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HELD IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON,

In the Hall of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44 I.O.O.F. Baltimore Unity, Commencing on  
the 2d Day of August, A. D. 1865, at 9 o'Clock A. M.



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The officers and members of Excelsior Lodge having assembled in special session to receive the Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, the same having been duly announced, admitted and received in ancient form, and the M. W. Grand Master, together with the Officers and Representatives having been introduced, the N. G. Bro. J. W. Fergusson of Excelsior Lodge welcomed the Grand Lodge, and tendered the use of their Lodge Room during the session of the Grand Lodge, and hoped that the present session would be marked with harmony, and all unite to advance the interest and working of the Order.

The M. W. Grand Master having taken the Chair, the Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Roll of Officers being called over, the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Bro. JAMES SMITH .....	M. W. G. Master.
" THOMAS BROWNE .....	R. W. D. G. Master.
" RICHARD WIGMORE .....	" G. Sec. & Treas.
" H. C. BINGHAM .....	" G. Rep. to U. S.
" JOHN BARR .....	" G. Guardian.
" JOHN WEATHERLY .....	" G. Marshal.
Representative JOHN TAYLOR, Jr .....	<i>Brock Lodge,.....No. 9</i>
" A. PURVIS, .....	} <i>Union Lodge, .... No 16</i>
" GEORGE WALES, .....	
" GEORGE POWELL, .....	} <i>Bureka Lodge, ... No. 30</i>
" JAMES HERON, .....	
" THOMAS BENNETT, .....	<i>Chatham Lodge, ... No. 29</i>
" WILLIAM A. GLOVER, .....	<i>Erie Lodge, ..... No. 33</i>
" JOSIAH B. KING, .....	<i>Gore Lodge, ..... No. 34</i>
" GEORGE MARLATT, .....	<i>St. Mary's Lodge, ..No. 36</i>
" H. C. FORSYTH, .....	<i>Imperial Lodge, ... No. 37</i>
" EDMUND BELTZ, .....	} <i>Forest City Lodge, No. 38</i>
" WILLIAM HARRISON, ....	
" C. B. TAYLOR, .....	<i>Avon Lodge, ..... No. 44</i>
" GEORGE WENATT, .....	<i>Long Point Lodge, No. 42</i>
" C. W. KEMPSTER, .....	<i>Excelsior Lodge, ..No. 44</i>
" HENRY McAFEE, .....	} <i>Frontier Lodge, ...No. 45</i>
" JOHN BATTY, .....	

The Grand Master appointed P. G. Master Bro, James Woodyatt, Grand Conductor *pro tem*.

The R. W. Grand Master then appointed Grand Secretary Bro. Richard Wigmore, D. G. Master Bro. Thomas Browne, Representatives John Barr and Henry McAfee, a committee on Credentials, who after examining the Certificates as presented, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named Past Grands, duly formed and attested as Representatives from their respective Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz :

Representative JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.....	Brook Lodge.....	No. 9
“ GEORGE WALES, .....	} Union Lodge, .....	No. 16
“ A. PURVIS, .....		
“ THOMAS BENNETT, .....	Chatham Lodge, .....	No. 29
“ GEORGE POWELL, .....	} Eureka Lodge, .....	No. 30
“ JAMES HERON, .....		
“ WILLIAM A. GLOVER, .....	Erie Lodge, .....	No. 33
“ JOSIAH B. KING, .....	Gore Lodge, .....	No. 34
“ JAMES McINTYRE, .....	Samaritan Lodge, .....	No. 35
“ GEORGE MARLATT, .....	St. Mary's Lodge, .....	No. 36
“ H. C. FORSYTH, .....	Imperial Lodge, .....	No. 37
“ EDMUND BELTZ, .....	} Forest City Lodge, No. 38	No. 38
“ WILLIAM HARRISON, .....		
“ C. B. TAYLOR, .....	Avon Lodge, .....	No. 41
“ GEORGE WENNETT, .....	Long Point Lodge, No. 42	No. 42
“ C. W. KEMPFER, .....	Excelsior Lodge, .....	No. 44
“ HENRY MCAFEE, .....	} Frontier Lodge, .....	No. 45
“ JOHN BATTY, .....		

Your Committee on Credentials find the foregoing Representatives correct and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, but we find that the following named Lodges are not yet represented, viz: Samaritan Lodge No. 34, and Long Point Lodge, No. 42. We also find that P. G. Bennett of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, has not a Representative's Certificate. We also find that the following named Past Grands have the proper Certificates as such and entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, and to seats as members in this Grand Lodge, viz: E. G. Miller, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Thomas Bennett, Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Adam Purvis, Union Lodge, No. 16, H. C. Forsyth of Imperial Lodge, No. 37, and Archibald Frew of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.

(Signed)

RICHARD WIGMORE,  
THOMAS BROWNE,  
JOHN BARR,  
HENRY MCAFEE.

In conclusion your Committee move the following—

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be adopted—*Carried*.

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, and seconded by G. Warden, John Barr. That P. G. Bro. Thos. Bennett of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and also that he be recognized as the Representative of said Lodge, waiving the formality of a Representative's Certificate—*Carried*.

Your Committee also find the following Brothers duly certified as Past Grands, and entitled to membership in this Grand Lodge, viz :

A. PURVIS, .....	Union Lodge, .....	No. 16
THOMAS BENNETT, .....	Chatham Lodge, .....	No. 29

JOSIAH B. KING,.....	<i>Gore Lodge,</i> .....	No. 34
H. C. FORSYTH,.....	<i>Imperial Lodge,</i> .....	No. 37
WILLIAM HARRISON,.....	<i>Forest City Lodge,</i> .....	No. 38
C. W. KEMPSTER,.....	<i>Excelsior Lodge,</i> .....	No. 44
A. G. MILLER,.....	do. do. ....	do.

We therefore recommend that the above named Past Grands be admitted as members of this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WIGMORE,  
 THOMAS BROWNE,  
 HENRY McAFEE,  
 JOHN BARR. } Committee.

The Grand Marshal, P. G. Bro. Weatherly having introduced the Representatives and Past Grands to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master instructed them in the Grand Lodge Degree, and they took their seats.

The R. W. Grand Warden, Bro. John Barr, moved, seconded by R. W. Grand Marshal, Bro. Weatherly, that the Minutes of last session of this Grand Lodge, held at London, be adopted as printed—*Carried.*

The R. W. the Grand Master then appointed the following Committees, viz. :  
 DISTRIBUTION.—G. Rep. U. S., H. C. Bingham, Reps. Henry McAfee, W. A. Glover, George Wales, and J. Batty.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Reps. W. A. Glover, Wm. Harrison, Thos. Bennett and H. C. Forsyth.

RETURNS.—Reps. E. Beltz, Purvis, Glover, King and Wenett.

STATE OF THE ORDER AND LEGISLATION.—Reps. Henry McAfee, James Heron, James McIntyre, C. B. Taylor, and George Wales.

FINANCE.—Reps. Wenett, Purvis, Bennett, C. B. Taylor and King.

LAW OF SUBORDINATES.—Reps. John Taylor, Kempster, Batty, Forsyth and Powell.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Reps. A. Purvis, G. Powell, George Marlatt, C. B. Taylor, and J. Batty.

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

The following Report from the M. W. the Grand Master was then submitted :

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

OFFICERS REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS : According to ancient usage it now becomes my duty to render an account of my stewardship for the past year. Notwithstanding the many self-promises I had made to try and do all I could both by writing and visiting the several Lodges in and under this jurisdiction, my hopes and plans were sadly frustrated by that dread element "fire," in consequence of which there was entailed upon me such a vast amount of work and attention, as prevented me from carrying out what I had fondly hoped I should have had the honor of doing. Nevertheless, brothers, I can assure you that I was not asleep as to the interests of our beloved Order, but did all I could as far as my ability and time allowed to advance the glorious cause.

Those Lodges I have visited are flourishing. Everywhere I was affectionately received and hospitably entertained, and I must say here that I see no other organization that equals ours in social merits. Odd Fellows, everywhere I meet them seem to feel their duty summed up in the golden rule "to love God, and their neighbor as themselves."

To those of you whom I have met in past years I am bound in ties of grateful affection which it is a delight to renew, while to those who for the first time meet in this assembly, my heart goes out in words of welcome, as I invite your earnest and loving participation in the duties and moral responsibilities of the session. May you all be knit firmly in the bonds of unity and brotherly love, and may the seed of Odd Fellowship sown at this meeting of the Representatives of the Order in this Jurisdiction be fraught with more good than any yet scattered since the first organization of this Grand Body. Let us implore that Providence who moves in a mysterious way to assist us.

On the fourteenth of December last I had the pleasure of presiding at a Festival and Dedication under the auspices of Eureka and Forest City Lodges in the City of London. The members of those Lodges have united in fitting up a beautiful Hall for their common use. A large and pleasant company were in attendance. In the ceremony of dedication I had the honor to be assisted by the Grand Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, Deputy Grand Master Browne, G. Sec. Wigmore, Past Grand Master Bissell, P. D. M. Skinner, D. D. G. M. Bro. McAfee, and many other leading members of the Order from London, St. Marys, Stratford, and Windsor. Everything passed off pleasantly, and seemingly to the satisfaction of all present, and I believe has been the cause of great good to the Order in London.

On the 21st of the same month I enjoyed a similar pleasure in dedicating a new Hall in Windsor, belonging to the members of Frontier Lodge. D. G. M. Browne, G. Sec. Wigmore and other brothers from London accompanied me. We were assisted by several eminent brothers from the Lodges in Detroit. At the conclusion of the Dedication ceremony, Bro. McAfee, the founder of the Lodge there, assumed the control of things and under his guidance we were soon partaking of the good things of earth, at the table of mine very hospitable host, Bro. Cheater. The brothers of this Lodge are noted for their zeal and enthusiasm, and I believe have accomplished a greater amount of work since their organization than any other Lodge in this Province.

In January last on invitation from the members of Gore Lodge Brantford, I publicly installed the officers thereof, assisted by Deputy Grand Sire Bingham, P. G. Master, James Woodyatt, D. D. G. M. Wm. Woodyatt. I believe every member of the Lodge was present. The Installation was followed by one of the happiest unions of Brothers and of the wives and children of Odd Fellows that I ever witnessed.

On Good Friday last, according to arrangement, the D. G. Master and Grand Secretary accompanied me on a visit to Avon Lodge, Stratford. The occasion was thoroughly improved in the instruction of the Lodge, of whom a goodly number were present. "Good Friday" has generally been kept as a Fast day, but judging by the bill of fare set before us after our business was concluded, I am fully of the opinion that a question of Orthodoxy might be raised! Notwithstanding this, from my observation of the kind of men Avon Lodge is composed of, I have every reason to believe that a prosperous future lies before them.

In May last I paid a visit to "Excelsior." Although a new Lodge, several old and well tried Odd Fellows belong thereto. They are steadily gaining ground and as they have a fine field for labor I feel confident that they must continue to prosper.

About the end of June last the Grand Secretary and I visited Union Lodge, St. Catherines. This is one of the oldest and strongest Lodges, and the character and conduct of its members are too well known to require any compliment from me. In every respect Union Lodge maintains and deserves the good repute of former days. May her shadow never grow less.

In July I installed the officers of St. Mary's Lodge, assisted by P. G. Rep. Partridge and Bro. J. W. Lester, from London and other Brothers from Stratford. I was delighted to find many brothers in that Lodge whom I had also met there several years ago. I think Brothers it speak volumes to meet the old standard; it plainly shows their hearts are in the right place, and that as they have got the will they have also got the way to keep the wheel of Odd Fellowship rolling.

The remaining Lodges in my jurisdiction I have been unable to visit, but take pleasure in referring to the success of a visit by Rev. Bro. Gilray of London, to Samaritan Lodge, Ingersoll. The meeting was a public one, and was addressed by Bro. Gilray at length upon the merits of Odd Fellowship, and I am assured much good has resulted to the Order there in consequence of the effort.

In May last I had an opportunity to visit Olive Branch Lodge, Detroit, where I was cordially welcomed. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without assuring you of the repeated courtesies and kind attentions the brethren of our own jurisdiction, and especially those belonging to Frontier Lodge have received from the brethren in Detroit.

(H) I regret brethren to have, to report the demise of Thames Lodge, matters in connection with which will be submitted you by the Grand Secretary.

(I) I have further to state that Rond Eau Lodge is in a very precarious condition. No reports for the past year have been received therefrom. Bro. Sewell's letter will explain all. I wrote him some time since, advising him to be present at this session, and have some hopes that you may be able to gain from a personal interview with him, further information regarding said Lodge.

(A) I have now the honor to submit for the consideration and deliberation of this Grand Lodge, all communications which I have received in connection therewith, and which embrace matters of much importance. Among these will be found letters from the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, D. D. G. Sire Bingham, and from the Secretary of the Wildey Monument Committee, together with reports from a few of the D. D. G. Masters in this our Jurisdiction.

In accordance with the request of the Secretary of the Wildey Monument Committee I forwarded a copy of the design, with a few remarks of my own on the subject to the different Lodges under the guidance of this Grand Lodge, urging on them the necessity of giving a hearty response to the call. I hope the result will be favorable and that when our Rep. leaves for the G. L. of U. S., we will be in a position to remit a further contribution to that Monument of which we should be all justly proud.

It is a source of pride to me, and must be one of gratification to you to learn that no case of appeal has been received, either by me or the Grand Secretary, so that you will be relieved of the onerous duties connected with such cases.

(B) I have thought well to submit for your approval or amendment the following decisions: "A member of the Manchester Unity may unite with our Order, and may retain membership in both Orders."

(C) T. S. Milks under date of June 12th, 1865, writes, enquiring whether a Lodge can legally hold property in its own name, and also whether a Subordinate Lodge could invest the W. & O. Fund: To the first I referred him to the consolidated Statutes of Canada, quoting Chap. 71, Secs. 7, 8 and 9.

To the second interrogatory my answer was Yes! and explained to him the way that other Lodges had much benefited that Fund by investing it safely.

(D) D. D. G. Master Bro. McAfee enquires as follows:

1. Can a Lodge after electing a candidate to Membership, and previous to his admission reconsider the matter, and order a new ballot for the candidate. I answered Yes! and referred him to the Digest page 13 Sec. 6.

(E) 2d. A person claims to have been a member of the Order, and also a member of his State Grand Lodge, but cannot prove satisfactorily his standing in the Order, having no Card, in consequence of his Lodge having ceased to work joins another Lodge by initiation. "Has that Lodge a right to again confer the degrees on the Brother, or does his initiation entitle him to the rank and position he formerly held in the Order?" My reply thereto, (after a great deal of consideration and inquiry was) "that the reinitiation of a member was illegal as he could only be admitted by card, and if he had no card he could in no way be received."

(F) To another query in the same communication, which was, whether if the Lodge had conferred the degrees could they not be compelled to refund the money to the Brother which he had paid for the same? I replied, "That if the member was ignorant of the law and acted *bona fide* he ought to have the money refunded, if otherwise he ought to forfeit it."

There were some other questions asked of me which I thought unnecessary to embody in this report, as they were of but minor importance.

In accordance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge at the session of 1862, relative to a Testimonial to P. D. G. Master, Bro. J. R. Peel, I am pleased to state that such memento is now in the keeping of this Grand Lodge.

(G) I have much pleasure in referring particularly to the following named Reports, from D. D. Barr, (January and July,) Bro. Crichton, (January,) Brother Jackson, (July,) Bro. Glover (July,) Bro. McAfee (January and July,) and one from Bro. Sewell of Rond Eau Lodge, which is a splendid production.

I feel sorry that the Deputies have not all kept to the requirements of this Grand Lodge, in remitting punctually their semi-annual Reports, which would give the Grand Master, wherever he might be, a better opportunity of understanding more fully the true condition of the Order.

(J) I have prepared and will submit a blank form for semi-annual Reports, as my opinion is, that the form we now use is incomplete, and gives unnecessary trouble to the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge to report upon Returns.

(K) Immediately after receiving the intelligence of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, President and Chief Ruler of the neighboring Republic, and after conferring with those members of this Grand Lodge to whom I could get access, I assumed the responsibility of preparing and forwarding in behalf of this Grand Lodge and the Order in Canada West, an appropriate address to President Johnston, of which the following is a copy:

*To the Hon. Andrew Johnson, President of the United States of America:*

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Canada West, in common with the brethren of the Order in the United States, deploring the atrocity of the recent assassination of the President of that nation, and bearing in mind the close ties which bind them in brotherhood together, besides being the offspring of one common stock, do tender their deepest sympathy and heartfelt regret to the brethren and citizens of the adjoining Republic under their present great national bereavement, occasioned by the late brutal and dastardly outrage, and who has deprived that people of their Chief Ruler, the country of a good and faithful restoring them to light, liberty and new life.

Trusting that the mild and tolerant policy which so eminently characterized the legislation of the late President, may ever be continued between the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty and those of the Republic, and that God, who in His infinite wisdom often brings great good out of apparent evil, may, around the grave of Abraham Lincoln, bury for all time to come those, one in blood, one in common origin, and should be one in "Friendship, Love and Truth."

In conclusion, the Odd Fellows pray that the God of the fatherless and widow may comfort and support Mrs. Lincoln and her family under her present great and cruel affliction.

(Signed)  
RICHARD WIGMORE, G. Sec., C. W.  
London, C. W., April 18, 1865.

JAMES SMITH, Grand Master.



I forwarded the same to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Bro. Schuyler Colfax, by whom it was handed to the President. I beg to submit the very cordial and friendly reply which I received from the said honorable and highly esteemed Brother :

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, May 8th, 1865.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :

I have received and forwarded to President Johnson, the address you commissioned me to present to him in behalf of my brethren of Canada West, and I was gratified at seeing its noble and patriotic tone.

I have not been in Washington since the funeral exercises there of our murdered President, which will account for the delay of this acknowledgment.

Truly and fraternally yours,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

To JAS. SMITH, Grand Master.

Representatives, I would again urge upon you the necessity for supporting a Journal devoted to Odd Fellowship, and as such present the claims of the *American Odd Fellow*.

In drawing this Report to a close, I have the pleasure to state that from my own personal observation in regard to our noble Order, together with information I have gathered from letters and otherwise, from the Deputies and other members of the several Lodges, that a bright future is in store for the advancement of our benign and glorious cause. Facts and figures will show that notwithstanding the many causes which have worked against us, we are this day stronger in membership, stronger in finances, and thanks be to God, stronger in love for our Order, and for the advancement and glory thereof. I have no need to be a prophet, or the son of a prophet to assure you that our Order must prosper, and permeate the land with its principles which are holy and true, and with its teachings which are pure and grand. I have to thank the brethren in this jurisdiction for their many acts of kindness shown to me whenever and wherever I had the good fortune to meet them, and also specially to thank those brothers from whom I received counsel and advice. Brethren, let us not weary in well doing, let us only have a will and we can easily find the way to feed the hungry, visit the sick and to bury the dead, never forgetting the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

I now deign brothers, to offer you my most humble and heartfelt thanks for the honor you conferred upon me, in placing me in the highest position within your gift, and in which I tried to the best of my ability to sustain and uphold the sacred and heaven born principles of our glorious Order. Should anything have occurred that may not turn out to the advancement and good of our cause, I trust you will leniently attribute it to a fault of the head and not of the heart. I would further beg that you accept the assurance of my fervent prayer, that you may all meet with success in every good work, and be prospered not only in earthly, but in heavenly blessings.

All of which is most fraternally submitted by

Yours, faithfully, &c.,

JAMES SMITH, Grand Master.

Representative, Bro. Josiah B. King moved, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, that the Grand Master's Report be referred to the special Committee for distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees—*Carried*.

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

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, Representatives and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West :

BRETHREN—In accordance with the duty devolving upon me as Grand Secretary and Treasurer, I beg leave to submit this my annual Report :

Permit me in the first place, brethren, to offer you my warm congratulations in meeting you again under circumstances so gladsome and auspicious. Here we are met brethren of the mystic tie, of the "Three Links," in open Grand Lodge, under our own vine and fig tree, to endeavor to advance the interests of our Order. With thankfulness we should review the past, the Head Master of the universe having permitted us to meet as Representatives and brothers, in the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. We should not only hail each other in the ties of Odd Fellowship, but feel thankful to Almighty God for his sparing mercy, in preserving our lives through another year, and in health and strength granting us the felicity of coming together once more.

Brethren, ours is a noble cause, worthy of our attention, and worthy of a little sacrifice. Great is the work before us; to alleviate human misery, raise the fallen, succor the distressed, and dry the orphan's and the widow's tear, is the sacred office of an Odd Fellow. What work more noble? More delightfully great and good? All mankind may engage in it and labor, no matter how exalted their station or elevated their position. Our Order has never been more prosperous nor more successful. Our ranks are now filling up, I trust with good, true and faithful men who will endeavor to promote its prosperity, and prove themselves worthy of the honor conferred on them. Yet, while we rejoice and take courage that our membership is being steadily increased, our ranks filling up and the Order generally on the increase, I have to state that as is usually the case, a few Lodges have died out during the year, and became defunct for want of proper interest taken by its members, and dishonest acts of its officers, clearing out with books, papers and funds intrusted to their keeping, and other members in good standing removing to different parts of Canada and the United States.

In concert with the Grand Master I visited several Lodges during the past year. All goes well, large prosperity following the good cause and work in Western Canada. The reception we met with everywhere was cordial and brotherly—just such a welcome as only a good Odd Fellow can give and appreciate.

Immediately after the session of the Grand Lodge, held at London, C. W., I compiled the Proceedings thereof, and according to instructions I caused two hundred copies to be printed and forwarded to all the Lodges, and officers under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West. Also to all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Journals of Proceedings, as follows, viz: The R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, California, New Hampshire, Ohio, Massachusetts, Southern New York, Pennsylvania, State of Maine, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Columbia, Michigan, Kansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Oregon, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Maryland. Grand Encampments viz: Massachusetts, Tennessee, Ohio and California; all of which proclaim glowing prosperity of our Order in those several jurisdictions. The said Proceedings are now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

(1.) Brethren, the correspondence of the past year will be laid before you for your deliberation, nothing of any importance has been received by your Secretary.

(2.) I received a circular from the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. John F. Dristol of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, notifying this Grand Body that the Charter of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1. of Providence, was annulled and said Lodge suspended for non-compliance of resolution of said Grand Lodge. I immediately notified all subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the suspension of said Lodge, and to govern themselves accordingly.

(3.) I received a communication from Jared M. Gleeson and Charles N. Male, dated Lockport, U. S., July 10th, 1865, enclosing one dollar green-back, and requesting me to forward them Cards of Clearance, as members in good

standing of Industry Lodge at the time the said Lodge broke up. Your Secretary in looking over the books of the late Industry Lodge, No. 25, find the names of the said brothers connected with the breaking up of said Lodge, and therefore did not feel justified in sending Cards, or answering said letter until laid before this Grand Body and receive their instructions.

(4.) Your Secretary received a communication from Mr. William Irving, of Newbury, C. W., dated October 11th 1864, requesting information and the expense of opening a Lodge of Odd Fellows in that Village. I immediately answered his letter, giving him all necessary information, together with a copy of the By-Laws of Eureka Lodge and the proceedings of the Last Grand Lodge. In reply I received an answer from him stating it would be impossible to start a Lodge at the present time.

(5.) According to resolution on page 294 of our Journal regarding the original dispensation of Brock Lodge No. 9 not being cancelled I wrote to D. D. G. M. Bro. John Taylor, Jr., requesting him to carry out the instructions of this Grand Body by cancelling the original dispensation. I have much pleasure in informing this Grand Body that the D. D. G. Master has carried out the request of this Grand Body, and said original dispensation was cancelled by the D. D. G. M., Bro. John Taylor, Jr.

(6.) In accordance with the resolution on page 292 of our Journal, regarding the Testimonial to P. D. G. Master, Bro. J. R. Peel, the executive officers of this Grand Lodge has carried the spirit of said resolution into effect by appropriating the sum of thirty dollars towards said Testimonial. Your Secretary notified all Lodges in due time that the said Testimonial would be presented to Bro. J. R. Peel at the present session of this Grand Body. Also informed the said Bro. J. R. Peel that his presence would be required at this session of the Grand Lodge to receive said Testimonial.

(7.) The By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, is hereby laid before this Grand Body for their approval.

(8.) The semi-annual Returns for both terms have been duly received from all Lodges except Rond Eau, No. 40, and Thames No. 43. Both these Lodges have ceased to work. I have written to them several times but received no answer. I am informed by the M. W. Grand Master that he has received a communication from the D. D. G. Master, Joseph Sewell of Rond Eau Lodge, which communication will give this Grand Lodge all the information regarding the position and state of affairs of said Rond Eau Lodge.

Thames Lodge, Mitchell has been most lukewarm in the cause of Odd Fellowship for the last year, members neglecting to attend their Lodge meeting, and no interest taken in the work owing to defaulting treasurers. On Saturday last D. D. G. Master Wm. McNeil called on me with the Charter, Working Books and Odes of said Lodge. The Minute Book and other Books connected with the working of the Lodge together with its funds has been stolen by their treasurer and cannot be found. The Furniture was sold to pay the rent due, and the Regalia was divided among a few of the Brothers. Some other things were borrowed from the St. Mary's Lodge, which Bro. McNeil says will be returned to said Lodge. In my conversation with the said Brother McNeil I have learned that the whole cause of the breaking up of the Lodge was by defaulting treasurers, and the careless manner in which the Lodge was worked. He promised that if at any future time any article connected with the working of Thames Lodge can be found he will forward immediately to the proper officer of this Grand Lodge. I feel confident that D. D. G. M., Bro. McNeil did all in his power to keep the Lodge working. The Charter Books, &c., are now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

The Returns from Erie Lodge show no amount to the credit of the Widows and Orphans Fund, while the General Fund is large. I think by the Laws of this Grand Lodge, it is imperative for all Subordinate Lodges to place the regular amount to the credit of the Widow and Orphan Fund, regardless of being in Treasury or invested. The Fund ought to show a credit when sufficient Funds are in the possession of the Lodge.

(9.) In accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, on page 299 of our Journal, instructing me to charge the extra amount paid to the Representative of Erie Lodge, at the last session of this Grand Lodge, I did so in conformity with said resolution.

(10.) According to a communication received from D. D. G. Master, Bro. W. A. Glover, he seems to think this Grand Lodge is paid, or nearly so, by percentage in Returns. I cannot agree with him on that point, therefore it is left for your deliberation.

(11.) The income and expenditure for the past year is herewith respectfully submitted, and which I have no doubt will meet your approbation :

**RICHARD WIGMORE, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF C. W., I. O. O. F. TO CASH RECEIVED.**

1864.	August 4th,	To Cash received from late Secretary and Treasurer .....	\$392 54
1865.	January 4th,	To Brook Lodge, No. 9, Percentage .....	\$ 9 50
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	19 34
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	23 91
	January "	" " " " Union Lodge, No. 16 " " " " " " " " " " " "	48 50
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	9 20
	January "	" " " " Chatham Lodge, No. 29, " " " " " " " " " " " "	17 94
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	8 74
	January "	" " " " Eureka Lodge, No. 30, " " " " " " " " " " " "	28 96
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	31 18
	January "	" " " " Erie Lodge, No. 33, " " " " " " " " " " " "	12 08
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	29 38
	January "	" " " " Gore Lodge, No. 34, " " " " " " " " " " " "	17 30
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	9 36
	January "	" " " " Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, " " " " " " " " " " " "	8 79
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 60
	January "	" " " " St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 14
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 85
	January "	" " " " Imperial Lodge, No. 37 " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 96
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	2 84
	January "	" " " " Forest City Lodge, No. 38 " " " " " " " " " " " "	2 40
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	32 09
	January "	" " " " Avon Lodge, No. 41 " " " " " " " " " " " "	37 80
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	7 56
	January "	" " " " Long Point Lodge, No. 42, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 54
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	5 18
	January "	" " " " Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, " " " " " " " " " " " "	4 28
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	11 82
	January "	" " " " Frontier Lodge, No. 45, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 92
	July "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	41 00
	1864.		37 96
	August "	" " " " Cash from Bro. H. McAfee, for 2 Cards for Bros. Dunbar and Conroy	50
	Sept.	" " " " Cash from Chatham Lodge, Cards, &c., &c.,	1 50
	"	" " " " Cash from Eureka Lodge, Cards and Odes,	6 12
	"	" " " " Cash from Erie Lodge, account	4 00
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	July "	" " " " Cash from Excelsior Lodge, Cards	5 50
	"	" " " " Cash from Frontier Lodge, Cards	4 68
	Total	.....	\$339 04

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BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 4th, 1864, TO AUGUST 4th, 1865, INCLUSIVE.

1864	August 4th, By paid Mileage and per diem of Officers and Grand Lodge Representatives at the Session held at London, C. W., viz :	
"	By Representative to G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham.....	\$ 3 40
"	" Cash to R. W. Grand Master James Woodyatt.....	8 40
"	" Cash to R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, James Smith.....	4 00
"	" Cash to Representative Samuel G. Dolsen.....	12 64
"	" Cash to Rep Robert Kirkpatrick.....	4 00
"	" Cash to D. G. Master, Thomas Browne.....	4 00
"	" Cash to John Barr.....	10 08
"	" Cash to Richard Wigmore.....	4 00
"	" Cash to Thomas James.....	8 40
"	" Cash to Abel Bristol.....	3 62
"	" Cash to Hiram Sheek.....	8 66
"	" Cash to John C. Jackson.....	10 16
"	" Cash to George Wales.....	12 64
"	" Cash to R. O. Smith.....	9 20
"	" Cash to Andrew McCormick and Edmund Beltz.....	8 00
"	" Cash to William A Glover, per C. H. Hankinson.....	7 60
"	" Cash to C. H. Hankinson.....	7 60
"	" Cash to J. M. O'Connor.....	7 62
"	" Cash to George Powell.....	4 00
"	" Cash to George F. Counter.....	10 00
"	" Cash to John Burris.....	6 48
"	" Cash to Henry McAfee.....	12 80
"	" Cash to Thomas Iredale.....	5 68
"	" Cash to James Curl.....	29 60
Sept.	" Cash for Testimonial to P. D. G. Master, Bro. J. R. Peel.....	30 00
"	" Cash for Printing Journal of Proceedings Grand Lodge, Messrs. Dawson.....	30 00
"	" Cash for Printing Letter Headings for Grand Master.....	4 28
"	" Cash to Outside Guardian at Grand Lodge.....	7 00
"	" Cash to Grand Lodge U. S., Representative Tax \$75 00.....	
"	" Cash—Account for Cards at \$1 50 and 20c..... 30 00	
"	" Cash—Balance Wildey Monument Fund..... 18 00 \$128 00	
"	" Cash—American money, less discount.....	58 46
"	" Cash to Messrs. Thornton & Watson for Stamps.....	1 00
"	" Cash paid to Boyd for removing Chest from Lodge Room.....	1 00
"	" Cash—Post Office Account—stamps, &c.,.....	1 00
"	" Cash to W. L. Carry for Stamps.....	91
"	" Cash—Post Office Account, postage, &c.,.....	13 70
"	" Cash paid to Grand Secretary and Treasurer, postage, &c., &c.,.....	1 88
"	" Cash paid to James Gillean for Stationery, &c.,.....	31 05
"	" Cash paid to Grand Master, expenses traveling, &c.,.....	456 22
"	" Balance.....	839 04
	Total.....	839 04

Stock on Hand, August 2d, 1865,

With amount of Value, together with the amount due by Subordinate Lodges to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Banner, Regalia and Emblems.....	\$ 6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge.....	5 00
One Degree Book.....	2 50
One Rebecca Book.....	1 25
Three Public Installation Books, @ \$1 25.....	3 75
Eight Degree Books, @ \$2 00.....	16 00
11 Visiting Cards, @ 25c.....	2 75
39 Withdrawal Cards, @ 25c.....	9 75
270 Blank Treasurer's Bonds, @ 6c.....	16 20
414 Installation Odes, @ 6c.....	24 84
845 Blank Reports, @ 2c.....	16 90
286 Blank Propositions for Membership, @ 2c.....	5 72
281 Blank Representative's Certificates, @ 2c.....	5 62
Amount carried over.....	\$118 58

Amount brought over.....	\$113 58
25 Past Grand's Certificates, @ 25.....	0 50
63 Blank Orders for Supplies, @ 30.....	1 89
29 Blank Rules and Regulations, @ 100.....	2 90
One Charter Stone and Drawing thereon.....	52 50
48 Blank Charters for sale, @ \$2 00.....	96 00
68 Blank Charters for use of this Grand Lodge, @ \$2 00.....	136 00
Blank Semi-Annual Reports, and Letter heading, say.....	8 00
To amount due by Upton Lodge, No 6.....	8 87
To amount due by Erie Lodge, No. 33.....	7 08
To amount due by Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40.....	0 30
To amount due by Avon Lodge, No. 41.....	0 30
To amount due by Thames Lodge, No. 43.....	0 30
To amount due by Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.....	27 00
To amount due by Frontier Lodge, No. 45.....	3 04
<b>Total amount.....</b>	<b>\$458 86</b>

### RECAPITULATION.

Initiations	155	Number of Brothers Relieved	31
Rejections,	12	Number of Widowed Families Relieved	7
Admitted by Card	7	Withdrawn by Card,	16
Reinstated	5	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers	\$346 98
Expelled,	2	Amount paid for "Widowed Families	415 60
Deaths,	7	Amount paid for "Education of Orphans	—
Members in arrears not suspended	124	Amount paid for Burying the Dead	65 00
Suspended,	65	Total amount of Relief	826 98
Ceased to be members for non-payment of	—	Amount of Annual Receipts	4,165 41½
Dues	75	Widow and Orphan Fund	7,859 85½
Contributing Members	539	General Fund	5,960 42½
Degrees Conferred	343		



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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

ABSTRACT OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1865.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not Suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased to be Members for non-payment of Dues.	Contributing Members.	Degrees Conferred.	Number of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow's and Orphan's Fund.	General Fund.	LOCATION.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.			
Book Union	0	4	1	2	1	1	1	18	35	9	30	13	1	2	2	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	Brookville.	5 Mar. '46	John Taylor, Jr.			
Chatham	30	17	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	26	13	4	3	3	\$ 18	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 18	\$ 00	\$ 00	Chatham.	13 Jan. '54	George Powell, James Horon.				
Erle	32	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	13	26	36	2	1	1	1	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	Pt. Burwell.	6 Oct. '54	William A. Glover.				
St. Mary's	36	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	26	18	2	2	2	2	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	Brantford.	27 Dec. '54	James McInyre.				
Imperial	37	8	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	31	20	4	2	2	2	\$ 29	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 29	\$ 00	\$ 00	St. Mary's.	6 Nov. '57	George Powell, Charles Forsyth.				
Forest City	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	6	1	1	1	1	\$ 41	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 41	\$ 00	\$ 00	London.	9 Feb. '57	Edmund Beitz, William Harrison.				
Long Point	41	14	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	16	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	Stratford.	5 Aug. '58	George Werritt.				
Receider	44	14	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	28	2	1	1	1	1	\$ 2	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 2	\$ 00	\$ 00	Hamilton.	29 Oct. '61	George Werritt.				
Frontier	45	34	7	3	1	1	1	11	4	72	115	8	2	1	1	\$ 95	\$ 48	\$ 15	\$ 110	\$ 43	\$ 00	Windsor.	27 Jan. '62	Henry McAfee, John Barry.				
	156	12	7	5	2	1	1	71	24	75	530	343	31	7	7	\$ 136	\$ 346	\$ 98	\$ 415	\$ 60	\$ 63	\$ 326	4165	41	7859	85	5380	42

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Brethren, permit me, ere I close this address, to thank you for the honorable position you were kind enough to assign me as your Grand Secretary and Treasurer. Feebly and imperfectly have I filled the duties entrusted to me. Still I may say with all rectitude and candor, that I did what I could to further the progress and advancement of Odd Fellowship.

Brethren, accept my thanks for the kindness you have ever manifested towards me. Believe me I shall ever feel and duly appreciate your disinterested favors, and I sincerely trust I shall ever prove a good and worthy Odd Fellow.

Brethren, I cannot close without returning to our Grand Master my hearty thanks for his manifold kindness to me; for his hearty co-operation in furthering our common object, and at the risk of being charged with flattery, I must say, that a better, larger hearted, or more whole souled man, and brother Odd Fellow than Bro. James Smith I never met—ready and willing at all times, regardless of time, to assist in carrying out the object of the Institution.

Brethren, may the hand of an Odd Fellow be ever outstretched to shield the poor and needy, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and protect the widow and the orphan; then will the world see that we are endeavoring to carry out the grand object of our noble Order, and that our character, life and actions are in accordance with our profession as Odd Fellows.

Respectfully submitted, by yours faithfully and fraternally,

RICHARD WIGMORE, Grand Sec. and Treasurer.

On motion of Rep. John Taylor, Jr., seconded by Rep. Wales, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to the committee on Distribution—*Carried*.

The Grand Rep. to the G. L. of U. S. submitted the following Report :

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

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN: As your Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I have the honor to submit for your consideration my second annual Report of the proceedings of that Grand Body.

In accordance with a special resolution passed in Baltimore in Sept. 1863, the Grand Lodge of the U. S. assembled in Boston September 19th, 1864, where they were welcomed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Mass., and the brothers of Boston, with outstretched hands and such earnest cordial words as must have secured to the Odd Fellows of Massachusetts the esteem and gratitude of every Officer and Representative present. Our obligations are by no means exclusively due to our Brethren there, for in its largest sense we enjoyed "the freedom of the city." Private citizens and officials of both State and City seemed to vie with each other in rendering our meeting in Boston one to be long and pleasantly remembered. Invitations and compliments poured in upon us from every source, and we had no discretion except to surrender. This we did the more readily knowing that we were in "the land of steady habits," and feeling assured that we would certainly not be led astray by a people so proverbial for their steadfast ways and strict adherence to duty and business. If we have any cause of complaint it is that they took advantage of our simple faith to allure us from our duties as Representatives with the attractions of their city, and the enjoyment of the princely hospitalities of their hearts and homes. I am aware that this is not strictly in the line of a Representative's Report, but it is a pleasing duty which I assume, and which I am sure you will all heartily approve of this passing tribute to the courtesy, the intelligence, and the munificent hospitality of the Odd Fellows and citizens of the Old Bay State.



With the exception of Vermont and the Lower Provinces, all the Northern, Western and Pacific jurisdictions were fully represented. Of the Southern Jurisdictions, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas were still unrepresented.

The Reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were very able and gratifying—papers well stored with items of interest, conveying to us the assurance of prosperity to our Order. The decisions of the Grand Sire submitted for approval were :

1st. "The customs and usages of the Order prohibit the initiation of a person whose physical deformity prevents a compliance with the requirements and laws of the Order. The decision of the question as to the applicability of the general principle to special cases of partial deformity, rests with the local authorities and especially with the subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked."

2d. "Until cards suited for the purpose are issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges may have prepared and issue a certificate or card to members of extinct or suspended subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, said certificate to set forth on its face the circumstances of the case; to be signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary under seal, and to have the same force and effect as a regular withdrawal card."

3d. "An 'Ancient Odd Fellow,' who can satisfactorily establish his claim to be so considered, and can prove himself in the Initiatory work, is not required to be re-initiated into the Order. His rank or standing in the Lodge to which he may be admitted will be determined by the Lodge upon the report of the Committee appointed to make the necessary examination."

4th. "One principal purpose to be subserved by the office of Grand Representative, being the communication of the A. T. P. W. to the Executive of his respective jurisdiction, before the first day of January following the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a State Grand Body has the right to instruct its Grand Representative as to the mode by which the A. T. P. W. shall be communicated to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, whether personally or otherwise, due regard being had to safety."

5th. "A member of an extinct Lodge who did not regularly withdraw therefrom prior to its extinction can be admitted to membership, only upon the presentation of a card from the officers of the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge formerly existed."

The above decisions were approved.

From the Grand Secretary's Report I glean the following: Total paying membership 137,623, 19,234 of these belong also to the Encampment Branch of the Order. No. of Lodges and Encampments 3,584; Initiates 16,769 during the year; Families relieved 2,542; Brothers relieved 19,730; Paid for relief of Brothers, Widows and Orphans, Education and Burial \$462,134 99. Total receipts \$1,161,828 65.

In regard to the finances of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. we learn from the Grand Treasurer's Report that the available assets were in cash and Registered U. S. 5-20 Bonds at par value, \$13,766 28. Estimated demand upon that for Mileage and per Diem, and Printing \$12,850. The revenue of the Grand Lodge from ordinary sources for the year had been \$11,822 40. The disbursements had been \$13,334 12. This excess of disbursements is accounted for by the special expense incurred in the printing of the revised Journal and New Digest.

The Wildey Monument Fund amounted to \$11,862 38 and from the Report of the Committee on Monument, about \$2,500 more was required to erect a monu-

ment in accordance with the plan adopted. This amount I presume will be made up by September next, at which time it is decided to dedicate the monument now being erected in the City of Baltimore.

On page 3649 appear resolutions submitted by Rep. Stokes of Pennsylvania in regard to the division of the Funds and property of Lodges and Encampments. These resolutions were adopted and declare such proceedings illegal and dishonorable, and that in case of the failure of a Lodge from any cause, their Charter, Books, Money and property of every kind must be delivered to its Grand Lodge. Grand Lodges are also directed to make provision for the care of such funds and property which shall become a separate fund to be employed in aiding and assisting Lodges and Encampments needing funds to maintain their organization.

A special committee on revision of Funeral Service reported in full, which report was recommitted and accompanied by a Service submitted by Representative Escavaille of Maryland.

(Page 3362.) Rep. Ransom of Kentucky submitted a resolution in favor of admitting members by initiation who reside in other Jurisdictions, provided the Lodge petitioned is nearer than any Lodge out of the Jurisdiction, provided also that no petition shall be received where the consent of the foreign Jurisdiction can be obtained, except with such consent. All of which was approved by reference to former actions of Grand Lodge, page 3485.

(Pages 3663 and 3665.) Reps. Escavaille and Lamberton submitted resolutions somewhat similar, in reference to members of extinct Lodges who are incapacitated by age from joining other Lodges, and proposing such legislation as would secure to those Brothers the social benefits of our Lodges, but not entitle them to pecuniary benefits. On page 3690 Committee reported favorably. Page 3767—Report adopted.

(Page 3678.) Sundry amendments to the Constitution proposed in 1860, 1861, 1862 and 1863, were all either indefinitely postponed or laid on the table.

(Page 3601.) Two resolutions by Rep. Ellis providing for withholding funeral benefits, and Widow and Orphan's benefit, in case of misrepresentation of age were adopted. Page 3679.

(Page 3683.) The Committee on Appeals report against the *retaking* of a ballot before the result is declared by the Noble Grand.

(Page 3698.) Report on above adopted.

(Page 3686.) Legislative Committee report adversely to the adoption of a system of life membership. (Page 3699.) Report adopted.

(Page 3677.) Inquiry by Rep. Sanders. Can the M. W. Grand Sire legally appoint a Past Grand Sire, not a Representative, to act upon Committees either regular or special? (Page 3700.) A special report in the affirmative. (Page 3719.) Report adopted.

(Pages 3701 and 3709.) A new price list for Books, Odes, &c., was adopted, making quite an increase upon former prices, but owing to the decline in gold, there is no good reason why those prices should be maintained.

(Page 3709.) Grand Lodge adopted Resolutions censuring convivial practices in Lodge Halls and ante-rooms, and instructed Grand Lodges and Grand Officers to forbid and disallow everything of the kind.

(Pages 3,716 and 3,720.) The Finance Committee reported against the practice of some Lodges publishing Odes and Diplomas as being an encroachment upon the prerogative and perquisites of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., which report was adopted.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed for consideration in September next:

(Page 3710.) By Rep. Merriam to amend Section 5 of Article I. by striking out the words "by the unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members* of the Grand Lodge. Also amending the ninth line of the same section by striking out the words "four-fifths," and inserting the words *three-fourths*.

(Page 3713.) By Rep. Burnham to amend Article VII. of Constitution, by striking out from the first clause of Section 1 the words, "by the Grand Sire attested," and also the words "under the seal of the Grand Lodge."

(Page 3725.) By Rep. Logan to amend Article XVI of, the Constitution by adding the following—Provided, That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to re-admit to membership within its Jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended in other Jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card, it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the Jurisdiction receiving it.

(Same page.) By Rep. Thompson to amend Article XVI. of the Constitution as follows: Provided also, That such Jurisdictions as choose to do so, may re-admit to membership within their respective Jurisdictions upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same whose Lodges have become defunct, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

(Page 3711.) Resolution of Rep. Logan providing for Special Committee of five to report in September next a revision or improvement in the Rebekah Degree. (Page 3726.) Committees appointed.

The Committees appointed some years since on revision of Secret Work, made able Reports, but owing to the length of the Reports, and the caution necessary in adopting matters of such great and lasting importance, and the impossibility of giving to the subject the consideration it deserved, the whole subject after considerable discussion in secret session was laid over again till next session.

(Pages 3691 and 3707) show a Report of Finance Committee, and the adoption of the same, authorizing the publication of a sufficient number of copies of the Revision Report to furnish one copy to each Officer and Representative present in September 1865, in order that each one may have an opportunity to study the subject carefully before taking final action.

The following Officers were elected:  
 M. W. Grand Sire, ISAAC M. VEITCH, ..... of St. Louis Missouri  
 R. W. Deputy Sire JAMES P. SANDERS, ..... of Yonkers, New York  
 R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Baltimore, Maryland  
 R. W. Grand Treasurer, JOSHUA VANSANT, ..... do. do.  
 R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, ..... of Rural, Ohio  
 R. W. Grand Marshal, JOSEPH KIDDER, ... of Manchester, New Hampshire  
 R. W. Grand Guardian, AUGUSTUS PFAFF, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 R. W. Grand Messenger, JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, Baltimore, Maryland.

The session lasted five days, during which time a large amount of business and legislation was disposed of. The transactions of the Grand Lodge, and the intercourse of the Officers and Representatives present were characterized by intelligence, dignity and fraternal courtesy.

I have thus briefly attempted to place upon our record a synopsis of those transactions and decisions of most interest to the Order at large, but for very much more of importance I am compelled to refer you to the Revised Journal of last Session. In view of the increased interest exhibited on every hand, and the zeal manifested by those having our affairs in charge, I can assure you of the increasing strength, usefulness and prosperity of our brotherhood, and I am confident I speak the sentiment of every Odd Fellow who knows him, in saying that, to Past Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson, more than to any other man, are we indebted for our present proud and prosperous position.

With such an estimate of our Order, drawn from the Reports and proceedings of nearly a year ago, how shall I find language to convey to you a description of the glorious vision of peace and consequent re-union that has already opened to our view since then. For four long years the seats of our brethren from the South have been vacant, and as our venerable Grand Secretary in the routine of business called the roll of States, we listened in vain for the responses of many we had learned to love. But what a change awaits the Representatives who assemble again in Baltimore. My blood quickens in its course, and my heart leaps with joy in contemplation of the Scene. The Representative whom you shall see fit to honor with the charge of your affairs in Grand Lodge of the United States this year, will look upon such a reunion of hands and hearts as is not often given to mortals to behold. And how appropriate that this reunion should take place over the Grave of Father Wildey, and at the dedication of a monument perpetuating his memory, and handing down to those who shall succeed us, the record of the origin and objects of Odd Fellowship.

With many pleasing and profitable recollections of my connection with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as your Representative therein, and with many and sincere thanks for the honors and trusts you have often confided in me, I respectfully conclude this Report.

H. C. BINGHAM,

G. Rep. G. L. U. S.

On motion of D. G. M. Thos. Browne, seconded by Rep. James Heron, it was *Resolved*, That the Report of the Grand Rep. to the Grand Lodge of U. S., be referred to the Committee on Distribution—*Carried*.

The Distribution Committee presented the following Report:  
*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and of the Grand Representative of this Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the distribution of their various subjects to appropriate Committees, submit the following, recommending

That Clause A and K of Grand Master's Report, relating to Correspondence, be referred to Committee on Correspondence. Clauses B to J of same report be referred to Committee on State of the Order and Legislation.

That Clause 8 of Grand Sec. and Treasurer's Report relating to Rond Eau and Thames Lodges be referred to Committee on State of Order and Legislation, and that Clauses 9, 10 and 11 of same Report be referred to Committee on Finance. Excelsior By-Laws to Committee on Laws of Subordinates. Also that Clause A of Grand Rep. Report be referred to a special Committee.

Respectfully submitted with accompanying resolution.

(Signed)

H. C. BINGHAM,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
JOHN BATTY,  
W. A. GLOVER,  
G. WALES.

Committee.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be adopted.

On motion the above Report was adopted, and referred to the several Committees as therein recommended.

On motion a special Committee was appointed, consisting of G. R. U. S., Bro. Bingham, Reps. Bro. George Powell, Bro. Henry McAfee, and W. A. Glover.

On motion of Rep. H. McAfee, seconded by Rep. Edmund Beltz, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.—*Carried*.

The Lodge then adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M., in order to give the several Committees time to Report.

LODGE ROOM, 7 o'clock P. M., August 2d, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet Degree—the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Smith presiding, and on call of Roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Grand Master Bro. James Smith, D. G. M. Bro. Thomas Browne, G. R. to G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, G. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. Richard Wigmore, G. Warden, Bro. John Barr, G. Guardian, Bro. Thomas James, G. Marshal, Bro. John Weatherly, G. Conductor *pro tem* Bro. James Woodyatt.

Reps. Bro. J. Taylor, Jr., George Wales, A. Purvis, Thomas Bennett, George Powell, James Heron, W. A. Glover, Josiah B. King, George Marlatt, H. C. Forsyth, Edmund Beltz, William Harrison, C. B. Taylor, George Werrett, C. W. Kempster, Henry McAfee, John Batty.

Communication from the N. G., J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge, extending an invitation on behalf of the members of Excelsior Lodge, to this Grand Lodge, and Representatives, to a Lunch to be held at the Royal Hotel to-morrow evening.

On motion of Rep. John Taylor, and seconded by Rep. McAfee, that the communication be received, and invitation be accepted by this Grand Lodge—*Carried*.

Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation submitted the following Report :

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

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the following queries, and after careful investigation present the subjoined as their replies :

1st. In answer to the question marked (1) we answer No.

2d. In reply to the question marked (2) submitted by Rep. Kempster, we answer No.

3d. In reply to the questions of Erie Lodge marked (3) and (4), the first was fully discussed last evening, and as your Committee supposed that it was determined to appoint a special Committee to report on this subject, we beg leave to be relieved from further consideration of this question.

4th. In reply to the next question No. (4) members suspended for non-payment of dues only can be re-instated to membership by *viva voce* vote after having first paid all dues which they owe the Lodge, or the Lodge have the right to compromise with the suspended brother, if they think proper so to do, (by a similar vote) by the brothers paying thirteen months dues.

(Signed)

HENRY McAFEE,  
GEORGE WALES,  
JAMES HERON, Committee.  
CHAS. B. TAYLOR.

1. *Resolved*, That Clause A on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.
2. *Resolved*, That Clause B on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.

3. *Resolved*, That Clause C on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.  
 4. *Resolved*, That Clause D on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Lost*.  
 In amendment Rep. Bingham moved, and seconded by Rep. Batty, that all after word "after" be struck out.  
*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted as amended—*Carried*.  
 5. *Resolved*, That Clause E, on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.  
 6. *Resolved*, That Clause F on Grand Master's Report be adopted—*Carried*.  
*Resolved*, That the Report as amended be adopted as a whole—*Carried*.  
 On motion the Lodge closed, to be opened at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Grand Lodge then adjourned.

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 LODGE ROOM, Thursday, August 3d, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Roll being called the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Grand Master, Bro. James Smith, D. G. M., Bro. Thomas Browne, G. Warden Bro. John Barr, G. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. Richard Wigmore, G. Rep. to G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, G. Conductor, Thomas James, G. Marshal, John Weatherly, G. Conductor, Abel Bristol.

Reps. Brn. John Taylor, Jr., George Walsh, A. Purvis, Thomas Bennett, Geo. Powell, James Heron, W. A. Glover, Josiah B. King, James McIntyre, George Marlatt, H. C. Forsyth, Edmund Belz, William Harrison, C. B. Taylor, George Werret, C. W. Kempster, Henry McAfee, John Batty.

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

The question asked by Bro. James Heron, the Rep. of Eureka Lodge :

Is it right when a candidate on being balloted for and declared elected, for a member that black-balled him to demand a new ballot, on the ground that he is too old and has a large family, when he is within the age as provided by the By-Laws of the Lodge? If not right to reconsider the ballot, in what position does the candidate now stand?

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The question asked by Bro. W. A. Glover, the Representative of Erie Lodge :

Erie Lodge, No. 33 being about to erect a Hall on land of their own, would ask the opinion and advice of this Grand Lodge, in reference to the proper mode of securing to the Lodge the real estate. Should the title be made to the Officers of the Lodge in trust, or should a Committee be appointed for the purpose?

Erie Lodge would also ask information on the proper mode of re-instating members whose connection have ceased for non-payment of dues? Should they be considered as ancient Odd Fellows, and be admitted as such? Or can the Lodge compromise with such applicants?

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The question asked by Bro. J. W. Ferguson, N. G. Excelsior Lodge :

Whether the V. G. of a subordinate Lodge has the power to admit a member who is reported not in possession of the P. W., without referring the subject to the N. G.?

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master have the privilege of referring all questions handed in in writing by Representatives to appropriate Committees—*Carried*.

The Committee on Returns submitted the following Report :

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COMMITTEE ROOMS, Hamilton August 2d, 1865.

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

We your Committee on Returns after having examined the various Lodge Returns, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. The Returns of Brock No. 9, Union No. 16, Gore No. 34, Samaritan No. 35, St. Mary's No. 36, Imperial No. 37, Avon No. 41, Long Point No. 42, Excelsior No. 44, Frontiér No. 45. and Eureka No. 30 correct.

2d. The Report from Chatham No. 29, for June 30th 1865, has no seal, and reports but 30 members on the books instead of 31.

3d. The Returns of Erie Lodge, No. 33, reports 23 members Dec. 31st 1864 in good standing, and pay 15 per cent. on \$30 56, whereas it should be 15 per cent. on \$36 80, and 10 per cent. on \$14 00, making \$1 44 over paid. And on 31st June 1865, pay 15 per cent. on \$59 97, instead of 15 per cent. on \$48, making \$1 80 overpaid. Total \$6 24 overpaid.

4th. The Returns of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, for June 30th 1865 is without a Seal.

5th. Your Committee would call the attention of all the Representatives to the fact, that many of the Lodges in making out their Returns have failed to comply with the Resolutions of this R. W. Grand Body, inasmuch as they have not attached the amount of their Quarterly Dues to their Returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and in conclusion would move the adoption of the following resolution, viz. :

*Resolved*, That Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, of the above Report be adopted.—*Carried*

(Signed)

J. B. KING,  
EDMUND BELTZ,  
A. PURVIS,  
GEORGE WERRETT,  
W. A. GLOVER.

Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following Report :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, Hamilton, Aug. 2d, 1865.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the Correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find that the correspondence of those Officers has been very extensive during the past year, and has been conducted in a manner that reflects great credit to them. We find that all matters that have been submitted to those Officers for advice or decision, have been promptly attended to, and disposed of in a manner satisfactory to your Committee.

With regard to the communication of Jared M. Gleason and Chas. S. Male at one time members of Industry Lodge, No. 25, and now residing in Lockport in the State of New York, asking for Cards of Clearance from this Grand Lodge your Committee would report, that they have examined the books of the late said Industry Lodge, and find that the parties making application for Cards of Clearance, were implicated in the breaking up of Industry Lodge, and are not entitled to Cards of Clearance, and that the Grand Secretary give them notice accordingly.

Your Committee would also refer to the communication of Bro. Joseph Sewell of Rond Eau Lodge, and are of opinion that Bro Sewell's explanation of the affairs of that Lodge are satisfactory, and that the reason of the suspension of that Lodge was owing to causes over which that Officer had no control.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

W. A. GLOVER,  
H. C. FORSYTH,  
WM. HARRISON,  
THOS. BENNETT.

Committee.

Moved by W. A. Glover, and seconded by Bro. E. Beltz, and  
*Resolved*, That the foregoing report of the Committee on Correspondence be  
 adopted—*Carried*.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report :  
 COMMITTEE ROOMS, HAMILTON, August 2d, 1865.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :*  
 We your Committee on Laws of Subordinates to whom was referred the Con-  
 stitution and By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, having examined the same  
 By-Laws do report as follows :

In the Constitution, Article II., Sec. 1, it is inserted that candidates for mem-  
 bership in this Lodge must be more than 21 years and not over 52 years of age,  
 which according to the Constitution should be, not over 50 years of age, and upon  
 enquiry find it to be a typographical error, also that upon an examination of their  
 By-Laws we find the age to be correctly stated. Therefore, we beg leave to sub-  
 mit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, as  
 submitted be approved.

(Signed)

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.  
 C. W. KEMPSTER,  
 H. C. FORSYTH,  
 JOHN BATTY,  
 GEORGE POWELL.

Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, HAMILTON, August 2d, 1865.

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

We the Committe on Finance beg leave to submit the following Report :

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treas-  
 urer, and compared them with the Vouchers accompanying the same, and find a  
 Voucher wanting for thirty dollars, which was expended for procuring a Testi-  
 monial to Bro. J. R. Peel, to which the Grand Master has certified and will ex-  
 plain to this Lodge. In all other respects we find the accounts perfectly correct.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the following account :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States for Representative Tax for 1865 \$75

Your Committee feel great pleasure in finding the finances of this Grand Body  
 in such a healthy and prosperous condition as shown by the increase of cash on  
 hand which \$81 68, and a decrease in indebtedness of \$66, making an actual in-  
 crease of \$147 68 since last session.

*Resolved*, That the account of R. W. G. L. U. S., as above mentioned be paid.  
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

GEORGE WERRETT,  
 THOS. BENNETT,  
 C. W. KEMPSTER,  
 CHAS. B. TAYLOR,  
 JOSIAH B. KING.

Finance Committee.

Adopted.

A communication was read by Grand Rep. H. C. Bingham, from Bro. James  
 H. Graham, a former member of Thames Lodge, Mitchell, C. W., requesting a  
 Card from the R. W. Grand Lodge of C. W. This communication was accom-  
 panied by a receipt from the Secretary of said Lodge, crediting him for dues in  
 advance to the 15th of Feb. 1865, previous to which this Lodge ceased to work.

On motion by Rep. King, seconded by Rep. C. B. Taylor, it was



*Resolved*, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary make out and forward to Bro. Graham a Card as requested—*Carried*.

Moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Representative H. C. Forsyth, and *Resolved*, That when this Lodge adjourn it do so to meet at Brantford on the first Wednesday in August 1866.

Moved in amendment, that it lay over till afternoon session—*Carried*.

Moved by Rep. King, and seconded by Rep. Purvis, and

*Resolved*, That the matter of Past Grands not Representatives, voting and speaking in the Grand Lodge be laid over until the afternoon session—*Carried*.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following appendix to their Report :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the Certificate of Geo. Merritt as representative from Long Point Lodge, No. 42, has been handed in, also that a Past Grand's Certificate in due form from Eureka Lodge, No. 30, to P. G. Richard Anderson, and recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on said Brother.

(Signed)

RICHARD WIGMORE,  
HENRY McAFEE,  
THOMAS BROWNE,  
JOHN BARR.

Committee.

We therefore submit the following Resolution for adoption.

*Resolved*, That the above named brethren be accredited—*Carried*.

The Committee on Mileage and per Diem submitted the following Report :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, HAMILTON, August 3d, 1865-

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

Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem most respectfully beg leave to submit the following Table, Report and Resolution :

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	Number of Miles Traveled.	No. of Representatives.	Rate per Mile.	Am't. of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Am't. per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.	Names of Representatives and Officers.
Brock.....	9	492	1	4cts	19 68	2	2 00	4 00	33 68	John Taylor.
Union.....	16	64	2	.....	5 12	4	.....	8 00	13 12	G. Wales & A. Purvis.
Chatham.....	29	282	1	.....	11 28	2	.....	4 00	15 28	T. Bennett.
Eureka.....	30	152	2	.....	12 16	4	.....	8 00	20 16	G. Powell, & J. Heron.
Erie.....	33	172	1	.....	6 88	2	.....	4 00	10 88	W. A. Glover.
Fore.....	34	70	1	.....	2 80	2	.....	4 00	6 80	G. B. King.
Samaritan.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's.....	36	142	1	.....	5 68	2	.....	4 00	9 68	G. Mariast.
Imperial.....	37	74	1	.....	2 94	2	.....	4 00	6 94	H. C. Forsyth.
Forest City.....	38	152	2	.....	12 16	4	.....	8 00	20 16	E. Beltz & W. Harrison
Avon.....	41	122	1	.....	4 88	2	.....	4 00	8 88	C. B. Taylor.
Long Point.....	42	114	1	.....	4 56	2	.....	4 00	8 56	G. Werrett.
Excelsior.....	44	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	4 00	4 00	C. W. Kempster.
Frontier.....	45	372	2	.....	29 76	4	.....	8 00	37 76	H. McAfee & G. Betty.
<b>GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.</b>										
Grand Master.....	38	152	1	.....	6 08	2	.....	4 00	10 08	James Smith.
Deputy G. Master.....	30	152	1	.....	6 08	2	.....	4 00	10 08	Thomas Browne.
Grand Warden.....	44	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	4 00	4 00	John Barr.
Grand Sec. & Treas.....	30	152	1	.....	6 08	2	.....	4 00	10 08	Richard Wigmore.
G. Rep. G. L. U. S.....	34	70	1	.....	2 80	2	.....	4 00	6 80	H. C. Bingham.
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The foregoing computation is made at four cents per mile, and two Dollars per Diem, for two days.

(Signed)

A. PURVIS,  
CHAS. B. TAYLOR,  
GEORGE POWELL,  
JOHN BATTY,  
GEO. H. MARLATT.      Committee.

Representative Geo. Powell from Committee on Mileage and per Diem, moved the following resolution, seconded by Representative C. B. Taylor.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Report just submitted from Committee on Mileage and per Diem be adopted, and that the Grand Master issue orders on Grand Treas. in accordance therewith, in favor of Officers and Reps. present—*Carried*.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

Lodge Room, 2 o'clock P. M., August 3d, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock, the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Smith presiding, and on call of Roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Grand Master Bro. James Smith, D. G. M. Bro. Thomas Browne, G. R. to G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, G. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. Richard Wigmore, G. Warden, Bro. John Barr, G. Guardian, Bro. Thomas James, G. Marshal, Bro. John Weatherly, G. Conductor Bro. Abel Bristol.

Reps. Brn. J. Taylor, Jr., George Wales, A. Purvis, Thomas Bennett, George Powell, James Heron, W. A. Glover, Josiah B. King, George Marlatt, H. C. Forsyth, Edmund Beltz, William Harrison, C. B. Taylor, George Werrett, C. W. Kempster, Henry McAfee, John Batty.

Your Committee to whom was referred Clause A. of the Report of the R. W. Grand Rep. to the United States submit as follows, viz :

That they have examined the subject in question, referring to the breaking up of Lodges, and the misappropriation of the Funds and property of the same, and also have considered the instruction of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. in the matter. The import of this instruction is :

1. That all such funds and property should be paid over and surrendered to the Grand Lodge, from which the defunct subordinate Lodge derived its authority.
2. That Grand Lodges shall enact Laws to prevent and punish division and misappropriation of Funds and Property.
3. That Grand Lodges shall enact Laws for the care of the Funds and property of defunct Lodges, which Funds and property shall become a separate trust or fund, &c.

This Grand Lodge has always adhered to and acted upon the doctrine set forth in the first part of these instructions, and to the best of its ability has also complied with the second part of those instructions.

In regard to the enactment of laws for the care of such funds and property in trust, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master, D. G. Master, and Grand Sec. and Treasurer, be a Committee to draft and present to this Grand Lodge, for its consideration and adoption, at its next regular meeting, such Laws and Regulations as will meet the wishes of the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

And in accordance with the foregoing your Committee submit the following :

*Resolved*, That the Report, and recommendation of the special Committee be adopted.

(Signed)

HENRY McAFEE,  
H. O. BINGHAM,  
GEORGE POWELL.      Committee.

The Special Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report :

COMMITTEE ROOMS, HAMILTON, August 3d, 1865.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation beg leave most respectfully to offer the following as their Report :

1. They have had under their serious consideration the report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, and they would take the liberty to congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity, harmony and unanimity with which the Lodges in this Jurisdiction are doing their noble and holy work of Friendship, Love and Truth, and also at the reception which the M. W. Grand Master met with in his official visits and capacity as the head of the Order, from the various Lodges which were honored and benefited by his presence and counsel. But it is a source of deep regret to your Committee to hear that two of our sister Lodges have ceased to exist, yet on the whole we may be permitted to congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity and increase of our beloved Order within our Jurisdiction during the fiscal year now ended. May our Order continue its course, upward and onward, until every good and true man in our common country is enrolled beneath our happy and friendly banner of Faith, Hope and Charity.

2. (A.) In reference to the decisions of the Grand Master, as submitted in his Report. First, "A member who is in good standing in the Manchester Unity wishing to join our Order can he do so and remain a member of the former, or in other words can he belong to both?" Answered in the affirmative. We believe the answer to be in accordance with law.

(B.) The next question, "Can a Lodge legally hold property in its own name?" The Grand Master says he referred the brother to the Statute, giving the Chapter and Section.

(C.) The next question, "whether a Lodge can invest the Widow's and Orphan's Fund." We believe the reply to be in every way correct, and would further add, that the Lodges should at all times invest said fund to the best advantage, but in such a manner that it could be always at the control of the Lodge, to be available at any time.

The next decision "Can a Lodge after electing a candidate to membership and previous to his admission, have they or not the right to reconsider the matter and order a new ballot for the candidate?" Answered in the affirmative. We think this question of much importance and should be well understood. For instance if the Lodge ascertains that the applicant for membership made false representation in order to gain admission into the Order, then the Lodge would clearly have the right to reconsider and reject the applicant.

The next decision was in reply to the question, "A brother who has been a member of the Order and passed all the Chairs, and had been a member of his State Grand Lodge, who cannot prove satisfactorily his standing having no card, in consequence of his Lodge having ceased to work, and joins another Lodge by initiation, has that Lodge a right to confer over again the Degrees on the Brother? Or does his initiation entitle him to the rank and position he formerly held in the Order?" Replied to in the negative as follows: That the re-initiation of a member was illegal, as a Brother can only be admitted by Card, &c., which decision we deem to be legal and in accordance with Law and usage.

(F.) The next decision was in reply to the question, "Whether if a Lodge had conferred the Degrees on a Brother, situated (as described in the preceding question and reply) would they be compelled to refund the money to the Brother which he paid for same." Replied to as follows: "That if the member was ignorant of the law and acted *bona fide*, he ought to have the money refunded, if otherwise he ought to forfeit it." In the case wherein this question was asked and reply given,

the Brother expressed the desire to have the degrees conferred on him, as he would much rather pay for them, than go to the trouble of hunting up evidence of his having before taken them; and under the circumstances it is the opinion of your Committee that as the Lodge acted in good faith, and at the request of the brother, the money should be forfeited to the Lodge, although we must add that the proceedings were at variance with the Laws and usages of the Order.

Your Committee were sorry to be informed that Bro. Peel will not be present at this session (in consequence of a Death in his family) to receive the Testimonial so honorably earned from this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would earnestly endorse all that the Grand Master has said with regard to D. D. G. M.'s making full and complete semi-annual Reports to the Grand Secretary, as such reports would materially assist that Officer in his arduous duties, and in making out the statistics for this Grand Lodge.

With regard to the action taken by the Officers of this Grand Lodge, on the assassination of the late President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, your Committee would fully endorse the action of the Grand Officers.

With regard to the very able and lucid Report of our efficient and Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Wigmore, your Committee have but few suggestions to offer, as the document which you have heard read this morning, in every particular is full, clear and explicit; clearly demonstrating that our noble Institution is amply fulfilling its mission and labor of love, and that it is both numerically and financially at this time, in as healthy a condition throughout this Jurisdiction as at any former period of its existence. And while your Committee deplore the loss of two of our subordinate Lodges, yet we have abundant cause for gratulation; that we are as a whole in such happy and prosperous circumstances as are set forth in that Report. Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master be instructed to appoint a Committee of one P. G. to visit the defunct Lodges mentioned in the Report, with power to reclaim the Charters, Books, Regalia, Furniture and Funds of said Lodges, and deposit the same with the Grand Sec.

We have also had under consideration the able and masterly Report of our R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, and find that nothing therein contained calls for any legislation from this Committee or the Grand Lodge; only to thank most cordially that faithful and efficient officer, for the able and zealous manner in which he has discharged his duties.

In conclusion Brothers, we would again congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity of our noble and beloved Order. May she continue to increase. All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

(Signed)

HENRY McAFEE,  
GEORGE WALES,  
JAMES HERON      Committee.  
CHAS. B. TAYLOR.

*Resolved*, That Resolution marked A. be hereby declared adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That Resolution marked B. be adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That Resolution marked C. be declared adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That Resolution marked D. be adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That Resolution marked E. be adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That Resolution marked F. be adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the Report be adopted—*Carried*.

*Resolved*, That the Report as a whole be declared adopted—*Carried*.

The Grand Master decided that no Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge has a right to move or second a motion, or debate on any subject unless a P. G. Master.

The Grand Master here requested the Grand Rep. of the G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, to instruct the Grand Lodge in the Secret Work of the Order.

The Grand Representative after having given the proper instructions in the

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Secret Work, the Rebecca Degree was conferred on the following brothers :  
 Robert Dale, Joseph Light, John Weatherly, George Werrett, John Taylor,  
 George Knight and Josiah Kaply.

Moved by Rep. W. A. Glover, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and  
*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge make application to the next session of the  
 Provincial Parliament for an Act of Incorporation for the Order of I. O. O. F. of  
 Canada West, and that the Representatives present use their influence with the  
 Members of Parliament with whom they may be acquainted, with a view of se-  
 curing the passage of the same.

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and  
*Resolved*, That the Officers, Representatives, and Past Grands of this Grand  
 Lodge appear at the Supper this evening, at the Royal Hotel, in Regalia.

Lodge closed in the Scarlet Degree and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree,  
 when the following Past Grands having been duly admitted received the Grand  
 Lodge Degree.

- BRO. RICHARD ANDERSON, ..... Eureka Lodge, No. 30.  
 " GEORGE WERRETT, ..... Long Point Lodge, No. 42.

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

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of Officers for the ensuing  
 year, which being in order the following brothers were nominated :

- Rep. J. HERON nominated BRO. THOS BROWNE, for Grand Master.  
 " JOSIAH B. KING " " J. D. TAIT, " "  
 " E. BELTZ, " " R. WIGMORE, " "

Bro. R. Wigmore declined the nomination.

- Rep. HENRY McAFEE nominated Rep. JOHN BARR, D. G. Master.  
 " WM. BISSELL " " HENRY McAFEE, "  
 " MARLATT " " W. A. GLOVER, for G. Warden.  
 " E. BELTZ " " JAMES HERON, " "  
 " JAMES HERON " " E. BELTZ, " "  
 " C. B. TAYLOR " " R. WIGMORE, for G. Sec. & Treas.  
 " JAMES TAYLOR, Jr. " " THOS. JAMES, " "  
 " JOSIAH B. KING, " " H. C. BINGHAM, G. R.G.L. of U.S.  
 " JOHN TAYLOR, " " JAMES SMITH, " "  
 " W. A. GLOVER, " " JAMES WOODYATT, " "

R. W. G. Rep. H. C. Bingham, and P. G. M., J. Woodyatt declined the nomi-  
 nation.

The nomination being closed the G. M. appointed Reps. Powell and Purvis as  
 Tellers, and proceeded to election with the following result :

- JAMES D. TAIT ..... R. W. G. Master.  
 HENRY McAFEE, ..... " D. G. Master.  
 EDMUND BELTZ, ..... " G. Warden.  
 RICHARD WIGMORE, ..... " G. Sec. & Treas.  
 JAMES SMITH, ..... " G. Rep. G.L. of U.S.

The above named Officers were then duly presented by P. G. Masters' Bissell  
 and Woodyatt, and installed by G. Rep. Bingham into their respective Chairs.

The Grand Master afterwards made the following appointments, viz :

- BRO. JOHN TAYLOR, Jr. .... Grand Marshall.  
 " GEORGE POWELL, ..... Grand Conductor.  
 " J. B. KING, ..... Grand Guardian.

The following Past Grands were duly appointed D. D. G. M.'s for their respective Districts, viz :

Brock Lodge, .....	Bro. JOHN TAYLOR.
Union Lodge, .....	" WALTER CHATFIELD.
Chatham Lodge, .....	" JOHN SNYDER.
Eureka and Forest City Lodges, .....	" ROBT. KIRKPATRICK.
Erie Lodge, .....	" W. A. GLOVER.
Gore Lodge, .....	" G. LAUTERBACH.
Samaritan Lodge, .....	" ABEL BRISTOL.
St. Mary's Lodge, .....	" JOHN McLEAN.
Imperial Lodge, .....	" SMITH MATTHEWS.
Avon Lodge, .....	" HENRY SEWELL.
Long Point Lodge, .....	" JOHN WEATHERLY.
Excelsior Lodge, .....	" A. FREW.
Frontier Lodge, .....	" JOHN BATTY.

Moved by Bro. James Woodyatt, and seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Glover, Whereas it was not possible for our respected Brother, P. D. G. Master, John R. Peel to be present at this session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of receiving the Testimonial procured for presentation to him, as announced to the several subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary be a Committee to draft a suitable address, and forward the same with the Testimonial to Bro. John R. Peel.

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, seconded by Rep. Edmund Beltz, and *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby unanimously tendered to each and all of our retiring Grand Officers, for the earnest and zealous manner in which they have performed their onerous duties during the past year. Where each has so well performed his duty it would be unnecessary to particularize, but to one and all this Grand Lodge hereby tender their affectionate and brotherly regards, and as they retire from the high and responsible positions in which this Grand Lodge has placed them, it will be with the pleasing remembrance that they have done their whole duty to themselves and the Order throughout the Jurisdiction.

Moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. Edmund Beltz, and *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be ordered to get the proceedings of this session of this Grand Lodge printed as soon as practicable, and that he forward the usual number of copies to subordinate Lodges immediately thereafter.

Moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Bros. of Excelsior Lodge for the accommodation afforded, and for the hospitality and kindness evinced to the members of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*; That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet in the Town of Brantford on the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1866, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning—*Carried*.

RICHARD WIGMORE,  
Grand Secretary.



**Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to Wildey Monument Fund Dr.**

1864.	To Balance Due.....	\$ 6 00
1865.	Chatham Lodge, No. 29 .....	4 00
	Erie Lodge, No. 33 .....	5 00
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15 00</b>

**I. O. O. F.**

The following Proclamation by the Most Worthy Grand Sire, received from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Sec. of the G. L. U. S. are respectfully submitted :

**TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME—GREETING.**

Whereas, owing to causes which no longer prevail, several jurisdictions subordinate to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States have, during the past four years, been unrepresented in the Parent Body; and whereas, some difficulty is supposed to exist as to the manner of returning Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from such jurisdictions; Therefore, to the end that all difficulty may be removed, and the way be made open and free for a prompt restoration to entire affiliation with the brotherhood under the Supreme Head of the Order: I, Isaac M. Veitch, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging, do hereby, by this my Proclamation to the fraternity at large, declare the unbroken unity of the Order, and by virtue of the sovereignty residing in the Grand Lodge of the U. S., proclaim and make known, that there exists no hindrance to the re-establishment of the fraternal relations that formerly existed between all the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.; and that every act or declaration of any kind whatsoever, if any should have been made, intended to impair the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. over, the whole fraternity, is hereby declared to be null and void, and of no force or effect whatever.

And I do hereby earnestly and fraternally invite and exhort all Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, in such jurisdictions in which the Order may have become disorganized, to reassemble according to the forms prescribed by their respective charters and constitutions, and proceed with the work of organization, and the election of duly qualified Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which will convene in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on the third Monday in September, 1865.

In the hope that our brotherhood may come forth from the severe ordeal to which it has been subjected, unscathed and re-invigorated by its trials, and that its great heart may ever vibrate in unison with the teachings of Charity, I await with confidence a prompt and cordial response from every jurisdiction, assuring all who accept this affectionate invitation that a fraternal greeting awaits them upon the occasion of our Grand Annual Communication.

Done at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on the twenty-fourth day of May, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-five, of the Republic the eighty-ninth, and of our beloved Order the forty-seventh.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, Grand Sire.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Sec.

**ADDRESS**  
 OF THE  
**OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE**  
**OF CANADA WEST,**  
**J. O. O. F.**  
 AND THE D. D. GRAND MASTERS OF THE VARIOUS  
 DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

**GRAND OFFICERS.**

JAMES D. TAIT, M. W. Grand Master ..... St. Catharines.  
 HENRY McAFEE, R. W. D. Grand Master ..... Windsor.  
 EDMUND BELTZ, R. W. G. Warden ..... London.  
 RICHARD WIGMORE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer " "  
 JAMES SMITH, R. W. Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S. .... " "  
 P. G. Bro. J. B. KING, Grand Guardian ..... Brantford.  
 P. G. Bro. JOHN TAYLOR, Jr. Grand Marshall ..... Brockville.  
 P. G. Bro. GEORGE POWELL, Grand Conductor ..... London.

**DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS.**

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr. Brock Lodge, No. 9 ..... Brockville.  
 WALTER CHATFIELD, Union Lodge, No. 16 ..... St. Catharines.  
 JOHN SNYDER, Chatham Lodge, No. 29 ..... Chatham.  
 ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, Eureka and Forest City Lodges ..... London.  
 W. A. GLOVER, Erie Lodge, No. 33 ..... Port Burwell.  
 G. LAUTERBACH, Gore Lodge, No. 34 ..... Brantford.  
 ABEL BRISTOL, Samaritan Lodge, No. 35 ..... Ingersoll.  
 JOHN McLEAN, St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36 ..... St. Mary's.  
 SMITH MATTHEWS, Imperial Lodge, No. 37 ..... Mt. Vernon.  
 HENRY SEWELL, Avon Lodge, No. 41 ..... Stratford.  
 JOHN WELTHERLY, Long Point Lodge, No. 42 ..... Simcoe.  
 ARCHIBALD FREW, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44 ..... Hamilton.  
 JOHN BATTY, Frontier Lodge, No. 45 ..... Windsor.