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I. O. O. F.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Fourth Annual Session,

HELD AT BRANDON.

AUGUST 10th, 11th and 12th, 1887.

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,

BRANDON, August 10th, 1887.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F., assembled this day, being the fourth Annual Session, at 16:45 o'clock.

The following Grand Officers were present :

JAS. D. CONKLIN,	- - - -	Grand Master.
H. J. RAYMER,	- - - -	Grand Warden.
GEO. C. MORTIMORE,	- - - -	Grand Secretary.
W. J. WATSON,	- - - -	Grand Treasurer.
W. F. ROSS,	- - - -	Grand Marshall.
D. MACKAY,	- - - -	Grand Conductor.
S. COPPINGER,	- - - -	Grand Guardian.
E. G. Wiswell,	- - - -	Grand Herald.
C. D. ANDERSON,	- - - -	Grand Representative.

The Grand Secretary announced that a quorum of Lodges was represented.

The Grand Marshall and Grand Conductor, by order of the Grand

Master, examined the Past Grands in attendance, and reported all correct in the pass-word of the current term and in the pass-word of the Grand Lodge Degree, whereupon the Grand Chaplain, by request of the Grand Master, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows :

Father of all mercies, we do at this time thank Thee for Thy great goodness toward us in being spared to meet together, and we trust that our meeting may be of great good to us all. We thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us during the past year, and that so many of us are again assembled to receive counsel and adopt means for the future advancement of our loved Order.

We ask Thee to bless this Grand Lodge, and each Grand Lodge now in session in this our land. Bless every member of our Order. We pray Thee to be kind and gracious to the sick and afflicted, protect the widow and the orphan. Do Thou forgive wherein we have erred in the past, and help us to be more obedient in the future, so that at last may we meet as an unbroken band at Thy right hand. Guide us now in all that we do and say. All we ask is in and through the name of Jesus, our Saviour. AMEN.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Secretary presented the Certificates of Representatives and Past Grands.

The Grand Master appointed the following as the Committee on Credentials :—Alex. Pratt, Rep. No. 7 ; R. Roxburgh, P. G. No. 3 ; Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report :

BRANDON, August 10, 1887.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report having examined the Certificates of the duly accredited Representatives to this Grand Lodge, and submit herewith a list thereof.

We also submit a list of Past Grands in good standing in their respective Lodges who are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge for the first time.

REPRESENTATIVES.

John Thomson	Manitoba	Lodge, No. 1.	Winnipeg,
Jas. A. Pelkey	"	"	"	1
W. R. Hall	"	"	"	1

J. G. S.
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J. G. Soper	North Star Lodge	No. 2.	Winnipeg.
R. H. Shanks	" "	2.	Winnipeg.
D. A. McDonald	Portage	3.	Portage la Prairie.
A. E. Hopkinson	Gateway City	4.	Emerson.
Daniel Budge	Gladstone	5.	Gladstone.
Wm. J. Burchill	Brandon City	6.	Brandon.
L. M. More, M. D.	" "	6.	Brandon.
Alex. Pratt	Minnehaha	7.	Winnipeg.
Harry Jamieson	" "	7.	Winnipeg.
J. W. Greenway	Crystal City	8.	Crystal City.
R. Wilson	Nelson	9.	Morden.
W. J. Roache, M. D.	Minnedosa	10.	Minnedosa.
T. W. Gilbert, M. D.	Western Star	11.	Carberry.
D. L. Gaunce	Valley	1A.	Moose Jaw.
J. C. McArthur	Moosomin	2A.	Moosomin.

PAST GRANDS.

N. Hewitt	Manitoba Lodge,	No. 1.	Winnipeg.
John E. Thomas	Portage	3.	Portage la Prairie.
*Jas. Mather	" "	3.	Portage la Prairie.
A. L. Curtis	" "	3.	Portage la Prairie.
*I. Q. Logie	Gladstone	5.	Gladstone.
J. A. Brown	Brandon City	6.	Brandon.
W. H. Hannam	" "	6.	Brandon.
*Thos. J. Lamont	" "	6.	Brandon.
Jabez Miller	Minnehaha	7.	Winnipeg.
A. McDermid	" "	7.	Winnipeg.
M. Wise	Western Star	11.	Carberry.
*John Tucker	Moosomin	2A.	Moosomin.
*T. B. McAlpine	" "	2A.	Moosomin.

Your Committee would recommend that all of the above who are in waiting and have not received the Grand Lodge Degree, be now introduced and instructed in the Degree. Your Committee submit the following resolution :

Resolved—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. PRATT.
R. ROXBURGH.
GEO. C. MORTIMORE.

* Not present during session.

By direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshall and Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives and Past Grands to the Grand Warden, by whom they were obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

REPRESENTATIVES—Soper, Shanks, Hopkinson, Burchill.

PAST GRANDS—Hewitt, Thomas, Mather, Curtis, Logie, Brown, Hannam, Miller, McDermid, Wise, Tucker, McAlpine.

The Roll of Officers, Representatives and Past Grands was then called, and the following responded to their names :

All the Officers as at the opening of the Grand Lodge ; all the Representatives from the subordinate Lodges (except John Thomson, Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, and W. J. Roache, Minnedosa Lodge, No. 10) ; J. P. Young, P. G. M. ; and Past Grands H. Wilson, J. Pettigrew, W. Hunter, J. E. Thomas, A. L. Curtis, J. A. Brown, W. H. Hannam, J. Miller, A. McDermid, M. Wise.

The Grand Secretary then submitted the minutes of the evening session, August 12th, 1886, which were adopted.

The Grand Master then announced the following Standing Committees :

DISTRIBUTION.

J. D. Bowley, P. D. G. M. ; H. B. Rose, P. G., No. 7 ; W. R. Hall, Rep., No. 1.

RETURNS.

W. J. Watson, G. Treas. ; J. W. Greenway, Rep., No. 8 ; A. W. Shaw, P. G., No. 10.

FINANCE.

D. A. McDonald, Rep., No. 3 ; R. H. Shanks, Rep., No. 2 ; R. J. Noxon, P. G., No. 6.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

J. W. Anderson, P. G., No. 6 ; D. Budge, Rep., No. 5 ; J. C. McArthur, Rep., No. 2A.

JUDICIARY.

Harper Wilson, P. G., No. 7 ; T. W. Gilbert, M. D., Rep., No. 11 ; H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

C. D. Anderson, Grand Rep. ; W. J. Roache, M. D., Rep., No. 10 ;
J. M. Robinson, P. G., No. 3.

LEGISLATION.

J. P. Young, P. G. M. ; Robt. Wilson, M. D., Rep., No. 9 ; D. Mac-
kay, Grand Conductor.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Hy. Jamieson, Rep., No. 7 ; J. A. Pelkey, Rep., No. 1 ; A. E. Hop-
kinson, Rep., No. 4.

PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

L. M. More, M. D., Rep., No. 6 ; D. L. Gaunce, Rep., No. 1 ; J.
G. Soper, Rep., No. 2.

The Grand Master then submitted his Report in print, and on motion
it was received without being read, and referred to the Committee on
Distribution :

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS :

I congratulate you that we are privileged to meet in
Annual Session in the progressive city of Brandon, where, instead of the
few canvas tents of six years ago, we are greeted with the pleasing sight
of stately churches, commodious schools, substantial business blocks,
comfortable homes, and beautiful streets—evidences alike of the enter-
prise of its citizens and of their faith in the resources and development
of the district of which it is the intellectual and commercial centre.
May its growth be as steady and peaceful as the river which gently flows
past its borders ; its moral and social foundations as firm as the hills on
which it is built ; and its influence for everything pure and noble, as
broad as the almost limitless prairies by which it is surrounded.

While there are many in the Grand Lodge to-day who were present

at its organization four years ago, and who have attended each Annual Session, we are greatly reinforced and strengthened by the introduction of new members, whom we gladly welcome to share our counsels and join in our deliberations. We meet, not merely for enjoyment and to renew old and form new associations, but to consult together and legislate for the good of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. I trust, therefore, we may wisely and harmoniously consider and determine those measures which may be submitted for our attention, "keeping in view that philanthropic principle by which we hail each other as brothers," so that our deliberations may be pleasant and their results beneficial. The depression which has prevailed along all the lines of business agricultural, industrial and commercial, has tended to try the stability of our Lodges, and test the confidence of our members in the ability of our Order to fulfil its moral and pecuniary obligations. Notwithstanding this depression, every claim on our funds has been fully met; the great command of our Order "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, to bury the dead and educate the orphan," has been obeyed, whenever and wherever circumstances have required; we have more than held our own as regards membership, and have considerably increased our reserve funds to meet future contingencies, so that our present position is very satisfactory, and our prospects for growth and influence most encouraging. Therefore, with devout thanksgiving to Him who is crowning the year with His goodness, may we enter upon the labors and duties of this our fourth Annual Session.

When, one short year ago, by your generous confidence and support, was committed to me the important trust of presiding over this Grand Lodge and guiding the destinies of our Order in this jurisdiction, I resolved, so far as my time and abilities would permit, to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon me; but now, in giving back to you that trust, I realize how far short I have come of fulfilling the resolutions and expectations then formed, and I ask your fraternal forbearance, assuring you that no known duty has been willingly neglected. My intercourse and correspondence with my colleagues, District Deputies and Lodges, have been uniformly pleasant and courteous, and every matter which has come before me has been impartially considered, and, I believe, satisfactorily disposed of. No Appeals or Grievances arising out of my actions will come before you, and, so far as I know, peace and harmony prevail among the brethren. It now devolves upon me, as

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required by our Constitution and Ancient Usage, to lay before you an account of my official acts, and such other matters as seem to me to be of general interest.

Condition of the Order.

In addition to what has already been stated, I am thankful to report from personal observation and correspondence with my Deputies, that Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction is fulfilling its mission, and justifies its claim to rank first among those moral agencies which, by the dissemination of the principles of our cardinal virtues, Friendship, Love and Truth, tend to hasten the day when

"Man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that ;"

for let it ever be remembered that Odd Fellowship is something incomparably more than the mere almoner of the contributions of the many to the necessities of the few.

By constitutional provisions and long established custom, admission to our Lodges is carefully guarded, but it is left for Committees on Character to carefully and conscientiously perform their important duty, and to members, by a wise discrimination in the use of the ballot, to preserve our Order free from the unworthy. I believe that in the main this discretion is judiciously exercised by our Lodges, and where, perchance, the unworthy is found, rigid discipline is applied and enforced. I am further led to believe that, while the Ritualistic portions of our work are fairly well rendered, a desire exists throughout our Lodges for improvement in this respect, which should be met on the part of this Grand Lodge, by providing for the holding of Lodges of Instruction in as many of our subordinates as may be practicable ; a portion of the expense to be borne by the Grand Lodge, and the rest by the Lodge or Lodges benefitted thereby. It should be the aim of this Grand Body to see that the ceremonies of the Order are rendered in a becoming and dignified manner, free of everything partaking of the ludicrous, so that the sublime teachings of the Initiatory and other Degrees may be conveyed to the candidate in a way calculated to make a favorable and lasting impression. Subordinate Lodges, of course, can aid in this by seeing that brothers elected or appointed to office are thoroughly competent for their respective positions. The training of Degree Teams, to share the

work with the Officers of the Lodges, so popular in many jurisdictions, and being tried by a few Lodges in this, has ~~done~~ much to raise the standard of Floor work, and in my opinion is well calculated to revive the interest which the old, and oftentimes slovenly, method has caused to decline. This does not imply that a large or even any expenditure shall be made for gorgeous paraphernalia, but, that the several charges shall be appropriately given, and some form of floor movements adopted at once appropriate and graceful.

For full information regarding our financial and numerical standing, I refer you to the very elaborate tables and excellent report of our Grand Secretary, who has given much care and attention to the details in connection with his special department.

New Lodge.

A petition was received by the Grand Secretary, on the 15th of July, from a number of brothers at Glenboro, the present terminus of the South-Western Branch of the C. P. Railway, asking for the institution of a Lodge there. After due consideration of the subject and much correspondence regarding the prospects for a Lodge, and believing the petitioners to be men of good standing in the community as well as enthusiastic and zealous Odd Fellows, I granted a Dispensation, and on the 27th of July instituted the Lodge, which is known as Mizpah Lodge, No. 12. The Dispensation was delivered to the following brothers: Wm. Abbott, P. G., R. W. Brown, James Davidson, W. J. Gunne, M. D., John Moir, and Isaac Moore, P. G. After the election and installation of Officers, two candidates were proposed, and by Dispensation were balloted for, initiated, and the three degrees conferred. On this occasion I was greatly assisted by Bros. C. D. Anderson, Grand Rep.; Horace J. Raymer, Grand Warden; Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Sec'y; H. B. Rose, Jabez Miller, and R. H. Shanks, Past Grands, of Winnipeg; and Dr. Riddell, D. W. Duff and J. W. Greenway, Past Grands, of Crystal City, and by several other worthy brothers, to all of whom my thanks are given for their presence and assistance. To the brethren of Mizpah Lodge, No. 12, my thanks are also tendered for their generous reception and unbounded hospitality. The new Lodge has already several applications before it, and being located in the centre of a magnificent and well-settled farming country, has good material to draw from. I recommend that a Charter be granted by this Grand Lodge.

I have also had several letters from brothers residing at Deloraine, Boissevain, Virden, and Shoal Lake regarding the establishment of Lodges at these places, and believe the correspondence will lead up to the accomplishment of this object at an early day.

Dispensations.

During the year I have granted the following Dispensations :—

- 1.—August 17th, 1886, permitting Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, North Star Lodge, No. 2, and Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, to hold a union picnic at Headingly, August 18th. This application did not come before me in a regular manner, as I had no communication from the Lodges, nor any evidence that the joint committee applying for this dispensation was duly authorized. The application having reached me the day before the picnic, I had no other alternative than to sanction what had already been advertised.
- 2.—Sept. 11th, permitting Minnedosa Lodge, No. 10, to elect and install Bro. R. Hill Myers, a Scarlet member, into the office of Recording Secretary, all qualified members having declined nomination.
- 3.—Sept. 22nd, permitting Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, to hold a public ball on the 8th October.
- 4.—Sept. 22nd, permitting Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, to elect and install Bro. Daniel E. McKinnon, a Scarlet member, into the office of Permanent Secretary, all qualified members having declined nomination.
- 5.—Nov. 24th, permitting Minnedosa Lodge, No. 10, to hold a public anniversary entertainment on the 1st December.
- 6.—January 8th, 1887, permitting Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, to hold a public anniversary entertainment on the 13th January.
- 7.—Feb. 14th, permitting Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, to hold a public concert, ball and supper on the 16th February.
- 8.—Feb. 18th, permitting Crystal City Lodge, No. 8, to hold a public entertainment on the 10th March.
- 9.—March 29th, permitting North Star Lodge, No. 2, to hold a ball and supper on the 26th April.

- 10.—April 9th, permitting Nelson Lodge, No. 9, to nominate and elect three Trustees, no election having been held in November, as required by the By-laws of the Lodge.
- 11.—April 19th, permitting Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, to wear the regalia of the Order when attending Divine Service on Sunday, 24th April.
- 12.—April 25th, permitting Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, to wear the regalia of the Order when attending Divine Service on Sunday, 1st May.
- 13.—May 24th, permitting Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, to receive nominations for office at the last regular meeting in May (election night), the receiving of nominations having been unintentionally omitted two weeks previous.
- 14.—July 30, permitting Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, North Star Lodge, No. 2, and Minnebaha Lodge, No. 7, to hold a union pic-nic at Fraser's Grove, 3rd August. The application for this Dispensation came from the three Lodges above named, but not until after their attention had been called to the fact that the joint committee had issued tickets and posters announcing the pic-nic. In writing to the Lodges on this subject, I stated—"It seems to me not only courteous but reasonable, if the dignity and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge are to be conserved, and its constitutional rights and privileges acknowledged and respected, that as soon as the Lodges decided to hold the pic-nic and the time and place settled, the Dispensation from the Grand Master should have been obtained, to the end that all things be done decently and in order, and subsequent arrangements regularly carried on."

Subordinate Lodges should understand—

- 1, That a Dispensation to hold a public celebration where the regalia of the Order may be worn or the name of the Order assumed, should be applied for and received before any public announcement is authorized;
- 2, That the application for a Dispensation should be accompanied by a direct promise from the Lodge, through its Officers, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered to the members or guests present on the occasion. Therefore, I submit I am correct in holding that general instructions to a committee to arrange for a picnic or other pub-

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lic gathering, does not empower the committee to ask for a Dispensation, and the Grand Master would be justified in declining to recognize its authority.

Decisions.

During my term I have received a number of letters asking information on points easily obtainable by the writers themselves from the Constitution, and other sources equally easy of access; but as the time of the Grand Master is supposed to be always at the service of the Order, I have promptly replied to every letter, whether official or unofficial, referring to the law, and giving advice when asked for it. The following decisions on points of law have been given by me:

- 1.—Under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a D. D. G. M. has not the authority to grant a Dispensation permitting a Lodge to elect a Scarlet member who has not served a lawful term in an appointed office, to an elective office.
- 2.—Election of Officers, or any other business transacted at a meeting of a Lodge, when the Charter and Bible are not in the Lodge Room, is invalid.
- 3.—Under the provisions of the Constitution of Subordinates in this jurisdiction, a Lodge cannot grant money from the General Fund in response to an appeal for aid from a Subordinate or Grand Lodge.
- 4.—An election to fill a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand having been declared void by reason of irregularities, it was held that qualified brothers who had declined nomination at the time of the illegal election were eligible for nomination when the new election was held.
- 5.—Under the By-Laws of a Lodge which provides for three dollars per week benefits after first week's sickness or disability, a qualified brother injured Jan 22, 1887, and who resumed work March 19, 1887, was entitled to seven weeks' benefits, or \$21.00.
- 6.—Under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, when an election for Representative is held, every Past Grand in good standing is eligible.

Visitations.

On the 4th January, 1887, I visited North Star Lodge, No. 2, by

request, and, assisted by Horace J. Raymer, Grand Warden; Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Secretary; W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer; and W. F. Ross, Grand Marshal; installed the officers.

On the 7th January I visited Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, also by request, and, assisted by Bros. B. D. Deering, P. G. M.; W. F. Ross, Grand Marshal, and several Past Grands, installed the officers.

On both of the above occasions I found the Semi-annual Returns ready, and the business and work of the Lodge promptly conducted.

On the 8th July I visited Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, and, assisted by Bros. J. D. Bowley, P. D. G. M.; R. J. Noxon, D. D. G. M.; L. M. More, P. D. D. G. M., and E. G. Wiswell, Grand Herald, installed the officers. I also witnessed the initiation of a candidate, the work being fairly rendered. This Lodge occupies the hall in which we are now met, and with the men and means at its disposal is capable of doing first-class work.

Owing to the indisposition of Bro. Wm. Miller, D. D. G. M., and at his request, I installed the officers of North Star Lodge, No. 2, and Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, on the 5th and 7th July respectively.

I exceedingly regret being unable to visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction, as was my desire, and trust my successor may be able to overtake this pleasant duty.

Appointments.

On the 6th January, 1887, I issued instructions to Bro. Horace J. Raymer, Grand Warden, to install the officers of Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, (the D. D. G. M. being at the time on a sick bed), with which he promptly complied, and made due report to me.

On the 2nd May I appointed Bro. Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Secretary, a member of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, and to take my place thereon.

On the 12th July I appointed Bro. John Thomson, P. G., Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Auditor, in the place of C. A. Schofield, expelled from the Order.

Application for Aid Granted.

The Lodges in Charleston, South Carolina, having suffered seriously

by the earthquake of August 31st, 1886, which not only completely wrecked their Hall, but rendered homeless many of the members of the Order, applied to me for leave to appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction for aid for the destitute, and to assist in the re-building of their Hall.

This application having the sanction of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, leave was granted on the 22nd October, and the claims of our distressed brethren recommended to the sympathy and liberality of our Lodges; contributions to be sent to our Grand Secretary, and by him forwarded to the proper officer.

The Grand Secretary informs me that no general response was made to this appeal.

Application for Aid Refused.

On the 14th Sept., 1886, I received a circular from the Noble Grand of Achoree Lodge, No. 14, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, asking permission to appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction for assistance towards building a Hall, which permission was not granted, for the reason that few of our Lodges have as comfortable places to meet in as it is desirable they should possess; and further, because the Grand Master of North Carolina had not sanctioned an appeal for aid outside of his State.

Proclamations of the Grand Sire.

Three proclamations of the Grand Sire have been received:—

1.—Proclamation dated Oct. 12th, 1886, declaring the Resolutions found on page 10,520, Revised Journal, Sovereign Grand Lodge, and adopted on page 10,659, permitting the use by members of a Grand Lodge of a scarlet ribbon worn on the lapel of the coat, in lieu of other regalia, *inoperative and void*, because, being an amendment to Art. XXII By-laws S. G. L., they were not adopted as an amendment.

2. Proclamation dated Dec. 23, 1886, referring to the Patriarchal Circle, and prescribing a form of declaration to be made by officers of Subordinate Lodges before being installed, also by candidates before being admitted to membership, and by all persons who shall claim admission as members of, or Representatives to, any Grand Lodge; and directing Grand Masters to promulgate the above to their Subordinates, and cause the same to be obeyed.

Learning from correspondence had with the Grand Sire, that while this jurisdiction was happily free from all taint of the Patriarchal Circle evil, the law had to be made of general application ; therefore on the 21st March I issued a Proclamation, reciting the orders and directions of the Grand Sire, and enjoining upon D. D. G. Masters and Noble Grands the duty of seeing that they were faithfully obeyed. I am not able to say to what extent the law has been observed, but understand in some cases the Proclamation was fyled and that was the last of it. By my directions the Grand Secretary procured a quantity of printed slips containing the declaration required from applicants for membership, to be attached to and form a part of all applications. These were sent to the Lodges for use in the meantime, until a form of application containing the declaration has been adopted. A copy of my Proclamation and accompanying slip, and a letter from the Grand Sire acknowledging receipt of same, is appended to this report.

3.—The Anniversary Proclamation of the Grand Sire, dated 4th February, was duly received, and, accordingly, on the 1st of March I issued the customary Proclamation, recommending the Lodges in this jurisdiction to suitably observe the 26th April, 1887, the Anniversary of the Order.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

These Officers have all reported each term such information as is called for by the form approved by the Grand Lodge at the last session, but I cannot report this system a complete success, inasmuch as the Deputies in general seem to be satisfied with simply filling up the form prescribed and mailing it, without a single remark on the workings of the Lodge, or a suggestion for the good of the Order. Much of the information contained in these reports comes to the Grand Master in a more complete shape through the Semi-annual Returns, abstracts of which are given to him by the Grand Secretary, and it does seem to me that an enthusiastic Odd Fellow, acting as District Deputy, could at least twice a year furnish information full of interest and of great value to the Grand Master, which no series of formal questions could possibly supply. I have no complaint to make against my Deputies, our relations have been very agreeable, and I thank them for what they have done, but I would have been helped had I heard more frequently from them. My objection to the system is, that it tends to have important

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duties performed in a perfunctory manner. The only information gained from these reports worth mentioning is the unsatisfactory item that Rituals are still in general use in the large majority of Lodge Rooms; Nelson Lodge, No. 9, and Moosomin Lodge, No. 2, being the only ones which can open, initiate, confer the three Degrees, and close without a Ritual being seen. Six Lodges use the Rituals more or less, and five use them entirely. Our system of placing a District Deputy over the Lodge of which he is a member is not calculated to raise the office in the estimation of the members generally, for the old proverb holds true, and often a District Deputy is not without honor, save in his own lodge and among his fellowmembers. But with the distances between Lodges, any change in this respect is out of the question at present. Then let the very best men in each Lodge be recommended for the position, who will magnify their office, evoke enthusiasm in the work, and heartily carry out the instructions of the Grand Lodge.

Dues and Benefits.

This very important subject was referred last year to a Special Committee, to report at this session. I am not apprised as to the extent of their investigations, nor the nature of the report to be presented, but I venture the remark that the experience of this jurisdiction, as far as it goes, will bear out the conclusions of the Committee on Dues and Benefits of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, referred to in my report of last year, page 200, Journal of Proceedings.

Finances.

The Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer will show an improved condition of our Grand Lodge funds—yet not sufficient to avoid another special assessment.

During my term I have drawn the following Orders (countersigned by the Grand Secretary) on the Grand Treasurer:—

Aug. 12, 1886.	No. 67—	Mileage, session 1886.....	\$91 05
Sept. 10,	" 68—	Representative Tax, S. G. L.....	75 00
Oct. 28,	" 69—	Supplies, S. G. L., postage, etc.....	22 62
	" 70—	Officers' Reports, session 1886.....	33 00
Dec. 17,	" 71—	Journal Proceedings and extra copies.....	90 40
Jan. 29, 1887.	" 72—	Per Diem and acct. Committee on Laws of Subord.....	116 00

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		Brought forward.....	\$428 07
Jan. 29, 1887.	No 73—	Grand Secretary, half year's salary.....	62 50
	" 74—	Supplies, S. G. L.....	37 75
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	" 76—	Supplies, J. B. King.....	7 18
	" 77—	Stationery.....	16 20
July 11.	" 78—	Supplies, S. G. L., postage, etc.....	25 93
	" 79—	Printing.....	8 50
July 30.	" 80—	Supplies, J. B. King.....	6 20
	" 81—	Grand Secretary, salary and postage.....	64 73
		Total.....	\$669 31

Decoration Day.

At the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the following resolution, found on page 10,517 Revised Journal, was adopted :

Resolved, Whereas, it is not only right and proper, but the very nature, spirit and desire of the Order, demands that a day be set apart in each year on 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. Said proclamation shall 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."

In this connection, I received on the 23rd July a copy of a resolution adopted by a joint committee of the Lodges in Winnipeg "declaring it not only advisable but expedient that a day be set apart for the purpose of holding Memorial Services and decorating the graves of our departed brethren, and that the most appropriate time for holding such services would be the first day of August in each year ; and the Grand Master is requested to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at its next session, with the recommendation that such action be taken

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as may be requisite in order to have the first day of August set apart as Decoration Day; and that the Grand Master be authorized to issue annually a Proclamation at least thirty days prior to the first day of August, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on that day and engage in appropriate services in honor of their deceased members."

I leave the subject to be dealt with by you as may seem proper.

Endowment Societies.

While the growth of Odd Fellowship in the Province has been most satisfactory, many of our members have been attracted by the inducements held out by the various Endowment Societies which are occupying the ground with us. A provision made for those dear to us, who in the event of death would be left more or less dependent, is natural and right; but our members need not go outside of the Order to make this provision, as there are many Mutual Aid and Benefit Associations managed by Odd Fellows, which offer all the protection and advantages secured by connection with other organizations. A demand exists for this kind of fraternal assurance, and Odd Fellowship supplies the demand, though not as an integral part of its beneficial system. Without casting reflection on any institution connected with or akin to Odd Fellowship, I mention in this connection the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, of Kingston, Ontario, and the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association, of Galesburg, Illinois, both well conducted and worthy of confidence.

Dominion Odd Fellow.

My predecessor recommended "the members of the Order in this jurisdiction to give their support to the *Dominion Odd Fellow*, by subscribing for it and contributing to its columns, and thereby aid in making it what it should be, a live paper." I emphasize this recommendation, and have no hesitation in saying that this paper may become through our co-operation an important factor in building up and strengthening Odd Fellowship in this Province. It is not simply an Ontario publication, but the publisher aims at its being in very fact as in name the *DOMINION ODD FELLOW*. Then let Manitobans supply the Manitoba news, and take a share in the discussion of those broad and comprehensive questions which affect the whole Order.

Correspondence.

A letter book was procured for the use of the Grand Master, in which

will be found copies of all letters written by me and all Dispensations granted. All the letters received by me are also submitted for reference to the proper committees.

Queen's Jubilee.

I suppose that in this year of grace, 1887, a Canadian Grand Master's report without a suitable reference to the above event would be like the play of "Hamlet" with the part of *Hamlet* left out. To us, who in taking the first step in the Order are taught that "in becoming Odd Fellows no loosening of the obligations which, as good citizens, we owe to the laws and institutions under which we live is required," and that "we cannot become Odd Fellows in spirit and truth unless we are faithful to our country," ours is no mere lip-loyalty, but we join with our fellow subjects of every nation, kindred and tongue in acknowledging the many blessings which have accrued to our Empire during the long and benignant reign of our good Queen Victoria. We rejoice that she has been spared to celebrate her Jubilee, and heartily unite in the prayer, "God bless and save our Queen."

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I thank you for your confidence in electing me to this position one year ago, and for the support I have received from you during my term. I bespeak for my successor like encouragement, for none but those who have passed through this Chair have any just conception of the responsibilities and anxieties connected with the office.

To the Grand Secretary my acknowledgments are due, for advice and assistance freely accorded at all times. He has been a faithful officer, and has cheerfully, and at some sacrifice of his private interests, served the Grand Lodge.

I again express the hope that we may carefully and in a true fraternal spirit consider every question which comes before us, and that we may be wisely guided to right decisions.

James D. Conklin

Grand Master.

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APPENDIX.*

I.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF
ODD FELLOWS.

[Seal]

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
WINNIPEG, March 21st, 1887.*To the Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:*

In conformity with a Proclamation issued by John H. White, Grand Sire, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I, James Davidson Conklin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F., do hereby order and direct as follows:

First: That no person holding membership in the Patriarchal Circle or its successors, by whatever name it may be known, or in any secret organization not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that has heretofore or may hereafter require as a qualification for membership therein a past, present or future membership in this Order, shall be elected or appointed to or installed into any office in any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.; and it shall be the duty of all Installing Officers, before installing into office any person who shall have been elected or appointed to any office in any such Subordinate Lodge, to exact from each such person an affirmation in the following form, viz.:

"I, upon my honor as an Odd Fellow, do solemnly declare that I am not now, and was not at the time of my election (or appointment) to the office into which I am now about to be installed, a member of the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name known, or in any secret organization not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that has heretofore or does now require as a qualification for membership therein, a past, present or future standing in this Order of Odd Fellows."

And any such person who shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe such affirmation shall not be installed into office, but the said office shall be declared vacant, and the Lodge shall proceed to elect or appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy thereby created.

Second: That no person shall be elected to or received into membership in any Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba unless he shall subscribe an application for membership which shall contain a declaration upon his honor, that he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called.

Third: That all persons who shall hereafter claim to be admitted as members of or Representatives to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F., shall take and subscribe the affirmation first herein set forth; and no person shall hereafter be admitted

to membership therein or as Representative thereto who shall refuse to take and subscribe such affirmation.

Fourth: That any Lodge or officer who shall wilfully neglect or shall refuse to carry out any of the provisions of the foregoing orders or directions, or who shall violate the same, and any member of the Order or person who shall thereafter become a member, who shall falsely make, take or subscribe either of the foregoing affirmations, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled.

A supply of blanks containing the above declaration will be supplied by the Grand Secretary, free of cost; and hereafter every applicant for membership in a Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall sign said declaration, which shall be attached to and form part of the application for membership.

Blanks containing above affirmation will also be sent to the Lodges in due time for the use of Past Grands who may at the next session of Grand Lodge present themselves for admission thereto as members or Representatives.

All District Deputy Grand Masters are required to promulgate to their Lodges the above orders and directions, and they and all Lodges shall cause the same to be obeyed.

ATTEST.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE,
Grand Secretary.

JAMES D. CONKLIN,
Grand Master.

II.

To be attached to and form part of Application for Membership.

I an applicant for membership in
..... Lodge No. I. O. O. F., do hereby declare upon
my honor that I do not hold membership in the PATRIARCHAL CIRCLE, or any suc-
cessor thereof by whatever name the same may be known or called.

Dated at, this day of 188

Signed.....

Witness.....

III.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

[Seal.]

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

ALBION, Orleans Co., N.Y., April 2, 1887.

James D. Conklin, Grand Master.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—Yours of 29th ult. received. The general expressions of

loyalty to the Sovereign Grand Lodge throughout the jurisdiction is gratifying, but none more so than those from Manitoba. When it is considered that the evil designed to be remedied was confined to a very few jurisdictions, and that in nearly all of them the law promulgated by the Grand Sire was entirely unnecessary, it is not to be wondered at that some fault should be found by some of the perfectly loyal jurisdictions. Even this, however, would not be the case, did they but stop to consider that all laws must, or should be, of general application. I would gladly have excepted such jurisdictions as yours from its operation could I have done so.

Thanking you heartily for your expressions of loyalty,

I am, yours fraternally,

JNO. H. WHITE,
Grand Sire.

The Grand Secretary presented his report printed, which was taken as read, and referred to the Committee on Distribution :

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers, Representatives and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the work of this office.

Notwithstanding the severe financial crisis through which this jurisdiction has passed during the last three years, I am pleased to report that we have not only held our own, but have made a substantial increase in both our membership and finances, as the following Summary will show :—

Condition of the Order.

Number of Lodges, June 30, 1887 13

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership, June 30, 1886..... 961

Initiated during year..... 133

Admitted by Card 20

Reinstated..... 2

Suspended for non-payment of dues..... 67

Withdrawn 31

Expelled 4

Died..... 7

109

Net increase 46

Present Membership, June 30, 1887..... 1007

Consisting of—		
Past Grands	117	
Third Degree	850	
Second Degree	3	
First Degree	8	
Initiatory Degree	29	
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Number of Degrees conferred	186	
Applicants rejected	5	

Death rate is one in each 142, being more than double the previous year.

RECEIPTS.

Initiation	\$1216 85	
Deposit of Cards	90 50	
Reinstatements	8 00	
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	90 00	
Degrees	1301 00	
Dues	5720 15	
Interest	203 05	
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Ordinary revenue	8608 95	
Rents	582 00	
Donations	9 55	
Relief refunded	126 90	
All other sources	361 41	
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Total receipts	\$9688 81	

EXPENDITURES.

Sick benefits	933 65	
Burying the Dead	50 00	
Relief of Widows	55 00	
Special Relief	132 35	
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Total Relief	1171 00	
Working expenses	4513 40	
Less Rents received	582 00	3936 40
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Excess of ordinary Revenue over Relief and Expenditure	\$3591 65	
Average Membership for year	994	
Average Receipts per member	9 74 1/4	
Number of Brothers sick	66	
Number of weeks sickness	423 2-7	

Average duration of sickness for each sick Brother—6 weeks 2 days 21 hours
27 minutes and 16 seconds.

Average duration of sickness for each member—2 days 23 hours 33 minutes
and 28 seconds.

Average Relief paid per member.....	\$2 06
" amount paid for working expenses per member	4 54
" " " furniture, regalia, and buildings and lands.	2 24

Total average expenditures

8 84

Average excess of Receipts over Expenditures

90

ASSETS.

General Fund.

In Treasurer's hands.....	\$1635 28
In Trustees' hands.....	3197 84
Invested in Securities	457 20
" Buildings and Lands.....	5541 73
" Furniture and Regalia	8319 73

Total

\$19151 78

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

In Treasurer's hands.....	\$1414 53
In Trustees' hands.....	1593 24
Securities.....	238 51
Buildings and Lands	1299 21

Total

4545 49

Contingent Fund

205 47

Total Assets

\$23902 74

All the duties devolving upon me, as per resolutions of last annual meeting have been promptly performed.

I had a copy of the Memorial re our late Bro. Past Grand Higgins nicely engrossed, at a cost of two dollars, and duly transmitted to Mrs. Higgins.

In accordance with instructions, I prepared and had printed 200 copies of the Journal, and mailed copies to all entitled to receive the same.

Under instructions from the Grand Master, I issued a Dispensation for a new Lodge at Glenboro, to be known and hailed as Mizpah Lodge, No. 12, and which was duly instituted on the 29th July last.

Early in December I prepared a supplementary report, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Legislation, and sent one to each Lodge, with the request that they be carefully filled out. Three Lodges failed to respond. The majority of the reports received were not correct. I took pains to go into the matter

carefully, and made out statements of what the funds should be as per the books of this office, and asked explanations of the apparent inaccuracies. Some of the Lodges replied promptly, and by this means we have been enabled to have the discrepancies corrected.

In sending out the Supplementary Reports in June, I called the attention of the D. D. G. Masters to the fact that it was their duty to see that the Lodge Reports were carefully and correctly filled out prior to installation, and also to see that they were promptly sent to this office. A majority of Lodges sent in their reports promptly, while a few failed to report until the 30th July, and, in fact, two of the Supplementary Reports were not received until the 6th inst. I still find a number of inaccuracies in the Reports, and it is evident that some change must be made in the manner of keeping the accounts of the Lodges. Some simple form of book-keeping, adapted to the wants of our Lodges, should also be devised, and it should be firmly impressed on the Lodges that they should in all cases endeavor to secure some good accountant to take charge of the books, and if necessary pay him sufficient to make it an object to retain the office, as "for the proper management of the fiscal concerns of a Lodge depends its ability to fulfil its future obligations." I would recommend that the requisite action be taken by this honorable body in order to make it compulsory for the Lodges to have their Semi-annual Reports in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than the 15th of January and July in each year.

From the Returns of December 31st the Annual Report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge is made, and from those of June 30th the Annual Report to this Grand Body is compiled. This would barely give time to make out the statistical tables required, and balance the books so that the Auditors could give that careful scrutiny of the accounts and vouchers necessary to enable them to make a conscientious report.

Just here, for the benefit of those concerned, I would mention that the habit of sending papers to this office, and more particularly Returns containing the Per Capita Tax, without a letter or some evidence to show from whom it is received, is not only discourteous, but wrong. Frequently I have had to write at random in order to acknowledge their arrival. I would also call the attention of Secretaries to section 73 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, a law that is "more honored in the breach than the observance," requiring all official communications to be attested by the Secretary and having the Seal of the Lodge impressed thereon.

Receipts for Rituals were received from all the Lodges in January, excepting Brandon, No. 6, Crystal City, No. 8, and Valley, No. 1A; and in July, North Star, No. 2, and Portage, No. 3, failed to send the necessary receipt.

The response to the appeal for relief in aid of the Lodges in South Carolina was so meagre that I have held the amount received, \$13.75, in hopes that it would be increased.

Our Semi-annual Report forms are very deficient in many particulars, besides being of a cumbersome and antiquated size, and I would suggest that a committee be appointed to draft out a new form of more modern design and containing more complete information in regard to the finances of our Lodges.

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In conclusion, I must bear testimony to the universal kindness and forbearance accorded to me by the officers and members with whom the duties of this office have brought me in contact. I am especially indebted to our present Grand Master for advice and assistance cheerfully accorded.

In returning to you the trust which you so kindly confided to my charge one year ago, I am aware of many shortcomings, but trust you will overlook them with that charity which knows no wrong, as I have ever striven to be true to my trust and merit your approval.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. C. MORTIMORE,

Grand Secretary.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Detailed Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending July 30, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand August 6, 1886		\$134 8
Special Assessment	\$240 25	
Capita Tax	503 00	
Charter	30 00	
Charleston Relief	13 75	
Supplies	74 80	
C. D. Anderson, extra Journals	10 00	
		871 80
		<u>\$1,006 69</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Liabilities at close of session :

Mileage and per diem	\$195 05
Representative Tax, S. G. L.	75 00
Accounts ordered to be paid	43 00
	<u>\$315 05</u>

General Expenses :

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$125 00
Postage	10 66
Books and stationery	16 20
Postage, Journals S. G. L.	3 25
	<u>154 51</u>

Printing :

Journal, 1886	\$80 90
50 extra copies	9 50
Proclamations, Wrappers, Declarations, &c.	20 75
	<hr/> 111 15

Miscellaneous :

Supplies, Sov. G. Lodge	\$63 00
" Grand Lodge Ontario	18 85
" 1 blank book	1 15
Telegrams, cartage, &c.	5 60
	<hr/> 88 60
	\$699 31
Balance in Treasurer's hands	337 38
	<hr/> \$1,066 69

Statement of Receipts by the Grand Secretary for the
Year ending July 30, 1887.

LODGE.	No.	Per Capita, Jan., '87.	Per Capita, July, '87.	Special Assessment	Relief of Charleston.	Supplies.	Charter.	TOTAL.
Manitoba	1	\$52 75	\$52 50	\$52 50		\$18 80		\$176 55
North Star	2	43 00	40 50	38 50	1 25	6 05		129 30
Portage	3	22 00	22 00	21 50				65 50
Gateway City	4	11 75	10 75	13 75		1 80		38 05
Gladstone	5	6 75	6 25	7 25				20 25
Brandon City	6	24 75	26 75	22 25		9 50		83 25
Minnehaha	7	41 00	39 50	39 25		14 00		133 75
Crystal City	8	4 50	5 25	4 25				14 00
Nelson	9	11 00	12 75	11 00				34 75
Minnedosa	10	11 00	11 25	9 75		3 60		35 60
Western Star	11	9 00	9 50	9 00	7 50			35 00
Mizpah	12						30 00	30 00
Valley	1A	7 25	6 50	6 50		3 30		23 55
Moosomin	2A	6 50	8 25	4 75	5 00	4 45		28 95
C. D. Anderson								10 00
Sundries						13 30		13 30
		251 25	251 75	240 25	13 75	74 80	30 00	871 80

Examined and found correct.

J. H. CHAMBERS,

J. THOMSON,

Auditors.

Winnipeg, Aug. 5, 1887.

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	TOTAL.
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Auditors.

Balance Sheet. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F. July 30th, 1887.

WINNIPEG, JULY 30TH, 1887.		TRIAL BALANCE.		Property on hand.	LOSSES & GAINS.		STOCK.		ASSETS & LIABILITIES.	
LED.	FOL.	Dr.	Cr.		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
75		Grand Treasurer	337 38						337 38	
81		Sovereign Grand Lodge	7						7	
76		Expenses	550 05		550 05				56 40	
89		Property	56 40							
93		Postage	10 06		10 06					
93		Stationery	16 20		16 20					
95		Supplies	4 42	34 83					34 83	
100		Special Assessment	240 25							
102		Per Capita Tax	503 00							
103		Charter	30 00							
111		Charleston Relief	13 75							
131		Stock	212 74					212 74		13 75
140		Ledger Balances, "A"	36 75						36 75	2 75
		" "	2 75							
			1006 91	34 83	236 19		236 19			
		To Stock net gain								
					812 50	812 50				
					Net Capital	448 93	448 93			
							448 93	448 93		
									465 43	16 50
									448 93	448 93
									465 43	465 43

Examined and found correct,
Winnipeg, Aug. 5, 1887.

J. H. CHAMBERS,
J. THOMSON,
Auditors.

Net Capital as per Stock.

Examined and found correct,

Winnipeg, Aug. 5, 1887.

Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I.O.O.F. TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1886.

NAME OF LODGE.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	Additional During Term.		Losses During Term.		RANK.				RECEIPTS.														
			Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended P.D.	Deceased.	Total.	Past Grands.	Third Degree.	Second Degree.	First Degree.	Inhibitory Degree.	Degrees Conferred.	Initiations.	Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal.	Deposit of Card.	Re-Installments.	Dues.	Rents.		
Manitoba	1	Winnipeg.	210	13	3	16	4	10	15	31	25	174	3	3	3	4	107	144	50	13	12	164	614	561	00
North Star	2	Portage la Prairie.	186	9	2	13	3	1	12	18	19	129	1	1	1	1	107	39	3	5	5	162	395	90	00
Gateway City	3	Emerson.	155	5	1	11	2	4	8	17	7	58	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Gloucester	4	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Brandon	5	Brandon.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	6	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	7	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Crystal City	8	Crystal City	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	9	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	10	Minnehaha.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minneapolis	11	Minneapolis.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Western Star	12	Western Star.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Valley	13	Valley.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Moosomin	14	Moosomin.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Manitoba	15	Winnipeg.	210	13	3	16	4	10	15	31	25	174	3	3	3	4	107	144	50	13	12	164	614	561	00
North Star	16	Portage la Prairie.	186	9	2	13	3	1	12	18	19	129	1	1	1	1	107	39	3	5	5	162	395	90	00
Gateway City	17	Emerson.	155	5	1	11	2	4	8	17	7	58	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Gloucester	18	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Brandon	19	Brandon.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	20	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	21	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Crystal City	22	Crystal City	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	23	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	24	Minnehaha.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minneapolis	25	Minneapolis.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Western Star	26	Western Star.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Valley	27	Valley.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Moosomin	28	Moosomin.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Manitoba	29	Winnipeg.	210	13	3	16	4	10	15	31	25	174	3	3	3	4	107	144	50	13	12	164	614	561	00
North Star	30	Portage la Prairie.	186	9	2	13	3	1	12	18	19	129	1	1	1	1	107	39	3	5	5	162	395	90	00
Gateway City	31	Emerson.	155	5	1	11	2	4	8	17	7	58	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Gloucester	32	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Brandon	33	Brandon.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	34	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	35	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Crystal City	36	Crystal City	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	37	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	38	Minnehaha.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minneapolis	39	Minneapolis.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Western Star	40	Western Star.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Valley	41	Valley.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Moosomin	42	Moosomin.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Manitoba	43	Winnipeg.	210	13	3	16	4	10	15	31	25	174	3	3	3	4	107	144	50	13	12	164	614	561	00
North Star	44	Portage la Prairie.	186	9	2	13	3	1	12	18	19	129	1	1	1	1	107	39	3	5	5	162	395	90	00
Gateway City	45	Emerson.	155	5	1	11	2	4	8	17	7	58	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Gloucester	46	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Brandon	47	Brandon.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	48	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	49	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Crystal City	50	Crystal City	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	51	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	52	Minnehaha.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minneapolis	53	Minneapolis.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Western Star	54	Western Star.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Valley	55	Valley.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Moosomin	56	Moosomin.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Manitoba	57	Winnipeg.	210	13	3	16	4	10	15	31	25	174	3	3	3	4	107	144	50	13	12	164	614	561	00
North Star	58	Portage la Prairie.	186	9	2	13	3	1	12	18	19	129	1	1	1	1	107	39	3	5	5	162	395	90	00
Gateway City	59	Emerson.	155	5	1	11	2	4	8	17	7	58	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Gloucester	60	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Brandon	61	Brandon.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Minnehaha	62	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Winnipeg	63	Winnipeg.	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
Crystal City	64	Crystal City	127	8	3	13	3	1	4	27	13	24	1	1	1	1	107	80	0	0	0	162	395	90	00
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The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Statement printed, which was taken as read, and referred to the Committee on Finance :

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

W. J. WATSON, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Lodge.

1886.		DR.		
		To balance per last report.....	\$134	89
Sept. 31.	To Cash from Grand Secretary		34	00
Oct. 20.	" " "		102	55
29.	" " "		88	87
1887.				
Jan. 20.	" " "		193	75
Feb. 1.	" " "		66	00
July 20.	" " "		231	56
30.	" " "		155	08
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1886.				
Aug. 12.	By Mileage to Winnipeg.....	Order 67	\$91	05
Sept. 10.	" Representative Tax	" 69	75	00
Oct. 23.	" Supplies, postage, &c.....	" 69	22	62
	" Printing Officers' Reports....	" 70	33	00
Dec. 24.	" " Journal, 1886	" 71	90	40
1887.				
Jan. 29.	" Per Diem, Session 1886.....	" 72	116	00
	" Grand Secretary's Salary, 6 months	" 73	62	50
	" Supplies, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	" 74	37	75
Mch. 24.	" Printing	" 75	12	25
	" Supplies	" 76	7	18
	" Stationery	" 77	16	20
July 11.	" Postage, Supplies, &c.....	" 78	25	93
	" Printing	" 79	8	50
30.	" Supplies, Grand Lodge of Ontario	" 80	6	20
	" Grand Secretary's Salary, 6 months, &c.....	" 81	64	73
				669 31
Balance in Imperial Bank.....				337 39
				\$1006 70

Vouchers 67 to 81 attached.

Examined and found correct.

J. H. CHAMBERS,
J. THOMSON,
Auditors.

Winnipeg, Aug. 5th, 1887.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

We, the undersigned Auditors, beg to report that we have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, and compared the statements submitted herewith, and find them correct.

We have also examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they correspond with the books of the Grand Secretary, with the exception that the Grand Treasurer has one cent in excess of what the Grand Secretary's books call for.

Proper vouchers were produced to us for all amounts paid during the year, the balance on hand, \$337.39, being deposited in the Imperial Bank of Canada, Winnipeg.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. CHAMBERS,
J. THOMSON,
Auditors.

Winnipeg, Aug. 5th, 1887.

The Grand Master then presented the following Supplementary Report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution :

Grand Master's Supplementary Report.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

I beg to submit the following Supplementary Report :

(1.) On the evening of August 5th the following letter was placed in my hand :

WINNIPEG, Aug. 5th, 1887.

To J. D. CONKLIN, ESQ.,

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.

I am instructed by Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., to ask you for a Dispensation to hold a ball and supper on the 7th day of Sept. next.

Yours fraternally,

C. H. REVERCOMBE,
Rec. Sec'y.

[SEAL.]

To which I replied as follows :

WINNIPEG, Aug. 5th, 1887.

C. H. REVERCOMBE, ESQ.,

Rec. Sec'y Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F.,

Winnipeg.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst., asking for a Dispensation, per-

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mitting Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, to hold a ball and supper on the seventh day of September next. In reply, I beg to say that my term of office will expire next week, and I have no power to grant a Dispensation extending beyond my term, but the matter will be referred to the Grand Lodge for appropriate action. I beg to remind you, however, that the application does not contain the promise regarding intoxicating liquors, required by the law.

I am, yours fraternally,

JAMES D. CONKLIN,
Grand Master.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge grant the Dispensation, on condition that the required promise be given.

(2.) On the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst. (last evening), by appointment with Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, Brandon, I held a Lodge of Instruction in this Hall, exemplifying particularly the work of the Initiatory Degree. There was a fair attendance of the members of the Lodge, who were deeply interested in the work, and by resolution expressed their satisfaction with the instruction imparted.

I trust the three hours' work of last evening may result in benefit to the Lodge.

JAMES D. CONKLIN,
Grand Master.

Correspondence.

The following letters were received from Bro. B. D. Deering, P.G.M., and Bro. John Dodimead, D.G.M. :

WINNIPEG, Aug. 10, 1887.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE, ESQ.,
Grand Sec'y, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.

I very much regret being unable to attend the present session. Will you please be kind enough to remember me to all the Brethren. I trust that the session will be a pleasant one, and that the fruits of your labours will be of great benefit to the Order.

Yours fraternally,

B. D. DEERING.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Aug. 10, 1887.

J. D. CONKLIN, ESQ.,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.

I will not be able to be with you this session. I made arrangements some time ago with friends to take a trip to the lake, but sickness has prevented me

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from going until to-morrow ; and as I have not been feeling well myself for some time,
and feel the want of a change and rest for a few days, and as I cannot get away for
both, I feel it as best for myself to forego the pleasure of the Grand Lodge this year.
Hoping you will have a good time, and that Odd Fellowship will be benefitted by
this session,

I remain, fraternally yours,

JOHN DODIMEAD,
D. G. M.

KLIN,
d Master.
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The following was moved by H. J. Raymer, G. Warden, seconded by
Rep. Hall, No. 1 :

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That the communications of B. D. Deering, P. G. Master, and John
Dodimead, D. G. Master, be received and spread upon the minutes of
this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

Lodge.

KLIN,
d Master.

On motion of J. P. Young, P.G.M., seconded by W. F. Ross, Grand
Marshal, the order of business was suspended to receive the supple-
mentary report of the Committee on Credentials.

Supplementary Report, Committee on Cre- dentials.

, P.G.M.,

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following Supplemen-
tary Report :

, 1887.

We have satisfied ourselves that Wm. Abbott (present without certificate), is a Past
Grand in good standing, and Representative of Mizpah Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., and
would recommend that he be introduced and receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

ALEX. PRATT.
R. ROXBURGH.
GEO. C. MORTIMORE.

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On motion of Harper Wilson, P. G., seconded by H. B. Rose, P. G.,
the report was adopted.

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Rep. Abbott, of Mizpah Lodge, No. 12, was then instructed in the
Grand Lodge Degree.

, 1887.

The roll of Lodges was called, for the presentation of business and
questions, but nothing was presented to the Grand-Lodge.

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The election of officers being the next order of business, the following
resolution was moved by H. Wilson, P. G., No. 7, seconded by Wm.
Hunter, P. G., and adopted :

Resolved, That the election of officers be a special order of business at the afternoon session on Thursday, Aug. 11th, and take place at 16 o'clock.

On motion of Harper Wilson, P.G., No. 7, seconded by R. J. Noxon, P. G., No. 6, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until 20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

BRANDON, AUGUST 10TH, 1887.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 20 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Master in the Chair.

Present, all the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Chaplain, and all the Representatives, except Rep. Thomson, No. 1, and Rep. Roache, No. 10.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The following accounts were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Jas. D. Conklin, postage.....	\$4 33
Sov. Grand Lodge, Representative tax for 1887..	150 00
W. T. Walker & Co., printing.....	38 15

The following was presented by H. Wilson, P. G., No. 7, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg to submit the following:

'We have carefully examined the By-laws and Amendments of the undermentioned Lodges, and recommend that they be approved, subject to the corrections noted:

MANITOBA LODGE, No. 1.

By-law No. 64. Approved.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 2.

Amend By-laws Nos. 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 41. Approved.

New By-law No. 44. Approved.

We also approved of complete new set of By-laws for this Lodge, the old ones being rescinded.

MINNEHAHA LODGE, No. 7.

Amend By-laws Nos. 8, 11, 17, 18, 21, 66½, 66¾.

Re-numbering of By-laws.

Approved.

MOOSOMIN LODGE, No. 2A.

By-laws, full set (in duplicate) approved: except, in Clause 14, strike out the word "any" in 18th line, and insert the words "of the Degree of Truth" after the word "Lodge" in the same line.

Strike out all of Clause 20, it being a repetition of Clause 19.

Strike out the words "fifteen per cent." in the fourth line of Clause 43. (See Clause 40 of Con. Sub. Lodge.)

Approved.

Only one copy of the By-laws has the Seal and names of the officers attached.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

HARPER WILSON, P. G.

WM. HUNTER, P. G.

JAS. PETTIGREW, P. G.

On motion the foregoing report was considered seriatem.

The several clauses were read and considered separately, and all adopted.

On motion of H. Wilson, P. G., No. 7, seconded by Wm. Hunter, P. G., the Report was then adopted.

Grand Secretary Mortimore, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Printing, beg to report that in accordance with your instructions we had 200 copies of the Journal of Proceedings for 1886 printed under tender from Messrs. Walker & May, at a cost of \$80.00, and \$9.50 for 50 extra copies for Grand Representative C. D. Anderson, who paid the sum of \$10 for the same.

The usual office printing for the year has been procured at reasonable rates.

Your Committee asked for tenders for printing the Grand Officers' Reports and Journal for 1887. Messrs. W. T. Walker & Co. were the lowest tenderers, their price being at the rate of \$1.10 for Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports, and \$1.15 per page for the balance of the Journal. We therefore closed with their offer.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

GEO. C. MORTIMORE.
C. D. ANDERSON.

H. B. Rose, P. G., No. 7, from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Grand Master's Report, beg leave to submit the following :

1st. That clauses 1, 10 and 13, under heading of "Dispensations;" that clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, under heading of "Decisions;" all referring to "Appointments;" all referring to "Aid Granted;" all referring to "Aid Refused;" and all that part of the Grand Master's Supplementary Report attached to this Report, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

2nd. That clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, under head of "Dispensations;" all of that clause under District Deputy Grand Masters; clause 1, page 6; the clause referring to Endowment Societies, and the clause referring to the *Dominion Odd Fellow*, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

3rd. That the clause referring to the Queen's Jubilee be referred to a special committee.

4th. That all under the heading of Finance be referred to the Committee on Finance.

5th. All that part *re* Proclamations of the Grand Sire, also Decoration Day, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

6th. All that part *re* Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

J. D. BOWLEY.
H. B. ROSE.
W. R. HALL.

Horace J. Raymer, Grand Warden, from the special Committee on Dues and Benefits, presented the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your special Committee on Dues and Benefits appointed last session, beg to report as follows :

We do not consider it necessary to recapitulate reports on this subject which have been made to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from time to time, but would refer the members to the Journals of that Grand Body for full information.

Your Committee would recommend that Clause 28, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "week" in the sixth line, and inserting the words, "and such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed in amount one-half the amount of yearly dues."

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

H. J. RAYMER.
W. J. WATSON.
GEO. G. MORTIMORE.

On motion of Rep. Jamieson, No. 7, seconded by Rep. Pratt, No. 7, the Report of the special Committee on Dues and Benefits was laid on the table until the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges were laid before this Grand Lodge for consideration.

Under Order of Business No. 18, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge were considered.

1st. To amend Art. 51, so that it shall read :—"The Committee on Mileage shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to prepare a table of the mileage of the officers and representatives of this Grand Lodge. Each officer and representative in attendance at any regular session of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive the amount paid by him for railroad and stage fare, by the shortest travelled route, between his residence and the place in which the session of the Grand Lodge is held." The proposed amendment was not concurred in.

2nd. To amend Art. 75 by striking out the words, "other than financial," in the fifth line, was also lost.

3rd. To amend Art. 81 by inserting the word "expired" before the word "withdrawal" in the fifth line. Was adopted,

4th. To amend Art. 91 by adding the following clause :—"When any such alteration or amendment comes up for action, it may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, without the

aforesaid notice ; but whenever it is necessary to change this Constitution in order to conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such change may be made without previous notice." Was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

5th. To amend Art. 23 so that it shall read :—"Each elective officer or representative to the Grand Lodge shall be chosen separately, by a majority of all the legal ballots cast. At each election the Noble Grand shall appoint two tellers, who shall preside at the ballot box, and allow each member in good standing, as his name is called by the Permanent Secretary, to deposit his ballot. When the balloting is completed they shall examine the same and report the result, but no vote shall be counted or considered unless it be for a candidate in nomination : *Provided*, that when only one candidate is in nomination he shall be declared elected by acclamation." Was adopted.

6th. To amend Art. 79 by adding the following clause :—"When any alteration or amendment comes up for action, it may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, without the aforesaid notice, but whenever it is necessary to change this Constitution, in order to conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such change may be made without previous notice." Was adopted.

The following amendment of the By-laws of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, was then presented, and referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

Insert the words "payment of insurance assessments, or," between the words "the" and "necessary," in the sixth line of By-law No. 39.

The following resolution was moved by Harper Wilson, P. G., No. 7, and seconded by L. M. Móre, M. D., Rep. No. 6, and adopted :

That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary reply to any fraternal telegrams that may be received from sister Grand Lodges now in session.

On motion of D. Budge, Rep. No. 5, seconded by E. G. Wiswell, Grand Herald, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock on the following morning.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

BRANDON, AUGUST 11, 1887.

The Grand Lodge, pursuant to adjournment, was convened this morning at 9 o'clock, the Grand Master in the chair.

The roll of officers being called, the following answered to their names :

J. D. CONKLIN	Grand Master.
H. J. RAYMER	Grand Warden.
GEO. C. MORTIMORE	Grand Secretary.
W. J. WATSON	Grand Treasurer.
W. F. ROSS	Grand Marshal.
S. COPPINGER	Grand Guardian.
E. G. WISWELL	Grand Herald.
C. D. ANDERSON	Grand Representative.

And Representatives Hall, Soper, Shanks, McDonald, Budge, Pratt, Jamieson, Greenway, Wilson, R. Gilbert, McArthur, Abbott.

The minutes of last session were read and adopted.

J. A. Pelkey, Rep. No. 1 ; D. L. Gaunce, Rep. No. 1A ; L. M. More, M. D., Rep. No. 6 ; and Wm. Hunter, P. G., now entered and took their seats.

Rep. D. A. McDonald, No. 3, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows :

1st. We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge and find them correct.

2nd. We recommend payment of the following accounts :

James D. Conklin, postage, &c.....	\$4 33
Sovereign Grand Lodge, representative tax.....	150 00
W. T. Walker & Co., printing officers' reports, &c.	38 15

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

D. A. McDONALD.
R. H. SHANKS.
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J. W. Anderson, P. G., No. 6, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg to report that there are no appeals or grievances before this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. ANDERSON.
J. C. MCARTHUR.
D. BUDGE.

Rep. A. E. Hopkinson, No. 4, then entered and took his seat.

The following resolution was moved by R. H. Shanks, Rep. No. 2, and seconded by H. B. Rose, P. G., No. 7, and adopted :

That the Grand Master be and he is hereby requested to choose from amongst the members of this Grand Lodge a team for the purpose of exemplifying the Initiatory and Degree Work, or either; and that the hour of 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, be set apart for this purpose; and further, that this Grand Lodge be opened in the Scarlet Degree during such work, and as many as are qualified be admitted.

The following, moved by J. D. Bowley, P. D. G. M., and seconded by W. R. Hall, Rep. No. 1, was adopted :

That the Rules of Order be suspended, and that we refer back to Order No. 6.

J. D. Bowley, P. D. G. M., from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following supplementary report :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Distribution, beg to submit the following report :

That the subject-matter of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred as follows—

1st. To the Committee on the State of the Order : All that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report contained on page 1, and also pages 7 and 8; also the first five clauses on page 3, and clause 9 on page 4.

2nd. To the Committee on Finance : All under the heading of Receipts, Expenditure and Assets, pages 2 and 3; also Cash Account, pages 5 and 6; all of pages 9, 11 and 12.

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3rd. To Committee on Returns: All of page 10; also clauses 11, 12 and 13 on page 4.

4th. To Committee on Legislation: Clauses 6, 7 and 8 on pages 3 and 4.

5th. To a Special Committee: Clause 10, page 4. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. BOWLEY.

H. B. ROSE.

W. R. HALL.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

Harper Wilson, P. G., No. 7, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Judiciary, beg to submit our report upon the sections of the Grand Master's report, which have been referred to us.

1. We approve of the dispensations granted by the Grand Master, clauses 1, 10 and 13.

2. We also approve of the decisions given, clauses 1 to 6 (inclusive.)

3. We endorse all the appointments made.

4. The action of the Grand Master in the application from South Carolina for aid, is approved; as also his action in refusing to act on the application Achore Lodge, No. 14, North Carolina.

5. The recommendation contained in the supplementary Report, re application by Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, to hold a ball and supper on September 7th next, meets with the approval of your committee, and we advise that the incoming Grand Master issue a Dispensation to such Lodge.

6. Your Committee, while approving of the Grand Master's decisions, would strongly urge that some action be taken as early as possible to make plain and specific the duties belonging to D. D. G. Masters. A continual conflict of opinion will likely arise so long as the duties of these Officers are as poorly defined as at present in our Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.

T. W. GILBERT.

H. J. RAYMER.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The following resolution was moved by W. R. Hall, Rep. No. 1, and seconded by H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden:

That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to invite the Sovereign Grand Lodge to meet in the City of Winnipeg, said invitation to hold good until accepted.

It was moved in amendment by H. Jamieson, Rep. No. 7, seconded by Alex. Pratt, Rep. No. 7 :

That the resolution instructing the Representatives to invite the Sovereign Grand Lodge to meet in Winnipeg be laid on the table indefinitely.

The amendment carried.

At this time the following telegram from the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces was received, and, in pursuance of a former motion, was handed to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to answer :

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Aug. 11, 1887.

The Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, in annual session assembled, sends greetings to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. May the Jubilee Year mark an increase of love and wisdom in our Order.

J. C. P. FRAZEE,
Grand Secretary.

The following was concurred in, moved by T. W. Gilbert, Rep. No. 11, seconded by M. Wise, P. G., No. 11 :

That at all future meetings of this Grand Lodge, each Representative be provided with printed slips containing all proposed amendments to the Constitution, and also the reading of part of Constitution which is intended to be amended.

It was moved by D. A. McDonald, Rep. No. 3, seconded by C. D. Anderson, Grand Representative, and resolved :

That the resolution passed last evening, *re* the proposed amendment to Article 91 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be now re-considered.

It was then moved by Harper Wilson, P. G., and seconded by H. Jamieson, Rep. No. 7 :

That the proposed amendments to Article 91 of the Grand Lodge Constitution be not concurred in.

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It was moved in amendment by W. F. Ross, Grand Marshal, and seconded by J. A. Pelkey:

That the proposed amendment to Article 91, Grand Lodge Constitution, be adopted.

The amendment carried.

It was moved by H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden, seconded by Jas. Pettigrew, P. G., and resolved:

That the action of this Grand Lodge last evening, *re* Article 79, Sub. Lodge Constitution, be re-considered.

It was then moved by R. H. Shanks, Rep. No. 2, seconded by J. A. Pelkey, Rep. No. 1, and resolved:

That the proposed amendment to Article 79, Sub. Lodge Constitution, be now adopted.

The Grand Secretary then presented the following proposed amendments to Subordinate Lodge Constitution, from B. D. Deering, P.G.M.:

Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Strike out Clauses 3, 4 and 5, and substitute the following:

3. Every applicant for membership in this Lodge shall send in to the Secretary a petition according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, signed by himself, and supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Lodge, which shall be read in open Lodge and referred to a committee of investigation composed of three brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the Noble Grand, and one by the Vice Grand, who shall enquire into the character and fitness of the candidate, and report to the Lodge at its next regular meeting, unless the petition is withdrawn; and the candidate shall then be balloted for, or the petition be referred back to the committee; when, if less than three black balls appear, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Add the following new Clause 4:

4. Every application for membership must be accompanied by a Physician's Certificate, according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Add the following new Clause 5:

5. If at any time after the election of any candidate for membership, and before his admission, objections to his admission be made by two members of this Lodge, the

Noble Grand shall declare the previous balloting annulled, and order a new ballot to be taken as at first.

To amend Clause 13, by adding after the word "ballot" on the fifth line :

"And one regular meeting shall intervene between the conferring of each degree."

To amend Clause 14, by adding after the word "for" and before the word "in" on the third line : "And any member not appearing within three months from the date of ballot for degrees shall not be entitled to said degrees, unless by another election."

Strike out Clause 48, and substitute the following :

48. Every member not over thirteen weeks in arrears to the Lodge for dues, or an aggregate of dues, fines and assessments to an amount equal to more than thirteen weeks' dues, shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident, from following his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits from the funds of the Lodge as may be provided by its By-laws; provided such weekly benefits shall not exceed in amount one-half the amount of yearly dues; and provided further, his sickness or disability has not been occasioned by any unnecessary exposure, imprudence or immoral conduct, or not constitutionally diseased prior to his admission to the Lodge; in such cases no benefits can be allowed, nor will any brother be entitled to benefits until the expiration of six months from the date of his admission; all dues, fines and assessments to be deducted from benefits previous to their payment. Should a brother's disability be local and apparently permanent, but his general health not disqualify from following some occupation by which he can secure a livelihood, he is not entitled to benefits under this Constitution.

Clause 48a—new Clause.—Any brother who is in good health, but in arrears for over thirteen weeks, or an aggregate amount, including fines and assessments, equal to more than thirteen weeks' dues, shall not be entitled to any benefits for sickness or disability that may arise prior to the expiration of four weeks after the payment of said arrearages in full. "Arrears" shall be construed to be the amount in excess of thirteen weeks.

To amend Clause 49, by striking out all the words after "Lodge" on the fifth line.

Form of Application by Initiation.

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To the N. G., Officers and Members.

I, the undersigned, of the age of years, a resident of and by occupation a having read the Constitution and By-laws of your Lodge, desire to become a member of said Lodge. If admitted, I agree to, and will subscribe to support, maintain, and abide by the said Constitution and By-laws, and any amendments to either, made in pursuance thereof; and I agree that if any such amendments shall in any way affect any claim I or my family or dependent relatives may have or make to any pecuniary benefits, either by increasing or

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reducing the amount thereof, I will abide by the same and receive only the increased or reduced amount, whether said amendment shall take effect or become operative prior to or during any sickness or disability whereby I or my family or dependent relatives may be entitled to benefits. I further agree that I will support, maintain and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and general Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba, and also the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and general Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to both of which Institutions said Lodge is subordinate; and that I am, so far as I know, in sound health.

.....Applicant.
Residence No. Street.
Signed in the presence of and
recommended by

Form of Application by Card or Certificate.

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To the N. G., Officers and Members.

The undersigned respectfully represents that about the year he was admitted a member of Lodge, No. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of; that he has taken degrees, and holds the rank of

Your petitioner further represents that he has not been expelled or suspended from any Lodge for misconduct or contempt, and that his connection with the Order was severed by

Therefore he prays for admission to your Lodge, and hereby pledges his word of honor to abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and general Regulations of your Lodge, and the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Manitoba, and also the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and general Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and that I am, as far as I know, in sound health, and that the facts set forth in this petition are true.

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New Clause No. 49a:

Every brother shall send in to the P. Sec. his name in full, together with his Post Office Address, which shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose, and any brother who shall change his place of abode shall notify the P. S. within thirty days thereafter, or forfeit all benefits that may accrue from sickness or disability prior to the P. S. being notified.

On motion of Harper Wilson, P. G., No. 7, seconded by T. W. Gilbert, Rep. No. 11, the proposed amendments to Subordinate Lodge Constitution, as presented by B. D. Deering, P. G. Master, were laid on the table for one year.

In pursuance of a former resolution, the consideration of the report of special Committee on Dues and Benefits was now taken up.

It was moved by Harper Wilson, P. G., No. 7, seconded by J. A. Pelkey, Rep. No. 1, and resolved :

That the Report of special Committee on Dues and Benefits be adopted.

Horace J. Raymer, G. Warden, then presented the following notice.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

I hereby give notice that at the next regular meeting of this Grand Lodge, I will move to amend Clause 48 of Subordinate Lodge Constitution, in accordance with the recommendation of the special Committee on Dues and Benefits.

H. J. RAYMER.

Moved by H. B. Rose, P. G., seconded by A. McDermid, P. G., that the Rules of Order be suspended, and that we refer back to Order No. 6. —Carried.

J. D. Bowley, P. D. G. Master, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Distribution, beg leave to report as follows :

We would refer to the Committee on State of the Order all of pages 1, 2, 3 and 4, down to Dispensations ; all of that part *re* Visitations, page 7, of the Grand Master's Report.

To a special committee, to be appointed by the Grand Master, all of the closing remarks of the Grand Master's Report on pages 13 and 14.

To the Committee on Legislation : All of the Appendix (Articles 1, 2 and 3 on pages 14, 15 and 16.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. BOWLEY.
H. B. ROSE.
W. R. HALL.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

Rep. Greenway, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Returns, beg to report that we have examined all the semi-annual reports of the different Lodges, with the following results :

Manitoba Lodge, No. 1.—Returns of June 30th, 1887. An item of \$263.09 appears as an expenditure, which is merely a transfer to the W. and O. Fund of the share of dues collected for that fund.

A difference of the total assets of \$179.84 appears, which was explained verbally to your Committee to be a donation, but should appear in the proper place in the report.

No supplementary Report for December, 1886.

The Report for June, 1887, is not signed by the D. D. G. M.

North Star Lodge, No. 2.—In their Report of December 31st, 1886, there is a difference of \$27.50 excess of assets, said to be the value of some property not reported in proper place.

Portage Lodge, No. 3.—In their Returns of December 31st, 1886, the W. and O. Fund is reported \$6.00 more than returns show, and the General Fund \$6.00 less.

In their Returns of June 30th, 1887, the W. and O. Fund is reported \$2.50 more than it should be. The total assets are reported \$5.00 more than accounts show.

Gateway City Lodge, No. 4.—In their Returns for December 31st, 1886, show :

General Fund, June 30th, 1886.....	\$720 16
Nett Receipts, less one-fifth.....	23 26
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Report says.....	\$743 42
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W. and O. Fund, balance.....	\$281 76
One-fifth of dues.....	18 74
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Less expenditure.....	\$300 50
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	\$293 00
Report says.....	297 68
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Their Returns for June 30th, 1887, show :

W. and O. Fund, balance	\$297 68
One-fifth of dues.....	21 67

\$319 35

Relief paid	15 00
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\$304 35

Report says.....	309 77
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The General Fund seems to be short an equal amount.

Brandon City Lodge, No. 6.—Furnished no Supplementary Report for December 31st, 1886.

Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7.—Report of December 31st, 1886 :

Total assets, June 30th, 1886.....	\$3039 14
Total receipts.....	854 61

\$3893 75

Expenditure	412 80
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\$3480 95

Report says.....	3539 10
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Supplementary Report not signed by D. D. G. M.

Report of June 30th, 1887 :

General Fund, balance, December, 1886.....	\$2976 10
Receipts, W. and O. Fund.....	781 49

\$3757 59

Expenditure	745 53
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Report says.....	3090 71
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Crystal City Lodge, No. 8.—Report of June 30th, 1887 :

Total assets, December 31st, 1886	\$560 64
Nett gain	107 90

\$668 54

Report says.....	548 64
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Nelson Lodge, No. 9.—Report of December 31st, 1886 :

General Fund, June 30th, 1886	\$634 42
Nett gain	89 80

\$724 22

Report says.....	648 92
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Report of June 30th, 1887 :	
General Fund, per last report	\$648 92
Receipts, less one-fifth	273 40
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	\$922 32
Less expenditure	135 23
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	\$787 09
Report says.....	945 82
<i>Minnedosa Lodge, No. 10.</i> —Report of December 31st, 1886 :	
General Fund, June 30th, 1886.....	\$349 55
Receipts, less one-fifth	315 20
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	\$664 75
Expenditure	109 90
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	\$554 85
Also, in June, 1886, Contingent Fund.....	63 25
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	\$618 10
Report says, General Fund total.....	540 01
No Contingent Fund.	
Report of June 30th, 1887 :	
General Fund, per last report	\$540 01
Receipts, less one-fifth	149 20
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	\$689 21
Less expenditure	78 95
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	\$610 26
Report says.....	657 26
<i>Valley Lodge, No. 1a.</i> —Report of December 31st, 1886 :	
General Fund, per last Report	\$343 87
Receipts, less one-fifth	114 20
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	\$458 07
Less expenditure	94 95
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	\$363 12
Report says.....	358 57

The W. and O. Fund seems to be \$1.00 short.

Your Committee regret so many errors, and think they arise largely from the form of the reports not being understood by the officers of the subordinate Lodges, and think a change of the form is necessary.

Most of the errors seem to arise from different systems of keeping Lodge accounts, and some simple and uniform plan of keeping them should be provided.

In any new form of Report adopted, provision should be made for having the financial portions thereof certified to by the Permanent Secretary, and audited by some one or more competent members of the Lodge appointed for that purpose, previous to being transmitted to the Grand Secretary's Office.

If the D. D. G. Masters would only perform their duty, these reports would be in a very much better shape. They are required to sign these reports, no doubt, with a view to ensuring their correctness. We fear very much that many of them are never examined.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. WATSON.

J. W. GREENWAY.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

During the consideration of this report, it was moved by R. H. Shanks, Rep. No. 2, seconded by J. G. Soper, Rep. No. 2, and resolved :

That this Grand Lodge adjourn until 14 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge was convened at 14 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Master in the chair.

At roll call the following Grand Officers and Representatives were present :

J. D. CONKLIN.....	Grand Master.
H. J. RAYMER.....	" Warden.
GEO. C. MORTIMORE.....	" Secretary.
W. J. WATSON.....	" Treasurer.
W. F. ROSS	" Conductor.
S. COPPINGER.....	" Guardian.
E. G. WISWELL.....	" Herald.
C. D. ANDERSON.....	" Representative.

Representatives Hall, Soper, Shanks, McDonald, Budge, Greenway, Wilson, Gilbert and McArthur.

The minutes of last session were read and confirmed.

Representatives Pelkey, Pratt, Gaunce, Abbott and Jamieson then entered and took their seats.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Returns was then taken up, and

On motion the report was adopted.

W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred Clauses 11, 12 and 13, on page 4, and all of page 10, of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to submit the following :

That Clause 11 and all of page 10 have been fully dealt with in our former report, and we have nothing further to add to that report.

Your Committee see nothing in Clauses 12 and 13 requiring their attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. WATSON.

J. W. GREENWAY.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Special Committees :

On Clause 10, page 4, Grand Secretary's Report—Rep. Gilbert, No. 10, Rep. Abbott, No. 12, and Rep. McArthur, No. 2A.

On all the closing remarks of the Grand Master's Report, on pages 13 and 14—A. L. Curtis, P. G., No. 3 ; John A. Brown, P. G., No. 6, and Rep. Budge, No. 5.

The following was concurred in, moved by D. L. Gaunce, Rep. No. 1A, and seconded by R. H. Shanks, Rep. No. 2 :

That this Grand Lodge suggest that in future the Grand Master embody all decisions of the D. D. G. Masters in his annual report.

T. W. Gilbert, M. D., moved, seconded by Grand Herald, that the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the Town of Portage la Prairie.

H. Wilson moved in amendment, seconded by A. McDermid, that the words "Town of Portage la Prairie" be struck out, and the words "Friendship Hall, City of Winnipeg," be inserted.

W. F. Ross moved in amendment to the amendment, that the words "Friendship Hall" be struck out, and "Odd Fellows' Hall" be inserted.

D. Mackay, Grand Conductor, moved in amendment, that the Town of Emerson be the next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A vote by Lodges having been demanded by Representatives McDonald, No. 3, and Gaunce, No. 1A, gave the following result:

The question being on Grand Conductor Mackay's amendment, it was resolved in the negative by the following vote:

Yeas—Pelkey, Hall, Hopkinson, Pratt, Greenway, Wilson—6.

Nays—Soper, Shanks, McDonald, Budge, Jamieson, Gilbert, Abbott, Gaunce, McArthur—9.

The question now being on Grand Marshall Ross' amendment, it was resolved in the negative by the following vote:

Yeas—Pelkey, Hall, Hopkinson, Budge, McArthur—5.

Nays—Soper, Shanks, McDonald, Pratt, Jamieson, Greenway, Wilson, Gilbert, Abbott, Gaunce—10.

The question now being on P. G. Harper Wilson's amendment, it was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas—Soper, Shanks, Hopkinson, Budge, Pratt, Jamieson, Greenway, Abbott, McArthur—9.

Nays—Pelkey, Hall, McDonald, Wilson, Gilbert, Gaunce—6.

The question now recurring on the original motion as amended, resolved in the following vote:

Yeas—Hall, Shanks, Soper, Hopkinson, Budge, Pratt, Jamieson, Greenway, Gilbert, Abbott, Gaunce, McArthur—12.

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Nays—Pelkey, McDonald, Wilson.—3.

The following was concurred in: moved by H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden, seconded by Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Secretary:

That, inasmuch as the Semi-annual Reports received from the Subordinate Lodges are in many cases incorrect, and the form of said Reports being considered defective in many respects, a Special Committee be appointed to take the matter into consideration, and to recommend, if possible, a more suitable as well as a more simple form of Report.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, seconded by J. Miller, P. G., the Order of Procedure was suspended, and the following account was received and referred to the Finance Committee:

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11, 1887.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

To Committee on Laws of Subordinates, *Dr.*

To mileage and per diem \$28 00

The Grand Secretary then presented the Report of the Grand Representative, which was taken as read, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

J. M. Robinson, P. G. No. 3, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, have had under consideration the clauses of the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports referred to us, and beg leave to submit the following report for your consideration:

1. Your Committee heartily re-echoes the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master in pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 of his Report, and would recommend the adoption of the same.

2. Your Committee have examined clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14 on pages 4 and 5, and would recommend the adoption of the action of the Grand Master in disposing of the questions before him, as indicated by the said clauses.

3. Your Committee heartily agree with the sentiments expressed in clause 1, page 6, and are of the opinion that it would be the imperative duty of the Grand Master to refuse to grant a dispensation in cases where the formalities referred to in this clause have not been complied with; and when such failure to comply with these formalities

is, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the result of neglect or indifference on the part of the applicants.

4. We are pleased to note, under the head of "Visitations," that the Grand Master during the year has availed himself of the opportunity of visiting many of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; but we must join with him in regretting that he did not find it convenient to visit every Lodge under his charge, as we believe it to be incumbent upon the Grand Master to visit every Lodge under this jurisdiction when it is at all practicable.

5. Your Committee fully appreciate the force of the Grand Master's opinion as to the system now employed by District Deputy Grand Masters in making their reports to the Grand Master, tending to have important duties performed in a prefuctionary manner, but we fail to see any way of meeting the difficulty other than by impressing upon District Deputy Grand Masters the importance of making that portion of their report under the heading "Remarks" very much more comprehensive.

6. Your Committee heartily endorse the opinions of the Grand Master on the question of "En-lowment Societies" and the "Dominion Odd Fellow," and therefore recommend the adoption of those clauses by this Grand Lodge.

7. Referring to page 1 of the Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee regret to find that the net increase in membership during the year has not been so large as might have been expected, but have no doubt the general commercial depression prevailing accounts for this in a great measure.

8. The "Statement of Supplies," on pages 7 and 8 of the Grand Secretary's Report, we find to be most satisfactory.

9. Your Committee are of the opinion that the Grand Secretary is deserving of the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the prompt and business-like way in which he attended to the various duties committed to him, as shown by the first five clauses on page 3 of his report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. ANDERSON.
J. M. ROBINSON.

It was then moved by J. M. Robinson, P. G. No. 3, seconded by C. D. Anderson, Grand Representative, and

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

J. P. Young, P. G. M., from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Legislation, beg to submit a report of the duties assigned them, as follows:

1. In the matter of "Decoration Day," your Committee would recommend that the First day of August of each year be set apart as "Decoration Day" for all Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

2. Your Committee fully concur in the action of the Grand Master in carrying out the mandates of the Grand Sire with reference to the "Patriarchal Circle."

3. Your Committee are pleased to find from the Grand Secretary's Report that a number of Lodges are prompt in making their returns, at the same time we regret that others seem to be very careless about getting their returns into the Grand Secretary's hands in proper time, and would suggest that Clause 41 of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be most rigidly enforced.

4. Your Committee would recommend that a committee be appointed by the Grand Master to submit to this Grand Lodge at its next regular session some simple form of Semi-annual Returns, and also a simple form of book-keeping, to be used by all Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

We regret very much to find that a number of Returns have been sent to the Grand Secretary without any communication accompanying them to show who was the sender, and would recommend that secretaries and others be more courteous to the Grand Officers in this respect in future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. YOUNG.
D. MACKAY.
ROBT. WILSON.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

Rep L. M. More, No. 6, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, beg to submit the following :

We have carefully examined the letter books of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and find that considerable correspondence has taken place between those two Grand Officers and the different Lodges under this jurisdiction.

We find all the letters received by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have been promptly and satisfactorily answered.

We also find all papers and documents relating thereto kept in a very neat and convenient form.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. M. MORE.
D. GAUNCE.
J. G. SOPER.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The hour of 16 o'clock having arrived, the Election of Officers was then proceeded with.

The Grand Master appointed the following Past Grands as Tellers—Harper Wilson, P. G. No. 7, and M. Wise, P. G. No. 11.

The Grand Master then called for nominations for

Grand Master.

J. D. Bowley, P. D. G. M., nominated by J. W. Anderson, P. G. No. 6.

There being no further nominations, the Grand Master declared Bro. J. D. Bowley elected Grand Master for the ensuing year by acclamation.

Deputy Grand Master.

H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden, nominated by Rep. Pelkey, No. 1.

Declared elected by acclamation.

Grand Warden.

Alex. Pratt, Rep. No. 7, nominated by H. Jamieson, Rep. No. 7.

T. W. Gilbert, Rep. No. 11, nominated by L. M. More, Rep. No. 6.

D. Mackay, Rep. No. 4, nominated by H. B. Rose, P. G. No. 2.

Result of the Ballot—total votes cast, 44; necessary to elect, 23.

T. W. Gilbert received	25
Alex. Pratt received	10
D. Mackay received	9

The Grand Master then declared Bro. T. W. Gilbert elected Grand Warden for the ensuing year

Grand Secretary.

E. G. Wiswell, Grand Herald, nominated by Rep. McDonald, No. 3.

J. D. Conklin, G. M., nominated by P. G. Hunter, No. 7.

Geo. C. Mortimore, Gr. Sec'y, nominated by P. G. Greenway, No. 8.

R. H. Shanks, P. G. No. 2, nominated by P. G. Rose, No. 7.

D. A. McDonald, Rep. No. 3, nominated by P. G. Shanks, No. 2.

Jabez Miller, P. G. No. 7, nominated by P. G. McDermid, No. 7.

All the nominees declining except E. G. Wiswell, Grand Herald, the Grand Master declared Bro. Wiswell elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year by acclamation.

Grand Treasurer.

W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer, nominated by W. F. Ross, G. Cond.

Declared elected by acclamation.

Grand Representative.

J. P. Young, P. G. M., nominated by Rep. Pelkey, No. 1.

Geo. C. Mortimore, Grand Sec'y, nominated by Rep. Shanks, No. 2.

Result of ballot—Number of ballots cast, 45; necessary to elect, 23.

J. P. Young received.....	33
Geo. C. Mortimore received	12

The Grand Master then declared J. P. Young, P. G. M., duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

P. G. Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the following proposed amendment to By-law No. 39, of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1 :

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

Insert the words "payment of insurance assessment or" between the words "the" and "necessary," in the sixth line;

Be leave to report as follows :

Your Committee do not concur in the proposed amendment in its present shape.

All of which is respectfully submitted

HARPER WILSON.
JAS. PETTIGREW.
WM. HUNTER.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The adoption of the Report was moved by H. Wilson, P. G., and seconded by P. G. Hunter; the motion was not concurred in.

H. J. Raymer, Gr. Warden, moved, seconded by Rep. Pelkey, No. 1,

That the amendment to By-law No. 39, of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, as submitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and refused approval by them, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

It was moved in amendment by W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer, seconded by J. C. McArthur, Rep. No. 2A,

That the word "approved" be struck out, and insert the following: "referred back to that Lodge, with instructions to recite the facts of the case, and a new by-law be drawn up to provide for this case only."

The amendment prevailed.

Rep. More, No. 6, from the Special Committee on the Queen's Jubilee, submitted their report, which,

On motion of H. Wilson, P. G. No. 7, seconded by J. P. Young, P. G. M., was referred back to them for modification of the last clause.

A. I. Curtis, P. G., from the Committee on the closing remarks of the Grand Master, then submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the closing remarks of the Grand Master, beg to report that we have much pleasure in congratulating Grand Master J. D. Conklin on the able manner in which he has performed the arduous duties of his office.

We feel that the confidence of the Grand Lodge has not been misplaced in the choice of its Grand Master.

We would unite with the Grand Master in expressing our appreciation of the faithful and efficient manner in which the Grand Secretary has filled the responsible position which he has held during the past year.

We would congratulate the Grand Lodge on the good feeling which has existed in the discussion and settlement of all questions brought before it; and we trust such fraternal feelings will still continue to exist in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. L. CURTIS.
J. A. BROWN.
D. BUDGE.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The following was presented from the Committee on Clause 10, page 4, of the Grand Secretary's Report :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee appointed to report on Clause 10, page 4, of Grand Secretary's Report, beg to recommend that the amount be sent back to the respective Lodges contributing it, accompanied by explanation for the refund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. GILBERT.
WM. ABBOTT.
J. C. McARTHUR.

On motion of Grand Treasurer Watson, seconded by Rep. Pelkey, No. 1, the report was adopted.

H. Jamieson, Rep. No. 7, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to report that we find the following amounts due the Grand Officers, Representatives, and members of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, in attendance at the present session :

NAME.	RANK.	RESIDENCE.	Days in Attend.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
James D. Conklin....	G. M.	..Winnipeg	.. 2..	\$5 35..	\$4 00..	\$9 35
H. J. Raymer.....	G. W.	.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
Geo. C. Mortimore...	G. S.	.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
W. J. Watson.....	G. T.	.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
W. F. Ross.....	G. M.	.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
D. Mackay	G. C.	..Emerson	.. 2..	8 90..	4 00..	12 90
S. Coppinger	G. G.	..Morden	.. 2..	9 60..	4 00..	13 60
E. G. Wiswell	G. H.	..Brandon	.. 2..	..	4 00..	4 00
C. D. Anderson.....	G. Rep.	..Winnipeg	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
Jas. A. Pelkey.....	Rep. No. 1..	.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
W. R. Hall	"	.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
J. G. Soper	"	2.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
R. H. Shanks . . .	"	2.. "	.. 2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
D. A. McDonald.....	"	3..Portage la P.	2..	3 10..	4 00..	7 10
A. E. Hopkinson	"	4..Emerson	.. 2..	8 90..	4 00..	12 90
Daniel Budge.....	"	5..Gladstone	.. 2..	7 10..	4 00..	11 10
W. J. Burchill.....	"	6..Brandon	.. 2..	..	4 00..	4 00
L. M. More, M.D....	"	6.. "	.. 2..	..	4 00..	4 00

Alex. Pratt.....	"	7..Winnipeg ..	2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
H. Jamieson.....	"	7.. " ..	2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
J. W. Greenway	"	8 .Crystal City..	2 ..	12 30 ..	4 00..	16 30
R. Wilson, M.D.....	"	9..Morden ..	2..	9 60 ..	4 00..	13 60
T. W. Gilbert, M.D..	"	11..Carberry ..	2..	1 10..	4 00..	5 10
Wm. Abbott.....	"	12..Glenboro ..	2..	5 50..	4 00..	9 50
D. L. Gaunce.....	"	1A..Moose Jaw ..	2..	14 20..	4 00..	18 20
J. C. McArthur	"	2A..Moosomin ..	2..	4 70..	4 00..	8 70
Harper Wilson.....	} Committee	Winnipeg ..	2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
Wm. Hunter		on Laws of " ..	2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35
Jas. Pettigrew		Subordinates (" ..	2..	5 35..	4 00..	9 35

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Therefore Resolved, That an Order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of Two Hundred and Eight-one Dollars and Twenty-five Cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. JAMIESON.
A. E. HOPKINSON.
JAS. A. PELKEY.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

On motion of Rep. Jamieson, seconded by Rep. Pratt, the report was adopted.

It was moved by Grand Marshal, seconded by R. Roxburgh, P. G., No. 3,

That the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be reconsidered.—Carried.

It was then moved by Grand Marshal, seconded by Rep. Jamieson, and resolved,

That the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be laid on the table until after the consideration of the report of the Finance Committee.

Rep. McDonald, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows :

1. We have examined the account of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and find the same correct. We would recommend that it be paid.

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2. Upon consideration of that portion of the Grand Master's Report relating to Finances, we find, as per statement below, that the prospective income of this Grand Lodge will not be sufficient to meet the estimated expenditure thereof, and we would therefore recommend that an assessment of 15 cents per capita be levied on the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, payable 1st October, 1887.

Statement.

PRESENT LIABILITIES—

Mileage and Per Diem	\$281 25
Representative Tax	150 00
Grand Officers' Reports, &c.	35 00
Incidentals	10 00
	<u>\$476 25</u>

ASSETS—

Cash on hand	\$337 89
Assessment as recommended	150 00
	<u>487 89</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1888—

Per Capita Tax due Dec. 31, 1887	\$260 00
" " June 30, 1888	275 00
Charter Fees	60 00
Profit on Supplies	50 00
	<u>\$655 00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1888—

Representative Tax	\$150 00
Mileage and Per Diem	200 00
Grand Secretary's Salary	125 00
Postage	25 00
Books and Stationery	25 00
Officers' Reports	35 00
Journal, 1887	90 00
	<u>650 00</u>

Your Committee regret the necessity for the above special assessment, knowing the feeling of the Subordinate Lodges on the matter, and would urge of this Grand Lodge the necessity of some scheme being devised to preclude the further special assessment of said Lodges; and would respectfully recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. McDONALD.

R. H. SHANKS.

R. J. NOXON.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

It was then moved by Grand Marshal Ross, seconded by Rep. Jamieson, and resolved,

That the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be taken from the table.

The motion recurring on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem,

It was moved in amendment by G. C. Mortimore, seconded by E. G. Wiswell, Grand Herald,

That the report be laid on the table until to-morrow morning's session.

The amendment was concurred in.

J. D. Bowley, P.D.G.M., from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Grand Representative's Report, beg leave to report as follows :

We would refer—All of pages 239 and 240 down to "Decisions"; also first clause on page 250, namely, Place of Meeting, to the Committee on State of the Order.

Page 240, all under Decisions, to clause 58, inclusive, page 246, to the Committee on Judiciary.

All under General Legislation, contained in last clause on page 246, and all on pages 247, 248 and 249, to Committee on Legislation.

All on page 250 under heading Patriarchs Militant, and all on pages 251, 252 and 253, to a Special Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master.

The reason that we ask for such a Committee is as follows : We doubt the advisability of allowing the energy of our Order to increase in channels other than those in which no doubt rests as to their results, and would ask that the Committee consider the advisability of further establishing the Patriarchs Militant in this Province.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. BOWLEY.
M. WISE.
W. R. HALL.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The following was concurred in :

Moved by J. D. Bowley, P.D.G.M., and seconded by W. R. Hall, P.G. No. 2, that the report be adopted.

Rep. More, M.D., No. 6, from the special Committee on Queen's Jubilee, submitted the following :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the Queen's Jubilee, beg to cordially concur in the sentiments expressed in the Queen's Jubilee Clause of the Grand Master's Report, and express a desire that Her Majesty Queen Victoria may long continue to reign over the nation which, for fifty years, she has so wisely governed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. M. MORE.
ROBT. WILSON.
T. W. GILBERT.

On motion of Rep. Pelkey, No. 1, seconded by Rep. Budge, No. 5, the report was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Shanks, No. 2, seconded by W. Hunter, P.G., No. 2, and resolved,

That the resolution adopting the report of the Finance Committee, passed this afternoon, be re-considered.

The motion recurring on the adoption of the report,

It was moved in amendment by G. Treasurer Watson, seconded by Grand Marshal Ross,

That the figures 15, in the second last line, be struck out, and also the 1st October, 1887, and insert the following, "25" and "forthwith."

The amendment was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at 20 o'clock, the Grand Master in the chair.

The roll being called the following Grand Officers and Representatives were found absent : John Dodimead, D.G.M., W. A. Ayearst, G. Chap., Representatives, Thomson, Hopkinson, Burchill, Jamieson, Greenway, and Roache.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Representatives, Jamieson, Greenway and Hopkinson entered during the reading of the minutes and took their seats.

The hour of 20:30 o'clock, which was fixed for holding a secret session, had now arrived.

The following was concurred in : moved by J. M. Robinson, P. G., No. 3, and seconded by Rep. Pelkey, No. 1,

That a dispensation be granted to Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, to hold a special meeting this evening and instruct a candidate in the Initiatory Degree.

It was moved by G. Treasurer Watson, seconded by Rep. Budge, and resolved,

That in view of the resolution last passed the special order of business appointed for 20 o'clock this evening be discharged.

On motion of J. M. Robinson, P.G., No. 3, seconded by Rep. More, No. 6, a recess was declared.

The Grand Lodge resumed business at 23:13 o'clock.

The Grand Master then read the following copy of a telegram sent to the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces :

*To the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, I. O. O. F.,
New Glasgow, N. S.*

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, meeting in the land of "Number One Hard," send congratulations to her sister Grand Lodge assembled among the Black Diamonds. In this Jubilee Year we clasp hands in a grip which will never be broken.

J. D. CONKLIN,

Grand Master.

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It was then moved by Grand Marshal Ross, seconded by Jabez Miller, P.G., No. 7, and resolved,

That a copy of the telegram be spread on the minutes.

Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Representative's Report found under the head of "Decisions," pages 240—246 inclusive, beg to report:

That after examination, we believe it beyond our province to form any opinion further than to commend it to this Grand Body as a valuable reference, it being a carefully compiled work of Decisions of the Sovereign Grand Body, applying both to Grand Lodges and Encampments.

We feel that this Grand Body is indebted to our Grand Representative for the care he has given in the interests of our Order in preparing the paper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.
H. J. RAYMER.
T. W. GILBERT.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Raymer, seconded by the Grand Warden, the report was adopted.

The following was submitted from the Committee on Legislation, and adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Legislation, beg to report that we have examined the parts of the Grand Representative's Report which were referred to us, and find nothing therein that requires new legislation on the part of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. MACKAY.
ROBT. WILSON.
J. P. YOUNG.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

The following was concurred in ; Moved by H. J. Raymer, G. Warden, seconded by Rep. Hall, No. 1, and resolved,

That it shall be one of the duties of the Grand Secretary to collect and publish in the appendix of the Proceedings of each Annual Session, all standing orders and resolutions of this Grand Lodge ; that all resolutions or edicts shall be numbered consecutively, with the date of their adoption by the Grand Lodge ; and when any one or more shall be repealed, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to drop said resolution or resolutions from the list ; and when any amendment has been made to any resolution, the amendment shall appear in connection with the resolution ; said list to be headed : "Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

The following was unanimously adopted :

Moved by W. F. Ross, G. Marshal, seconded by Jabez Miller, P. G., No. 7,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the C. P. Ry. Co. and the M. & N. W. Ry. Co., for their kindness in issuing return tickets to the members attending this session at one fare and one-third.

The following was submitted from a special committee on part of the Grand Representative's Report, and adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

We, your Special Committee, to whom was referred all that portion of the Grand Representative's Report to be found on pages 250 to 253, inclusive, of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, beg respectfully to submit the following :

That there is nothing contained therein that this Grand Lodge can take into consideration at the present time.

HARPER WILSON.
R. ROXBURGH.
W. F. ROSS.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

The following was concurred in : Moved by Rep. Shanks, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Wilson, M.D., No. 9,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, for the use of their lodge room during the present session.

The following was concurred in: Moved by H. J. Raymer, Grand Warden, seconded by Rep. Pelkey, No. 1,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Past Grand Jabez Miller for acting as Assistant Secretary during this session.

Installation of Officers.

On motion of Rep. Shanks, seconded by Rep. Greenway, the installation of officers was now proceeded with.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary elect presented their bonds, which, on motion of H. Wilson, P.G., No. 7, seconded by Rep. Budge, were accepted.

By request, Past Grand Masters Anderson and Young presented J. D. Bowley, Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and installed in the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

By request, P. G. M. Jas. D. Conklin, assisted by James Pettigrew, P.G., presented H. J. Raymer, Deputy Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and installed in the office of Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

T. W. Gilbert, M.D., the Grand Warden elect, was presented by J. P. Young, P.G.M., and M. Wise, P.G., duly obligated and conducted to the chair of his office.

By request, P. G. Masters J. D. Conklin and J. P. Young presented E. G. Wiswell, Grand Secretary elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to the chair of his office.

By request, W. J. Watson, Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by H. Wilson, P.G., and Wm. Hunter, P.G., duly obligated and conducted to his chair.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments:

Jas. A. Pelkey, Winnipeg, Grand Marshal.

A. E. Hopkinson, Emerson, Grand Conductor.

D. L. Gaunce, Moose Jaw, Grand Guardian.

D. Budge, Gladstone, Grand Herald.

Each of whom was duly installed in the chair of his office.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Winnipeg.....	Geo. C. Mortimore.
Portage la Prairie	A. L. Curtis.
Emerson	T. W. Mutchmore.
Gladstone	H. C. Dean.
Brandon	John A. Brown.
Crystal City.....	D. W. Duff.
Morden	Robt. Wilson, M.D.
Minnedosa	A. W. Shaw.
Carberry	Wm. Atkin.
Glenboro	Wm. Abbott.
Moose Jaw	C. A. Gass.
Moosomin	John Tucker.

Committee on Printing.

W. C. Hunter, P. G.
R. J. Noxon, P. G.
E. G. Wiswell, G. Secretary.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Harper Wilson, P. G.
Wm. Hunter, P. G.
Jas. Pettigrew, P. G.

Special Committee on Dues and Benefits.

H. J. Raymer, D. G. M.
Geo. C. Mortimore, D. D. G. M.
W. J. Watson, G. Treasurer.

It was then moved by H. Wilson, P.G., seconded by Jas. Pettigrew, P.G., and resolved,

That the appointments of the Grand Master be concurred in.

The Grand Master then appointed L. M. More, M.D., and John A. Brown, D.D.G.M., Auditors for the ensuing year.

On motion, the appointment of Auditors was concurred in.

P. G. Master Conklin, followed by the newly elected Officers, then favored the Grand Lodge with short appropriate speeches.

After which the Grand Lodge adjourned till 9 o'clock, Friday.

MORNING SESSION—THIRD DAY.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock this morning, the Grand Master in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Grand Officers and Representatives were absent: H. B. Rose, Grand Chaplain; Representatives Thomson, Soper, Shanks, McDonald, Burchill, More, Pratt, Jamieson, and Roache.

It was then moved by W. F. Ross, P.G., seconded by Jas. Pettigrew, P.G., and resolved,

That the reading of the minutes be deferred until our next session.

J. M. Robinson, P.G., No. 3, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following supplementary report:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee appointed on the State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following Supplementary Report:

We have examined the portions of the Grand Representative's Report referred to us, and are pleased with the information therein contained as to the general growth and prosperity of our Order, not only on this continent, but also in Australasia and Germany.

Since making their former report, your Committee have learned that it was Clause 4 on page 4 of the Grand Secretary's Report, which was intended to have been submitted to us, instead of Clause 9.

Your Committee therefore report that they have examined the Clause in question, and regret to find that Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, Crystal City Lodge, No. 8, and Valley Lodge, No. 1A, neglected to send to the Grand Secretary receipts for Rituals in January, and that no receipts were received in July by the Grand Secretary from

Pettigrew,

John A.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, and Portage Lodge, No. 3. After hearing the statement of Past Grand Shanks, of North Star Lodge, No. 2, and also of the Grand Master, your Committee are of the opinion that North Star Lodge, No. 2, did regularly furnish the District Deputy Grand Master with the receipt in question, and that the matter now lies between the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, thus relieving North Star Lodge, No. 2, of any responsibility.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. ANDERSON.

J. M. ROBINSON.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

On motion of P. G. Robinson, seconded by C. D. Anderson, the report was adopted.

It was moved by H. J. Raymer, D. G. M., seconded by W. F. Ross, and adopted :

That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to ask that Grand Body the following question :

Would the following by-law be legal—No motion in any way relating to the investment of the funds of the Lodge as provided by these By-laws, shall be put to vote at any meeting, regular or special, unless two weeks' notice of such motion has been given by the mover ; nor shall any motion for the appropriation of money (other than for the payment of insurance assessments, necessary working expenses of the Lodge, and for the relief of members of this or distant lodges,) be put to vote unless two weeks' notice has been given and a written or printed copy of such motion sent to the address of every member residing in the city ; nor shall any such motion for the investment or appropriation of money be carried unless two-thirds of the members present vote in its favor.

On motion of W. F. Ross, P.G., seconded by H. J. Raymer, D.G.M., the last resolution was re-considered.

It was moved in amendment by Rep. Jamieson, seconded by Rep. Pelkey,

That this matter be laid on the table for one year.—Lost.

It was moved in amendment by J. D. Conklin, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. McDonald, No. 3, and resolved,

That the following be substituted : If a brother who holds a certificate of membership in an Odd Fellows' beneficial association constitutes his Lodge his beneficiary, can the Lodge by by-law pay the assessments thereon out of its general fund?

On motion of W. F. Ross, P. G., seconded by Geo. C. Mortimore, P. G. Secretary, the Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem was now taken from the table.

The motion then recurring on the adoption of the Report, the following amendment was made :

It was moved to amend by Grand Treasurer Watson, seconded by Geo. C. Mortimore, P. G. Secretary, and concurred in :

That the name of Jabez Miller, P. G. No. 7, be added, and that he receive the sum of Four Dollars for performing the duties of Assistant Secretary.

The following was concurred in : Moved by Jas. Pettigrew, seconded by Robt. Wilson, Rep. No. 9 :

That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be each supplied with fifty copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this year's session at a small advance on cost, and that the Committee on Printing be instructed to provide one hundred copies in addition to the two hundred copies contracted for.

The following telegram was received at this time from the Grand Lodge of Ontario :

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

With hearts of loyal love, the Grand Lodge of Ontario greets her sister, Manitoba.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary.

The following was adopted : Moved by A. McDermid, P. G., and seconded by H. J. Raymer, D. G. M.,

That the telegram be received, spread on the minutes, and duly acknowledged.

The Committee formerly appointed then presented the following copy of the reply which had been sent to the Grand Lodge of Ontario :

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

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with hearts as loyal and full of love, return greetings. Linked with Lower Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia, we form a chain reaching from Ocean to Ocean.

JAS. D. CONKLIN, *P. G. M.*

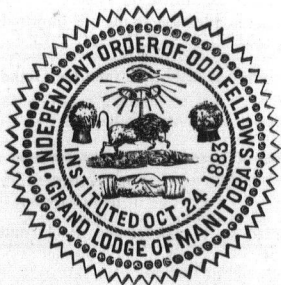
GEO. C. MORTIMORE, *P. G. Sec'y.*

The business of the session being concluded, the Grand Lodge was called up, when the Grand Chaplain, H. B. Rose, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows :

We bless Thee, O Lord, that we have been spared to enjoy this, another Grand Lodge meeting. Forgive what Thou hast seen amiss in us ; and now, as we are about to part, do Thou take us to our homes in safety. We thank Thee for the happy remembrances of past and present meetings, and for all the good we have received from Thy hand. Help us to be more obedient to do Thy will in the future than in the past, and to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, will we give all praise, both now and for ever. AMEN.

The Deputy Grand Master, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge of Manitoba adjourned, to meet in Friendship Hall, City of Winnipeg, on the second Wednesday in August, 1888.

E. G. WISWELL,
Grand Secretary.



STANDING ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

I.

Feb. 6th, 1884.—*Resolved*, That a list of prices of Supplies be furnished Subordinate Lodges; that the price be fixed at an advance on cost of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Lodges to send cash with order.

II.

Aug. 12th, 1885.—*Resolved*, That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby empowered to grant a dispensation to any Lodge in this jurisdiction to change its location whenever, in his opinion, such a change is in the best interests of the Lodge and the Order.

III.

Aug. 12th, 1886.—*Resolved*, That all questions regarding what construction shall be placed on the Constitution and By-laws of a Lodge shall be presented by the accredited representative of such Lodge to this Grand Body.

IV.

Aug. 12th, 1887.—*Resolved*, That at all future meetings of this Grand Lodge, each Representative be provided with printed slips containing all proposed amendments to the Constitution, and also the reading of part of Constitution which is intended to be amended.

V.

Aug. 12th, 1887.—*Resolved*, That it shall be one of the duties of the Grand Secretary to collect and publish in the Appendix of the Proceedings of each annual session all Standing Orders and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge; that all resolutions or edicts shall be numbered consecutively, with the date of their adoption by the Grand Lodge; and when any one or more shall be repealed it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to drop said resolution or resolutions from the list; and when any amendment has been made to any resolution, the amendment shall appear in connection with the resolution; said list to be headed, "Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

—TO THE—

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.,

At the Annual Session, held at Denver, Colorado, Sept. 19th to 24th, A.D. 1887.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge respectfully submit the following report of the Sixty-Third Annual Session, held at Denver, Colorado, on September 19th, 1887:

The Representatives and friends, as they gathered into that South-western State and beautiful growing city of Denver, were received with a warm, cordial and fraternal welcome. Welcome in beautiful letters to greet the eye; welcome beaming from the countenances of warm-hearted brethren and their good ladies; welcome falling upon the ear in words of kindly assurance from a warm-hearted brotherhood, all combined to make our reception pleasant and ever to be remembered, and to assure us that Odd Fellowship in Colorado had found a home in the hearts of the good and true. All seemed to enjoy a visit to the beautiful plains, with its growing cities through and by the side of which rush the grand waters of the Platte. The mountains, with beautiful villas and cottages along the banks, where people enjoy the cool shade, the healthful breezes and refreshing scenery, and indescribable beauty made famous in poetic verse and legend. The vast fields and mountains teeming with wealth and beauty, where there has been such a rapid change from the wild forests and plains to the now beautiful, grand, growing, fertile country, rich in agriculture and mineral, and the varied interests that make it so attractive and prosperous.

Pleasurable receptions and excursions in this land of wonderful development and beauty, and cities of beautiful and attractive homes and shaded avenues, imposing public buildings and business blocks, with the many courtesies and other pleasant features, unite to make up incidents and scenes around which memory will fondly cling in after years.

The reception and entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the Centennial State was a grand success.

Decisions.

1. A member in good standing in a Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is sick with a cancerous tumor in his nose and mouth. He is a Judge of the Supreme Court, and when the court sits *in banc* to hear cases on appeal, his presence is required to complete the full bench, and he has been permitted

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by his physician to attend at such terms three times, one day in a week, during a period of four months of such sickness. He is not allowed to speak, but communicates in writing. His monthly salary has been paid during his sickness, the same as if he were attending regularly to business. The By-Laws of the Lodge provide for benefits, "in case of being rendered incapable by sickness or accident of providing for his own support." The case is not free from doubt. The Brother is, however, able to some extent to follow his usual occupation, and by that means does and is capable of "procuring the means of subsistence for himself." Article III., Section 6, Constitution of Subordinates.

The question of income from investments (Section 73, Digest) has nothing to do with it. Here the income is the fruits of his employment. I therefore hold that the Brother is not entitled to benefits.

2. Our law does not recognize collateral relatives at all, unless they were members of the family of deceased at the time of his death and dependent on him for support. The right of property to the funeral benefits is in the family of the deceased, and not in the Brother. It does not begin to exist until after his death, and if there are no dependent relatives no benefits are to be paid. The law does not, in such a case, cast the estate anywhere, because there is no estate to be cast.

The law covering the entire case of benefits may be found in the Digest S. G. L., Sections 86, 87, 88, 89 *et seq.*, and in Journal, S. G. L., 1886, pages 10,254, 10,487, 10,511.

3. The By-Laws of a Lodge debar its members from benefits who are more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. The Lodge appointed a collector to present and collect, at the end of each quarter, all dues owing by the members. A Brother was thirteen weeks behind in his dues, October 1st. On October 12th he paid the collector the amount due, and on October 13th he had to quit business on account of sickness. The next Lodge meeting, which was October 18th, the money was credited to the Brother's account by the Secretary, who was not the collector. The Lodge has a law, approved by the Grand Lodge, that all moneys paid to the Lodge officers between the adjournment of the Lodge at one meeting and the opening of the Lodge at the next meeting, shall be credited as paid at the meeting after it was paid to the officer. In such a case the Brother is not entitled to benefits. The Lodge-room is the place to pay dues, and if paid in recess to any member or officer, that member or officer is simply the agent of the Brother in the matter, and, as a general rule, the Lodge is only bound by it as a payment when it comes to the hands of the proper officer in the Lodge-room to be credited in his account. There is no safety in any other rule. The words "at any time," in Section 373, Digest, should be construed "at any Lodge meeting," and not in recess.

4. It was asked if, under the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the case of the appeal of Emmons *vs.* Harmony Lodge, No. 9 (Journal, 10,387), the Lodge was compelled to pay only the amount of the "funeral expenses as claimed under the law" of the Lodge, as appears in the resolution appended to the report of the committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or is the Lodge compelled to pay all that is claimed in

the sustained appeal, viz., the funeral expenses under the Constitution, and the assessment of \$1 for each member under the By-Laws?

Answer—The claim presented by the heirs of Bro. John T. Howe is for both amounts, that under the section of the Constitution quoted, and also under the By-Laws, and the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge sustains the appeal, and directs the Lodge to pay to the heirs of Bro. Howe "the amount of the funeral expenses claimed under their law." It is clear that if the heirs are entitled to the former amount, they are to the latter, and the words "their law" in the resolution, must mean the law of the Lodge, and the law of the Lodge is contained in both the Constitution and By-Laws.

I therefore decide that the Lodge is bound to pay the amount provided for in the section of the Constitution quoted, and also the assessment of \$1 for each active member under the By-Laws.

IN REFERENCE TO DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

5. A Daughter of Rebekah who received her degree in her husband's Subordinate Lodge during his life, is not, after his death and her remarriage to one not a member of the Order, eligible for membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah.—Digest, Section 341; Journal, S. G. L. 9858.

The policy of the law seems to be not to deprive her of any privilege which she possesses, but not to grant her any additional ones.—Digest, Sections 244, 345.

6. An unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow, after joining a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, married a man not a member of the Order. Her dues are paid, and since her marriage she has been elected to office. In such a case she does not by her marriage forfeit her membership, and it can in no way affect her standing in the Lodge.—Digest, 344.

7. The widow of an Odd Fellow, who had received the Degree of Rebekah during the life of her husband, in his Subordinate Lodge, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge upon a card from the Subordinate of which her husband was a member, although her husband at the time of his death was not in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge.

In 1874 the Grand Lodge (Sections 333, 359, Digest) authorized Withdrawal Cards to be issued by Rebekah Lodges, and provides that they may admit to membership on deposit of card. In view of the usually liberal construction of all the laws relating to the Degree of Rebekah, I am constrained to hold that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when it provided that such Lodges might admit to membership by deposit of card, intended to cover all the cases in which cards were then authorized to be issued by any Lodge, either Rebekah or Subordinate. It will be observed that all the legislation in which good standing is required, has reference to conferring the degrees and not to membership. The question whether she could now receive the degree is quite another thing, although it is worthy of note that the legislation of 1868 as amended in 1871 (Digest, Section 323), authorizing the Lodges to confer the degree, says nothing about good standing in cases of certificates presented by Subordinate Lodges.

8. An unmarried step-daughter of an Odd Fellow of the Degree of Truth, if eighteen years of age, is eligible to membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. See Journal, S. G. L., 1886, pages 10,520, 10,659.

9. Since the enactment of the law (Digest, Section 351*b*), all officers of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whether Brothers or Sisters, must wear the regalia described in that section.

10. Subordinate Lodges are not entitled or allowed to purchase or use the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, and consequently cannot exchange their old Rituals for the new.

11. Rebekah Degree Lodges working under the new Ritual cannot lawfully give that work before a Subordinate Lodge open in the Degree of Rebekah. The new Ritual is for the exclusive use of Rebekah Lodges.

12. There being no German translation of the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, I decided that Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah which could not work in English were entitled to retain and use the old German Rituals until such times as translations of the new were furnished them. This may have been a stretch of power but it seemed a matter of necessity.

MISCELLANEOUS.

13. The following *ex parte* statement was presented for my decision: "One Martin was a member of a Lodge in Iowa, from which he took a Withdrawal Card. This he deposited in a Nevada Lodge and afterwards took a Withdrawal Card from that Lodge, which he deposited in a Lodge in Missouri, then he took a Withdrawal Card from the Missouri Lodge and removed to and became a permanent resident of Arizona. He remained in Arizona until his Card expired, and then applied to and became a member of his home Lodge in Iowa, although he still remained and yet remains a permanent resident of Arizona. Of course he was admitted a member of his Iowa Lodge on the ground of being an Ancient Odd Fellow, and he was so admitted without the consent of the jurisdiction of which he was a resident." If this be a correct statement, he was admitted in direct violation of Section 3, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Now, what was his status? Is he to be treated as an Odd Fellow or not? This is the question propounded. It has been decided that a Brother admitted illegally by card, without fault of his own, and from fault of his Lodge, must be protected in his membership so acquired. (Section 672, Digest 674.) That I conceive to be the extent to which the decisions go. In this case the applicant knew or was bound to know what the law was, and that membership thus acquired would be illegal; the Lodge also knew or was bound to know what the law was. No decision can be found that goes to the extent of holding that membership can be acquired where both parties to the contract knew that it was an illegal transaction, except in the single case of an initiate, the reason being given for this that the initiation being declared void might be construed as releasing him from his obligation. No such reason can exist in this case. I am constrained to believe that if this case shall be held to give the party in question a good and valid membership, the Sovereign Grand Lodge might as well remit the whole matter to Subordinate

Lodges. I therefore hold that, on the facts stated, Martin is not a member of the Iowa Lodge, but his status is that of an Ancient Odd Fellow.

14. The question which you ask, viz., "Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate, in whole or in part, its Lodge funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, which association is to erect a building for Lodge purposes, among other things?" is of very great importance and very far reaching. That there should be some limit to the power of Lodges to appropriate their funds in this direction, must be apparent to every one, but I find nothing that throws much light on the subject. I do not think that a Lodge should invest its funds to such an extent in anything as to disenable it from being in a situation to respond to calls likely to be made upon it for the relief of its distressed members, but it may and should invest its surplus funds in such a way as to produce an income by way of interest, dividends or rentals. It is my opinion that it is not advisable for Lodges to take stock in associations which are or may be controlled by others than Odd Fellows, unless it be in some business corporation. Therefore, as at present advised, I think the rule should be, and I decide, that an Odd Fellows' Lodge may, for the purpose of providing a place for its meetings, use a reasonable portion of its funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, although such hall or building, when erected, will be, in part, used for other than Odd Fellow purposes.

15. To your question, "Do you understand, by the report of the committee, page 10,521, on Decision 33, and adopted page 10,659, that a Lodge cannot expend any money for observing April 26th, or only forbids expending money for a collation and dance?"

Answer—I do not understand that, by that report, a Lodge cannot expend any money for observing April 26th, nor do I understand that it "only forbids expending money for a collation and dance."

It seems to me to be almost impossible to lay down any general rule applicable to every conceivable set of circumstances, but I think the principle to be evolved from the decisions is about as follows:

A Subordinate Lodge may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the necessary expenses incident to the celebration of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in America, in such a manner as shall promulgate and illustrate its principles, or to elevate it or dignify it in the eyes of the community, such as hiring halls, paying for printing, procuring orators, etc., but not for those things which contribute merely to the pleasure or gratification of the individual member, such as parties, balls, picnics, excursions, banquets, and the like, and that, within these limits, the question is one for the Subordinate or its immediate Grand Jurisdiction.

16. To the question, "Can the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under its Constitution, delegate its constitutional legislative powers to its Board of Grand Officers sitting in recess to grant Charters for Subordinate Lodges?" I replied that I had no authority to decide the question, as it was one "arising out of the Constitution" of a State Grand Lodge.—Constitution, S. G. L., Article IV.

17. The Grand Sire has not the authority to approve the Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, or amendments thereto, during recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

19. Under Section 297, Digest, the Grand Sire may authorize a Royal Purple member to confer the Patriarchal Degrees on Scarlet members, to qualify them as petitioners for an Encampment Charter in a place where no Encampment exists, in territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but I very much question the power of the D. D. Grand Sire, or even the Grand Sire, to appoint any one but a Past Chief Patriarch to install officers. The principle seems to be that no one should be appointed to administer an obligation who never has received it. Therefore, as at present advised, I must hold that it cannot be done.

20. Section 280, Digest, requiring balloting for degrees to be upon the same evening on which application is made therefore, is doubtless applicable to Encampments as well as to Lodges, though as to the latter, the subject may now be regulated by the local legislation.—*Journal, S. G. L.*, 1885, page 10,089.

21. A Brother holding a Withdrawal Card out of date, or a Dismissal Certificate, may join in applying for a Charter for a new Lodge of Odd Fellows, but the application must be signed by five third Degree members who hold unexpired Withdrawal Cards.—*Digest*, Sections 1162a, 1177, 1178.

The term "Brothers of the Order in good standing," as used in Article I. of the By-Laws, Sovereign Grand Lodge, Digest, Section 1162, must be construed to mean, Brothers holding unexpired Withdrawal Cards.

22. The law of New Jersey provides that "A person cannot be initiated in any Lodge than the one nearest or most convenient to his residence, without the consent of said Lodge." A person applied to his nearest Lodge, Clinton, for membership, and was rejected, of which rejection Harrison Lodge was notified. Notwithstanding this, Harrison Lodge elected and initiated such person. On complaint to the Grand Master, the Lodge plead guilty. No fraud was practiced upon Harrison Lodge, as the applicant informed the committee that he had been rejected by Clinton Lodge. On this state of facts, the Grand Master issued his mandate forbidding Harrison Lodge from conferring the Degrees upon the person initiated, and asks what is the remedy, and whether the law, Section 620, Digest, applies.

Answer—Harrison Lodge is guilty of a wilful violation of law, and is liable to such penalty as the Grand Lodge may deem adequate to the offence. I do not see that the membership of Feindt can be disturbed, or his rights to advancement interfered with.

24. When the officers at installation retire in charge of the Grand Marshal for examination, they should retire in form—that is, address the Chairs.

25. A Grand Master, when introducing a visiting Brother, enters the Lodge in his official capacity. He announces himself as Grand Master with a visiting Brother, and is entitled to be received with the honors of the Order, and must be so received. The honors are not to be given to the visiting Brother, unless he also be entitled thereto.

26. A Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge has not the right to introduce visitors to a Subordinate Encampment whom he knows are not members of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

27. Subordinate Encampments meet semi-monthly, and twelve consecutive meeting-nights, or six months, constitute a full term. With the consent of the Grand Encampment they may meet monthly; in such case the term of their officers is extended to one year (Digest, 1221), the number of meeting-nights still being twelve. A Chief Patriarch who serves a majority of the nights, and to the end of either the six or twelve-months term, is qualified to sit in the Grand Encampment. No other or different terms are permitted.

28. Appeal of Charles J. Fishel from the decision of the D. D. Grand Sire of the Sandwich Islands.

The facts in this case, as it appears from the concurring statements of the appellant and the D. D. Grand Sire, are as follows:

Harmony Lodge, No. 3, failed to hold one of its regular meetings for the term ending December 31st, 1886, from want of a quorum, occasioned by the celebration of the Fourth of July occurring on the fifth of that month, the fourth being Sunday, the appellant, the then Noble Grand, claiming that he was present at the Lodge-room, but that he could not procure the attendance of sufficient members to open the Lodge. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand were both actually present in said Lodge during said term and served more than fourteen meeting-nights of the term, and held their respective offices until their successors were installed, on the first meeting of January last. It appears, also, that on three meeting-nights of the preceding term the Lodge failed to hold a meeting, for the want of a quorum. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand of that term also served a majority of nights and held office until its close. After the installation of officers in January last, it was claimed that the appellant was not eligible to the position of Noble Grand when he was elected thereto, by reason of the failure of the Lodge to hold the three meetings above specified, and that he was not entitled to the honors of Past Grand, by reason of the failure to hold the one meeting in the last term, as above mentioned. The D. D. Grand Sire, on the authority of Section 265, Digest, so decided, and from this decision the appeal is taken.

I decided as follows: Perhaps the literal interpretation of Digest, 265, would justify your decision, but on a thorough examination of the question, and the way it came up, I am compelled to think that you have fallen into an error. The history of the matter is as follows: On the first organization of our Order the terms of Subordinate Lodges were thirteen weeks, and there appears to have been no regular time for the terms to end. It would seem that the term commenced at the first meeting after the Charter was granted and ended thirteen weeks from that time. They were not quarterly or half-yearly terms, commencing and ending with certain months in the year. Grand Sire Kennedy, in his annual report in 1842, says: "The periods at which terms of Lodges and Encampments commence and end are as greatly diversified as the number of them could possibly permit." (Journal, 445.) To remedy this defect, and so that proper statistics could be collected, it was enacted (Journal, 491) that annual reports

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be made from July 1st to June 30th; semi-annual, if any, from July 1st to December 30th, and quarterly reports on the first days of July, October, January and April in each year, and that when the longest part of the term (seven weeks or more) under the present regulation shall have expired, Subordinates were authorized to make one short term, so as to end the quarter as above specified, and the officers would be entitled to the honors; and when less than seven weeks of a quarter shall have expired, they are directed to extend the term, and (Journal, 494) that the officers hold for the remnant of that quarter and to the end of the next quarter. By this law the terms were changed from a given number of consecutive meeting-nights to periods of time, and all had a uniform ending. Now, terms end either in January and July or April and October, six months, and the term ends when the period arrives, whether twenty-six or six meetings have been held. It may have been from a misapprehension of these things that the latter part of Section 265 was enacted. A dispensation with Lodge-meetings is undoubtedly illegal and improper, but it cannot be that an illegal dispensation of one of twenty-six Lodge-meetings, against the protest, perhaps, of its Noble Grand, would deprive that officer, who has faithfully served for twenty-five nights of a term, of the honors due to his faithful service. There is no justice in it. Besides, it has been decided, over and over again, that an officer who has served a majority of nights of a term (fourteen), if in office at the end of the term, is entitled to the honors of the office. The enactment (Section 265) cannot be upheld unless it can be construed to mean that the dispensation spoken of prevented the officers from serving a majority of the nights of the term. This can, however, hardly be claimed for it. I have never had occasion before to critically examine the question, but am clear that the foregoing views are correct.

I therefore decide that the retiring officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, are entitled to the honors of the term if they were present in the Lodge-room a majority of the meeting-nights of the term, and held their offices to the close of the term.

I must also overrule your decision as to the preceding term upon substantially the same principle. If the officers served a majority of the nights of the term, they are not debarred from the honors of those offices from the fact that the Lodge failed, for want of a quorum, to hold three meetings out of the twenty-six. If three meetings would do it, one would, and if that were so a large number of the officers would fail of their honors for the same reason.

29.4 "A Brother paid his fee for the Second Degree, and before he was ready to take it was called away to another jurisdiction: He made no provision for the payment of his dues." In such a case the Lodge cannot apply the money so paid in on his dues, nor can he demand it back unless the Lodge refuses to confer the degree on demand. The demand must be made before suspension for non-payment of dues, otherwise the degree fee is forfeited unless the Brother be re-instated.

30. Under the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, establishing the Degree of the Patriarchs Militant, honorary members cannot be required to wear a cap, belt and sword in order to sit in a Canton.

31. Under that law a Canton cannot be compelled to turn out for parade or drill, except on the 26th of April, when ordered by a superior officer under penalty of court-martial and punishment such as it may see fit to inflict; but a Canton may, when so ordered, determine by vote whether it will or will not turn out, and inform the officer of its decision, without incurring the penalty of a court-martial.

32. Orders issued by superior officers in plain violation of the law creating the degree are of no binding force upon Cantons or Chevaliers, and may be disregarded.

33. Unless an association has the sanction of a State Grand Body, as provided in Sections 405, 406, Digest, it is illegal for it to do business as an insurance company under the name of the Order, and the "Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association" is such an illegal association, unless authorized as above. (Digest, 402.) The business transacted by that or any similar association is a "private business or enterprise," within said Section 402.

Any member of the Order engaged in any such business is liable to charges and expulsion.

General Returns.

The subjoined table exhibits the condition of the Order at the close of the year 1886, with the addition of Subordinate Bodies instituted in 1887, previous to August 20th, contrasted with the returns of the preceding year. The Grand Jurisdictions of Australasia and Germany are not included.

Returns for the Years 1885 and 1886.

	DEC. 31, 1885.	DEC. 31, 1886.	INCREASE.
Grand Lodges	54	54
Grand Encampments	44	44
Subordinate Lodges	7,956	8,109	153
Subordinate Encampments	1,947	1,996	49
Rebekah Degree Lodges	1,247	1,345	98
Lodge initiations	36,340	44,906	8,566
Encampment initiations	7,165	9,637	2,472
Lodge members	517,310	530,300	12,990
Encampment members	94,376	97,773	3,397
Rebekah D. L. members	58,025	67,291	9,266
Relief by Lodges	\$1,960,418.00	\$2,002,418.77	\$42,000.77
Relief by Encampments	205,620.24	208,614.92	2,994.68
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	14,865.69	16,290.81	1,425.12
Total Relief	2,180,904.93	2,227,324.50	46,422.57
Revenue of Lodges	4,764,111.06	5,079,880.00	315,768.94
Revenue of Encampments	473,652.00	496,268.05	22,616.05
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	71,924.81	83,624.32	11,699.51
Total Revenue	5,309,688.77	5,659,772.37	350,083.60

The following statements embrace the statistics compiled from the returns to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and, so far as the information could be obtained, from Bodies reporting to the Grand Lodges of Australasia and Germany :

Statistics of the Order from 1830 to December 31st, 1886.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	1,460,459
Members Relieved	1,265,268
Widowed Families Relieved	163,573
Members Deceased	124,060
Total Relief	\$43,589,061.87
Total Receipts	115,014,145.25

Condition of the Order December 31st, '86.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia)	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments	47
Subordinate Encampments	2,016
Subordinate Grand Lodges	65
Subordinate Lodges	8,334
Encampment Members	100,223
Lodge Members	547,856

Increase from January 1st to December 31st, 1886 :—Net gain in membership of Lodges, 12,990; Encampments, 3,397.

The following are the grand totals as to membership and relief of the American Order of Odd Fellows compiled from latest returns :

	MEMBERS.	RELIEF.
Sovereign Grand Lodge	530,300	\$2,211,033 69
Australasia	15,170	58,432 00
Germany	1,833	2,839 95
Rebekah (Sisters)	33,958	16,290 81
	581,261	\$2,288,596 45

		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Grand Lodges	54		
Subordinate Lodges	8,108	152	
Grand Encampments	44		
Subordinate Encampments	1,996	49	
Lodge Initiations	44,906	8,566	
Lodge Members	530,300	12,990	
Encampment Initiations	9,637	2,472	
Encampment Members	97,773	3,397	
Total Relief	\$2,227,324.50	\$46,422.57	
Total Revenue	5,659,772.37	350,083.60	

New Legislation.

A committee of five members was named by the Grand Sire to take into considera-

tion and report during the session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge on the advisability of creating a *juvenile* Order of Odd Fellows, under the direction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The following are the Committee :—Reps. Kines, of Quebec ; Celley, of Vermont ; Holmes, of Iowa ; Tucker, of Washington ; Metchan, of Oregon.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers, at their death, were members in good standing in such Lodge or Encampment ; and that it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds, or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever except for the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are, under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment ; *Provided, however*, Nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, from using their Widows' and Orphans' Fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates.

The Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to the Grand Officers and Representatives, who have not already received them, the bound Journal of Proceedings, and at cost the Revised Digest.

"If a brother who holds a certificate of membership in an Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association, constitutes his Lodge his beneficiary, can the Lodge by by-law pay the assessments thereon out of its General Fund." That such use of the general funds of a Lodge would be illegal.

That a pamphlet, not exceeding twenty pages, be prepared, containing extracts from the various reports of special committees on dues and benefits, and that a copy be sent to each Subordinate Lodge, together with a circular directing that action be taken thereon, and that your committee be continued, and that the Grand Sire fill any vacancies therein.

The only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the orphans, or dependent relatives of the deceased or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death ; dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death.

The following were adopted :

First—That the Grand Sire be empowered to contract for the translation and publication of our Digest in the Spanish language, without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, upon such terms as he may deem fit.

Second—That authority is hereby given to Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, to remove its place of meeting from Guanabacoo to the Havana.

Third—That authority is hereby given to America Lodge, No. 5, to remove its place of meeting from Regla to the Havana.

Fourth—That the dispensations granted by authority of the Grand Sire to Cuban brothers, during the recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to receive the Encampment Degree in the State of Florida, are hereby ratified.

That the Grand Sire be requested to take such steps as may seem best to him for bringing about the introduction of our Order into Spain.

It is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick, who like himself are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report, shall not be entitled to affiliation with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy brother.

It is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his brethren in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of California, and during the *interim* the Grand Master of California, be, and is hereby instructed to direct Templar Lodge, No. —, to cause its committee of investigation in matters of Bro. Robinson to close said investigation and make report and final disposition thereof within ninety days from the adjournment of this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and Bro. Robinson is entitled to counsel before the investigation committee or committees and before the Lodge.

That the appeal of Bro. Milton N. Webber be sustained on the ground of irregularity and illegality in the appointment of the second committee by Harmony Lodge, No. 19, and that the Grand Lodge of Indiana be hereby directed to cause said Harmony Lodge, No. 19, to grant said Webber a new trial on said charges, under procedure as to appointment of committees and otherwise in conformity to law.

That the Grand Encampment of Delaware direct Reynolds Encampment to pay to Bro. Morton benefits from the twenty-second day of December, 1885, until such time as by an investigation, of which he shall have notice, and at which he is to be heard, the Encampment shall determine that he has so far recovered from his difficulty as to be able to resume his usual business or otherwise earn a livelihood.

That the appeal of St. Anastasia Mesuil Lodge, No. 46, *vs.* Grand Lodge be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be and is hereby approved.

That the appeal of Bro. H. F. Rbos from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby sustained, and the action of the said Grand Lodge, in adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order in said matter, be reversed, and the said cause be, by said Grand Lodge, referred to its said committee with instructions to make a report in strict compliance with the said

law of said Grand Lodge, and for all other and further proper proceedings in said case.

That the appeal of A. J. Smith, and sixteen others, *vs.* St. Anastasia Mesul Lodge, No. 46, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana be directed to require Canton Wabash to either give said Lodge good and first-class security for the repayment of said sum, when due, and pay the legal rate of interest annually therefor, to said Lodge or repay said sum so borrowed within a reasonable time, as said Lodge may choose.

And that it be the sense of this Grand Body that no Lodge should divert its funds from the uses for which they were paid in, nor loan the same at any time without ample security being given, and a reasonable interest being paid.

That the appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, be sustained, as the law of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was not conformed to, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall direct the Appeals Committee thereof again to consider and pass upon the case of the appeal of Bro. J. M. Stambaugh on the grounds stated in said appeal.

That the questions referred to were properly answered by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota by the adoption of the report of its Committee on Appeals, and that the appeal of Brother James Starkey be dismissed.

Charters.

During the recess Charters have been issued as follows :

ALBERTA, CANADA—Alberta Encampment, No. 1, at Calgary.

ARIZONA—Floral Encampment, No. 2, at Phoenix.

CUBA—Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, at Havana.

FRANCE—Concorde Lodge, No. 1, at Havre.

NEW MEXICO—Albuquerque Encampment, No. 4, at Albuquerque ; Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, at Las Vegas ; The Percha Lodge, No. 9, at Kingston ; Fidelity, No. 10, at Gallup.

UTAH—Wasatch Encampment, No. 3, at Park City.

Authorized at session of 1886 :

INDIAN TERRITORY—Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, at McAlister.

That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for the Grand Lodge of New Mexico be confirmed.

That the amount of \$220 67, received from the Subordinate Lodges of New Mexico, from January 1, 1887, to September 10, 1887, be transferred to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Warrants Issued.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

ALBERTA, CANADA—Alberta, No. 1, at Calgary. Instituted January 11th, 1887, by Bro. George Murdoch, District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARIZONA—Floral, No. 2, at Phoenix. Instituted February 22nd, 1887, by Bro. Wm. A. Hancock, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. M. T. Herzog, District Deputy Grand Sire.

NEW MEXICO—Albuquerque, No. 4, at Albuquerque. Instituted October 15th, 1886, by Bro. A. C. Sloan, District Deputy Grand Sire.

UTAH—Wasatch, No. 3, at Park City. Instituted June 11th, 1887, by Bro. Alexander Rogers, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

CUBA—Hijos del Trabajo, No. 7, at Havana. Instituted April 27th, 1887, by Bro. Jose Antonio Lopez, District Deputy Grand Sire.

FRANCE, EUROPE—Concorde, No. 1, at Havre. Instituted March 2nd, 1887, by Bro. L. Bourdonnay, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

NEW MEXICO—The Percha, No. 9, at Kingston. Instituted May 19th, 1887, by Bro. J. M. Smith, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. A. C. Sloan, District Deputy Grand Sire. Fidelity, No. 10, at Gallup. Warrant, etc., sent August 12th, 1887, to A. C. Sloan, District Deputy Grand Sire.

FOR DEGREE LODGES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

INDIAN TERRITORY—Independence, No. 2, at McAlister. Instituted November 27th, 1886, by Bro. H. J. Ellard, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. J. R. Harris, District Deputy Grand Sire. This Charter was authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at session September, 1886.

NEW MEXICO—Naomi, No. 1, at Las Vegas. Instituted February 24th, 1887, by Bro. A. C. Sloan, District Deputy Grand Sire.

Commissions.

To George Murdoch, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment Degrees on 12 Third Degree members of Alberta Lodge, No. 1, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

To M. T. Herzog, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment Degrees on 34 Third Degree members of sundry Lodges in Arizona and California, residing at Phoenix, Arizona.

To Alexander Rogers, Special Deputy Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment Degrees on 21 members of Park City Lodge, No. 7, and Olive Branch Lodge, No. 8, at Park City, Utah.

The duties imposed on each of the Commissioners were promptly discharged, and Encampments have been instituted at the several places named.

The Fraternal Press.

The number of the journals devoted to the inculcation of the principles of Odd Fellowship is increasing, and no one rejoices thereat more than I do. Many of them

have been sent for the use of the Grand Sire, and they are perused with much interest; and yet it is sometimes with shame that he finds articles in some of them which breathe anything but a fraternal spirit. As a rule they are conducted properly, and, with two or three exceptions, labor zealously for the inculcation of the true spirit of friendship, and that "Charity which suffereth long and is kind." A few there are which seem to take pride in abusing and vilifying the Sovereign Grand Lodge for its action or non-action, and in abusing its officers who are endeavoring to enforce the laws they have obligated themselves to sustain. One calls a particular law a "foolish" law. Another that a law is of no binding force, and that the Order should not obey it. They seem to forget that one hundred and fifty Representatives, members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, men selected from the great body of the Order and from every Grand Jurisdiction, for their ability, their integrity, their long service in the Order, are apt to be quite as wise, as honest, as faithful to their obligations to legislate for the best interest of the Order, as any one or dozen editors of newspapers, however wise or however intelligent they may be. But I repeat, these are the exceptions. The great mass of them are conducted by men of gentlemanly instincts, in a fraternal spirit, and with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of the Order. Some of the articles are, doubtless, thoughtlessly written; others are not. One of the best indications of what is right and what is wrong, is to inquire whether the particular thing said or written will please your friends or rejoice your enemies. Too many of the articles during the last year have been of the latter class.

Your committee endorse the words of wisdom in the Grand Sire's report, pertaining to the "Fraternal Press," and would lay stress upon the fact, as there are some papers in our Order which seem simply to exist for the sake of the financial benefit derived therefrom, and other papers which assign one or more columns to the care of some of our brothers, for the benefit of these respective papers; yet, in view of the fact that at times there has been too much bickering and too many personalities; therefore, we respectfully suggest, in view of this, that all these editors and writers be impressed with the fact that they are not writing for the information of the public, but "for the good of the Order." Hence, we request them to think of the great damage done to the fraternity by the undue publicity of this feeling, and sincerely hope that these writers will remember that they are Odd Fellows, whose motto is "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Removal of headquarters and location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we have carefully considered the same, and report that in their opinion the position taken by the Grand Sire is the correct one, and should be approved and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. That the office of the Grand Secretary has been removed from the City of Baltimore and located in the City of Columbus, Ohio, and that the said Special Committee, in behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has received and accepted a sufficient deed and conveyance, securing to the respective parties all of their rights in the premises.

That the action of the Grand Sire be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

That the acts of said Special Committee be, and the same are hereby fully endorsed, ratified and approved.

The committee beg leave further to report that on the 25th of June last, the Grand Secretary began moving the property of his office, supplies, etc., and on July 1st the offices of the Grand Body were fully transferred to and located in the City of Columbus, Ohio.

The committee beg further to state that the rooms now occupied are complete, with all the furnishings required; are centrally located in the city, and in every way admirably adapted to the uses intended.

The committee have not taken any steps to secure the incorporation of the Grand Lodge under the laws of the State of Ohio. The committee considered the matter, and beg leave to suggest that inasmuch as Lodges and Encampments of our Order are located in every State and Territory of the United States of America, and also in the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and in foreign countries, it might be of advantage to secure an act of incorporation from the Congress of the United States.

Inasmuch as Columbus, Ohio, is now the home and headquarters of the Order, the resolution passed in 1858 (Journal, 3001), providing that all sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in Baltimore till further ordered, should be repealed. Therefore, the committee offer the following:

The resolution passed in 1858, on the subject, was rescinded, and that hereafter, when not otherwise ordered, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will hold its sessions in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

Miscellaneous.

The invitation to hold the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge in the City of Los Angeles, California, was accepted, with the proviso that in case the Grand Sire and Special Committee of five to be appointed by him to consider the expense thereof, shall find that the mileage and per diem will exceed that of the present session being held in the City of Denver, then and in that event the next session of this Body shall be held in the City of Columbus, Ohio.

The Grand Sire is authorized to act for the Sovereign Grand Lodge and to receive for said Sovereign Grand Lodge such sums of money from the committee to be hereafter selected by the jurisdiction of this Order in the State of California, as will be donated for the purpose of defraying any extraordinary expense which may attach by reason of the next meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Los Angeles, in California.

Grand Jurisdictions not represented:—The Grand Lodge of Switzerland, the Grand Lodge of Chili, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

The following By-Laws of Grand Lodge were amended:

First—Amend Article I. by inserting after the word "Order," in the first line, the words "of the Degree of Truth."

Second—Amend Article II. by striking out the word "qualified," in line one, and inserting in lieu thereof "Royal Purple."

The Constitution of Subordinates was amended as follows:

First—Amend Article I by striking out of the second line the words "including one qualified to preside at its sessions," and insert "of the Degree of Truth."

Second—Amend Article VII., Section 4, by striking out "twenty-six nights," in the fourth line, and insert "a regular term."

Third—Amend Article VIII., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, by adding after "vacancy," in the fourth line, "except for the two terms after an Encampment had been instituted, or revived."

That cordial and heartfelt thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Odd Fellows and citizens of the City of Denver, and the State of Colorado, for their constant and zealous hospitality, extended to the officers and members of this Grand Body, and the ladies accompanying them; and especially to C. D. Cobb, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements; and to J. M. Norman, Chairman of the Committee on the Entertainment of the Ladies; A. E. Gipson, Chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements; A. W. Hogle, Chairman of the Committee on Hotels; W. J. Fay, Chairman of the Committee on Reception; and to the individual members of said committee, one and all, for their assiduous attention and kindness, illustrating so plainly the well-known hospitality of their city and State, and aiding in making the session of 1887 a memorable one in the history of the Order.

To the Odd Fellows of Kansas and Missouri for the many kindnesses and profuse hospitality extended by them while we were passing through their respective jurisdictions, and particularly to the Lodges at St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Hutchinson and Garden City, and to the committees who had in charge the entertainment.

To the brethren of Los Angeles, of California, for their handsome donation of fruit, and to Pike's Peak Lodge, Colorado Springs, for the entertainment provided by them for the ladies.

To His Excellency, Hon. Alvah Adams, Governor of Colorado; His Honor Wm. Scott Lee, Mayor of Denver; Hon. E. M. Ashley, President of the Board of Trade; to David Ringle, Grand Master, and J. M. Norman, Grand Secretary of Colorado, for their words of hearty welcome.

To the Board of Trade of the City of Denver, for the use of their hall, in which the session was held.

To the Knights Templar of the City of Denver, our allies and co-workers in the cause of humanity, for their fraternal welcome and courteous hospitality.

To the press of the city of Denver for the interest manifested in our session, and for their enterprise in giving full reports of all matters connected therewith, and the grand parade on the 22nd September.

To Lieutenant-General and Deputy Grand Sire John C. Underwood, and to Grand Representative J. Ward Ellis, Chairman of the Special Committee, for their labor and attention in the matter of securing rates of transportation for the members of the Grand Body; and to the various railroads throughout the country for their reduction of fare.

To the Cantons and Chevaliers of Patriarchs Militant, for their attendance and drill, which added so greatly to the enjoyment of the session, and to the Subordinate Lodges participating in the parade of Thursday.

To the Degree Team of Topeka, whose excellent rendering of the work is to be especially commended.

A live presiding officer is often the salvation of a weak lodge, while the lodge that will place in the chair a brother totally unfitted for a presiding officer for the reason, perhaps, that he is a *good fellow*, is sounding its own death knell, so far as usefulness in the Order is concerned.

There are men in our fraternity who never come to Lodge,
And whose claims we can't resist,
They cannot give the password, and they do not know the sign,
And of the Order's good or ill, they never read a line!
They growl about assessments, and begrudge to pay their dues,
And every call for charity they stubbornly refuse.
If all the brothers were like these, the Lodge could not exist.

And there are other brothers who will once in six months come,
And cast their little ballot, and think their duty done.
The Lodge would be the better if it ne'er saw them at all:
They are no help to officers, but pick at great and small.

And there's the politician, who hangs about;
With an eye to gaining influence, he's up to all the dodges;
He's a trickster and a sham, and therefore we insist
That he ought to be dismissed.

And there's the accidentals who now and then
Crowd in to beat some motion that true men wish to pass;
They are seen at each election, or when a feast is spread,
They always have some hobby, and on it strong insist.

Brother, why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others by attending your lodge occasionally?

Grand Sires.

The following is a list of the grand sires of the Sovereign Grand Lodge from its institution to the present time:

- 1 *Thomas Wildey Baltimore, Md.
- 2 *James Gettys, Georgetown, District of Columbia.
- 3 *George Keyser, Baltimore, Md.

- 4 *Samuel H. Perkins, Philadelphia.
- 5 *Zenas B. Glazier, Wilmington, Del.
- 6 *John A. Kennedy, New York City, New York.
- 7 *Howel Hopkins, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 8 Thomas Sherlock, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 9 *Horn B. Kneass, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 10 *Robert H. Griffin, Savannah, Ga.
- 11 William W. Moore, Washington, D. C.
- 12 Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Charleston, S. C.
- 13 *William Ellison, Boston, Mass.
- 14 *Geo. W. Race, New Orleans, La.
- 15 Samuel Craighead, Dayton, O.
- 16 *Robert B. Boylston, Winstonsborough, S. C.
- 17 James B. Nicholson, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 18 *Isaac M. Veitch, St. Louis, Mo.
- 19 James P. Sanders, Yonkers N. Y.
- 20 E. D. Farnsworth, San Francisco, Cal.
- 21 *Frederick D. Stuart, Washington, D. C.
- 22 Cornelius A. Logan, Chicago, Ill.
- 23 Milton S. Durham, Danville, Ky.
- 24 John W. Stokes, Philadelphia Pa.
- 25 John W. Harmon, San Francisco, Cal.
- 26 *Luther J. Glenn, Atlanta, Ga.
- 27 Erie J. Leech, Keokuk, Ia.
- 28 Henry F. Garey, Baltimore, Md.
- 29 John H. White, Albion, N. Y.

*Dead.

Conclusion.

Brethren, the copies of the daily journal allowed to each jurisdiction being necessarily limited in number, and the members who would study and appreciate them being numerous in a live jurisdiction like Manitoba, the Representatives find themselves every year obliged to forego the pleasure of sending to many whose names readily occur to them. It is hoped, therefore, that those who do receive copies will, after reading them, pass them to others who are likely to be interested in them.

And now, in conclusion, your Representatives desire to express their thanks for the high honor conferred in selecting them to represent this Jurisdiction in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and trust that their humble efforts to serve you faithfully have met with the approval of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted.

C. D. ANDERSON,
J. P. YOUNG,
Grand Representatives.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

PAST GRANDS, REPRESENTATIVES, NOBLE GRANDS AND SECRETARIES.

"By-laws shall immediately be forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its Noble Grand and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be, and no such by-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates."—Con. Sub. Lodges, Art. 78.

"Semi-Annual Returns shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge, the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said Return."—Con. Sub. Lodges, Art. 40.

No Past Grand can, under any circumstances, be admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge without presenting a regular Past Grand's Certificate. A Past Grand cannot be admitted upon a Representative's certificate, nor upon the semi-annual report of his Lodge, nor upon any voucher, except the certificate required by Article 6 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

If a Representative to the Grand Lodge has not been previously admitted to membership as a Past Grand, and received the Grand Lodge Degree, he must present two certificates before he can be admitted to the Grand Lodge, viz: a Past Grand's certificate, as stated in the preceding clause, and also a Representative's certificate, as required by Article 7 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, both of which must be signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, and be attested by the Seal of the Lodge.

No Past Grand should start for a Session of the Grand Lodge without knowing that the proper certificates have been mailed to the Grand Secretary, or without duplicate certificates in his pocket.

Representatives to the Grand Lodge should be elected at the first regular meeting of the Lodges in July, to serve for one year. Should a vacancy occur by resignation, suspension or decease, the certificate of the Past Grand elected to fill the vacancy, must set forth that fact upon its face.

Blank certificates can be had by Secretaries upon application to the Grand Secretary.

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