a Lodge. If such be the case, I would suggest that the items referred to be entirely stricken out of the returns, as I believe it better that no statement of the resources of our Order be given to the fraternity, than that a false one should be made.

The Journal of Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received, and in accordance with the resolution in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, page 427, Journal, I have prepared a brief extract from each, which will supplement this report.

The annual Report of the Odd Fellows' Library Association of California; also the report of Committee on reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States, together with a copy of addresses delivered on the 26th April in Galveston, Texas, by Bro. W. Carey Crane, have been duly received, each of which is replete with matters of great interest to Odd Fellows everywhere, and well worthy a perusal.

## CLAUSE SIXTEEN.

A recommendation of Grand Master Spragge of Michigan, is, I believe, a good one, and one which, if adopted by this Grand Lodge, would be productive of much good to the Order in this jurisdiction. I will use his own words: "Past Grand Masters should be allowed mileage and per diem for attendance at the Grand Lodge Meetings, as I



believe their aid and counsel would be worth vastly more to the jurisdiction than the amount it would be necessary to expend to secure their attendance; for it is hardly fair to expect that having been faithful servants while in office, they should be under an expense to assist us in our labors of love."

Inasmuch as the name of this Grand Lodge has been changed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it becomes necessary to have our Seals altered accordingly.

## CLAUSE SEVENTEEN.

The account of the Grand Lodge of the United States for supplies and Representative tax, is herewith submitted.

I am still in receipt of the "Odd Fellows' Companion," published by M. C. Hilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio; also of a weekly paper called the "Mystic Tie," published in Baltimore; edited by Grand Sec'y Escaraile.

## CLAUSE EIGHTEEN.

One more matter of minor importance I would call your attention to, that is, the majority of Lodges pay their percentage to the Grand Lodge in current funds, while a few send silver. I would suggest that a uniform rate be adopted by this Grand Lodge—either all silver or all paper. There is quite an amount of silver now in the treasury, and in order to invest it, there will be a loss of from 4 to 6 per cent.

And now, Brothers, permit me to thank you one and all very kindly for the uniform courtesy and forbearance I have met with at your hands. I have during my two years term of office endeavored to discharge the duties appertaining to that office faithfully, & to what extent I have succeeded, I leave you to judge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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By request of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary then read the report of the special deputation which visited Toronto in the interests of the Act of Incorporation applied for by the Grand Lodge; when Grand Representative James Woodyatt explained at length the steps taken by the Committee. On motion of Rep. Dodd, of No. 48, the report was adopted:

INGERSOLL, August 5th, 1868.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

BROTHERS,—We, the undersigned Committee, appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to visit the Legislature of Ontario, with a view to secure, if possible, the passage of the Act of Incorporation applied for by this Grand Lodge, beg to report.

That upon receiving the instruction from the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAfee, we at once proceeded to Toronto, and with all due speed called upon the several members of the House, and used our utmost endeavors to obtain their influence and vote in favor of the Act, but without the success anticipated.

Upon former visits to the capital, we and others had met, not only from the Hon. E. B. Wood, (who had the Bill in charge) but from other prominent members on both sides of the House, with the best prospects of success; but upon this occasion we met little but opposition, not from any direct ill feeling to our Order, but from the precedent it would be establishing. The Hon. Premier gave us to understand distinctly that the policy of the Government was decidedly averse to granting charters to any secret society, and to grant our prayer would be to establish a precedent which would in all probability cause the Government more trouble than the passage of the Act applied for could possibly do us good.

In view of this and the decided opposition of several prominent members of the House, with the consent of the M. W. Grand Master, we withdrew the Bill for the session.

We have to return our warmest thanks to Bros. Trow and Fitzsimons, and other members of the Legislature, for the many courtesies shewn us while at Toronto.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT, } Committee.  
J. B. KING. }

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Unity Lodge, seconded by Rep. Dyas, of Dominion Lodge; it was unanimously

*Resolved*,—That a vote of thanks be tendered to Grand Representative James Woodyatt and Grand Secretary and Treasurer J. B. King, the Committee whose report we have just heard, for the efforts put forth by them to secure the object sought for.

Moved by Rep. T. Partridge, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, and

*Resolved*,—That the hours of the sessions of this Grand Lodge during the present session be as follows: From 9 o'clock a. m., till 12 o'clock, noon; and from 2 o'clock p. m. until 6 o'clock p. m. The motion was negatived.

Grand Representative Jas. Woodyatt then read his Annual Report, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution.

## Report of the R. W. Grand Representative,

JAS. WOODYATT, Esq.

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

BRETHREN,—Your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, presents the following report of the proceedings and transactions of that body at its Session in the City of New York, commencing on the 16th September, 1867.

The Session opened at Irving Hall, a spacious and commodious room, tastefully and conveniently fitted up by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for the occasion.

M. W. Grand Master Gould, in an address of welcome, tendered the use of the Hall for the purpose of the Session. The address was responded to, and the use of the Hall accepted by the M. W. Grand Sire.

The Grand Officers and a full representation from all the Jurisdictions being present, the Session was opened by prayer, offered by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York, presented invitations to visit the several places and institutions following, viz.: The Central Park, the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum, the N. Y. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, the New York Juvenile Asylum, the Metropolitan Fire Department, the Department of Public Charities and Corrections, the Board of Education, and others.

The terms in which these invitations were given, and the acceptance of them urged, had the effect of convincing the members of the Grand Lodge that they were welcome and honored visitors of the great City of New York, and that their presence had been anticipated and prepared for.

The best response that could be given to such friendly greetings was by receiving all with hearty thanks, and respectfully accepting as many of them as the time at the disposal of the Grand Lodge would permit. I feel warranted in stating that every member felt delighted and profited by the many pleasant and instructive scenes witnessed by them,

and that they will long cherish the remembrance of all the kindness and courtesy shewn to them while attending the Session of 1867.

The M. W. Grand Sire read his report, congratulating the Representatives on the flourishing condition of the Order in nearly all the Jurisdictions; referring to the general observance of the 26th of April as a day of thanksgiving for blessings vouchsafed; stating that the amount contributed for the relief of the Southern Lodges had not yet reached a sufficient sum, and suggesting that the Grand Lodges loan to the several Southern Grand Lodges such amounts as they may deem necessary to meet the wants of their Subordinate Lodges; giving a synopsis of the work performed in the Lower Provinces and Canada East by Bro. P. G. M. Fred. D. Stuart, in the matter of resuscitating the Order in those Provinces; recommending the repeal of all the laws at present in existence with regard to weekly benefits, and that the matter be left wholly to the decision of our Subordinate Lodges; and submitting the following decisions made by him during the recess, viz.:

1st. Public Installations cannot be held, unless the State Grand Body has given consent to her Subordinates to have the same; and where the Grand Master of the jurisdiction has forbidden the same, the Grand Sire has no power to interfere with his decision. The decision of the Grand Master is binding until reversed by his Grand Lodge—unless his decision is in direct conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2nd. The Lodge to which the applicant belongs is entitled to the fees for degrees. No Lodge has the right to give a certificate to receive the degrees until the fees are paid. It is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the brother is in good standing, to confer the degrees upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate.

3rd. The Noble Grand has no power to set aside any part of the Constitution of his Lodge. The objectionable section must be repealed or amended in the manner provided for in said Constitution, and is binding on him and his Lodge until so repealed or amended.

4th. The Vice Grand of a Lodge has no right to call a Past Grand to preside over his Lodge during the absence of the Noble Grand; and all acts done by the Lodge during such time are illegal, and should be set aside.

5th. A Grand Lodge has no right to grant more than *one ballot* and *one reconsideration* of the same, to a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge.

6th. A Grand Lodge has no right to require a residence for any definite period before a brother can deposit a withdrawal card from a sister jurisdiction. A law of such a character is in direct violation of our principles.

7th. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States having decided by her Constitution the necessary qualifications for membership in the Order, no Grand Body has the right to change the same.

8th. A Subordinate Lodge about to ballot for degrees, should close informally in the Initiatory Degree; and after balloting for the degrees in the several degrees, should then re-open in the Initiatory Degree, and close the Lodge in due form.

9th. A person who has lost *an arm*, is not eligible for membership into the Order by initiation.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then read his Report, a very lengthy and able document, containing a notice of every jurisdiction, with extracts from the reports of several Grand Secretaries, relative to the state of the Order in their jurisdictions; also, the statistics of the Order, shewing the extent and usefulness of the Institution of Odd Fellowship. The whole document will well repay a careful and studious perusal.

I would also commend to the favorable consideration of every member of the Order in this jurisdiction, the Report of P. G. M. Bro. Stuart on the condition of the Order in the Lower Provinces and Canada East, with a view to forwarding as far as possible the good work set on foot by that brother in those Provinces.

The Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer presented the very gratifying fact of a balance of cash in hand of \$20,312.21, and a total of assets to the credit of the Grand Lodge of \$28,762.21, with the sum of \$11,195.00 on Southern Jurisdictions' Relief account.

On the matter of Southern Relief, the following was adopted: That the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, be appointed a committee to disburse the Southern Jurisdiction Relief Fund, in such manner as in their judgment will most conduce to the welfare of the Lodges and Encampments for whom this friendly aid has been proposed.

The Committee on the State of the Order reported on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, concurring in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th, recommending that the 4th be modified to read as follows, viz.: While it is undoubtedly the duty of the Vice Grand to preside over the Lodge in the absence of the Noble Grand, the cases and circumstances are numerous, upon occasions of Initiation and Grand Visitation, when there might be great propriety in the acting Noble Grand calling to his assistance the best experience of the Lodge;

And recommending that instead of the 8th decision the following be adopted, viz.: That a Subordinate Lodge, before proceeding to ballot to advance brothers in the degrees, must be closed in the initiatory degree in form and manner as prescribed in the Charge Book,

and after having regularly been closed in the form provided, the Lodge must then be opened in the degree or degrees applied for in the form and manner provided in the Degree Charge Book, page 3, and shall not be opened again in the Initiatory.

The subject of the payment of weekly benefits, or the admission of Honorary or Non-Beneficial Members, being optional with Grand or Subordinate Lodges, occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge for some time—first, on a resolution laid over from the previous Session, as follows, viz. : “That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive as non-beneficial members, such members as may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause. *Provided*,—That such non-beneficial members shall not be eligible to office or entitled to vote in the Lodges or Encampments to which they may be admitted.”

On this resolution the yeas and nays were taken, your representative voting “yea.” The vote was : Yeas, 32 ; Nays, 64.

Again the matter came up in a report of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the subject as mentioned in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire was referred. The Committee reported as follows : “That the payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship, which, combined with the moral precepts and teachings of the Order, has made our organization so eminently successful. The repeated affirmance and heretofore consistent adherence to this peculiar feature of our Order induces the Committee to dissent from the opinions expressed by the M. W. Grand Sire.”

The above report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, after considerable discussion, by a very decided vote.

The Legislative Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted :—

“That the 26th of April be, and the same is hereby established as the Anniversary of this Order, and all Grand Lodges and Encampments are requested to urge their Subordinates to observe the day in some appropriate manner.”

The same Committee also reported resolutions requiring subordinate Bodies,

“1st. To expel members who shall attach to any chart, certificate, diploma, or other paper, the seal of any Grand or Subordinate Body.”

“2nd. A like penalty for publishing, or circulating knowingly, any

unauthorized diploma or certificate ; which resolutions were adopted."

The same Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Woodyatt in relation to changing the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, reported the following resolution, and the same was adopted, viz :—"That the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West be, and the same is hereby changed, and that jurisdiction shall hereafter be known and hailed as the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of that jurisdiction conform to the change of name hereby made."

On the subject of changing the name of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Committee on Legislation made the following report :—"The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Woodyatt of Canada West, in relation to changing the name of this Grand Lodge had been referred, beg leave to report that, in the opinion of this Committee it is inexpedient to legislate on this subject, and the Committee ask to be discharged from its further consideration."

This report, after some discussion, was adopted, but subsequently Rep. Smith, of Illinois, laid on the table a proposed amendment, to the effect that article 1, section 1, of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words "of the United States." And your representative also submitted a proposed amendment of the same article and section, by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting "Supreme Lodge." These amendments will come up for discussion at the next meeting, when I think it probable that either one or the other of them, if not adopted, will at least receive the vote of a very large number of the members.

The Legislative Committee submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :—"That whenever, in the judgment of a State Grand Body, it may be expedient, it shall be lawful to allow a Lodge or Encampment to be resuscitated upon the application of five of the former members of the Lodge, or seven of the former members of the Encampment, as the case may be, and to give the name, charter and effects of such defunct subordinates to such applicants. *Provided*,—That the petitioners, at the time of their application, shall not be connected with any other subordinate Lodge or Encampment."

Article 4 of the By-Laws was, on a two-thirds vote, amended by adding the following to the concluding sentence :—" *Provided*,—That nothing contained in this article shall operate to prevent the Grand Lodge from entertaining and granting, or instructing the Grand Sire to grant in the recess, the application for a Grand Charter to any less number of Lodges or Encampments who may regularly petition therefor and accompanying the petition with reasons which shall be deemed satisfactory for such grant by two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following resolution, which

was adopted: "That the G. C. and R. Secretary be and is hereby requested to compile and publish in one volume, with appropriate title, the several forms for Public Installation, Funeral Procession and Funeral Service, Laying Corner Stones, and Dedicating Halls, together with such other forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States as in the judgment of the Grand C. and R. Secretary may be proper and expedient. The volumes to be furnished to Jurisdictions and Lodges at \$1.25, and when prepared the G. C. and R. Secretary to notify the several jurisdictions that said volumes are subject to order."

The above is a synopsis of the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its late session, to which the attention of this R. W. Grand Lodge is more particularly directed. To have attempted an account of the whole work would have required the copying of the Journal, the careful perusal of which, I have no doubt, has occupied and will occupy the time at the disposal of every member, not only of this Grand Lodge but of the members of the Order generally in this jurisdiction. I feel satisfied that the information to be obtained therein as to the extent, usefulness and importance of the Order, will well repay the careful reader, and impress upon him more profoundly the idea that he is a member of an organization engaged in a great and good work.

In conclusion, Brethren, accept my warmest thanks for the opportunity afforded, as your representative, of making the acquaintance and friendship of members of the Fraternity from all the Jurisdictions in which our Order exists. I assure you I did indeed feel grateful to you, when in Grand Lodge I met and grasped the hand of friendship extended from Brothers coming from East, West, North and South, coming with the high purpose in view of elevating and benefitting their fellow man.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT,  
Grand Representative.

On motion of Rep. John Smith, of Unity Lodge, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., in order to allow the Committee on distribution time to prepare their report.





AFTERNOON SESSION.

INGERSOLL, 2 o'clock P. M., Aug. 5, 1868.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge assembled.

PRESENT:

HENRY McAFEE . . . . .	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
EDMUND BELTZ . . . . .	R. W. " WARDEN.
J. B. KING . . . . .	" " SEC'Y & TREAS.
JAS. WOODYATT . . . . .	" " REP. TO G.L.U.S.
WM. MOWATT . . . . .	" " CONDUCTOR.
JAS. McINTYRE . . . . .	" " MARSHAL.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report No. 1, which was adopted:

**Supplementary Report No. 1.**

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to submit, that we have examined the Certificate of P. G., H. N. Camp, and find it correct. We therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred upon the Brother, and that he be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. B. KING.

Rep. M. Blume, of Canada Lodge No. 49, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Moved by Rep. Blume, Canada Lodge No. 49, seconded by Rep. McGregor, Frontier Lodge No. 45, that a part of the amount charged to Canada Lodge 49 for supplies and regalia, be refunded.

Rep. W. A. Moore, of Erie Lodge No. 33, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates:—

*Resolved,*—That Erie Lodge No. 33 be permitted to make a *By-law*, to the effect that none but Past Secretaries shall be eligible for Vice Grand.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on legislation :

"Has a noble Grand any right to admit a visitor to his Lodge who does not give the current P. W. and explanation at the proper door, except said visitor presents a travelling or clearance card and proves himself in the T. P. W.?"

Reps. Henry Gibson and Thos. Henderson submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on the state of the Order :

*To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.*

As several members of the old Thames Lodge, along with brothers from Eureka Lodge and others, request that the representatives of Avon Lodge bring the matter up before this Grand Lodge that they are anxious to resuscitate that Lodge on the old Charter, they wish to know on what conditions they would receive the same.

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

Committee Room, Ingersoll, Aug. 5, 1868.

*To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.*

The Committee on Distribution beg leave to submit the following report, as the result of their labors on the different subjects presented to them ; and in order to facilitate the work of different committees, we have referred to them by numbered clauses.

Clause No. 1, 5, 14, 17 and 21, and so much of Grand Master's report as refers to his visits to subordinate Lodges, to be referred to Committee on state of the Order ; and clause 5 and 7 of the Grand Secretary's report to be referred to the same committee.

Clause 2, 3, 4, 6 and 20 of Grand Master's Report referred to Committee on Petitions.

Clause 7 and 15 of Grand Master's Report, and clause 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 of Grand Secretary's report referred to Committee on Finance.

Clause 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, and 19 of Grand Master's report, and clause 3 4 & 6 of Grand Secretary's report referred to Committee on Legislation.

Clause 13 of Grand Master's report, and clause 13 of Grand Secretary's report referred to Committee on Appeals.

Clause 14 of Grand Secretary's report, and his Supplementary report on correspondence referred to Committee on Correspondence.

Clause 15 of Grand Secretary's report referred to Committee on Returns.

Your committee, in submitting this report, have found it necessary that two additional committees be named; and upon the present occasion they act as special committees, but in case of a revision of constitution they shall be considered as forming a part of the regular standing committees of this Grand Lodge, namely, a committee on Petitions and Legislation.

We therefore move the adoption of the foregoing report.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
R. KIRKPATRICK,  
WM. BISSELL,  
WM. C. BELL.

Rep. Partridge, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report No. 2, which was adopted:—

**Supplementary Report No. 2.**

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to submit that we have examined the certificate of P. G. Geo. E. Ward, Rep. of Mount Zion Lodge, and find it correct. We therefore recommend that the brother be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. W. FERGUSON,  
J. B. KING.

On motion of Rep. George Irwin, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 4 o'clock for an hour, in order to allow the several committees time to prepare their reports.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge opened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.—All the Officers, except the Grand Guardian, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. C. E. Peirce, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the resolution of Erie Lodge, submitted the following report, which was on motion of Rep. Bingham adopted:—

Committee Room, Ingersoll, Aug. 5, 1868.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution, that Erie Lodge No. 33 be permitted to make a By-law to the effect that none but past Secretaries shall be eligible for Vice Grand, beg leave to report that the resolution be not entertained, as it conflicts with the general Constitution and By-laws.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. PEIRCE,  
WM. MCGREGOR,  
WM. C. BELL,  
M. BLUME,  
WM. SMITH.

Rep. C. E. Peirce, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the question from Rep. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, relative to the N. G. admitting a visiting brother who does not give the current password and explanation at the proper doors, except said visitor presents a travelling or clearance card, or proves himself in the annual travelling pass-word, beg leave to submit the following—that it would be contrary to the Constitution, as also the Digest of G. L. U. S.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. PEIRCE,  
WM. MCGREGOR,  
WM. C. BELL,  
WM. SMITH,  
M. BLUME.

Rep. C. E. Peirce, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which on motion of P. G. M. James Smith, was adopted.

Committee Room, Ingersoll, Aug. 5, 1868.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution and By-laws of Canada Lodge No. 49, Otter Lodge No. 50, Chatham Lodge No. 29, Erie Lodge No. 33, and Dominion Lodge No. 48, and have found them partially correct. We find that in most cases they have adhered to the old Constitution,

but we have corrected them, and beg to recommend that they all be adopted as amended.

C. E. PEIRCE,  
M. BLUME,  
WM. MCGREGOR.  
WM. SMITH,  
WM. C. BELL.

Past Grand Master, W. H. Barnes, of Georgia, being in waiting, the chair appointed P. G. M.'s Woodyatt and Smith a committee to introduce him. The brother was accordingly introduced.

Rep. George Wales, of Union Lodge No. 16, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which on motion of Rep. Noble was taken up clause by clause.

G. L. of Ontario, Ingersoll, Aug. 5, 1868.

*To the R. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

BRETHREN,—Your Finance Committee beg to present the following report:—

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

1. Clause 1, recommending the granting of the charters and books to the Lodges organized during the past year, for the sum of \$30 each, we approve of.
2. Clause 15, recommending the purchase of Grand Lodge regalia, we cannot approve of.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

3. Clause 1, recommending the continuation of the subscription to the *American Odd Fellow* for distribution among the Lodges in the jurisdiction, we approve of.
4. Clause 2, referring to investment of the funds of the Grand Lodge, and stating that they had not been invested in accordance with resolution, we have considered, and beg to express our regret that such is the case, but under the circumstances we exonerate the Grand officers from all blame in the matter. We recommend the investment of the funds in the manner proposed and approved of at last Grand Lodge meeting. See page 430, Journal of Proceedings.
5. Clause 9. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed 100 copies of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, &c., as suggested by him.
6. Clause 10. One-fifth of the dues being the legal amount to be placed

to the credit of the W. & O. Fund, we recommend that that proportion and that only be so applied.

7. Clause 11. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a P. G.'s register.

8. Clause 14. We have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct; the balance of cash on hand being \$1467.59

9. Clause 16. We recommend that hereafter the sitting P. G. M. be paid his mileage and per diem.

10. Clause 17. We recommend the payment of account of the Grand Lodge of the United States, amounting to \$249, American currency.

11. Clause 18. We recommend that hereafter the Grand Lodge tax be paid only in bankable funds.

12. With regard to the request of Canada Lodge No. 49, we cannot recommend that any further reduction be made from their account other than that which applies to the other Lodges instituted during the past year.

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

G. WALES,	} Finance Committee.
J. J. DYAS,	
J. C. LINDOP,	
R. BARBOUR,	
JNO. McMATH.	

Rep. C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge, 44, moved to strike out clause 5, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 6, 7 and 8, adopted.

On the motion to adopt clause 9, P. G. M. Jas. Smith moved to strike out, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 10, 11 and 12, adopted.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives in Session at Grand Lodge.*

BRETHREN,—The Committee on Correspondence find that depart-

ment of the work has been so well attended to during the past year by the efficient Secretary, that very little remains for your Committee to do in that matter.

We beg to recommend that the report presented, shewing the proceedings of the several State Grand Lodges, be printed in the Journal, as it furnishes valuable information as to the condition and working of this noble Institution.

Your Committee have very great pleasure in recommending that a vote of thanks be tendered to Thos. Swinyard, Esq., General Manager G. W. Railway, for kindly granting to the Representatives attending Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., in Session at Ingersoll, free return tickets, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to that effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. C. DAWSON,  
WM. N. FORD,  
GEO. DENNIS,  
JAS. H. STEWART,  
HENRY GIBSON.

On motion of Rep. C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, a.m.



## Proceedings of the Second Day.

### MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 6, 1868.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9 a. m., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAfee. Roll called.

#### PRESENT:

HENRY McAFEE.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.	
JOHN BARR, .....	R. W. GRAND D'Y. MASTER.	
EDMUND BELTZ .....	R. W. " WARDEN.	
J. B. KING .....	" " SEC'Y & TREAS.	
JAS. WOODYATT, .....	" " REPRESENTATIVE.	
WM. MOWATT.....	" " CONDUCTOR.	
JAS. McINTYRE .....	" " MARSHAL.	

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

P.G. JOHN WRIGHT, - - -	Rep. Brock Lodge,	- No. 9
" S. G. DOLSON, } - - -	" Union Lodge,	- No. 16
" GEO. WALES, } - - -	" Chatham Lodge,	- No. 29
" JAS. BIRD, } - - -	" Eureka Lodge,	- No. 30
" ISAAC SMITH, } - - -	" Erie Lodge,	- No. 33
" ROBT. KIRKPATRICK, } - - -	" Gore Lodge,	- No. 34
" H. G. ABBOTT, } - - -	" Samaritan Lodge,	No. 35
" W. A. MOORE, } - - -	" St. Mary's Lodge,	No. 36
" JOHN McMATH, } - - -		
" JOHN NOBLE, } - - -		
" H. C. BINGHAM, } - - -		
" GEO. DENNIS, } - - -		
" W. C. BELL, } - - -		
" ROBT. BARBOUR, } - - -		
" W. N. FORD, } - - -		



P. G. R. J. C. DAWSON,	}	-	"	Forest City Lodge,	No. 38
" THOS. PARTRIDGE,					
" WM. BISSELL,	}	-	"	Avon Lodge,	No. 41
" HENRY GIBSON,					
" THOS. HENDERSON,	}	-	"	Excelsior Lodge,	No. 44
" J. W. FERGUSON,					
" C. E. PEIRCE,	}	-	"	Frontier Lodge,	No. 45
" J. H. STEWART,					
" WM. McGREGOR,	}	-	"	Unity Lodge,	No. 47
" GEORGE IRWIN,					
" JOHN SMITH,	}	-	"	Dominion Lodge	No. 48
" J. J. DYAS,					
" J. G. DODD,	}	-	"	Canada Lodge,	No. 49
" MICHAEL BLUME,					
" J. C. LINDOP,	}	-	"	Otter Lodge,	No. 50

The reading of the minutes of yesterday's session was, on motion of Rep. Partridge, dispensed with.

The following appeal of Bro. T. Lawless, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, was referred to the Committee on Appeals:—

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Members of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F.

BRETHREN,—I hereby appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario against the decision of the D. D. Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Ferguson, declaring me ineligible to the office of V. G. of this Lodge, on the grounds that I had not served two terms in subordinate offices previous to election thereto; and I hereby claim my right to installation into said office, the decision of the D. D. G. M. to the contrary notwithstanding, the following being the grounds of my appeal and claim:

1st. That I was elected to said office of V. G. by the votes of a majority of the members present on the night appointed for the election of officers.

2nd. That two terms (52 weeks) service in a subordinate office previous to installation into the office of V. G., is not a necessary qualification for said office, because—

3rd. The law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, emphatically the *supreme law* of the Order, declares that "26 nights' service in an inferior office is a sufficient qualification for the office of Vice Grand of a subordinate Lodge, provided the brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent." (See Digest, under head of "Officers of Subordinate Lodges," sec. 31.)

4th. That previous to the night of installation I had served 26 consecutive nights in an inferior office, to which I had been duly appointed and installed, and that previous to my appointment to said inferior office, or to any office in the Lodge, I had attained to the Scarlet degree.

I therefore claim that I am lawfully entitled to said office of V. G., and that I should be installed therein, the provisions of the Constitution of the R. W. G. L. of Ontario to the contrary notwithstanding.

But it has been urged in opposition, that the law requiring only "26 nights' service in an inferior office" was made when the terms of office were 3 months instead of 6 months, as at present. This view, however, is erroneous; for we find under the same head as formerly quoted from, section 4, that "the regular term of official service in a subordinate Lodge is six months." This decision is found in the Journal of the G. L. U. S., on pages 853, 899, 912 and 1066, showing it to have been given previous to section 21, which appears on page 1067 of the said Journal.

Again, it is urged that the law of the Grand Lodge of Ontario should be the rule of action for its subordinates. With all due deference to the Grand Lodge and those who hold this opinion, I maintain that in this, as in all deliberative bodies, the highest law having jurisdiction in the premises should prevail, to the exclusion of all others. The G. L. U. S. had a right to make this law, as we find by the first article of its Constitution, and; having made it, no inferior body had any right to make a law conflicting with it in any degree whatever.

But then it is urged that subordinate Lodges being amenable in the first instance to their respective Grand Lodges, have not the right to avail themselves of the provisions of the G. L. U. S. conflicting with their constitution. This idea, also, is false, as we find by referring to the Digest, under the head, "Lodges—Subordinate," section 14, where it says "the Lodge may disregard the prohibitory clause, and do those things expressly allowed by the Grand Lodge of the United States," and further, that the G. L. U. S. will afford "due protection to the subordinate upon appeal, properly taken," for such action.

I am, fraternally,

THOMAS LAWLESS.

Hamilton, July 2nd, 1868.

Also the following report, preamble, resolutions and appeal of Gore Lodge No. 34, in the case of Gore Lodge No. 34, appellant, vs. Avon Lodge No: 41, respondent, which was referred to Committee on Appeals:

Committee Room, Gore Lodge No. 34, I. O. O. F.,  
Brantford, April 23rd, 1868.

To the Officers and Members of Gore Lodge No. 34.

BRETHREN,—We, your Committee, appointed last Lodge night to investigate and report to this Lodge upon the fact of Mr. A. Bax, a resident of this town, having been initiated into Avon Lodge No. 41, in the

town of Stratford, Province of Ontario, beg to submit the following report, with the accompanying preamble and resolution, which were adopted, viz., that we find Mr. A. Bax was admitted into Avon Lodge, falsely representing that he resided nearer to that Lodge than to any other Lodge of this Order.

Whereas Mr. A. Bax has been initiated into this Order, through misstatements of facts, and whereas he was on the 16th of August, 1860, rejected by this Lodge, and having since that time made frequent requests to be again proposed, and each request refused, therefore it is

*Resolved*,—That Mr. A. Bax is guilty of having practised fraud upon Avon Lodge No. 41, of the town of Stratford, and is therefore unworthy of being hailed as Brother; and further

*Resolved*,—That this Lodge formally prefer a charge against the said A. Bax in Avon Lodge No. 41, in accordance with article 29, page 90, Digest G. L. U. S., and article 19, page 89, and article 8, page 138.

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing report, preamble and resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Signed by Committee,

JAMES WOODYATT,  
J. B. KING.  
C. H. CLEMENT.

Correct copy.

[L. S.]

E. CHALCRAFT, Secretary Gore Lodge No. 34.

(Copy,)

To Gore Lodge No. 34, Brantford, from Avon Lodge No. 41, Stratford.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—Please inform your Lodge, that at a regular meeting of our Lodge, Mr. Alfred Bax was suspended for three months for misrepresentation at initiation.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

C. DEARLOVE, Sec'y Avon Lodge No. 41.

Gore Lodge Room, Brantford, July 23, 1868.

J. B. KING, Esq., R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—I beg to inform you that Gore Lodge appeals to the Grand Lodge of Ontario against the decision given by Avon Lodge No. 41, Stratford, in the case of Gore Lodge vs. Alfred Bax. I send you herewith a copy of the charge preferred and evidence advanced, as also a copy of the decision and sentence inflicted by the said Lodge upon the said Alfred Bax.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Fraternally Yours,

EDWIN CHALCRAFT,

Rec. & Per. Secretary, Gore Lodge No. 34.

The account of the M. W. Grand Master, for printing and postage, amounting to \$25.80, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. J. J. Dyas moved, seconded by Rep. J. Noble,

That the Finance Committee take into consideration the payment of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge for his services for the ensuing year. Adopted.

Rep. John Noble, of Gore Lodge No. 34, submitted the following resolution, which was considered and adopted:—

Moved by Rep. Noble, seconded by Rep. Peirce, that it is imperative upon all officers of subordinate Lodges to commit the charges appertaining to their several offices to memory, as soon as practicable after their installation.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:—

INGERSOLL, August 6th, 1868.

*To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Representatives of the G. L. of Ontario.*

BRETHREN,—Your Committee beg to recommend that the Grand Secretary receive the sum of \$50 for his services for the ensuing year. Your Committee find the account of Bro. H. McAfee, G. M., \$25.80, correct, and recommend its payment.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth.

G. WALES, Chairman,  
J. J. DYAS,  
J. C. LINDOP,  
ROBERT BARBOUR,  
JOHN McMATH.

Rep. C. E. Peiroe, of Excelsior Lodge, moved to amend, by striking out (\$50) fifty dollars in clause 1, and inserting in its place one hundred dollars (\$100.)

Rep. Bissell, of Forest City Lodge, moved in amendment to the amendment, that the sum of seventy-five dollars be inserted.

By consent of the Grand Lodge, the further consideration of the report was laid over, until the afternoon session.

P. G. M. Jas. Smith, being deputized by the several Committees, asked the Grand Lodge if it was just, that the Grand Lodge should hold its sittings while the Committees are in session ?

The chair declared an intermission of 30 minutes.

The Grand Lodge came to order at 11 o'clock.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Appeals, reported as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF APPEALS.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

Clause 1st.—We, your Committee on Appeals, beg to report that we have investigated the appeal of Bro. T. Lawless, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, against the decision of Bro. D.D.G.M. Ferguson, in refusing to install him into the office of Vice Grand, after having been duly elected by the said Lodge—his election having been protested against, on the grounds of his not having served two terms in a subordinate office.

On reference to the Digest G. L. U. S., page 108, sec. 31, and page 82, sec. 14, we find that Bro. Lawless is entitled to said office, and we therefore support his appeal.

Bro. D. D. G. M., J. W. Ferguson taking the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for his guide, which states that a brother must have filled the office of Secretary, or have served two terms in a subordinate office before being eligible for V. G., had no alternative but to refuse to install him; but the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States being supreme over any subordinate Grand Lodge, we declare Bro. Lawless duly elected and entitled to the office.

Clause 2nd.—On the appeal of Gore Lodge No. 34, in the case of A. Bax, we find that on being questioned, previous to admission and initiation into Avon Lodge, he stated that he sometimes stayed in one place and sometimes in another, but that he intended to make Stratford his home; and we further find, that on the representation of Gore Lodge that he had practised fraud, for the purpose of gaining admission into the Order, a formal charge was preferred against him, and upon

trial was found guilty, and suspended from the Order for the term of three months.

On reference to Digest, page 89, sec. 19, we find that Avon Lodge proceeded in due form and punished him, for having practised a fraud on the Lodge; at the same time, we would caution the members of Avon Lodge to be more careful in the future, with regard to residence and reception of candidates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,  
JOHN SMITH,  
R. J. C. DAWSON,  
E. KIRKPATRICK,  
G. E. WARD.

Moved by Rep. Jas. Ford, seconded by Rep. R. Barbour, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. G. Wales, that the report be taken up, and considered clause by clause.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. J. H. Stewart, that the 1st clause of the report be adopted, relative to the appeal from Bro. Lawless of Excelsior Lodge No. 44.

On vote, the yeas and nays were called for, and it was not adopted.

YEAS,—Representatives Dolson, Kirkpatrick, Dawson, Peirce, McGregor, Ward, Smith, and Blume—8.

NAYS,—Representatives Wales, McMath, Powell, Abbott, Noble, Bingham, Dennis, Bell, Barbour, Ford, Bissell, Gibson, Irwin, Stewart, Dyas, Lindop—16.

Moved by Rep. H. Gibson, seconded by Rep. G. Powell, that the 2nd clause of the report be adopted, relative to the case of A. Bax, of Avon Lodge.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. Geo. Wales, in amendment, that the 2nd clause of the report be struck out, and the following substituted, viz. : That the case be referred back to Avon Lodge for a new trial.—Lost.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Moved by Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, seconded by Rep. R. Barbour, that we adjourn.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—SECOND DAY.

INGERSOLL, August 6th, 1868.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form, by the M. W. Grand Master H. McAfee.

PRESENT :

HENRY MCAFEE.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN BARR, .....	R. W. D'Y. GRAND MASTER.
EDMUND BELTZ.....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING.....	" " SEC'Y & TREAS.
JAMES WOODYATT.....	" " REPRESENTATIVE.
WM. MOWATT.....	" " CONDUCTOR.
JAS. MCINTYRE.....	" " MARSHAL.

and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, of Union Lodge No. 16, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted :—

Committee Room. Aug. 6th, 1868.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.*

The Committee on the State of of the Order have to report their approval of the efforts of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to secure an Act of Incorporation for our Order in this Province, regretting only that they were unable to effect the object we so much desire and need.

They are happy to learn for once, from the Grand Master's report, that the D. D. Grand Masters have been punctual and efficient in the performance of their duties, and especially so in furnishing minute reports to him of the affairs of their respective jurisdictions.

They find, on examination of the record of membership in this Province, that for the first time in our history as a Grand Lodge, we are now entitled to two representatives in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and have great pleasure in advising that an additional representative be elected to that position.

Your Committee cannot at present advise the adoption of the Grand

Master's suggestions in relation to the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows; not because we do not desire to effect an affiliation with the membership of that Order, for this Grand Lodge has repeatedly for years past given abundant evidence of its cordial feeling towards that Order, but because all efforts in the past have been unsuccessful, and we can offer no further inducements than formerly. Your Committee can only reaffirm the good wishes of this Grand Lodge, and assure the membership of the M. U. that the propositions heretofore made are still open for acceptance.

Your Committee deem it impracticable to adopt the Grand Master's recommendation with regard to a special effort for opening new Lodges.

The petition of members of the late term Thames Lodge, with regard to resuming their charter, we deem more appropriately the business of the Committee on petitions, and advise that it be so referred.

Your Committee are pleased with the interest manifested by the M. W. Grand Master in visiting the Lodges in his jurisdiction, and also with the fraternal reception invariably extended to him.

In conclusion, they beg leave to move the adoption of the foregoing report.

S. G. DOLSON,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
J. W. FERGUSON,  
GEO. POWELL, Sen'r.  
GEO. IRWIN.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, of Gore Lodge No. 34, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. W. A. Moore, that a Committee on Printing be now appointed, and that it hereafter be one of the regular Committees of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, Rep. T. Partridge, and Grand Secretary & Treasurer J. E. King, as the Committee on Printing.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Irwin, of 45, was taken up clause by clause:—

*To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*

Your Committee on Petitions beg to report, that they have given the several items referred to them due consideration, and submit the following as the result of their deliberations.

In reference to the institution of Dominion, Otter and Canada Lod-



ges, your Committee approve of the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the premises.

On clause 6th of the Grand Master's report, your Committee would express their regret that any circumstances should have arisen to mar the harmony that should always reign supreme in all our Lodges; but a difficulty having arisen, it is best that the brothers aggrieved have withdrawn, when they could no longer work in unison with the Lodge.

On clause 20 of the Grand Master's report, your Committee approve of the course taken in the point of law, but regret that the same course of action was not taken in the case of other applications. In this particular case your Committee would recommend, that if the consent of Canada Lodge be obtained, that the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, if satisfied with the standing of the petitioners, grant the prayer of the petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON,  
JAS. H. STEWART,  
GEORGE H. DENNIS,  
ROBERT BARBOUR,  
GEO. POWELL.

Clause one adopted.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, of Gore Lodge 34, moved to strike out all of clause two after the words, "in all our Lodges," which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge, moved to strike out all of clause three, after the word "Law," in second line, which was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Rep. Henderson, of Avon Lodge 41, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Moved by Rep. Henderson, and seconded by Rep. Gibson, that the opinion of the Grand Lodge be obtained as to whether the Noble Grand of a subordinate Lodge can compel the officers of his Lodge to wear the dress regalia of their respective offices, contrary to the wish of the Lodge.

Rep. H. G. Abbot, of Eureka Lodge, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report and resolution, which was on motion adopted:—

Committee Room, August 6th, 1863.

*To the E. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to submit the following table and resolution, viz:—

## TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	No. of miles travelled by each Rep.	Number of Reprs.	Rate per mile.	Amount of mileage		Total mileage and per Diem.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.
					Number of Days.	Rate per Diem.		
Brock ...	9	606	1	4	\$	cts		
Union ...	16	178	1	4	24	24	23	24
Chatham ...	29	168	3	4	7	12	33	36
Eureka ...	30	40	4	4	6	72	16	80
Erie ...	33	60	4	4	1	60	12	80
Samaritan ...	35		4	4	2	40	8	00
Gore ...	34	70	4	4	2	80	13	60
St. Mary's ...	38	100	4	4	4	00	16	00
Forest City ...	38	40	4	4	1	60	16	80
Avon ...	41	124	4	4	4	96	17	92
Excelsior ...	44	114	4	4	4	56	17	12
Frontier ...	45	260	4	4	10	40	43	20
Mt. Zion ...	46	112	1	4	4	48	8	48
Unity ...	47	113	1	4	4	56	8	56
Dominion ...	48	40	2	4	1	60	11	20
Canada ...	49	194	1	4	7	76	11	76
Otter ...	50	30	1	4	1	20	5	20
<b>G. OFFICERS PRESENT.</b>								
G. Master ...		260	4	4	10	40	2	14
D. G. Master ...		114	4	4	4	56	2	8
G. Warren ...		40	4	4	1	60	2	5
G. Sec & Treas ...		70	4	4	2	80	2	6
G. Rep. ...		70	4	4	2	80	2	6
Conductor ...		124	4	4	4	96	2	8
Marshall ...							2	4
								00
			25					345
								90

The foregoing table is made at 4 cents per mile, and two dollars per Diem.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to submit the following resolution, viz:—

*Resolved*,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer, in accordance there-

with, in favor of the Officers and Representatives:

JOHN WRIGHT,  
THOS. HENDERSON,  
JOHN NOBLE,  
H. G. ABBOTT,  
J. G. DODD.

Committee on Mileage and per Diem.

Rep. T. Partridge, of Forest City Lodge, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—We your Committee on Returns, beg to report, that we have examined the returns of all the subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, with the following result, viz:—

Union Lodge No. 16, and Chatham Lodge No. 29, we find correct.

Eureka Lodge No. 30—Names of suspended members omitted.

Forest City Lodge No. 38, Erie Lodge No. 33, Samaritan Lodge No. 35, and Gore Lodge No. 34, we find correct.

St. Mary's Lodge No. 36—Return one member too many.

Avon Lodge No. 41, we find correct.

Excelsior Lodge No. 44—Mistake in membership by subtracting in December report.

Unity Lodge No. 47—June report incorrect, in showing 54 members instead of 50, and a decrease of membership of one on account of trial.

Frontier Lodge No. 45—June report lacks the return of membership per last report.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, Canada Lodge No. 49, Dominion Lodge No. 48, and Otter Lodge No. 50, we find correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
W. A. MOORE,  
ISAAC SMITH,  
JOHN WRIGHT,  
JAMES BIRD.

Committee Room, Aug. 6th, 1868,

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from Committee on Credentials, submitted that they had examined the certificate of P. G. J. W. Bunning, of Forest City Lodge, and found it correct, and recommend that he be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge. Report adopted.

Rep. T. Partridge, from Committee on Returns submitted the accompanying report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Returns, to whom were referred clause 15th of the Grand Secretary's report, having duly weighed the matter, are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge has a right to demand a detailed report of the financial affairs of all their subordinate Lodges, and would therefore recommend that in future steps be taken to enforce the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. PARTRIDGE,  
W. A. MOORE,  
JAMES BIRD,  
ISAAC SMITH,  
JOHN WRIGHT.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted :—

INGERSOLL, August 6th, 1868.

*To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication of Representatives Gibson and Henderson, in reference to the re-organization of Thames Lodge, beg to report, that they have no information before them as to whether the present applicants for re-organization took part in the former surrender of their Charter; they would therefore recommend that the application be referred to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary, to act in the premises as in their wisdom they may think best.

Submitted in F. L. and T.

J. W. FERGUSON,  
JAS. H. STEWART,  
ROBERT BARBOUR,  
GEO. POWELL,  
GEO. DENNIS,

Rep. J. W. Ferguson moved, seconded by Rep. J. McMath, that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. M. Jas. Smith and P. G. M. Jas. Woodoatt, as tellers; when the Election of Officers was proceeded with, as follows :—

Rep. G. Powell, Sen'r, nominated Rep. T. Partridge for G. M.  
" J. W. Ferguson " D.G.M., John Barr " "

Bro. JOHN BARR elected.

Rep. A. Purves nominated Rep. W. Mowatt for D. G. M.  
 " W. Bissell " " T. Partridge " "  
 P. G. — Hunter " " Jas. Heron " "

Rep. T. PARTRIDGE elected on 1st ballot.

Rep. R. Barbour nominated Rep. W. Mowatt for G. W.  
 " J. J. Dyas " " Ja. Heron " "  
 P. G. M. Jas. Smith " " J. W. Ferguson " "  
 Rep. E. Beltz " " R. Kirkpatrick " "  
 P. G., T. Healey " P. G., A. Purves " "

Rep. J. W. Ferguson declined the nomination. First ballot there was no election. P. G. James Heron having the fewest votes was dropped, and a second ballot taken, and again there was no election. P. G., A. Purves having the fewest votes was dropped, and a third ballot had, which resulted in the election of Rep. ROBT. KIRKPATRICK, as Grand Warden for ensuing term.

Rep. C. E. Peirce nominated J. B. King for Grand Sec'y and Treas.  
 " J. J. Dyas " Rep. J. W. Ferguson for do

Rep. Ferguson declined, and J. B. KING was re-elected by acclamation.

Rep. W. A. Moore nominated P. G. M., H. McAfee for Rep. to G. L. U. S.  
 " A. Frew " " R. Wigmore " "  
 " H. G. Abbott " " S. G. Dolson " "  
 " J. G. Dodd " " Wm. Bissell " "

The tellers declared a tie on first ballot, between P. G. M.'s Wigmore and Bissell. Bro. Bissell withdrew from the contest, when a second ballot was had, which resulted in the election of P. G. M., H. McAfee as second Representative to the G. L. U. S.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted :—

SUPPLEMENTARY.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.*

We your Committee on Distribution have to report further—

That we have carefully revised the report of Rep. to the G. L. U. S., but find nothing requiring the investigation of Committees of this Grand Lodge ; at the same time we recommend it to the careful perusal of our entire membership, containing as it does a synopsis of the transactions of the highest authority of our Order.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,  
 H. C. BINGHAM,  
 R. KIRKPATRICK,  
 WM. BISSELL,  
 WM. C. BELL.

Rep. C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge, submitted the following, which was, on motion, allowed :—

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge.*

At the request of Bro. Lawless, I beg to give notice that he will appeal from the decision of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

C. E. PEIRCE,  
Rep. Excelsior Lodge No. 44.

Rep. J. Smith, of Unity Lodge, 47, submitted the following :—

Moved by Rep. J. Smith, seconded by Rep. Blume,—That this Grand Lodge, at its next meeting, take into consideration the desirability of forming a Consolidated Widow and Orphans' Fund, to be placed under the management of Trustees appointed for the purpose.

The supplementary report of the Committee on Finance, which was laid over at the morning session, was now taken up and considered, when the amendment to the amendment of Rep. W. Bissell was declared carried.

There being a misunderstanding as to the question before the Grand Lodge, on motion of Rep. H. G. Abbott, the vote was reconsidered, when the amendment to the amendment was declared lost and the amendment of Rep. C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge, to insert \$100, as the salary of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for ensuing year, was declared carried. Clause two of the report was adopted—and the report, as amended, was then adopted.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, of Dominion Lodge, gives notice,—That at the next session of this Grand Lodge he will move that article 2, clause 4, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be so amended as to read, "That one-third of the quarterly contribution be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund," instead of one-fifth, as it now reads.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was on motion of Rep. Jas. Bird, taken up seriatim :—

Committee Room, Ingersoll, August 6th, 1868.

*To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Representatives.*

The Legislative Committee beg leave to report on the subject matter referred to them, as follows :

Clause 8.—In Grand Master's decision with regard to admission of members when in arrears, Committee say such brothers cannot be admitted, except with the consent of the N. G. Also, Grand Master's decision—

Clause 9, with regard to Excelsior Lodge voting to admit a member after his being refused admittance by order of the N. G., being illegal, is confirmed.

Grand Master's decision, clause 10, that the P. W. must be conferred upon candidate before retiring, is confirmed.

Clause 11.—Grand Master decides that it is only necessary to give the P. W. in the Lodge Room. The Committee say that both P. W. and explanation should be given.

Clause 12.—In the matter of appeals of P. Grands, where there is not a sufficient number of P. G.'s, that Scarlet Degree members may be appointed, this decision is approved.

Clause 16.—As to the office of Grand Treasurer, your Committee cannot recommend any change in the office as it stands, combined with that of Grand Secretary, for the present.

Clause 18.—Your Committee would say that Brothers holding unexpired withdrawal Cards, and being over 50 years old, cannot be again received into membership of any Lodge, according to our Constitution.

Clause 19—Recommending a revision of Constitution and changing G. L. Seal and other papers, so as to harmonize with our new name as G. L. of Ontario, is highly necessary, and we trust a special committee will be appointed to sit during recess and report at our next meeting.

The matter referred to in Grand Secretary's report in clause 3, 4 and 6, in regard to granting of cards to Bros. James George and J. C. Lindop, and the withholding of card from C. Foster, on account of not having necessary evidence, is approved by the Committee.

The communication received by this Grand Lodge, and referred to Legislative Committee, from our much respected and highly esteemed Brother, P. G. Richard Wigmore, wishing to know if he was entitled to the honors of Past Grand Master, having performed the duties of the office for about nine months, and then being obliged to resign the office in consequence of a new law being passed by our legislators, compelling all Chiefs of Police, and other subordinate officers, not to belong to any secret societies.

The Committee find, on referring to the Digest in regard to this matter, that where a Grand officer voluntarily resigns his office he shall not be entitled to the honors of said office; and whereas it is well known to you all that our worthy brother did not voluntarily resign the office, but was compelled to do so by this new law, we would therefore recommend that Bro. P. G. Richard Wigmore be and is hereby entitled to all the honors connected with the high and honorable position of a Past Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
WM. BISSELL,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
R. KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. H. G. Abbott moved to adopt clause one.

Rep. W. N. Ford moved, in amendment, that clause one be stricken out, which was lost. The question recurring, on the motion of Rep. Abbott to adopt clause one, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 considered and adopted.

On the question to adopt clause 7, Rep. J. W. Ferguson moved to strike it out, which was lost. The question recurring on the adoption of the clause, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 8, 9 and 10, considered and adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the same Committee, submitted the following supplementary report, which was considered and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.*

The subject referred to the Legislative Committee, on the motion of Rep. Henderson, whether the N. G. has the authority to compel the officers of his Lodge to wear their dress regalia, answer, "Yes, he can, when they have no other regalia than is suitable or official for such officers."

S. G. DOLSON,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
WM. BISSELL,  
H. C. BINGHAM,  
R. KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Printing submit as follows : That there is nothing in a business way for their consideration, except that in looking over the various reports which are usually printed in our Journal, we find that it is expedient on many accounts that before submitting said reports for publication, they be carefully and closely condensed.

H. C. BINGHAM,  
T. PARTRIDGE,  
J. B. KING.



The M. W. Grand Master appointed Grand Rep. Bro. Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, Dep'y Grand Master T<sup>r</sup> Partridge, and Rep. J. W. Ferguson, as a special Committee on Revision.

Moved by Bro. C. E. Peirce, seconded by P. G. M., James Smith,

That the hearty thanks of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Samaritan Lodge, for the courteous and sumptuous manner in which it has entertained this Grand Lodge. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham, and—

*Resolved*,—That the sum of fifteen dollars be donated to P. G. M. Bro. W. H. Barnes, to assist him in defraying the expense consequent upon his attendance at this Grand Lodge.

Moved by P. G. M., William Bissell,—

That the next Session of this Grand Lodge be held in London, on condition that no supper is provided by the London Lodges on the occasion, and that they be requested to engage some lecturer to deliver a discourse on the principles of the Order.

Rep. John Smith, of Unity Lodge, moved in amendment,—

That London be stricken out, and Hamilton inserted.

The amendment prevailed.

P. G. M., Bro. Barnes, then, at the request of the Grand Lodge, installed the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. John Barr, into that important office.

The Grand Master then proceeded to install the rest of the officers elect into their respective offices, as follows :

P. G., THOS. PARTRIDE,.....	R. W. D'y Grand Master.
“ R. KIRKPATRICK.....	“ Grand Warden.
“ J. B. KING,.....	“ “ Sec. & Treas.
“ H. McAFEE,.....	2nd R. W. G. Rep. to G. L. U. S.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments, and duly installed the brothers into the respective offices, viz :

P. G., GEORGE WALES,.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
“ R. BARBOUR, .....	“ “ Conductor.
“ JOHN NOBLE, .....	“ “ Guardian.

The Grand Master, at the suggestion of the several Representatives, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters, viz :

P. G., William Fitzimmons, - - - Brock Lodge.

P. G. M., J. D. Tait,	- - - -	Union do
P. G., William Smith,	- - - -	Chatham Lodge.
D. G. M., T. Partridge,	Eureka, Forest City	and Dominion Lodges.
P. G., W. A. Moore,	- - - -	Erie Lodge.
" C. H. Clement,	- - - -	Gore Lodge.
" George Dennis.	- - - -	Samaritan Lodge.
" Wm. Ford,	- - - -	St. Mary's Lodge.
" Charles Lee,	- - - -	Avon Lodge.
" C. E. Peirce,	- - - -	Excelsior & Unity do
" James H. Stewart,	- - - -	Frontier Lodge.
" William Irving,	- - - -	Mount Zion Lodge.
" J. C. Lindop,	- - - -	Otter Lodge.
" M. Blume,	- - - -	Canada Lodge.

Rep. John Smith, of Unity Lodge No. 47, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Moved by Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. C. E. Peirce, and

*Resolved*,—That the Secretary be instructed to apply for the usual half fares to and from the Grand Lodge for the Delegates at the next Session.

Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, being unwell, requested P. G. M. Bro. Barnes, to exemplify the secret work, who acceded to the request, and proceeded to exemplify the unwritten work.

Rep. H. C. Bingham moved, seconded by Rep. H. G. Abbott,

That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to P. G. M. Barnes, for the able and clear manner in which he exemplified the secret work. Carried unanimously.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Moved by Rep. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. Bingham, and

*Resolved*,—That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring Officers of this Grand Lodge, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them during the past year, so much to the prosperity of the Order.

Moved by Rep. C. E. Peirce, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson,

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have four hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed, for distribution to the different Officers and Representatives, and State Grand Lodges. Adopted.

On motion, the sum of Three Dollars was granted to Bro. T. Simons, the Janitor of this Hall.

In accordance with the notice of motion given by Rep. Jas. Heron at the last session, it is moved by Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, seconded by Rep. H. G. Abbott,

That for the future the appointed Officers of this Grand Lodge be paid mileage and per diem, the same as the elective Officers. Carried.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet in the city of Hamilton, Ontario, on the first Wednesday in August, 1869.



Grand Secretary & Treasurer.



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On page 490, after the names of the Committee on Finance, read :—

Rep. J. Noble moved that the Finance Committee Report be taken up and considered *seriatim*.—Carried.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4, were considered, and adopted.

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**Notice of Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge,**

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# APPENDIX.

## BRIEF REPORT

—FROM THE—

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVERAL STATE GRAND LODGES,

SO FAR AS HEARD FROM, TO AUGUST 1ST, 1868.

(Compiled by J. B. KING, R. W. G. S.)

### ALABAMA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the City of Mobile, on the 3rd of February, 1868. The number of Lodges nor the number of members are not given in the Grand Secretary's Report.

### ARKANSAS.

The State Grand Lodge held its seventeenth Annual Session at Little Rock, on the 6th Nov'r, 1867. The Grand Sec'y reports:—11 Lodges and 390 working members. Three new Lodges instituted and two Lodges resuscitated during the year. Grand Master P. O. Hooper says:—"Many persons who were a short time ago totally indifferent to the claims of Odd Fellowship—having observed the firmness with which our Order withstood the shock of Civil War; how bravely its members clung to the banner of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, and TRUTH, resisting successfully all assaults that were made upon it—have been induced to examine into the practical working of such an order."

### CALIFORNIA.

The sixteenth Annual Session of this Grand Lodge was held in San Francisco on the 5th of May, 1868.

Grand Master Fox, in his very practical report, says:—"In rendering an account of my stewardship, I am happy in being able to as-

sure you that success has abundantly crowned our efforts in every part of our wide domain, and that unexampled prosperity has attended us, during the entire year." The Grand Secretary reports 138 Lodges, with a membership of 9,625; being an increase of 1,495 during the year, and that during the year just closed \$55,512 was paid for relief.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Lodge has held a number of special and adjourned Sessions during the year, but at what place the proceedings do not state. They number 13 Lodges, with 2,352 contributing members.

## COLORADO.

The proceedings of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado on the 30th Nov'r, 1867, by Special Deputy Grand Sire, J. H. Jay, as also the minutes of the Adjourned Session held on the 4th, 5th, and 6th February, 1868, have been received. They have — Lodges with — members.

## CONNECTICUT.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge shew 21 Lodges in good standing, and a membership of 1920; having paid for relief, \$3,264.13 during the year—including \$535. for relief of Transient Brothers. Grand Master F. Botsford, says:—"The past year has been one of unusual prosperity." The Session of the Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of Grand Sire Sanders, D. G. Sire Farnsworth, P.G.M., F. D. Stewart, of Dist. of Columbia, Grand Master J. H. Smith, and Grand Sec'y J. F. Driscoll, of Rhode Island.

## FLORIDA.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 8th January, 1868. Number of Lodges or members are not given in the report.

## INDIANA.

The 31st annual session of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held at Indianapolis, on the 19th November, 1867. They report 253 Lodges, with 13,886 members, being an increase during the year of 820.

Grand Master Funk says:—"The half year which is about to close has been a period of marked growth and sound prosperity for Odd Fellowship throughout this entire jurisdiction."

## IOWA.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa held its twentieth annual session in the city of Lyons, on the 16th October, 1867.

During the year past there were 12 new Lodges instituted, and 1,000 brothers initiated.

The Grand Lodge decided that "continued drunkenness is not allowable under any circumstances whatever."

## KENTUCKY.

The annual session of this highly interesting jurisdiction convened in Louisville on the 22nd Oct., 1867. They report 113 Lodges, with 6197 contributing members, an increase of 938 members, and 7 new Lodges instituted. A most important and highly interesting part of the proceedings was the report of the Committee appointed at the last session to receive donations from the subordinate Lodges for the destitute widows and orphans of the South. With the generosity of true Odd Fellows, there was donated the sum of \$4,856, which was distributed by the committee. The replies of the several Grand Masters receiving the same are well worth perusing.

## LOUISIANA.

This jurisdiction held its annual session at New Orleans, on the 22nd July, 1867, and reported 32 Lodges, with 1722 contributing members.

Grand Master HUNTER's remarks relative to the lack of energy too often displayed by committees of subordinate Lodges, are very appropriate. He concludes,—“That unless the *Committees* work with their hearts in the cause, unworthy men will become brothers of the covenant, the general business of the Lodge will be neglected, to be followed by Indifference—Decay—Death.”

## MAINE.

The twenty-third annual session of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in the city of Portland on the 13th August, 1867. They report 20 Lodges, with 1,452 contributing members, having paid \$3,439 for relief.

Grand Secretary BANKS says :—“A year of great prosperity in Odd Fellowship has just closed. Nearly 300 have been added by initiation, and several Lodges which have not done any work for years have awakened to new life.”

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts convened in annual session in the city of Boston on the 6th February, 1868.

Grand Master Burgess, in his report, says,—“In some of the Lodges old grey haired men are now seen who have not attended the Lodge meeting for some time. I think the reports never looked better.” The Grand Secretary reports 7,078 members in good standing—an increase of 387 during the year.”

Grand Master Burgess died on the 28th February, 1868, and was buried by the Order with appropriate honors.



## MICHIGAN.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held in Adrian, on the 15th, 16th, and 17th January, 1868, where a very interesting season was enjoyed.

The Grand Secretary reports 78 Lodges, 4,854 contributing members, 1058 members initiated during the year, and \$2,885 paid for relief during the year.

## MISSOURI.

The thirtieth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri convened in the city of St. Louis, on the 19th May, 1868. Grand Master Barrett, in his interesting report, says:—"At no time in our past history have we witnessed a more rapid and substantial growth; never greater devotion, on the part of our membership, to the pure principles and ennobling purposes of Odd Fellowship." The Grand Secretary reports 6,256 contributing members, being an increase during the year of 1227. The jurisdiction having expended for relief, \$17,436, as follows: \$8,521 relief of brothers, \$4,790 relief of widowed families, \$2,066 burying the dead, and \$2,059 for Southern jurisdictions.

## MARYLAND.

The forty-eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge was held in Baltimore on the 20th April, 1868. They report 84 Lodges, with 13,097 members, being an increase during the year of 788. There were 1577 brothers and 168 widowed families relieved, and 136 brothers buried. Total relief granted, \$68,036 95. The lengthy, able and interesting report of the Grand Master shews the Order in the Parent State is quite as flourishing as at any other time since its organization.

## NEW JERSEY.

Grand Secretary J. O. Raum, reports the Order in this State to be in a most flourishing condition. He says:—"During the past year there have been more than double the number admitted by initiation than there has been since 1851, a period of 17 years. There are 76 Lodges, with 6,998 contributing members, \$19,785 having been paid for relief."

## NEW YORK.

The annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in Syracuse on the 20th August, 1867. They report 4 new Lodges instituted, and 2 resuscitated during the year, in all 195 working Lodges, with a membership of 14,187. Grand Master Gould, in his eloquent report, says, "I am gratified to say that many of our Lodges are in an eminently prosperous condition, and exhibit great zeal and interest in the cause."

## NEVADA.

The second annual session of the Grand Lodge was held at Carson

city, Nevada, on the 2nd June, 1868. Grand Master F. V. Drake, in his very interesting report, says:—"Our membership has steadily increased, and is of the best material. Peace and prosperity have reigned in our midst, and Odd Fellowship, healthy, vigorous and strong, has become, as we pray it may ever be, a great leading power for good in our young State.

The Grand Secretary reports 13 Lodges and 955 members in good standing, having a revenue of \$14,732 32, and paid for relief during the year, \$5,650.

## OHIO.

The Grand Lodge convened in annual session in Cleveland, on the 12th of May, 1868. Grand Master J. A. Lee, in his report, says:—"Numerically and financially our Order has increased, since our last communication, in such substantial proportions, as to gladden the hearts of every member of the Order, and give the assurance that its foundation is as immovable as the eternal principles of Justice itself."

The Grand Secretary reports members,—an increase of 3,151. There were 1,943 brothers relieved in \$40,942; 519 widowed families relieved in \$13,023, and \$7,095 paid for burying the dead.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

The semi-annual session of this Grand Lodge was held in Philadelphia on the 19th November, 1867. The annual report has been received. Grand Master Watson says:—"During the six months past, Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction has travelled steadily onward in its mission for the relief of suffering humanity and the elevation of the human character."

## RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island held its annual session on the 6th August, 1867, in the city of Providence. They report 11 Lodges, with 645 members. Grand Master D. N. Paine says:—"I am happy to state that there has been quite an addition to our numbers during the year, and as the ball has commenced to roll, I hope it will not cease until every Lodge will receive a good accession to its numbers, and our glorious principles spread far and wide throughout the State."

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

This State Grand Lodge held its annual session in Charleston, on the 15th January, 1868, and the proceedings shew the Order to be steadily advancing. They report 18 Lodges, with 803 contributing members.

## TENNESSEE.

This Southern State is once again assuming its wonted position. The Grand Lodge assembled in Nashville, on the

They report 65 Lodges, with 2,757 members. Grand Master McConnell says:—"We have had during the past year abundant cause for congratulation in the evidence of the increasing prosperity and happiness which has marked our progress."

## TEXAS.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, convened in Galveston on the 3rd February, 1868. Grand Master W. Richardson, in his very able report, says:—"The increase in the number of Lodges is nearly 33½ per cent, quite as large an increase as could be expected under the discouragement they have had to encounter." The fact of so many brethren being suspended for non-payment of dues occupies an important part in the Grand Master's report, which contains many suggestions that we could profit by.

## WISCONSIN.

The 22nd annual session of this Grand Lodge was held in Milwaukee on the 14th January, 1868. The Grand Secretary reports 64 Lodges, with 3,215 contributing members. 20 new Lodges instituted, and 4 resuscitated. Grand Master Cheney says:—"Never since the organization of this Grand Lodge, in 1847, has the efforts put forth to advance the interests of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction been crowned with such unusual success."

## WEST VIRGINIA.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Parkersburg, on the 28th, 29th, and 30th April, 1868. Grand Master Wm. L. Hyland, says:—"During the past year, the blessings of Heaven have been abundantly shed upon us as an organized Institution. The tidings of our prosperity and progress as an Order are quite as cheering as I desire to report." They report 40 Lodges, with a total membership of 2,594—an increase of 6 new Lodges and 533 members during the year.



## LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

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WM. BISSELL, ... ..	LONDON,	1861.
H. C. BINGHAM, ... ..	BRANTFORD,	1862.
JAMES WOODYATT, ... ..	do	1863.
JAMES SMITH, ... ..	LONDON,	1864.
JAMES D. TAIT, ... ..	ST. CATHARINES,	1865.
RICHARD WIGMORE, ... ..	LONDON,	1866.
HENRY McAFEE, ... ..	WINDSOR,	1867 & '68.

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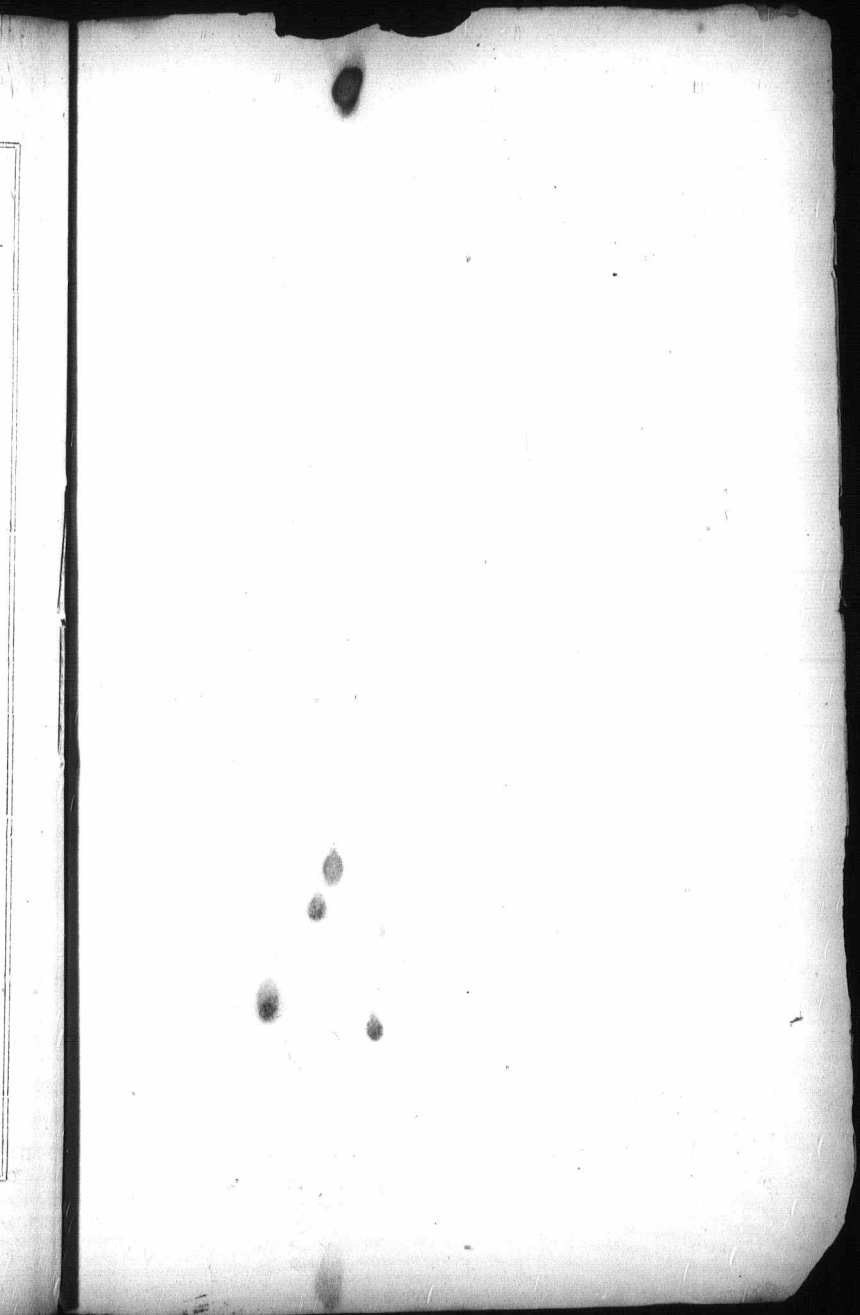
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For the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

NAME OF LODGE.	NO	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	REC. SECY.	F. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Brock, . . . . .	9	Brockville.	A. Doig.	Geo. Bryant.	H. Hillis.	James Curle.	Jas. Hutchison.	Tuesday.
Union, . . . . .	16	St. Catharines.	Harper Wilson.	J. G. Sistrerson.	G. E. Patterson	L. D. Winchester	George Wales.	Monday.
Chatham . . . . .	29	Chatham.	R. Wing.	R. W. Hutchison	Henry Nagle.	James Moore.	John Schneider	Tuesday.
Eureka . . . . .	80	London.	Saunel Atkins.	Geo. Powell, jr	Wm. Atkins.	Jas. Westland.	Geo. Powell, Sr	Tuesday.
Erie . . . . .	83	Ft. Burwell.	R. H. Cameron.	Geo. W. Hare.	Wm. Halstead.	W. H. Hamilton	V. S. Milks.	Thursday.
Gore . . . . .	84	Brautford.	P. B. Hatch.	Ludlow Jackson	E. Chalcraft.	E. Chalcraft.	Thomas James.	Thursday.
Samaritan . . . . .	85	Ingersoll.	Wm. C. Bell.	J. F. McDonald	Wm. Ballantyne	Wm. Fowles.	James Bell.	Wednesday
St. Mary's . . . . .	36	St. Mary's.	L. Wilson.	P. Goodbow.	W. McGregor.	J. Blundell	Thomas Iredale	Tuesday.
Forest City . . . . .	37	London.	Henry Beltz.	T. A. Tarrant.	H. E. Buttery.	Jno. Strathdee.	J. W. Bunning	Monday.
Avon . . . . .	41	Stratford.	John Gibson.	Wm. Gibson.	John Dearlove.	Chas. B. Taylor	Wm. Mowatt.	Wednesday
Excelsior . . . . .	44	Hamilton.	Robert Evans.	James Gilray.	Chas. Smith.	Henry Griffith.	John Barr.	Thursday.
Frontier . . . . .	45	Windsor.	John Bowden.	Alfred Hay.	Jno McMaster.	Henry McAfee.	Sam'l Blenning	Wednesday
Mount Zion . . . . .	46	Newbury.	J. D. Anderson	W. F. Roome.	Wm. Irving.	G. E. Ward.	Amos Fennel.	Thursday.
Unity . . . . .	47	Hamilton.	John Smith.	Wm. Harper.	Wm. Amor.	George Lees.	George Lees.	Wednesday
Dominion . . . . .	48	Hamilton.	J. W. Jones.	W. Joanes.	John Millar.	T. W. Smart.	A. Grant.	Wednesday
Canada . . . . .	49	Toronto.	W. R. Roberts.	Wm. Doran.	J. N. Langstaff.	J. Fields.	Jas. Richardson	Monday.
Otter . . . . .	50	Tilsenburg.	Peter Campbell	Thos. L. Paine.	W. A. Pryer.	J. M. Tweedale	T. N. Matthews	Monday.



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