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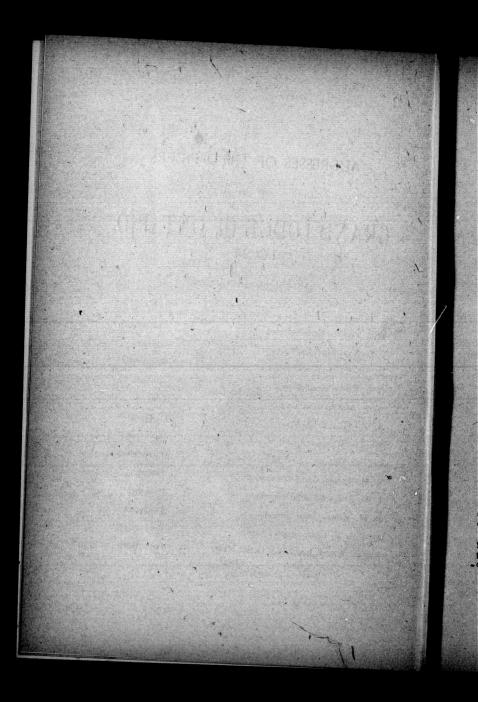
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J. A. YOUNG, Grand Master	THAMESFORD
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REV. A. L. GEEN, Grand Chaplain -	BELLEVILLE
HENRY WHITE, Junior Past Grand Master	PORT HOPE



Reception

Prior to the assembling of the Grand Lodge a special meeting was held in the Opera House, at which the sisters of the Rebekah Assembly with their friends were present, where the following addresses of welcome were presented, each of which was most happily responded to by the Grand Master, Bro. Henry White.

His Worship the Mayor, J. W. Johnson, Esq., read the following address of welcome on behalf of the citizens and Corporation of the City of Belleville :-

To the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows assembled in the City of Belleville :

GENTLEMEN,-It is my pleasing duty, as well as my privelege, to welcome, on behalf of the citizens, the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows to the City of Belleville. When it became known that you had chosen our city for your annual meeting the determination was formed, not only by the members of the Order, but by the citizens generally, to extend a hearty greeting to the delegates ; so I am here to-day for the purpose of conveying to you that greeting, and of assuring you of our welcome.

Belleville has only recently gone into the convention business, but the success she has already achieved has been phenomenal. The beauty and general attractiveness of the city, the charms of the Bay of Quinte, and the generous hospitality of the citizens have had the effect upon delegates in attendance at previous conventions of not only keeping them here during the full period allotted to official duties, but of causing them to linger beyond it.

Your Order in this city, I am glad to assure you, occupies a large place in the esteem of the community. Its principles command that. It enjoys, moreover, the respect and confidence of our people because of the manner in which the lodges and the individuals who compose them carry out those principles. The zeal and devotion which characterize the members of the Order in their ministrations to their sick and afflicted brethren constantly call forth gratitude and admiration ; while the financial success achieved by the lodges proves that consibilities are entrusted to men of skill and ability.

This is the second time the City of the Bay has been honored as the place of your meeting. I am convinced that you will find your surroundings so congenial,

pleasant and attractive that our citizens will have the pleasure of seeing you in our midst very frequently in the future. I now extend to you the freedom of the city.

J. W. JOHNSON,

Belleville, August 11, 1897.

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The Grand Master made the following reply :

Mr. Mayor :--.

On behalf of this Grand Lodge, it is my exceedingly pleasant duty to thank you for the address of welcome you have presented in the name of the Citizens of your fair city. When we were invited last year to accept your hospitality, all sorts of inducements were held out to us to select Belleville as our place of meeting for 1897. We were told of your hospitality, of your ardent desire that we should visit you. The convenient and beautiful location of the city was impressed upon us, and, generally, the desirability of our coming was so temptingly displayed that we were at last persuaded to accept the invitation, and as a result, our meeting here to-day. I may say, too, Mr. Mayor, that if the hospitality we have already received is a criterion of what we are yet to experience, we shall certainly go away with earnest expressions of regret at leaving, and with sincere appreciation of the kindness of your citizens, as well as of the beauty and facilities of your city. But, sir, in addition to the attractions held out to us, we have also to remember that we are to-day meeting on ground hallowed by the memory of those who have left on the pages of the history of our fair province a record for bravery, loyalty and determination that has never been excelled, and seldom equalled. Yes, sir,

"Your fathers loved the brave old flag They brought across the seas To wave o'er their New England homes, The symbol of the free. And when their kinsmen cast aside That emblem held so dear, They rallied round their country's flag And brought it safely here."

Here, sir, to the shores of the Bay of Quinte; here, sir, to the Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward. Their reverence for the grand old flag of England, their loyalty to the glorious land they had left beyond the mighty Atlantic impelled them to dare

> "The stormy sea, the wilderness, Hardship and weary toil, That they might see their children stand British on British soil."

And here, sir, on the site of this fair city of Belleville, they found that soil, and here to-day their children stand as British as their forefathers with hearts as loyal to their flag, as true to their sovereign as ever beat in the bosoms of United Empire Loyalists.

It is exceedingly gratifying to us, Mr. Mayor, to listen to your words of commendation regarding the work being done by the lodges of our Order located here. Sir, this is but an instance of what is being done by the Independent Order of Oddiellows throughout the length and breadth of this continent, in Australia, Europe, and in the Islands of the Sea. From the storm-beaten abores of the New England coast to the rippling wavelets of the Golden Gate, from

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the spice-laden breezes of the Mexican Gulf, almost to the eternal snows of the Arctic circle, in every city and town and village Oddfellowship has a habitation and a name—a name for high principles and lofty purposes, a habitation wherein a great work in the cause of humanity is being carried on. No man, sir, can be an Oddfellow in spirit and in truth unless he is grateful to his Creator, faithful to his country and fraternal to his fellow man. We war against vice in all its forms, Friendship towards man prompts the contest, the gentle influences of Love supply the weapon, Truth consecrates the effort and leads to victory. Animated by such principles, striving for such results, achieving such victories, no wonder we find our work appreciated, not only in Belleville, but throughout the civilized world.

Again I thank you or your kindly address and hearty greeting, and in the name of this Grand Lodge I accept them in the same friendly spirit they are tendered. In conclusion, Mr. Mayor, permit me to express the hope that if we evade the regulations of your Board of Health, elude the vigilance of your Medical Health Officer, and escape the clutches of your Chief of Police, we may, at our departure, receive a clean Bill of Health and not a "Passport" for our transportation from the shores of the Bay of Quinte to the sand bar in Toronto harbor.

Sir, I thank you.

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Bro. W. B. Northup, Ex-M.P., on behalf of the Order in Belleville, presented the following address of welcome :

Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F. of Ontario:

The members of the I.O.O.F. in Belleville bid you, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge cordial welcome to the City of Belleville and the shores of the historic Bay of Quinte. We beg to assure you that we appreciate highly the so enjoyable as to leave pleasant memories in the minds of all. We are glad that the Grand Lodge meets here in a year remarkable for the fact that we have celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of that "Queenly woman and Womanly Queen," Victoria, our beloved Monarch, of whom it has been truly said :

"Her Court was pure, her life serene, God gave her peace, her land repose ; A thousand claims to reverence close In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen."

While her loyal and faithful subjects in all parts of that mighty Empire on which the sun never sets have rejoiced in the goodness of that kindly Providence which has permitted our Gracious Soverign to enjoy the longest reign in the histopy of the Nation, we, as members of the I.O.O.F., remember that the year of Her Majesty's birth (1819) witnessed also the institution of our beloved Order, which has so grandly fulfilled the highest and loftiest expectations of its founders in becoming the greatest and best fraternal and benevolent society, the links of whose chain stretch around the universe, binding the vast multitude who compose its membership in the celestial bonds of "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

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Who can tell the number of homes where the influence of Oddfellowship has been felt for good? The distressed have been relieved; the tired members of the family have been reinvigorated by sweet repose while during the silent watches of the night brother Oddfellows have ministered to the sick with uncmitting care; and when the dark shadows of death crossed the threshold of the home and a loved one was taken, even into the profound darkness of such deep grief has the beauteous light of Oddfellowship penetrated, so that both by words and deeds consolation and deep sympathy have been extended to the bereaved, that kindly Providence which has, through the medium of brotherly love, brought to view the silver lining in the darkest cloud.

In this connection it would ill become us in-greeting you, Grand Master, and the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge, did we not make feeling reference to the great loss the Order has sustained in the death of Bro. William Badenach, Grand Treasurer. How we shall miss his kindly face and

" Long for a touch of a vanished hand And the sound of a voice that is still."

No Oddfellow that knew the late Grand Treasurer will sign the roll this year without a feeling of sadness that he who for many years carefully guarded the financial interests committed to his charge has joined the silent majority. As we mourn the early demise of one who, was so truly an Oddfellow, as well as a widely-known and highly-respected citizen of the Capital of this Province, can we not claim to be one of those

"Who speak their feelings as it is, And weep the fulness from the mind ; It will be hard, they say, to find Another service such as this,"

And now, Grand Master, we know that the time of the Grand Lodge is precious and that others will claim a portion of it. Once more, welcome in the name of the Oddfellows of Belleville. We trust the efforts of the brethren to make your visit pleasant will be eminently successful; that business in the best interests of the Order may be transacted with satisfaction to all concerned; that the links of the chain which bind us together in the sacred ties of "Friendship, Love, and Truth" may hold us with still firzer grip, and that when life's work is done we may each and all be found in possession of that P.W. which shall give an entrance to the Grand Lodge on High where the Grand Master of all dwells in the glory that excelleth.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry White, made a most eloquent and appropriate reply.

After these addresses and replies, the Grand Master said that the Grand Lodge would at once proceed to business, when, after mutual congratulations, the visitors retired.

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FORTY THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Ontario

HELD AT

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

OPERA HOUSE, BELLEVILLE, August 11th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge convened to hold its forty-third session at Belleville this morning, at 9.30 o'clock.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order and the forty-third annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was opened in regular form.

Whereupon the Grand Conductor and Grand Herald, after examination, declared all present entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Jas. Macfarlane, of Lindsay, offered prayer :

O Lord God, we are grateful unto Thee for the privilege of worship, and appreciate the mercy of God by which we are brought together in safety. We thank Thee for Thy care during the year; for the success which has attended our, Order in this jurisdiction. We also are grateful for the disress which has been relieved and the good done, and pray that the bleasing of God may continue to

rest upon the widow and the orphan. In our coming together we desire in the transaction of the business of the Lodge that it may be done in harmony with the principles of the Order, May we be able to perceive the needs of the Order and advance its interests in all departments. May we obtain all needed wisdom and grace for a prudent discharge of all the responsibilities resting upon us. In all our sessions may the Supreme Being guide and direct for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the forty-third session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario duly opened for business.

The Grand Master appointed the Committee on Credentials, viz :--

Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary.

Rep. Wm. Bushell, Frontier Lodge, No. 45.

Rep. C. Nightingale, Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. J. T. Osborne, of Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, Messenger.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Joseph Powley as his assistant for the session.

On motion of Reps. R. Meek and Wm. Sutton, the following was adopted :

Resolved,-That Bro. Rich. S. Bell, P.G., be appointed Official Reporter for the session.

The following was adopted on motion of Reps. J. McLurg and Jas. Hewer :

Resolved,—That the meetings of this Grand Lodge session be as follows, viz.: Morning—meet at 9 o'clock, adjourn at 12 o'clock noon. Afternoon— meet at 2 o'clock, adjourn at 5:30. Evening—should meetings be deemed advis-able, meet at 7.30, adjourn at will.

The Grand Master requested Bros. J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M., and Jno. Welsh, P.G.P., to introduce Bro. T. Spry, P.G., of Seymour Lodge, No. 273, of Seymour, Wisconsin.

Bro. Spry was introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

Report No. 1-Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted :

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To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F.:

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No.	NAME.	Lobgs.	No.	LOCATION.
1 2	C. C. Lyman	Brock	9	Brockville.
3	Robert Meek			Same Street
4	W. J. Moore John M. Whinten	Cataraqui	10	Kingston.
56	Alex. Rutherford	a		
7	J. A. Tulley	Otonabee	13	Peterborough.
8		Union	16	St. Catharines.
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11	J. H. Kerby		28	Amherstburg.
13	O. L. Lewis		11116.11	the state part of the state of the state of the state of the
14	W. L. Fife	Continam	29	Chatham.
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18 19	J. C. Hockins.	Elgin	32	St. Thomas.
20	D.McNeillie	Erie	33	Port Burwell.
21	A. E. Harley	Gore		Berntford
23	A. Crooks	Guie	34	Brantford.
24	H. Rowland	Samaritan	35	Ingersoll.
25	W. D. Spence.			
27	Wm. Shand	St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's.
28 29	Thos. Rowe	Forest City	38	London.
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102	Wm. Collins	.Walkerton	84	Walkerton.
103	C. E. Hendershott	.Constellation	85	Burgessville.
104	G. B. Joy	.Napanee	86	Napanee.
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III	J. W. Simpson	.Ivy	90	Parkhill.
112	Franklin Smoke		91	Paris.
113	Peter M. Tansley	. Milton	92	Milton.
114	Hiram Winegarden	. Western City	93	Chatham.
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118	W. R. Travers F. Kress	Grand Union	87	Berlin.
119	F. Kress			
120	Geo. R. Hyland	. Minto	98	Harriston.
121	W. A. Widdes T. A. Fisher	Lindsay	100	Lindsay.
122	I. A. Fisher	Caller Ch		
123	J. J. Manning	Golden Star	IOI	Brampton.
124	E. Arthur Rixen	Deseronto	102	Deseronto.
125 126	S. J. Vanderburg Thos. E. McDougall	.Cataract	103	Niagara Falls, S.
127	John Fotheringham	Comment 1	(Section)	TT
128	F. Mitchell	Crescent	104	Hamilton.
129	Edward Evans	Manilla	105	Manilla.
130	C. Sanders	St. Clair	105	Point Edward.
131	W. A. Dennis		100	I MILLAUWARU.
132	W. A. Dennis.	Waterloo	107	Galt.
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182 A. Kennedy
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194 E. McCormack
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221	Fred. Kiel	Dufferin	186	Flesherton.
222	Ino. Maecker	. Cambridge		Preston.
224	Geo. Molyneaux	. Parry Sound	189	Parry Sound.
225	G. G. Rose	Chorazin	190	London East.
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243 244	T. T. Mills	. Egremont	207	Kerwood.
245	Wm. Irving	.Alvinston	208	Alvinston.
246	Donald Ross	. Millbank	209	Millbank.
247	J. Kaiser Geo. K. Johnston.	. Bruceheld	210	Brucefield. N. Dorchester.
248	L. A. Scott	Argyle	212	Napanee.
250	L. R. Scott.	.Clifford	214	Clifford.
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The new Representatives were thereupon introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree by the Grand Warden, Bro. J. E. Farewell.

The hour of 12 o'clock (noon) having arrived, which had been fixed for adjournment, on motion duly seconded, it was

Resolved, — That the hour of aljournment be extended until 12.45, unless the Grand Lodge should adjourn previously by resolution.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was now called, when the following Grand Officers and nearly every Representative (three hundred and fifty-three) answered to their names :

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J. A. YOUNG, Deputy Grand Master, - THAMESFORI WHITBY.	
J. E. FAREWELL, Grand Warden, WHITBY. TORONTO.	
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W. J. MCCORMACK, Grand Treasurer, TORONTO.	
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R. F. MORROW, Grand Marshal, PETERBORO	N.
RICHARD LEE, Grand Conductor,	
PETER MCCALLUM, Grand Guardian,	
Terric UNSWORTH, Grand Herald	
REV. JAS. MCFARLANE, Grand Chaplain, - LINDSAY. THOS. WOODYATT, Junior Past Grand Master, BRANTFORD	э.

On motion of Rep. F. C. Willson, duly seconded, the minutes of the session of 1896 were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings to wit : *The Journal of the Grand Lodge of Ontario*, 1896.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Regular, Standing, and Special Committees :

ON DISTRIBUTION-

Bro. W. H. Cole, P.G.M, Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville; Reps. E. C. Monteith, Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer ; S. D. Swift, Friendship Lodge, No. 65, Petrolea.

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ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES (appointed in interim)-

Bros. W. A. Rawlings, St. Catharines ; D. Robertson, St. Catharines ; J. H. Magill, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope.

ON FINANCE-

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Reps. A. H. Blackeby, Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt; J. W. Grote, Empire Lodge, No. 87, St. Catharines; F. Bisset, Oriental Lodge, No. 163, Cornwall; C. E. Hoffman, Liberty Lodge, No. 323, Berlin; Geo. Geddes, Otter Lodge, No. 50, Tilsonburg; H. Wilson, Naomi Lodge, No. 116, Markham; H. P. Moore, Acton Lodge, No. 204, Acton; R. E. Shannon, Penetangore Lodge, No. 172, Kincardine; Wm. Collins, Walkerton Lodge. No. 84, Walkerton.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE-

Reps. A. W. Cameron, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa; I. Willson, Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, Cobourg; R. Pye, Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Oshawa; L. Allcock, Arthur Lodge, No. 281, Sault Ste. Marie ? T. M. McFadden, Peterborough Lodge, No. 111, Peterborough; J. W. Brown, Stirling Lodge, No. 239, Stirling; F. L. Johnson, Dresden Lodge, No. 124, Dresden; J. A. Black, Thomasburg, Lodge, No. 293, Thomasburg; E. A. Hall, Bervie Lodge, No. 318, Bervie.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER-

Reps. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., Queen City Lodge, No. 56, Toronto; W. Amor, Unity Lodge, No. 47, Hamilton; J. J. Yule, Ganauoque Lodge, No. 114, Gananaque; S. M. Thompson, Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Brantford; R. S. Meighen, Fraternity Lodge, No. 264, Perth; W. H. Lowe, Orient Lodge, No. 134, Welland; W. F. Clark, Huron Lodge, No. 62, Goderich; S. Springer, Elora Lodge, No. 231, Elora; F. E. Robinson, Plattsville Lodge, No. 301, Plattsville.

ON LEGISLATION-

Reps. O. L. Lewis, Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham; F. Fowler, P.G.M., Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston; Geo. Bell, Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, Ottawa J. H. Brown, Warriner Lodge, No. 75, Port Perry; A. L. Geen, Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Belleville, H. Rowland, Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll; B. J. Rothwell,

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ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM-

Reps. C. C. Lyman, Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville; B. F. Richardson, Victoria Lodge, No. 64, Hamilton; Alex. Fraser, Nith Lodge, No. 96, New Hamburg; T. T. Donaldson, Howard Lodge, No. 58, Strahroy; A. W. Fumerton, Alpha Lodge, No. 154, Almonte; J. T. Pendrith, Broadview Lodge, No. 294, Toronto; J. A. Tully, Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterborough.

ON JUDICIARY-

Reps. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto; J. B. McIntyre,, P.G.M., Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines; H. Robertson, P.G.M., Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, Collingwood; R. K. Cowan, Dominion Lodge, No. 48, London; Jno. Welsh, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; Hugh Walker, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope; W. Warnock, Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer; S. A. Popplestone, Exeter Lodge, No. 67, Exeter; R. H. Rowe, Pembroke Lodge, No. 203, Pembroke.

ON APPEALS-

Reps. J. J. Manning, Golden Star Lodge, No. 101, Brampton; F. Smoke, Grand River Lodge. No. 91, Paris; W. S. Given, Millbrook. Lodge, No. 308, Millbrook; F. R. Blewett, Listowel Lodge, No. 160, Listowel; Jas. Richards, Wilton Lodge, No. 242, Toronto.

ON GENERAL PURPOSES (appointed in interim)-

Bros. J. B. King, Grand Secretary ; W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer ; W. F. Mountain, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto.

ON DISTRICTS-

Reps. Dr. McLurg, Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock ; R. N. Shepperd, Albert Lodge, No 194, Toronto ; T. E. McDougall, Crescent Lodge, No. 104, Hamilton ; F. W. Paul, Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London ; Jas. Hewer, Progress Lodge, No. 158, Guelph ;



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J. E. Ryan, Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott; A. Mitchell, Flo. Nightingale Lodge, No. 66, Bowmanville; T. B. Bently, Sutton Lodge, No. 168, Sutton.

ON ELECTION RETURNS

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Reps. A. E. Harly, Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford ; T. G. Anderson, Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 159, Hamilton; Jas. Smiley, Princeton Lodge, No. 307, Princeton.

ON REBEKAH DEGREE-

Reps. John Gibson, P.G.M., Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford; G. E. Pulford, Rose Lodge, No. 28, Amherstburg; Geo. Bascom, Hespeler Lodge, No. 321, Hespeler; John McWaters, Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Kingston; W. A. Dennis, Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Galt; W. Brooks, Minerva Lodge, No. 197, Hamilton; J. G. Watts, International Lodge, No. 228, Bridgeburg.

COMMITTEE ON DUES AND BENEFITS (appointed in interim)-

Bros. R. Meek, Kingston; Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, London; W. J. Vale, Toronto; F. Smoke, Paris; and W. Warnock, Aylmer.

ON TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP (appointed in interim)-

Bros: R. N. Sheppard, Toronto; W. Amor, Hamilton; A. B. McIntyre, Lindsay; H. Aylesworth, Deseronto; D. C. Watson, Orillia.

SPECIAL NO. I (Solicitor)-

Reps. R. Meek, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston; R H. Perry, Fergus Lodge. No. 73, Fergus; Geo. J. Gibb, Rondeau Lodge, No. 40, Blenheim; T. K. Poole, Dauncey Lodge, No. 176, Thedford; G. M. Hamilton, Thamesford Lodge, No. 258, Thamesford; J. A. Jackson, Riverside Lodge, No. 145, Iroquois; R. G. Shaw, Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Smith's Falls; W. T. Urquhart, Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Brantford.

SPECIAL NO. 2-

Reps. W. B. Dack, Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto; Jas. Beatty, Fidelity Lodge, No. 55, Seaforth; C. E. Hendershott, Constellation Lodge, No. 85, Burgessville; W. A. Widdes, Lindsay Lodge, No. 100, Lindsay; W. Chatterton, Enterprise Lodge, No. 218, Essex; J. D. Knox, Geneva Lodge, No. 320, Orillia; W. S. Johnston, Central Lodge, No. 322, Toronto.

SPECIAL NO. 3-

Reps. W. J. Henry, Penetangore Lodge, No. 172, Kincardine; C. Nix, Madoc Lodge, No. 179, Madoc; W. R. Travers, Grand Union Lodge, No. 97, Berlin; Geo. Lyall, Valley City Lodge, No. 117, Dundas; J. H. Conover, Leamington Lodge, No. 140, Leamington; W. R. Barnett, Ahiram Lodge, No. 205, Paisley; W. A. Smitherman, Mt. Brydges Lodge, No. 217, Mt. Brydges.

SPECIAL NO. 4-

Reps. W. J. Cruickshank, Weston Lodge, No. 200, Weston; E. A. Rixen, Deseronto Lodge, No. 102, Deseronto; W. J. Stafford, Midland Lodge, No. 274, Midland; W. G. Crawford, Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 143, Picton; Jno. Turnbull, Earnscliffe Lodge, No. 283, Cumming's Bridge; A. A. Towns, Sycamore Lodge, No. 151, Arkona; F. Hudson, Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261, Rat Portage.

SPECIAL NO. 5-

Reps. Freeman I Daniels, Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa; A. Thompson, Lucknow Lodge, No. 112, Lucknow; W. H. Blight, Laurel Lodge, No. 110, Toronto; Jas. Brandy, Romeo Lodge, No. 164, Stratford; Jas. Lucas, Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, Sarnia; L. G. Shaw, North Bay Lodge, No. 271, North Bay; F. C. Willson, Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto.

SPECIAL NO. 6-

Reps. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135, Cannington; E. B. Garlick, Bobcaygeon Lodge, No. 300, Bobcaygeon; A. Edmondson, Gordon Lodge, No. 247, Palmerston; C. A. Haehmel, Germania Lodge, No. 184, Berlin; G. G. Rose, Chorazin Lodge,

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No. 190, London; W. Rolph, Phœnix Lodge, No. 22, Oshawa; W. Oakman, Hasfings Lodge, No. 273, Hastings.

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Reps. E. T. Morton, Campbellford Lodge, No. 248, Campbellford ; W. A. Miner, Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas; Geo. A. Blair, Marion Lodge, No. 131, Renfrew ; A. A. Stevenson, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope ; Jno. Dodd, Missanabie Lodge; No. 266, Chapleau ; J. Campbell, Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, Niagara Falls A. H. Dowsley, Rockcliffe Lodge, No. 278, Ottawa.

SPECIAL NO. 8-

Reps. W. Sutton, Simcoe Lodge, No. 161; Simcoe ; J. Case, Alba Lodge, No. 254, Packenham; A. McKay, De Novo Lodge, No. 170, Port Elgin ; C. H. Shera, Port Arthur Lodge, No. 244, Port Arthur ; J. Berry, East Toronto Lodge, No. 263, York ; G. W. Griffith, Grenville Lodge, No. 279, Kemptville ; F. C. Manning, Harrow Lodge, No. 209, Harrow.

SPECIAL NO. 9-

Reps. S. Law, Reliance Lodge, No. 89, Guelph; G. R. Brown, Mizpah Lodge, No. 127, Belleville; C. R. Curry, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 137, Brockville; P. J. Morrison, Glencoe Lodge, No. 133, Glencoe; W. Laidlaw, Grey Lodge, No. 169, Durham; Geo. Vickers, Barrie Lodge, No. 63, Barrie; T. S. Grimshaw, North Star Lodge, No. 68, Stayner.

SPECIAL NO. 10-

Reps. E. McCormick, Pyramid Lodge, No. 156, Newmarket; A. Pay, Empire Lodge, No. 87, St. Catharines; G. B. Joy, Napanee Lodge, No. 86, Napanee; W. D. Spence, St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, St. Marys; J. W. Hall, Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr; H. W. Rous, Lynden Lodge, No. 259, Lynden; M. J. Dickie, Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251, Bracebridge.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry White, then read his Report, which was distributed as printed, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

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GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

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

GRAND OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN.—Another year in the history of our Great Order in Ontario has passed away, and it is my pleasant duty to-day to welcome you to our annual convocation in this good city of Belleville. To the older representatives I extend my hearty congratulations on their return to aid us with their experience in our deliberations; and to those who are with us this year for the first time I would convey an earnest and brotherly greeting, and cordially invite their assistance and co-operation in the important business to be transacted at this Grand Lodge meeting.

I.-CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Although the year just closed has not been in any sense a record year, it is with a sense of peculiar satisfaction that I am able to report a continued advance in our numbers and usefulness. Whilst the number of new lodges instituted has not been large, nor the numerical increase in our membership as marked as in some previous years, yet, a perusal of the carefully-prepared tables and extremely valuable statistics to be presented to you by our Grand Secretary will reveal a gratifying condition of affairs within our borders.

Financially, this great organization has made distinct and satisfactory progress, and its record for noble principles faithfully held, lofty duties unfailingly carried out, and monetary obligations honorably discharged, never stood higher before the world than to-day. We have therefore much cause for thankfulness that our Order has passed comparatively unharmed through a period of pronounced financial depression, and has more than held its own in the face of severe competition.

II.-NEW LODGES.

Three new lodges have been instituted during the year in desirable locations and under favorable circumstances. I have no doubt as to the success of each, and from information before me, feel no hesitation in asking that Charters be granted them. Careful inquiries were made before dispensations were granted, and personal investigation in each case confirmed the advices received. The new lodges and their locations are as follows:

1. Liberty Lodge, No. 323, at the town of Berlin, county of Waterloo, instituted October 6th, 1896.

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2. Ontario Lodge, No. 324, at the Village of Pickering, County of Ontario, instituted December 4th, 1896.

3. Southampton Lodge, No. 325, at the Town of Southampton, County of Bruce, instituted May 16th, 1897.

These lodges have been placed in the following Districts: Liberty, No. 323, in Royal City District, No. 17; Ontario, No. 324, in Ontario District, No. 30; Southampton, No. 325, in Walkerton District, No. 25.

III.-RESUSCITATED LODGES.

In addition to the above named new lodges, Britannia Lodge No. 198 was resuscitated at the village of Drayton, in the County of Wellington, on the 5th January, 1897. This lodge though ostensibly a resuscitation is practically a new lodge, being located some five miles from the meeting place of the old lodge. It has been placed in Harriston District, No. 22:

IV .- REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

The following additions have been made during the year in this branch of the Order : -*

Our Sisters Lodge, No. 7, Point Edward, resuscitated October 15th, 1896, by the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly.

Viola Lodge, No. 53, Toronto, instituted December 6th, 1896, by the President of the Assembly.

Queen Lodge, No. 54, Hespeler, instituted April 3rd, 1897, by Mrs. W. Bascom, Galt.

Ruth Lodge, No. 2, Stratford, resuscitated April 29th, 1897, by the President of the Assembly.

Woodslee Lodge, No. 55, South Woodslee, resuscitated May 12th, 1897, by Mrs. Edgar, Windsor, D.D.G.M.

Ruby Lodge, No. 56, Mount Forest, instituted June 15th, 1897, by Mrs. Watson, Harriston.

I have the honour to ask that Charters be granted to these several lodges.

V.-CHARTER RECLAIMED.

It is to be regretted that Alliston Lodge No. 171, located at Alliston in Georgian Bay District, No. 26, has discontinued working, and surrendered its Charter and assets. These assets will be further reported on by your Grand Secretary, and there seems to be a reasonable hope that the lodge may be resuscitated at no very distant date. Lack of interest and removal of members from the neighbourhood seem to have been potent causes in the discontinuance of our work in Alliston.

VI.-OFFICIAL VISITS.

Whilst its has been impossible for me to accept all the invitations kindly extended to me to visit lodges and take part in ceremonies connected with the Order, I have endeavored, as far as was practicable, to comply with the wishes of my brethren in this regard. At the same time I recognize the fact that in some cases my inability to be present in response to invitations may have caused some feeling of disappointment. My experience, in common with my predecessors, has been that it seems almost impossible for a Grand Master to entirely fill the duties of the office in this respect ; and to those lodges and members whose wishes I have not been able to comply with, I have to apologize and assure them that any failure to meet their desires has been caused in every case by reasons other than indifference or neglect on my part. Wherever I have been able to go throughout the jurisdiction I have experienced that unfailing courtesy, consideration and kindness so characteristic of Oddfellowship, and I desire in this connection to express my warm gratitude and hearty thanks to the many brethren I have met during my official visitations.

On Tuesday, September 15th, 1896, it was my pleasant experience to pay my first official visit to Durham Lodge, No. 78. As this is the lodge I have the honour to belong to, it is needless for me to say how much I appreciated the opportunity. I was accompanied by our esteemed Grand Secretary, who, at considerable personal trouble, came to Port Hope specially for the occasion. Brethren were present from Millbrook, Cobourg, Lindsay and Smith's Falls, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Not the least pleasant feature of the evening, to myself at least, was the presentation by my brethren of a very valuable silver tea service and address. The Initiatory Degree was put on, and I had the pleasure of delivering an address on the work of the Order. After the meeting we enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge, and I am glad to say that Durham Lodge, No. 78, is still holding up the principles and practices of Oddfellowship in an exceedingly satisfactory manner.

On Tuesday, October, 6th, 1896, accompanied by our Grand Secretary, I instituted Liberty Lodge, No. 323, in the thriving town of Berlin. Members were present from Guelph, Preston, Waterloo, and Bowmanville, and the Degree team of Progress Lodge, No. 158, Guelph, performed the work in a highly creditable manner. Although this is the second lodge in Berlin, it started with every prospect of success, and I am glad to be able to report that these prospects have been realized.

On Thursday, November 5th, 1896, on the invitation of Lindsay Lodge, No. 100, I visited Lindsay, and was received in a most

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enthusiastic manner by the members of the lodge and the adjoining districts. An-open meeting was held in the opera house, where addresses were delivered by Past Grand Master Hoyle and myself, after which a competition took place between the Degree teams of Lindsay Lodge and Otonabee Lodge, No. 13. The competition, wherein Past Grand Masters Hoyle and Bell, with myself, acted as judges, resulted in favour of Otonabee Lodge, and, at its co clusion, an adjournment was made to a sumptuous banquer. On this occasion special trains were run from Cannington and Peterboro', and it was estimated that over four hundred members of the Order were present. As one of the enterpising and successful lodges of the Order, Lindsay Lodge, No. 100, occupies a prominent position and is doing good work.

On Tuesday, December 1st, 1896, I paid an entirely unexpected visit to Wilton Lodge, No. 242, meeting in the Central Hall at Toronto. My visit being without any previous notice, the attendance was only fair, but this lodge appears to be in good condition, and I was accorded a hearty reception. I was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Oliver, and District Deputy Grand Master Dack, and had the opportunity of speaking on matters of interest to the membership, supplemented by addresses from the above-named distinguished brethren.

On the same evening, I delivered an opening address at a Fancy Fair, gottor ap by Olive Branch Lodge of the Rebekah Degree, in aids one Orphans and Oddfellows' Home. The hall was very handsomely decorated, and the ladies having the function in charge deserve the greatest credit for their efforts to promote the establishment of the proposed Home. It was a matter of regret, however, that on the occasion of the opening only a limited attendance of the membership of the subordinate lodges was in evidence. A number of the leading members of the Order were, however, present, and I have reason to believe the Fair was successful, though possibly not to the extent it should have been.

On Friday December 4th, accompanied by Grand Secretary King, Past Grand Patriarch Blackeby, Grand Warden Farewell and District Deputy Grand Master Butler, I instituted Ontario Lodge, No. 324, at the village of Pickering in the county of Ontario. The Degree team of Phœnix Lodge, Oshawa, were present and conferred the necessary work in a very efficient way. Members were present from Oshawa, Whitby, Bowmanville, Whitevale and Smith's Falls. The lodge was inaugurated auspiciously, and I am glad to report satisfactory progress made since the institution.

On Tuesday, January 5th, it was my pleasant duty to be present at the resuscitation of Britannia Lodge, No. 198, at the village of Drayton. There were present Grand Secretary King, P.G.P. Black-

eby, Special Deputy Powley, and a number of outside brethren. The work was finely put on (though under some disadvantage on account of room and lack of space) by the excellent team of Gordon Lodge, Palmerston, and the resuscitated lodge commenced its new career in good shape. I have pleasure in saying that by latest accounts, Britannia Lodge is doing good work.

On Tuesday, January 12th, I made an official visit to Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, Whitby. The primary object of my visit was happily achieved and a settlement of the difficulty between Brother A. R. Rowland and the lodge has since been arrived at. This matter was referred to me at the last session of Grand Lodge, and Brother Rowland has been reinstated in membership as directed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, taking out a withdrawal card immediately afterwards. I found Eastern Star Lodge labouring under many disadvantages, but still looking forward to better days, and I feel sure the elevation of our present Grand Warden to the higher offices of the Order will tend to increase the energy and enthusiasm of the lodge to which he belongs and where he is so highly honoured and esteemed.

On Thursday, January 14th, at the request of Minto Lodge, -Harriston, I dedicated their new hall. A very fine building has been erected, and accommodation in every-way fitted for successful lodge work has been provided. During the day and evening I delivered two addresses, these being supplemented by our Grand Secretary. Minto Lodge presents every appearance of thrift and energy despite bygone, but very unfortunate difficulties and losses.

Friday, January 29th, found me at Hamilton, on the invitation of Crescent Lodge, No. 104. A large gathering of members of the Hamilton District was in attendance, and a pleasant and profitable evening enjoyed. I had an opportunity of renewing many old friendships, and delivered an address on topics of general interest to a responsive audience. The courtesy and hospitality extended to me was unlimited, and my visit was very enjoyable.

On Monday, March 8th, I visited Smith's Falls and was met by breihren from Merrickville, Perth, Mountain, Chesterville and other places, some of whom had come long distances and under great personal inconvenience. The Initiatory Degree was exemplified in good style by the lodge team, and a pleasant meeting terminated in a banquet, attended by about one hundred and fifty persons, including many of the leading citizens of the town. Smith's Falls Lodge is making good progress, and with its young and energetic membership is a source of strength to the Order in Eastern Ontario.

On Tuesday, March oth, I had the pleasure of meeting many of the brethren at Almonte, the occasion being a staff competition between Coila and At-the-Well Rebekah Lodges, wherein I had

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been requested to act as judge. Members were present from Renfrew and other places in the vicinity, and I took advantage of the opportunity thus afforded of addressing them on our work, past and prospective.

On Monday, April 5th, by invitation of Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, I visited Peterboro' for a Degree competition between Lindsay and Otonabee lodges. Many brethren were present from the surrounding Districts, and the proceedings were of great interest. Past Grand Masters Hoyle and Bell were both present, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. Peterboro' is justly styled "An Oddfellows' Town," and the local members of the Order are quite in line with the advanced lodges of the Province.

On Wednesday, April 14th, I attended the anniversary entertainment of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, at Kingston. A large audience evidenced its appreciation of the hospitality so liberally extended, and the entertainment was of a high order. I gave an address suitable to the occasion, and experienced many courtesies at the hands of the Kingston brethren.

On Wednesday, May 12th, I dedicated a new hall at South Woodslee, and was accompanied on the occasion by many members of the Order from Kingsville, Leamington, Windsor, and adjacent places. My thanks are especially due to Bro. Ryall, of Leamington, for valuable assistance cheerfully rendered and much appreciated. After the dedication, a Rebekah Degree Lodge was instituted by Mrs. Edgar, the D.D.G.M. of Windsor, and the Degree Staff of Naomi Lodge, and in the evening the Degree team of Ridgetown conferred the work on some local candidates.

The next evening. May 13th, in Windsor, I visited Frontier Lodge. This lodge is in good working condition, and my visit was very satisfactory. I endeavored to enlist the sympathies of the members present in various matters of interest to the jurisdiction, and, after adjournment, those present enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies of Naomi Lodge.

On the invitation of the Oddfellows' Hall Committee, Toronto, I attended an entertainment given on Thursday, June 10th, the occasion being the re-opening of their Lodge Rooms after extensive repairs and improvements. A varied and delightful programme was provided, interspersed with speeches from prominent members of the Order, amongst whom Bro. the Honorable G. W. Ross occupied an honoured place. The attendance was large and very appreciative, and the Committee are to be congratulated on the success achieved as well as on the beautiful rooms they have provided for the use of the membership in their city.

On Tuesday, July 13th, I paid a visit to Millbrook Lodge, No. 308, and met with a hearty reception. Athough one of the younger

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on ad lodges, all the tokens of rapid progress are present, and, considering the size of the field it has to work in, the increasing membership is very significant of zeal and enthusiasm. Many young men are identified with this lodge, and all signs point to a very successful career and large membership.

On Wednesday, July 14th, I visited Cobourg Lodge, No. 136, and found it still going forward. Although the membership has somewhat decreased, much enthusiasm exists, and with the stalwart Oddfellows who largely compose the lodge there is no fear of any serious or lasting set back to the work of Oddfellowship in Cobourg.

• On Tuesday, July 27th, at the request of the brethren of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, I visited them. Owing to placing their funds in a large building and local depression in values, this old, and once wealthy-lodge, finds itself in a critical condition with heavy liabilities and unrealizable assets. I have reason to believe, however, that some way may be found to relieve the strain upon the lodge, and I suggested certain methods and proceedings which may tend in this direction. It is by no means a pleasant experience to see a once prosperous lodge in the condition prevailing with No. 36.

On Wednesday, July 28th, I witnessed the exemplification of the Initiatory and First Degrees by the regular officers of Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford. The work was put on with fine effect and clearly showed the ability and intelligence prevailing in this old and influential lodge. During the evening I addressed those present on matters likely to engage the attention of Grand Lodge, and after adjournment a large company were generously entertained.

On Monday, August 2nd, I completed my round of official visits by taking part with Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope, in the services of their annual Decoration Day.

VII. DECISIONS.

1. A lodge can grant relief from its General Fund to the widow of a brother who died in bad standing or arrears, such grant being reasonable in amount, and the widow's condition such as to call for succour at the hands of the Order.

2. (a) It is not legal to fake money from the General Fund for the purpose of buying band instruments, or for paying bandmaster's salary, or for procuring uniforms for bandsmen.

(b) A Contingent Fund, originated and maintained by five per cent. of dues cannot be used for the above purposes, these not being "necessary and proper obligations which every lodge must incur."

3. The date from which it would be legal for a lodge to appropriate five per cent. of its dues to a Contingent Fund would be the

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date upon which the by-law for such purpose was finally passed by the lodge.

4. A lodge by-law appropriating rents received from a building owned by such lodge, or earned by sub-letting a leased lodge-room, to a Contingent Fund is improper except in the cases where the building so owned was built or purchased out of a Contingent Fund or the original rent is paid out of such fund.

5. The legislation of Grand Lodge being paramount within its jurisdiction, is above the local regulations of subordinate lodges, and must of necessity prevail in the event of a conflict of laws.

6. It is illegal to expend the funds of a lodge for livery hire incurred in a friendly visit of the degree team of the lodge to another for the purpose of conferring degrees. The fact that the main object of the visit was alleged to be "the instilling of some enthusiasm into the lodge, it having been losing ground for some time before," does not affect the illegality of the expenditure.

7. A member of the Order can change his business to bartending if he so choose, the law as to the admission of bar-tenders and professional gamblers having no application to such a case.

8. There is no such thing in our Order as expulsion for non-payment of dues.

9. A lodge cannot lower its Initiation and Degree Fees by the subterfuge of charging the regular rate and giving its note to the candidate for an amount by way of rebate.

10. A lodge is not justified in refunding part of the Initiation Fee of a clergyman joining its membership, and none of the funds of the lodge whether "General" or "Contingent" can be applied for such purpose.

11. A by-law is improper which provides that a lodge shall have power to "withhold or refuse payment to a widow who has been living apart from her husband under circumstances which in the opinion of the lodge disentitle her to widow's benefits."

12. A lodge holding memorial ("Decoration") services may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the necessary expenses, but within the limits laid down in clause 353, Sovereign Grand Lodge Digest (White), 1895, page 132.

13. The decision of Grand Master Oliver, page 5,805, Grand Lodge Report (approved by Grand Lodge, page 5,897. Report of 1894) that payment under a lodge by-law of a benefit to a brother to aid in the funeral expenses of a deceased wife was illegal did not have the affect of annulfing an existing by-law so providing. The Grand Lodge having since legalized payments to be made thereunder

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it would be regular to pay such benefit without any action being taken by the lodge on the by-law.

14. A District Committee has no power to "fix" a uniform rate of dues within its bounds, neither can this Grand Lodge confer such power.

15. Under the existing law a bar-tender holding a withdrawal card from another jurisdiction cannot be admitted to membership by deposit of card in one of our lodges.

A number of other questions were submitted, but as they could be easily answered by reference to the digests or published decisions of my predecessors, confirmed by this Grand body, I have not deemed it necessary to further report them. I have also been called on in some instances to interpret lodge by-laws, and as I know of no appeals against my decisions thereupon I conclude these have been accepted as final and satisfactory by the lodges and individuals concerned.

VIII.-APPEALS.

Two cases in the nature of appeals to this Grand Lodge have been submitted to me for presentation :

1. Appeal-J. T. Johns against Ottawa Lodge, No. 224.

2. Appeal-Webbwood Lodge, No. 319, against Carleton Lodge, No. 240.

Some other matters were brought before me for presentation to you, but the papers being irregular were returned for rectification to the parties sending them and have not been sent back as yet.

IX.-HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE.

As you are all aware the twenty-second day of June of this year was set apart for the fitting celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Most Gracious Majesty's accession to the Throne. Amidst the almost numberless expressions of congratulation that were being forwarded to Her Majesty, I felt that it was very desirable something of the kind should be conveyed on behalf of the foremost Fraternal Benefit Society in this great Province. After consultation with our Grand Secretary and other leading members of our Organization, it was decided that although the Grand Lodge had not considered the matter at its last session, some action to express our loyalty and gratjude should be taken, and accordingly the following message was transmitted to our Gracious Queen on the evening of June 21st :

" May it please your Majesty,"

"The Independent Order of Oddfellows of your Province of Ontario, respectfully beg to lay at the foot of your Throne the loyal

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affection of twenty-five thousand members with earnest thanksgiving for your Majesty's long and beneficient reign."

> (Signed) (Signed) J. B. KING, HENRY WHITE. Grand Secretary.

Grand Master.

I trust the action taken as above indicated will meet with your approval and endorsement.

X .--- IN MEMORIAM.

On Saturday, February 20th, I was very painfully surprised to receive word of the death of our esteemed and honoured Grand Treasurer, William Badenach. I had learned some short time before of his desire to be relieved of the cares of his office by reason of serious illness, but had no anticipation that death was near. It needs no words of mine to eulogize our late Brother's personality or character. To know him was to love him, and the trusted position he occupied for so many years in our Grand Lodge proclaims more than words how high he stood in the estimation of the Order in Ontario. The members of this Grand Lodge who knew him personally, will long revere his memory and hold him in loving recollection, and to those who may not have had personal acquaintance with our deceased brother, I can only say that as an Oddfellow, as an officer of this Grand Body, as a citizen and as a man, Brother Badenach was alike distinguished for courtesy and kindness, honour and integrity. Accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Young, Grand Warden Farewell, Grand Secretary King and Grand Representatives Jolliffe and Hoyle, I attended the funeral, Tuesday, February 23rd, when the loving hands of his brethren consigned to the grave all that was mortal of one much beloved and deeply regretted. As a token of our esteem and regard a floral offering was procured and forwarded to the obsequies, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and I deemed it my duty to prepare a letter of condolence to the sorrowing widow and bereaved family of our late brother. This was appropriately engrossed and sent to Mrs. Badenach, and a copy thereof, with her reply, will be found in the appendix to this report. Your endorsation of the action thus taken in your behalf is now asked.

As required by our Constitution I caused a meeting of the remaining elective Grand Lodge officers and Grand Representatives to be summoned for the purpose of choosing a successor to Brother Badenach to serve as Grand Treasurer until the next annual session of Grand Lodge. The meeting was held on the evening of February 23rd, and, by adjournment, on the morning of February 24th, all

those entitled to be present being in attendance. As a result of the deliberations Past Grand W. J. McCormack, of Toronto, was chosen as interim Grand Treasurer, and was forthwith installed. Brother McCormack is a brother of the highest standing and has brought to the duties of the office, the experience, energy and integrity of a successful business man. As the Secretary of the Toronto Relief Board, our new treasurer is widely known throughout the jurisdiction, and in the discharge of the duties of that very onerous position he has gained an enviable reputation for zeal and activity in the practical carrying out of those fundamental principles of Oddfellowship, the relief of distress and the visitation of the sick. I ask your approbation of the choice made of Brother McCormack by the Executive as interim Grand Treasurer.

XII.-GRAND LODGE AUDIT.

The death of our late Grand Treasurer and the appointment of his successor rendered it necessary that an interim special audit of the Grand Lodge books should take place in February last. Such audit was accordingly made and the books, statements, etc., were duly passed upon by the Grand Auditors. It then became a question whether the regular midsummer audit for Grand Lodge should go on, but having no express authority to dispense with this audit, I directed it should be made as usual, and the Grand Auditors' report thereupon will be submitted to you. I ask for your approval of this action.

XIII,-BANK ACCOUNT.

The By-laws of Grand Lodge direct that "The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, investing or depositing the same as directed by the Grand Lodge." As far as I have been able to ascertain no directions have ever been given by Grand Lodge in this regard. I therefore bring the matter before you in order that directions may be so given. Our present esteemed Grand Treasurer, after advisement with the Grand Secretary and myself, has the funds deposited in the name of the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F., payable on his official cheque as Grand Treasurer. This arrangement works quite satisfactorily, and safely guards the interests of Grand Lodge. It will be for you to say if it shall be continued, or what change, if any, shall be made.

XIV.—COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed during recess as provided by our regulations and directed by Grand Lodge :

On Laws of Subordinates :- Bros. W. A. Rawlings, St. Catharines; D. Robertson, St. Catharines; J. H. Magill, Port Hope.

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On General Purposes :--Bros. W. F. Mountain, Toronto; W. Badenach, Grand Treasurer and J. B. King, Grand Secretary. On the death of Bro. Badenach, his successor as Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. McCormack, was appointed to fill the vacancy on this committee.

Advisory Committee on Oddfellows' Relief Association :-Bros. W. S. Given, Millbrook; J. T. Osborne, Belleville; and John E. Ryan, Prescott.

Committee on Dues and Benefits :- Bros. R. Meek, Kingston; Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, London; W. J. Vale, Toronto; F. Smoke, Paris; and W. Warnock, Aylmer.

On Transfer of Membership:-Bros. R. N. Sheppard, Toronto; W. Amor, Hamilton; A. B. McIntyre, Lindsay; H. Aylesworth, Deseronto; D. C. Watson, Orillia.

Grand Auditor :- Bro. A. C. Stewart, London.

As the duties assigned to a Special Committee under Report No. 38, page 6390, Journal, 1896, were of very similar character to those assigned to a committee under Recommendation 5, Report No. 5, page 6330, same journal. I deemed it desirable to refer all these duties to one committee, that on "Dues and Benefits." named above, thereby saving some expense and avoiding a multiplicity of reports.

XV.-DISPENSATION.

On December 7th, 1896, I issued a Dispensation to Dresden Lodge, No. 124, whose effects had been destroyed by fire on the morning of the 3rd. I would suggest that a new Charter be given without cost, and that an order be made accordingly.

XVI .--- SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

Reports of the Special Committees on Home, on Dues and Benefits, and on Transfer of Membership, have been carefully prepared and will be presented to you in due course. These reports are of an exhaustive character, and merit, as I know they will receive, careful consideration at your hands. Desirable reforms are suggested and valuable information given, and I trust no question of time or expediency will be raised to prevent definite action on the important matters dealt with therein.

XVII .--- GRAND LODGE CARDS.

Grand Lodge Cards in accordance with the usages of the Order have been granted on proper applications made, conforming to the regulations governing such cases. A list of these will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

XVIII.-PROCLAMATIONS.

In compliance with the instructions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, through the Grand Sire, proclamations directing the fitting celebration of the 78th Anniversary of the Order, and the proper observance of Decoration Day, were issued to all the lodges. It is gratifying to note that each year the celebration of these occasions becomes more general, and there are now comparatively few lodges not recognizing these distinctive anniversaries of our affiliation.

XIX .--- CORRESPONDENCE.

An extensive correspondence has occupied a great deal of my time during the year, and I have endeavored to promptly answer all letters received. If, by any chance, some have been overlooked, I beg to express my regret therefor. A number of questions have been submitted to me directly that should have gone to the District Deputy Grand Masters of the various districts. These I have referred back, suggesting their being sent to the proper officer, with the result, in many cases, of their being so sent and satisfactorily disposed of. If the regulations of our Order governing such matters were more generally known and complied with, much correspondence would be saved and quicker results arrived at.

XX.-LITIGATION.

Never before, perhaps, in the history of Oddfellowship in Ontario, has it been involved in so many law suits as during the year that has elapsed since our last Grand Lodge Meeting. At that Session the cases of Gillard v. Sydenham Valley Lodge, and Dale v. Weston Lodge, were before the Courts, and I was instructed to retain the services of Mr. G. F. Shepley, Q.C., to argue these on behalf of Grand Lodge. The instructions were carried out, and measures taken to have the cases properly presented, not only in the Court of first instance, but on appeal. The judgments given in both these cases have gone against the interested lodges ; against Sydenham Valley Lodge on appeal to the Divisional Court, and against Weston Lodge in the High Court and Court of Appeal. Another action of Kraft v. Nith Lodge was also brought in the County Court of Perth on similar grounds, and with a like result. I am advised that in addition to the fees paid Mr. Shepley in the first two mentioned cases, applications will be made to this Grand Lodge for further assistance in the payment of the costs incurred, and also by Nith Lodge for the like aid. All the papers will be submitted to you for consideration.

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XXI. BAKER *v.* FOREST CITY LODGE. PARKHOUSE *v.* DOMINION LODGE.

Leave having been given to these brothers to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, they each took action thereon, with the result that the appeal in each case was dismissed. Actions were thereupon brought in the Civil Courts against the above lodges, and on trial being had in London, before Mr. Chancellor Boyd, judgments were given in favor of the defendant lodges. This has established the right of lodges to reduce their benefits whilst members are in receipt of the same. Both cases, I am informed, are in appeal, with what result remains to be seen. On the authority of the Advisory Board I instructed Mr. Shepley to argue both these cases, and I ask for your approval of the action taken.

XXII .--- ADVISORY BOARD,

During the year two meetings of this Board have been held, the first on October 21st, 1896, the second on February 23rd, 1897. My reason for summoning these was to obtain advice on matters connected with the pending litigation in the Order, and to decide what steps should be taken in the interests of all parties concerned. I gratefully acknowledge the valuable counsel and assistance-rendered under peculiarly trying circumstances, and ask your endorsement of my action with regard to these meetings. As an instance of the work done, in accordance with the decisions of the Board, I would call attention to the valuable supplementary By-Laws promulgated for adoption by the lodges defining "good standing," etc. These By-Laws and the accompanying circular will be found in the appendix hereto attached.

XXIII.-VISIT TO BALTIMORE, MD.

By desire of counsel and on the authority of a resolution of the Advisory Board, I proceeded to Baltimore on October 30th, 1896, for the purpose of obtaining needed evidence as to the official minutes and journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This was required for use in the case of Dale v. Weston Lodge in the Courts, and the counsel engaged advised that such evidence was extremely important. My hurried journey, only occupying four days, was quite successful in its results. I succeeded in obtaining personal knowledge of the facts required, and, in addition, obtained some very valuable information, which is now on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and Clears up some important difficulties in connection with Sovereign Grand Lodge law. My personal thanks are due Brother J. Frank Grant, Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for courtesy and kindness in facilitating the object of my visit. Your confirmation of the action taken herein is also asked.

XXIV.-JOURNAL OF 1896.

Many changes having from time to time been made in the Constitution and By-Laws of our Grand Lodge, and in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, I deemed it desirable that these as amended to date should be included in the Journal of 1896. My reason for so doing was that I was convinced a large number of our members were not at all well informed as to many amendments of an important character that had been made since the last publication of our local regulations. I trust the action taken will meet with your approbation, as I am satisfied the information given by the publication far more than counterbalances in value the extra expense incurred. The expense of printing our annual proceedings has grown to be of very serious moment, and I am happy to be able to report to you that the matter has had earnest consideration. You will be glad to know that tenders have been accepted this year, which will reduce the expense quite considerably.

XXV .--- OFFICIAL ORGAN.

This matter will be brought before you on the report laid over from last year. A circular has been issued by our Grand Secretary calling attention to the subject, and it is desirable you should give it your consideration. It would seem that, with a membership of twenty-three thousand men, a newspaper, edited, printed, and published as a private enterprise, should receive patronage sufficient to ensure fair, if not handsome, profits to its proprietors. Whether this be the case or not I am not in a position to say, so far as relates to the present Dominion Odd Fellow. It does appear desirable, however, that a paper devoted to Oddfellows' news and the distinctive features of the Organization should be in the hands of every member. Whether that shall remain, as at present, a matter of private enterprise, or whether the Grand Lodge shall pay the subscription necessary to place a paper in the hands of each individual member, will be for you to decide. An increase in the capitation tax for this purpose seems undesirable, in view of the existing financial stringency, whilst the supervision of the publication of the paper is a task that demands serious thought before entering upon the undertaking. Personally I am in favor of the publication remaining a private enterprise, to be supported by voluntary subscription, believing, as I do; that a paper properly conducted on the lines adopted by modern journalistic enterprise would receive a hearty support throughout the jurisdiction.

XXVI.-UNAUTHORIZED CIRCULARS.

It has been brought to my notice that, in several instances, circulars to the lodges in the jurisdiction have been issued by individual

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lodges, and in at least one instance, by a District Committee. This has been done without any official authorization, and, indeed, without any notice to the Executive Head of the Jurisdiction of any intention of so doing. The circulars referred to relate to questions of importance pending in the Order, and particularly to questions likely to engage the attention of this Grand Lodge. Whilst recognizing the right of our membership to fully and freely discuss these matters in their own lodges and districts, I am not sure it is desirable for lodges to advocate their views by means of circular communications to other lodges. The powers of the Executive, with regard to this peculiar way of enlisting support for individual, or lodge, or district views on a particular matter do not appear, in this jurisdiction, to be very clearly, if at all, defined, and I bring the matter before you with an earnest request for your consideration whether it is not advisable to make it imperative that no circular, on any subject whatever, should be issued to the subordinate lodges or members without the permission of the Grand Lodge, or, in the interim, of the Grand Master, being first had and obtained. It may be that the communications I have referred to are not of such a character as to call for serious objection, but it is easy to conceive circulars being issued that might cause disaffection and trouble in our ranks through misunderstanding and misstatement on the part of those sending them broadcast through the jurisdiction. In this connection I may also mention that my attention was called to an unauthorized circular issued by Delta Lodge, No. 265, asking pecuniary aid from our lodges towards the erection of a hall. Acting within my powers, in this regard, I at once wrote the offending lodge to recall the circulars and forthwith return any monetary donations received in response to it. After some correspondence, I did not deem it desirable to alter my decision, and I have reason to believe my directions have been carried out, although no communication from the lodge to this effect has reached me. It will be for the Grand Lodge to satisfy itself on this point.

XXVII.-OFFICIAL RECEIPTS.

In deference to the often expressed desire for a Receipt that should be *prima facie* evidence of good standing in the Order, and facilitate travelling without the taking out of a visiting card, the' Sovereign Grand Lodge took action at its last session. The result was the authorizing the form of a receipt for dues, etc. to be recognized as evidence of good standing when the holder desires to make visitation in another jurisdiction, such form of receipt to be universal throughout all the jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only and legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all lodges. The Sovereign Grand Lodge also gave directions as to the requirements and regulations necessary to be furnished and obeyed

in connection with such receipts, and directed their being issued through the subordinate grand bodies to the membership. In common with others, this jurisdiction fully approved of such a receipt and anxiously awaited the first issue. As soon, however, as it was known that the price had been fixed at such a figure as would necessitate the sale to the subordinate lodges at 3 cents per receipt, it was felt that the cost was altogether too much and, as compared with the old form of receipt, was the imposition of a heavy burden on the lodges altogether out of proportion to the advantage incidental thereto. As to the new form being declared to be the only and legal receipt for dues, etc., it is somewhat doubtful how the declaration would work in connection with the civil law of our Province, and as stated in another part of this report, the time has undoubtedly arrived, when our internal regulations must not be allowed to deviate from the strict line of the civil law under which we live. In addition, the law of Ontario peremptorily requires that the words "Assessment System" should be printed on our documents, and these words do not appear on the form approved and issued. Under these circumstances I bring the subject before you, and trust you will take such action as will justify your Grand Representatives in working to secure some desirable changes. These changes might well be :-

First.-A very considerable reduction in the price so as to enable

the new form to be supplied at no higher price than prevailed heretofore.

Second.—Authority to Ontario to print the necessary form in our own Province from plates to be supplied, if thought necessary, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Third.—The removing of the limitation as to these being the only and legal receipt by all lodges.

Fourth.—The authorization of the words, "Assessment System" being embodied in the form used in Ontario.

It is an easy matter of computation that if these are the only receipts to be issued to practically twenty-five thousand members, and assuming that each will require an average of three redeipts in a year, a comparatively low estimate, then the cost, in this Province alone, for receipts would be to the subordinate lodges, encampments, etc., two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, the primary cost to the Grand Lodge, being eighteen hundred and seventy-five dollars, exclusive of freight, etc. Pending consideration by you and possible action at the next meeting of Sovereign Grand Lodge, no stock of these receipts is on hand, and only a sufficient quantity has from time to time been procured to meet the immediate demand.

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XXVIII.-HONORARY AND NON-BENEFICIAL MEMBERSHIP.

Whilst our Order wisely discourages so-called "Honorary Membership" in its lodges, and absolutely forbids such, yet it provides, subject to local legislation and under special safe-guards, for a "nonbeneficial membership"; and I would draw the attention of this Grand Lodge to the question, whether it is not advisable that a provision authorizing such membership should be embodied in our laws. Where a member has, been in affiliation for five years, has been further dropped for non-payment of dues, and has reached the age of fifty years, if he desires to reunite himself with this great brotherhood, it would seem desirable some provision should be made to meet his case. It frequently happens that a member by reason of poverty becomes suspended for arrearages, and after being out for some time finds it impossible to get back into our ranks on account of age, no matter how well he may then be able to pay for re-instatement. He believes in the institution, desires the social and fraternal sympathy peculiar thereto, seeks no pecuniary benefit and yet is unable to enter a lodge door. An enactment in our laws to provide for such cases, would, I think, meet the wishes of many of our suspended members, and would not be open to the objections so forcibly urged against what is known as "Honorary Membership."

XXIX .--- AGED ODDFELLOWS.

Legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge enabling Grand Jurisdictions in their discretion to create, maintain and dispense an Aged Oddfellows' Fund, was instituted at the last session of that body. Some provision of this character, to be supplemented by proper safe-guards, has been long and urgently needed and in no jurisdiction more than this. Where a member is over fifty years of age and has been affiliated with our institution for twenty-five years or over and his lodge has for any reason surrendered its Charter, he is surely entitled to the benefit of his membership in some way or other, and not be forced to lose, through possibly no fault of his own, the consideration he should be entitled to at the hands of his brethren generally. To meet this injustice the Sovereign Grand Body has legislated as above indicated, and I beg to call your attention to the same and ask for your consideration, and if deemed desirable, your action thereupon.

XXX.-LODGE PHYSICIANS.

By the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session it has been declared contrary to the law of the Order for subordinate lodges to pay out of their funds to a physician hired by the year, unless authorized by the Constitutions laid down by Grand Lodges

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for their subordinates. This decision affecting, as it does, a very large number of lodges in our jurisdiction, is very far-reaching and serious in its possible effects on our membership. It is very difficult to say what might be the ultimate effect of abolishing these officers, and it is for this Grand Lodge to take such action as they may be advised in the premises. I would strongly recommend, in view of our present position, that an amendment to the Constitution of our subordinates be introduced, giving the necessary powers for the appointment of lodge physicians : and I so recommend despite the doubts that have been expressed as to our powers in this regard.

XXXI.-GRAND LODGE SOLICITOR.

As one result of the litigation into which the Order has been brought during the past year, the need of a standing solicitor has been only too apparent. 'It is quite clear, in the light of our past experience, that our internal laws and regulations must be brought into strict accord with the Civil Law as it prevails in this Province. Further, questions of a legal character are constantly arising, not only in Grand Lodge affairs, but in the daily working of the Subordinate Lodges-questions requiring that knowledge only possessed by a professional man, and which cannot be answered or advised upon by a layman. The experience of the past year has shown what a very heavy cost has been entailed by the employment of special counsel, and it is extremely difficult to find counsel with a thorough knowledge of our peculiar laws as bearing upon the civil jurisprudence of the Provincial Courts. Under these circumstances I would urge upon Grand Lodge the importance of appointing a legal gentleman as standing solicitor to the Order. If such were done, the lodges would have much greater confidence in submitting their legal difficulties to the Grand Lodge Solicitor as such, and the Grand Lodge and its Special Committee on Laws of Subordinates, could avail themselves of the special and professional knowledge such an officer would undoubtedly make it his business to acquire. The appointment need not entail any heavy salary being paid, or indeed any salary at all. What occurs to my mind is that this Grand Lodge should make an appointment authorizing the general retainer of the appointee by a small retaining fee to be paid each year. That the solicitor should then be paid by the Grand Lodge for work done for that body and its committees at ordinary rates, and subordinate lodges who might, and doubtless would, avail themselves of his services should individually pay at like rates for services rendered. If such an arrangement were sanctioned, and could be made, its advantages would soon be realized in the speedy and satisfactory manner that legal questions so frequently arising in the Order would be disposed of. Your earnest consideration of this matter I respect-

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fully urge, realizing, as I do, the necessity of something being done to remedy a difficulty we are at present laboring under.

XXXII.-A SUGGESTION.

It is to be regretted that although our Order, as a whole, has made and is making marked progress, there are within our borders quite a number of lodges in a stagnant condition. Some are barely keeping alive, others are in what may he called a comatose condition, and again others are practically dead. It would be an invidious task were I to particularize the lodges I refer to ; they are only too apparent from a perusal of the returns. Under these circumstances some action should be taken or method devised looking towards a specific dealing with such cases. It is entirely out of the power of your Grand Master or Grand Secretary to deal with them, as in the case of the first named officer the cares of his own business preclude his devoting the necessary time, whilst the Grand Secretary's duties confine him within the immediate sphere of his own office. Yet something must be done if these lodges are to be put in active working condition and preserved as subordinates in our organization. Oddfellowship has boasted itself, and justly so, that its propagation and extension has resulted from the personal work of its individual members and the inherent merits of its principles and practices. As a consequence no officers in the nature of paid organizers have ever, as far as I know, existed within our bounds. That this may continue to be a distinguishing mark of our affiliation is most devoutly to be wished. Still, as distinguished from such officers as these, there should be some agent whose duties should be to look after our weak lodges, and by strenuous and well-directed efforts keep them in line with the everadvancing forces of our organization. If a man could be found who would be capable of instructing in the floor work, who to a knowledge of lodge book-keeping and the internal government of our Order could join the advantages of personal magnetism and earnest zeal, such a man might well be appointed as a permanent officer in our society. No one has a greater desire than I to keep down expenses consistent with a due regard for efficient working, but I cannot help thinking the expense incurred by an appointment such as above indicated would be far more than made up for by the increased revenues to this body that would be produced by the reviving of the weaker lodges and the strengthening of already existing membership. During my term of office I have to a limited extent experimented in this way with results eminently satisfactory, and in our returns will be found evidence of new life in some lodges that were reported as being nearly if not quite dead. It is not my intention to unduly urge this matter upon you, but simply to call

your attention to the existing facts and invite your consideration of a state of affairs that seems to call for prompt action of a disastrous conclusion in the cases of a number of lodges.

XXXIII.-LODGE INVESTMENTS.

With some few exceptions, the investments made by our lodges in real estate, buildings, etc., have proved singularly unprofitable. In many instances large amounts have been sunk in speculations of this nature, and, in some cases, absolute ruin has been the result. The need of some check on dealings of lodges in this respect seems quite apparent, and a regulation requiring all proposed investments of the above nature to be first submitted to the Grand Lodge, or Executive in the interim, would seem to be desirable.

XXXIV.-ODDFELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

In my official capacity I attended the Annual Meeting of this Association held in Kingston, on Wednesday, July 21st. It is satisfactory to know that this valuable auxiliary of Oddfellowship in Canada is in a most prosperous condition, and doing an incalculable amount of good amongst our members. In these days, when so many fraternal societies couple with their benefits a scheme of mutual ipsurance, the want of such would be severely felt in our organization were it not for the Relief Association. Under a careful management, conducted on sound business principles, and in a highly satisfactory financial condition, the Association merits, and should receive, the support of every eligible member in our ranks.

XXXV.-THANKS.

I desire to convey my warmest thanks to the Brothers with whom I have been brought in contact during the year. I have experienced the utmost kindness at their hands, and it would be an invidious task for me to attempt to place in this report any attempt at an adequate expression of my appreciation of their courtesy and consideration. Our Grand Secretary has been ever zealous in promoting the best interests of the order he loves so well, and to him I am indebted in a very special manner for counsel and support. That he may be long spared to carry on his life work in this great Order is my fervent hope—a hope I have reason to know is cherished by every Oddfellow in Ontario. I would also express my appreciation of services rendered by Brother Jos. Powley, P.G., who has done important work in organizing new lodges and reviving some old ones that were in a very bad condition. t

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XXXVI.-CONCLUSION.

And now, my brethren, I am about to surrender into other hands the trust committed to my keeping a year ago. I have faithfully and honestly tried to do what in me lay for the advancement of the best interest of the Order we all love so much. If I have failed in any respect, such failure has arisen from lack of ability, certainly not from want of inclination. The friends made and the experience gained during my term of office as your Grand Master will be ever amongst the most valuable acquisitions of my life. But the pleasantest memory of all will'be that through your kindness and confidence I have been enabled to do something towards the higher uplifting of the banner emblazoned with the three golden links of Oddfellowship and towards the wider promulgation of the principles of "Friend-ship, Love, and Truth."

I remain,

Grand Officers, Representatives, and Brethren,

Yours very faithfully,

Henry White

APPENDIX.

I. LETTER OF CONDOLENCE.

- 2. REPLY OF MRS. BADENACH.
- 3. CIRCULAR re BY-LAWS.
- 4. BY-LAWS.

To MRS. WILLIAM BADENACH.

To MKS. WILLIAM SADENACH. DRAR MADAM,—On behalf and in the name of the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, we desire to convey to you an expres-sion of earnest sympathy and sincere condolence with yourself and family in your sorrowfal bereavement. To our Order generally the death of our late brother comes in the nature of a personal bereavement, so high did he stand in the esteem of the membership that when the mournful intelligence of his death was known it was feit that the loss was not only of an officer high in our councils, but of a brother, who, by his charming courtesy, genial disposition and thorough integrity, had merited, received and retained the loving affection of the Oddfellows

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of Ontario. For twenty-two years Brother Badenach conducted the financial of Ohtario. For twenty-two years isrother Badenach conducted the financial affairs of our Grand Lodge with the greatest success and in the enjoyment of the perfect confidence of the Order, and his death leaves a conspicuous vacancy in our ranks; one which it will be hard for his successor to fill. To yourself and family the loss is irreparable, but we trust your deep sorrow and affliction may to some extent at least be mitigated by the knowledge that you and yours have the heartfelt sympathy of every member of our Organization. That you may be sustained in your grief by the Almighty Hand of Him who doeth all things well, and who is the Husband of the Widow and Father of the Fatherless is our earnest confidence and trust. We remain,

Dear Madam,

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) HENRY WHITE, Grand Master. J. B. KING, Grand Secretary.

TORONTO, June 15th, 1897.

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., Toronto.

DEAR SIR,-

J. B. KING, Eso.,

Kindly convey to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F., my thanks for their words of condolence so feelingly expressed and so beautifully as torth in the illuminated address that they were so good as to send me. Coming as it does from friends who were very closely allied with my late husband for so many years, I will always treasure this memento. Thanking, you for your kind sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

SARAH H. BADENACH, 56 St. Mary Street.

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Office of the Grand Master, Port Hope, November 5th, 1896.

To the Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in the Province of Ontario :

BROTHERS, -- I regret very much to have to advise you that in the matter of an appeal in the case of Gillard v. Sydenham Valley Lodge, No. 120, I.O.O.F., the High Court of Justice of this Province has rendered a decision of great importance to every Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction and quite opposed to the law of the Order as heretofore interpreted.

The judgment turns very largely on the meaning attached to the words "in good standing," which appear in the By-laws of most, if not all, of our lodges. There appears also to be little doubt, unless the local By-laws are drawn so as to expressly cover the point, that the widow or personal representatives can claim benefits on the death of a brother who, although in arrears at the time his last sickness began, has had his dues paid up prior to his death. The hitherto ac-cepted interpretation by the Soverfun Grand Lodge and by the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the words "in good standing" has, as no doubt you are aware, been that in such eases no claim can be made for benefits of any kind. This interpre-tation has not however, nervailed with the court in the case in question. tation has not, however, prevailed with the court in the case in question.

In view of the serious effect of the decision upon our lodges, I deemed it my duty to summon a meeting of the Grand Lodge Advisory Board, which met at

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Toronto, on Wednesday, October 21st. As a result of the deliberations then held, I have had a group of explanatory By-laws prepared by Mr. G. F. Shepley, Q.C., who represented the Grand Lodge in the above appeal. A copy of these By-laws is enclosed herewith, and on the authority, and at the request, of the Advisory Board, I earnestly recommend that each lodge do adopt the same as a provisional measure pending action being taken by the Grand Lodge at its next session. The blank left in the first line of proposed By-law (a) should be filled in with "three months' dues," or "six months' dues," as the existing By-laws require. Where your existing By-laws require dues to be paid in advance a mem-ber would become "indebted," within the meaning of the enclosed By-laws, from the day on which the existing By-laws require such payment in advance to be the day on which the existing By-laws require such payment in advance to be

You will, of course, understand that these By-laws, if adopted, will be only supplemental to the present lodge By-laws, and will have to be sent for approval, in the usual way, to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Laws of Subordinates, Brother W. A. Rawlings, St. Catharines. Trusting the urgency and importance of the matter will lead you to give it your immediate attention in your respective lodges,

Attest :

J. B. KING,

I am Brethren, Yours faithfully,

HENRY WHITE,

Grand Secretary. (Assessment System).

Grand Master.

BY-LAWS

(a) No member who is indebted to the Lodge to the amount of dues whether under suspension or not, shall be entitled to receive financial or pecuniary benefits of any kind; nor shall any such member so indebted, or the widow, children, or personal representatives of such member have any claim whatever upon the funds of the Lodge, either for sick or funeral benefits of any kind or for any benefits of any kind payable to such widow, children or personal

(b) No member who becomes sick or disabled within the meaning of these By-laws, while indebted to the Lodge to the amount in the next preceding By-law By-laws, while indebted to the Lodge to the amount in the next preceding By-law mentioned, shall become enkiled to receive financial or pecuniary benefits of any kind by the payment and acceptance, during the continuance of such sickness or disability, of the dues in arrear; nor shall the payment and acceptance of such dues in arrear, during the continuance of such sickness or disability, entitle such member, or the widow, children, or personal representatives of such member, to make any claim whatever upon the funds of the Lodge, either for sick or funeral benefits of any kind, or for benefits of any kind payable to such widow, children, or personal representatives. or personal representatives.

(c) Wherever the words "in good standing" occur in these By-laws, they shall mean and shall be construed to mean "entitled to receive financial or

(d) All By-laws and parts of By-laws inconsistent with the next preceding three By-laws are, to the extent to which they are so inconsistent, hereby reThe Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, presented his Annual Report, Financial Statements, and Statistics, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, AUGUST 11TH, 1897.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives :-

After twenty years of pilgrimage throughout the different sections of our fair province the Grand Lodge has returned to this "City of the Bay" to hold its forty-third session. Not a few of those who were present at the session of 1877 and enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren here are again here to have "history repeat itself," no doubt. Not a few have passed the borderland and entered into their rest, the memory of their heroic service in our cause still lingers sweetly and fresh in our minds.

The past twenty years have been eventful years to Oddfellowship. The record of each one has added fresh laurels to its noble worth, and have bound its membership closer together in the strong bonds of our fraternity, so that at the present time no Fraternal Order stands higher in the esteem of its members, nor has a greater hold on the public sympathy than has this Order which we all hold so dear.

When we assembled here in 1877, our register had a membership of 12,172. During the previous year 1,015 sick brothers received \$12,082.45, the total relief of the year being \$22,080.84 and total funds \$246,734.70. To day our roster has 22,825 members. During 1896, 3,113 members were sick, receiving \$49,999.66—total relief, \$82,430.75, and total funds \$925,773.94; a truly noble record of advance for such a short period; it should fill the heart of every Oddfellow in Ontario with pride and satisfaction, and confirm and increase, if it need be, his faith in the future of the Order.

The several duties imposed on your Grand Secretary by resolution or by legal enactment have received prompt attention.

Clause 1. As promptly as possible after the close of the last session the minutes of the session held at Sarniawere compiled, printed and issued, as directed by the report of the Finance Committee. The work was done by the publishers of the *Dominion Odd Fellow* and was in every respect a most creditable journal.

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Clause 3. As directed by resolution the usual stationery was sent to each District Deputy Grand Master with a copy of White's New Digest and a copy of the Ontario Digest, all enclosed in a neat case and marked the "Property of the Grand Lodge." Instructions were sent to each District Deputy Grand Master that the case and contents must be handed over to his successor when duly commissioned as such. Later on a Digest, etc., was sent to each elective Grand Officer by virtue of an order passed by the Executive Committee.

A copy of the Photogravure of the Past Grand Masters was duly sent to each Past Grand Master and to the family of each deceased Past Grand Master, and with one or two exceptions, they were kindly acknowledged.

Clause 4. Arrangements have been made with the several railroad companies whereby each officer, representative and lady accompanying them, will receive a free return ticket on the certificate plan. Full information was duly sent to each lodge. Owing to the fact that the Ontario and Richelieu Navigation Company's steamers do not touch at Belleville on their eastern passage, arrangements could not be advantageously made with that Company this year.

Clause 5. The usual exchange of Journals with other jurisdictions has been made. These Journals are placed on the book-case shelves in the Grand Secretary's office and have been very useful to the visitors during the year.

Clause 6. A badge to be used by the Officers and Representatives, instead of regalia, has been provided.

Clause 7. The Annual Report of this Grand Lodge to the Ontario Government Insurance Department was duly made. As this Annual Report has to be certified to by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as being a true and perfect record of the work of the Lodge, it will at once be apparent that the greatest care must be exercised by Lodge Secretaries in making out their semi-annual re-

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turns, as it is from these returns that the Report to the Insurance Department is compiled. When the auditors of a lodge sign the return, they should do so with a full understanding of the importance of their signatures. It means far more than that they have checked over the office books; it means that they have examined and audited every item of receipt and expenditure and that the items contained in the return are legal, and were legally made.

Clause 8. The designs for emblems, to be used exclusively by our Order, approved by this Grand Lodge and, subsequently, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have been adopted and used by many lodges, though not as generally as they should be. A number of electros were procured, and have been sold as other supplies. It is to be hoped that they will come into general use, as they are neat and distinctive.

Clause 9. As has been my custom, approved by the Grand Lodge, I have prepared, and herewith present to the Grand Lodge, tables of sickness, mortality, etc., with all the averages for the past year. They have been carefully prepared, and will be found interesting especially to those who have an interest in the statistics of the Order. The averages fully bear out all that has been said in the past in regard to increase of sickness and mortality as age advances. Lodges should be warned in time by these facts that the law of averages is as true as any law in existence. While prosperity may attend for a time any lodge that is in a sense indifferent to that law, yet the day of reckoning will come as surely as the lodge exists. Well will it be for all lodges which have accepted the warnings and legislated accordingly.

Clause 10. Early in the year your Grand Secretary prepared a table of mileage to Belleville, and notified each subordinate lodge of the number of miles from his lodge to Belleville, and requested that he be at once notified of any errors that might be found, and, further, that unless notice of errors was at once received, the mileage would be thus computed, and the report to Grand Lodge made accordingly. But few errors were reported, and the necessary corrections were made. The report, as made out, is herewith submitted for the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. McCormack, having decided that he would pay Mileage and Per Diem by honoring cheques drawn on him by the Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, instead of paying in the old way, a cheque book has been prepared and filled out, and will be in the hands of the Chairman, from whom officers and represuce pron func Bro. worl of t succ nece

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Clause 11. As directed, 20,000 copies of the little booklet, "What is Oddfellowship?" "Why Should I Become a Member?" were printed, and a supply sent to each lodge, and to others who would use them. From information received, I am satisfied this booklet has fully repaid the cost of its issue. A number of copies are still on hand, and will be sent to lodges and district deputies from time to time.

Clause 12. We shall miss from the present meeting the familiar face and form of our late esteemed and dearly loved Grand Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Badenach, a brother who for over twenty years had been a prominent officer of this Grand Lodge; one who had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his genial manners and kindly disposition. Those present who met him for the last time at Sarnia, in August last, while noticing that he was not in his usual robust form, little thought that ere another session came he would have gone over to join the silent majority. But on February 20th he passed away, and was laid at rest by his brethren ; his lodge, Laurel No. 110, conducting the funeral ceremonies of the Order, the Grand Master and all the other elective Grand Officers being present. By direction of the Grand Master, a photograph of our late Grand Treasurer was procured, to be hung up in the Grand Lodge Offices. This picture will be hung up in our present meeting room that all who are present may see the familiar face and form so dearly loved by his brethren.

Clause 13. At the meeting of the Executive called to elect a successor to our late Grand Treasurer the choice fell on Bro. W. J. McCormack, a Past Grand of Covenant Lodge No. 52, who was promply installed by the Grand Master and at once received the funds of the Grand Lodge and entered upon the duties of his office. Bro. McCormack has for many years been closely identified with the work of the Order, having faithfully served on the Relief Committee of the Toronto District. Bro. McCormack will make a worthy successor to our lamented Brother Badenach, as he has every necessary qualification for the position.

Clause 14. But four lodges have taken advantage of the Insurance Act of 1892 and become incorporated during the past year. Those lodges were :

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Concord Lodge No. 142, Kingsville, May 31st, 1897. Clifford " 214, Clifford, August 31st, 1896. Merlin " 226, Merlin, October 29th, 1896. Fraternity " 264, Perth, February 3rd, 1897.

Clause 15. There are a number of thriving villages and small towns in Ontario in which good lodges could be instituted and maintained by a slight effort in that behalf. Whilst it is not at all desirable to have an organizer, as the word usually implies, yet it would be well if greater powers were given to the Grand Master in appointing a special deputy to visit and remain for a week or more in these places, and after he has got a lodge at work to open the books and, so far as he can, to coach its officers in their work, and not encourage the idea so often indulged in, that all interest in the lodge ceased when it is instituted. True, it is not too well to encourage a lodge to depend on others for what it can do for itself, but every lodge should receive the fostering care of the Grand Lodge in its early life, and in every possible way be taught that it is part of a great, noble brotherhood, and as such it has a work to perform in the community in which it exists, which can only be done by a strict adherence to sound business principles and to the precepts laid down as the groundwork of Oddfellowship, and by a firm resolve on the part of officers and members alike to be true men, and to be daily living examples of what Oddfellowship demands its members to be.

Clause 16. Your Grand Secretary has not carried out the instructions contained in the Resolution by Representative Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., amending the report of the Committee on State of the Order : Journal 1896 p. 6398: "To have the Constitution of Subordinates printed for sale to lodges," for the reason that the expenses attending the Suits at Law, in which the Grand Lodge was employing Counsel, were likely to entail a large expenditure of funds, and further that it was possible that important changes would have to be made in the Constitution of Subordinates, as the result of the suits referred to. The delay seems to have been justified as, no doubt, some changes will now be required if a repetition of the unpleasant and unprofitable law suits is to be avoided.

Clause 17. Carefully considering the able report of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, it is manifestly plain that the time has arrived (if not in some cases past,—though I hope not) for the Grand Lodge to take prompt and decisive action in this important matter of dues and benefits.

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It is not enough that the Grand Lodge takes measures for the institution of new lodges, and for general interests of the older lodges, it should and it must as well provide suitable laws by which all are to be governed if their permanency would be assured.

The large and increasing rate of sickness and death in the older lodges, warns every thinking member that the amount of benefits of all kinds has too long been made more largely out of generous sympathy, than from the fact of the ability of the lodge to meet and continue to meet these growing demands. While the object in joining our Order may not and should not be for what benefits one may get from it, at the same time the benefits to be derived from membership in the Order form a very important factor in deciding the average man to join it. Therefore, there should be no doubt as to the soundness and solvency of the beneficial system, so that confidence may be felt by every member, that as others have received their benefits, his will be forthcoming when required.

A number of our older lodges have lately experienced the fact that they cannot continue to pay the large sum they have been paying on the death of a member, and have every assurance that their funds will hold out till the last obligation is met—and there is no doubt but to a greater extent than is generally known this doubtless is the cause of many of the suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The payment on the decease of a brother of any sum, unless the lodge collects the proper cost for such insurance, should, and really must be discontinued if disaster is to be averted.

In view of all this, it appears evident that now is the time to make a change. There should be absolute uniformity as to fees and dues paid into each lodge, and in the amount of benefits to be paid by each lodge for sick or funeral benefits, All insurance at death should be left to the Relief Association, except that a central or consolidated fund controlled by the Grand Lodge should be provided. The cost of this to each member can now readily be ascertained, and, from this fund all brothers who have been continually sick for more than a year should be paid, and also a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars, to be paid on the death of every member. This would put beyond peradventure, on the failure of a lodge, the possibility of a brother being deprived of his benefits at a time when he most needs them, and when the individual lodge finds the payment of continuous sick benefits a heavy, if not an impossible burden. The many, we are taught, are stronger than the few, so, therefore, all lodges joining hands, could, with positive safety, promise to pay continuous sick benefits, and not be compelled, when a

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brother has lost his health and becomes a confirmed invalid, to reduce his benefits to the pittance of one dollara week. That amount is truly better than none, and more particularly when with it is carried the sympathy of his brethren, but a more substantial sum might and can as well as not be provided for. It is a question worth very careful consideration whether or not it is now the time to change our present system entirely, and begin paying a small amount of benefits for the earlier weeks' sickness and increasing it as the sickness continues, up to a given maximum amount.

If, as it is said, the Sovereign Lodge laws will not permit the adoption by a provincial jurisdiction of laws to enable lodges to do as here suggested, then it is high time that that body should better consult its own and the Order's interests by making legislation by which it can be done,

In Canada we are governed by Federal and Provincial Laws, which must be obeyed, even though those of the Sovereign Grand Lodge should have to be disregarded to an extent. It would be far better that this jurisdiction be given greater liberty in making its financial laws, than that a single law of the parent body should of necessity have to be lightly dealt with.

In order that this subject of the payment of continual sick benefits over a year and a sum at the death of a member, say one hundred dollars, out of a consolidated fund, may be fully considered, I have ascertained that it would require but one dollar and a-half from each member to form such a fund, viz.:--

During the year 1896 there were 173 deaths in Ontario. To have paid in each case 100 would have required 34,600 or about 1.500per member of the whole membership to pay this benefit, and provide a fund for its continuance, and to have paid each of the forty-seven brothers who were sick the whole year 3.000 per week, would have required 7,332, or about thirty-two cents per member. But on paying over this sum to the central fund each lodge would be relieved of its individual liability for extended sickness and widows' benefits. As the ages of the chronic sick and those who have died will, in all probability, be above the average, the relief of individual lodge responsibility will be corresponding to the additional security the consolidated fund, will provide.

The demand is frequently made for a larger amount to be paid to the widow or dependent relative on the death of a brother, but, it, has been as often met with the fact that, on the present dues, no lodge can hope to continue to pay even the amounts now promised. This suggestion is made partly with a view to restore the harmony

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which was disturbed by the abolition of the widows' annuities, though in the main to provide a safe system by which the benefactions of our Order can best be maintained.

Clause 18. The total expenditure of the Order in Ontario in all its departments for Sick Benefits, Relief of Widows and Orphans, Funeral Benefits, Death Indemnity and Special Relief since 1856, and including the year ending 31st December, 1896—forty years, aggregates the magnificent sum of \$1,855,216.81, and is made up as follows:

Paid by Subordinate Lodges, Sick Benefits,	
Kellef, etc	1,131,286.82
Paid by Subordinate Encampments Oddfellows' Relief Association, Death Claims	45,219.99
paid Oddfellows' Relief Association, Disability	578,437.00
Claims Mutual Aid Association, London, Death	94,000.00
Claims paid	816.00
Death Claims paid	5.457.00

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While all of this vast sum is not purely the expenditure of the lodges, yet it is all paid out as the results of the grand work of Oddfellowship. The greater portion of the amount has gone direct to relieve the distress sickness has caused, and the balance has enabled many a widowed mother to keep her little family around her until they could be educated and thus enabled the more successfully to fight the daily battle of life.

Clause 19. The adoption of the Official Receipt of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was hailed with every evidence of satisfaction at first, but when the price fixed by the committee to which it was relegated was announced, evidences of satisfaction were less apparent. And when later, the Grand Sire decided that the legislation which adopted the Receipt must be taken as it read, viz. : "To be used as the only legal receipt for dues, fees, etc.," then dissatisfaction became loud and strong, though with accustomed loyalty to the powers that be 19,400 have been ordered and paid for at this exorbitant price. When the price has been fixed at a reasonable figure, as undoubtedly it will be, in simple justice, we should get a rebate for the difference.

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The Grand Lodge of Ontario is supplying as good a receipt in books of 500, far better bound, and as neatly printed, for \$1.25, and notwithstanding the words, "only legal receipt," etc., it is well known in law and in fact that any receipt is valid, no matter on what or with what it may be written. Therefore, our receipt at onequarter of a cent each is as good and as legal as the one for which three cents had to be paid, and just as safe to be used as a visiting card. At that price-a quarter of a cent each-the Sovereign Grand Lodge, if it decides to make the receipt universal, as it is to be hoped it will, will receive a greater profit than it did from the sale of the Visiting Card, and at the same time a universal system of free inter-visitation will be encouraged. The Insurance Act of Ontario now requires that all receipts, etc., shall have the words "Assessment System" printed plainly on them. When the new receipts were issued lodges were notified that the stamps "Assessment System," which was sent to them, must be used on each receipt, but if we are compelled to get our receipts from the Sovereign Grand Lodge they must be supplied us in conformity with our Provincial laws.

Clause 20. It appears that Clause 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was not regularly adopted and inasmuch as it is best to avoid any possibility of trouble that might arise, I hereby give the required notice to amend the said Clause so that it shall read as follows:—

Strike out Section 12 and insert the following :--

Section 12. The Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master or the Acting Grand Master, and whose duty it shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master or the Acting Grand Master on all matters that he may deem it necessary to submit to their notice during the recess of the Grand Lodge. It shall also be the duty of the Advisory board, and they shall have the power to decide any matter that may be left to their decision by the Grand Master or by the Acting Grand Master during such recess and their decision in all cases shall be binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge.

Also that Grand Lodge By-law No. 7 be amended as follows, viz.:---After the word "by" in the second line, insert "the remaining members": the by-law then to read :---

By-law 7. Should charges be preferred during the recess against any Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, they shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Advisory Board, without unnecessary delay; and should the charges be sustained, the officers so charged may be suspended, pending a report to the next ensuing Session of the Grand Lodge.

Also that Grand Lodge By-law No. 25 be amended by inserting the

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word "and" before the word "during" in the second line : the Bylaw then to read as follows :---

By-Law 25. The Deputy Grand Master shall act as the assistant of the Grand Master and during the absence of the Grand Master from this jurisdiction, or when he may be under charges duly preferred ; or during the incapacity of the Grand Master arising from illness, or any other cause, the Deputy Grand Master shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the desth, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master, until the next regular session of the Grand Lodge thereafter, and he shall be entitled to the honors of the office for that term.

Also amend Clause ro, Constitution of Subordinates, by correcting what is evidently a clerical error, namely, by substituting the word "and" for the word "or" in the second line of said Clause : the Clause then to read :---

Clause 10.—No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge in this Order at the same time.

It is quite evident that Clause No. 50, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, is a dead letter and, so far as the writer knows, has never been enforced, nor is it likely to be. Its retention in the Constitution is the main cause of the refusal of the Insurance Department to permit the words "Assessment System" to be taken from the literature of the Order. Therefore I would respectfully suggest that Clause 56, Constitution of Subordinates, be stricken out and the remaining Clauses re-numbered.

Clause 21. Justice has prevailed, and the demand made by our Grand Representatives that Canada should get its supplies, which of necessity must be procured from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the same prices as are paid by State Jurisdictions; in other words, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge should prepay all duties, has been acceded to. Hitherto Ontario has paid the same prices as were paid by State Jurisdictions, and paid in addition the customs duty as well. This is now happily and equitably adjusted.

It will be well for the Grand Lodge to instruct that the price list of supplies be now re-arranged.

Clause 22. The cost of postage and express may seem to be a very large item, but in this sum is included express charges prepaid on all Journals of Proceedings, our own, and those of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies, etc., sent from the Grand Secretary's office. The rate by express, if prepaid, being the same as by book post, and the safety of delivery much better.

Clause 23. Very many complaints have been made by lodges in having to purchase new rituals-the instructions being mandatory that new rituals must be procured by each lodge. With their accustomed loyalty to the powers that be, every lodge in Ontario, save sixteen, have returned their old rituals, and have received the new ones. This has caused a great amount of extra labor in the Grand Secretary's office, necessitating extra help for a month or more, and increased the correspondence not a little. Nearly every order from a lodge was accompanied with questions as to the necessity of the new issue, and demurs against it, all of which had to be satisfied in the best possible way. Some injustice was of necessity done to those lodges which within a year had bought rituals, paying therefor the regular price. As they were but a few, it would be well if the Grand Lodge would consider such cases, and direct a refund to be made to them.

Clause 24. At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the report of the special committee on *The Dominion Odd Fellow* was laid on the table till the present year, and a resolution in regard thereto was adopted as follows:

"Resolved, that the report be laid on the table until the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that in the meantime the sense of the members of the subordinate lodges be taken as to the advisability of the proposed action."

Considering this resolution as an instruction to the Grand Secretary, and without consulting the Grand Master, I asked for tenders for supplying each member of the Order in Ontario with a copy of *The Dominion Odd Fellow*. On receipt of these tenders, a circular was issued to the subordinate lodges, giving the facts elicited by the tenders and asking that lodges instruct their representatives in the matter.

For years it has been the privilege of your Grand Secretary to speak a word of praise and encouragement for *The Dominion Odd Fellow*, which, had its publishers been encouraged, would have been a power for good to the Order, and I hope and trust it will yet be.

I would repeat a paragraph from the circular above referred to, which illustrates my sentiments in regard to a paper entirely devoted to the Order, viz.:

"Every Oddfellow, conversant with the progressive methods of the age, must admit that the press is the most potent factor for building up the religious, political and benevolent institutions of our complete civilization, and its extended application to the interests of the

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows will not only result in enlarging the sphere of the Order's influence in the Province of Ontario but will also act as a stimulus to our sister Provincial Grand Lodges to emulate our example."

Several brothers who are publishers, have asked the privilege of giving an estimate for supplying a paper, and their request granted. All the tenders, etc., are herewith presented.

Clause 25. There are several lodges whose returns are in anything but a satisfactory shape. These lodges have but few members, very small funds, and it is a question whether or not they should be merged into some other lodge or closed up and their members allowed to join some live, active lodge. Some of the lodges referred to are not a credit to their members, their locality, or the Order. It would be well if a special effort is made to awaken these lodges and get them into their old-time working order. It is worth the effort and expenses, provided, of course, it be not too great, to save a lodge, and in the case of each of the lodges referred to, it is possible that a well-directed effort would save them to still continue on doing a noble work for humanity.

Clause 26. The beautiful *souvenirs* have been written out and sent to all lodges which have sent in their completed list of members who have received the third degree. There are still enough blanks on hand to supply all new members admitted during the current year.

Clause 27. On the 23rd March, 1897, I received from Bro. Joseph Powley, Special Deputy of the Grand Master, the Charter and effects of Alliston Lodge, No. 171. The lodge was reported as having gone into a rapid decline, and Bro. Powley visited Alliston in the hope of assisting it and infusing new life into the brothers who were still in the village. But in this he was unsuccessful, and finally packed up and shipped to Toronto the Charter and effects With his report, he handed over the sum of of the Lodge. \$50.83, surplus in cash, after deducting his necessary expenses for closing of the Lodge. A full inventory of the effects surrendered is on file, in which is included a fine organ, a complete outfit of regalia in excellent condition, an elegant office-desk, Bible, etc. The wonder is that a lodge so thoroughly equipped should surrender its charter without a herculean effort to retain it. The items of expenditure in the closing financial statement of the Lodge might well be investigated by the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 28. All new By-laws and amendments to By-laws that have been received have been sent to the Chairman of the Committee on By-laws as soon as received. The labors of that committee have been very great during the past year, partly owing to the adoption of the new By-laws issued by the Grand Master. No fewer than 250 reports have been made on By-laws submitted during the past year.

The duties laid down for the guidance of this committee in Grand Lodge By-law 42, it appears to your Grand Secretary, are neither as full nor as explicit as they should be. All that the committee can do is to carefully read over the amendments proposed, and if they do not in fact contravene the Constitution the committee has no option but to approve, no matter how extravagant some of the By-laws may be.

The powers of this committee, which is possibly the most important one we have, should be enlarged. Had this committee been empowered in the past to either refuse to report on certain By-laws or to recommend changes, which in their judgment and experience were unwise if not entirely wrong, much of the legislation of the past might have been avoided. This matter is worthy the careful consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 29. The several Special Committees and members of the Executive Committee which have held meetings as required during the year have been paid mileage, as ordered by the Commitige-on Finance, and approved by the Grand Lodge, viz.: at the same rate of mileage and per diem as was paid to representatives who attended the previous meeting of the Grand Lodge. Inasmuch as these committees have had to purchase the regular return fare tickets—instead of getting a return ticket free as Representatives get—each member has been out of pocket by his attending to the duties imposed on him by the Grand Lodge. This is certainly not the desire of the Grand Lodge, and the question should be reported on by the Finance Committee at this session.

Clause 30. The financial statement of receipts and expenditures, balance sheet of supplies bought, sold, and on hand, with all particulars of the financial transactions for the year ending 31st December, 1896, with supplemental statements of receipts and expenditure to July 31st, 1897, are herewith submitted as audited and reported on by your auditors.

Clause 31. The resolutions adopted at the last session and

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ordered to be sent to Brothers Jno. Donogh, P.G.M., and Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., were duly sent and their receipt acknowledged.

Clause 32. The Annual Statistical Report of the Rebekah branch is herewith submitted : The report of the past half year's work has not been received, but I understand it has been of a satisfactory character. The Report will, no doubt, be laid before the Grand Lodge by the esteemed Secretary, Sister Waddell. Sister Mrs. Laura E. Ryan, has had quite a busy year, and is to be congratulated on her year's work as President of this grand Auxiliary to the Order's work.

Clause 33. The following letter was received from Bro. R. Meek, the worthy Secretary of the Oddfellows' Relief Association. The report referred to accompanied the letter, and is herewith presented :---

Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada.

J. B. KING, ESQ.,

Kingston, Aug. 3rd, 1897.

Grand Secretary, I.O.O.F., Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Bro., -Enclosed herewith please find copy of the report of the annual meeting of the Oddfellows' Relief Association, held in Kingston, on July 21st, and giving the statistics up to June 30th, 1897. Will you be good enough to present this report to the Grand Lodge at its forthcoming session, so that it may be referred to a committee in the usual way. It will be noticed that the year has been one of the most satisfactory in the history of the Association, the financial exhibit being especially gratifying.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

R. MEEK, Secretary.

Clause 34. Letters and resolutions have been received from the following districts, approving the present District System, and making suggestions for its improvement and on other matters which will come before the Grand Lodge at the present session, and are herewith submitted, viz :---

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Oddfellowship was brought into existence by the revered Father Wildey, to meet the needs of his time by providing temporary relief to its unfortunate members, evidently with no thought or intent that it should ever make sickness a luxury or death a rising from poverty to affluence. Inaugurated April 26th, 1819, almost a month before the birth of our beloved Queen, it has grown in gigantic strides, only exceeded by those of the Empire to which we are so proud to belong, and whose noble Queen, Victoria, who has ruled so wisely and well these sixty years, has celebrated her wonderful Jubilee—its history

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has proved the wisdom of its founders, who, as has so justly been said, " builded far better than they knew."

It is not in the millions of dollars which have been freely spent in the various objects of benefits, relief and charity, that its greatest good is to be reckoned, far more by the influence its teachings have excited for good on the minds and hearts of its members and through them on the world at large, as is clearly shown by the higher fraternity which to-day exists in the world, and is everywhere asserting itself and in which the share of Oddfellowship is no uncertain quantity, inasnuch as it is the pioneer benevolent order of the age.

Wherever a lodge has carried sunshine and comfort into the home of a brother distressed by sickness or bereavement, or has been the means of restoring to manhood some erring, wandering hrother, there the value of our fellowship is known, and those who can testify to these facts are by no means a few.

It is to be fervently hoped that these noble first principles, will in no sense give way to the lower ones, which seem to be taking hold of the people to a great extent, and which if persisted in, will surely end in disaster and disgrace, that is to make the Order an aggregation of lodges, each so independent that it may make promises of large present benefits for very small present payments, only to be awakened after a few years of seeming prosperity, to find its inflow of new life at an end, its membership grown old, its calls frequent, its treasury fast being depleted, the end near.

In closing this my Thirty-First Annual Report I say with great gratification that all of the business and social relations of the year have been of the most cordial and kindly character. To the Grand Master Brother Henry White, your Grand Secretary has been under many obligations which are most kindly appreciated. The year indeed has been a busy one, and in the hope that the grand principles of Oddfellowship will continue to grow, until their influence shall be the guiding principles of every life, this report is

Respectfully submitted

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STATEMENT "A."

BEING AMOUNT DUE BY LODGES DEC. 31ST, 1896.

NAME OF LODGE.	Folio.	AMOUN
Niagara Falls		\$ 8
Maple Leaf.	53	
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North Star	68	
warriner	75	
Nenance	89	2
Western City	93	
Drion	109	3 5 13 2
aurel	110	1 5
ydenham Valley	120	7
obourg	136	5
t. Lawrence	137	2
Comeo	164	3 5
10ntanna	177	1 2
ceswater	183	1 - C - B
Icerone	195	17
eston	200	10 01
Iount Brydges	217	2
mbro Star	220	3 7
quity	232	5
Inclinuary	243	50
OIL MILLIUF,	244	21
ampbellford	248	
accornage	251	50
eaford	252	24
	260	75
orwood	262	45
gouna	267	1 00
keview	272	2 00
	275	7 28
	280	I 25
	281	1 25
	285	7 50
	289	50
	291	25
	302	3 00
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CHARLES PACKERT, A. C. STEWART, Auditors.

Toronto, Feb. 20th, 1897.

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STATEMENT "B" BEING AMOUNTS DUE TO LODGES DEC. 31ST,	1896.	1.
NAME OF LODGE.	F01.10	Амои
Dominion	48	\$4
Eastern S'ar.	64	4
Oxford	72	
Durnam	77 78	100000
Beaver	80	1
	92	1
Cataract	103	10
Naomi	116	4
Cornet	121	4
GarnetSycamore	139	
Hayden	157	1
Diougnam	152	1
weinington Sq	155	
Gerioania	184	2
Dunerin	186	
Chorazin	190	
Silver Star.	202	I
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Acton	204	
Silver City	206	in some
Children	210	
Georgian Day	214	
Trousice	219	
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	237	110
Carnon,	240	1
Gordon	247	
Beaverion	249	.4 0
	253	
stand valley	254	and a second
Sieure	256	
Jynden	259	2 !
John Hillin,	261	1
raicroity	264	1
North Bay	271	2
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STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND AND VALUE, DECEMBER 31ST., 1896.

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46	Odes with Music	\$ 0 40	\$ 7 60
50		40 04	18 40
28	Funeral Hymns.	04	14 00
20	I Laver Carda	04	80
66		1 21	13 80
25 6	Dismissal Certificate	21	5 25
6	veterali jeweis	3 75	22 50
13	Degree Charts	2 25	13 50
15	Digest	3 00	39 00
35	Ontario Digest	45	231 75
24	Anniversary Service.	16	5 60
32	Decoration Ceremony	21	5 04
4		01	15 32
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ю		65 001	44 69
6		50	12 25
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3	Ouestion Book	50	1 50
7		50	28 50
9		85	84 15
	Recording Secretary's Book	1 10	39 60
	T	90	5 40
	Members' Book	1 00	10 00
8	Members' Register	78	39 00
9	Visitors' Register	75	28 50
2	Treasurer's Bond	40	27 60
3	Trustee Bonds	OI	78
ř	Photogravures	· 01	3 42
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STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

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Supplies.	On Hand, Dec., 1895.	Sold, 1896.	Bought, 1896.	On Hand, Dec., 1896.
Rituals Floor Work Odes with Music Odes Funeral Hymns Prayer Cards Visiting Cards Withdrawal Cards Dismissal Cardis Withdrawal Cards Cardis Visiting Cards Withdrawal Cards Cardis Visiting Cards Withdrawal Cards Prayer Cardis Prayeral Certificates Anniversary Service Decoration Ceremony. Book of Forms Propositions Degree Certificates Reports on Character Medical Examiner's Reports Sick Benefit Claims A.T. P.W. Usestion Books Freasurer's Receipt Books Members' Receipt Books Members' Receipt Books Members' Receipt Books Members' Register National Secretaries' Books Minancial Secretaries' Books Min	2 2 6 278 7 4 4 26 7 7 0 3 3 7 7 5 75 2 28 1,629 1 2,775 26 26 21 2,775 24 9,097 5,700 5,700 24 9,097 5,700 24 9,097 5,700 24 1 2,78 24 1 2,78 24 24 24 25 24 24 24 25 24 24 25 24 24 26 26 26 27 28 26 26 27 28 26 26 26 26 27 28 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26	38 23 28 22 34 1,255 304 78 60 3 4 78 60 3 4 97 95,550 2,221 800 13 2,221 800 19 17 17 17 17 98 6 6 11 1 1 4 42 13	36 400 50 50 1,229 300 70 29 6 150 36 36 12 10,000 12 10,000 	19 46 350 350 66 25 55 24 1,532 11 6,876 4,900 6 2 3 5 7 9 9 3 6 6 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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Capita Tax	1
Charter Rees	5.556 00
Charter Fees	£80 OO
Supplies	353 12
Interest	126 02
Rebate on Fire Insurance policy	10 38
Emplems "Electros"	4 40
Oddfellows' Relief Association	10 00
and the second	\$6.339

EXPENDITURE.

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General Expenditure-

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Mileage and Par Diam		
Mileage and Per Diem Digests to D.D.G.M.'s and Officers, as per	in land	6,134
resolution	\$16r	Sel and a set
Grand Master Expense account. Bro. Thos		
Woodyatt, balance	450 00	, Y
Sovereign Grand Lodge, Capita Tax	150 00	
Law costs, re Weston Lodge	197 50	
Express, Freight and Postage	559 71	
Committees and Advisory Board	134 20	
Untario Government tax	25 00	
Registration of Emblems, Department of		
Agriculture	IO CO	
Expense trand Lodge session-janitor, re-		. At
porters, assistant Grand Secretary	92 64	
I ravelling expenses, Grand Secretary	9 25	
Photogravures	24 85	
W. A. Kawlings-Chairman on Laws	75 00	
Guarantee Bonds	36 25	
1 oronto District Committee. Tent at Indus-	JJ	
trial Exhibition	50 00	
Expenses of Grand Master to Baltimore	44 41	STATE OF A
Office fittings, carpets and furniture	387 57	
Writing Souvenirs.	10 00	
Typewriter repairs and supplies	13 25	
Wreath, late Bro. I. H. Perry, P.G.M.	12 00	
Frames for Photogravures	10 50	
	a the second second	2,457
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Printing and Stationery-

Journals	,018 53	
ran Daicis,	107 00	
Gland Masters, triand Secretary's and		
Grand Treasurer's Reports	142 20	
Circulars and other printing	266 28	
Stationery	144 21	
	Statistics (1995)	01/2021

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Toronto, 20th July, 1897.

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		DR.	ð	Dr.	Cr.	DR.	Ce.	INCOL	8
Stock	5 \$	5 \$	3	5 4	5 4	5	5 69	5	
Printing.		383 73	51 26/50	383 73			8,732 75	1	•
pules	· 892 90	539 78			353 12				
Office Expenses		97 55		07 55				663 30	
Salaries and Auditors' Fee		725 88		725 88					
Digest to D.D.G.M.'s		2,302 19		2,302 IG					
Grand Treasurer		105 00		165 00	*******				
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nterest and Discourse	800 98	800 98						· 119 45	
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overeign Grand Lodge	······		80 90					·····	
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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F.:-

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The undersigned beg to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary for the year ending 31st December, 1896, and have compared the several accompanying statements therewith and find them correct.

They also examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures from said date to the 15th day of February, 1897, and compared the same with the Grand Treasurer's books and find them to correspond. The amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer on the 15th day of February being five thousand six hundred and sixty-one 57 dollars (\$5661.57).

It will be observed that the seceipts on account of per capita tax whow but \$5556.00. This is occasioned from the fact that the books are now promptly closed on the 31st of December, and as the returns of the term are not received for some weeks thereafter are consequently not included. This, however, will correct itself in future reports. The amount received for capita tax to date of audit being \$5353.50, so that the balance instead of \$6628.35 is actually \$1272.83.

They find that this amount of expenditure over the income is accounted for for the following reasons :--Mileage and per diem an increase of some \$1300; expenses consequent on the removal of Grand Secretary's Office—furniture and fittings—\$387; digests granted to D.D.G.M.'s and officers, \$65; printing pamphlets, \$107, otherwise the expenditure has been about as formerly.

There being in contemplation a change in the office of Grand Treasurer, your auditors are of the opinion that the law regarding the duties of the office and manner in which the funds of the order should be dealt with should be amended to read somewhat as follows :-

"The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Grand Lodge and deposit the same in the ----- Bank in the name of the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F., and all accounts shall be payable by cheque drawn on such Bank, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and countersigned by the Grand Treasurer." "In case of sickness, death or resignation, or unavoidable absence the Deputy Grand Master shall be authorized to sign such cheques instead of the Grand Master. He shall keep the accounts etc., etc." All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PACKERT, A. C. STEWART, Auditors.

Toronto, Feb. 20th, 1897.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

HALF YEAR ENDING 30TH JULY, 1897.

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

The undersigned in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws of Grand Lodge have made an audit of the Books of the Grand Secretary, and examined the several accounts and vouchers and made a trial balance of the accounts to the 28th of July, last, which we found to be correct.

We have also examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, to the same date, and also found them correct.

The amount received by the present Grand Treas-

Receipts since that time	\$ 5,661.57 6.735.09
Total Orders paid since last audit	\$12,396.66

Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer of. \$ 9,041.28

Upon examination of the Ledger, we find that the returns of the lodges were mide in fairly good time considering the difficulties of having the various returns audited promptly by the local audit committees.

We may call attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge returns to the Insurance Department of the Ontario Government have to be made for the year ending 31st December, and these returns must be verified by the report of the Auditors of Grand Lodge accounts.

It will therefore be necessary, to meet the requirements of the Insurance Department, that an audit be made before the 1st of March for that Department, and according to Cl. 37. Grand Lodge By-laws, an audit must be made prior to the session of Grand Lodge in each year. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by Grand Lodge, there must be two audits in each year.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

A. C. STEWART, CHAS. PACKERT, Auditor

Toronto, Aug. 5th, 1897.

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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

The Report of the late Grand Treasurer's Office, January 1st, 1896, to February 20th, 1897 (date of Bro. Badenach's death), as audited, was presented by the Auditors, and referred to the Finance Committee :--

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

BRETHREN,—The following is a report of receipts and ex-penditures made by late Grand Treasurer, Wm. Badenach, for the year ending 31st December, 1896, together with supplementary report to February 20th, 1897 (date of his death).

CHAS. PACKERT, A. C. STEWART, Auditors.

DR. -GRAND TREASURER.

Jan.	I	To	Balance			\$1.667	84
- "	31		Cash	\$1 066	60	4-,001	~4
Feb.	20		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	378			
Mar.	31					1.17	
April	30			609	00		
			***************************************	120	45		
May	31		**********	166	07		
June	.30	, "	***************************************	297	78		
July	31	.44	**	5.733		F	
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Sept,	30		"	Nuclear Construction	0.02		
Oct.	31			142			
Nov.				166			
	30	"	***** 3 **********************	76	68		
Dec.	31		************	661	13		
and a state	31	"	Interest	126	02	New Training	
						12.557	96
	2486				0.258	-3,337	20

CR. -GRAND TREASURER.

189	0.		Order No.	N. O.T.	
Jan.	8	By Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	. 168	\$186	10
	14	American Express Co., duty and freight	. 160	6	
	30	" Thos. Woodyatt, Grand Master, expenses	. 170	100	
	31	" American Express Co., duty and freight	171	26	
		" Express charges on supplies, and postage	172	24	
		" J. H. Templeman, writing charters, etc.	. 173	10	
		" Grand Secretary, salary	. 173a	166	
Feb.	13	"Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies.	174	102	
	24	" Freight and duty on Supplies	. 175 -	9	
	28	" F. J. Smith & Co., rent of old office	. 176	61	
	29	" Grand Secretary, salary	. 177	166	
- EU field	29	" Mrs. Patterson, cleaning office	178	8	
Mar.	12	" W. H. MacGillivray, stationery	. 170	5	
	20	" W. W. Bradley, relund of charter fee	. 180	5	
		" J. A. Gorrie, painting signs on new offices	. 181	38	

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	11 1	25 Brown Bros., stationery and supplies Dominion Odd Fellow printing and supplies	182	\$176 98
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		" Postage and express on the second s	184	166 67
		" Postage and express on supplies	185	24 90
A	or.	 Incidentals	186	25 07
		2 "Alfred Coyell, expenses for moving offices "Canada Life Covent	187	258 13
1		" Canada Life Co., rent	. 188	33 33
			189	
		" Anderson & Reardon, picture frames	190	14 53 8 50
	1.1.1	" John Kay, Son & Co., carpet, rugs, etc	191	88 94
	10	8 "Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	192	74 00
		6 "Freight and duty on supplies	193	
		" J. H. Dunlop, floral pillow, J. H. Perry, P.G. N Warwick Bros. & Rutter, supplies Bryant Press, printing and stetioner:	1. 194	7 00
		" Bryant Prose a Kutter, supplies	. 195	36 28
		" Bryant Press, printing and stationery	. 196	18 00
	22	"Sovereign Grand Lodge, representative tax."	197	
	24	" Dresden Lodge, refund tax." "McGullough & Burne costs of a	. 198	150 00
		"McCullough & Burns, costs of appeal, Roy land to Sovering Grand Jan		2 75
	28	land to Sovereign Grand Lodge	. 199	1
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		"Postage and express on supplies	. 201	24 25
				24 93
May	1 15	" Grand Secretary, salary.	. 203	18 03
	16			166 66
	22	" J. H. Templeman, writing charters	205	9 00
		" Alfred Coyell, book case	206	6 50
	27	"Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies" "Ontario Government registration for	207	49 15
	28	"Ontario Government registration fee" "Mail Printing Co. warrante	208	66 50
	30	" Mail Printing Co., warrants	200	25 00
	30	" Incidentals	210	4 50
		" Postage and express on supplies " Grand Secretary, salary	211	17 14
June	I	"Grand Secretary, salary	212	29 00
	6	" Dominion Odd Fellow, printing	213	166 66
	12	"Newsome & Co., repairs on typewriter	214	65 40
			*14	8 75
			215	
	30	" Barclay, Clark & Co., printing and stationery	216	. 15 95
	30		217	26 10
			218	23 65
		" Grand Secretary, salary	219	28 71
	1		220	166 66
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	16	" Canada Life Co., rent	222	22 50
	17		223	100 00
	20		224	30 00
	20		225	43 93
July	20		226	13 50
J,	30		220	375 00
			227	35 50
Aug.	31			30 70
anne.	5		229	166 67
	12		220	
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		 Bryant Press, wood cuts, etc P. Ryan, 800 copies Grand Master's report 	233 234	11 75 48 50

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Aug	. 14		Anderson & Reardon, two frames for photo-	. Sugar		
			gravure	235	2 00	
		61	Wm. Bushell, services as reading clerk	236	6 00	
		. 4	Joseph Powley, services as assistant Gr. Sec'v.	237	9 00	
			David Moore, services as reporter	238	15 00	
		••	v. J. Darrie, services as messenger	239	6 00	
		"	John westwood, services as janitor	240	10 00	
		"	w. A. Rawnings, chairman committee on laws.	241	75 00	
la la constante			J. L. Farewell, special committee on annuities.	242	40 90	
		"	Grand Treasurer, salary	243	200 00	
		"	mileage and i er Diem, session, 1090	244	6134 50	
	28		Domention Out Pendu, Grand Secretary, Orand			
		"	Treasurer's and General Purposes Reports	245	115 50	
	31	"	Grand Occiciary, salary	246	166 67	
			J. II. Dickinson, services as special deputy	217	6 70	
		"	Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	248	70 00	
Aug.	31		the is mountain, channan for countintee on			
Cont		"	General Purposes.	249	36 00	
Sept	. 1		Source and meeter cor, bonda			
			Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer	250	36 25	
		"	Express Charges, duty, etc	251	39 29	
		"	Tostage and Express on supplies	252	36 35	
1	3			253	8 25 8 40	
			Express charges Dominion Regalia Co., badges	254		
	11		Sovereign Grand Lodge, 8k. veteran jewel	255 256	46 64	
	18	"	Toronto District, appropriation for tent, Tor-	-30	10 00	
1			onto Exhibition	257	50 CO	
		"	Barclay, Clark & Co., envelopes, die and em-	-31		
			bossing	258	49 25	
	30	"	Postage and Express on supplies	259	27 45	
			Express charges	260	20 84	
		"	Grand Secretary, salary	261	166 67	
Oct.	2	"	Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	262	62 50	
		."	Canada Life Co., rent	263	100 00	
	7	1	Henry White, Grand Master's appropriation	264	8 00	
		**	in the second	265	100 00	
	8		Dominion Odd Fellow, photogravures	266	67 50	
		"	Canada Photo-Engraving Co., altering plate	267	9 00	
	14	••	Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	268	6 25	
	15	"	Newsome & Co., repairing typewriter	269	4 50	
	21	"	Advisory Board, expenses of meeting	270	34 65	
	29		Sovereign Grand Lodge, supplies	271	30 00 .	
	31	"	Postage	272	17 16	
		"	Express, Telephone and other expenses	273	6 24	
Nov.	1. Stall	"	Grand Secretary, salary	274	166 67	
1400.	2		The Bryant Press, wood cuts, etc	275	8 00	
	4		Henry White, expenses to Baltimore	276	44 41	3,
	5		Anderson & Reardon, frames and mats	277	18 65	
•	10		Postage and Express on supplies.	278	30 00	
	10		John Kay, Son & Co., Carpets, etc	279	5 00	
	28		Grand Secretary, salary	280	166 66	
Nov.	30		Sovereign Grand Lodge	281 282	28 50	
	30		Postage and Express on supplies	283	21 97	Ŷ
Dec.	7	"	Incidentals Fergus Lodge, No. 73-refund on supplies	203	17 35	
			- organ wouge, no. /3-related on supplies	-04	8 00 ⁶	

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	Contraction of the second
" Sovereign Grand Lodge supplies 280	166 6
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" Dominion Odd Fellow printing and Lodge 288	. 11 4
" Grand & Toy Stationery, 289	163 7
" Postage and Express on small	5 1
" Incidentals 291	14 6
" G. F. Shenley O.C. C	36 6
" Dominion Old Fallen 293	192 5
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" Balance	14477 60
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To Balance	
" Cash from Grand Secretary	\$748 14
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and the second	6487 14
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	Incidentals

Examined and find that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on 15th day of February, 1897, to be Five thousand six hundred and sixty one Ave CHAS. PACKERT, Auditors.

Toronto, February 20th, 1897.

GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

Bro. W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer, submitted his report for the five months of his incumbency of the office, March 1st, to July 28th, 1897, as follows, which was referred to the Finance Committee :

Supplementary Report of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. McCormack, from February 20th, 1897 to July 27th, 1897.

March 16 To Cash from Grand Secretary \$127 53 April 2 """"""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""	189	7	12000			DR.					1	
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> Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1896					0	<u></u>	0
Jan.	Princeton	0.00			and the state		1.20
de la compañía	Lambton	307	\$18 50 1 40	\$13 50			·
	Norfolk	277 225	1 00	******	\$1 40 1 00		
	Western City	93	24		1 00		
WAR CALL	Norfolk Western City Pembroke Alba.	203	30 50 10 75 1 25	80 50	43		• • • • • •
	Alba Tecumseh	254 182	10 75 1 25	10 75			
	Cataraqui	182	1 25		1 25		
	Albert	10 194	8 80 1 25 18 00		8 80 . 1 25 .		
		263	18 00	******	1 25 .		
Contra Gradiana	International	228	18 00	18 00			
6	Georgian Bay	010	02 00	44 75			
		268	8 75	28 00 8 75			
	Kingston	59	44 75 28 00 8 75 78 25	8 75 78 25			
1. 1.	Beethoven	268 59 202 165	44 75 28 00 8 75 78 25 17 75 9 75 84 50	17 75.			
	Prospect	165	9 75	9 75			
. 7		314	84 50 18 00	9 75 . 34 50			•••••
	Grand Union.	84 80		18 00/.			
	Grand Union.	97	55 00 84 25 14 50 3 85 26 50 81 00 15 25	55 00 .			
in a tour of		267	14 50	33 00 14 50	1 25		
	Chorazin	190	3 85	.14 50	3 85		
States Really		294	26 50	28 50	5 00		
		194	81 00	26 50 81 00			
8	Gore	231	15 25	15 25			
No. 1 ALL CALLER	Gore	34 288	4 21		4 21 .		(1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.
		211	3 76		8 38		
		290	14 2.)	14 64	75		
	marion	181	14 25 26 50 14 50	14 25 26 50			
1 10 10 10 10 10	Street Annenessans and	211	14 50	14 50			
	Wilton	242		14 50 18 50			
Section Section	Dresden	24	2 58		2 58		
	Jarvis	15	1 00		2 58		
Steven to the la		.91 14	6 28	9 00			
		82	13 00	10 00	6 28		1.00
22/2 252983356368	Toronto	71	21 75	18 00 21 75			
		71 06	6 75	21 75 6 75			
S.S. BANK	1	45	6 75 14 75	14 75			
	Plattsville 2	17	26 50	14 75 26 50 9 25	1.6.1		• • • • •
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		54 1	27 25	27 25			
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		0	9 75 13 50				
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1. S. 294 K 14 SZ (1935)	reation		0 10	29 75			199-19
		5	6 50	6 50			
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	oward	8 8	6 50 4 60 7 00 0 50 8 9 00 8	0 50			
	iagara Falls 5	8 3	9 00 8	9 00			
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS BY THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR, JANUARY 1st, 1896, TO DECEMBER 31st, 1896.

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Date.	LODGE.	No.		Tax.	,		Charter Fee.
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1	The second se		Total.	Capita	Supplies	Sundries	a l
1000			H	<u> </u>		N	0
1896 an. 10	Cambridge	100					1
	Tecumseh	188 182	\$11 50 16 00	\$11 50 16 00			
	Georgian Bay	219	2 50	10 00	\$2 50		
11	Argyle	212				\$4 00	
6	Fraternity	264 61	19 50	19 50 55 75	·····		
	Oriental	163	4 00 19 50 55 75 21 75 7 25 9 50 30 00 12 50 28 50 38 75 14 00	55 75 21 75			
	North Star	68	7 25	7 25			
	Peaceful Dove	135	9 50	9 50			
	Western Star	137 149	80 00	30 00 12 50			
	Lucknow	112	28 50	26 50			
	Penetangore	172	38 75 14 00	38 75			
	Nipissing	79 235	14 00	14 00			
18	Desoronto	102	24 00 24 00	24 00 24 00 12 50			
	Midland	274	12 50			••••••	
	Ivy	90	15 75	15 75			•••••
	Friendship	161	16 75	16 75 33 00			
	Ancaster	138	38 00 14 50 39 25	14 50			
	Rideau	241	89 25	39 25	· · · · · · · · ·		
	Excelsior	44 244 129	41 75	41 75			•••••
	Port Arthur	244	21 25	21 25			
	Minnetonka	292	8 00	8 00	1 00		
	Rondeau	40	2 80		1 68 2 80		•••••••
	Progress	158	29 75	29 75			
	Albert	110 194	1 25		1 25		
	Broadview	294	1 25		$ \begin{array}{r} 1 & 00 \\ 1 & 25 \\ 1 & 68 \end{array} $		
-14	Laure	110	1 68		1 68		
-14	Silver City Norwood	206	19 25	19 25			
4	Hensall	262 223	7 25 12 50 13 50 17 00 8 00	12 50			
1	Nith.	96	18 50	12 50 18 50			
and the state of	Prince of Wales	96 280	18 50 17 00	17 00			
in the second	Floral	252 182	8 00	8 00 .			
	Avlmer	07	1 00. 87 50	87 50	1 00		
行った時間	Minto	94 98 266 184	87 50 14 50 15 50	14 50			
and the second	Missanable	266	15 50	15 50 .			
	Orient Oak Leaf	184	7 25 15 75	7 25			
	Thornbury	248	8 75	8 75			
C.C. TANK	weilington Square	178	18 00	11 75	1 25		•••••
15	Minerva	197 100	20 00	20 00			
	Mizpah	127	8 75 18 00 20 00 29 00 29 75	29 00 . 29 75 .			
	Montanna	177	7 25 15 75 8 75 18 00 29 00 29 75 4 50 56 25	4 50			
and a set	Gananoque		4 50 56 25	56 26 .			
	Otonabee	18 253	7 75		75 .		
	Otonabee	18	7 00 80 25	7 00.			
	Samaritan	85	80 25 40 50 19 75	40 50			
Sec. 1	Royal Oak	108	19 75	19 75			
S. C. Mark	Ahiram.	247 205	15 50	15 50 . 28 75 .			
	Sauble	997	28 75 10 75	28 75 . 10 75			

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1896 an. 15	Chesley						
Contraction of the		221 272	\$ 9 75 18 00	\$ 9 75			
16			23 00	18 00 23 00			
	Owen Sound. Thamesford Stella	18	18 50	16 50			
	Stella	258	28 25	28 25			
-4		125	25 (0	25 00			
		261 292	31 50 16 50	81 50			
	Ripley	28	18 25	16 50 18 25		·····*	
	Ripley	54	35 50	35 50			
		164	41 00	41 00			
		270 62	1 27		\$1 25		
	Acorn	236	1 25 28 75 7 50 24 50	28 75 7 50			
CZ Shedin	Phœnix	22 126	24 50	24 50			
	Model	126	27 75	24 50 27 75			
1111		147 232	9 50	9 50			
17	Queen City Parry Sound.	202 56	4 25 47 75	47 76			
-lest a	Parry Sound.	189	17 50	17 50 5 00 18 00			•••••
	Dauncey Brigden	176	5 00 18 00	5 00			••••
		277	13 00 11 43	18 00			
	Fellowship	101 803	9 50	9 75 9 50	16.		
	Unity	4:	83 00	83 00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	· · · · · · · ·	
	Golden Star Fellowship Unity Rose Delta Reliance	4: 28	$140 \\ 1100$.		1 40		
		265 89	11 00 45 00	11 00			
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		178	10 50	10 50	29		
F	Relmonel	209	8 75	8 75			• • • • • •
i.	fallorytown	280	15 25	15 25			
		245	11 50 8 25	11 50			
	obourg	86	25 50	8 25 25 50			
Ĉ		9 .	33 00	33 00			• • • • • •
ŏ	ataraqui	10	78 75	78 75			
	arieton.	21	43 25 37 00	43 25			
		95	7 00	7 00			
E	ockliffe	78 1 83 1	32 75	32 75		• • • • • •	
		88 3	32 75 22 00 1 00 5 50 77 (0	43 25 37 00 7 00 32 75 32 75 32 00 32 00 32 00 5 50 7 00			
18 IB	rougham	55	5 50	1 00			
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	mbton	771	20	20			• • • • •
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		6 1	25 1	4 25			
M	gyle	2 11	9 50 1	9 20			
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	LODGE.	No	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
8	Livingstone	130	1				Contraction of the
	Pontypool	296	\$ 7 25 9 75 5 50 4 36 12 75 18 50 38 25 3 38 45 25 30 50 10 25 23 75 20 00	\$7 2 9 70 5 50			
10	Laurentian	296 317	5 50	5 50			
	Merlin Elmira	226	4 36 12 75		\$ 4 94		
	Elmira	216	12 75	11 50	1 25		
	Lansdowne. Florence Nightingale	270	18 50 38 25 3 36	11 50 18 50 88 25			
		66 59 81 29 40 93 120	3 36	00 20	9 90		
	Belleville	81	3 36		3 36		
	Chatham Rondeau	29	45 25	45 25 36 25 18 75			
8	Western City	40	85 25 18 75	86 25 18 75			
33	Western City Sydenham Valley Dresden	120	18 /0	10 70			
	Dresden	124	30 50	37 25 30 50			
1		226	10 25	10 25			••••••
1	Woodstock	269	23 75	23 75 20 00			
	Liderton	299	$\begin{array}{c} 37 \\ 25 \\ 30 \\ 25 \\ 20 \\ 0 \\ 75 \\ 20 \\ 0 \\ 75 \\ 14 \\ 25 \\ 16 \\ 50 \\ 27 \\ 25 \\ 16 \\ 50 \\ 27 \\ 25 \\ 12 \\ 75 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 1$	20 00			
	St. Thomas	234 76	6 75 88 11 24 25 56 00 14 75	6 75 84 75 24 25 56 00 14 75	3 36		
8	Kose	00	24 25	24 95	0 00		
	Frontier	45	58 00	24 25 56 00			•••••
	Beaver. Leamington	82 140	14 75	14 75			
2	Concord	140	33 25	83 25 16 50			
	Enterprise	218	27 95	16 50 27 25			
	Woodslee	220	6 75	6 75			
	Comber	298	9 75	9 75 1275		41	
	Lucknow	309	12 75	1275			
		50	33 25 16 50 27 25 6 75 9 75 12 75 7 00 43 25 10 00 16 75	49 06	7 00		
	Weston	50 200 152	10 00	43 25 10 00 16 75			
	Hayden	152	16 75	16 75			
			1 25		1 25		
619	Ottawa	89 224 266	4 21		4 21.		
28	Missanabie	266	3 38		80. 3 36		
	Sudbury. Manilla	282 105	8 36 2 80 9 00 19 75		2 80		
8	St. Clair	105	9 00	9 00			
	Avon.	106	19 75	9 00 19 75 57 00			
	Oxford	41 77 251	19 75 57 00 17 75 17 25 5 50 8 75 7 50 3 86 1 75 1 12	19 75 57 00 17 75			
	Bracebridge	251	17 25	17 25			
		JUZ	5 50	5 50 8 75 7 50			••••
		237	8 75	8 75			
	Olive Branch	80	7 00	7 50			
12	Sarnia	88 126 280	1 75		3 36 1 75		
	Balmoral	280	1 12		1 75		
		97	40		40		
li	Rideau	08	4 10		24		
15	stanley	68 41 68 16 43	40 24 4 16 2 98 46 50 83 00 17 50		4 16		
11	Jaion	16	46 50	46 50	2 93		
1	ay of Quinte	48	88 00	33 00 17 50 8 50			
12	hesterville	79 88	17 50	17 50			
12.0	qountain	88 12	8 50 1 68	8 50			
	orth Bay	71		25 25	1 63		
10		90	25 25 81 50	25 25			

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Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
1896							0
Jan. 25	Eastern Star	72 158 207	\$95 25	\$95 95	Star Street		
	Sycamore	158	\$25 25 14 50 7 25 8 00	\$25 25 14 50 7 25 8 00			
	Egremont	207	7 25	7 25			
26	Fergus.	204	8 00	8 00			
	Louise (Rebekah).	78	50 75		\$ 0 50 75	····· e	
	Fergus. Louise (Rebekah). Balmoral	280	1 12		1 12	11 × 1 × 12	
	Vivian Florence	146	14 00	14 00			1.35
		196	21 25 13 25 7 50 12 00	21 25 18 25			
		313	13 25	21 25 18 25 7 50 12 00			
		289	19 00	7 50 12 00			
		83 313 289 139 156	18 50	18 50			
	Pyramid	156	8 00	18 50 8 00			
	Grand River.	81 91	18 50 8 00 65 50 24 00	65 50			
er (Printing		115	24 00 45 00	24 00			
		174	45 00 16 25	45 00 16 25			
		250 276	8 50	8 50			
27		276	8 50 6 25 50 16 25 9 00 82 50 1 75	8 50 6 25			
Contraction of the	The Toronto	71 158	50		50		
the track starts	Morewood	158 285	16 25	16 25			
S. San San	OL Mary's	36	16 25 9 00 82 50	9 00 .			
			1 75	32 50	1 75		
	Alvinston	208	84.		84		
	Egremont	207 225	23		23		••• ••
	Grand Valley	225	15 00 8 00	15 00			
28	Valley City	256 117	8-00	8 00 .			
Contraction 1	Collingwood	54	4 86		4 86 9 00		
		215	7 25	7 25	8 00.		
29		252 108	40		40		
	Royal Oak	108	23		3 75		
		147	3 75		3 75		
		57 308	18 75 18 00 25 50 12 72 11 50	13 75 15 00 25 50			
	Darrie	63	25 50	25 50			
	Constellation	85 12	$ \begin{array}{r} 12 & 72 \\ 11 & 50 \\ 4 & 11 \\ $	12 75			
30 7	pirit Rock	12	11 50	11 50		100.00	1000
.1	Bobcavgeon	80 00	4 11		411		
I		~	50 00 .		50 00		
	Iorence,	96	50 00 1 30 3 36 1 25 1 00		1.80		
STREET, ST	xford	77 36	3 86		1 30 3 36 1 25		
5	corn	36	1 25		1 25		
Ĩ		26	1 00		1 00		1999 - S
A	rthur 9	21	19 00	10.00	1 25		
S	treetsville	78 81 22	10 75	10 75			
N.	rthur 22 treetsville 21 It. Zion 11	46 74 83 44	45 50 00 1 30 1 30 1 25 1 00 1 25 1 9 00 10 75 5 75 7 25 7 25 7 25 7 50 18 50 7 50 12 75 3 38 2 3 38 1 3 3 1 3 3 1 25 1 25 2 5 75 2	19 00 10 75 5 75 7 25 14 50 15 75 13 50			
D C	othwell	74	7 25	7 25			
R	idgetown	88	14 50	14 50			
	hamesville	44	25 75	25 75 13 50			
1.5.775.07691	lvinston	20	13 00	13 50			
R	odney	ภัไ	18 50	7 50 16 50 12 75			
31 U	xeter	37	12 75	10 00			
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Date	LODGE.	No.	Tořal.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee
1896				17-18-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-			
an. S	31 Milton	92	\$ 4 00	\$ 4 00		1	and the second
eb.	Crescent	104	72 50	72 50 32 25 2 50			
eD,	1 Durham	78	82 25 2 50	32 25			
	Cicerone Covenant	195 52	2 50	2 50			
	Fairy	975	1 84 9 00	9 00	\$ 1 84		
	3 Fellowship	275 303	4 5 15	8 00	5 15		
	McLaren (Rebecca)	49	5 00 25				\$ 5 00
	Ottawa	224	25	25			4000
7.10	Eastern Star	72	1 68		1 68		
1.000	Dufferin	152 186	6 95		85 6 25		
	Pembroke	208	6 25 2 08		2 08		
	5 Webbwood	208 319	1 68 85 6 25 2 08 30 00		4 00		80 00
12.1.1.1	Grey	169	7 25	7 25			
S AND	6 Aurora	148	48		48		
	Erie	47	.5 00 . 8 25	8 25			5 00
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	De Novo. Gananoque	170	12 50	12 50.			
11	Millbank	114	8 92		3 92 . 27 .		
- A.	Broadview	209 294	27 56	1.1.1.1	56		
12	Havden	152	1 25 2 37		1 25		
	Lindsay Balmoral	100	2 37		2 87 .		
1	Balmoral Otonabee	280 13 164	20 2 80 1 00 5 00 1 65 5 04 5 00		2 80		
13	Romeo	184	2 80		2 80 .		
	Lucan	70	5 00				5 00
2.16.03	Exeter	67	5 00 1 65 5 04 5 00		1 65		
14	Sarnia. Eastern Star (Rebecca)	126 48	5 04		5 04		
	Ridgetown	144	10 68		'i		5 00 .
1	Victoria	64	4 11				•••••
15	Royal	64 286	18 50	18 50	and a los		
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17	Thamesville (Rebecca)	814	5 00	17 00			
17 21	Penetangore	51 72	5 00		8 64		5 00
	FIO. Mightingale	66	84		84		
	Western Star	49	1 68		1 68		
	Rideau	09	1 50		1 50		
	Western City	41 98 82 18	4 20		50 1 50 4 20		
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	Ottawa Western City Lilly (Rebekah)	93 49	2 48 1 25 5 00		9 48 1 25		
6 7	Beaver. International. Madoc. Stirling. Campbellford. Thomasburg. Hastings. Olive Branch. Sudbury. Niagan Falls. Midland. Oriling. Oriling. Oriling. Unior Fire Insurance. Webbwood. Penetangore. Listowel.	49 .82 225 179 279 248 293 273 88 282 58 274 56 246 246 246 246 246 246	40 1 25 25 75 34 75 21 25 17 00 9 00 1 25 1 68 1 00 6 00 10 38 50 00 3 36 1 25	25 75 34 75 21 25 17 00 9 00	1 25 1 25 1 25 1 00 1 68 1 00 8 36 1 25 8 36 1 25 	6 00 10 \$8 50 00	
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	Brondview. Millbank. Walkerton. Kingston. Ripley. Brucefield. Dominion. Mt. Zion	239 22 44 320 294 209 84 59 297 210 48 46 281 242 249 167 50 121 229	25 1 25 1 00 4 28 7 00 40 25	7 00 40 25	2 06 25 1 25 1 00 4 28		a
18	Wilton Beaverton Hillsburgh Otter	46 281 242 249 167 50	50 5 04 20 18 00 8 00 2 80 9 25 10 00	 18 00 8 00	5 04 20		
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S. Length	Rodney	291 319	2 80		2 80 10 53		
23	Webbwood	070	- 10 58		10 58	•••••	
11133	Napanee	276 86 252	50		50 50 60		
25	Floral	252	60				
Sector Sector	Amity	80	1 25 1 25 2 92		1 25	•••••	
	Covenant.	2 52	2 92	••••••	1 25 2 92 1 25		
	Lauret	110	1 25		2 92		
	Royal.	286	4 00 29 25			\$ 4 00	
	Forest City	286 38 201	29 20	20 20	50		
	Queen City	56	1 00 2 53		/ 50 1 00 2 58 24 85 28 28 28 28		
\$0	International	56 228 242 172	2 58		2 58		
- 30	Wilton Penetangore	242	85	•••••	24 95		
	Oueen City	50	28		28		
11 A.	Acton	204	28		28		
and the state	Victoria	45	15 50	15 50	80		
	Germania	184	1 68	10 00	1 68		
	Grand River	91	85		85		
	Dominion	48 154	4 00			4 00	******
and the second	Alpha. Valentine	805	9 50	9 50	00		
ril 1	Ancaster.	138	85		85		
	CrescentNorfolk	138 104	5 44		5 44		
2	Aurora	225	1 25		1 00		
100/2018	Alliston	148 171	1 25 4 50	4 50			
	Minerva	197	4 50 3 36 5 60		8 86		
4	Sazon	121 305	5 00		8 86 5 60 1 00		
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	Weston	200	28		28		
6 7 8	Friendship	65 311	2 80		2 80		
	Zeta. Tecumseh	182	1 12		1 12	••••••	
	Geneva	320	6 00 11 36		75 1 19 6 00 11 36		
9	Gore	84	11 86				
10 14	Prospect. O. F. R. Association	814	8 86 10 00		8 96	10 00	
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普里尼语	Mt. Brydges	217	2 80		2 80 8 86		
18	Star Excelsior	804	8 86		8 86 28 1 96		
	Fidelity	55	1 96		1 98		
	Fidelity Florence Nightingale	66	1 25		10223		
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20	Hespeler	250	22 06 1 00		1 04	222 08	
22	Phonix	252 22	8 22		1 00 8 22		
	Corinthian	61 108 242 818	50		50		
23	Royal Oak	108	1 85		, 86		
	Electric City	222	1 20		1 50		

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		Gordon	247	1 54		1 54		
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		Phoenix	22	8 56		1 25 8 56 1 00		
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		Stella Gold Hill.	125	85 1 50 23 83 1 25 9 50		85		••••
			318	1 00.		1 59.		
	7	Ullawa	224	23 83 1 25 9 50 6 21		28 83 . 1 25		
	8	Cornucopia	299	9 50		1 25 9 50 .		
		St. Thomas	26 226	6 21		5 21	\$ 1 00	
		Thomasburg Gordon Outario Samaritan	293	90 1 68 1 68 1 00		1 90		
	11	Gordon	247	1 68 1 68 1 00		1 68 1 68	······	
		Samaritan.	12 35	1 00			1 00	• • • •
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		Oriental	109	30 00	80 00 .			
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	18	Sucard	276			1 68		
			240	1 25		1 25 1 00 1 68		
S. Anil		Minnetonka	18	1 68		1 00		
		Central	292 822	80 00	*****	1 08 .		80
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		Glanworth	289 115	8 85 1 35		8 85 1 35 1 00		
A ANDRE		Merlin	110	100		1 85 .		
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	120	ose	28	8 50		8 50		
	15	arnscliffe	69 45 48 66 44 28 83 97	1 00				-
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	Alba	254	8 50		. 8 50			
1	Howard	58	3 50		3 50			
	Union	16	8 50		8 50			
' 5	Rockliffe	241 16 278 804	\$ 1 00 8 50 3 50 3 50 3 50 3 50 1 35		\$ 1 00 8 50 3 50 8 50 8 50 8 50 1 35 1 68			
	Star Corinthian	61	1 80		1 30			
6	Millbank	61 209 145 180 82	1 68 3 50 3 50 3 50 3 50 8 50 06		8 50 8 50			
8	Riverside	145	3.50		8 50 3 50 3 50 3 50 3 50 1 96 8 50			
• •	Elgin	- 32	8.50		8 50 8 50			
	Niagara Falls	58	06		. 06			
	Grand Union	58 248 97 40 109 100	1 96 3 50		1 96			
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	Corion Lindsay	109	4 25 1 40 8 50		140			
9	Lindsay		8 50 87 08		8 50			
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	Hope	69	6 30 3 50 3 50 3 50		3 50			
10	Chatham	29	8 50		8 50			
18	Droadview	69 29 258 294 294	50		8 50			
· · ·	Ottawa	224	. 8 86		3 36			
	St. Lawrence	187 107	8 50		3 50			
	Gold Hill	261	8 36 8 50 8 50 8 50 8 50 8 50 28 25		, 8 86 3 50 3 50 8 50 8 50 8 50 8 50			
A STREET	Mizpah Royal Oak :	127	8 50		8 50			
	Cataract	108	8 50 28 25 4 10 8 86 24 28	18 25		\$10 00		
	Samaritan	85	4 10	10 40	4 10 8 36 24 23			
Sol Area distant	Unity	47	8 86 24 28		8 36			
<i>~</i> 15	Central	994	24 28		24 23			
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16	Laurel	110	2 05 2 80		2 05		· · · · · · · · ·	
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17	Germania Valley City Minto	117	1 55		1 50			
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18	Penetangore Earnscliffe	289	8 50 8 00		8 50 8 00 8 50 8 50 5 04			
Carl Constant	Peterborough	111	8 50		8 50			
19	International	228	8 50 5 04		8 50			
A CALL	Floral	259	85					
24	Ancaster	188	1 25		1 25			
July 1	Arthur	281	8 50 1 12		8 50 1 12			
	Tweed Empire	200	8 50		1 12 8 50 09			
a state of the second	Plattsville	801	09		. 00			53
	Maitland	119	2 80		2 80			
	Hensall	228	4		2 80			
	Algoma Wellington Square	267	16 00	- 16 00				
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T. Zanaka	Ningara Falls. Norfolk. Equity. Fidelity. Bastern Star. Howard. Barmoliffe. Osalenno.	225	40 75 17 50	40 75				
	Grand Union	97	85 06	84 50	\$ 0 56			
10	Equity	232	4 25	4 25				
10	Eastern Star.	72	22 25	22 25				
Service Parts	Howard	58	29 25	29 25				
· · ·	Lucan	288	0 25 24 50	0 25 24 50			••••••	
	Ottawa	224	46 75	46 75	*			
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	Manotick	295	6 25	6 25				
	Mayflower	297	11 25	11 25				
-JN	Mallorytown	210	16 00	16 00				
	Hespeler	321	8 00	8 00				
A		216	11 50	11 50				
	Prospect.	314	85 76	35 75				
	Hensall	228	13 00	13 00				
	Avon	41	5 50		5 50			
-	Ripley	287	18 50	18 50	j			
11	Plattsville	280	9 75 15 50	18 50 9 85 15 50				
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	Argyll	212	21 75	21 75	1 2			
	Gordon	247	14 25	14 2				
	Huron	62	29 75	- 29 78	5			
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	Mizpah	127	81 25	81 2	5			
	Western Star	149	18 25 15 50	18 2 15 5	D			
18	Chesley	221	50	5	0			
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		Egremont. Silver City Samaritan Gold Hill Minnetonka	207 7 25	9 00 7 25 19 25				1
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		St. Lawrence	187 81 75 187 81 75 280 81 75	81 75 81 35 14 25	1 68			
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7	Prospect. Corinthian. Rondeau. Unity.		·· 61 ·· 40 ·· 47 ·· 219	28		26		•••••
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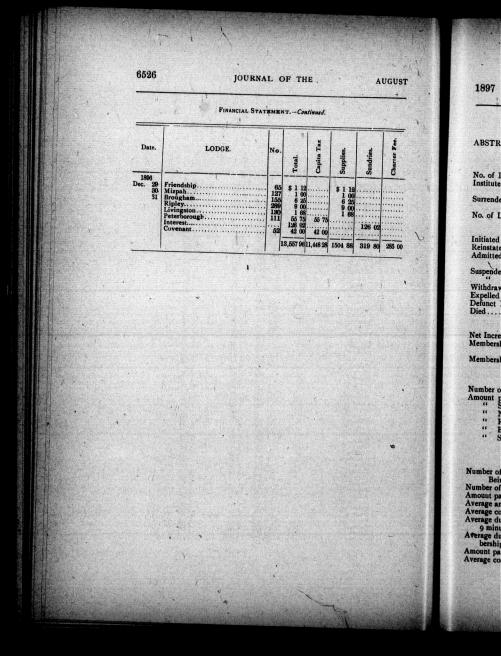
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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. -- Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	No.	Total.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Sundries.	Charter Fee.
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	Dresden Western Star.	124 148	1 25 3 08		1 25 3 08		
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7	Lakeview.	272	4 21		4 21	10.20	
8	Princeton	301	1 25 1 15 5 00		1 25		
ĝ	Athena Viola (Rebecca).	306	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 00 \\ 3 \\ 36 \end{array} $		1 15		
11	Lynden.	259	5 00 2 00				\$ 5 00
- H - F - T	Clinton	83	3 36		2 00 3 36		
12	Rideau	241	85		o 00 85	••••••	•••••
14	Amity	80 223	1 00				
14	Hensall Mt. Brydges	223	3 96		1 00 3 96		
16	Hillshurgh	217	60 28		60		
16 17	Hillsburgh	167 261	1 00		1 00		
18	Corinthian	61	56		1 00		
	Valley City Manilla	117	80		56 80		
19	Lindsay.	105	85 60		85		
21	Carleton	100 240	4 00		60		
1111	Rebecca Assembly	123253	17 50	•••••	4 00		
Stan Coll	Kiverside	145	4 94				
22	Alpha	154	1 25		1 25		
	Phœnix	22	5 00		5 00.		
23	Rideau	106	7 50		8 00 7 50		
	Roval Oak	241	6 00		6 00		
	Jarvis Mizpah	191	9 25		9.25		
10/2020	Mizpah	127	6 00		6 00.		
	Olive Branch Dolman	174	6 00		, 6 00 .		
24	Star	88 174 304	4 94 1 25 5 00 8 00 7 50 6 00 9 25 6 00 8 50 6 00 8 50 19 00		6 00. 6 00. 8 50. 6 00.		
	Sarnia	126	19 00		19 00		
Sec. 1	Millbrook	308	50		50	1	• • • • • • •
hert and	Lansdowne	270	11 00 7 50. 3 00. 9 00. 2 25.		50 11 00		
26	Constellation	85 160	2 00		7 50 8 00 9 00 2 25		
	Howard	100	9 00		8 00.		
	Embro Star	58 229	2 25		2 25		
28	Harmony	115	7 50 3 00 9 00 2 25 1 25 6 00 15 00 19 50		7 50 8 00 9 00 2 25 1 25 6 00 15 00 19 50 7 50		1000
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10.50	Lynden	148	6 00	······	15 00. 6 00. 19 50		
New Street	Rondeau	40	19 50		19 50		
Section 1	Rideau	241	80		30		1. 1. 1.
123335	Hensall	228	7 50		7 50		
	Thamesford	258	9 00 7 50 8 50		9 00 7 50 8 50		
1 - C	Bracebridge	251	8 50		7 50		*****
The second	Britannia	40 241 228 258 281 251 198	80 00		S148.00 (S)		30 00
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	Athena	208 306	6 00	29 75	····		
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ANNUAL STATEMENT.

ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

LODGES. Surrendered Charter..... 275 3 No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1896 MEMBERSHIP. 272 Suspended for Cause..... 2,150 Withdrawn 200 Defunct Lodge. 10 Died 25 1,664 Net Increase 486 Membership 31st December, 1895..... 22,183 Membership 31st December, 1896..... Average Membership per Lodge, 83.35. 22,669 RELIEF FOR YEAR 1896. \$49,999 66 6,924 05 Relief of Widows. Burying Deceased Brothers. Special Relief and Charity..... 2,530 99 13,935 64 6.265 6,265 54 2,774 87 Total \$82,430 75 An average of \$225.84 for each day of 1896. Being one in each 7.283 of the entire membership. Number of Weeks' Sickness. \$49,999 66 16 0811 2 201 9,455 04

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	Amount paid to Widows and Orphans. Average cost per member. Number of Brothers died Amount paid Funeral Benefits. Average cost per Member. Average paid. Amount paid Special Relief and Charity. Average cost per Member. Total paid Relief and Charity. Total paid Current Expenses.	13,935 64 0 614 173 6,265 54 0 278 36 64 2,774 87 0 12 82,430 75 74,823 67
	Total Disbursements Average cost per Member for Relief and Charity " " Current Expenses	\$157,254 42 \$ 3 63 3 30
	Total average cost per Member for all Purposes Total Receipts per Member Excess of Receipts over Expenditure per Member	\$6 93 \$10 30 3 37
	RECEIPTS OF LODGES.	The Anna the Anna the
	All other sources. Average per Member.	126,274 53 5 57 37,699 28 43,329 78 3 57
	Total Receipts ASSETS AND HOW INVESTED.	\$233,483 78
	Cash in Bank and in Treasurer's hands Invested in Mortgages and Securities Invested in Buildings, Land, etc Invested in Furniture and Regalia All other Assets Total Assets Less due on Buildings and Lands.	277,761 60 301,640 95 178,430 12 39,075 31 \$990,990 92
	Other Liabilities	99 99
	Total Liabilities	65,216 98
	Assets over Liabilities Funds.	\$925.773 94
	General Fund. Widowa and Orphans' Fund. Contingent Fund. Nurse Fund.	80,150 99
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1897 GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO. 6529 GUST 5 64 65 54 6 64 4 87 0 12 0 75 3 67 4 42 ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS FOR SIX MONTHS, ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1897. Number of Lodges..... 274 10 30 MEMBERSHIP. Membership, 31st December, 1896..... Initiated during Term. Admitted by Card. 3 37 22669 858 70 76 80 19 Reinstated 1004 74 53 671 97 4 73 99 28 29 78 848 83 78 Net Increase...... Membership 30th of June, 1897..... 156 22825 Number of Brothers who received Sick Benefits...... Number of Weeks' Sickness..... 82 94 61 60 1927 90357 40 95 30 12 75 31 Amount paid for Sick Benefits \$22501 05 Total Benefits and Relief..... ... 43607 30 90 92 16 98 73 94

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Lodges in Groups of 24.	9 to 51	* ;			11000			210 - 242				324	
Members. Number o	3,807	2,826	2,312	2,661	1,609	1,528	1,460	1,851	I,324	1,439	1,255	534	22,669
Number o Sick.	621	453	365	373	207	204	661	277	132	159	, 155	23	3,113
Average age o	46.91	41.96	46.43	39.04	39.61	40.03	39.61	34.96	37.68	35 - 73	35.01	36.69	41.31
Average Dura tion of Sick- ness.	Wks. Dys 7 oł	5 210 I	4 38	5 orb	5 24	4 53	4 3rte I	3 3r ⁷ a	4 23 1	4 0 ₁ ⁷	3 41 ⁷ 0	5 338	5 I I
Ratio of Mem- bers Sick.	1 in 6.14	" 6.21	1 " 6.33	" 1	1 " 8.06	1 " 7.49	1 " 7.22	I " 8.34	1 10.03	50.6 "1	60.8 1	. 23.22	" 7 28
Numberol Weeks'Sick- ness.	4.374 3/7	2,451 2/7	1,622/2/7	7.131,912 5/7	8.061,1152/7	2/1 986	883	783 2/7	572 5/7	653 1/7	2/5 695	128	16,052
Average Sick- ness per Member.	Dys. Hrs. 8 I	6 I 3	4 21H	5 04	4 14\$	4 125	4 58	2 23 Ib	3 03	3 4‡	3 44	1 16	4 22-8
Sick Benefits, Nursing and Surgeon.	\$ c. 14.811 68		6,332 68	7,107 82	3,655 29	3,457 30	3.547 23	3,065 44	2,139 97	2,813.17	2,479 51	406 00	50.454 70
Cost Fer Mem-	3 60	, u	2 74	2 66	2 19	2 20	2 43	I 65	1 62	1 77	I 98	19	19 0
Number of Brothers Died.	121	341	151	161	8	H	6	12	80	Q	.		11 1 1 1
Ratio of Mem- bers Died.	in on 64	1 3	· ;;	" 140.05	" 208.63	.138.9	162.22	154.25	165.55	143.9	251		
Average Age at Death.	States to Barris	ST. 10. 608				43.27	34.34	39.25	42.37	35.40	42.20	F_{i}^{i}	

MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS AND AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1896.

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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

TABLE SHOWING THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE ORDER IN ONTARIO-JULY, 1856, TO DECEMBER, 31, 1896.

Year.	No. of Ludges.	Members.	Initiated.	By Card.	Re-instated	ithdrawn	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Revenue.	1	Benefits.		Average A Lodge M'bership.
1856	1 12			11		21	38	20	1 2	*		\$299	00	50.46
1857	1 19			12	7	22	58	39	2	Sec.		796		49.20
1859	12		167	7	16		50	67	4			467	74	49.20
1860	13			3	46		56	108	6			596	00	46.30
1861	14			4 2			72 79 63	48			1	1 3 3 8	oc	41.00
1862	1 15			7	13 3 9 5 5 8	14	79	43 29	4	1.1.1	KT III	1242	68	31.93
1863	15				3	15	94	31	4657	Car		803	00	33.37
1864	16	512		5	5	12	62	10045662		\$3174			48	38.21
1865	14			7	Ę	16	65	2	27	4104	24		20 98	32.03
1866	15	647	211	ii	8	26	36	-5	1 ni	601			00	
1867	14		287	24	12	8c	49	2	1	8635	13		00	43.20 64.80
1868	17		399	29	7	44	35	1.1	7	9948			24	64.88
1869	20		484	40	14	67	113	7	7	13332			70	72.15
1870	30		758	91	13	109	147	37	17	18611	56	3290	26	76.73
1871	44		1259	141	21	184	177		21	28865	97	4716	53	79.43
1872 1873	66 86		1864	206	18	294	334	7	25	42974	33	6277	95	76.95
1874	115	8578	2108	223	20	355	412	16	46	58615	37	10822	78	78.76
1875	141	10188	2439	226	46 85	396	436	19	56	42861		12963	37	74 60
1876	156	11322		351 266	65	448	617 98c	23	52	8999		16187	92	72.25
1877	175	12172		296	176	470	885	22 30	73 89	98214		19403	20	73.28
1878	180	12332		190	88		3316	23	77	107561		22080	84	69.55
1879	186	12441		190	103		1206	51	79	101723		21287	92	68.51
1880	188	12162		97	150		1558	23	87			25141 26075	47 76	66.89
1881	192	12776		151	177		1038	60	74	113951		29719	47	64.72 66.54
1881‡	192	13082		76	176	117	485	16	49	58824		16205	67	68.13
18828	202	13861		196	82	370	1089	26	98	141474	28	34488	07	68.61
1883	204	14173		165	139		1169	IO	84	129375	50	38881	72	69.47
1884	204	14330	1453	132	118		1186	13	86	129832		41224	56	70.24
1886	208	14501	1 305	200	118		1076	8	91	126787	60	44072	38	70.15
1887	211	14847		139	140		1130	9	94	1 36536	IO	47507	13	70.36
1888	254 218	15353		140	141	225	1047	7	99	137981			68	71.41
1880	210	16060		152 210	161	264		10	103	159975			67	73.66
1890	222	17707	054	183	159	256	929	8	110	162758			04	75.66
198	237	18390		162	156	264		16	134	166533			90	76.32
892	234	19452	2155	144	168		918	15	123	170454	090		84	77.59
893	254	20558	2262	167	153	342	981	14 7	157	181509	407		94	79.71
894	262	21685		202	166	2961		13	145 138	192557 202780			75	80.90
895	269	22178		143	190	265		12	149	212970			44	82.73
1896	272	226691	808	187	155	266		10	173	233483	785		79 75	82.45
		26.00				N. Start		-		1131286			13'	83.35

* Annual Receipts not given on the Returns. I Expulsions for cause only; hitherto members were expelled for N.P.D. This is for the year ending 31st December 1882, from which date all yearly statements are afterwards made.

	1884		1885 1886	1887	1888	1889		1681 * 1681	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
Number of Members.	14330	14501	1447	15354	15354 16060	16940	17707	18390	19452	20558	21685	22178	22660
No. of Members who received sick benefits	1685	1706	1668	1787	1668 1787 1952	2091	2972	2407	Contract of the second	Her Distory			. Lat. and
Ratio	I in 8. 54	\$\$ 49	\$8 90	\$8 58	r in 8.23	I in 8.10	1 in 5.96	1 in 7.64	t in 6.40	1 in 6 48	1 in 7.18	C002	I in 8.54 \$8 49 \$8 90 \$8 58 rin 8.23 rin 8.10 rin 5.96 rin 7.64 rin 6.40 rin 6.48 rin 7.18 rin 7.74 rin 7.8
Average amount paid each	\$12 95	\$16 I4	\$14 27	\$17 15	\$15 98	\$15 22	\$13 33	\$15. 10	\$14 53	8 16 72	814 77		\$12 95 \$16 14\$14 27\$17 15 \$15 98 \$15 22 \$13 33 \$15 10 \$14 53 \$16 73 \$14 73 \$14 74 75 56 56
Total No. of weeks' sickness	10,0,0,8,0,0,0,00	72024 77544 78965 8624	7896\$	8624	Ioz31	10201	102319 102614 1253994 118424 140468 146064 145588 14600	11842	14046	146954	145585	euger	Thorse
Average days' sick. ness per member		3.51 3.74	3.72	3.93	4-45	4.24	4.95	4.50	20.2	8			
Average cost per mem- ber for Sick Benefits.		o6 18	\$1 60k	\$1 52 \$1 90\$1 60§ \$1.73 \$1 88	\$1 88	\$1 88	2 23	00 18		CONTRACTOR OF	5 e. t	8 - 6 	4-95
Number of deaths	8	16	\$	8	Io3	110	134	123		CC 24	Co 24	140	\$ 2 21
Ratio per 1000	6.00	6.27	6.33	6.44	6.41	6.49	7.56	6.68	8.07		6.367		
Av. Funeral Benefits paid in each case	\$27 66	\$34 29	30 14	31 20	\$30 85	\$26 87	\$27 66834 29830 14831 20 830 85 826 87 \$36 22 842 20 842 15 841 00 824 53 840 79 846 22	\$42 20	\$42 15	\$41 00	\$24 52	\$40 79	\$36 22
Av. cost per member for Funeral Benefits. 0.164 0.214 0.19 0.20 0.193 0.173 0.28 0.28 0.344 0.383 0.344 0.341 0.341 0.341 0.341	0. 16 4	0.214	0.19	0.20	0.193	0.174	0.28	80.0	112 0	5,00			

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COMPARATIVE TABLE, SHOWING THE MEMBERSHIP, SICKNESS, DEATHS, ETC., WITH AVERAGES, FOR THE PAST THIR FEEN VEARS, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1896-Continued. 6

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RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP IN ONTARIO AT EACH AGE FOR THE YEAR 1896, SHOWING RATIO OF SICKNESS AND DEATHS ETC. ETC.

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TABLE SHOWING TOTAL SICK BENEFITS, NURSING AND SURGEON, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, DEATH BENEFIT AND AVERAGE COST PER MEMBER OF THE ORDER, FOR BENEFITS.

YEAR.	Place.	Оfficers and Re- presentatives.	Miles travelled	Ачегаде.	Mileage and Per Diem.	Number of Members.	Cost per mem- ber for Mileag and Per Diem	All other ex« penses of Grand Lodge.	other expenses ber for all Jost per mem-
6	St. Catharines	213	51367	269		1.7	328		
	Belleville	231	83295	360	4906 28	12172	404	2864 99	234
88	Toronto	230	50752	221		3	274		
············6	Hamilton	237	46355	661			264		127
00	Guelph	232	45895	194		5	261		
I	Brantford	239	50353	210		5	28		
	Toronto	257	52883	206			264		
	Ottawa	260	176087	754		5	60%		
	St. Thomas	252	30704	122			2010		
	Hamilton	261	25524	86		7	202		
	London	271	32983	121		-	2019		
······ I	Peterboro'	276	43974	159			254		
88	Barrie	292	47677	164		8	254		
	St. Catharines	301	43666	145		7	24		
0	Toronto	310	38640	125		3	21#		
	Stratford	321	43280	135		-	22		
2	Windsor	344	82832	241		7	324		
3	Niagara Falls	353	60980	173		.4	258		•
4 4	Kingston	378	82652	. 224		a	31¥		
5	Hamilton	385	50472/	131		"	22.3		
9	Sarnia	382	76410	200			184		

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TABLE SHOWING PLACES WHERE THE GRAND LODGE HAS MET DURING THE PAST TWENTY VEARS, WITH RELATIVE COST FOR MILEAGE AND PER DIEM AND OTHER EXPENSES OF GRAND LODGE.

UP to 138 multise starts active that date only one way. The Grand Lodge meeting in Aug. the figures are given for year ending June 30th up to 184, and after 184, the year ends Dec. 31st. 1933; average cannot be made. Includes cost of souvenins, \$1,005,50. † Includes cost of souvenirs, \$1,005.50.

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TABLE SHOWING TOTAL SICK BENEFITS, NURSING AND SURGEON, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, DEATH BENEFIT AND AVERAGE COST PER MEMBER OF THE ORDER, FOR BENEFITS.

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Number of Members	14847	15353	réoéo	otégi	LoLLI	o6£81	1945o	20558	21685	22183	22687
Number Sick	1668	1787	6+61	Iboz	z46z	2407	EEOE .	3182	3019	2868	3113
Paid for Sick Benefits, Nursing and Surgeon }	\$28150.80	\$31351.02	\$35437.85	\$38183.03	\$43298.75	\$42523-33	\$51328.04	\$52498.19	\$53056.37	\$53107.79	\$2130 00 131131 00 133437.85 1398130 00 1413387.5 24253+33 221398 04 22408 10 223020 37 223607.79 250424.70
Average paid each \$	\$ 17-47	\$° 17-54	\$ 18.18	\$ 18.26	\$ 14-57	\$ 17.67	\$ 16.92	\$ 16.49	\$ 17.57	\$ 18.52	17.47 \$ 17.54 \$ 18.18 \$ 18.26 \$ 14.57 \$ 17.67 \$ 16.92 \$ 16.49 \$ 17.57 \$ 18.52 \$ 19.09
Average cost per member \$		\$ 3.04 \$	\$ 2.20	2.20 \$ 2.26 \$	\$ 3.44 \$	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.64	2.32 \$ 2.64 \$ 2.55 \$ 2.45 \$	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.39 \$	\$ 2.62 .
Paid to Widows and Orphans \$13814.62 \$14011.33 \$12444.14 \$18404.17 \$17089.62 \$12766.20 \$14540.46 \$12605.14 \$16958.57 \$12636.63 \$13935.64	\$13814.62	\$14011.33	\$13424.14	\$18490.17	\$17089.62	\$12766.20	\$14540.46	\$12695.14	\$16958.57	\$12629.63	\$13935.64
Average cost per member	-93	-92	-78 \$	\$ 1.09	-97	¢.	:75	ъ.	- ⁸ -	8.	-62 -
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Average cost per member	8	-30	.28	987	-35	-39	ġ	-35	ŝ	<u>1</u> 2.	85.
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ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS OF REBEKAH LODGES TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

A NUMBER OF LODGES 47.

Number of Members 31st December, 1895. Admitted during year ending 31st December	r, 1896		1,200	Females 1,405 413	2,605	
In the second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second			1,610	1,818	3,428)
Deduct.	Males.	Female	S.			
Died during 1896 Dropped	5 232	9 224	237	233	470	•
Membership 31st December, 1896 Balance on hand 31st December, 1895 Received during the year 1896				·· \$P4	2.958 ,566 53 3,869 76	
Total					8,436 29	,
EXPEND			• •			
Sick Benefits Expenses of Lodges, Furnishings, etc		 	2,619	90 \$	2,713 64	4
On hand 31st December, 1896					5,722 6	

YEAR.	PERIOD.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DEATHS.	AVERAGE AGE.	MCRTUARY RATE.	TOTAL REVENUE.	DEATH CLAIMS.	DISABILITY CLAIMS.
1875	12 months	364				\$ 952 0	-	
1876	do.	364 810	2	41.66	3.69		0 \$ 1,400 00	
1877	do.	878	37	33 43	7.91		2 3,255 00	
1878	do.	849	5	41.80	5.85	7,615 6		
1879	do.	828	4	44.75	4 81	4,874 2		
1880	18 months	974	10	38 20	6.78	₹ 11,494 1		\$ 400 0
1881		1,034	6	42.16	5 77	8,214 6	4 6,000 00	ψ 400 0
1882	do.	1,182	11	40.72	9.22	14,921 1		500 0
1883		1,487	7	44.28	4 68	12.454 3		
1884	do.	1,869	7	41.85	3.73	13.850 8		
1885 1886	do.	2,187	16	44.18	7.26	20.718 9		
1886	do.	2,408	10	45.30	4.14	19.220 7		
1887	do.	2,623	18	33.94	6.82	19,644 3		
888	do.	2,829	19	42.21	6.67	31,972 9		
1889		3,074	25	46.40	8.07	42.523 5		
1890	do.	4,009	27	45.33	6.69	50.359 6	2 42,500.00	
1891	do.	5,102	33	44.48	6.43	62,421 8	7 40,000 00	1,000 0
892		5.935	37	43.16	6 20	81,053 6		1,000 0
893	do,	6,825	42	44.62	6.12	86,998 5		1,000 0
894	do.	7,677	51	43.23	6.60	97,313 3		1,500 0
895	do.	8,372	51	43 51	6.05	105,165 9		3,000 0
896	do.	9,058	69	43.58	7.56	114,808 1		1,000 0
Tota	ls		458			\$815.352 9	\$ \$578,437 00	\$0.400 O

RECORD OF THE ODDFELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION, MAY 12TH,

Death Claims..... Disability Claims \$578,437 00

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THE ODDFELLOWS' FUNERAL AID ASSOCIATION OF THE COUN-TIES OF LINCOLN AND WELLAND.

Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1896.

Number of members, 31st Dec., '95 1 Admitted during year 1896	07
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Membership, 31st December, 1896	105
Receipts during year 1896	\$239 00
Expense of management	
Paid Funeral Benefit	
Balance on hand	350 87

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Membership, 31st Dec., 1896	105
Receipts during year	\$59 65
Expenses of management	9 77
Paid Death benefit	53 00
Cash on hand 31st Dec., 1896	56 57
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I.O.O.F. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST., 1896.

No of Members as per last Report. Initiated during the year ending December 31st, 1896 219 Admitted by card)
	257
Total	3,756
From which deduct :	
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Deceased	227
Total in Membership December 31st, 1896	3,529
No of Patriarchs Relieved 374 No of weeks' sickness for which Benefits were paid 2,084 Amount paid for Burying the Dead 2,084 """for Special Relief """for Relief to Widowed Families """for the Relief of Patriarchs """"for the Relief of Patriarchs	\$180 00 84 75 82 57
	3,540 00
Total amount of Relief	\$3,887 33
Invested Funds of Subordinates	20,850 00 10,500 00
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LONDON, Ont., March, 1897.

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In Memoriam

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The accompanying is a complete list of the Deaths for the year ending 31st December, 1896, with age, etc. :

NAME	Age	Lodge	No.	LOCATION.	Married or Single	- Children	DAT 1890	
Briggs, John	68	Brock	9	Brockville	w		Mar.	24
Kennedy, John		Cataraqui	10	Kingston	M		Feb.	19
Powell, J. W	54	"	10	- "	M		July	15
Philips, Jos	62	Otonabee		Peterboro'	M		Feb.	5
Wherry, W. H	40	"	13	"	M		Sept.	7
Fralick, A. H	35	Union	16	St. Catharines	M		May	17
Haynes, J. P	44		16	"	M		Dec.	9
Purvis, Adam	1		16	"	M		Dec.	26
Stricker, J. D	30	Phœnix	22	Oshawa	M		Feb.	9
Heard, John	42	Rose	28	Amherstburg .	M		June	16
Skinner, Edwin		Eureka	30	London	M		July	14
Miller, Urias		Gore	34	Brantford			Apr.	7
Crawford, John B.	39	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	34	:	S		July	16
Doeringer, Levi	37	"	34		M		Nov.	4
Campbell, W. S	56	. "	34		M		Dec.	25
Hale, John		Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	M		Apr.	20
Kerr, Hugh	60		35	GL 34	S		Mar.	12
Dewar, Dan		St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	M	1	Sept.	28
Brown, Geo. H	67	Change States	36	Martin Contractor	M	7	Dec. F	ep
Myers, S. S	48		36			I	res ad a	10
Baker, Henry	54	Forest City		London	M		June	25
Brown, Geo. F	68	and the second second	38	Di tat	M		Sept.	26
ack, Wm	28	Rond Eau	40	Blenheim			Feb.	18
Shirley, C. D	46		40	Charles	1:20		June	17
lvey, Wm	48	Avon	41	Stratford	M		Dec.	14
King, Wm		Excelsior	44	Hamilton	M	••	Jan.	6
Dodman, Jas	23		44		S	••	Mar.	20
Reister, John	46	and the second second	44		M		Mar. June	7 22
Wright, Jas	67	and the state of the set	44	Windsor	S		Feb.	22
Irwin, John		Frontier	45	Windsor	M		fune	18
Leighton, J	52 68	Manual Zim	45	Newbury	100000		Oct.	27
Hadden, J		Mount Zion	46	Hamilton	M		lan.	27
Holmes, James	70	Unity	47	11ammton	M		Feb.	
Bronson, John F	51		47		M		Apr.	25
Williams, John	31		47	and a state	M		Apr. Feb.	19
O'Brien, Thos	42	HAN SOLLAND DALES	47	and and the set of the set of the set	144	10.0	A CIP.	THE R.

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NAME.	AGE	Lodge	No.	LOCATION.	Married or Single	Children	DATE 1896.
Laughton, Jno	66	Walkerton	84	Walkerton,			
Burgess, R. L		Constellation		Burgessville		••	Apr. 24
Hall, Geo	27 31	Empire	85 87	St. Catharines .	S	::	Sept. 9
Secord, Chas	36	"	87	"	M	3	" 30
Chase, Richard C	32	Reliance	89	Guelph	S	••	Jan, 20
Jones, John	50 62	Wantonia Citor	89	and the second state of th	M S	••	Feb. 6
Poile, Charles Studer, Peter	56	Western City Nith	93 96	Chatham New Hamburg.			an. 19
Bothwell, Tas. A	40	Grand Union		Berlin.	M		June
Jaffray, Wm Nokes, Richard	65	"	97	"	Μ	6	Sept. 28
Nokes, Richard	52	Minto	78	Harriston	M	5	Mar. 12
McLaughlin, M. H.		Lindsay		Lindsay	M	「「	Feb. 26 Oct.
Parker, D. W	39 61	Crescent Manilla		Hamilton Manilia	M	•10	Uci.
Currie, A	50	St. Clair		Pt. Edward			Apr. I
Cresswell, Chas. T	36	Waterloo		Galt	M	4	Apr. 7
Allen, H. B	26	Orion		Georgetown	M		
Irvin, A. L	24	Laurel	110	Toronto			Oct. 10
Rubidge, George W. McLeod, K	43	Peterboro'		Peterboro'	M M		Feb. 12 Feb. 4
Byers, Wm	33	Gananoque		Lucknow Gananoque	M		Feb. 4 Feb. 16
Atkinson, J. S	55 48		114	••	M		Mar. 2
Seale, E. J	40		114	"	M		Mar. 16
Wilcox, C. F	28	Harmony		Brantford	M		Sept. 8
Millar, Peter A	26	Maitland		Wingham	M S		May 13 Dec. 30
Welsh, J. E., P.G White, D. J	27 40	Sydenham Val'y Saxon	120	Wallaceburg Ailsa Craig	5		Dec. 30
Wood, R. J	33	Streetsville	122	Streetsville	M		Dec. 1
Anderson, Thos. B		Dresden		Dresden	M	2	Feb. 21
Dyble, Geo	23	Sarnia		Sarnia			Apr. 26
Allingham, Wm			126	Caburg	M	5	Oct. 13
McKennedy, Wm	45 26	Cobourg St. Lawrence	130	Cobourg Brockville	M	5	Dec. 15 June 26
McCallum, Jas Horning, Oliver		Leamington		Leamington	S		,
Clark, J. O., P.G	44	Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	M		Oct. 15
Clark, J. O., P.G Bright, Wm	29	Western Star	149	Brussels			Dec. 19
Crocker, Thos	38	Haydn	152	Norwich			Apr. 5
Bennet, N	03	Alpha		Almonte	M S		luly Nov.
Nunn, F. A Hicks, Geo	32	Progress	158	Guelph	M		Feb. , 10
Cormack, Wm	37	(i		"	S		Apr.

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NAME.	AGE	LODGE	No.	LOCATION.	Married or Single	Children	DA1 1890	
ay, John	. 44	"	158		S	45	Nov.	
loyes, Jos. A	45	Oriental	163	Cornwall	S		Mar.	47
roctor, James	. 44	Romeo		Stratford	M	1		2
larchant, H	. 26		164	• •			Oct.	20
wan, Geo		Penetangore		Kincardine	M	4	Mar.	8
uncan, Arch		Owen Sound		Owen Sound	M		Dec.	29
ould, Wm. J., Sr	65		180	•	W	3	Oct.	15
isdale, J. C		Tecumseh		Otterville	M	I	Nov.	Ĩ
tandfield, T. W	. 25	Germania	184	Waterloo	S		Mar.	30
fara, Wm		Chorazin		London	W	1	Oct.	28
lewel, W. J	· 47 . 31	44 K	194 194	Toronto	M		Jan.	16
cott, Wm	40	Fforence		Florence	M		Sept.	3
rumbull, R. E	. 30	Minerva		Hamilton	S	3	Feb. Dec.	11
tt, Delford	. 42	Beacon.		Port Colborne.	M	•	Mar.	10 24
orland, Tobias	. 22	Silver Star		Milverton		•••	Nov.	18
faff, Wm	. 23	"	202	"			Dec.	20
IcDonald, James	25	Silver City	206	Tiverton			Nov.	14
enton, C. E	31	Enterprise		Essex	S		Apr.	23
IcKenzie, G., M.I.	37	"	218	"			Dec.	4
iley, Thomas M ond, T	. 31	Ottawa	224	Ottawa	S	••	5	
lark, R	. 41	Prince of Wales		Toronto	M		Apr.	16
emp, J. L	37	International	220	Bridgeburg	M	4	Sept.	27
ckson John	25		228		S M	••	Sec. 1	2
eemer, Chas	25	Waterford		Waterford	S		Nov.	18
chram, P. H	32	Acorn	226	Camlachie	S		Mar. Apr.	12 22
tkinson, E	. 57	Rideau	241	Smith's Falls	M		Feb.	22
urley, C. A	. 36	1. 1992 - 1. 66 . 1993 - 19	241	. 66	M		Oct.	19
pence, W. J	. 38	Wilton	242	Toronto	- 10		July	28
atch, T. E	. 30	Port Arthur	244	Port Arthur	W		Nov.	6
uell, N		Mallorytown	245	Mallorytown	M	5	Apr.	6
allory, J. H			245		M	7	May	14
anton, Gen	. 64	Gordon	247	Palmerston	W	11	Apr.	27
ernohan, R. T		Thamesford	258	Thamesford	S		Mar.	. 8
ntwistle, J CMillan, J. J	. 34	Fast Toronto	258	Eres Trans	M		July	28
loore, Thos	27	East Toronto	203	East Toronto	S		Feb.	27
ightly, Wm. E.		Stanley		Lanark	M		May	10
llan, J	37	North Bay	271	North Bay	M		Sept.	23
ilchrist, W. II	24	Hastings		Hastings	S	1	Sept.	
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McGee, Robt Mather, Jas Bell, John Lowham, Peter Mapes, W Serviss, W. C Ilutchison, A Williamson, G. F Vanhomrigh, B.	34 34 37 26 57 60 28 49	Rockcliffe Earnscliff Glanworth Rodney Fellowship Valentine Princeton	278 278 283 289 291 303 305 307	" Cummings' Br. Glanworth Rodney Dickenson Ldg. Moretown	M M S M S M S M	2 4 1	May Aug. Nov. Apr. Oct. Dec. Sept. Nov. Jan. Apr.	11 1. 2: 3: 1. 2: 3: 1. 2:

We'll not forget thee, we who stay To work a little longer here ; Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie On memory a page all bright and clear. And when o'revearied by the toil Of life our heavy limbs shall be, We'll come, and one by one lie down Upon dear mother earth with thee."

"The death change comes, Death is another life. We how our heads At going out, we think, and enter straight Another golden chamber of the king", Larger than this we leave, and loveller ; And then is shadowy glimpes, disconnect. And then is shadowy glimpes, disconnect. The will of God is all in all. He makes, Destroys, re-makes, for His own pleasure, all." -Blair.

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Rep. A. L. Geen, on behalf of the Order in Belleville, extended a cordial invitation to the Grand Lodge to an excursion on the steamboat 'Columbian,' to Glenora, this afternoon at 1.30.

On motion of Bro. Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M., and Rep. J. W. Grote, the invitation was accepted with thanks, the hour of departure to be fixed at 2 o'clock p.m.

The following invitation was, on motion of Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., and F. Bisset, accepted with thanks :

BELLEVILLE, August 11th, 1897.

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To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F .:

BROTHERS: — The Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb is situated just outside the city limits, and there is a good sidewalk all the way to it. If you have an hour or so to spare during the sittings of the Grand Lodge, you are cordially invited to visit us. Our 275 pupils are at present absent on vacation but you may obtain some knowledge of what age and experience can do for them in the way of education, and perhaps carry the good news to some anxious father or momer who has a deal child.

Wishing you great success in your good work and a happy time in Belleville.

Yours fraternally,

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.

The following invitation was accepted with thanks :

Mr. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, 1.0.0.F.

mr. J. D. Ming, Grand Secretary, 1.0.0.P.

The Epworth League of Bridge Street Methodist Church extend a cordial invitation to all visiting members of your society and to all representatives of societies connected with it, to call at their rooms in Bridge Street Methodist Church, where may be found the leading magazines and newspapers, also where will be found a cool and pleasant room in which to rest.

Open from 9.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

EDITH P. JONES, Acting Secretary, Epworth League.

REPORT No. 2—Rep. W. H. Cole, P.G.M., from the Committee on Distribution, made the following report, which was adopted :---

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

Your Committee on Distribution beg leave to report that they have examined the Reports of the Grand Officers and recommend that the several clauses of said Reports be referred to the following Committees for their consideration and for them to report thereon :--

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Grand Master's Report : Clauses 12, 13, 15, 20, 21; Grand Secretary's Report: Clauses 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, Statements A B., pages 43, 44, 45, 46, 47; Auditor's Report ; Grand Treasurer's Report : pages 30 and 36, inclusive; and the Report of the Committee on General Purposes.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE-Grand Master's Report : Clause 19. Repr

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TO THE COMMITTER ON LEGISLATION-Grand Master's Report : Clauses 28, 29, 30, 33 and appendix, Sec. 3-4 ; Grand Secretary's Report : Clauses 16, 17, 18, 20 and 28.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM-Grand Secretary's Report : Clause 10.

TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE-Grand Master's Report : Clause 7 and all the Decisions.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS-Grand Master's Report : Clause 8.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS-Grand Secretary's Report : Clause 34 TO THE COMMITTEE ON REBEKAH DEGREE-Grand Master's Report :

Clauses 4 and 32 and Tables on pages 70, 74, 75. TO THE COMMITTE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS — Grand Master's Report : Clauses 27 and 28.

TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO. 1—Grand Master's Report: Clauses 9-31. TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO. 2—Grand Masters Report: Clause 32; Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 33.

TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE No. 3.—Grand Master's Report : Clause 25; Grand Secretary's Report : Clause 24 and Tables on pages 77 to 81 inclusive.

TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE No. 4-Grand Master's Report : Clause 26.

- TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO. 5-Grand Master's Report: Clause 27; Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 19.

TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE No. 6-Grand Master's Report : Clause 10 and appendix, Clauses 1-2.

TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE No. 7-Grand Master's Report: Clause 34; Grand Secretary's Report: Clause 33.

TO SPECIAL COMMITTER NO. 8-Grand Secretary's Report : Clause 9 and Tables on pages 55 to 69 inclusive, and Tables on pages 71 to 73 inclusive.

Your Committee move the adoption of this Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. COLE.

Representative O. L. Lewis, moved the following :--

Resolved,-That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Representative R. K. Cowan, moved :-

To substitute "seven o'clock this evening" for "nine o'clock to-morrow morning," which was not agreed to.

The motion of Representative O. L. Lewis was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 12.45.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, August 12th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge met at nine o'clock and was opened in regular form.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry White, in the chair.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read, and confirmed as read.

The roll of Officers and Representatives was called, when the following Grand Officers and a majority of the Representatives answered to their names.

HENRY WHITE, Grand Master,	PORT HOPE.
	THAMESFORD.
J. E. FAREWELL, Grand Warden,	WHITBY.
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary,	the second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second s
W. J. MCCORMACK, Grand Treasurer.	
REV. T. W. JOLIFFE, P.G.M., Grand Rep., -	
W. H. HOYLE, P.G.M., Grand Rep.,	CANNINGTON.
R. F. MORROW, Grand Marshall,	
RICHARD LEE, Grand Conductor,	WALKERTON.
PETER MCCALLUM, Grand Guardian, -	
ISAAC UNSWORTH, Grand Herald,	FLORENCE
REV. JAS. MCFARLANE, Grand Chaplain, -	LINDSAY.
THOS. WOODYATT, Junior Grand Past Master,	BRANTFORD.

The following telegrams were read and referred by the Grand Master to a Special Committee, consisting of Reps. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., Wm. Sutton, Wm. Warnock, to prepare suitable replies : WINNIPEG, August 12th, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F.:-

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The Grand Lodge of Manitoba extends fraternal greeting to her big sister, may she soon have her "Home."

R. H. SHANKS, Grand Secretary.

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GANANOQUE, ONT., August 10th, 1897. J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary, I.O.O.F. :-

Accept heart-felt thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy during my beloved wife's illness, I need it much more now, she died on Saturday last and was buried yesterday at Prescott. Shall not be with you at this session, may dis-cussions be harmonious and legislation wise and profitable, kind regards to my old friends.

JNO. ORMISTON, P.G.M.

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The following, moved by Reps. R. N. Sheppard and A. C Macfarlane, was adopted :

Resolved,-That the reception of the Reports of the Special Committees be made the first order of business after opening the afternoon session, and that they be taken up in the order in which they are submitted as printed.

Report No. 3.-Rep. A. E. Harley, from the Committee on Election Returns, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Election Returns submit the following :

We have opened and carefully gone over the election returns sent in by the several lodges, and find the result to be as follows :---

Total vote cast for Grand Master :--J. A. Young..... 838 Total vote cast for Deputy Grand. Master :--J. E. Farewell 838 For Grand Warden : 439
 W. Warnock
 221

 Jas. McLurg
 394

 J. W. Grote
 393

 R. W. Cowan
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 W. S. Given
 96

 A. L. Lewis
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 193

 W. J. Sanders
 80

 J. A. Morton
 108

 A. McFarlane
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 221 " Total..... 2165 Necessary to a choice. 1083 For Grand Representative :--Brother Henry Robertson, P.G.M. 640 423 J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M. Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M 400 537 Total 2009

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Tne following Lodges failed to send in election returns, viz. -13, 22, 75, 120, 167, 177, 190, 192, 200, 212, 243, 248, 250, 262, 265, 266, 270, 275, 280, 299, 310, 311, 316, 317, 318, 310.

We also find that the following lodges failed to observe the regulations required by the Constitution in making election returns, viz.:-

Equity Lodge No. 232-Order for tax enclosed in the envelope, instead of the election return.

Algoma Lodge No. 267-Election neither signed by the officers or seal attached.

North Bay Lodge No. 271—Election return not made out on the blank form supplied.

Tweed Lodge No. 290-Cash for Capita Tax enclosed with the election return.

Athena Lodge No. 306-Return neither signed by the officers or sea attached.

Your Committee move the following :--

Resolved,-That the report be adopted.

¹ Fraternally submitted,

A. E. HARLEY. JAMES SMILEY. THOS. G. ANDERSON.

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The Grand Master thereupon declared the following Brothers duly elected :

Brother James A. Young, Thamesford.....Grand Master. "J. E. Farewell, Whitby....Deputy Grand Master. "J. B. King, Toronto......Grand Secretary.

There being no election for Grand Warden or Grand Representative, the Grand Lodge at once proceeded to elect those officers.

The Grand Master appointed the Committee on Election Returns as scrutineers for the election, viz., Reps. A. E. Harley, Jas. Smiley, Thos. G. Anderson.

Rep. Jas. McLurg was declared elected Grand Warden on the third ballot, he having received a majority of all the votes cast.

The hour fixed for adjournment, twelve o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 1.30 p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 12th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 1.30 this afternoon, and was opened in regular form.

Grand Master, Henry White, in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll call of Officers and Representatives was, on motion, dispensed with.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The Grand Lodge at once proceeded with the election of Grand officers, which was interrupted by the noon adjournment.

The Grand Master announced that in the election for Grand Treasurer, all Past Grands present were entitled to vote.

Nominations were asked for Grand Treasurer.

Rep. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., nominated Bro. W. J. McCormack, P.G., of Covenant Lodge, No. 52.

Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, nominated Rep. Jno. Welsh, P.G., Avon Lodge, No. 41.

The scrutineers reported that Bro. W. J. McCormack had received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon the Grand Master declared Bro. W. J. McCormack duly elected Grand Treasurer for the coming year.

There not being an election of Grand Representative by vote of the lodges, the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect a Grand Representative.

The scrutineers reported that no candidate had received a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot.

On the second ballot, the scrutineers reported that Bro. Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M., had received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon the Grand Master declared Bro. Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M., duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

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The Grand Master asked for nomination for auditor.

Rep. Jos. Oliver, P.G.M., nominated Bro. Charles Packert, P.G.

There being no further nominations, the Grand Master declared Bro. Charles Packert, Avon Lodge, No. 41, elected by acclamation.

The following, moved by Grand Representatives Rev. T. W. Jolliffe and W. H. Hoyle, was adopted :

Resolved,-That the exemplification of the secret work be made the first order of business after the opening of the afternoon session on Friday.

The following letter and application was referred to the Special Committee on Oddfellows' Relief Association (No. 7).

J. B. KING, ESO.,

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KINGSTON, ONT., Aug. 4th, 1897.

Grand Secretary I.O.O.F.,

Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER .-

I desire to make application herewith for the usual annual recognition of this Association by your Grand Lodge.

The Advisory Committee whose members were present at our annual meet-ing, will no doubt deal with the work of the last year in a special report. But it will not be out of place for me to say that the last year, financially, was one of the best in the history of the Association. The surplus for the year was \$31,834.46, and the total surplus over all liabilities was \$121,005.76. The Reserve Fund

and the total surpus over an inconners was \$121,005,70. The reserve Fund was increased from \$82,750 to \$105,000, an increase during the year of \$22,250. The Association fully appreciates the cordial relations which exist between it and the several Grand bodies, and it hopes they will long continue. It trusts, by devotion to the objects before it, to merit the further confidence and support of the Order.

Kindly refer the accompanying reports to the Advisory Committee, or any Committee on insurance which the Grand Master may appoint.

Believe me, dear sir and brother,

Yours fraternally,

R. MEEK, Secretary.

The following letters from the Rebekah Assembly were referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree :

BELLEVILLE, ONT., Aug. 12th, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario 1.0.0.F .:-

WHEREAS, —As the Constitution of the Assembly does not provide for Past Presidents of the Convention to be members of the Assembly the same as Past Presidents of the Assembly. I feel it is an injustice to the Past Presidents of the Convention not to be allowed the same privileges accorded Past Presidents of the Assembly. They laid the corner stone for the Assembly, and we do not want them deprived of the honors they so justly earned. Therefore, I would recommend that the Constitution be changed to read, Part Pasidents of the Convention and of the Assembly.

Past Presidents of the Convention and of the Assembly.

I would also recommend that all honorable means be used to ask the Repre-

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sentatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to restore to the Rebekah Lodge the right to pay sick and funeral benefits, as this seems to be the one reason that our membership does not increase more rapidly.

Fraternally submitted,

LAURA E. RYAN, President.

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MAGGIE WADDELL, Secretary.

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

We kindly request you to spread upon the pages of the Grand Lodge Journal, the minutes of the Rebekah Assembly, held in Belleville this year. This being the usual custom.

Fraternally submitted, LAURA E. RYAN,

. President.

MAGGIE WADDELL, Secretary.

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

At the Rebekh Assembly held here, the following resolution was carried. That the Grand Lodge be requested to refund the sum of $\$_{21.25}$, that being the amount of loss to this Assembly in exchanging the old Rituals for new ones. Also that the Charter Fee of the seven new Lodges this year be returned, viz.: $\$_{35.00}$.

Fraternally submitted,

LAURA E. RYAN, President.

MAGGIE WADDELL, Secretary.

The following was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee :

BELLEVILLE, ONT., Aug. 12th, 1897.

To the Grand Master and Grand Loige, 1.0.0.F. :-

A brother of the Order, without exhausting his remedies in the Order, places a large claim (about \$450.00) for sick benefits, in a solicitor's hands for suit and pays him a relainer. The matter is afterwards compromised by payment of less than half the claim, such compromise being entered into by the Lodge to avoid scandal or criticism injurious to the Order. The Lodge afterwards entertains a charge laid against the brother, for conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow, and breach of contract and obligation, and the charge being proven and not denied, the brother is expelled.

Question :-- 1. Is the charge one in which expulsion would be sustained as being discretionary with the local Lodge.

2. Is it settled law that a brother so excelled, has no status in a Civil Court on the question of reinstatement, that the dustion of membership and dismissal is solely with the Lodge and the Courts of the society.

3. Has a brother any legal right of action in a Civil Court, on a question of either suspension or expulsion ? or is the Lodge Courts the final and only resort ?

These questions are of considerable import and should be decided clearly for the benefit of all local Lodges.

Trusting to have the above questions disposed of.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A. E. BAKER,

Representative Balmoral Lodge 280.

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Can a brother who has applied for admission to a subordinate Lodge on a withdrawal card and been rejected, legally apply for admission in another Lodge in the same district within six months?

The following questions by Rep. Layton Pidd, of Wildey Lodge, No. 153, were referred to the Judiciary Committee :

I. Is it in accordance with Grand Lodge rules for a brother to sit in the Vice Grand's chair in the absence of the Vice Grand who has never held an elective office, there being at the time six or seven Past Grands in the Lodge ?

2. Is it legal for a lodge to accept a promissory note from a brother who is in arrears, as payment of his Lodge dues?

Report No. 4.—Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., from the • Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Special Committee on telegram received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, beg to recommend that the following reply be forwarded :--

"The Grand Lodge of Ontario reciprocates the fraternal greetings extended, and wishes her younger sister continued access and prosperity."

All of which is fraternally subplitted.

J. T. HORNIBROOK.

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Report No. 5.—Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, from the Special Committee on Oddfellows' Home, presented the following Report, as printed, and which was, on his motion, considered seriatim.

LONDON, August 10th, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario Independent Order of Oddfellows:

Your Committee appointed to obtain information and to suggest methods for the establishment of the Oddfellows' Home, unanimously voted by this Grand Lodge at its last session, have to report that last winter (after consultation with the Committee of the Grand Encampment, Bros. Dawson and Blackeby, and the Committee of the Rebekah Assembly, Sisters Ryan and Lee) we sent a circular of enquiry to the lodges. The information gained by this circular was not as complete as we desired—the secretaries of many of the lodges not having answered. So far as replies have been received, however, there is sufficient evidence to show that

THE SENTIMENT OF THE JURISDICTION

is decidedly in favor of the establishment of a Home for Aged and Indigent Members of the Order, and for Orphan Children and Widows of Deceased Members. Replies were received from 87

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expressed no opinion, one favored a Home for Aged Oddfellows lodges, of which number only 5 were opposed to the scheme; three alone, leaving the remaining 78 in favor of a Home for Aged Oddfellows, Orphans and Widows. From many other localities information has been received showing a hearty concurrence in lodges from which we have had no official communication. Many lodges have passed very strong resolutions of support, accompanied by donations; and have also expressed their willingness to contribute in any way that might be deemed necessary. Especially enthusiastic has been the Rebekah Department, as we learn from the officers of the Assembly. Its treasurer now holds some \$300 contributed by its subordinates; many are actively engaged in securing aid; and we are assured that every Rebekah lodge may be expected to undertake the furnishing of a room as soon as required.

BENEFICIARIES.

Three of the lodges report to us six aged members who might become inmates of a Home. As to children : 33 lodges report 127 children of deceased members, under 13 years of age, known to the officers; of these 104 are reported as being cared for by relatives, 7 by strangers, 1 is in a public charity, and 15 are unaccounted for. Some of those cared for by relatives are in receipt of public charity. In addition, your committee have received unofficial information of several other aged and indigent Oddfellows, of a number of widows; and of several orphan children who are in public charities or are being cared for by strangers. Imperfect, therefore, as is the information received, there is abundant evidence to show that in Ontario we have a number of aged Oddfellows who are in need of a home; and that there are many orphan children who have to depend on strangers for support. We need have no doubt that were a home established it would soon be supplied with inmates.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

To show the character of the work that should be undertaken, and the methods of operation, we give a brief synopsis of the record of other jurisdictions. This is not complete, but comprises the main features of such information as we have obtained:

Arkansas (4,300 members).—Preparing for a Home by assessing subordinate lodges 50 cents per capita, and Rebekah lodges 25 cents, for five years.

California (30,500 members).--20 acres of land and buildings; value, \$45,000; erected by donations; maintained by a per capita

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tax as required—in 1895, 55 cents; managed by a board of five, elected by Grand Lodge.

Connecticut (15,000 members)-47 acres and buildings ; \$47,-000 received by donations from lodges and individuals.

Idaho (1,600 members).—60 acres, value 10,000; a building for aged Oddfellows and Orphans now being erected by a per capita tax and donations.

Illinois (51,000 members).—Home for Orphans, 40 acres and buildings, value \$77,000; established by voluntary effort; supported by donations and an appropriation from Grand Lodge, each year, as required—in 1896, \$15,000; managed by Grand Lodge through a Board of Directors. The same jurisdiction is now providing a Home for aged members.

Massachusetts (50,000 members).—60 acres and buildings, valued at \$100,000; erected by voluntary efforts sustained by a per capita of 50 cents; governed by eleven trustees, elected by Grand Lodge.

Minnesota (15,000 members).—No property yet; has a fund of \$15,000, to which it is adding by the sale of life membership certificates to lodges for \$25, and to individuals for \$15, and also a per capita of 10 cents.

Missouri (26,000 members).—Two hundred and forty-one acres and buildings, worth \$50,000. The members pay a per capita tax of 20 cents for maintenance, and 10 cents towards payment of debt on property; governed by a board of eleven, elected by Grand Lodge.

New Hampshire (12,500 members).—Thirteen acres and buildings, value \$10,000; supported by donations and an appropriation from Grand Lodge, as required.

New York (72,500 members).—In this jurisdiction there are four Homes, with 114 acres of land, valued at \$150,000. The Homes appear to be all controlled and operated by association of lodges and members.

New Jersey (24,500 members).—Property valued at \$28,000, controlled and supported by an association of lodges, each lodge paying 52 cents per capita yearly.

North Carolina (4,300 members).—Twenty acres of land and property, valued at \$22,000; supported by a per capita tax of 70 cents.

Ohio (62,000 members).—Rossmoyne Home for Aged Oddfellows has 20 acres, with buildings, valued at \$10,000; supported by a 1897

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payment of 1.50 per week by lodges sending inmates. Springfield Home for Orphans, 74 acres and buildings, worth \$40.000. Lodges sending children pay \$2.60 per week; Grand Lodge appropriates the balance required. We understand it is proposed to unite the Homes in one locality.

Oregon (6,000 members).—A Home for Aged Oddfellows, Widows and Orphans; in 1895 valued at \$13,500, but establishment not then complete.

Pennsylvanla (107,000 members).—Orphans' Home at Philadelphia, value \$44,000, with \$8,000 liabilities; supported by a per capita of 25 cents. Home for Aged Oddfellows managed by an association of lodges, each of which pays 52 cents per capita. There is another Home for Widows and Orphans at Alleghany, valued at \$16,000.

Tennessee (5,000 members).—Site selected ; property valued at \$20,000, of which the citizens contributed \$16,000. The membership pay a per capita of 20 cents.

Texas (9,000 members).—Two hundred and eighty-six acres and buildings, value \$27,000; established by donations of individuals and lodges, and a Grand Lodge appropriation, maintained by a per capita of 50 cents.

Vermont (5,000 members).—Fourteen acres and building, worth $\$2_{7,000}$, the donation of a private individual not a member of the Order; at last accounts not yet in operation, but to be sustained by a per capita as may be required.

Wisconsin (17,000 members).—Property valued at \$20,000; first tried to sustain it by voluntary effort, but now by a per capita of 25 cents; governed by a board of nine, elected by Grand Lodge.

There are other jurisdictions engaged in the work, the particulars of which have not been received.

RESULTS OF EXPERIENCE.

From a review of the reports of the different Homes, as well as from personal communication with those engaged in their management, we find that the results of their experience may be summarized to the following effect:

That, even in small jurisdictions, as soon as a Home is in operation, the need for it is shown by the many applications for admission.

That, unless in very large jurisdictions, a Home should be for

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all classes of beneficiaries, and under one management; but that the building occupied by children should be as separate as possible from that occupied by adults.

That, except where some generous individual or some enterprising locality, provides a building and site, the fund for the establishment as well as the management of the Home should be raised by a per capita tax on the entire membership.

That the site should be sufficiently large to allow the cultivation of fruit or vegetables, so that there would be not only an abundant supply for the use of the inmates, but a revenue from the sale of surplus produce.

THE PROPOSED HOME.

Estimating our own wants and our abilities, as well as judging from the experience of others, we are of opinion that the only just and proper basis for the establishment of a Home is that of a per capita payment by the lodges. Ten cents per member each six months for five years would approximate \$25,000. This should be sufficient to purchase a site and erect suitable buildings. The work could, of course, be commenced without waiting for the whole amount. In two years' time the fund would be large enough to begin operations. It might, indeed, be commenced sooner, for it is reasonable to expect that offers will be made to donate a site. Already the membership in at least three localities have this matter under consideration, though no definite offers have been made. When the time comes to make the selection, however, a plot should be procured large enough to provide in whole or in part for the maintenance of the inmates. There should be two buildings, one for adults and the other for children, but sufficiently near to allow for convenience of management by one staff of officials and employees.

The control of the Home should be vested in a Board of Directors, principally chosen by the Grand Lodge, but with provision for a just representation from the Grand Encampment and the Rebekah Assembly, in order to secure and retain the active co-operation of these bodies.

MAINTENANCE.

"What is likely to be the annual cost of maintaining a Home?" The answer will, of course, depend on the size of the Home, and the number of inmates. The cost per inmate varies greatly in the different Homes now operated, but an approximate idea may be gained from the experience of similar institutions in the Province.

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From the report of the Inspector of Charities for 1896, we have selected the following as affording a basis of comparison. The number of inmates given is the average daily in residence during the year, the cost of each per week being given in the last column : /

HOMES FOR ADULTS.

Name.	Location.	Inmates.	Annual Expenditure.	Cost per week.	
Aged Peoples' Home	OttawaBrantford	50	\$4,585 43	\$1 99	
Home for Aged		35	3,299 33	1 86	
Widows' Home		10	656 58	1 51	
Protestant Home		15	1,246 59	1 71	

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

Name.	Location.	Inmates.	Annual Expenditure.	Cost per week.
Protestant Orphans' Home	Toronto	200	\$10,793 12	\$1 10
Girls' Home		100	7,705 24	1 40
Boys' Home		100	6,663 87	1 15
Protestant Orphans' Home Orphans' Home		35 65	3.441 03 4,609 25	1 95 1 64

It may be assumed that an annual per capita of twenty cents would be sufficient for purposes of maintenance, even if there were no other sources of revenue. But the produce of, the farm should materially reduce the expense, and the institution might, under favorable circumstances, become self-supporting. It might also be a question for future consideration whether a small charge for board might not be made, payable by the party sending an inmate to the Home.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption :

1. That the Ontario Oddfellows' Home shall be for the aged and indigent members of the Order, and the orphan children and widows of deceased members.

2. That the fund for the establishment of the Home be provided from the following sources: All donations for that

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purpose; all funds and properties of lodges defunct more than five years, and ten cents per capita payable by each subordinate lodge every six months for five years, if required—the first payment to be made with the semi-annual returns for December, r897—but lodges having already voted donations to the Home shall receive credit on their subscriptions for all per capita payments, if they so desire.

3. That the Grand Lodge Special Committee on Oddfellows' Home procure an Act of the Ontario Legislature giving the Grand Lodge power to hold the necessary real estate, and operate the Home.

4. That the Board of Directors of the Oddfellows' Home shall consist of the following persons: the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, *ex officio*, and three representatives elected by the Grand Lodge, to serve for three years—one retiring each year—also two representatives appointed by the Grand Encampment, and two by the Rebekah Assembly.

5. That the three representatives on the Board chosen by the Grand Lodge shall constitute the Grand Lodge Special Committee on Oddfellows' Home—performing such duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

6. That the annual meeting of the Board shall be held during the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and special meetings may be held at the call of the chairman, or on the requisition of two-thirds of the members.

7. That no money in the Oddfellows' Home Fund shall be expended for the travelling or personal expenses of the members of the Board until the Home is established, but the bodies appointing delegates to the Board shall assume responsibility for such expenses.

8. That the Board of Directors shall have power to receive offers for a site for the Home, but not to accept any offer or to proceed with the erection of any buildings until the Home Fund has reached $s_{0,000}$, unless with the approval of the Grand Lodge, or, during its recess, of its Advisory Board.

9. That the Board of Directors shall have power to make such By-laws for its government, not inconsistent with these resolutions, as it may see fit.

CL. T. CAMPBELL, A. W. CAMERON, J. J. MANNING.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOME.

At last session of Grand Lodge a number of the members subscribed certain sums for a Home Fund, the condition being that

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the amounts were not due until the Grand Lodge was ready to build or purchase, and that then the subscribers should have the option of paying only half the amount, and the balance in a year following. No effort has since been made to canvass for subscriptions, but a number of individuals and lodges have notified the Committee of their willingness to contribute on the same terms. The following is a list so far as known to the Committee :

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Niagara Falls Lodge 50 00	Prince of Wales Lodge 50 00
Parry Sound Lodge (paid) 25 00	Waterloo Lodge, Galt 250 00
Simcoe Lodge 75 00	Anniversary Collection, Toronto
Stella Lodge, Carleton Place. 100 00	Lodges (paid) 106 00
Rockliffe Lodge 100 00	Thamesford (paid) 15 56
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Resolution No. 1 (page 6567) was considered and adopted.

The question being on the adoption of Resolution No. 2, the following, moved by Bro. W. H. Hoyle, Grand Representative, and seconded by Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., was adopted :

Resourced,—That Resolution No. 2 of the Committee's Report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to amend the same upon the following lines, viz., that all reference to a capitation tax be eliminated therefrom, and an annual appropriation from the Grand Lodge funds be substituted therefor.

Resolutions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 were each severally adopted.

The question being to adopt Resolution No. 8, the Committee accepted the suggestion to strike out of lines 3 and 4 the words, "until the Home Fund has reached \$10,000," and the resolution as so amended was adopted.

Resolution No. 9 was considered and adopted.

Report No. 6.—Rep. R. N. Sheppard, from the Special Committee on "Transfer of Membership," presented the following Report as printed and laid before the lodges, which was considered and adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario Independent Order of Oddfellows :

The Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master, in accordance with resolution of last session, "to formulate a scheme whereby members may transfer from one lodge to another without the present burdensome expense," beg to report as follows:

In view of the fact that this matter will be sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction for consideration, and that in many cases representatives to the next session of Grand Lodge will come there decided as to what action they will take, it seemed proper for your Committee at this time to give not only their recommendations, but also some of the ideas that were in their minds, leading them to make such recommendations.

Clause 11 of the Constitution of Subordinates aims at making the normal condition of the membership one where each member belongs to the lodge nearest to his residence. Our legislators have thus recognized the fact that a brother is more likely to take an interest in the order and retain his membership when he is an active member of a lodge in his particular locality than when he occupies the position of visitor only.

Therefore, by making it easier to transfer from one lodge to another in case of a change of residence, we will not only prevent many from dropping out, but will add to our stock of enthusiasm and greatly increase the general efficiency of our organization.

Let no member harbor what will probably turn out to be needless fears as to the effect in his immediate neighborhood. The

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interests of the Order are paramount, and what is so generally conceded to be a need in our Order must be supplied.

In a great many lodges, if not in all, an effort is made to partially meet the difficulty by admitting members who join by deposit of card on payment of fifty per cent. of the initiation fee. Of course a member who joins in this way is as great a charge upon the lodge as an initiate, but it must be remembered that there is a constant levelling up going on, through the fact that a lodge not only receives members by card, but also loses members by their taking out cards to deposit in other lodges.

Your Committee not only commend this practice and suggest its general adoption, but have taken it into consideration in making their recommendations.

When a member first joins a lodge the general or total liabilities of the Order are increased, because he is promised benefits in case of sickness or death. When he removes from one lodge to another he becomes no greater charge upon the Order than before. Why then should he have to go so deeply into his pocket at such a time? The liability on his account having been merely transferred, why should there not be funds transferred to balance that liability? In holding that such would be simple justice we feel we are on solid ground.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has held that the funds of Subordinates are trust funds. Every lodge that promises to pay anything on the death of a member must be constantly accumulating funds on account of each particular member. When one member withdraws and joins another lodge, would it not be carrying out the idea of a trust better to pay over to the other lodge the amount required to give him the same prominence that he had before, than to keep the money held in trust for him and compel him to buy these promises over again? Surely what is so akin to justice must be in the neighborhood of law.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has also conceded that it is the proper thing when a number of members leave a lodge to start a new one that a donation should be given the new lodge. If quite proper when a lot of members leave a lodge and carry their liability into another lodge, why not do the same thing in the proper proportion when one member leaves his lodge and joins another? We think the different subordinate lodges and the representatives to the Grand Lodge will be forced to come to the same conclusion as the Committee, that we have hardly done justice to the members who have left their mother lodge to advance the interests of the Order in some other locality. Nor have we acted wisely by that larger body, who not finding it congenial to their active natures to

be drones in the hive of Oddfellowship, and not feeling able to pay their way into a new lodge every time necessity compelled a change of residence, have gradually lagged behind in their dues, and have finally dropped their membership altogether.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Constitution of Subordinates be amended by adding thereto, under the head of "Disbursements," such clauses as shall provide that in the case of a member who shall change his place of residence, or who, on account of the starting of a new lodge, shall find himself nearer to some other lodge in the jurisdiction other than the one he is a member of, and who, having been granted a withdrawal card, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid, by the lodge he withdraws from, on account of the balance of his admission fee (that is his admission fee less the proposition fee of \$2.00 already paid by him) or on account of this balance of his admission fee and his dues, an amount to be determined as follows :

- I. When the lodge from which the member withdraws is working under a system of graded initiation fees, the amount shall be one-half of that fee at the age of the member at the time of his withdrawal, less the sum of \$2.00.
- 2. When the lodge from which he withdraws is working under a system of level initiation fees at all ages, and dues graded, the amount shall be one-half of this general admission fee, with fifteen per cent. of this half added for each year the brother has held membership in the lodge, less, also, the sum of \$2.00.

It will be observed that in all cases the member will pay the proposition fee, which accompanies his application, out of his own pocket. This, your Committee thought, would not be too great a tax, and might be looked upon as evidence of the brother's interest in the matter.

Were all the lodges in Ontario working under the same scale of fees and dues this \$2.00 would be all that would be paid by the brother in any case provided for by this report, and while the Committee are of the opinion that something nearer uniformity is both desirable and practicable, they have for the present to consider things as they find them, and would therefore call attention to the following points in regard to the working out of the scheme where so many different rates are in force.

(a) A brother transferring to a lodge with a graded scale of dues may find that after his admission fee is paid there is ah amount left over out of what he is allowed. This is W apply t time w Grand such p Ir importa welfare will do weak, destroy

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properly placed to the credit of his dues, and will tend to compensate him for having to pay, increased annual dues in the future.

- (b) A brother who joins the Order at an advanced age, transferring from a lodge with graded dues to one with level dues, may find he has to pay a good deal in addition to the amount allowed. This he is compensated for by having his dues reduced for the future.
- (c) In some cases it may happen that a brother will pay considerable in addition to the \$2.00 and over and above the amount 'allowed, to get into a lodge where his benefits are no greater, perhaps less, than before. This will be on account of the charges of one or both of the lodges not being in accord with the benefits promised. It has to be assumed that when one lodge charges more than another, it gives its members something for the difference.

We have not seen fit to recommend that this legislation shall apply to members joining lodges outside of Ontario, but at the same time would call the attention of our representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the advantages to be derived from making some such provisions mutually applicable to all jurisdictions.

In concluding this report, we can only say that we realize the importance of the matter in hand and its bearing on the future welfare of our Brotherhood, and trust that those who criticize it will do so with the idea of strengthening where it may be thought weak, of correcting where thought wrong, but with no idea of destroying the report and leaving things as they are.

> R. N. SHEPPARD, H. AYLSWORTH, WM. AMOR, D. C. WATSON, A. B. MCINTYKE,

TORONTO, August 11th, 1897.

The Grand Master then referred the Report as adopted to the Judiciary Committee, to report if the legislation asked for was in the power of the Grand Lodge.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 7.45.

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EVENING SESSION.

August 11th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge reassembled at 7.45, and was opened in regular form.

Grand Master Bro. Henry White in the chair.

On motion of Reps. W. Amor and Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., the calling of the roll and reading the minutes of the afternoon session were dispensed with.

Rep. C. C. Lyman, seconded by Rep. B. F. Richardson, moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved,—That the mileage and per diem to be paid Grand Lodge Officers, Representatives and others entitled to secure mileage and per diem at this session of the Grand Lodge be at the rate of five cents per mile one way, by the nearest travelled route, and $\frac{3}{2}$ per diem for time in attendance at the session as per the roll of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. W. H. Blight and W. Sutton moved to amend the resolution by striking out "(5c.) five cents" and inserting "(4c.) four cents" and to add to the resolution the words, " and the one cent per mile to be donated the Home Fund," which was not agreed to.

The resolution of Rep. C. C. Lyman was adopted.

Report No. 7.—Bro. Robert Meek, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, presented the Report of that Committee as printed and distributed, a copy of which had been sent to each subordinate lodge, and stated that the report had been changed slightly since it was printed and distributed. The changes are shown by italics :

KINGSTON, August 11th, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario Independent Order of Oddfellows :

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge last year the Special Committee on Widows' Annuities, in its report, urged that a Special Committee be appointed to consider during the recess what would be a proper scale of fees and benefits for the Order. This scale, it suggested, should be founded upon the experience of similar Canadian Societies, and be accompanied by such tables as would assure to the

Lodges "the means of carrying out their undertakings as to the payment of benefits."

This matter (Report No. 5, pp. 6320), and the recommendation of Special Committee No. 10, session of last year, embracing report No. 38, and also dealing with dues and benefits, were referred to the Special Committee now reporting.

A MEETING IN TORONTO.

The Committee held a meeting in the Grand Secretary's office on May 6th. At the outset it was felt that the Grand Lodge had seen and admitted the force of the arguments presented by last year's Committees in support of uniform dues and benefits.

The financial transactions set forth in report No. 6 led to but one conclusion, namely, that the lodges of this Order, for their own good and welfare must avoid all competition in the way of benefits, or even the appearance of competition; that everywhere, in all parts of the jurisdiction, the same amount in dues should be collected and the same amount in benefits be expended by them; and that always the obligations of the Lodges, voluntarily assumed, should be in perfect keeping with their ability to meet them safely.

A PROPOSITION IS MADE.

A member of the Committee submitted the following for discussion :

"The necessity of the Grand Lodge having control of the funeral benefits of the Order in Ontario must be apparent to any one that has studied the constant changing of the Lodge by-laws to meet the natural increase of deaths in the subordinate lodges. Owing to the small number of members that compose each lodge it is impossible, even under the best and most careful management, to meet the amounts promised at the death of members if there is no co-operation and the lodges remain financially independent of each other. The truth of the principle of co-operation, in the case of death benefits, has long been acknowledged by those who have had the important part of friendly society work under observation; and we are of opinion that lodges must either increase their contributions very materially or reduce the funeral benefits. One case that has been looked into forcibly illustrates the necessity of co-operation and uniformity in death benefits. In a society of 7,000 members the assessments for deaths in 1889 amounted to 73c. per member, yet there were no less than six lodges without a single death during that year, and in the group one lodge lost no less than six members by death, and had it been forced to meet the liability itself the assessment would have been \$3.97 per member. If the death bene6576

fits were paid by the Grand Lodge it would help the lodges to meet the ever increasing sickness that the members must experience as the lodges grow older, and which of itself will be found sufficiently burdensome without having to meet the funeral benefits now promised by many of our lodges. There are many ways by which the funeral benefits could be paid by the Grand Lodge, but we consider the equitable one would be to raise the amount by per capita tax on the subordinate lodges sufficient to meet the death rate that experience has shown to be absolutely necessary. The death or funeral benefit should be uniform throughout the jurisdiction, and every member of the Order would then be on an equal footing, and would know just what those that were dependent upon them would receive at his death."

THE LAW OF THE ORDER.

It was urged in addition that the Grand Lodge, in registering with the Department of Insurance on behalf of the subordinate lodges, became indirectly responsible for any failure on their part to meet their liabilities. But the law on this point is quite clear. The Digest of 1895 (section 470) declares that "a state Grand Body has no right to appropriate money from its funds raised by an assessment upon its Subordinates, for the relief and support of a member in one of these Subordinates." In 1892 the Sovereign Grand Lodge disposed of other phases of the subject. It asserted (1) "that it was not legal for a Grand Lodge to assume payment of sick benefits, taxing the Subordinate Lodges to provide a fund for this purpose"; (2) that it was not legal to form a sick benefit fund "to which such of its Subordinate Lodges as may be willing, could contribute such sums as the Grand Lodge named, and out of which sick benefits should be paid to the members of such contributing lodges only," and (3) "that under the laws and polity of the Order, as at present existent and operative, Subordinate Lodges are charged with a duty of providing and dispensing benefits to their members entitled to the same, and this duty cannot be assumed or transferred to Subordinate Grand Bodies."

This puts the question of the Grand Lodge's control of subordinate lodge funds outside the present discussion. The only thing the Grand Lodge can do, all that the Committee of last year advised and that the Committee of this year supports, is to urge that there shall be uniformity in the dues and benefits of these lodges.

THE HISTORY OF THIS AGITATION.

The Committee has not been called upon to go outside of the Order for the experience which enables it to frame a safe and suitable schedule of rates. The history of this agitation for a revised

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tariff of fees in the Order is full and comprehensive. The records of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of this Grand Lodge upon this subject are, indeed, most satisfactory.

As long ago as 1852 there was debate as to what the lodges should do about their income and expenditure. Bro. Dr. Campbell, a member of this Committee, in a report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1882, traced the steps which had been taken anterior to that date, and gave information and advice which were calculated to be of great service to the Order. Then it was resolved that the Grand Lødges should ascertain the financial condition of their subordinates, and "define for them, within certain limits, the rates of dues and benefits." Recommendations were also made as to what amount should be collected from the members and paid out in sick and funeral benefits. But the Committee on Dues and Benefits, in 1885, found that little advancement, had been made in the education of the fraternity in its financial affairs, and again it supplied tables showing how sickness had increased among the members of the Order as they advanced in years, and that with this increase in sickness there was a certain and corresponding increase in the liabilities of the Order.

SEEKING ACTUARIAL CALCULATIONS.

The wisdom, aye the necessity, of doing something looking towards a uniform tariff was practically admitted by the Grand Lodge last year in its approval of the reports of two Special Committees, and by the appointment of this Committee. But the Committee desired to proceed most cautiously, and to collect evidence showing the need of a better rating in Ontario, from the experience of its lodges, and so it directed the Grand Secretary to procure the following :

(a) Actuarial estimate of the Lodges as to solvency, based upon returns made to the Grand Lodge, omitting therefrom regalia, paraphernalia, furniture and unenumerated assets.

(b) An opinion as to the Campbell table of rates, as to whether it is sufficient to meet prospective liabilities of lodges, in view of the experience above referred to.

(c) An examination of the English experience (in the custody of Bro. Vale), in order to ascertain how it affects Canadian experience, and if so to what extent.

These actuarial calculations were committed to Mr. Chadwick, Toronto, and he is still at work upon them. As the report cannot be delayed, they will have to be submitted to the Grand Lodge in the form of an appendix to this report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Meanwhile, without the actuarial statement, and regarding it as supplemental to the information on which the report is founded, the Committee recommends :

I. That a graded plan of assessments be approved—graded according to age at the time of *joining* the Lodge—on the ground that it is the safest and most equitable.

2. That the Grand Lodge endorse the Campbell table of rates, as under, and take such steps within its power as will secure the enforcement of these rates uniformly in this Grand Jurisdiction :

Age.	Yearly dues.	Quarterly dues.	Age.	Yearly dues.	Quarterly dues.
21	\$6.00	\$1.501	41	\$9.12	\$2.28
22	6.12	1.53	42	9.36	2.34
23	6.24	1.56	43	9.60	2.40
24	6.36	1.59	44	9.92	2.48
25	6.44	1.61	45	10 24	2,56
26	6.56	1.64	46	10.52	2.63
27	6.68	1.67	47	10.84	2.71
28	6.80	1.70	48	11.20	2.80
29	6.96	1.74	49	11.56	2.89
30	7.08	1.77	50	11.96	2.99
31	7.24	1.81	51	12.36	3.09
32	7.40	1.85	52	12.84	3.21
33	7.56	1.89	53	13.28	3.32
34	7.72	1.93	54	13.80	3.45
35	7.88	1.97	55	14.36	3.59
36	8.04	201	56	14.96	3.74
37	8.24	2.06	57	15.60	3.90
38	8.44	2.11	58	16.20	4.05
39	8 64	2.16	59	17.00	4.25
40	8.88	2.22	60	17.80	4.45

3. That no greater sums than the following be paid by the subordinate lodges in benefits: (1) For sickness, extending to a year, $\$_3$.oo per week; for the same sickness when it is continued for twenty-six weeks beyond the year, $\$_i$ oo per week; for the halance of the illness, indefinitely, $\$_i$ oo per week; (2) For funeral expenses, $\$_3$.oo. (3) Widows' benefits; if desired, to be provided for by an additional assessment, these not being covered by the calculations in the Campbell tariff.

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4. This scale to take effect in the case of all joining the Order on and after Jan. 1, 1898.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. MEEK (Chairman). CL. T. CAMPBELL, FRANKLIN SMOKE, WILL J. VALE, WILLIAM WARNOCK.

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Rep. Franklin Smoke moved the adoption of the report as now submitted.

By consent, Bro. W. J. Vale, P.G., a member of the Committee, addressed the Grand Lodge, and submitted the Tables that had been prepared by the Actuary, Bro. Chadwick, on the understanding that they were to be kept as confidential until ordered to be made public by the Grand Lodge.

The following, moved by Rep. W. Amor, seconded by Rep. W. H. Lowe, was adopted :

Resolved,—That in view of the fact that the report of the Special Committee on Dues, and Benefits has been altered since being submitted to the subordinate lodges, the 'report be laid over till next session of the Grand Lodge, and the' report as now before the Grand Lodge be printed and sent to the several lodges, embracing also in the report an actuarial estimate of the amount of benefits that could safely be paid on an annual contribution of six dollars per member.

The alterations in this report referred to by the above resolution are in the changes made in clause 1 and the addition of a new clause No. 4. Clause 1, as sent out to the Lodges, reads:

^{*} " 1. That a graded plan of assessments be approved -graded according to the age of the members at the time they joined the Lodges—on the ground that it is the safest and most equitable."

The words in italics are now struck out, and the words "of joining" are substituted for the words "they joined."—Grand Secretary.]

Report No. 8.—Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, from the Special Committee on "Home," submitted the following report, amending their former report, as directed by the resolution recommitting it to the Committee, which was considered and adopted :

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

Your Special Committee on Oddfellows' Home, to whom was recommitted their report with instructions, submit the following :

1. That the second resolution appearing on page 6567 of the Journal be amended as follows: "2. That the fund for the establishment of the Home be provided from the following sources: All donations for that purpose, all funds

and properties of lodges defunct more than five years, and an appropriation by the Grand Lodge to be voted each year, as the funds of the body may allow."

 That the appropriation for the year ending June 30th, 1898, be \$1,000.
 That the first order of business after the adoption of this report shall be the election of Directors of the Oddfellows' Home, and that the Grand Lodge then proceed to elect one member for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

4. That your Special Committee's printed report, with the amendments now made, be adopted.

Fraternally submitted, CL. T. CAMPBELL.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of three Directors for the Odd Fellows Home, as required by the report.

Rep. Jos. Oliver nominated Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, to serve for the term of three years. There being no further nominations, the Grand Master declared Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, elected for three years.

Rep. W. Sutton nominated Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., for the term of two years. There being no further nominations, the Grand Master declared Bro. W. H. Hoyle; P.G.M., G. Rep., duly elected for two years.

Rep. A. L. Geen nominated Grand Master Bro. Henry White, for the term of one year. There being no further nominations the Deputy Grand Master declared Bro. Henry White, Grand Master, duly elected for one year.

Report No. 9.- Rep. Wm. Bushell, from the Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted :---

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the following Past Grands and find them correct, and recommend that they be instructed in the Grand Lodge degree and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

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Respectfully submitted, W. BUSHELL. 189

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The following, moved by Bro. W. H. Hoyle, Grand Rep., seconded by Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G. Sire, was adopted :

Resolved, --- That Report No. 56, as it appears on page 6404, Journal of Proceedings of 1896, re Dominion Odd Fellow be now considered.

The Report being under consideration, Bro. W. H. Hoyle, Grand Rep., seconded by Rep. J. Lucas, moved the adoption of the Report.

Bro. W. H. Hoyle made explanation in regard to a Circular issued by the Grand Secretary in regard to this report which was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Jno. Welsh, seconded by Rep. W. J. Norfolk, moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the report, which was agreed to.

Report No. 10.—Rep. Robert Meek, from Special Committee No. 1, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

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

Your Committee (Special No. 1) beg to report upon the matters referred to it by the Grand body.

I. Clause IX. of the Grand Master's Report. Your Committee commend the thoughtfulness of the Grand Master and those with whom he conferred, in sending to Her Majesty the Queen a message of congratulation on the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the throne, and in most felicitous terms. It was an occasion worthy of the inspiration it suggested, and it conveyed to Her Majesty the sentiments of an Order, the loyalty of whose twenty-five thousand members need not be emphasized. The message of the Grand Master, expressing thankfulness for the Queen's long and beneficent reign, is herewith given the heartiest endorsement of this Grand Lodge.

2. Clause XXXI. of the Grand Master's Report re a Grand Lodge solicitor. Your Committee has very carefully considered the grounds on which a standing solicitor for the Order are urged: (a) That he would be instrumental in bringing the laws and regulations of the lodges into accord with the civil law as it prevails in the province; (b) That he would be a valuable official with whom to consult on legal questions constantly arising in the Grand and subordinate lodges; and (c) That if not less expensive, the service would be more efficient, acceptable and satisfactory.

Your Committee is not called upon to advance any argument in favor of having identified with the Grand Lodge one who is a competent authority on legal matters, and one who, because of the permanency of his office, will see the necessity of making himself familiar with the law and its interpretations as they affect the Order.

A mucicipal council sometimes retains a solicitos (by the regular payment of a small sun), who, in view of possible cases, and of the certainty that he will have to handle them in the public interests, as corporation counsel, will keep in close touch with municipal law and its changes, and so become an expert in this line of business. The engagement of a solicitor by a council under such circumstances-and your Committee had one case of this kind under review-is decidedly to its advantage.

A fraternal society known to your Committee, having had the service of a solicitor in a case requiring much reading and research, has since found it profitable to consult him again and again, because it was felt that, on account of his special study, he was the better qualified to wisely direct and guide it.

So it seems to your Committee that the Grand Master was justified in suggesting that a legal adviser be retained—one that will be warranted in reading the law as it concerns the fraternal societies, and so becoming a specialist in in regard thereto.

Your Committee recommend :

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(1) That the Executive of this Grand Lodge, with the experience of the last year before it, be empowered to name a legal gentleman, and an O ldfellow, as solicitor of the Grand Lodge, the retainer to be a sum of, say \$50

(2) That this solicitor be required to give his opinion on such legal questions, as may be submitted to him through the Grand Secretary and approved by the Grand Master. The Committee is assured that the assistance of such a solicitor at such a time, in such a connection, will prevent the litigation that begins so easily and ends so costly.

(3) That this solicitor be required, also, to act in conjunction with the Committee on Subordinate Laws and Amendments, and that all doubtful points be reviewed by him. The sounder the by-laws, and the freer from defects, the less danger of lawsuits arising therefrom.

(4) That a full and explicit report of the year's references, and the cost of them, be made to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, so that it may be fully informed before proceeding to take further and definite action upon the matter.

Your Committee is persuaded that the experiment will be satisfactory, and that it will lead to such an arrangement as will yield the Grand Lodge, in legal matters, a more efficient and economical service

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. MEEK.

Beport No. 11.—Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., from the * Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred clauses one and two of the Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report as follows :

Your Committee heartily concur in the remarks made by the Grand Master in regard to the improved financial condition of the Order as the results of the labor of the past year. While the net increase in membership has not been as large as we would have liked to have seen, still, when we take into consideration the very serious and long-continued depression which our province has passed through during the past four years, we think our Order has done nobly in not only holding its own, but every year gaining in membership, increasing its capital, and also in public favor, until we find that now outsiders are asking how can they become members of our organization, instead of our having to solicit for members, as we have had to do in the past. We therefore feel that, as the clouds of depression are now passing away from our beloved Dominion. that the star of Oddfellowship will continue to shine brighter and brighter, until, in every city, town and village throughout Ontario, the banner of Oddfellowship will be

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planted. This is the fervent wish and earnest prayer of every member of your Committee, and we feel sure it will be re-echoed by every Representative here present. May that time soon arrive.

Resolved, - That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OLIVER.

Report No. 12 .- Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred clause two, Grand Master's Report, congratulates the Order on the institution of three subordinate lodges and the resuscitation of one lodge, also the institution of six Rebekah Degree lodges, and would recommend charters be granted them. Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OLIVER.

Report No. 13 .-- Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred clause seven, Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to submit the following : That they trust all the Finance Committees, as well as the Secretaries of

the various lodges, will see to it that the utmost care and attention is given, not only to the compiling of the reports, but also to the necessity of seeing that no illegal expenditures of the funds of the lodges has taken place, as upon the care

of the finances of the Order practically depends the very existence of the same. Resolved, -- That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IOSEPH OLIVER.

Report No 14 .- Rep. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Vour Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred clause 25, Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to submit the following: While they regret exceedingly that some few lodges are in the condition set forth in said clause, they feel that by a personal visit of the Grand Master or some specially authorized deputy appointed by the Grand Master, new life might be infused into them. We would therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish the incoming Grand Master with the names and locations of said lodges, so that the above action may be taken, which we trust will be beneficial.

Resolved, - That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

IOSEPH OLIVER.

On motion, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Reps. W. Burke, D. McLachlan, J. Saunders and J. J. Glover.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

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THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, August 13th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge met at nine o'clock and opened in regular form.

Grand Master Bro. Henry White in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

The roll of Officers and Representatives was called. All the Grand Officers and a majority of the Representatives answered to their names.

HENRY WHITE, Grand Master,	PORT HOPE.
	THAMESFORD.
J. E. FAREWELL, Grand Warden, -	WHITBY,
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary,	TORONTO.
W. J. McCORMACK, Grand Treasurer, -	
REV. T. W. JOLIFFE, P.G.M., Grand Rep., -	COLBORNE.
W. H. HOYLE, P.G.M., Grand Rep.,	CANNINGTON.
R. F. MORROW, Grand Marshall, -	PETERBOROUGH
RICHARD LEE, Grand Conductor,	WALKERTON
PETER MCCALLUM, Grand Guardian,	ALMONTE
ISAAC UNSWORTH, Grand Herald,	FLORENCE.
Paul La Mar	LINDSAY.
THOS. WOODVATT, Junior Grand Past Master,	BRANTFORD.

Report No. 15.—Rep. Geo. Geddes, from the Committee on Finance made the following report; which was adopted :— *To the Grand Ladge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.*:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the whole of the report of the Committee on General Purposes, beg leave to report that in connection with the clause relating to the earlier disposal of the effects of a defunct subordin-

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ate lodge, they are viewing the matter from a financial standpoint, unanimously in favor of the recommendation, but believing that the clause should more properly be dealt with by the Committee on Legislation, ask that the same be referred to that Committee, and that this Committee be relieved from the further consideration of the same.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. GEDDES.

Report No. 16.-Rep. Jno. W. Grote, from the same Committee made the following report, which was adopted :-To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F. ;

Your Committee on Finance have had before them the application of Britannia Lodge, No. 198, for a refund of the charter fee. This being a resuscit-ated Lodge we recommend that the request be granted. We also recommend that any money standing to the credit of No. 198, on the books of the Grand Lodge be refunded to said Lodge.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. W. GROTE.

Report No. 17.-Rep. F. Bisset, from the same Committee made the following report, which was adopted :--- *

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F.: Your Finance Committee have had under consideration those portions of the of 1896 cost \$1,018,53, acting on the suggestion of the Grand Master the Com-mittee on General Purposes, this year called for tenders and received five, varying in amounts from \$805,00 to \$1,124,20°. The work was awarded to the lowest tender, and your Committee, judging from the portion of the work already in possession of the Grand Lodge, cannot but congratulate the Grand Master in the wisdom of his action and believe he deserves the sincere thanks of this Grand body for the saving effected. We recommend that his action be heartily endorsed and that the 1100 copies be purchased as per tender, and distributed as in previous years. previous years.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. BISSET.

Report No. 18 .- Rep. A. H. Blackeby, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted : To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Finance Committee have had under consideration paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Grand Master's Report. This refers to the extensive and expensive liti-gation which various subordinate lodges have been involved in during the year. These lodges are asking re-payment of the costs incurred, on the ground that the laws under which they were working were sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, and were interpreted, in some cases, by the Chief Executive of this Grand body in favor of the contention of the lodge.

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Your committee are not of one mind on this subject. Morally we are agreed the Grand Lodge is responsible. As to its legal responsibility there is room for argument, and we are not unanimous.

Your committee have decided to report that in view of the undoubted moral responsibility of this Grand Lodge the Advisory Board should, on receiving properly authenticated accounts, pay the costs involved in the cases of Gillard v. Sydenham Valley Lodge, Dale v. Weston Lodge, and Kraft v. Nith Lodge, to the extent of fifty per cent. of the same.

We have not full statements of the accounts before us, but believe the amount involved will be about \$1,100

In the case of the suits against Forest City and Dominion Lodges, as the points involved are still in litigation, your committee decided to make no recommendation at this session.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. BLACKEBY.

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Report No. 19 .- Rep. A. H. Blackeby, from the same Committee, made the following report :

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

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Your Finance Committee have had before them the report of the auditors which vouches for the correctness of the uccounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and that the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is \$9,041.28. This is less by \$1,351.81 than the amount in hand at this time last year.

(2) The only account presented to us is one involving the payment of \$22.62 by the Committee on Transfers of Membership. We recommend payment of same.

(3) We recommend payment of the following amounts to the sessional officers :

Assistant Secretary, pe	r diem\$	2	00	
Messsenger,	¢ diem\$	2	00	
Press Correspondent,	**	5	00	
L. C. Pascoe, janitor/		12	00	

(4) That the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and members of all com-mittees appointed during the recess of this Grand Lodge be paid for all meetings called during the recess at regular return railway fare rates and \$2,00 per diem.

(5) That the Chairman of the Committee on General Purposes be paid mileage and per diem for attendance at this Session of the Grand Lodge at same rate as is allowed Representatives.

(6) That the Chairman of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates be allowed the sum of \$75 for services rendered during the year.

(7) That the salary list be fixed at same amount as last year, viz .:-Grand Secretary \$2,000.

Grand Treasurer \$200.

(8) That the Grand Lodge Auditors be paid \$25 each for their services in addition to the regular mileage.

(9) That the Past Grand Masters who have served on committees at this ion of the Grand Lodge, he paid mileage and per diem at same rates as Representatives.

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(10) That the sum of \$55 be appropriated to defray expense of Odd Fellows' Tent at the Toronto Exhibition.

(11) That the sum of five hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Grand Master, to be drawn on from time to time during the year.

(12) We recommend payment of the expenses of Jos. Powley, special deputy of the Grand Master visiting Flesherton Lodge, re removal of same to Markdale, amounting to \$10.90.

13) That Bro. W. J. Vale, a member of the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, be paid mileage and per diem the same as paid to Representatives. We therefore submit the following :-

Resolved, -That the above report be adopted.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. H. BLACKEBY.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. G. A. Blair moved that Clause 10 be stricken out ; which was not agreed to.

The Report was adopted.

Report No. 20 .- Bro. W. A. Rawlings, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, presented the following Report with their authorities for correction, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0. O.F. :

Your Committee on Law of Subordinates appointed to examine the Constitution, By-Laws and Amendments thereto, of Subordinate Lodges, submit the following report :-

All the By-Laws and Amendments submitted during the past year have been carefully examined, and appended hereto will be found a full statement of the corrections and recommendations made in each case, and also the authorities for same

During the past year there have been two hundred and forty-four reports,

and a duplicate copy of each sent through the Grand Secretary to each Lodge. This is more than double the number reported on in any previous year, and has involved a large amount of labor and considerable correspondence.

Your committee find that about two-thirds of the Lodges have adopted the By-Laws recommended by the Advisory Board of this Grand Lodge.

And, as it was not compulsory on the part of the Lodges to adopt said By-Laws, it shows that a large majority appreciated the efforts of the Grand Lodge to protect their interests and prevent litigation that might involve the Lodges in

Troible and expense. It is possible with such a large amount of work some few points may have been overlooked, but it any they are few and of a minor nature. All our reports have been based on the Constitution, Laws and discussions of

the Order, and we believe have been generally acceptable to the Lodges.

Your Committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. A. RAWLINGS. D. ROBERTSON. J. H. MAGILL.

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BROCK LODGE, No. 9.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CATARAQUI LODGE, NO. 10.

First Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 31 of By-laws, also two copies of Bylaws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 24 of By-laws, requiring Physicians' Certificate on claim for Sick Benefits, submitted and approved.

UNION LODGE, NO. 16.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, also two copies of amendment to Clause 9 of By-laws in reference to the charges for Degrees, submitted and approved.

PHENIX LODGE, NO. 22.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ROSE LODGE, NO. 28.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

EUREKA LODGE, NO. 30.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ELGIN LODGE, No. 32.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 35.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, NO. 36.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

FOREST CITY LODGE, No. 38.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws, also two copies of By-laws as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ROND EAU LODGE, No. 40.

First Report.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge with the words "qualified brother" inserted in place of the words "in good standing" submitted and appproved. 1897

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Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 45 and 49 of By-laws submitted, also new Clause to be known as No. 53, all of which are approved.

AVON LODGE, No. 41.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted, inserting the words "qualified brother" in place of the words " in good standing," in By-law (c) approved.

Second Report.

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FRONTIER LODGE, No. 45.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 8 and 9 of By-laws, also a new Bylaw, Clause 63, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

UNITY LODGE, No. 47.

First Report.

Two copies of Constitution and By laws, and two copies of amendment to Clause 49, submitted.

Clause 49, submitted.
42. By-laws, Clause 40, third paragraph, strike out "ten per cent. of all Initiatory Fees," and insert "five per cent. of the dues," 60. Clause 49, first section is illegal as regards the manner of payments.
45. Clause 56, strike out "three months after," and insert "immediately upon," and after "admission," insert "to membership."
47. Clause 64, after "shall" in third line insert "after due trial."

Amendment to Clause 49, approved.

Second Report.

2. Two copies of amendments to Clauses 24, 40, 49 and 56, of By-laws submitted; not properly certified, signature of Noble Grand omitted. 41. Amendment to Clause 49, hird paragraph, add to this the following : "the same to be paid from the General Fund." Fourth paragraph, strike out "such" and after "Benefits" insert "to widows and orphans."

DOMINION LODGE, No. 48.

Two copies of amendments to Clause 7 of By-laws changing night of meeting, submitted and approved.

OTTER LODGE, No. 50.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

60. Two copies of amendment to Clause 57 of By-laws submitted. Add

to this amendment the following : "The whole amount to be paid within sixty days, after reasonable proof of death."

COVENANT LODGE, No. 52.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws submitted. 43. By-law 51, re Contingent Fund, strike out "fifteen cents," and insert "five per cent." Balance of amendment approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 51 and 54 of By-laws submitted, also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, all of which are approved.

NIAGARA FALLS LODGE, NO. 53.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

COLLINGWOOD LODGE, No. 54.

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Two copies of By-laws in MS. submitted. 62. Clause 35, after "advance," in lourth line, insert "On the first regu-lar meeting in January, April, July and October." 52. Clause 62, after "membership" insert "the having been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the minutes." 55. Clause 46, after the word "otherwise" strike out "one" and insert "two." "two.

NOTE.-Told the Lodge to get the opinion of G. M. on latter portion of By-law 56.

QUEEN CITY OF ONTARIO LODGE, No. 56.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 40 of By-laws submitted ; not properly certified, signature of Noble Grand omitted ; amendment approved.

MAPLE LEAF LODGE, No. 57.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

HOWARD LODGE, No. 58.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 59.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 61.

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43. Two copies of new By-laws in reference to Contingent Fund, submitted. Strike out all that portion referring to the appropriation of rents.

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Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Third Report.

Two copies of By-laws, also two copies of amendments submitted, 60. Clause 48, printed copy, add to this Clause, "the above to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death."

62. Amendment to Clause 37, after "Quarter" add the following : "Said quarters commence on the first of January, April, July and October." Balance of By-laws and amendments approved.

Fourth Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws, in reference to funds, submitted and approved.

BARRIE LODGE, No. 63.

Two copies of By-laws and two copies of amendments submitted. 48. Printed copy, Clause 8, after "Physician" insert " on the form provided be Cornel to den ?" by the Grand Lodge.

 42. Clause 53, strike out "Lodge" in the eighth line and insert "Order,"
 52. Clause 83, after "membership" insert "he having been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the minutes."

44. Strike out the form of Prayers.
60. Amendment to Clause 65, add to the Clause "the above amounts to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death," balance of amendments approved.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 65.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE LODGE, No. 66.

First Report.

Two Copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 53 and 57 of By-laws submitted. 55. Amendment to Clause 53, after "year" insert "of continuous sickness or disability."

51. Amendment to Clause 57, strike out "who at the time of his death may have been dependent on him for support."

EXETER LODGE, No. 67.

2. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted and certified.

56. Clause 37 should state definitely the amount of charges for each of the first and second degrees. As the clause now reads it is very ambiguous. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 68.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

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Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clause 7 of By-laws, changing from weekly to semi-monthly meetings, submitted and approved.

HOPE LODGE, No. 69.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

THE TORONTO LODGE, No. 71. Two copies of amendments to By-laws submitted and approved.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 72.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ST. THOMAS LODGE, No. 76.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand . Lodge, submitted and approved.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 77.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

DURHAM LODGE, No. 78.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

NIPISSING LODGE, No. 79.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

AMITY LODGE, No. 80.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

BELLEVILLE, LODGE, No. 81.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

BEAVER LODGE, No. 82.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 83.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WALKERTON LODGE, No. 84.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CONSTELLATION LODGE, No. 85.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 87.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

OLIVE BRANCH. LODGE, No. 88.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 39 of By-laws submitted and approved.

RELIANCE LODGE, No. 89.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws, and two copies of amendment to

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws, and two copies of amendment to Clause 51 of By-laws, submitted. 62. Clause 43 of By-laws, add the following: "Quarterly terms commence on 1st January, April, July and October. 37-60. Clause 60, strike out all after "paid" in second line and insert "within sixty days after satisfactory proof of death."

The By-laws recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge also submitted and approved. . Amendment to Clause 51, approved.

IVY LODGE, No. 90.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws submitted.

Add to Section 1, Clause 42, the following : "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately on admission to membership."

Add to Clause 35, printed copy, "Quarterly terms commence on the 1st January, April, July and October."

GRAND RIVER LODGE, NO. 91.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WESTERN CITY LODGE, No. 93.

First Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 59 of By-laws submitted and approved.

Second Report. -.

2. One copy of Constitution and By-laws and two copies of amendments

55. Clause 50, printed copy, strike out "one dollar," and insert "two dollars."

60. Clause 60, strike out all after "payable," and insert "within sixty days after reasonable proof of death.'

Amendments to Clauses 42-76 approved. Two copies of Bylaws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

AVLMER LODGE, NO. 94.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

NITH LODGE, NO. 96.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Gran 1 Lodge, submitted and approved.

GRAND UNION LODGE, NO. 97.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws, in MS., submitted.

55. Amendment to Clause 49, page 48, strike out "\$1.50," and insert "two dollars.

Balance of amendments approved.

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Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 63 and 64 of By-laws, in reference to Lodge Physician, submitted and approved.

Third Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 31, 32, 33, 58, 63 and 64 of By-laws submitted and approved.

Fourth Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Fifth Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 58 of By-laws submitted and approved, except the last proviso, which the Grand Master decides should not be approved.

MINTO LODGE, No. 98.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 57 and 58 of By-laws submitted.

Amendment to Clause 57 approved, 62. Amendment to Clause 58, strike out "the quarter" and insert "January, April, July and October."

GOLDEN STAR LODGE, NO. 101.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

DOSORONTO LODGE, NO. 102.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CATARACT LODGE, NO. 103.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted. 11. Clause 7 of By-laws, add to this Clause "or conferring degrees." 62. Clause 38, add to this Clause the following : "quarter commences on

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the first of January, April, July and October," and the By-law should state whether payable in advance on the first meeting night in the quarter or on the

ast meeting in the quarter.
42. Clause 43, strike out "Lodge" in the eighth line, and insert "Order."
45. Clause 58, strike out entire Clause.
52. Clause 58, after "membership" insert "he having been first notified of the ordine that would be taken a record of which must be entered on the the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the

27. Clause 70, after "members" insert "may wear," and strike out "Subminutes." ordinate Lodge.

Amendment to Clause 32 approved.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CRESCENT LODGE, NO. 104.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MANILLA LODGE, NO. 105.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws with amendments, as requested by this committee in a former report, submitted and approved; also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 106.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WATERLOO LODGE, NO. 107.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 19, 52 and 53 of By laws, in reference to the Physician, funeral benefits, and benefits to Widows and Orphans, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, with an amendment to section 55 A, submitted and approved.

ROYAL OAK LODGE, No. 108.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 42 of By-laws, in reference to sick benefits, submitted and approved.

ORION LODGE, No. 109.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

LAUREL LODGE, No. 110.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PETERBORO' LODGE, No. 111. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, with the following addition to Section (a) "unless by special vote of the dodge," submitted and approved.

TRENTON LODGE, No. 113. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

VALLEY CITY LODGE, No. 117. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

MAITLAND LODGE, No. 119.

SAXON LODGE, No. 121.

STREETSVILLE LODGE, No. 122. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

DRESDEN LODGE, NO. 124. Two copies of new By-law, Clause 25, in reference to the duties of the Permanent Secretary, also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

STELLA LODGE, NO. 125.

SARNIA LODGE, NO. 126.

First Report. 2. Two copies of Constitution and By-Laws, also two copies of amendment to Clause 40, submitted, not certified. 63. By laws, Clause 34, strike out "each quarter," in fourth line, and insert "January, April, July and October."

55. Clause 45, strike out "one dollar," and insert "two dollars," and add to this clause the following : 45 "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admitsion to membership." .Amendment to Clause 40 approved.

Second Report. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

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Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

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MARION LODGE, NO. 131.

Two copies, of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

OAKVILLE LODGE, NO. 132.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PEACEFUL DOVE LODGE, NO. 135.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws, also two copies of amendments to Clauses 35 and 39 of By-laws, submitted. 11. By-laws, Clause 6, add to this Clause, "or conferring degrees."

62. Clause 38, add to this Clause the following : "Terms commence on

1st January, April, July and October."
42. Clause 43, strike out "Lodge" in seventh line, and insert "Order."
55. Clause 46, strike out "one dollar," and insert "two dollars"; also add to this clause :

45. "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be

entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership." 52. Clause 6t, after "membership" insert: "He having been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the minutes."

27. Clause 66, after "members" insert "may wear," and strike out "Subordinate Lodge."

Adv. Strike out the form of prayers. Amendments to Clauses 35 and 39, and the By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, approved.

COBOURG LODGE, NO. 136.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ST. LAWRENCE LODGE, NO 137.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ANCASTER LODGE, No. 138.

Two copies of by laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

GARNET LODGE, No. 130.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

LEAMINGTON LODGE, NO. 140.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Also an addition to Section 36 of the above By-laws in reference to dues to be known as Clause 36.

62. After "advance" insert "on the first meeting in January, April, July and October."

BAY OF QUINTE LODGE, No. 143.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 13, 14, 15 of By-laws submitted and approved.

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Also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clause 33 of By-laws submitted and approved.

RIDGETOWN LODGE, NO. 144.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

RIVERSIDE LODGE, NO. 145.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

VIVIAN LODGE, No. 146.

First Report.

2. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted, not certified.

I. Rule of Order 2, Section 6, add to this section "and balloting thereon."

By-law 5, add to this clause " or conferring degrees."
 Clause 36, add to this clause the following : " Quarterly terms commence

42. Clause 41, page 44, strike out "lodge" in fourth line and insert "Order."

45. Clause 43, add to this clause "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership."

53. Clause 55, strike out all after "the" in the third line, and insert "Dependent relatives of such deceased member."

46. Clause 58, strike out the entire clause.
52. Clause 55, after "membership" insert "he having been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the minutes." 27. Clause 70, after "members" insert "may wear" and strike out "Sub-bordinate Lodge."

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws, also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MODEL LODGE, No. 147.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

AURORA LODGE, No. 148.

First Report

Two copies of amendments to By-laws in reference to the charges for degrees and notification of sickness by members, submitted and approved. 2. Not certified, signatures of Noble Grand and Secretary omitted.

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved,

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WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 140.

Two copies of By-laws in proof sheet submitted. 45. Clause 42, add to this Clause the following : "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership."

45. Clause 44, add to this Clause "except members admitted by card."

15. Clause 56, strike out "any cause" and insert "non-payment of dues."
52. Clause 50, after "membership" insert "he having been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the minutes.

47. Clause 61, after "shall" in nineteenth line insert "after due trial." 47. Clause 63, after "shall" in second line insert "after due trial." 27. Clause 66, after "members" insert "may wear" and strike out "Subordinate Lodge." Balance of By-laws approved.

SYCAMORE LODGE, NO. 151.

First Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clause 50 of By laws in reference to Widows' benefits, submitted and approved with the following addition: "the above to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death.

HAYDEN LODGE, No. 152.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ALPHA LODGE, No. 154.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PYRAMID LODGE, No, 156.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PROGRESS LODGE, No. 158.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

SIMCOE LODGE, NO. 161.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 163.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ROMEO LODGE, NO. 164.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

BEETHOVEN LODGE, No. 165.

2. One copy of Constitution and By-laws submitted, not certified.

62. By-laws, Clause 38, add to this the following : "Quarterly terms com-

 by a set of the set admission to membership."

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

SUTTON LODGE, NO. 168.

First Report.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted. 11. By-laws, Clause 5, add to this Clause the following: "or conferring degrees."

42. Clause 41, page 37, strike out "Lodge" in fifth l.ne, and insert

50 and 55. Clause 44, page 38, strike out "one dollar" in third line, and insert "two dollars"; also strike out "fifty cents," and insert "one dollar"; also add to this Clause the following :

45. "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership."

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46. Clause 55, strike out entire Clause.
52. Clause 53, after "membership" insert, "he having been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the

"inutes," 27. Clause 68, after "members" insert "may wear," and strike out "Subordinate Lodge."

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

DENOVO LODGE, NO. 170.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PENETANGORE LODGE, NO. 172.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

DOLMAN LODGE, NO. 174.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

DAUNCEY LODGE, No. 176.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MONTANA LODGE, NO. 177.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

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WELLINGTON SQUARE LODGE, No. 178. First Report.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted. 60. Clause 52, strike out "one year" and insert "within sixty days." Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 52 of By-laws, submitted. Strike out "nearest representative" and insert "dependent relatives." Clause 3 of By-laws, strike out "Widows and Orphans" and insert "gen-eral" as the By-laws do not provide for Widows and Orphans fund.

GERMANIA LODGE, NO. 184.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE, No. 188.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PARRY SOUND LODGE, No. 189.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CHORAZIN LODGE, NO. 190.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 194.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MINERVA LODGE, NO. 197.

First Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 38, 39, 44, 45, 46, 50, 55, 61 and 63, of By-laws submitted. Amendments to Clauses 38, 39, 46, 55, 61 and 63 are approved.

approved. In regard to the amendment to Clause 44, as the Lodge, according to the report as found in the Journal of Grand Lodge for 1896, had over thirteen hun-dred dollars to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, it must be retained as such fund till exhausted, therefore the amendment is not approved. 35. Amendment to Clause 45 not approved. 55. Amendment to Clause 45 not approved. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 44, 45 and 50 of By-laws submitted and approved.

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BEACON LODGE, NO. 201.

Two copies of amendments to clause 32 of By-laws in reference to the duties of the Covenant Committee submitted and approved.

Also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

SILVER STAR LODGE, NO. 202.

Two copies of By-Laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

SILVER CITY LODGE, NO. 206.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ALVINSTON LODGE, NO. 208.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MILLBANK LODGE, NO. 209.

Two copies of amendments to clauses 29 and 30 of By-laws submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

LILY LODGE, NO. 211.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ARGYLE LODGE, NO. 212.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MT. BRYDGES LODGE, NO. 217.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

GEORGIAN BAY LODGE, NO. 219.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WOODSLEE LODGE, NO. 220.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

OTTAWA LODGE, NO. 224.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

NORFOLK LODGE, NO. 225.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to clauses 40 and 53 of By-laws submitted and approved.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE, NO. 228.

Two copies of amendments to clauses 43, 50, and 51 of By-laws submitted. 55. Amendment to Clause 43, strike out "one dollar," and insert "two dollars

Strike out "two" in 14th line, and insert "one"; a the strike out "two weeks" in 20th line, and insert "one week." (See Clause 51, Constitution.) Amendments to Clauses 50 and 51 approved.

The amount of headth in Clause 43, "four dollars," is approved, provided the requirements of Clause 51 of the Constitution are complied with,

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

EMBRO STAR LODGE, NO. 229.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, NO. 230.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ELORA LODGE, NO. 231.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved,

ILDERTON LODGE, No. 234.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WATERFORD LODGE, NO. 235.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

STIRLING LODGE, NO. 239.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted.

57. Amend Clause 35, so as to make the dues not less than ten cents per week. Also add to this clause, " and shall be payable on the first meeting night in January, April, July, and October." The above was ordered by this committee in 1896.

Also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CARLETON LODGE, NO. 240.

Two copies of additions to By-laws, being the By-laws recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

RIDEAU LODGE, NO. 241.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 44 ; also two copies of By-laws, as re-commended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WILTON LODGE, NO. 242. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand

THORNBURY LODGE, NO. 243. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

PORT ARTHUR LODGE, NO. 244. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand

MALLORYTOWN LODGE, NO. 245.

a. By laws, clause 36, page 32, strike out all after "due," and insert "on 1st January, April, July, and October."
43. Clause 40, strike out "one-tenth of all money that would be carried to the General Benefit Fund," and insert "five per cent. of the dues."
42. Clause 42, page 33, strike out "Lodge" in fourth line, and insert "Order."

Second Retort. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws, also two copies of amendments,

42. Clause 42, page 33, strike out "Lodge" in 4th line and insert "Order," 4. Amendment to Clause 52 add as follows: "In the case of dependent relatives, the amount to be from the General Fund."

GORDON LODGE, NO. 247.

41. Clause 47. Add to this clause the following : "The same to be paid from the General Fund."

48. "Clause 63, after "Initiation," add " on the form provided by the Grand Lodge." Balance of By-laws approved.

Clause 10, strike out "decision" and insert "condition."
 Clause 40, strike out "\$1.50" and insert! \$2.00."
 Clause 45, strike out all alter "demands."

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted.

Balance of By-laws and amendments approved.

Two copies of By-laws in MS. submitted.

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RIDGELY LODGE, NO. 250.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

FLORAL LODGE, NO. 252.

2. One copy of Constitution and By-laws, and two copies of amendment to Clause 11 of By-laws, submitted.

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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

62. By-laws Clause 36, after "Quarter" insert "payable on the first of January, April, July, and October."

January, april, july, and Octoper." Clause 43, add to this clause the following: 45. "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership." Clause 52, after "deceased" in 9th line insert "provided they were dependent upon him for support at the time of his death." (See Clause 53 of

Constitution.)

Amendment to Clause II approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to clauses 24, 36, 43 and 52 submitted ; also two copies of By-Laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, all of which are approved.

GRAND VALLEY LODGE, NO. 256.

Two copes of By-laws submitted.

Clause 42, add to this clause the following :

Clause 72, after "shall" insert " after due trial."

45. Clause 95 A, strike out all after "membership." Also two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CREDIT LODGE. NO. 257.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

THAMESFORD LODGE, NO. 258.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

LYNDEN LODGE, No. 259.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MEAFORD LODGE, No. 260.

* Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

GOLD HILL LODGE, NO. 261

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

NORWOOD LODGE. No. 262.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

EAST TORONTO LODGE, NO. 263.

Two copies of amendments and new By-laws in MS. submitted ; also two copies of new By-Laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted.

Amendment to clause 58, strike out "two " in 7th and 11th lines, and insert "one," (see constitution clause 51.)

FRATERNITY LODGE, NO. 264.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ALGOMA LODGE, NO. 267.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

STANLEY LODGE, No. 268.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

WOODSTOCK LODGE, NO. 269.

Two copies of By-laws as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

NORTH BAY LODGE, NO. 271.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws with several amendments submitted. Claus 75, strike out "as the Lodge deem fit," and insert "within sixty ' days after reasonable proof of death." Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

* Two copies of amendments to classes 57 and 76 of By-laws submitted and npproved.

Third Report.

Two copies of amendment to clause 95 of By-laws submitted and approved.

LAKEVIEW LODGE, NO. 272.

Two copies of By-laws, in proof sheet, submitted and approved.

HASTINGS LODGE, NO. 273.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board, of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

LAMBTON LODGE, NO. 277.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ROCKLIFFE LODGE, NO. 278.

Two copies of By laws in MS. submitted and approved.

GRENVILLE LODGE, NO. 279.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

BALMORAL LODGE, NO. 280.

2. One copy of Constitution and By-laws, and two copies of amendments submitted, not properly certified; signature of Noble Grand and Secretary omitted.

Printed copy By-law, Clause 36, strike out all after "payable," and insert "on or before the first meeting in January, April, July, and October."
 42. Clause 41, strike out "Lodge" in the 7th line and insert "Order."

Clause 55, strike out entire clause.
 Clause 67, strike out "Subordinate Lodge."

55. Amendment to Clause 44, strike out "\$1.000" where it occurs the first and third time ; also strike out "50c." and insert "two dollars" in each case. New Clause 45 not approved.

ARTHUR LODGE, NO. 281.

2. One copy of printed Constitution and By-laws submitted, not certified : also two copies of amendment to clause 39, in reference to Contingent Fund.

Amendment approved. .62. Printed copy—Clause 36, add to this clause "payable on the first regular meeting in January, April, July, and October."

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Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

SUDBURY LODGE, No. 282.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

EARNSCLIFFE LODGE, No. 283.

Two copies of new By-law, Clause 16a, in reference to the duties and remuneration of the Outside Guardian, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Third Report.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 41 of By-laws, setting aside five per cent. of the dues to the credit of Contingent Fund, submitted and approved.

LYN LODGE, NO. 284.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ROYAL LODGE, NO. 286.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

CHESTERVILLE LODGE, No. 288.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of th Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

GLANWORTH LODGE, No. 289.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

TWEED LODGE, NO. 290.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

RODNEY LODGE, NO. 291.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MINNETONKA LODGE, No. 292.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

THOMASBURG LODGE, No. 293.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to clause 43 of By-laws submitted and approved-

BROADVIEW LODGE, NO. 294.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Gund Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws submitted and approved.

PONTYPOOL LODGE, NO. 296.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MAYFLOWER LODGE, NO. 297.

Two copies of By-laws, in manuscript, submitted. Clause 21, strike out "second" and "two," and insert "first" and "one."

(See Clause 51, Const.) 60, Clause 26, add to this clause as follows : "The above to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death."

BOBCAYGEON LODGE, NO. 300.

Two copies or amendments to Clauses 36 and 40 submitted and approved. .

PLATTSVILLE LODGE, NO. 301.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

2. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted, only one copy certified, which copy is retained by the Committee.

ned, which copy is retained by the committee. 62. Clause 58 of By-laws, strike out all after "in" and insert "January, April, July, and October." 60. Add the following to the amendment to Clause 76: "The whole amount to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death."

By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, approved.

ABERDEEN LODGE, NO. 302.

Two copies of amendments to By-laws, changing night of meeting, submitted and approved.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, NO. 303.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

STAR LODGE, NO. 304.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

VALENTINE LODGE NO. 305.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ATHENA LODGE, No. 306.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

PRINCETON LODGE, NO. 307.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

MILLBROOK LODGE, No. 308.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

HARROW LODGE, No. 309.

Two copies of the Constitution and By-laws of Concord Lodge, adopted by

Two copies of the constitution and by laws of control range, subject by this Lodge with certain smeadments, submitted. The By-laws clause 5, add to this clause "or conferring Degrees." Clause 34 should state whether the committee are elected or appointed. 55 Amendment to clause 46, strike out "one dollar, and seventy-five cents," also "one dollar and twenty-five cents," and insert "two dollars," in both cases.

Balance of By-laws and amendments approved. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ZETA LODGE, NO. 311.

Two copies of By-laws, in proof sheet, submitted. 25 Clause 17, strike out "He shall be elected annually, at the last meeting in December."

Balance of By-laws approved.

SPIRIT ROCK LODGE, NO. 312.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

ELECTRIC CITY LODGE, NO. 313.

Two copies of amendment to clause 37 of By-laws, in reference to visiting card, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendment to clause 16 of By-laws, submitted and approved.

. Third Report.

Two copies of new By-law, in reference to filling out sick claim form, submitted and approved.

Fourth Report.

Two copies of amendment to clause 43 of By-laws, in reference to Sick Benefits, submitted and approved by adding the following : 45. "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership."

PROSPECT LODGE, NO. 314.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of amendments to Clauses 23 and 60 of By-laws submitted and approved.

MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 315.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

BRITAIN LODGE, NO. 316.

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws in MS. submitted.

Clause 23, strike out "one dollar" and insert "two dollars"; also add to this clause the following : "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership." Clause 71, section 2, after " receipts " insert " from dues." Balance of By-laws approved.

LAURENTIAN LODGE, NO. 317.

Two copies of amendment to Clause 48 of By-laws, in reference to arrears of dues, submitted and approved.

WEBBWOOD LODGE, No. 319.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted. Clause 64 of By-laws not approved. (See Clause 51 of the Constitution.) Clause 76, strike out "as the Lodge deem fit," and insert "within sixty days after satisfactory proof of death."

Second Report.

One copy of Constitution and By-laws amended, as per former report committee, and now approved.

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Third Report.

Two copies of By laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

GENEVA LODGE, NO. 320.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws, submitted.

I. Constitution incorrect.

48. By-laws, clause 7, page 25, after "certificate" insert "on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.

43. New clause 40, strike out "95% of" and all monies as aforesaid and insert "the dues."

35. Clause 44, strike out all after "first" in 18th line and substitute the following : 50. "Twelve months of continuous sickness or disability, and should the

sickness or disability continue beyond the twelve months the benefits thereafter shall be at the rate of one dollar per week during the continuance of said sickness or disability."

Clause 51, add to this clause the following : "the above to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death." 52. Clause 65, after "membership" insert "He having been first notified

of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be entered on the minutes."

Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand Lodge, submitted and approved.

HESPELER LODGE, NO. 321.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws of Waterloo Lodge, adopted by this Lodge, with certain amendments, submitted and approved. Two copies of By-laws, as recommended by the Advisory Board of the Grand

Lodge, submitted and approved.

CENTRAL LODGE, NO. 322.

2. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws of Queen City of Ontario Lodge, which have been adopted by this Lodge with certain amendments, submitted, not certified.

 Addition to clause 49. After "received " insert " from dues."
 Clause 67, after " deceased " in 9th line insert " Providing they were dependent on him for support at the time of his decease."

Balance of By laws and amendments approved.

Second Report.

Two copies of By-laws, in proof sheet, submitted. Clause 32, strike out "have been " and insert " are " also strike out " not less than six months," (See Constitution, clause 2). Note--See clause 47, which is no doubt a Typographical error, the intention no doubt being to take 5% of the dues for Contingent fund, the 95% to go to General fund.

LIBERTY LODGE, NO. 323.

Two copies of By-laws in MS. submitted, not properly certified, signatures of the Noble Grand and Secretary omitted. By-laws approved.

ONTARIQ LODGE, No. 324.

Two copies of By-laws in MS, submitted.

62. Clause 54, strike out all after "at" in third line and insert "first meeting in January, April, July and October."
42. Clause 53, strike out "thereof" and insert "of the Order."
55. Clause 63, strike out "\$1.00" in 9th and 10th lines and insert,

45. Also add to above the following : "A member admitted on an unexpired withdrawal card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon admission to membership.

60. Clause 75, strike out all after "benefit" in fifth line, and insert the following: "The whole amount to be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death."

AUTHORITIES FOR CORRECTIONS.

ARRANGED BY COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES. 1896-7.

1. Lodges having Constitution, Rules of Order, or Rules of Procedure on Trials incorrect, are referred to revised Const., Jour. 1890, Appendix, and Journal of Grand Lodge, Ont., 1892, page 5331. 2. Duplicate copies of By-laws, authenticated by the Seal of Lodge and

signature of N.G. and secretary, must be submitted.-Const., Sub., Clause 70.

3. Membership cannot be restricted to persons not over a certain age .--Digest, S.G.L., 1883, 605; 1889, 492. 4. Blank votes must be counted. —Digest 1889, S.G.L., 1009.

5. P.G.'s charge can only be given by a P.G. or N.G.-Digest 1889, S.G.L., 676

6. The V.G. may assist at the examination of a ballot and announce the condition of the vote, but the N.G. alone declares the result .- Digest 1889,

5.G.L., 660. 7. The N.G. can vote same as other members at an election by ballot (for a candidate or an office), but has no casting vote; when the vote is an open one candidate or an office), but has no casting vote; when the vote is an open one candidate or an office). he has only a casting vote in cases of tie.—Book of Laws, page 33, Note 105; also Jour. 1880, page 1924. 8. In the absence of the N.G. the V.G. takes the chair.—Digest 1891,

9. Subordinates cannot alter Rules of Order.-Rule XXI.

10. Junior P.G. cannot be fined as an officer. Digest 1889, S.G.L., 1061. 11. No one can enter or retire from lodge-room during initiation or conferring degrees. - Biok of Laws, page 28; Notes 69; 70, Jour. S.G.L., 1884, pages 9736. 9802.

12. A lodge cannot refuse benefits to a Brother leaving its jurisdiction while sick. -Digest 1889, S.G.L., 73.

13. A member under charges retains all his rights except those specified in

13. A memory under charges retains an insingue except these spectrum in Digest 1889, S.G. L., 779.
14. N.G. can only fill vacancies in committees originally appointed by him. — Jour. G. L. of Onlario, page 1245.
15. A member suspended for cause (other than non-payment of dues) returns to the full edjoyment of his position in the Lodge at the expiration of his term of suspension. — Digest 1889, S.G. L., 779.
16. Cannot refuse a widow or orphans benefits because she or they may be instance of come charitable institution — Jour. of Onlario. 1875, page 1407.

inmates of some charitable institution -Jour. of Ontario, 1875, page 1407. 17. By-laws cannot be suspended on motion, -Digest 1880, S.G.L., 155. 18. Degrees must be applied for and balloted for when the Lodge is open in

the Degree of Truth.-Digest 1889, S G.L., 307 ; Const., Clause 14.

19. Lodge cannot make a By-law dispensing with payment of benefits .-Digest 1889, S.G.L., 8.

20. The sitting Past Grand should not be fined because the Returns to the G.L. have not been made out and forwarded.-Book of Laws, page 36.

21. Terms of office commence in January, if annual .-- Const. Subordinates, Clause 38.

22. All the business of the Subordinate Lodge must be transacted in the Degree of Truth.-Digest 1889, S.G.L., 1458.

23. A member in arrears may visit his own Lodge until suspended, but is not entitled to vote. — Digest 1889, S.G.L., 1701.
24. N.G. alone can call special meetings or V.G. in the absence (from town)

of the N.G.-Const. Subordinates, Clause 38.

25. All officers must be elected each term .- Const. Subordinates, Clause 22. 26. Lodges cannot make a By-law refusing a sick Brother benefits who may

be out of his house after certain hours in the evening.-Jour. of Ontario, 1878, page 92. 27. Encampment regalia may be worn in Subordinate Lodges by Encamp-

28. During a ballot members may be admitted (Book of Laws, page 32, note

92), and at any time except during opening, initiations and conferring Degrees.-

 Book of Laws, page 33, note 106.
 29. The S.G. L. prohibits Lodges and individuals printing its forms.—Digest 1889, S.G.L., 1744-1745. 30. No claim can be allowed as an offset for dues, except benefits for a

previous sickness which have not been paid .- Jour. of Ontario, 1880, pages 1924, 1879.

31. The proposition fee of a rejected candidate should be returned to him.--Book of Laws, page 28, note 68.

32. It is a prerogative of the N.G. to appoint the V.G. or a P G. to act as Outside Conductor. --Book of Eaws, page 33, note 109. 33. Continuous stipulated weekly benefits must be paid. -- Digast 1889 S.G.L., 10.

34. Degrees must be paid for in full before a ballot can be taken. - Const. Subordinates, Clause 14.

35. Widows and Orphans' Fund cannot be diverted from the purpose for which it was created, or merged with any other fund, —Digest 1889, 410, 411. 36. A Lodge cannot refuse benefits to a Brother otherwise beneficial because

he is an immate of some public institution. —Digest 1889, 68. 37. Lodges cannot pay Widows and Orphans' Benefits by annuities.—Jour. of Ontario, 1888, page 4412. Confirmed 1860, Jour., page 4871. 38. A Lodge cannot by vote at a previous meeting change the regular meet-tage the second sec

3.3. A Douge caulto by view at a previous meeting change the regular meeting on account of a holiday failing on the same night (Jour. of Ontario, 1891, page 2119), but may by resolution omit such meeting. —Const. Subordinates, Clause 35. 39. Where a Brother has been found guilty of orime and sentenced to imprisonment by a court of law, the Lodge should cause a charge to be preferred and proceed with the trial. —Digest 1889, S.G.L., 1305, also Jour. of Ontario, 1888, page 4388 1888, page 4288.

40. - Constitution of Subordinates, Clause 16, re Non-beneficial Degrees re-

40. Constitution of Sciontinace, Other Particles of a deceased Brother
41. Benefits cannot be paid to the dependent relatives of a deceased Brother
from the W. and O. Fund. -Jour. S.G. L., 1867, pages 10528 10661.
42. Lodges are strictly prohibited from to using their funds to members of the
Order. -Jour. of Ontario, 1888, page 4363, also 1889, page 4505 - or investing in

43.-Lodges can set apart 5 per cent. of the dues to form a Contingent Fund. -Jour., 1894, page 5917.

44. Lodges opening and closing with player must use the new form adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Jour. S.G.L., pages 11773-11811. 45. A member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled

to benefits immediately upon his admission to membership. - Const. Subordinates, Clause 56.

46. A gratuity to a widow must be paid in full; marriage or death does not release the Lodge from liability for any unpaid portion .- Jour. Ontario, 1890, page 4719

47. A Lodge cannot suspend or expel a member (unless for non-payment of dues) until he has first received a fair trial in accordance with the Constitution .-Const. Subordinates, Clause 58.

48. A physician's certificate, on application for membership must be on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.—Const. Subordinates, Clause 3.

49. One ballot shall be taken for all the Degrees for which a member may apply .- Const. Subordinates, Clause 14.

50. Weekly sick benefits cannot be reduced below two dollars per week until a member has been in receipt of benefits continuously for twelve months (Const., Clause 52), and then to not less than one dollar per week.-Jour. Ontario, 1891, page 5173.

51. A gratuity to a widow muss be paid to the widow, unless she was guilty of unbecoming conduct, or not capable of caring for her children.-Jour. 1890, pages 4820.4910.

52. A member cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues until he has been first notified of the action that would be taken, a record of which must be

entered on the minutes. --Digest S.G.s.L., 1889, Section 107. 53. Funeral benefits must be path, but only to dependent relatives. --Digest S.G.L., 1889, Section 99.

54. A Lodge cannot charge more than one dollar for a Dismissal Certificate. -Digest S.G.L., 1889, Section 235.

55. Weekly sick benefits must not be less than two dollars to every member for the first fifty-two weeks of continued sickness or disability. -Jour. Ontario,

1891, page 5173. 56.—The fees for Degrees must not be less than two dollars each.—Const. Sub., Clause 46.

57. Weekly dues must not be less than ten cents per week .- Const. Sub., Clause 47.

58. A Lodge cannot charge more than fifty cents for a Withdrawal Card. -Const., Clause 48

59. Fines legally imposed are charged and collected same as dues.-Book of Laws, page 38

60. Every amount payable on the death of a member must be paid within sixty days after reasonable proof of death.—Decision of J. Howard Hunter, Reg. of F.S.

61. Different rates of benefits to members of same Degree not allowed .-Digest S.G.L., 1889, Section 128.

62. Dues must be made payable at fixed dates .- Insurance Corporation Act, 1892; Journal of Ont., 1892, page 5359. 63. There can be no average of benefits paid, making the total paid the first

year amount to \$104 .- Decision of G. Sire, No. 7, 1895.

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Report No. 21.-Rep. W. Amor, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted : -To the Grand Lodge of Ontorio, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report

We approve of the exchange of Journals with other jurisdictions, and also

the furnishing of a copy of the Digest to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge. The badge provided in lieu of regalla appears to be generally approved ; and the designs for the emblems, sanctioned by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will doubtless be more generally used in the future.

Resolved, -That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

W. AMOR.

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Report No. 22 .- Bro. W. F. Mountain, from the Committee on General Purposes, submitted the following report, as printed, which was adopted :---

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

Toronto, August 11, 1897.

Your Committee on General Purposes beg to submit the following as their report of transactions had during the past year :

The Committee has had six regular meetings, and as many conferences, when business required their attention.

At the meeting held on September 10, 1896, there were present Bros. W. F.

Mountain, Wm. Badenach, Grand Treasurer, J. B. King, Grand Secretary. The Secretary reported that the Grand Master had appointed Bros. W. F. Mountain and Wm. Badenach, Grand Treasurer, as members of the Committee on General Purposes. Bro. W. F. Mountain was re-elected Chairman for the year.

It was ordered, in accordance with the recommendation of this Committee, approved by the Grand Lodge, that the minutes of the last annual session be printed and issued as speedily as possible, the work being done by the Dominion Odd Fellow Publishing Co.

It was ordered that the tender of The Dominion Odd Fellow for printing 500 copies of the photogravures of Past Grand Masters be accepted. These photogravures are printed on very fine paper and offered for sale to lodges and mem-bers as provided for by the report of the Finance Committee, as found on page

bers as provided to by the teport of that but a comparatively few of these valu-36357, Journal, 1896. Your Committee regret to report that but a comparatively few of these valu-able mementos of the past have been sold. A number are still on hand and will be supplied on application to the Grand Secretary.

By consent of the Grand Master, the Constitution, etc., of the Grand Lodge and of the subordinate lodges were directed to be printed in the Journal of Fro-ceedings, and on account of the many changes that have been made since the last issue of the Constitution, it was further ordered that 400 extra copies of the same be printed, and a copy sent to each lodge and District Deputy, which was done.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge, having approved of the designs, copyrighted and submitted by this jurisdiction, for emblems, to be used by this Order only, your Colmitte had a number of electros made. Many lodges have purchased, and are using these electros on their literature and letter headings with excellent effect.

In this connection, your Committee had a sample gold pin of suitable size,

to be worn by members, made, and which has been greatly admired by all who have seen it. Your Committee fully believe that it would be to the advan-tage and interest of the Order if the wearing of said pin or emblem by members was encouraged more than it is, and believe that their sale as supplies could be made profitable, and, at the same time, supply lodges and members with a fine gold pin at a price very reasonable indeed, being made in large quantities. Whether one of these pins should be presented to each member at cost, could well be considered by the Grand Lodge, but your committee would urge the general use of the emblem pins. All supplies required for the Grand Lodge have been let by tender. In order

All supplies required for the Grand Lodge have been let by tender. In order to facilitate the more prompt issue of the Journal of Proceedings of this year tenders were asked for printing the Reports of Special Committees and of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as the printing of the minutes of the session of Grand Lodge for 1897. The tenders were all based on 170 pages of reports and 470 pages in Journal, 1,100 copies. Six tenders were received, viz. :-

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	Total	\$805	00
No. 2,	as above	1,112	00
3,	**	925	00
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With the approval of the Grand Master, No. 1 was accepted, and the work will be pushed forward as fast as possible, and it is hoped that the Journal of this year will be issued within two weeks of the reception of the Reports of the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The new Receipt Books adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge were not fully endorsed by this Committee on account of their size and immoderate price, and the Secretary was directed to purchase only as many as were ordered and paid for by subordinate lodges.

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instructed to urge their continuance, with such improvements as to size and price as the experience of the past few months will have warranted. The death of our greatly respected Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. Badenach, caused a vacancy in this Committee, which was filled by the appointment by the Grand Master of the present Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. McCormack. Owing to the surrender of charter of Alliston Lodge, No. 171, a lot of furniture, regalia etc., was received by the Grand Secretary for which his present offices offered no place for storing. As the goods had to be stored it was decided to rent a room in the same building in which our offices are situated, so that intending purchasers could see them. Your Committee tried to get cheaper store room but were unsuccessful. The room has been rented for a year as to be and which this may seem a high forume for a store room, yet the rent of our offices and while this may seem a high figure for a store room, yet the rent of our offices

including this is less than we paid for years for our old uncomfortable rooms, rents having been greatly reduced of late.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the law which forbids the sale of the effects of a defunct lödge for five years should be changed and the limit fixed at one year; the cost of storage, loss in value of regalia, etc., risk of moths des-troying it, renders this a necessity which we trust will receive attention at this session

Whilst the Grand Master endorsed the act of your Committee, in renting this store room for a year, he strongly urged that a cheaper room be secured, but this your Committee could not do. Your approval of this act is asked for.

For several years it was found difficult to obtain the quantity of suitable ribbon required for the badges ordered by the Grand Lodge to be prepared for officers and representatives. To overcome this difficulty your Committee ordered

through a wholesale firm 400 yards of ribbon-enough for about three years. The design for the badge having been approved by the Grand Lodge, your Committee had a brass plate made, from which the present supply has been printed, and which will last for a like purpose for many years, the cost of the badges this year has been thus greatly reduced.

Your Committee would recommend that besides the portrait of the present Grand Master, those of Past Grand Masters, S. G. Dolson (1860) and H. C. Bingham (1862), be inserted in the Journal of Proceedings of 1897.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. F. MOUNTAIN. W. J. McCORMACK. J. B. KING.

Report No. 23 .- Rep. S. M. Thomson, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 11, Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report that they approve of the speedy appointment of a Grand Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of our late Brother, Wm. Badenach.

In regard to Clause 16, your Committee are of opinion that the action taken by the Grand Master in printing and distributing these reports has materially assisted Grand Lodge when these important matters come up for discussion.

Your Committee approve the granting of Grand Lodge Cards, mentioned in Clause 17, as being in accordance with the laws of the Order.

We are pleased to observe that there is a more general observance of the Anniversary of the Order and Decoration Day, and believe that when these events

Anniversary of the Order and Decoration Day, and believe that when these events are properly carried out, they are of great benefit to the Order. We approve of the calling together of the Advisory Board on the two occas-ions referred to, and also of the necessary journey of the Grand Master to Balti-more, Md., which proved so successful. It is gratifying to your committee to read the Grand Master's words of praise to those brothers with whom he came in contact. Especially do we note the ex-pressions of satisfaction with regard to our Grand Secretary, Bro. 3/B. King, who for the long period of thirty-one years has worked so hard and faithfully for the Order, and also that the work done by Bro. Jos. Powley has met with approval. approval.

Your committee feel that they are but voicing the sentiments, not only of the Grand Lodge, but of every member of the Order in Ontario as well, in any words

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of appreciation they may express towards the present Grand Master, Bro. Henry White, whose labors on behalf of the Order during his year of office have been so faithfully administered. We congratulate the Grand Master on the results of his year's labors on behalf of Oddfellowship, and the Order in having had so worthy and capable an officer to conduct its affairs, reflecting as it does so creditably to himself and the Order at large.

Your committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. M. THOMSON.

Report No. 24 .- Rep. S. M. Thomson, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 29 of the Grand Secretary's Report, heartily endorse the distribution of the booklet "Odd Fellowship; What is it. Why should I become a member?" and trust it the

may be generally used and prove of much benefit to the Order. Referring to Clause 31 it is with much pleasure we note the presence at this Grand Lodge of Bro. Joseph Oliver, P.G.M., P.G. Rep., and we hope that his return to Canada may be permanent, and his visits to Grand Lodge very frequent. Your committee move the adoption of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. M. THOMSON.

Report No. 25 .- Rep. J. J. Yule, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Committee on the State of the Order. Your Committee to whom was referred Clause 5 of the Grand Master's Report, beg to report as follows: That we fully approve of the action of the Grand Master in reclaiming the Charter of Alliston Lodge, No. 171, and we hope that this Lodge may be soon resuscitated again by men who have the interest of the Order at heart. *Resolved*,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. YULE.

Report No. 26 .- Rep. S. Springer, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order beg to report as follows: On Clause of the Grand Master's Report referring to official visits, we are pleased to note that during the term just closed the Grand Master paid official visits to lodges and was present at public ceremonies and other gatherings in connection with the Order, at Durham, No. 78, Lindsay, No. 100, Wilton, No. 242, Britannia, No. 108, Star, 72, Minto Lodge, Crescent, No. 104, Smith's Falls, Almonte, Otonabee, No. 13, Kingston, No. 59, Woodstee, Frontier Lodge, Od Fellows' Hall Committee, Toronto, Millbrook, No. 308, Cobourg, No. 136, St. Mary's, No. 36, Avon, No. 41, and Romeo, No. 164, Startford. That these visits have been productive of much good is cheerfully recog-nized and acknowledged by brethren in the several districts referred to, and

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especially by Durham Lodge, No. 78, in the presentation by the brethren of the very valuable tea service and address. For this reason, although one can readily understand that such official visits cannot be made by the Grand Master without great sacrifice of time and personal interests.

Your Committee are more than pleased to see that the Grand Master has Your Committee are more than preased to see that the Grand Master has instituted three new Lodges during the past term, on Oct. 6th, Liberty Lodge, No. 323, Berlin, Friday Dec. 4th, Ontario Lodge, No. 324, Pickering, and Southampton, No. 325. And also in the resuscitation of Britannia Lodge, No. 198, at the Village of Drayton. Your Committee are pleased to note the effort put forth by the Grand Master and the settlement effected between A. R. Rowland and Eastern Star Lodge, and least the many efforts mut forth and the work scompilabed in the many official

and the settlement circut forth and the work accomplished in the many official also the many efforts put forth and the work accomplished in the many official visits made by the Grand Master. This Grand Lodge acknowledges lasting obligation

The thanks of the Grand Master tendered to the brethren who assisted him at the institution of new lodges and other ceremonies in which they took part, and to the Grand Scoretary for advice and assistance, we believe to be justly merited. And this Grand Lodge herein expresses its appreciation of the pleasant and cheerful manner in which all such calls are responded to, and joins the Grand Master in a full measure of thanks sincerely bestowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. SPRINGER.

Report No. 27 .- Rep. W. H. Lowe, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 24 of the Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report as follows : They fully endorse the action of the Grand Master in having the Constitution

and By laws of the Grand Lodge and the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges included in the Journal of 1896. They are pleased to know that tenders have been received which will materially lessen the expense of publishing the Journal for 1897, without impair-

ing either the quality of the work or the material used. Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LOWE.

Report No. 28.-Rep. F. E. Robinson, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State "of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses 1

Your committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses I and z of the Grand Secretary's Réport, beg leave to report as follows: We commend the Grand Secretary for his promptitude in preparing and publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, held at Sarnia last year, and also for the highly creditable character of the work. We commend the prompt action of the Grand Secretary in distributing the Journal of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge throughout this juris-

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Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. ROBINSON.

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Report No. 29 .- Rep. R. S. Meighen, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 14 Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clause 14 (Committees) of the Grand Master's Report, are of the opinion that the Grand Master, in appointing the various Committees during recess, viz. : "On Laws of Subordinates, on General Purposes, Advisory, on Odd Fellows' Relief Association, on Dues and Benefis, on Transfer of Membership, on Grand Audiors," exercised discretion and displayed excellent judgment in his selections of members, each one of the appointees being, in the opinion of your Committee, well qualified to perform the important duties of the position assigned him.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted. Fraternally submitted,

R. S. MEIGHEN.

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Report No. 30 .- Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whole Master's Report (Decisions) beg to report : We recommend that Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 be approved, and that decisions 7 and 11 be disapproved. *Resolved*, —That the foregoing be adopted. Respectfully submitted. Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Clause 7 Grand

J. T. HORNIBROOK.

Report No. 31 .- Bro. Henry Robertson, P.G.M., from the Judiciary Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted :-

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

The Committee on Judiciary beg to present the following report on the questions submitted by Bro. A. E. Baker, Rep. of Balmoral Lodge No. 280: As to question No. I ("Is the charge one in which expulsion would be sustained as being discretionary with the local Lodge?") your committee are of the opinion that to decide this question satisfactorily would involve the re-considera-tion of a lodge trial without hearing the evidence and without being in possession of all the facts; and your Committee therefore decline to enter into such a roution position.

position. Questions No. 2 and 3 ("2. Is it settled law that a brother so expelled, has no status in a Civil Court on the question of ministatement, that the question of membership and dismissal is solely with the Lodge and the Courts of the society? 3. Has a brother any legal right of action in a Civil Court, on a question of either suspension or expulsion? or is the Lodge Courts the final and only resort?") These are not questions on the law of the Order, but are questions on the law of the country, which are not within the province of your Committee to answer; and it may be considered that the matters mentioned are not as yet free from doubt.

from doubt.

Resolved, - That the above report be adopted. All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON.

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Report No. 32 .- Rep. J. Welsh, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

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

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was submitted the Report of the Special Committee on Transfer of Membership passed at your session yesterday (page 6570) beg to report.

We find nothing to indicate that the Grand Lodge is exceeding its powers in passing the proposed legislation.

Resolved, -That the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN WELSH.

Report No. 33.-Rep. Wm. Warnock, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Judiciary Committee, to which was referred the questions by Rep. Pidd, viz.

(1) Is it according to Lodge rules for a brother to sit in the Vice-Grand's chair in the absence of the Vice-Grand who has never held an elective office, there being six or seven Past Grands in the lodge at the time?

To this we answer, No. See Clause 1495, Digest.

(2) Is it legal for a lodge to accept a promisssory note from a brother who is in arrears as payment of lodge dues? To this we answer, No.

Your committee move the adoption of the report.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. WARNOCK.

Report No. 34 .- Rep. A. W. Cameron, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred

Clause 19 of the Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report as follows : We have examined the voluminous correspondence of the Grand Master, and cheerfully add our testimony to the prompt and efficient manner in which it has been dealt with.

been dealt with. We sympathize with our Grand Master in being obliged to deal with corres-pondence more properly belonging to the District Deputy Grand Masters, and we would recommend that the representatives impress upon their several lodges the necessity of more carefully considering the channel through which such correspon-dence should reach the Grand Master, thus saving unnecessary time and delay, and more fully complying with the regulations of our Order.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. CAMERON.

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Report No. 35 .-- Rep. W. B. Dack, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report :

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

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F.: (1) Your committee on clause 32, Grand Master's Report, and clause 15, Grand Secretary's Report, thoroughly endorse the sentiments expressed therein, and are of the opinion that the time has arrived when this Grand Lodge should make extra effort to increase the membership of the Order, and would respectfully recommend that the Grand Master be empowered to appoint, on the recom-mendation of the Advisory Board, an officer whose duties shall be to visit lodges in the jurisdiction, to assist in building up weak lodges to resuscitate dormant ones, and when found practicable to institute new lodges in desirable localities. (2) Further, such officer should be thoroughly capable of exemplifying the secret work and instructing the lodges generally, and that a sufficient salary or fee be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge as will enable a competent person to devote his whole time to the best interests and advancement of the principles of Oddfellowship in Onitario.

Oddfellowship in Ontario.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. DACK.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. Ino. Welsh, seconded by Rep. Wm. Amor, moved to amend by striking out Clause 2.

Rep. Robt. Meek, seconded by Rep. J. Black, moved as follows

Resolved,-That the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report what the probable cost will be.

Which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Welsh to strike out Clause 2, it was adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

Report No. 86 .- Rep. W. J. Henry, from Special Committee No. 3, made the following report, which was adopted.

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

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.P.: Your Committee, to whom was referred Clause 25 of the Grand Master's Re-port, and Clause 24 of the Grand Screetary's Report, beg leave to submit as fol-lows: That they approve of the opinion of the Grand Master as expressed in Clause 24, and while we have no doubt that a paper edited in connection with the Order would be of considerable benefit to the Society, still we would recommend that the Grand Lodge take no such action in connection therewith, as will make it compulatory on the lodges to support it, belleving that a sufficient number of subscribers could easily be got to make a bright, clean, newsy paper, devoted to the interests of the Order, a very profitable enterprise. With reference to the tables on pages 77 to 81, of Grand Secretary's Report, we feel that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to our Grand Secretary for the

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careful and satisfactory manner in which these tables have been gotten up and arranged. They contain matter that is useful and instructive, and worthy of the perusal of every Oddfellow and must necessarily have entailed a great amount of labor on his part.

Your Committee move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted, W. J. HENRY.

Report No. 37 .- Rep. W. J. Cruickshank, from Special Committee No. 4, made the following report, which was adopted. To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

Your Committee to whom was referred Clause 26, Graffi Master's Report re unauthorized circulars, beg to report that we thoroughly agree with the Grand Master regarding this matter, and recommend that it be made imperative that a Member, Subordinate Lodge, or District Committee, shall obtain the consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master before issuing a circular to the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Resolved,-That the report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. CRUICKSHANK.

Report No. 38-Rep. W. J. Cruickshank, from Special Committee No. 4, made the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Committee to whom was referred Clause 26 of the Grand Master's Report respecting the unauthorized circular of Delta Lodge, beg to report that we commend the action of the Grand Master in this matter. We have met the representative of Delta Lodge, and find the directions of the Grand Master have not been carried out.

Resolved, -That this report be adopted. All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. CRUICKSHANK.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. R. S. Meighan, of Delta Lodge, No. 265, made a statement of facts concerning the lodge and its present position.

The following, moved by Rep. R. Meek, seconded by Bro. W. H. Cole, P.G.M., was adopted :

Resolved, —That the report be referred back, with instructions that a clause be inserted to the effect that the explanation of Delta Lodge be accepted, that the money it has been given be retained by it, but that the action referred to be not accepted as a precedent by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. W. J. Cruickshank re-submitted the report from Special Committee No. 4, amended as directed by resolution of Rep. R. Meek, viz. :

We recommend that the explanation of Delta Lodge be accepted, that the money it has been given be retained by it, but that the accion referred to be not accepted as a precedent by this Grand Lodge.

The report, as so amended, was adopted.

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Report No. 39 .- Rep. F. C. Willson, from Special Committee No. 5, made the following report, which was considered and adopted : To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Special Committee, No. 5, to whom was referred Clause 27 of the Grand Master's Report, and Clause 19 of the Grand Secretary's Report, having considered the same, beg to report as follows: The "Official Receipt," is certainly open to the serious objections pointed out by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, and besides these objections,

the form is so small as to render it difficult for a recording secretary to properly fill it out.

We therefore recommend' that our representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its next Session, be instructed to move for, and use every legitimate effort to procure the following changes :

Ist. A reduction in the price, so as to enable the subordinates to procure them at a price not exceeding fifty cents per hundred copies, 2nd. That the form be sufficiently enlarged to give the required space for

2nd. Last the form be summernly emisrical to give the required space for being readily filled out by the recording secretary. 3rd. Authority to Ontario to print the necessary form in our own Province. 4th. The authorization of the words "Assessment System," being embodied in the form used in Ontario, as required by the Statutory Laws of the Province. 5th. The removal of the limitations as to its being the only legal receipt, and the statute of the secret se

and the substitution therefor of some other regulation to enforce their general use and secure the necessary / evenue to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We therefore submit as follows: *Resolved*, — That this report be adopted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. C. WILSON.

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Report No. 40 .- Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.: Your Special Committee, to whom was referred Clause 10 of the Grand " Master's Report, desire to express, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, our deep regret at the irreparable loss our Order has sustained in the departure of our late beloved Grand Treasurer to the shades of the silent majority. Under the painful circumstances, which always surround the family thus bereaved, expressions of sympathy by outward actions of kindness afford con-siderable consolation to the sorrowing friends. Your Committee, therefore, heartily endorse the action of the Grand Master in procuring a floral offering expressive of the esteem and respect in which our late Bro. Badenach was held by every member of this Grand jurisdiction, and also commend his thoughtfulness in forwarding to the widow a letter of condolence in the name of the Brotherhood which our late brother so deeply loved and cherished. cherished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOYLE.

On motion, duly seconded, the Grand Lodge opened in secret session, when the Grand Representatives were instructed in the Recognition sign of the Rebekah degree.

The Grand Lodge then resumed its regular work.

Report No. 41.-Rep. E. T. Morton, from the Special Committee No. 7, made the following report, which was adopted : To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

To the Grand Loage of Ontario, 1.0.0.7.1
 We, your Special Committee, No. 7, to whom was referred Clause 34, Grand Master's Report, and Clause 33, Grand Secretary's Report, are gratified to note that the Grand Master found sufficient time during a year of arduous duties in behalf of the Order, to pay a virit to Kingston for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Oddfellow's Relief Association.
 We are also pleased to have been given an opportunity of looking over the figures indicating the substantial progress made by the Association during the some length by the Advisory Committee of this Grand Lodge, deem it inadvisable to report at further length.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MORTON.

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Report No. 42.-Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, P.G.M., from Special Committee, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the telegram received from John Ormiston, P.G.M., would recommend that the following letter be forwarded

in reply: DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your telegram, the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F., now in session, desire to express their deep repret at the sad occurrence which has caused your absence

We assure you of our heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss of your beloved wife, and trust that you may be comforted by the knowledge that "Wife who doeth all things well," and who has in His infinite wisdom caused this breach in your family circle for His own good purpose, is also able to comfort and sustain you in this dark hour of affliction.

Resolved, -That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. HORNIBROOK.

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Report No. 43 .- Rep. Wm. Sutton, from Special Committee, No. 8, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

We, your Special Committee, No. 8, to whom was referred Clause No. 9 of the Grand Secretary's Report, and tables on pages 55 to 69 inclusive, beg leave to report as follows

That, after a careful consideration of Clause 9, we are fully in accord with All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. SUTTON.

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Report No. 44 .- Rep. W. Sutton, from Special Committee No. 8, made the following report which was adopted :

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject on page 6543 Grand

Four Committee to whom was reterred the subject on page 0543 Grand Secretary's Report, beg to report as follows :--That we find the affairs of the Oddfellows' Relief Association, of Kingston, as per their Annual Report to your Grand Lodge, to be in a prosperous financial condition and doing a good work for the Order, and would confidently recom-mend the Association to the members of this Order as a reliable institution and worthy of their support.

Resolved, -That the above report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. SUTTON.

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The following letter was read :

AUGUST, 3rd, 1897.

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

DEAR SIR AND BRETHREN, -On behalf of the Corporation of the town of

DEAR SIR AND BRETHREN, --- On behalf of the Corporation of the town of Galt and of its citizens, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to hold your next annual communication in our good town. I am sure our citizens will consider it a great honor to entertain and have among us representatives of such a noble Order from all parts of Ontario, know-ing as I do the vast amount of good the Order is doing in relieving the sick and distressed and in taking care of the widows and orphans of deceased brethren. Trusting you will decide to come to Galt so that we may have the extreme pleasure of entertaining some honorable holds and showing we now heavily

pleasure of entertaining your honorable body and showing you our heautiful town.

I am, yours fraternally,

I. H. RADFORD, Mayor.

The following, moved by Rep. A. H. Blackley, seconded by Rep. W. A. Dennis, was adopted :

Resolved, -- That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet in the Town of Galt on the second Wednesday of August, 1898.

Report No. 45 .- Rep. O. L. Lewis, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report :

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clause 28 of the Grand Master's Report, dealing with non-beneficial membership, beg leave to report thereon as follows :

1. That they approve the views and suggestions in said Clause, contained and made, and advise that legislation be had by your Grand body, giving effect thereto.

2. That to carry out the foregoing, your Committee hereby recommend that the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by adding thereto, immed-iately after Clause 11 thereof, the following Clauses to be numbered 12, 13, 14,

15 and 16. "12. This lodge may receive as non-beneficial members, members of defunct lodges who were in good standing in their respective Lodges at the time of sur-

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render of their respective charters, and who by reason of advanced age, are ineligible for beneficial membership at such fee as shall be fixed upon by the By-laws of this lodge."

"13. Non-affiliated Oddfellows, who have been regularly admitted to and 13. Non-aminated Codeliows, who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the Order for at least five years, and who at the time of making application for re-instatement or membership, shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause, may be admitted as non-beneficial members of this lodge upon such terms as the By-laws may prescribe." "14. The dues of non-beneficial members shall be fixed by the By-laws of the lodge the bulk of the lodge the bulk of the lodge.

"14. The dues of non-beneficial members shall be fixed by the By-laws of the lodge, but shall not be less than one dollar per annum." "15. Such non-beneficial members, when so admitted, shall have no claim upon this Lodge for pecuniary or financial benefits of any kind, (nor shall they be eligible for election or appointment is any office therein, nor shall they be allowed to vote for or have voice in the election of officer thereof, or upon any purpose) but in all other respects they may enfoy the same privileges as the members of the lodge." "16. Widows, orphans or personal representatives of such non-beneficial members shall have no claim upon the lodge for pecuniary or financial benefits of any kind."

. That the subsequent Clauses of said Constitution be re-numbered to follow the above amendments.

Your Committee move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

O. L. LEWIS.

The report was adopted, the necessary two-thirds voting in its favor.

[The Grand Master decides that that portion of the above report, section 15, printed in italics, being a contravention of Section 619, White's Digest, is ultra vires. It is therefore omitted in the said Clause 15 of the amended Constitution.-J. B. KING, Grand Secretary.]

Report No. 46 .- Rep. C. C. Lyman, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted :-

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to submit their final report, and certify that they have carefully gone over the mileage and per diem sheets of the Grand Secretary and have made a number of corrections. Your Committee, therefore, recommend payment to the Officers, Representa-tives and Special Committees the amount now shown on the book as correct, which book has been returned to the Grand Treasurer; and recommend the elements of the billowing terms. adoption of the following :---

Resolved,-That the Grand Master issue his order on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of five thousand eight hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-five cents (\$5843.85), to pay said mileage and per diem.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. C. LYMAN.

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Grand River	16 .	Paris	181	0 00			15 05	Franklin Smoke
Milton	. 92	Milton	146	7 30) (m	6 00	13.30	Peter M. Tanslev.
Western City	. 93	Chatham	292	14 60			20 60	Hiram Winegarden.
Aylmer	- 94	Aylmer	225	II 25	*	6 00	17 25	E. C. Montieth.
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Grand Union	61	Berlin	176	8 80		6 00	14 80	W. R. Travers.
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Manilla	IoS	Manilla	116	\$ 80		6 00	11 80	Edward Evans.
St. Clair	106	Point Edward.	285			6 00	20 25	C. Sanders.
Waterloo.	107	Galt	170) (r)	6 00	14 20	A. G. Bruce.
	107		170			6 00	14 50	A. H. Blackeby.
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St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	35	4 75	3		IO 75	C. R. Curry.
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Ancaster	138	Ancaster	155	7.75	3	6 00		Ed. Dennis.
Garnet	139	Mount Forest .	30	10 00	3	6 00	16 00	G. J. Reid.
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Concord	142	Kingsville	368	18 40		6 00	24 40	Gordon Fox.
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	143		4	2 25		00 9	8 25	F. Y. Hess.
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Riverside	145	Iroquois	121	6 05		6 00	12 05	J. A. Jackson.
Vivian	146	Arnprior	164 .	8 20		6 00	14 20	C. H. Merrick.
Model	147	Wyoming	274	13 70		6 00	of 91	John Gibson.
Aurora	148	Aurora	143	7 15))		13 15	A. Ashton.
Western Star	140	Brussels	233	11 65			17 65	R. G. Wilson.
Svcamore	ISI	Arkona	257	12 85			I8 85	A. A. Towns.
Havden	152	Norwich	661	9 95			15 95	H. W. Eggman.
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Pvramid	126	Newmarket	147	7 35			13 35	E. McCormack.
Thamesville	157	Thamesville	278	13 90		6 00	06 61	S. Stewart.
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Meaford	261	Rat Portage	1175	58 75	1	8 9	64 75	F. Hudson.
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Norwood	202	Fast Toronto	110	202	n m	6 8		J. Berry.
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Delta	265	Delta	123			889		Tohn Dodd.
Missanabie	200	Fort William	800			6 00		A. McNaughton.
Algoma	268	Lanark	132	9 9	5	00 9	12 60	R. W. Kobertson, Ine McI and M.D.
Woodstock	269	Woodstock	201	10 05		88		I. D. W. Darling
Lansdowne	270	North Bay	340 .	17 80) ()			L. G. Shaw.
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Hastings	273	Hastings	4	2 15		38		I. W. Stafford.
Midland	274	Midiand	202	14 60	• • •	6 00		J. M. Gibson.
Lambton	272	Ottawa	121	8 50		6 00		A. E. Ripley.
Kockliffe	278		170	8 50	3	9 00		A. H. Dowsley.
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Report No. 46.—Rep. G. M. Aylesworth, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered *seriatim*:

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clauses 17, 18, 20 and 28 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg to report thereon as follows :

 That your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to procure the passing by that body of legislation empowering the Grand Lodge of Ontario to enact laws which will effectuate the scheme for relief of Subordinate Lodges, formulated by the Grand Secretary in said Clauses 17 and 18.

2. That Clause 20 of the said Report be adopted, and the action of the Grand Secretary approved accordingly.

3. Your Committee recommends that Clause 50 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be stricken out.

4. Your Committee cannot endorse the recommendations of the Grand Secretary contained in Clause 28 of his Report, and in consequence recommend that the said clause be not adopted.

Your Committee move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

O. L. LEWIS.

Clause one (1) was adopted.

Clause two (2) was adopted.

Clause three (3) was declared lost.

Clause four (4) was adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

Twelve o'clock, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 13th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment, at two o'clock, and was opened in regular form. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. All the Grand Officers, and a majority of Representatives

On motion, calling the roll, and reading the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

The exemplification of the secret or unwritten work being the first order of business for this afternoon session the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

Rev. Bro. T. W. Joliffe, Grand Representative, being indisposed, the Grand Secretary and Grand Representative Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., exemplified the work of the Initiatory, Three Subordinate Lodge Degrees, Past Official, and Grand Lodge Degree.

After some time spent in secret session the Grand Lodge resumed · its regular work.

Report No. 47.-Rep. W. Collins, from the Finance Committee, made the following report.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows on certain of the matters referred to them

The action of the Grand Master in directing a special audit of the Treasurer's books prior to the new incumbent assuming charge was doubtless dictated by that wise caution looked for in business circles, and merits commendation.

by that wise caution looked for in business circles, and merits commendation. We approve also of the taking of the regular midsummer audit. 2. In regard to future audits your Committee are of opnion that no useful end would be served in multiplying these investigations. The Grand Lodge has adopted the plan of closing its fiscal year with the 31st of December, and we believe that one audit made between that date and March 1st, would meet all the requirements of the Provincial law, as well as of this Grand body. 3. Paragraph 13, Grand Master's Report, and the concluding paragraph of the Auditor's.Report of February 2nd. This relates to the care of the funds of this Grand body, and the mode of checking them out. The present Grand Treasurer has opened out an account in the Imperial Bank to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, L.O.O.F., W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer. This

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was done after consultation with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The plan pursued is, we believe, for the Grand Secretary to pay over forthwith to the Grand Treasurer all monies received by him on account of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer paying orders drawn on him by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary by official cheque. This method of the care of the funds meets with the approval of your Committee, who can only suggest that in the event of any change in the personnel of the Grand Treasurer, either by death or removal from office, the Grand Master should officially notify the bank of the change, and the name of the person thereafter authorized to check out the funds. The Grand Treasurer will doubles endeavor to arrange with the bank as favorable terms as can possibly be got in regard to the interest on the daily or weekly balances.

4. The plan adopted by the Grand Secretary of forwarding copies of Journals and Proceedings, etc., by express meets with the approval of your Committee, who recommend a continuance of the same, so long as the charges for carriage do not exceed book-post rates.

We note with considerable satisfaction the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in reducing the cost of the supplies furnished to this jurisdiction by the amount of the customs duty, and recommend that the Committee on General Purposes prepare a revised list of the supplies furnished to Subordinate Lodges, in accordance with the reduced prices thus rendered possible.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

· W. COLLINS.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. Wm. Sutton, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved,—That all monies drawn by cheque from the bank be countersigned by the Grand Secretary.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was adopted.

Report No. 48.—Rep. W. S. Given, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was adopted :

IN THE APPEAL OF

BRO. H. W. STEVENS

v.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 64, AND DISTRICT NO. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Committee on appeals beg to submit the following report :--

The circumstances as submitted to your Committee by the appellant, Brother Stevenson, are as follows :

On February 23rd, 1897, Brother Stevenson handed into the Lodge a Doctor's Certificate that he, brother Stevenson, had been ill from January 27th to February 9th, 1897, two weeks, and the brother claimed benefits for such period.

The N. G. ruled that brother Stevenson was not entitled to such benefits because of his being in arrears under By-law 34 of the lodge. Brother Stevenson had paid his dues on the 22nd of January, one week prior

to the commencement of his illness, but such dues were due and payable on

By law No. 34, above referred to, makes the dues payable quarterly in advance, on the first regular meeting night of the first month in each quarter, and if any part of the said dues remain unpaid after the close of the said meeting the brother will be considered thirteen weeks in arrears for dues.

By law No. 52 of said lodge, provides as follows : No brother who shall be indebted to this lodge to the amount of one quarter's dues shall be entitled to any of the benefits of this lodge until one month after such arrears shall be paid in full. If indebted to the lodge for two quarter's dues, not until two months after payment of same ; if indebted for three quarter's dues, not unit the months after payment of same, and, if indebted for four quarter's dues, not until four months after payment of same. Brother Stevenson appealed to the District Committee against the ruling of

the N. G., and said Committee sustained the ruling of the N. G.

Your Committee are of opinion that the ruling of the N. G. and the decision of the District Committee should be sustained, and the appeal to this Grand

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. GIVEN.

Report No. 49.-Rep. F. R. Blewett, from the same Committee, presented the following report :--

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

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Your Committee on Appeals beg to present the following Report :

We have had submitted to us four appeals, made by Brother James T. Johns of Ottawa Lodge, No. 224, against said lodge, and also one appeal by Wm. L. Moore against the same Lodge.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of any of the said appeals, we

Without expressing any opinion on the hierts of any of the said appears, we hereby recommend that all of the said cases be referred to the District Committee of Ottawa District, No. 39, for adjudication in the first instance. We are constrained to make this recommendation because we are strongly of the opinion that the laws of the Order contemplate that all appeals and grievances originating in any lodge, in any District, shall first be submitted to the District Committee of such District, in the first instance to be dealt with, which course has not been followed in the matters in question herein (see second paragraph of Section 104, By-laws of Grand Lodge referring to "Duties of District Committees").

We beg to be relieved for the present session from further consideration of the matter.

Resolved, that the foregoing be adopted.

The Report was considered and adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. R. BLEWETT.

Report No. 50 .- Rep. O. L. Lewis, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clause 33 of the

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Grand Master's Report, relating to investment's by Subordinate Lodges, report thereon as follows :

1. That they advise your Grand Body to enact legislation requiring all proposed investments by way of purchase of real estate (or any interest therein). buildings on leasehold or leasehold premises by Subordinate Lodges, to be first submitted to your Grand Lodge or the Advisory Board thereof, in the interim, for approval before the Subordinate Lodge makes the investment.

2. In order to carry out the foregoing your Committee recommend that the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by adding thereto, immediately after Clause 50 thereof, the following Clause to be numbered 51 :-

"Clause 51. Every investment, by way of purchase of real estate (or any interest therein), buildings on leasehold or leasehold premises by this Lodge, shall be submitted by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge or the Advisory Board thereof, when the Grand Lodge is not in session, for approval, and such approval obtained before this Lodge shall make such investment.

3. That the remaining Clauses of said Constitution be re-numbered.

Your Committee moves the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

O. L. LEWIS.

The question being the adoption of the report, Reps. H. Rowland and F. P. Leake moved to amend as follows :

Resolved, -That after the word "Lodge" in the second line of the proposed amendment. Clause 51, Constitution of Subordinates, the following words be inserted : "Where an encumbrance is entailed upon the property, or the lodge pledged for futu: payment of any part of the purchase thereof."

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

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was declared lost.

Report No. 51 .- Rep. O. L. Lewis, from the same Committee, made the following report :

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clause 30 of the Grand Master's Report, dealing with the hiring of Lodge Physicians by Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report as follows :

dinate Lodges, beg leave to report as joinws: I. That they approve of the recommendation in said Clause made, and advise that your Grand Body pass legislation giving effect thereto?" 2. That to carry out the foregoing, your Committee hereby recommends that Clause 28 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by insert-that the same ut to det?" where secondly meetinged therein the following. ing after the word "Lodge" where secondly mentioned therein, the following words : "and may pay for the services rendered out of the General Fund of the

Words, and may pay to the service mended read: "Clause 28. This lodge may at any time elect a physician, solicitor, or other officer required for the operation of the legitimate works of the lodge, and may pay for the services rendered out of the General Fund of lodge, but the person so elected shall not, as such officer, be subject to any laws of the Order

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relating to membership, qualification or honors, and may be elected under a bylaw, resolution or in any other manner, and at any time that the lodge may decide."

Your Committee moves the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

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The report was considered and adopted, the necessary twothirds voting for it.

Report No. 52 .- Rep. A. Baker, from the same Committee, made the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clause 29 of the Grand Master's Report, relating to the formation of an "Aged Oddfellows' Fund," beg to report as follows :

That while they are in sympathy with the object dealt with by said clause, inasmuch as your Grand Body has taken action in the matter of an "Oddfellows Home," they do not consider that the formation of such a fund is at the pre-

Your Committee moves the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. BAKER.

The report was considered and adopted.

Report No. 53.-Rep. A. L. Geen, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

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

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clause 16 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg to report as follows : 1. That they approve of and endorse the action of the Grand Secretary in

having under the circumstances delayed the printing of Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, but we would suggest that he see that the instructions with regard thereto be complied with as soon as the funds of your Grand Lodge will permit.

Your Committee moves the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. GEEN.

Report No. 54 .- Rep. O. L. Lewis, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted, twothirds voting in its favor :

Te the Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F .:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the parsgraph (page 6617) of the Report of Committee on General Purposes, viz. : "Your mmittee are of the opinion that the law which forbids the sale of the effects of a defunct lodge for five years should be changed, and the limit fixed at one year; the cost of storage, loss in value of regalia, yetc., risk of moths destroying it, "Ber renders this a necessity which we trust will receive attention at this session. Beg leave to report :

That they approve of the recommendation made in said paragraph, and advise that Grand Lodge By law No. 67 be amended by striking out the words "five years," in the eighth line, and inserting the words "one year." Your Committee moves the adoption of the report.

Fraternally submitted,

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Report No. 55.—Rep. F. Doggett, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted: ' To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :—

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Sections 3 and 4 of the Appendix to the Grand Master's Report, beg to report :

¹ That they approve of the action of the Grand Master in issuing the circular and draft By laws therein referred to, and we urge upon the Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction to see that their By-laws are anneaded as advised, in order to avoid any chance of litigation over the important matter of pecuniary benefits.

Your Committee moves the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

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Report No. 56.—Rep. Fred. Doggett, from the same Committee, made the following report :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontarto, I.O.O.F .:

Vour Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the Report of the Special Committee on Transfer of Membership, beg to recommend that the Constitution of Sub refinates be amended by adding thereto, under the head of "Disbursements" a Clause to be called "56 A," which shall read as follows : "In the case of a member, who having changed his place of residence, or who

"In the case of a member, who having changed his place of residence, or who on account of the starting of a new lodge, shall ind himself nearer to some other lodge in the jurisdiction than the one he is a member of, and who having been granted a withdrawal card, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid by the lodge he is leaving, on account of the balance of his admission fee), that is his admission fee, less the proposition fee of \$2.00 already paid by him) or on account of this balance of his admission fee and his dues, an amount to be determined as follows:

I. When the lodge from which the member withdraws is working under a system of graded initation fees, the amount shall be one-half of that fee at the age of the member at the time of his withdrawal, less the sum of \$2.00.

2. When the lodge from which the member withdraws is working under a system of level initiation fees at all ages, and dues graded, the amount shall be one half of this general admission fee with fifteen per cent. of this half added for each year the brother has held membership in the lodge, less also the sum of \$2.00."

Your Committee moves the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted, -

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The question being on the adoption of the Report.

Bro. Thos Woodyatt, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Jno. Kee, moved the following, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Legislation be laid on the table and considered as a notice to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and that each lodge be sent a copy o the report.

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The following letter was read and referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem :

J. B. King, Grand Lodge Secretary, 1.0.0.F .:

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, ---In view of the fact that the Gran 1 Lodge could not make provision for a reduction of Railway fees west of Port Arthur, we feel as though we would like to be placed on equal footing with the other representatives, and would therefore ask for the amount of Railway fare from Port Arthur to Rat Portage and Keewatin (the fare is \$9.00).

Yours in F. L. and T.,

F. A. HUDSON, Gold Hill, No. 261. J JAS. THURMAN, "" O. E. ROBERTS, Minnetonka, No. 292.

Rep. F. Smoke, Grand River Lodge, No. 91, seconded by Rep. J. J. Yule, Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, moved the adoption of the following, notice of which was given by Bro. Smoke at the last session (Journal of 1896, page 6247), to wit:

1. That the District system at present in force shall be abolished.

2. That Section 9 of the Grand Lodge Constitution be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

3. That the words "on Districts" in the ninth and tenth lines of Section 13 of the Grand Lodge Constitution be struck out.

4. That hereafter each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction shall at the last regular meeting in June elect a Past Grand in good standing to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of such Lodge, and he shall hold office from the first day of July next ensuing until his successor is appointed. It shall be his duty, during his term of office, to act as agent of the Grand Master in his Lodge, to see that the work of the Ordge is performed uniformly and correctly, and to instal the officers of such Lodge, or cause the same to be done by a competent officer, and he shall remit forthwith to the Grand Secretary all dues, charges ank other funds which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge.

5. That the words "of the District" in line six of By-law 65, are struck out. 6. That Grand Lodge By-laws 48, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution, Grand Rep. W. H. Hoyle, seconded by Bro. Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M., moved the following, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That the whole District system now in force in this Grand Jurisdiction be referred to a Special Committee, named by the incoming Grand Master, to prepare a report, and submit the same to each Subordinate Lodge prior to the next session, what action is necessary to increase the Jutility and further usefulness of the same, together with all suggestions and recommendations that may be deemed advisable therein.

Report No. 57.-Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the question by Rep. Wm. Amor, of Unity Lodge, No. 47, viz.;

"Can a brother who has applied for admission to a Subordinate Lodge on a withdrawal card, and been rejected, legally apply for admission in another Lodge in the same district within six months?"

Bog to report, "that application may be made at any time after rejection to any Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which he was rejected."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. MCINTYRE.

Report No. 58 .- Rep. A. H. Blackeby, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

Your Finance Committee have had before them the request of the Rebekah Assembly for the return of the fees paid into this Grand Lodge, for Charters for newly instituted Rebekah Lodges, amounting to \$10.00. We recommend the granting of this request, and that in future the Charter fees for new Rebekah

graning of one request, and that in future the Charter rees for new Repekan Lodges be paid over to the Sceretary of the Rebekah Assembly. In view of the transfer by this Grand Lodge to the officers of the Rebekah Assembly of all the supplies on hand belonging to the Rebekah Degree at a reduction of fifty per cent. on cost, we cannot recommend payment of the loss on Rituals held. This Grand Body is not responsible for the change in the Ritual and should not be asked to *shoulder* any loss resulting therefrom.

Resolved, - That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. BLACKEBY.

Report No. 59 .- Rep Gordon E. Pulford, from the Committee on Degree of Rebekah, made the following report :

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

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Your Committee on Degree of Rebekah, beg to submit the following : I. Resolved, --That Charters be granted to the following Rebekah Lodges, instituted and resuscitated during the past year :

Ruth Lodge, No. 2	Stratford.
Our Sisters Lodge, No. 7	Point Edward.
Viola Lodge, No. 53	Toronto.
Queen Lodge, No. 54	Hespeler.
Woodslee Lodge, No. 55	St. Woodslee.
Ruby Lodge, No. 56	Mount Forest.

2. Your Committee are pleased to learn that this branch of the Order is progressing lavorably, showing an increase in membership of three hundred and fifty-three.

3. The following resolution from the Rebekah Assembly being referred to us : "That the Grand Lodge be requested to refund the sum of \$21.25, that being the amount of loss to the Assembly, in exchanging the old rituals for new ones."

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4. Also that the Charter Fee of the six new and revived lodges, amounting to \$30, be returned them.

5. We would recommend that their request be complied with, and that same be referred to the Finance Committee.

6. Also the following communication :

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"Whereas the Constitution of the Assembly does not provide for Past Presidents of the Convention to be members of the Assembly, the same as Past Presidents of the Assembly, we feel it an injustice to the Past Presidents of the Convention not to be allowed the same privileges accorded the Past Presidents of the Assembly. They laid the corner-stone for the Assembly, and we do not want them deprived of the honors they so justly earned. Therefore we would recommend that the Constitution be changed to read, Past Presidents of the Con-

We would recommend the above be referred to Committee on Legislation for their approval.

7. They further ask that all honorable means be used by the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to restore to the Rebekah Lodge the right to pay Sick and Funeral Benefits, as this seems to be the one reason our membership does not increase more rapidly and substantially.

We recommend that the same be referred to our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

8. Your Committee submit the following :

Resolved,-That the proceedings of the Rebekah Assembly be printed in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Ledge for 1897.

9. Your Committee would urge upon the members generally of the jurisdiction to give this branch of the Order their hearty support, and encourage the sisters in their good work.

Resolved,-That above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

GORDON E. PULFORD.

The question being the adoption of the report, on motion it was resolved that Section No. 6, referring to Past Presidents, be laid over to be considered at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The remainder of the report was adopted.

Report No. 60. - Rep. Thos. E. McDougall, from the Committee on Districts, made the following report which was considered and adopted :

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

Your Committee on Districts, to whom was referred Section 34 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to report :

1. That Uxbridge Lodge No. 79, be transferred from District No. 29 to District No. 31, at the request of the Lodge and District concerned.

2. That District No. 25 be divided into two districts, namely :

 No. 25

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 170.

 Abiram.
 205.

 Southampton
 325.

 Chesley
 And New District 44.

 Sauble
 221

 Hanover
 223

 Spirit Rock
 312

3. And that the Grand Master appoint a committee of three to consider the division of the jurisdiction into districts and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. E. McDOUGAL.

Report No. 61.— Rep. W. S. Given, from the Committee on Oddfellows' Relief Association, made the following report which was adopted :

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

The Advisory Committee on the Odd Fellows' Relief A sociation of Canada, beg leave to submit to this Grand Lodge the following report :

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Odd Fellows' hall, City of Kingston, on Wednesday, July 21st, 1897.

The presence of a large number of members of the Association and the interest taken in its welfare and prosperity was a most pleasing incident of the meeting, proving, as it undoubtedly did, that the good offices of the Association are becoming more and more appreciated by the fraternity at large.

Every expenditure was closely enquired into and proposed changes carefully scrutinized and intelligently discussed.

While the most fraternal and harmonious feeling pervaded the transaction of the business, no discussion was withheld by the membership, or discouraged by the Directorate, that made for the advancement of the Association, and its more general acceptance by the whole brotherhood.

Considering the stringency of the times the substantial increase in membership (557 for the year) is most gratifying and especially the low death rate of 5.83, the lowest it has been for the last five years, deserves special mention.

During the year, the magnificent sum of \$65,500 has been paid out by the Association to relieve the widows and orphans of deceased members and hesides \$22,250 have been added to the reserve funds, thus guaranteeing the stability of the Association to the policy-holders.

We note and regret the fact that not half of the membership of the Order in Ontario have made use of the excellent opportunities offered by the Relief Association for life insurance and trust that as its merits become more widely known and its stability recognized the entire membership of the Order may be counted among its supporters.

The funds of the Association being carefully husbanded and soundly invested, we look forward with satisfaction and expectancy to the progress and prosperity of the Association as the years come and go, believing that with the same activity

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and aggressiveness maintained in the future that has characterized the past the Oddfellows' Relief Association cannot but be of untold worth to the individual membership and healthful stimulus to the whole Brotherhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. GIVEN, J. E. RYAN, J. S. OSBORNE,

The following, moved by Rep. S. A. Popplestone, seconded by Rep. J. M. Proudfoot, was considered and adopted :

Resolved,—That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be requested to ask the Sovereign Grand Lodge so to legislate that providing a member holding membership in both a subordinate Lodge and Encampment, the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member in good standing before defunct, he may still remain an Oddfellow by his being enabled to retain his membership as a patriarch of the Encampment to which he belongs, providing he should so desire.

The following was adopted, moved by Rep. O. L. Lewis, seconded by Rep. F. Doggett, two-thirds of the members voting therefor:

Resolved,-That clause 16 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by striking the words "and clear of the books" out of said clause.

The Grand Master called for nominations for Grand Officers, in pursuance of Grand Lodge By-law No. 16.

GRAND MASTER.

Rep. Wm. Sutton nominated Bro. J. E. Farewell, of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72, Whitby.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Rep. A. H. Blackeby nominated Bro. J. McLurg, of Woodstock Lodge, No. 269, Woodstock.

GRAND WARDEN.

Rep. W. Collins nominated Bro. Joseph Powley, of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, Kingston.

Rep. S. A. Popplestone nominated Bro. J. W. Grote, Empire Lodge, No. 87, St. Catharines.

Rep. W. A. Widdes nominated Bro. F. Bisset, Oriental Lodge, No. 163, Cornwall.

J. G. Watts nominated Bro. W. S. Given, of Millbrook Lodge, No. 308, Millbrook.

Rep. F. Doggett nominated Bro. W. Warnock, of Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, Aylmer.

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Rep. J. E. Ryan nominated Bro. O. L. Lewis, of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Chatham.

Rep. W. B. Dack nominated Rev. Bro. W. J. Saunders, of Beaverton Lodge, No. 249, Beaverton.

Rep. C. H. Merrick nominated Bro. A. W. Cameron, of Carleton Lodge, No. 240, Ottawa.

Rep. R. Douglass nominated Bro. McCaudlich, of Unity Lodge, No. 47, Hamilton.

Rep. S. Law nominated Bro. Jas. Hewer, of Reliance Lodge, No. 89, Guelph.

Rep. C. E. Hendershott nominated Bro. J. M. McFarlane, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182, Otterville.

W. T. Urquhart nominated Bro. R. K. Cowan, of Dominion Lodge, No. 48, London.

Rep. Thos. Fero nominated Bro. Geo. Geddes, of Otter Lodge, No. 50, Tilsonburg.

Rep. W. G. Ham nominated Bro. Henry Wilson, of Naomi Lodge, No. 116, Markham.

Rep. J. S. Jamieson nominated Bro. J. E. Ryan, of Amity Lodge, No. 80, Prescott.

Rep. L. A. Scott nominated Bro. Isaac Unsworth, of Florence Lodge, No. 196, Florence.

Rep. Leake nominated Bro. H. Rowland, of Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll.

Rep. G. S. Wilson nominated Bro. W. S. Johnston, of Central Lodge, No. 322, Toronto.

Rep. J. McLurg nominated Bro. Alf. Coyell, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, Toronto.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Rep. Jos. Oliver nominated Bro. J. B. King, Past Grand Secretary, Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford.

GRAND TREASURER.

Rep. A. H. Blackeby nominated Bro. W. J. McCormack, of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Rep. Geo. Geddes nominated Bro. Henry White, P.G.M., of Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope.

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Rep. J. E. Ryan nominated Bro. W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M., of Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135, Cannington.

Rep. Pay nominated Bro. J. B. McIntyre, P.G.M., of Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines.

The following was unanimously adopted :

Moved by Bro. W. H. Cole, P.G.M., seconded by Bro. T. Woodyatt, P.G.M .:

Resolved, -That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the retiring Grand Master for his courtesy in presiding over the deliberations of the

Rep. A. H. Blackeby, gave notice to amend Grand Lodge Bylaw 20, viz.:

Amend clause 20 of the By laws of the Grand Lodge by inserting after word "the" in the fourth line the word "three" and after the word "nomination" in the fifth line the words " who shall have received the highest number of votes of the Past Grands voting in the Subordinate Lodges," so that when amended the clause shall read as follows :--

"20. In the election for such office the candidate having a majority of the 20. In the election for such omce the candidate naving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected by the Grand Master. In case no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Representatives present in Grand Lodge shall immediately proceed to ballot upon the three candidates in nomination who shall have received the highest number of votes of the Past Grands voting in the Subordinate Lodge: and after each ballot the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn."

The following was presented as a notice to amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

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

BRETHREN, - Take notice that at the next regular session of this Grand body a motion will be made and submitted to the following

Resolved,-That hereafter the representation to this Grand Lodge shall be be entitled to the same number of votes as his lodge would be entitled to by

R. K. COWAN,

Rep. Dominion Lodge, No. 48, London. O. E. PARKER

Rep. Balmoral Lodge, No. 280, Merrickville.

The following was unanimously adopted :

Moved by Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. J. J. Manning

Resolved, — That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are, hereby tendered to the Brethren of the lodges in Belleville for the excellent preparations

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made for the business of the annual session, and for the many courtesies and hospitalities extended to the members of the Grand Body; and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to Henry Joly, Esq., M.P., for his thoughful remembrances and kindly provision for the entertainment and enjoyment of the members of the Grand Lodge while in his native City, and to the local press for extended reports of the daily proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Report No. 62.—Bro. J. E. Farewell, D.G.M., from the Special Committee on Widows' Annuities, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontorio, 1.0.0.F.:

Your Special Committee on Widows' Annuities, appointed by the Grand Master in accordance with Report No. 5, adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to present the following report :

The duties of the Committee were to endeavor to secure some legislation from the Parliament of Ontario on the lines indicated in the said Report No. 5.

The Committee met at Toronto on the 24th February last, and after careful consideration, drafted three amendments to The Insurance Corporations Act, as follows:

No. 1. The Registrar of Friendly Societies for Ontario shall have exclusive jurisdiction to enquire into and finally determine the claim now existing of any widow against a lodge or branch of any Friendly Society registered under The Insurance Corporations Act, 1892, or the amendments thereto, for an annuity or any claim in the nature of an annuity.

The application to the said Registrar shall be by petition and the matter shall be disposed of without formal pleadings. The costs shall be in the discretion of the said Registrar and shall not be greater than those of a similar proceeding in a County Court.

No. 2. When lodge or branch by laws provide for power from time to time to amend their rules or by laws, all changes made in the rules or by laws of lodges or branches as to the payment of benefits to widows or members shall be valid whether made during the life or after the death of a member.

No. 3. In any action for widows' or other benefits commenced in a Division or County Court, the same shall be removed upon the *ex parte* applica ion of the defendants into the High Court of Justice upon the filing with the Kegistrar or local Registrar of the High Court affidavits setting out that it is possible that the total claims of the plaintiff including subsequent claims may amount to a sum beyond the jurisdiction of the Court in which the action is brought.

No. 3 was drafted as an alternative to No. 1, in case that No. 1 should not be thought desirable.

Extended interviews were then had with the Hon. J. M. Gibson, who was the member of the Government having the Insurance Act in charge, and also with Dr. J. Howard Hunter, the Registrar of Friendly Societies under the Act, in which the matter was fully discussed, and the views of the Committee upon the matters covered or affected by these proposed amendments duly set forth. Copies of the said Report No. 5 were furnished to the Government ; and subsequent correspondence was also had.

The amendment No. 2 was considered to be in the nature of a statement of the existing law as established by judicial decisions both in England and Ontario, and confirmed by the recent cases of Baker vs. Forest City Lodge and Parkhouse vs. Dominion Lodge, reported in the Ontario Reports, vol. 28, page 238,

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The amendment No. 1 was in some respects objectionable to the authorities, but the principle of amendment No. 5 was approved by the Government.

The result of the labors of your Committee appears in the passage of the fol-lowing Statutory Amendment, which is now the law of the Province in The Ontario Insurance Act of 1897, 60 Vict., chapter 36, section 146, sub-section 3.

" In any action commenced in a Division or County Court for any insurance or benefit alleged to be payable to the assured or any beneficiary, assigned, representative or guardian, when the insurance or benefit claimed is in the nature of an annuity or other periodical or recurring payment, so that the present or capitalized value of the insurance or benefit amounts or may amount to a sum beyond the jurisdiction of the court in which the action is brought, the defendant may file with the Registrar or Local Registrar of the High Court an affidavit setting out such facts, and thereafter upon the application of the defendant the action shall be removable into the High Court of Justice."

This amendment will relieve the lodges that have hitherto been sued for small quarterly instalments, and it will doubless prove to be a complete bar to the attempted collection of widows' annuities by tegal proceedings where such widows are not entitled to succeed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. FAREWELL, HY. ROBERTSON, S. SPRINGER.

Reps. W. H. Blight and W. T. Murphy, of Laurel Lodge, No. 110, presented the following :

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

It is with feelings of sadness that your Representatives have to announce to the Grand Lodge the death of its late Treasurer, Bro. William Badenach, a member of Laurel Lodge, No. 110, and of Toronto Encampment, No. 8, of the

Your Representatives feel that the records of this session would be incomplete indeed without special reference to the loss the Order at large has sustained by the death of one who for many years has occupied so prominent a place in the Grand Lodge, and whose kindly acts and genial disposition had so endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. That his absence from our present council, the first time in 25 years, 21 of which he served as Grand Treasurer, makes us all feel that whilst the Order has lost a devoted member, each member has lost a loved friend and brother, and the beautiful words of the poet express the feelings of every Oddfellow :

"Had He ask'd us, well we know We should cry, 'Oh spare this blow !' Yes, with streaming tears should pray, 'Lord, we love him, let him stay.'"

For in him was found a friend even more true when adversity and misfortune made the call than when all was bright and fair.

To be the call than when all was bright and fair. Bro. Badenach has for nigh 40 years been one of the best known citizens of Toronto, as a business man, as a society man, as a modent participator in many of the manly sports; in every one of which that he engaged in he made himself se familiar with all its details as to be an authority. Bro. Badenach joined Covenant Lodge, No. 52, 10.0.F., on the 31st January, 1871, and in 1873 withdrew to start Laurel Lodge, No. 110, of which he was the first-N.G., and in which he has ever since remained a highly respected

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bset of rio, use member, and no lodge ever had a warmer friend or a more wise counsellor than he ever was.

He was a Past Chief Patriarch of Toronto Encampment, No. 8, I.O.O.F.,

In August, 1875, Bro. Badenach was elected by the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario as Grand Treasurer, in the stead of the late Bro. George Irwin, of Windsor, who was killed in a railway collision near London; and, as an evidence of his personal and official popularity, he was annually re-elected by acclamation. He still held the office when death relieved him of its responsi-

When the Grand Lodge met in Sarnia, in 1896, Bro. Badenach, though not appearing as robust in health as was his wonit, was present, and discharged his duties in that pleasant manner which had always characterized him; and many a brother will sadly miss his genial smile and kindly greeting when they annually

re-assemble at Grand Lodge meetings, Shortly after the last session of Grand Lodge Bro. Badenach complained of not feeling well, but not a thought was had by him or his family that his illness was to be a fatal one ; but such it proved to be, and in a few short months his life's work was done, and all that remains on earth of our respected brother is the sweet memory of his warm friendship, his kindly acts, his deep sympathy with every case of distress which came to his notice, and his, ever ready ear to the calls for help with money and advice, and they will long be sweet memories to many.

" Friend after friend departs, Who has not lost a friend? There is no union here of hearts, That has not here an end."

The installation of officers was proceeded with.

Past Grand Masters W. H. Cole and W. H. Hoyle, by request of the chair, presented Bro. J. A. Young, Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and installed Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Henry White thereupon took his seat as Junior Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master, Bro. J. A. Young, then installed the remaining Grand Officers.

Past Grand Master Rev. T. W. Jolliffe and Rep. A. L. Geen, by request of the Grand Master, presented Bro. J. E. Farewell, Deputy Grand Master elect, who was obligated and installed Deputy Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters Thos. Woodyatt and Henry White by request of the Grand Master, presented Bro. Jas. McLurg, M.D., Grand Warden elect, who was obligated and duly installed Grand Warden.

Past Grand Master Rev. Bro. T. W. Jolliffe and Bro. J. McFarlane, Grand Chaplain, by request of the Grand Master, presented

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Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary elect, who was obligated and installed Grand Secretary; it being the 31st consecutive installation of that officer.

Past Grand Master W. H. Hoyle and Rep. J. J. Manning by desire of the chair, presented Bro. W. J. McCormack, Grand Treasurer elect, who was obligated and duly installed Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments. The brothers were severally presented and duly installed into their respective offices, as follows :

Bro. George Geddes, Otter Lodge, No. 50, Grand Marshal.

Bro. R. H. Perry, Fergus Lodge, No. 73, Grand Conductor.

Bro. J. W. Simpson, Ivy Lodge, No. 90, Grand Guardian.

Bro. R. H. Rowe, Pembroke Lodge, No. 203, Grand Herald.

Bro. Rev. A. L. Geen, Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters for the coming year, viz. :

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Essex, No. 1.	Concord Enterprise Woodslee	45 82 140 142 218 220 298	Amherstburg Windsor Ruthven Leamington Kingsville Essex Centre South Woodslee Comber Harrow	76 124 73 104 37 47 46	J. S. Middough, Kingsville.
Kent, No. 2.	Chatham Rondeau Western City Sydenham Valley Dresden Merlin	40 93 120	Blenheim Chatham Wallaceburg Dresden	817 189 146 84 147 116 36 718	R. Eastlake, Dresden.
No. 3.	Mt. Zion. Bothwell Glencoe. Ridgetown Thamesville Florence Alvinston Rodney	74 133 144 157 196 208	Glencoe Ridgetown Thamesville Florence	34 26 52 95 63 83 40 45	H. F. Jell, Rodney.
Elgin, No. 4.	Hope St. Thomas.	33 69 76 94 89 04	rampton	438 228 98 334 153 36 54 28	J. B. Squance, St. Thomas.
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LongPoint, No. 6.	Equity	. 191 . 225 . 232	Jarvis	70	
Welland, No. 7.	Beacon	173	Welland Dunnville, Port Colborne, Interna'nal Bridge	28 52 77 188	Thos. Cowen, Bridgeburg.
Niagara, No. 8.	Union Niagara Falls Empire Cataract Livingstone Freestone Electric City	53 87 1C3 130	Niagara Fls. Sth.	345 173 157 117 48 30 24 36 585	W. House, Niagara Falls.
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Perth, No. 16.	St. Mary's. 4 Avon Nith Romeo Silver Star Millbank	· 41 · 96 · 164	Stratford	265 55 168	Alex. Fraser, New Hamburg.
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North York No. 20.		148 156	Aurora Newmarket	73 17	R. H. Brimson, Newmarket,
Dufferin, No. 21.	Maple Leaf Hillsburg Grand Valley Credit	107	Grand Valley	90 36 34 32 32 134	J. W. Walker, Erin.
Harriston, No. 22.	Minto Garnet Listowel Crey Clifford Gordon Britannia	139 160 169 214 247	Mount Forest Listowel Durham Clifford	29 61 65 72 20 71 71 71 389	M. B. Matheson, Clifford.
Wingham, No. 23.	Maitland Western Star Montana Teeswater Howiek	49 77 82	Brussels	64 55 12 23 11	Alex. McKay, Brussels.
Lucknow, No. 24.	Lucknow I Penetangorei Silver City 2 Ripley 2 Bervie	72 k 06 T 87 k	Cincardine	165 102 144 73 70 27 416	D. Patterson, Lucknow.
No. 25.	Walkerton	70 P 25 P	ort Elgin	83 44 118 21	Wm. Rankin, Paisley.

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Georgian Bay, No. 26.	Collingwood Barrie North Star Owen Sound Dufferin Thornbury Meaford	63 68 180 186	Collingwood Barrie Stayner Owen Sound Flesherton Thornbury Meaford	138 94 30 67 23 33 66	Sam'l D. Watt, Meaford.
Orillia, No. 27.	Georgian Bay Midland Genvea	219 274 320 (Waubaushene Midland Drillia	451 94 37 32	Jos. N. Sheppard Coldwater.
Parry Sound No. 28.	Parry Sound	189 I	Parry Sound	163 70	Thos. A. Clark, Parry Sound.
Uxbridge, No. 29.	Brougham	155 W	Vhitevale	70 19 28	J. W. Wonch, Whitevale.
Ontario, No. 30.	Flo. Nightingale. Eastern Star	66 Bo 72 W 75 Pc	shawa shawa owmanville hitby ott Perry okering	47 115 250 152 84 59 40 39	T. H. Wilson, Brooklin.
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Midland, No. 34.	Madoc Stirling Campbellford Hastings Thomasburg	239 248 273	Campbellford Hastings	473 93 128 76 38 68	Henry Fowlds, Hastings.
Bay of Quinte, { No. 35.	Belleville Napanee Desoronto. Trenton Mizpah Bay of Quinte Argyle	86 102 113 127 143	Deseronto Trenton Belleville Picton	403 225 80 95 60 135 126 82	Kenneth McKenzie, - Picton.
Kingston, No. 36.	Cataraqui Kingston Gananoque Jansdowne Tweed Mayflower Cornucopia Athena	59 114 270 290 297 299	Kingston Gananoque Lansdowne Tweed Parham McLaren's Depot	803 302 298 220 68 59 44 80 35	Jno. H. Shibley, Parham.
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Ottawa, No. 39.	Manada	278 (283 J	Mawa	515 171 172 163 105 27	Chas. A. Abbott Ottawa.
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Sault Ste. Marie, No. 45.	Arthur	281	Sault Ste. Marie.	78	G. A. Hunter, Sault Ste. Marie.
Chapleau, No. 46.	Missanabie	266	Chapleau	78 56 56	J. B. Dexter, Chapleau.
Thunder Bay, No. 47.	Port Arthur Algoma	244 267	Port Arthur Fort William	69 63	H. B. Dawson, Port Arthur.
RainyRiver { No. 48. {	Gold Hill Minnetonka1	261 292	Rat Portage Keewatin	132 143 64) N. Schnaar, Rat Portage.
Pembroke, { No. 49.	Pembroke	203	Pembroke	207 119 119	Wm. Dudley, Pembroke.
Cemptville No. 50.	Grenville Morewood Chesterville Mountain	285 288	Morewood Chesterville	70 42 32 28	Thos. Faulknor, Morewood.
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The newly installed Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge in a most expressive, though short, speech, which was well received. Other Grand Lodge Officers followed with short addresses.

The business of the session having been completed, the Grand Chaplain offered a fervent prayer; whereupon the Deputy Grand Master, by desire of the Grand Master, declared the forty-third session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Oddfellows, adjourned sine die.



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ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS, MEMBERSHIP Present member-ship. No. of Lodge. Suspended for N.P.D. Suspended for Membership 1 last Report. Admitted by NAME OF LODGE. Withdrawn. Reinstated Initiated. Expelled. card. Died. Brock Cataraqui... Otonabee.... Union..... $\begin{array}{c} 143\\ 290\\ 126\\ 183\\ 115\\ 96\\ 187\\ 101\\ 232\\ 14\\ 270\\ 171\\ 131\\ 114\\ 141\\ 230\\ 35\\ 332\\ 151\\ 2201\\ 173\\ \end{array}$ Definite. Researcher Researcher Chatham. Eureka. Elgin. Eureka. Elgin. Erie Gore . St. Mary's. Forest City. Rond Eau. Acountion Forest City. Rond Eau. Acountion Forest City. Rond Eau. Acountion Forest City. Rond Eau. Acountion Forest City. Rond Eau. Acountion Forest City. Rond Eau. Acountion Forest City. Covenant. Coven 18 1 512 7 ï ii $\begin{array}{c} 1663\\ 1633\\ 1422\\ 233\\ 119\\ 1002\\ 238\\ 119\\ 1002\\ 238\\ 119\\ 1002\\ 238\\ 119\\ 1002\\ 238\\ 119\\ 1002\\ 238\\ 119\\ 1002\\ 238\\ 1002\\$ i i i ï i i ï f. Durham. Nipissing i ï Amity. Belleville.... Clinton.... Walkerton. 4 12 6 3 Constellation

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ABSTRACT SEMI-ANNUAL REFURNS.

TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1896.

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ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS,

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Napanee Empire	11 13	• 1	7						57	
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Crescent.	5		2		9				290	2
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St. Clair. Waterloo	15	1			2			1	225	2
Royal Oak	•••••				2				79	17
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TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1896. -Continued.

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ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS, MEMBERSHIP. ŝ No. of Lodge. Membership per last Report. Present Member-ship. lor for NAME OF LODGE. Admitted by Reinstated Suspended N.P.D. Withdrawn. Indad Initiated. Expelled. card. Len C Died. Balmoral . Arthur.... Sudbury... Earnscliffe 5 7 6 11 1 3 21 $\begin{array}{c} 618\\ 7838\\ 8866\\ 364\\ 724\\ 497\\ 5666\\ 688\\ 1028\\ 3944\\ 389\\ 397\\ 2288\\ 448\\ 2754\\ 60\\ 528\\ 386\\ 218\\ 238\\ 219\\ 228\\ 346\\ 218\\ 238\\ 269\\ 306\\ 60\\ \end{array}$ i i 331 1 246 i 31 5 3 i 3 62221 2 1 351 2 ì 353634215110151 1 4 1111 3 i 1 1 1 21 5667 Geneva... Hespeler... Central... 2 ıi 1129 94 92 4 547 141 31 88 22183 22687

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Initiations, Ad- mission by Card and De- grees.	Dues and Rein- statements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts
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	and starts	E	XPENDITU	RE.	
NAME OF LODGE.	Working Ex-	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expendi- ture.	Total Expendi- ture.
Napanee Empire Olive Branch	\$ c 205 26	\$ c 161 65	\$ c	\$ c 76 50 12 50	\$
Empire	189 73			12 50	482
Reliance	226 85 259 90	· · · · · · · · · · · · ·		119 93	66. 90.
Ivy Grand River	55 84			$\begin{array}{c} 12 \ 50 \\ 119 \ 93 \\ 50 \ 71 \\ 2 \ 85 \end{array}$	903
Grand River	167 42	6 60	1000 00 .		157
Western City	7 75 103 84	6 60			14
Aylmer	135 45	10 33	9500 00	23 00	358 2821
Nith.	55 78			68 75	2821
Grand Kiver Western City Aylmer. Nith. Grand Union Minto.	212 84	100 15		41 40	940
Lindsay. Golden Star	38 25 238 47		1900 00	35 62	2149
Golden Star	78 25		2500 00 1900 00 200 00 145 66	$\begin{array}{c} 23 & 00 \\ 25 & 15 \\ 08 & 75 \\ 41 & 40 \\ 35 & 62 \\ 20 & 00 \\ 1 & 68 \\ 30 & 00 \\ 11 & 50 \\ 22 & 80 \\ 1 & 50 \end{array}$	342 334
Cataract.	158 32 126 11	663 13		30 00	334 924
Cataract. Crescent	178 99			11 50	185 804
Manilla. St. Clair.	72 05			1 50	162
Waterloo	$ 129 14 \\ 284 56 $				313
Waterloo Royal Oak. Orion	130 40	86 54	140 00	62 74 11 00	930 302
OrionLaurel				1 40	473
Peterborough.	133 96 997 70	********	6998 42 250 00	69 45	446 7609
Peterborough.	257 83		250 00	72 47 7 00	7609 927
Generooute	72 19 133 96 227 79 257 83 82 25 286 88 414 38 6 95				152
Harmony	280 88	1919 01	4464 00		5212
Lucknow		1012 21	4464 00	41 55 59 71	2382 65
Maitland	221 09			6 36	462
Sydenham Valley	99 68 215 04	5 67	200 00 136 20	62 72 377 08 17 60	433 1012
Saxon	58 00		136 20	17 60	298
Dresden	63 75				75
Stella	117 25				807, 235
Sarnia. Mizpah	195 46			10 35 45 39 74 00	443
Charity.	187 53	1 80		74 00	520
Charity.	76 25		100 00		61 153
Marion. Dakville	185 42	209 86		6 31	574
Glencoe.	98 81		100 00	33 00	250
Drient	99 45	8 78 .		3 05	309 120
Cohourg	74 56		2000 00	4 68	2124
t. Lawrence	$\begin{array}{c} 215 & 64\\ 58 & 00\\ 63 & 75\\ 138 & 11\\ 117 & 256\\ 195 & 55 & 13\\ 76 & 25\\ 185 & 42\\ - & 98 & 81\\ 103 & 16\\ 99 & 45\\ 74 & 56\\ 135 & 34\\ 173 & 01\\ \end{array}$				282 624
Jakville. Jiencoe. Drient. Peaceful Dove. Lobourg. t. Lawrence. hucaster.	56 89	9 15	200 00	7 97	624 153
eamington	233 10 187 37	9 15 .		$\begin{array}{r} 15 \ 82 \\ 7 \ 97 \\ 24 \ 70 \\ 16 \ 83 \\ 220 \ 60 \end{array}$	285
Concord	187 37 36 00		37 60	16 83	443
say of Quinte	111 97	89 33	37 60	13 60	302 4061
vivian	188 89 228 00				197
	63 02		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	14 74	281 88
Vestern Star	122 58 86 90		SNO VENINE DE	52 83	280

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURN

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/	RECH	EIPTS OF LOD	GES.	1
Initiations, Ad- mission by Card and Degrees.	Dues and Rein- statements.	Rent. Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.
s c 151 50 201 50 75 60 73 60 600 73 600 60 52 50 50 60 53 60 53 60 142 00 15 20 90 15 20 00 100 23 100 23 1100 248 1200 143 1200 143 115 30 115 30 2100 80 900 80 237 00 800 90 237 00 800 14 900 14 1400 15 73 30 115 73 115 73 115 73 1	\$ c 0 177 c 40 177 c 40 171 c 40 172 c 40 171 c 40 171 c 40 171 c 40 171 c 40 171 c 40 172 c 40 171 c 40	\$ c 112 c03 422 53 125 c03 127 c03 128 c35 120 c35	\$ \$	\$ c 4400

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ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS. EXPENITURE. for Furniture and Regalia. Working Ex. Other Expendi-Total Expendi-ture. No. of Lodge. NAME OF LODGE. invested. ture. Paid \$ c \$ с 43 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm s} {\rm c} {\rm ~6} {\rm ~6} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~6} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~7} {\rm ~7} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~4} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~4} {\rm ~4} {\rm ~7} {\rm ~4} {\rm ~6} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~8} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~7} {\rm ~7} {\rm ~1} {\rm ~$ Sycamore. Hayden. Wildey. Alpha. Brougham. Progress. Oak Leaf Liatowel. Sincoe. Oriental. Bencoe. Bencov. Alliston. Crey. Denovo. Alliston. Benco. Suiton. Dolman. 27 19 33 7 41 175 00 1500 00 50 00 6 95 1 25 33 36 133 95 1 75 50 3 50 8 84 26 05 2 53 4 25 6 24 30 00 3 50 61 10 2231 50 2231 5 500 00 2559 24 185 00 700 00 1850 00 3000 00 76 73 1 40 25 15 75 4 15 625 00 115 4 200 00 4 00 161 00 515 00 138 05

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Initiations, Ad- mission by Card and Degrees.	Dues and Rein- Statements.	Rent. Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	No. of Lodge.
\$ c 71 00 22 00 92 00 104 50 92 00 104 50 92 00 104 50 22 00 31 00 32 00 36 00 36 00 38 00 38 00 38 00 110 110 12 00 38 00 21 00 39 00 112 00 38 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21 00 21	\$ c 151 10 199 85 208 85 208 85 208 85 200 69 228 96 221 77 530 29 132 50 132 50 135 50 1	\$ c \$80 40 68 54 25 98 99 94 00 97 50 97 50 18 54 6 00 174 60 68 57 39 55 7 80 37 50 87 80 92 235 43 00 22 29 28 28 90 27 42 38 34 43 83 74 30 37 44 38 34 30 37 44 38 34 30 37 44 38 34 30 52 20 50 22 01 123 00 22 00 50 50 100 95 103 98 22 06 41 58 7 25 22 850 22 06 50 110 95 105 59 74 50 22 66 41 58 7 450 28 30 14 50 14 50 71 66 40 66 40 66 40 66 40 66 40 66 40	\$\$ c 35 c 35 50 90 840 650 60 610 140 30 16 100 90 15 30 25 00 53 10 25 00 53 10 25 00 53 10 25 00 53 10 23 16 50 30 133 70 4 00 179 23 61 62 30 18 102 257 88 102 257 36 00 1 20 1306 26 28 21 38 00 3 30 3 45 489 50 325 30 2 00 2 10 50 300 3 90 3 90 3 90 3 90 3 90 3 90	\$ c0 2877 00 2711 13 300 287 4443 75 893 550 156 80 156	1651 1652 1653 1644 1656 1566 1566 1566 1566 1566 1566

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	NAME OF LODGE.	Working Ex- penses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expendi- ture.	Total Expendi- ture.
200	Georgian Bay Woodslee Chesley Hensall Ottawa Marila	\$ c 74 97	\$ c	\$ c 106 21	\$ c 6 05	\$ 340
2	Woodslee	42 25			10 95	125
	Hencell	159 62 49 52	177 35			371 78
ġ	Ottawa	49 52 225 67	10 00		3 50 51 24	384
			16 71		58 86	154
Ľ	Sauble	46 33 238 70			17 75	80
2	Embro Star	238 70 30 90	400 00	630 00	118 16	080 1265
3	Embro Star	273 55	100 00	000 00	3 00	379
15	Elora	97 00	30 80		21 75	228
13	Equity. Hanover	1 18.36 59.50		630 00	18 00	36
22	liderton.	47 81			4 17	113
					3 23	292
	Acorn	52 35			4 86	138
	Stirling	41 46 253 70		300.00		78 674
1	Carlton	305 32			99 66	453
8	Rideau	192 01 132 02	24 00		10 74	322
	Rideau Thombury. Port Arthur Mallorytown Orillia Gordon Campbellford Beaverton Ridgely Bracebridge Floral Caledonia. Alba	132 02 53 90			99 66 10 74	282 80
ij	Port Arthur	225 80				225
1	Mallorytown	13 56		2000 00		2287
1	Gordon					
-	Campbellford	91 29 129 73	190 00	1000 00	23 50	1462
	Beaverton	65 58	6 80	100 00	3 50	217
	Ridgely	35 95 114 26		200 00	51 32	312
	Floral	114 26 49 30		155 80	17 90	342 108
ŝ	Caledonia	110 34			11 30	131
2	Alba	64 08			49 00	131 159
ŀ	Gradit Valley	35 50				53 58
	Thamesford	31 85 101 30	1 10		23 45	348
1	Lynden	28 83 238 56				93
8	Gold Fill	238 56 129 74	181 30	1000 04	2 60	514 2010
8	Norwood	129 74 72 86	20 20	1002 05	149 01	138
	East Toronto	130 94			22 00	534
Į,	Faternity	68 88 - 36 28				79 66
3	Missanabie	106 75				66 115 995
	Algoma	167 75	25		20 30	
-	Credit Lynden Lynden Gold Fill. Norwood East Toronto Faternity Delta Missanabie Lynoma Stanley Woodstock Lansdowne	53 89			23 50 62 84 3 50 51 32 17 39 49 00 23 45 2 00 149 81 22 00 20 30 4 00 153 80	80
	Lansdowne.	167 94 96 51	11 29	133 35	153 80	635 159
ő	Anadowie North Bay Lakeview Hastings Midland Pairy	225 17				159 349
	Lakeview	83 50			12 25	226
į,	Midland	48 48			······	128
ŝ	Pairy	54 35 79 77			7 88	54 145
9	sheard			142 00	1 00	
ļ	Lambton Rockliffe Brenville	51 05	22 55	142 00	1 45	217
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NAME OF LODG	NAME OF LODGE.	Working Ex-	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expendi- ture.	Total Expendi- ture.
1	Balmoral	\$ 90 54	\$ c 15 50	\$ c	\$ c 3 82	\$ c 201 3
I	Arthur	184 60			47 53 3 00	394 0
l	Sudbury	104 38	68 16		3 00	187 5
I	Lyn	94 17 24 37	3 03		14 50	263 7 39 3
l	Morewood	34 18	25 00			86 1
1	Roval	102 80	21 70		2 65	270 6
1	Ripley	93 03				117 0
	Ripley Chesterville	21 50 59 40			8 40	36 2 91 8
	Tweed	09 40 80 54	14 75	104 85	20 75	125 9
ł	Rodney	1 80 54 76 02				91 0
ł			64 90	104 85	61 59	367 9
ł	Minnetonka Thomasburg Broadview	60 20 190 92		•••••	1 73 26 76	83 5 409 6
ł	Manotick	190 92			6 65	81 6
1	Pontypool.	50 60			5 65	78 2
1	Mayflower	30 23			15 25	225 4
	Comber	33 65				64 6 181 7
ł	Kohoaureon	120 21			15 00	181 7 62 3
1	Inomasourg Broadview Manotick, Pontypool, Comber Cornucopia, Bobcaygeon Plattsville, Aberdeen Plattsville, Aberdeen Plattsville, Aberdeen Valentine Valentine Athena Princeton Willbrook Harrow, Sbedden, Zeta	44 94			5 15 27 46	115 8
1	Aberdeen	41 57	1 80	175 00		248 3
1	Fellowship	32 38	9 35		5 15	46 8 222 8
1	Star	09 00 71 55	37 80		50 00	179 5
1	Athena	44 93			1 65	58 5
i	Princeton	59 93				10/ 9
	Millbrook	36 59			43 00	260 3 73 8
ł	Harrow	70 03	3 20		1 68	+52 8
	SheddenZeta	358 11				358 1
	Spirit Rock Electric City Prospect. Mountain Britain Laurentian	62 38		••••	3 75	85 1 107 6
ł	Electric City	82 20	14 95		78 42	107 6 527 0
ł	Prospect	200 81	30 40		18 42	116 9
	Britain.	42 75	26.00		110 30	179 0
1	Laurentian			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1 02	96 3
I	Riverside	158 34 76 72	5 50 34 40		1 01	251 9 139 3
1	Norfolk	76 72 91 00	34 40			139 3
1	Norfolk Bervie Wellwood Geneva Hespeler	126 26	100 35		26 45	253 0
1	Wellwood.	245 87	137 57		118 64	502 0
1	Geneva	16 94	165 33 113 95		70 11	394 0 187 3
1	Hespeler	18 30 80 00	113 95	····· F·····	55 08 28 73	187 3
1	Central					
1		33928 27	7908 27	46718 69	10120 53	142615 3

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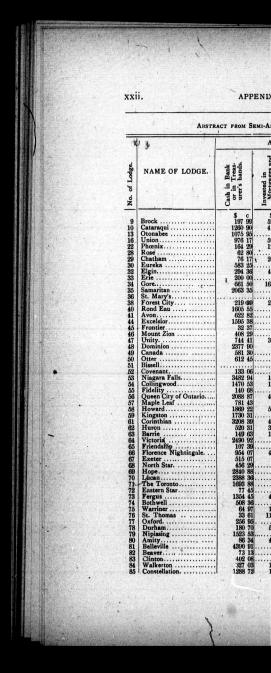
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	NDC	EIPTS OF LOD	· · ·	
Initiations, Ad- mission by Card and Degrees.	Dues and Rein- statements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.
\$ c 79 00 130 00 141 00 103 00	$\begin{array}{c} {\rm s} {\rm c} {\rm c} {\rm c} {\rm 32} {\rm c} {\rm 39} \\ {\rm 150} 50 \\ {\rm 150} 50 \\ {\rm 150} 50 \\ {\rm 160} 50 \\ {\rm 46} 50 \\ {\rm 620} 00 \\ {\rm 160} 00 \\ {\rm 217} 00 \\ {\rm 160} 00 \\ {\rm 217} 00 \\ {\rm 141} 50 \\ {\rm 141} 50 \\ {\rm 141} 50 \\ {\rm 141} 50 \\ {\rm 137} 70 \\ {\rm 141} 50 \\ {\rm 135} 50 \\ {\rm 135} 50 \\ {\rm 135} 50 \\ {\rm 153} 50 \\$	\$ c 	\$ c 2 90 45 51 4 00 9 80	\$ 52 205 22 205 20 205 r>205 20 205 r>205 20 20 200 205 20 200 200 200 200 200
103 00	285 50		9 80	398 30
48 00	52 00	2 00 10 50	1 15	103 15
48 00 74 50 39 00 11 00	160 00 274 73	10 50	1 15 1 20 16 27	246 20 330 00
	79 00 147 30	18 79 6 25		108 79
56 00 2 00 48 00	96 85		10 00	162 85
48 00	197 70	28 10	94 80 10 00 8 05 11 60 28 00 15 45	285 40
154 30	367 80	15 60	28 00 15 45	169 50 553 15
22 00 30 00	13 10 123 50		2 40 18 66	35 10 155 90
12 50 8 00	135 00 85 50	3 75		169 91 93 50
20 00	195 35	10 20 8 75 2 60 4 50	23 65 4 00	93 50 249 20
35 00	121 00	2 60		118 25 158 60 214 50 108 10
33 00	73 50	4 50	1 60	214 50 108 10
58 00 36 00	153 50 78 00		4 80 47 26	216 30 161 26
42 00 24 00	65 00 112 50		2 00	216 30 161 26 109 00 171 00
210 00	180 94	31 00	3 50	425 44
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14 00	122 60		29 70	259 70 136 60
90 40	103 45 389 65		66 35	103 45 546 40
44 00 92 00	56/00 68/00		114 75	100 0C 274 75 117 00
90 40 44 00 92 00 62 00 80 00 76 00 103 00 230 00 510 00 145 00 248 00	166 50		CALL CREATE STREET STREET	117 00 285 45
76 00	75 75		38 95 9 85 49 98 35 90	285 45 161 60 338 28 295 90 614 50
230 00	30 00	15 30	35 90	338 28 295 90
145 00	67 50 7 50	37 00	275 00	427 50
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15902 50	64055 29	19818 24	24372 31	124148 34

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		Assets	-How Inve	STED.	
ODGE.	Cash in Bank or in Treas- urer's hands.	Invested in Mortgages and Securities.	Invested in Buildings and Lands.	Invested in Furniture and Regalia.	All other Assets.
	\$ c 197 99 1260 90 1075 95 976 17 164 29 62 80 76 17 583 25 294 36 294 36 294 36 1 200 00 661 50	\$ c 5200 00 4145 75 5900 00	\$ 100 00 12080 00	\$ c 900 00 1848 81 875 00 1717 35	\$ c 375 00 501 35 186 74 238 25 176 74 361 00
	164 29 62 80 76 17 583 25 294 36	1272 21 2600 00 4779 54	3050 00 10400 00 11881 00	$\begin{array}{c} 1848 & 81 \\ 875 & 00 \\ 1717 & 35 \\ 900 & 00 \\ 1115 & 50 \\ 996 & 20 \\ 1000 & 00 \\ 980 & 54 \\ 250 & 00 \\ 3 & 27 \\ 2173 & 15 \\ 1000 & 00 \\ \end{array}$	176 74 361 00 465 18 300 00 243 50 63 37
	2063 35	16800 00 2429 89	6000 00 9000 00	$\begin{array}{c} 250 & 00 \\ 3 & 27 \\ 2173 & 15 \\ 1000 & 00 \\ 1020 & 00 \end{array}$	114 0
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	744 41 2377 90 581 30 612 45	3440 00 750 00	6145 00 7000 00	865 00 946 21 100 00 1000 00	207 0 92 5 651 3 511 5
Ontario	$\begin{array}{r} 133 \ 06 \\ 3482 \ 94 \\ 1470 \ 53 \\ 140 \ 68 \\ 2088 \ 87 \end{array}$	1000 00 1600 00 4050 65	4450 00	30 00 950 00 2175 00 200 00	7305 2 41 2 76 6 443 7
	781 43 1869 22 1730 31 3208 39	900 00 5140 00 4000 00	2400 00 5900 00		129 7 602 7 387 1
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LODGE LI	ABILITIES.	1		FUNDS.
Due on Build- ings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.
\$ c 100 00 3333 33 3500 00 3333 33 7800 00 3500 00	\$ c 111 00 20 10 48 00 193 03 24 00 272 50 750 00 2 82 126 10 274 03 144 44 38 43 234 00 132 80 68 25	\$ c 6090 28 7062 90 2152 51 20863 77 20863 77 20863 77 20863 77 20863 77 20863 77 20863 77 96025 04 1080 55 16025 71 10236 50 6225 97 8770 16 6225 97 8770 16 6225 97 8770 16 6225 97 8770 16 6225 97 8770 16 2089 76 1483 29 1624 50	\$ c - 682 71. 452 50 	\$ c 130 41 76 66 13 50 50 00 403 47 83 96 135 65 11 38 454 00
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3000 00	66 16 185 86 12 50 35 25 455 00 74+50 78 49	3141 43 2665 68 2262 95 12320 39 7158 53 3940 51 456 29 3348 63	3092 61 962 90 	44 46 19 12 5 36
	78 49 9 50 13 50 528 50 	2788 36 1978 05 1224 43 5998 82 1075 01 2905 63 12103 92 1749 95 7556 40 2181 56 5470 88 7415 30 2513 13 948 21	1170 90 2377 36	516 72 . 11 40 150 00 322 87 57 19 21 22 4 02
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	FUNDS.		i i	1
W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No of Lodes
COLUMN A DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	1
\$ c 682 71 452 50	130 41 76 66		6772 99 7645 81 2229 16 20863 77	10000
			2320 21 4465 30 14265 05	
52 50 390 00	13 50		14265 05	1.1
292 90	50 00		9680 92 6367 94 1310 55	
292 90 250 00 2000 36	403 47			
•••••			10425 54 10236 50 6225 97 8854 12 3453 07	
•••••	83 96		8854 12 3453 07	1
545 63	135 65 11 38	50 37	15208 80 1993 71	
			10889 76 1483 29	1
5479 71	454 00		12058 21	
554 48 269 08	24 88 357 00 31 50	40 25	12796 93 6938 70 9013 39	44000
	80 35			100
259 62	2 36	39 04	7080 75 5475 19 8511 89 4790 68 6531 85 72498 43 10538 97 9066 90 8979 90 6278 50 2965 68	5555
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	11 40 150 00 322 87		3115 66 12426 79	777
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ñ	Ivy Grand River	584 19 714 77	3000 00 2125 00		508 25 600 00	197.1 43 9
2	Milton	427 68	763 37		600 00 600 00	40 2
3	Western City	1057 59	775 00 3500 00		422 34	99 8
6	Aylmer Nith Grand Union.	1840 46 201 50	3500 00		1478 55 889 00	185 7
7	Grand Union	201 50 1 580 66	1650 00		889 00 924 15	252 0
8	Minto.	703 77		2500 00	150 00	40 0
i	Lindsay. Golden Star Dosoronto	163 36 2110 17	3206 50		1090 60 407 82	256 4
2	Dosoronto	2441 76	200 00		1800 00	200 9
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5	Manilla	2040 06 504 52		6870 00 650 00	845 00 350 00	204 5
6	St. Clair	1834 43			330 00	
8	Waterloo	1925 49	7943 50		3200 00	
8	Royal Oak Orion	1159 79 58 24	1850 00	5 00	700 00 600 00	143 7
0	Laurel	1224 96			378 00	40 (276 (
12	Peterborough	192 41 341 28	6998 42 3957 00	40 00	1100 00	560 7
3	Trenton	341 28	3957 00		1000 00 • 750 00	860 3 204 5
4	Gananoque	126 22 1910 71	4464 00		2000 00	152 3
56	Harmony	181 13 83 44	7100 00		2679 86	18 0
7	Valley City	2835 09	3800 00	612 00 545 00	259 51 1634 50	101 0
9	Maitland	117 64	1619 64		467 77	952 3
0	Sydenham Valley	597 35 81 10	2110 00	10000 00	1488 26	331 0
2	Valley City. Maitland Sydenham Valley. Streetsville.	213 38	2110 00	4500 00	600 00 700 00	75 5
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5	Stella	1864 53 375 30	1001 00		1197 54 800 00 900 00	111 5
7	Mizpah	1768 61	1394 00		1330 52	190 9
90	Charity	673 98			364 90	93 8
ĭ	Sarnia Mizpah Charity Livingstone Marion	637 28 35 60	00 0000		1000 00	92 5
2	Uakville	35 60 33 67	2000 00	3302 55	1147 54 600 00	328 1 160 3
34	Glencoe	214 20	1150 00		597 13	
5	Peaceful Dove.	428 60 242 08	2000 00		600 00 600 00	
6	Orient Peaceful Dove./ Cobourg	94 97	1286 00		2300 00	474 0
8	St. Lawrence	162 09	2126 46	100 00	750 00	302 3
ğ	Garnet	1260 65 91 00	1200 00		250 00 385 00	48 3 315 5
0	Carnet Leamington. Concord Bay of Quinte. Ridgetown). Vivian	1163 93	1200 00		1971 44	315 5 209 7
2	Concord	31 26		2500 00	500 00	75 0
34	Ridgetown)	331 87 1477 11	3760 00 600 00	2231 90	1483 93 1700 00	201 4
6	Vivian	219 76	1350 00	211 00	887 85	283 4 250 3
7	Model	1315 32		8 00	300 00	8 7
8	Aurora	50 97 203 98		4205 00	306 00 724 50	148 8

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LODGE LIABILITIE	s.		FUNDS.		
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	Alpha.	226 11 27 96	3095 00		150 00	49
	Brougham	30 68	914 82		150 00	49 9
	Pyramid Thamesville	6 40	700 00		600 00	100
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	Hillsburg	1153 90 130 93			325 00	45 (
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	Dauncey	373 61	D4 D0		448 40 134 20	41 :
	Montana	58 28	844 92		300 00	354
	Wellington Square	496 71	2250 00		120 00	001
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	Teeswater	1468 48 605 16			128 39	99
	Germania	000 10		7000 00	240 00 855 00	314
	Dufferin	129 13		1000 00	000 00	017
	Cambridge	183 19	716 28	850 00	350 00	14
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	Acton	5 45	396 25		150 00	100
	Ahiram	627 75	700 00	3800 00	680 00	127/
į	Silver City	56 62	1975 00		440 00	225
	Millbank	510 81		425 00	100 00	
	Brucefield	44 59 26 66	[*] 1300 00 961 00		150 00	68 1
	Lilly	113 52	920 20	675 00	200 00 249 75	20 (
	Argyll	1547 02	1550 00	010 00	1691 16	164
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	Freestone	1384 61	1200 00		500 00	63
	Elmira Mount Brydges Enterprise	672 62	1300 00		546 08	71
	mount Bryages	390 95		4149 82	308 50	190

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LODGE LIABILITIES. FUNDS.						
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APPENDIX.

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS, Assets-How INVESTED. put Invested in Buildings and Lands. All other Assets, and Cash in Bank or in Treas-urer's hands. of Lodge. Mortgages NAME OF LODGE. 5 nvested No. \$ 185 49 95 Georgian Bay....... Woodslee Chesley Hensall. Ottawa... Merlin... Sauble ... International Embro Star Prince of Wales Elora $\begin{array}{c} \$ & c \\ 983 & 11 \\ 252 & 19 \\ 12 & 66 \\ 749 & 43 \\ 2818 & 55 \\ 497 & 97 \\ 130 & 92 \\ 2612 & 36 \\ 25 & 98 \\ 728 & 10 \\ 811 & 95 \\ 377 & 51 \\ 200 & 00 \\ 811 & 95 \\ 377 & 51 \\ 200 & 00 \\ 739 & 95 \\ 1252 & 98 \\ 786 & 83 \\ 328 & 66 \\ 18 & 62 \\ 1356 & 10 \\ 597 & 37 \\ 1430 & 10 \\ 472 & 85 \\ 1252 & 98 \\ 1252 & 91 \\ 810 \\ 130 \\ 125 \\ 1252 & 10 \\ 130 \\ 125 \\ 12$ \$ c 85 00 93 c \$ c 1585 56 65 00 $\begin{array}{c} \$ & c \\ 720 & 00 \\ 200 & 00 \\ 650 & 00 \\ 310 & 00 \\ 660 & 00 \\ 140 & 00 \\ 240 & 00 \\ 1395 & 22 \\ 400 & 00 \\ 1395 & 22 \\ 400 & 00 \\ 1395 & 80 \\ 955 & 80 \\ 955 & 80 \\ 955 & 80 \\ 955 & 80 \\ 955 & 80 \\ 120 & 00 \\ 237 & 01 \\ 100 & 00 \\ 237 & 01 \\ 100 & 00 \\ 130 & 00 \\ 1100 & 46 \\ 210 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 1000 & 00 \\ 542 & 25 \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} 2190\\ 2221\\ 2223\\ 2222\\ 2222\\ 2222\\ 2222\\ 2222\\ 2222\\ 2232\\$ 100 00 242 49 1400 00 200 151 72 195 130 181 66 30 00750055005500 1500 00 4287 58 630 00 49 00 Italiona Italiana Materiori Acom Farmersville Sterling Carleton Rideau. Wilton -Thombury Port Arthur Malloy rown Campbellford Beaverion. Ridgely. Bracebridge Floral. Caledonia Alba - Same Floral. Caledonia - Caledoni 1748 51 127 00 505 58 527 79 754 80 400 00 2750 00 800 00 2525 09 67 00 1838 55 600 00 2810 66 500 00 1000 00 1465 00 1355 00 300 00 1000 00 625 60 440 00 $\begin{array}{c} 11\ 86\\ 864\ 53\\ 72\ 44\\ 894\ 70\\ 378\ 01\\ 273\ 02\\ 1543\ 60\\ 379\ 06\\ 770\ 03\\ 2097\ 51\\ 201\ 06\\ 2097\ 51\\ 201\ 06\\ 186\ 03\\ 184\ 06\\ 176\ 72\\ 317\ 82\\ 103\ 85\ 04\\ 100\ 68\\ 635\ 61\\ 31\ 03\\ 243\ 16\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 243\ 16\\ 347\ 69\\ 3$ $\begin{array}{c} 112 & 27\\ 292 & 45\\ 93 & 67\\ 146 & 40\\ 121 & 00\\ 144 & 00\\ 81 & 47\\ 54 & 00\\ 40 & 50\\ 104 & 44\\ 126 & 85\\ \end{array}$ 3447 50 1398 19 1425 00 1663 64 1218 00 $\begin{array}{c} 61 & 96 \\ 149 & 50 \\ 98 & 25 \\ 150 & 00 \\ 161 & 00 \\ 194 & 68 \end{array}$ 1443 00 700 00 100 00 125 00 344 05 117 00 42 00 87 50 77 73 700 93 400 00 521 63 76 96 Fairy Sheard, Lambton Rockliffe.... 378 25 376 01 1123 38 325 31 272 00 803 40 322 00 825 00 69 77 329 50 2700 00 Grenville.

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Napanee	1								69	1
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Milton			2		2	·····i			81	
Western City	3	2			2	····i			153	3.3
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Grand Union	1 4				1	33		•	59	14.5
Minto	4		1						114	
Lindsay Golden Star	ī				4				39 97	
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Gananoque	1		. 1			. 1			215 186	
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ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS, MEMBERSHIP. . Present Member-ship. Membership per last Report. No. of Lodge. for Suspended for A Suspended f Withdrawn. NAME OF LODGES Reinstated Admitted Initiated. Expelled Cause card. Died. Sycamore ... Hayden.... Wildey.... Alpha.... Brougham... Pyramid.... Thamesville 11 1 43 2 12 1 i 13 Thamesville ... Progress. Onk Leaf ... Listowel ... Simcoe ... Oriental ... Romeo ... Beethoven ... Hillsburg ... "Sutton ... Crey ... Denovo Alliston Penetangore... Emerald ... Dauncev ... 2 i 1 10 1 125 4231 i 1 1 i 8 i 4 12 1 1 2 14 i 22 Dauncey Montana. Wellington Square Madoc Owen Sound. Teeswater Germania. Dufferin ge. Parry Sound. Chorazia. Jarvis. Howick. Albert. Albert. Cicerone. Florence. Mungrva. Mencon. Silver Star. Pembroke. Acton. Abirat. Beacon. Silver City. Egremont. Milbank Bilbank. Milbank. 1 1 i 11 8 1 1 i i 11 1 1 2271 111 i 8 1221431 12 3 2 2 i i ż 32 131 64 1 2 112 7 i 12 3

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Grand River	37 41 129 18		629 00	64 85	9 92
Milton	6 50			41 12	6
Avimer.	112 85 348 94	20 00	850 00	147 35 18 00	123
Nith	64 99			10 00	50 22
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Manilla	54 89			106 17	21
Waterloo	231 77 234 65 101 83			80 00 41 17	48
Waterloo Royal Oak. Orion	234 00	23 65	••••	41 17	634 159
Orion	31 65				19
Laurel Peterborough	- 82 38 212 76			267 80	53
Lucknow	119 88	12 25	550 00	141 19 3 50	776
Frenton	124 71	12 25	5696 50		225
Trenton	257 51 386 33		9696 90	44 92	6058 888
Valley City Maitland Sydenham Valley Saxon Streetsville	17 25			39 25	56
Maitland	$ \begin{array}{r} 143 51 \\ 201 95 \end{array} $			32 33	355
Sydenham Valley	210 72			17 00 861 12	261 1338
Saxon	210 72 43 18			27 50	79
Dresden	53 75 351 47			137 80 126 50	191 772
Stella	192 24			11 28	369
Miznah	141 09 151 28	37 50		326 87	591
Charity	57 39	31.00		34 93	519 75
Livingstone	57 39 75 52	49 85		1 70	167
Oakville	96 60 91 88	49 85		65 04	335
Glencoe.	105 67			6 30	244 133
Peaceful Dove	58 00 62 67				58
Cobourg	62 67 115 85			20 90 14 40	58 86 584
St. Lawrence	152 67			92 54	501
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Total Expenditure.

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EXPENDITURE. Paid for Furniture and Regalia. No. of Lodge. Other Expendi-Total Expendi-NAME OF LODGE. Vorking Expenses. Invested. ture. ture. \$ 15 129 $\begin{array}{c} {\color{red} {\rm s}} {\color{black}{\rm c}} {\color{black}{\rm c}} {\color{black}{\rm c}} {\color{black}{\rm s}} {\color{black}{\rm c}} {\color{black}{\rm s}} {\color{blac}$ \$ \$ Georgian Bay Wood-lee Chesley Hensall c C \$ 166 175 93 181 395 455 75 951 632 476 152 56 c 79 38 c 12 88 40 34 49 13 96 64 53 50 87 87 86 92 46 91 364 13

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 Stirling

 Carloon

 Wilson

 Thornbury.

 Port Arthur

 Mallorytown

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 Gordon

 Campbellford

 Bacebridge

 Floral

 Floral

 Gradi Valley

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 Credit.

 Meaford.

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 Norwood.

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 Landowne.

 North Bay

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	REC	EIPTS OF LOI	DGES.	1.
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\$ c 0 10 00 2 00 82 00 38 00 35 00 60 00 7 00 224 00 57 50	\$ c 176 50 47 96 82 02 151 50 268 40 138 72 77 12 634 10 88 00 200 77 157 50	\$ c 85 00 46 05 62 50 7 50 210 90 3 90 122 10 28 70 122 10 0 00	\$ c 10 29 1.65 3 75 60. 141 50 28 00 2 30 -	\$ c
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42 90 30 00 64 25 15 00 71 00 18 00 80 00 6 00 155 00 19 50 19 50	248 24 206 75 105 00 137 50 138 58 163 00 24 00 91 50 91 50 317 73 74 58 169 87 411 70 69 64 420 20 168 50	48 50 78 76 156 44 49 75 49 75 28 53 33 89 5 59 17 00 24 59 22 03 66 50 9 00	7 60 152 00 25 15 80 92 50 45 25 60 3 92 47 30 2 00 50 1 50	207 50 47 96 122 31 135 05 400 20 238 82 110 620 1238 82 110 620 126 50 126 50 120 20 120
77 00 35 00 17 00 48 00 17 20	$\begin{array}{c} 215 \ 45 \\ 173 \ 00 \\ 114 \ 00 \\ 278 \ 23 \\ 165 \ 00 \\ 299 \ 10 \\ 152 \ 50 \\ 134 \ 52 \\ 69 \ 50 \\ 120 \ 55 \end{array}$	50 00 95 36 51 15 63 10 12 25 119 50 27 52 31 20	1 20 04 1 20 31 27 207 86 - 1 00 1 05 1 00 30	206 65 345 40 166 35 407 60 177 25 643 46 153 50 211 09 87 70 152 05
18 00 258 00 3 75	179 75 355 00 170 50	15 00 162 00	83 00 19 00 1 15	295 75 794 00 175 40

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			Б.	XPENDITU	RE.	
-	NAME OF LODGE.	Working Ex- penses.	Paid for Furniture and Regalia.	Invested.	Other Expendi- ture.	Total Expendi- ture.
	Palmoral Arthur	66 50 31 31 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55	55 00 17 00 14 22 10 2 11 22 11 22 37 3 9 54	1000 00 1000 00 25 00	30 07 3 11 1 12 55 23 85 23 85 17 27 7 40 4 75 4 75 4 75 2 65 4 75 4 75 4 75 4 75 4 75 4 75 4 75 4 85 4 75 4 75	\$ 103 8 401 5 200 0
ALT OF THE OWNER	31st Dec., 1896 30th June, 1896	30895 40 33928 27	2347 4 7908 2	2 31959 29 46718 69	13205 83	116899 0 142615 3

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Initiations, Ad- mission by Card and Degrees.	Dues and Rein- statements.	Rent, Interest and Dividends.	All other Sources.	Total Receipts.	
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Total Expenditure.

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ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS. ASSETS-HOW INVESTED. pure and Assets. and of Lodge. Bank Treas-NAME OF LODGE. Invested in Mortgages a Securities. Invested in Buildings a Lands. Furniture a Regalia. nvested in or in T urer's b All other Cash i No. \$ c 5200 00 4143 31 $\begin{array}{c} \$ & c \\ 328 & 49 \\ 1647 & 57 \\ 1280 & 13 \\ 779 & 29 \\ 50 & 94 \\ 248 & 50 \\ 505 & 64 \\ 483 & 77 \\ 175 & 00 \\ 2052 & 42 \\ 197 & 37 \\ 248 & 20 \\ 2052 & 42 \\ 197 & 37 \\ 211 & 09 \\ 1704 & 22 \\ 190 & 47 \\ 84 & 18 \\ 240 & 88 \\ 592 & 27 \\ 2522 & 00 \\ 400 & 157 & 34 \\ \end{array}$ \$ c 100 00 \$ c 431 75 596 33 300 15 237 24 201 78 140 00 365 05 340 00 255 75 46 64 1025 09 $\begin{array}{c} \$ & c \\ 900 & 00 \\ 1846 & 81 \\ 875 & 00 \\ 1717 & 35 \\ 990 & 00 \\ 1115 & 50 \\ 990 & 00 \\ 990 & 220 \\ 00 \\ 990 & 220 \\ 00 \\ 327 \\ 2173 & 15 \\ 600 & 00 \\ 250 & 00 \\ 327 \\ 2173 & 15 \\ 600 & 00 \\ 1020 & 00 \\ 1500 & 00 \\ 2174 & 00 \\ 378 & 42 \\ 2174 & 00 \\ 378 & 42 \\ 2174 & 00 \\ 865 & 00 \\ 946 & 21 \\ 100 & 00 \\ 1000 & 00 \end{array}$ Brock Cataraqui Otonabee Union 5900 00 1473 15 12080 00 Phœnix.... Rose..... Chatham..... 3150 00 10400 00 11881 00 100 00 2700 00 4729 78 800 00 17100 00 6000 00 9000 00 11881 00 1 110 60 547 19 357 03 244 02 2137 07 20069 55 Avon, Excelsion, Frontier, Mung Zion Mung Zion Common Dominion Canada Otter Bissell Covenant. Ningara Falls. Colling wood Fidelity Queen City of Ontario. Howard. Kingston Cornthian Huron Barrie Victoria. Firendship Florence Nightingale.. $\begin{array}{c} 12060 & 0.0 \\ 1100 & 0.0 \\ 6825 & 0.0 \\ 12000 & 0.0 \\ 6145 & 0.0 \\ 7000 & 0.0 \end{array}$ 138 10 3440 00 750 00 68 73 219 80 161 88 735 83 461 50 692 00 1000 00 1600 00 6300 00 $\begin{array}{c} 133 & 16\\ 900 & 00\\ 2175 & 00\\ 200 & 00\\ 93 & 13\\ 815 & 00\\ 1000 & 00\\ 900 & 00\\ 1570 & 25\\ 809 & 72\\ 900 & 00\\ 1570 & 25\\ 809 & 72\\ 900 & 00\\ 1400 & 00\\ 1300 & 00\\ 1300 & 00\\ \end{array}$ 331 173 80 40 14 00 6902 17 4450 00 4043 37 900 00 5142 00 529 79 109 50 137 75 533 50 387 48 142 04 175 87 21 00 2400 00 5900 00 4000 00 4877 60 1400 00 14000 00 4875 57 126 50 North Star. Hope. Lucan. The Toronto. Eastern Star. 3000 00 890 00 554 74 222 78 250 00 Enstern Star Fergus Bothwell Warriner St. Thomas Oxford... Durham... Unipissing Amity... Beavern... Beavern... Walkerton... Constellation. 5426 13 136 00 203 10 595 75 1300 00 11216 73 700 00 4960 25 271 27 103 67 92 00 355 15 50 00 4522 13 200 00 35 06 85 35 50 00 1880 55 2500 00

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LODGE LI	ABILITIES.	1		FUNDS.			1
Due on Build- ings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.	No. of Lodge.
\$ c 3333 33 4000 00 3333 33 7800 00 3000 00 3333 33 2000 00	\$ c 131 10 131 00 167 54 63 00 2956 56 2750 00 2777 13 72 231 25 137 72 231 25 137 75 195 00 500 00 500 00 500 00 500 00 500 58 500 500 58 500 500 58 500 500 58 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 5	\$ c 60600 24 75699 10 2352 51 290632 85 24633 41 4342 50 9643 31 16466 90 10128 57 8667 67 22235 74 10225 57 1035 78 10456 78 10455 78 10055 78 100	\$ c 322 50 280 00 289 00 269 00 1446 38 504 73 5138 21 5438 21	\$ c 171 32 66 06 13 50 59 00 454 89 92 73 1 25 13 40 8 38 8 38 20 80 20 80 488 19 36 05 36 05 31 50	50 18	\$ c 60900 24 80020 25 20552 28 20552 88 20552 88 20552 88 20552 88 20552 88 20552 88 20552 88 20552 88 100225 77 122020 52 30523 50 14707 8159 10725 88 11878 89 10725 87 11878 875 11878 br>11878 875 11878 875 11878 875 11	
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LODGE LI	ABILITIES.		6	FUNDS.		1.
Due on Build- ings and Lands.	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.
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		2292 66	711 21 376 50			7988 85 3007 10 5306 83 8472 22 2669 16
	70 00 49 00 30 00	2588 93		59 86		2688 93
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		1659 11				1659 11
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		825 96	844 10 1112 98 339 20 745 00	61 85 5 24 16 47 3 57		$\begin{array}{c} 1145 \ 12\\ 1659 \ 11\\ 4507 \ 26\\ 3116 \ 06\\ 1955 \ 41\\ 1022 \ 35\\ 2894 \ 26\\ 3779 \ 92\\ 3447 \ 37\\ 1618 \ 87\\ 1926 \ 00\\ 2901 \ 51\\ \end{array}$
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		2901 51				2901 51
		4123 43				4123 43
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LODGE L	ABILITTES.	_	y its	FUNDS.		
Due on Build- ings and Lands,	Other Debts.	General Benefit Fund.	W. and O. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Nurse Fund.	Total Funds.
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	82 25	6315 14	119 97	20 85		*********
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	61 30	2765 57 5186 24 2870 71				3145 86 2765 67 5186 24 2870 71

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LODGE LIABILITIES.			Contraction of	FUNDS.		
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Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

SESSION OF 1897.

BELLEVILLE AUG. 10, 1807.

The Seventh Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario convened in the Oddfellows' Hall, Belleville, this day, at 9 o'clock a.m., all the Officers and Representatives being present. Sister Laura E. Ryan, President, in the chair.

His Worship, Bro. J. W. Johnson, Esq., Mayor of Belleville, read the following address of welcome :

To the Assembly of the Daughters of Rebekah.

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Ladies,-The pleasing duty falls to my lot of welcoming the Assembly of the Daughters of Rebekah to the city of Belleville. I speak the sentiments of all our

Daughters of Rebekah to the city of Belleville. I speak the sentiments of all our people when I say that we deem it an honor to have you in our midst. You are affiliated with an Order which is practising the high Christian duty and obligation of bearing one another's burdens. For about a quarter of a century the noble principles of Oddfellowship have been actively exercised in our community. Those in sickness have received attendance and sympathy; the helping hand has been held out to those in poverty and distress, causing joy and hope to take the place of misery and despair; and the last hours of many a brother have been comforted by the presence of his fellows and, with the assur-ance that those near and dear to him would be guided and helped after he has gone. The men who practise such virtues have reason to respect themselves, and the community that is benefited by them would fail in its duty did it not feel

grateful and give expression to its gratitude. Your own special and self-imposed duty—that of caring for the orphans—is among the noblest possible to humanity. While your work merits and commands admiration and thankfulness, it must bring to your own hearts that satisfaction which follows unselfish interests in and care for those unable to care for themselves.

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Belleville is now only second to Toronto as a convention city. Its citizens believe that it is in itself and with its surroundings the most charming and attractive place of residence in our fair Dominion. We are always pleased to have visitors, as they invariably leave the "City of the Bay" in harmony with our have visitors, as they invariably leave the bity of the bay in the they in the theory of the bay in the theory of the bay in the theory of the bay in the bay in the bay in the bay is a strong desire to return. You are welcome now, and I do not doubt that your experience of the city, as well as that of the members of Grand Lodge, will be so pleasant and agreeable that, although your place of meeting may not be permanently fixed in Belleville, it will be the place most frequently visited in the future, when an equally hearty welcome will await you.

Our worthy President, Sister Laura E. Ryan, replied as follows :

J. W. Johnson, Esq., Mayor of Belleville :

DEAR SIR,-On behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I desire to thank you for the cordial welcome you have extended to us. If you deem it an honor to have the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of which we have the honor to be a branch, meet in your fair city, we, in return, deem it a pleasure to accept your kind invitation and feel assured that we are

The principles of Oddfellowship are but the innate principles of woman's nature, and it was soon discovered that she was even better qualified to assist in carrying out the noble principles of our beloved Order-to visit the sick, relieve the distressed and educate the orphan-than man, and that it was more congenial

A careful study of the principles of our Order will lift the thoughts and purposes of men and women to a level where all can unite their energies for the good of their fellow creatures ; will elevate them into a realm far above all petty disputes and animosities, a realm where all mankind needs to come.

We as members of the Rebekah Degree, have pledged ourselves to labor We, as members of the Rebekah Degree, have pledged ourselves to labor

uuder the banner of Friendship, Love and Truth.

The great object in which this great Sisterhood seems most earnest in its labors is the providing of homes for the orphan children. / Oddfellowship fights no selfash battles; its struggles are all for the welfare of others. Here within its mystic temples day by day it lovingly cares for, feeds, clothes and educates its helpless orphan children, sweet, bright, interesting boys and girls; here by its magic power it is constantly changing the darkness of despair into bright, beautiful, tinted rays of hope, and transforming sorrow and adversity into joy and prosperity.

Thanking you again for your hearty welcome, and trusting that the friend-ships here made and renewed will expand into greater channels for the bettering of the world, I remain,

Yours faithfully.

Belleville, August 10th, 1897.

LAURA E. RYAN,

President Rebekah Assembly.

Bro. L. B. Cooper, Chairman of General Committee, read the following address of welcome in behalf of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Belleville :

To the President, Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly :

DEAR SISTERS, -- The Oddfellows of Belleville welcome you most heartily to the fair "City of the Bay," and trust that your stay among us may prove

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pleasurable to you all. We recognize the value and importance of the work you are doing, which not only tends to the growth of Oddfellowship, but exhibits the more tender phase thereof. Taking as your example some of the noble, women whose deeds of love are recorded in Holy Scripture, we believe you are also striving to act in the Spirit of Him "who though he was rich yet for our sakes he became poor", to whom the sick, the needy and the friendless never appealed in vain. We, of the Brotherhood, do our part as best we can in carrying out the sublime teaching of Oddfellowship, but gladly yield the palm to the fair Daughters of Rebekah, whose presence in a sick room is so invaluable. You remember the words of Scott :

"O, Woman in our hours of ease, Uncertain, coy, and hard to please, And variable as the shade By the light quivering aspen made : When pain and anguish wring the brow A ministering Angel thou."

We subscribe to the latter sentiment especially, and believe that the institu-tion of the Rebekah Degree has been of incalculable benefit to the Order. We trust that continued prosperity may be enjoyed by you, that your members may increase and your work become more widely known and appreciated. Discouragements and difficulties you may, doubtless, meet with at times, but let it cheer you to know that the Great Master of all, who dwelleth on high, recognized woman's work and worth, and that you may each gain His blessed approval, "She hath done what she could."

> "Not she with am'rous kiss her Saviour stung, Not she denied Him with unholy tongue, She, while Apostles shrank, could dangers brave. Last at His Cross and earliest at His grave."

With best wishes for the Daughters of Rebekah and that your visit may be both pleasant and profitable.

We are on behalf of the I.O.O.F., of Bellville,

Fraternally,

L. B. COOPER.

Chairman General Committee.

The President, Sister Laura E. Ryan, acknowledged the address in happy terms :

Bro. L. B. Cooper, Chairman :

It affords me very great pleasure, on behalf of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, to accept the cordial invitation you have extended to us.

We are delighted with your fair " City of the Bay," and will endeavor to see as

much of it as possible during our stay among you. There is one thing I regret, and that is that, while you recognize the value of our branch of the Order, you have not a lodge of Rebekahs in your midjat. I trust that the day is not far distant when you will see the necessity of joining hands with the Sisters in the noble work of caring for those in distress

The rapid growth in membership and usefulness of our Order during the last ten years is doubtless largely due to the impetus given by the zeal and enthusiasm with which the Rebekahs entered upon the performance of their duties. In addition to its social aims and objects, its great work now is to aid in the estab-lishment and maintenance of homes for aged Oddfellows, widows and orphans, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed and in every way to assist subordinate and to

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sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Oddfellows who are in trouble and want.

The new law allows women to join us upon her own character and herown individual merit, and in doing so passed upon women the highest compliment that could be paid to her sex. No other fraternal society on earth has as yet so highly complimented women. The enlistment of women in this great work has proven itself to have been a happy thought, and while Schuyler Colfax himself doubless never dreamed of the great blessings that would flow to our race from it, he is, neverthess, and always will be entitled to the honor of being the author of the Rebekah Degree.

I trust that it will be found in the future, as has been demonstrated in the past, that the Rebekahs will willingly perform whatever their hands find to do, and that they will as time grows apace work more assiduously for the protection and the relief of the destitute and needy, and that the obstacles that appeared as mountains in the past will melt away in the future under the flow of their enthusiasm and the weight of their constancy and devotion.

"There are three words that sweetly blend To bless the lives of youth, They form a chain that has no end, They're Friendship, Love and Truth. They form a chain whose every link Is free from base alloy; A stream where whosever drinks Will find refreshing joy. They build an altar where each day Love's offering is renewed; And peace illumes with genial ray Life's darkned solitude."

With best wishes to the brothers, hoping they may soon be all Rebekahs.

Fraternally yours,

LAURA E. RYAN,

President Rebekah Assembly.

The President, Sister Laura E. Ryan, then called the Assembly to order.

The Opening Ode was sung, and prayer offered by the Chaplain, Sister Agnes Berry, when the Assembly was declared duly opened for business.

The President then appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Sisters M. Waddell, Assembly Secretary; Mrs. Alma Brill and Miss Minnie Lennox.

Sister M. Waddell, from Committee on Credentials, made the following report which was adopted :

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To the Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F .:

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials of the following representives, find them correct, those below named being duty entitled to represent their respective lodges at the present session :

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Lodge.	No.	Location.	Representative
Victoria Ruth Oshawa	I	London	MRS. MARY PEARSE.
Ruth	2	Stratford	MRS. KATE SOUTHWELL.
Oshawa	3	Oshawa	MRS. M. L. THOMAS.
May Queen	5	London	MRS. E. SMALL.
Naomi	6	Windsor	MRS. MAGGIE JONES.
Naomi	6	Windsor	MRS. JANE DOUGLAS.
Naomi	7	Pt. Edward	
Louise	10	Kingston	MRS. ANNIE MCWATERS.
Louise	10	Kingston	MRS. EDITH REYNOLDS.
Beatrice	12	Guelph	MRS. ALMA BRILL.
Beatrice		Guelph	MRS. RACHEL MAHONEY.
Jubilee	13	Chatham	MRS. NELLIE DODSON.
Edna		St. Thomas	MRS. MARY BROWN.
Harmony		Gananoque	MRS. MARY E. TANER.
Olive Branch		Toronto	MISS MINNIE LENNOX.
Olive Branch		Toronto	MRS. MARY LEADER.
Myrtle	17	Elora	MISS LOUISE WEBSTER.
Excelsior		Bridgeburg	MRS. MARY KENNEDY.
Mizpah		Collingwood	MISS SARA NETTLETON.
Donalda	20	North Bay	MRS. HATTIE EDDY.
Flora	21	Sault Ste. Marie	MRS. FLORA C. BROWN.
Lucknow	22	Lucknow	MRS. MAGGIE REID.
Inglewood	23	Waterford	MRS. L. MESSECAR.
Prudence	24	Brantford	MISS O. L. PATTISON.
Alberta	25	Kincardine	MISS CILINDA WALKER.
Ivy		Galt	MISS MARY DENNIS.
Ivy	26.	Galt	MRS. SUSIE DENNIS.
Esther	27	Niagara Falls	MISS ELLEN L. HULL.
Colfax	28	Sarnia	MRS. J. EASTON
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At-the-Well	29	Almonte	MRS. JANE MCCALLUM.
Aberdeen	30	Desoronto	MRS. NAN HARVEY.
Hebron	31	Toronto	MRS. M. A. GIVENS.
Coila		Ottawa	MRS. ELIZA REYNOLDS.
Maple Leaf	33	Brockville	MISS MARY SEATON.
Olivette		Wingham	MRS. KATE MOWAT.
Pansy		Amherstburg	MISS LIZZIE BRETT.
Rachel		Toronto	MRS. EMMA SEELS.
Rowena		Paris	
Justitia		Hamilton	MRS. M. A. STODDART.
Margaret		Waubaushene	MRS. FRANKIE BETTES.
Hazel		Ottawa	MRS. NELLIE ASHER.
Florence		Harriston	MRS. F. WATSON.
Pandora		Blenheim	MISS EUPHEMIE BURSE.
Rose		Woodstock	MRS. ALICE SACKRIDER.
Harriett		Renfrew	MRS. ANNIE CLARK.
Peachland		Leamington	MRS. LAURA SMITH.
Ideal		Ruthven	MRS. CHARLES C. TYPPS.
Eastern Star .		Cornwall	MRS. FLORENCE GIBBONS.
Lilly	49	Kingsville	MRS. ZORA SCRATCH.

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

MAGGIE WADDELL, Alma Brill. Minnie Lennox.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was then called, when the following Officers and all of the Representatives were present :

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Vice-President	SISTER	LAURA E. RYAN.	
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Secretary		MAGGIE WADDELL	
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Inside Guard	"	AMELIA PULFORD.	
Outside Guard	""	EMMA HARDIE.	
Chaplain		DAMAA HARDIE.	
		AGNES BERRY.	

On proceeding to read the minutes of the last session, the following was adopted :

On motion of Sister Minnie Lennox, seconded by Sister Mary Brown :

Resolved, — That the minutes of last session be adopted, as printed in Grand Lodge Journal :

The President appointed the following Committees :

ON DISTRIBUTION.—Sisters Maggie A. Pearce, Nell Ackland, Winnie Bascom, Mary E. Tanner, Bro. R. Brockbank.

ON ELECTION RETURNS.—Sisters L. M. Edgar, Sara Nettleton, Emma Seels, Jane McCallum.

ON FINANCE.—Sisters Edith Reynolds, Ella McFarlane, Florence Watson, Mary Pearse, Bro. Henry Johnston.

ON LEGISLATION.—Sisters Alma Brill, Nellie Asher, Susie Dennis, Maggie Jones, Bro. John Davidson.

ON JUDICIARY.—Sisters O. L. Pattison, T. L. Gibbons, Winnie Bascom, Laura Smith, M. L. Thomas.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER .--- Sisters Maggie Pearce, Alice Sackrider, Annie Clark, Kate Southwell, Flora C. Brown.

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ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM .- Sisters Minnie Lennox, Eliza Reynolds, Mrs. Chas. C. Typps, Elizabeth Taylor, M. A. Stoddart.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE .- Sisters Mary Brown, Jane McCallum, Rachel Mahoney, Mary Kennedy, Ellen L. Hull,

SPECIAL NO 1 .- Sisters Emma Seels, Maggie Reid, Roxa Beemer, J. Easton, Euphemia Bruce.

SPECIAL No. 2 .- Sisters Jane Douglas, E. Small, C. Walker, Mary Seaton, Zora Scratch.

The President, Sister Laura E. Ryan, then presented her report, which, on motion of Sister Jane Douglas, seconded by Sister Edith Reynolds, was referred to Committee on Distribution :

BELLEVILLE, August 10, 1897.

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To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario :

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS :- Another year has passed since we met together, and we assemble here in this beautiful "City of the Bay " to legislate for Let us give thanks to The Supreme Ruler of the universe, and ask that His

blessing may be upon all our deliberations.

I extend to you all a hearty welcome. Words cannot express my thanks for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me to the position of President. I have endeavored faithfully to perform the duties to the best of my ability.

It is a great pleasure to meet the familiar faces of those who have met with us in past years, and also all delegates, especially those who are here for the first time

We have assembled here from all parts in Ontario to review the work of the ast year and to devise the best methods for promoting the welfare of our Order.

May Friendship, Love and Truth prevail ! This being the Jubilee of Odd/ellowship, as well as of our gracious Queen, I trust that the members of the Rebekah Branch will put forth every effort to assist in the establishment of an Oddfellows' and Orphans' Home in Ontario. In no other way could we celebrate it that would be more in keeping with the teachings of the Order.

1. I am pleased to report that, notwithstanding the depression throughout the country and the number of suspensions, we still show a slight increase in membership. It is a matter for serious reflection as to what can be done to avoid membership. At is a matter tor serious renection as to what can be done to avoid suspensions. I judge from the correspondence I have received that want of benefits seem to be the greatest cause why so many brothers allow themselves to drop out. If they would only stay with us, it would encourage us in the great work. We certainly do not receive the support from them as a body to which we are entitled. The subject is one which should engage the serious attention of the Assembly. the Assembly,

The membership is reported to be 3,000.

It is much to be regretted that the reports of lodges are so slow in being sent to Sister Waddell, leaving, in many instances, only a day or two for the officers to prepare their reports. A fine should certainly be imposed upon the delinquent secretary. I trust the representatives will impress upon their lodges the necessity for promptness in this matter.

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The following Lodges have been instituted during my official years, namely :-

Violet Lodge, ins Our Sisters Lodge,		July Oct.	23,	1896,	by	Sister	Waddell
Viola Lodge,	••	Dec.	17.	1896,	by		Ryan.
Queen Lodge,	"	Nov.	20	1896,	bu	**	
Ruth Lodge,	"	Anr	30,	1897,	by		Bascom.
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Several places have been considering the advisability of starting lodges, but as yet have not done so. Among these places are Belleville, Morrisburg, Owen Sound, Petrolia, Strathroy and Smith's Falls.

Immediately after the last session of Grand Lodge, Grand Master White issued the commissions to the D. D.G.M's., with which he also enclosed a circular request mem to report to the President. Out of 38 deputies I have only well reports from six. I consider that any member of the Order receiving these honors should at least, if only out of courtesy, comply with the instructions they receive.

I would recommend that in future the deputies report to the Assembly in place of the reports which the delegates usually bring.

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	Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16	Siste	r E. Stanfield.
	Eastern Star Lodge	Bro.	F. Bissett

2. I received a communication from Past Grand Sire Campbell, Nov. 18, 1896, asking if I would act with Grand Lodge Home Committee. I decided that it would be in the best interests of the Rebekah Branch to have someone act with me, so I accordingly appointed Past President Sister Elizabeth Lee, who will report on what has been done.

3. Sister Waddell informs me that \$117.00 has been received during the year for the Home Fund, making a total of \$344.16. The fund, although small, is a start in the right direction, and I feel sure that when the sisters see that a home has been secured, there is not a Rebekah Lodge but would furnish a room and assist the brothers in the noble work of caring for the distressed. I received Subordinate Lodges' fund. I at once issued a circular asking them to keep the Rebekah Fund separate and forward it to the secretary of the Assembly.

In due course of time I appointed the following committees :

Committee on Laws : Bro. Brockbank, Chairman ; Sisters Waddell, St. Thomas ; M. A. Pearce ; Seels, Toronto ; E. Lee, Kingston.

Printing and Supplies : Sisters Waddell, St. Thomas ; Luscombe, Sarnia ; Dodson, Chatham.

4. In October I issued a circular to the lodges, asking them to be diligent and prompt in all matters pertaining to the Rebekah Branch, I trust good results have followed it.

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In December the lodges received a circular from Grand Secretary King, stating that new Rituals and official receipts would be ready in January, and that it was a mandate from the Sovereign Grand Lodge and as such must be obeyed. I regret to state that great dissatisfaction was caused when the new Rituals had been perused, they being the old ones re-arranged, and so re-arranged as to destroy the beauty and diminish the strength. The official receipt is one which I understand Grand Lodge intends taking action on. I would recommend that this Assembly protest against such a tax being placed upon them. It is detrimental to our branch of the Order, and as such we should ask to have the law rescinded.

5. At the last session of Sovereign Grand Lodge a universal sign of recognition was adopted whereby a sister may be recognized by a brother irrespective of his being in possession of the Rebekah Degree. I wrote Grand Master White asking when it would be communicated to the different lodges. He replied that if had not been brought to his official notice. In reply to numerous enquiries as to when we would receive it, I stated that it would be given at this session of the Assembly.

6. It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of Bro. W. Badenach, Grand Treasurgr, which sad event took place on February 20th. There is no brother who will be missed among the Rebekahs more than he will. He was ever ready to assist either in business or pleasure. His faithful, devoted service of 20 years as Grand Treasurer have endeared him to all who attended the sessions of Grand Lodge. I was present at the funeral, representing the Rebekahs of Ontario.

7. Nov. 23rd, I wired the State Assembly of Illinois the following message : "The Rehekahs of Ontario wish to convey through me to you their heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement--the death of your Chaplain."

Fraternally Yours.

LAURA E. RYAN, President.

The Chaplain was attending to the opening devotional exercises, and had just repeated the words "Our Father" when the Angel of Death called her home. I regret to report the death of Sister Elder, D.D.G.M., which sad event took place before she had returned home from the Assembly.

8. I desire to thank the Assembly officers for the kind words of sympathy expressed to Brother Ryan and myself in our bereavement, the loss of his mother.

I visited officially Colfax Lodge of Sarnia. Owing to their not being any funds placed at the disposal of the President, my visits were confined to the Toronto Lodges. There were a number of instances where I think it would have been to the best interests of the Order had I visited in my official capacity.

Owing to the resignation of Sister Annie Short, Outside Guardian, I appointed Sister E. Hardy.

9. I have endeavored promptly to answer all questions submitted to me according to laws and constitution laid down for our government, and when in doubt have submitted them to Grand Master White, to whom I am greatly indebted for his promptness in giving advice and counsel; also to Grand Secretary King for courtesies extended.

Owing to there not being a Rebekah Lodge at Belleville, I invited Aberdeen Lodge of Deseronton, to hold a special meeting to exemplify the beautiful work, it being to the interests of the Order that every facility should be offered to induce

representatives to Grand Lodge to take the degrees, with the end in view of instituting Rebekah Lodges in their localities.

I am pleased to bear testimony to the zeal and energy of our Secretary, Sister Waddell, with whom my relations during the year have been pleasant and agreeable.

In conclusion I return the sacred trust you entrusted me with. It has been to me a labor of love, and I ask for my successor in office that you extend to her the same loyal support you have extended to me; and to-day as we wear the pink and green, emblematic of steadfast friendship and eternal love, may we keep ever upward and onward with our banner of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Fraternally yours,

LAURA E. RYAN, President.

Sister Maggie Waddell, Assembly Secretary, then read her Annual Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

BELLVILLE, August 10th, 1897.

To the Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F .:

Again we meet at the close of another year. Still spurred by the never failing desire for progress and success.

The Assemblies' prosperity is my constant thought ; toward this end all my efforts are lent, and judging from the rapid progress made during the past seven years that I have had the honor to be your Secretary, others are similarly interested.

And the very fact that we are holding our seventh annual Assembly, with so large a representation as I witness before me, is the strongest evidence, the best indication that we are right, that we are gaining rapidly in numbers, in enthusi-asm and importance, and let us hope, in well doing.

asm and importance, and let us hope, in well doing. My first work on returning home from Sarnia, was to complete the minutes of our last session ready for printing. As soon as compiled, I sent them to Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary, to have them printed in Grand Lodge Journal, as ordered by Grand Lodge, with an order for 150 copies for distribution. On November 13th, I received a letter from Bro. King stating that by some unac-countable accident the 150 extra copies were not run off, and he had not noticed the mistake until too late to correct, the type having been distributed, and that it would cost too much to re-set. So he kindly sent me a copy of the bound Journal for each heffer and officer, which I sent out as soon as received. for each lodge and officer, which I sent out as soon as received.

I have had many applications from sister secretaries for a copy of the pro-ceedings of the Ontario Assembly, and no one regrets it more than I, that we are unable to supply them. I am pleased to be able to state that we have added seven loiges this year,

namely :

1. Violet Lodge, No. 52, Otterville, instituted July 24th, 1896, by Mrs. Maggie Waddell, Secretary of Assembly, assisted by the staff of Rose Lodge, Woodstock.

Our Sisters, No. 7, Point Edward, resuscitated October 15th, 1896, by Mrs-Maggie Waddell, Secretary of Assembly, assisted by the staff of Colfax Lodger Sarnia.

Viola Lodge, No. 53, Toronto, instituted December 17th, 1896, by Mrs.

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Queen Lodge, No. 54; Hespeler, instituted April 3rd, 1897, by Mrs. Winnie Bascom, assisted by the staff of Ivy Lodge, Galt.

Ruth Lodge, No. 2, Stratford, resuscitated April 29th, 1897, by Mrs Laura E. Ryan, President of Assembly, assisted by Mrs. Maggie Waddell, Secretary of Assembly.

Woodslee Lodge, No. 55, Woodslee, instituted May 12th, 1897, by Sister L. M. Edgar, assisted by the staff of Naomi Lodge, Windsor.

Ruby Lodge, No. 56, Mount Forest, instituted June 15th, 1897, by Mrs. Florence Watson, assisted by staff of Florence Lodge, Harriston.

2. The correspondence of the office grows greater each year, and through this medium I have come to feel almost as strong a personal interest in each lodge in the jurisdiction as though I held membership in all. One of the brightest memories in connection with the labors of this office is its close communications, with the rank and file of our membership.

One letter, perhaps, brings discouraging news, or perplexing questions from another, while the next brings joyful tidings of progress in another lodge. Each is welcome, and I have always endeavored to be willing and ready to weep with those who mourn as to rejoice with those who are glad.

I have written and sent out about twelve hundred letters, cards and circulars. I have also spent a great deal of time writing up the "Rebekah History", for the Fraternity Publishing Company, a book that no doubt the most of you have in your homes ere this.

3. The following gives a concise form of the present standing of the Rebekah Lodges of Ontario :

Victoria. No. 1, London, had at last report 8 Brothers, 20 Sisters. Total, 28. Assets \$68.44. Present membership 8 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total 27. Present assets, \$74.06.

Ruth Lodge, No. 2, Stratford, has been resuscitated since our last session on April 29th, 1897; present membership 25 Brothers, 45 Sisters. Total, 70. Present assets, \$27.04.

Oshawa, No. 3, Oshawa, had at last report 11 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total 44. Assets, \$203.64. Present membership 10 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total, 38. Present assets, \$216.05.

May Queen, No. 5, London, had at last report 11 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total, 50. Assets, \$351.32. Present membership 17 Brothers, 46 Sisters. Total, 63. Present assets, \$262.25.

Naomi, No. 6, Windsor, had at last report 26 Brothers, 52 Sisters. Total, 78. Assets \$163.21. Present membership 31 Brothers, 70 Sisters. Total, 101. Present assets, \$826.06.

Our Sisters, No. 7, Point Edward, resuscitated October 15th, 1896. Present membership 19 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 55. Present assets, \$38.73.

Louise, No. 10, Kingston, had at last report 116 Brothers, 53 Sisters. Total, 169. Assets \$349.17. Present membership 62 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total, 103. Present assets, \$401.98.

Beatrice, No. 12, had at last report 49 Brothers, 52 Sisters. Total, 101. Assets \$275.46. Present membership 48 Brothers, 53 Sisters. Total, 101. Present assets, \$260.91.

Jubilee, No. 13, Chatham, had at last report 6 Brothers, 8 Sisters. Total,

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Colfax, No. 28, Sarnia, had at last report 33 Brothers, 55 Sisters. Total, 88. Assets \$18.68. Present membership 91 Brothers, 52 Sisters. Total, 143. Present assets, \$19.93.

At-the-Well, No. 29, Almonte, had at last report 14 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total, 52. Assets \$45.57. Present membership 19 Brothers, 40 Sisters. Total 59. Present assets, \$61.09.

Aberdeen, No. 30, Deseronto, had at last report 26 Brothers, 41 Sisters.

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14. Present membership 4 Brothers, 7 Sisters. Total 11. Present assets, \$42. 85.

Edia, No. 14, St. Thomas, had at last report 29 Brothers, 43 Sisters-Total, 72. Assets \$439.60. Present membership 26 Brothers, 45 Sisters. Total, 71. Present assets, \$445.63.

Harmony, No. 15, Gananoque, had at last report 21 Brothers, 62 Sisters. Total, 83. Assets \$392.98. Pres Total, 66. Present assets, \$379.21. Assets \$392.98. Present membership 12 Brothers, 54 Sisters.

Olive Branch, No. 16, Toronto, had at last report 103 Brothers, 82 Sisters. Total, 185. Assets \$482.06. Present membership 71 Brothers, 69 Sisters. Total, 140. Present assets, \$340.38.

Mystic Lodge, No. 17, Elora, had at last report 21 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total, 49. Assets \$78.57. Present membership 7 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total, 20. Present assets, \$80.42.

Excelsior, No. 18, Bridgeburg, had at last report 16 Brothers, 47 Sisters, Total, 63. Assets \$57.49. Present membership 18 Brothers, 39 Sisters. 57. Present assets, \$681.88. Total.

Mizpah, No. 19, Collingwood, had at last report 26 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total, 54. Assets \$30.80. Present membership 22 Brothers, 23 Sisters. Total, 45. Present assets, \$15.02.

Donalda, No. 20, North Bay, had at last report 28 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total, 54. Assets \$30.80. Pr Total, 36. Present assets, \$17.80. Assets \$30.80. Present membership 16 Brothers, 20 Sisters.

Flora Lodge, No. 21, Sault Ste. Marie, had at last report 11 Brothers, 8 Sisters. Total, 19. Assets \$73.41. Present membership 11 Brothers, 8 Sisters. Total, 19. Present assets, \$73.41.

Lucknow, No. 22, Lucknow, had at last report 26 Brothers, 29 Sisters. Total, 55. Assets \$72.25. Present membership 23 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total, 50. Present assets, \$52.77.

Inglewood, No. 23, Waterford, had at last report 12 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total, 30. Assets \$25,73. Present membership 9 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total, 22. Present assets, \$28.37.

Prudence, No. 24, Brantford, had at last report 23 Brothers, 62 Sisters. Total, 85. Assets \$80.11. Present membership 18 Brothers, 43 Sisters. Total, 61. Present assets, \$60.86.

Alberta, No. 25, Kincardine, had at last report 23 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total, 57. Assets \$3.23. Present membership 21 Brothers, 31 Sisters. Total, 52. Present assets, \$6.41.

Ivy, No. 26, Galt, had at last report 59 Brothers, 56 Sisters, Total, 115, Assets \$275.90. Present membership 62 Brothers, 64 Sisters. Total, 126. Present assets, \$331.67. Esther, No. 27, Niagara Falls, had at last report 28 Brothers, 28 Sisters. al, 56. Assets \$49.85. Present membership 31 Brothers, 37 Sisters. Total, 67. Assets \$51.14. Present membership 39 Brothers, 45 Sisters. Total, 84. Present assets, \$36.08.

Hebron, No. 31, York, had at last report 21 Brothers, 9 Sisters. Total, 30. Assets \$23.21. Present membership 14 Brothers, 6 Sisters. Total, 20. Present assets, \$25.67.

Coila, No. 32, Ottawa, had at last report 50 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total, 83. Assets \$34.34. Present membership, 50 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total, 84.

Maple Leaf, No. 33, Brockville, had at last report 36 Brothers, 42 Sisters. Total, 78. Assets \$15.96. Present membership 28 Brothers, 39 Sisters. Total 67. Present assets, \$25,13.

Olenette, No. 34, Wingham, had at last report 23 Brothers, 22 Sisters. Total, 45. Assets \$12.53. Present membership 17 Brothers, 16 Sisters. Total, 33. Present assets, \$11.60.

Pansy, No. 35. Amherstburg, had at last report 31 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total, 72. Assets \$21.39. Present membership 34 Brothers, 43 Sisters. Total, 77. Present assets, \$18.47.

Rachel, No. 36, Toronto, had at last report 15 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total, 34. Assets \$27.91. Present membership 15 Brothers, 19 Sisters. Total, 34.

Rowena, No. 37, Paris, had at last report 7 Brothers, 26 Sisters. Total, 33. Assets \$32.48. Present membership 7 Brothers, 24 Sisters. Total, 31. Present assets, \$35.31.

Justitia, No. 38, Hamilton, had at last report 78 Brothers, 36 Sisters. Total, 114. Assets \$35.72. Present membership 54 Brothers, 34 Sisters. Total, 88. Present assets, \$30.26.

Margaret, No. 39, Waubaushene, had at last report 27 Brothers, 35 Sisters. Total, 62. Assets \$8.56. Present membership 28 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total, 69. present assets, \$32.36.

Hazel, No. 40, Ottawa, had at last report 26 Brothers, 48 Sisters. Total, 74. Assets \$49.03. Present membership 43 Brothers, 57 Sisters. Total, 100. Present assets, \$94.45.

Florence, No. 41, Harriston, had at last report 25 Brothers, 41 Sisters. Total, 66. Assets \$90.06. Present membership 20 Brothers, 37 Sisters. Total, 57. Present assets, \$14.28.

Pandora, No. 42, Blenheim, had at last report 40 Brothers, 50 Sisters. Total, 90, Assets \$32.03. Present membership 32 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total, 65. Present assets, \$48.76.

Rose, No. 43, Woodstock, had at last report 25 Brothers, 32 Sisters. Total, 57. Assets \$27.97. Present membership 30 Brothers, 38 Sisters. Total, 68. Present assets, \$15.30.

Harriett, No. 44, Renfrew, had at last report 44 Brothers, 44 Sisters. Total, 88, Assets \$4.30. Present membership 50 Brothers, 48 Sisters. Total, 98. Present assets, \$59.96.

Peachland, No. 45, Learnington, had at last report 16 Brothers, 15 Sisters. Total, 31. Assets \$0.80. Present membership 16 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total, 41. Present assets, \$24.21.

Ideal, No. 47, Ruthven, had at last report 30 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total, 57. Assets \$14.60. Present membership 20 Brothers, 22 Sisters. Total, 42. Present assets, \$22.70.

Eastern Star, No. 48, Cornwall, had at last report 29 Brothers, 18 Sisters.

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Total, 47. Assets \$38.13. Present membership 35 Brothers, 28 Sisters. Total, 63. Present assets, \$18.32.

Lily, No. 49, Kingsville, had at last report 22 Brothers, 25 Sisters. Total, 47. Assets \$3.85. Present membership 21 Brothers, 27 Sisters. Total, 48. Present assets, \$9.72.

Fern, No. 50, Simcoe, had at last report 12 Brothers, 14 Sisters. Total, 26, Assets \$5.97. Present membership 11 Brothers, 18 Sisters. Total, 29. Pres-ent assets, \$13.18.

Thamesville, No. 51, Thamesville, had at last report 15 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total, 28. Assets none. Present membership 22 Brothers, 16 Sisters. Total, 38. Present assets, \$22.74.

Violet, No. 52, Otterville, instituted July 24th, 1896. Present membership 28 Brothers, 31 Sisters. Total, 59. Present assets, \$30.59.

Viola, No. 53, Toronto, instituted December 17th, 1896. Present member-ship 19 Brothers, 33 Sisters. Total, 52. Present assets, \$8,70.

Queen, No. 54, Hespeler, instituted April 3rd, 1897. Present membership 11 Brothers, 25 bisters. Total, 36. Present assets, \$6.26.

Woodslee, No. 55, Woodslee, instituted May 12th, 1897. Present member-ship 6 Brothers, 11 Sisters. Total, 17. Present assets, \$12.80.

Ruby, No. 56, Mount Forest, instituted June 15th, 1897. Present membership 14 Brothers, 13 Sisters. Total, 27. Present assets, \$7.00.

Copy from abstract reads as follows :

Admitted during six months ending June 30th, 1897: Brothers 156, Sisters 243. Total, 399. Died, Brothers 5, Sisters 4. Total, 9. Ceased, Brothers 194, Sisters 131. Total, 325. Membership per last report, Brothers 1373. Sisters 1585. Total, 2958. Present membership, Brothers 1335, Sisters 1666. Total, 3001, net total increase 43.

4. The Home is the greatest field of all our labor : The money for its construction is slowly perhaps, but surely now being collected.

The following lodges have responded to the call :---

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But many more, in fact a large majority, have as yet done nothing. This, however, cannot be attributed to selfishness or a lack of interest, but rather the

want of well organized efforts. The Committee appointed to solicit funds from the Grand Lodge will report at their session. The President also appointed herself and Sister Lee, Past President, to meet with this Committee, and no doubt they will give us a favor-

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able report, and give us every detail in order to give all delegates a thorough understanding of what is wanted of their respective lodges. Brothers and Sisters, this is a great and noble work, and one that should demand our most earnest and united efforts. If the Rebekah Lodge were to take hold of this work as all Pabelab hours have been been been able don't be demand our most earnest and united enorts. If the Kebekah Lodge were to take hold of this work as only Rebekah knows how to work, the day is not far off when the Oddfellows' Home will be a material and substantial fact. My dear Sisters do well what your hands find to do, and by helping the Brothers to build that which already has an assured existence, the Oddfellows' Home, we will be fulfilling the greatest commandment of our Law. And I hope that every rep-resentative here to-day may shine as stars in the broad sky of Oddfellowship, and grow mights with the flying years: that when the history of Oddfellowship. grow mighty with the flying years, that when the history of Oddfellowship is again written, the work and name of Woman, will shine therein, showing the great good their labor and influence have accomplished for mankind.

5. Herewith attached a schedule of supplies sold, received, and on hand, July 20th, 1897.

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Note—In exchanging old Rituals for new ones, the Grand Lodge just allowed me \$1.00 each for the 17 I had on hand, which cost \$2.25 each, which incurred a loss of \$21.25 to the Assembly.

BALANCE SHEET.

Cash Received

Per capita tax, 6 months ending December 31st, 1896 "June 30th, 1897 For supplies during year Aged Oddfellows and Orphans' Home Fund	\$297 50
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6. The decisions by the Grand Sire affecting Rebekah Lodges :

Under Section 33 of code for Rebekah Lodges do the said laws, found in sections 726 and 727 of Digest, apply to Rebekah Lodges?

Answer. Sections 726 and 727 of Digest apply to applicants for re-instate-ment into Rebekah Lodges as well as they do to Subordinate Lodges.

Section 33 of Rebekah Code especially states that all the laws, rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force or that may hereafter be adopted for subordinate grand jurisdiction : or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force, to County, Provincial, State and Territorial jurisdictions of the Degree of

Therefore, no specific provision is made in the code for re-instatement. The general law as found in the section of the Digest referred to, certainly governs.

What regalia should a Brother of the Rebekah Degree wear in Question. a Rebekah Lodge. ?

Answer. Where the Rebekah Code, Section 25, states that Brothers should wear the regalia that they are entitled to wear in the Subordinate Lodge, that it must be construed to refer to those Brothers who do not hold office in the lodge

Section 25, Rebekah Code, specifies what the regalia shall be for Rebekah Lodges : Section 1218, Digest of 1895, states that an encampment member may wear his encampment regalia when sitting in his own lodge, unless he is a lodge officer, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office. Hence, when any one is elected to office in a Rebekah Lodge, male or female, they must wear the regalia provided by law for such office.

Question. Has the Grand Lodge, under the Rebekah Code, any authority to authorize the existence of any other Rebekah grand body than the Assembly?

Answer. No.

Question. Under Section 24, Rebekah Code, revised in 1896, can we require lodges to vote, yes or no?

Answer. Section 24, Rebekah Code, as amended, provides that votes in all other cases, excepting such as are specially stated, shall be by ballot : shall be viva voce, which means that the fote may be yea or nay, yes or no.

How Installing Officers should be addressed

Grand Sire Underwood decided that the D.D.G.M's., when installing, should be addressed as Grand Master. The new Ritual says that they shall be addressed by their own proper title, which is, District Deputy Grand Master, which is the law. The Ritual says, in the Rebekah Lodge, the Installing Officer shall be addressed as Special Deputy Grand Master : Which governs?

Answer. The Ritual governs.

7. The revising of the Rebekah Ritual does not meet with favor from the lodges : some of the lodges refuse to use them.

It is full of errors, typographical and grammatical, and the words used in the charge of the fourth banner are inappropriate and out of place.

The Committee having charge of the Rebekah Ritual were too hasty and committed a grave error. They tell us that there is no radical change. It may not be a radical change to take the smooth, elegant diction of our former lecture and puncture it as mercilessly as though it were the pneumatic tire on the wheel of your worst enemy, letting it fall fait by the wayside. It may not be a radical change to so far forget the laws governing the use of personal pronouns and their relation to their antecedents as to get poor old

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Abraham, Elijah, Isaac and Rebekah so mixed up that it would necessitate the assistance of a thorough Bible student to ascertain which is which.

It may not be a radical change to take our former banner charges, well written, correct in grammatical construction, conveying beautiful and helpful thoughts, and renew just enough words here and there, to entirely destroy the meaning of the whole. And our beautiful Moon and Stars are changed, sochanged that even their best friends will fail to recognize them.

And our poor, gentle, harmless innocent dove is so muddled and befogged in her wanderings that no one can tell whether it is the dove or Rebekah, or some one else that goes forth with the messages of peace across the broad waters.

It may not be a radical change to combine in one line of thought and attribute to the same object, the ideas of self dependence and utter helplessness. To unite the lily, the oak and vine, the spirit, the temple, and a score of other things, into one emblem without defining any clear lesson to be derived from either item

Into one emblem without defining any clear lesson to be derived from either item. It has been written, "behold the lilies; they toil not, neither do they spin ": But we are inclined to think that the lilies on our fourth banner will spoil or wear a crown of thorns for those who placed them there.

The general feeling of the Rebekaha at the present time is, from the Revision Committee, good Lord deliver us: They have not improved the language of our lamented Brother Colfax. And in honor to his memory, let the Assembly use every honorable means to get back our old Ritual. It certainly is enough to grieve the hearts of thousands of intelligent, thinking Sisters. The official receipts do not meet with favor on account of the expense. It is

The official receipts do not meet with favor on account of the expense. It is the general feeling that if these receipts could be got at about one cent., instead of three, it would be a great benefit. Only a few of the lodges have used them, waiting to see if something cannot be done at this meeting to get the price reduced.

8. After careful study of the work of all existing Assemblies, I feel a justifiable pride in the fact, that Ontario has as good, if not the best financial system of any. By it, we are able to bring to our yearly gatherings, representatives, not only of our large strong lodges, as is the case in many jurisdictions, but also from our weakest and the very ones who most need the encouragement and enthusiasm to be gained from such meetings.

But there is one matter that demands your attention. It is a question that I have spent more thought on than any other in connection with the work, and I contest that I have not reached a satisfactory solution.

What are we going to do with our new lodges? At our last meeting, we had representatives from six new lodges; this year we have as many more, which will have to be represented by P.N.G's, from some other lodge.

While we are always glad to have our Sisters with us, yet I doubt whether their attendance at our Assembly is worth, to the new lodges, the money expended.

Would it not be of more value to have an extra visit from the President or some of the officers soon after their organization? I can assure you that my experience has taught me that new lodges need our especial attention; as much of their success depends upon their first year's existence.

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

9, Whereas: As the Constitution of the Assembly does not provide for Past Presidents of the Convention to be members of the Assembly, the same as Past

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Presidents of the Assembly, I feel it is an injustice to the Past Presidents of the Convention not to be allowed the same privileges accorded Past Presidents of the Assembly. They laid the corner stone for the Assembly, and we do not want them deprived of the honors they so justly earned.

Therefore, I would recommend that the Constitution be changed to read, Past Presidents of the Convention and of the Assembly.

I would also recommend that all honorable means be used to ask the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to restore to the Rebekah Lodge the right to pay sick and funeral benefits, as this seems to be the one reason that our membership does not increase more rapidly.

10. I have been asked by some of the lodges, to see if I could trace back to where Oddfellowship derived its name.

This, I have endeavored to do. And I have now in my possession a verbatim copy of the origin of the name, Oddfellow, which reads thus :

SOCIETY OF ODDFELLOWS

Constituted on February 5th, being an odd day of an odd year, that year having twenty-nine days in the month mentioned. The year being 1557, these being odd numbers. This Charter was given under these conditions that there shall not

be any person admitted except in such as can make themselves merry by singing, joking or otherwise tending to the amusement of the society, it being a free meeting for laughing, jesting, etc.

Given under our hands and seals at Harwick, Scotland, on the 7th day of May, 1557.

SIRS FRANCIS BROWN OF CRANE, TAMES KIRR OF GRAHAM.

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Delivered to the Knights of the Round Table.

JAMES GRAHAM, SECRETARY.

The above is a verbatim copy of a parchment record contained in a sealed glass bottle in the Public Museum at Harwick, Scotland. Copied from the original by Gilbert J. Jackson, of Centralia, Wisconsin, in the summer of 1892 Said copy being now in possession of J. W. Cochran, Esq., of Centralia, Wisconsin.

This copy was made by the Rev. W. J. Fisher, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Wisconsin, for

GEN. J. P. ELLACOTT.

Historian and Antiquarian,

Veteran Oddfellows' Association of Illinois, U. S.

I would like to refer to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and that this is to be a year of history. The birth of Queen Victoria and that of the I.O.O.F. be a year of history. The birth of Queen Victoria and that of the 1.0.0.F. took place in the same year. And while Her Majesty grows weaker, our Order grows stronger; and may the Rebekahs follow the example of her purity, her "example as a mother, and as a wife. As a monarch, her reign is unparalleled in the achievement of history. And now in conclusion: This being the close of my seventh year as your Secretary, I have brought the picture of our first Convention to show to the new Representitives and encourage them. We are a smell hold them

Representatives, and encourage them. We were a small body then.

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I now take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the officers and delegates for their kindness many times; and also to Grand Master White and to Grand Secretary King, and especially to our worthy President, who has proved herselt to all a friend and helper. We can offer no higher compliment than to let her gentle influence permeate not onfy the work of the Assembly, but our whole lives. May the seed that she has sown by her unselfish devotion, her sympathetic ministration and able counsel in the interest of our beloved cause, bring to her and to us an abundant harvest. And May love inspire each breast, In word and deed be shown.

In word and deed be shown, And this Assembly prove the best Of all that we have known.

Fraternally submitted.

MAGGIE WADDELL, Secretary.

On Motion of Sister O. M. Pattison, seconded by Sister L. M. Edgar, the Assembly adjourned until 1.30 P.M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Belleville, August 10th, 1897.

The Assembly met at 1.30 p.m., and opened in regular form. President Sister Laura E. Ryan in the chair. Roll call : Officers and Representatives all present.

Sister Nellie Dodson, Assembly Treasurer, presented the following report which on motion was referred to Committee on Distribution.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of Rebekah Assembly, I.O.O.F. :

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Bro. R. Brockbank, from the Committee on By-laws of Rebekah Lodges, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontarlo, I.C.O.F. :

Your Committee on By-Laws of Rebekah Lodges appointed to examine the Constitution, By-Laws and amendments thereto of Rebekah Lodges, submit the following report :

The various By-Laws and amendments submitted during the past year have been carefully examined, and appended hereto will be found a particularized statement of the corrections, amendments and recommendations made in each case, together with the authorities for corrections, where such was found necessary. To each of the lodges interested a detailed report has been sent through the

Secretary.

Your Committee have jointly gone over the work done in the interim, and recommend that the By-Laws submitted, with the corrections referred to, be approved.

Your Committee would also recommend that lodges which have not already submitted their By-Laws for approval do so at their earliest convenience.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. BROCKBANK, MAGGIE A. PEARCE, MAGGIE WADDELL, Committee ELIZABETH LEE,

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

One copy of By-Laws submitted ; not approved. No seal, not certified by either N. G. or Secretary. Strike out By-Laws No. 17, 18 and second clause of 21 (see S.G.L. Journal

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A Rebekah Lodge cannot pay stated benefits fixed by its By-Laws. Balance of By-Laws approved.

RUTH LODGE, No. 2.

Two copies of By-Laws in proof sheet submitted and approved.

NAOMI LODGE, NO. 6.

One copy of By Laws submitted : not approved : By Law No. 2, not approved. (See sec. 6, Clause 3, Relekah Code.) By Laws Nos. 10 and 11, not approved. Under sections 2 and 18 of the Rebekah Code, Rebekah Lodges cannot pay stated benefits fixed by its By-Laws.

(See S.G.L. Journal, 1895, pages 14239, 14487, 14570.) By Laws Nos. 25 and 36. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah Assembly." Balance of By-Laws approved.

LOUISE LODGE, NO. 10.

One copy of amendments, re Contingent Fund, in MS. submitted and pproved.

MYRTLE LODGE, NO. 17.

One copy of By-Laws submitted ; not approved. Strike out page 26. (See S.G.L. Journal, 1895, pages 14239, 14487, 14570.)

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EXCELSION LODGE, NO. 18.

Two copies of By-Laws, Constitution and Rules of Order submitted and approved.

LUCKNOW LODGE, NO. 22.

Two copies of By-Laws in MS. submitted ; not correct. By-Law No. 8. Strike out Grand Lodge and insert Rebekah Assembly. Balance of By- Laws approved.

INGLEWOOD LODGE, NO. 23.

One copy of By-Laws submitted ; not approved.

By Laws No. 2, not approved. (See sec. 6, Clause 3, Rebekah Code.) By Laws No. 10 and 11, not approved. Under sections 2 and 18 of the By-Laws 140, 10 and 11, 100 approved. Under sections 2 and 10 of the Rebekah Code, Rebekah By-Law Lodges cannot pay stated benefits fixed by its By-Laws. (See S.G.L. Journal, pages 14339, 14457, 14570.) By-Laws No. 25 and 35. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah Assembly". Balance of By-Laws approved.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 24.

One copy of By-Laws submitted ; not approved.

By-Laws No. 2, not approved. (See Constitution Clause 2, also Grand Sire's decision, 1895.) as follows: "Question 18. Is an initiatory member eligible to membership in a Rebekah

Lodge ?

Answer. He is." By-Law No. 18 and 29. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah Assembly." Balance of By-Laws approved.

IVY LODGE, No. 26.

Two copies of By-Laws in proof sheet submitted, not correct, not certified either by N.G. or Secretary, no seal.

By-Laws No. 19 and 30. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah Assembly." Balance of By-Laws approved.

COLFAX LODGE, NO. 28.

Two copies of amendments to By-Laws, Clauses 16, 17 and 27, submitted and approved.

AT-THE-WELL LODGE, NO. 29.

One copy of By-Laws in MS. submitted, not approved. By-Law No. 7, not approved. See constitution Rebekah Lodges, Clause 45, which reads as follows: "The Initiation feed of this lodge must be paid in every cases previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than one dollar." By Law 15. After the word "the " in the first line add the word "two". (See constitution, Clause 21.)

By-Laws Nos. 19 and 30. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah

Assembly," By Law No. 40. Strike out "or" and insert "and". (See constitution,

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COILA LODGE, NO. 32.

One copy of By Laws'in MS. submitted, not approved.

By Law No. 4. Strike out all of this clause after the word "month" in the second line and insert "payable quarterly in advance." Strike out By-Laws Nos. 5, 6 and 7. By-Law No. 8. Strike out the first ten lines and the last four.

By-Law No. 16. After the word "and" in the second line add " left".

By Law No. 10. Strike out a first word "in the second inte and "ieft". the word "and" in the thirty-eighth line.

By-Law No. 26. Strike out "Grand Lodge" in second line and insert "Rebekah Assembly". By-Law No. 28. Insert "Rebekah" after the word "Coila" in the second

ine. By-Laws approved with the above corrections.

MARGARET LODGE, NO. 39.

Two copies of By-Laws and Rules of Order submitted, not approved. By Laws 24 and 34. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah Assembly." Balance of By-Laws approved.

THAMESVILLE LODGE, NO. 51

Two copies in MS. submitted, not approved. Section 2. Amend to conform to the Rebekah Code as follows :

 (a) All Oddfellows in good standing and their wives.
 (b) All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years. who believe in a Supreme Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character.

are of good moral character. Section 3. Strike out "Scarlet Degree". Section 4. Strike out "excepted" and insert "accepted". Section 5. After the word "shall" in first line add the word "be". Section 20. Strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "Rebekah Assembly" Section 25. After the word "the" in the third line add the word "day".

Authority for correction, section 3. (See S.G.L. Journal, 1895, page 14240.) Balance of By-Laws approved.

Sister Maggie A. Pearce, from the Committee on Distribution, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on Distribution on the subject matter on the several reports of the officers, beg to submit : that the clauses be referred to Committees as follows :

President's Report.

Clauses 1, 4 and 7, State of the Order. Clauses 2 and 3, Special Committee, No. 1, on Oddfellows' Home. Clauses 5 and 9, Petitions and Correspondence. Clauses 6 and 8, Special Committee No. 2.

Secretary's Report.

Clauses 1, 3 and 8, State of the Order. Clause 2, Petition and Correspondence. Clause 4, Special Committee No. 1. Clause 5, Finance. Clauses 6 and 9, Judiciary.

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Clause 7, Legislation. Clause 10, Special Committee No. 2.

Resolved, - That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MAGGIE A. PEARCE, MARY E. TONER, WINNIE L. BASCOM, NELL ACKLAND, R. BROCKBANK.

Past Grand Master John Gibson, of Oak Leaf Lodge, of Port Huron, was introduced by Deputy Grand Master J. A. Young,

The President called on P.G.M., John Gibson, for a few remarks, which was responded to in his usual good style, giving the officers and members every encouragement in their good work.

The following invitation was, on motion, accepted :

To Delegates and others attending the Rebekah Assembly, 1.0.0.F. :

DEAR SISTERS, - The Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb is situated just outside the city limits, and there is a good sidewalk all the way to it. If you have an hour or two to spare during the sittings of the Assembly you are cordially invited to visit us. The pupils are away at present for their vacation, but I would like you to see where two hundred and seventy of the deaf and dumb boys and girls of Ontario are educated, so that when you go to your homes you may take with you some knowledge of what is being done for them and perhaps be enabled to carry good news to some anxious father or mother who has a deaf child. Wishing you a happy time in Belleville,

Yours faithfully, R. MATHISON,

Superintendent:

Sister L. M. Edgar, from the Committee on Election Returns, made the following report, which on motion was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on Election Returns submit the following :

PRESIDENT.

Sister Jane Luscombe has the unanimous vote.

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VICE PRESIDENT.

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SECRETARY.

Sister Maggie Waddell has the unanimous vote.

TREASURER.

Sister Nellie Dodson has the unanimous vote.

Respectfully submited,

L. M. EDGAR, E. SEELS, E. LEE, JANE MCCALLUM.

The President thereupon declared Sister Jane Luscombe elected President for the year.

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast for Vice-President, the representatives proceeded to elect a Vice-President.

The President appointed the following scrutineers : Bros. J. A. Young, F. Bisset and Wm. Lee.

The Scrutineers announced the ballot as follows :

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There being no election the Assembly proceeded again to ballot. The Scrutineers reported as follows :

Sister	F. Watson	8	votes.
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There being no election, a ballot was again had. The following result was announced :

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The President declared Sister Alma Brill elected Vice-President for the incoming year.

The President declared Sister Maggie Waddell elected Secretary.

The President declared Sister Nellie Dodson elected Treasurer.

The Secretary read a letter from Sister Johns, asking that the decision of the President in her case be reconsidered.

Moved by Sister Brill, seconded by Sister Bascom, and,

Resolved, -That the decision of the President be sustained. -Carried.

Sister Minitie Lennox, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to report that the mileage paid to the officers and representatives amounts to about \$563.00. We recom-mend that the per diem be placed at \$2.00 per day, one and a half days session. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Finance Committee be

directed to place the sum of \$563.00, or as much thereof as may be required to pay mileage and per diem at the present session.

Resolved,-That the foregoing be adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted,

MINNIE LENNOX MARY STODDART ELIZA REYNOLDS, LIZZIE BRETT.

Sister Edith Reynolds, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report as follows :

1. That we have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct, with the proper receipts and vouchers; the Treasurer having a balance in the general fund of \$23.09. 2. We recommend that the Grand Lodge be asked to refund the Assembly the sum of \$21.25, the amount of loss to us on the seventeen old Rituals on our

hands when the change was made to the new ones; the Rituals having cost us

hands when the change was made to the new ones; the Rituals having cost us $$2.25 \, \text{each}$, and we were only allowed \$1.00 each for them. 3. We would recommend that all funds be paid by the Secretary to the Treas-urer and that all accounts be paid by the Treasurer herself. At present it is cus-tomary at times for the Secretary to pay bills and give the Treasurer credit for the same, but this tends to confusion in their accounts. 4. We recommend that the Secretary be paid the sum of \$100 for her services for the coming year, the same to be paid whenever she may choose to draw it.

draw it.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELLA MCFARLANE, EDITH REYNOLDS, MARY PEARSE. F. WATSON, HENRY JOHNSON.

Finance Committee.

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Sister Mrs. Mary Brown, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that we have examined the correspondence of the Secretary, and find the same carefully kept We also find that the business correspondence is assuming and in good order. very large proportions, involving much labor on the Secretary each year. In many cases we are not able to say as to how the correspondence has been replied to as no record is in evidence. We would recommend that copies of all letters issued by the President or Secretary be placed on fyle, or in a letter book, for future reference.

The correspondence of the D.D.G.M's., have been sent in a majority of cases to the Secretary of the Assembly instead of to the President, we would draw the attention of these officers to the fact, and would advise in the future that the Secretary would, relieve herself of the burden of answering such correspondence by either returning it to the writer or forwarding it to the President, to whom it properly belongs.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY BROWN, MARY KENNEDY, EILEEN L. HULL, JANE MCCALLUM, RACHEL MAHONY.

Sister Elizabeth Lee, from the special Committee on Home, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

SISTERS,-Your Committee appointed for the purpose of co-operating with similar Committees from the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the Grand Encampment of Ontario, in the work of establishing a home for aged Oddfellows and the orphan children of deceased members of the Order, beg leave to report as follows :

The joint Committee met in the office of the Grand Secretary, Toronto, on

May 6th, all the members being present, as under: From the Grand Lodge, Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, J. J. Manning and A. W. Cameron. From the Grand Encampment, A. H. Blackeby and M. D. Dawson. From the Rebekah Assembly, Laura E. Ryan and Elizabeth Lee. The Chairman, Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.S., laid before the Committee the

result of the appeal which had been made to lodges and individuals for funds for the establishment of a home. From the statement it appeared the donations so far had amounted to \$3,000, this amount not including the sum at present in the hands of the Treasurer of this Assembly.

Considerable discussion was had as to the advisability of continuing the voluntary contribution plan. It was pointed out that in nearly all jurisdictions where a successful home was in existence, it has either been started or was being maintained by fixed assessments on the membership. It was also shown that it was necessary, in order to make the home a permanent success, to secure the active assistance of the whole and not a populon of the membership of this juris-diction. The Committee decided to ask the Grand Lodge to levy upon the Subordinate Lodges an assessment of ten cents per capita every six months, for a

period of five years, commencing with December 31st, 1897. It is believed that this will, in five years, produce \$25,000, amply sufficient to secure the home we have so long been looking forward to.

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A Board of Directors would be needed and it was decided to recommend that this Board be comprised of eleven members, made up as follows : the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer (ex-officio) : three members to be selected by the Grand Lodge, two by the Grand Encampment, and two by the Rebekah Assembly.

Bro. Dr. Campbell reported that the lodges heard from-only a small percentage-had mentioned six aged members and about 25 orphans, who would likely avail themselves of the privilege of the home.

And as your representatives we ventured the suggestion, that when the home was ready each Rebekah Lodge would undertake the furnishing of one bed-room. This, we believe, than and should be done. If the newer lodges say, as might be said, that their funds are not sufficient for such a purpose, it can be pointed out that an at-home, or a social can easily be got up or, if necessary, more than one, by which means sufficient money could be raised for this purpose, and usually it by which means sumcient money could be raised to inits purpose, and usuary to happens that in those lodges—the newer ones—the enthusiasm is at the greatest and such social gatherings are more likely to prove a success. The linen might be marked with the name and number of the lodge furnishing it, and a small nickle or brass plate containing the same information attached to each article of furniture.

Your Committee, in conclusion, have only to recommend that the Assembly continue to be represented on the joint Committee by two members, and that these use their utmost endeavors to secure the carrying out of the above programme.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH LEE, L. E. RYAN.

Sister Mrs. Emma Seels, from the Committee to which the accompanying resolutions in regard to admitting Sisters into the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada were referred, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of membership in the Oddfellows' Relief Association would recommend that the resolution, as adopted by Louise Lodge, Kingston, be adopted by this Assembly, and a copy of this report be sent to the Secretary of the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada. All of which is repectfully submitted.

EMMA SEELS, E. BURSE, M. H. EASTON.

The following is the letter sent by Louise Lodge, Degree of Rebekah, to the Relief Association, and is accompanied by the action had by the Association in the matter :

REQUEST FROM THE REBEKAHS.

"KINGSTON, July 19th, 1897.

" The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada:

"BRETHREN, --- The members of Louise Lodge, Degree of Rebekah, have, at frequent intervals, discussed the advisability of securing to the Sisters of Rebekah

Lodges the benefits of your admirable Insurance Association. "It is believed that it would add to the attractions of a membership in Rebekah Lodge, and also that it is but a measure of justice which should be dealt out to

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those who are, equally with yourselves, endeavoring to carry out the high aim and purposes of Oddfellowship.

"Other Rebekah Lodges have taken the same stand, and we respectfully request that our desire may be taken into your consideration, and, if possible, carried into practice.

" I am, Fraternally yours.

"EDITH REYNOLDS,

" Recording Secretary."

"Rev. D. C. Sanderson presented the report of the Committee on the extension of the Order re the petition of the Sisters of Rebekah.

" To the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada:

"Whereas there is no provision (see Sec. 1, Art. 8), for others than Oddfellows to hold membership in the Association, but inasmuch as the Sisters of the Rebekah Degree are closely affiliated with Oddfellowship and deserve the protection which Degree are closely amilated with Orderlowship and deserve the protection which the Relief Association extends to Oddfellows, we recommend that the matter be fully investigated by the directorate of the Association before the next annual meeting, and report theredn what action, if 'ny, may be deemed desirable. "In order, however, that the matter, if found practicable, be not delayed it is respectfully recommended that notice of motion be given at this annual meeting that Sec. 1, Art. 8, and any other part of our Constitution and By-Laws affecting the

same, be amended in order to allow members of the Rebekah Lodges to become members of the Association.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"D. C. SANDERSON.

" Secretary of Committee."

On motion of Rev. D. C. Sanderson, seconded by W. J. C. Allen, the report was received and adopted.

The following invitation was, on motion, accepted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

LADIES, -- I would request the pleasure of taking a group of your Assembly at the close of this afternoon's session. Should this meet with your pleasure, kindly let me know the hour of adjournment, and about the number present, and I will arrange platform in a convenient place at rear of building so there will be no delay but a few minutes.

I also extend a very cordial invitation to you to sit at my studio for a group photo.

Yours in F.L. and T.,

D. A. WEESE.

Sister Olive Pattison, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I. O. O. F .:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred clauses 6 and 9 of the Secretary's report, beg leave to recommend that all the decisions contained in

said clauses be approved. We also recommend that clause 4 of the President's report be referred to a special Committee.

Resolved, -That the foregoing be adopted.

OLIVE M. PATTISON, WINNIE L. BASCOM, FLORENCE C. GIBBONS, LOUISA THOMAS, LAURA SMITH.

The Secretary read the following invitation, which, on motion, was accepted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

The Epworth League of Bridge Street Methodist Church extend a cordial invitation to the visiting delegates of the "Daughters of Rebekah", to call at their reading room and parlors in Bridge Street Methodist Church. The reading room is supplied with the leading magazines and newspapers, and the parlors are pleasant rooms where a quiet rest may be enjoyed.

EDITH P. JONES,

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Acting Secretary of Epworth League.

The following resolution was referred to the Grand Lodge to legislate on the same :

Moved by Sister M. A. Pearce, seconded by Sister E. Seels.

Resolved, —That in the opinion of this Assembly the present system of three different proposition forms for use in Rebekah Lodges is cumbersome, expensive and unnecessary, and could be simplified by the use of one combining the three forms now used. Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Lodge now in session asking that they give the matter their consideration, and if practical to provide a form or empower this Assembly to issue a form in compliance with our wishes.

FORMS SUBMITTED.

Proposition.

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Application.hereby respectfully apply for membership in Lodge No. ... D. of R., and, if admitted, promise, to abide by laws, rules and regulations governing the Lodge. Signed..... Committee on application This is to certify that Brother whose signature appears above, is a member in good standing of Lodg No.....

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The Assembly proceeded to the nomination of officers, in pursuance of By-Law No. 14.

The following nominations were made :

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PRESIDENT.

Sister Alma Brill Guelph.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sister Mary Dickie	Oshawa.
Sister Florence Watson	Harriston.
Sister Harriet Miller.	Desoronto.
Sister O. M. Pattison	Brantford.
Sister Nell Ackland	Brockville.

SECRETARY.

Sister Maggie WaddellRidgeway.

TREASURER.

Sister Nellie Dodson Chatham.

Notice of motion having been given that at the meeting of the Assembly it would be moved to amend Clause 64 of Constitution by striking out "Assembly Secretary" in second line and inserting "Chairman on By-Laws".

It was moved by Sister Peirce, seconded by Sister Seels, that the foregoing be adopted.-Lost.

The President requested that no further action be taken in Sister John's case.

The following questions were presented and replied to by the President

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From Our Sisters Lodge, No. 7, Point Edward :

Can a Sister filling the position of N.G. be elected Representative to the Assembly?

Answer. She can not ; none but P.N.G's. are entitled to sit in the Assembly.

From Colfax Lodge No. 28 :

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Can a D.D.G.M. hold any other office in the Lodge ? *Answer*. She cannot.

From Sister Reid : Has a Grand Lodge officer precedence over a D.D.G.M. ? Answer. He has.

Sister Maggie A. Pearce, from the Committee on State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses 1, 4 and 7 of the President's report, also 1, 3 and 8 of the Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

Note with satisfaction the substantial progress of the Rebekah Branch of the Order as reported by the Secretary and President, viz.: the institution of seven new lodges. Also the progress made by individual lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

Re Clause No. 8, Secretary's report. Your Committee cannot see any other way out of the difficulty, than that such legislation be adopted that will entitle the sitting N.G. of newly instituted lodges to a seat in the Assembly.

Resolved, -That the foregoing be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MAGGIE Á. PEARCE, KATE SOUTHWELL, JANE DOUGLAS, ALICE SACKRIDER, NAN HARVEY.

It was stated by the Secretary that the Finance Committee had overlooked the fact that there was not enough money in the treasury to pay the amount of mileage and per diem that they had recommended.

On motion, that part of their report was referred back to them, and the said Committee brought in a report that they did not think it would be satisfactory to reduce the per diem, whereupon the President suggested that we get a loan of thirty dollars from the Home Fund till the Secretary collected that amount.

Moved by Sister Gibbons, seconded by Sister Lenox :

That we take the amount needed from the Home Fund to be replaced out of the first money coming into the Secretary's hands.—Carried.

The Secretary, Sister Waddell, moved, seconded by Sister Bascom :

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Resolved, — That we ask the Grand Lodge to refund us the money received for charters, and also the loss to the Assembly in changing the Rituals in stock at the time the new one was, adopted. — Carried.

Deputy Grand Master J. A. Young reminded the President that according to the ruling of the S.G.L., it was necessary to elect a Warden.

The President called for nominations for Warden, whereupon Sisters Amelia Pulford, Jane Douglas, Mary Brown and Maggie Pearce were nominated.

The ballot being taken the result was as follows :

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Total 47 No election.

On the second ballot being taken the result was as follows :

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Total 47 No election.

The third ballot resulted as follows:

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The President declared Sister Maggie Pearce elected Warden for the ensuing year.

The President then called for nominations for Warden for next year.

The following were nominated : Sisters, Mary Brown, Amelia Pulford, Edith Reynolds, Jane Douglas, K. L. Robertson.

Brother H. White, Grand Master, being called upon by the President, delivered an able and eloquent address, which was much appreciated.

Brother J. E. Farewell, Grand Warden, was called upon by the President and responded with words of encouragement and wishing us every success in our undertakings.

There being no further business before the Assembly adjournment was made until 8 P.M.

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EVENING SESSION.

The President, Laura E. Ryan, called the Assembly to order at 8.15 P.M.

Sister Alma Brill read the report from the Committee on Legislation, as follows, which was adopted :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

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Your Committee, to which was referred clause 7 Secretary's report, think the expense of changing the Rituals has already been heavy on the lodges considering the slight improvement, if any. Although we would prefer the old to the one now in use, we would recommend that no further action be taken in the matter at present.

Your Committee would further recommend, after careful consideration of clause 8, that the law be so amended as to allow the first N.G. of a new lodge only to be entitled to represent them at the Assembly.

Clause 9. We would recommend that the Past Presidents of the Convention be allowed the same privileges accorded Past Presidents of the Assembly.

Also we would endorse the recommendation contained in sub-section 3 of this clause, and that the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge use every effort to restore to Rebekah Lodges the right to pay sick and funeral benefits.

In the matter of the correspondence of Sister E. M. Reid of Windsor, your Committee would recommend that no further action be taken and that the decision of the President be sustained.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALMA BRILL, NELLIE ASHER, SUSIE DENNIS, MAGGIE JONES, J. DAVIDSON.

The President announced that the dramatized work would be exemplified by Aberdeen Lodge of Deseronto, on Wednesday evening : also that the installation of officers would take place at 10 A.M., Wednesday.

There being no further business before the lodge, adjournment was made until to-morrow morning, after the opening of the Grand Lodge.

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APPENDIX.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION.

The Assembly was called to order at 10 A.M. by the President Sister Laura E. Ryan.

Assembly was opened by singing the opening Ode, and Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll call-all officers and representatives present.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Sister Florence Gibbons, seconded by Sister Hattie Eddy :

Resolved, —That a vote of thanks be tendered Brother H, Corby for his kindness in placing at the disposal of the Rebekah Assembly, while in Belleville, his handsome tally ho, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey the same to him.

The following was unanimously adopted :

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Moved by Sister Florence Gibbons, seconded by Sister Minnie Lennox :

Resolved, — That this Assembly tender a hearty vote of thanks to our retiring President, Sister Laura E. Ryan, for the very efficient manner in which she has conducted the business of this Assembly during her term of office.

Past Grand Sire Brother Cl. T. Campbell, then proceeded to install the following officers :

ister	Jane Luscombe	President.
	Alma Brill	
**	Maggie Pearce	Warden.
"	Maggie Waddell	Secretary.
+1	Nellie Dodson	Treasurer.

The President appointed the following officers :

Sister	Iane McCallum	Marshall.
44	Cilinda Walker	Marshall.
		Inside Guard.
	Ellen L. Hull	Outside Guard.
		Chaplain.

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These officers were duly installed, after which Past Grand Sire Campbell made a very suitable address.

The following was unanimously adopted :

Moved by Sister Waddell, seconded by Sister Ryan :

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks of this Assembly be tendered Brother Cl. T. Campbell, Past Grand Sire, for his valuable services.

AUDITORS.

The President, Sister Jane Luscombe, appointed Brother R. Brockbank as her Auditor.

The Assembly nominated Sister Laura E. Ryan and Brother J. Davidson, on the ballot being taken Brother J. Davidson was declared elected.

The following vote of thanks was adopted :

Moved by Sister Reynolds, seconded by Sister Nell Ackland :

Resolved,—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Oddfellows of Belleville, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Assembly.

Brothers Jolliffe and Hoyle, Grand Representatives, were announced and introduced by Sister Luscombe, President elect.

The President, Sister Laura E. Ryan, received them with the honors of the Assembly.

The senior representative, Rev. Brother Jolliffe, stated that they had communicated the secret work to Sister Luscombe and had requested her to communicate it to the Assembly, which she did in their presence and in a very able manner.

Representative Hoyle then gave us the new sign of recognition so that we can be recognized by a Brother Oddfellow whether he has the Rebekah Degree or not.

The Secretary announced that the Committee had sent an invitation to the Assembly to take a trip on the commodious and elegant steamer Columbian to Glenora Park, which was, on motion, accepted.

The President announced that the Degree Staff of Aberdeen Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, would exemplify the dramatized work at 8 P.M.

The Business of the Assembly being concluded, the closing Ode was heartily sung, and prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Sister Mary

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Pearce. The President then declared the Seventh Annual Session or the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.Q.O.F., adjourned, to meet at Galt, on Tuesday preceding the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. of Ontario, in 1858.

[SEAL.]

MAGGIE WADDELL, Secretary.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputies for Rebekah Lodges, viz. :---

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NAME	P.O. ADDRESS.
Victoria	1	London		and the second
May Queen	5		Sister Mrs. H. A. Ferguson	London.
Ruth.	1 2	Stratford	Brother J. F. Perry	Stratford.
Oshawa	1 3	Stratford Oshawa	Sister Mrs. Mary E. Dickey	
Naomi.	. 6	Windsor		Contraction of the second second second second second second second second second second second second second s
Woodslee	55	South Woodstee	Sister Mrs. L. M. Edgar	Windsor.
Our Sisters	17	South Woodslee Point Edward	Brother Robert Bruce	Point Edward.
Louise	. 10	Kingston	Sister Miss Annie McWater	Kingston
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Ivy	26	Galt.	Sister Mrs. Grace Montgomery	Galt.
Queen	. 54	Hespeler		The second second second second
Jubilee	. 13	Chatham	Sister Mrs. Nellie Dodson	Chatham.
Edna	. 14	St. Thomas	Sister Mrs. Annie Brown	St. Thomas.
Harmony	115	Ganancoue	Sister Mrs. Mary Toner	Gananogue.
Olive Branch	. 16	Toronto	1	
Hebron	. 31		Charles Mar Maria Tana	T
Rachel	. 36	**	Sister Mrs. Mary Leader	Loronto.
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Myrtle.	. 17	Elora	Sister Miss Louisa Webster	Elora.
Excelsior	. 18	Bridgeburg	Sister Mrs. Mary Kennedy	Bridgeburg.
Mizpah	. 19	Collingwood	Sister Miss Kate L. Robertson	Collingwood.
Donalda	120	North Bay.	Sister Mrs. Hattie Eddy	North Bay.
Flora	. 21	Sault Ste. Marie	Sister Mrs. Flora C. Brown	Sault Ste. Marie.
Lucknow	. 22	Lucknow	Sister Mrs. Agnes Berry	Lucknow.
Inglewood	. 23	Waterford	Sister Miss Lettie Teeter	Waterford.
Prudence	. 24	Brantford	Sister Miss Olive Pattison	Brantford.
Alberta	. 25	Kincardine	Sister Miss Selinda Walker	Kincardine.
Esther	. 27	Niagara Falls Sarnia	Sister Mrs. S. D. Warren	Niagara Falls.
Colfax	. 28	Sarnia	Sister Mrs. J. McIlhagga	Sarnia.
At-the-Well	. 29	Almonte	Sister Mrs. Jane McCallum	Almonte.
Aberdeen	. 30	Deseronto	Sister Mrs. Mary McMaster	Deseronto.
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Maple Leaf	33	Brockville	Brother Herbet Coates	Brockville.
Duvette	. 34	Wingham Amherstburg	Sister Mrs. Kate Mowatt	Wingham.
ransy	. 30	Amnerstburg	Sister Mrs. Lillie Taylor	Amherstburg.
Rowena	. 37	Paris		Paris.
Justitia	00	Hamilton	Sister Mrs. M. A. Stoddard	Hamilton.
		Waubaushene	Sisten Mrs. Frankie Bettes	Waubaushene.
			Sister Mrs. Florence Watson	Harriston.
Dandora	100	Mount Forest		
Does	142	Woodstock.		Blenheim.
Harriet	10	Renfrew.	Sister Mrs. Alice Sackrider	Woodstock.
Peachland	14	Leamington	Sister Mrs Annie Clark	Renfrew.
Ideal	147	Ruthven	Sister Mrs. Eliza Stairs	
Filv	10	Kuthven	Sister Mirs. Enza Stairs	Leamington.
Pastern Star	130	Kingsville,	Sister Mrs. F. S. Gibbens	C
Fern	50	Simcoe		Cornwall. Simcoe.
Thamesville	151	Thamesville	Brother John Hewett	Themesuille
Violet	50	Otterville	Sister Mrs. Ella McFarlane	
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On the call of Lodges the following reports were read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes of the Session :

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F.:

Victoria Lodge No. 1 is improving, though slowly ; but we are hoping for more members in the near future. We have 27 members now in good standing, and during the last term we paid out \$21,51 for lodge expenses and for the benefit of members; and now have a balance of \$74 of. Our attendance is fairly good for the members we have. L. O. TASMER,

H. A. FERGUSON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

On behalf of Oshawa Lodge, No. 3, I have to report that our ludge is in a healthy condition, although we do not receive as many new members as we would like, and we have lost quite a few by removal, who we are satisfied will make their presence felt for good in their new locality.

Our Relief Committee have, I know, done a great deal to make our Order felt in this community, and will be better prepared for greater work this winter. MRS. M. L. THOMAS.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

May Queen Lodge, No. 5, has had a very successful year. We are steadily adding to our membership and our meetings are well attended.

The members are willing workers for the good of the Order, and we are progressing onward in peace and harmony. E. C. SMALE.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Naomi Lodge, No. 6, Windsor-We are pleased to report the prosperity of our lodge during the past year. We have initiated 16 members-10 Sisters and 6 Brothers ; and also sorry we have lost one Brother by death and one by with-drawal card. Our Sikk Committee has been very prompt in attending to their duty. Hoping the Lord will bless us in the future as He has in the past.

MRS. JANE DOUGLAS.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

Louise Lodge has to report a decrease in membership ; but the majority of those who dropped out were brothers who joined during the Session of Grand Lodge in Kingston in 1894. We regret to report the loss by death of a Sister (Mrs. Arthurs), a faithful

and efficient member. A very favorable impression of our Order was made by the kind sympathy and unremitting attention shown by our members during this sister's illness

Besides contributing \$10.00 last winter to the Poor Relief Fund of our city, we have contributed \$18.00 to the Orphans' Home Fund.

We are of opinion that it would be a great advantage to Rebekah Lodges to have sick benefits and insurance in connection with our branch of the Order. We have ascertained that the Sovereign Grand Lodge will not be responsible for sick benefits in a Rebekah Lodge, but we have sent a petition to the O.F.R.A. asking ANNIE MCWATER.

EDITH REYNOLDS.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Beatrice Lodge, No 12, Guelph-During the year we are pleased to report success, not so much in membership as in charitable work.

Beatrice Lodge joined in with our two Subordinate Lodges, and furnished

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two very nice rooms in the General Hospital at a cost of \$225.32, \$182.32 of which was made by entertainments.

Also the Sisters formed a circle which has done good work in assisting those in need.

Our membership is: Brothers, 48; Sisters, 53; total 101. During the year we initiated 6 Sisters, 2 Brothers, total 8. But hope our next report will be far in advance of this year. MRS. R. MAHONEY, MRS. G. J. BRILL.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Harmony Lodge, No. 15-We have nothing specially interesting to report, but what is contained in our semi-annual report. During the year we have had to drop 15 members for non-payment of dues, and two members withdrawn. This past year we held a social in aid of the Orphanage Fund, which realized \$10,00 remitted to Grand Secretary and received the receipt for same. We held a social on the evening of July 29th, proceeds went into the General Fund of our Lodge. The attendance is not as large as we would like to have it, but there are a few who are faithful, and we hope for better success in the future.

MARY E. TONER.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. I.O.O.F .:

Edna Lodge, No. 14, St. Thomas-I take very great pleasure in reporting that Edna Lodge is in a prosperous condition financially. We have a very efficient staff of officers who take great pride in getting up their charges. We held one open installation in which Nos[®] 32 and 76 Subordinate Officers were installed with Edna's by Bro. Caron, D.D.G.M., after which the members of Edna Lodge entertained the Subordinate Lodges with a good programme and refreshments. Last winter we held a series of meetings under the auspices of the Rebekah Degree. We consider this one of the best means of attracting attention to the great good that may be accomplished through the Order. Under the blessing of Our Heavenly Father we have had very little sickness

in our ranks. We were called upon to give up one of our charter members, Robert Tracey, who it was God's will to summon to the Grand Lodge above, Robert Tracey, who it was God's will to summon to the Grand Lodge above, and we have the assurance that he died, as he lived, trusting in his Saviour. We also were called upon to hold the Burial Service for Excelsior Lodge, No. 18. A Sister belonging to that Lodge died here, and I can assure you the members of Edna Lodge did all in their power to pour oil into the extinguishing lamp of life. We held one entertainment for the Home and are able at this session to present you with \$20.35, and we hope to do much to assist the noble work. We hope at this Assembly to carry home many lessons that will guide us in our good work, and may this Assembly be guided in all their deliberations. Mapy Brown

MARY BROWN.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, report as follows: Our meetings for the past year have been fraught with much good, but our membership has decreased owing to the fact that another lodge has been organized, thus taking a number of our members from us, having now 140 members. Two of our members have been taken from us by the hand of death, also a number have been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues. During the year we have initiated 12 members with bright prospects for the coming year.

On the occasion of our anniversary a fancy fair was held, the proceeds to be devoted to the Home Fund, and trust it will not be long before this Home is started.

Our Visiting and Relief Committees are still doing a noble work among the sick and needy in our city.

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We hope next year to present a much better report and trust that we may come home from the Assembly with many lessons that will enable us to carry on the good work. We trust that Divine wisdom and strength will be granted the Assembly during this session. MRS. MARY LEADER. MISS MINNIE LENNOX.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Myrtle Lodge, No. 17, D. of R., Elora-I beg to present this report and convey to you greetings for a prosperous session, and trusting that Divine wisdom and strength may be granted this Assembly during the present session. As will be seen by our secretary's report we have only 20 members in good standing, which, we regret to say, is a decrease. Since our last report we have had to suspend a number of our members for non-payment of dues. I might state that the greatest number of Brothers and Sisters who were suspended had left the town to reside in other places. Our financial standing is very satisfactory and there is no doubt the success of Myrtle Lodge in the immediate future is assured. With our efficient staff of officers for the present term we anticipate still greater advant-ages to enable us to perform faithfully the ennobling duties of Oddfellowship. I I am also instructed to recommend Sister Miss Louie Webster, P.G. of Myrtle Lodge, for D.D.G.M. from our lodge. Again we trust that Divine wisdom and strength may be granted this Assembly at this session, and that we may carry strength may be granted this casemoly at this accord, incarrying on the good back from the Assembly many lessons that will guide us in carrying on the good work we love so well. LOUIE WEBSTER.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Excelsior Lodge, No. 18, Bridgeburg-We beg leave to present this report. We are also desirous of conveying to you greetings for a prosperous session. Trusting that every judicious effort put forth may be crowned with success for the advancement of the Order we love so much.

Although we are so close to the borders of our American Sisters, we are strongly in sympathy with every move of our own Assembly and all the work in Strongy in sympany with every move or our own Assembly and all the work in which you are engaged. May the good accomplished at this time radiate and enthuse to increased activity every member of the Order. During the past year we are pleased to report progress, not in membership, but in a clearer and more perfect knowledge of the great principles symbolized in

the triple chain.

Our financial standing, although not great, is quite satisfactory.

We are well equipped with pharaphernalia for the Degree Staff, also regalia. for the Officers.

We have a good Degree Staff, the officers of which get their charges up in a most creditable manner. We have the pleasure of presenting at this time ten dollars to the Oddfellows' Home, not much, but it will help, and we hope next year we may be able to do much more,. Our hearts are in the work but the general depression of trade has also reached our town, and no doubt is felt even in our Rebekah Lodge, but we trust with our efficient staff of officers this year to enable us to perform faithfully the ennobling duties of Oddfellowship. I have been asked by Excelsior Lodge, No. 18, to ask this Assembly to ask the Grand Lodge to instruct their representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to use every honorable means to give us back such legislation as will enable us to pay sick benefits. They feel that to keep pace with other sister societies we will have to do something to retain our membership; if we had a sick or funeral benefit we would not have so many suspensions. Again we trust that Divine wisdom and strength may be granted this Assembly during the session. MRS. MARY KENNEDY.

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To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.D.F .:

Mizpah Lodge, No. 19-As representative of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, I beg to report that our lodge is in a fair condition, and while we have from various reasons not made the progress we anticipated or hoped for, we are still trying to carry on the work and trust that our efforts will be crowned with success. SARA NETLETON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Lucknow Lodge, No. 22-The progress for the past year has been very slow, the attendance being poor.

The members seemed to have lost interest in the work of the Order, although a good programme is rendered every night of meeting. We held a good at-home on our aniversary. We hope with renewed zeal to bring our lodge back to a good standing. MRS. MAGGIE REID.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

On behalf of Prudence Lodge, No. 24, I beg to report the following: We have not had as successful a year as we would wish, regarding the number of members, but the finances have been fully well attended to. Have had to suspend some members for non-payment of dues.

Our greatest difficulty seems to be in getting the members to attend the lodge meetings.

We started a Dorcas Society last winter in connection with our work, and which was the means of our clothing a great many poor and needy children and aged people, and we hope that the attention thus dispensed by the lodge members will be the means of bringing many in with us; and hope that in the coming winter we may be spared to carry on the good work.

OLIVE M. PATTISON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Ivy Lodge, No. 26, Galt—We have had a successful year, having initiated during the term filteen Sisters and six Brothers, making a membership of 71 Sisters and 68 Brothers, total 139.

In March, Sister Bascom instituted Queen Lodge, Hespeler. A number of the members of Beatrice Lodge, Guelph, were also present.

which was a great success; no pains were spared by the committee to make it so. Our financial standing is also very satisfactory. MRS. SUSIE DENNIS.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontaria, I.O.O.F. :

In April, 'a Birthday Patty was given in aid of the Orphans' Home Fund, Atthewell Lodge, No. 29, Almonie—Begs leave to report a successful year, both numerically and financially, and the interest taken by the members in the work continues to increase.

In March last we had a friendly competition of the floor work with "Coila" Lodge, No. 32, Janeville. Bro. White, G.M., with Bro. Bell, P.G., of Ottawa, were the judges, who, after weighing the matter impartially, decided in favor of "Coila" Lodge. After the business of the evening was over, the Grand Master favored the lodge with an eloquent and instructive address, followed by speeches from some of the visiting brethren. We were also pleased to greet some of the Brothers and Sisters of Harriet Lodge, No. 44, Renfrew, who came to see the competition.

Our Degree Staff is making efficient progress under the able tuition of Bro. Peter McCallum, Grand Guardian, who takes a very deep interest in the work.

The attendance at our meetings is fairly good, membership, 59; and we hope at the next meeting of the Assembly to be able to report a marked increase in progress and membership. Mrs. J. McCallum.

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To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0 O.F.:

Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30-It afforts me much pleasure on behalf of the lodge to present the following report of the work done during the past year. We have initiated 28 members-7 Sisters, 21 Brothers. We have lost during the year for non-payment of dues, and leaving town 3 Sisters, 8 Brothers, leaving our membership at the present time 45 Sisters, 39 Brothers, which leaves 84 members all in good standing. We meet every second Friday. Our meetings are well attended, our members being active and zealous in promoting the interest of the lodge and Order. We have an excellent team which does their work well, thanks to our good captain, Brother Solmes.

We have completed our beautiful paraphernalia, which adds much to the appearance of the team work, and in which the members spent many a toilsome hour making; but, however, we are all well pleased with it, and everything is working satisfactorily.

I am disappointed in making out my report, as I expected to institute two lodges, one in Napanee and one in Belleville. I went three times to Napanee and notiges, one in rapance and one in Believille. I went inree times to rapance and made all arrangements to institute, but the two lodges could not come to terms and it was dropped. I went to Belleville once; they did not seem to want one there. I have done everything in my power to promote the interest of the lodge. I also put the question before the lodge in regards to an Orphans' Home, but having paid out so much this year we could not see our way clear; hoping

we may do something in the future. On the whole we have had a very prosper-

Wishing the officers and representatives in their Seventh Annual Convention a pleasant as well as a-profitable meeting together is the wish of

MRS. MIRIAM MCMASTER.

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To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30, Descronto-On behalf of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 30, Descronto, which I have the honor to represent, I beg respectfully to sub-

mit this report, and desire to convey to you our greetings for a prosperous session. Our lodge has been successful since the last Assembly met. We have had our present members, Through N, P. D. we have lost 11 members, making our present membership 84. During the past year, our meetings have been well attended, and a great interest in the work is being manifested. Our financial standing is not very large, as our expenditure for the past term has been very heavy, owing to purchasing a paraphemalia for the better conferring of the degree. I am pleased to be able to report the success of this lodge and we will look

forward to a bright and prosperous future in the noble work of Oddfellowship.

and to a pright and prosperous nature in the norm of Assembly, and give us May the Supreme Ruler be with us at our Grand Assembly, and give us from and strength. NAN. HARVEY. wisdom and strength.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Coila Lodge, No. 32, D. of R. Janeville-During the past year we have only initiated two members, one Brother and one Sister ; we have lost during the year six Brothers, one has withdrawn, and five for non-payment of dues.

Our membership to date is 45 Brothers and 35 Sisters, total membership 80. Receipts during the year \$84.46, expenditure \$54.97, leaving a balance on hand of \$29.49

Although we have not added many to our number during the year, we, as a lodge, do not feel discouraged, for we have the promise of a number that will make good members as soon as the warm weather is over.

We have a number of Sisters that are very much interested in the lodge, they are regular attendants, and do all they can to advance the Order generally.

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We have visited three Subordinate Lodges during the year, and each lodge gave us a cordial reception; we spent a pleasant evening with each one.

At the Well Lodge, No. 29, Almonte, invited our Degree Staff on March 9th, to have a friendly competition with them, (the work done was initiation), as Grand Master White was to pay them a visit on that date. We were successful in winning the competition by about 22 points. Grand Master White, Brothers Bell and Gordon, were the judges.

At the Well Lodge gave us a cordial reception, and we returned home delighted with our visit to Almonte.

As yet we have not succeeded in obtaining any funds for the Orphans' Home. There have been several schemes proposed, but none adopted, but we trust in the near future to be able to aid in this good work. MRs. E. REYNOLDS.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

On behalt of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 33, D. of R. Brockville—I beg leave to present the following report: The present membership is sixty-eight, initiated five the past year, suspended ten.

We have in the treasury \$25.13. Our paraphernalia is worth \$125; total assets \$150.13. As we subscribed a liberal sum towards the erection of the Odd fellows' monument, and also assisted at the unveiling, we are very sorrow that we are unable to give you any help towards the Home at the present time.

M. SEATON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Olivette Lodge, No. 34 — Although for the past year we have not increased in numbers, yet we have a faithful few here who are doing their atmost to carry out the principles of our degree, and are looking forward for a better day to dawn.

Since last you met in annual session death has visited our lodge and removed from our midst Sister Mrs. Elder, P.N.G. and past representative to your Assembly. Another proof that "death loves a shining mark."

During the year we had the great pleasure of a visit from your efficient Secretary, Sister Maggie Waldell, who installed our officers and exemplified the secret work in a very able manner. K. Mowar.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

Rachel Lodge, No. 36—I beg leave to report that for the last year the lodge has not increased in membership very much, but hope to do so in the future, as we have moved to the west end of the city; where there is a good field to work in, and we have every prospect of increasing our membership, and we trust that this time next year Rachel Lodge will be the most flourishing lodge in Toronto.

time next year Rachel Lodge will be the most flourishing lodge in Toronto. We have at present 15 Brothers and 19 Sisters. We suspended 3 Brothers and 3 Sisters. We admitted during the year 2 Brothers and 3 Sisters, making a total of 33 members in good standing. Amount of assets \$14.77. Receipts of six months \$24.93. Balance on hand \$21.65.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

Justitia Lodge, No. 38-During the year we have added ten to our number by initiation.

We have eighty-eight members in good standing which, we regret, shows a decrease of twenty-six during the year. Since the Assembly last met we have had to bear the loss of two of our members by death—Sister Trumbull, a very ntentive member, also Bro. Harper, P.G., who passed away after a very short illness—since our last semi-annual report was sent in.

It is pleasing to report that our lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition

financially, our available cash assets at June 30th last being \$30.26, which shows an increase since December.

We have an excellent attendance of members every meeting night and the lodge in general is in a good healthy condition. MARY M. STODDART.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F .:

I regret to report that our lodge has not increased in membership during the past year, but rather the reverse. We were obliged to suspend some of our members for N. P.D. Our financial condition is good, and we are fairly well equipped with regalia, etc. Our attendance is very unsatisfactory, which makes it very discouraging for the faithful few who are working zealously for the promotion of the noble principles of our beloved Order. With renewed energy and determination we hope for better results in future. M. A. Gruzes,

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Margaret Lodge, No. 39-Since the last Assembly meeting this lodge has added seven new members to its numbers, making a total membership of sixtynine members.

We have a very good Degree Team, and about a year ago we made a set of beautiful robes for the team.

In June we held an entertainment, and as a result we were able to donate twenty dollars towards the Home Fund.

Since the last report \$120.58 has been taken in ; expenditures have been \$88.22, leaving a balance on hand of \$32.36.

Our meetings are weekly and attendance is only fair, but with renewed zeal we hope to enter on the year with a stronger determination to work for our beloved Order. FRANKIE BETTES.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

As acting President, on behalf of Florence Lodge, No. 41, I am pleased to report our continued prosperity, although our increase has not been as large as last year, having to suspend several members on account of non-payment of dues, but our present membership is composed of Brothers and Sisters who are active and zealous in promoting the best interests of our beloved Order. Our meetings are well attended and interesting, and unity is our watchword.

Last January we held our annual At Home, and had a most pleasant evening. We have adopted for our Degree Team sashes and white gloves, which add in appearance to our degree work, and we are able to acquit ourselves without mistake.

Since we last met in convention I had the honor of instituting Ruhy Lodge, No. 56. Mount Forest, which duty I preformed June 15th last. I was ably assisted by the Degree Team of Florence Lodge.

Ruby Lodge starts out under most promising circumstances, being composed of the best society of the town, and I hope will do much to advance our good cause in this part of the province. Last Friday, August 6th, Florence Lodge and Ruby Lodge held a joint picnic at Mill Lake, when a most pleasant day was spent.

Wishing this, our annual convention, will be pleasant as well as profitable to our noble Order. FLORENCE WATSON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 48, Cornwall – I take very great pleasure in reporting on behall of Eastern Star Lodge that we are making steady progress and feel that we have laid the foundation of a growing and prosperous branch of the Order in Cornwall. Our lodge was instituted on the 27th February, 1896-not

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quite eighteen months ago—with a charter membership of 38 (13 Sisters and 25 Brothers). We have since added 25 members—15 Sisters and 10 Brothers making a total membership of 63. We confidently expect to increase this number largely in the near future, as the pure and noble teachings and principles of our Order become better known and appreciated, through the medium of the open meetings and entertainments which have been held and which we intend to continue during the coming fall and winter months.

Last winter we held a series of interesting social gatherings, in which the members of the Subordinate Lodge joined and rendered valuable assistance. We have also had several very successful open meetings under the auspices of the Sisters of the Rebekah Degree, and each of these gatherings resulted in an addition to our membership. We consider this one of the best means of attracting attention to the great good that may be accomplished through our Order.

Under the blessing of our Heavenly Father we have had very little sickness in our ranks and have so far escaped the sadness of death's visitation. Where illness has occurred or affliction overtaken any of our members—which I am glad to say has only been in one or two cases—there has been a prompt and sympathetic performance of the duties so solemnly assumed in our obligation.

etic performance of the duties so solemnly assumed in our obligation. We have made good headway with the floor work, but have not yet secured the paraphernalia. This we hope to do before the close of the coming winter.

I am glad to see that the question of admitting the Sisters of the Rebekah Degree to the benefits of the Oddfellows' Relief Association has been receiving attention, and L+rust Hat something may be accomplished in this direction at an early date. If it were possible to devise a plan by which the Sisters of the Order could participate im some such system of Sick Relief as that which prevails amongst the Subordinate bodges. I belive our membership would be rapidly increased./I would suggest that the matter be brought to the attention of the Grand Lofge of Onlario at its present session.

I am pleased to be able to report that the utmost harmony prevails in our lodge, and that all the members take a deep interest in the progress and welfare of the Order. We feel that we are engaged in a work of mutual advantage, and that however small and insignificant our individual efforts may appear; collectively we are assissing in a noble undertaking for the amelioration of the miseries and burdens of the unfortunate, and attaining in some degree the pure and lolty bbjects for which our Order/was instituted.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F .:

Queen Lodge, No. 54, Hespeler – Was instituted April 3, 1897, with a membership of 33. They now have over 40 members and are in a very prosperous condition. I never saw a more energetic, go-ahead set of Rebekahs. They are sure to prosper. They lately held a raspberry social to help pay for an organ, at which they cleared over \$40. WINNIE L. BASCOM.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.F. :

Fern Lodge, No. 50—It is with a feeling of regret that we have not accomplished the many things we fondly hoped to a year ago. But we have had 40 stydgele for existence, and our gain in membership has been small. We have not received that encouragement and help from the Subordinate Lodge which we needed, and, it is thought, deserved. We commenced the year with 12 Brothers and 14 Sisters—a membership of 26. We have initiated 2 Brothers and 7 Sisters, and have lost, by withdrawal, 3 Brothers and 3 Sisters, leaving us 11 Brothers and 18 Sisters, a total of 29, making a gain of 3. Our cash on hand on \$4 July, 1896, was \$5 97; our receipts wer \$61.70, and the expenses of the Lodge'during the time were \$54.49, leaving a balance on hand of \$13.18. We also have a fine set of regalia, worth, at least, \$25. The attendance is sometimes rather small, but is, on the whole, favorable. HENRY JOHNSON.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Untario I.O.O.F. :

Violet Lodge, No. 52-We have just nicely entered upon the second year of our existence as a lodge, having been instituted on the 24th of July, 1896. It is generally thought that anything having a rapid growh gets to be weak after a short time, but we are in hopes that the strides we have made during the time we have been in existence, although not expecting to be as successful in the future as in the past, will profe a very great exception to the rule. We have, at pre-6 during the month of July. We have had very little sickness, and have, therefore, had very little chance of showing forth the command of our beloved Order in this respect, vizz, to visit the sick ; have had no deaths, no withdrawals or suspensions. We have devoted a good deal of our time, after the business of he lodge is over, to the beautiful floor work, thereby spending a pleasant half hour, and we think we can give the initiatory work in as creditable a manner as most of lodges, even though they may be a trifle older than we are. The officers seem to be impressed with their parts, apid more particularly with the objects of the Order, and are taking a great interest in the work, getting along harmonitogether a Frienship, supplied with Love, that will be Ture for all time to come, trying also to rectify the hesetting sin of selfshness, as we are taught the highest aim and object of Oddfellowship.

We have been greatly aided by the brothers of Tecumseth Lodge, who have shown a willingness to help in every possible way. They are, at the present time, erecting a new hall, brick-veneer building, two storeys, and, when finished, we hope to be able to repay them in some way by making their home and ours attractive, so, when we meet, we may spend a pleasant, as well as profitable evening. Trusting that when the end shall come we may all be prepared to meet in that Grand Lodge above, presided over by the Great Grand Master, where all tears shall be wiped away, and all drink from that stream which flows from the Fountain of Benevolence and Peace. Mss. ELLA MCFARLANE.

To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

Woodslee Lodge, No. 55—It affords me great pleasure, in this jubilee year of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, to be permitted to meet once more my Sisters of the several D. of R. Lodges as the representative of one of the youngest lodges in this province, which was instituted on May 12th with 12 charter members; and their semi-annual report shows a total membership of 17. From the reports received from Sister Dring, their Secretary, the prospects are good for a bright and useful lodge. The Sisters and Brothers are very enthusiastic, and each feels their personal responsibility in making Woodslee Lodge a success, They meet on Monday evening of each week, and are preparing themselves for team work; and I understand it is also their intention to procure for their work a complete paraphernalia, and there is no doubt of building up a good healthy lodge.

Having been selected as their first D.D.G.M., it will be my privilege and pleasure to keep a watchful eye over them and assist and encourage them to the utmost of my ability in the advancement of the noble work which we have obligated ourselves to perform, and trust that our next report will show this lodge to be both a financial and social success.

Trusting Divine wisdom and strength may be granted to this Assembly during the session, 1 remain yours in F., L. and T. L. M. EDGAR.

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To the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

To the Rebeat Assembly of Ontario, 1.0.0.7. Viola Lodge, No. 53, instituted December 15th, 1896, has yet no Past Noble Grand, and I have been requested to represent this lodge. They are doing well for a young lodge, having now a membetship in good standing of 53, and are looking forward to a speedy increase in their membership. Their officers are active and very enthusiastic in their work. Arrangements are now being completed for a Degree Staff under efficient leadership. They have also an active Visiting Committee, and are represented on the Voluntary Relief Committee of our branch of the Order in this city. Magnet A. PRARCE

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DEGREE OF REBEKAH LODGES.

LODGE.		LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING	
Victoria				
Ruth	1	London	1st and 3rd Thursday	
Oshawa	2	Stratford	Ist and Bed Friday.	
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lay Queen	5			
laomi	6	Windsor	First and ard I uesday.	
Dur Sisters	7			
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eatrice	12	Kingston Guelph. Chatham	list and 3rd Monday.	
ubilee	13	Chatham	Ist and 3rd Friday.	
dna	14	Chatham St. Thomas	2nd and 4th Thursday.	
armony	15	St. Thomas	Every Friday.	
live Branch	16			
lyrtle	17	Toronto	1st and 3rd Tuesday	
xcelsior				
lizpah	18	Bridgeburg.	Every Monday but the los	
onalda	19	Collingwood	2nd and 4th Tuasdas	
onaida	20	North Bay	lst and 3rd Weday.	
lora	21	North Bay	Fuer End Wednesday	
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glewood	23	Waterford	and and ath I hursday.	
udence	24	Brantford	2nd and 4th Monday.	
berta	25	Waterford	2nd and 4th Friday.	
Y	26	Galt	1st and 3rd Friday.	
ther	27	Galt	2nd and 4th Friday.	
olfax	28			
-the Well	29	Sarnia	Every Friday.	
erdeen	30	Almonte	2nd and 4th Tuesday	
bron	30 1	Deseronto Coronto Ditawa Brockville	2nd, 4th, and 5th Fail	
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aple Leaf	33 1	Brockville	Every Monday.	
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chel	36 1	Coronto	Every Monday.	
wena	37 1	aris	ist and 3rd Thursday,	
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Report of the Grand Representatives

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

Session of 1897 held at Springfield, Illinois.

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1.0.0.F.:

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge herewith submit the following report :

The 73rd Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, 20th day of September, 1897, ending Saturday afternoon, the 25th.

Previous to the opening, addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor J. R. Tanner of Illinois; I. E. Wheeler, Mayor of Springfield; J. C. Rankin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; Mrs. May D. Stone, of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois; and Hon. J. D. Murphy, of the Grand Encampment Patriarichs Militant and Cantons of that State. Hon. Alfred Orendroff acted as Chairman and Director of Ceremonies, and Rev. E. B. Rogers as Chaplain. The Grand Sire, on behalf of the S. G. S., ably responded to the addresses.

Representative Hoyle was placed on the Committee of International Relations ; Mexico, Cuba and Chili were assigned to him to report thereon.

Representative Woodyatt was appointed on the Committee of Legislation, in which he took an active part, several important reports being placed in his hands-

From the Grand Encampment of Ontario, Bro. Hornibrook occupied a prominent position on the Judiciary Committee, for which he is well qualified.

Bro. Ross, of Hamilton, as a member of the Committee on the Revision of the Ritual of the Rebekah Degree, rendered signal service in that respect.

P. G. Sire Cill Campbell still retains the confidence and respect of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and assisted your Representatives with able counsel in the discharge of their responsible duties.

The report of the Grand Sire contained the following valuable information :

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

RETURNS FOR YEARS 1895 AND 1896.

	December 31, 1895,	December 31, 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges. Subordinate Lodges. Rebekah Lodges. Grand Encampments. Lodge Initiations Lodge Initiations Encampment Members. Rebekah Members. Reilef by Lodges. Reilef by Lodges. Reilef by Recampnents Reilef by Recampnents Reilef by Recampnents Reilef by Recampnents Reilef by Recampnents Reilef by Recampnents Revenue of Lodges. Total Relef.	2 56 2 10,875 4,111 50 2,428 63,219 799,985 132,694 237,965 330,070,613 275,960 68 47,761 73 2,333,423 14 7,667,250 39 380,795 99 8,591,004 21	$\begin{array}{c} 50\\ 11,115\\ 4,607\\ 51\\ 2,648\\ 60,146\\ 806,055\\ 130,732\\ 43,067,965\\ 81\\ 274,209\\ 90\\ 51\\ 099\\ 83,389,225\\ 63\\ 7,570,025\\ 98\\ 886,202\\ 28\\ 9,068,646\\ 79\end{array}$	270 456 1 20 6,070 26,526 \$60,884 48 3,298 10 59 412 49 605,406 27 467,642 58	3,073 1,962 \$4,670 09 17.824 41

The following figures show the numerical and financial strength of the Order : Urand Lodges, 56; Subordinate Lodges, 11,115; increase 270; Rebekah Lodges, 4;567; increase 456; Grand Encampments, 51; increase 7; Subordinate Encampments, 2,648; increase, 20; Lodge Initiations, 60,146; decrease, 3,073; Lodge Members, 806,055; increase, 6,070; Encampment Members, 130,732; decrease, 1,962; Rebekah Members, 264,479; increase, 26,526; Relief by Lodges, \$3,067,-958 81; increase, \$60,884.48; Relief by Encampments, \$274,209.09; decrease, \$4,670.09; Relief by Rebekah Lodges, \$51,059 83; increase, \$3,298.10; Total Relief, \$3,393,r325.63; increase, \$59,412.49; Revenue of Lodges, \$7,570,032,98; decrease, \$17,824,41; Revenue of Rebekah Lodges, \$\$865,022 26; increase, \$505,406.27; Total Revenue, \$9,058,646.79; increase, \$467,642458.

Invested Funds-Subordinate Lodges, \$24,824,387.17, increase, \$476,857. 33: Subordinate Encampments, \$1,529,131.59, increase, \$73,776.71; Total Invested Funds, \$26,849,949 42, increase, \$591,922 76. Expenses-Subordinate Lodges, \$3,447,195.22, decrease, \$12,611.01; Encampments, \$256,286,77, decrease, \$41,977.27; Rebekah Lodges, \$338,409.02, increase, \$37,713.78; Total Expenses, \$4,021,891.01. Brothers relieved, 83,724, decrease, 2,534; Patriarchs relieved, 10,073, decrease, 1,961; Weeks' Benefits paid by Lodges, 581,534, increase, 27,179; by Encampments, 89,282, decrease, 357; Widowed Families relieved by Lodges, 6,206, increase, 816; by Encampments, 209, increase. 31; Hrothers buried, 8,498, decrease, 94; Patriarchs buried, 1,395, decrease, 90.

Statistics of the Order from 1830 to December 31st, 1896, including Australasia, Germany, Denmark and Switzerland—Initiations in Subordinate Lodges, 2,137,592; Members relieved, 2,076,004; Widowed Families relieved, 227,940; Members deceased, 202,228; Total relief, \$74,356,668.76; Total receipts, \$193,247,022.80.

Condition of the Order December 31st, 1896-Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1; Independent Grand Lodges, 5; Subordinate Grand Encampments, 55; Subordinate Grand Lodges, 66; Subordinate Encampments, 2671; Subordinate Lodges, 11,399; Encampment Members, 131,898. Lodge Members, 831,718; Rebekah Members, Sisters, 164,679; Brothers, 116,812.

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DECISIONS. .

Decisions of Grand Sire Carleton as Amended, and Approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

No. 1. Q. Can one lodge sue another in the civil courts without violating the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

A. They may do so unless inhibited by their Grand Lodge Constitution, there being nothing in the general laws of the Order forbidding it.

No. 2. Q. Can a brother who owes a lodge a note for Third Degree claim benefits?

A. A brother owing a lodge a note for Third Degree is entitled to benefits, he being otherwise entitled to receive them.

No. 4. Q. Is it permissible to admit members during conferring any of the Degrees, or may members be admitted during or introducing first and second parts while the candidate is taken out into the ante-room 7

A. No.

No. 5. Q. Where a brother has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and before one year from date of his suspension applies for reinstatement and pays one year's dues, is it his right to be re-instated, or has the lodge the right to ballot on such application and refuse to re-admit him?

A. Yes, upon application and payment of one year's dues, a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for less than twelve montlus must be reinstated by his lodge without ballot, in absence of local law to the contrary.

No. 6. Q. Can a Grand Master issue dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge empowering it to confer Degrees the same night the candidate is initiated?

A. Yes, he can, unless the laws of the grand jurisdiction otherwise provide.

No. 7. Q Do sections 1829 and 1830, White's Digest, edition of 1895, prohibit the printing by a Subordinate Lodge of the funeral ceremony, not for sale, but for its own convenience ?

A. Yes.

No. 8. Statement. 'A brother who has been suspended for more than five years for non-payment of dues, and is now about sixty years of age, wants to be reinstated in his lodge as a non-bencficial member.

Q. What will the brother have to pay the lodge, and would the brother be exempt from dues, and would the lodge have to pay per capita tax on the brother ?

A. In order for any brother to be reinstated who has been suspended for more than five years, he must pay the amount of one year's dues, unless otherwise provided by local law, although he may take a Dismissal certificate for one dollar; in his application for reinstatement, he must further show, if the application is for non-beneficial membership, that he has been a member of the Order for five years. In the absence of local law otherwise providing, he must pay dues and the lodge must pay per capita tax on him.

No. 9. Q. Is it necessary, when two Subordinate Lodges under the

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immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consolidate under the charter, name and number of one of them, the other surrendering its charter to the District Deputy Grand Sire, and its papers, books, etc., to the one retaining its charter, name and number, to apply for and procure a new charter?

No. 10. Q. Which officer, the Recording Secretary or the Permanent

Secretary, is the proper one to sign the certificate for dues prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session? A. The Permanent Secretary.

No. 11. Q. Must a brother pay dues in advance, the same as a visiting card, in order to visit on a receipt ?

No. 12. Q. Can a brother deposit the receipt in another lodge for admission, the same as a visiting card ? A. Yes.

No. 13. Q. Must the A.T.P.W. be given to all brothers on paying up their dues?

A. No, if they only pay their dues to date.

No. 14. Q. A member of a lodge on February 1st, 1897, owes \$3.00 dues ; he goes to his lodge and pays \$1.00 of said dues and demands a visiting certificate is the lodge compelled to issue said visiting certificate and give him the A. T. P. W. ?

A. The lodge is compelled to issue the visiting certificate, but it is not allowed to give the A.T.P.W. There is no such thing known to the law as a "Visiting Certificate." It is a certificate showing the payment of dues, on which certificate, coupled with the A.T.P.W., entitles the holder to visit lodges outside

No. 15. Q. When a brother pays his dues, is the secretary of the lodge compelled to give him a certificate under the taw of 1896, or may the secretary

use another form of receipt when the brother does not desire the A.T.P.W.? A. When a brother pays his dues, the secretary is not allowed to give him a receipt for same except on the form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand

Lodge, notwithstanding the brother does not desire the A.T.P.W.

No. 16. When a brother pays his dues and does not desire a receipt, is the secretary compelled to issue to him a certificate under the law of 1896?

No. 17. Q. If a brother fails to pay his dues on the last meeting night of the lodge in the term, and comes forward and pays at the commencement of the succeeding term, is he non-beneficial?

A. While the term of a Subordinate Lodge must begin at certain stated periods, viz., first meetings in January and July or April and October, yet such periods, viz., hist incertings in january and juty or April and October, yet such commencement of a term has no necessary reference to when and how dues shall be paid, and a brother is beneficial just so long as he does not owe his lodge one-fourth of the annual amount fixed by its by laws for dues and legal

No. 19. Q. A Grand Master suspends a lodge; the Grand Lodge held that it was illegally suspended; that the Grand Master had no authority under the law to suspend it. What per capita tax should the lodge pay?

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A. When a lodge has been suspended, and it has afterward been decided by proper authority that its suspension was illegal, and it has been reinstated, such lodge should not be required to pay per capita tax for the period it was under suspension.

No. 20. Q. Can lodges provide by by-law for the admission of nonbeneficial Oddfellows, when no action has been taken by the State Grand Lodge?

A. A lodge cannot provide by by law for admission of non-beneficial Odd/fellows, unless the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has by some legislative action authorized lodges to do so.

No. 21. Q. In an initiation, should the acting P.G. (in closing his charge) greet and welcome the brother by giving him the initiatory grip?

A. No.

No. 22. Q. Have Grand Masters the power under the law to grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges, upon request of said lodges, to permit them to admit applicants into lodges for a less fee than what their by-laws call for, for a limited time i

A. No, they can not grant such dispensations. They must change their by-laws and have them properly approved if they wish to change the fee charged for initiation.

No. 23. Q. Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate any of its funds to pay the premium on a surety bond issued by a guarantee or indemnity company to bond its treasurer or trustees?

A. Yes.

No. 24. Q. Does a Subordinate Lodge have the right to adopt or make a by-law confining sick benefits to Degree members only, as provided in Digest, Page 51, Section 16?

A. Yes, unless otherwise provided by local law.

No. 25. Q. Does the last clause of Section 1, of Article VIII. of the Constitution of New Hampshire, which reads as follows, "*shall be entitled to receive* from the funds of his lodge such sum as the by-laws may determine," leave it to the Subordinate Lodge by-laws to determine who are beneficial members?

A. Yes.

No. 26. Q. In view of the laws set forth in Sections 726 and 727 of the new Digest of 1895, if a lodge fixes its initiation fee so that it is less than the sum fixed for one year's dues, can such lodge lawfully reinstate a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, within one year, for a sum equal to the initiation fee?

A. Such lodge cannot lawfully reinstate a member so dropped for less than the amount of one year's dues, such being the law as set forth in Section 726, Digest of 1895, which law is plain and unambiguous, although, in view of the possible facts, he might have to pay more than a member who has been suspended for more than a year.

No. 27. Q. Under the same laws (Sections 726 and 727) can such lodge lawfully charge the amount of one year's dues for reinstatement of a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues for more than one year?

A. A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than one year, cannot be lawfully charged for reinstatement more than the

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amount charged an initiate of the same age, although the lodge may charge less if its local law so provides.

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No. 28. O. A brother who was a member of a lodge and a bar-keeper when the amendment to Section 5, Article XVI., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, went into effect, takes a withdrawal card therefrom, continues in the occupation of bar-keeper, and within a year from the issuance of said card, deposits it with another lodge and applies for membership therein. Can such lodge admit him ?

A. Yes, the lodge can admit the brother to membership in the lodge, he being already a member of the Order.

No. 29. Q. Can a grand body compel its subordinates to purchase a given number of rituals?

A. Grand bodies may compel their subordinates to purchase a given number of rituals, not exceeding the number allowed by the laws of this grand body.

No. 30. Statement .-- A brother is paid up in full until December 31, 1895. He pays nothing more, but on June 8, 1896, is, by the probate judge of the county in which he resides, adjudged insane. The verdict of the jury and the decision of the probate judge is that he is insane and has been for six months prior thereto. Then he was on that date ordered committed to the State Insane Asylum at Topeka, Kansas, and was so committed, and has been at all times since and is now confined there. The brother having no property, it was ordered by the court that the expense of the proceedings be at the cost of the county and the keeping at the cost of the state. The brother is the only support of his family.

Is the Subordinate Lodge to which he is attached, and in which he was in good standing on December 31st, 1895, and until 13 weeks thereafter, debtor to him or his family for sick benefits?

A. The brother's family is entitled to the benefit provided by the by-laws of the lodge to which he belongs, he being in good standing at the time he became insane. See Sections 42, 43 and 47, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

No. 31. Q. Has a lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the lodge to pay railroad fare and carriage hire ρ^{f} its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the lodge room?

A. No.

No. 32. Q. Can a lodge be organized in a good building on the ground floor

Yes ; yet all lodges are admonished to see to it that they surround the selves against intrusion by outsiders, that is to say, no person or persons should be permitted to gain a knowledge of what is going on in the lodge room by approaching it too closely.

No. 33. Q. Is it legal for a Subordinate Lodge to purchase an American flag ?

A. It is. See Articles 355 and 359, White's Digest.

No. 34. Q. Has a member of a lodge who prefers charges against another member of same lodge, a right to appeal from the action of his lodge in finding the brother not guilty?

A. Yes.

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No. 36. Q. A member being dropped for non-payment of dues, and being rejected upon application for reinstatement, can be renew his application for reinstatement at the expiration of six months \hat{r}

A. Ves, he can renew his application for reinstatement any number of times after rejection, each time waiting until the expiration of the time limited by local law, provided in other cases of application by (candidates for admission.

No. 37. Q. When a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, must the application be referred to a committee before it can be halloted upon, if the by-laws of the lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference, provided the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where such lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the lodge?

A. When a brother, suspended for non-payment of dues, applies to-be reinstated, the application need not be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the by-laws of the lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference; provided, the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where such lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the lodge.

No. 38. Q. Since the adoption of the amendment to the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, known as the liquor law, can a person who has been initiated in good faith and in ignorance up his part of the law, be advanced to a higher degree, the lodge ascertaining after initiation and before advancement that he is a saloon keeper?

A. No.

No. 39. Q. Can a member whose dues are paid to January 1st, 1897, be suspended on December 28th, 1897?

A. No. The period from January 1st, 1897, to December 28th, 1897, is not one year, and therefore a brother who is clear of the books on the 1st day of January cannot be suspended on the 28th day of the next ensuing December.

No. 40. Q. Upon the resignation of a Vice Grand, a member was elected to fill the vacancy, but was not installed into the office, but served to the end of the term for a majority of the nights, and was then elected and installed as Noble Grand, and served to the end of the term ; is he entitled to the honors of the office?

A. Yes, he is entitled to the honors; he was elected and installed as Noble Grand, served/as such for the term, so no matter what mere irregularities there were in his firstallation and service as Vice Grand, he is entitled to the honors as Noble and Past Grand.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

No. 41. Q. Is a member of a defunct encampment who is a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge, entitled to make application for membership in another encampment by initiation ; if so, does it require a dispensation for such purpose?

A. A member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge, claiming to be a member of a defunct encampment, but unable to obtain satisfactory proof of such

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fact, may apply for membership into a Subordinate Encampment by initiation, but each application should state that he did not lose membership in such defanct encampment by suspension or expulsion, and no dispensation is necessary to allow such encampment to admit such applicant.

No. 42. Q. Does the law passed at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which allows encampments under the jurisdiction of Grand Encampments to reduce their degree fees to \$1 each, and dues to \$1 per year to non-beneficial members, apply to encampments working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

A. Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are authorized to fix the minimum price for the degrees at one dollar each, or three dollars for the three degrees, and to fix annual dues at a minimum price of not less than one dollar.

No. 43. Q. Can the same patriarch hold the two offices of Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Encampment at one and the same time?

A. The same patriarch can not legally hold the two offices of Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Encampment at one and the same time.

No. 44. Q. What office or offices must a patriarch fill to become eligible to serve as Chief Patriarch ?

A. A grand jurisdiction may provide by law that service in the office of Senior Warden alone will render a patriarch eligible for the office of Cnief Patriarch; but unless a jurisdiction does so provide, a patriarch, to be eligible for the office of Chief Patriarch must have served a term as Senior Warden and High Priest.

No. 45. Q. If a patriarch pays his dues on the last meeting night for quarter ending March 31st, can he, on the evening of payment, ask for and receive the T.P.W.?

A.-Yes.

No. 46. Q. When a Suberdinate Encampment has a Financial Scribe, shall he sign the certificate for dues?

A. Yes; but the Recording Scribe must affix the seal.

No. 47. Q. In the ritual the words "Most Excellent High Priest" are printed. Is this correct and official as printed ?

A. Yes.

No. 48. Q. Are Past High Priests, previous to 1892, allowed to wear P.C.P. collars in encampments?

A. No.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

No. 49. Q. Is the wife of an Oddfellow who is but 16 cr 17 years of age eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

A. White women, without regard to age, who are wives of Oddfellows in good standing, are eligible to membership in Rebekah Lodges, subject to the laws relative to residence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the jurigdiction in which application is made.

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No. 50. Q. How many black balls are required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge?

A. Not less than three black balls shall be required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge. Grand Lodges may require a larger, but not a smaller number than three to reject such an application.

No. 51. Q. Must the Secretary and President of the Rebekah State Assembly make a report direct to the Grand Master of the condition of the Rebekah Lodges?

A. All Rebekah Lodges, unless by terms of charter granted to the Rebekah Assembly it is otherwise provided, must make annual returns to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and in jurisdictions where, by the terms of the charter granted to the Rebekah Assembly it is provided that secretaries of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges shall report to the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, then and in that case it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly to make returns of the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Secretary.

No. 52. Q. Can the staff of Rebekah Lodges have their photographs taken in their robes and costumes for their own use?

A. A Rebekah Lodge can not legally have photographs of its staff taken in the robes and costumes used in conferring the degree, for the individual use of its members.

No. 53. O. Does section 10 of the Rebekah code, as amended, do away with section 1,175 of White's Digest of 1895, or what is the standing of a brother in a Rebekah Lodge who is suspended, either for non-payment of dues or for cause, in his Subordinate Lodge?

A. Section 1,175 of White's Digest remains in force, and a brother's standing in a Rebekah Lodge depends upon his continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in good standing; excepting in cases of a brother holding a withdrawal card in date, his membership in a Rebekah Lodge is not'affected thereby, provided he keeps his dues in the Rebekah Lodge paid for one year from date of withdrawal card.

No. 54. Can subordinate jurisdictions still authorize their Rebekah Lodge to set aside five per cent. of the receipts for dues for contingent lund, notwithstanding the 34th section of the code for Rebekah Lodges?

A. Yes, they can.

No. 55. Q. When should the A.P.W. be given in a Rebekah Lodge, a per Rebekah ritual, or after the candidate has signed the Constitution?

A. The A.P.W. is given by the Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge to a candidate in the course of instruction, prior to signing the Constitution.

No. 56. Q. A member of a Rebekah Lodge was tried and suspended for two years. She appealed⁴to the Grand Lodge, and while the appeal was still pending, and before the session of the Grand Lodge, charges were preferred against her on some matters growing out of the previous transaction, but she paid no attention to the said charges, and the lodge thereupon expelled her for contempt. Shortly afterwards the Grand Lodge reinstated her on the first charges, but the lodge refuses to permit her attendance, and claims she was expelled on the second charges. Was the action of the lodge in refusing to reinstate her legal?

A. On authority of sections 1,611, 1,612 and 1,613, White's Digest, edition 1896, the action of the lodge was legal.

No. 57. Q. The Constitution of a Rebekah Assembly provides for the election of a Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary by Rebekah Lodges. Is not this provision of the Constitution requiring the election of a Financial Secretary in conflict with the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1895?

A. Yes, it is. The law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge provides that the officers of a Rebekah Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, if necessary, etc. The legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge leaves it to the discretion of the Rebekah Lodges as to whether or not it is necessary for them to elect a Financial Secretary.

No. 58. Statement.—In the Constitution and By-laws of a Rebekah Assembly, as approved by the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction, the following appears i "In the absence of the President, they shall at constitutional periods install officers of Rebekah Lodges who are properly qualified by previous service in office, and have committed their charges of office to memory, and to communicate the annual and semi-annual pass words to the Noble and Vice-Grand, they having fully exemplified the unwritten work of the Rebekah Degree in open lodge."

Q. Is the following portion of the above Constitution legal ? to wit : "They having fully exemplified the unwritten work of the Rebekah Degree in open lodge," inasmuch as the ritual of Rebekah Degree Lodges direct through the Noble Grand the candidates elect to retire; further, could the "District Deputy Grand President, or other installing officer, insist or compel the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand of a Rebekah Lodge to exemplify the unwritten work in open lodge, either before or during the ceremony of installation ?

A. Yes, such section of the Constitution is legal. See Article 1,835, White's Digest, edition 1895.

No. 59. Q. Under section 33 of the code for Rebekah Lodges, do the laws digested in sections 726 and 727 of Digest, apply to Rebekah Lodges?

A. Sections 726 and 727 of the Digest apply to applicants for reinstatement into Rebekah Lodges, as well as they do to Subordinate Lodges, section 33 specially stating that all the laws, rules, and regulations of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted for the government of subordinate grand jurisdictions, or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force to country, provincial, state and territorial jurisdictions of the Dogree of Rebekah," etc.; there, as no specific provision is made in the code for reinstatement, the general law as found in the sections of the Digest referred to certainly govern.

No. 60. Q. What regalia should a brother of the Rebekah Degree wear in a Rebekah Lodge?

A. Where the Rebekah code, section 25, states that brothers should wear the regalia that they are entitled to wear in the Subordinate Lodge, it must be construed to refer to those brothers who do not hold office in the Rebekah Lodge. Section 25, Rebekah code, specifies what the regalia shall be for a Rebekah Lodge. Section 1,218, Digest 1895, states "that an encampment member may wear his encampment regalia when sitting in his own lodge, *unlets*. *he* is a lodge officer, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office," hence, when any one is elected to office in a Rebekah Lodge, whether male or female, they must wear the regalia provided by 1 w for such office.

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No. 61. Q. Has a Grand Lodge, under a Rebekah code, any authority to authorize the existence of any other grand body than an Assembly? A. No.

No. 62. Q. Under section 24, Rebekah code, revised in 1896, can we require lodges to vote yes or no?

A. Section 24, Rebekah code, as amended, provides that "votes in all other cases" (excepting such as are specially stated, shall be by ballot), "shall be viva voce," which means that the vote may be either yea or nay, or yes or no.

No. 63. Q. Has a brother a right to wear his encampment regalia when sitting in a Rebekah Lodge?

A. Yes, unless he is an officer in the Rebekah Lodge, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office, as prescribed in section 25 of the Rebekah code.

No. 64. Q. Can a brother holding a live withdrawal card from a Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge join a Rebekah Lodge by deposit of card, without first having renewed his membership in a Subordinate Lodge ?

A. He can not. He must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge. A brother holding a withdrawal card is a member of the Order, but not of a lodge.

P. M. DECISIONS.

No. 65. Q. Has a Department Council or Commander the power or authority to grant removal of Department Council headquarters?

A. Upon receipt of a petition by the Department Council, praying for a removal of Department Council headquarters, setting forth the reasons therefor, the Department Council may grant or reject the petition.

No. 66. Q. Is the captain of a senior canton, who has been acting as Department Commander, entitled to a commission as Department Commander, or does he act in that capacity until the Department is in a position to regularly elect a Department Commander?

A. He is not entitled to a commission as Department Commander until he shall have been elected to that position.

No. 67. Statement.—A chevalier holds a commission as Colonel of first regiment, by vitue of which he became Department Commander under the Patriarchs Militant code; his successor was commissioned by the Department, he paying the fee to the Department for the same.

 \overline{Q} . Is a Department Commander under the law governing the Patriarchs Militant required to obtain his commission from the Adjutant General and pay the fee for the same 2

A. Yes.

No. 68. Statement.—A canton surrenders its charter and forwards its effects to Department headquarters. None of the chevaliers have discharges, no action having been taken by the canton is regard to discharges.

Q. Can any of the chevaliers of the defunct canton be charter members of a new canton without first obtaining honorable discharges in accordance with sections 24 and 34, P. M. code ?

A. No; such members cannot become applicants for a charter for a new canton without first obtaining honorable discharges. They are in the same

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position as a member of a defunct lodge is, who cannot be one of those applying for a charter for a new lodge, he not having a withdrawal card.

No. 69. Q.* Can such chevaliers (those referred to in the preceding question) be classed as royal purple members, and be applicants for a charter

A. They can not. They are already members of a canton, although defunct; and must sever connection with such canton before they can ever join - another.

No. 70. Q. Who has the power to grant an application of a canton, asking to be allowed to remove its place of meeting ?

A. Such application can only be granted by a Department Council, where one exists, which has such power ; where such council does not exist, the commander of the Department can act upon and grant the application.

No. 71. Q. A Department holds its election for Department Commander. Upon receipt of the returns it is found that a majority of cantons have voted for a certain other candidate. The cantons in the minority have the largest mem-The cantons in the majority have a less number of members. The Department Commander has for the past decided that a majority of cantons voting for Department Commander or General cast the deciding vote, and that custom has always prevailed.

A. A majority of the chevaliers voting for Department Commander, without reference to the number of cantons participating in the election, elects the Com-

No. 72. Q. Is it legal and proper for a canton to elect a board of trustees to have charge of such invested funds as may be authorized by the canton, they to give satisfactory bond as any other officer holding money?

A. Yes.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

No. 73. Q. What names should go on duplicate charters?

A. All the names appearing on original charter must be inserted in duplicate charter.

No. 74. Q. Will the ordinary receipt be illegal when issued simply as a receipt for dues paid ?

A. Yes, it will be illegal.

Q. Can the same member of the Order hold at the same time the No. 75. two offices of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment, and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge ?

A. The same member of the Order can hold the two offices of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment, and representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge at the same time.

No. 76. Q. Can a brother who is in possession of a certificate and the A. T. P. W. visit a lodge within the jurisdiction containing his own lodge, he being without the P.W. of the current term?

A. Yes.

Statement .-- Confusion having arisen over the legislation of the No. 77. last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge concerning interstate visitation on certificate for dues,

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 Q. Is it mandatory under said legislation, that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall use *exclusively* the certificate mentioned in such legislation ?
 A. No, not to the exclusion of the visiting card.

No. 78. Does the Sovereign Grand Lodge have exclusive power to print such certificates ?

A. Yes.

No. 79. Q. May State Grand Lodges and Encampments print such certificates for the use of subordinates within their jurisdiction ?

A. No.

No. 80. Q. May Subordinate Lodges and Encampments provide themselves with any form of receipt for dues, notwithstanding such legislation?

A. No.

No. 81. Q. Can a brother visit on an official receipt beyond the date for which his dues are paid?

A. No.

No. 82. Q. Is any other receipt for dues except the official receipt permissible to be used simply as a receipt for dues?

A. No.

No. 83. Q. If a patriarch or brother pays 26 or 52 weeks in a year, can he demand an official receipt each time, if he pays every meeting night in the year?

A. Yes. .

No. 84. Q. Can a lodge or encampment charge three cents or rany other price for the receipts, or must they furnish the same free if dues are paid?

A. No. A lodge or encampment cannot charge any price for the receipt, but must furnish it free of charges

No. 85. Q. Did the resolutions from committee changing or tacking on to Article 16, Section 1, S. G. L. Constitution, to recognize said official receipt as a proper card, change the section ; if yeo, should it not have laid over one year?

A. No, it did not change the section.

No. 86. Q. Can a trial committee in any or all cases appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence in cases, he or she not being a member of the Order i

A. A trial committee can not appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence, such persons not being members of the Order.

No. 87. Q. Is it legal to allow a Grand Warden to be put in possession of a Rebekah ritual, he not being a member of the Rebekah Lodge?

A. No.

No. 88 Q. Are the words occurring in decision 152 of P.G.S. Stebbins of 1896, "in every branch of the Order," to be construed as abolishing the retiring password in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment?

A. Yes, and instructions in the use of such abolished password should be

therefore omitted in giving instructions in the unwritten work in the grand bodies as well as in subordinates.

No. 89. Q. If a member is in arrears for dues and pays part or all of such arrearages and nothing in advance, can he demand as a receipt the visiting certificate?

A. Yes.

No. 90. Q. To receive a visiting certificate, does a member have to pay in advance the same as he does when receiving a visiting card, and if a member in arrears for dues pays part or all of same, and nothing in advance, can he demand the official certificate and the A.T.P.W.?

A. He can demand the official certificate, but not the A.T.P.W.

No. 91. Q. When does a woman cease to be a member of her father's family and cease to be entitled to funeral benefits by reason of her age ?

A. All orphans under the age of twenty-one years are entitled to receive funeral benefits. See Section 90, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

No. 92. Q. Must lodges and encampments use the new form of receipt or certificates, to the entire exclusion of any and all other forms of receipts for dues ? A. Ves.

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No. 93. Q. Can a member when paying his dues, accept the ordinary form of receipt if it suits him and does not desire to visit in another jurisdiction? A. No.

No. 94. Q. If this is the only legal receipt, and a brother's dues must be paid in advance before he can use the same for the purpose of visiting another lodge, what form of receipt may be issued to a member who is paying arrearages, but not in advance?

A. The form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "said form of a receipt (certificate) to be universal throughout all jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only and legal receipt (certificate) for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all lodges, encampments, and Rebekah Lodges."

No. 95. Q. Can a lodge or encampment prescribe by by-law that a small fee shall be paid by the brother on the issuance of the new form of receipt?

A. No.

No. 96. Q. Has a State Grand Lodge the right to provide where one black ball appears in ballotting for a candidate for admission, that one or more additional ballots shall be taken?

A. Yes: State Grand Bodies have the right to make such rules and regulations in regard to ballotting as those contained in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

No. 97. Q. Is it legal and proper for Subordinate and Grand Lodges to authenticate documents issued by them with a printed impression of the seal, or must it be-actually impressed upon them ?

A. Yes, it is legitimate and proper to use a *printed* seal on official documents, when it is not convenient to actually impress it.

No. 98. Q. Grand Sire Underwood decided that the D.D.G.M. wheninstalling should be addressed as Grand Master. The new Ritual says they shall be addressed by their own proper title, which is D.D.G.M. The Ritual says in

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a Rebekah Lodge the installing officer shall be addressed as Special Deputy Grand Master. Which governs?

A. The Ritual governs.

No. 99. Q. Under the wording of the fine print at the end of the instruction in each degree relative to who may be kept out of a lodge, can a member suspended for non-payment of dues be kept out?

A. Yes.

No. 100. Q. Have members of the Order a right to form independent organizations, with officers, take the name of the lodge to which they belong, and confine membership to that lodge, but the lodge have no control or supervision of any kind over it.

A. No.

No. 101. Q. Can I, as Grand Master of Texas, legally appoint a Past Grande of the jurisdiction of Illinois, but now residing in Texas, as Special District Deputy Grand Master, he possessing peculiar qualifications for the position as an organizer?

A. No, he is not eligible for appointment to the position.

No. 102. Q. A member of a lodge in Texas obtains a withdrawal card; changes his residence to another jurisdiction, having, however, no settled residence therein; can he within twelve months from the date of the issuance of the card, deposit it and apply for membership in the lodge granting it, he not being a resident of the jurisdiction of Texas?

A. He can not.

No. 103. Q. If a member of the Order went into the saloon business between the time when the amendment to Section 5, Article 16, Constitution of the S G. L. was adopted in 1895, and the date of the approval of decision 88 by Grand Sire Stebbins in 1896, did he violate the Constitution, and should charges be preferred against him for conduct unbecoming an Odd/ellow?

A. Yes, under the law and decisions 88 and 104; session of 1896, such member is liable to have charges preferred against him, and if convicted, should be expelled from the Order.

No. 104. Q. Can a brother visit upon an expired visiting certificate? A. No.

No. 105. Q. Where there is an apparent conflict between the Ritual, the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which should govern ?

A. The Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is supreme law, and where any other law conflicts with it, such other law must give way to it.

No. 106. Q. Can a Rebekah or Subordinate Lodge legally refuse to grant a withdrawal card (except to investigate) to members who are clear of the books of whatsoever kind, good moral character, and free from charges, etc.?

A. Yes.

No. 107. Q. A person regularly proposed and elected a member by initiation; a special meeting was called to initiate him, but four members of the lodge attended. They, with the assistance of members of other lodges, initiated him. What is his standing?

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A. He is a full member of the Initiatory Degree, although the lodge acted in violation of law in conferring the Degree, but the initiate is in no manner chargeable with this. Having received the Degree it cannot be taken from him, although the lodge is subject to discipline for conferring the Degree with less than a quorum of its members present. See Sections 669 and 690, White's Digest.

No. 108. Q. Can the Grand Master of Oregon grant permission for a resident of Idaho to join a lodge in Oregon, every other requisite for admission, such as consent of Idaho, nearness to the Oregon lodge, etc., existing ?

A. Yes.

No. 109. Q. Can a Subordinate Lodge provide by by-law that an initiate shall receive no benefits until six months after his initiation?

A. Yes, it can, provided they are so permitted by the uniform Constitution of its jurisdiction.

No. 110. Q. Is it not obligatory on all lodges to pay at least the mimimum benefits to initiates and to members of the First Degree as well as to members of the Third Degree ?

A. It is not : the lodge, if not inhibited by the Grand Lodge of the julisdiction, has a right to declare what class of members shall be beneficial, and may provide that only members who have attained the Third Degree shall be beneficial, but if they pay to any class, benefits, it must not be less than \$ per week.

No. 111. Q. Please state all the conditions under which a lodge may deny benefits, or all but the minimum benefits, to members.

A. This question has been, in effect, answered in the preceding answers. The law is that a Subordinate Lodge has a right to declare what classes of members shall be beneficial; it mays of wide the members into "member, another rate of benefit to an initiate, another rate to a First Degree member, another to a Second and to a Third, but it cannot give to any member declared by it beneficial, a less rate than \$\$ per week. All these divisions, however, are subject to the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge, it having, however, no power to say that a lodge may pay less than \$\$ 2 per week to any member it has declared beneficial.

No. 112. Q. Has a band the right to use the name "Patriarchs Militant Band" without permission; or use it, being members of the I.O.O.F., but not members of a canton 2

A. A band has no right to use the name of the Patriarchs Militant, either with or without permission of the Patriarchs Militant authorities, and if the persons composing the band are members of the Order, charges can be preferred against them in their lodges and encampments.

No. 113. Q. Can the Noble Grand and Secretary issue an order for the semi-annual password which will extend beyond their term of office, and good up to the time the brother pays his dues?

A. Yes, they can.

No. 114. Q. Under Section 985, White's Digest, 1895, what is the extent of the "declination" required? Would every Past Grand of the lodge have to be elected and then decline before dispensation provided could be asked?

A. It is not necessary for every qualified Past Grand belonging to the lodge to decline to accept after they are elected. It is sufficient if, on the night of election, all present decline an election.

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DECISIONS DISAPPROVED.

No. 3. Statement.—The by-laws of a lodge provide for the payment to its treasurer the sum of fifty cents per month for his services as treasurer, and also requires the payment by $\frac{1}{2}$ members of the sum of fifty cents per month for dues. The treasurer was taken sick, owing the lodge $\frac{1}{2}$ for four months' service as treasurer.

Q. Was he in good standing in his lodge and entitled to benefits ?

A. Yes.

No. 18. Q. If a brother is reported sick with a chronic disease (rheumatism), and the lodge pays forty weeks' benefits at two dollars per week; the brother is then a little better and is reported from the sick list; in a short time is reported sick again from same disease, and continues sick for a long time; must the lodge pay him two dollars per week for fifty-two weeks from the date of the last report, or can they pay the balance of twelve weeks, which would have been the brother's due if he had not been reported recovered from first sckness, and then one dollar per week thereafter ? Would you call this last sickness a new one or a continuation of the old, where the disease is the same ?

A. It is two separate cases of sickness, and the lodge must pay him two dollars per week from date of last sickness.

No. 115. Q. Can a lady have the Grand Decoration of Chivalry conferred upon her?

A. The Grand Decoration of Chivalry can be conferred upon a lady as well as upon a brother; both are eligible for the Decoration of Chivalry, and I hold that the same rule will apply to the Grand Decoration.

LEGISLATION.

That appellants must furnish two hundred and fifty copies of all appeal papers as required by the legislation of 1855 and 1887.

That the statistics of the Manchester Unity be no longer compiled and printed in the Journal of the S.G.L.

That the Special Committee on Juvenile Degree be discharged, and the matter indefinitely postponed.

That the "History of Oddfellowship," published by the Fraternal Publishing Co., of Boston, be made the official history of the Order.

That in case of the absence of the brother or sister paying dues, a duly accredited order for A.T.P.W. shall accompany said receipt.

That hereafter the printed journal shall no longer be designated as the "Revised Journal," but as the " Journal of Proceedings."

That the sum of \$1,500 be annually appropriated, commencing with this session, for the use of the Grand Sire for office and travelling expenses.

That the Grand Secretary be directed to ship a complete set of the bound proceedings to every Oddfellow's Home, which has not already received them, without charge.

That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed, in all future editions of the Digest, to have Section 1834 expunged, as it was never enacted into law by this body. That the fiscal year which shall govern the Annual Reports of the Cantons to their Departmental Commanders and to the S.G.L., shall close Dec, 31st in each year.

That all cards in the Grand Secretary's office and in the possession of Subordinate Lodges, which have in the margin the fac-simile of Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, are hereby declared legal.

That hereafter all assets of Subordinate Lodges, whose charters have been surrendered, may be placed to the credit of a fund to be called and known as "Aged Oddfellows" Fund." Such fund may also be increased and maintained by voluntary contributions, and by such other means as are not inconsistent with the laws of the Order.

That authority be granted to the Grand Lodge of Ontario to have the words "Assessment System" embodied in the receipts for that jurisdiction, in compliance with the statutory laws of the province.

That the 20th day of September be recognized as the anniversary of the institution of the Rebekah degree, and that it be annually celebrated and commemorated by proper and appropriate ceremonies.

That the official certificate and the visiting card shall be the only legal acknowledgment for dues and assessments paid by a member to the Subordinate Lodge, Subordinate Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge.

That after January 1st, 1898, no Grand or Subordinate body shall receive any credit for old rituals returned or destroyed, but all Grand and Subordinate bodies shall pay full price for all new rituals purchased.

That Section 958 of Digest of 1895 be amended by striking out the word "permanent" in the second line, and insert the word "financial," so that the Permanent Secretary may hereafter be known as Financial Secretary.

That Grand Lodges may provide for the payment of a system of uniform dues and benefits (graded according to age), provided that the amount of benefits is not less than the minimum established by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That in all other respects than is hereinabove set forth, said official certificate shall conform to, and carry with it, all rights and privileges provided by the legislation of 1896, relative to the subject matter hereinabove referred to.

That on the occasion of the Grand Parade and other ceremonies to be given in Boston in 1898, in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that Subordinate Encampments be allowed to wear the old or royal purple degree uniform.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have printed in pamphlet form, not to exceed one thousand copies, of the revised Degree of the Decoration of Chivalry, and placed on sale as supplies at a price not to exceed twenty-five cents per copy.

That the official certificate, provided for by the legislation of 1896, shall be furnished to Subordinate Grand bodies at, and for the rate of eighty cents per bundred, and to Subordinate Lodges, Subordinate Encampments and Rebekah Lodges at the rate of one dollar per hundred.

That the several Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby permitted, to authorize and empower the Presidents

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of their Rebekah Assemblies to appoint and commission District Deputies for Rebekah Lodges in their respective jurisdictions.

That the said official certificate, heretofore engraved, shall hereafter be lithographed, thus materially reducing its cost to this Grand body; and if the same can be done, that the right to prepare it and its exclusive use be protected by letters patent; otherwise, that it be copyrighted.

That Sec. 194, Digest of 1895, be amended so as to read as follows: That all withdrawal cards, visiting cards, and certificates for dues, assessments, fees, etc., should be signed by the holder thereof, in the presence of the officer, by whom the A.T.P.W. or A.P.W. is communicated.

That the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the repair and preservation of the Wildey and Ridgely monuments, and that the representatives from Maryland, in connection with the Grand Secretary, be appointed a committee to carry into effect the above object.

That Sec. 1,002, White's Digest, requiring service in the offices of Senior Warden and High Priest as a qualification to the office of Chief Patriatch is the general law, and in the abgence of legislation by subordinate jurisilicitons, making it unnecessary to serve as High Priest, a patriarch must serve a term as Senior Warden and High Priest to be eligible as Chief Patriarch.

That during the recess of this Sovereign Grand Lodge (when not in annual session), each Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, who is a Past Grand in good standing, in a Subordinate Lodge in good standing, and has received the royal purple degree and is a member in good standing, in an Encampment in good standing, and has received the Grand Lodge Degree, a certificate of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under seal of the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction, stating the foregoing, and that he is such Degartment Commander, shall be given access to the secret work of the Patriarchs Militant Degree.

That any member of the Order who shall introduce, sell, or offer to introduce or sell to any Subordinate Lodge, Rebekah Lodge, Encampment, or Canton of Patriarchs Militant, any device, which in its charactef is calculated to make ridiculous the sublime lessons taught by the Degrees of the Order, shall be guilty of an offence against the Order, and on conviction thereof shall be exceeded.

That hereafter the official receipt (certificate) shall be designated as the "Official Certificate," and shall be issued in all cases when members pay dues and assessments to subordinate bodies, and shall request a receipt, and that such change be made in the form and matter as to make it plain and distinct, with ample space for necessary signatures and a line for the Tocation of body issuing it and the date.

That the official certificate shall be issued by and signed by the financial secretary of Subordinate Lodge, if there be one, the financial scribe, if there be one, of encampments, or the secretary of Kelekah Lodge, attested by the seal of the body issuing the same. If a lodge has no financial secretary, the certificate shall be signed by the secretary, and if an encampment has no financial series, shall be signed by the scribe.

That the Grand Patriarch or D. D. G. P. officiating as installing officer in Subordinate Encampments may invite a canton or a delegation of chevaliers to act as an escort to him or assist in said installations, and they may upon such occasion wear the uniform of the Patriarchs Militant, provided, however, if the

Grand, Patriarch or D. D. G. P. is a chevalier, he shall, in addition to his uniform, wear the jewel or regalia he is entitled to wear as such installing officer.

That all State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges, Encampments, and Department Councils shall enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall neither adopt or use, or suffer to be adopted or used, in their jurisdiction any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, or regalia, than those prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

That Sec. 64 of the P. M. code be amended to read as follows: In case any officer elected shall refuse to accept, or neglect to qualify, or in case a vacancy shall occur at any time, the Department Commander may fill the vacancy by appointment, or may order and conduct another election. And that upon the resignation of the Department Commander, or from any cause a vacancy occurs in that office, a new election shall be ordered by the Assistant Adjutant-General, and in the order calling for said election, a notice of thirty (30) days shall be given for nominitions, and thirty (30) days for elections and returns, and in the interim the second ranking officer shall be in command.

That it shall be the duty of the secretary of each Rebekah Lodge to furnish to the secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to which any member of such Rebekah Lodge belongs, a list of the members of said Subordinate Lodge who are also members of said Rebekah Lodge; and thereafter to notify the secretary of the proper Subordinate Lodge when any brother shall become a member of said Rebekah Lodge; and it shall be the duty of each secretary of a Subordinate Lodge thus notified that a member or members of his lodge are members of such Rebekah Lodge; to inform the secretary of asia (Beekah Lodge, without unnecessary delay, of the withdrawal by card, dropping, suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member.

That it shall be unlawful for any Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or any officer or member thereof, or any committee of any jurisdiction, to solicit aid or relief for any purpose, or in any manner, either by direct request for funds, sale of tickets, or chances, or by any scheme whatever, from the lodges, encampments, or members of any other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the Grand Master of such other jurisdiction; if such appeal is to be made to the lodges or members thereof, or of the Grand Patriarch, if such appeal is to be made to encampments or patriarchs thereof. Such consent can only be obtained upon proper request therefor, duly made by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, of the solicities jurisdiction, of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the solicited jurisdiction,

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FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

• The correspondence with the foreign jurisdictions has been both large and important, involving in addition to the usual business, the numerous matters authorized and directed at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The information here presented will be found to be interesting, as it is faurly indicative of the condition of the Order in the several countries mentioned.

Attention is especially directed to the remarks of Henry H. Green, Grand Secretary of New South Wales, William Kelly, Grand Master of Victoria, and A. Leane, Grand Secretary of South Australia, upon the idea of establishing our Order in new fields. Especially among the rapidly-developing countries of South-Africa, the indications are most encouraging. These countries are being rapidly peopled by immigrants of the best classes from the English and German nations and it might be well to inaugurate plans at this session which will result in our prompt occupancy of these inviting territories.

Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe.—There has been a steady correspondence with this brother during the past year. The following extracts are made from the letters on file. The personal charm will, however, be found wanting, as they are merely detached extracts.

Under date of October 19th, 1896, he writes: "I have not forgotten the days when Kentucky gave me a seat at its table, and how J. Frank Grant frankly granted me the warm pressure of his hand. But to business. Sweden was granted a new quasi-independent Charter; when you get it, will you send it to me? I am in correspondence with Grand Master Laurentz about it. Demmark is to be loarded a copy of the work, to be translated under my supervision. It will be difficult to send it, perhaps, although I have connections with leutom officers here. I will write you about it. Possibly I may get Germany to lend me its copy. Committee on International Relations recommend my continuance. I shall need a commission from Grand Sire Carleton and will write to

Bro. Block closes this letter by saying : "In writing to me will you kindly address me at Pinneberg in Holstein, Germany, and stamp with five cents for every half ounce? Excuse my last remark, but I have so many fines to pay because my letters are insufficiently stamped."

cause my letters are insufficiently stamped. The curiosities of the foreign postal laws, and the need of great care to be exercised so as to use the right kind of a postage stamp by all who would correspond with Brother Block, are further shown in a later letter. He says i "I delayed answering your letter of January 30th, until Treeviewd your next, which arrived this morning loaded with postage fines for want of being sufficiently stamped; it had the domestic two-cent, instead of the foreign fivecent stamp. Fine, fine, nags into one's ear here constantly is one is a fraid to walk for fear of encountering fines. It is so absurd to fine me because some one else does not stamp properly. At Dresden they fined me, such a trifle too, because on measuring a postal card from America, they found it to be a trifle larger than the German rule."

November 24th, 1896, he writes: "With Ahanks I acknowledge receipt of your favor of 13th inst., containing A.T.P.W., etc.; the commission to me I did not find therein. I presume it will follow. Do you wish me to communicate the P. W.'s to the jurisdictions here, or will you do it? Do not hesitate to use me in anything wherein I can be of service to you; it will please me to be able to do so. Thanks also for your favor of October 29th, and set of proceedings. In relation to the translation, I have not had answers from Dr. Beyer and Grand Master Laurentz. Sweden wants a copy as bad as Denmark, but cannot demand it or pray for it until made independent.

The Danish and Swedish languages are entirely distinct and different idioms. Possibly I could, after Sweden has its Charter, permit Sweden's accredited rep-resentatives to translate into Swedish at the time the Danes translate into Danish, provided the translation remains in my custody until the Sovereign Grand Lodge authorizes its delivery to Sweden. The translation should be made either at Berlin from the German copy, which, officially requested, Grand Sire Gerlach would let me have, in which case we would have no trouble about sending here or returning the work to America; or it would have to be made in Denmark by my going there with it."

December 22nd, 1896, he writes: "Will you, when you write me next, send me your warrant giving annual allowance of \$500? Your warrant on the treasurer, my bank will cash here. But please send it and all drafts you may send others hereafter in registered letters. The law, as to cheques, is' different send others hereafter in registered letters. The law, as to cheques, is different here from what it is in England and America. A bank paying a cheque to order, presented in good faith, is protected, even if paid to a forger. I go through Germany, Switzerland and Italy in the spring ; in early summer to Denmark and Sweden, when I shall institute the new Body, July 5th. I presume I shall have the new Charter by then."

the new Charter by then." February 26th, 1897, he writes: "Reaching now your kind letter of 30th ultimo, I would say that I am not only bound to, but shall be glad to transact for you all business you may have for me, and you see how valuable and useful I can be here to your office. I am doing all within my power to cause the Order in Europe to grow, at personal cost and expense, and all recognition from home helps me and strengthens me in my position. Thanks for your kind letter to into Danish is well under way. Armed with your requisition, I proceeded to Berlin and took (Bro. Gerlach having readily compiled with your request) a copy of the English text. I have written on one side of the pages only. Dr. Beyer will cause brothers of high standing (the Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. E. D. Jacob-sen) to make the first translation. Upon my next visit to Copenhagen Grand Sire Beyer and myself will then certify to the book. I have received from Den-mark a written promise that the work shall be especially guarded, and not copied without the parmission of the Swereign Grand Lodge. I am basy taking steps to attach the Maples Lodge to Switzerland; this matter also, simple as it seems, is connected with considerable trouble, as so many different rights and interests have to be guarded and thought of. Unfortunately, after I had scarcely finished the work at Berlin, that terrible influenza attacked me and my wife in a severe piration, but I'll get along. The starlings have come, and they bring spring." March 3rd, 1897, in a letter inclosing the agreement with Demmark, he says :

March 3rd, 1897, in a letter inclosing the agreement with Denmark, he says : "Am still sick at home."

March 26th, 1897: "To-daycame two anniversary proclamations. Thanks. The Swedish Charter and contracts are in my hands. There was no commission to institute, but it needs none. My general commission will answer. I can report to you under it. Parties are corresponding in Italy about the Order, which seems to grow slowly but surely. I have fully, and my wife has about, conquered that ugly influenza. I trust this letter will reach you in full enjoyment of good health.

April 11th, 1897 : "Inclosed please find document completing transfer of Naples Lodge to Switzerland ; consent of Colombo Lodge to transfer, and con-vention with Switzerland as to same."

May 7th, 1897 : "Thanks for your letters, contents whereof are noted.

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There is nothing new to write about here. I beg to be held in kind remembrance.

July 13th, 1897, he writes : "In submitting my annual report to the Grand Sire and Grand Lodge, it occurs to me I should recall, in a brief report, those matters which I have transacted in especial connection with yourself, and, perhaps, under you.

 A copy of the Work has been communicated to Denmark.
 Sweden has been transformed into a quasi-indepindent body.
 A convention has been concluded with Switzerkand, under which the latter assumes temporary jurisdiction of Colombo Lodge, No. 1, at Naples, Italy.

"Thus, all special orders of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Europe have been carried out.

"I cannot permit this opportunity to pass without thanking you, not for your uniform kindness-that I fully expected-but for the strong support and effective, as well as prompt, assistance you have given me in my work.

" I remain, with especial gratitude, in F.L.T., yours,

"HERMAN BLOCK,

"Special Deputy Grand Sire, Europe."

AUSTRALASIA.—James Newton, Grand Sire, says: "The importance at-taching to the position of this Grand Lodge as the source of all true Oddfellowship throughout Australasia cannot be overestimated, in view of the gradual extension of the Order and the continuous demand for new territory wherever its devoted soldiers find opportunites to devote their energies for the good of the common cause. In the several jurisdictions, notwithstanding the chronic form of depression which seems to have found an abiding place among them, a measure of success has been attained, and the substantial financial advancement/is not the least conspicuous feature of their operations. Fluctuations of population have undoubtedly influenced the numerical experience in the various colonies, and undoubledly lintered the human account in a considerably indicating account in a large measure for the somewhat limited accessions to, as compared with the secessions from, membership. Still, the progress made has, under all the adverse circumstances, been considerably in advance of the expectancy of those best qualified to offer an opinion. Among the aims of the near future should be the planting of the standard of the Order in other lands than those already acquired. Especially does this apply to the United Kingdom, for this, once attained, would render reciprocity complete throughout, not only the English speak-ing, but the cultivated races living under all the nationalities of the earth."

John C. Smith, Grand Secretary, says: "The financial panic and commer-cial paralysis which was happening at the date of our last triennial session, brought about a depression that has prejudicially affected all institutions and societies in the colonies on the mainland of Australia during nearly the whole of societies at the result of the manual problem indications of a partial return to pros-perity have lately been manifest, the aggregate statistics of the Order in Austral-asia, compiled to December 31st, 1895, show a numerical retrogression of 1,200 members since the date of last report.

"The financial position continues steadily to advance, and the table which the Grand Sire has embodied in his report will show that the funds of the Grand Lodge have increased from $\frac{1}{2}67,101$ 95. 14. to $\frac{82}{2},955$ 155. 54., and those of Subordinate Lodges from $\frac{1}{2}98,680$ 1d. to $\frac{1}{2}113,736$ 115. 7d. The aggregate funds now amount to $\frac{1}{2}196,691$ 7s., and the total increase for the triennium has been £ 30,909 17s. 10d.

"Notwithstanding the satisfactory reserve fund of the Order, the bulk sum distributed in benefits looms up largely, and to its well-wishers, as well as to those T

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citizens whose attitude towards friendly societies is almost that of a critic and nothing else, do I commend a careful perusal of the following figures of the dis-bursements for the relief of sickness and distress during the triennial period ending December 31st, 1895 :

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"I am not prepared to assert that the disbursement of the before-mentioned sum in the relief of sickness and distress is anything more than the tithe enjoined upon us by the teachings of our beautiful Ritual, which sets forth in no uncertain sound the great underlying principles of our organization. But surely we may take credit for some part of our self-allotted work having been faithfully

"In comparison with the standard society in England, the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, the loss of members through non-payment of dues in all Mustralian friendly societies is extremely heavy, and our own loss of over 2,000 members per annum, out of a membership of 20,000, affords a subject for earnest thought, which must necessarily be the reverse of cheerful. A recent writer on the subject says that there appears to be a large hole in all friendly society organizations through which numbers of the members drop and are lost to sight. Many societies, the I.O.O.F, amongst the number, have sought for that hole, with a view to ascertain the cause of the great leakage, and I know no better work to which we could easily surgely a the view to ascertain the sought of the sought better work to which we could apply ourselves at the present time than a diligent quest after the chasm above alluded to, and, when discovered, to find some material with which to close it up."

The business of the Order in Australasia during the last three years has been loyally and efficiently carried on by the Subordinate Grand Lodges of the

CHILE .- J. Jung, D. D. Grand Sire, March 31st, 1897, writes : "Hoping that you will excuse my late remittance of the annual report of the Chile Lodges for the year 1896, also for ordering the new Rituals and certificates, which I I have done sooner on account of being sick and hardly able to write, I beg you to send me the new Rituals in Spanish, German and English languages, hoping that I may be able to open an English lodge again."

June 22nd, 1897, he writes : "I did not send dues from Pacific and Concep-June 22nd, 1897, he writes: "I did not send dues from Pacific and Concep-cion Lodges, because the Sovereign Grand Lodge two years ago made a donation of the dues to these two Lodges, to assist them pecuniarily on account of the low state of their funds. I ask you to kindly intercede with the Sovereign Grand Lodge in behalf of the two Subordinates above mentioned." It will be seen by the tables accompanying "this report that an indebtedness for dues has been accumulating on the books of this office against these two lodges. Payment should either be demanded, or the indebtedness wiped out by a resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

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CUBA.-J. V. Cova, D. D. Grand Sire, March 12th, 1897, writes from Tampa, Florida : "It is costing me a great trouble to procure reports to the Grand Lodge for the last year from the Cuban lodges. They are quite unsettled, and the committees representing each of them are much afraid of keeping correspondence with me in this place, because Tampa is considered by the

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Spaniards as a filibuster centre, and any person receiving letters from it becomes suspected by the authorities. You must know that all correspondence from New York, Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West, the places where Cubans are living in the States, is opened and inspected at the post-office of Havana before delivering. The condition at the island is most horrible, I expect the final triumph of the patriots is at hand. On the 1zth of last month I had the misfortune to lose my dear mother, whom I brought over to Tampa with me. The trial has been the hardest of my life. She was sick five days only of the criefle."

Under date of July 12th, he writes: "Yours of the 1st inst. received. I am Sorry to say that only one lodge, 'Regla,' No. 6, has sent in her report for, last year, which I have kept until now in hopes to get the others from the rest of the lodges; but they have failed. Lodge No. 7 has recently promised to send it, after I had written several letters to her Noble Grand; if she does it, I will send the report as soon as it comes. Due to the horrible state of things in the send the report as soon as it comes. Due to the horrible state of things in the of Weyler's band prohibits all kinds of meetings in private places. So they are confined to the mere care of their sick and widows, and do nothing else. The great poverty prevailing in the island, from want of work, and from the war, causes the failure of the great majority of our members to pay dues, and a number of them are, besides, fighting on one or the other side, and for all these reasons I believe that our Order in Cuba, has become a thing for the future. We must patiently wait in the meantime for better days. Now, on the bills you sent me inclosed, let me say that there is some mistake in them, as the Cuban lodges were granted some years ago the privilege of exception of rights to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except a five per cent. on initiations and Degrees; Jelass look for the resolution, which you must have in your records. So you will see that in the report of Lodge No. 6, no dues to the Sovereign Grand the five cents in that section of the report refers to the \$1 depait of cards. If am receiving and caring for hundreds of refugees in Tampa; ladies and children in large amount who come in the greatest distress and destitution from the fated island. My gospel work among them is quite a blessing for these unfortunate people in the land of refuge."

FRANCE.—L. Lefebvre, D. D. Grand Sire, writes: "I have the advantage of addressing you the accounts of our work for the year 1866. The dues will be addressed to you by our Bro. Bourdonnais, of New York. I pray you to excuse my tardiness to render you these accounts. I have been ill, and still obliged to follow a special treatment. I must acknowledge reception of all the documents that I have the habit of receiving each year, as also the accounts of the work of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. You must have received a supplication signed by the two Noble Grands and I, asking of you an authorization to solicit the help of our sister lodges in the Order to propagate the development of our Order in France. If we are not more numerous, it is because we lack money to advertise. Hoping to be successful to propagate the Order in the near future, I pray you to receive my sincere salutations.

The paper to which Bro. Lefebvre refers is as follows :

"LODGES, THE CONCORDE, NO. I, AND THE FRATERNITE, NO. 2,

I.O.O.F.

"Havre, France.

"To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Baltimore, America:

"BROTHERS, -- Considering that we can, in France, extend the Independent Order of the Oddfellows and its four great principles; convinced that every

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Oddfellow must act to the best of his ability in that end, and not having the necessary funds to do so, we come to ask you, in the name of the brotherly solidarily which unites us, to allow us to send to all lodges, and, if it is needed, to give us your hearty approbation, a demand for help. With that, and reposing upon the friendship which unites all lodges, we will be able to extend the Order in France and to be a help to them if it is necessary in things that our feeble resources do not allow us to do to day. We have communicate our project to Bro. Herman Block, who is to communicate it to you, giving it his approbation.

"Receive this, brothers, with friendly and brotherly salutations from the united two lodges of France."

No names were attached to the foregoing petition, nor did it bear the seal of any lodge.

GERMANY. — The correspondence with Bo. F. Meyendorf, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, has been very pleasant, but insamuch as it almost entirely related to the settlement of an old disputed claim against that jurisdiction, and a dispute with the Grand jurisdiction of New York, the letters will not be repeated here, except the following brief extract from his letter of December 3rd, 1596, as follows: "I take the opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous communication of November 13th, with the A.T.P.W. for 1897. Now, I come with a solicitation. In the library of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire we have only volumes t to 8 inclusive of the bound Journals of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, forwarded by the late Bro. Ridgely, and volume 16, forwarded by Bro. Ross. We need volumes 9 to 15 inclusive to complete the set. We the beard merson of 10, and, when possible, the Revised Journal of 1896. I further beg of your to send me your photograph. In the letter writing, intercourse between brothers who are personally acquainted is pleasant, but it is quite different when they are strangers to each other, and owing to the great distance which is a bat to becoming personally acquainted, but through the pictures we will latem to know each other better; therefore, I send you mine. I hope it will find a place in your large collection. I give you my assurance that I will do my utmost to maintain a friendly intercourse between us, as it has always been my aim since occeupying the position, now over 20 years."

In this connection it will be as well to say that the entire indebtedness of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to this office was paid in full by Brother Meyendorf during the year, the settlement being effected on the most amicable terms.

ITALY.-L. Silvester Prota-Giurleo, Past Grand, and Noble Grand of Colombo Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., Naples, writes: "I have received some days ago your kind letter of January 30th, through dear Brother Herman Block, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, who, because his health has not allowed him to come to Italy and give it personally, has sent it through the mail. I employ all my activity for our beloved Order, and I hope, with the help of the Swiss Grand Lodge, it will make renewed progress and bind very thoroughly the links of brotherhood that join all Oddfellows in the world. Number me among the most fervid Oddfellows, and, with many respectful salutations, believe me to be yours, fraternally, in F., L. and T."

THE NETHERLANDS.—I. T. Phillips, D. D. Grand Sire, writes December 18th, 1896: "I personally do my utmost and best to promulgate our beloved Order ; some lodges hold propaganda sessions with introduction of strangers, in which I give the information and exposition of our beloved principles. In most

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cases the auditors, satisfying to Section 2, Article 1, of our Constitution, containing the conditions for candidates, become the same evening candidates for our Order, and in this manner our Order is at the present time growing rapidly. I had very hard labor to bring the brothers and Noble Grand to act on this maiter ; all were opposed to these measures. I regret very much that this way was not followed earlier, because we should have had the profits of this measure. Now all lodges work in this manner, and there are brothers who do this work for the lodges. No. 1, 13 candidates, the product of such meetings ; I have been there personally and examined these brothers. I have heard that in Amersfoort there exists a possibility that in a short time a new lodge will be instituted. Since the visit of Brother Herman Block, our most worthy Deputy Grand Sire, in March of this year, I have sent a letter to each lodge, containing practical hints as to the best method to promulgate the Order on the Continnent, and I hope that the brothers will be kind enough to follow these measures. I am sure our Order will grow here in our Kingdom."

March 10th, 1997, he writes: "By this time I have the honor to inform you that the annual report, as well as the amounts for per centage, are in my possession; however, illness of importance (pneumonia) does not allow me to eave my sick-room, and therefore I didn't find the opportunity to take the reports out of my secret desk, in my office down stairs. As soon as the physician will allow me to enter into business, I will immediately arrange this matter."

March 1 Nh, 1897, he forwards his report and writes: "Our Order here is growing. The following week we will dwell in a new temple. Our address is Hotel Continental, in the immediate neighbohood of the Amstel Hotel, one of the most beautiful parts of our Amsterdam. To my great pleasure all the lodges will hold their regular sessions in this building. I believe a matter of importance and which gives us much enjoyment, is, that there are several of our members who are dwelling out of Amsterdam, and we propose after a while to constitute lodges in the country. During my illness I could not visit the lodges, but I am informed that their work is being regularly done. The lodges begin to work more substantially and I have the best hope for our future. It is true that the work makes progress very slowly, but there are so many circumstances that have an influence upon our work."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Alexander McLean, Grand Master, says: "I trust that the deliberations of this Grand Body will be emanations of legislation of a progressive character, reiving an interest in the Order, linking hands, and hearts together to enlarge the environments of brotherly sympathy and kindness. The Order is an organism in which all men may meet upon a common platform to use their endeavors for the amelioration of our present system, and I trust the grand principles laid down by the founders of our noble institution will not be wolsted but improved in the right direction. This jurisdiction has been retarded by the past legislation being so changeable. During the year the Registrar of Friendly Societies has informed the standing committee that no new lodges could be instituted unless on the condition he laid down, viz. the grandated scale of contributions upon a basis consistent with the benefits proposed."

Henry H. Greene, Grand Secretary, says: "The shadows that have obscured the prosperity of these fair lands continue to influence commercial and industrial enterprises, and the dearth of opportunities for the investment of capital is undoubtedly the disturbing element which contributes to industrial disorganization, the tendency being to aggravate, rather than ameliorate, the condition of the masses. The necessity of broader human sympathy is admitted to be the basis

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upon which the condition of the human race is to receive recognition, and the iniquities that pervade our social system become capable of measurable adjustinquities that pervade our social system become capable of measurable adjust-ment. The solution of the social problem still remains to be accomplished, although the investigation is pursued with all the vigor that the intellectual forces of the philosopher can bestow upon the subject. The presence of essential ele-ments appears to be necessary in the theory advanced by the accepted authority upon social evolution. The financial aspects of the Order's operation during the year have been of a highly satisfactory character, notwithstanding the fact that the avenues of industry, the source from whence the membership of friendly projections is drawn, have continued to be in an unsettisfactory condition. Numeric societies is drawn, have continued to be in an unsatisfactory condition. Numerically, I regret to say the same measure of success has not been achieved, but, on the other hand, the fact that retrogression is not apparent must prove a source of satisfaction. The fluctuations during the year have assumed a barometer-like aspect, as the following details will suggest : 637 were admitted by initiation, 19 were reinstated to membership and 38 received by clearance-total, 694 ; the secessions are comprised under the several heads, as follows : 570 left by arrears, 68 withrew by clearance, 43 ceased membership by death, 14 resigned and 2 were expelled from the Order-total, 697-thus sustaining a loss of three members on the year's transaction. The total membership is therefore 5,111; of this number, 4,457 are financial, 654 unfinancial. The depletion in the industrial sections of our population is unquestionably responsible for the fluctuation in our membership. The attractions offered by other fields of labor have drawn from our ranks many zealous workers in the cause of human benefaction. With the dawn of a brighter future the prosperity of the past will, I trust, become a possible realization. I am pleased to note by recent correspondence with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that the subject of the extension of the Order into South Africa has occupied the attention of the authorities in Baltimore, and that there appears to be a reasonable prospect of this being consummated at no distant date. I have been invited to furnish information respecting the prospects for the initiation of a movement for the introduction of the Order into the Cape to the initiation of a interement for the information of the Order into the cape Colony, and, with the energy characteristic of our American brethren, to acquire for our Order a new field for its operation which will forge another link in the mystic chain that is steadily girdling the globe. The injudicious investment of Lodge funds is invested with more importance than is generally attached to the subject ; losses of a serious character continue to be experienced, owing in some instances to a want of knowledge of the law on the subject, and in others to a want of proper consideration of the interests involved. Investments of a speculative character have involved one of our oldest lodges in serious difficulty ; the losses sustained in legal, and other expenses, in releasing the principal invested, should prove beneficial as an object lesson whenever the investment of lodge funds is in contemplation. The retirement of Brother Theodore A. Ross from the position of Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has severed another link in a cordial official relationship extending over many years. The Order in these colonies owes much to our distinguished Brother's practical sym-Druct in these colonies twees much to our unstruguing or bottler's practical sym-pathy and advice in all matters affecting the welfare of the Australasian jurisdic-tion. His career has been a distinguished one, and his devotion to the cause of humanity has won for him a high position in the estimation of the great brother-hood. May his declining years continue to merit the fraternal solicitude of that colossal organization over whose destinies he excited such a noverful influence. nood. May his decining years continue to merit the naternal solicitude of that colossal organization over whose destinies he exercised such a powerful influence in the earlier days of his vigorous manhood, and the remaining period of his earthly pilgrimage be surrounded with that felicity which is the inestimable reward of a life devoted to the moral and social elevation of the human race."

October 24th, 1896, he writes : "The extension of the Order in other lands has engaged the attention of our people recently, and South Africa having attracted a large number of our people, the question has become one of great

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importance. The bone and sinew of our people are there, and I am looking forward to the receipt of intelligence that a lodge has been procured in this new and prosperous counity. I have been anxious that an effort would be made to unfold our standard, but there seems to be an impression that the necessary authority should emanate from Australasia, but I have advised direct communicaathority should emanate from Australasia, but I have advised direct communication with your office, and you may soon be made aware of the movements from the scene of action, and I trust the attainment of the end is within reasonable practical accomplishment. This would undoubtedly become another strong link in the chain that is fast encircling the globe. I shall be pleased to learn that the movement above referred to has entered upon the initial stage, and every reasonable inducement offered to those whom I am informed are anxious to devote themselves to the interests of our Order in these new and prosperous lands."

April 12th, 1897, he writes: "I am pleased to say that there appears to be an improvement in connection with the commercial and industrial features of our experience in this country. The revival of trade implies prosperity to the people generally; the Order has, I regret to say, made little numerical progress during the past year, but its finances have made a substantial increase."

New ZBALAND. — William Reid, Grand Secretary, under date of October 26th, 1896, writes : "I send herewith report of 29 of our -Subordinate Lodges. I regret delay in sending them on. Only two of our lodges have not reported ; one of them at present is not working and in danger of collapse : the other I will endeavor to get in and send on by the next mail. We are, as yon will see from our report, steadily, if slowly, progressing. We are a small colony, and isolated from the large centres of population, so there is not very much room for expansion, and we are really doing very well considering out drawbacks. Our Grand Lodge has no buildings, and owns no property. We have been very conservative in regard to this, in view of the experience of New South Wales, and some of our own Subordinates have great reason to be thankfut that we have been so. Our funds are in concrete form, well invested, and, as you will see from our reports, yielding good interst. The experience of some of our 'lodges in regard to halls has been very bad indeed ; some have been wield out of existence by this lascinating form of investment, while others, from the same cause, are carrying burdens heagter almost than they can bear. No lodges of this jurisdiction set now permitted to invest their money in hall property in case they have no suitable accommodations ; they are encouraged to build small lodge-rooms, but funds. The work of our Subordinates has very much improved of late years, and visitors from your country 8 the average standard of our work is quite up to that of America. I am speaking, of course, of the larger lodges, who have belaty of material to choose from ; but even in our country lodges there is a marked improvement of later years."

PERU. — F. L. Crosby, D. D. Grand Sire, writes, December 2nd, 1896 "You will have learnt from my previous letters the unfortunate condition of the Order in Peru, which I am sorry to say continues, and evidently tends towards the extinction of the Order. Meanwhile we will sustain the lodges until the very last moment."

Under date of January 18th, 1897, he incloses a letter from N. Khowritz, Recording Secretary of Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Challao, as follows: "In answer to your kind favor of the 16th, I am instructed by C. Lodge, No. 4, to answer, firstly, regarding the receipt certificates, that they may be of great utility in the United States and other countries where there are many lodges, and they, in consequence, give them the advantage when suddenly called away from home, not having time to take a V.C., but here it is a useless expense; however, we

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are bound to obey the mandates, and are ever ready to do so; you will, therefore, kindly order for this lodge four books of said certificates. Regarding the new Rituals; this lodge should wish five, if said are granted, for according to old law three was the number-however, I think it is five at present; in return we can give three old charge-books, also three Spanish Rituals ; the latter we should like to keep if allowed, for we haven't given up all hope yet to revive the Order and perhaps get it started in Spanish."

It appears that a copy of the circular quoting the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge with reference to the Visiting Certificate was inadvertently addressed to Bro. Crosby ; hence the letter above quoted. As soon as this was learned, he was promptly informed that the certificates were only designed for use on the continent of North America.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.-H. H. Williams, D. D. Grand Sire, April 21st, 1897, writes : "Your anniversary proclamation was duly received March 21st, and a joint committee is now making the necessary arrangements to have the seventy-eighth anniversary of our Order observed in an appropriate manner."

May 12th, 1897, he writes : "Your memorial day proclamation has been duly received, and we will observe the day. The anniversary day passed off very pleasantly in Harmony Hall, which consisted of literary exercises, dancing and refreshments. I have to announce the death of Bro. S. Savidge, I.D.G. E.P.G. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and charter member of Pacific Lodge, No. 1, April 28th, 1897, aged 71 years; also Bro. F. Ferry, of Excelsior Lodge, died the same day, aged 36 years."

SAXONY,-Otto Schenk, Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge in Saxony, writes: "Herewith I send you the addresses of our newly-elected Grand Officers.

"Grand Master, Richard Heydenhauss, 14 Schiller St., Schemnitz. "Deputy Grand Master, W. Harz, 17 Freibergen Platz, Dresden. "Grand Conductor, H. Knnath, 8 Concordia St., Dresden.

"Grand Treasurer, L. Krueger, 10 Terressennfer, Dresden. "Grand Secretary, Otto Schenk, 6 Hans Sach Strasse, 1 Pietchen, Dresden.",

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. - Tom J. Moody, Grand Master, says : "That we have progressed is manifest in the fact that the Grand Lodge funds have increased by progressed is manufest in this solution in the Lodge funds by $\pounds 2735$, or a total increase of $\pounds 1, 145185$. 6d.; Subordinate Lodge funds by $\pounds 2735d$, or a total increase of $\pounds 1, 114185$. 11d. Our membership has increased from 3,634 to 3,693, or a gain of 49 it to this rise in membership we are indebted to the rapid strides the Rebekah Lodges have taken, and the increasing desire of the members to ful-ne their institution, and the increasing desire of the gain of the steps we the recerch Longes nave taken, and the indexang distribution is in the steps we foll the hopes we have in their institution, and fully justifying us in the steps we took towards promoting this branch of the Order. It is gratifying to note that our Brothers in West Australia have expressed their desire to actively extend Oddfellowship in the principal centers of population. There is no doubt that the Government Actuary's report has been instrumental in helping us in our efforts to increase our stability, and in keeping ourselves in the position we have justly earned as a friendly benefit society.

A. Leane, Grand Secretary, says: "The numerical progress has been very small; the total membership being only 49 in excess of last year, while there is a decrease of 4 in adult males. This is, however, to be accounted for by the extraordinary exodus to West Australia; many dour brethen having gone there, some taking their clearance and losing their membership. This will, however, find its compensation in the activity now being displayed in that part of our jurisdiction. This activity has already found expression in the successful opening of a new lodge, while warrants have been issued for two others, and there is

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in the they, in n home, ever, we movement for another, and I shall not be surprised if several more are opened during the coming year. As the friendly societys' statute of that colony requires that every lodge having no head or centre there, must registers a separate society, at a cost, I am told, of \pounds_4 to: for each lodge, they will no doubt seek, as early as possible, to be erected into a separate Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. The Friendly Societies' Association has again proved itself of service to the society. A substantial benefit has been procured through the intervention of the association, namely, the concession granted to representatives and officers of the society when travelling by rail solely in the interests of the society, who, upon presentation of a proper certificate, are, by the concession, entitled to a return ticket for a single fare."

SWEDEN.—Frederick Geiger, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Sweden, writes, October 24th, 1896: "We have with pleasure noted that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has granted our petition for independency of the Sweden Grand Lodge, and I think this will greatly contribute to the already rapid development of our Order in Sweden. All is going on well here. Our membership is now 913, and many inquiries about the Order are coming in from different places. We expect shortly to start two or three new lodges at new places."

November 24th, 1896, he writes : "I beg thankfully to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 13th inst., communicating A. T. P. W. for 1897."

January 16th, 1897, he writes: "I am glad to inform you that on the 12th inst. we instituted the twellth lodge I.O.O.F. of Sweden, 'Helsingia,' at Soderhamn in the North, with 43 members. Sweden now 'counts 1,005 Oddfellows."

March 10th, 1897, he writes: "The membership in Sweden is now 1,051, and a new Oddfellows' Club has been founded in the town of Orebro."

April 17th, 1897, he writes: "Inclosed I beg to hand you annual report for the Swedish Grand Lodge. As you will find, 1896 has been a properous year for our jurisdiction. We have every reason to hope that 1897 shall not be less prosperous."

William Laurentz, D. D. Grand Sire and Grand Master of Sweden, writes: "The resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to grant us a quasiindependent Charter was greeted with joy throughout our jurisdiction, and I have very good hopes that we will answer the showed confidence. In some days a new lodge, the twellth, will be instituted, and two others are in preparation."

SWITZERLAND.—Ed. Knuchel, Grand Secretary, writes: "During the year 1896, six brothers of Helvetia Lodge, No. I, Zurich, and two brothers of St. Jacob's Lodge, No. 6, Basel, received Veteran Jewels of 25 years' membership in the Order. The year of 1896 was one of caim and peaceful development in our jurisdiction and of our beloved Order; even though the number of our lodges has not increased, and we are but 351 brothers, we stand true to the colors of Oddfellowship and we hope from year to year to present a favorable report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. That our beloved Order in America has been affected by the financial depression is very deplorable, but we hope the time will come when the Order of Oddfellows will bloom and spread as formerly. On the 1st of April, 1897, Colombo Lodge, No. 1, Naples, Italy, was placed under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge by Special Deputy Grand Sire for Europe Bro. Herman Block, in the name and by the authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We will, at all events, do our utmost that the Italian Brother will do well and gain strength, and that our Order in Italy will be able to open a sphere of activity. The sessions of the Grand Lodge ef Switzerland will, in future, be held biennially ; there will be no session, therefore, in 1897, but in May, 1898, in Berne."

ODDFELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Certificates have been issued to the following Associations during the year ending July 31st, 1897:

1. Illinois. - "The Triple Link Mutual Indemnity Association." at Chicago.

2. Iowa .- " Oddfellows' Annuity Association," at Des Moines.

3. Kansas.-" The Oddfellows' Fraternal Benefit Association," at Kansas City.

4. Massachusetts. -" The Loyal Protective Association," of Boston.

5. "Oddfellows' Accident Company," at Boston.

6. "The Oddfellows' Mutual Accident Association," at Boston.

7. "Fraternal Accident Association of America," at Westfield.

8. "The Ridgely Protective Association," at Worcester.

9. Michigan .- "The Oddfellows' Mutual Benefit Association," at Lansing.

10. (hio. -- "Oddfellows' Beneficial Association of Columbus, Ohio," at Columbus.

11. "Oddfellows' Beneficial Association, of Muskingum Valley, Ohio," at Zanesville.

12. "The Oddfeliows' National Beneficial Association," at Dayton.

13. Ontario .- " The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada," at Kingston.

14. Pennsylvania. — "Oddfellows' Endowment Association of Pennsylvania," at Allegheny.

15. Texas. -" The Oddfellows' Funeral Benefit Association," at Fort Worth.

At the request of the Grand Secretary, March 12th, 1897, a printed copy of the minutes of a meeting held by the officers and members of the "Oddfellows" Mutual Aid and Accident Association," at Piqua, Ohio, January 11th and 12th, 1897, was filed by J. L. McKinney, Secretary, containing the following :

"Whereas, 'The Oddfellows' Mutual Aid and Accident Association,' of Piqua, Ohio, has taken all necessary legal steps required by law to change its official name from 'The Oddfellows' Mutual Aid and Accident Association' to that of 'The Piqua Mutual Aid and Accident Association,' except final publication in a newspaper of general circulation and the filing of the decree of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami county, State of Ohio, with the Secretary of State, and

"Whereas, It will require some time to prepare the necessary blanks for properly conducting the business of said Association under its new title or name; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Secretary have prepared and distributed the necessary blank supplies, and cause the same to be distributed to the proper persons by February 20th, 1897, with proper instructions relating to the aforesaid change.

"Resolved, further, That the Secretary of this Association cause to be printed in some newspaper of general circulation, of Miami county, Ohio, on the 1st day of March, 1897, the decree of the said court, authorizing said change of name, and also file, or cause to be filed, a copy of said decree with the Secretary of State, on the same date, March 1st, 1897.

"Resolved, further, That from after said date, all certificates of membership in said Association shall be issued under the name of 'The Piqua Aid and Accident Association,' and after that date all form of certificates of membership, heretofore used by said Association, shall be discontinued."

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SPECIAL MATTERS.

The following items of general interest to the Order seem to require attention at this session. They are mentioned for that purpose :

 Since there are a great many cards in the Grand Secretary's office and in the possession of Subordinates, which have, on the margin, the *fac-simile* of Bro. "Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary," it is respectfully suggested that by special enactment, they be declared legal:

2. It is respectfully suggested that a limit be fixed to the time in which old Rituals shall be accepted in exchange for new ones, at the rate of one-half the price charged for the new.

price charged to the new. 3. Great complaint comes from almost every jurisdiction against the law requiring annual reports of property owned by Subordinates to be made to this office. It will be seen by an accompanying table that some jurisdictions reporting last year are not heard from now, while some report this year for the first time. In some instances only a small per cent. of the whole number of Subordinates in the jurisdiction make report at all. Hence, it appears that these statistics are incomplete. If the law requiring these reports to be made annually was changed so that a census of such property should be taken once in ten years, reliable and useful tables might then be presented. The various "Homes of the Order" continue to make their reports, and this year the Grand Secretary is glad ty be able to present, for the first time, a tabulated statement from their reports.

4. Bro. Henry White, Grand Master of Ontario, paid a visit to this office last October to secure the affidavit of the Grand Secretary as to the genuineness and reliability of the printed Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Suits for benefits brough by members against lodges in Ontario were pending before the Court of Appeal, and the court refused to admit the printed Journals as evidence, because they were referred to in the Journals themselves as "Revised Journals." It might cure this defect if, in referring to the Journal in future, the use of the qualifying word "Revised" is discontinued, and the book be referred to as "The Journal of Proceedings," which is the tille under which they are bound, and as this is the only record of the minutes of this body.

5. In most instances the law requiring annual returns to be made by State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies, on or before April 1st of each year, continues to be disregarded. This time is undoubtedly short for the large jurisdictions, and it would seem that Article XI. of the By-Laws granted an extension of sixty days, fixing the time as June 1st. A careful reading of this law discloses an uncertainty in its force and meaning. Five months is ample time in which to compile the report of any jurisdiction. At the date of writing, July 30th, there are several jurisdictions yet to hear from. The Corresponding Secretary of a Society in England publishes a voluminous report in April of each year. It contains statistics very similar to ours, gathered in the same way. In his report for April, 1897, he says, "treturns have been received for the year 1896 from every district except two." There are fifty-eight districts. Attention is respectfully called to Articles X. and XI. of the By-Laws, with a view to harmonizing them so as to secure the receipt of the annual returns by June 1st of each year.

JEWELS.

Six hundred and twenty-eight jewels have been sold. Of this number, 8 were Honorable Veteran, 325 Veteran, 11 Rebekah Veteran and 284 Patriarchs Militant. Included in the latter are 254 of the new P. M. badge. This badge is made under contract with the Grand Secretary on terms arranged by the Committee on Printing Supplies ; and, though the badges were late in coming

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to hand, it will be seen that they are outselling the other P. M. jewels. The badge is greatly admired and is giving almost universal satisfaction.

Owing to the failure of the firm that manufactured most of the jewels, it becane necessary to arrange for the continuance of their manufacture with another firm. This was done promptly by the Grand Secretary, and on such terms that the profit on the jewels is slightly increased, while at the same time a better and more satisfactory class of jewels is furnished. The table accompanying this report shows the number sold, and the jurisdictions where the jewels have been distributed.

NEW RITUALS.

Under that portion of the resolutions directing the Grand Secretary to furnish the new Rituals to Grand and Subordinate Bodies in exchange for copies of the old editions at one-half the prices fixed for the new, the Grand Secretary did not consider himself authorized to pay, by warrant on the Grand Treasurer, for old Rituals returned for destruction. An appeal to the Grand Sire brought the authority under which those warrants, mentioned in the Grand Treasurer's report in payment for old Rituals, were issued.

It is certain that the work of exchanging new Rituals for old has not yet been completed, and, as the Grand Lodge, at its session in 1896, did not fix a day when the exchange shall cease, it is very important that this be done at the present session. The new Subordinate Lodge, Rebekah, and Encampment Rituals have been translated into the German language, by Rep. Grassmann, of New Jersey, but as the work of translation is very slow, gand there has been but little enquiry for other translations, none have been made. It is respectfully requested that the Grand Lodge, at this session, will definitely instruct the Grand Secretary as to what other translations shall be made. In this connection it is well to consider that the demand for Rituals printed in other than the English and German languages is very light.

BUILDINGS.

The present value of buildings, etc., owned by the Order amounts to \$7,672,541.51. The total amount of indebtedness thereon is \$1,494,336.36.

GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

In reference to the legislation referred to the Grand Representatives by the Grand Lodge of Ontario for adoption by the S.G.L.

1. A reduction in the price so as to enable the Subordinates to procure them at a price not to exceed hfty per hundred receipts.

Receipts are reduced to one dollar per hundred. The "official certificate" (or receipt) must be given when requested by a brother.

2. That the receipts be sufficiently enlarged in size to give the required space for being readily filled out by the recording secretary.

This was referred to the Printing Committee, and as several jurisdictions requested the same we have no doubt it will be adopted.

3. For authority to print the necessary forms in our own province.

Granted upon conditions to be arranged between the Grand Secretary and the Sovereign Grand Lodge through its Secretary.

4. The authorization of the words "Assessment System" to be embodied in the receipts used in Ontario, as required by the statutory laws of the province. Granted.

5. The removal of the limitations as to its being the only legal receipt and the substitution therefor of some other regulation to enforce their general use, and secure the necessary revenue to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Action was taken

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in this, and the law as it now stands makes it optional for the "financial-secretary to give a receipt in payment of dues, but when requested by a brother to do so the official receipt" must be given and that only.

6. That all honorable means be used by the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to restore to the Rebekah Lodges the right to sick and financial benefits, as this seems to be the one reason that our membership does not increase more rapidly and substantially. Lost on a division.

7. Resolved that our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to procure the passing, by that body, of legislation empowering the Grand Lodge of Ontario to enact laws which will effectuate the scheme of relief by Subordinate Lodges formulated by the Grand Secretary in clause 17 of his report, as (ollows:

Clause 17, Grand Secretary's report, "Carefully considering the able report of the Special Committee on dues and benefits, it is manifestly plain that the time has arrived (if not in some cases past, though I hope not) for the Grand Lodge to take prompt and decisive action in this important matter of dues and benefits."

Action being taken therein, it was resolved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that jurisdictions have the power to make such laws, providing the "minimum laws" governing the same is complied with.

8. Resolved that the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to procure, if possible, legislation in effect as follows :--" Providing a member, holding membership in both Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member in good standing, should become defunct, he may still remain an Oddellow by his being enabled to retain his membership as a Patriarch of the Encampment to which he belongs, provided he so desired."

The committee reported against such legislation and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the matter, which was granted.

"Permanent Secretary," wherever it appears in our rituals, must be changed to "Financial Secretary," and the use of the former appellation is forbidden.

The S. G. L. will meet next year in the City of Boston, Mass.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. HOYLE, THOS. WOODYATT, Grand Representatives.

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

HELD IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ONT.

KINGSTON, JULY 21ST, 1897.

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The Association met in the Oddfellows' Hall at 3 o'clock, the President, Dr. The Association met in the Ordieliows Hall at 3 octock, the President, Dr. Fife Fowler, in the chair. Among the members from a distance were the follow-ing: Henry White, Port Hope, Grand Master; J. A. Young, Thamesford, Deputy Grand Master; J. B. King, Toronto, Grand Secretary; Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, Colborne, W. H. Hoyle, Cannington, John Donogh, Toronto, Past Grand Masters, Ontario; James A. Robb, Valleyfield, J. A. Finlayson, Montreal, and C. J. Brown, St. John, Past Grand Masters; and T. J. Potter, Montreal, Grand Secretary, Quebec; Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Kemptville; L. Ferguson, St. Thomas; M. Myers, Cornwall : R. W. Haydon, Almonte: W. S. Given Millbrook C R. M. Myers, Cornwall R. W. Haydon, Almonte W. S. Given, Millbrook ; C. R. Curry, Brockville ; J. E. Ryan, Prescott ; F. W. Martin, Picton ; C. R. Cotton, Gananoque R. F. Morrow, Peterboro ; A. McFee, J. T. Osborne, and L. C. Pascoe, Belleville ; G. S. Seeber, and R. Hawkins, Smith's Falls ; C. W. Pascoe, 'Belleville; G. S. Seeber, and R. Hawkins, Smith's Falls; C. W. Postlethwaite, Merrickville; T. J. Naylor, Deseronto, A. Iordon, Prescott; H. J. Guppy, Ottawa; J. H. Magill, Yort Hope; Capt. Donnelly, R. F. Elliott, B. H. Carnovsky, S. Oberndorffer, W. Mundell, and W. H. Godwin, Kingston, Directors; R. Meek, Secretary, D. Callaghan, Treasurer, and A. H. Blackeby, Supt. of Agencies of the Association, Kingston; His Worship the Mayor, J. S. Skinner; and the following local members: Joseph Daunt, R. Reynolds, George Lee, J. McWater, R. Diack, E. Offord, W. S. Burk, J. Laturney, P. M. Thomp-son, R. J. Wilson, W. J. C. Allen, J. C. Hardy, I. S. R. McCann, F. T. Phillips, D. A Shaw, J. M. Whinton, R. E. Kent, J. F. R. Sargent, Rev. W. B. Carey, J. R. Donaldson, W. J. Livingston, Rev. Prof. Worrell, and others.

THE VARIOUS REPORTS.

The Directors, in their report, stated : "With the increase in membership there has been, of course, an increase of revenue, and the total income of the Association in the last financial year, from all sources, was \$122,957,45.

" In benefits there was expended \$73,500, of which sum \$8,000 went towards the liquidation of claims unadjusted on June 30th, 1896, and \$65,500 in claims

arising during the year 1896-'97. In disability benefits the expenditure amounted to \$2,000.

"Since the last meeting investments have been made to the extent of \$26,207,34. The surplus for the year was \$31,834.46, and the total surplus over all liabilities \$121,005,76.

"The reserve fund on June 30th, 1896, was \$82,750,00. On June 30th, 1897, it was \$105,000, an increase during the year of \$22,250."

The Secretary reported that the majority of new members being young men the average age has been reduced until it was now, with one exception, the lowest average age of any society doing business exclusively in Canada. It is 36.87. The death rate for the year was 5.83. The membership at the close of the fiscal year was 9,376.

The audits of the books of the Secretary were made monthly, and of the books of the Treasurer quarterly. The securities were examined twice in the year by the auditors and found correct.

The Superintendent of Agencies reported in detail upon his work. During the year he had been largely over three provinces, and in his travels had covered 13,564 miles.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, June 30th, 1896	2,760	90
Admission Fees	858	00
Assessments	113,744	79
Fees, changed certificates	83	00
Interest on Investments	3,496	55
Refund of Principal of Debentures	14	
Debentures paid	2,000	00
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DISBURSEMENTS.		
Paid to Beneficiaries	5 73,500	00
" on Disability Claims		
" General Expenses	3,829	77
" Salaries	4,625	00
" Commission	7,450	79
" Office Furniture	30	
Invested in Securities	26,207	34
Balance in the Bank	5.314	55
	Contraction of the lot	1000

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Assessments maturing	\$ 19,313 30 423 30
Current account in Bank	5,314 55
Invested in Debentures	45,320 12
Special deposits in Banks	54,634 49
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LIABILITIES.

Unadjusted Claims	\$	4,000 00
Management Fund		2,846 44
Reserve Fund		105,000 00
Contingent Fund		13,159 32
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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

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Admission Fees\$	858 00
Assessments	95,489 17
Assessments unpaid but collectible	19,313 30
Fees	83 00
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Commissions	7,450 79
Expenses	3,829 77
Salaries	4,625 00
Disability Claims.	2,000 00
Death Claims, June 30th, 1897	65,500 00
Unadjusted Claims	4,000 00
Surplus over Expenditure	31,834 46

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STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership on 30th June, 1896 Applications received during the year Reinstated	8,819 .1,045 . 1
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Applications rejected 32 Died 55 Japsed 362 Withdrawn 5 Applications for increase not affecting membership 35	
Net increase for the year	489 557
Total membership on 30th June, 1897	9,376

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INSURANCE.

Insurance in force on 30th June, 1896		\$11,888	,000 00
Insurance in force on 30th June, 1896 Amount for which new certificates issued	\$1,221,000	00	
Amount of increases	33,000	00	11 10 10
Amount of reinstatement	2,000	00	
	\$1,256,000	00	
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Death Claims matured \$ 70 500			

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Net increase for the	year	103,300 00

ASSESSMENT.

Net amount of assessment on 30th June, 1897 \$20,058 96

FACTS FOR THE BENEFICIARIES.

In connection with the Membership these figures will prove interesting :

Average age of deceased members, 45.6727. Amount of insurance on same, \$70,500. Death rate for the year per 1,000, 5.8318. Average annual death rate, 6.1095. Average age of new members, 30.699. Average age of present membership, 36.877.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Membership reported that the Association had been a most useful auxiliary of the Order, that according to information obtained from agents many who desired benefits in the Association had joined the lodges in order to obtain them. The Order as well as the Association had, therefore, been advantaged by the cordial relations which existed between the Association and the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Extension of the Work approved of the formation of a local board in Winnipeg, to supervise the local agencies and extend the usefulness of the Association in Manitoba. It expressed the hope that similar boards would be organized in the other outlying provinces. The Committee on Paid up Policies commended the action of the directors in

The Committee on Paid up Policies commended the action of the directors in procuring actuarial calculations on which to found paid-up policies. The annual meeting decided to have further information upon the subject before proceeding to

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introduce this new feature in the business of the Association. The matter will come up again next year. The same Committee endorsed the application of the Sisters of Rebekah Degree for admission to the Association, and recommended that notice be given of such changes in the constitution as the carrying out of this recommendation involved.

The Committee on Laws and Amendments sanctioned the following charge in the Disability Law, being the addition of a clause to Article X : "A claim for disability shall be absolutely barred unless the notices required by Clause I, of this section be fyled with the Secretary within six months from the occurrence of the disability."

The Finance Committee congratulated the Association on its gratifying financial exhibit for the year, upon the advance of the reserve fund to \$105,000, and upon the fact that this growing fund guaranteed the perpetuity of the Association through future years. The Committee examined into the details of the various funds, securities, etc., and expressed itself as well satisfied with the result.

The Committee on General Business approved of the identification of the Association with the Bureau of Information established by the Canadian Fraternal Association, of the present form of assessment notices, and of the printing, as far as practicable, of the rates of the Association in the by-laws of the Subordinate Lodges.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Capt. Donnelly, R. F. Elliott and B. H. Carnovsky, retiring directors, were re-elected for a term of three years each.

A. T. Smith and John Nicolle were re-elected auditors of the Association for the ensuing year.

The consideration of the motion, of which Bro. Carey gave notice, and having for its object the restoration of engineers and firemen on railway trains to the hazardous class, was indefinitely postponed.

Two notices of motions were given (1) by W. S. Given, that he would move to amend the Constitution, making Sisters of the Rebekah Degree admissable to membership; and (2) by Rev. W. B. Carey, that he would move to amend the Constitution, making the date of the annual meeting of the Association the first Wednesday in August each year

UFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIFE FOWLER, M.D., P.G.M.	President
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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

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D. J. Dickov, B.G.M
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R. H. SHANKS C. C.
S. T. Rogens, P.G.M
R. H. SHANKS, G.S. Moneton, N.B. Winnipeg, Man. J. JARDINE, P.G. Manager, Alexandria Manager, Alexandri Manager, Alexandria Manager, Alexandria Manager, Alexandri Man
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SKETCH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada was incorporated in 1875 The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada was incorporated in 1875 under Ontario Stalute 37, Cap. 34, and is designed to contribute to the per-manence and welfare of the Independent Order of Oddifellows within the Dominion, by providing an insurance of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000 in case It makes bi-monthly assessments of a fixed amount, graded in accordance with the age of the member at joining. The assessments are payable on the

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The Oddfellows' Relief Association is the only insurance association which, having fulfilled all the requirements of the law, is authorized to do business in the name of the Order in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba

Makes returns annually to the Insurance Department of Ontario, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to the several Grand Lodges of Canada, and holds

Every initiate into the Order who will apply for membership within thirty days of the date of his Lodge medical examination will have free admission, provided that he be under 35 years of age, and that he use the Lodge medical

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CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Changes in the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge and in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

The following changes were made in the Grand Lodge By-laws and Constitution of Subordinate Lodges :----

Grand Lodge By-laws amended to read as follows :

7. Should charges be preferred during the recess against any Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, they shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Advisory Board, without unnecessary delay; and should the charges be sustained, the officers so charged may be suspended, pending a report to the next ensuing Session of the Grand Lodge.

25. The Deputy Grand Master shall act as the assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of the Grand Master from this jurisdiction, or when he may be under charges duly preferred; or during the incapacity of the Grand Master arising from illness, or any other cause, the Deputy Grand Master shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master, until the next regular session of the Grand Lodge thereafter, and he shall be entitled to the honors of the office for that term.

67. All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under the preceding clause shall be held in trust: first, for the benefit of any brother and widow and orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-laws of such lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Subordinate lodge should it be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that should said lodge not be restored to fellowship within one year, the funds and properties of said lodge may be disposed of or used 'under the direction of the Grand lodge in aiding or assisting any working lodge, or proposed lodge, needing assistance, or for such other charitable purposes as in the judgment of the Grand lodge may be deemed advisable.

The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges amended to read as/ follows :

Clause 10.—No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this lodge, nor hold membership in this *and* any other Subordinate Lodge in this Order at the same time.

NON-BENEFICIAL MEMBERSHIP.

"12. This lodge may receive as non-beneficial members, members of defunct lodges who were in good standing in their respective lodges at the time of surrender of their respective charters, and who, by reason of advanced age, are ineligible for beneficial membership at such fee as shall be fixed upon by the Bylaws of this lodge."

"13. Non-affiliated Oddfellows, who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the Order for at least five years, and who at the time of

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making application for re-instatement or membership shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause, may be admitted as non-beneficial members of this lodge upon such terms as the By-laws may prescribe."

"14. The dues of non-benefical members shall be fixed by the By-laws of the lodge, but shall not be less than one dollar per annum."

"15. Such non-beneficial members, when so admitted, shall have no claim upon this lodge for pecuniary or financial benefits of any kind, but in all other respects they may enjoy the same privileges as the members of the lodge."

"16. Widows, orphans or personal representatives of such non-beneficial members shall have no claim upon the lodge for pecuniary or financial benefits of any kind."

The remaining By-laws to be renumbered.

CARDS.

Clause 16.—Any member in good standing desiring to withdraw from this lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open lodge or by a letter addressed to the secretary, whereupon the lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such withdrawal card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the secretary, under the seal of the lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

[The words "and clear of the books" which were in the clause are struck out.]

Clause 28.—This lödge may at any time elect a physician, solicitor, or other officer required for the operation of the legitimate work of the lodge, and may pay for the services rendered out of the general fund of the lodge, but the person so elected shall not, as such officer, be subject to any laws of the Order relating to membership, qualification, or honors, and may be elected under a by-law, resolution, or in any manner and at any time that the lodge may decide.

Notices to amend the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

Amend Section 5.—Strike out all the words after "standing" in the third line to the word "any" in the seventh line, and substitute the following : "One representative, such representative to be entitled to the same number of votes as his lodge would be entitled to by the present system of representation." Journal, 1897, p. 6655.

Notice to amend Grand Lodge By-laws.

Amend Grand Lodge By-law 20, so as to read as follows, Journal, 1897, p. 6655: "20. In the election for such office the candidate having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, by the Grand Master. In case no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the representatives present in Grand Lodge shall immediately proceed to ballot upon the *three* candidates in nomination who shall have received the highest number of votes of the Past Grands votes for the Subordan-ate Lodge; and lere each ballot the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn."

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CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Notice to amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

A new clause, No. 57, the remaining clauses to be renumbered. Journal, 1897, p. 6648. Clause 57. "In the case of a member, who having changed his place of residence, or who on account of the starting of a new lodge, shall find imself nearer to some other lodge in the jurisdiction than the one he is a member of, and who having been granted a withdrawal card, shall apply for admission and be accepted in the lodge nearest to his residence, he shall be entitled to have paid by the lodge he is leaving, on account of the balance of his admission fee, (that is his admission fee, less the proposition fee of \$2.00 already paid by him), or on account of this balance of his admission fee and his dues, an amount to be determined as follows:

1. When the lodge from which the member withdraws is working under as system of graded initiation fees, the amount shall be one-half of that fee at the age of the member at the time of his withdrawal, less the sum of $S_{2,0,0}$.

2. When the lodge from which the member withdraws is working under a system of level initiation fees at all ages, and dues graded, the amount shall be one-half of this general admission fee, with fitteen per cent. of this half added for each year the Brother has held membership in the lodge, less also the sum of \$2.00."

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APPENDIX.

LIST OF PAST GRANDS.

The following is a list of Past Grands, as shown by the returns :

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LODGE. NO.	DEC. 31ST, 1896.	JUNE 30TH, 1807.
Brock		Wm. Rothwell.
Cataraqui 10		R. M. Douglas.
Otonabee 13	J. W. Miller	J. W. Miller.
Union 16	A. McMillan.	B. J. Leubsdorf.
Phoenix 22	R. Sproule	F. Park.
Rose 28	Jno. A. Primeau.	Alex. Bennett.
Chatham 29	G. J. Wanless	B. K. Harper.
Eureka 30		Wm. J. Stewart.
Elgin 32	F. W. Gillespie	F. W. Gillespie.
Erie 33	N. B. Gates	W. B. Gates;
Gore 34	Alex. Mathews	C. P. McGregor.
Samaritan	M. McNeil	D. Munio.
St. Mary's 36	Wm. Pullyblank	R. S. Box.
Forest City	Wm. Wier	M. W. Munce.
Rondeau 40	R. Wright	O. Vansickle.
Avon 41	Alex. Abraham	W. Donaldson.
	Wm. McAndrew	
		John Forbes.
Mount Zion 45	Jas. Montgomery	A. F. Dewson,
	Oliver Bookyn	W. H. Sando.
	Oliver Beaty, Jr) R. G. Darby	Wm. P. Webb.
Dominion	K. G. Darby	John Browne.
Canada 49	Julius Breddin	E. G. Richardson.
Otter 50	Jos. M. Taylor	Chas. H. Nichols.
Covenant	W. B. Robinson	John O'Neal.
Niagara Falls 53	Geo. J. Ried	W. S. Homan.
Collingwood 54	H. Trott, Jr.	Robert McQuade.
Fidelity 55	Henry Town	John Thompson.
Queen City 56	E. W. Ovens	Jno. A. Wilson.
Maple Leaf 57	F. J. Marshall	F. J. Marshall.
Howard 58	S. S. Donaldson	W. A. Stevenson.
Kingston 59	E. Offord	R. J. Wilson.
Corinthian 61	R. Ellis	W. Foster.
Huron 62	D. Johnston	R. R. Fallows.
Barrie 63	Alex. Milne	Alex. Milne.
Victoria	Mara B. Reid	John C. Munro.
Friendship	Frank Esson	W. J. Coyle.
Florence Nightingale 66	F. F. Morris	A. J. Bennett.
Exeter	R. N. Rowe	R. N. Rowe.
North Star	Archie Hill	E. C. Cross.
Норе 69	W. Doan	A. E. Jackson.
Lucan	S. Preston	S. Preston.
The Toronto	R. S. Anderson	Frank H. Hyde.
Eastern Star	Philip Taylor	John Noble.
Fergus 73	David Murray.	Mathew Smellie.
Bothwell 74	C. Simpkins	W. A. Scott.
Warriner 75	C. H. Allison	C. H. Allison.
St. Thomas 76	A. L. Edwards	W. E. Locock.

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 Durham.
 75
 W. T. Greenaway.
 H. Hales.

 Nipissing.
 79
 W. A. McCullough.
 C. J. King.

 Amity.
 80
 W. A. Scott.
 J. A. Fleming.

 Belleville.
 81
 J. S. McKeown.
 M. MacDonald.

 Sa Mark Whelew.
 T. U. W. Danald.

 Amily
 79
 W. A. Scott
 J. A. Fleming.

 Belleville
 81
 J. S. McKeown
 M. MacD.nald.

 Beaver
 82
 Mark Whaley
 T. H. Wigle

 Clinton
 83
 Frank B. Hall
 Fred C. Allcock.

 Walkerton
 84
 Frank A. Perrin
 C. Reichenback

 Constellation
 85
 Chas. F. Bates
 Elias Snyder.

 Napanee
 86
 W. H. Davis
 Geo. A. Cliff.

 Empire
 87
 A. Gwimmer
 Adam Haynes.

 Olive Branch
 88
 Thos. Packer
 John W. Dutton.

 Reliance
 89
 John H. Little
 Wm. H. Conway.

 Ivy
 90
 Geo. Tudor
 J. W. Simpson.

 Henry Byers
 H. Byers.
 Builton
 92

 Milton
 92
 Ducan McKay.
 Duncan McKay.

 Western City
 93
 R. Houston
 F. S. Wagner.

 Nith
 94
 J. Richardson
 F. S. Wagner.

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 Fracis Berss
 John Howes.

 Lindsay
 100
 T. A. Fisher.
 H. A. Middleton.

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 Trenton
 113
 H. vancervort
 Geo. K. Nobertson

 Gananoque
 114
 Jno. E. Nelson
 Geo. B. Haynes.

 Harmony
 115
 Ias. Fraser
 C. J. Parker.

 Naomi
 110
 H. Wilson
 E. H. Wilson

 Valley City
 117
 E. D. Echlin
 E. D. Echlin.

 Maitland
 119
 Amos Lipling
 W. J. Haines.

 Sydenham Valley
 120
 J. B. Cousins
 J. Quinnell.

 Saxon
 121
 S. Zairtz
 Byron Cameron.

 Streetsville
 122
 Os. F. Follerton
 L. Scruton.

 Dresden
 124
 Geo. A. Rice
 Geo. A. Rice.

 Sarnia
 126
 R. E. Lesorn
 W. J. Shanks.

 Mizpah
 127
 Jas. Boyd
 Jno. E. Parks.

 Charity
 129
 J. Thompson
 F. Doble.

 Livingstone
 130
 Thos. Reid
 P. A. Dunn.

 Marion
 131
 Richard Miller
 Jas. H. Welford.

 Orient
 133
 R. F. Howard
 J. E. Rome.

 Orient
 134
 Wn. F. Swatz
 M. H. Robinson.

JUNE 30TH, 1897. Chas. Phillips.

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LODGE. No. DEC. 3157, 1896. St. Lawrence, 137 Chas. R. Curry. Ancaster 138 W. H. Whitfield Garnet 139 Jas. Anderson. JUNE 30TH, 1897. Lewis E. Murphy. A. Bradshaw. Livingston 549 Jas Andreas Constraints Smith. Concord 442 Jno. Pulford 9 John Pulford Bay of Quinte 143 H. M. Koxon H. M. Love, Ridgetown 144 M. G. Hay

G. H. Wright.
 Ridgetown
 144
 M. G. Hay
 M. G. Hay.

 Riverside
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 S. Frayme.
 S. Frayme.

 Vivian
 146
 W. J. Strils
 I. Henry Clements.

 Model
 147
 J. Gibson
 W. H. Hartley.

 Aurora
 148
 D. A. Philips
 D. Elliot.

 Western Star
 149
 B. Cochrane
 W. H. Kerr.

 Sycamore
 151
 C. N. Richardson
 C. N. Richardson.

 Hayden
 152
 A. Seares
 D. S. Pitcher.

 Wildey
 153
 E. Pullyblank
 Jos. Hooper.

 Alpha
 154
 J. H. Symington
 R. L. Bond.

 Brougham
 155
 W. G. Gerow
 W. G. Gerow.

 Pyramid
 150
 Donald Morrison
 T. Trivett.

 Thamesville
 157
 Wn, F. Taylor
 W. W. Watts.
 Listowel. 100 J. E. Ternune. J. E. Ternune. Simcoe . 161 R. E. Gunton Geo. Draper. Oriental . 163 J. H. Martin . Thos. C. Scott. Romeo . 164 Jas. Wilson, Jr. Geo. T. Jones. Beethoven . 165 F. H. Wilson . B. Manning. Hillsburgh . 167 A. A. Mitchell . A. A. Mitchell. Sutton . 168 John Reed . Geo. Munro. Grey 169 W. Laidlaw Adam Robertson. Denovo 170 John Duff A. J. Vandrick. Penetangore 172 R. E. Shannon. J. Atriitage. Emerald 173 Isaac Strohn. Isaac Strohn. Dolman 17 i Bate Stohn Edward Cross. J. K. Christie. W. M. Bell.
 Teeswater
 183
 David Steele
 D. Stewart.

 Germania
 184
 F. A. Pflug
 Wm. Conrad.

 Dufferin
 186
 C. J. Leitch
 N. E. Wagner.

 Cambridge
 188
 H. E. Wagner.
 N. E. Wagner.
 E. Bregg. J. L. Goodburne.

 Howick
 192
 Richard Ross
 Richard Ross

 Albert
 194
 James Stafford
 W. H. Hareton.

 Cicerone
 195
 L. Gilchrist
 M. J. Stoddart.

 Florence
 196
 Geo. D. Lockhart
 Henry Buchanan.

 Minerva
 197
 Jas. Houghton
 J. M. Fielding.

 Weston
 200
 W. J. Fullerton
 J. T. Franks.

 Beacon
 201
 Geo. Filling
 Geo. H. Pilling.

 Silver Start
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 W. M. Appel.
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Acton	20	4 H. Kamshaw	H Ramehaw
Ahiram	20	R I Nelson	A. L. Peters.
Silver City	20	McDougall	
Egremont	20	7 Toubill	
Alvinston	201	Fd Wahh	
Millbank	200	Wm Gillonnia	
Brucefield	210		
Lilly	210		John G. Kaiser.
Argyle	211		C. Morrison.
Clifford	. 212	W. M. Sills	W. M. Sille
Clifford	214		Lachlan McTaggart
Freestone	215	Geo. Greres	Wm. Everett
Elmira	216	R. I. Hall	WTD
Mount Brydges	217		Wesley Hetley.
Enterprise	218	Jas. Douglas	Fred Gilbor.
Georgian Bay	. 210	Wm. Went	
Woodslee	220	Arthur Taylor.	
Chesley	221	T I FUSIA	
Hensall	222	T. J. Elloitt	James F. Maher.
Ottawa	. 223	W. J. Miller	D. Nichol.
Norfolk	. 224	A. E. Ryan	. F. Gallagher.
Merlin	. 225	A. A. Mathews	A A Math
Sauble	. 226	P. C. McGee	Isaac H Hill
Sauble	. 227	Thos. Dolphin	. Jos. E. Grant.
International	. 228	Fred Spring	Thos. Edwards.
Embro	. 229	R. H. Green	
Prince of Wales	. 230	J. E. Allen	
Elora	. 221	Wm. H. Scott	
Equity	. 232	I H Corporter	
Hanover	233	J. H. Carpenter	
Ilderton		E. S. Cressman	. E. S. Cressman.
Waterford		J. H. McRae	
Acorn		R. S. Robinson	W R Wilkinger
Farmersuille	. 236	S. W. Trusler	
Farmersville		E. T. Tennant	Geo F Judson
Stirling	. 239	S. White	G B Hagarman
Carlton	. 240	W. J. Milligan	Wm. H. Fitzsimmons.
Rideau	241	A. S. Malcom	. J. D. Lamb.
Wilton	242	W. J. Greig	T.C.Lamb.
Thornbury	242	Fred Boettinge	T. G. Lewis.
Port Arthur.	244	F Dunstan	
Mallorytown	245	F. Dunstan	C. H. Shera.
Gordon	243	Henry Kelly	
Campbellford	247	Henry Hemsworth	
Beaverton		E. C. West	F C Wast
Ridgely		D. M. Smith	A. Chalmers.
Ridgely	250	A. C. Waller	C F WALL
Bracebridge	251	Wm. McNeice	Wm. McNeice.
Floral		A. E. Welbourn	John Wilmott.
Caledonia	252	A. Menzies	D M Tool !!
Alba	254	S. Allison	D. M. Turnbull.
Grand Valley	256	H. Rounding	L. A. Mayne.
Credit		Ther William	Stewart Tait.
I namesford	218	Thos. Wilson	James Justice.
Lynden	- 30	B. B. McCarty	J. W. Cunningham.
Meaford	259	oseph Ross	F. C. Braithwaite.
Gold Hill	200	I. W. Hughes	T. W. Hughes.
Norwood	201	A. Hudson	F. A. Hudson.
Norwood	202	N. J. McMullen	J. N. Ackerman.
East Toronto	263 J	as. A. Hewitt	R. G. Beatty.
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 Staticy
 206
 Joseph A. Watt
 J. F. Jackson

 Woodstock
 269
 J. R. Oliver
 James Allen.

 Lansdowne
 270
 J. D. W. Darling
 J. E. Heaslep.

 North Bay
 271
 L. P. Snyder
 L. P. Snyder.

 Lakeview
 272
 W. H. Blewitt
 J. W. Clendennan.

 Hastings
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 Geo. Tough
 W. W. Huycke.

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 Morewood
 265
 Allan Steven.
 N. A. Utraan.

 Royal
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 Allan Steven.
 N. A. Utraan.

 Royal
 287
 S. Whiddon
 R. D. McKenzie.

 Chesterville
 288
 W. J. Nash
 E. W. Forward.

 Glanworth
 289
 D. Stevenson
 R. S. Nicol.

 Tweed
 290
 F. O. Houston
 James Murray.

 Rodney
 291
 W. N. Lusty.
 J. H. Martin.

 Minnetonka
 292
 C. McFadden
 S. Hunter.

 Broadview
 294
 E. James
 J. Clarke.

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 E. James
 J. W. Clarke.

 Manotick
 295
 Geo. Clarke.
 S. F. Lindsay.

 Pontypool
 296
 Ro. T. Silverbrick
 J. N. Smith.

 Comber
 293
 Jas. Richards.
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 Cornucopia
 299
 Jas. Richards.
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 Bobezgeon
 300
 E. B. Garlick.
 W. C. Moore.

 Plattsville
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 R. Baird
 H. Motheral.

 Aberdeen.
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 Wa. Flynn.
 Alex. Johnston.

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

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	LODGE.	No.	DEC. 31ST, 1896.	JUNE 30TH, 1897.
3	Geneva	320		
	Britannia	325	} Not instituted {	J. H. Burns.
		198) 1	G. S. Wilson.

By direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, passed at the session of 1896, at Dallas, the following telegraph cipher and key, adopted at Atlantic City in 1895, is hereto appended. Report 192, 1896, adopted.

In view of the many frauds who are travelling and imposing on the Order, no Lodge shall grant pecuniary aid to a stranger until his Lodge has been communicated with by this Cipher.

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

HOUSE.-Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.-Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of -----?

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodgs in good standing.

WHITE We don't have seen at any not been in good standing for

WHITE.-We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.-Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION. -- Lookout for a fraud named -----

SECRETARY .- He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.-A member of your Lodge died here.

RED. -Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN. --Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.-Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

PURPLE.-We think best to bury him there.

LODGE .- Forward remains to this place by -----

REGALIA. - Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of -----

HELP.-Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

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LIST OF LODGES.

IN NUMERICAL	ORDER.
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LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	In District No.	Membership 30th June, 1897.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
		D. 1 111		140	Turndan
brock	9	Brockville	37 36	142 302	Tuesday. Tuesday.
ataraqui	113	Peterborough	33	133	Monday.
Dionabee	16	St. Catharines	8	173	Monday.
hœnix	22	01	30		Tuesday.
Rose	28	Amherstburg	1		Wednesday.
hatham		Chatham.	2 12	189	Tuesday.
Cureka	30	London	12	101	Tuesday.
Clgin	. 32	St. Thomas	4	228	Friday.
Crie	33	Port Burwell	4	8	Thursday.
ore	. 34	Brantford	10	278	Monday.
amaritan	. 35	Ingersoll	11		Thursday.
t. Mary's	. 36	Osnawa Amberstburg Chatham London St. Thomas Port Burwell. Brantford Ingersoll St. Mary's London	16 12	106	Tuesday.
orest Ćity	. 38		12	114 146	Monday. Friday.
		Blenheim	16	265	Wednesday.
von Excelsior		Hamilton	9	160	Thursday.
rontier		Windsor	í		Thursday.
Aount Zion	46	Newbury	3		Thursday.
Jnity.	47	Newbury	. 9		Wednesday.
Dominion	48	London	12	150	Friday.
anada	49	Toronto	12 19	201	Friday.
Otter	. 50	Tilsonburg	5	170	Monday. 2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Covenant	52	Toronto	19	159	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Niagara Falls	. 53	Niagara Falls	8		Tuesday.
Collingwood	. 54	Collingwood	26	138	Thursday.
idelity	. 55	Seaforth	15	26	Wednesday.
Jucen City of Ontario		Toronto	19 21	200 36	Monday. Thursday.
Maple Leaf		Strathroy		118	Wednesday.
Cingston	59	Kingston	36	298	Friday.
orinthian	. 61	Oshawa	30		Thursday.
Huron	. 62	Goderich	15		Thursday.
Barrie	. 63	Barrie	26	94	Monday.
lictoria	. 64	Hamilton	9	64	Alternate Tuesdays.
Triendship	65	Petrolia	14	120	Friday.
florence Nightingale	. 66	Bowmanville	30	152	Wednesday.
Exeter	. 67	Exeter	15	48	Tuesday.
North Star	68	Stayner	26	30 98	Thursday. Saturday.
lope	69	Lucan	13	21	Tuesday.
The Toronto	1 71	Toronto	19	92	Monday.
Castern Star		Whitby	30	84	Tuesday.
ergus		Fergus	17		Tuesday.
Bothwell	. 74	Bothwell	3	26	Tuesday.
Warriner	. 75	Port Perry	89	59	Monday.
St. Thomas	. 76	St. Thomas	4	334	Thursday.
Oxford	. 77	Ingersoll	11	52	Monday.
Durham	. 78	Port Hope	32	121	Tuesday.
Nipissing	. 79	Uxbridge	29 39		Thursday.
Amity Belleville	80	Prescott	39		Thursday. Thursday.
Belleville	81	Belleville	30	76	Tuesday.
Clinton	82	Clinton	15	67	Tuesday.
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	25	83	Friday.
Constellation.	85	Burgessville		46	Tuesday.
Napanee	86	Napanee	35	80	Tuesday.
Empire		St. Catharines	8	1 117	Thursday.

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LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	In District No.	Membership 30th June, 1897.	NIGHT OF MEETING
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock.	11	122	Monday.
Reliance	89	Guelph	17		Monday.
Grand River.	90 91	Parkhill.	13	58	Thursday.
Milton	92	Paris Milton.	10 18	95 16	Thursday.
Western City	93	Chatham	2		Tuesday. Monday.
Aylmer Nith	94	Aylmer	4	153	Tuesday.
	96 97	New Hamburg.	16	55	Thursday.
Minto.	98	Berlin Harriston	17 22	105	Friday.
Lindsay,	100	Lindsay	31	61 119	Friday. Monday.
Golden Star Dosoronto	101	Brampton	18	40	Thursday.
Cataract	102 103	Deseronto	35	95	Wednesday.
Crescent	104	Niagara Falls South Hamilton	89	48	Thursday.
Manilla	105	Manilla	31		Friday. Monday.
St. Clair			14		Thursday.
Waterloo Royal Oak	107	Galt	17	242 1	Monday.
Orion	108 109	Forest	13	70	Monday.
Laurel	110	Foronto	18 19	49 1 108 2	Monday.
eterborough.	111	eterborough	33	218 1	nd and 4th Monday. Thursday.
	112	ucknow	24	102	Friday.
		renton.	35	60	Wednesday.
larmony		Brantford	36 10		Monday.
Naomi	116 [3	larkham	19	183 1 34 V	luesday. Vednesday.
alley City	117 11	Jundas.	9		hursday.
	119 ()	Vingham .	23	64 1	hursday.
axon	121 4	Vallaceburg	2 13	147 F	riday.
treetsville	122 S	treetsville	13	43 W 42 F	Vednesday. riday.
	24 1	resden	2		fonday.
arnia	25 10	arleton Place	40	99 F	riday.
lizpah		arnia. elleville	14	128 T	uesday.
harity	29 5	underland	35 31		londay. londay.
	30 I I	horold	8		uesday.
akville	31 R	enfrew	41	115 M	londay.
lencoe		lencoe	18		londay.
rient	34 1	elland	37	52 T	uesday. uesday.
eaceful Dove 1	33 10	annington	31	48 11	hursday.
	36 C	obourg	32	94 W	ednesday.
	38 4	ncaster.	39		hursday.
arnet	39 M		9 32		onday.
eamington	10 L	amington			uesday. bursday.
oncord	12 K	logsville	1	73 Fr	iday.
ay of Quinte	IS PI	cton 1		126 W	ednesday.
iverside	5 1	dgetown	3	95 W	ednesday.
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LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	In District No.	Membership 30th June, 1897.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Wildey	153	Granton	13	63	Wednesday.
Alpha.		Almonte	40	115	Monday.
Brougham	100	Whitevale	29	19 17	Thursday. Tuesday.
Pyramid	1 156	Newmarket Thamesville	20	163	Thursday.
Thamesville	157	Guelph	17	117	Thursday.
Progress	159	Hamilton	9	64	Alternate Tuesdays.
Listowel	160	Listowel	22	72	Tuesday.
Simcoe	. 161	Simcoe	6	161 89	Friday. Tuesday.
Oriental.	163	Cornwall	38	168	Tuesday.
Romeo.	164	Stratford	30	40	Friday.
Hillsburg	167	Hillshurg	20	34	Friday.
Sutton	168		29	28	1st and 3rd Monday.
Grev	109	Durham	22	20 44	Monday. Monday.
Denovo	170	Port Elgin.	25 24	144	Tuesday.
Penetangore Emerald	172			52	Tuesday.
Emerald	173	Ayr.		98	Tuesday.
Dauncey	176	Thedford	13	17	Tuesday. Wednesday.
Montana	177	Wroxeter	23	12	Monday.
Wellington Square	178	Burlington	9	44 93	Alternate Mondays. Monday.
Madoc Owen Sound	175	Madoc	34	67	Thursday.
Owen Sound			5	62	
Tecumseh			23	23	Wednesday.
Germania			. 17	117	
Dufferin	180	Flesherton		23	
Cambridge	182	Preston	17	42	
Parry Sound	18		27	131	
Chorazin	19		6	38	
Howick	19	Gorrie	. 23	11	Tuesday.
Albert	19	Toronto	. 19	160	
Cicerone	19	5 Woodville	31	11	
Florence	19			67	
Minerva Britannia	19			2	Wednesday.
Weston	20	Weston	. 19	30	1 1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Beacon	20	1 Port Colborne	. 7	77	Wednesday.
Silver Star	20	2 Milverton	. 16		
Pembroke	20	3 Pembroke	49		
Acton	20	4 Acton	25	11	
Ahiram	20	6 Tiverton	25	7	3 Friday.
Egremont		7 Kerwood	. 12	3	0 Friday.
Alvinston Millbank Brucefield	20	8 Alvinston	. 3		
Millbank		9 Millbank	16		
Brucefield	21	1 Dorchester Station	1		8 Monday.
Argyle Clifford Freestone Elmira	21	2 Napanee	. 3	8	2 Thursday.
Clifford	21	4 Clifford	22	1 7	1 Thursday.
Freestone	21	5 Beamsville		3 2	4 Monday.
Elmira	21	6 Elmira	17		4 Wednesday. 6 Friday.
		7 Mount Brydges 8 Essex Centre			Thursday.
Enterprise Georgian Bay Woodslee	2	9 Waubaushene	2	9	4 Thursday.
Woodslee		South Woodslee		3	7 Wednesday.

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Chesley	. 221	Chesley	25	33	Tuesday.
Ottawa	223	Hensall	15	55	Friday.
Norfolk	224	Ottawa	39	171	Tuesday.
Merlin	220	Port Dover	6	70	Tuesday.
Sauble	997	Tara.	2	36	Thursday.
Merlin Sauble International	228	International Bridge	25	51	Friday.
Emoro Star	. 229	Embro	11	188 33	Thursday.
Prince of Wales		Toronto	19	64	Tuesday. Tuesday.
Elora	231	Elora	17	64	Thursday.
Equity		Hagarsville	6	17	Wednesday.
Iderton	004	Hanover.	25	13	Wednesday.
Waterford	295	Ilderton	12	27	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Acorn	090	Camlachie	6 13	94 27	Thursday.
armersville	937	Farmersville	37	25	2nd and 4th Tuesday. Wednesday,
tirling	. 239	Stirling	34	128	Wednesday.
Carleton	. 240	Ottawa	39	172	Thursday.
Wilton		Smith's Falls	37	165	Monday.
Chornbury		Toronto	19	102	Tuesday.
ort Arthur	244	Thornbury. Port Arthur	26	33	Friday.
fallorytown	245	Mallorytown.	47 37	69	Wednesday.
ordon	247	Palmerston.	22	48 71	Wednesday.
ampbellford	948	Campbellford	34	76	Fhursday. Fuesday.
Beaverton.	. 249	Beaverton	31		Monday.
Bracebridge	250	Oil Springs,	14	52 1	Monday,
loral		Bracebridge	42	62 1	Monday.
aledonia	959	Caledonia	19	66 1	Monday.
lba	254	Pakenham	6 41	21 1	st and 3rd Friday.
lba rand Valley	256	Grand Valley	21		Chursday. Friday.
redit	257	Brin	21		Alternate Tuesdays.
hamesford	208	Thamesford	11		Chursday.
leaford	259 260	Lynden	10	34 /	Thursday. Iternate Wednesdays.
old Hill	001	Meaford	26	66 1	londay.
orwood	262	Rat Portage	48	143]	hursday.
orwoodast Toronto	263	East Toronto (Vork)	19	22] 67]	uesday.
raternity	264	East Toronto (York)	40		st and 4th Tuesdays. fonday.
lissanabie	200	Jelta	37		uesday.
Issanabie	266 0	Chapleau	46	56 1	uesday.
anley	267 268	Fort William West	47	63 1	hursday.
oodstock	269	Anark	40	30 T	hursday.
ansdowne	270 1	ansdowne	11 36		riday. uesday.
orth Bay	271 1	North Bay	43		uesday. uesday.
akeview	272 273 274	forento Junction Iastings	19	65 F	riday.
astings.	273	lastings	34	38 N	fonday.
airy	274 N 275 H	lidiand	26	37 2	riday.
ambton	977 1	Juntsville	42	35 N	fonday.
ockliffe	278	litawa	14 39		uesday.
renville	279	Ottawa Cemptville	50		uesday. Ionday.
almoral	280 18	Aerrickville	37	66 N	londay.
thur		ault Ste. Marie.	45		hursday.
dbury.	282 5	udbury	43	74 A	hursday. Iternate Wednesdays.
	283 IC	umming's Bridge	39 .	105 W	ednesday.

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				26	Wednesday.
yn Iorewood	284	Lyn	37	42	1st and 3rd Wednesday
		Havelock	33	59	Thursday.
oyal		Ripley	24	70	Monday.
hesterville		Chesterville	80	32	Friday.
lanworth		Glanworth	4	36	Tuesday.
weed		Tweed	36	59	Tuesday.
		Rodney	3	45	Friday.
lodney		Keewatin	48	64	Wednesday.
homasburg		Thomasturg	34	68	Friday.
Broadview		Toronto		120	Monday.
		Manotick		27	Friday.
anotick		Pontypool		41	Friday.
layflower		Parham		44	Wednesday.
Comber		Comber	1	47	2nd and last Tuesday.
Cornucopia		McLaren's Depot.		80	Wednesday.
		Bobcavgeon		39	Tuesday.
Bobcaygeon.		Plattsville		42	Wednesday.
		Adultsville		27	1st and 3rd Monday.
Aberdeen		Dickinson's Landing .		39	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
			4	54	Tuesday.
Star			14	42	Wednesday.
			36	35	Monday.
Athena		Princeton		54	Monday.
Princeton				75	
Harrow.			1 1	46	
Shedden				28	
Zeta				60	
Spirit Rock				39	
Electric City				36	
Prospect				148	
Mountain				28	
Britain			31	35	
Laurentian			37	32	
Bervie				27	
Webbwood			43	4	
Geneva				35	
Hespeler				31	
Central				104	
Liberty				51	
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LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	NIGHT OF MEETING
The second second		-	
Acton		. 204	2nd and 4th Mondays.
Ailsa Craig		121	
Almonte	Alnha	154	
Alvinston	Alvington	208	
Amherstburg.	Rose.	99	
Ancaster.	Ancaster	138	Monday.
Arkona	Sycamore	151	
Arnprior	Vivian	146	
Aultsville	Aberdeen	302	
Aurora	Aurora	148	
Aylmer	Aylmer	94	fuesday.
Avr.	Dolman	174	
Barrie	Barrie	. 174	Tuesday.
Beamsville	Franctona	63	
Beaverton		215	Monday.
Belleville		249	Monday.
Belleville.		81	Thursday.
Berlin		127	Monday.
Berlin		97	Friday.
Bervie			Tuesday.
Hanhaim		318	Thursday.
Blenheim.		40	Friday.
Bobcaygeon		300	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
Bothwell		74	Tuesday.
Bowmanville.		66	Wednesday.
Bracebridge	Bracebridge	251	Monday.
srampton	Golden Star	1 101	Thursday.
Brantford	Gore		Monday.
Brantford	Harmony	115	Tuesday.
Bridgeburg			Thursday.
Brigden	Immhton	277	Tuesday.
Drockville	Brock		Tuesday.
DIOCKVIIIe	St Lawrence	137	Thursday.
Brooklin	Beethoven		Friday.
Brucefield	Brucefield		Criday.
Brussels	Western Star	210	2nd and 4th Fridays.
	the second when the second second second	. 199	Thursday.
Burlington.	Constellation Wellington Square Caledonia	. 85	Tuesday.
aledonia	Caledonia	. 178	Alternate Mondays.
amlachie		. 253	1st and 3rd Fridays.
ampbellford	Acorn	236	Tuesday.
annington.		. 248	Tuesday.
arleton Place		. 135	Thursday.
hapleau		. 125	Friday.
hatham.			Tuesday.
hatham.	Chatham	. 29	Tuesday.
hesley		. 93	Monday.
	. Chesley	. 221	Tuesday.
hesterville	. Chesterville	288	Friday.
hippewa		. 313	Monday.
lifford	. Clifford	214	Thursday.
linton	Clinton	. 83	Tuesday.
obourg	Cobourg	198	Wednesday.
ollingwood	Collingwood	254	Thursday.
omber	.Comber	198	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
ornwall	Oriental	63	Tuesday.
rampton	Star	304	Tuesday.
umming's Bridge	Earnscliffe	283	Wednesday.
elta	Delta	265	Tuesday.
eseronto	Deseronte		Wednesday.
ickinson's Landing	Fellowship.	303	and and 4th Tuesdays.

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LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	NIGHT OF MEETING
Dorchester Station	Lilly	211	Monday.
resden		124	Monday.
undas	Valley City	117	Thursday.
unnville	Emerald Grey East Toronto	173	Tuesday.
urham	Grey	169	Monday.
ast Toronto (York)	East Toronto	263	1st and 4th Tuesdays.
mira	Elmira.	216	Wednesday.
lora		231	Thursday.
mbro		229	Tuesday.
rin	Credit	257 218	Alternate Tuesdays. Thursday.
ssex	Enterprise	67	Tuesday.
xeter	Farmersville	237	Wednesday.
ergus		73	Tuesday.
lesherton	Dufferin	186	Tuesday.
lorence.	Florence	196	Monday.
orest.	Roval Oak	108	Monday.
ort William West	Algoma	267	Thursday.
alt	Waterloo	107	Monday.
ananoque	Gananoque	114	Monday.
eorgetown	Orion	109	Monday.
lanworth	Glanworth	289	
Slencoe	Glencoe	133	
oderich	Huron	62	
orrie	Howick	192	
Grand Valley,	Grand Valley	256	Friday.
ranton.	Wildey	153	
uelph	Reliance	89 158	
Juelph	Progress		
Lagersville	Excelsior	44	Thursday.
Iamilton	Unity	47	
Iamilton	Victoria	64	
Tamilton	Crescent	104	
Hamilton	Oak Leaf	159	Alternate Tuesdays.
Hamilton	Minerva	197	Alternate Wednesdays.
Hanover,	Hanover	233	Wednesday.
Harrietsville		69	Saturday.
Harriston		. 98	
Harrow	, Harrow	. 309	
larrowsmith		306	Monday.
Hastings	Hastings	286	Monday. Thursday.
Havelock	Hensall	223	Friday.
Hespeler	Hespeler		
Hillsburg	Hillsburg	167	
Huntsville	Fairy	27	
Iderton.	Ilderton	. 234	
ngersoll.	Samaritan	. 34	
ngersoll.		. 7	
roquois	Riverside	14	
arvis		191	
Leewatin	Minnetonka	. 29	
Cemptville	Grenville	. 27	
Kerwood	Penetangore	20	
Kincardine	Penetangore	17	
Kingston	Kingston	5	
Kingston	Concord	S 1993 M 1	Friday.
Lanark	Stanley	26	B Thursday.
Lanark	Lansdowne	27	Tuesday.
Leamington			
Lindsay	Lindsay.	10	

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istowel.	Listowel		
ittle Britain	Britain	160	
ondon	Britain	316	
ondon	Eureka	. 30	Tuesday.
ondon	. Forest City	38	
ondon Fast	Forest City Dominion Chorazin	48	Wednesday.
noop		190	Monday.
noknow	Lucan	70	Tuesday.
ucknow	.Lucknow	112	Friday.
ynden	Lyn. Lynden Madoc	284	Wednesday. Alternate Wednesdays.
ador	. Lynden	259	Alternate Wednesdays.
allorytown.	.Madoc	179	Monday,
lanilla		245	Wednesday.
anotick	Manilla	105	Monday. 2nd and 4th Fridays.
arkham	Manotic'		2nd and 4th Fridays.
eaford		146	wednesday.
Callin	Meaford	260	Monday.
erlin errickville		226	Thur day.
talend	. Balmoral	280	Monday.
idland	Midland.	274	Friday.
illbank	Millbank Millbrook	209	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
illbrook	Millbrook	308	Tuesday.
ilverton		202	Friday.
ilton	Milton	92	Tuesday.
orewood	. Morewood	285	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
oretown	Valentine	305	Wednesday.
orrisburg		311	Thursday.
ountain	.Mothtain	315	Thursday.
ount Brydges	Mount Brydges	217	Friday.
ount Forest	Garnet.	139	Tuesday.
cLaren's Depot	Garnet. Cornucopia Napanee. Argyle.	299	Wednesday.
apanee	Napanee	86	Tuesday.
apanee	Argyle.	212	Thursday.
ewbury	Mount Zion	46	Thursday.
ew Hamburg	Nith		Thursday.
ewmarket	Pyramid	156	Tuesday.
agara Falls	Niagara Falls	53	Tuesday.
agara Falls South	Cataract		Thursday.
orth Bay	North Bay	271	Tuesday.
orwich	Hayden	152	Friday.
orwood	Norwood	262	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
kville	Oakville	132	Monday.
Springs	Ridgely		Monday.
angeville	Maple Leaf	57	Thursday.
III			Monday.
hawa	Phoenix		Tuesday.
hawa	Corinthian		Thursday.
			Tuesday.
tawa	Carleton . Rockliffe Tecumseh Owen Sound . Abiram		Thursday.
awa	Rockliffe		Tuesday.
terville	Tecumseh		Monday.
en Sound	Owen Sound		Thursday.
sley	Ahiram	205	Tuesday.
	PAIDS	254	Thursday.
merston.	Gordon		Thursday.
rham	Mayflower	297	Wednesday.
ris	Grand River		Thursday.
khill	Ivy		Thursday.
ry Sound	Ivy Parry Sound		Monday.
moroke	Pembroke	903	Tuesday.
rth	Fraternity	203 264	Monday.
terborough	Otonabee	13	Monday.
erborough	Peterborough	iii	Thursday.
	Friendship		Friday.

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Picton."	. Bay of Quinte	143	Wednesday.
Plattsville	. Plattsville	301	Wednesday.
oint Edward	St. Clair	106	Thursday.
ontypool.	St. Clair	296	Friday.
Port Arthur	Port Arthur	244	Wednesday.
ort Burwell		33	Thursday.
Port Colborne			Wednesday.
Port Dover.	Norfolk	225	Tuesday.
Port Elgin.	. Denovo	170	Monday.
Port Hope	Durham	78	Tuesday.
Port Perry	Warriner.	78	Monday.
Prescott.	Amite	80	Thursday.
Preston		188	Wednesday.
Princeton	Princeton	307	Monday.
Rat Portage	Gold Hill	261	Thursday.
Renfrew	Marion	131	Monday
Renfrew	Ridgetown.	144	Monday. Wednesday.
Ripley	Ripley.	287	Monday.
Rodney	Rodney	291	Friday.
Ruthven	Beaver.	82	Tuesday.
Sarnia	Sarnia		Tuesday.
Sault Ste. Marie	Arthur		Thursday.
Seaforth		55	Wednesday.
Shedden	Shedden	310	Wednesday.
Simcoe	. Simcoe.	161	Friday.
Smith's Falls	Rideau	.241	Monday.
Stayner	North Star.	68	Thursday,
Stirling	Stirling	239	Wednesday.
Stratford		41	Wednesday.
Stratford	Romeo	164	Tuesday.
Strathroy	Howard	58	Wednesday.
Streetsville	. Streetsville	122	Friday.
South Woodslee	Woodslee	220	Wednesday.
Sudbury	Sudbury	. 282	Alternate Wednesdays.
Sunderland k.	Charity	. 129	Monday.
Sutton		. 168	1st and 3rd Mondays.
St. Catharines	Union	. 16	Monday.
St. Catharines	Empire	. 87	Thursday.
St. Mary's. St. Thomas	St. Mary's	. 36	Tuesday.
St. Thomas	Elgin	. 32	Friday.
st. Thomas	St. Thomas	. 76	Thursday.
Tara	Sauble	. 227	Friday.
Teeswater	Teeswater	183	Wednesday.
Thamesford	. Thamesford	. 258	Thursday.
Thamesville	Thamesville	. 157	Thursday.
Thedford		176	Wednesday.
Thomasburg		. 293	Friday.
Thornbury	Thornbury.	243	Friday.
Thorold'	Livingstone	. 130	Tuesday.
Tilsonburg	Otter	. 50	Monday.
Liverton	Silver City	. 206	Friday.
Foronto	Canada	. 49	Friday.
Foronto	Covenant	. 52	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
<u>Foronto</u>	Queen City of Ontario The Toronto	. 56	Monday.
Toronto	The Toronto	. 71	Monday.
Toronto	Laurel		
Toronto	. Albert	. 194	Friday.
Toronto	Prince of Wales	230	
Toronto	Wilton	. 242	Tuesday.
Toronto	Floral	252	Monday.
Toronto		294	Monday. Friday.
Toronto	Prospect		

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Toronto Junction	Lakeview		
Frenton	Lakeview	272	Friday.
Tweed	Trenton.	113	Wednesday.
		290	Tuesday.
		79	Thursday.
			Friday.
			Friday.
			Thursday.
			Thursday.
			Thursday.
	Webbwood		Thursday.
			Friday.
estport	Laurentian.	134	Tuesday.
eston	Wirentian	317	Thursday.
hithy	Weston	200	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
hitevala	Eastern Star	72	Tuesday.
		155	Thursday.
		312	Monday.
		45	Thursday.
			Thursday.
			Monday.
OUUSLOCK,	Woodstock		Riday.
			Friday.
		195	Tuesday.
voming	Model	177	Wednesday.
ork.	East Toronto.	147	Alternate Mondays.
	Last Loronto	263	1st and 4th Tuesdays

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S. G. DOLSON	St. Catharines
H. C. BINGHAM	Brantford 1862
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JAMES D. TAIT	St. Catharines
THOMAS PARTRIDGE	London 1809
WILLIAM N. FORD	St. Mary's 1870
JOHN GIBSON	Stratford 1871
JOHN MURRAY	Niagara Falls 1872
CL. T. CAMPBELL (Past Grand Sire, 1894)	London 1877
I. T. HORNIBROOK	. Toronto 1878
FIFE FOWLER	Kingston 1879
W. H. COLE	. Brockville 1880
J. B. MCINTYRE	St. Catharines
HENRY ROBERTSON	. Collingwood
WM. MACDIARMID	. Lucan
REV. N. H. MARTIN	Chatham 1885
IOHN ORMSBY DONOGH	. Toronto 1886
JOHN R. REID	. Brockville
E. R. ROBINSON	. London
R. W. BELL	. Peterboro' 1889
INO. ORMISTON	Gananoque
P. E. FITZ-PATRICK	Hamilton 1801
REV. T. W. JOLLIFFE	('alboma 1802
REV. T. W. JOLLIFFE	Transfer 1802
JOSEPH OLIVER	
W. H. HOYLE	Cannington
THOMAS WOODYATT	. Brantford1895
HENRY WHITE	Port Hope



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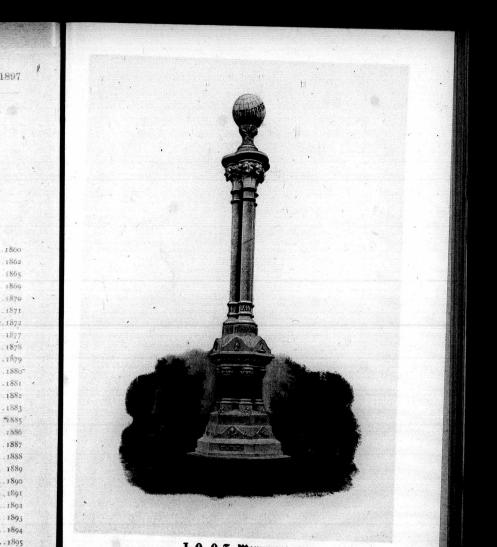
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	THOMAS PARTRIDGE	London
	WILLIAM N. FORD	
	JOHN GRISCIS.	Stratfland
	JOHN MURRAY	Niagara Falls 1.1 1872
•	CL. T. CAMPBELL (Past Grand Sire, 1894)	London 1877
	J. T. HORNIBROOK	Toronto
	FIFE FOWLER	Kingston 1879
	W. H. COLE	
	J. B. MCINTYRE	St. Catharines
	HENRY ROBERTSON	Collingwood
	WM. MACDIARMID	Lucan 1883
	REV. N. H. MARTIN	Chatham
	JORN ORMSEY BONOGH	Toronto
	JOHN R. REID	Brockville
	E. R. ROBINSON	London 1888
	R. W. BELL	Peterboro' 1889
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	P. E. FITZ-PATRICK	
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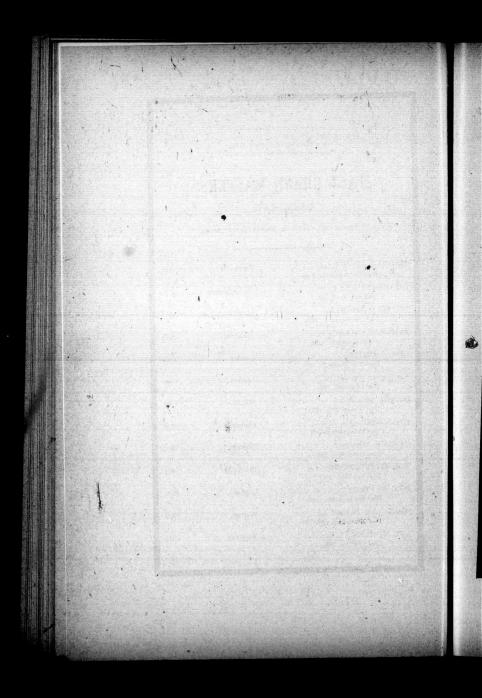
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PAST GRAND MASTERS

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(Elected Grand Master in August of year named.)

THOMAS REYNOLDS Brockville 1856 to 185 Died 14th September, 1859.
CHAUNCEY VALE
WILLIAM BISSELLLondon
JAMES WOODVATTBrantford
JAMES SMITH
RICHARD WIGMORE *
HENRY MCAFEE
JOHN BARR
GEORGE WRIGHTToronto
WM. FITZSIMMONS
H. E. BUTTERV
JOHN HAM PERRY
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In Memory

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OF

GRAND TREASURER,

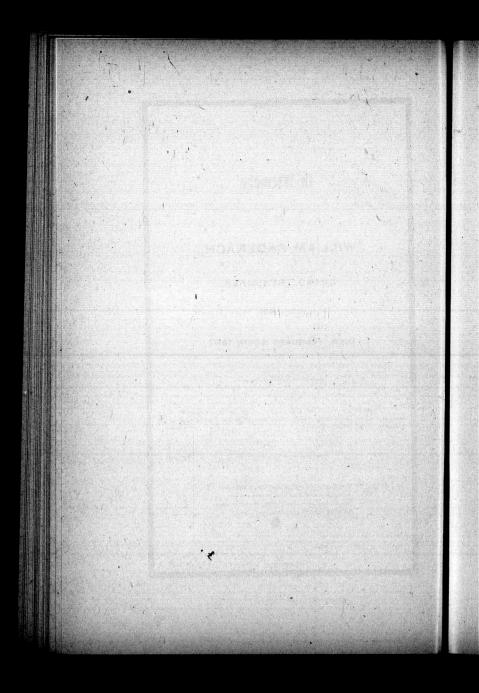
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DIED, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1897.

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> " Bear him in memory, ye kind friends and true, As one who loved the Order's cause and you ; Join his fond name with yours in three-link chain, Although on earth you cannot meet again."



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