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LONDON, ONT., 10th August, 1886.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session in the Odd Fellows' Hall, London, and was called to order by John Welsh, Grand Patriarch, at 9 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT :

JOHN WELSH.....	Grand Patriarch.
FRANK RIDDELL.....	Grand High Priest.
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe and Treasurer.
FRANCIS BAE.....	Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge.
JOSEPH OLIVER.....	
ABNER FRASER.....	Grand Junior Warden.
F. I. DANIELS.....	Grand Marshal.
J. K. MASTER.....	Grand Sentinel.
JOHN TURNER.....	Grand O. Sentinel.

Also Past Grand Patriarchs, Jas. Woodyatt, Jas. Donogh and Jas. Gibson.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as Committee on Credentials: M. D. Dawson, Alf. Davis, N. A. McKinnon, Wm. Hudd and W. L. Burdick.

On motion the minutes of last session were passed as printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the necessary Credentials presented of Representatives elect, submitted the following Report:

London, Ont., August 10th, 1886.

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that from examination of the Returns of Subordinate, and of the credentials of Representatives elect, find the following named F. O. Patriarchs entitled to attend the Grand Encampment:

Montreal Encampment,	No.	
Union	1	Alex. Allen Murphy.
Frontier	1	Chas. Young.
"	2	Geo. P. Breen.
"	2	J. G. Morgan.
"	3	Geo. Mottimore.
Harmony	3	Alf. Davis.
"	4	M. Truesdale.
Brant	4	Levi Fisher.
"	5	John M. Reynett.
Charity	6	M. J. Beam.
Beaver	7	E. J. Faulkner.
Burlington	7	Jas. Burton.
"	8	Wm. Burton.
Toronto	8	H. M. Armstrong.
"	9	Hugh Wilkenson.
Rock	10	Geo. W. Cowan.
Chatham	11	John Bailes.
Ontario	12	N. S. Young.
Albert	13	A. C. Wilson.
Whitby	14	H. Urquhart.
Fidelity	15	E. Chatterton.
Kingston	16	Roger Richardson.
Mt. Ararat	17	N. A. McKinnon.
Helron	18	James Edgar.
Quinte	20	Fred Doggett.
Elgin	20	F. W. Wright.
"	21	Geo. Dennis.
Unity	22	Ellas E. Henderson.
Guilding Star	23	R. Law.
Niagara Falls	24	A. B. Hunt.
Friendship	25	Jas. Britton.
Victoria	26	F. W. Wood.
Alpha	28	H. W. Ball.
Baron	29	Wm. McCleary.
Livingstone	30	Alex. McKenna.
Westworth	31	T. D. Fenwick.
Wellington	32	W. D. Lauria.
Newmarket	33	W. H. Trott.
Exeter	34	
Peel	36	P. E. Fitzpatrick.
Boyal	37	Wm. Rudd.
Sweden	38	W. Jacobs.
Adelphia	38	Thos. P. Blackwell.
"	39	Jos. McGregor.
Manchester	40	Andrew Curtis.
Brussels	41	
Buffaria	42	B. M. Corey.
Alymer	43	
Sumner	44	
St. Catharines	45	Henry Robertson.
Windsor	46	H. D. Wetulaifer.
Windsor Valley	47	Wm. Robertson.
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Windsor	51	W. A. Hickey.
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Phoenix	"	"	57	D. P. McDonald.
Waba	"	"	58	John A. Macdonald.
Moira	"	"	59	A. Bates.
Central	"	"	60	W. L. Bardick.

Returns have been received from all Encampments up to the 31st Dec., 1885, except the following, viz.: Peel, No. 34, Brampton; Banner, No. 43, Harriston, and Wilday, No. 44, Newbury. The former has not reported for a year, and the two latter for two years.

Representative certificates have not been received from the following Encampments: Union, No. 1, St. Catharines; Brant, No. 4, Brantford; Charity, No. 5, Stratford; Brook, No. 9, Brookville; Mt. Ararat, No. 16, Napanea; Victoria, No. 25, Port Hope; Livingstons, No. 29, Thorold; Peel, No. 34, Brampton; Adelpian, No. 38, London; Dufferin, No. 41, Pt. Edward; Aylmer, No. 42, Aylmer; Banner, No. 43, Harriston; Wilday, No. 44, Newbury; Collingwood, No. 45, Collingwood; Owen Sound, No. 46, Owen Sound.

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

Chas. Young	Union	Encampment, No.	1	St. Catharines
Ge. P. Brown	Frontier	"	2	Windsor
Thos. Betton	Harmony	"	3	London
T. Brook				
J. G. Watson				
S. Powell				
Alex. Robertson	Charity	"	5	Stratford
James Armstrong				
Geo. W. Cowan	Chatham	"	10	Chatham
E. Chatterton	Kingston	"	15	Kingston
R. Richardson	Mt. Ararat	"	16	Napanee
W. A. Fringle	Quinte	"	19	Bellefleur
W. A. Walden	Elgin	"	20	St. Thomas
Ed. Dallyn				
Geo. Dennis	Unity	"	21	Ingersoll
A. A. Sims				
A. B. Hunt	Friendship	"	24	Patriot
James Britton	Victoria	"	25	Port Hope
F. W. Wood	Alpha	"	26	St. Catharines
Alex. McKenzie	Westworth	"	28	Dundas
T. D. Ferguson	Wellington	"	31	St. Catharines
W. J. ...	Adelpian	"	35	London
Andrew Currie	Bramble	"	40	St. Catharines
W. J. ...	Saugan Valley	"	42	St. Catharines
Fred. Kern	Samarian	"	45	St. Catharines
S. J. Whitlock	Rehebekah	"	48	St. Catharines
D. T. ...	Elgin	"	52	St. Thomas
Thos. ...	Quinte	"	53	St. Catharines
Paul ...	Maple Leaf	"	54	St. Catharines
R. W. ...	Mount Hebron	"	55	St. Catharines
A. ...	Moira	"	59	St. Catharines

One of the accredited Representatives of Elgin Encampment, No. 20, Ed. Dallyn, having resigned, F. W. Wright has been appointed in his place.

On account of death in his family, Isaac McNiven, of No. 23 is not present, and Reuben Law has been requested to take his place by telegraph. The brother has not his credentials.

A. K. Ferguson, of Adelphian, No. 38, having resigned, W. Jacobs has been appointed in his place.

We would respectfully recommend that the above-named Patriarchs be admitted and allowed to take their seats as representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,
A. DAVIS,
N. A. McKINNON,
Wm. RUDD,
W. L. BURDICK;

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

The candidates were then formally introduced by the Grand Junior Warden, and received the Grand Encampment Degree.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

ON DISTRIBUTION—John Gibson, Jas. Edgar, P. F. Fitzpatrick, Alex. McKenzie, T. D. Fenwick and B. Willson.

ON FINANCE—Francis Rae, Wm. Burton, D. H. Moore, E. Chatterton and J. G. Morgan.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE—John A. Macdonald, M. Truesdale, Geo. W. Cowan, Geo. Dennis, Andrew Currie and D. T. Hind.

ON BY-LAWS—M. J. Beam, Geo. Mortimore, J. D. Wettlaufer, A. Bates, S. J. Willcock and Wm. Robertson.

ON RETURNS—E. E. Henderson, R. J. Faulkner, Hugh Wilkinson, F. Doggett, Jas. Britton and F. W. Wood.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—John M. Reynett, W. D. Laurie, Jas. Morrison, G. P. Breen, and Roger Richardson.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES—Jos. Oliver, Thos. Beason, Fred. Kress, W. H. Trott, R. Law and N. S. Young.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER—A. A. Murphy, Thos. P. Blackwell, R. M. Corey, Henry Robertson, A. B. Hunt and L. Atkinson.

ON JUDICIARY—H. Urquhart, W. R. Hickey, H. W. Ball, D. P. McDonauld, Chas. Young and John Bailes.

INVITATION.

P. C. P. Edmund Beltz invited the Grand Officers and Representatives to his residence and grounds to an entertainment this evening at 9 o'clock.

On motion the kind and generous invitation was unanimously accepted, and ordered to be suitably acknowledged.

REPORTS.

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

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH.

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

PATRIARCHS.—Again we have been permitted by an All-wise Providence to meet at another annual session, in the progressive Western City of London, to review the labors of the past year and legislate for the future. May all our deliberations be in the same spirit of harmony and love that have so happily prevailed in our former sessions. During the year that has just passed away, in reviewing the events that have transpired, we have much as a society to be thankful for. Our fair jurisdiction has been visited during the past year with a fearful and loathsome pestilence, but through all the months it was gathering its prey and scattering death and desolation throughout a part of our fair land, I have yet to hear of a single instance where our tents have been invaded or one of our Patriarchs been visited by this common foe. In this we have great cause for thankfulness, and I desire on behalf of this Grand Encampment to render unto Him who carries our destinies in His hands, our grateful acknowledgment of all His dealings with us as a fraternity during the past year. Peace and prosperity have reigned within our tents. No questions have arisen to disturb our harmony. Our increase has been healthy; our finances are in a better condition than they ever have been. For all of these favors we have cause for rejoicing. While we have societies springing into existence year after year, whose objects and aims are somewhat similar to our own, yet, with all these obstacles to overcome, we to-day are in a more prosperous condition than at any time since our organization. Since our last meeting a great change has been made in our Uniform Degree work. Our Uniform Degree camps have been merged into Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant. Your Grand Representatives will more fully lay these changes before you in their report.

PATRIARCHS.—It is with pleasure I now lay before you an account of my work during the past year, and submit the same for your consideration and approval.

(1)

NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

During the past year two new Encampments have been instituted. On Feb. 23rd, in company with Grand High Priest F. Riddell, Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, of London; P. G. P. John Gibson, P. C. P. Chas. Packert and J. D. Hamilton, of Stratford; Grand Sentinel J. Turner, P. C. P., O. B. Hulin, J. J. Bunting, Cowan and Northwood, of Chatham; P. C. P.'s Wilson and Coughell, of Ridgetown; P. C. P.'s Reeves, Bushell, Morgan, Edgar, Macdonald, of Windsor, and some fifty Patriarchs from Chatham, Windsor and Ridgetown, I instituted Central Encampment, No. 60, at the town of Essex Centre. This Encampment starts under more favorable circumstances than most Camps. It had sixteen Charter members and fifteen Initiates. I have never seen such a company of Patriarchs as assisted at this institution, which shows that the Patriarchs in that section are enthusiastic. Great credit is due to Frontier Encampment for the successful manner in which they have worked this Encampment into life. I tender to the Patriarchs who assisted me, and to Frontier Encampment who provided a team who conferred the work of the Degrees, and did it in such a high degree of perfection (not using a ritual from the commencement to the finish), and to the Patriarchs who aided with their presence, my warmest thanks for their assistance, and to the Patriarchs at Essex Centre for their generous hospitality. I recommend that a Charter be granted to this Encampment.

July 7—Amicus Encampment, No. 61, was instituted at the town of Norwich, East Grand High Priest, John Hunter, of London, having the honor of

instituting the same, assisted by P. C. P., John Morrison, H. M. Bambugh, P. Johnston, Robert Wilson, of Woodstock, and R. W. Mead, of Jarvis. After instituting the Encampment the officers were installed and four candidates exalted. This Encampment is in good hands, and a good account may be expected from it. Its prospects are bright, and it has a good field to work upon. I was disappointed at not being present, a disastrous fire having broken out in our city some half an hour before train time, which threatened to lay it in ashes. I went to the train to leave, but the fire was spreading, and no one could tell where it would end. I dare not leave; I telegraphed Grand Scribe Dawson to perform the work for me, expecting he was there. He being sick had to send Bro. J. Hunter as his deputy, who did his work in a very creditable manner. I desire to convey to Patriarch John Hunter, and the Patriarchs from Woodstock and Jarvis who assisted him, my grateful thanks for performing my work for me under such difficulties. I recommend that a Charter be granted this Encampment.

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OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have done considerable visiting during the year. I regret exceedingly I could not make it convenient nor spare the time to have visited all our Encampments. Our numbers are now such that it is a heavy tax on the Grand Patriarch's time, also his pocket, and it is more than can be expected that he should accomplish such a task. I have found wherever I have gone that the result has been favorable to the Encampment visited; renewed zeal has been instilled into the Patriarchs, and I have reason to believe the visits have been beneficial to the Order. I have visited the extremes of our jurisdiction, from Frontier, No. 2, Windsor, in the West, to Outaouais, No. 53, Ottawa, in the East.

September 9—I visited Bothwell Encampment, No. 51, Bothwell. This Encampment is making good progress. I found they exalted four Patriarchs the meeting before, and at this meeting two propositions were received, one candidate was elected and one candidate was admitted, advanced and exalted. This Encampment is in a flourishing condition.

September 10—I visited Chatham Encampment, No. 10, Chatham, and was pleased with the attendance, some sixty or seventy Patriarchs being present. There were also a number of Patriarchs from Phoenix, No. 57, Wallaceburg, and Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgetown. A candidate was exalted, and the work was done in a very creditable manner. This Encampment is prospering.

September 11—I visited Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor. There were some eighty or ninety Patriarchs at our meeting. This is the banner Encampment as far as my visitation has extended. A candidate was exalted, and the whole work from the Patriarchal to the Royal Purple Degree was conferred without the use of the ritual. I have never seen the work done as well as Frontier can do it. Financially and numerically this Encampment is in a solid condition.

February 24—In company with Grand High Priest F. Riddell and P. G. P. J. Gibson, P. C. P. Chas. Packert and J. D. Hamilton, of Stratford, I visited Elgin Encampment, No. 20, St. Thomas, a special meeting having been called to receive us. The Scribe gave us a history of this Encampment, which is in a flourishing condition.

April 13.—In company with P. G. P. John Gibson I visited Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingersoll. I found this camp wanted some stirring up and to have some new life put into it, and I trust my visit will have the desired effect. If good resolutions count, the object is attained.

May 20—I visited Beaver Encampment, No. 6, St. Marys. I received a communication from the Grand Scribe informing me that Beaver, No. 6, had

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again written him that they intended to surrender their charter. I at once notified them that I would meet them on their next regular meeting; and, in company with P. G. P. John Gibson, we drove over to see if we could not heal their difficulties. There were only seven members present. This Encampment has been very unfortunate in their selection of treasurer, no less than three having misappropriated the funds of the Encampment, so that now there are no funds in the treasury, and the Patriarchs have lost heart. There was the same trouble last year when the Grand Officers visited them, and we left them at that time full of enthusiasm, but I learn now that it did not last till their next meeting. What the result of my visit will be, or whether the Patriarchs will continue to work, I cannot say, but hope for the best. They dropped last term twenty-seven Patriarchs for non-payment of dues, and they will have to drop about as many more this term. Their present membership is thirty-two. My opinion is that it would be better for this Encampment to cease work, and then I am satisfied new material would take hold and make a success of it.

July 8—I visited Harmony Encampment, No. 3, London, and had the pleasure of installing their officers. This Encampment seems to be in a prosperous condition, both financially and numerically.

July 9—I visited Adelphian Encampment, No. 38, London. This Encampment had some work to do in the Royal Purple Degree, which they did in a very creditable manner. I also had the pleasure of installing their officers.

July 22—I visited Toronto Encampment, No. 8, and Rebooth, No. 50, at Toronto, a joint meeting of the two Encampments being arranged for my visit. I had the honor of installing the officers for Toronto, No. 8. The Encampments in this city have lost none of their enthusiasm. Both Encampments are prospering.

July 23—I visited Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope. I witnessed the R. P. Degree conferred on a candidate, which was done in a very superior manner. This Encampment is prospering and in a healthy condition.

July 24—I visited Waba Encampment, No. 58, Arnprior. A candidate was exalted to the R. P. Degree. This Encampment has had a very prosperous year, and stands in the front rank of enthusiasm. It is in good hands, and their word is Progress.

July 26—I visited Outaouais Encampment, No. 53, Ottawa. I found this Encampment had not been very active of late, but I am pleased to know a turn has been taken for the better. A candidate was admitted and four propositions received, which was evidence of returning prosperity. Have no doubt it will give a good account next term.

July 27—I visited Kingston Encampment, No. 15. A candidate was exalted to the R. P. Degree. This Encampment does its work well, and I found the Patriarchs enthusiastic and full of love for our Order. This is one of our best Encampments.

July 28—I visited Quinte Encampment, No. 19, and Moira, No. 59, at Belleville, a joint meeting having been called to receive me. This is the most enthusiastic Odd Fellow city I have yet visited. Both Encampments are in a very strong and healthy condition, and the prospects are brighter for the future.

July 29—I visited Mount Hebron, No. 56, at Peterborough. They have plenty of work here. They advanced one candidate to the G. R., and exalted four to the R. P. Degree. This is a live Encampment and they do the work well. They have had a large increase during the term. This Encampment is in good hands.

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STATE OF THE ORDER.

It is with pleasure I am able to state that our progress during the year has been a healthy one. Though we have not added many to our number of Tents, yet we can number two additions. Our Encampments to-day are in a healthier condition than at any time in our history, and the enthusiasm is stronger. Our membership has increased steadily, and this year's report will show a larger gain. Our prospects for the future are bright, and I trust we are entering on a season of unprecedented prosperity.

I am well pleased to find by the reports to hand for June term that where I have been able to visit, Encampments have prospered very materially. In one case the increase is seventy per cent. Our Grand Scribe also informs me June returns show more than double of an increase. It is very gratifying to me to know that my humble efforts to advance the interests of our Order have to some extent been successful.

I instructed our Grand Scribe to make suitable arrangements in reference to reduced rates for representatives, as I found by circular issued by our Grand Secretary they had not made any arrangement for Encampment Representatives. I have no doubt our Grand Scribe has attended to the same.

I have during recess instructed our Grand Scribe to procure new books for our Grand Encampment. The ones in use having got dilapidated, and not having the new revised work, I thought it for the interest of our Grand Encampment we should be properly equipped.

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RESUSCITATION.

By resolution of Grand Encampment at our last session the matter of the resuscitation of Wildey Encampment, No. 41, Newbury, was referred to me. I have had considerable correspondence in reference to this Encampment, and on November 5th, in company with G. H. P. Riddell, I visited Newbury. The Patriarchs, to the number of about twenty, met us, and they decided to go to work again. I installed their officers, and the Patriarchs seemed to be full of enthusiasm and anxious to keep their Camp alive. I was somewhat surprised when in April I received a communication from them to say they could not work the Encampment in Newbury, as most of their members lived at Glencoe. Twenty-seven members out of a total of twenty-nine petitioned to have the Encampment removed from Newbury to Glencoe, and believing it was the only way of keeping this Encampment alive, I granted the request on the 19th of May, and submit my action for your approval.

In reference to Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston, I have had considerable correspondence with them, and I find that it is useless to continue an Encampment there any longer. The field is too small, and the few who do still belong have lost heart. I therefore recommend that their Charter and effects be returned to this Grand Encampment.

I have also used my best endeavors to revive Northern Star, No. 18, Port Perry, but without success. The Patriarchs inform me it is not possible for them to do so at present. They have been so very unfortunate with fires, their Charter and effects having been destroyed in the fire, they have nothing to surrender to this Grand Encampment. I would recommend that their name be erased from our roll.

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According to instructions in regard to reclaiming the effects of Seaforth Encampment, No. 28, Seaforth, I entered into communication with Bro. C. M. Whitney, and instructed him to collect everything belonging to the late Encampment. Bro. Whitney complied with my request, and has forwarded to the Grand Scribe the Seal, Charter, Rituals, Books and what effects they have. He informs me they had no funds, as when Encampment ceased to work they were in debt, so they had no funds to return. I am under deep obligations to Bro. C. M. Whitney, and extend to him my warmest thanks for his efforts, he having had considerable trouble in tracing the effects, as the Encampment has been dormant for five years.

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DISPENSATIONS.

I have been pleased to grant during the recess twenty-one Dispensations to confer more than one degree on same evening. I consider this having to obtain permission by Dispensation from the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe to be of no benefit to our Order. There is too much red tape about it to suit me. I consider the Encampment is best qualified to judge whether it is for the benefit of the Order to confer said degree. In every case I have granted the Dispensation, and it looks to me like taking money from the Encampment and giving no value for same. Then I am led to believe some Encampments do confer these degrees without a Dispensation, and in that case the Encampment that conforms to law has to pay for it; the other does the same work without paying. I therefore recommend that Clause 7, Constitution of Subordinates, be repealed.

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COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

I have appointed the following Patriarchs, to act during recess, a Committee on By-Laws, viz.: Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, London; Past Chief Patriarch M. J. Beam, St. Marys.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence during the past year has been very heavy. While it has been a pleasure to me, it has also been a great drain on my time. I have in most cases answered all communications the same day they were received. When I have failed to do so it has been on account of absence from home. I herewith submit all correspondence received and answers given for your perusal.

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DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

During recess the District Deputies have performed their work in a very satisfactory manner, while in the case of some their duties have not been arduous; others have had some work to do. To one and all I return my sincere thanks for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties. The following have reported to me their official acts and the progress of the Encampments under their charge, viz.:

John Howard, Phoenix 57, Wallaceburg.
W. H. Knowles, Wentworth 30, Dundas.

John A. McDonald, Waba 58, Arnprior.
 Fred. Kelland, Burlington 7, and Royal 36, Hamilton.
 W. F. Darch, Harmony 3, and Adolphin 38, London.
 O. B. Hulin, Chatham 10, Chatham.
 Samuel Wood, Collingwood 45, Collingwood.
 S. T. Reeves, Frontier 2, Windsor.
 R. W. Bell, Mount Hebron 56, Peterborough.
 A. Y. Kendall, Brock 9, Brockville.
 W. R. Hickey, Bothwell 51, Bothwell.
 J. D. Hamilton, Charity 5, Stratford.
 J. Morrison, Maple Leaf 55, Woodstock.
 J. Vicary, Elgin 20, St. Thomas.
 C. H. Chapman, Friendship 24, Petrolia.
 Geo. Pine, Niagara Falls 23, Clifton.
 Geo. Dennis, Unity 21, Ingersoll.
 A. McGregor, Toronto No. 8, and Rehoboth 50, Toronto.
 A. Allen Murphy, Montreal No. 1, Montreal.

Pat. Kelland, D. D. G. P., Hamilton, writes part of his report as follows. I give it as I believe it is worth serious consideration by this Grand Encampment. He says: "I think that our term of office in Sub. Encampments is too short; we are making past officers too quickly for the good of the Encampments. At one of the Encampments in this city, on instalation night, all the Patriarchs present, with the exception of the C. P. elect and the J. W. elect, were P. C. P's. If the term were twelve months the officers would become better posted in their work. The attendance, I think, would be thereby improved, as I find that in Encampments where the work is best performed the attendance of members is better."

(9)

Patriarchs Militant.

Applications have been made to me from the following Uniformed Degree Camps for permission to merge into Cantons, viz.: London No. 1, Hamilton No. 2, Kingston No. 3, St. Thomas No. 4, Newmarket No. 6. The following have been granted Dispensations without making any application to me: Windsor, Belleville, Barrie, Montreal and Toronto. This mergerment is at present in a very crude state, any form of application being received by the Lieut.-General, J. C. Underwood. I therefore recommended that their warrants be approved.

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CARDS.

Application has been made to me by P. C. P. John A. Sterling and Wm. Bunston, who were members in good standing in Northern Star Encampment No. 18, when they ceased to work as an Encampment. After making enquiry I found these were worthy Brothers, and no cause existing why they should not receive their cards. I granted the same to P. C. P. J. A. Sterling on March 5th, and P. C. P. Wm. Bunston on 14th May, and submit my action for your approval.

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QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

By Oliver Gilchrist, D. D. G. P. Minerva Encampment, No. 47, Wingham.

1. Question—A Brother in good health gets vaccinated, and from the effects of that vaccination is not able to attend his business. Is he justly entitled to sick benefits?

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Answer—Yes.

By P. McKenzie, Scribe, Wildy Encampment, No. 44 Newbury.

2. Question—Can the location of Encampment be changed to another town by a majority vote of the Encampment?

Answer—No. (See clause 1176, 1236, White's Digest. 1882.)

By Samuel Wood, D. D. G. P. Collingwood Encampment, 45, Collingwood.

3. Question—Can D. D. G. P. be elected legally to office if Scribe of his own Encampment?

Answer—Yes. (See clause 883, White's Digest.)

By Alma Pengally, Scribe, Saugeen Valley Encampment, 46, Walkerton.

4. Question—Can Encampment invest its funds in mortgage security?

Answer—There is no direct law in Encampments bearing on the subject, but the question was brought up in Grand Lodge last session and the committee on legislation reported that incorporated lodges had not the power by law, and a committee was appointed to interview the Local Legislature to have the law amended, giving lodges authority to invest their funds in mortgage security. (See G. L. Journal, page 2848.) Therefore under all these circumstances I answer no. (The Ontario Legislature have now amended the Society Incorporation Act, to allow them to invest their funds in Mortgage Securities therefore, it is now legal for Encampments to so invest their funds.)

By Wellington Encampment, No. 31, Guelph.

5. Question—Can an Encampment call a special meeting before the last regular meeting in the term (said regular meeting being on a holiday) for election of officers, and would any election at such meeting be legal?

Answer—No. (See clause 15 con. sub. also clause 125, Book of Laws, and clause 1203, White's Digest, 1882.)

By S. T. Reeves, D. D. G. P. Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor.

6. Question—A Patriarch being present at meeting set apart for nomination of officers was nominated Senior Warden; being absent on night of election, no word being received from him as to his absence or that he would fill the office if elected, is the Patriarch, being absent as above, entitled to go to ballot, or should, the chief Patriarch declare him not eligible for election?

Answer—The fact of the Patriarch being present at nomination and making no objection, is evidence that he accepted the nomination. I therefore decided that the Patriarch was eligible for election.

By Fred Kelland D. D. G. P. Hamilton.

7. (1) Question—What is your opinion as to the propriety and legality of having card playing or progressive euchre in connection with a public entertainment under the auspices of the Uniform Degree Camp.

Answer—I decide that it is both illegal and improper.

(2) Question—Have I, as D. D. G. P. jurisdiction over the Uniform Degree Camp, Patriarch Militant or whatever title the Uniform Patriarchs may call themselves?

Answer—Yes.

By W. F. Darch, D. D. G. P., London.

8. (1) Question—By Law 23 of our Encampment says that dues shall be paid in advance; is that according to law? Can an Encampment compel payment in advance?

(2) In reference to By-Law 33, if By-Law 28 is legal and a Patriarch has not paid his dues on or before the first regular meeting in January, is he then considered six months in arrears and not entitled to benefits?

(3) Is a Patriarch who has not paid his dues in advance entitled to the T. P. W.?

Answer—1 answer 1st and 2nd question, yes and to 3rd, no. (See S. G. L. Journal 1883, page 9426, also 9466, also 1884, page 9502, Grand Sires Decision No. 2.)

(9) Question by D. D. G. P., John Morrison, Woodstock.

Is it legal to elect the same Patriarch to the office of Scribe and Treasurer?

Answer—No. (Grand Sires Decision 1882, page 8839.)

(10) Question by D. D. G. P., R. W. Bell, Peterborough.

Would the following By-Law be legal: The fee for initiation shall be \$10, \$6 to be paid when Patriarchal Degree is conferred, \$2 when Golden Rule, and \$2 when Royal Purple.

Answer—No. (See clause 2 and 6 Con. Sub. Encp.) Also 662 White, Digest 1882; also Grand Patriarchs' Decision, 1884, page 399, Grand Encp. Journal.

The inferences in all these clauses are that the fee must be paid in full before the candidate can become a member, and he becomes a member as soon as he receives the Patriarchal Degree, signs the Constitution and pays dues same as any other member of the Encampment from the time he received said degrees.)

Appendix A.

Having had the question referred to me, can a Patriarch hold the office of Scribe and Treasurer at the same time, I submitted the following question to the Grand Sire for his decision:

Question—Can the Office of Scribe and Treasurer be held by the same Patriarch in a Subordinate or Grand Encampment; also does decision No. 24, Grand Sire 1882, page 8839, 9025, 9101, apply to this case?

He answers that the two offices cannot be held by the same Patriarch in either a subordinate or Grand Encampment.

I submit the correspondence for your consideration.

(12)

AUDITORS.

I have re-appointed as auditors P. G. M. James Smith and P. G. P., E. R. Robinson, of London.

(13)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COURTESIES

I desire to return my sincere thanks to our Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson for his many acts of courtesy, to Grand High Priest Riddell for his company and assistance on some of my official visits, also to the other officers of this Grand Encampment for the support rendered me during the past year. I desire also to convey to the warm-hearted Patriarchs who so generously entertained me while on a visit to their tents my warmest thanks. Their many acts of kindness will ever be appreciated and shall be cherished by me in after years as among the most pleasant memories of my life.

(14)

CONCLUSION.

Patriarchs my labors for the past year are now before you for your consideration. I have endeavored to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I desire to thank the Patriarchs for the high honor conferred on me by electing me their Grand Patriarch. It is a position that any Patriarch may be proud of. It is a matter of pride to me that I can surrender my charge to my successors in a healthier condition than when I received it. May He who rules our destinies watch over our order in the future and shower His richest blessings on us. Patriarchs I now say adieu.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN WELSH

London, August 10th, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE AND TREASURER.

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

(1)

PATRIARCHS,—I am glad to welcome you to the Forest City. It is eleven years since you met in London, and in that time it has made remarkable progress, and I think I can say that no handsomer inland city graces the Queen's possessions. We profess to be a hospitable people, and the home of Odd Fellowship, with wide and airy streets, spacious halls and the best hotel accommodation. So that if the representatives do not enjoy a pleasant visit in London, and return to their homes blessed and improved, morally and socially, it will be their own fault. Our people present to you the freedom of the city.

The past year has been one of improvement in this branch of the Order, and I can congratulate the members upon a steady increase, both numerically and financially. As instructed, I have only compiled the statistics and balanced the books to the close of our financial year, which ends on the 31st December. But as the returns are nearly all in to the end of June, 1886, I am pleased to report the net increase for the past six months quadruple that for the year 1885.

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STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Grand Patriarch has spent a great deal of his time in visiting the Encampments throughout the Province, and his zeal and energy has borne good fruit. Banner, 43, Harriston, and Wildey, 44, Newbury, have not reported for 1885, and Peel, 34, Brampton, for the last term of the same year. All three are very weak, and have been for years in a languishing condition. The Grand Patriarch made a very vigorous effort to give Wildey, No. 44, a boom, and at the time thought it was a success, but it appears to have again gone under. Seaforth, No. 27, defunct since 1890, have at last yielded up their effects.

Two new tents have spread their banners to the breeze since our last session—Central, No. 60, at Essex Centre, and Amicus, No. 61, just lately opened at Norwich. The former has now a membership of nineteen, with invested funds of \$127, after liquidating all their obligations, which amounted well up to \$1,000. They were instituted February 23rd, 1886, with the best prospects for a successful future. Amicus, No. 61, was instituted on the 7th of July, but owing to illness I was not able to be present but I sent Past Grand High Priest John Hunter in my place. An unfortunate fire occurring at Stratford prevented the Grand Patriarch from being present, so that Patriarch Hunter, with the assistance of a number of brethren from Woodstock, instituted the Encampment. They draw their support from a good section of country, and are fed by several Lodges.

The Encampment Room of Mount Ararat, No. 16, Napanee, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire on the 5th of last April, and inflicted upon them a severe loss. They immediately purchased new supplies, and are again in good working condition.

The new legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, changing the Uniformed Degree Camps into Cantons and taking them from the control of Grand Encampments in the several jurisdictions, is a change which may be of advantage. It has certainly improved the military appearance of the organization, but whether it will awaken new interest in the Encampment branch is a question for time to determine. All the Uniformed Degree Camp supplies on hand will now be useless.

I procured 22 Charter Borders from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, all they had in stock, and had them printed. As instructed I issued a duplicate charter at cost to Unity Encampment, No. 21, Ingersoll.

Had some correspondence in June with a brother of Cornwall, asking for information prior to starting a new Encampment in that town. Have not since heard whether the intention would be consummated.

Had 600 copies of the Journal printed and distributed in the usual way.

The Standing Committee on By-Laws, consisting of Patriarch G. T. Campbell, the Grand Scribe, of London, and Patriarch Beam, of St. Marys, carefully examined and confirmed the by-laws of the following Encampments: Ridgely, No. 52, Jarvis; Mizpah, No. 54, Barrie, with amendments to the by-laws of Adelpian Encampment, No. 38, London. The by-laws of Niagara Falls, No. 23, Niagara Falls are under consideration.

Early in May I received an official communication from the Scribe of Beaver Encampment, No. 6, St. Marys, stating that at their regular meeting on the 6th inst. they had decided to give up their charter and effects to the Grand Encampment at the last meeting in June. I notified the Grand Patriarch of the fact, and I believe he has communicated with them. Lately Patriarch Beam, who is the present representative of that old Encampment, informed me that they are still endeavoring to keep the ship afloat, and that he would be present at this session in London.

The following figures will note the progress of the Encampments during the six months ending June 30th, 1886:

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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Initiated	154	
Admitted by card.....	20	
Reinstated.....	7	
		— 181
From which deduct—		
Withdrawn by card.....	13	
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	78	
Deceased.....	11	
		— 102
Increase for the last six months.....		79

The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending 31st December, 1885:

(3) Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term Ending June 30th, 1885.

NAME.	No.	Initiations.	Rejected by Card.	Withdrawn.	Reinstated.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Weeks for which Benefits were Paid.	Amount Paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount Paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Dues to Grand Encampments.	Revenue.
Montreal	1								9	59				55 50				14 75	79 75	
Union	2							13	96	13	3		30	55 50				55 70	21 50	191 55
Frontier	3							13	126	13	3		30	84 00				30 50	30 50	194 80
Harmony	4							12	122	12	3		18	120 00		25 00		120 00	32 00	230 48
Brant	5							12	100	6	6		21	48 14				48 14	15 00	224 57
Charity	6							12	100	6	6		60	100 00				100 00	16 00	274 94
Beaver	7							9	106	5	5		9	18 00				16 75	187 58	
Burlington	8							3	126	4	4		9	40 00				36 50	36 50	177 60
Toronto	9							3	126	4	4		11	23 00				18 00	31 50	218 88
Brock	10							3	52	3	3		6	12 00				12 00	15 00	156 40
Quebec	11							3	50	3	3		16	16 00				16 00	7 25	137 30
Queens	12							1	33	3	3		19	19 00				19 00	3 25	18 00
Albert	13							5	47	4	4		21	21 00				4 25	22 00	24 00
Whitby	14							6	48	5	5		10	9 83				12 00	30 00	30 00
Fidelity	15							6	76	5	5		4	21 00				21 00	12 00	30 00
Kingston	16							1	20	2	2		10	9 83		11 00		19 00	19 00	91 78
Mt. Ararat	17							1	0	2	2		4	4 00				1 00	5 25	7 50
Bebron	18							3	21	3	3		6	4 00				6 25	8 50	28 50
Quinte	19							1	64	6	6		4	4 00		15 00		19 00	16 25	35 50
Edin	20							23	103	8	8		12	12 00				12 00	16 00	16 00
Unity	21							6	50	5	5		8	12 00				12 00	12 50	24 00
Guiding Star	22							4	41	4	4		43	86 00				10 35	54 30	64 30
Logans Falls	23							3	70	3	3		8	8 00				8 00	12 50	93 75
Victoria	24							1	3	3	3		8	8 00				17 50	17 50	27 00
Alpha	25							6	31	6	6		2	2 00			2 00	8 00	5 25	36 00
Huron	26							1	21	1	1		2	2 00				4 00	4 00	30 00

Livingstone	27							2	34	2	2		11	11 14				8 50	13 00	
Westworth	28							4	58	4	4		23	47 00				11 14	9 25	23 00
Wellington	29							7	20	7	7		8	16 00				47 00	14 50	77 50
Kowmarket	30							4	19	4	4		2	2 00				11 25	11 25	30 50
Peel	31							2	19	2	2		2	2 00				16 00	16 00	20 50
Royal	32							2	19	2	2		2	2 00				16 00	16 00	20 50
Dresden	33							2	19	2	2		2	2 00				16 00	16 00	20 50

(4) Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term Ending December 31st, 1885.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT	No.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejection.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.	Suspended for cause.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patritarchs Relieved.	Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Weeks for which Benefits were Paid.	Amount Paid for Relief of Patritarchs.	Amount Paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Dues to Grand Encampment	Revenue.	Cash on Hand and Invested
Montreal	1	1									7	61	1		37	\$37 00			\$37 00	\$15 25	\$ 53 75	\$ 91 34
Union	1	1									1	68	1		48	\$90 00			\$90 00	\$29 00	\$ 83 50	\$1315 75
Frontier	2	2									10	110	7		16	\$32 00			\$32 00	\$27 50	\$166 65	\$1066 66
Harmony	2	2									9	129	9		86	\$86 00			\$86 00	\$32 25	\$27 25	\$43 66
Brant	4	4									7	100	4		151	\$100 00			\$100 00	\$34 50	\$191 25	\$2027 02
Charity	5	5									7	65	6		38	\$68 00			\$68 00	\$16 25	\$150 48	\$415 00
Beaver	6	6									32	32	8		26	\$36 00			\$36 00	\$ 8 00	\$35 34	\$15 59
Burlington	7	7									9	110	8		19	\$19 00		3 78	\$22 78	\$27 50	\$213 24	\$1911 35
Toronto	8	8									125	5	2		234	\$13 00			\$13 00	\$13 25	\$47 39	\$375 67
Brook	9	9									5	50	3		6	\$12 00			\$12 00	\$12 50	\$64 13	\$754 05
Chatham	10	10									3	37	3		57	\$13 00			\$13 00	\$ 6 75	\$29 00	\$600 00
Albert	11	11									6	15	3		13	\$8 50			\$8 50	\$ 8 50	\$23 00	\$134 70
Whitby	12	12									6	48	5		37	\$10 00			\$10 00	\$12 00	\$14 50	\$8 00
Fidelity	13	13									12	78	5		14	\$24 00			\$24 00	\$18 25	\$123 00	\$451 06
Kingston	14	14									12	78	5		14	\$14 00			\$14 00	\$ 4 25	\$21 50	\$203 03
Mt. Ararat	15	15									17	17	4		24	\$24 00			\$24 00	\$ 4 25	\$16 00	\$788 92
Hebron	16	16									25	25	4		39	\$78 00			\$78 00	\$29 50	\$260 45	\$909 91
Quinte	17	17									24	114	4		12	\$12 00			\$12 00	\$19 75	\$51 17	\$191 64
Unity	18	18									5	51	4		12	\$12 00			\$12 00	\$ 5 75	\$ 6 00	\$294 27
Guiding Star	19	19									11	43	1		1	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 00	\$11 75	\$83 50	\$253 90
Niagara Falls	20	20									11	53	3		1	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 00	\$11 75	\$83 50	\$325 54
Friendship	21	21									11	53	3		37	\$74 00			\$89 00	\$13 00	\$57 50	\$305 95
Victoria	22	22									1	71	1		1	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 00	\$17 75	\$54 30	\$305 95
Alpha	23	23									1	71	1		1	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 00	\$ 4 75	\$16 00	\$200 00
Huron	24	24									57	57	1		1	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 00	\$14 25	\$40 40	\$30 30

Livingston	25	25									34	34	1		2	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 8 50	\$21 00	\$112 56
Wentworth	26	26									32	32	1		1	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$ 8 50	\$33 80	\$371 24
Wellington	27	27									46	46	1		1	\$ 2 00			\$ 2 00	\$11 50	\$57 50	\$325 54
Newmarket	28	28									3	3	1		3	\$ 4 00			\$ 4 00	\$17 00	\$11 50	\$1088 21
Peterborough	29	29									19	19	1		5	\$ 5 00			\$ 5 00	\$11 75	\$82 35	\$1088 21

STATISTICS.

The following summary from the returns will give our membership and standing on the 31st day of December, 1885. No returns have been received from Banner Encampment, No. 43, since June 30th, 1884, or from Wildey Encampment, No. 44, since December 31st, 1883, so that I have left the membership of those two Encampments out :

Number of members as per last report.....		2857
Initiated during the year ending December 31st, 1885.....	224	
Admitted by Card	6	
Reinstated.....	13	
		<u>243</u>
Total.....		3100
From which deduct—		
Withdrawn by Card	42	
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	168	
Deceased	20	
		<u>230</u>
In membership December 31st, 1885.....		2870
Number of Patriarchs relieved.....	232	
Number of weeks sickness for which benefits were paid.....	1339	
Amount paid for burying the dead.....	\$ 174 00	
Amount of special relief.....	18 78	
Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.....	1,852 27	
		<u>\$ 2,045 05</u>
Total amount of relief paid.....		\$17,117 99
Invested funds of Subordinates.....		6,784 84
Total amount of annual revenue.....		

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FINANCE.

The Finances of the Grand Encampment are now in better condition than at any previous period in our history. All our debts are paid, and besides having a good supply of stock on hand, money will remain to our credit after the mileage and per diem of the present session is liquidated.

ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due and stock on hand 30th December, 1885 :

Amount due by Subordinates.....		\$689 25
62 Copies Book of Laws at 30c.....	\$18 60	
19 Charts at \$3.....	57 00	
10 Registration Books at \$2.50.....	25 00	
11 Receipt Book at \$1.75.....	19 25	
6 Draft Books at \$2.....	12 00	
8 Application Books at \$3.25.....	26 00	
2 Black Books at \$2.....	4 00	
2 Roll Books at \$1.....	2 00	
2 Cash Books at \$1.....	2 00	
6 Return Books at \$1.....	6 00	
4 Withdrawal and Visiting Cards at 25c.....	1 00	
1450 Notices of Arrears at \$1 per 100.....	14 50	
500 Notices of Meetings at \$1 per 100.....	5 00	
700 Certificates at 2c each.....	14 00	
5 U. D. C. Charge Books—no value.....	10 00	
5 Encampment Charge Books at \$2.....	9 55	
955 Applications for Dispensation at 1c each.....		
		<u>\$247 90</u>
Total.....		\$937 15

The cash receipts for the present term amount up to \$1427.14 with an expenditure of \$431.03 leaving a balance to the credit of the Grand Encampment, of \$996.11. This is the largest cash balance we have ever had.

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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED

FROM 1st JANUARY TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1885.

Name and Number of Encampments.	Scrip.	Dues.	Charters	Supplies	TOTAL.	
Union Encampment No. 1		\$41 75		\$1 00	\$42 75	
Montreal " No. 1		29 75		1 80	31 55	
Frontier " No. 2		60 50		1 00	61 50	
Harmony " No. 3		64 00		75	64 75	
Brant " No. 4		50 00			50 00	
Charity " No. 5		31 00			31 00	
Beaver " No. 6		29 50			29 50	
Burlington " No. 7		52 75		50	53 25	
Toronto " No. 8		67 50			67 50	
Brock " No. 9		26 25			26 25	
Chatham " No. 10		25 00			25 00	
Ontario " No. 11		14 50			14 50	
Albert " No. 12		16 25			16 25	
Whitby " No. 13		9 50		5 21	14 71	
Fidelity " No. 14		24 00			24 00	
Kingsdon " No. 15		37 75	5 00		42 75	
Mt. Ararat " No. 16		10 50			10 50	
Hebron " No. 17		13 00			13 00	
Quinte " No. 19		31 00			31 00	
Elgin " No. 20		50 00	5 00	4 90	59 90	
Unity " No. 21		26 00			27 75	
Guiding Star " No. 22		11 50		50	13 00	
Niagara Falls " No. 23		20 25		75	22 00	
Friendship " No. 24		24 00		22	24 22	
Victoria " No. 25		36 00		50	36 50	
Alpha " No. 26		10 50		3 55	14 05	
Huron " No. 28		28 25		7 32	35 57	
Llvingstone " No. 29		17 50			17 50	
Wentworth " No. 30		19 00			19 00	
Wellington " No. 31		30 25		2 75	33 00	
Newmarket " No. 32		22 50			22 50	
Exeter " No. 33	10 35	-9 90		50	20 75	
Peel " No. 34		9 25			9 25	
Royal " No. 36		18 00			18 00	
Dresden " No. 37		18 75			18 75	
Adelphian " No. 38		51 75		7 30	59 05	
Excelsior " No. 39		12 00			12 00	
Brussels " No. 40		10 25			10 25	
Dufferin " No. 41		13 50			13 50	
Aylmer " No. 42		16 75			16 75	
Collingwood " No. 45		14 50			14 50	
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Mispah " No. 54		21 25		50	21 75	
Maple Leaf " No. 55		17 75		1 50	19 25	
Mount Hebron " No. 56		15 25		1 00	16 25	
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

(8) EXPENDITURE.

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" Drafts Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$185 89	
" Expenses of Drafts, Telegrams, Duty, Freight, &c.....		19 30
" Cash as per Pay Roll.....	536 15	
" Salary Grand Scribe, 1 year, Dec. 31, 1885.	250 00	
" James Smith,	} Auditors.....	10 00
" E. R. Robinson,		
" R. B. Hungerford, Insurance on Stock, &c..	4 00	
" Mr. Yerex, Engrossing.....	1 50	
" Postage for 1 year.....	21 86	
" Printing Account, Journal, Supplies, Re- ceipt Books, &c.....	210 25	
" Barber & Ellis, Stationery Account.....	2 95	
" Grand Patriarch's Account.....	40 25	
" Amount to Balance.....		\$1281 15
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Total.....		\$1412 19

(9) CORRESPONDENCE.

An estimate of the progress and prosperity of the Order may be made from the correspondence received. It has in no measure fallen off from previous years. The best of feeling and good will has characterized the relations existing in the Order; and while the progress has at no time been phenomenal, it has been lasting and steady. As it is a matter of interest to read the views of brethren in different sections, I will quote from the correspondence received during the past year for your information:

F. Kelland, the D. D. G. P., of Hamilton, under date of January 20, 1886, writes:

"The increase in membership in this city is not great, but it is good, and there are more applications in. The finances are also good. The utmost harmony prevails, and the officers promise to do "great things," and they are Patriarchs that are able to if they try. The one great trouble, I think, in the Encampment is, that they are making Past officers too fast. At one of the installations in this city, with a fair attendance, the Chief Patriarch elect and the Junior Warden elect were the only Patriarchs present that were not P. C. P.'s. If the terms were twelve months in place of six, the officers would become better posted in the work, and with better work would come better attendance. The Hamilton Uniform Degree Camp have sent application to Lieutenant-General Underwood for warrant to start 'Canton Hamilton, P. M., 32 members of the H. U. D. C. signing the roster. They have received the rituals from Bro. Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, and are awaiting their supplies from the Lieutenant-General to start out in good shape."

D. D. G. P. Hulin, of Chatham Encampment, No. 10, under date of January 8th, 1886, writes:

"You will observe that we report only the same number of Patriarchs that we did last term, and no gain in our finances. But, sir, I have to report a great gain in the interest our Patriarchs are taking in the work of our Encampment. Our officers during the last term have committed the work to memory, which makes it very interesting. Our present set of officers are the best men picked from the two Lodges, so we are looking for a very prosperous term. We received a friendly visit from our Grand Patriarch last

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fall, which gave us new zeal, although he said we needed no instruction in the unwritten work. We all think he is the right man in the right place. We hope that all the Encampments are as prosperous as ours."

The Scribe of Brock Encampment, No. 9, Brockville, Patriarch C. C. Lyman, under date of June 24th, writes:

"We have not increased in membership this term, but have pleasure in reporting that great interest is taken in the Encampment branch here, and prospects are good for next term."

Patriarch A. A. Murphy, D. D. G. P. of No. 1, Montreal, of 9th July, writes:

"We are jogging along—Canton giving us a lead. Some outsiders are being rushed through the subordinate Lodge and Encampment for the privilege of joining Patriarchs' Militant."

Patriarch John A. Macdonald, D. D. G. P., Waba Encampment, No. 58, Arnprior, under date of July 10, 1886, writes:

"We have made a gain of eight Patriarchs since 1st of January, and our prospects for next term are exceedingly good. The Encampment branch of the Order is very popular here in the East, and I feel satisfied that our next report will show a much larger gain than any yet."

Patriarch Morrison, D. D. G. P., Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock, writes, 14th July, 1886:

"We are one less than at last report, owing to the withdrawal of five of our members to start an Encampment in Norwich. We also lost one brother by death. Encampment matters are quiet, but we have got in a good set of officers for this term, and we are looking forward to an improvement this fall and winter."

Patriarch R. W. Everett, Scribe Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 56, Peterborough, under date of 14th July, 1886, writes:

"I am glad to be able to inform you that our prospects are exceedingly good. You will see we added eleven last term, and from present appearances we will do as well or better during next term. Our members pay up well as a rule."

Patriarch L. Ferguson, Scribe of Elgin Encampment, No. 20, St. Thomas, writes, 14th July, 1886:

"You will see that we make a good showing—a gain of six members for the term and thirteen for the year. With a membership now of 120, and assets amounting to \$1,345.81, we are bidding for first place among the Encampments of this Province."

Patriarch S. T. Reeves, D. D. G. P., Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor, writes, July 20th, 1886:

"We have gained to within five members of our old standing, before we lost the seventeen members to form Central Encampment, which I consider good work for eight months. Our membership is good, and the best of feeling and good will prevails."

In drawing to a close I have to thank the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs and Scribes for their promptness in answering all communications. The officers appear to be well up in their work, and the progress of the last term is an indication that fraternity and efficiency are combined. To the Grand Patriarch and other Grand officers I have to acknowledge unflinching courtesy. Between the Grand Patriarch and myself a continued correspondence has been maintained, and the labor and interest he has taken in the Patriarchal branch is worthy of more than mere commendation. His visits throughout the jurisdiction have done much good, of which we are now and will hereafter reap the benefit.

Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.

LONDON, AUG. 10th, 1886.

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LONDON, ONT., Aug. 10th, 1886.

Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.—The Committee have arranged for a Grand Demonstration in the afternoon and entertainment in the evening, to-morrow (Wednesday).

The Committee extends a cordial invitation to all the officers and representatives to your Grand Body, and hope that you can all remain with us for the day and evening.

The Committee have prepared Representatives' tickets, and placed them in the hands of the Grand Scribe,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN G. WATSON.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS,
NO. 1.

LONDON, Aug. 10, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the credentials of Representative Henry Robertson, who has been appointed in place of J. Chamberlain, he having resigned.

We recommend that he be permitted to take his seat as representative.

A. DAVIS,
W. L. BURDICK,
N. A. MCKINNON,
WM. RUDD.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Past Grand Patriarch John Gibson, chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, Aug. 10, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario ;

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and Grand Representatives, beg leave to report as follows :

We recommend that Clause 1 of the Grand Patriarch's Report be referred to the Committee on Petitions ; Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 be referred to the Committee on State of the Order ; Clause 7 to the Committee on Correspondence ; Clause 11 to Committee on Judiciary ; Clause 1 and Clause 2 of the Grand Scribe's Report, with the exception of the part referring to New Encampments, on page 574, be referred to Committee on State of the Order ; part of Clause 2 to Committee on Petitions ; clauses 3 & 4 abstract tables to Committee on Returns ; Clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Committee on Finance ;

Clause 9 to Committee on Correspondence; and the report of the Grand Representatives to the Committee on State of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN GIBSON,
JAMES EDGAR,
P. E. FITZPATRICK,
ALEX. MACKENZIE,
T. D. PENWICK,
B. W. WILLSON.

Resolved, That the forgoing report be adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Grand Representative Oliver, chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, Aug. 10th, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, your Committee on Appeals, have much pleasure in reporting that there are no appeals, which is an evidence to us of the harmony and good-fellowship that prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

J. OLIVER,
R. LAW,
F. KRESS,
THOS. BEESON.

The following resolution was presented by Grand Representative Joseph Oliver and adopted :

"That the hour of 4 o'clock to-day be set apart for the election of officers."

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment resumed at 2 o'clock p.m., Grand Patriarch John Welsh presiding.

PRESENT :—All the officers and a quorum of representatives.

Opened in due form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Representative M. J. Beam, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, Aug. 10, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, your Committee on By-Laws, having examined the report of the Grand Scribe in reference to the report of the Standing Committee on By-Laws, recommend that the report be confirmed—by sanctioning the By-laws of Ridgely, No. 52 (Jarvis), Mizpah, No. 54 (Barrie), with amendments to

the By-laws of Adelpian Encampment, No. 38, London. We also recommend the adoption of the amendments to the By-laws of Niagara Falls No. 23 (Niagara Falls), as recommended by the Committee.

The clause was then read as follows :

We also recommend the following amendment to Minerva, No. 47, Wingham : Clause 23, by inserting one dollar and fifty cents instead of one dollar.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed),

M. J. BEAM,
WM. ROBERTSON,
H. D. WETTLAUER,
S. J. WILLCOCK,
A. BATES,
GEO. MORTIMORE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

P. G. Patriarch Urquhart, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report from his Committee, which upon motion was adopted :

LONDON, 10th August, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, your Committee on Judiciary, beg to report as follows, viz.:

(1) That we have considered the Grand Patriarch's decisions as contained in Clauses 1 and 12 of his report, and recommend their approval.

(2) Referring to the Grand Patriarch's decisions, No. 7, Sec. 2, your Committee deem it proper to call the attention of your Grand Body to the recent legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which will hereafter place the Patriarch's Militant beyond the control and supervision of the D. D. G. P's.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HECTOR URQUHART,
W. R. HICKEY,
JOHN BAILES,
W. R. McDONALD,
CHAS. YOUNG,
H. W. BALL.

NOTICES OF MOTION OF 1885.

Rep. Beam, of Beaver Encampment No. 6, St. Marys, in accordance with his notice of motion of last year presented the following:

"That section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment be amended, by striking out all after the words 'shall consist,' and inserting the following:—of the officers duly elected and installed and those appointed and installed, and of Past Chief Patriarchs who have been duly and regularly elected as Representatives of Encampments, in conformity with this constitution, but none but regularly elected Representatives of Encampments shall have the right to vote

The motion was lost.

M. J. BEAM,
F. KRESS.

Rep. Wettlaufer, from Samaritan Encampment, No. 49, Berlin, in accordance with his notice of motion of the session of 1885, presented the following resolution :

"That Sec. 34 of the Grand Encampment Constitution be amended to read biennial instead of annual sessions."

H. D. WETTLAUFER,
H. W. BALL.

The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result.

Those voting in the affirmative were :

George Mortimore, Alf. Davis, R. J. Faulkner, Jas. Burton, Wm. Burton, H. M. Armstrong, Geo. W. Cowan, N. S. Young, N. A. McKinnon, H. W. Ball, W. H. Trott, Thos. P. Blackwell, W. Jacobs, H. D. Wettlaufer, Wm. Robertson—15 yeas.

Those voting in the negative were :

Alex. A. Murphy, Geo. P. Breen, J. G. Morgan, M. Truesdale, Levi Fisher, M. J. Beam, Hugh Wilkinson, John Bales, A. C. Wilson, H. Urquhart, E. Chatterton, Jas. Edgar, Fred. Doggett, F. W. Wright, Geo. Dennis, R. Law, A. B. Hunt, Jas. Britton, F. W. Wood, Alex. McKenzie, T. D. Fenwick, P. E. Fitzpatrick, Wm. Rudd, B. Willson, Andrew Currie, Henry Robertson, Fred. Kress, S. J. Willcock, W. R. Hickey, Thos. Beeson, L. Atkinson, D. H. Moore, D. P. McDonald, John A. Macdonald, A. Bates, W. L. Burdick, Frank Riddell, John Sinclair, M. D. Dawson, Jos. Oliver, Francis Rae, Abner Fraser, Freeman I. Daniels, Jas. Woodyatt, John Dough, John Gibson—46 nays.

The motion was declared lost.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Rep. John A. Macdonald, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following Report from his Committee, which was adopted :

LONDON, August 10th, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on Correspondence, received by the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, beg leave to report that we have examined the correspondence of the year, but we find nothing of importance to bring before this Grand Body. The correspondence received by the above officers is carefully kept and indexed for the convenience of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
GEO. W. COWAN,
ANDREW CURRIE,
M. TRUESDALE,
GEO. DENNIS,
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PLACE OF MEETING.

Rep. R. Law, of Niagara Falls, No. 23, presented the following resolution :

"That the next meeting of this Grand Encampment be held at Niagara Falls."

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It was moved in amendment that this Grand Encampment meet at the same place as the Grand Lodge selects for its session of 1887.
The amendment was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS,
NO. 2.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted:

LONDON, August 10, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the certificates of P. C. P. J. D. Hamilton and P. C. P. J. Whitechurch, of Charity No. 5, and find them correct.

We therefore recommend them to a seat in your Grand Encampment.

ALFRED DAVIS,
W. L. BURDICK,
N. A. McKINNON,
WM. RUDD.

The degree was ordered to be conferred.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Rep. A. A. Murphy, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

LONDON, ONT., August 10th, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg to submit the following:

We have carefully examined the Clauses of the Grand Patriarch's Report referred to us, and we have found the action of the Chief Patriarch, in all cases, to be highly commendable.

We concur in the Grand Patriarch's recommendation to repeal Clause 7, Constitution of Subordinates.

We also approve of the Grand Patriarch's recommendation in Clauses 4 and 9.

It is pleasing to learn that our Grand Patriarch can report as follows :

"Our Encampments to-day are in a healthier condition than at any time in our history, and the enthusiasm is stronger."

We have examined the Annual Report of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and find that the Clauses referred to us require no special action on the part of this Grand Encampment. We congratulate the Order on the vast improvement effected in its Military Branch, and on the result and increase in interest and membership.

We have perused the elaborate Report of our Grand Representatives, Past G. P. Francis Rae and Past G. P. Joseph Oliver, and consider that they deserve the cordial thanks of this Grand Encampment for the manner in which they have discharged their duties and compiled their excellent report.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted, and that Clause 7, Constitution of Subordinates, be hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. ALLEN MURPHY,
HY. ROBERTSON,
T. P. BLACKWELL,
A. B. HUNT,
L. ATKINSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

J. M. Reynett, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following Report which was adopted:

LONDON, August 10, 1886.

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

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, having carefully examined the distance traveled by the Representatives, recommend that the Representatives, Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers serving on Committees be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way, and three dollars per diem for their attendance at this Session of the Grand Encampment; but that those Representatives and Grand Officers who represent Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge be paid per diem only.

We would also recommend that in future all Representatives be required to furnish the Grand Scribe a full statement (for use of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee) as follows:

- First. Number of miles traveled.
 - Second. Name and number of Encampment.
 - Third. Location. To be on a separate slip and attached to his certificate.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. REYNETT,
W. D. LAWRIE,
L. RICHARDSON,
JOHN MORRISON,
GEO. P. BREEN.

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS,
NO. 3.

Rep. Davis, from Committee on Credentials, presented the following Report which was adopted:

LONDON, AUG. 10th, 1886.

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

We your Committee on Credentials beg to report that we have examined the Certificate of P. C. P. Corey, who has been appointed Representative of Aylmer Encampment, No. 42 in place of G. F. Clark who resigned.

We therefore recommend that he be permitted to take his seat as Representative.

ALFRED DAVIS,
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Representative Henderson, Chairman of Committee on Returns, presented the following Report which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Returns, beg to present the following report :

We have carefully examined the returns of the various Subordinate Encampments, for the terms ending 31st December 1885, and 30th of June 1886, and find them correct, excepting the errors herein stated.

	31st Dec. 1885.	30th June, 1886.
Montreal, No. 1, Montreal....	Correct	Correct.
Union, No. 1, St. Catharines.....	"	"
Frontier, No. 2, Windsor.....	"	"
Harmony, No. 3, London.....	"	"
Brant, No. 4, Brantford.....	"	"
Charity No. 5, Stratford.....	"	"
Beaver, No. 6, St. Mary's, error in No. of members last report, should be 32 instead of 29.....	"	"
Burlington, No. 7, Hamilton, error in No. of members last report, should be 106 instead of 108.....	"	"
Toronto, No. 8, Toronto.....	Correct	"
Brock, No. 9, Brockville.....	"	"
Chatham, No. 10, Chatham.....	"	"
Ontario, No. 11, Oshawa.....	"	"
Albert, No. 12, Bowmanville.....	"	"
Whitby, No. 13, Whitby.....	"	No report.
Fidelity, No. 14, Strathroy.....	"	Correct
Kingston, No. 15, Kingston.....	"	"
Mount Ararat, No. 16, Napanee.....	"	"
Hebron, No. 17, Parkhill.....	"	"
Quinte, No. 19, Belleville; error in No. of members; should be 64 instead of 62.....	"	"
Elgin, No. 20, St. Thomas.....	Correct	"
Unity, No. 21, Ingersoll.....	"	"
Guiding Star, 22, Lindsay.....	"	"
Niagara Falls, No. 23, Niagara Falls.....	"	"
Friendship, No. 24, Petrolia.....	"	"
Victoria, No. 25, Port Hope.....	"	No seal
Alpha, No. 26, Sarnia.....	"	Correct
Huron, No. 28, Goderich.....	"	"
Livingstone, No. 29, Thorold.....	"	"
Wentworth, No. 30, Dundas.....	"	"
Wellington, No. 31, Guelph.....	"	"
Newmarket, No. 32, Newmarket.....	"	"
Exeter, No. 33, Exeter.....	"	No seal
Peel, No. 34, Brampton.....	No report	Correct
Royal No. 36, Hamilton.....	No report	No report
Dresden, No. 37, Dresden.....	Correct	Correct
Adelphian, No. 38, London.....	"	"
Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgeway.....	"	"
Brussels, No. 40, Brussels.....	"	"
Dufferin, No. 41, Point Edward.....	"	"
Aylmer, No. 42, Aylmer.....	"	No report
		No seal

Banner, No. 43, Harrison	No report	No report
Willey, No. 44, Newbury		
Collingwood, No. 45, Collingwood	No seal	Correct
Saugen Valley, No. 46, Walkerton	Correct	
Minerva, No. 47, Wingham		
Owen Sound, No. 48, Owen Sound	error	
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Smartan, No. 49, Berlin	Correct	Correct
Reheboth, No. 50, Toronto		
Bothwell, No. 51, Bothwell		
Ridgely, No. 52, Jarvis	"	"
Outaouais, No. 53, Ottawa	"	"
Mizpah, No. 54, Barrie	"	"
Maple Leaf, No. 55, Woodstock	"	"
Mount Hebron, No. 56, Peterborough	No seal	
Phoenix, No. 57, Wallaceburg	Correct	
Waba, No. 58, Arnprior	Correct	
Moirs, No. 59, Belleville		
Central, No. 60		

Your Committee also beg to report that they have examined the Abstract of Semi-annual Returns, as printed in the Grand Scribe's annual Report, for the year ending 30th of June 1886, which was referred to them by Committee on Distribution, and find the same to correspond correctly with the returns.

Your Committee also wish to reiterate the necessity which has been pointed out time and again, by Committees of this Grand Encampment, for more care and promptitude, in preparing and forwarding the Semi-annual Returns, the neglect of which can only be attributed to the downright carelessness of the Officers whose duty it is to prepare and forward the same.

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved that the forgoing be adopted,

- E. E. HENDERSON,
- R. J. FAULKNER,
- HUGH WILKINSON,
- F. J. WOOD,
- FRED. DOGGETT,
- JAS. BRITTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The Grand Rep. Rae, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report which was adopted:

LONDON, August 10th, 1886.

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

Your Committee on Finance beg most respectfully to present the following report:

We find that the total receipts for the financial year commencing January 1st, and ending December 31st, 1885, was \$1,112.19

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Debit balance at beginning of year	\$ 49.52
Current Expenditure	128.15
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Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1885	\$ 112.00

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

2.—Your Committee also find that the receipts and expenditure for the year 1886, from January 1st, to August 7, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand, January 1st, 1886	\$ 81 52
Receipts to above date	1427 14
Expenditure up to date	\$1508 66
	431 03
Cash Balance on hand now	\$1077 63

3.—Your Committee have had the following accounts laid before them and would recommend payment of the same.

The Grand Patriarch, for stationery, postage, telegrams, letter book and traveling expenses	\$ 55 60
John Mills, stationery	75 75
Alexander Matheson, printing report	10 00
Reid Bros. & Co., stationery	4 85
James Smith, auditor	5 00
E. R. Robinson, auditor	5 00
	\$ 81 20

4.—Your Committee herewith submit the auditors report for the financial year, ending December 31st, 1885.

5.—Your Committee have much pleasure in being able to report the financial position of this Grand Encampment better than at any period during our history, and desire to offer their congratulations on our improved financial strength.

FRANCIS RAE,
 WILLIAM BARTON,
 JAMES G. MORGAN, } Committee
 E. CHATTERTON.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

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

The undersigned appointed to audit the books and the accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, beg to report that we have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and find them correct, and with the gratifying result that the Grand Encampment financially and otherwise, is in a more prosperous and satisfactory condition than it has been since its organization.

You will find annexed hereto a statement of receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities to the end of the term, say December 31st 1885, which must meet with the approbation of this Grand body.

Your auditors have likewise examined the books up to the present time, and find them all correct and satisfactory, forecasting a prosperous future.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JAMES SMITH,
 E. R. ROBINSON. } AUDITORS.

AUDITORS FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
1885.		1885.	
December 31. To Cash Received dues for term.....	\$1329 40	By Amount over paid last term.....	\$ 49 52
" " " Supplies for term.....	53 94	" " By Cash paid for Supplies.....	\$12 75
" " " Charters for term.....	19 00	" " " Sovereign Grand Lodge Supplies 25 00	5 00
" " " To Scrip Received for term.....	13 85	" " " Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	10 00
		" " " Rep. Tax, &c. and Ridgely Memorial Fund.....	52 75
		" " " Mileage and Per Diem.....	145 89
		" " " Grand Patriarch's Account.....	536 15
		" " " Grand Scribe's Salary.....	40 25
		" " " M. D. Dawson & Co., Printing &c.....	250 00
		" " " M. D. Dawson & Co., Printing &c.....	168 25
		" " " Barber & Ellis, Stationery, &c.....	40 00
		" " " Auditors, J. Smith and E.R. Robinson..	2 95
		" " " Postage, &c., Account.....	19 00
		" " " " } \$ 9 55	
		" " " Sundry Expenses, freight, duty, etc....	12 31
		" " " Balance on hand.....	51 36
			53 06
			31 52
	\$1412 19		\$1412 19

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
1885.		1885.	
December 31. AMOUNTS DUE ENCAMPMENTS.		By Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 81 52
To No. 43, Banner.....	\$4 88	" " " Stock on hand as per Inventory.....	247 90
" " No. 44, Willey.....	1 00		
	\$ 6 48		
		AMOUNTS DUE BY ENCAMPMENTS.	
		No. 1. Union Encampment.....	\$ 21 75
		" " " " " " " " " " " "	21 70
		" " " " " " " " " " " "	32 50
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		No. 12, Albert.....	8 50
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No. 12, Albert	8 50
No. 13, Whithy	16 50
No. 14, Kideley	12 00
No. 15, Kingston	19 00
No. 16, M. H. Ararat	4 50
No. 17, Huron	6 25
No. 19, Quinte	14 10
No. 20, Elgin	28 75
No. 21, Unity	12 75
No. 22, Guiding Star	1 75
No. 23, Niagara Falls	11 50
No. 24, Friendship	13 00
No. 25, Victoria	21 30
No. 26, Alpha	4 70
No. 28, Huron	14 25
No. 30, Wainwright	14 90
No. 31, Wellington	8 00
No. 32, Newmarket	11 50
No. 33, Exeter	11 75
Nb. 34, Peel	4 75
No. 36, Royal	9 50
No. 37, Dresden	9 25
No. 38, Acelphian	6 75
No. 40, Excelstor	28 00
No. 41, Brussels	3 36
No. 42, Ayrer	6 00
No. 43, Banner	7 00
No. 45, Collingwood	6 95
No. 46, Saungeen V'y	7 00
No. 47, Minerva	8 25
No. 48, Owen Sound	1 00
No. 49, Samaritan	5 50
No. 50, Rehoboth	6 50
No. 51, Rothwell	13 25
No. 52, Ridgely	6 25
No. 53, Oronois	7 25
No. 54, Miramonds	8 00
No. 55, Maple Leaf	10 75
No. 56, Mt. Hebron	10 00
	11 85
	651 50

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Carried forward.....

No. 9, Ontario 8 70
 No. 10, Chatham 12 75
 No. 11, Ontario 7 25

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion were submitted, and laid upon the table for one year.

By REP. H. D. WETTLAUFER.

I give notice of motion, that at the next session of the Grand Encampment in 1887, the Representative of Sauguen Valley Encampment, No. 46, will move to change or amend Sec. 34 of the Grand Encampment Constitution, by making the sessions of this Grand Encampment biennial instead of annual.

H. D. WETTLAUFER.

By REP. BEAM.

London, August 10th, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment:

I give notice that at the next regular meeting of this Grand Encampment, I will move that Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment be amended, by striking out all after the words "shall consist" and inserting the following: "of the Officers duly elected and installed, and of those appointed and installed, and of the Past Chief Patriarchs who have been duly and regularly elected as Representatives of Encampments, in conformity with this Constitution, but none but regularly elected Representatives of Encampments shall have the right to vote."

That section 7, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, be amended by inserting the word "and" after the word "Degree," and by striking out the words "and to vote on the election of Grand Officers" and by adding: "Past Grand Patriarchs shall be entitled to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment, to propose motions and to speak on motions."

Section 7 as amended will read, every P. C. Patriarch in good standing on presenting a proper certificate from his Encampment, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Encampment Degree, and to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment; Past Grand Patriarchs shall be entitled to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment, to propose motions and speak on motions.

M. J. BEAM.

The Grand Encampment took recess for 30 minutes, to attend the funeral of a deceased member of Forest City Lodge, No. 38.

The Grand Encampment resumed business at 4 30.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time fixed for the Special Order of business, Nomination and Election of Officers having arrived was proceeded with, with the following result:

Past Grand Patriarchs Woodyatt, Gibson and Donogh, were appointed scrutineers.

- FRANK MADDELL, London.....Grand Patriarch.
- JOHN SIMCLAIR, Petrolia.....Grand High Priest.
- ABNER FRASER, Hamilton.....Grand Senior Warden.
- M. D. DAWSON, London.....Grand Scribe.
- EDMUND BELTZ, London.....Grand Treasurer.
- JOHN WELSH.....Grand Representative to the Sov. Grand Lodge.
- D. H. MOORE.....Grand Junior Warden.

The following resolution of thanks was presented, and ordered to be placed upon the record.

On behalf of the deputation of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, we desire to thank this Grand Body for their kindness in suspending its session, for the purpose of attending the funeral of one of its members. This is the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, and this Grand Encampment can rest assured that the London brethren will not soon forget this act of brotherly courtesy.

On behalf of the deputation,

T. G. LOWE.

The Grand Encampment took recess at 6 o'clock, to re-assemble at 7.30.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Patriarch John Welsh presiding.

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

Opened in proper form.

The table of mileage and per diem, was presented by the Chairman of the Committee and adopted as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

London, Aug. 10, 1886.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :

Your Mileage and Per Diem Committee find that the members of the Grand Encampment are entitled to be paid as per following statement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. REYNETT,
JOHN MORRISON.

Resolved that the foregoing be adopted.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT. No.

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TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Montreal	1	Montreal	448	\$ 22 40	\$3 00	\$25 40	Alex. Allen Murphy.
Union	1	St. Catharines	108	5 40	3 00	8 40	Chas. Young.
Frontier	2	Windsor	110	5 50	3 00	8 50	Geo. P. Breen
"	"	"	110	5 50	3 00	8 50	J. G. Morgan.
Harmony	3	London	..	..	3 00	3 00	George Mortimore.
"	"	"	..	..	3 00	3 00	Alfred Davis.
Brant	4	Brantford	54	2 70	3 00	5 70	M. Truesdale.
"	"	"	54	2 70	3 00	5 70	Levi Fisher.
Charity	5	Stratford	..	..	3 00	3 00	John M. Reynett.
Beaver	6	St. Mary's	23	1 15	3 00	4 15	M. J. Beam.
Burlington	7	Hamilton	76	3 80	3 00	6 80	R. J. Faulkner.
"	"	"	76	3 80	3 00	6 80	James Burton.
Toronto	8	Toronto	120	6 00	3 00	9 00	Wm. Burton.
"	"	"	120	6 00	3 00	9 00	H. M. Armstrong.
Breck	9	Brockville	325	16 40	3 00	19 40	Hugh Wilkenson.
Chatham	10	Chatham	65	3 25	3 00	6 25	Geo. W. Cowan.
Ontario	11	Oshawa	155	7 75	3 00	10 75	John Bailes.
Albert	12	Bowmanville	164	8 20	3 00	11 20	N. S. Young.
Whitby	13	Whitby	180	7 50	3 00	10 50	A. C. Wilson.
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	..	..	3 00	3 00	Hector Urquhart.
Kingston	15	Kingston	20	1 00	3 00	4 00	C. Chatterton.
Mount Ararat	16	Napanee	280	14 00	3 00	17 00	Roger Richardson.
Hebron	17	Napanee	255	12 75	3 00	15 75	N. A. McKinnon.
Quinte	18	Parkhill	260	12 60	3 00	15 60	James Edgar.
Elgin	19	Belleville	53	2 60	3 00	5 60	Fred Doggett.
"	"	"	233	11 65	3 00	14 65	Ed. Dallyn.
Unity	20	St. Thomas	15	75	3 00	3 75	George Dennis.
"	"	"	15	75	3 00	3 75	Elias E. Henderson.
Guiding Star	21	Ingersoll	20	1 00	3 00	4 00	Isaac McNiven.
Niagara Falls	22	Lindsay	..	..	3 00	3 00	A. B. Hunt.
Friendship	23	Niagara Falls	119	5 95	3 00	8 95	
"	24	Petrolia	51	2 55	3 00	5 55	

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	GRAND OFFICERS.
Victoria	25	Port Hope	184	9 20	3 00	12 20	James Britton.
Alpha	26	Sarnia	61	3 05	3 00	6 05	F. W. Wood.
Huron	28	Goderich	63	3 15	3 00	6 15	H. W. Ball.
Livingstone	29	Thorold .....	..	..	..	..	Alex. McKenzie.
Wentworth	30	Dundas	70	3 50	3 00	6 50	T. D. Fenwick.
Wellington	31	Guelph	72	3 60	3 00	6 60	W. D. Lawrie.
Newmarket	32	Newmarket	155	7 75	3 00	10 75	W. H. Trott.
Exeter	33	Exeter	31	1 55	3 00	4 55	P. E. Fitzpatrick.
Peel	34	Brampton .....	..	..	..	..	Wm. Knudd.
Royal	36	Hamilton .....	..	..	..	..	W. Jacobs.
Presden	37	Dresden	72	3 60	3 00	6 60	Thos. P. Blackwell.
Adelphian	38	London .....	..	..	..	..	Benj. Willson.
" .....	"	" .....	..	..	..	..	Andrew Currie.
Excelsior	39	Ridgetown	59	2 95	3 00	5 95	R. M. Corey.
Brussels	40	Brussels	87	4 35	3 00	7 35	Henry Robertson.
Dufferin	41	Pt. Edward	86	1 30	3 00	4 30	H. D. Wetthlaifer.
Aylmer	42	Aylmer .....	..	..	..	..	Wm. Robertson.
Banner	43	Harriston .....	..	..	..	..	Fredk. Kress
Wilday	44	Newbury .....	..	..	..	..	S. J. Willcock.
Collingwood	45	Collingwood	187	9 35	3 00	12 35	W. R. Hickey.
Sturgeon Valley	46	Walkerton	96	4 80	3 00	7 80	D. T. Hind.
Minerva	47	Wingham	74	3 70	3 00	6 70	Thos. Beeson.
Owen Sound	48	Owen Sound .....	..	..	..	..	L. Atkinson.
Samartian	49	Berlin	60	3 00	3 00	6 00	John Morrison.
Rehoboth	50	Toronto	120	6 00	3 00	9 00	David H. Moore.
Bothwell	51	Bothwell	42	2 10	3 00	5 10	D. P. McDonald.
Ridgely	52	Jarvis	80	4 00	3 00	7 00	John A. Macdonald.
Ontonaris	53	Ottawa	376	18 80	3 00	21 80	
Mispah	54	Barrie	185	9 25	3 00	12 25	
Maple Leaf	55	Woodstock	29	1 45	3 00	4 45	

Mount Hebron	56	Peterborough	214	10 70	3 00	13 70	David H. Moore.
Phoenix	57	Wallaceburg	88	4 40	3 00	7 40	D. P. McDonald.
Waka	58	Arnprior .....	..	..	..	..	John A. Macdonald.
Moira	59	Bellefleur .....	..	..	..	..
Central	60	..	233	11 65	3 00	3 00	

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Patriarch John Walsh, then proceeded to instal the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year, in the following order viz :

FRANK RIDDELL, London.....	Grand Patriarch.
JOHN SINCLAIR, Petrolia.....	Grand High Priest
ABNER FRASER, Hamilton.....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London.....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ, London.....	Grand Treasurer
DAVID H. MOORE, Peterborough.....	Grand Junior Warden
W. WRIGHT, St. Thomas.....	Grand Sentinel
W. ROBINSON, Wingham.....	Grand Outside Sentinel
JOHN A. MACDONALD, Arnprior.....	Grand Marshal

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS. No. 4.

Rep. Davis, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following Report which was adopted :

London, August 10, 1886.

We your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the Certificates of P. C. P., S. Perry and John Isaacs, of Harmony Encampment London, also of P. C. P., W. F. Brockendine, of Minerva Encampment, No. 47, and find them correct.

We therefore recommend them to be permitted to take their seats in this Grand Body.

ALFRED DAVIS,
W. L. BURDICK,
WM RUDD.

Past Grand Patriarch Jos. Oliver, presented the following resolution which was adopted :

That the thanks of this Grand Encampment, are due, and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Patriarch John Walsh, for his able and efficient conduct during his term of office.

JOS. OLIVER,
F. RAE.

Past Grand Representative Rae, presented the following resolution which was adopted :

That the thanks of this Grand Encampment, are due, and are hereby tendered to the Odd Fellows of London, for the use of this beautiful hall for this session, also for the many courtesies received from the brotherhood while in London.

F. RAE,
JOHN GIBSON.

The Grand Scribe presented the following resolution which was adopted :

That Per Diem allowance of \$3 00 be granted from the funds of this Grand Encampment, to the janitor, Bro. John Mitchell, for his attendance at this session.

M. D. DAWSON,
JNO. DONOGH.

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EXEMPLIFICATION OF SECRET WORK.

Grand Representative Oliver exemplified the unwritten work of the Order.
The Grand Encampment closed at 8.30 with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON,

GRAND SCRIBE.

ATTEST.



SUSPENSIONS.

FRONTIER ENC., No. 2, WINDSOR :—John Brown, J. A. Hicks, S. F. Kordes, Charles Lyons, A. H. Henderson and Jas. Irwin, jr., for non-payment of dues.

HARMONY ENC., No. 3, LONDON :—Robt. Seaton, Fred. Wilmot, Robt. Summers, Jas. Hilton, H. S. Reed, Wm. Gerry, Geo. Dayton and J. W. Joanes, for non-payment of dues.

BRANT ENC., No. 4, BRANTFORD :—R. Brown, R. J. Emery and John Halley, for non-payment of dues.

CHARITY ENC., No. 5, STRATFORD :—James Wilson, for non-payment of dues.

BEAVER ENC., No. 6, ST. MARYS :—J. S. Cathcart, Wm. Oddy, John Brooks, Wm. Muir, Jos. Mills, W. Morsehead, Wm. Box, Wm. Moody, Geo. Wilson, G. White, C. F. Morrow, E. E. Cliff, Wm. Donald, Jas. McMillan, Wm. Miller, F. H. Dunbar, Jos. Oddy, W. O. Moscrip, Jas. Blundel, R. Ballantyne Jno. McLaren, Jas. Watson, Robt. Steele, Jas. Dusty, C. P. Smith, L. Brick, Ed. Dusty, D. Dewar, Jas. Mair, L. Pursel, L. D. Stanley, Jas. Davidson, W. E. Langford and Robt. Henderson, for non-payment of dues.

BURLINGTON ENC., No. 7, HAMILTON :—Jno. E. Tuckett, T. B. Armstrong, Robt. Britton, Jas. Ryerson, J. C. White, Jno. Allan and M. Ten Eyck, for non-payment of dues.

TORONTO ENC., No. 8, TORONTO :—T. Smith, Wm. Clarke, Geo. Digby, P. T. Lee, Wm. Lowesborough, F. Nettleton, Saml. Dodds, A. Morton, Geo. Crestock, C. W. Rupp, Jas. Hines, A. A. Stinson, for non-payment of dues.

BROCK ENC., No. 9, BROCKVILLE :—A. S. Manhard and J. T. White, for non-payment of dues.

CHATHAM ENC., No. 10, CHATHAM :—Robt. Coyle, for non-payment of dues.

WHITBY ENC., No. 13, WHITBY :—T. Huston and G. T. Hall, for non-payment of dues.

KINGSTON ENC., No. 15, KINGSTON :—Geo. Brand and J. Elmer, for non-payment of dues.

MT. ARARAT ENC., No. 16, NAPANEE :—Peter Dorey, Jos. J. Martin, Wm. N. Hosey, Robt. J. Perry and Robt. Anderson, for non-payment of dues.

HEBRON ENC., No. 17, PARKHILL :—S. Burnell, for non-payment of dues.

ELGIN ENC., No. 20, ST. THOMAS :—Robt. Bates, for non-payment of dues.

GUIDING STAR ENC., No. 22, LINDSAY :—Edward Jones, Saml. Kivell, Eugene R. Eddy and John Batting, for non-payment of dues.

NIAGARA FALLS, ENC., No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS :—C. Lacey, R. C. Gurvin and A. Spencer, for non-payment of dues.

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FRIENDSHIP ENC., No. 24, PETROLIA:—Andrew Lawrie, Chas. Blythe, Robt. Paul, Alex. Carter and A. H. McKenzie, for non-payment of dues.

VICTORIA ENC., No. 25, PORT HOPE:—Geo. Hausman and Jno. Sawers, for non-payment of dues.

ALPHA ENC., No. 26, SARNIA:—H. Peyton and W. J. Thomas, for non-payment of dues.

WENTWORTH ENC., No. 30, DUNDAS:—A. Carman, W. B. Williams, A. Chapman, Jas. Orr and John Dunn, for non-payment of dues.

WELLINGTON ENC., No. 31, GUELPH:—S. Fitzsimmons, Jno. Henderson, Wm. Taylor, Thos. James, Geo. Beck, Robt. Henderson, Jacob Barder, H. E. Richardson, J. F. Thackery, C. S. Walker and R. Gemmell for non-payment of dues.

DRESDEN ENC., No. 37, DRESDEN:—Chas. Bradden, N. Wheelihan, G. Dowsell, S. Bentley, B. Trevice, G. Phoenix, J. Ferguson, C. Crookman, S. Sturgess and J. Dale, for non-payment of dues.

ADELPHIAN ENC., No. 38, LONDON:—Albert Deans, John Johnston, R. D. A. Helleir, W. Minhinnick, H. Wheeler, D. S. Tuttle, A. Santo and Wellington Panton, jr., for non-payment of dues.

AYLMER ENC., No. 42, AYLMEER:—Geo. Nennede, G. J. Sanders, W. Monteith, C. Sinclair and Jas. Edgecomb, for non-payment of dues.

COLLINGWOOD ENC., No. 45, COLLINGWOOD:—Robt. Jordan, D. M. Best, W. S. Prior, Jas. Fayon, Geo. E. McRae and John H. Duncan, for non-payment of dues.

MINERVA ENC., No. 47, WINGHAM:—H. A. Black and W. McGregor, for non-payment of dues; D. McCormack, because he has been suspended in Subordinate Lodge for one year.

SAMARITAN ENC., No. 49, BERLIN:—Wm. Ryder, for non-payment of dues.

RIDGELY, ENC., No. 52, JARVIS:—Jos. Tierney, for non-payment of dues.

OUTAOUAIS ENC., No. 53, OTTAWA:—M. M. Pyke, for non-payment of dues.

MIZPAH ENC., No. 54, BARRIE:—Thos. Duff, Dr. Watson and N. N. Hogg, for non-payment of dues.

MAPLE LEAF ENC., No. 55, WOODSTOCK:—John Coventry, for non-payment of dues.

REINSTATEMENTS.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, MONTREAL—A. McGregor.

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR—Walter Shorland, A. L. McCrae, J. H. Butler, M. Johnston, J. A. Stone, and Jas. Brion.

TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO—F. W. Unitt.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS—Jno. Murray, Wm. Nichols, and A. F. Prewster.

ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, SARNIA—Wm. Thomas.

ROYAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 36, HAMILTON—Alex. Stewart.

RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS—C. W. Yocom.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

-OF THE-

Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F.,

-OF THE-

Province of Ontario, for 1886 and 1887.

FRANK RIDDELL.....	GRAND PATRIARCH.....	London
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.....	Petrolia
ABNER FRASER.....	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....	Hamilton
M. D. DAWSON.....	GRAND SCRIBE.....	London
EDMUND BELTZ.....	GRAND TREASURER.....	London
JOS. OLIVER.....	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.....	Toronto
JOHN WELSH.....	“ “.....	Stratford
D. H. MOORE.....	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.....	Peterborough
JOHN A. MACDONALD.....	GRAND MARSHAL.....	Amprior
W. WRIGHT.....	GRAND SENTINEL.....	St. Thomas
W. ROBINSON.....	GRAND O. SENTINEL.....	Wingham

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

JAMES WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1869-1870
S. G. DOLSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1870-1871
HENRY McAFEE.....	Walkerville.....	1871-1872
ADAM PURVES.....	St. Catharines.....	1872-1873
JOHN HAM PERRY.....	Whitby.....	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON.....	Stratford.....	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1875-1876
W. H. COLE.....	Brockville.....	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON.....	London.....	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS.....	Hamilton.....	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH.....	Toronto.....	1880-1881
FRANCIS RAE.....	Oshawa.....	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON.....	Kingston.....	1882-1883
HECTOR URQUHART.....	Strathroy.....	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER.....	Toronto.....	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH.....	Stratford.....	1885-1886

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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge herewith submit the following report of the proceedings of the session held in Boston, commencing Monday, Sept. 20th:

The Sixty-second Annual Communication assembled in Odd Fellows Temple on Tremont Street, Grand Sire Henry F. Garey presiding.

There were present Representatives from all the jurisdictions except Arizona, British Columbia, Chile, Denmark, Switzerland, and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

The Grand Sire and Grand Secretary presented their annual reports, from which we take the following extracts:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

REPRESENTATIVES.—Twenty-two years have passed since our predecessors met in Massachusetts. The nation was then enveloped in the clouds of civil war, and half the States in the Union were rearing with the clash of arms. The Committee on Seats had drawn the full number required for all the Representatives, but twenty-seven of them were vacant, because ten jurisdictions were struggling with adversity south of the Potomac. But Peace ruled our councils and Fraternity presided at that meeting. Each vacant chair, as at former sessions, was jealously guarded as a symbol of a living Brother, and no action was taken without reference to the known wishes of the distant Brotherhood. In that day of intolerance the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was the only popular body that led in opening up an era of national toleration. The good work was consummated at the next session, in Baltimore (1865), when the Southern Representatives left their impoverished homes, passed over the still reeking battle-fields and took their hitherto vacant seats amidst the tears and shouts of their expectant Brethren. This was the first link in a new and more perfect union, a three-fold link which never can be broken—Friendship, Love and Truth.

Since we last met in this city this Congress of Odd Fellowship has made the circuit of the continent. It has assembled at Baltimore, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, Toronto, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Atlanta, Philadelphia, New York and Providence, and now, after twenty-two years, again in Boston.

In 1864 we had less than 10,000 members in New England and the Lower Provinces of Canada. In the same territory we now find 65,000 Odd Fellows, a seven-fold increase. Massachusetts, the eastern citadel and bulwark of the Order, has led the movement. With less than 5,000 members in 1864, it now numbers in all about 32,000. In the same territory in 1864 the total relief paid was less than \$32,000, against about \$247,000 during the past year. In 1864 the total revenue was \$62,000, which in 1886 has grown to about \$613,000. Such are the fruits of the tree planted here by Wildey, a seed dropped by the wayside and preserved and fostered for other generations by the labors and sacrifices of our New England Brethren.

The Order in general has shared this prosperity. In 1864 we numbered in the whole world, so far as reported, but 137,623 members, 39 Grand Lodges, 29 Grand Encampments, 2,118 Lodges, 466 Encampments, and our total revenue was but \$1,161,828.65. To-day we have 517,310 members, 54 Grand Lodges, 44 Grand Encampments, 7,956 Lodges, 1,947 Encampments, and a total revenue, in 1885, of \$5,309,688.77. We had then but one foreign jurisdiction. Twenty-two years ago the Order existed in only one foreign country—the Sandwich Islands—while to-day we find the Odd Fellowship of 1819 flourishing in the Grand Jurisdictions of Australasia and Germany, in the Sandwich

Islands, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Chile, Peru, Mexico and Cuba, and people of other countries evince an ardent desire for the establishment of Lodges of our Order among them.

GENERAL FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The depressed condition of both labor and capital, referred to in my last report, still continues. In fact, the financial troubles which have been brooding over the country have found no remedy. Our cities are overcrowded with non-producers, and the husbandman is pushed aside and impoverished by a hardy and unfriendly immigration. Among the masses there is too much mental strain and too little manual industry. Gamblers in stocks, money, and in the products of the toiler, have jeopardized the sources of the prosperity of the people. There is unrest everywhere. Living was never so cheap, and money, among the many, never so scarce. But one sign of the times is propitious. Honest and manly labor obtains better wages and the everlasting truth asserts itself, that "The laborer is worthy of his hire." In the midst of all this, Odd Fellowship is surely and steadily advancing, and its financial prosperity is one of the wonders of the day. As Peter's pence is one of the golden supports of Rome, so weekly dues compose the granite fountain of living waters that fertilize the vast domains of Odd Fellowship. This noble stream rolls on in increasing volume, scattering blessings through all the homes and hamlets of our vast jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot close without adverting to the duties performed by my associate Grand Officers, who, one and all, have been prompt, efficient and zealous in the discharge of their duties. The well-known business habits and financial ability of the Grand Treasurer have left nothing more to be desired in that department. As to the Grand Secretary, his record for activity, intelligence and despatch are matters of history. His services to me are gratefully remembered, and have gone far toward lightening the burdens of my office. Few know the Order so well. The labors of his place are arduous and unceasing, and have been performed with untiring energy.

This, Representatives, closes my account for the last year of my term. I have sought to enforce your laws and uphold your Sovereign authority. I will retire from this chair with no backward step taken in the progress of the Order—no stain upon her royal banner; with peace within her borders and prosperity in her Lodges and Encampments.

HENRY F. GAREY, Grand Sir.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The following extracts from the Grand Secretary's report will show the progress the Order is making throughout the several jurisdictions:

The information received from the several jurisdictions, embodied in the annual reports, and in letters received from Grand Officers, indicates less progress in 1885 than in any year since 1879, when a loss of 1,508 members was reported, yet there appears to be a hopeful feeling existing with many of the numerous correspondents, who, as will be seen by the extracts from their communications, fully explain the situation in the several States, Territories and Provinces. While it is possible that the anticipations of our zealous Brethren that the present will be a prosperous year for the Order may be realized, it would be idle to undertake to conceal the fears existing with a large portion of the membership that the unprecedented labor troubles that have occurred in the year 1886, in nearly every State and Territory in the United States and in the Provinces of Canada, will have a deleterious effect upon all benevolent and beneficial organizations, and Odd Fellowship will suffer, with kindred associations, a serious loss of members who find it impossible, with the limited

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The following extracts from letters of Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and D. D. Grand Sires are respectfully submitted :

ALABAMA—The gain in Lodge membership during the year 1885, as shown in the report of the Grand Lodge received from Bro. William A. Shields, Grand Secretary, on the 22nd of May, was 85, and in a letter received recently, Bro. Shields wrote :

"The Order in this State is slowly but surely improving. The increase in membership is principally in the mining districts, and in the northern part of the State, but the character of the accessions is such as to insure stability and permanency to the growth."

The report of the Grand Encampment, received May 12th, from Bro. Lee R. McKee, Grand Scribe, exhibits an increase of 5 in membership.

ALBERTA, CANADA—Alberta Lodge, No. 1, instituted December 26th, 1884, reported 41 members December 31st, 1885, and a satisfactory financial exhibit is presented.

ARIZONA—The Grand Secretary, Bro. N. A. Morford, did not supply any special information with the report of the Grand Lodge, received March 31st, but the return shows a loss of 4 members.

The report of Granite Encampment, No. 1, received from Bro. M. T. Herzog, D. D. Grand Sire, exhibits a membership of 27, a gain of 2.

ARKANSAS—With the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 54 members, received May 31st, Bro. Albert Cohen, Grand Secretary, wrote :

"While we show a small decrease in membership during the year, yet I am glad to say that it is fully compensated by the additions in the present year. The Order is in a healthy condition, and with an increased immigration to our State a brighter future is in store for it."

The report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a gain of eight members, was received May 20th, from Bro. Peter Brugman, Grand Scribe, who wrote :

"A slight improvement awakens hope."

ASSINIBOIA, CANADA—There are two Lodges in this district of the N. W. territory of Canada, which have been placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Bro. J. P. Young, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 8th of May wrote :

"I enclose you my commission and report of the institution of Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, on May 6th. The Lodge starts with bright prospects, as it is in a thriving little town on the Canadian Pacific Railroad. We initiated and conferred the degrees on 10 and admitted 2 by card, giving the Lodge a membership of 18 to commence with."

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA—Bro. Frederick Davey, Grand Secretary, in transmitting the report of the Grand Lodge, which came to hand March 26th, wrote as follows :

"You will perceive that the year has been one of success, our membership having increased 68, which is very creditable, I think, for a jurisdiction of our size. The prospects for the future are very hopeful and encouraging; our population is increasing and becoming more stationary, and the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway will undoubtedly give this Province greater prominence and furnish increased facilities for reaching it, so that we anticipate a large immigration shortly, and it is not unreasonable to expect that the number of Odd Fellows will increase in the same proportion as the population. We have received inquiries from several settlements respecting the steps to be taken to institute Lodges, and are sanguine that the time is not far distant when a representative of British Columbia will be present in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Order."

"With reference to the proclamation of the Grand Sire, respecting the Patriarchal Circle, I beg to state that we are not afflicted with that heresy in this jurisdiction, but that steps have been taken to give Subordinate Lodges

due notice of the legislation at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which, I trust, will have the effect of healing the breach and stamping out this illegal organization."

There are now 4 Encampments in this jurisdiction, Nanaimo, No. 4, having been instituted since the last session. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 have been transferred to the Grand Encampment of Oregon, and No. 3 has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Washington. From the information received, it is believed that all are in good condition.

CALIFORNIA—In the absence of special information, we refer to the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, which were received June 23rd, from Bro. W. B. Lyon, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and find a gain of 631 in the Lodge and 223 in the Encampment membership.

COLORADO—Bro. J. M. Norman, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in forwarding the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, which were received March 30th, submitted the following:

"A close examination of the Grand Lodge report will exhibit an increase in membership of 200, notwithstanding an error of 43 crept into the report of 1884. This increase, with the close times upon us, is quite satisfactory, when so many other and older jurisdictions are hardly holding their own.

"Odd Fellowship, as practiced here, beneath the shadow of the mighty Rocky Range, is what our forefathers intended it should be. With a membership of 3,333 we have expended for the purpose of relief the sum of \$13,302 and yet the invested funds of the Lodges have increased nearly \$8,000 during the year.

"While the increase in the Encampment branch is only 33, not what we expected, yet, at the same time, taking all things into consideration, we are satisfied. The general depression in all branches of business which pervades our country has been felt in Colorado. But peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction, and we are to-day in a better condition to fulfill our duties to the Order than ever before."

CONNECTICUT—The report of the Grand Encampment was received February 17th, and the Grand Lodge March 19th. Bro. Frederick Botsford, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, thus advised:

"Our Grand Encampment report will show an increase of 146 in membership, and a slight gain in funds. Our advance is slow, but, in my opinion, very sure. Some good work has been done during the past year toward strengthening our weaker Encampments, and with good results.

"This is my seventeenth annual report of the Grand Lodge, and, like each of its predecessors, it shows a gain in membership (257 for the last year) and an increase in amount of invested funds of Subordinates. During these seventeen years the membership has more than quadrupled, with a corresponding improvement in all that goes to make up a strong, energetic and enthusiastic Brotherhood. Never, in the history of the Order in this State, has its condition been better than at the present time, or its future more promising. This is due, in a large measure, to the energetic and systematic labors of our Grand Master, cordially supported by his associate Grand Officers and an efficient corps of District Deputies working under a new system—'Excelsior.'

"The report of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah (received June 16th) is late, but not my fault, as I have just received the two last returns of Lodges ordered by the Grand Lodge under penalty of suspension. The report shows a slight gain, which must be credited to one-third of the Lodges, the other two-thirds having hardly held their own."

On the 17th of August Bro. Botsford wrote:

"Have figured returns for six months and find net gain 402. We are to reinstate an old Lodge on the 26th, which will give us 40 or 50 additional members for this term, and we have only 213 more to obtain to show a membership of 10,000 in our next report."

DAKOTA—On the 23rd of April the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand

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Encampment were received from Bro. Ralph R. Briggs, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and exhibit gains of 470 in the Lodge and 39 in the Encampment membership.

DELAWARE—With the report of the Grand Lodge, which came to hand January 26th, Bro Isaac W. Hallam, Grand Secretary, wrote as follows:

"The statistics for the year present no pleasant items upon which to dilate. As usual, the suspensions for non-payment of dues largely overbalance the additions to the number reported last term. The net loss in membership is 97. The receipts have failed to meet the expenses, leaving a deficiency of about \$60. Included in the total for burying the dead, I report \$1,189 paid upon the decease of the wives of Brothers, of which there were 30 during the year. This is an important item in Lodge expenses, but I see no proper place upon the forms issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for recording it."

Bro. Edwin Hurst, Grand Scribe, in sending the report of the Grand Encampment, May 11th, advised:

"The effect of the continued hard times on our beloved Order is apparent on every side, and I very much fear that a further falling off in our membership will take place before we shall be able to report much improvement in our condition. It will be noticed that, while our numerical strength is decreased by 8, our relief account and our annual receipts have not varied very much. We hope for the best, and that the struggles which are now so much agitating our whole country may soon be amicably and peacefully settled, and be succeeded by such a degree of harmony and prosperity as shall be a benefit to all mankind."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting an increase of 51 in membership, was received April 8th, from Bro. P. Hall Sweet, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"It gratifies me to report a perceptible improvement, numerically and financially, in the Lodges of this jurisdiction for the year ending December 31st, 1885."

Bro. Joseph Burroughs, Grand Scribe, forwarded the report of the Grand Encampment, April 8th, and wrote:

"It will be observed that the gain in membership is 21, which, though small, is exactly the same as that of last year, about five per cent. It would have been larger but for the increased ratio of loss from suspensions and deaths."

FLORIDA—The report of the Grand Lodge, received May 6th, from Bro. W. M. McIntosh, Jr., Grand Secretary, shows a gain of 90 in membership. He also, as Grand Scribe, transmitted the report of the Grand Encampment, received May 22nd, which exhibits a loss of 4.

GEORGIA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 26th, from Bro. John G. Deitz, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I am sorry that I cannot make a better showing. The reports show an increase of 46 in membership in Lodges, and a decrease of 33 in the Encampment Branch, which, I sincerely trust, may improve. We have averaged for the past three or four years about the same number, fluctuating from year to year. We exhibit a gain in the number of Lodges, but it is in country places where there is not much material for increase of membership. We have in Georgia one Canton of Patriarchs Militant, which is prospering, and there is a probability of another soon. There have been issued, since January, two charters for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, but it seems we cannot sustain such organizations for any length of time in this jurisdiction."

IDAHO—Bro Herman Krause, Grand Secretary, in sending the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 119 members, which came to hand April 29th, advised as follows:

"On January 29th, 1886, Bingham Lodge, No. 14, was instituted with 11 Charter members: 4 were admitted by Card, and 10 initiated. January, 6th, Deborah Degree Lodge, No. 3, Daughters of Rebekah, was instituted, with 19

Brothers and 14 Sisters, Charter members. March 29th, I instituted Orient Lodge, No. 15, with 7 Charter members, and there were 8 initiated. We have promised that more Lodges will be organized this year, and congratulate ourselves on the prosperity of the Order in the territory of Idaho. The Sixty-seventh Anniversary will be observed throughout our jurisdiction."

Recent advices states that there are now 16 Lodges in Idaho, an increase of 6 during the year.

A loss of 4 members is shown in the report of Idaho Encampment, No. 1. Bro. Samuel Beck, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of July 20th, stated:

"Idaho Encampment is in good working order, though we have no increase or decrease in membership to report. Times are hard and money scarce. Many of our Brethren in the Subordinate Lodges would like to join the Encampment, but cannot afford the expense at present."

ILLINOIS—With the report of the Grand Encampment, received April 28th, Bro. J. C. Smith, Grand Scribe, submitted the following:

"You will observe that the net loss for the year is 279, and I very much fear that it will be greater for the year 1886. The cause, or causes, for this falling off, I stated in my report to the Grand Encampment last November. The past year has been one of fair prosperity in business and commercial circles, but not to our Patriarchal Order. The reasons for the loss in membership, it were well to discover, or try to explain. Suspension for non-payment of dues is the apparent principal cause of the decrease; the greater part of suspensions have no doubt been brought about by reason of the removal of many members from our State. It is a well-known fact that thousands of our young and middle-aged men have removed into the Western States and Territories, many of whom were among our most active members. A few would take Withdrawal Cards, but as all were going into the farther West, and to make new homes, needing all the money they were possessed of, or could command, they were unable to pay Lodge and Encampment dues in advance, therefore became in arrears and suffered suspension. This is particularly true of the membership in small towns and country districts; so much so, that to my personal knowledge many Encampments are left with scarcely more than a quorum. There are other causes which have led to this loss in membership, among the most important of which it were well to consider, and ask if the frequent changes in our Rituals and Degrees have not been the principal."

The Grand Lodge report, received May 8th, from Bro. N. C. Nason, Grand Secretary, was not accompanied by any remarks. A loss of 749 members is noted.

INDIANA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 24th, from Bro. B. F. Foster, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will see that we have suffered a net loss of 455 in Lodge and 101 in Encampment membership, while in the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah there has been quite a gain. Since the beginning of the present term there has been great activity in our Lodges and Encampments, and a revival of the old-time interest in the work of the Order. From information received from Secretaries and Scribes, we have reason to believe that the present year will be one of great prosperity to our Order in all its branches, unless some unforeseen contingencies arise. We hope to give, in our next annual report, a record of which every Odd Fellow in our jurisdiction will have cause to be proud."

On the 28th of July, Bro. Foster wrote:

"From the reports received at this office for the six months ending June 30th, 1886, I think I am safe in saying that our net gain in membership will not fall below 600 in the Subordinate Lodges. This, when it is considered that we had a net loss the preceding six months of nearly 400, shows a very satisfactory condition of the Order in our jurisdiction. There will be a gain also in the Encampment Branch."

INDIAN TERRITORY—Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, (taking the number of Erin Springs, defunct), was instituted June 28th, 1886, and there are now 5 Lodges and 2 Encampments in this jurisdiction.

Bro. J. R. Harris, D. D. Grand Sire, advises :

"In addition to the gratifying increase in membership, as shown in the report, I am glad to say there has been a great improvement in everything pertaining to Odd Fellowship in this Territory during the past year. There is a good prospect for organizing a Lodge at South Canadian, in the Choctaw Nation."

The returns show a gain of 37 in Lodge and 36 in Encampment membership.

Iowa—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampments were received May 10th, with the following from Bro. William Garrett, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe :

"Two Lodges and 4 Encampments have failed to report. You see we gained 6 Lodges in 1885, but lost 439 members, 283 caused by errors in former reports; therefore, the actual loss was only 156. But this year (1886) I anticipate a gain, for all is quiet within the fold and all working harmonious. The health was not quite so good in 1885 as in 1884, and we paid out \$1,500 more for relief of Brothers, but our total relief is \$1,200 less; our annual receipts were \$4,000 less; expenses about the same. Our gain in moneys at interest and in real estate was \$11,000. You will notice that the number of deaths, in a membership of nearly 22,000, was 144, which is only 6½ to the 1,000.

"Our gain was two Encampments in 1885, but a loss of 199 members—49 on account of error—so the actual loss was 150. We think we will gain 100 this year, as all is now quiet. Gain in receipts about \$1,500; not so many Patriarchs died (28 this year, 32 last year); expenses not so much by \$300, and gain in investments, \$1,600. You can report the Order in Iowa as in a good, sound condition, numerically and financially."

In letter of July 12th, Bro. Garrett wrote :

"I send you the report for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and you will see we made a gain in membership of 311 Brothers and 312 Sisters, also, a gain in assets of \$411.09. We were enabled in 1884 to get more reports from Subordinates than in 1885. All have reported but 10, and about 6 of the 10 are dead. Will get their Charters, books, etc., in July."

KANSAS—On the 21st of May, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Kansas were received from Bro. Samuel F. Burdett, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and gains of 1,008 in Lodge and 264 in Encampment membership are noted.

KENTUCKY—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 3rd, from Bro. William White, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following :

"Owing to the pruning operation and process last year, we show a slight falling off in Lodge membership. We have been carrying, for a number of years, barren and unfruitful branches, having the name of living whilst actually dead. They have been cut off by recalling their Charters, thus causing the loss in Subordinates and membership, shown in the Grand Lodge report. Otherwise a good increase would have appeared. Though the parent stems have been stripped of the most of their barren and dead branches, the pruning was not thorough and complete, as some few sickly branches still remain. Our Lodges and Encampments are more healthy and vigorous, and give promise of increase in the future. The Grand Lodge has sustained a loss of 10 Subordinates, 6 by surrender of Charter and 4 by consolidation. The loss in membership is 2, whilst a slight increase in revenue, relief, benevolence and charity will be seen. The interest and spirit of the Order have not in the least abated, but are evidently upon the grade of improvement. The Grand Encampment has lost 10 Subordinates by forfeiture of Charter, but has gained in membership 50, to which add the membership of the defunct Encampments, 209, and an increase of 259 would have appeared. An increase in revenue, relief, bene-

volence and charity will also be seen in this branch as in the other, with no abatement of interest and spirit, but, as in the case of the Lodge department, an onward and upward course,

"With regard to the Degree of Rebekah, I have to say pretty much as I said in my last report, there is quite an interest in some of the Lodges and they are doing well, but the majority are dormant and without life. A slight gain is apparent in the membership and Work, as exhibited in the few reports received. The interest and tendency for good seems to be upward, and the future of the Order in all its branches is full of hope and promise."

LOUISIANA—On the 6th of April the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. James Furneaux, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will perceive that our Order has been very much depressed, of late, in our State, but I am gratified in being able to say that a reaction seems to be now taking place, with a good prospect of being able to report, at the close of the present year, a large increase in membership, and the prosperity of our Order in Louisiana.

"The Grand Encampment return is not, in itself, very encouraging, but we hope to realize an improvement during the present year."

The returns show a loss of 68 Lodge and 17 Encampment members.

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA—The Grand Lodge report, showing a loss of 114 members, was received May 29th, from Bro. J. C. P. Frazee, Grand Secretary.

The 5 Encampments exhibit a net loss of 5. Bro. Andre Cushing, D. D. Grand Sire, promptly forwarded the returns, but did not furnish special information as to the condition of the Bodies.

MAINE—On the 4th of February, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"Notwithstanding the general depression of business throughout our State, I am able to report that Odd Fellowship still continues to advance in numbers, finances and influence. Our report shows 110 Lodges, a gain of 5; a membership of 15,220, a net gain of 564 during the year. Total amount paid for relief, \$47,020.51; annual receipts, \$109,274.47."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received March 11, from Bro. N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will see that we have gained 2 Encampments and 154 members. The prospect ahead is encouraging."

MANITOBA, CANADA—Bro. James D. Conklin, Grand Secretary, in sending the report of the Grand Lodge, which was received February 2nd, wrote:

"While my anticipations of one year ago have not been fully realized, this report shows that our Order in this jurisdiction has made substantial progress during the year. While the number of Lodges remains the same, we have increased 92 in membership and \$4,701.73 in funds, or 15 per cent, and 40 per cent, respectively. The outlook for 1886 is good. An application for a Charter for one new Lodge is in my hands, and there are more to follow soon. We have no burning questions of a local character to agitate the Lodges, consequently the members are left free to work for the promotion of the Order along the old lines of Fraternity and Brotherly Love. We hope that your reports from other jurisdictions are of an encouraging nature."

The 3 Encampments in the Province are under the charge of Bro. J. P. Young, D. D. Grand Sire, and the returns show a net increase of 24 members.

MARYLAND—On the 10th of March the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 311 members, and the report of the Grand Encampment, showing a loss of 63 members, were received from Bro. John M. Jones, Grand Secretary, who thus advised:

"While we have suffered a loss during the year, yet it is not so much as in previous years, and, judging from the activity that now prevails in both branches of our noble Order, I am inclined to think that the report, when made

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for the present year, will show a considerable increase. Although we have lost in membership, we have instituted two new Lodges during the past year. I trust this state of things will continue until every town, village and hamlet of our State can boast of an Odd Fellows' Lodge."

MASSACHUSETTS.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 8th from Bro. Charles D. Cole, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will see by the returns from this jurisdiction that Odd Fellowship is still on the advance. We have, during the past year, done even better than could have been expected, and now stand equal to any jurisdiction, having made a gain of 3 Subordinates and a net gain in membership of 1,103, and paid out for benefits and other charitable purposes \$104,498.60, while the receipts have been \$272,877.71.

"The Encampment Branch has also done well, having made a gain of 3 Encampments and 339 members. Have paid out over \$10,000 in benefits, and their receipts have been \$38,178.60. The prospects for both Lodges and Encampments for the present year are very flattering.

"The Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah have never done better than during the past year. There has been a gain of 6 Lodges and 788 in membership."

MICHIGAN.—Bro. E. H. Whitney, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in forwarding the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, wrote as follows:

"On examination you will find we still continue our past records of progress and prosperity, showing an increase of 41 in Lodge and 21 in Encampment membership, as well as additions to the list of Lodges, Subordinate and Rebekah, and Subordinate Encampments.

"The Degree of Patriarchs Militant has transformed many comparatively idlers in the Camp to zealous Chevaliers, who will in turn arouse a kindred sentiment among their former comrades and Patriarchs, and speedily bring out a grand army of faithful followers of the banner inscribed with the inspiring motto, 'Universal Justice.' We shall hold the fort against all who may assail it."

MINNESOTA.—The report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a gain of 145 members, was received May 8th, from Bro. J. Fletcher Williams, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The figures of our report show that we are steadily gaining. Under all the circumstances, we have good reason to be satisfied. The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge last session, in regard to the Patriarchs holding membership in another Order, caused some opposition from members of several Camps, one of which has surrendered its Charter, and two more are in a very doubtful state. We hope that, ere long, the present discouragement will pass away, and all re-unite with new enthusiasm and harmony under the Patriarchal tent."

Bro. Sherwood Hough, Grand Secretary, in forwarding the report of the Grand Lodge (exhibiting a gain of 197 members), which came to hand May 14th, wrote as follows:

"You will notice that we have made a small gain in membership, and a considerable gain in new Lodges, 11 having been instituted during the year. The new Lodges are mostly planted in young, growing towns that will bring forth abundant fruit in the near future. The disturbing element in our Order, the Patriarchal Circle, has been pretty thoroughly eradicated without any serious damage to our prosperity."

"MISSISSIPPI.—On account of the serious illness of Bro. James T. McCowan, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment did not reach this office until July 15th. We note a loss of 235 in Lodge and a gain of 32 in Encampment membership.

Bro. McCowan, advised as follows :

"This jurisdiction was severely tried in 1885, on account of great depression in business, and consequently we report a loss of several Lodges and many members. Hence, we are only entitled to one Representative from the Grand Lodge and one from the Grand Encampment of Mississippi this year, and the Grand Lodge, at its session in May last, declined to elect its second Representative. The depression which caused the loss in membership and finances in 1885, I think has passed away, for, since January 1st, 1886, we have reinstated two defunct Lodges, and instituted one new Lodge, besides which the reports and dues from Subordinates, as far as received, show a marked increase in every respect during the term ending June 30th, 1886.

MISSOURI—On the 9th of January the report of the Grand Encampment, showing a loss of 100 members, and on the 2nd of June the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 1,362 members, were received from Bro. E. M. Sloan, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following :

"The Encampments have lost membership during the past year for the first time for several years, and really the members have manifested a disposition to let this branch go for various reasons, the two prominent ones being dissatisfaction with the oft-repeated revisions in the various branches of the Order, and great distaste for the last in this branch. Many of our leading men have dropped for no other reasons. Our Grand Encampment session was pleasant, and new hope was inspired and a determination to use all possible effort to make the Patriarchs Militant the means whereby we may be able next year to greet you with a more encouraging report. The great number of other Orders only serves to magnify such complaints as are recited, but in the end continued success will crown our efforts, and as the obstacles, small and great, are one by one left behind, the labor and disappointments encountered by the way will add new zest to the sweets of victory, and our Order will continue to shine forth resplendent with the jewels awarded its true merit. Believing certain obstacles removed by the adoption, permanently, of a beautifully semi-military feature, Missouri will again arouse latent energy, and use all laudable effort to restore what has been lost, and give you a better account of herself by the end of this year.

"The report from the Grand Lodge of Missouri is late, as usual, but is sent soon as I could get the data, owing principally to the prevailing labor troubles, which have in a great degree affected everything in the way of business. As you, of course, understand, we have a large territory, with few railroads, and hence our modes of communication from a large portion of the State are dependent upon central points on these roads, and within my knowledge never has there been such an unsettled feeling in Missouri. As you will see, our loss in membership is large, with a corresponding deficit in finances, but the fact that this falling off is attributable to the depression in business, and unrest, growing out of our railroad strikes and labor disturbances, assures us that when these causes pass away, as they must do at no distant day, we hope our jurisdiction will quickly resume its place among its growing Sisters, because the truths upon which our Order is predicated are as eternal as He who is the Author of all good, and so long as men live who love their fellow-men so long will our Order withstand the mutations and circumstances by which all merely human institutions are affected, and rise above all the obstacles by which it is beset and retarded, purified by every conflict through which it is caused to pass, and continue, as the years roll on, to verify the prophecies

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of those who laid the foundation upon which the superstructure is so surely builded. We take courage and begin anew, therefore, and trust we will not have to wait long."

MONTANA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received June 3rd, from Bro. Jacob Loeb, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. A gain of 99 in Lodge membership is shown, and a loss of 9 in Encampment membership. Bro. Loeb advised as follows:

"The Order in Montana is in splendid condition. Since January there have been instituted 3 new Lodges and 1 Encampment. About the 25th of this month another new Lodge will be instituted. I am almost sure we will have 4 more new Lodges before the year 1886 takes its final leave. This Territory has lately very much improved. Quartz mines are more fully developed, and demand a good price; cattle-men and farmers are doing well; mechanics are well paid for their labor, and under all such circumstances our Order is bound to flourish, and it is only a question of time when Montana will be one of the leading jurisdictions in the Order."

NEBRASKA—The Grand Lodge report, exhibiting a gain of 200, and the Grand Encampment report, a gain of 48, were received May 20th, from Bro. D. A. Cline, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The reports of the different branches show no very brilliant results, but about the same as we have given from year to year in the past always increasing, though slowly. There is no cause for discouragement. The growth of the Order does not keep pace with the growth of the State in its population and material resources. The same may be said, though, of churches and other societies. They all fall behind, though the standards of religion, morality and benevolence are improving as rapidly here as elsewhere. The same reason whatever it may be, will probably account for all. It seems that the population of a State will only yield, as miners say, 'so much to the ton.' Then there is a comparatively small per cent., after all, that will become structural part of Odd Fellowship; the loss is generally larger than the gain. In spite of all that has been done, or seemingly could be done, the majority of our strongest and most prosperous Lodges have no larger membership than they had ten years ago. The aggregate membership increases, the number of Subordinates increases, and the amount of productive property, but the membership of individual Lodges is like the stone of Sisyphus—it rolls down about as fast as it is rolled up. We trust in numbers, of course. We trust in money, also; but we trust a great deal more in the eternal principles upon which the Order is founded, and which cause the members to make a proper use of the money and the benevolent faculties implanted within them.

"The Militant Branch is not making much headway as yet, but of course not much is expected in a new State like this. Most of the members of the Order are busy in securing homes for themselves, and have neither time nor money to equip and keep up battalions. The will is good, however, and the ability will soon follow in many places."

NEVADA—On the 3rd of April, the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. E. F. Wallace, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Our Lodges show an increased loss over the preceding year, both in membership and finances, our aggregate loss in membership being 101.

"The Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah lost only 1 in membership, and made a small financial gain during the year. The prospects for the present year are good, and the indications are that we will, at least, hold our own."

"The Encampment Branch shows a net gain in membership of 11, which is even better than the report of the preceding year, which showed an increase of only 5 members. I think this is a good exhibit, considering the loss of membership in the Lodges.

"We have never had a 'Uniformed Degree Camp' or 'Patriarchal Circle' in our jurisdiction, hence we have had no misunderstandings or ill feeling in that respect, but have enjoyed peace and harmony. I hope that the next reports from our 'Sage Brush State' will make a better showing, both numerically and financially."

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Bro. Joseph Kidder Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in forwarding the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, received May 27th, wrote as follows:

"Once more I have the honor to transmit the returns from this jurisdiction and the standing of the Order in the State. It will be seen that we maintain our former high position among the prosperous jurisdictions of the country, and that our prospects for future growth and usefulness are in no degree clouded by the unhappy conditions of the times in which we live. Our gains have never been spasmodic or phenomenal, but slow, continuous and satisfactory. It is now rising a quarter of a century since we began to recover from the reverses incident generally to new Orders after their first boom, and during this long period of time our march has ever been onward and upward in all that constitutes true success. Not a year or term, since 1860, has passed that we have not gained numerically, and at the same time increased our social and moral power. To-day, in point of numbers and influence, we stand at the head of the fraternal organizations within our borders, and no reason is apparent to the most careful scrutinizer why we shall not retain this honorable and enviable position for an indefinite period. In the future, with the same care in the selection of material, and fidelity to our principles, duties and obligations, we shall not only maintain our supremacy, but achieve new honors and distinctions, as in the past. In the Encampment Branch we have added slightly to our membership (22) and increased our surplus funds. The Lodges show about the average increase (209 members) of the last twenty-five years, while in the Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah there was a gain of 5 in number, with almost twenty-five per cent. increase in the membership. This showing is very gratifying to us of New Hampshire, and we are sure it will afford equal pleasure to our friends throughout the country. The surplus means of the Subordinate Encampments are \$19,472.60; in the Subordinate Lodges, *one quarter of a million dollars*. I am glad New Hampshire makes so good a showing in the Order. It is not kept up without work and great fidelity on the part of some of our leading Brothers; but the reward for this labor is of the most satisfactory character, and efforts will not be relinquished while life lasts or strength remains to do the work in a thorough manner."

NEW JERSEY.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 232 members, and the Grand Encampment, a gain of 6 members, were received May 24th, from Bro. Lewis Parker, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The results exhibited in the reports show that the interest in our Order still continues; that our membership is increasing; that our charitable operations are enlarging; and that we have every reason to hope that our growth is of a permanent character, in all the elements that go to make up a strong, efficient and prosperous jurisdiction."

NEW MEXICO—During the year 2 Lodges have been instituted in this Territory, and there are now 8 Lodges and 3 Encampments. The returns, forwarded promptly by Bro. A. C. Sloan, D. D. Grand Sire, show a gain of 19 in the Lodge, and a loss of 7 in the Encampment membership. Some of the

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Brethren appear anxious to have a grand Lodge established, and it has been intimated that a petition to that effect will be submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this session.

Bro. A. C. Sloan, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of June 29th, said :

"The dull times in all branches of business still exist in New Mexico, and of course effect the organization of new Lodges; but notwithstanding the depression, I am glad to say I have instituted 2 Lodges since the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we have now 8 Lodges, the majority of them in much healthier condition than a year ago. It is gratifying to report that more interest is taken in all the Subordinates than ever heretofore, and I feel that if we had a Grand Lodge in the Territory it would be of great benefit and Odd Fellowship would have new life infused into it in New Mexico."

On the 9th of July he wrote : "I am sorry to advise that Deming Lodge, No. 6, had the misfortune, on the 7th inst., to lose everything except two books (ledger and minute book), by fire. They had the finest outfit in the Territory. Their property amounted to \$800, but I understand the Lodge was insured for \$600, consequently the loss is \$200."

NEW YORK—The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a loss of 233 members, came to hand March 4th, and the Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 129 members, was received May 14th. Bro. James Terwilliger, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote :

"The Grand Lodge report does not exhibit what we ought to have done, but it is better than we at one time feared. Unless all signs fail, we shall make up in the present year. Odd Fellowship in this State (thus far in 1886) never was more prosperous, and we are justified in looking for good results for the year."

NORTH CAROLINA—On the 17th of May, the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 14 members, was received from Bro B. H. Woodell, Grand Secretary, who thus advised :

"Our returns show a small gain, and the entire report, summed up, shows decided gains financially; much larger receipts, assets greatly improved, whilst the relief extended is larger, and the substantial, paying membership is ten per cent. more than the year previous. We take courage therefore, and intend this year to 'press on' undismayed, and we expect to be able to give 'good cheer' in our next report."

The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain in membership of 8, was received June 24th, from Bro. T. W. Blake, Grand Scribe.

OHIO—Bro. William Chidsey, Grand Secretary, in transmitting the report of the Grand Lodge, received June 5th, submitted the following :

"Although the report of the Grand Lodge exhibits a decrease of 236 in total membership, yet there never was a time when the Order in Ohio manifested so much enthusiasm in carrying out the principles of the organization. The cause of the decrease is the dropping off of the dead branches that have accumulated in the past years. Our Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah show a very healthy condition and a large increase in membership and funds."

The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting a loss of 344 members, was received June 7th, from Bro. James Anderson, Grand Scribe, who did not furnish any remarks on the situation.

ONTARIO, CANADA—The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 176 members, was received April 12th, from Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, with the following :

"The Order is prospering as well as we can reasonably expect in Ontario. During the year 5 new Lodges were instituted and 1 old one resuscitated, and since January 1st in this year, 3 Lodges have been instituted and the petition for the fourth is now under advisement. In quite a number of good, eligible localities persons are making anxious inquiries, and in some, if not all, of the places, good Lodges will be formed. The question of 'Dual Membership' is being discussed and generally, if not entirely, approved in Ontario. If members could join a second Lodge or could become applicants for a charter for a new Lodge, without being compelled to withdraw from their mother Lodge, many Brothers temporarily residing in good localities would unite in starting a new Lodge; but having to sever all old associations, and forego all privileges in good healthy Lodges to organize one in which all these things have to be built up by patient working, is more than the average member is willing to sacrifice, though he may love the Order and desire its propagation ever so much. I hope to see the law in this respect changed very soon. The Rebekah Branch is progressing, so far as the general sentiment as to the benefit of that branch is concerned. During the year 5 new Rebekah Lodges have been instituted, but their reports are not all in. I believe that very soon Ontario will have many of these valuable auxiliaries established, which will do much to disarm the prejudices against which the Order has now and again to contend."

Bro. M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, in forwarding the report of the Grand Encampment, which came to hand April 24th, and shows a gain of 13 members, wrote as follows:

"We exhibit a slight improvement from the previous year, which is somewhat satisfactory, in view of the demand upon all classes of people to go into beneficial societies. Monetary depression for a long time past has tended to make a large number get careless and drop out, but at the same time we have cause for thankfulness that we stand as well as we do. We have not yet reported a decrease, and if our increase is small it is steady. Harmony and good feeling exist in every portion of the jurisdiction, and the principles of the Brotherhood appear to be thoroughly understood and appreciated."

OREGON—On the 20th of April the returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 45, and the Grand Encampment, a gain of 54 members, were received from Bro. J. M. Bacon, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

PENNSYLVANIA—The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reports were received May 22nd from Bro. James B. Nicholson, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and indicate losses of 493 Lodges and 112 Encampment members. The following extracts from the printed reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe are presented:

From report to Grand Lodge—

"Total amount paid for relief	\$422,123 85
Working expenses	221,612 24
"Total for relief and working expenses	\$643,736 09
Amount of the receipts of the working Lodges	747,659 73
Excess of receipts over expenditures	103,923 64
Increase in amount of relief over preceding year	28,188 55

"The relief amounted to \$1,156.80 per day, \$48.18 per hour, or 80 cents per minute.

"During the past thirteen years the Order in Pennsylvania has disbursed for the prevention of, and for the relief of distress.. \$4,927,829 97
 Total amount of assets reported by the working Lodges

Total amount of assets reported by the working Lodges	2,835,447 16
Increase in the amount of assets since last report	96,024 83

"A larger amount of good has been done in the matter of relief, and yet a large amount has been added to the reserve fund to meet future demands.

"The cost of relief was \$5.22 1-10th per year, or 10 cents per week; the cost of working expenses was \$2.74 2-tenths per year, or 5 3-10th cents per week; total cost of working expenses and relief, \$7.96 3-10ths per year, 15 3-10th cents per week.

"Every line in the above synopsis is full of encouragement and hope. For the first time the total aggregate of the working expenses is given, and whilst some will point it out as being disproportionate to the amount of good done, there is no need of concealment, for experience and observation attest the truthfulness of the declaration, that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has paid out more for the relief of distress, it is paying out more, and it will continue to pay out more in proportion to the weekly contributions than any beneficial society in the world, and the reason of this is the fact that Odd Fellowship is not a mere beneficial society; it is something more, above and beyond that. As a practical teacher of sound morals, of a higher education, of world-wide and eternal truths, it stands peerless among men, excepting always the Church of the Living God, that is DIVINE. Odd Fellowship is human in its origin and appeals to the best and highest instincts of our common humanity."

From Report to Grand Encampment—

"The semi-annual reports of Subordinate Encampments have been carefully examined, and the facts relative to sickness are commended to the patient consideration of all well-wishers of the perpetuation of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, as an instrumentality for the accomplishment of good.

"Total number of members, 12,350; total number of weeks' sickness, 14,419; general average of sickness, 116.75.

"The sickness, if distributed *pro rata* among the members, would amount to one week, one day, four hours, eight minutes and five seconds for each member.

"It was remarked last year that; 'again we have the mathematical demonstration that an increased membership, the addition being composed of young men, lowers the average ratio of sickness, and consequently the average amount of sick benefits.'

"The converse of that proposition is demonstrated in this report. There being no increase in the membership, there has been an increase in the ratio of sickness of fourteen hours, three minutes and forty-six seconds per member, thus adding to the average cost of relief to the membership."

QUEBEC, CANADA—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 8th, from Bro. Edward J. Fish, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"Although only the very small accession of 7 to our membership has been achieved during the past year, I am glad to say that the Order in this Province is in a prosperous condition. We have instituted one new Lodge during the year, which we think will become one of our foremost Lodges, and altogether our prospects at present are very encouraging."

Montreal Encampment. No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

RHODE ISLAND—February 6th, the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 69, and March 12th, the report of the Grand Encampment, showing

a gain of 45 members, came to hand. Bro. Marcus W. Morton, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, thus advised :

"It is a source of great satisfaction to know that we have not only held our own in Lodge membership, but have made a slight gain, for which 'let us thank God and take courage.'

"The report of the Grand Encampment, as you will observe, shows a slight gain in membership, and we are gratified to know that our labors during the year past have been successful, even in so small a degree. This branch of the Order is receiving, more and more, the careful attention of its members, and a greater earnestness is being manifested to so inculcate its teachings that the novitiate may, indeed, be more vividly impressed with all his relations of life, and in a condition to show by practice and precept that life's journey is not made in vain."

SOUTH CAROLINA—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 5 members, was received April 19th, from Bro. Robert C. Starr, Grand Scribe, with the following :

"You will observe that the report has not the seal upon it. The box that contained the Grand Encampment books, etc., was washed overboard during the cyclone of August last, and when I was able to recover it I found it bottom up and the books saturated with salt water. The seal, of course, went to the bottom. I wish we were able to offer the Sovereign Grand Lodge inducements to make this beautiful 'City by the Sea' their home. In my opinion it would do wonders for our State. We have a fine hall, which can be modernized to suit your purposes, our climate cannot be beat and our surroundings are superb."

On the 28th of May, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. Oscar R. Lowman, Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows :

"It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of our Grand Representative, John Hessemann, at his home in Charleston, S. C., on the 4th of January of this year, and in this connection would also inform you that Past Grand Master F. DeMars, of Orangeburg, was elected at the last meeting of our Grand Lodge for the unexpired term of Grand Representative. You will see by our report that we have made the slight increase of 11 in membership, and notwithstanding almost insurmountable difficulties and very stringent times, we have been able to hold our own."

TENNESSEE—With the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 14 members, and the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a gain of 3 members, received April 14th, Bro. J. R. Harwell, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote :

"Allow me to say that while making no great progress in this jurisdiction, I am proud to know that we are bravely holding our own and sowing good seed that will no doubt be productive of much fruit in the years to come."

TEXAS—The report of the Grand Encampment, exhibiting a loss of 100 members, was received March 23rd, from Bro. L. F. De Lesdernier, Grand Scribe, with the following :

"Since January 1st, 2 Encampments have been organized, one with 48 members and the other with 15. I think Bro. Strong will work up this branch of the Order so that in 1887 we will again have two Representatives in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We have but 1 Canton in the State, although there is some talk of several. What will be the final result we cannot tell yet. Would be glad to have all the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge meet us in Houston in 1888, the Semi-Centennial of Texas Odd Fellowship, which event will be appropriately celebrated."

The Grand Lodge report, showing a loss of 638 members, was received March 27th, from Bro. T. L. Wren, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 13 members, was received May 26th, from Bro. John B. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, and Unity, No. 2, are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California.

VERMONT—The Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 48 members, was received February 22nd. Bro. O. H. Henderson, Grand Secretary, advised as follows:

"Several matters of local legislation came up at our recent session and were disposed of very harmoniously. A resolution was passed instructing the Grand Master to call a general convention of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah for the purpose of proposing legislation to the Grand Lodge for the good and benefit of Lodges of this Degree. A resolution, presented by one of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, was adopted by this Grand Lodge, suggesting to the Grand Lodge of Indiana that in soliciting contributions for the monument to the memory of Schuyler Colfax, P. G. Rep., in our opinion his memory would be better perpetuated by erecting a home or school than by a costly monument. The experience of the first year of annual instead of semi-annual, terms for Subordinate Lodges, has been satisfactory to most of them."

The Grand Encampment report, showing a gain of 3 members, was received April 3rd, from Bro. J. K. Egerton, Grand Scribe.

VIRGINIA—Bro. T. Wiley Davis, Grand Secretary, in forwarding the report of the Grand Lodge, which came to hand March 25th, wrote:

"Our increase during the year has been very small (only 38 members), but when we consider the large number of insurance orders with which we have to contend, we are thankful for even the little progress that we have made. We report but a small amount expended for educational purposes, as our very thorough system of public education leaves very little for the Order to do in that direction. We point with pride to the fact that more than one-half the annual receipts is expended for the relief of those whose misfortunes call for the exercise of brotherly offices."

With the report of the Grand Encampment, received May 31st, Bro. A. T. Burr, Grand Scribe, submitted the following:

"Our loss during the last year was 11. I cannot say anything encouraging. I have hopes, but fear, as in the past, they may be blasted."

WASHINGTON—Bro. LeF. A. Shaw, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, received April 20th, transmitted the following:

"You will observe that the Grand Lodge has increased 6 Subordinate Lodges, 146 members, and 3 Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and the Grand Encampment has added 1 Subordinate Encampment and 25 members. Since December 31st, 1885, however, the Order has received a new impetus, 5 Subordinate and 3 Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah have been added to the Grand Lodge, and 2 Subordinate Encampments and 1 Canton to the Grand Encampment, giving us at this time 43 Subordinate and 6 Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, 11 Subordinate Encampments and 1 Canton. We feel that this is a flattering showing for a jurisdiction so far distant from the home of the Order, and our endeavor will be to continue to increase, not only in numbers, but in the good we accomplish."

WEST VIRGINIA—The Grand Lodge report was received March 17th, from Bro. E. A. Billingslea, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"I regret exceedingly to report a decrease of 139 in our membership. Our State being a mineral and timber country, a large proportion of our members

are miners, lumbermen and iron workers, and these industries being almost at a stand-still, owing to the unsettled condition of finances, accounts for the large number reported as dropped for non-payment of dues. But we are not discouraged; we look forward to better times, and a large increase in 'the good time coming.'

On the 1st of April, the report of the Grand Encampment, showing a loss of 43 members, was received from Bro. H. A. Uthman, Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"I am again compelled to exhibit a reduction of members. I can only account for the falling off by reason of the hard times. We instituted 1 Encampment in January, and as soon as the times improve, I am of the opinion that we will regain our loss. We hope on, and will continue our efforts until we win."

WISCONSIN—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 231, and the Grand Encampment a loss of 83 members, were received April 21st, from Bro. L. B. Hills, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

WYOMING—Bro. W. H. Amesbury, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in sending the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, received March 16th, wrote as follows:

"I regret that the exhibit of membership is not better. Though we have made a small gain of 11 in Subordinate Lodge membership, we have lost 14 in Encampment membership. However, we have done a good work in taking care of the sick and relieving the needy, and a good interest is shown in the Order in this jurisdiction. Since the beginning of this year, we have added to our number a new Tent of Patriarchs, and it is earnestly hoped that Odd Fellowship will continue to prosper. The Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah are also increasing in membership. Concerning the Uniformed Patriarchs, I have to say that the two Camps in this jurisdiction have a good membership, and have made application for mergerment into Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant. We hope for prosperity in the future."

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

AUSTRALASIA—Four letters from Bro. William Judge, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, dated October 3rd, 1885; January 13th, April 19th and July 13th, 1886, have been received.

In the first letter Bro. Judge said: "In reference to the copies of lithograph of the Ridgely Monument for the Subordinate Lodges in Victoria, I am instructed by the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge to ask the charge for the same, as they think it would be better to forward a given sum as contribution from the Lodges of this jurisdiction." This question was answered November 14th, by the statement that "We do not make any charge for the lithographs sent. Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and individuals, can remit any amount they think proper, or they need not send any money if not disposed to." The other matters, principally on the subject of Lodge working in the Third Degree, need not be mentioned here.

The letter of January 13th was referred to the Grand Sire, who has incorporated it in his report.

April 19th, Bro. Judge wrote: "I send you by this mail two copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, February, 1886, which body referred that portion of the Grand Master's report upon the 'Third Degree' question to a special committee, who reported adversely to the adoption of the resolution requiring Lodges to work in the Third Degree, and the said report was adopted unanimously. We may, I presume, expect to learn Grand Sire Garey's views upon this question by the next mail, and I shall, therefore, not re-open this question."

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In letter to Grand Secretary Judge, May 5th, allusion was made to the paragraphs on page 6, Journal of Grand Lodge of Victoria, (Report of Grand Master Walter Edwin Darton,) that "I well remember the observations of Special Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. A. D. Meacham, at the time of our affiliation, to the effect that they in America looked upon the Secret work and Ritual as most sacred, and that they permitted no alteration to take place. Everything was uniform, even to the color of the book covers. It had been so from the foundation of the Order, it would remain so to the end of the chapter. These remarks were endorsed by Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. Harmon, when we had the pleasure of his official visit. And yet we find the sovereign Grand Lodge has made repeated, and to us, most vexatious changes, and at the present time offering no guarantee, if we could adopt this change, that they may not thrust upon us some other alteration at next session."

To this it was replied: "We are unable to understand how any person can say what the Sovereign Grand Lodge will or will not do in that or any other matter. Section 5, Article, 1, Constitution of Sovereign Grand Lodge, has, for many years, provided a way for altering the Work. We think, therefore, that the Brothers referred to must have been misunderstood, though, it is true, that when a *unanimous vote* was required it was difficult to incorporate any changes, however important, in the Unwritten Work of the Order. As for the expediency of the alterations in 1880, it would be useless to discuss that question. The work has been changed to the satisfaction of some and dissatisfaction of others; but it seems to be the general opinion that the direction for Lodges to transact the business in the Third Degree has been beneficial."

In letter of July 13th, Bro. Judge replied: "He (the Grand Master) possibly may have misunderstood them (Bros. Meacham and Harmon). I cannot say, but the Grand Master is answerable for the statement, which does not affect the question as to the advantages or otherwise, upon the question at issue." He also wrote: "Herewith I send you a statement of the position of Australasia, December 31st, 1885. I have delayed sending it as long as possible in the hope that New Zealand would have sent in their report so that I might make the statement in complete form to you."

Having received the "Annual Report and Balance Sheets Grand Lodge of New Zealand, year ending December 31st, 1885," the information, so far as found in the pamphlet, has been included in the tables furnished by Bro. Judge; the financial portion converted from pounds, shillings and pence to dollars and cents, and the statement is presented as follows:

AUSTRALASIA—Membership, year ending December 31st, 1885.

GRAND LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card		Total.	Suspended,	Withdrawn by Card.	Expelled.		Total.	Members December 31st, 1885.
			Reinstated.					Died.			
Victoria	59	944	44	..	988	647	119	3	46	815	5,925
New South Wales.	52	1,285	107	50	1,442	548	161	7	25	739	4,506
South Australia...	33	420	40	1	461	374	107	4	11	496	29,83
New Zealand.....	24	181	7	3	191	151	10	1	9	171	11,39
Tasmania	7	74	5	..	79	85	6	..	2	93	617
Totals	175	2,904	203	54	3,161	1,803	403	15	93	2,314	15,170

AUSTRALASIA—Financial, year ending December 31st, 1885.

GRAND LODGES.	Funds of Grand Lodge.	Funds of Subordinate Lodges.	Sick Pay for the year	BURIED.		Funeral Donations for the Year.
				Brothers.	Wives.	
Victoria	\$73,426 00	\$142,998 00	\$22,521 00	46	34	\$6,300 00
New South Wales ..	17,534 00	41,799 00	13,977 00	25	19	2,550 00
South Australia	18,548 00	40,717 00	8,702 00	11	11	1,350 00
New Zealand	19,933 00			9	4	1,100 00
Tasmania	4,093 00	8,011 00	2,732 00	2	2	200 00
Totals	\$133,534 00	\$233,525 00	\$47,932 00	93	70	\$11,500 00

Many other letters have been received from the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, not necessary to notice here, and the proceedings of several of the Grand Bodies are on file, as mentioned among the "Journals received."

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1884 AND 1885.

	Dec. 31, 1884.	Dec. 31, 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	54	54		
Grand Encampments	44	44		
Subordinate Lodges	7,845	7,956	111	
Subordinate Encampments	1,934	1,947	13	
Rebekah Degree Lodges	1,132	1,247	115	
Lodge initiations	41,098	36,340		4,758
Encampment initiations	9,154	7,165		1,989
Lodge members	516,230	517,310	1,080	
Encampment members	94,257	94,376	119	
Rebekah D. L. members	49,943	58,025	8,082	
Relief by Lodges	\$ 1,901,473 78	\$ 1,960,418 00	\$ 58,944 22	
Relief by Encampments	197,533 07	205,620 24	8,087 17	
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	12,920 01	14,863 69	1,943 68	
Total relief	2,111,926 86	2,180,901 93	68,975 07	
Revenue of Lodges	4,736,836 30	4,764,111 96	27,275 66	
Revenue of Encampments	480,978 38	473,652 00		7,326 38
Revenue of Rebekah L'gs	56,493 21	71,924 81	15,431 60	
Total revenue	5,274,307 89	5,309,688 77	35,380 88	

In 1884 (see page 9925, Journal of 1885,) the revenue of Lodges, Encampments, and Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah was less than in 1883, the aggregate amounting to \$75,733.58. In 1885 with 4,758 less initiations in Lodges, the revenue is reported as \$27,275.66 more than in 1884. There was a decrease of \$7,326.38 in Encampment receipts and a gain of \$15,431.60 in the revenue of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, the total increase amounting to \$35,380.88.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1885.

The table submitted one year ago (Journal, page 9925,) has been revised by adding the information received for the year 1885, and is submitted as follows.

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Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	
Members relieved	1,404,110
Widowed families relieved	1,208,180
Members deceased	157,063
Total relief	117,904
Total receipts	\$ 41,154,900 09
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The following (embracing Australasia and Germany) represents the

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31st, 1885:

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia)	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments	45
Subordinate Encampments	1,958
Subordinate Grand Lodges	65
Subordinate Lodges	8,181
Encampment members	94,791
Lodge members	534,233

CONCLUSION.

In 1864 Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah were unknown, as it was not until 1868 that authority was given for the establishment of this important and useful branch of the Order; and Odd Fellows of a quarter of a century ago did not dream of a Uniformed Encampment member, or of the existence of more than 300 Cantons of Patriarchs Militant and a splendid body of thousands of disciplined Chevaliers, marching under the banner of this Order to honor the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its annual session. Of the 81 officers and members assembled in Boston in 1864, not one is accredited as a Representative at the session of 1886, and probably not a half dozen of them will be with you in any capacity. The Angel of Death has waved his dark wing over our household and borne from our midst many of our best beloved and most useful workers; but the Order prospers. The vacant places are filled with young and enterprising Brethren, emulating by their zeal, intelligence, and devotion to Odd Fellowship the glorious examples left them by Brothers Ridgely, Vansant, Ellison, Kennedy, Williamson, Veitch and their associates, who, twenty-two years ago, met in this beautiful city in the interest of American Odd Fellowship.

The legislation of the session now opening will, no doubt, be transacted in the same careful manner that has marked the previous annual meetings of this Body, and produce good fruit in due season, tending to still further enlarge the sphere of the Order and plant our banner in countries where the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, as inculcated and practiced by the Brethren of our Mystic Union, are now unknown.

"No pent-up Utica contracts your powers,
But the whole boundless continent is yours."

Fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., September, 1886.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

The available assets of the sovereign Grand Lodge are as follows :

1886.		
Aug. 20.	Balance in treasury	\$22,296 46
	United States $\frac{4}{1}$ per cent. registered bonds, par....	13,300 00
	United States $\frac{4}{1}$ per cent. coupon bonds, par.....	40,000 00
	United States $\frac{4}{1}$ per cent. coupon bonds, par	2,500 00
	Total available assets	\$78,096 46

DECISIONS.

The following decisions were given by the Grand Sire during the year, all of which were approved :

A large number of questions have been propounded to the Grand Sire since the last session, and he respectfully submits the following as his answers :

1. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to take charge of the Warrants, Degree Books and Proclamations prepared for the use of Cantons of Patriarchs Militant and issue them on the order of the Lieutenant-General.

2. The Grand Secretary may forward copies of the Patriarchs Militant Ritual, on the order of a Grand Scribe or Grand Patriarch, when they are needed for the purposes of organization, etc., of Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant, but not otherwise.

3. The General Laws of the Grand Encampment of Indians provide as follows :

"Article III., Section 5. If two or more black balls appear, the applicant is rejected; but to remove all doubts, in case of two balls only, a second balloting may be had at that or the next regular meeting. If there be but one black ball against the applicant, the balloting shall be immediately repeated, and if only one black ball appears, the case shall be deferred until the next regular meeting. During the interval, the Patriarch who deposited the unfavorable ballot may state his objections in writing to the Chief Patriarch, who shall communicate those objections (concealing the objector's name) to the Encampment at the said next meeting, when another balloting shall take place, and if but one black ball appear, the candidate shall be declared duly elected. If no objection to the applicant be communicated to the Chief Patriarch as above provided for, the candidate shall be declared duly elected without another balloting. If two or more black balls are cast against an applicant as above provided, he shall be rejected, and shall not be received into any Encampment for six months, nor then, nor at any other time without the same course of proceeding as on the first application. If all the balls appear fair, the candidate is elected and entitled to receive the Patriarchal Degree."

In answer to a query from the Grand Patriarch, I decided that this section was contrary to the law of the Order and could not be enforced. See Digest, Section 640, and Decision of Grand Sire, No. 13, Journal of 1885, page 9355.

5. Query—If the Chief Patriarch of an Encampment, during his term of office, loses his good standing in his Lodge—that is, becomes thirteen weeks or more in arrears for dues—shall the Chair of Chief Patriarch be declared vacant and he be suspended from the Encampment?

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Answer—If the member of an Encampment shall be dropped or suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues, the act of Lodge shall not effect the standing of the member in his Encampment for the term of one year thereafter; provided the Patriarch shall not rest under any disability in his Encampment, in the interim. 1878, Journal, 7766, 7833. It follows that the question must be answered in the negative, as the facts stated do not effect the standing of the Patriarch in his Encampment. See Digest, Section 606 a.

7. The resolution in Journal 1885, page 10,111, in express terms reserves to the Uniformed Patriarchs the right to appear on street parades on proper occasions and to wear their uniform in the same manner and to the same extent as before the creation of the Patriarchs Militant. At the same time, I would state that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the last session, was anxious to have all uniformed Patriarchs join the Patriarchs Militant, but the law is as I have stated it.

22. If the ceremony at an anniversary celebration be conducted by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or when the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and their Subordinates participate, the title of the respective officers who conduct the ceremony shall be such as belong to the body conducting the ceremony.

26. *Query*—A member of an Encampment becomes insane when seven months in arrears for dues. He is sent to an insane Asylum, where he remained for more than five months. Can he be suspended for non-payment of dues, nothing having been paid on his account after he became insane, he having no legal guardian or committee to pay the same?

Answer—The case is peculiar. If the failure to pay arises from the facts stated, I think the Brother should not be suspended. The status of the Brother under the local law is not stated, and the principles of the Order would seem to require that he should not be deprived of the fraternal attention of his Lodge.

44. When a member has been adjudged guilty, and the punishment is "expulsion" under the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Lodge must expel him. The manner in which the expulsion is to be declared is left to the Lodge. It may be in open session at a regular meeting by the Noble Grand, for the Lodge, or it may be by a vote. It must be by the Lodge. If the Lodge fails to discharge its duty, it should be put on trial and punished for the offense.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Upon the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, the City of Denver was selected as the place to hold the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, in the matter of appeal of George E. Emmons, Grand High Priest, from the action of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, report as follows:

At the annual session of the Grand Encampment, held July —, 1885, the following appeal was presented by Geo. E. Emmons, P. C. P., and was on motion referred to the Committee on Grievance:

Washington, D. C., July 1, 1885.

"To the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., District of Columbia:

"SIRS,—The undersigned, only children of John Howe, deceased, late a member of Columbia Encampment, I. O. O. F., No. 1, of this District, respect-

fully appeal to your honorable Body from the action of said Encampment held February 11, 1885, whereby the Encampment refused them the funeral benefits due under Sec. 3, Art. VIII. of the Constitution for Subordinate Encampments.

"It is respectfully shown that said John Howe was buried by them at their expense, and that said Howe was at the time of his death in good standing, according to the laws of the Order.

"Respectfully submitted,

"JOHN T. HOWE,
"MARGARET A. DUVALL,
"SARAH V. BRYAN,"

July 19, 1886.—The Committee on Grievance submitted the following report :

"Washington, D.C., January 19, 1886.

"To the Grand Encampment, I.O.O.F., of the District of Columbia :

"Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of the surviving children of Pch. John Howe, deceased, from the action of Columbia Encampment, No. 1, I.O.U.F., report the following as a brief statement of facts in the case :

"The records of Columbia Encampment show that Pch. Howe was first reported sick March 31, 1847 ; nature of sickness not stated. November 29, 1848, the Chief Patriarch reported Pch. Howe to be of unsound mind, although he continued to work occasionally, and that he was entitled to one week's benefits prior to October 16. It being thought advisable to place the Patriarch in an Insane Asylum, the Encampment resolved that three dollars a week should be paid to the Patriarch, should it become necessary to pursue that course. February 14, 1849, the C. P. reported that Pch. Howe had returned from the Asylum February 9, and that no further benefits would be drawn for him unless they were ordered by the Encampment. Benefits were drawn for him May 9, 1849. February 28, 1849, the records show that Pch. Howe was returned to the Asylum February 15.

"Columbia Encampment contributed money toward defraying expenses of Pch. Howe in the Maryland Insane Asylum from October 9, 1848, to some time in May, 1850. May 29, 1850, the C. P. announced that Pch. Howe had been transferred to the Maryland Hospital at the expense of the Government, and that the Encampment was released from further expense in his case.

"Pch. Howe was admitted to the Government Hospital for the Insane January 27, 1855, and died there July 28, 1884.

"The records show that Pch. Howe was dropped June, 1859 ; cause not stated.

"The committee have come to the conclusion that the heirs who signed the appeal are not such heirs as are contemplated by the law, as heirs entitled to Funeral Benefits, and would therefore offer the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed.

"E. H. PEARSON,
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EXHIBIT "A."

"Washington, D.C., Jan'y 6, 1886.

"OLIVER DUFOUR, *G. R. Grand Encampment, I.O.O.F., District of Col.,*
"No. 1818 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.:

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 5th inst. received, contents noted. The records of the Hospital show that John Howe was the eighth patient received, admitted Jan'y 27, 1855. There is nothing to show that his residence was not continuous to the day of his death, July 28, 1884. During this period of more than twenty-nine years he was supported entirely at public expense. I have no records of clothing going back of 1871, but since that date nothing has been furnished by his friends, nor have I any recollection of their calling to see him or inquiring after his welfare. Had the relatives not come forward to take charge of the remains, he was entitled to decent and respectable burial at public expense in the Hospital Cemetery.

"Very respectfully,

"W. W. GODDING, Sup't."

EXHIBIT "B."

"Washington, D.C., Jan'y 19, 1886.

"This is to certify that I buried Bro. John Howe late a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, and the expenses of said burial, amounting to one hundred dollars, were fully paid and satisfied to me by John T. Howe, for himself and sisters, children of said John Howe.

"E. M. BOTELER, Undertaker."

EXHIBIT "C."

"Washington, D.C., Feb. 19, 1885.

"MR. GEO. E. EMMONS:

"DEAR SIR,—We respectfully ask you to represent and prosecute our interests in the matter of our claims against Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I.O.O.F., and Columbia Encp., No. 1, I.O.O.F., by reason of the membership of our father in those bodies.

"JOHN T. HOWE,

"MARGARET A. DUVALL,

"SARAH V. BRYAN."

On motion to adopt the Report, Geo. E. Emmons, G.S.W., moved that the Resolution accompanying the Report be so amended as to sustain the Appeal.

After discussion the amendment was lost, and the question recurring upon the original it was adopted.

G. E. Emmons gave notice of appeal to the S. G. Lodge, and the consent of the Grand Encampment was given.

ART. VIII. Sect. 3, of Constitution for Subordinate Encampments reads as follows:

"SECT. 3. In case of the death of a Patriarch who shall be qualified, as provided in the first section of this Article, there SHALL be allowed Forty Dollars to defray the expenses of his burial, which SHALL be paid to his nearest relatives or otherwise disbursed by the C. P., who, in the absence of competent relatives, shall take charge of the burial."

The facts in this case, as appearing before your committee, are as follows:

First—It is clearly undenied and established that Patriarch Howe was a member in good standing in his Encampment; became insane while in good standing; was paid benefits for some time, and died in good standing in strict conformity to the laws of the Order. The fact that, by concerted action of the Encampment and his Lodge, Patriarch Howe was admitted to the U. S. Gov't Insane Asylum without charge did not relieve the Encampment of the Patriarch, and they could have been compelled, in the lifetime of the Patriarch, to have paid him continuous benefits. (See Sects. 68, 69, 75 a, Digest, the spirit of which clearly establishes the right of an insane Brother, although cared for and supported by public expense, to benefits.)

Second—The action of the Encampment, some ten years after the entry of the Patriarch into the asylum, in suspending him, was without right and illegal; in fact, the Committee on Appeals do not appear, in their report, to have recognized this as a severance of the Brother's connection, as is shown in their conclusions. That the Encampment should have provided benefits for the Patriarch is fully set out above, and that it was also the bounden duty of the Encampment to have retained him in good standing is also an established law of the Order. (See Sect. 55, Digest, which makes it the duty of the Lodge to remain so much of the benefits as would have kept him in good standing.)

Patriarch Howe was, therefore, in good standing at the commencement of his disability, and at the date of his death, in accordance with the laws of the Order, and being so was thereby entitled to all the honors, and his children to all the benefits and rights, guaranteed by the laws of the Order and local regulations of his jurisdiction.

Now, then, this claim is for the sum of \$40, funeral benefits, paid by the children of the deceased, and the Committee on Appeals, sustained by the Grand Encampment, say they are "not such heirs as are contemplated by the law as heirs entitled to benefits."

Just at this point the committee have undoubtedly been misled in their application of that law of the Order which prescribes when and to whom *Funeral Benefits are due and to be paid, and when and to whom Funeral Expenses are to be paid.*

The claim is made by the children, who buried their father, and who paid the expenses (see statement of undertaker), and they are entitled to the sum set apart by the Constitution and designated to be paid on death of the Patriarch on account of Funeral Expenses.

The Constitution expressly sets out the purpose of the amount, and it is a Funeral Expense, not a Funeral Benefit, and it cannot be argued that the U.S. authorities of the Insane Asylum would have buried the Patriarch without expense to the family, and that because they (the children), saw proper to take charge of and bury their father they are not entitled to the sum of \$40.

Sect. 91, Digest, sets out that *if a deceased Brother is buried while in the service, and at the expense of the United States, and no such expense has been incurred by the family, then and only then can Funeral Benefits be denied.*

In the case at issue the children did not want to have their father buried as a pauper, at the charge of the United States, but demanded and received the body of their father, which they decently buried, and in performing that sacred duty they incurred and paid a Funeral Expense, and they are entitled to the \$40 prescribed by the Constitution for such purpose. (See Sects. 93, 94, 95, Digest.)

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In the judgment of your committee the heirs applying in the above case were the *proper heirs*, and that the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia erred in refusing to order Columbia Encampment to pay said Funeral Expenses.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained, and the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia be directed to instruct Columbia Encampment, No. 1, to pay the aforesaid heirs, or their authorized attorney, the funeral expenses (\$40), as applied for.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,	S. H. KELSEY,
J. W. STEBBINS,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,
WM. H. ISZARD,	J. T. HOKE,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	FRANCIS M. REA,
GEO. B. BOYLES.	

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing two years:

JOHN H. WHITE, New York	Grand Sire
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Kentucky	..... D. G. Sire
THEO. A. ROSS, Maryland	..... Grand Secretary
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, Pennsylvania	..... Grand Treasurer
REV. J. W. VENABLES, Kentucky	..... Grand Chaplain
WM. H. STEVENSON, Connecticut	..... Grand Marshal
W. G. DYER, Minnesota	..... High Guardian
W. H. FRASIER, Columbia	..... Grand Messenger

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That Article I. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the whole of the fourth section of such article, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 4. Appeals from the decision of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, may be taken as a matter of right to hear and determine grievances of individual members and Lodges; but such appeals shall be subject to such general regulations as the Grand Lodge may adopt, and in all cases the decision appealed from shall stand until reversed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge on a direct appeal from such decision.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Reps. Albin, Anderson of Rhode Island, Atkins, Aydelotte, Backensto, Blackford, Blanks, Block, Boyles, Bradshaw, Brown of New Hampshire, Brown of Washington, Cadle, Campbell, Capen, Carleton, Carlin, Clough, Conant, Cotton, Cox, Crane, De Mars, Dodson, Dufour, Dutemple, Fischer of Wyoming, French, Friedheim, Garrett, Gibson of Arkansas (2 votes), Gibson of Texas, Gipson of Colorado, Goodwin, Graham, Gwinn, Harriman, Hart, Hedges (2 votes), Hedrick, Heisler, Henry, Higgins, Hill, Hockin, Hoke, Hudson, Hurd, Iszard, Jackson, Jeter, Johnson, Jones of Tennessee, Kiger, Kuykendall, Loeb, Macdiarmid, Makemson, McCoy,

McKinney, McMurphy, Muckle (2 votes), Munger, Noland, Odlin, Oliver, Orendoff, Parker, Pearce of Virginia, Piester, Porter, Rea, Reinecke, Retting, Robbins, Rounde, Ryley, Semmes (2 votes), Shriver, Slocumb, Stevens (2 votes), Stillson, Strouse, Swan, Van Deman (2 votes), Van Valkenburg, Watts, Welph, Wheeler, Wildman, Wright—98.

Nays—Alexander (2 votes), Anderson of Manitoba, Brainard, Braley, Camp, Clark (2 votes), Cornwell, Dilks, Donworth, Dorsett, Dunbar, Ellis, Fisher of Delaware, Francis, Freer, Gambell (2 votes), Geary, Guthrie, Hirst, Hoge, Jacobs, Jones of Kansas, Jones of Maryland, Kelsey, Krebs, Lee (2 votes), Lyman, McNeill, Merritt, Miller, Pearce of Florida, Peers of Nevada, Petty, Pilsbury, Richey, Robbe, Rowe (2 votes), Ruby, Schroeder (2 votes) Stannard (2 votes), Stebbins, Wilson.—49.

The next proposition, page 10179, Journal, as follows, was considered :

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "annually," in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennially," so the article will read as follows :

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A.M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called ; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated ; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease or any other cause, for the biennial session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held ; or if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.

Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 10180, Journal, as follows, was considered :

Resolved, That Article XVI., Section 2, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows.

SECT. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe ; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

Rep. Makemson, of Texas, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

Yeas—Reps. Alexander, Anderson of Manitoba, Aydelotte, Backensto, Blackford, Bradshaw, Brainard, Cadle, Campbell, Clark (2 votes), Clough, Cornwell, De Mars, Dilks, Donworth, Dufour, Dunbar, Freer, French, Friedheim, Gambell (2 votes), Gibson of Arkansas, Gipson of Colorado, Graham,

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Nays—Reps. Anderson of Rhode Island, Atkins, Blanks, Block, Boyles, Braley (2 votes), Brown of New Hampshire, Brown of Washington, Burke, Camp, Capen, Carletan, Carlin, Conant, Cox, Crane, Dodson, Dorsett, Dutemple, Ellis, Fischer of Wyoming, Fisher of Delaware, Garrett, Gibson of Texas, Goodwin, Guthrie, Harriman, Hedrick, Henry, Higgins, Hill, Hirst, Hudson, Hurd, Jacobs, Johnson, Jones of Kansas, Jones of Tennessee, Kelsey, Krebs, Kuykendall, Lee (2 votes), Loeb, Lyman, Makemson, McMurphy, Miller, Newton, Noland, Odlin, Orendorff, Parker, Pearce of Florida, Pearce of Virginia, Petty, Phiater (2 votes), Reimecke, Retting, Robbins, Rounds, Ruby, Ryley, Semmes, Slocumb (2 votes), Stannard (2 votes), Stevens (2 votes), Stillson, Strouse, Van Deman (2 votes), Wright—77.

Amend Article IX., Section 2, so as to read as follows :

SECT. 2. Grand Representatives shall be appointed as follows, viz.: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, one Grand Representative; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over one Grand Representative.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. Boyles, of Tennessee, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 10196, Journal, as follows, was considered :

Amend the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Article I., by inserting, as Section 10, the following :

State Grand Bodies are empowered to construe the intent and meaning of the laws adopted by them for the government of their Subordinates, and their decision shall be final and conclusive.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. Carleton, of Texas, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 10196, Journal, as follows was considered :

Amend Article XVI. of the Constitution by inserting in the last full line of Section 2, after the word "age," the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows :

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 1. The members of the Order from each State, District, or Territory, under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges or Encampments of every other State, District or Territory, upon providing themselves according to the established work of the Order and the production of a proper card.

SECT. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries, not on the continent of North America in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGES AND GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :

Your committee have considered the several propositions following, to wit:

1st. That of Reps. Kirger and Crane, by direction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

"Resolved, That it shall be optional with State Grand Lodges to enforce the use of the regulation regalia on such brethren who, while members or visitors, are not officers or representatives, and leave it to the discretion of the Grand Lodge to decide what shall constitute proper regalia for such brothers."

2nd. That by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, as follows : "Whereas, it is often difficult for State Grand-Bodies to furnish the prescribed regalia to members and visitors : Therefore resolved, That, in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Body wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lapel of their coat, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia.

"Resolved, That the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon prescribed as above, with the jewel of their office attached thereto."

The above was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was adopted :

Whereas, In the consideration of Appeal cases by this Grand Lodge, it is often necessary, for a correct decision thereon, to refer to the organic laws of the jurisdiction, therefore.

Resolved, That in all Appeals to this Grand Lodge, it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers, a certified copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment involved in the appeal.

WM. S. JOHNSON,

For the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, moved the following, which was adopted, 43 voting in the affirmative and 34 in the negative.

Resolved, Whereas it is not only right and proper, but the very nature, spirit, and desire of the I.O.O.F., demands that a day be set apart in each year by which its members may unite in Solemn Memorial Exercises in behalf of their Honored Dead, and it is believed that the most appropriate time for such service would be upon the 20th day of October, which day is that on which our Past Grand Sire Wildey, who after long years of earnest and successful work in our behalf, was gathered to his fathers ;

Be it therefore Resolved, that the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is hereby instructed to issue a Proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to October 20th, containing the purport of this Preamble and Resolution, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on the day above named and engage in appropriate Memorial Exercises respecting their deceased members, such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion, and said Proclamation to embrace the names of such officers and members of

the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term herein named. This resolution to take effect in the year 1887,—*provided, however*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Lodge to hold such Memorial Service, such Lodge may select the day.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge having decided to remove its headquarters from the City of Baltimore, the following nominations were made: Columbus, Ohio; Washington, Baltimore, St. Louis, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Indianapolis, Indiana. On a ballot being taken the City of Columbus, Ohio, was selected for its future home.

LEGISLATION.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the question, answer, and report of the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Encampment of Washington, have considered the same; and, while they recognize the fact that a visiting card, during its life time, is *prima-facie* evidence of membership in a Subordinate Lodge, yet for so important a purpose as that of obtaining membership in a Subordinate Encampment, a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, with the seal attached, should be required before the application is received by an Encampment. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That a certificate of the Secretary of the Subordinate Lodge of which the applicant is a member, with a seal attached, shall accompany all applications for membership made to a Subordinate Encampment, and it is hereby made the duty of every Secretary to fill out and furnish to any Scarlet Degree member of his Lodge, who is in good standing, such certificate upon application therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ALBIN,

GEO. W. LEE,

J. WARD ELLIS,

OLIVER DUFOUR,

JOS. SCHROEDER,

F. C. MACNEIL,

F. R. A. JETER,

WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,

CYRUS C. HURD.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Rep. Albin, of New Hampshire, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchs Militant Degree, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee beg leave to report that,—

The growth of the P. M. having far exceeded the expectations of its most sanguine friends, and the labor of the partial organization of the army upon the provisional basis having been so vast, the Lieutenant-General reported to your committee the necessity of extending the provisional period until the army could be thoroughly organized upon an elective basis.

Your committee gave his suggestions careful consideration, and were unanimously of the opinion that it was advisable to extend the provisional period in accordance with his recommendation.

The Lieutenant-General suggested about the propriety of not convening a Military Council until after the organization of the army upon an elective and strictly representative basis, for, otherwise, the Council would be composed almost wholly of his appointees,—a suggestion which readily commended itself to the good sense of your committee, and it heartily approved the act.

It early appeared that the entire time of the Lieutenant-General would be occupied during the provisional period in the discharge of the duties of his office, and we were of the opinion that he should be compensated therefor; accordingly, authority was given to him, by us, authorizing him to draw from any money which might come to his possession belonging to the Patriarchs Militant, not exceeding three thousand dollars per annum, as a compensation for such services. Of this amount he has drawn twenty-six hundred dollars only.

Until the army of the Patriarchs Militant has been organized upon an elective basis, it is impossible to make a thorough and exhaustive report with regard thereto; but the committee desire to say that the movement toward the Patriarchs Militant has been general throughout the entire country, and that the former differences which existed between various portions of the display elements of the Order have been practically harmonized, and the universal satisfaction with which the Ritual, organization, uniform, etc., have been received makes it manifest that they are acceptable, and the wise policy to pursue in the future is that no material changes or alterations shall be made. Such assurance will increase the ranks of the Patriarchs Militant to a large extent by the admission of many members of the display element, who are holding back to see if this Degree will be permanent, and by the increased confidence which will thereby be given to initiates and others working their way to the Patriarchs Militant Degree.

An imperative demand was made upon your committee for a code of tactics; and, as will be seen from the report of the Lieutenant-General, your committee took such action in the premises as they deemed wise and judicious.

In the discharge of their general duties the Lieutenant-General and Supervisory Committee have acted with the greatest harmony, having in view the one purpose,—the advancement of the best interests of this Grand Body, and of every jurisdiction subordinate thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ALBIN,

ED. A. STEVENS,

JOHN U. PERKINS,

Supervisory Committee on Degree of Patriarchs Militant.

Resolved, That the work on Tactics, as prepared under the supervision of the Lieutenant-General, shall be sold by the Chief of Supplies, as supplies, and that the moneys received for the same shall be covered into the head-quarter's fund, and be appropriated toward defraying the general expense account, until further orders by this Grand Lodge. Adopted.

Resolved, That Chevaliers, Cantons, or other organizations of the Patriarchs Militant, shall be and are hereby prohibited from publishing and selling forms, plates, books, etc., of the nature of those sold by the Chief of Supplies on duty at the head-quarters of the Army, as supplies, under penalty of paying a royalty for each and every one sold in disobedience to this resolution equal to the profit derived from the sale of said supplies of similar nature,—the Lieutenant-General to determine all cases of infringement on the supply privilege hereby granted to the Patriarchs Militant Head-quarters' Fund. Adopted.

Resolved, That all bodies of Uniformed Patriarchs and Uniform Degree Camps shall immediately merge into Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, or surrender the papers of organization and charters.

The next resolution, as follows, was considered :

Resolved, That all previous legislation concerning the Uniformed Patriarchs, Uniformed Degree Camps, and the Patriarchal Circle, except that relating to the merging of such bodies into Patriarchs Militant, be and the same is hereby repealed : and that, at present and hereafter, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will recognize *one* semi-military and armed body only in connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and that body the Patriarchs Militant.

Resolved, That, after January 1, 1887, the Lieutenant-General be and is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Patriarchs of the various jurisdictions, and state the names and numbers of the Uniformed Degree Camps of the said jurisdictions, respectively, which have merged into the Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant.

Resolved, That, upon receiving such information, that the various Grand Patriarchs shall and are hereby instructed to demand and recover all the charters of the Uniformed Degree Camps not having merged into Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant.

Resolved, That the Grand Patriarchs of all jurisdictions be and they are hereby instructed to cause the destruction of all rituals of the Uniformed Degree Camps, commencing January 1, 1887, and that the said officers shall make returns of their acts in the premises to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the 1st of July, 1887.

The question being on postponing the five resolutions until the next annual session, it was agreed to.

The following were then adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense and feeling of this Grand Lodge that no pronounced changes shall be made in the Uniform of the Patriarchs Militant ; that the Lieutenant-General shall have power to make such minor alterations, additions, etc., as may be necessary to complete and systematize the uniform, but it is the intention of this Sovereign Grand Body not to alter the uniform adopted at its last session.

Resolved, That the Patriarchs Militant uniform be and is hereby denominated a regalia, and, as such, can be worn by Chevaliers when visiting Lodges and Encampments of the Order.

Resolved, That the State, Territorial, and Provincial Departments shall sell application blanks to Cantons as supplies, and that the Commander of a Department, and Brigadiers and Colonels, or Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, or Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors, or Majors, or Commandants of Cantons, as the case may be, owing to the command forming the Department, shall constitute a Board of Officers to determine the manner by and through which a military fund sufficient for head-quarters' purposes shall be raised, and that all Brigades, Regiments, Battalions, Cantons and Chevaliers shall respect and obey the reasonable demands of such boards of officers.

Resolved, That after January 1, 1887, all applicants for warrants to establish Cantons shall possess regulation uniforms, and appear dressed in the same, upon the mustering of the Canton.

Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota, moved that the following be adopted, which was agreed to :

In order to save the expenses of the Mustering Officer to Cantons, be it—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-General may, at his discretion, cause the retiring Commandant of a Canton to muster his successor and other officers-elect, and shall at will issue muster-commissions to that effect.

Resolved, That on the night of the regular Cantonment next before the 26th of April of each year, that an election shall be held in every Canton of Patriarchs Militant for Commandant and subordinate elective officers.

Resolved, That the Clerks of the various Cantons throughout the several Departments shall hold elections as named in the preceding resolutions, and make report thereof to the adjutant of the Battalion or Regiment, which report shall be attested by the retiring Commandant.

Resolved, That the Adjutants of Battalions and Regiments shall forward the reports of elections held for officers of the Cantons in their commands, respectively, through the Adjutant-Generals of Brigade and Division, to the Adjutant-General at the Head-quarters of the Army.

Resolved, That previous legislation in conflict with the manner of holding elections for Cantons, as expressed in foregoing resolutions, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the forms for Chevaliers' Roster, Roll Call of Canton, Commandant's money-order book, Accountant's receipt-book and Seals for Cantons, all as prepared by the Lieutenant-General, be and they are hereby authorized to be sold from General Head-quarters as supplies, the money to be covered into Head-quarters' Fund to help defray the expenses of the various offices at General Head-quarters.

The following were then adopted :

Whereas, It is absolutely necessary that some legislation be had looking to the raising of a fund for department purposes ; and,

Whereas, It is inexpedient to levy a tax upon the Chevaliers of a Department, except the same be recommended by the Military Council, a strictly P. M. Representative body ; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-General shall prepare forms for the transfer of Chevaliers from one Canton to another, within and without the Department, a form of honorable discharge from a Canton, a form of application to a Canton for membership, and which together with the condensed Organic Law and By-Laws for a Canton, hereafter to be prepared by the Lieutenant-General, shall be published and sold by the several Departments ; the proceeds derived from said sales to be covered into a department fund for the purpose of meeting the various incidental expenses at department head-quarters.

The work upon Organic Law of the Patriarchs Militant, including a system of general By-laws for Cantons, in process of publication, has been prepared for the purpose of assisting the Organization in the beginning. In the preparation thereof, I have received valuable assistance from, and desire to thus publicly thank, Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. S. Johnson, Special Aid-de-Camp for Rhode Island, and Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Walter, Assistant Adjutant General upon my personal Staff, for appreciated service rendered.

Resolved, That such code of laws be and they are hereby authorized and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, until the Military Council shall revise and present others, which experience shall teach, as better suited to the requirements of the Army.

Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota, moved that the following be adopted, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That all supplies to be sold by Departments to Subordinate Organizations therein, shall be obtained of the Chief of Supplies at Head-quarters of the Army, for the sake of uniformity, and at a very small wholesale profit above actual cost, in order that the Departments may derive considerable profit by the sale of said supplies.

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Resolved, That so soon as the Army of Patriarchs Militant shall be organized upon the elective basis, then it shall be improper and irregular for one Chevalier to hold two positions at the same time, except that such privilege shall be granted to him by a Dispensation from the Lieutenant-General.

Resolved, That a Canton or other Organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade at any point within the bounds of the Department in which it is located, under Dispensation from the Commander of the Department.

Resolved, That a Canton or other organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade at any point within the bounds of the Grand Department or Division in which it is located, under dispensation from the officer in command of the Grand Department and the Major-General of Division.

Resolved, That a Canton or other organization of the Patriarchs Militant may be allowed to parade anywhere under Dispensation from the Lieutenant-General, Commander of Patriarchs Militant.

Resolved, That all organized bodies of Patriarchs Militant desiring to go from one point to another, and desiring to parade at places other than at those at which they are located, shall obtain a Dispensation Order from the proper officers ere they move, and a violation of this law shall be sufficient cause for court-martial.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-General shall have and is hereby clothed with power to convene courts-martial for the purpose of investigating any and all acts perpetrated by a Chevalier, Canton, or other Organizations of the P. M., and shall approve or reject the finding of the court-martial as he may deem proper.

On motion of Rep. Underwood the report, as amended, was adopted.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Special Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-General for the Several States, Territories and Provinces, to muster Cantons into the service, except wherein the Lieut.-General may otherwise order; and that all officers who muster Cantons into the service shall make report direct to the Lieut.-General, and also to the Commanders of Departments.

Resolved, That the Commanders of Departments shall assign newly mustered Cantons to battalions and regiments, and report such acts of assignment to the Colonels of Regiments, Generals of Brigade and Division, and to the Lieutenant-General.

Resolved, That the Supervisory Committee of the Patriarchs Militant Degree be increased to five, and continued until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS.

The following notices of amendments were laid on the table for consideration next session:

Rep. Rea, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Article I, by inserting, as Section 10, the following:

State Grand Bodies are empowered to construe the intent and meaning of the laws adopted by them for the government of their Subordinates, and their decision shall be final and conclusive.

FRANCIS M. REA, Pennsylvania.
 R. E. WRIGHT, Pennsylvania.
 M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, Pennsylvania.
 ALFRED SLACK, Pennsylvania.
 E. K. WILCOX, Ohio.
 HENRY C. HEDGES, Ohio.
 WM. REINECKE, Kentucky.

Rep. Hockin, of Lower Provinces, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Section 2, Article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "age," in the eighth line thereof, the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows :

Article 16, Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, *provided, however,* that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation.

ROBERT HOCKIN, Lower Provinces, B.N.A.,
 JOSEPH OLIVER, Ontario.
 J. W. STEBBINS, New York.
 J. M. CRAIG, Wisconsin.
 JNO. VAN VALKENBURG, Iowa.
 HORACE A. BROWN, New Hampshire.

In conclusion, your Representatives desire to express their thanks to the Brothers of Boston for the very magnificent reception they accorded to us during our stay in their city. And now, Patriarchs, our report is before you, and we hope it will meet with your approval. Thanking you for the high honor you have conferred upon us,

We remain, fraternally yours,

JOSEPH OLIVER,
 JOHN WELSH.

Since the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the following has been received :

PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
ALBION, N. Y., October 12, 1886.

M. D. DAWSON, *Grand Scribe, London, Ont., Canada:*

Dear Sir and Brother,—My attention has been called to the resolutions found on page 176 of the Daily Journal, and adopted on page 215, which are as follows, viz :

"*Resolved, That, in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Body, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lapel of their coat, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia.*"

Resolved, That the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon prescribed as above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto."

These resolutions, if valid, change Article XXII of the By-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but Article XXX of the same By-laws provides that no resolution of the Grand Lodge shall amend these By-laws unless the resolution shall upon its face assume to make such change. The resolutions in question purport to be merely ordinary legislation, and in no way refer to the by-laws. They are not therefore regularly adopted. Again, Article XIX of the Constitution provides that the by-laws can only be amended by a two-thirds vote. These resolutions, purporting on their face to be merely ordinary legislation and not an amendment to the by-laws, it cannot be presumed that they were passed by the vote required by the Constitution, although the journal says they were adopted. The vote on adopting an amendment to the Constitution or By-laws always should be, and generally is given, so that the journal shows the fact that it was legally adopted. In view of the foregoing provision of law, I am constrained to declare the resolutions referred to *inoperative and void*. It is therefore incumbent on you to see that the regalia provided for in Article XXII of the By-laws as they were prior to the last annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be worn in your Grand Body.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. WHITE, Grand Sire.

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

JAMES SWEENEY, No. 155 Lusignane St.	Montreal Encampment,	No. 1
J. A. SWINTON	Union	No. 1
S. T. REEVES	Frontier	No. 2
GEORGE MORTIMORE	Harmony	No. 3
LEVI FISHER	Brant	No. 4
JOSEPH WHITCHURCH	Charity	No. 5
W. N. FORD	Beaver	No. 6
Geo. E. WILSON, care of P. E. Fitzpatrick	Burlington	No. 7
S. F. WILCOCK, 129 Spadina Ave.	Toronto	No. 8
C. C. LYMAN	Brook	No. 9
ALBERT SHELDRIK	Chatham	No. 10
WM. C. DIXON	Ontario	No. 11
N. S. YOUNG	Albert	No. 12
WM. WICKS	Whitby	No. 13
JOHN MURDOCK	Fidelity	No. 14
WM. ADAMS	Kingston	No. 15
ROGER RICHARDSON	Mt. Ararat	No. 16
N. A. MCKINNON	Hebron	No. 17
W. A. PRINGLE	Quinte	No. 19
WM. WALDEN	Elgin	No. 20
C. A. SIZE	Unity	No. 21
J. A. BRITTON	Guiding Star	No. 22
ISAAC MCNIVEN	Niagara Falls	No. 23
JOHN SCOTT	Friendship	No. 24
GEORGE READING	Victoria	No. 25
F. W. WOOD	Alpha	No. 26
J. W. SMITH	Huron	No. 28
CHAS. H. BRIDGES	Livingstone	No. 29
E. A. WOODHOUSE	Wentworth	No. 30
WM. CARTER	Wellington	No. 31
J. G. SRIGLEY	Newmarket	No. 32
E. J. SPACKMAN	Exeter	No. 33
J. J. MANNING	Peel	No. 34
Geo. E. WILSON, care of P. E. Fitzpatrick	Royal	No. 36
WM. RUDD	Dresden	No. 37
GEORGE MORTIMORE	Adelphian	No. 38
R. C. YOUNG	Excelsior	No. 39
JAS. T. ROSS	Brussels	No. 40
J. B. BEVERIGE	Dufferin	No. 41
G. F. CLARK, M.D.	Aylmer	No. 42
W. T. WATSON	Banner	No. 43
	Wildey	No. 44
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN	Collingwood	No. 45
W. J. NICHOL	Saugeen Valley	No. 46
W. J. YOUNG, M.D.	Minerva	No. 47
ALLAN CAMERON, M.D.	Owen Sound	No. 48
F. KRESS	Samaritan	No. 49
S. J. WILCOCK, 129 Spadina Ave.	Rehoboth	No. 50
W. R. HICKEY	Bothwell	No. 51
J. B. McMICKEN	Ridgely	No. 52
THOS. BEESON	Outaouais	No. 53
HENRY HARPER	Mizpah	No. 54
PETER JOHNSON	Maple Leaf	No. 55
R. J. LEE	Mount Hebron	No. 56
JOHN HOWARD	Phoenix	No. 57
JOS. McDOUGALL	Waba	No. 58
W. A. PRINGLE	Moirs	No. 59
W. L. BURDICK	Central	No. 60
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APPENDIX.

Annual Report of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge,
I. O. O. F., December 31, 1885. Names and Addresses of Grand Scribes.

No.	JURISDICTION	MEMBERS.		GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
		Dec. 31, 1885.			
No. 1	Alabama	189		Lee R. McKee	Montgomery.
No. 2	Arkansas	73		Peter Bruggman	Little Rock.
No. 3	California	4,210		W. B. Lyon	Box 2207, San Francisco.
No. 4	Colorado	763		J. M. Norman	Denver.
No. 5	Connecticut	2,294		Frederick Botsford	New Haven.
No. 6	Dakota	331		Ralph R. Briggs	Sioux Falls.
No. 7	Delaware	369		Edwin Hirst	903 Orange St., Wilmington.
No. 8	District Columbia	424		Joseph Burroughs	{ 513 Seventh st., S. E. Washington, D.C.
No. 9	Florida			John G. Deitz	Macon.
No. 10	Georgia	429		J. C. Smith	250 W. Van Buren St., Chicago.
No. 11	Illinois	6,005		B. F. Foster	Indianapolis.
No. 12	Indiana	5,522		William Garrett	Burlington.
No. 13	Iowa	4,463		Samuel F. Burdett	Leavenworth.
No. 14	Kentucky	1,499		William White	Louisville.
No. 15	Louisiana	1,399		James Furneaux	Box 383, New Orleans.
No. 16	Maine	149		N. G. Cummings	Portland.
No. 17	Maryland	4,022		John M. Jones	Baltimore.
No. 18	Massachusetts	1,353		Charles D. Cole	Boston.
No. 19	Michigan	7,034		E. H. Whitney	Lansing.
No. 20	Minnesota	2,394		J. F. Williams	St. Paul.
No. 21	Mississippi	1,057		James T. McCowan	Vicksburg.
No. 22	Missouri	2,264		E. M. Sloan	St. Louis, Box 496.
No. 23	Montana	213		Jacob Loeb	Helena.
No. 24	Nebraska	565		D. A. Cline	Lincoln.
No. 25	Nevada	358		B. F. Wallace	Virginia City.
No. 26	New Hampshire	2,550		Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
No. 27	New Jersey	2,559		Lewis Parker	Trenton.
No. 28	New York	5,911		James Terwilliger	26 Bond St., New York City.
No. 29	North Carolina	189		Edward Zoeller	Tarboro.
No. 30	Ohio	11,175		James Anderson	Dayton.
No. 31	Ontario	2,870		M. D. Dawson	London.
No. 32	Oregon	528		J. M. Bacon	Oregon City.
No. 33	Pennsylvania	12,462		James B. Nicholson	146 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia.
No. 34	Rhode Island	1,454		Marcus W. Morton	Providence, Box 966.
No. 35	South Carolina	44		Robert C. Starr	Charleston.
No. 36	Tennessee	284		J. R. Harwell	Nashville.
No. 37	Texas	810		L. F. De Lesdernier	Houston.
No. 38	Vermont	575		Joseph K. Egerton	Northfield.
No. 39	Victoria			William Judge	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, Russel Street, Melbourne.
No. 40	Virginia	583		A. T. Burr	Danville.
No. 41	Washington	217		Le F. A. Shaw	Walla Walla.
No. 42	West Virginia	673		H. A. Uthman	Wheeling.
No. 43	Wisconsin	2,083		L. B. Hills	Madison.
No. 44	Wyoming	184		W. H. Amesbury	Laramie City.
No. 45		93,180			
No. 46	Sov. Gr. Lodge.	516,230		Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary	Baltimore, Md.

Executive Officers of Subordinate Encampments Elected and Installed,
for Term Commencing July 1st., 1896.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	LOCATION.	CHIEF PATRIARCH.	SCRIBE.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Montreal.....	1	Montreal.	H. A. Jackson	A. W. Stavelay	2nd and 4th Wednesday.
Union.....	1	St. Catharines.	Jno. G. Sistrerson.	B. J. Leubsdorf	1st and 3d Tuesday.
Frontier.....	2	Windsor.....	R. S. McDonald	A. L. McCrae	2d and 4th Friday.
Harmony.....	3	London.....	Saml. Friendship.	Alf. Davis	2d and 4th Thursday.
Brant.....	4	Brantford.....	Wm. Glover	F. J. Greeny	1st and 3d Friday.
Charity.....	5	Stratford.....	Jas. L. Armstrong.	Jas. R. Bootleby.	2d and 4th Friday.
Beaver.....	6	St. Mary's.....	W. N. Ford	John Reid	1st and 3d Thursday.
Burlington.....	7	Hamilton.....	Geo. Ross	John Wurst	2d and 4th Monday.
Toronto.....	8	Toronto.....	W. H. Taylor	Robt. Dodds	2d and 4th Thursday.
Brook.....	9	Brockville.....	Wm. Brace	G. C. Lyman	1st Friday in each month
Chatham.....	10	Chatham.....	J. Donovan	Geo. W. Cowan	1st and 3d Thursday.
Ontario.....	11	Oshawa.....	J. E. Harkens	Jas. Fellow	2d and 4th Friday.
Albert.....	12	Bowmanville.....	N. S. Young	J. Kerr	2d and 4th Monday.
Whitby.....	13	Whitby.....	J. Thompson	C. Taylor	1st and 3d Friday.
Fidelity.....	14	Strathroy.....	J. Wilkenson	C. Greenway	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Kingston.....	15	Kingston.....	W. Saunders	E. J. Adams	2d and 4th Monday.
Mount Ararat.....	16	Napanee.....	R. Richardson	E. S. Lapum	2d and 4th Wednesday.
Hebron.....	17	Parkhill.....	John Hamilton	Wm. J. McRoberts	2d and 4th Monday.
Quinte.....	18	Belleville.....	John L. McGuire.	W. A. Pringle	2d and 4th Wednesday.
Elgin.....	20	St. Thomas.....	J. L. Johnson	L. Ferguson	1st and 3d Monday.
Unity.....	21	Ingersoll.....	Harry Rowland	A. C. Size	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Guiding Star.....	22	Manilla.....	Thos. S. Williams.	J. Britton	1st and 3d Wednesday.
Niagara Falls.....	23	Niagara Falls.....	J. K. Peckham	Isaac McNiven	2d and 4th Wednesday.
Friendship.....	24	Petrolia.....	H. Hunter	W. M. Lowery	2d and 4th Friday.
Victoria.....	25	Port Hope.....	A. A. Stevenson.	J. H. Magill	2d and 4th Friday.
Alpha.....	26	Sarnia.....	Jas. Skeoch	John Ross	1st and 3d Wednesday.
Huron.....	28	Goderich.....	Wm. Babb	W. B. Matthews.	1st and 3d Friday.
Livingstone.....	29	Thorold.....	Peter Steep	Wm. McCleary	1st and 3d Friday.
Wentworth.....	30	Dundas.....	John P. Royle	Wm. H. Knowles.	1st Tuesday in each month
Wellington.....	31	Guelph.....	Saml. Law	R. Mackenzie	2nd and 4th Friday.
Newmarket.....	32	Newmarket.....	J. G. Srigley	J. E. Hughes	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Exeter.....	33	Exeter.....	Henry Sanbrook.	E. J. Spackman	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Royal.....	36	Hamilton.....	G. E. Heming	W. Braidwood	1st and 3d Monday.
Dresden.....	37	Dresden.....	Thos. Bingham	Wm. Rudd	2d and 4th Thursday.
Adelphian.....	38	London.....	S. W. Crawford	W. F. Darch	2d and 4th Friday.
Excelsior.....	39	Ridgetown.....	R. C. Young	C. Grant	2d and 4th Monday.
Brussels.....	40	Brussels.....	Wm. Martin	J. T. Ross	Every alternate Monday.
Dufferin.....	41	Pt. Edward.....	Geo. Harris	Jno. E. Richards	1st and 3d Friday.
Aylmer.....	42	Aylmer.....	.....	.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Banner.....	43	Harriston.....	.....	.....	1st and 3rd Wednesday.
Wilday.....	44	Glenceoe.....	.....	.....	1st and 3rd Friday.
Collingwood.....	45	Collingwood.....	Theo. Laurence	Saml. Wood	1st and 3d Friday.
Saugen Valley.....	46	Walkerton.....	Geo. Shantz	Alma Pengelly	1st Mon. in July & alter.
Minerva.....	47	Wingham.....	Geo. Russell	W. J. Chapman.	2d and 4th Monday.
Owen Sound.....	48	Owen Sound.....	A. E. S. Malone.	John Brown	1st and 3d Monday.
Samaritan.....	49	Berlin.....	J. Kimmel	J. K. Master	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Rehoboth.....	50	Toronto.....	G. E. Thompson.	J. Murray	1st Thursday each month
Bothwell.....	51	Bothwell.....	W. E. Hickey	Geo. Taylor	2d and 4th Saturday.
Ridgely.....	52	Jarvis.....	J. Burwash	L. Moblo	1st Tuesday each month
Outaouais.....	53	Ottawa.....	Arthur berg	Thos. Beeson	1st and 3d Friday.
Mispah.....	54	Barrie.....	E. W. King	J. A. McIntosh	2nd and 4th Friday.
Maple Leaf.....	55	Woodstock.....	Angus Ross	Thos. F. Moheath.	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Mount Hebron.....	56	Peterborough.....	J. C. T. Lacey	R. W. Errett	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Phoenix.....	57	Wallaceburg.....	F. W. Robinson	D. P. McDonald.	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Waba.....	58	Arnprior.....	R. Hopkins	John Munn	2d Friday in each month
Moira.....	59	Belleville.....	J. Mormon	L. C. Pascoe	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Central.....	60	Essex Centre.....	F. Balfour	E. Dunstan	1st and 3d Tuesday.
Amicus.....	61	Norwich.....	J. M. Cole	W. H. Miller	2d and 4th Thursday.
Galt.....	62	Galt.....	A. H. Blakeby	Thos. D. Wardlaw	1st and 3d Friday.
Simcoe.....	63	Simcoe.....	Robt. Mead	O. M. Jones	1st Tues. after full moon.

In Memoriam.

- No. 2—F. J. CROSS Windsor, December 17, 1885
- No. 3—DAVID MARTIN London, May 14, 1886
- No. 4—JOHN D. PARKIN Brantford, January 23, 1886
- No. 5—A. L. STRUTHERS Stratford, June 13, 1886
- No. 7—CHAS. HESS Hamilton, Feb. 9th, 1886
- No. 8 } JOHN YOUNG Toronto, December 5, 1885
 } F. W. UNITT Toronto, June 10, 1886
- No. 9 } JAMES HOLMES Brockville (Date not given)
 } JOHN KYLE Brockville, April 30, 1886
- No. 10—HENRY NAGLE Chatham (Date not given)
- No. 13—THOS. MASON Whitby, April 23, 1886
- No. 15—WM. HAMMOND Kingston, Nov. 13, 1885
- No. 24—CHAS. A. BYANE Petrolia, December 27, 1885
- No. 25—JOHN WARMINGTON Port Hope, March 10, 1886
- No. 29—J. C. LAMPMAN Thorold, June 14, 1886
- No. 31—JESSE BRIMFIELD Guelph, November 1, 1885
- No. 38—A. K. SHAW London, November 12, 1885
- No. 45—W. C. CONNELL Collingwood, November 27, 1885
- No. 52—H. B. PURCEL Jarvis, March 20, 1886
- No. 55—JOHN HOHMIEIER Woodstock, March 2, 1886

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

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

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

The per Capita Tax is twenty-five cents for each member upon the Roll at the last stated meeting in the term.

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

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

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

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

Supplies are furnished to Encampments in this Jurisdiction at the following rates, viz. ;

Charge Books.....	\$2 50
Books of Laws, each.....	40
Digest.....	3 00
Emblematic Chart.....	3 00
Visiting Cards, each.....	30
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	30
Register Books, each.....	3 50
Proposition Books, each.....	3 25
Black Books, each.....	2 00
Draft Books, each.....	2 00
Treasurers' Books, each.....	1 00
Receipt Books, each.....	1 75
Return Books, each.....	1 00
Roll Books, each.....	1 00
Notices of Meetings, per 100.....	1 00
Notices of Arrears, per 100.....	1 00
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