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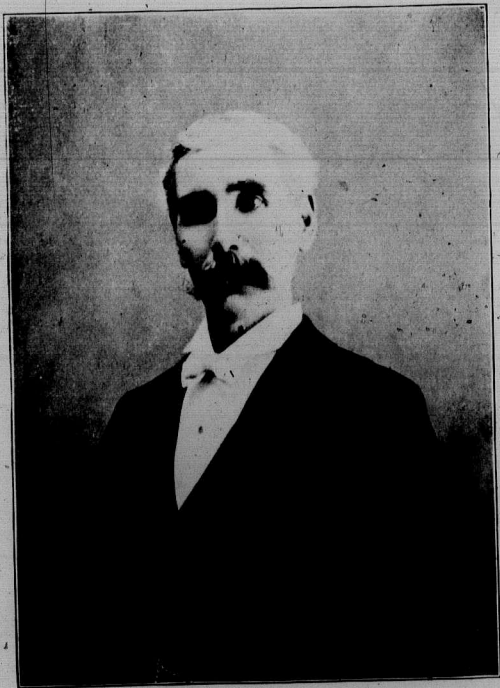
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WM. POTTER,
GRAND PATRIARCH, 1899-1900.

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

HAMILTON, ONT., August 7th, 1900.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session at the Court House, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

PRESENT:

WM. POTTER.....	Grand Patriarch
LEONARD FERGUSON	Grand High Priest
FRANK JEFFERY	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE BELL	Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge
SAMUEL LAW	
E. J. SPACKMAN	Grand Junior Warden
L. B. COOPER	Grand Marshal
JOS. SANDERS.....	Grand O. Sentinel

Also Past Grand Patriarchs John Gibson, John Welsh, S. S. Merick, Jos. Oliver, A. H. Blackeby, Abner Fraser, Fred. Doggett, George Bell, J. T. Hornibrook, John A. Macdonald and Samuel Law.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on Credentials: Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, and Representatives John S. Moir, Henry Lambrook, Fred. Kress, and J. C. Spence.

The Grand Sentinel, George Breen, being absent, the Grand Patriarch appointed Representative Wm. J. Brett to take his position.

His Worship Mayor Teetzel, of Hamilton, welcomed the Grand Officers and Representatives to the city. The weather was very warm, but was only an indication of the warmth of the greeting they would get. Hamilton always welcomed the representatives of friendly and fraternal societies. They were men whose good acts preceded them, and he knew they would be delighted with their visit, and take home the kindest recollections of Hamilton's hospitality. As the Chief Magistrate he presented them the freedom of the city, and trusted that their deliberations would be productive of great good to the Order at large.

The Grand Patriarch, Wm. Potter, thanked the Mayor for his kind welcome. The Encampment first saw light in Hamilton, and they always appreciated their sessions held here. He had no doubt that they would enjoy themselves, for they were built that way. Oddfellowship was a live issue in Hamilton, and the hospitality of the Patriarchs and citizens generally was very highly appreciated.

P. D. D. G. P. McCandlish read the following address :

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

GRAND PATRIARCH.—On behalf of the Officers and Patriarchs of Burlington and Wentworth Encampments, I desire to tender to you, and through you to the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Encampment, their fraternal greetings and cordial welcome to your Grand Body on the occasion "of this" your second visit to the City of Hamilton.

We miss from amongst you some earnest and energetic workers, who were prominent in the good work, but though removed from our midst their works do follow them.

We congratulate this Grand Body, that after a period of 31 years, they are still able to count among the members such energetic and able workers as P. G. M., John Gibson, G. Scribe, M. D. Dawson, G. Treas., E. Beltz, and G. Sec., J. B. King, and trust that many years of usefulness may be granted to each.

We trust that your stay with us may be pleasant to yourselves, and that the result of your deliberations may cause a greater interest in this Branch of our Order, and a large increase in membership. We offer for use during this session this commodious room and adjoining rooms, and desire as far as possible to promote your comfort and convenience.

I again tender you a hearty welcome.

P. McCANDLISH, P. D. D. G. P.

The Grand Patriarch, on behalf of the Grand Officers and Grand Encampment, thanked the Hamilton Patriarchs for their cordial greeting. They were always at home in Hamilton, and no doubt your hospitable reception will be thoroughly enjoyed. We accept at your hands the offer of this beautiful Court Room, and adjoining rooms, as a place of meeting. It is commodious and well ventilated, two important features this distressing weather. We have no doubt our session will be harmonious and pleasant.

The regular business was then resumed.

Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the necessary Certificates of Representatives elect, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

HAMILTON, ONT., August 7th, 1900.

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

Your Committee on Credentials report that, after an examination of the Returns of Subordinates, and of the Certificates of Representatives elect, the following named P. C. Patriarchs are entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment:

Union	Encampment, No.	Name
Frontier	1	James Harris
"	2	Wm. Douglas
"	2	Wm. J. Brett
Harmony	3	Robt. Wonacott
Brant	4	C. Spence
"	4	Wm. McIntosh
"	5	J. H. Roberts
Charity	5	Alex. Johnston
"	7	Thos. G. Anderson
Burlington	7	John T. Swinton
"	8	H. E. Terry
Toronto	8	Thos. Colby
"	9	H. Rath
Brock	10	Stephen G. Tilley
Chatham	10	Albion Heath
"	11	A. Mason
Ontario	14	J. Irwin
Fidelity	14	Geo. Lee
Limestone City	15	Jos. A. Wilson
Mt. Ararat	16	A. E. Smith
Hebron	17	T. T. Osborne
Quinte	19	H. A. McIntyre
Elgin	20	J. B. Squance
"	20	W. H. Manning
Unity	21	Robt. Chambers
Guiding Star	22	E. C. Mears
Niagara Falls	23	J. J. Matthews
Friendship	24	Wm. Shanks
Alpha	25	Thos. D. Fenwick
Wellington	31	F. G. Saxton
Newmarket	32	Henry Lambrook
Exeter	33	Wm. Rudd
Dresden	37	Geo. H. Young
Adelphian	38	John E. Campbell
Dufferin	41	Robt. Anger
Aylmer	42	Theo. Lawrence
Collingwood	45	Wm. Norrish
Saugeen Valley	46	J. A. Mowat
Minerva	47	Fred. Kress
Samaritan	49	W. J. Graham
Rehoboth	50	S. J. Rugg
"	50	J. B. McMicken
Ridgely	52	J. G. Sheen
Outaouais	53	Geo. March
Maple Leaf	55	John Fanning
Mount Hebron	56	John Welsh
Phoenix	57	John S. Moir
Waba	58	

Moirs.....	Encampment, No. 59.....	Nelson Thompson
Central.....	" " 60.....	A. Searles
Galt.....	" " 62.....	C. E. Knowles
".....	" " 62.....	Arch. Smith
Eureka.....	" " 65.....	Robt McCallum
Hiawatha.....	" " 66.....	W. Comstock
Forest.....	" " 69.....	John A. Kimball
Picton.....	" " 72.....	H. M. Love
Pointe Aux Pins.....	" " 73.....	David Muckle
Amity.....	" " 74.....	John P. Grigg
Cornwall.....	" " 76.....	F. Bisset
Sterling.....	" " 80.....	Geo. Smith
George B.....	" " 81.....	
Lake View.....	" " 83.....	Frank M. C. Clarke
Montreal.....	" " 1.....	D. J. Dickson
Farnham.....	" " 4.....	
Maple Leaf.....	" " 6.....	Jules W. Behm

Returns have not been received for the December term, from Albert Encampment, No. 12, Bowmanville; Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope; Huron Encampment, No. 28, Goderich; Wentworth Encampment, No. 30, Dundas; Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, Peterborough; Aurora Encampment, No. 67, Aurora; Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, Montreal and Farnham Encampment, No. 4, Farnham.

For the present term, the same Encampments have failed to report, with the exception of Hiawatha, No. 66, Peterborough, and Farnham Encampment, No. 4, Farnham, Que.

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

Union.....	Encampment, No. 1.....	James Harris
Harmony.....	" " 3.....	Robt. Wonacott
Brant.....	" " 4.....	Wm. McIntosh
Charity.....	" " 5.....	J. H. Roberts
".....	" " 5.....	Alex. Johnston
Burlington.....	" " 7.....	Thos. G. Anderson
".....	" " 7.....	John T. Swinton
Brock.....	" " 9.....	H. Rath
Chatham.....	" " 10.....	Stephen S. Tilley
".....	" " 10.....	Albion Heath
Ontario.....	" " 11.....	A. Mason
Fidelity.....	" " 14.....	J. Irwin
Limestone City.....	" " 15.....	Geo. Lee
Mount Ararat.....	" " 16.....	Jas. A. Wilson
Hebron.....	" " 17.....	A. E. Smith
Elgin.....	" " 20.....	H. A. McIntyre
Friendship.....	" " 24.....	J. J. Matthews
Newmarket.....	" " 32.....	F. G. Saxton
Adelphian.....	" " 33.....	Geo. H. Young
Aylmer.....	" " 42.....	Robt. Anger
Collingwood.....	" " 45.....	Theo. Lawrence
Saugen Valley.....	" " 46.....	Wm. Norrish
Minerva.....	" " 47.....	J. A. Mowat
Rehoboth.....	" " 50.....	S. J. Rugg
Outaouais.....	" " 53.....	T. G. Sheen

Mount-Hebron	Encampment, No. 56	John Fanning
Phoenix	" 57	John Welsh
Central	" 60	Geo. Lickman
Amicus	" 61	A. Searles
Galt	" 62	C. E. Knowles
"	" 62	A. Smith
"	" 66	W. Comstock
Hiawatha	" 72	H. M. Love
Pictou	" 73	David Muckle
Pointe Aux Pins	" 74	Jas. V. Grigg
Amity	" 76	F. Bisset
Cornwall	" 80	Geo. Smith
Stepling	" 81	J. H. Doherty
George B.	" 83	Frank M. C. Clarke
Lake View	" 6	Jules W. Behm
Maple Leaf	"	

George B. Encampment, No. 81, is represented by Patriarch J. H. Doherty, but their report is very incomplete, as they only account for 13 members, and for two previous terms made no report. They then had 32 members, and we understand have in the interim been dormant. The representative says, bad material taken in at the institution destroyed their usefulness. With their present prospects he says they will succeed. We recommend he be admitted.

Certificates have been received from all the Encampments for the Representatives elect.

We would recommend that the above named Patriarchs be allowed to take their seats as P. C. P's and Representatives.

Whitby Encampment, No. 13, Whitby, is represented by P. C. P., J. E. Farewell, but no return has been received, \$2.25 was sent in by the D. D. G. P., and it was understood that the Encampment was resuscitated. It is therefore referred to the Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,	} Committee.
F. KRESS,	
JAS. C. SPENCE,	
A. H. BLACKEBY,	
HENRY LAMBROOK,	

A resolution was adopted allowing J. E. Farewell to represent Whitby Encampment, No. 13, Whitby.

The minutes of last session, as printed, were adopted.

The roll was called by the Grand Scribe, and absentees noted.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

ON DISTRIBUTION.—P. G. P., S. S. Merick; Representatives, J. B. Squance, H. M. Love, Robt. Chambers and H. Rath.

ON FINANCE.—P. G. P., Jos. Oliver; Representatives, J. T. Osborne, A. Mason, T. D. Fenwick and J. A. Kimball.

ON DISTRICTS.—P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby; Representatives, James Harris, A. Heath, J. H. Roberts and A. Smith.

ON BY-LAWS.—P. G. P., John Welsh; Representatives, William Douglas, Geo. March, Thos. Bruce and Wm. Norrish.

ON RETURNS.—P. G. P., John Gibson; Representatives, T. G. Sheen, John Welsh, R. McCallum and W. Comstock.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—P. G. P., Abner Fraser; Representatives, C. E. Knowles, Robt. Anger, J. A. Mowat and George Lickman.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Representatives, Thos. Colby, A. Searles, Theo. Lawrence, J. J. Matthews and T. G. Saxton.

ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.—P. G. P., Fred. Doggett; Representatives, Nelson Thompson, Geo. Leg, Wm. Ridd and W. J. Graham.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—P. G. P's, Geo. Bell, Jas. A. Wilson, J. B. McMicken, W. H. Manning and John Fanning.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—Representatives, D. J. Dickson, J. Irwin, John P. Grigg, J. H. Doherty and George Smith.

ON LEGISLATION.—P. G. P., J. T. Hornibrook; Representatives, Jules W. Behm, David Muckle, Arch. Smith and Frank C. Charles.

ON JUDICIARY.—P. G. P., John A. Macdonald; Representatives, Geo. Young, S. J. Rugg, Wm. McIntosh and Thos. G. Anderson.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.—P. G. P., J. T. Hornibrook; Representatives, E. C. Mears, H. E. Terry and S. G. Tilley.

ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 2.—P. G. P's, Samuel Law, H. A. McIntyre, John T. Swinton, Alex Johnston and John Hunter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

P. G. P., S. S. Merick, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report of his Committee, which was adopted:

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment,
I. O. O. F.:*

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg leave to recommend the various clauses to be distributed as follows:

Committee on Finance—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, clauses referring to Auditors on page 20.

The Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs Nos. 6, 7 and 8, and the whole of the Grand Treasurer's report.

Committee on State of the Order—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed, State of the Order, (clause 2) also clauses Nos. 2, 3, 4, Dispensations, Amalgamations, Appendix A, B and C.

That part of the Grand Scribe's report, paragraphs Nos. 1, 2 down to paragraph headed Oddfellows' Home, also statistical information on page 3. Abstracts of returns from subordinates, page 4, 5, 6, 7 and No. 5.

Committee on Petitions and Correspondence—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed Correspondence.

That part of the Grand Scribe's report, paragraph No. 9.

Committee on Judiciary—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed Decisions:

Committee on Districts—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, under heading District Deputies, page 15, and thanks to D. D. G. P's, page 18.

Special Committee, No. 1—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, headed Thanks to the Press, special mention page 2c. Oddfellows' Home, page 19.

That part of the Grand Scribe's report under heading Oddfellows' Home, page 2.

Special Committee, No. 2—

That part of the Grand Patriarch's report, Opening Address, clause No. 5, page 12, and conclusion page 20, and the whole of the report of the Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. MERICK,
ROBT. CHAMBERS,
H. RATH,
H. M. LOVE,
JAMES B. SQUANCE.

Committee.

The following Letters of Invitation were received from St. Thomas, and read to the Grand Encampment:

ST. THOMAS, August 4th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—On behalf of Elgin Encampment, No. 20, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, and Elgin Lodge, No. 32, we do hereby extend to you a cordial invitation to hold your next annual meeting in this city. As it is sixteen years since we were honored by the presence of your Grand Body in our midst. We hope you will accede to our request, and we can assure you of a most hearty welcome both from our citizens at large and from your brother Oddfellows. We have a beautiful city with ample hotel accommodation of the first-class, and good commodious halls in which to conduct your business. In point of economy St. Thomas is a good place for your meeting. Being an important railway centre, it is easy to reach

from any point, and as it is central to the majority of Oddfellows of Ontario the cost will bear lightly on Grand Encampment funds. With the hope that your next meeting may be in St. Thomas in 1901.

We are, yours in F. L. and T.

FRED. DOGGETT, P. G. P.,
Chairman of Committee.

W. J. SHAW, P. C. P.,
Secretary of Committee.

August, 4th, 1900.

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

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the corporation and people of the city of St. Thomas, I beg to extend to your Grand Body a hearty and cordial invitation to hold your next annual meeting in this city. It is now sixteen years since your meeting was held here, and such pleasant recollections of it remain that our people are anxious to be given the opportunity to once more welcome you to the most prosperous and up-to-date city of its size in Ontario.

Since you last met here many improvements have taken place, which will attract the attention of every one who takes an interest in seeing a progressive city governed and managed according to modern ideas. Within the last two or three years there has been erected in this city a new city hall, that for architectural beauty, interior accommodation and public convenience, will bear comparison with any in the Province outside of Toronto and Hamilton; a new court house that cannot be surpassed in Ontario; and two of the finest and best equipped public schools that can be found anywhere. Our streets are acknowledged to be the finest in the Province, our main street being paved with brick for more than a mile, and most of our residential streets macadamized.

The hotel accommodation of the city is ample. I know of no city of its size that has so many excellent hotels, all convenient to the business part of the city, and all on the line of the electric street railway, and there are several halls, large and commodious, and suitable for your place of meeting.

Our railway facilities are unexcelled, no place is more easily reached, as the following roads run through St. Thomas: M.C.R., C.P.R., G.T.R., Wabash and L. E. & D. R. R.

I trust, therefore, that you will see your way clear to choose St. Thomas as your next place of meeting, and we will have the pleasure of entertaining you next year.

Yours faithfully,

P. MEEHAN,
Mayor.

ST. THOMAS, ONT., Aug. 3rd, 1900.

The Grand Scribe, Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR,—The St. Thomas Board of Trade beg to invite your Grand Encampment to hold their next annual meeting, 1901, in our city, and we

will endeavor to make your visit to the "Railway City" a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Wishing your organization every success, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. W. STEWART,

Vice-President.

J. W. ADAM,

Secretary.

It was considered inadvisable to fix the place of meeting, therefore the Constitution would govern as to time and place for the session of 1901.

P. G. P. Blackeby presented the following report from the members of the Provisional Board of the Children's Home, which was adopted:

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

PATRIARCHS.—The undersigned members of the Ontario "Home" Board beg leave to report that two meetings of the Board were held during the year, one in Toronto, in August, 1899, the other in February, 1900, in the same city.

At the first meeting a Committee was appointed to visit the two sites offered, at Collingwood and Beaverton. This Committee reported at the February meeting, when it was decided that, while both offers reflected credit upon the generosity of the Lodges and the citizens of the two localities, yet, until a larger sum was at the disposal of the Board, it would not be wise to enter into any specific engagement.

Since then the Board has been endeavoring to awaken the Lodges which have not contributed to the fund to a sense of their duty in this respect. The fund, paid in and subscribed, amounts now to about \$10,000.00. Twice this sum is needed before an effective start can be made.

It is to be regretted that while many Jurisdictions of the I. O. O. F., having a much smaller membership than Ontario, have provided homes for their aged and infirm members, their widows and their orphans, we should lag behind in this respect.

A few, and only a few, of our Encampments have added to the fund now in hand or subscribed. There is scarcely an Encampment in the Jurisdiction that would miss a donation in this cause, and we would urge the Representatives present to return to their Subordinate Encampments prepared to move a resolution to donate anywhere from five to fifty dollars—as the state of their treasury will warrant—towards this highly beneficent and laudable scheme.

Fraternally submitted.

Resolved, That the foregoing be adopted.

A. H. BLACKEBY,
M. D. DAWSON.

REPORTS.

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

Grand Patriarch's Report.

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Ontario,
I. O. O. F.:*

PATRIARCHS.—Through the kindness of Divine Providence, we are permitted to gather to-day in the Ambitious City under the Mountain, and we are reminded of the birthplace of this Grand Encampment, the City of Hamilton, so famed for its lovely surroundings by land and water, and for the progressive and enterprising spirit of its people, the outcome of which may be seen in its marvellous progress and its wonderful growth as a manufacturing and commercial centre.

We are met here to receive the record of the past year and to legislate for the future.

I heartily welcome you within these walls and congratulate you upon the unrivalled prosperity and harmony which our Order now enjoys.

Far be it from me to obtrude my personal feelings or to occupy your time with any tedious expression of my individual experience. It would, however, ill become me were I ungrateful enough to withhold from you my deep sense of the honor done me by my elevation to the distinguished office which I now hold, and my acknowledgments for the friendly co-operation by which my labors have been lightened by my brethren of the I. O. O. F. in and out of office. Those labors and anxieties, inseparable from a due discharge of the duties of my responsible position as Grand Patriarch, so far from having been a subject of regret, I shall always look back upon as among the greatest and most cherished privileges of my lifetime.

You will all be interested in the following particulars as to the Charter Members of the Grand Encampment, Hamilton, August 6th, 1869:

The applicants for Charter were Patriarchs S. G. Dolson, Henry McAfee, James Smith, John Gibson, Geo. H. Marlatt and A. D. Clement.

The following Patriarchs were also present: No. 1, Adam Purvis; No. 2, Alfred Hay, John Batty, Thos. Cowley and Caleb Knight; No. 3, M. D. Dawson, Ed. Beltz, Geo. Powell, sr., John Hunter, R. Kirkpatrick and R. J. C. Dawson; Brant, No. 4, J. B. King; No. 6, Robert Barbour. James Woodyatt, D.G.S., became a member by unanimous consent.

The grim reaper has sadly thinned the roll of these old members, but we are pleased to greet some of the survivors—John Gibson, P.G.P.; M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe; Ed. Beltz, Grand Treasurer; J. B. King, Grand Secretary, and John Hunter, P.G.H.P. I am pleased to see these veteran Patriarchs still actively interested in the Order.

At the time of the institution of the Grand Encampment, we had only six Encampments and a membership of 157. To-day we send forth Representatives from over 70 Encampments and a total membership of nearly 4,000.

While we should be justly proud of this increase, we ought not to relax our efforts, but aim to achieve still greater results for the future. Being a great admirer of this grand and noble branch of our Order, I believe that we should not rest, but *go on* until every member shall be instructed in the sublime lessons of Patriarchal Oddfellowship.

Now, as our law requires, and in conformity with our ancient usage, I lay before you a record of my official work.

(1)

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I am very much pleased to be able to report the general prosperity of the year now terminated, and an increase in our membership of nearly 150, according to the latest statistics in my possession and collected up to the date of this publication, and these figures may receive augmentation from subsequent reports.

Such an advance must be a source of gratification to this Grand Encampment, and an incentive to increased efforts. It shows that the Patriarchs are taking a deeper interest in the prosperity of this branch of our Order. The prospects are also very bright for the future.

I have met with some measure of success with respect to resuscitations; being able to report the awakening of three dormant Encampments, namely, Newmarket, Trenton and Dresden.

With a little exertion, the outlook is hopeful for two new Encampments at Palmerston and Thamesville.

I hope that this cheering condition of things will continue to exist, and that this grand branch of our Order will still enjoy that prosperity which it so richly deserves.

(2)

RESUSCITATIONS.

Trenton Encampment, No. 71, was resuscitated Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st, 1900, by G. L. Scott, D.D.G.P., Sterling, Ont., and about twelve Patriarchs from the same place. The above Officers, together with Rev. F. W. Armstrong, Treasurer, are to be warmly congratulated on the success of their work, and I am satisfied from reliable information, that Trenton, with its equipment of paraphernalia and energetic members, will be one of the leading Encampments of the Province.

After a good deal of correspondence and assurance that Newmarket Encampment could be placed on a sound footing, I commissioned H. E. Terry, D.D.G.P., of Toronto, to proceed with the resuscitation, which he did on the 18th of May of this year, accompanied by A. H. Blackeby, P.G.P., of Kingston, and twenty-five Patriarchs of Toronto. From reports subsequently received, I venture to predict that this will be a progressive Encampment. I desire to express my thanks to L. Atkinson, P.C.P., for his services in this matter, and for putting new life and vigor into the Patriarchs of Newmarket.

Following the interchange of considerable correspondence, I visited Dresden and re-organized its Encampment, No. 37, on June 14th, 1900. We had a grand meeting, there being about twenty members present who

fully signified their intention of again going on with this good work. They have had a hard struggle, owing to their having lost all their effects on two occasions by fire, but from the amount of enthusiasm shown in spite of all their reverses, on that night by the Patriarchs, I am fully satisfied that Dresden will give a good account of itself and once more extend the right hand of hospitality to the stranger.

(3)

OFFICIAL ACTS.

My first official act was the issuing of a Circular, Sept. 1st, 1899, to the D. D. G. P.'s, which is printed in full in Appendix A.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, Toronto, Aug. 8, 1899, that "the incoming Executive be instructed to procure for the Grand Officers of this Grand Encampment suitable regalia, and also to secure suitable badges to be worn by the Representatives," I took advantage of the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the City of Detroit, the Executive being present at that meeting, and on Sept. 21st called them together to take action as to the above resolution. After viewing the several samples before us, upon resolution, the sum of sixty dollars was voted for the same and the Order was given to Ambrose Kent & Co., Toronto, represented by P. C. P. Mortimer. There were present at that meeting: Grand Patriarch, William Potter; Grand High Priest, Leonard Ferguson, of St. Thomas; Grand Senior Warden, Frank Jeffery of Stratford; Grand Treasurer, Edmund Beltz, London; George Bell, Grand Representative S. G. L., Ottawa; Samuel Law, Grand Representative S. G. L., Guelph.

On June 25, 1900, I issued a circular to the Officers and Patriarchs of this Jurisdiction, which is given in full in Appendix B.

In pursuance of the terms of the Grand Sire's proclamation, I issued on March 16th, 1900, the Proclamation for the celebration of the 31st anniversary of our Order, which will be found in Appendix C.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

SARNIA.

On Dec. 7th, 1899, I made my pioneer Official visit to Alpha Encampment, No. 26, Sarnia, after having received a very pressing invitation to be with the Patriarchs on the 25th anniversary of their Encampment. I was received at the station by that good old veteran, Patriarch John Ross, Scribe of the Encampment, together with other Patriarchs. I also had the pleasure of joining on the way P. C. P. Powley, of Kingston, who accompanied me to the meeting and responded to the toast of "The Canadian Encampments." We had also with us that great Oddfellow who is so well known from one end of this Jurisdiction to the other; I refer to John Gibson, P. G. P., who had the pleasure of instituting this Encampment. His address was well given and well received. Many Patriarchs were also present from Port Huron and Fort Gratiot, among them being P. G. P. Skimmings, of the Grand Encampment of Michigan.

The members of Alpha Encampment turned out in very strong force, and from all quarters there was a good attendance. After the regular business was over an adjournment was made to the banquet, where a beautiful spread awaited the Patriarchs, to which I am sure that ample

justice was done, and which reflected much credit on Mr. John Ennis, caterer. A toast list was prepared and responded to by the various Patriarchs. I was well received, and the hospitality tendered to me shall never be forgotten.

In this social re-union, in addition to those already mentioned, Patriarchs were assembled from Chatham, Toronto and elsewhere. The capacious hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flags, among which the "Stars and Stripes" floated alongside our beloved Union Jack, signifying the union of aspirations for civil and religious liberty.

Patriarchs LeSeur, John Ross and W. Luscombe acted as chairmen, and I wish particularly to congratulate Patriarch Luscombe, who gave a minute and elaborate history of the Encampment from its institution and covering his 25 years' service in its ranks. The members of Alpha Encampment and the Committee who had the arrangement of the programme in hand, are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts.

WINDSOR.

On the 8th of December, 1899, I visited Frontier Encampment No. 2, Windsor, where I had the pleasure of meeting more than 50 of the Patriarchs in their handsomely adorned lodge room. After the general business of the Encampment had been concluded, we bent our steps to the Banquet Hall, where an elaborate collation, prepared by the Daughters of Rebekah, invited our attention, and was ably presided over by our good Brother, W. Bushell, P. C. P. The rest of the evening was taken up with speech-making and graphophone concert.

I have pleasant recollections of this Encampment, for from its celebrated Degree, Staff I received my first conception of Patriarchal Oddfellowship. This Encampment is in a prosperous condition and it was a pleasure for me to see the very able manner in which the business of the Encampment was transacted. During my stay I was royally entertained by the Patriarchs, and was the guest of Grand Sentinel, George Breen, and warm was the welcome extended to me by himself and his family.

CHATHAM.

On January 4th, 1900, I visited by invitation my own Encampment in Chatham, where a complimentary banquet was tendered to me, it being the night of the Installation of Officers. D. D. G. P. Sides, of Wallaceburg, was present and installed the Officers elect into their respective chairs. There were nearly 100 Patriarchs present.

After the ceremonies attending the Installation of the new Officers, a most palatable banquet was given, presided over by that veteran Oddfellow, Patriarch O. B. Hulin, who made a neat speech, in which he referred in terms of eulogy to our Grand Patriarch, a member of our Encampment who had been honored with the highest position in the gift of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and who was being welcomed on that night in his official capacity. I made a suitable reply in which I fully appreciated the remarks made as to my elevation to the position of Grand Patriarch and the honor conferred on the Encampment. Speeches were also delivered by our Grand Deputy, who briefly reviewed his work for the District, also by Patriarch Robertson, of Minneapolis, followed by Patriarchs John Turner and Isaac Smith, charter members of this Encampment. We had also a recitation, "Charge of the Light Brigade," by Patriarch A. M. Lafferty,

delivered with his usual fire and energy. A pleasant flow of song and sentiment followed, and a very enjoyable evening was broken up at an early hour.

WALLACEBURG.

January 9th, on invitation of Phoenix Encampment, Wallaceburg, I paid the Patriarchs an official visit, it being the night of the Installation of Officers. At the request of the D. D. G. P., and the Encampment, I installed the Officers into their respective chairs. There was a large attendance of Patriarchs present and a cordial welcome was given to me. The interest and enthusiasm manifested by the members in everything pertaining to the Encampment was a great pleasure to me. After the installation, a repast provided by the Daughters of Rebekah, was enjoyed in the spacious banqueting hall beneath the lodge room. Short addresses were given by D. D. G. P. Sides; Joseph Pierce, P. C. P. of Chatham Encampment, myself and others. Phoenix Encampment has a live set of Officers, and no doubt will flourish. Wallaceburg is a hub of Oddfellowship.

PARKHILL.

On March 12th, upon invitation, I visited Hebron Encampment, Parkhill, Ont. I was met at the depot by Patriarch John Hamilton and others and was conducted to the Encampment room, where I was greeted by about 50 Patriarchs, not only from Hebron but from Forest Encampment, under the Captaincy of P. C. P. Flavin. The exemplification of the three Degrees was well brought out, and short speeches were delivered by several of the Patriarchs, including myself, on matters relating to Patriarchal Oddfellowship, and from the amount of enthusiasm shown that night by the Patriarchs, I predict a prosperous future for Hebron and Forest Encampments. After the conclusion of the work, we repaired to the hotel, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, and a very pleasant meeting broke up in the small hours of the morning. I desire to congratulate the members of Hebron Encampment on the hospitality extended to all the visitors that evening.

EXETER.

March 22nd, upon invitation, I visited Exeter Encampment, and was joined at the depot by E. J. Spackman, G. J. W., of the Grand Encampment, every member of which, except one on the sick list, was present to meet me. I was received right royally and was presented with a beautiful address. At the request of Patriarch Heman, C. P., I took the chair and proceeded with the business of the evening. After the conclusion of the work, addresses were given by F. A. Popplestone, D. D. G. P., E. J. Spackman, Grand Junior Warden, Chief Patriarch Heman, Patriarch A. E. Fuke, myself and others. I also complied with the request of the Encampment to give the Secret Work, after which an oyster supper was served and a social time spent with a smoking concert, each member present contributing a speech or song to the enjoyment of the company, the proceedings closing with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." It was one of the most enjoyable evenings which I ever spent.

During my stay, I was a guest of our Grand Junior Warden, and a warmer welcome was never accorded than that which was given by his wife and family.

The future of the Exeter Encampment is very bright, and I feel that much good will result from my visit.

STRATFORD.

On March 23rd, also upon invitation, I visited Charity Encampment, No. 5, Stratford, Ont., it being the night of regular meeting. At the station, I found our Grand Senior Warden, F. B. Jeffery. Upon arriving at the lodge room, I was very agreeably surprised by seeing John A. Macdonald, P. G. P., of Arnprior, and John Gibson, P. G. P., of Port Huron. This being the night of their regular meeting, there was a very large attendance in their splendidly decorated room. I was warmly welcomed. The Patriarchal Degree was exemplified upon two candidates in a very fitting manner, which received great praise from all present. The Degree Staff was captained by Patriarch Alexander Johnston, who proved himself an efficient officer, the work being done in a masterly style, highly satisfactory to all present. The Degree Staff deserve great credit for the able manner in which they rendered the exemplification of this beautiful Degree.

After the conclusion of the work, a very able address was delivered by that grand old veteran in Oddfellowship, John Gibson, P. G. P., of Port Huron, who is always a beacon of instruction to his younger brethren and is ever ready to impart his knowledge to enlighten the members of our most noble Order.

Attractive speeches were also made by John A. Macdonald, P. G. P., of Arnprior, John Welsh, P. G. P., Stratford, and others.

About 11 o'clock the brethren repaired to the refreshment parlors of Brother Ennis, where an appetizing spread was set out. Brother Ennis excelled himself in providing for his guests and making them feel that nothing was too good for them. A toast list was next carried out with Patriarch John Welsh, P. G. P., in the chair. The toast of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge" was responded to in a happy manner by John Gibson, P. G. P.; the "Grand Encampment of Ontario," by myself and F. B. Jeffery, Grand Senior Warden; the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," by Past Grand John Read, John T. Perry and J. R. Boothby; "The Visitors," brought forward a speech and a Scotch song from John A. Macdonald.

The past progress of this energetic Encampment gives the liveliest hopes for an advancing future.

BLENHEIM.

Having received a very pressing invitation to visit Pointe aux Pins Encampment, Blenheim, Ont., I cheerfully accepted the same, and in company with D. D. G. P., Lewis H. Side on July 3rd, 1900, visited the above Encampment. It was the night of their regular meeting and installation of Officers. I was requested by the D. D. G. P. and by the Encampment to perform the Installation ceremony, which I did. The night being excessively warm, the attendance was thin and the business hurriedly transacted. Very short speeches followed from D. D. G. P. Side, G. M. Baird, P. C. P., and others, after which we moved to Patriarch Wedge's ice cream parlors, where the Patriarchs cooled themselves off with ice cream and watermelons.

The Encampment is in a prosperous condition and the officers installed are the right men in the right places. Pointe aux Pins Encampment is bound to progress.

After closing this record of my visits within my own Jurisdiction and before passing on to the next head, I cannot let the opportunity pass by without referring to two Official Visits made by Chatham Degree Staff to the State of Michigan.

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VISITS WITH CHATHAM DEGREE STAFF.

Tuesday, Aug. 24th, 1899, in company with my Degree Staff, 30 in number, I left for Fort Gratiot, Michigan having had a special invitation from that Encampment to confer and exemplify the Three Degrees of Patriarchal Oddfellowship. Upon our arrival, we were met by George M. French, P. C. P., and others, who showed us the sights of Fort Gratiot and Port Huron. We had also in company with us, Patriarch M. A. Smith, the Mayor of the City of Chatham, Patriarchs O. B. Hulin, John Turner and John Gibson, P. G. P., who has been present upon every visit which the Chatham Degree Staff has made. There were about 150 assembled to witness the Exemplification of the Degrees. There were representatives from Detroit, Newhaven, Sarnia, Crosswell and other places. There was a class of 20 candidates, all of whom took the Three Degrees, and I have no doubt that the visit of the Staff to Fort Gratiot will be of great benefit to that part of the State of Michigan, and on behalf of the Degree Staff, I desire to thank P. G. P. Skimmin, Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and P. C. P. French, for the valuable assistance rendered us on that occasion. The work being finished, we journeyed to the lodge room, where a splendid spread delighted the inner man. After the usual interchange of courtesies, we took our departure for home by a special train from Sarnia.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Wednesday, September 20th, 1899, upon invitation of Ingersoll Encampment, No. 29, of Detroit, Michigan, Chatham Encampment Degree Staff visited that city for the purpose of Exemplifying the Patriarchal Degrees in the presence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Staff was accompanied by their full orchestra of eight pieces. The work was exemplified in the Armory of the Detroit Light Infantry, the resources of that large building being taxed to their utmost capacity to accommodate the company, nearly all the Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge being present on that occasion, and it was the unanimous opinion of all that the work was the best ever witnessed. In fact, congratulations were showered upon the Degree Staff by the Grand Representatives from various States in the Union, and from the Provinces of the Dominion. We were also pleased to meet on that occasion our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Sire Campbell, of London, Ontario; Past Grand Representative Blackeby; Grand Treasurer Beltz; John Gibson, P. G. P., and other Grand Officers.

We were addressed by the Grand Sire in eloquent terms which, I feel convinced, should have had the effect of inspiring enthusiasm in the hearts of all Patriarchs present. The hospitality of the members of Ingersoll Encampment will ever dwell in our remembrance.

DECISIONS.

Question No. 1.—The admission fee into this Encampment is \$6 (six dollars). Can we reduce it to \$3 (three dollars)?

Answer.—Yes. Legislation was enacted at the Session of the Grand Encampment, Galt, Ont., Aug. 9th, 1898, permitting the Degrees of the Subordinate Encampment to be conferred at a minimum charge of not less than one dollar for each Degree or three dollars for the three Degrees—and that the regular contributions shall not be less than one dollar per annum—and that an Encampment may provide by its By-laws that no Weekly Sick Benefit be paid.

Question No. 2.—Will the laws of the Grand Encampment allow us to accept new members at \$3 (three dollars), for the three Degrees, that is, one dollar for each Degree and continue to charge \$3 (three dollars), for dues and pay \$1.50 (one dollar and a half), for sick benefits.

Answer.—Yes. By passing By-laws to that effect. See new Constitution, as revised to August, 1899.

Question No. 3.—A former member of our Encampment has been suspended for N. P. D., owing to sickness and poverty, and is in need of assistance. The Encampment funds being in good shape, could we legally make a donation out of the General Fund, under the head of Special Relief. We have no Contingent Fund.

Answer.—No. It would be illegal to donate from the General Fund for that purpose, owing to the member being dropped from the Body for N. P. D.

Question A., No. 4.—Can an Encampment reduce the fees for Degrees without making a change in their By-laws?

Answer.—No; Encampments must pass By-laws to that effect.

Question B.—Supposing the Degree fees be reduced, can they pay any more than \$1.50 (one dollar and a half), weekly sick benefits to members who are admitted under the reduced scale?

Answer.—Encampments cannot exceed one-half the rate charged for annual dues. The Degree fees do not govern weekly sick benefits.

Question A., No. 5.—Can a Royal Purple Degree member attend Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Answer.—No. He must also possess the Rebekah Degree.

Question B.—What passwords are required to enter the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Answer.—The password of the Grand Lodge, the Royal Purple Degree, and of the Rebekah Degree.

Question C.—Can a suspended member of an Encampment attend the Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Answer. No.

Question A., No. 6.—Can an Encampment be recognized by paying this year's capitation tax, they paying no arrears against them?

Answer.—No, an Encampment failing to make its returns as required by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, for two terms, is liable to suspension, and its charter may be declared forfeited.

Question B.—Can an Encampment regulate the amount of Initiation Degree fees and the amount of dues?

Answer.—Yes, a Subordinate may provide by By-law any specific sum above the minimum rate determined and prescribed by the Grand Encampment. See Constitution for Subordinates.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES' REPORTS.

I herewith submit the Reports received from my District Deputies, who have endeavored to advance the Encampments in their Districts, and I have heard from nearly every Deputy, which goes to show that they have taken a live interest in the prosperity of the Encampments under their charge.

District No. 1, Walter Chater, D. D. G. P., No. 1, has made a slight gain this year, and there are indications of a satisfactory advance in the future, especially for Lake View Encampment, at Ruthven, and I think it will soon be on a level with the best in the District. The District exhibits an increase of seven for the term, which is a good showing.

District No. 2, Louis H. Side, D. D. G. P.—I find all the Encampments in a healthy condition, having installed the officers of each Encampment. Dresden has once more fallen into line and is in good working order again, and I have every hope that they will become a prosperous Encampment. This District, comprised of four Encampments, has 281 members, and shows an increase of 20 for the term ending June 30th, 1900.

District No. 4, James C. Spence, D. D. G. P., Brantford.—I have just returned from visiting Amicus, No. 61, Norwich, where I installed the officers, and send you the Semi-Annual Report of District No. 4. I had hopes for a better showing from both Brant and Amicus Encampments in increased membership, but the results of the efforts put forth will, I trust, be more apparent during the coming term. The prospects in Brant, No. 4, are brighter than for some years. While Amicus, No. 61, has practically held her own in membership, her finances show a slight increase, and the officers report more hopefully the influx of new blood in their Camp.

District No. 5, J. A. Burwash, D. D. G. P.—I am sorry I can't give you a full report, but hope we will do better next term.

District No. 8, John P. Grigg, D. D. G. P.—In forwarding to you this report, I might say that the Encampments in this District are not flourishing as I would wish. A lack of interest seems to be the cause.

District No. 10, John Hamilton, D. D. G. P.—While we may not have made material increase in membership in this District, still we have not lost much ground. We were much pleased and helped by a visit from the Grand Patriarch during the term.

District No. 13, C. Reichenbach, D. D. G. P.—I am pleased to report Saugèen Valley, No. 46, is going ahead. We added five members to our membership, and expect to do as well this coming term. We are all working in harmony.

District No. 14, Peter Bradshaw, D. D. G. P.—I hereby submit the returns from the three Encampments in my District. I am sorry that there are so many suspensions in 31 and 49. Have not been to Guelph or Berlin this time, as Guelph only installs once a year, and Berlin did not wish to spend any money at present. They have a good lot of officers for this term, and each one has pledged himself to bring in at least one candidate during the term. I hope they will more than realize their expectations. "Charity" has had a good year, and we hope soon to see it giving Chatham a close run for largest membership. Was sorry that we could not work Palmerston for this year, but did the best I could. Think, however, it will come.

District No. 15, Theodore Lawrence, D. D. G. P.—In my report to S. Law, P. G. P., last year, I was deploring the stagnant condition of the Encampment, and would see what could be done to revive it. We are gaining ground and on the march again. Five new members this term, with the prospects of others on the way. That looks a little more encouraging, and our Representative to the Grand Encampment, Abram Matts, C. P., is entitled to the credit of the onward march to a great extent. He has worked well to improve the membership of the Encampment, and not without success. I am pleased to be able again to report progress, and hope that it may be much greater than we anticipate.

District No. 16, H. E. Terry, D. D. G. P.—You will see that the two Encampments in Toronto have made a gain of 17 for the term, which is very satisfactory. Newmarket has reported direct to the Grand Scribe, but I have not seen their report. I believe that they have about 16 members and very fair prospects.

District No. 17, George Warren, Acting D. D. G. P.—In presenting my report of last term's work, I am pleased to state that I visited Whitby Encampment twice, and on the 25th of July about 14 of the Patriarchs assisted me to confer the Patriarchal Degree on some candidates, and also installed the officers, and I am in hopes that it is the starting of a good Encampment, as there are a number of others who are going to join. In reference to Bowmanville, I have had no word from them, but intend to visit them before long. In reference to Ontario Encampment, it is going ahead slowly, the attendance at the meetings being good, and the prospects for winter work promising.

District No. 19, J. W. Butcher, D. D. G. P.—Installed the officers of Mount Hebron and Hiawatha Encampments on July 4th, and Guiding Star on July 5th. Find the Encampments have all had a successful year, both numerically and financially, the great drawback with all of them being the getting the Patriarchs to attend the meetings. Would suggest that the matter be brought up in Grand Encampment, so that, if possible, a remedy may be found. I must give great praise to the Guiding Star Encampment for the enthusiastic way in which they put on the Degrees, having had the pleasure of seeing them in the First and Second Degrees on the night of installation.

District No. 21, W. E. Basson, D. D. G. P.—I am sorry to report a decrease this term, but it is owing to our hall having been destroyed by fire, and having no proper hall for over a year to put on the work. We expect to move into our new lodge room in a week or two, and I am sure there will be a large increase in membership during the coming term.

District No. 23, W. H. Nute, D. D. G. P.—It will be seen by my report that the last six months has been a very prosperous term. Brock Encampment has been forced to hold special meetings nearly every week for the purpose of conferring Degrees. The officers for this year were duly installed by myself on July 6th. We are looking forward to a prosperous year for Brock Encampment. There is no Encampment at Prescott.

District No. 24, William Clayton, D. D. G. P.—The Encampment is not progressing in numbers, but the Patriarchs are determined to hold the Charter and endeavor to increase our membership by next report.

District No. 30, A. P. Doddridge, D. D. G. P.—The prospects for the ensuing term are very favorable indeed. I would not be surprised if we double membership for the term.

THANKS TO D. D. G. P'S.

I wish to give my thanks to the D. D. G. P's. for the very able manner in which they have performed their duties, thus materially lightening my labor, and justifying that reliance which I placed in their judgment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence has not been larger than usual, and I have endeavored to keep pace with it, and it has been a great source of enjoyment to me to promptly acknowledge all communications received.

DISPENSATIONS.

On Dec. 20th, 1899, I granted a Dispensation to H. E. Terry, D.D.G.P., of Toronto, to hold a joint public installation of Officers of Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments. The installation took place Thursday evening, Jan. 25th, 1900.

ODDFELLOWS' HOME.

I re-appointed the Committee of last year, A. H. Blackeby, P. G. R., and M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe. The said Committee held one meeting during the year, in the city of Toronto. I am unable to say more as I have received no report from them.

AMALGAMATIONS.

On the 2nd April, 1900, I received a communication from Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby, informing me that it was the desire of the Patriarchs of the two Encampments of the City of Montreal, Prov. Que., to amalgamate. From information received I learned that the Encampments in that city were not very active, Moshassuck Encampment having held no meeting for nearly a year, and only an occasional one before that. After due consideration and in my opinion for the best interests of the Encampments of our Order in that city, I authorized Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby to act as my Special Deputy to superintend the proposed mergerment.

On the 25th of July of this year, a mergerment of the two Encampments was completed, Moshassuck, No. 2, merging with Montreal Encampment, No. 1, the law governing mergerment having been complied with in every respect, the seal, regalia, books and other effects of Moshassuck having been transferred to Montreal Encampment No. 1, and the charter received by me, and which is now in possession of this Grand Encampment. Moshassuck Encampment was working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario by special permission of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I accordingly notified that Grand Body of the said mergerment that the same might be ratified, Moshassuck having been instituted and having received its charter from that Grand Body.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

I re-appointed Frank Riddell, P. G. P., and John McCorvie, P. C. P., Chatham, Ont. Owing to the removal of the former to the United States, I appointed in his stead, Alf. Davis, P. C. P., of London.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Brock No. 9, Brockville. I desire to make special mention of this Encampment, for the very successful term which they have had, showing

the unprecedented record of 34 new members to their Encampment during the term just closed, which is a record we no doubt feel proud of, and which will redound to the credit of the history of Brock Encampment.

THANKS TO THE PRESS.

It would be ungracious and unjust to withhold my thanks to the Press of the Province, which is so worthily represented in our membership within these walls, and to those brisk and talented reporters, who during the official year now closed, have so ably chronicled our social gatherings and such items of general interest connected with our Order as could be given to the outside public. Our Official organ, *The Independent Oddfellow* in its first year as successor to the *Dominion Oddfellow*, is a highly creditable publication both typographically and from a literary and society standpoint, and gives us the history of our Order from month to month.

CONCLUSION.

In now drawing to a close, I may here fittingly embody some thoughts which could not well be classified under the foregoing heads and which yet connect themselves closely with the business which has called us here together to-day.

The narrative of the stubborn conflict now nearing its close in South Africa, has for us an interest at once glorious and melancholy—glorious because so many of our brethren have left the peaceful walls of the lodge room to uphold the flag of the Empire; melancholy since vacant chairs remind us of those who have fallen victims to fell disease or to the bullet of the Boer.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, also to Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby; Past Grand Patriarch Gibson; D. D. G. P. Terry; D. D. G. P. Side; D. D. G. P. George L. Scott and others, for the valuable assistance given on all occasions.

I wish here to thank you most heartily for the great honor conferred on me by my election to the highest position in this Grand Body, an honor which I can assure you was fully appreciated.

In thus giving an account of my stewardship, and of the high trust which you have confided in me, I am beset with conflicting feelings of pleasure in the prosperity of our Order and fear that, in spite of my best efforts during the year, some omission on my part may be a source of censure. I trust that my successor in office may meet with the same hearty co-operation which I have received.

Fraternally yours,

WM. POTTER,

Grand Patriarch.

APPENDIX "A."

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH.

CHATHAM, ONT., 1st Sept., 1899.

To, D. D. G. P.,
of District No.

Dear Sir and Patriarch:

Enclosed you will find your commission as D. D. G. P. for the current year. I feel confident you will appreciate the responsibility of the position, and acquaint yourself fully with the duties thereof. Deal impartially with all questions which may be submitted to you.

Many Patriarchs are asking what can be done to secure more interest in the Encampment work. To all such I would say: The beautiful lessons embodied in our Encampment ritual are a most important part of Oddfellowship, they fitly crown the whole work, and no Oddfellow is prepared to go out into the world and perform his mission of humanity unless he has learned the lessons of hospitality, toleration and charity. Therefore it becomes the moral duty of every Patriarch to encourage his brothers of the Subordinate Lodge to urge them to advance up higher.

This branch of our Order has not been so aggressive as it might, and if we are to increase our membership we must keep it prominently and constantly before our Lodges. Kindly impress this upon the Patriarchs of your district, and with proper attention to the Degree work, we may confidently look forward to a very prosperous year. If the officers are earnest, energetic, united and determined to succeed, I am sure there will be a healthy growth of the Encampment in this Jurisdiction.

Endeavor to have the written and unwritten work properly and impressively performed in all Encampments under your charge, so that the Patriarchs may become thoroughly qualified to inculcate the sublime lessons of the various Degrees, and impress upon the minds of the officers the necessity of dispensing with the use of the rituals, as by so doing they will increase the interest of the members of the Encampment.

If your Encampment has not a Degree Staff, get them to organize one, so that the first impressions made on a candidate may be lasting and for good. The only Encampments in Ontario that are in a flourishing condition at the present time are those which have a Degree Staff, hence I would urge upon you the necessity of attending to this important matter.

Recognizing the efforts of my predecessors, I would refer you to their suggestions, which, if carried out, will no doubt arouse a greater interest in Patriarchal Oddfellowship, and help to elevate this branch of the Order to the high position which it justly deserves.

Forward to me, if at all possible, by the 1st of January and the 1st of July, 1900, a Report of the Encampments under your charge on the forms which will be sent you, and bear in mind that your Report is to be sent to me direct.

I would consider it a favor to hear from Encampments at all times, as to their needs and desires, and I would add that my services can be commanded wherever required,

Fraternally yours,

WM. POTTER,
Grand Patriarch.

APPENDIX ~~of~~OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

CHATHAM, Jan. 25th, 1900.

To the Officers and Patriarchs of Encampment No. I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND PATRIARCHS,—Another year has glided by, and I trust it has been one of great prosperity, as well to your Encampment as to our beloved Order throughout the world. Being an ardent admirer and advocate of Patriarchal Oddfellowship, I ask your earnest and hearty co-operation still further to advance this most beautiful branch of our Order.

For the past few years there has appeared to be a lack of interest in some of the Encampments of this Jurisdiction, which ought not to exist, yet this can easily be dispelled if those specially charged with Encampment work are determined that such apathy shall be overcome. To the Officers I would say: Ask the co-operation of the Patriarchs of your Encampment in the pursuit of this desirable determination. Preach Encampment Oddfellowship, let its virtues be known and its beauties be realized, then your efforts will be crowned with success. Keep this subject constantly before the members of the Subordinate Lodge. Bring it up in your own Lodge under the head of "Good of the Order." It is a matter worthy of the consideration of every brother. The beautiful and instructive lessons of the Encampment ritual should be known and practiced by every Oddfellow, and I sincerely trust, Patriarchs, that you will make earnest and persistent efforts to disseminate the beneficial influences of the Encampment.

In the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, you have no doubt noticed the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, regretting that the end of another year does not show any increase in membership. We do indeed regret this want of progress, yet we must not be discouraged, but we must press on, and our success is assured.

I trust, Patriarchs, that at the approaching session of the Grand Encampment we shall, through your exertions, be able to report a large increase in membership, and that the advance of this higher branch of Oddfellowship will at last equal that of the Subordinate Lodge.

Earnestly soliciting your hearty co-operation, and esteeming it a favor to hear from you at all times, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

WM. POTTER,

Grand Patriarch.

APPENDIX "C."

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
OF ONTARIO, I.O.O.F.

CHATHAM, ONTARIO.

1819-1900. ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

*To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Encampments of the Independent
Order of Oddfellows :*

In accordance with time-honored custom, and in obedience to the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Alfred S. Pinkerton, Grand Sire, by virtue of the authority vested in him, has issued his proclamation enjoining upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Order, to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the 26th day of April, 1900, it being the eighty-first anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

The Ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Order may be obtained from the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges, the Grand Scribes of the Grand Encampments, and at the office of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Baltimore, Maryland.

Now therefore I, William Potter, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., by virtue of authority in me vested, do earnestly request the Subordinate Encampments of this Jurisdiction to fittingly observe and carry out the recommendation of the Grand Sire.

Patriarchs :

In accordance with the above Proclamation of the celebration of the Eighty-first Anniversary of our grand and noble Order, I ask you to enter heartily into observing the same in some appropriate manner.

I would impress upon all Patriarchs the importance of having this Branch of our Order given special prominence, and do hereby grant a dispensation to all Subordinate Encampments of this jurisdiction, who wish to publicly celebrate said anniversary, to use the name and regalia of the Order without written authority.

Fraternally yours,

WM. POTTER,

Grand Patriarch.

Attest.

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.

Annual Report of the Grand Scribe.

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

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PATRIARCHS.—We are welcomed to-day in this beautiful industrial city often styled the "Birmingham of Canada." It was in Hamilton that this Grand Encampment first saw light, and it has been cradled and vigorously supported by one of the strongest Encampments in the jurisdiction located here and instituted then. It is fifteen years since we last met in Hamilton, and its progress in that time has been most marked. Its beautiful streets, great warehouses, palatial homes and greatly increased population, not only proclaim its success as an industrial centre, but the second city in Ontario in population and importance. There are not many present to-day that were here thirty-one years ago at the institution of this Grand Body. A number have passed to the Great Beyond, some have disappeared, and the fingers on one hand are sufficient to reckon the number present to greet and welcome. The infirmities of increasing age has left its impression upon all, but it is fondly hoped that their faithful work in this beautiful brotherhood may live when they have completed their work. A great many new faces are also present at this session; we welcome them amongst us, and trust that this annual reunion may long be remembered

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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The past term has been somewhat prosperous; there has been considerable increase in many of the Encampments, quite a few reinstated, and a great reduction in suspensions for non-payment of dues. Some weak Encampments that were reported dormant have been resuscitated, and some that had not responded for years have again made a fresh start. Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, that had not reported for five years, have sent in their return with sixteen members; Dresden Encampment, No. 37, two years' report with thirteen reinstatements, and Huron, No. 28, Goderich, I understand have made a fresh start with a good prospect, but up to the present time I have had no report. Trenton Encampment, No. 71, Trenton, not reported for five years, has been resuscitated and reports with eighteen members. Brock Encampment, No. 9, Brockville, has made an increase of thirty-five members.

The following Encampments have not sent in their returns for December, 1899:

Albert Encampment, No. 12, Bomanville; Victoria Encampment, No. 25, Port Hope; Huron Encampment, No. 28, Goderich; Wentworth Encampment, No. 30, Dundas; Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, Peterborough; Aurora Encampment, No. 67, Aurora; Golden Encampment, No. 70, Rat Portage; George B. Encampment, No. 81, Ottawa; Farnham Encampment, No. 4, Farnham, Que.; and Moshassuck, No. 2, Montreal, Que. None of the above have reported for the June term, except Hiawatha Encampment, No. 66, and most of them are weak Encampments with a small membership.

The Standing Committee on By-laws, have, since last session, approved amendments to By-laws from Friendship Encampment, No. 24, Petrolia; Burlington Encampment, No. 7, Hamilton; and Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Montreal. By-laws from Alpha Encampment, No. 26, Sarnia, were also approved. These are herewith submitted, as well as an amendment or correction from Burlington Encampment, No. 7, Hamilton.

I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings, as in previous years, printed and distributed in the usual way.

THE ODDFELLOWS' HOME.

The movement for the establishment of a Home in Ontario, for aged members and orphans, has been progressing steadily, though not so rapidly as its friends might desire. No selection has yet been made of a site for a building. Several excellent offers have been made to the Board of Directors, both in land and money. Collingwood offered a free site, light and water, and a bonus of \$1,000; Beaverton offered a free site; Orillia a cash bonus. A meeting of the Directors was held last February, to consider these offers, but owing largely to diversity of opinion among the members, as well as the fact that other localities desired to have an opportunity of tendering, no decision was reached. Some of the offers made are still available, and others are expected at the meeting of the Board this week.

The fund at present exceeds \$10,000 in cash and subscriptions, but the Directors would like to have at least double that amount. Lodges and individuals have subscribed liberally, but there still remains many who have given nothing. This is the case especially in the Patriarchal branch. The Grand Encampment has representatives on the Board of Directors, and the subordinates should make a decided effort to help on the work.

The following are the contributions, so far as reported :

Brant Encampment, No. 4, Brantford	\$50 00
Brock Encampment, No. 9, Brockville.....	25 00
Ontario Encampment, No. 11, Oshawa	25 00
Exeter Encampment, No. 33, Exeter.....	10 00
Adelphian Encampment, No. 38, London.....	25 00
Galt Encampment, No. 62, Galt	25 00
Minerva Encampment, No. 47, Wingham..	16 00
Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 56, Peterborough..	10 00
Picton Encampment, No. 72, Picton	5 00
Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 6, Quebec.....	5 00
Patriarchs Militant, Hamilton	44 00
	<u>\$240 00</u>

This is encouraging but there are a good many other Encampments which can afford a grant for so worthy an object, and also individuals, who are blessed with this world's goods sufficient to make a subscription. Don't wait to be asked.

The following figures will give the progress of the Encampment Branch during the six months ending June 30th, 1900 :

Initiated.....	159
Admitted by card	1
Reinstated	35
Total.....	<u>195</u>
From which deduct:	
Withdrawn by card.....	5
Suspended for non-payment of dues ...	67
Suspended for cause .....	..
Expelled .....	..
Deceased.....	8
Total.....	<u>80</u>
Net increase for six months	115

Quite a number of Encampments have not yet reported, but so far the increase is the largest we have had for years.

The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending December 31st, 1899 :

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term ending June 30th, 1899.

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NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	Inited.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for Cause.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	No. of weeks for which Benefits were paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
Union.....	1	1									161	1	41	\$ 74.50		\$ 40.00		\$ 114.50	\$ 447.79	15	\$ 57.66
Harmony.....	2	3									101	8	32	\$ 38.00				\$ 38.00	86.39	18	\$ 121.19
Bran.....	3	2									173	2	140	\$ 337.03		20.00		\$ 357.03	262.35	22	\$ 372.99
Charity.....	4	3									131	15	48	\$ 138.00			\$ 10.00	\$ 148.00	97.15	33	\$ 332.40
Burlington.....	5	2									182	19	129	\$ 10.50		25.00		\$ 10.50	805.52	27	\$ 180.80
Toronto.....	8	2									139	4	4	\$ 8.00				\$ 8.00	615.85	9	\$ 57.25
Stock.....	9	1									17	105	19	\$ 210.00		10.00		\$ 210.00	431.50	39	\$ 301.70
Michigan.....	10	5									158	23	19	\$ 38.11				\$ 38.11	686.22	18	\$ 161.80
Oak.....	11	1									18	2	20	\$ 20.00				\$ 20.00	24.18	4	\$ 10.00
Albert.....	12	1									91	3	8	\$ 8.00				\$ 8.00	163.25	4	\$ 19.50
Fidelity.....	14	1									2	4	2	\$ 2.00				\$ 2.00	42.19	6	\$ 38.00
Limestone City.....	15	1									9	2	2	\$ 2.00				\$ 2.00	283.71	8	\$ 18.50
McArarat.....	16	1									2	2	2	\$ 2.00				\$ 2.00	388.44	33	\$ 394.41
Hebron.....	17	1									135	2	81	\$ 162.00		10.00		\$ 172.00	123.07	10	\$ 108.10
Elgin.....	20	5									2	14	77	\$ 129.00				\$ 129.00	21.41	11	\$ 39.65
Unity.....	21	2									42	4	36	\$ 47.50		7.00		\$ 54.50	982.94	16	\$ 121.75
Guiding Star.....	22	2									1	1	30	\$ 47.50				\$ 47.50	43.69	9	\$ 30.00
Niagara Falls.....	23	1									15	1	5	\$ 5.00				\$ 5.00	183.25	18	\$ 27.55
Friendship.....	24	1									15	2	1	\$ 1.00				\$ 1.00	18.75	1	\$ 1.00
Victoria.....	25	1									15	2	5	\$ 5.00				\$ 5.00	183.25	18	\$ 27.55
Alpha.....	26	1									15	2	5	\$ 5.00				\$ 5.00	183.25	18	\$ 27.55

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Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F. for the Term ending December 31st, 1899.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No. Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patritarchs Relieved.	No. of weeks for which Benefits were paid.	Amount paid for Relief of Patritarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amount of Relief.	Cash on Hand and Invested.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.
Union.....	1			1	3		1	4	50	6	75	\$ 141 00				\$ 141 00	\$ 360 52	14 75	\$ 84 60
Frontier.....	2	2			5				68	4	36	43 00				43 00	53 99	25 50	46 00
Harmony.....	4			1	5				130	9	87	130 92			\$50 00	180 92	74 09	17 00	232 76
Charity.....	2			1	1			2	105	13	57	171 00				171 00	2538 35	32 50	222 76
Burlington.....	1			1	1				125	12	130	171 50				142 00	865 71	30 25	299 31
Toronto.....	8			1	10		1	2	169	4	21	42 00				1065 44	25 00	109 90	
Brock.....	0			1	1				17	14	68	136 00				136 00	200 40	9 50	45 00
Chatham.....	0		1		1				17	8	63	63 71				63 71	42 75	307 62	
Chatham.....	11				1				18	7	15	15 00				15 00	234 18	19 25	143 50
Albert.....	12				2				18	2	15	15 00				15 00	298 84	8 00	31 50
Fidelity.....	14				4				85	7	22	6 00				6 00	173 27	21 25	84 50
Limestone City.....	15	1	1	2	4		1		27	1	2	2 00				2 00	426 90	4 75	24 00
Mt. Ararat.....	16	2	1		2				34	1	2	6 00				6 00	675 50	6 75	31 00
Hebron.....	17				2				39	4	58	102 00				102 00	306 96	8 50	45 25
Gauntle.....	19			1	1		1	15	139	4	18	35 00				35 00	154 50	34 75	272 05
Unity.....	20	2	1	1	2				47	4	18	3 00				3 00	124 50	9 25	15 00
Guiding Star.....	21	6	1	1	1				47	4	23	44 50				44 50	1004 24	11 00	40 00
Niagara Falls.....	22				2				44	3	23	44 50				44 50	1004 24	17 25	102 25
Friendship.....	23	1	1		1				15	4	10	10 70				10 70	43 69	18 50	106 90
Victoria.....	24				1				17	4	10	10 70				10 70	289 87	18 50	106 90
Alpha.....	26			1	1			3	24	4	10	10 70				10 70	289 87	18 50	106 90

Huron	38	21	17	34.00	39.38	12.75	107.43
Wentworth	30	51	3	34.00	1161.75	14.50	31.50
Wellington	31	18	1	7.50	37.79	9.00	32.50
Exeter	37	36	3	7.00	210.00	7.00	40.00
Dufferin	38	28	1	7.00	.....	12.25	16.50
Aylmer	41	28	3	.....	.....	4.25	6.75
Collingwood	42	49	1	17.00	92.70	9.00	25.50
Saugen Valley	45	21	1	3.00	3.00	8.50	33.50
Samartian	46	3	.....	.....	.....	2.50	19.00
Minerva	47	20	.....	.....	.....	2.50	13.50
St. Catharines	48	20	.....	.....	.....	2.50	13.50
Ridley	50	1	.....	.....	.....	2.50	13.50
Outsouis	52	20	11 1/2	11.38	11.38	13.50	19.25
Maple Leaf	53	54	12	18.00	.....	5.00	54.75
Mt. Hebron	55	44	4	4.00	18.00	13.50	40.75
Phenix	56	52	39	58.50	58.50	13.00	40.75
Wapa	57	22	6	.....	.....	13.00	71.25
Waba	59	48	1	8.00	8.00	5.50	1.00
Central	60	31	4	8.00	.....	7.75	40.00
Amicus	61	98	32	48.00	48.00	24.50	176.38
Galt	62	24	9	.....	.....	4.50	21.00
Eureka	65	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hiawatha	66	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aurora	69	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
London	70	26	1	13.00	28.00	6.50	13.50
Trenton	71	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Picton	72	65	1	7.00	189.17	16.25	74.96
Pointe aux Pins	73	26	3	24.00	140.13	10.50	13.00
Amity	74	26	2	6.00	24.85	3.25	4.00
Corwall	81	15	6	6.00	25.94	7.00	16.00
Stirling B.	86	28	1	.....	.....	19.47	.....
Lake View	87	32	.....	.....	.....	5.64	25.49
Montreal (Que.)	88	23	5	28.50	450.24	19.25	109.33
Farnham	89	21	81.13
Maple Leaf	90	29	1	3.00	98.52	7.25	14.75
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STATISTICS.

The following summary from the returns will give our membership and standing December 31st, 1899:

Number of members, as per last report.....	3,358
Initiated during the year ending December 31st, 1899.....	150
Admitted by card.....	12
Reinstated.....	13
	175
Total.....	3,533
From which deduct:	
Withdrawn by card.....	21
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	138
Suspended for cause.....	1
Expelled.....	
Deceased.....	28
	188
In membership December 31st, 1899.....	3,345
No. of Patriarchs relieved.....	398
No. of weeks sickness for which Benefits were paid.....	2,010
Amount paid for Burying the Dead.....	\$167 00
Amount of Special Relief.....	116 00
Amount of Relief to Widowed Families.....	12 50
Amount paid for the Relief of Patriarchs.....	3,349 42
Total amount of Relief paid.....	\$3,654 92
Invested Funds of Subordinates.....	\$21,058 61
Total amount of Annual Revenue.....	7,768 46

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FINANCES.

Our receipts for 1899 have fallen off the past year considerably, while our expenditure has not been proportionably reduced. The purchase of Regalia for the Grand Officers and the publication of the Revised Constitution for Subordinates separately and in the Journal, has added materially to our expenditure. In fact for 1899 we spent nearly \$100 more than we received. Our receipts for the present year has not shown any marked increase, although for the past term the membership has made a good increase. Several weak Encampments have become dormant, while others mourned for as dead have taken a new lease of life. Our surplus funds at the present time will not any more than pay the expenses of the present Session, and a certain amount of economy will have to be practised, or we will be short. There are some outstanding accounts that ought either to be paid or cancelled.

ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due from Subordinates December 31st, 1899. This includes Capitation/Tax, which is not paid until the beginning of the year. A summary of the stock on hand is also added:

Amount due by Subordinates		\$713 00	
6 Charters on hand, @ \$ 1 00	\$ 6 00		
38 Books of By-Laws, @ 30	11 40		
7 Registration Books, @ 1 00	7 00		
20 Draft Books, @ 60	12 00		
12 Proposition Books, @ 1 00	12 00		
11 Roll Books, @ 50	5 50		
12 Treasurer's Books, @ 75	9 00		
19 Return Books, @ 70	13 30		
5 Charge Books, @ 2 50	12 50		
9 Term P. W. O. Books, @ 25	2 25		
700 Notices of Arrears, @ 50 per 100	3 50		
6 Black Books, @ 75	4 50		
1 Floor Work, @ 35	35		
1 Emblematical Chart, @ 2 00	2 00		
21 Caps, @ 20	4 20		
900 Application Forms, @ 25 per 100	2 25		
800 Certificate Forms, @ 25 per 100	2 00		
7 Official Receipts, @ 80	5 60		
		115 35	
Total		<u>\$828 35</u>	
In Treasurer's hands December 31st, 1899	\$ 146 55		
Cash, 1st August, 1900	1,380 45		
		\$1,527 00	
Balance overpaid December 31st, 1899	\$ 150 15		
Expenditure	699 88		
		850 03	
		<u>\$ 676 97</u>	

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STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

From 1st January to 31st December, 1899.

NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	DUES.	Charters	Supplies.	Total.
Union Encampment No. 1.....	\$ 32 50			\$ 32 50
Frontier " " 2.....	49 75		\$2 00	51 75
Harmony " " 3.....	38 00			38 00
Brant " " 4.....	65 00			65 00
Charity " " 5.....	52 00			52 00
Burlington " " 7.....	65 50			65 50
Toronto " " 8.....	53 50		1 62	55 12
Brock " " 9.....	19 75			19 75
Chatham " " 10.....	77 50			77 50
Ontario " " 11.....	36 50		4 00	40 50
Albert " " 12.....	8 75			8 75
Fidelity " " 14.....	16 00			16 00
Limestone City " " 15.....	36 25		1 68	37 93
Mt. Ararat " " 16.....	8 50			8 50
Hebron " " 17.....	12 75			12 75
Quinte " " 19.....	17 75		1 00	18 75
Elgin " " 20.....	66 25		1 50	67 75
Unity " " 21.....	21 75			21 75
Guiding Star " " 22.....	18 50			18 50
Niagara Falls " " 23.....	23 50			23 50
Friendship " " 24.....	33 50			33 50
Victoria " " 25.....	7 50			7 50
Alpha " " 26.....	29 20		2 00	31 20
Huron " " 28.....	5 25			5 25
Wentworth " " 30.....	9 00			9 00
Wellington " " 31.....	26 15			26 15
Exeter " " 33.....	9 00			9 00
Adelphian " " 38.....	21 50			21 50
Dufferin " " 41.....	13 75			13 75
Aylmer " " 42.....	24 25			24 25
Collingwood " " 45.....	8 50			8 50
Saugeen Valley " " 46.....	12 00			12 00
Minerva " " 47.....	10 25			10 25
Samaritan " " 49.....	13 00		1 00	14 00
Rehoboth " " 50.....	42 50			42 50
Ridgely " " 52.....	9 50			9 50
Outaouais " " 53.....	27 00		3 00	30 00
Maple Leaf " " 55.....	16 00			16 00
Mt. Hebron " " 56.....	21 75			21 75
Phoenix " " 57.....	24 75			24 75
Waba " " 58.....	11 00			11 00
Moira " " 59.....	30 50			30 50
Central " " 60.....	17 25			17 25
Amicus " " 61.....	11 50			11 50
Galt " " 62.....	51 25		1 00	52 25
Eureka " " 65.....	9 50		6 12	15 62
Hiawatha " " 66.....	13 00			13 00
Carried forward.....	\$1228 35		\$24 92	\$ 1253 27

STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED.—Continued.

NAME AND NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT.	DUES.	Charters	Supplies.	Total.
Brought forward.....	\$1228 35		\$ 24 92	\$1253 27
Aurora Encampment No. 67....	6 00			6 00
Forest " " 69....	15 00			15 00
Golden " " 70....	20 75			20 75
Pictou " " 72....	30 50		2 00	32 50
Pointe Aux Pins " " 73....	22 00			22 00
Amity " " 74....	13 50			13 50
Nibewin " " 75....	2 50			2 50
Cornwall " " 76....	7 25			7 25
Cataraqui " " 79....	7 25			7 25
Stirling " " 80....	13 75			13 75
George B. " " 81....	15 75			15 75
Lake View " " 83....	5 25			5 25
Maple Leaf " " 6....	17 00		93	17 93
Montreal " " 1....	35 00			35 00
Farnham " " 4....	11 75			11 75
J. F. Weir, Card.....			1 00	1 00
Total.....	\$1451 10		\$27 95	\$1479 55

EXPENDITURE.

1899

Beddome & Brown, Premium on Insurance....	\$ 3 00
A. Talbot & Co., Printing Journal and Other Supplies.....	199 75
Drafts, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	174 60
Salary of the Grand Scribe.....	400 00
James Westland, Repairing Seal.....	1 50
"Independent Oddfellow," Printing Circulars.....	1 50
Postage, Express Charges, Telegrams, Etc....	47 06
Frank Riddell, Auditors.....	15 10
E. J. Spackman,)	
Samuel Law, Travelling Expenses, Postage, Etc.....	17 50
Reid Bros. & Co., Stationery.....	14 95
Advocate Printing Co., Guelph, Printing Grand Patriarch's Report.....	18 00
Mileage and Per Diem, Representatives, Etc..	665 55
	\$ 1,558 51

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CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence during the year has been mainly of a business character. Nothing has occurred which requires notice unless it is a communication from Nibewin Encampment, No. 75, Chapleau. J. D. McAdam notified me early in the year that he was compelled to suspend the entire membership, as there was no other course left open for him, and there was no prospect for their continuance. I wrote him March 3rd to return their books and effects, and any effects of value, and I would pay all charges. He says :

"In reply to yours, I enclose report to June 30th, 1899. As there has been no dues paid in by any member since then, I consider it should have been closed then. I did not consider it necessary to write the names of those suspended. I could not find our last report, so this one is not just correct as to value of Regalia, etc. But it is certainly worth \$50 as stated. I will box up everything and ship to your address, by express, as soon as I have heard from you. When paying off our liabilities we had \$19 left, and we owed the Subordinate Lodge \$25 for rent, so I turned the \$19 in to them. I suppose the Grand Encampment will pay express charges on paraphernalia."

All the Books and Regalia has since been sent in, and it is in good condition.

By instructions from the Grand Patriarch, I had the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, with reference to our 81st Anniversary, printed and distributed, but no special effort was made by any Encampment, apart from Subordinate Lodge celebrations.

My intercourse with the Grand Patriarch and Grand Officers has been of the most pleasant character. The Grand Patriarch has been an energetic and painstaking officer, and has done good effective work among the Western Encampments.

Harmony and pleasant intercourse has marked all correspondence during the year, and I trust that our present Session may be productive of legislation that will elevate and bring increased prosperity to this branch of the Order.

Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe.

London, Ont., August 6th, 1900.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

PATRIARCHS,—The following is my Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

1899.		RECEIPTS.	
Jan.	1—	To balance on hand	\$ 227 36
May	27—	Cash from Grand Scribe	326 50
July	17—	" " " "	236 70
		" Interest to May 31	2 24
	26—	Cash from the Grand Scribe	322 00
	27—	" " " "	100 00
	27—	" " " "	100 00
Aug.	1—	" " " "	90 55
	3—	" " " "	75 80
Nov.	24—	" " " "	223 91
Dec.	20—	" " " "	
			1477 70
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1899.		EXPENDITURE.	
Jan.	17—	By Order No. 304	\$ 3 00
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	3—	" Mileage and per Diem	665 55
	4—	By Order No. 315	8 60
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Yours fraternally,

EDMUND BELTZ, *Grand Treasurer.*

London, Ont., Aug. 1st, 1900.

The election of officers was made the special order of business this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion the Grand Encampment took recess at 12 o'clock until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment opened at the appointed time, Grand Patriarch Wm. Potter presiding.

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

Opened in due form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Past Grand Patriarch, Joseph Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

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

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

1st. We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, also the Auditors' Report certifying to their correctness.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LONDON, August 1st, 1900.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe, also the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be correct.

A. DAVIS,
JOHN MCCORVIE, } *Auditors.*

2nd. We find the balance on hand in Treasurer's hands, August 8th, to be \$689.62.

3rd. We recommend the payment of the following accounts:

A. Talbot & Co., London	\$30 00
"The Planet," Chatham	22 75
Grand Patriarch's Expenses	32 18

\$84 93

4th. We recommend that 500 copies of the annual report be printed and distributed in the usual way.

5th. We recommend that the sum of two dollars be granted to the janitor of this hall for services rendered.

6th. We approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in appointing A. Davis and John McCorvie Auditors for the Grand Encampment.

7th. We would recommend to the Grand Scribe the advisability of getting tenders from several outside parties, as we think the price charged for his report is more than it should be, especially as the printer gets paid twice for a large portion of said report.

8th. In view of the fact that we have this year on hand only \$689.62, as against \$812.10 on hand last year, and this year we have liabilities of \$17.18 greater than this time last year; your Committee would suggest to the Mileage and Per Diem Committee that they recommend mileage be paid at the rate of four cents per mile one way.

9th. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the manner in which the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer have performed the duties of their offices.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,
T. D. FENWICK,
J. A. KIMBALL,
A. MASON,
J. J. OSBORNE.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—We, your Committee on By-Laws, beg to submit the following report, and recommend that the amendments submitted by the following Encampments to their By-Laws be approved, viz.: Burlington, No. 7, Hamilton; Montreal, No. 1, Montreal; Friendship, No. 24, Petrolia.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN WELSH,
THOS. BRUCE,
WM. DOUGLAS,
WM. E. NORRISH,
GEO. MARCH.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of clause 5, in Grand Patriarch's Report, headed "Decisions," would recommend that the decisions as given by him during his term and fully enumerated on pages 13, 14 and 15 of his report, be sustained by this Grand Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
GEO. H. YOUNG,
WM. MCINTOSH,
THOS. G. ANDERSON,
S. J. RUGG,

Committee.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time for the special order of business having arrived, Nomination and Election of Officers, it was proceeded with, with the following result :

Past Grand Patriarchs, John Gibson, A. H. Blackeby and Grand Secretary, J. B. King, were appointed Scrutineers.

LEONARD FERGUSON	Grand Patriarch
FRANK B. JEFFERY	Grand High Priest
E. J. SPACKMAN	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ	Grand Treasurer
L. B. COOPER	Grand Junior Warden
WM. POTTER	Grand Representatives
SAMUEL LAW	Sovereign Grand Lodge

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Patriarch, Abner Fraser, Chairman of the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, presented the following report, which was adopted :

HAMILTON, August 7th 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence beg leave to report :

That we have carefully gone over the correspondence of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, and find that although it has been important, individually it has not been of a nature to take up any time of this Grand Encampment ; it has all been promptly and courteously answered, and the information supplied will, we believe, be for the general good of the Order.

No petitions have been presented for our consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

ABNER FRASER,
GEO. LICKMAN,
C. E. KNOWLES,
JOHN A. MOWAT,
ROBERT ANGER,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NO. 1.

P. G. P., J. T. Hornibrook, Chairman of the Committee on "Home," presented the following report, which was adopted :

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Representatives, Grand Encampment. I. O. O. F.

PATRIARCHS,—Your Special Committee to whom was referred clause "Thanks to the Press," page 20, Grand Patriarch's Report, beg to report :

That they heartily endorse the sentiment expressed by the Grand Patriarch in said clause. We find, however, that while the Press in general have been very generous in chronicling the meetings, social gatherings, etc., of our Order, and are therefore deserving of our sincere thanks, our Official Organ, *The Independent Oddfellows*, merits special thanks and the cordial support not only of every Encampment, but also of every individual Patriarch, for the exceedingly interesting reports of the doings of the Order throughout the Dominion, published from month to month, and for providing the members of the Order with such a creditable publication, both typographically and as a "home journal."

Regarding clause, "Oddfellows' Home," page 19, Grand Patriarch's report, and page 2, Grand Scribe's report, your Committee endorses the action of the Grand Patriarch in re-appointing A. H. Blackeby, Past Grand Patriarch, and M. D. Dawson, Grand Scribe, as representatives of this Grand Encampment on the Oddfellows' Home Committee. We regret, however, that the said Committee have not as yet come to any definite conclusion regarding the selection of a site for a Home, would strongly recommend that the representatives of this Grand Encampment to said Committee be instructed to urge very strongly at the next meeting of the Committee, the advisability of at once purchasing a site in some appropriate locality, either as a free gift or by purchase, so that the Oddfellows of this fair Province of Ontario may be no longer behind their sister jurisdictions in having a home for our aged and indigent members, and the orphans left as a sacred trust by our deceased brethren, and by so doing instill into the members of the Patriarchal Branch of our Order such an earnest desire to have Ontario's Home one of the best and most complete Homes possessed by our Order. That in the future both Encampments and individual Patriarchs will subscribe so liberally to the fund organized for this purpose that our Grand Scribe will have no cause for complaint on this account.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. HORNIBROOK,
E. C. MEARNS,
H. E. TERRY.
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

Past Grand Patriarch Doggett, Chairman of the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, presented the following report, which was adopted:
To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

PATRIARCHS, Your Committee re Patriarchs Militant, not having anything referred to them relating to that Branch of our Order, beg leave to report as follows:

That in the opinion of your Committee this Grand Encampment, not having jurisdiction over that body, that your Committee be relieved from its further consideration, and that said Committee be discontinued.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED DOGGETT,
GEORGE LEE,
NELSON THOMPSON,
WM. RUDD,
WM. J. GRAHAM.
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Representative J. A. Wilson, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted:

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS, We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, beg leave to report:

We find no appeals or grievances before us. The Grand Patriarch having fulfilled the duties of his office so well, he has relieved us of all duties, showing that peace and harmony prevails in the Encampment Branch.

GEORGE BELL,
J. A. WILSON,
W. H. MANNING,
JOHN FANNING,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Representative D. J. Dickson, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted:

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—We, your Committee appointed on State of the Order, beg to submit the following report:

Grand Patriarch's Report:

We are pleased to observe that prosperity has attended this branch of our Order during the past year, and that a fair increase is shown in our membership; though not large, it indicates that more interest has been taken than in the past few years. We also note with pleasure the bright prospects for the institution of further new Encampments at Palmerston and Thamesville, and from information received since our present session began, we understand that Maxville may be added to the above mentioned places.

Resuscitations:

We congratulate the Grand Patriarch on the success which has crowned his efforts in this line, and approve of his action. We trust that the Encampments mentioned as being resuscitated will be successful, and will become a source of strength to this Grand Encampment.

Official Acts:

We approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in procuring the necessary regalia for the Officers of this Grand Encampment.

Official Visits:

We are pleased to note the number of official visits paid by the Grand Patriarch during his year of office, which indicates that he has been fully alive to his duty, and performed it in that respect as far as was in his power, and have no doubt that they will be conducive of good to the Encampments visited.

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Appendix A:

We approve of the circular issued by the Grand Patriarch to the D. D. G. P's of the Jurisdiction, and think that if the advice contained therein had been taken up and exercised more universally by the D. D. G. P's, there would have been a larger increase shown.

Appendix B and C:

We approve of the circulars issued as contained in Appendix B and C.

Dispensations:

We approve of the dispensation granted to hold a public installation of the Officers of Toronto and Rehoboth Encampments.

We also approve of the action of the Grand Patriarch in permitting the mergerment of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, and Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, Montreal.

Grand Scribe's Report:

It is gratifying to note the activity which has taken place in a number of the Encampments during the past year. Also, to notice that a great reduction has been made in the suspensions for N. P. D. This is a proof of what the members of this branch of the Order can do by putting forth a little exertion.

Referring to the Encampments which have not sent in returns, we would recommend that some stringent measures be adopted to compel them to do so, in order that the Grand Scribe may be enabled to give accurate returns of the standing of the Encampment Branch at the end of the year.

The whole is fraternally submitted.

D. J. DICKSON,
J. H. DOHERTY,
J. IRWIN,
JOHN P. GRIGG,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

HAMILTON, Aug. 7th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the distance travelled by the several Representatives, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Patriarchs, and recommend that they be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way, and two dollars per day for their attendance at this Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS COLBY,
THEO. LAWRENCE,
F. G. SAXTON,
A. SEARLES,
J. J. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

Moved by P. G. P., Jos. Oliver, seconded by P. G. P., John Welsh, in amendment, that the figure "five" be struck out, and "four" inserted.
Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Thomas Colby, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following table of Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted:

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	NO.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Frontier	2	Windsor	186	\$ 7 44	\$2 00	\$ 9 44	Wm. Douglas
"	2	"	186	7 44	2 00	9 44	Wm. J. Brett
Harmony	3	London	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	Robt. Wonacott
Brant	4	Brantford	24	96	2 00	2 96	J. C. Spence
"	4	"			2 00	2 00	Wm. McIntosh
Charity	5	Stratford	60	2 40	2 00	4 40	J. H. Roberts
"	5	"	60	2 40	2 00	4 40	Alex. Johnston
Burlington	7	Hamilton			2 00	2 00	Thos. G. Anderson
"	7	"			2 00	2 00	John T. Swinton
Toronto	8	Toronto	39	1 56	2 00	3 56	H. E. Terry
"	8	"	39	1 56	2 00	3 56	Thos. Colby
Brook	9	Brockville	247	9 88	2 00	11 88	H. Rath
Chatham	10	Chatham	140	5 60	2 00	7 60	Stephen G. Tilley
"	10	"	140	5 60	2 00	7 60	Albion Heath
Ontario	11	Osbawa	73	2 92	2 00	4 92	A. Mason
Whitby	13	Whitby			2 00	2 00	J. E. Farewell
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	96	5 84	2 00	7 84	J. Irwin
Limestone City	15	Kings-ton	201	8 04	2 00	10 04	Geo. Lee
Mt. Ararat	16	Napanee	175	7 00	2 00	9 00	Jas. A. Wilson
Hebron	17	Parkhill	100	4 00	2 00	6 00	A. E. Smith
Quinte	19	Belleville	153	6 12	2 00	8 12	J. T. Osborne
Egion	20	St. Thomas	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	H. A. McIntyre
"	20	"	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	J. B. Squance
Unity	21	Ingersoll	57	2 28	2 00	4 28	W. H. Manning
Guiding Star	22	Lindsay			2 00	2 00	Robt. Chambers
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	44	1 76	2 00	3 76	E. C. Meams
Friendship	24	Petrolia	127	5 08	2 00	7 08	J. J. Matthews

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Wellington	31	Guelph	46	1 84	2 00	3 84	Theo. D. Fenwick
Newmarket	32	Newmarket	74	2 00	2 00	4 00	F. G. Saxton
Exeter	33	Exeter	107	4 28	2 00	6 28	Henry Lambrook
Dresden	37	Dresden	152	6 08	2 00	8 08	Wm. Kidd
Adelphian	38	London	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	Geo. H. Young
Dufferin	41	Pt. Edward	137	5 48	2 00	7 48	T. Bruce
Aylmer	42	Aylmer	77	3 08	2 00	5 08	Robt. Anger
Collingwood	45	Collingwood	110	4 00	2 00	6 00	Theo. Lawrence
Saugreen Valley	46	Walkerton	115	4 00	2 00	6 00	Wm. North
Minerva	47	Wingham	116	4 64	2 00	6 64	J. A. Mowat
Samaritan	49	Berlin	39	1 56	2 00	3 56	Fred Kress
Rehoboth	50	Toronto	39	1 56	2 00	3 56	W. J. Graham
"	50	"	32	1 28	2 00	3 28	S. J. Rugg
Ridgely	52	Paris	295	11 80	2 00	13 80	J. B. McMillen
Outaouais	53	Ottawa	47	1 88	2 00	3 88	T. G. Sheen
Maple Leaf	55	Woodstock	115	6 56	2 00	8 56	Geo. March
Mt. Hebron	56	Peterborough	164	6 56	2 00	8 56	John Fanning
Phoenix	57	Wallaceburg	291	11 64	2 00	13 64	John Welch
Waba	58	Arnprior	180	7 20	2 00	9 20	John S. Moir
Moira	59	Belleville	61	2 44	2 00	4 44	Nelson Thompson
Central	60	Essex	31	1 24	2 00	3 24	Geo. Lickman
Amicus	62	Norwich	115	4 60	2 00	6 60	A. Seardes
Galt	62	Galt	115	4 60	2 00	6 60	C. E. Knowles
"	62	"	267	10 68	2 00	12 68	Arch. Smith
Eureka	65	Carleton Place	166	4 24	2 00	6 24	R.sbt. McCallum
Hiawatha	66	Peterborough	171	6 84	2 00	8 84	W. Comstock
Forest	69	Forest	148	5 02	2 00	7 02	John A. Kimball
Picton	72	Picton	90	3 00	2 00	5 00	H. M. Love
Pointe Aux Pins	73	Blenheim	295	11 80	2 00	13 80	David Muckle
Amity	74	Mt. Brydges	179	7 16	2 00	9 16	John P. Grigg
George B.	81	Ottawa	372	14 88	2 00	16 88	J. H. Doherty
Lake View	83	Ruthven	547	21 88	2 00	23 88	Frank M. C. Clarke
Montreal	1	Montreal	547	21 88	2 00	23 88	D. J. Dickson
Maple Leaf	6	Quebec	547	21 88	2 00	23 88	James W. Behm

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Continued.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	GRAND OFFICERS.
Chatham	10	Chatham	140	\$ 5 60	\$2 00	\$ 7 60	Wm. Potter
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	91	3 64	2 00	5 64	Leonard Ferguson
Charity	5	Stratford	60	2 40	2 00	4 40	Frank Jeffery
Harmony	3	London	76	3 04	2 00	5 04	M. D. Dawson
Adelphian	38	"	76	3 04	2 00	15 04	Edmund Beltz
Outaouais	53	Ottawa	295	11 80	2 00	3 80	Geo. Bell
Wellington	31	Guelph	46	1 84	2 00	3 84	Samuel Law
Exeter	33	Exeter	107	4 28	2 00	6 28	E. J. Spackman
Quinte	19	Belleville	153	6 12	2 00	8 12	Geo. Cooper
Harmony	3	London	75	3 04	2 00	5 04	Jos. Sanders
Toronto	8	Toronto	39	1 56	2 00	3 56	John Hunter
		Janitor			2 00	2 00	J. G. Henderson
							PAST GRAND OFFICERS
Toronto	8	Toronto			2 00	2 00	Jos. Oliver
Elgin	20	St. Thomas			2 00	5 64	Fred Doggett
Waba.	58	Arnprior	91	3 64	2 00	13 64	John A. Macdonald
Galt	62	Galt	291	11 64	2 00	2 00	A. H. Blackeby
Eureka	65	Careton Place	267	10 68	2 00	12 68	S. S. Merick
Charity	5	Stratford	60	2 40	2 00	4 40	John Gib-son
Toronto	8	Toronto			2 00	2 00	J. T. Hornbrook
Charity	5	Stratford			2 00	2 00	John Welsh
Burlington	7	Hamilton			2 00	2 00	Abner Fraser
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Respectfully submitted.

THOS. COLBY,
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Patriarch installed the officers elect for the ensuing year in the following order:

LEONARD FERGUSON, St. Thomas.....	Grand Patriarch
FRANK JEFFERY, Stratford.....	Grand High Priest
E. J. SPACKMAN, Exeter.....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London.....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ, London.....	Grand Treasurer
L. B. COOPER, Belleville.....	Grand Junior Warden
JOHN ROSS, Sarnia.....	Grand Sentinel
D. J. DICKSON, Montreal.....	Grand Marshal
GEO. MARCH, Woodstock.....	Grand Outside Sentinel

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Past Grand Patriarch, Samuel Law, Chairman of Special Committee No. 2, presented the following report, which was adopted:

HAMILTON, August 7th, 1900.

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

PATRIARCHS,—Your Special Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred Sec. 1, of Clause 5, page 12, and the conclusion of the Grand Patriarch's Report, desire to place on record the deep appreciation of this Grand Encampment of the services rendered by the Grand Patriarch during the past term. He has been very assiduous in the performance of the duties of the office, and much of the present prosperity of the Encampments are due to his efforts and example, assisted as he has been by the other Grand Officers and D. D. G. P's of this Grand Encampment. We are pleased indeed to have with us to-day the old veterans, P. G. P. Gibson, Grand Scribe Dawson, Grand Treasurer Beltz, and P. G. H. P. Hunter, and trust that they may long be spared to attend the future sessions of this Grand Encampment.

It should be a source of gratification and pride to every member of our Patriarchal family in Ontario to know that we have within our Jurisdiction one of the very best teams on the Continent in the exemplification of the Three Degrees of this Branch of our Order. This was well expressed, and came with better grace from the representatives of the highest legislative body of the Order, headed by Grand Sire Pinkerton, in Detroit, last September. The Degree Staff of Chatham Encampment, No. 10, captained by our present Grand Patriarch, there added to their already numerous laurels, and the only matter for regret is that every Patriarch in Ontario could not have had an opportunity of seeing the work so beautifully exemplified, and thus have their faith in, and their enthusiasm for, Patriarchal Oddfellowship increased and intensified.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL LAW,
JOHN HUNTER,
ALEX. JOHNSTON,
JOHN F. SWINTON,
H. A. MCINTYRE,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

P.G.P., A. H. Blackeby, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Patriarch be empowered to transfer the Charter of the Encampment now at Farnham to Cowansville, as soon as he

shall have received satisfactory assurance that a suitable room has been provided for the work of the Patriarchal Degree.

A. H. BLACKEBY,
D. J. DICKSON.

P. G. P., Samuel Law presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That P. G. P., A. H. Blackeby and Grand Scribe Dawson be the Representatives of this Grand Encampment on the Oddfellows' Home Board.

A. H. BLACKEBY,
C. E. KNOWLES.

P. G. P., John Welsh presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment is due, and is hereby tendered, to the Hamilton Patriarchs for their many courtesies, and to the City for allowing us the use of their beautiful Court Room and other rooms for our sessions.

JOHN WELSH,
FRED. DOGGETT.

P. G. P., John Welsh, presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, be a Committee to get up a new form of Return, similar to that used by the Grand Lodge at the present time if they consider it advisable.

/JOHN WELSH,
C. E. KNOWLES.

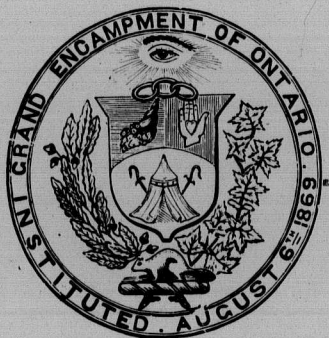
NOTICE OF MOTION.

The notice of motion of Representative Colby, of Toronto Encampment, No. 8, Toronto, given last year, amending Article 16, Constitution of the Grand Encampment, by striking out the word "annually" and inserting the word "biennial," was introduced; but, as it was the closing hours of the session, it was considered inadvisable to discuss and bring it to an issue, and it was laid over until next year, the same motion being considered all that was necessary to give.

Business being at an end, the Grand Encampment closed with the usual formalities.

M. D. DAWSON,

GRAND SCRIBE.



REINSTATEMENTS.

The following are the Reinstatements to June 30th, 1900:

CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, NO. 10, CHATHAM.—Wm. Spruital, September 7th, 1899.

WHITBY ENCAMPMENT, NO. 13, WHITBY.—J. E. Farewell, Alex. Smith, James Pringle, R. L. Haggard, D. R. Vickars, John Noble, Wm. Robson, Thomas Thomas and Philip Taylor. Date not given.

LIMESTONE CITY ENCAMPMENT, NO. 15, KINGSTON.—Joseph Powley, July 27th, 1899.

MOUNT ARARAT ENCAMPMENT, NO. 16, NAPANEE.—Manley Conger, April 25th, 1900.

QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, NO. 19, BELLEVILLE.—W. Wilkins, Oct. 14th, 1899; Jesse Harris, June 13th, 1900.

ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 20, ST. THOMAS.—H. B. Terwilliger, Oct. 10th, 1899.

UNITY ENCAMPMENT, NO. 21, INGERSOLL.—J. A. Young, Nov. 14th, 1899; Wm. Mills, May 25th, 1900.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, NO. 24, PETROLIA.—T. H. Sackrider, Feb. 13th, 1900; John McRobie, Sept. 12th, 1899.

ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, NO. 26, SARNIA.—James McIlhoygu, January 11th, 1900.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, NO. 31, GUELPH.—John C. Walker, Nov. 24th, 1899.

NEWMARKET ENCAMPMENT, NO. 32, NEWMARKET.—R. H. Brimson, Henry Devine, Geo. Trivett, Timothy Trivett, Jr., Fred. Saxton, L. Atkinson, Chas. Ross, J. E. Hughes and N. N. McDougall. Date not given.

DRESDEN ENCAMPMENT, NO. 37, DRESDEN.—Wm. Ward, W. T. Prangley, R. Eastlake, L. V. Peters, S. M. Sager, E. R. Elgie, W. H. Pollock, R. F. Rudd, Thos. Elgie, E. P. Sturges, Wm. Rudd, John Watson and Wm. Elgie. Date not given.

MINERVA ENCAMPMENT, NO. 47, WINGHAM.—W. Hough, Sept. 25th, 1899; W. J. Blatchford, Feb. 12th, 1900.

REHOBOTH ENCAMPMENT, NO. 50, TORONTO.—Wm. Reniholt, April 26th, 1900.

OUTAOUAIS ENCAMPMENT, NO. 53, OTTAWA.—E. B. Butterworth, June 15th, 1900.

PHENIX ENCAMPMENT, NO. 57, WALLACEBURG.—A. D. Thornton, January 23rd, 1900.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, NO. 59, BELLEVILLE.—Jas. Williamson, April 24th, 1900; John Muir, June 12th, 1900; Geo. Osmond, June 26th, 1900.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, NO. 60, ESSEX.—Thos. Robinson, February 6th, 1900.

POINTE AUX PINS ENCAMPMENT, NO. 73, BLENHEIM.—Henry Reynolds, Sept. 5th, 1899; S. H. Bacon, July 18th, 1899.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following are the Suspensions to the 30th of June, 1900, for non payment of dues:

UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, ST. CATHARINES.—S. Atkinson, R. L. Durham and G. E. Patterson, Dec. 19th, 1899.

HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, LONDON.—W. T. Evans, W. E. Jackson, Geo. Powell, Simeon Mason, and Wm. Brooks, Dec. 31st, 1899; Wm. Weir and Wm. Hayman, June 30, 1900.

BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD.—D. Thomas, June 30th, 1900.

CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, STRATFORD.—Wm. Abraham, Dec. 22nd, 1899; H. J. Emm, June 22nd, 1900.

BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON.—J. C. Bolegain, W. R. Webb, W. H. Kerner, R. S. Fraser, M. D. Fenton, W. S. McAndrus, and J. H. O'Neil, Dec. 25th, 1899.

BROCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, BROCKVILLE.—Allan Turner, June 29th, 1900.

CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM.—T. V. Challinor, W. J. Valleau, W. J. Smith, Phillip Sulyer and W. F. Smith, June 21st, 1900.

ONTARIO ENCAMPMENT, No. 11, OSHAWA.—T. J. Bennatto, July 28th, 1899.

LIMESTONE CITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, KINGSTON.—H. McFaul, Stewart Simmons, F. R. Sargent and Henry Sharpe, Dec. 28th, 1899; Geo. Cowper, L. L. Henderson, Lemuel Milk, O. Obendorfer and E. Roy, June 27th, 1900.

HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 17, PARKHILL.—J. C. Baird, June 30th, 1900.

QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE.—R. R. Palmer and Geo. Johnson, Dec. 27th, 1899; Wm. Pringle and Geo. Atkins, June 27th, 1900.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS.—W. J. Seymour and R. Law, Dec. 31st, 1899.

FRIENDSHIP ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, PETROLIA.—D. A. Thompson, S. Phillips, A. Richmond, Thos. Acton and F. R. Webb, June 30th, 1900.

ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, SARNIA.—Wm. Garrocks, A. A. Matthews, R. Richardson and John Morvel, June 21st, 1900.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, GUELPH.—Chas. E. Sleeman, Geo. A. Sleeman, J. T. Howett and Geo. C. Wreford, Dec. 22nd, 1899; Brutus Stimer, E. B. Armstrong, D. B. Watson, R. M. Storey, H. Horning and S. Springer, June 22nd, 1900.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON.—James Fitzgerald, T. D. Hastings, W. Jacobs, Frank Riddell, John Shaw and Jas. L. Spry, Dec. 23rd, 1899.

DUFFERIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 41, POINT EDWARD.—W. F. Gibson, M. A. Hitchcock and James Aiken, May 22nd, 1900.

COLLINGWOOD ENCAMPMENT, No. 45, COLLINGWOOD.—John Chamberlain, D. A. Bell, C. Wilson and W. R. Bailey, June 15th, 1900.

SARGEON VALLEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 46, WALKERTON.—Henry Noble, Dec. 18th, 1899.

MINERVA ENCAMPMENT, No. 47, WINGHAM.—W. F. Brockenshire, L. H. Manuel, Arch. Barber and Neil McGregor, June 30th, 1900.

SAMARITAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 49, BERLIN.—R. VonPirch, J. E. Hett, C. H. Walper, Wm. Schmidt and W. R. Travers, April 10th, 1900.

RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 52, JARVIS.—R. W. Mead and Wm. Hawthorne, Dec. 7th, 1899; Geo. Hussey and Arthur Ryerse, June 7th, 1900.

MOUNT HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 56, PETERBOROUGH.—E. T. Morison, Dec. 26th, 1899; J. J. Bennett, Geo. H. Martin, June 27th, 1900.

MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, BELLEVILLE.—J. A. Coon, W. Marks, J. S. Middlemas, Geo. Osmond, H. E. Otton and H. D. Rawson, no date given; J. Laing, J. McKnight, J. Kain, W. H. Ketcheson, O. C. Brickman, and E. W. Cooley, June 26th, 1900.

CENTRAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 60, ESSEX.—James May and E. McCausland, Dec. 31st, 1899; J. J. Fulmer and J. M. Hicks, June 30th, 1900.

AMICUS ENCAMPMENT, No. 61, NORWICH.—R. Heywood and J. M. Cole, June 28th, 1900.

GALT ENCAMPMENT, No. 62, GALT.—M. Campbell, G. W. Bloischke, T. G. Wilson, W. J. Lunn and W. McElroy, Dec. 31st, 1899.

HIAWATHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 66, PETERBOROUGH.—W. G. Howden, W. Paterson and J. Greer, no date given; Jas. Edgcombe and R. M. Armstrong, June 27th, 1900.

FOREST ENCAMPMENT, No. 69, FOREST.—Wm. B. Gillhuly, Daniel Paxman, Geo. Timcoth and C. W. Lucas, Dec. 7th, 1899.

PICTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 72, PICTON.—C. B. Allison, B. W. Brougard, H. W. Branscombe, June 15th, 1900.

POINTE AUX PINS ENCAMPMENT, No. 73, BLENHEIM.—A. R. Hanks, Jas. Cox, jr., W. E. Hall, H. S. Wilson, Geo. Geddis, E. H. Morse and T. Lynch, Dec. 19th, 1899.

STIRLING ENCAMPMENT, No. 80, STIRLING.—John Brown, Salam Denike and A. L. Hough. No date given.

CORNWALL ENCAMPMENT, No. 76, CORNWALL.—C. J. Hamilton, 22nd Dec., 1899.

FARNHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, FARNHAM, QUE.—J. H. Duff, J. S. Mitchell, A. E. Fouks, P. H. Fairfield and J. A. Armstrong. No date given.

MAPLE LEAF ENCAMPMENT, No. 6, QUEBEC CITY.—C. A. Bruthner, T. J. Ross, Fred. Ruthven, T. Morrill, D. Scott and Geo. Giles, Dec. 27th, 1899.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

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

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

The Per Capita Tax is twenty-five cents on each member upon the roll at the last stated meeting in the term.

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

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

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

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

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

Charge Books	\$2 50
Books of Law, each	40
Digest	3 00
Emblematic Chart	3 00
Visiting Cards, each	28
Withdrawal Cards, each	28
Dismissal Certificates	28
"Orders for P. W.," in books	50
Encampment Floor Work	50
Register Books, each	3 50
Proposition Books, each	3 25
Black Books, each	2 00
Draft Books, each	2 00
Treasurer's Books, each	1 00
Official Receipt Books, each	1 00
Roll Books, each	1 00
Notices of Arrears, per 100	50
Applications for Membership, (loose) per 100	50
Applications for Certificates, per 100	50
New Installation Ceremony	75

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS
—OF—
THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.
OF THE
Province of Ontario, for 1900-1901.

LEONARD FERGUSON	Grand Patriarch	St. Thomas
FRANK JEFFERY	Grand High Priest	Stratford
E. J. SPACKMAN	Grand Senior Warden	Exeter
M. D. DAWSON	Grand Scribe	London
EDMUND BELTZ	Grand Treasurer	London
SAMUEL LAW	Grand Rep. S. G. L.	Guelph
WM. POTTER	Grand Rep. S. G. L.	Chatham
L. B. COOPER	Grand Junior Warden	Belleville
D. J. DICKSON	Grand Marshal	Montreal
JOHN ROSS	Grand Sentinel	Sarnia
GEO. MARCH	Grand Outside Sentinel	Woodstock

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

*JAMES WOODYATT	Brantford	1869-1870
S. G. DOLSON	St. Catharines	1870-1871
†HENRY McAFEE	Walkerville	1871-1872
‡ADAM PURVES	St. Catharines	1872-1873
§JOHN HAM PERRY	Whitby	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON	Stratford	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON	St. Catharines	1875-1876
W. H. COLE	Brockville	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT	Brantford	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON	London	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS	Hamilton	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH	Toronto	1880-1881
FRANCIS RAE	Oshawa	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON	Kingston	1882-1883
HECTOR URQUHART	Sirathroy	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER	Toronto	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH	Stratford	1885-1886
FRANK RIDDELL	London	1886-1887
JOHN SINCLAIR	Petrolia	1887-1888
ABNER FRASER	Hamilton	1888-1889
J. T. HORNIBROOK	Toronto	1889-1890
JOHN A. MACDONALD	Arnprior	1790-1891
D. H. MOORE	Peterborough	1891-1892
FRED. DOGGETT	St. Thomas	1892-1893
A. H. BLACKEBY	Galt	1893-1894
S. S. MERICK	Carleton Place	1894-1895
JOHN J. REED	Montreal	1895-1896
GEORGE ROSS	Hamilton	1896-1897
GEORGE BELL	Ottawa	1897-1898
SAMUEL LAW	Guelph	1898-1899
WM. POTTER	Chatham	1899-1900

*Died August 20th, 1894.

‡Died March 25th, 1896.

†Died Oct. 23rd, 1892.

§Died April 8th, 1896.

†Died Dec. 26th, 1896.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

DISTRICT NO. 1—

*Walter Chater, Walkerville.*Windsor.
Essex.
Ruthven.

DISTRICT NO. 2—

*George M. Baird, Blenheim.*Chatham.
Blenheim.
Wallaceburg.
Dresden.

DISTRICT NO. 3—

*Robert Anger, Aylmer.*St. Thomas.
Aylmer.
Woodstock.
Ingersoll.

DISTRICT NO. 4—

*Elijah Beal, Norwich.*Brantford.
Norwich.

DISTRICT NO. 5—

*C. E. Bourne, Jarvis.*Waterford.
Jarvis.

DISTRICT NO. 6—

*E. C. Mearns, Niagara Falls.*St. Catharines.
Niagara Falls.

DISTRICT NO. 7—

*Joseph T. Donaldson, Galt.*Burlington.
Dundas.
Galt.

DISTRICT NO. 8—

*John Barned, London.*London.
Mt. Brydges.
Strathroy.

DISTRICT NO. 9—

*W. J. Clark, Petrolia.*Sarnia.
Pt. Edward.
Petrolia.

DISTRICT NO. 10—

*A. F. Steele, Forest.*Forest.
Parkhill.

DISTRICT NO. 11—

H. W. Ball, Goderich.

Goderich.

DISTRICT NO. 12—

*H. T. Elliott, Wingham.*Exeter.
Wingham.

DISTRICT NO. 13—

F. Schwalm, Walkerton.

Walkerton.

DISTRICT NO. 14—

*Samuel Law, Guelph.*Stratford.
Guelph.
Berlin.

DISTRICT NO. 15—

*Abram Matts, Collingwood.*Collingwood.
Barrie.

DISTRICT NO. 16—

Wm. J. Foster, Toronto.
 Toronto (2).
 Newmarket.
 Aurora.

DISTRICT NO. 17—

J. E. Farewell, Whitby.
 Bowmanville.
 Oshawa.
 Whitby.

DISTRICT NO. 18—

A. A. Stevenson, Port Hope.
 Port Hope.
 Cobourg.

DISTRICT NO. 19—

R. F. Perry, Peterborough.
 Lindsay.
 Peterborough.
 Norwood.

DISTRICT NO. 20—

F. W. Martin, Picton.
 Belleville (2)
 Trenton.
 Picton.
 Stirling.

DISTRICT NO. 21—

M. S. Plumley, Napanee.
 Kingston.
 Napanee.

DISTRICT NO. 22—

Fred Gallagher, Ottawa.
 Ottawa (2).
 Carleton Place.

DISTRICT NO. 22½—

John A. Macdonald, Arnprior.

DISTRICT NO. 23—

C. R. Curry, Brockville.
 Brockville.
 Prescott.

DISTRICT NO. 24—

Wm Clayton, Cornwall.
 Cornwall.

DISTRICT NO. 28—

*W. J. Johnston, St. Lawrence Sugar
 Refining Co., Maisonn-
 curve, Montreal, Que.*
 Montreal.

DISTRICT NO. 28½—

Farnham.
 St. John's.

DISTRICT NO. 30—

A. John Teakle, Quebec.
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS —OF— SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS

Elected and Installed for Term Ending
Dec. 31st, 1900.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT	No.	LOCATION	CHIEF PATRIARCH	SCRIBE	NIGHT OF MEETING
Union	1	St. Catharines.	J. A. Swinton	E. Poole	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Frontier	2	Windsor	John Todd	Wm. J. Brett	2nd and 4th Friday
Harmony	3	London	Robt. Wagnacott	Alf. Davis	2nd and 4th Thursday
Brant	4	Brantford	A. J. Crooks	Chas. Cowherd	1st and 3rd Friday
Charity	5	Stratford	H. E. Vaux	F. B. Jeffrey	2nd and 4th Friday
Burlington	7	Hamilton	Jos. Hopkins	Geo. H. Britton	2nd and 4th Monday
Toronto	8	Toronto	J. Anderson	H. W. Taylor	2nd Thursday
Brock	9	Brockville	W. H. Hute	H. B. Coates	1st Friday
Chatham	10	Chatham	H. H. Winegarden	Edwin E. Wing	1st and 3rd Thursday
Ontario	11	Oshawa	A. Chambers	J. W. Ellis	2nd and 4th Friday
Whitby	13	Whitby	J. E. Farewell	Wm. Robson	1st Wednesday
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	S. P. Furey	J. T. Nicholls	2nd and 4th Monday
Limestone City	15	Kingston	Thos. H. Funnell	Wm. G. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Thursday
Mount Ararat	16	Napanee	M. S. Plunley	J. A. Wilson	1st Wed. on or before f. m.
Hebron	17	Parkhill	W. G. S. Fraser	Jno. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Monday
Quinte	19	Belleville	W. A. Lozier	Geo. R. Brown	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Etgin	20	St. Thomas	Albert Barber	L. Ferguson	1st and 3rd Monday
Unity	21	Ingersoll	A. Alexander	Wm. Brett	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Guiding Star	22	Lindsay	A. Blair	J. A. McLean	1st and 3rd Thursday
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	G. Clark	W. J. Hamilton	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Friendship	24	Petrolia	E. T. Hill	J. J. Matthews	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Alpha	26	Sarnia	Walter Kirton	John Ross	1st and 3rd Thursday
Wellington	31	Guelph	H. Gerry	Samuel Law	2nd and 4th Friday
Newmarket	32	Newmarket	J. E. Hughes	N. N. McDougall	4th Friday
Exeter	33	Exeter	S. A. Poppleston	A. E. Fuke	1st Thursday
Dresden	37	Dresden	J. E. Watson	Wm. Rudd	1st and 3rd Thursday
Adelphian	38	London	Geo. H. Young	John Bamed	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Dufferin	41	Pt. Edward	D. Campbell	Jno. E. Campbell	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Aylmer	42	Aylmer	Robt. Middleton	Chas. Watson	2nd and 4th Monday
Collingwood	45	Collingwood	Abe Matts	T. Lawrence	1st and 3rd Friday
Saugeen Valley	46	Walkerton	Eli Nyles	J. F. Schwalm	1st and 3rd Monday
Minerva	47	Wingham	R. J. Rose	J. W. Dodd	2nd and 4th Monday
Samaritan	49	Berlin	J. K. Master	F. M. Zarnke	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Rehoboth	50	Toronto	Hugh Stevenson	J. M. Clapp	4th Thursday
Ridgely	52	Jarvis	Robt. Butcher	D. M. Allen	1st Thursday
Outaouais	53	Ottawa	Joseph Manners	A. E. Flatters	1st and 3rd Friday
Maple Leaf	55	Woodstock	W. McWhinnie	C. F. Trant	Alternate Wednesday
Mt. Hebron	56	Peterborough	Frank Gallitt	Robt. Mulligan	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Phoenix	57	Wallaceburg	S. Platt	F. Harris	2nd and 4th Thursday
Waba	58	Arnprior	A. S. Rusland	Jas. C. Williams	2nd and 4th Friday
Moira	59	Belleville	Morley Sine	W. Nelson	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Central	60	Essex	G. A. Francis	G. F. Hill	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Amicus	61	Norwich	H. Farrell	R. Kemp Panter	2nd and 4th Thursday
Galt	62	Galt	J. H. Steele	T. Vair	1st and 3rd Friday
Eureka	65	Carleton Place	S. S. Merick	N. D. McCallum	3rd Monday
Hiawatha	66	Peterborough	J. E. Emmerson	W. Comstock	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Forest	69	Forest	Chas. W. Stuart	A. F. Steele	Mon. on or before f. m.
Pictou	72	Pictou	Alonzo Weeks	E. C. Garbutt	1st and 3rd Friday
Pointe Aux Pins	73	Blenheim	A. D. Findlay	Geo. M. Baird	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Amity	74	Mt. Brydges	Henry Hardy	J. Robinson	Tues. on or before f. m.
Cornwall	76	Cornwall	Thos. C. Scott	F. Bisset	2nd and 4th Friday
Stirling	80	Stirling	E. T. Calverly	W. F. Ashley	1st and 3rd Monday
George B.	81	Ottawa	Wm. Borthwick	J. H. Doherty	1st and 3rd Friday
Lakeview	83	Ruthven	Burnell W. Wigle	C. H. McWeikell	2nd and 4th Thursday
Montreal	1	Montreal	George Varey	D. J. Dickson	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Farnham	4	Farnham	W. H. McCabe	A. H. Eager	4th Wednesday
Maple Leaf	6	Quebec	Robt. McKay	J. W. Behm	2nd and 4th Tuesday

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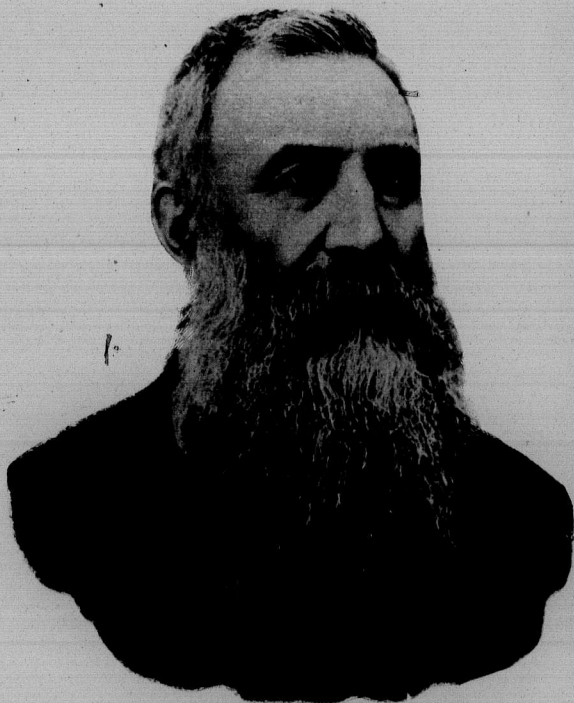
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In Memoriam

Bro. R. J. C. Dawson was born at Bathurst, N.B., on the 3rd of October, 1835. Died in London, England, September 23, 1900.

In 1851, with his father and family he removed to London, Ontario. The following year he went into the London Post Office as a junior clerk. A few years later he was accepted as a member of the Civil Service. At that time there were but four clerks in the London office. In 1860 he was promoted to the position of assistant postmaster, which he held for 21 years. Upon the superannuation of the late Lawrence Lawless he was made acting postmaster, and proving a capable and efficient executive officer was appointed postmaster. He made the office one of the most successful in the Province. After nearly fifty years in the public service he was superannuated.

Retired to inactive life he could not endure enforced idleness, and the change made a sad change in his health. His daughter's meeting with the sad accident on the electric railroad, thereby losing a leg, had also a serious effect upon him. He aged beyond his years. He came from long-lived parentage, and in all his history was without serious sickness.

Early in May of this year with his family he went to London, England, intending to remain away for a year. But it was willed that he should not return to his native land. Suddenly in the bosom of his family the dread summons came. He died from heart failure after a few hours' illness. Without pain or a struggle he fell asleep.

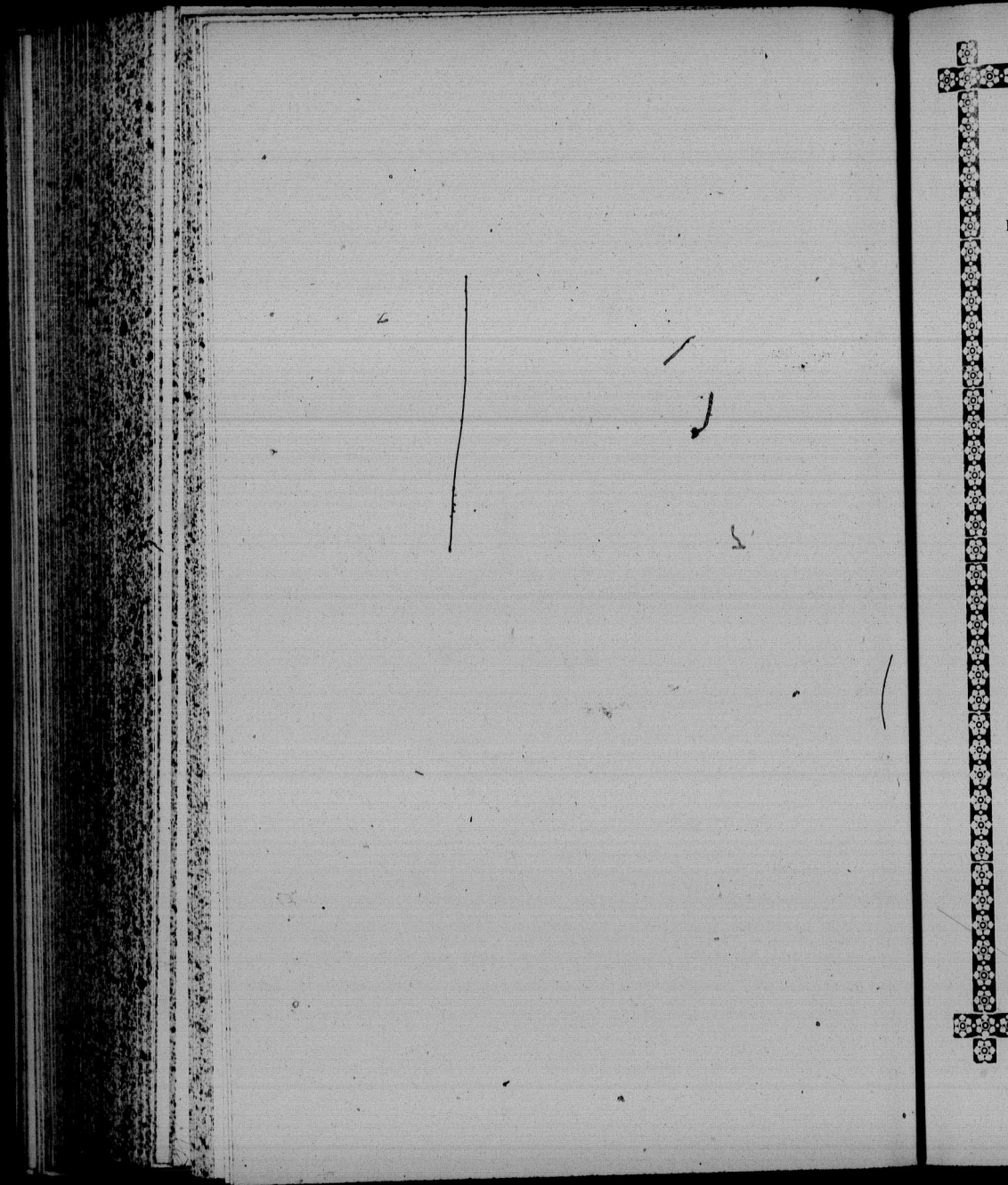
Bro. Dawson joined Forest City Lodge, No. 38, I.O.O.F., when a young man and became one of its most prominent members. He filled every position in the lodge with credit and ability. In conferring degrees or routine work he never had occasion to refer to a book. He often represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and was a well-known figure in that body. He was also a member of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, and was a delegate from that body at Hamilton in 1869, and assisted at the instituting of the Grand Encampment. Faithful and active unto death, and a constant attendant at both lodge and encampment for over thirty years. The subordinate lodge meeting was the last public place he visited before leaving home, and he parted from the members present in the best of spirits.

Bro. Dawson was best known, however, in the Queen's Ave. or First Methodist Church. For over forty years he was an active and consistent member; was recording steward for years, and a member of the Trustee Board. In Sabbath School work he was very prominent. For years he taught an advanced Bible Class and filled the position of superintendent. He died on Sunday, the 23rd of September, and the cablegram announcing his death was a great shock to the school of 600 persons assembled. The great bell of the church was tolled for an hour by order of the Trustee Board, and also when the funeral was taking place in England the following Tuesday.

As Odd Fellows we mourn a good Brother gone. He rests from his earthly labors, and his many good works and kindly deeds are a sweet remembrance to the family and loved ones left behind. He sleeps in beautiful Marylebone Cemetery—buried without pomp or display.

“So dearest, now thy brows are cold,
I see thee what thou art, and know
Thy likeness to the wise below,
Thy kindred with the great of old.

“But there is more than I can see,
And what I see I leave unsaid,
Nor speak it, knowing death has made
His darkness beautiful with thee.”



In Memoriam.

No. 1—

W. W. Corbin, St. Catharines..... January 22nd, 1900
Alex. McMillan, St. Catharines..... March 17th, 1900
D. G. Smith, St. Catharines June 26th, 1900

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W. H. Ryall, Windsor Date not given

No. 3—

John Baker, London March 2nd, 1900

No. 4—

James Cruickshank, Brantford..... April 14th, 1900

No. 8—

J. A. Mills, P. C. P., Toronto..... July 13th, 1899

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W. J. Watson, Kingston..... December 16th, 1899

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Robert McKay, St. Thomas December 23rd, 1899

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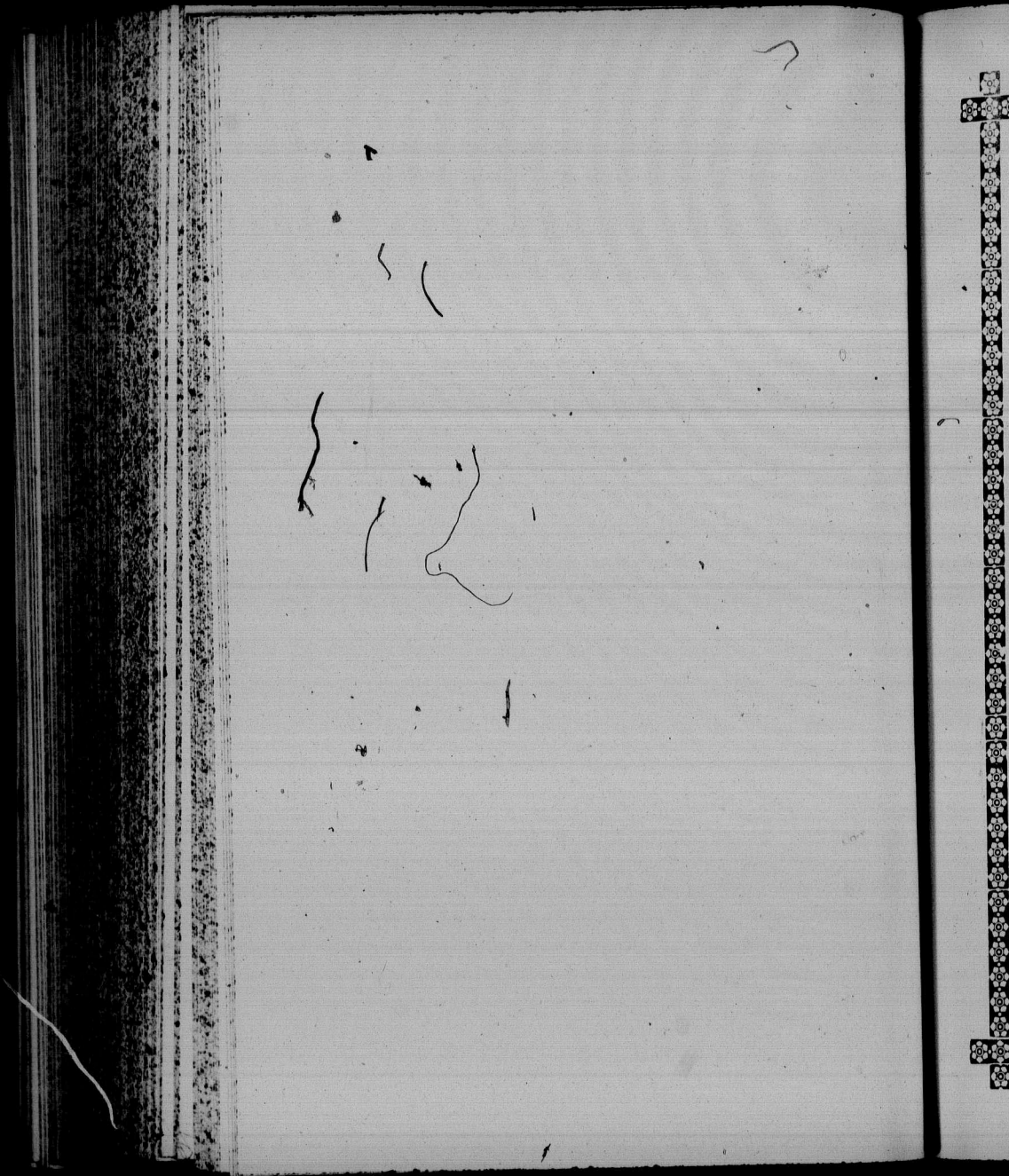
Jacob Size, Ingersoll May, 1900

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W. H. Morris, Peterborough October 25th, 1899

No. 59—

W. G. Henderson, Belleville..... October 15th, 1899



In Memoriam.

No. 61—

T. S. Dennis, Norwich.....March 11th, 1900

No. 62—

H. Rollings, Galt.....December 22nd, 1899
Geo. W. Buscombe, Galt.....February 14th, 1900

No. 65—

David Breckenridge, Carleton Place. September 27th, 1899

No. 66—

Geo. A. Milne, Peterborough.....Date not given

No. 69—

John A. Shepherd, Forest.....September 14th, 1899

No. 71—

W. J. Campbell, Trenton.....July, 1898

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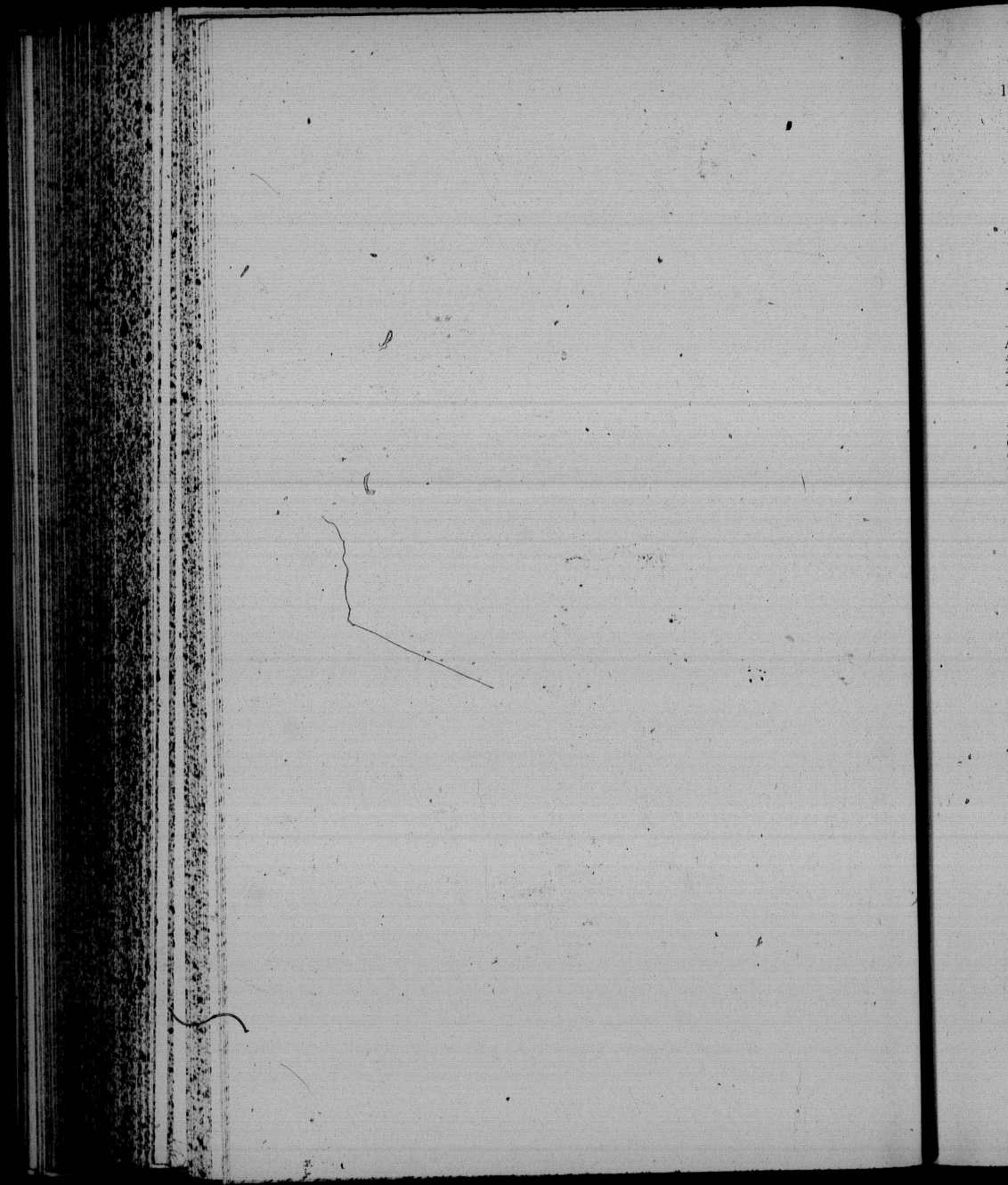
James Cox, Mt. Brydges.....September 30th, 1899

No. 75—

Wm. Yule, Chapleau.....April 3rd, 1899

No. 1—

Geo. Lamb, Montreal, Que.....October 27th, 1899



NAMES AND ADDRESSES

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GRAND SCRIBES.

JURISDICTION.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Robert West	Montgomery.
Arizona	Geo. A. Mintz	Phoenix.
Arkansas	J. B. Friedheim	Box 194, Camden.
Australasia:		
New South Wales	John Webb	138 Bathurst street, Sydney.
South Australia		
Victoria		
British Columbia	Daniel Welsh	Box 384, New Westminster.
California	Wm. H. Barnes	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
Colorado	J. M. Norman	Mining Exchange, Denver.
Connecticut	Frederick Botsford	Drawer 5, New Haven.
Delaware	Edwin Hirst	609 Madison street, Wilmington.
District of Columbia	E. H. Pearson	132 11th, Southeast, Washington.
Florida	F. A. Maginnis	Tallahassee.
Georgia	John G. Deitz	Macon.
Idaho	A. K. Steunenberg	Caldwell.
Illinois	John C. Smith	65 Sibley street, Chicago.
Indiana	W. H. Leedy	Box 89, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Wm. Musson	Des Moines.
Kansas	E. T. Rees	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	R. G. Elliott	606 West Walnut, Louisville.
Louisiana	F. Grieshaber	Drawer 383, New Orleans.
Maine	B. C. Stone	Portland.
Manitoba	D. E. McKinnon	Winnipeg.
Maritime Provinces	Melville McKean	Pictou.
Maryland	John M. Jones	I. O. O. F. Hall, Baltimore.
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Minnesota		
Mississippi	I. D. Blumenthal	Holly Springs.
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Montana	A. J. White	Box 485, Butte City.
Nebraska	I. P. Gage	Fremont.
Nevada		
New Hampshire	Jos. Kidder	Virginia City.
New Jersey	Lewis Parker	Manchester.
New York	John G. Deubert	Trenton.
North Carolina	B. J. Jacobs	853 Broadway, New York.
North Dakota	J. Elmslie	Wilmington.
Ohio	F. C. Garrett	Devil's Lake.
Oklahoma	J. B. May	Dayton.
Ontario	M. D. Dawson	El Reno.
Oregon	E. E. Sharon	London.
Pennsylvania	Jas. B. Nicholson	Room 6, I. O. O. F. Temple, Portland
Rhode Island	Wm. H. T. Mosley	I. O. O. F. Temple, Philadelphia.
South Dakota	Geo. H. Waskey	97 Weybosset street, Providence.
Tennessee	J. R. Harwell	Madison.
Texas	Chas. I. Lauer	Nashville.
Utah	Ed. W. Loder	San Antonio.
Vermont	Chas. W. Farr	Box 1166, Salt Lake City.
Virginia	M. H. Hass	St. Johnsbury.
Washington	Le F. A. Shaw	Phœbus.
West Virginia	G. A. Hiele	Box 79, Walla Walla.
Wisconsin	L. O. Holmes	Parkersburg.
Wyoming	Louis Miller	Barahoo.
		Box 679, Laramie.

Grand Secretary S. G. L., J. Frank Grant, Box 418, Baltimore, Md.

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Grand Representatives' Report.

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

PATRIARCHS.—Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge have the honor to report that we attended the seventy-sixth annual communication of that Sovereign Body, held in the historic city of Richmond, Va., commencing on Monday, September 17th, and ending Saturday, the 27th. At nine o'clock Monday morning a public reception was held at the Masonic Temple, when addresses of welcome were made by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Grand Representative Hill Montague; Hon. J. Hoge Tyler, Governor of Virginia; Richard M. Taylor, Mayor of Richmond; Grand Master W. T. Baldwin, for the Grand Lodge; A. E. Bowering, for the Grand Encampment; Miss Laura Beeton, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia; Hon. J. Taylor Ellison, Chairman of the Reception Committee. They were very ably responded to by Grand Sire Pinkerton, after which the Grand Lodge adjourned to the Convention Hall of the magnificent "Jefferson Hotel," where the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were held. Upon the call of the roll the following officers were present:

ALFRED S. PINKERTON.....	Grand Sire.
A. C. CABLE	Deputy Grand Sire.
J. FRANK GRANT.....	Grand Secretary.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE	Grand Treasurer.
ALVIN J. CURRY.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
JOHN B. COCKRUM.....	Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. BOURLET.....	Grand Guardian.
CHARLES F. LUMSDEN.....	Grand Messenger.

and Representatives from fifty Grand Lodges and thirty-nine Grand Encampments.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....	Kentucky.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario.
J. W. STEBBINS	New York.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, being absent Rev. J. I. McCoy, of Indiana, addressed the Throne of Grace.

THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Grand Guardians.—Wm. H. Iszard, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., of New Jersey, and Jas. R. Miller, G. Sec. of Illinois.

Assistant Grand Messenger.—J. A. Craig, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., of Maritime Provinces.

The Deputy Grand Sire announced the following appointments:

Custodian of the Secret Work.—Adolph Donath, G. P. Rep. of District of Columbia.

Assistant Custodian of the Secret Work.—John W. Bulen, P. G. Rep. of Iowa.

Ontario's Representatives were honored by being placed on the following Committees:

J. A. Young—Legislation.

J. E. Farewell—Constitutions.

Samuel Law—Foreign Relations.

Wm. Potter—Drawing of Seats.

GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED.

The present year has been one of great activity, and nearly every jurisdiction has made substantial gains and shared in our Order's prosperity.

The satisfactory results of 1899 will be surpassed by the gains of the current year which, according to my observation and reports sent to me by various Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, is one of remarkable development.

I confidently expect that when the first report of my successor shall be presented, the Order will rejoice in the full knowledge that the closing year of the century has been one of the most prosperous in our fraternal history.

An analysis of the work of the past year, together with certain suggestions, is fraternally submitted.

GENERAL CONDITION.

From the statistical tables prepared by the Grand Secretary, I deduce the following results relative to our membership, revenues and expenditures.

NET GAIN AND MEMBERSHIP.

During the year ending December 31, 1899, in the territory under the immediate supervision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the

Net gain in membership was 42,669,

and in said territory, at the close of said year,

Our total membership was 1,063,572.

Add to this the number of brothers owing allegiance to quasi-independent Grand Lodges, and this Order had, on above date, a

World membership of 1,093,899,

exclusive of 847 brothers and sisters—the returns do not indicate the true division—members of Rebekah Lodges in quasi-independent jurisdictions.

ANALYSIS OF NET GAIN.

Of the above net gain, at home, 31,827 was in Subordinate Lodge membership, and 10,842 in female membership of Rebekah Lodges.

Our foreign membership, so far as returned, exhibits a net gain of 1,359 in Subordinate Lodge membership.

NET GAIN IN ENCAMPMENTS.

It affords me great pleasure to report a net gain in Subordinate Encampment membership of 2,665.

NET GAIN IN SUBORDINATE BODIES.

The number of Subordinate Lodges under your immediate jurisdiction, has been increased by 170, and now number 11,589. Our Rebekah Lodges have been increased by 274, and now number 5,327, while to the 2,616 Encampments, exhibited in the last report, have been added 36, making a total of 2,652 at the end of the statistical year.

WORLD EXHIBIT.

Our Order December 31st last was enrolled in 11,969 Subordinate Lodges, 2,660 Subordinate Encampments, and 5,347 Rebekah Lodges.

INITIATIONS.

Since the last report 78,731 persons were initiated in Subordinate Lodges, 13,143 more than were initiated in the next preceding corresponding period, while 21,221 brothers and 33,476 sisters became affiliated with Rebekah Lodges, the increase in initiations being practically equal as regards sex.

REVENUE.

The total revenue during 1899 was \$3,643,080.86, an *increase* over the amount received in 1898 of \$876,687.30. In the latter year the total revenue showed a *decrease* of \$79,866.34.

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure in 1899 was \$7,994,824.85 as compared with an expenditure of \$7,582,712.96 during the preceding year.

SURPLUS REVENUE.

The excess of revenue over expenditure in 1899 was \$1,648,256.01.

RELIEF.

The total sum expended during the past year in relief was \$3,695,488.32, this amount being distributed among 102,809 brothers and 5,842 widowed families. During 1899 there was thus expended \$272,501.82 more than was used for the same purpose in 1898, and Subordinate, and Rebekah Lodges, and Encampments, proportionately shared the increased expenditure.

INVESTED FUNDS.

December 31, the invested funds of the Order amounted to \$27,714,364.72, thus exhibiting a gain, during the past year, of \$529,123.26.

THE STORY OF SIXTY-NINE YEARS.

At the last convocation of this Sovereign Grand Lodge to be holden in this century, it is well to review the past, and while our earlier history has not been preserved in figures, I ask you to read the story of sixty-nine years as it appears in

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1899,

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN
AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,346,395
Members relieved.....	2,356,700
Widowed families relieved.....	245,726
Members deceased.....	239,657
Total relief.....	\$ 84,545 559 89
Total revenue.....	\$218,719,933 55

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Ger- many, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland).....	6
Grand Lodges.....	66
Grand Encampments.....	55
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,969
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,660
Lodge members.....	893,050
Encampment members.....	130,067
Rebekah Lodges.....	5,347
Rebekah Lodge members.....	326,993

SUBORDINATE AND REBEKAH LODGES.

The net gain of 31,827 members in the Subordinate Lodge, as contrasted with an increase of 18,641 in the preceding year, shows the strength and activity of the basic branch of our Order, assures us that we can with confidence present its claims, indicates how strongly it is entrenched in the good-will of our people, and how surely we can expect a fruition of our hopes.

The Rebekah Branch is prosperous, and while the increase is slightly less than is exhibited by the last report, the gain is a substantial one, and there is every reason to believe that this branch of our Order will continue to receive merited support.

ENCAMPMENTS.

It is with genuine pleasure that I am able to report a net gain of 2,665 in the Encampment Branch, an event which justifies my expressed hopes and belief of a year ago. The tide has turned, and now that the Grand Sire is enabled to report a gain in membership, made during 1899, and with the knowledge that all over the country interest in this division of the Order is reviving, I ask you, and every patriarch within our jurisdiction, to earnestly devote some portion of the coming year to active labors in behalf of this attractive branch of our fraternity, with the full confidence that if this is faithfully done the Encampment will steadily gain in strength and be restored to old-time favor.

No Oddfellow should be unfamiliar with the beauty of the Encampment ritual.

Said Wildey, upon the occasion of his second installation as Grand Sire, "The introduction of Encampments has introduced a new era in the history of Oddfellowship. . . . I feel an anxious desire to witness the

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existence of an Encampment in every State, yea, in every section of a State where there is established but one Subordinate Lodge, to render the sublime degrees accessible to all, that light and knowledge may be widely extended, and its effects universally acknowledged."

Surely we cannot afford to disregard the words of one who has been aptly termed "the Order's Father."

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

I confess disappointment concerning the Militant Branch of the Order. While in a few Departments considerable interest is manifested, the general report is of apathy and indifference. I regret to say that both the membership and the financial resources of this division of our Order are less than they were a year ago. Every effort has been made to secure complete returns, but it is almost impossible to receive either prompt or accurate reports, and slack Department officers cannot expect to have prompt and accurate subordinates. I have witnessed many brilliant displays of our Militant army, and had hoped and expected that the hard work of last year and this, and the manifest energy of many of the army officials, would produce commendable and pleasing results, but these expectations have not been realized.

I have sought to foster this branch of the fraternity and have promptly and fully answered all questions of Department Commanders, and of others interested in it, and I have been pleased with the energy and activity of many of those directly charged with local militant administration, and where energy and harmony have been, success has followed. I earnestly wish that the apathy, freely confessed in many Departments, might be dispelled and the army of the Patriarchs Militant prosper and grow strong. That it has not prospered this year, as a whole, is apparent, and I do not believe that it will prosper until every officer and chevalier appreciate the fact that "fraternal" armies like every other social-military organization, require active work and the missionary efforts of every member of the degree, and that confidence and harmony are absolutely necessary to the success of every Department of the Order.

Legislation cannot accomplish what is desired—some Departments complain now of an excess of legislation—but a united Department with confidence existing between officers and members, and all animated by a zealous spirit, can stem the adverse current, and can increase the numerical and financial strength of our peaceful soldiery.

No other fraternal organization has a more attractive uniformed degree, or presents a better appearance on parade. There is no room within the ranks of our fellowship for controversy, and antagonism, between the different divisions of a common brotherhood. Each division should receive the cooperation of the other and there is room enough for all, and I urge upon Department Commanders and upon chevaliers, the importance of work—hard work—in behalf of the militant degree. It is my earnest hope that the coming year will demonstrate that renewed activity and interest have brought increased prosperity to each and every Militant Department. The reported membership December 31, 1899, was 15,274, a net loss of 895 during the year. Your attention is directed to the report of the Adjutant-General and its accompanying tables.

If I have spoken frankly it is because I deem it necessary and because I have an interest in the prosperity of the Patriarchs Militant.

August 7th I issued an order, (Appendix 2), permitting all organizations of Patriarchs Militant to visit Richmond during the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and to participate in the attendant ceremonies.

FINANCES.

The Special Committee on Ways and Means, appointed at the last session, and to which was referred a number of propositions relative to the revenues and expenditures of this Grand Lodge, duly submitted its report, and the same has been distributed in the manner directed by you. This committee has carefully studied the problems presented to it, has sought to reach conservative and reasonable conclusions, and its comprehensive report should receive the careful attention and consideration that its importance warrants.

It will be observed that no new plan of raising revenue is suggested, and that all the submitted propositions tending to that end are reported upon adversely. No additional tax is levied, but it is proposed to increase the present revenue by making mandatory the use of, and enforcing the law relative to, the official certificate, while decreasing expenditure by a reduction of the mileage paid the members of this Body.

I concur in each of these recommendations. The official certificate, replacing, as it does, to a considerable extent the visiting card, and combining within itself the virtues of a receipt for dues, a visiting card, and an order for both the travelling and term pass words, has steadily grown in favor as is indicated by increased sales. But it is doubtless true that many jurisdictions are violating both the letter and the spirit of the law, and by a curtailed use of the certificate have actually decreased the revenues of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; that is, the amount received from the sale of official certificates does not equal the amount previously received from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards.

The profits on visiting and withdrawal cards for the year ending July 31, 1896, as appears by Brother Ross's report for that year, amounted to \$15,052.51.

The profits on the same cards, sold during the year ending July 31, 1899, were \$5,780.34.

The profits on official certificates for the same year were \$7,329.74, thus producing a total net profit on the *three* cards, or certificates, of \$13,105.08.

It thus appears that in 1899 we received from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards, and from the official certificates, a net profit of \$1,947.43 less than we received in 1896, from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards alone, and that in 1899 our net revenue from the sale of visiting and withdrawal cards was \$9,272.17 less than we received from the same source in 1896.

These figures speak significantly, and tell, not to be contradicted, facts. I believe that the use of the certificate should be made mandatory, and that no premium should be put upon evasion, negligence, or disobedience; if the use of the certificate becomes both mandatory and general the increased sales will warrant a material reduction in the purchase price of the certificate, while, if the mileage is reduced, such reduction in price would not injuriously decrease the revenues of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

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I reiterate my statements and opinion of a year ago relative to the finances of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and while a comparison has demonstrated that the administration of our finances has been conservative as compared with that of similar organizations, I am a firm believer in the policy of confining expenditures within revenues, and I urge you to enact at this session such legislation as will insure this wise and desirable result.

CHARTERS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has specifically adopted a form for a charter for Rebekah Lodges, and it may be fairly assumed that at some previous date a specific form of charter for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments was adopted. Various references are found in old Journals to forms for warrants for Subordinate Lodges, and to other forms which do not themselves appear in the printed Journal, and some trouble and controversy would have been avoided during the past year had a specific form been easily accessible. I also learn that some Grand Lodges are printing charters issued to its Subordinates. I believe that all charters for Subordinate bodies of this Order should be issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that there should be uniformity in design and in language. I recommend that a form of charter for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be adopted at this session, the same to be printed by this Body, and to be included in the list of supplies issued by it.

DECISIONS.

I herewith submit, properly classified, the decisions made by me during the past year.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

No. 1.—All brothers, while in the Lodge room, should be clothed in regalia indicative of their rank and station in the Lodge.

No. 2.—The sickness by reason of which an officer of a Subordinate Lodge can be excused from Lodge attendance, without forfeiting the honors of his office, must be his personal illness, and not that of some member of his family.

No. 3.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge having defined the term "sickness" as a cause of excuse for official absence, it is not within the province of a State Grand Lodge to set aside such interpretation, or to place a different interpretation upon said word when used for such purpose.

No. 4.—A sailor sick in a government hospital, is, if in good standing, entitled under the general laws of the Order to sick benefits.

No. 5. Statement.—A brother who is in good standing in his Lodge becomes insane and is placed in an asylum, his wife applies for and receives a divorce; they have one child who is six years of age; she asks for the custody of the child and is granted the same by the Court; in a short time she marries another man; her insane husband dies and is buried by the Lodge.

Question.—Is the child entitled to orphan's benefits?

Answer.—The child is entitled to such benefits.

No. 6. Statement.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues pays all arrearages within one year from the date of his suspension.

The constitution of the local Grand Lodge provides the method by which such brother can be reinstated.

Question.—Must a brother conform to the provisions of such local law, or does he become reinstated by the mere payment of dues?

Answer.—The brother seeking reinstatement must do so in conformity to the local law.

No. 7. Statement.—Charges are preferred against a brother in a Subordinate Lodge, and the trial Committee reported no cause of action. The Lodge sustained the report of the Committee and in due season an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge.

Question.—Can the brother pending such appeal take a withdrawal card?

Answer.—He cannot. Until the appeal is settled the charges are still pending.

No. 8. Statement.—A Subordinate Encampment having six months' terms installed its Officers in September. Prior to its next meeting night the city in which it was located declared a quarantine under which the Encampment was forbidden to hold meetings for a period of six weeks. There was no quorum on the second meeting night in December. The Officers therefore actually served at only three meetings, being, however, a majority, and all but one, of the meetings that they were permitted, under the restrictions of the quarantine, to hold after their installation.

Question.—Are these Officers entitled to honors?

Answer.—It has been rightfully held that the requisites for obtaining past official honors are service of the majority of the nights of a term and until the end thereof, and that the only cause that can excuse an officer is that of personal illness or some providential interposition affecting him personally, and which he could not control. In the above case, however, the law of the land intervened to prevent the holding of the meetings of the Encampment, and if officers and members were ready to hold the meetings, and said officers were actually present at all, but one, of the meetings permitted by the authority to be held, I think they were entitled to past official honors, the failure to convene not being caused by the Encampment, or officers, but by the law of the land which all were bound to obey.

No. 9.—It is not necessary for the officers of a Subordinate Lodge to wear, during initiation, the working regalia of their office in addition to the robes prescribed to be worn in such initiatory ceremony.

No. 10.—A brother who has served a full term as Noble Grand is entitled to receive the Past Grand's degree, although he has been re-elected as Noble Grand.

No. 11. Statement.—The Noble Grand of a Lodge resigns his office and all the members lawfully qualified to fill such vacancy refuse election.

Question.—Can the Lodge elect the sitting Vice Grand, who has served a majority of nights in his office, to fill such vacancy?

Answer.—To be eligible to the office of Noble Grand a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand, but in case of the resignation of the Noble Grand, and all of the members lawfully qualified to

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succeed him having refused an election, it is competent for the Lodge to elect the sitting Vice Grand to such office, provided that a dispensation for the purpose, be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs. There is no distinction to be made between a Vice Grand, not qualified by previous service, and a scarlet degree member.

No. 12. Question.—Is a person eligible to membership in our Order who has one-quarter Indian blood, all other qualifications being complied with?

Answer.—No. Such person would be deemed an Indian and not a white man, and would therefore be ineligible to membership.

No. 13.—A Subordinate Lodge cannot adopt, for funeral purposes, any other regalia than that prescribed, or permitted, by the laws of the Order.

No. 14. Question.—A person having one-fourth Indian blood having been initiated into our Order and received the degrees, without knowing that one-fourth Indian blood would exclude him, and the brothers not being aware of the fact, can he be retained as a member of our Order?

Answer.—If the person was elected, initiated, and received the degrees without any fraud or concealment on his part, he is an Oddfellow and entitled to remain such until his membership is terminated in a manner provided by law.

No. 15. Question.—Should the Grand Master of a State hold office in his Subordinate Lodge, such as Vice or Noble Grand?

Answer.—Upon principle he should not. The duties of an executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge are such as might be inconsistent with the proper discharge of his duties as Grand Master.

No. 16.—Every member of a Subordinate Lodge, including the Noble Grand, is entitled to vote at an election of Lodge officers, but the Noble Grand, as such, cannot exercise the franchise a second time in one poll, nor in case of a tie vote between candidates vote again "to break such tie," or at all after the polls have been closed. Equality of suffrage is the basis of our elections.

Where the Noble Grand is permitted by local law to "give the casting vote in case of tie" such permission applies to legislative questions and not to the exercise of the right of suffrage unless such suffrage right is clearly given in express terms.

No. 17.—Unless the constitution, or laws, of a Grand Lodge so provide, a Subordinate Lodge existing under such a Grand Lodge has no power to initiate free of charge ministers of the gospel. There is nothing in the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that authorizes or permits free initiation.

No. 18.—The constitution of a Grand Lodge reads, "District Deputy Grand Masters may grant dispensations in all cases, except to establish new, or revive old, Lodges, and cases relating to the finances of the Subordinates." The powers and duties of District Deputy Grand Masters depend largely upon the provisions of local law, and under the above quoted provision of a Grand Lodge constitution, a District Deputy Grand Master would be authorized to grant a dispensation permitting a Subor-

dinate Lodge to march in public procession in regalia, and to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge permitting it to elect a scarlet degree member as its Noble Grand, all duly qualified brothers having declined to serve.

No. 19.—Where the governing constitution does not forbid the enactment of retroactive laws, it is within the power of a Subordinate Lodge, subject to such approval as is required by local law, to enact a by-law fixing the compensation of the Secretary, and then not affect salary when stated, and providing that such law shall take effect from a past date, but such retroactive clause must be stated in express terms in the by-law.

No. 20. Statement.—A member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, while serving in the army of the United States, and being in the Philippine Islands, was there taken sick, confined to a Government hospital, and entirely incapacitated from doing work for nearly three months. The Lodge refused him benefits upon the ground that although sick, and unable to perform his duty, or in any way to make a livelihood, his wages went on just the same, his expenses for medicine and medical attendance, nursing and other expenses incident to illness, being paid by the Government, and that it was not contemplated by the general law of the Order, that benefits should be paid under such circumstances, and cite decision 164 approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1899, as confirmatory of its opinion. The constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges, of the jurisdiction provides that "Every member in good standing, who is not suspended for cause or disqualified on account of arrearages, according to Sections 1 and 2 of Article 10, which shall be rendered incapable by sickness, accident, or injury to his person, from following any business, avocation or employment whereby he may obtain a livelihood, provided such sickness or disability shall not have been caused by intemperance or other immoral conduct, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge, benefits during such sickness or disability as may be fixed by the by-laws."

Question.—Is the Lodge liable for sick benefits?

Answer.—Under the above statement of facts the brother is entitled to sick benefits. Decision 106 of 1896, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, reads: "By the general law, a soldier sick in a hospital for soldiers and there supported, is entitled to benefits if in good standing." Since the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I have decided that "A sailor sick in a Government hospital, is, if in good standing, entitled under the general laws of the Order, to sick benefits." These decisions are conclusive of this case. Decision 164 made by me last year was based upon the circumstances of a particular case, and the construction of a Lodge Constitution, and the Judiciary Committee approving said decision, added with my full consent, "but we are of the opinion that the fact of the continuance of his salary or wages by his employer shall not be construed to deny right of benefits to a brother whose ability to personally earn a livelihood has been lessened by the disability." In other words, it is not the payment of wages, but the ability of the brother to earn wages, that constitutes the test, and in the case referred to in decision No. 164, the brother's occupation was such that his earning capacity was not affected by the injury. The present case presents a different state of facts, and I regard the brother as entitled to the claimed benefits.

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No. 21.—Subject to the provision of the minimum benefit law, a Subordinate Lodge may, by a law applicable to all its members, reduce the amount paid by it for weekly sick benefits, and a brother then sick would thereafter be entitled to draw benefits only at the reduced rate.

No. 22.—A change in the law of the Subordinate Lodge reducing the amount paid for sick benefits cannot be made retroactive so as to reduce the amount of benefits which have previously accrued to a brother then ill, but a Lodge may, with the approval of its Grand Lodge, provide that where a member shall have received one full year's benefit, the weekly benefit thereafter to such member shall be one dollar per week, and in computing the year the period of the brother's illness before the passage of the By-law may be counted, provided the wording of the By-law so permits.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

No. 23.—A married woman, whose husband is not an Oddfellow, is not eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge simply because she is the stepmother of an Oddfellow. She is not the "mother" of an Oddfellow within the meaning of the law of 1899.

No. 24.—Under the provisions of Subdivision 2 of Section 6 of the "Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges," a deceased Oddfellow must have been in good standing at the time of his decease in order to render his daughter, sister, or mother eligible, by reason of such relationship, to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 25.—Under Subdivision 2, Section 6, of the "Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges," the daughters, sisters, and mothers of Oddfellows in good standing, and of deceased Oddfellows who were in good standing at the time of their decease, are eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, irrespective of the fact that they may now be married to persons who are not members of the Order.

No. 26.—The territorial limitation of membership as applied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Subordinate Lodges has not, by it, been made applicable to Rebekah Lodges. In the absence of local law, a woman seeking to obtain the Rebekah Degree is not required to apply to the Lodge nearest to her place of residence.

No. 27.—No special law has been enacted providing for consolidation of Rebekah Lodges, and in the absence of such legislation, so long as the number of members desiring to retain the charter of such Lodge is equal to that prescribed by the law as the minimum number of petitioners to whom a charter can be given, such charter cannot be revoked by the majority, nor such Lodge forced to consolidate with another Lodge.

No. 28.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot authorize another Rebekah Lodge to confer the degree upon a person elected to membership in the first named Lodge. Such degree can only be conferred in the Lodge which received and accepted the application for membership.

No. 29.—A married sister of an Oddfellow is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge by virtue of such relationship, irrespective of the fact that her husband may not be a member of the Order.

No. 30.—Subdivision "F" of Section 16 of the Rebekah Code is applicable only to the first term of a Rebekah Lodge. After the first term a Past Noble Grand must deliver the charge referred to in the said Subdivision.

No. 31.—A Grand Lodge may require that the number of applicants for a charter for a Rebekah Lodge shall exceed five.

No. 32.—The amendment to Section 6 of the Rebekah Code relative to membership, adopted in 1899, did not repeal Subdivision 3 of said Section.

No. 33.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot from its Lodge funds make donations to a Christian Endeavor Society.

No. 34.—In the absence of any prohibition by local law, a sister member in good standing, of a Rebekah Lodge, may be elected to and installed into office, in the Rebekah Assembly of the State in which the Lodge to which she belongs is located, even though she does not then reside in such State.

No. 35. Question.—Is a legally adopted daughter of an Oddfellow in good standing, eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—Yes. Where the laws of the State provide that a legally adopted child is entitled to all the prerogatives of a natural born child, such adopted child becomes, in view of the law, a child in fact of the adopting parents, and if an Oddfellow in good standing so adopted a daughter, she would be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 36.—A Grand Lodge may require a larger, but not a smaller, number than three black balls to reject an applicant for membership or reinstatement in a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 37.—A Rebekah Assembly cannot convene in special session for the purpose of conferring the Assembly Degree unless its charter, or the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, so permits.

No. 38.—A Grand Master can, of right, officially visit the Rebekah Assembly of his own jurisdiction.

No. 39.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot permit its members to wear floral bouquets of pink and green, in lieu of the prescribed regalia.

No. 40.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot meet in special session for the purpose of receiving applications for membership.

No. 41.—A brother whose application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge has been rejected, cannot apply for membership in another Rebekah Lodge until six months' time has elapsed since the first application.

No. 42.—It is within the power of a State Grand Lodge to authorize the Rebekah Assembly, chartered by it, to levy a per capita tax on its Subordinate Rebekah Lodges.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

No. 43. Question.—Is it permissible for a member of an Encampment clad in the old, or "Royal Purple Degree," uniform, who is also clothed in appropriate Encampment regalia, to enter an Encampment or Lodge while respectively open and working as such?

Answer.—Yes. If clad in appropriate Encampment regalia he has a right to so enter, irrespective of the fact that he is also wearing the street regalia named.

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No. 44.—The general funds of an Encampment cannot be appropriated for the purchase of street uniforms for its members.

No. 45.—In the absence of legislative authority it is not within the power of a Grand Patriarch to authorize the removal from one city to another, of a Subordinate Encampment.

No. 46.—It is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Patriarch to report persistent violations of law to the Grand Patriarch. He has no power of his own motion in the absence of legislative authority, to declare null and void the acts of a Subordinate Encampment.

No. 47.—A Patriarch charged with an offence against an Encampment must be tried in the Encampment to which he belongs, unless a change of venue has been secured according to the terms of local law.

No. 48.—A legally elected representative to a Grand Encampment who does not attend the sessions thereof, is not entitled to mileage and per diem.

No. 49. Question.—A Past Grand fully qualified, is elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for two years, but at the expiration of one year his Encampment fails to make its annual returns. Does this prevent him from holding his office to the end of the time for which he was elected?

Answer.—The mere failure of the Subordinate Encampment to make proper returns would not, of itself, affect the brother's office as Grand Representative, but if, as a result of such failure, the suspension of the Encampment follows, then, in that event, the brother should, within the time limited by local law, deposit his card in, or connect himself with, another Subordinate Encampment.

No. 50.—It is within the power of a State Grand Encampment to permit Past Chief Patriarchs to vote at a stated meeting of the Subordinate Encampment to which they belong for Grand Encampment Officers.

No. 51.—It is within the power of a Grand Encampment to provide that officers of Subordinate Encampments within its jurisdiction shall not be installed unless the dues of such Subordinate Encampment shall have been first paid.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT DECISIONS.

No. 52.—A Chevalier cannot be at the same time an active member of one Canton, and an honorary member of another.

No. 53.—A Department Council cannot authorize the formation of a "Turn of Horse." Such formation can only be authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

No. 54.—The court martial of a Chevalier is absolutely forbidden, and neither a Department Council, nor a Department Commander, can authorize or permit a court martial to be had.

No. 55.—Every active member of a Canton must be provided with a regulation uniform.

No. 56.—A Department Council cannot authorize Cantons within its Department to pay funeral benefits, nor can a Canton pay such benefits even by the unanimous consent of its members.

No. 57.—An honorary member of a Canton has no right to vote for either Canton or Department officers.

No. 58.—An active member of a Canton not in uniform has no right to vote for Canton or Department officers.

No. 59.—A Chevalier need not be a Past Captain in order to be eligible for Department Commander.

No. 60. Statement.—Charges are preferred against a brother in a Subordinate Lodge, and the trial committee reported no cause of action. The Lodge sustained the report of the committee, and in due season an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge. After the appeal is taken the brother engages in the saloon business.

Question.—Can he then receive from the Canton of which he is a member an honorable discharge?

Answer.—He cannot. Having engaged in the saloon business before he applied for an honorable discharge, he has thus rendered himself ineligible to receive it.

No. 61.—When a Chevalier, as such, visits a Subordinate, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge, he must be clothed in full uniform, either full dress or fatigue, and is not obliged to wear in addition thereto the collar of the organization he happens to visit. While clothed in such uniform, however, he cannot occupy any of the chairs or do any work of an officer of the body visited.

No. 62.—The Patriarchs Militant Code, having provided that "All active Chevaliers in good standing, shall be eligible to office in their respective Cantons and Commands," a Department Council does not possess the power to limit the eligibility to office of Chevaliers, or to prescribe a new qualification for office—such as previous service in another office—even if such limitation is intended to apply only to the Department seeking such legislation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

No. 63.—An elective Officer of a Grand Lodge cannot be installed by proxy.

No. 64.—Where a valid law of a Grand Jurisdiction provides that the A. T. P. W. shall not be issued to a Lodge in arrears for its dues to the Grand Lodge, it is not permissible for such Lodge to issue an order directed to the Noble Grand of another Lodge, requesting such Noble Grand to communicate such password to a member of the Lodge in arrears, nor should such order be honored, if presented by a Noble Grand who knows the circumstances under which such order was issued, and that the lodge issuing it was not itself entitled to the password.

No. 65.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge having prescribed that non-affiliated Oddfellows seeking to become non-beneficial members must have retained their membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, it is not permissible for a Grand Lodge to require them to have retained such membership for at least ten consecutive years.

No. 66.—A Grand Lodge has the power to levy a per capita tax upon its Subordinate membership, the revenue from said tax to be devoted to the use and support of an Oddfellows' Home.

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No. 67.—A Grand Lodge can only collect dues from a defunct Subordinate up to the date of the surrender of its charter, and in no event exceeding the term of one year, and the life of a withdrawal card issued by a Grand Lodge under the provisions of the legislation of 1899, and carrying as it does the right of visitation, can only be for a period not exceeding one year from the time dues are paid, that is one year from the time of the surrender of the charter.

No. 68.—The adoption of Report No. 45, as it appears in the Journal of 1899, did not repeal the provision of Report No. 5, adopted at the same session. Prior to the legislation so enacted the only card issued by a Grand Lodge to one who was a member of a defunct Subordinate, was a defunct card, which acting as an expired withdrawal card, enabled him to join another Subordinate Lodge as an Ancient Oddfellow, and this card was discretionary with the Body issuing it and based upon good standing in the surrendered Subordinate Lodge (See Digest, Sections 169, 170, 755), and there did not seem to be any provision made for a member who had been dropped for the non-payment of dues, prior to the surrender of his Lodge, withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates being, prior to this legislation, issued by live Subordinates only. Reading Reports No. 5 and No. 45 together, provision seems now to have been made by which Grand Bodies can care for all classes of cases.

No. 69.—A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can now issue a withdrawal card to a brother in good standing, who applies therefor within one year from the date of the suspension of the Lodge, or Encampment, to which he formerly belonged, the card covering the right of visitation for one year from the date of such suspension.

No. 70.—A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, can grant a dismissal certificate to a brother who has been dropped, or suspended, for non-payment of dues (and a dismissal certificate is only issued to one who has been dropped for non-payment of dues), before the Lodge or Encampment surrendered its charter.

No. 71.—A defunct certificate may be issued to a brother who was in good standing at the time of the suspension of his Lodge or Encampment, but who applies to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment for a card after one year from the date of such suspension, or in other words, after the time when he would be entitled to receive a withdrawal card.

No. 72.—An Ancient Oddfellow is one who has retired in good standing, and the holder of a dismissal certificate is not an Ancient Oddfellow.

No. 73.—The defunct certificate set forth in Report No. 5 recites on its face that the brother "is free from any charge whatever," and is distinctly different from a dismissal certificate, and applies to an entirely different class of brothers.

No. 74.—Under Report No. 45 the officers of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment can issue a dismissal certificate or withdrawal card to a member of a defunct Subordinate, according to the standing of the brother at the time of the surrender of the charter of the Subordinate; in other words, the brother who was entitled to receive either of such certificates from a Lodge or Encampment at the time of the surrender of its charter, is now entitled to receive either from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

No. 75.—Under the provision of Report No. 45, Journal of 1899, a Grand Lodge may issue a withdrawal card, or dismissal certificate, to a brother who was a member of a Subordinate Lodge that surrendered its charter prior to the time when such law took effect.

No. 76.—A brother who was engaged in the saloon business at the time of the enactment of Section 5, Article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and who continues to conduct said business, is eligible to advancement through the various degrees and branches of the Order.

No. 77. Statement.—A brother was not engaged in the saloon business at the time of the enactment of Section 5, Article 16, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was afterward suspended for non-payment of dues. While so suspended he engaged in the saloon business.

Question.—Is the brother liable to charges and punishment in his Subordinate Lodge for so engaging in such business.

Answer.—He would be liable to charges and punishment.

No. 78. Statement.—A Subordinate Lodge is the owner of a plot of land with a three-story building thereon, the first and second floors of which building are rented for business purposes. The income so received is placed in the general fund of the Lodge along with dues and other receipts. The Lodge has a by-law, that has been approved by the Grand Lodge of the State, authorizing it to create a special fund for special purposes from the receipts for the rent of offices and stores in the Lodge building, but no such special fund has been created.

Question.—Can the Lodge without violating the laws of the Order donate one thousand dollars, or any other sum, from the amount so received for rents, to a railroad company as an inducement for such company to construct the main line of its road through the town in which the Lodge is located.

Answer.—It cannot. Under this statement of facts there is no doubt that the money received from rents has become a portion of the general fund of the Lodge, and as such, cannot be donated for the purpose of aiding the construction of a railroad. These funds are stamped with the character of trust funds, and can only be used for the purposes of said trust and the legitimate expenditures of the Order.

No. 79. No officer of this Order is authorized to give the secret work to a person holding a dismissal certificate.

No. 80.—A Grand Lodge is not compelled to issue a charter to a Lodge working under a dispensation issued by the Grand Master in vacation. The refusal of such charter by the Grand Lodge terminates the existence of the Subordinate Body.

No. 81.—A Grand Warden performing the duties of Deputy Grand Master, but without being elected to, or installed into, such office, is not entitled to the rank as Deputy Grand Master. He never became such an officer through discharging the duties thereof.

No. 82.—The rights of a Past Grand to vote for Grand Officers is a vested right of which he cannot be deprived.

No. 83.—A person who denies the existence of God, or of a Supreme Being, is not eligible to membership in the Order.

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No. 84.—The term of a Grand Representative expires when his successor has been legally admitted to a seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and this irrespective of the fact that two calendar years have not actually expired since the election of the first representative.

No. 85.—The resolution adopted in 1899 relative to the number of copies of the Daily Journals and reports to be furnished to the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (See Pages 392 and 479 of Journal) repeals only so much of the prior resolutions concerning the same subject as is in conflict herewith, and under the existing rule the Grand Secretary is required to mail a copy of the reports of the Grand Officers, to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge two weeks prior to the session thereof, and to furnish four additional copies to each member upon the first day of the session, and to furnish to each member four copies of the Daily Journal of each day's proceedings.

No. 86.—The legislation had last year at Detroit, relative to the Odd-fellows Relief Association of Canada, simply authorized said association to retain the word "Oddfellows" in its corporate name, and did not in any way make the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order, responsible for the solvency of the acts of said association, and expressly prohibited said association from doing business, or soliciting insurance in the name of the Order by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and any Grand Lodge can enact such legislation as it sees fit relative to the invasion of the Lodge rooms of its subordinate bodies, by the solicitors of such association, nor did such legislation authorize or empower any Grand Lodge to issue licenses to such association.

The entire, and only purpose, of the resolution of 1899, was, as I understand it, to prevent the dissolution of said association, which, under the provisions of Canadian law, would be necessary if its name was changed, and the only relief granted or intended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge was such as to enable it to avoid the appointment of a receiver in accordance with the provisions of the law under which it was incorporated.

No. 87. Statement.—It has been the custom in Virginia when there are two or more candidates for an elective office in a subordinate or Grand Lodge, for the candidates to retire to the ante-room until after the ballot has been canvassed, and the tellers collect their votes from the ante-room, with the inside door open to the view of the presiding officer who has supervision of the ballot.

Question.—Is this a violation of Section 1303, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1895, page 402, and does not the law apply to other parties who may chance to be in the ante-room at the time for smoking, chatting, or other purposes? And if candidates cannot vote in the ante-room, please state in what manner their votes should be collected.

Answer.—No brother, whether a candidate for office or not, is to be permitted to cast his vote in any other place than in the Lodge room proper, and he cannot be permitted to cast it in the ante-room. Any brother desiring to take part in the business of the Lodge must be in the Lodge room proper, and if a candidate desires to vote, he must vote in the same place, and under the same conditions, as if he was not a candidate.

No. 88.—A Lodge of our Order cannot perform the funeral services of our Order over the body of one who was not a member of it, although a member in good standing of the Manchester Unity, and although such service has been requested by a Lodge of the Manchester Unity.

No. 89.—There is no express law of the Order permitting the celebration of the anniversary of the Order on any other day than April 26th, and it has been held that a Lodge could expend money for such celebration only on that day, but the reverence with which Sunday is generally regarded, and the existence of a law which does not permit Subordinate organizations of the Order to meet on Sunday, for other than funeral or memorial purposes, would, when April 26th falls upon Sunday, (and in analogy to the practice followed in the celebration of civic holidays), warrant the Grand Sire in permitting such celebration to be held upon the preceeding, or upon the following, day.

No. 90. Statement.—A member of the Order has made arrangements to go into the saloon business. On June 13th, 1900, he goes to the place of business of the Secretary, and there writes a resignation from the Order and hands it to the Secretary. On June 15th, 1900, he opens a saloon. The regular meeting night of the lodge is June 18th, 1900, at which time the resignation was read to the Lodge.

Question.—When does this party's membership cease; on June 13th, 1900, the date the resignation was written and came into the possession of the Secretary, or on June 18th, 1900, the regular meeting night of the Lodge?

Answer.—The resignation takes effect from the time it was presented at the regular meeting of the Lodge.

No. 91. Question.—Is it legal for a Subordinate Grand Body to provide fire insurance for the property of the Subordinate Bodies under its jurisdiction, the matter of carrying insurance being entirely voluntary with the Subordinate Bodies, and the expenses being met by pro rata assessments upon those carrying such insurance?

Answer.—No.

No. 92. Question.—Is it legal for a Grand Lodge to set aside the money received from the treasuries of defunct Lodges, or from the sale of the property of such Lodges, as a fund out of which to pay sick or funeral benefits to such members as are unable to join any other Lodge by reason of age, distance, or physical condition?

Answer.—No. Such funds and property so received can only be applied to the relief of "Aged Oddfellows" under the limitations and according to the express provisions of legislation found on page 14,941 of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1896, and amendment thereto found on page 15,503 of said Journal of 1897.

No. 93. Question.—May a Grand Lodge legally provide for the death benefit of, say \$75.00, for each member of the Lodges within its jurisdiction, and raise the money for the same by an annual per capita tax, or by a per capita assessment?

Answer.—No.

No. 94.—A brother cannot be expelled from membership simply because he is in arrears for dues.

No. 95. Statement.—A Lodge has a member who is the only surviving charter member, and has been an Oddfellow in good standing continually for fifty years.

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Question.—Can the Lodge vote from its funds the amount necessary to procure an honorable veteran jewel, to present to him, they desiring to make the presentation as a Lodge?

Answer.—A Lodge cannot appropriate its general fund for such a purpose.

No. 96. Question.—May a Grand Lodge legally provide for the payment of a stipulated sum of weekly benefits in cases where the sickness or disability extends beyond a certain time, as for instance, four months, or six months, and provide funds for this purpose by a per capita tax, either annual or occasional, as the necessities demand?

Answer.—No.

No. 97.—A Grand Representative does not forfeit his seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge by reason of a temporary absence from the jurisdiction electing him.

No. 98.—A District Deputy Grand Master is the only person authorized to wear the jewel provided for District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with Report No. 149, page 381, of the Journal of 1899.

No. 99.—Neither a Lodge, nor the Secretary thereof, has the right to refuse to issue to a brother of the Third Degree, in good standing, a certificate of his standing in the Lodge, which certificate is necessary to be filed with an application for membership in an Encampment.

APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN AGENT.

At the last Session the Grand Sire was authorized to appoint a proper brother to act as Chief Agent of the Order in the Province of Quebec, for the purpose of receiving service in any suits, or proceedings against it. I appointed Brother Lyon Silvermann, of Montreal, to be such agent, and on the 29th day of November the instrument authorizing Brother Silvermann so to act, and naming the city of Montreal as headquarters of the Order for said Province, was duly executed.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The statistics herewith presented have been prepared with great care, and especially for the purpose of giving information, not to be had elsewhere, of the growth in numbers, and the vast work done, in accordance with the teaching of our motto, by the great Independent Order of Oddfellows. Our Order has kept pace with, and its remarkable growth and development are the fruit of, a progressive civilization, which, in the century just closing, has extended its beneficent influence to many lands and peoples scarcely known to exist one hundred years ago. After eighty-one years of unflinching effort it has become a fixed institution in many nations, and is recognized everywhere as a powerful ally in the up-building of society and the relief of suffering and distress. As a practical illustration of the truth of our professions, see the millions of money contributed annually, and recall for a moment the untold ministrations to those in distress, which cannot be computed in the coin of any realm known to this world.

Our achievements in the past give us encouragement, hope and confidence in the future. The progress made in 1899 is almost phenomenal. With an increase of over thirty-one thousand in the membership

in Subordinate Lodges, thirteen thousand in Rebekah members, and, best of all, nearly twenty-seven hundred in the Patriarchal branch, we find every reason for congratulation and hope. From indications in some of our most active jurisdictions there is encouragement to believe that the figures of 1899 will be exceeded in 1900.

REPRESENTATIVES.

By a small loss in Encampment membership in Maryland last year, the Grand Encampment of that jurisdiction loses one Grand Representative, but an increase in Encampment membership in Georgia enables that jurisdiction to send two Grand Representatives. Brother Charles H. Dorsett has been elected, and will be cordially greeted by those who knew him during his former terms in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The number of Representatives remains the same as last year, one hundred and eighty-nine.

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MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1899.

JURISDICTIONS.	LÖDGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	471	.....	41	.....
Alaska (2 lodges)	58	.....	.....	.....
Argentine Republic (1 lodge)	17	.....	.....	.....
Arizona .....	.....	41	7	.....
Arkansas .....	.....	475	.....	217
British Columbia	215	.....	.....	17
California	399	.....	.....	54
Chile (2 lodges ) .....	.....	7	.....	.....
Colorado	677	.....	143	.....
Connecticut	370	.....	.....	149
Cuba (1 lodge reported)	23	.....	.....	.....
Delaware .....	.....	81	.....	10
District of Columbia .....	.....	54	25	.....
Florida	28	.....	.....	1
France (1 lodge ) .....	.....	7	.....	.....
Georgia	266	.....	340	.....
Idaho	57	.....	.....	21
Illinois	2,553	.....	.....	36
Indiana	3,441	.....	698	.....
Indian Territory	371	.....	24	.....
Iowa	2,649	.....	323	.....
Japan (1 lodge)	2	.....	.....	.....
Kansas	1,468	.....	.....	44
Kentucky	997	.....	82	.....
Louisiana .....	.....	58	.....	23
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	180	.....	.....	.....
Maine	84	.....	.....	69
Manitoba	308	.....	18	.....
Maritime Provinces .....	.....	.....	53	.....
Maryland	22	.....	.....	2
Massachusetts	368	.....	.....	95
Mexico (2 lodges)	14	.....	.....	3
Michigan	2,275	.....	764	.....
Minnesota	211	.....	36	.....
Mississippi .....	.....	79	.....	42
Missouri	2,492	.....	.....	63
Montana	164	.....	12	.....
Nebraska	819	.....	34	.....
Netherlands	36	.....	.....	.....
Nevada .....	.....	5	.....	2
Newfoundland (1 lodge ) .....	.....	2	.....	.....
New Hampshire	240	.....	235	.....

MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1899—Continued.

JURISDICTIONS.	LODGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
New Jersey.....	135	...	...	33
New Mexico.....	...	64	11	...
New York.....	2,853	...	98	...
North Carolina.....	1,006	...	...	7
North Dakota.....	206	...	10	...
Ohio.....	1,458	...	211	...
Oklahoma.....	672	...	174	...
Ontario.....	538	...	...	13
Oregon.....	603	...	189	...
Pennsylvania.....	863	...	...	233
Peru.....	...	5	...	...
Quebec.....	150	...	...	...
Rhode Island.....	...	37	...	101
Sandwich Islands (2 lodges and 1 encampment).....	16	...	9	...
South Carolina.....	286	...	4	...
South Dakota.....	300	...	...	35
Tennessee.....	673	...	85	...
Texas.....	823	...	150	...
Utah.....	96	...	6	...
Vermont.....	300	...	...	42
Virginia.....	...	567	...	19
Washington.....	677	...	67	...
West Virginia.....	220	...	93	...
Wisconsin.....	...	97	77	...
Wyoming.....	148	...	5	...
	33,436	1,579	4,005	1,340
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.				
Australasia.....	858	...	6	...
Germany.....	176	...	...	...
Sweden.....	300	...	...	...
Switzerland.....	25	...	6	...
	1,359	...	12	...

COMPARISON of the Returns of Grand Bodies and Subordinate under the immediate Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the years 1898 and 1899.

	DEC. 31st, 1898.	DEC. 31st, 1899.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Grand Lodges.....	53	52	.....	.....
Grand Encampments.....	11,419	11,538	179	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	2,016	2,057	30	.....
Subordinate Encampments.....	5,053	5,377	274	.....
Rebekah Lodges.....	63,588	78,731	13,143	.....
Lodge Members.....	19,459	21,221	2,194	.....
Encampment Initiations.....	19,703	21,221	1,518	.....
Rebekah Initiations { Brothers.....	31,968	33,476	1,508	.....
Lodge Members.....	1,338	1,338	.....	.....
Encampment Members.....	1,627	1,627	.....	.....
Rebekah Members { Sisters.....	122,332	123,207	2,665	.....
Encampment Members.....	100,697	200,849	10,342	.....
Total Members of the Order.....	1,020,668	1,063,572	42,604	.....
Relief by Lodges.....	\$3,126,050.47	\$1,802,943.30	.....	.....
Relief by Encampments.....	249,786.88	275,085.22	25,298.34	.....
Total Relief.....	471,490.15	3,602,448.33	272,501.82	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.....	3,425,982.50	8,351,895.50	799,613.21	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Encampments.....	7,170,762.64	6,017,200.01	46,437.37	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.....	443,348.63	473,985.35	30,636.72	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Encampments.....	8,766,393.50	9,710,860.86	943,467.36	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Lodges.....	25,155,982.20	25,817,037.47	661,055.27	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Encampments.....	1,436,769.69	4,503,132.50	3,066,362.81	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Lodges.....	353,494.57	353,494.57	.....	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Encampments.....	3,579,187.02	27,214,364.72	23,635,177.70	.....
Total Invested Funds.....	208,420.13	26,757,560.00	26,549,139.87	.....
Expenses of Subordinate Lodges.....	372,118.06	369,336.53	2,781.53	.....
Expenses of Subordinate Encampments.....	44,559,726.46	42,991,501.43	1,568,225.03	.....
Total Expenses.....	57,613	102,869	45,256	.....
Brothers Relieved.....	10,664	15,304	4,640	.....
Patriarchs Relieved.....	58,657	100,493	41,836	.....
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges.....	57,123	6,576	.....	.....
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Encampments.....	5,842	6,135	293	.....
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Lodges.....	147	223	76	.....
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Encampments.....	9,412	9,601	189	.....
Patriarchs Buried.....	1,337	1,372	35	.....

*65 Members in Assiniboia reported through the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

*64 Members in Sweden reported in tables of Foreign Jurisdiction.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND
SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	2,346,305
Members relieved.....	2,356,700
Widowed families relieved.....	445,720
Members deceased.....	230,657
Total relief.....	\$ 84,545,559 80
Total revenue.....	218,719,933 55

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland).....	6
Grand Lodges.....	60
Grand Encampments.....	55
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,944
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,660
Lodge members.....	890,965
Encampment members.....	130,067
Rebekah Lodges.....	5,347
Rebekah Lodge members.....	326,993

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Grand Lodges.....	\$44,098 85
Grand Encampments.....	8,758 35
Departments.....	4,339 00
Subordinate Lodges.....	1,182 05
Subordinate Encampments.....	90 62
Sundry Cantons and Individuals.....	854 05
Total cash paid to Grand Treasurer.....	\$59,321 72

PROFIT AND LOSS.

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Seventy-fifth Annual Session.....	\$33,810 32
Annual Expense.....	11,435 16
Duty.....	36 69
Benefits to member of Saskatchewan Lodge.....	84 00
Remedying defect in name of S.G.L.....	78 06

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Profit on Supplies.....	\$30,961 34
Representative Tax.....	14,175 00
Dues from Subordinates.....	814 10
Interest on Deposits.....	467 12
Rent.....	100 00
Charter Fees.....	72 00
Charter and Effects of Saskatchewan Lodge, Canada.....	356 07
Desks, Chairs, etc.....	17 00
Rebate on Insurance.....	7 74
Balance Net Gain.....	\$1,525 70

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ASSETS OF SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$50,287 81
Cash on Deposit for Insurance.....	300 00
Steel and Electrotype Plates, etc.....	15,204 53
Library (cost of binding volumes).....	1,198 83
Supplies (at cost price).....	16,713 28
Sovereign Grand Lodge Building.....	30,612 61
Paintings and Furniture.....	11,173 78
Debtor Balances.....	1,421 50
Total assets.....	\$126,942 34
Amount July 31st, 1899.....	125,416 64
Increase.....	\$ 1,525 70

AMENDMENTS TO PATRIARCHS MILITANT CODE.

That Section 58 of the Patriarchs Militant Code be amended to read : Section 58.—The elective officers of a Canton shall be chosen at the last regular meeting in November of each year, having been nominated at the regular meeting preceding that appointed for election. The appointed officers shall be appointed by the Captain on the night of his installation.

That Section No. 60 be amended to read : Section 60.—In Departments, nominations for general and field officers shall be made by the Cantons, on any regular meeting night in July of the year when the commissions of said officers shall expire; nominations to be made by ballot (the Chevalier receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be the nominee of the Canton) and report of such nomination must be sent at once by the Clerk to the Department Commander. No nominations shall be considered by the Department Commander received by him after the 5th day of August following. After the 5th day of August the Department Commander shall give notice of the same to the nominees and to the Canton. Unless letters of acceptance are filed by nominees prior to the 15th of September following, their names shall be omitted from the ticket.

That Section 62 be amended to read : Section 62.—The Department Commander shall wait a reasonable time for the election returns from the Cantons, which should not be less than one week following the 31st of December; and at the end of that period, or sooner, if the returns have been received, he shall, in the presence of such of the candidates, or their accredited agents, as may choose to attend, canvass the returns and declare elected such of the candidates as may have received the majority of votes for the several offices. Where no candidate has received the majority, the Department Commander may declare the one receiving the largest vote elected, or may order a new election, as in the case of a vacancy.

That Section 65 be amended to read : Section 65.—Suitable blanks, for use in Departments having no Council, shall be prepared and forwarded to the Department Commander by the Adjutant-General, on or before the first day of October in each year.

That Section 67 be amended to read : Section 67.—Canton officers shall be elected for one year, officers of Battalions or Regiments for two years; officers of Brigades and Divisions for three years. All officers so elected shall qualify and assume their respective positions at the beginning

of the Militant year (January 1st) except in the institution of new Cantons, or the filling of vacancies arising from any cause, in which event they will serve until the regular election takes place, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and installed or commissioned. All resignation of Canton officers must be made to the Canton, and the vacancy must be filled by a Canton election, held for that purpose. When an officer is commissioned during the year, his term shall be held to commence on the 1st of January nearest in point of time to the date of his commission, except as hereinbefore specified. The returns of all elections held (whether regular or to fill vacancies) shall be sent without delay to the Department Commander, and, in the case of officers elected to fill vacancies, new commissions must be secured. The fees for all commissions must accompany the said returns.

RESOLUTION TO SOLICIT AID FOR OUR BROTHERS IN TEXAS.

Be it resolved, That we recommend to the Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that they make prompt and liberal contributions according to their ability, to their brethren and families who are affected and suffering by reason of the recent calamity in Texas, and

Resolved further, That we recommend that the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Jurisdiction of Texas, act as a Committee to receive and disburse said fund.

Resolved further, That when said relief has been given, that said Committee shall make a detailed report showing receipts and disbursements of said fund to the Grand Sire, and that the Grand Sire direct the Grand Secretary to promulgate said report to the respective Jurisdictions.

And be it further resolved, That in view of the necessity of immediate relief, we recommend that the Sovereign Grand Lodge contribute from its treasury the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, said amount to be sent at once to the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Texas.

OFFICERS SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, 1900-1901.

A. C. CABLE.....	Ohio.....	Grand Sire.
JOHN B. GOODWIN.....	Georgia.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
J. FRANK GRANT.....	Baltimore.....	Grand Secretary.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.....	Pennsylvania.....	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN B. COCKRUM.....	Indiana.....	Grand Marshal.
CHARLES H. LYMAN.....	Ohio.....	Grand Messenger.
JOHN WELSH.....	Ontario.....	Grand Guardian.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	Kentucky.....	Grand Chaplain.

The next annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

To the warm hearted Brethren of Virginia we are indebted for the many courtesies extended to us during our sojourn in the fair City of Richmond. The warm hearted open hospitality of the "Old Dominion" made our visit one that will ever remain green in our memory.

INCIDENTS OF THE SESSION.

Indianapolis for 1901, San Francisco made a gallant fight and would have won had it not cost so much to go so far west.

The Jefferson Hotel at Richmond, the Sovereign Grand Lodge Headquarters, is one of the finest hotels on the Continent, and is called the millionaires' hotel of the South.

A proposition to admit Scarlet degree members to the Patriarchs Militant was adversely considered.

Beautiful weather added materially to the pleasures of the week.

The usual debate on mileage and per diem took place; no change was made.

The total number of miles traveled by the Representatives was 227,304, 33,604 more than to Detroit last year. The mileage amounted to \$23,082.58 and the per diem \$6,145. Total, \$30,127.58, or \$3,185.52 more than last year. It was estimated that it would have cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to have held the next session at San Francisco.

All the proposed amendments to the Constitution, including the 18 year old amendment, were adversely considered.

Past Grand Sire Busby was appointed to compile a new Digest to be submitted at the next Session, for which the Grand Lodge voted \$1,500.

All the decisions of the Grand Sire Pinkerton were approved again this year, unprecedented record for a Grand Sire, to have every one of his decisions during his term of office approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Last year there were 164, and this year 99 decisions.

Rev. Daniels, of Georgia, made one of the finest addresses ever listened to on the floor of the Grand Lodge in nominating Grand Representative John B. Goodwin, for the position of Deputy Grand Sire. Bro. Goodwin being the first Deputy Grand Sire elected by acclamation.

Several propositions to amend the official receipt were voted down. The incoming Grand Sire was instructed to notify Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs to enforce the law regarding the sale of these official receipts, as a number of the jurisdictions were not using them anything like as generally as they should.

Most of the Representatives had Souvenirs for exchange, some of them very unique. The Brothers of West Virginia had a very elaborate badge representing the industries in the State; Mississippi, a Bale of Cotton; Iowa, Corn Cob; Massachusetts, the picture of the Grand Sire; Connecticut, a pretty American Flag; but as last year at Detroit, the Maple Leaf enameled in colors designed by Bro. Geo. C. Morfimore, of Toronto, was in most demand.

In conclusion, we desire to express to the Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, our gratitude to them for the honor conferred upon us, in our being selected to represent them in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and hope that our labors in that Grand Body will meet with your approval, as we have endeavored to discharge the trust to the best of our ability.

We have the honor to be,

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL LAW,
WILLIAM POTTER,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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THE NEXT ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.,
WILL BE HELD IN
GUELPH, ONT., ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 1901
COMMENCING AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.