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Prov. G. M. ALEX, SMITH, in the Chair. Prov. D. G. M. JAMES CLELAND, in the Vice Chair, Prov. C. S. JOHN WORTHINGTON, Secretary.

DEPUTIES PRESENT:

City of Toronto	Lodge		Samuel Thompson, N. G.
Dundas	do	 . 7	Samuel Thompson, N. G. H. G. Habbin, P. G.
Brant	do	 127	Thomas Broughton, P. G.
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Grand River	do	 	. A. H. Mouat, N. G.
			. James Hastings, P. G.
Ontario	do	 	Samuel Harris, P. G.
Ancaster	do	 	. A. A. Towns, N. G.
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Elgin	do	 	. G. Macartney, P. G.
Gore	do	 	. John Cameron, N. G.
Brock	do	 	. Edward Elliot, N. G.
Wentworth	do	 200	. John Collins, N. G.

Resolved,—That the explanation of Br. Elliot, of the Brock Lodge, in reference to the payment of their account, is satisfactory, and that he be allowed to sit on this Committee.

Resolved,—That the apology from the Deputy for the Lord Metcalfe Lodge, be not accepted.

Prov. G. M. Smith rose and said:

WORTHY DEPUTIES-

It is with feelings of pleasure that we, the Executive of this flearishing portion of our beloved Institution, meet you, to render an account of our stewardship for the past twelve months.

The increase of the District during the past year, is not so flattering as that we had the pleasure of bringing to your notice at our last annual meeting;

but when we remember the small community amongst whom we labor, and the extraordinary dullness and depression that have attended all branches of industry during the eventful year 1848, we can have no other feeling than deep gratitude to Almighty God, that during a period of distress and gloom, almost unparalleled, our noble institution has been permitted steadily, though slowly, to increase, both in numbers and prosperity. We have an increase of Members good on the books, of about 5 per cent.; and a more marked proof of the advancing prosperity of the District, is the steady increase of payments. For instance, the March returns show the contributions of one penny a week from each Member, for the quarter, to amount to £45. The June returns amount to £50; September, £53; and those for December last to £57; shewing an advance of upwards of 25 per cent. between the first and last quarters of the year.

The annual balance sheet for 1847, showed a balance belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, amounting to £334 16 81 This year has been collected for that fund, 276 6 2

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We would recommend to your consideration the propriety of investing a further sum of £200 in some safe and profitable stock.

We regret to announce to you the death of six Brothers and four Brothers' wives, since 1st January, 1848. These have involved an expenditure of £90 for Funeral Donations.

Subscriptions to a considerable amount have been received for the relief of Brethren from other Districts; and we cannot but congratulate Lodges generally on the alacrity they have shown in stretching forth the hand of friendship and benevolence toward the stranger in distress,

We much regret that we are compelled to refer to a painful event that lately took place in the Niagara District, whereby the Order generally has been outraged in the person of a Brother.

Brother Toll, of the Loyal Niagara Lodge, was refused Christian burial, according to the ritual of his Church, by the resident Roman Catholic Priest, because our Brother refused on his death-bed to renounce this Order; and thus

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deprive his unfortunate wife and family of the support and comforts that he knew would be extended to them in the day of affliction. But our Brother hobly refused, and rather chose to be divided in death from those he loved in life-to forego that rite so dear to every Christian, (and every Roman Catholic in particular) of being consigned to the grave, in consecrated ground, by the Pastor of his own Church ;-all this he refused rather than tear from those dear ones that he loved, his wife and children, the protection and kindness he knew awaited them at your hands. He preferred leaving them to you, rather than to the tender mercies of a cold unfeeling world. Our Brother behaved nobly. Peace to his manes! We envy not the feelings of that Priest, when he shall "commune with his own thoughts" on this subject. He knows well that the objects of our Order are, to comfort sickness and relieve distress; to maintain the widow and the fatherless. These he knows to be our objects; and it is wishing that Priest no harm to hope that his days are not, nor ever may be, spent in a cause less worthy. This occurrence does not injure our cause; it rather strengthens it; for we see the picture of a Brother dying in the hope of eternal happiness; his short time here, embittered by the fear of misery and want assailing his family when he is gone; but, on the contrary, happy in the assurance that his wife and helpless children will receive from this strong bond of brotherhood that assistance and support it is his no longer How much more forcible is this at this moment, when we are threatened with the visitation of that dreadful scourge, the Cholera.

The Correspondence with the Board of Directors since our last meeting, we consider most satisfactory. They allow us to make District Laws to suit the working of the Order in this Province, even although such laws may be contrary to some of the General Laws that govern the Order in Britain.

By the Reports of the Board, we perceive that they have withdrawn the Bill for legalizing the Order in Britain, and it will be for you to decide whether we shall continue the efforts that have been already made to legalize our Order in Canada.

The sum of £42 15s. Id. due to this District by the Board of Directors, is, money sent for goods, chiefly to supply dispensations to Lodges that have not yet received them. The goods have not yet reached us.

The balance of £44 3s. 5d. in the District account, is occasioned by the estimates for the current quarter being already levied, in order to make up the books for the past year, and to make the balance in the printed Reports correspond with the bills supplied to Lodges; an improvement on the old method, and which we hope will meet your approbation.

The business of this meeting is not very voluminous, although some of a very important nature will be laid before you. The formation of a new code of District Laws will claim your best attention. We confidently rely on your careful attention to the business that will come before you; and in conclusion, we earnestly pray that our united efforts may tend to the advancement of our noble institution, and the universal spread of our principles of "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

1.—Resolved,—That the Fine imposed on the Grand River Lodge, for making an incorrect report, be rescinded, it being through a misunderstanding that the incorrect report was made.

2.—Resolved,—That the Fine imposed on P. G. Broughton, for absence from the sub-committee, held on the 1st August, be rescinded; he being from

home, did not receive the notice in time to enable him to attend.

3.—Resolved,—That the appeal from the Brant Lodge, against the Hamilton Lodge, for refusing to refund 7s. 8½d., having been paid by them for sick pay to a Member of the Hamilton Lodge, be confirmed; but that the fine be not enforced, as the refusal to pay arose from a misunderstanding.

4.—Resolved,—That Lodges having accounts in dispute, or any other matter in which no important principle is involved, be recommended to submit the matter to arbitration, either among themselves or by the aid of the nearest neighboring Lodge, and thus save the inconvenience and expense of an appeal to the District.

5.—Resolved,—That the sum of £200 of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, be invested by the Trustees, in the Stock of the Bank of British North

America.

6.—Resolved,—That as it is of the greatest importance to the Order that it should be legalized, that we do proceed with all possible despatch to obtain that important object.

ALTERATIONS IN THE DISTRICT LAWS.

7.—Resolved—That so much of the first District Law as relates to the holding of the half-yearly and annual Committees, be rescinded, and that hereafter it shall be in the power of the Deputies to appoint the place of holding each succeeding meeting of the District; and that they decide at each meeting where the next shall be held. The half-yearly Committee to be held in the last week in April, and the annual Committee to be held in the last week in October.

8.—Resolved,—That the 18th District law be amended, by inserting between the words "communications" and "unless," "and to be suspended from all Funeral and Widows' and Orphans' Benefits, for one month, from the time of such accounts being paid."

NEW LAW.

9.—Resolved,—That the District Officers, and all Deputies, at the halfyearly, annual, or other Committees of the District, appear in full regalia, under a penalty of two shillings and six pence for each offence.

ALTERATION OF GENERAL LAWS.

10.—Resolved,—That Brs. McLaughlan, Bengough and McNabb, be a Committee to draw up a statement of such alterations as are required in the General Laws, to make them suitable to this Province; and that the District Officers examine the same, and, on approving of them, shall submit them to the G. M. and Board of Directors, with the least possible delay.

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11—Resolved—That the next Committee of the District be held at Dundas.
12.—Resolved,—That the Deputies cannot separate on this occasion without expressing their approbation of the able, efficient, and zealous manner in which the worthy executive Officers of this District, of our noble and philanthropic Order, have discharged their arduous and important duties.—Carried unanimously.

Yours in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

ALEXANDER SMITH, Prov. G. M. JAMES CLELAND, Prov. D. G. M. JOHN WORTHINGTON, Prov. C. S.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Thomas H. McKenzie was duly elected Prov. G.M. for the ensuing year. Robert R. Smiley, Prov. D. G. M. John Worthington, Prov. C. S.

Prov. C. S. Worthington thanked the Committee for the honor they had conferred upon him in re-electing him; but said, he believed it totally impracticable for the executive efficiently to perform their duties, where each of them resided at so great a distance from each other; he should resign the honorable post back into their hands, and hoped they would unanimously elect Br. Hewson to the office, who resided convenient to the Prov. G. M. and D. G. M., and who, he believed, was well qualified for the office.

Samuel Hewson, P. G. was then balloted for, and unanimously elected Prov. C. S. for the ensuing year.

Alexander Smith, P. Prov.G. M., was re-elected Examining and Relieving Officer.

Br. Hugh C. Baker was elected District Treasurer.

Br. Peter Grant was elected Treasurer to the Widows' and Orphan's Fund.

Brs. McLaughlan and Evans were elected Trustees to the Widows' and
Orphans' Fund.

Brs. Bengough, Sullivan and McNabb, were duly elected Auditors.

NOTICES.

The District Laws will not be re-printed until after the next meeting of the Committee.

That the words ! Eight Pounds," in the 26th Law, be struck out, and such sum be inserted as the reduced price of Dispensations and other goods will admit of.

Lodges wishing for books of any description, or other goods, will please send in their orders as early as possible. NOTICE FOR ALTERING THE DIST. LAWS, AT NEXT COMMITTEE,

That the 24th Law be rescinded, and that each Grand Annual Committee fix the amount of the Prov. C. S.'s salary for the ensuing year.

OBITUARY.

The Friends of the following deceased persons are entitled to the benefits of the Order:

Caroline, wife of Br. Charles Henry B. Hutton, of the Ontario Lodge, died 1st January, 1848.

Br. William Henry Delf, of the Brantford Lodge; died 18th March, 1848.

Margaret, the wife of Br. George Wooding, of the Cooksville Lodge; died 17th April, 1848.

Br. Josiah Grimshaw, of the Cooksville Lodge; died on the 8th May, 1848.

Br. Benjamin Main Shepherd, of the Lake Eric Lodge; died on the 2nd June, 1849.

Elizabeth, wife of Br. James Taylor, P. G. of the St. Catharine's Lodge; died 25th July, 1848.

Isabella, wife of Br. Archibald Fergusson, of the Lord Metcalfe Lodge; died 4th August, 1848.

Br. William E. Whitelaw, P.V.G., of the St. Catharine's Lodge; died on the 23rd August, 1848.

Br. William Morrison, P. G. of the City of Toronto Lodge; died on the 3rd day of September, 1848.

Rebecca, wife of Br. Alexander Lane, of the Niagara Lodge; died 8th December, 1848.

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James Gorlin, Honorary Member of the Niagara Lodge, was expelled on the 30th March, 1848, for improper conduct.

Asa Hunt was expelled by the Lake Eric Lodge, on the 14th August, 1848, for fraud.

John Fielder was expelled by the Grand River Lodge, on the 4th October, 1848, for a violation of the 57th General Law.

Richard Hardiker was expelled by the Hamilton Lodge, on the 23rd November, 1848, for printing and publishing the Secrets of the Order.

Isaac Harper was expelled by the London Lodge, on the 15th December, 1848, for fraud.

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We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct.

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ALSO, A TABLE OF THE LODGE NIGHTS FOR 1849.

Compiled from the December Reports for 1848.

NUMBER OF LODGES, 26.—NUMBER OF MEMBERS, 1311.

- ANCASTER; 4243. Ancaster; Oddfellows' Hall, Main-street. other Tuesday (3)* A, A. Touns, N. G.
- BRANTFORD; 4014. Brant; Oddfellows' Hall, Colborne-street. Every 94. other Thursday (7) James Walkinshaw, N. G.
- -; --. Gore; Oddfellows' Hall, Colborne-street. Every other Tuesday (3) Thomas Botham Secretary.
- . Wentworth; at Mr. Forsythe's, Mount Vernon; Bur-22. BURFORD; ford; every other Saturday (12.) John Collins, N. G.
- CHIPPAWA; 4199. Welland Union; Robert Slater's Hotel, Union-street. 22. Every other Tuesday (3) John Rapelie, Secretary.
- COBOURG; 4013. Cobourg; Br. McConnell's. Every other Monday (2) Joseph Nourse, Secretary.
- COOKSVILLE; 4147. Cooksville; Stiles Stevens', Oddfellows' Hotel. Every other Thursday (7) F.B. Morley, N.G.
- CHATHAM; 4269. Chatham; Oddfellows' Hall, King-street. Every other Tuesday (4) Richard Parr, N. G.
- 71. DUNDAS; 4012, Dundas; Oddfellows' Hall, corner of Canal and Mainstreets. Every other Wednesday (5) T. H. McKenzie, P. G. M.
- 28. DUNVILLE; -- Dunville ; Odd Fellows' Hall. Every other Tuesday (3) Darcy Boulton, P. G. Mandart, (3)
- 15. ETOBICOKE; 4146. Etobicoke; Lambton House, Lambton. Every other Saturday (11) G. C. Hutton, P. G.
- 98. GALT; 4026. Grand River; Fireman's Hall, South Water-street. Every other Wednesday (6) A. H. Mouat, N. G.
- 39. GODERICH; -- Goderich. Odd Fellows' Hall. Every other Tuesday. (3) H. B. O'Connor, N. G.
- 94. HAMILTON; 4142. Hamilton; Oddfellows' Hall, King-street. Every other Thursday (8) R. H. Bengough, N. G.
 - -; 4244. Commercial; Oddfellows' Hall, King-street. Every other Monday (i) H. B. Bull, N. G. Alth malmay #
- \$2. LONDON; 4254. London; Odd Fellows' Hall, Dundas Street. Every
- other Friday. (9) W. W. Street, N. G.
 97. NIAGARA; 4252. Niagara; Odd Fellows' Hall. Every other Monday. (1) Henry Charles, N. G.

^{*} See Table on last page.

 PORT DOVER; 4033. Lake Erie; Private Room; J. & R. Rid dell's Main Street. Every other Monday. (1) T. England, N. G.

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- 35. PARIS; 4253. Elgin; Private Rooms, Dumfries Street. Every other Friday. (10) G. McCartney, N. G.
- ST. CATHARINES; 4148. Odd Fellows' Hall, St. Paul Street. Every other Tuesday. (4) William Atkinson, N. G.
 TORONTO; 3790. City of Toronto: Odd Fellows' Hall, King Street
- FORONTO; 5780. Only of John Hart, N. G.

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- 32. —— ; 4251. Lord Metcalfe; Private Room, over Brs. Sabine & Huggins
 Drug Store, Young Street. Every other Thursday. (7) John Charles
 worth, N. G.
- 50. THOROLD; —. Thorold; Thorold House. Every other Wednesday.
 (5) James Park, N. G.
- WINCHESTER; 4023. Brother Pollard's, Whitby. Every fourth Saturday from January 27th.
 WOODSTOCK; —; Brock; Private Room over G. Palmer's Store

Every other Wednesday. (5) E. Elliot, N. G.

LODGES FORMING THE MONTREAL DISTRICT.

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- 58. BYTOWN; 4028. Chaudiere. Oddfellowe' Hall, St. Paul Street, Lower Bytown. Every other Thursday. (7)
 - 34. GANANOQUE; 4144, Gananoque Private Roomsvery other Wednesday.(5)
- 147. KINGSTON; 3783. Kingston, Private Rooms, King Street. Every other Monday. (1)
- 28, —— ; 4145. Commercial Private Rooms, King Street. Every other
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 305. MONTREAL; 3115. Montreal: Odd Fellows' Hall, St. Gabriel street
- Every other Monday. (1)

 160. ____; 3618. St. Lawrence; Oddfellows' Hall, St. Gabriel-street. Every
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- 96. ; 3791. British North America; Oddfellows' Hall, St. Gabriel-Street
 Every other Wednesday (6).
- 55. ——; 4030. Briton's Queen, Oddfellows' Hall, St. Gabriel Street. Every other Wednesday (5).
- 24. PERTH; 3189. Good Samaritan; Private Rooms, Brock Street. Every
- other Tuesday (3).
 94 QUEBEC; 4015. Friend in Need: Freemason's Hall, Baude Street. Every
- Wednesday.

 SMITH'S FALLS; 4260. United Friends, Private Rooms, Beckwith Street;
 Every other Tuesday.

LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Copied from the Returns to the Board of Directors in January, 1847.

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- NEW YORK; 3613. Perseverance. Private Room, 78 Allen Street. Every Monday.
- 36. ; 4027. Washington. Private Room, 78 Allen Street. Every other Friday. (10.)
- PATTERSON, (New Jersey.) 3779. Benevolent; Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Main and Congress Streets. Every Monday.
- WILLIAMSBURGH (King's County, Long Island.) Mechanics; Temperance Hall, Fourth and South, First Street:
- 20, FALL RIVER, 4230. Washington Pride; Odd Fellows' Hall.
- PHILADELPHIA; 3653. Emigrants. William M. France. Old House Revived. Frankfort-road, East Kensington. Every other-Saturday. (11.)

PAST OFFICERS' LECTURES.

The District Officers will hold a Purple Lecture, and give Past Officers' Degrees, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Hamilton, on Monday, the 13th February, at half-past eight o'clock.

Lodges are requested to be careful in the granting of Certificates; and no Degrees will be given unless the Brothers are qualified in the several Degrees they have taken.

Address of the C. S. of the Order:

HENRY RATCLIFFE, C. S. Town Hall Buildings, Manchester, England:

Address of the Prov. C. S. Montreal District:

A. W. LAIRD, Prov. C. S., Canada Gazette Office, Montreal

Address of the Prov. C. S. Toronto District;

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