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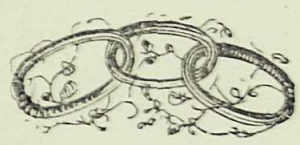

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

VANCOUVER, B. C.,
14th February, 1894.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 2.30 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to notice.

Present:—

J. Crossan	Grand Master.
T. C. Gray	Deputy Grand Master.
W. E. Holmes	Grand Warden.
F. Davey	" Secretary.
P. J. Foulds	" Treasurer.
H. Waller, P. G. M.	" Representative.
A. W. Scoullar	" "
D. Welsh	Acting Grand Chaplain.
L. Cousins	Grand Marshal.
W. H. Gardiner	" Conductor.
L. Mounce	Acting Grand Guardian.
S. A. Cawley	Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined those present, and reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of Representatives elected.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5; S. Clarke, M. D., No. 9, and H. B. Gilmour, No. 10.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following Report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the credentials of the Representatives presented by the Grand Secretary and find the following duly accredited :

Lodge.	Rfpresentatives.	Alternates.
Victoria, No. 1,	W. H. Huxtable.	A. Graham.
	A. G. Day.	T. M. Jones.
	C. W. Ross.	A. McKeown.
Columbia, No. 2,	R. W. Fawcett.	J. Pope.
	P. W. Dempster.	J. Pottinger.
	A. Henderson.	M. McKinnon.
New Westminster, No. 3,	T. A. Muir.	W. E. Townsend.
	A. H. Ferguson.	G. Cunningham.
	R. Wilson.	A. McCorvie.
Dominion, No. 4,	Geo. Glover.	R. Drake.
	G. Fowlie.	G. Jeeves.
Black Diamond, No. 5,	D. G. Dailey.	R. Rivers.
	G. Holdnall.	R. Gourlay.
	M. Duffie.	N. Milburn.
Harmony, No. 6,	L. Mounce.	A. Robertson.
	D. Haggart.	G. Williams.
	J. Matthews.	R. Scott.
Excelsior, No. 7,	J. Banks.	R. J. Marshall.
Vancouver, No. 8,	T. F. Neelands.	J. McPherson.
	W. E. Johnstone.	D. Menzies.
	S. F. Hollander.	A. Miller.
Tatnai, No. 9,	S. Clarke, M. D.	E. C. Davison.
Western Star, No. 10,	H. B. Gilmour.	Godfrey.
	J. Mather.	McAllister.
	W. Hogg.	Hurlimann.

Lodge.	Representatives.	Alternates.
Union, No. 11,	A. McKnight.	J. Bruce.
Selkirk, No. 12,	J. Mathie.	J. McGinnes.
Royal City, No. 13,	D. Welsh.	J. McArthur.
Acme, No. 14,	E. Dickinson.	O. Myers.
	J. Macmillan.	S. W. Edwards.
Cloverdale, No. 15,	W. McDonagh.	J. C. McMurphy.
Kootenay, No. 16,	E. C. Arthur, M. D.	G. W. Aldous.
Duncan, No. 17,	J. Cathcart.	J. McLay.
Vernon Valley, No. 18,	J. A. McKelvie.	F. B. Jacques.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19,	J. Johnson.	G. A. Miller.
Centennial, No. 20,	F. S. Whiteside.	E. G. Cavalsky.
	Joseph Lowry,	J. D. Devlin.
Delta, No. 21,	J. F. Stainton.	
Gold Range, No. 22,	J. Callin.	W. Nelson.
Ashcroft, No. 23,	J. W. Burr.	G. Munroe.

Also that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Victoria, No. 1,	A. Graham, T. M. Jones.
Columbia, No. 2,	M. McKinnon, G. Wilby.
New Westminster, No. 3,	T. A. Muir, G. R. Raymond, A. H. Ferguson.
Dominion, No. 4,	E. Whitcomb, D. Curtis.
Black Diamond, No. 5,	D. G. Dailey, N. Milburn.
Harmony, No. 6,	A. Robertson, D. Haggart.
Excelsior, No. 7,	J. Banks, R. J. Marshall.
Vancouver, No. 8,	J. McPherson, W. H. Gallagher, A. Miller.
Tatnai, No. 9,	M. J. McIver.
Western Star, No. 10,	Godfrey, Hurlimann.
Union, No. 11,	Jno. Bruce, W. Davidson.
Selkirk, No. 12,	J. Mathie, J. McGinness.
Royal City, No. 13,	N. Strople, W. H. Lewis.
Acme, No. 14,	C. Strong, E. Dickinson.
Cloverdale, No. 15,	W. McDonagh, J. C. McMurphy.
Kootenay, No. 16,	E. C. Arthur, M. D., J. Neelands.
Duncan, No. 17,	J. C. McLay.
Vernon Valley, No. 18,	J. McKelvie, F. B. Jacques.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19,	J. Johnson, G. A. Miller.
Centennial, No. 20,	F. S. Whiteside, J. Lowry.
Delta, No. 21,	J. F. Stainton.
Gold Range, No. 22,	J. Callin, W. Nelson.
Ashcroft, No. 23,	J. W. Burr, G. Munroe.

H. B. GILMOUR,
S. CLARKE,
E. QUENNELL.
} *Committee on Credentials.*

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands in waiting, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred:

M. McKinnon, No. 2 ; T. A. Muir, A. H. Ferguson, G. R. Raymond, No. 3 ; D. G. Dailey, G. Holdnall, No. 5 ; D. Haggart, A. Robertson, No. 6; J. Banks, No. 7; A. R. Miller, W. H. Gallagher, No. 8; — Godfrey, No. 10; J. Mathie, No. 12 ; W. H. Lewis, No. 13 ; E. Dickinson, No. 14 ; W. McDonagh, J. C. McMurphy, No. 15 ; G. W. Aldous, No. 16 ; J. A. McKelvie, No. 18 ; J. Johnson, G. A. Miller, No. 19 ; F. S. Whiteside, J. Lowry, No. 20 ; J. F. Stainton, No. 21 ; J. Callin, W. Nelson, No. 22 ; J. W. Burr, No. 23.

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to fill the Standing Committees, which, when completed, consisted as follows:

Finance.—H. Waller, P. G. M. ; W. McColl, P. G. M.; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; D. Douglas, No. 3.

Appeals.—A. Henderson, No. 2; G. Fowlie, No. 4 ; S. Clarke, M. D. No. 9; D. Welsh, No. 13; H. B. Gilmour, No. 10.

Laws of Subordinates.—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; R. Rivers, No. 5; T. A. Muir, No. 3; J. Mathie, No. 12; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2.

Petitions.—J. F. Stainton, No. 21 ; W. H. Gardiner, No. 13 ; G. Glover, No. 4.

State of the Order.—A. G. Day, No. 1 ; T. F. Neelands, No. 8 ; G. Holdnall, No. 5.

Legislation.—A. W. Scoullar, No. 8 ; L. Mounce, No. 6 ; W. Hogg, No. 10.

Judiciary.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.; J. Macmillan, No. 14 ; J. Mathers, No. 10.

Mileage and Per Diem.—J. Johnson, No. 19 ; C. W. Ross, No. 1 ; G. Lowry, No. 20.

The Grand Master read his Report for the past year.

NANAIMO, B. C., February 14th, 1894.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—It is with pleasure that I extend to you a cordial greeting on the occasion of the Twentieth Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, and to be able to present to you a report for the year which is most gratifying. Although the membership has not increased numerically as it did in the previous year, I am pleased to be able to report that two new lodges have been instituted, and a gain of 200 in membership, which speaks very highly for our order throughout the Province.

The Insurance Association in connection with our order in this Province, has met with one death during the year, and it was very pleasing to learn that in the short space of four months there was enough money on hand to meet the claim of $1000. I advise that this Grand Lodge appoint an agent to canvass the jurisdiction, which, in my opinion, will increase the membership to a greater extent than by having local agents.

I am very pleased to report, after having visited nineteen Subordinate Lodges and two Rebekah Lodges, that peace and harmony exists within our borders, and that wherever the Team Work was employed it appeared to increase the interest felt by the members in lodge work, which it was a pleasure for me to witness.

I trust that this session of our Grand Lodge will be of a harmonious nature, that the legislation effected will tend to the advancement of the Order, so that the Representatives when they return will be in a position to report some good effected for the Order in this jurisdiction.

PROCLAMATIONS.

I received the usual Proclamations from the Grand Sire relative to the observance of the Anniversary of the Order and Memorial Day, in consequence of which, I issued the following Proclamations to the Lodges, subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

NANAIMO, B. C., 8th March, 1893.

To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

GREETING,—In accordance with custom, and in compliance with the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I, James Crossan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., do hereby request the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, to take appropriate action for the

due commemoration of the twenty-sixth day of April next, the Seventy-fourth Anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises, and inasmuch as certain Lodges may desire to appear in Regalia, I do hereby grant permission to all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to wear the Regalia of the Order upon this occasion, subject to such restrictions as are prescribed by our law.

Attest : JAMES CROSSAN, Grand Master.

FRED'K DAVEY, Grand Secretary.

NANAIMO, B. C., 18th May, 1893.

To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

GREETING :—The Grand Sire having issued his Proclamation, requesting all Subordinate Lodges of the Order to observe the 13th day of June next as "Memorial Day," now, therefore, I, James Crossan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., do hereby request the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge to assemble at their respective Lodge rooms on the day above mentioned, or on such other day as the Lodges may deem more convenient, and to engage in suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members.

And inasmuch as some Lodges may desire to appear in Regalia, permission is hereby given to all Subordinate Lodges to appear in public in Regalia on this occasion, subject to the restrictions of the laws of the Order in that behalf.

Attest : JAMES CROSSAN, Grand Master.

FRED'K DAVEY, Grand Secretary.

APPEALS.

On April 1st, 1893, I received from J. E. Phillips, retiring Grand Master, an appeal of Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in refusing him benefits on two occasions. I have no hesitation in coming to a decision in regards to the first specification of the appeal, my opinion being that Bro. Wriglesworth was out of standing and not entitled to benefits for the first seven weeks; also that there was no default on the part of the Secretary. In regards to the second specification, there was not, in my opinion, sufficient evidence adduced to decide as to whether Bro. Wriglesworth was really well and attending to business during the alleged three weeks convalescence, and I therefore requested both parties to forward me additional evidence, if any, on this point.

After having looked carefully over all the evidence produced, as to the second sickness of Bro. Wriglesworth, it appears that Bro. Wriglesworth's attendance at business during the three weeks in April, 1892,

was only such attendance as would be given by a partially sick person, and that the trip to Vancouver and New Westminster was practically a voyage for health rather than pleasure or business. Further, even admitting, for the sake of argument, that Bro. Wriglesworth's partial attendance to business could be construed into recovery, he failed to cause himself to be so reported, which in his case (being out of standing at the commencement of his illness) he should personally have attended to, either by a visit to the Lodge or by letter, the General Law not making it incumbent on any particular officer to report a Brother well, and the by-laws of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, being silent on the matter I am of opinion that the duty fairly devolved on the convalescent Brother. Taking into consideration the evidence adduced, the surrounding circumstances, and the absence of any law on the subject, I feel that the neglect of Bro. Wriglesworth to report himself well, is fatal to his demand for benefits for what he contends is the second portion of his illness. The action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, is therefore sustained. After giving my decision on the case I received on July 19th, 1893, a communication from Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., stating that he had given notice of appeal to the Grand Secretary, and it has accordingly been laid before the Committee on Appeals. Bro. M. Duffie resigning from said committee I appointed Bro. H. Waller, P. G. M., to fill the vacancy.

DECISIONS.

November 24th, 1893, I received a communication from Bro. James Mathie, Secretary of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, asking me for my decision on the following questions, viz. :

1st. Can a Brother receive the Third Degree, or any other, and be considered on the sick list ? Answer—Yes ; but only entitled to the benefits appertaining to the degrees obtained before becoming sick.

2nd. Is a certificate certifying that a Brother is going to be sick for three months, or any other length of time, good for benefits ? Answer—No. The certificate must be for a period of past actual sickness and not for prospective illness.

3rd. Is a Brother entitled to Third Degree benefits from the night he receives the Third Degree, or has he to be a member of the Third Degree six months before he can claim Third Degree benefits ? Answer—He must be a member of the Order six months to receive benefits, the amount to be regulated by the Degrees taken at the time.

May 10th, 1893, from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23 :

Can we pay the hotel bills of Brothers who assisted at the institution of our Lodge, constitutionally ? Answer—No.

May 23rd, 1893, from Union Lodge, No. 11 :

Can an outsider play the organ at the public installation of the officers ? Answer—Yes.

July 15th, 1893, from Vancouver Lodge, No. 8 :

Is it necessary to notify each and every Lodge in this jurisdiction of the suspension of Brothers for non-payment of dues ? Answer—Yes. See Art. VII., Sec. 6, Constitution, governing Subordinates.

July 18th, 1893, from Kootenay Lodge, No. 16 :

Is it imperative for officers of a Lodge to wear jewels, according to their respective rank and station ? Answer—Yes. See page 333 of White's Digest.

July 29th, 1893, from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23 :

Is it constitutional for us to hold an election of officers for the July term, our Lodge being instituted on the 30th March ? Answer—Yes. See page 239, No. 983, of White's Digest.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

June 4th, 1893, visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack.

June 5th, 1893, visited Delta Lodge, No. 21, Ladner's Landing.

June 7th, 1893, visited Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, Cloverdale.

June 8th, 1893, visited New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, New Westminster, and Royal City Lodge, No. 13, New Westminster, jointly.

June 9th, 1893, visited Vancouver Lodge, No. 8; Western Star Lodge, No. 10, and Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, Vancouver, jointly.

June 12th, 1893, visited Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, New Westminster.

August 9th, 1893, visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Victoria.

August 10th, 1893, visited Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Victoria.

October 6th, 1893, visited Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, Kamloops.

October 9th, 1893, visited Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, Ashcroft.

October 10th, 1893, visited Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, North Bend.

COMMISSIONS FOR D. D. G. M.

July 8th, 1893, commissioned Bro. Dickie, P. G., of Duncan Lodge, No. 17, for District 15.

November 15th, 1893, commissioned Bro. Burr, P. G., of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, for District No. 16.

INSTALLATIONS.

July 5th, 1893, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

July 8th, 1893, installed the officers of Duncan Lodge, No. 17.

January 8th, 1894, installed the officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

January 9th, 1894, installed the officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3.

January 10th, 1894, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

January 15th, 1894, installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.

January 17th, 1894, installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

INSTITUTIONS.

March 30th, 1893, commissioned Bro. R. E. Smith, D. D. G. M. of District No. 7, to institute Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, at Ashcroft.

August 9th, 1893, commissioned Bro. Gray, D. G. M., to institute Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, at New Westminster.

October 11th, 1893, commissioned Bro. Gray, D. G. M., to institute Island Lodge, No. 24, at Eburne. On this occasion I was very sorry I did not have the pleasure of instituting this Lodge, which I had looked forward to, owing to making official visits as far as Kamloops. When at North Bend I was detained by a washout on the railroad. Having left everything in charge of Bro. Gray at Vancouver, I telegraphed him to go on with the institution, as I would not be able to arrive in time.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

March 21st, 1893, to Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to hold a public anniversary entertainment.

March 26th, 1893, to Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold a ball in the name of the Order on April 6th.

April 5th, 1893, to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to hold an excursion to Victoria, on 24th May.

May 1st, 1893, to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold an excursion to Nanaimo on the 24th May.

May 13th, 1893, to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to hold their annual ball on June 8th.

May 23rd, 1893, to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and Centennial Lodge, No. 20, to appear in regalia on the 24th of May to meet the Brothers from New Westminster.

May 27th, 1893, to Union Lodge, No. 11, to hold a public Instalation of officers.

June 5th, 1893, granted permission to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer the three degrees of Odd Fellowship on Bro. Wm. Bartlett in less time than the law provides.

June 19th, 1893, to Centennial Lodge, No. 20, to wear their regalia in open Lodge in connection with their first anniversary.

July 27th, 1893, to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and Acme Lodge, No. 14, to hold an excursion from Victoria to Seattle on the 12th August.

August 8th, 1893, to Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to hold their annual picnic on August 15th at Ladner's Landing.

August 8th, 1893, to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to hold their annual excursion and picnic on the 17th August.

September 21st, 1893, to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to initiate and confer the three degrees on five gentlemen from Lulu Island for the purpose of starting a new Lodge.

September 25th, 1893, to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to appear in regalia on the 27th September.

September 25th, 1893, to Centennial Lodge, No. 20, to appear in regalia on the 27th September.

November 16th, 1893, to Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, to hold their annual ball in the name of the Order, on December 5th.

November 11th, 1893, to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to hold their meetings on the ground floor, there being no other place convenient.

November 19th, 1893, to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to appear in regalia to attend Divine service on Thanksgiving Day.

December 1st, 1893, to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to hold a concert and ball in the name of the Order.

December 17th, 1893, to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold a public installation of officers.

December 11th, 1893, to Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, to hold a public entertainment in the name of the Order.

December 29, 1893, to Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to have a supper and ball in the name of the Order, on January 11th, 1894.

SPECIAL PERMISSIONS.

June 16th, 1893, I received a communication from the General Relief Committee of Fargo, North Dakota, asking for permission to solicit the fraternity in this jurisdiction to aid them in caring for Brethren rendered destitute by a fire in their city. Considering the appeal worthy of our assistance and Brotherly Love, I granted the permission.

November 8th, 1893, I received a letter from J. C. Murphy, N. G. Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, stating that they had met with a very serious loss by the burning of their Hall. I received communications from different parts of the jurisdiction suggesting that as this Lodge had lost everything it would be advisable to appeal to the Lodges of this jurisdiction to aid them in their time of need, I therefore issued the following appeal :

NANAIMO, 28th November, 1893.

To the Officers and Members of Lodges, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I very much regret to inform you that on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th instant, the Hall of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., Cloverdale, B. C., with all the books, regalia and paraphernalia of the Lodge, was totally destroyed by fire, involving a loss of about $3000.

This is such a serious disaster to a young Lodge that I deem it of sufficient importance to solicit, not only the sympathy, but the fraternal assistance of the Lodges of this jurisdiction, on behalf of this unfortunate Lodge in its hour of need, in full confidence that the appeal will meet with a liberal response.

May I ask, therefore, that you will forward whatever sum you are disposed to contribute, to Bro. F. Davey, Grand Secretary, at as early a date as possible, for transmission to Cloverdale Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

Attest: JAMES CROSSAN, Grand Master.

FRED'K. DAVEY, Grand Secretary.

Attached are the reports of my D. D. G. M's. as far as received ; I regret that all have not complied with the law in this respect.

In conclusion, I have to say, that whilst the office of Grand Master is one of hard, never ending work, I am glad there has not been many difficult questions to solve during my term. There have been a great many letters to answer which might have been avoided if the Lodges would only take the trouble to look up the law on the subject. Yet, with all its trials and tribulations I am proud of the honor this Grand Lodge has confered on me, and beg to express my gratitude to the members of this grand body and to the other members of the jurisdiction for the courteous way in which they have received me during the year. I have made friends who will never be forgotten. I cannot close without acknowledging the kind assistance I have received from an able and earnest worker, our Grand Secretary, Bro. Fred. Davey.

Brothers, as my term of office is now expiring, and I am about to

give up its responsibilities to another. Let the work of beneficence in which we are engaged go on, and let our legislation be marked with Friendship, Love and Truth. In considering my official actions, I have only this to say, I have tried to do my duty, and I have done my best; if I have not given you satisfaction, I hope you will pardon my unintentional mistakes. May each succeeding session produce increased prosperity, and may it more firmly cement the bonds of fraternal love which now unite and bind us. Again, thanking you one and all. I submit this report for your favorable consideration.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES CROSSAN,

Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 22nd, 1893.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in presenting you a report of my official acts as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 1:

February 22nd, installed Bro. D. Anderson as Conductor in Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

March 9th, installed Bros. David Curtis, V. G.; A. McCreadie, Warden, and F. T. Plows, R. S. V. G., in Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

April 13th, Victoria Lodge, No. 1, submitted the following questions for my official opinion:

1st. Are all members of the Third Degree entitled to have the Degree of Rebekah conferred on them free of charge? Answer—All Third Degree members in good standing are entitled to have the Degree of Rebekah conferred on them free of charge. (Section 1183 Digest.)

2nd. If so, who must confer the same? Answer—The Degree of Rebekah shall only be conferred by Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, except in compliance with Sect. 1166 Digest.

3rd. Is it imperative for elective officers of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah prior to their installation into office? Answer—It is not necessary for elective officers of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah prior to their installation into office. (Sect. 1007 Digest.)

May 17th, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, asked for a dispensation to hold their second nomination night on May 31st, being election night, as May the 24th was a legal holiday. Granted.

July 3rd, installed the officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, in regular form.

July 5th, installed the officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, in regular form.

July 6th, installed the officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in regular form.

July 10th, installed the officers of Acme Lodge, No. 14 in regular form.

July 12th, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, submitted the following for my official decision :

Is it absolutely necessary that the name of a Brother "who has ceased membership for non-payment of dues" be entered in the "Black Book"? Answer—No.

September 25th, Acme Lodge, No. 14, asked for a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees on Bros. Campbell and McKenzie in less time than required by law. Granted.

October 9th, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, asked for a dispensation to confer the three degrees of our Order upon Bro. L. M. Congers in less time than required by law. Granted.

November 27th, Victoria Lodge, No. 1, asked for a dispensation to elect a Scarlet Degree member to the office of Noble Grand, as the Vice Grand declined the nomination, and no other qualified members offered themselves for that office. Granted.

December 5th, Acme Lodge, No. 14, submitted the following question for my decision :

Can the Noble Grand of a Lodge of the I. O. O. F. be elected to the position of Trustee of same Lodge, or can a member be elected to two offices in the same Lodge? Answer—A member cannot be elected to two offices in the same Lodge, except Recording and Permanent Secretary, the elective officers of a Lodge of the I. O. O. F. are Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary and Treasurer. Trustees are not officers of the Lodge in the sense it is used in Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinates for reference. See Digest, Article 1507, 944, and page 498.

Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I was prevented from conducting the installation of the several Lodges in this district for term commencing 1st January, 1894, and I accepted the kind offer of Bro. H. Waller, P. G. M., to do the work for me, which was done in good style. The Lodges in this district have been progressive this last year, as will be seen by the reports.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. CARSON,

D. D. G. M. District No. 1.

NEW WESTMINSTER, February 8th. 1894.

James Crossan Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge of B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a report of my official acts during the term of my office.

March 10th, 1893, granted a dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer the three degrees of Odd Fellowship on Brother Sample, who was leaving the city, in less time than required by law.

June 19th, 1893, granted dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer the three degrees of Odd Fellowship on Bro. Bartlett in less time than required by law, as he was working on a steamboat.

February 2nd, 1894, granted dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer two degrees of Odd Fellowship on Bro. Charles Shiles, his employment preventing him from attending on Friday evenings.

The following questions were submitted to me for my decision by New Westminster Lodge. No. 3:

1. Is a person who has lost the use of both hands eligible for membership in the Order. Answer—Not eligible.

2. Is it necessary for a Brother who is filling an office temporarily to wear the regalia of that office. Answer—Yes.

Being out of the city in July, I was unable to install the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and Royal City Lodge. No. 13, and I deputed P. G. M. McColl to do it.

On January 4th, 1894, assisted by P. G. M. McColl, P. G. M. Phillips; Past Grands Gardiner, McArthur, Welsh and Townsend, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13, in due form.

January 5th, 1894, assisted by Past Grands Welsh, Townsend, Gardiner, and McArthur, I installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge No. 3.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to state that both the Lodges over which I have had the honor of acting as D. D. G. M. since the last session of the Grand Lodge, have made steady advancement in point of numbers. No. 3 having added nine and No. 13, three during the last term which I consider a splendid showing considering the condition of times in the Province at present. I am pleased to observe that No. 3 has taken hold of the Team Work with renewed vigor and determination, which is largely due to the exertions of their popular Team Captain, Bro. T. A. Muir, whose pleasant manner and winning ways have had the desired effect of drawing the Brothers of this Lodge around, him; hence this happy result. Royal City Lodge, No. 13, under Captain Gardiner, P. G., have always been well to the front in Team Work, and I

am pleased to note that in my opinion they have held their own during my term of office and are second to none in point of efficiency in this very important branch of the work. I must also return my sincere thanks to the Past Grands of No. 3 and No. 13 for their kind assistance at installations of officers, &c. Wishing you all a prosperous year.

I remain yours in F. L. T.,

W. E. TOWNSEND,

D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

NANAIMO, B. C., 12th February, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I hereby beg to make my report for the term as your D. D. for District No. 3.

I am glad to be able to state that both Lodges, Nos. 5 and 20, are doing well, and the officers in them are thoroughly competent and well versed in the secret work.

On the 20th March, I granted dispensation to Centennial Lodge, No. 20, to confer the three degrees on a Brother having to leave the city; also on the 8th May on a similar occasion. On the 15th May, I was asked by Centennial Lodge, No. 20, if it was necessary for the officers to wear regalia in Lodge hours, or if they could wear the jewels of their offices only. I decided that according to Whites' Digest, regalia must be worn.

Fraternally yours

GEO. CAVALSKY,

D. D. G. M. for District No. 3.

WELLINGTON, B. C., January 22nd, 1894.

J. Crossan, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to report to you my official acts as your Deputy for the past year:

On July 3rd, 1893, assisted by P. G. Harvey and Bros. Glenn, Hunter and Murphy, installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6. I am pleased to state this Lodge is making satisfactory progress, financially and in point of members.

No questions were submitted to me for decision.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

MURDOCK MACDONALD,

D. D. G. M., District No. 4.

CHILLIWACK, B. C., February 5th, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg leave to place the following report before you as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 5:

July 11th, installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.

October 3rd, received application from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to confer the second and third degrees the same night on Bro. Joseph Scott. Permission granted. Cause, brother leaving for the East before another meeting.

November 14th received application from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, for dispensation to appear in public in regalia on November 23rd to attend a Union Thanksgiving Service. Application granted by Grand Master.

December 12th, received application from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, asking for a dispensation to hold a public installation in January, 1894. Application granted by Grand Master.

January 9th, held a public installation of officers of Excelsior Lodge No. 7, which was well attended, both by members and friends of the order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

JOSEPH PEERS,

D. D. G. M., District No. 5.

VANCOUVER, February 10th, 1894.

Jas. Crossan, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg leave to submit for your approval my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 6:

DISPENSATIONS.

May 19th, granted a dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to confer the first and second degrees on one night on Bro. W. Parker, he not being able to attend the regular meetings of the Lodge.

June 10th, granted a dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to confer two degrees on F. E. Fokey, on one night. This being the time of your official visit to the Lodges in Vancouver, and your expressing the desire to see the work exemplified by the different Lodges. The degree team of No. 8 conferred the first degree on Bro. Fokey at the request of No. 10, and the degree team of No. 10 conferred the second degree.

August 18th, granted dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to confer two degrees on Bro. A. McDonald on the same night.

September 1st, refused to grant dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to initiate and confer the three degrees on several applicants the same night, unless the said applicants had been balloted for, elected, and initiated at a previous meeting; the power to grant such dispensation as applied for not being vested in me.

October 26th, granted dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to confer second and third degrees on E. K. Fitzgerald on one night.

October 27th, granted dispensation to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to confer the second and third degrees on Bro. W. Bradley on one night.

December 21st, granted dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to confer first and second degrees on Bro. Peter Cook on one night.

December 13th, refused dispensation to Island Lodge, No. 24, to confer three degrees on James McCrory, John McRae and John Urquhart on one night. Notifying them that their Lodge was working under a dispensation and not under my jurisdiction, and they would therefore have to apply to the Grand Master.

INSTALLATIONS.

July 6th, installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

July 7th, installed the officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.

July 14th, installed the officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.

January 4th, installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

January 5th, installed the officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 19.

January 12th, installation of officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, was conducted by Deputy Grand Master Gray owing to my inability to attend, for which courtesy I beg to tender him and his assistants my sincere thanks.

DECISIONS.

Only one question of law has been submitted to me during my term of office, this was by Western Star Lodge, No. 10. Copy of their letter and my decision thereon is hereto annexed :

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 29th, 1893.

C. F. Yates, Esq., D. D. G. M., District No. 6., I. O. O. F., Vancouver, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been instructed by this Lodge to ask you your opinion on the meaning of the following sentence in Article 20, Section 1, of our By-Laws :

"And no brother shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member six months."

A brother was admitted a member of this Lodge *by card* on April 13th, 1893, and died May 24th, 1893. Is his widow entitled to widow's benefit and funeral expenses ?

I enclose a copy of our by-laws.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. MOSCROP,

Recording Secretary.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 9th, 1893.

Geo. Moscrop, Esq., Recording Secretary Western Star Lodge, No. 10, *Vancouver, B. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your communication of the 29th ultimo was handed to me on the 5th instant. This communication asks for my "opinion on the meaning of the following sentence in Article 20, Section 1, of your By-Laws": "And no brother shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member six months." You then stated the case and asked for a decision as follows: "A brother was admitted a member of this Lodge *by card* on April 13th, 1893, and died May 24th, 1893. Is his widow entitled to widow's benefits and funeral expenses ?"

As to the first point I do not think it would be within my duty to give an opinion or determine what the *intent* is under the section of your by-laws above quoted. I cannot speculate or conjecture as to the intentions of those formulating the by-law, but must be bound by what the law in plain terms declares.

I understand the contention to be that the words "a brother" meant to imply "a brother of the Order," but the by-law referred to is not a general law of the Order, it is a by-law of Western Star Lodge, and can therefore only apply to a member of that Lodge. In the case above referred to in which you asked, "Is a widow entitled to widow's benefits and funeral expenses," I would say that under the first paragraph of Section 4, Article 20, of your By-Laws, the payment of funeral expenses is *conditional on the brother being entitled to sick benefits*, the said section reading, "On the death of a brother entitled to benefits a sum not exceeding sixty ($60.00) dollars shall be appropriated and paid by the N. G. towards defraying his funeral expenses." The question of payment of funeral expenses therefore devolves on the entitlement of the brother "*to benefits*" and your by-laws state in plain language, "No brother shall be entitled *to benefits* until he shall have been a member six months." The deceased brother, as stated by you, became a member of

your Lodge on April 13th, 1893, and died May 24th, 1893, he, therefore, not being in membership for the required six months, the Lodge is not liable for funeral expenses incurred. Your by-laws make quite a distinction between *funeral expenses* and *widow's benefits*, and while the Lodge is not liable for funeral expenses the widow of the deceased is entitled to receive widow's benefits. Article 29 of your By-Laws reads as follows: "The widow of any deceased *bona fide* member of this Lodge who was not in arrears at the time of his death shall receive from the Widow's and Orphans' Funds of this Lodge an amount equal to one ($1.00) dollar per member in good standing at the time of his death." In this by-law there is no time stated of necessary membership to entitle to widow's benefits. It appears to me that the law is very clear, "any deceased *bona fide* member not in arrears." The deceased brother was a *bona fide* member, he was in good standing (*i. e.* not in arrears), and there is no proviso in this by-law to debar his widow from widow's benefits.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

C. F. YATES,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

It affords me much pleasure to report that notwithstanding the hard times and general depression of trade, conditions which most seriously affect a rapid growth, our Lodges have each kept steadily pushing forward. The increase in membership during the last half year has not been great, but the large attendance at Lodge meetings and the general interest manifested by the members on all matters connected with our Order tend to show that we bate not jot nor tittle in the promulgation of the "Brotherhood of Man."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

C. F. YATES,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

UNION, B. C., February 1st, 1894.

Jas. Crossan, Esq , Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I herewith submit my report as the D. D. G. M. of District No. 8, for the year 1893:

July 12th, 1893, I installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11, into their respective chairs, assisted by Past Grands Short, McKnight and Mitchell.

January 17th, 1894, the visit of our Grand Master, Jas. Crossan, to our town, were made the occasion of our installation of officers, the same being performed by him assisted by Past Grands Lowry, McKnight, Mitchell, Bruce and myself.

There were no questions raised in the Lodge, the best of harmony prevails, and though Union Lodge has not gained in membership it certainly has not lost, and I can safely predict that 1894 promises well for our Lodge.

Union Lodge, No. 11, mourns the loss of Past Grand Young, and will miss his presence amongst us.

Thanking you for the honor you conferred on me.

I beg to remain yours fraternally,

G. W. CLINTON,

D. D. G. M. District No. 8.

DONALD, B. C., February 5th, 1894.

Jas. Crossan, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure ln furnishing you with a report of my official acts during my term of office.

March 23rd, 1893, granted dispensation to confer three degrees in one night on Peter E. Blaky on account of his living out of town.

May 25th, 1893, installed Bro. Jas. McGinnes as Vice Grand, Bro. Taylor having left town and resigned his office.

June 22nd, 1893, granted dispensation to confer three degrees on Bro. John McLeod in one night, on account of his living out of town.

July 6th, 1893, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

August 17th, 1893, granted dispensation to confer two degrees on Bro. Albert Jeffrey on account of his living out of town.

January 4th, 1894, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

February 1st, 1894, granted dispensation to confer three degrees on Bro. Charles Lindmark and two degrees on Bro. Victor Anderson in one night on account of their living out of town.

February 8th, 1894, granted dispensation to confer three degrees in one night on Bro. J. Anderson, on account of living out of town.

I am sorry that I cannot report a very successful year. Owing to accidents and sickness the financial progress has been small, but we are

in a good condition for a small town like Donald—64 members in good standing on December 31st, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

JAMES MATHIE,

D. D. G. M District No. 9.

HAZELMERE, B. C., February 1st, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith I beg to present, for your approval, a report of my official acts, &c., as your Deputy for District No. 10, I. O. O. F., comprising Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.

My duties have been light and always of a pleasant nature. The Brethern of this district being imbued with an intensely law abiding spirit, consequently I have had no knotty questions to unravel.

As will be observed by reference to the semi-annual reports, Cloverdale Lodge has managed to hold her own, in regard to membership; several Brothers have been suspended, and several have been added to our numbers. Within the year our Brethern have been very much scattered, Cloverdale Lodge having representatives in New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, North West Territories, the States, South Africa, &c.

Granted dispensation to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to confer three degrees in one night on Bro. William Frampton.

Granted dispensation to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to confer three degrees on Bro. G. McKinley in one night, it being impossible for the Brother to be but seldom present in Lodge,

July 7th, 1893, assisted by Past Grand, Bro. E. Julian, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, I installed the officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, in regular form.

On the evening of November 7th, 1893, the fine new Hall, together with all its contents, Lodge furniture, regalia, &c., books, records, &c., was completely destroyed by fire. This unfortunate circumstance was a very serious blow to Cloverdale Lodge.

But right here the fraternal aspects of our beloved Order shone forth. Royal City Lodge, No. 13, immediately upon receipt of the information, by resolution appropriated $50 toward assisting the burnt out sister Lodge. Our Worthy Grand Master issued an appeal to the Lodges in the jurisdiction, also on their behalf, which resulted in the sum of $649.50 being subscribed by the Brethern for the relief of Clover-

dale Lodge. For this very opportune assistance I desire to express the thanks of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to yourself, the Grand Secretary, and the Brethern throughout the jurisdiction.

January 10th, 1894, granted dispensation to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to confer three degrees in one night on Bro. McIver.

January 12th, 1894, installed the officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, in regular form.

All of which is submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

HENRY T. THRIFT,
D. D, G. M. District No. 10.

P. S.—Owing to the fact that all our records were destroyed in the late fire, I cannot give exact dates for first two items in report, hence omitted date altogether.

NELSON, B. C., February 1st, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to present to you the following report as your District Deputy for year ending December 31st, 1893:

On March 27th, 1893 granted a dispensation to confer second and third degrees on Bro. S. P. Swan in one night.

May 1st, granted a dispensation to confer the three degrees on Bro. James Fox in one night.

June 26th, granted a dispensation to confer the third degree on Bro. M. J. McGrath one week ahead of time.

July 10th, installed the officers of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16.

January 8th, 1894, installed the officers of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16

I am pleased to report that Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, is steadily improving and is in a fairly prosperous condition.

Yours fraternally.
J. H. MATHESON,
D. D. G. M., District No. 11.

VERNON, February 8th, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to present the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for the year just closing:

February 28th, 1893, granted a dispensation to confer two degrees in one night on Bro. Robt. Carswell.

July 4th, 1893, installed the officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.

December 19th, 1893, granted a dispensation to confer two degrees in one night on Bros. Cryderman and Morris.

January 2nd, 1894, installed the officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.

The Lodge just named (the only one in this district) is in a highly prosperous condition. New members are coming in fairly well, only the best material being accepted by the Lodge. I look forward to seeing two new Lodges inaugurated in this district the present year—one at Enderby, about 35 miles north, and another at Kelowna, about the same distance south from this place.

Respectfully submitted by yours in F., L. and T.,

W. T. SHATFORD,

D. D. G. M., District, No. 12.

VANCOUVER, February 5th, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your D. D. for District No. 14, I beg leave to submit the following report:

On the 15th July, 1893, assisted by P. G. Bro. Wm. Davis, of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, installed the officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22.

I also, acting on your advice, granted a dispensation on the same date to confer the initiatory, first, second and third degrees, on one A. E. Cameron, in one night.

On January 6th, 1894, assisted by P. G. Bro. Wm. Wallace, of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, installed the officers of Gold Range Lodge.

I am unable to give you a complete report for District No. 14, as I have been informed that the D. D. G. M. for District No. 7 granted dispensations for conferring degrees, &c., to Gold Range Lodge.

I am pleased to state that Gold Range Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and from the careful and attentive manner in which they have transacted Lodge matters, it certainly is a credit to the Order.

Yours fraternally,

ANGUS McALISTER,

D. D. G. M. District No. 14.

ASHCROFT, B. C., 5th February, 1894.

James Crossan, Esq., Grand Master I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit for your approval my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 15, for the past year :

On January 6th, 1894, installed officers of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, (except Per. Sec., reported sick).

On January 13th, 1894, installed Per. Secretary.

On January 13th, 1894, granted Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, dispensation to initiate and confer the three degrees, same night, on W. D. McIntosh, he being a resident of Soda Creek, and down on a visit.

On January 20th, 1894, granted Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, dispensation to confer second and third degrees, same night, on Bro. Geo. C. Hadley, the Brother being about to leave town.

On February 3rd, 1894, granted Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, dispensation to confer the three degrees, same night, on Brothers Mark Eagleson and Thomas Barton, both residing in the interior of British Columbia.

It affords me much pleasure to inform you that Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, is steadily increasing in membership, and all working together harmoniously for the good of the Order.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WM. BURR,
D. D. G. M. District No. 15.

It was, on motion, resolved that the report of the Grand Master be received and referred to a committee of three to distribute to the various standing committees.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Distribution: J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; and E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5.

The Grand Secretary read his report for the past year, which was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 13th February, 1894.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I beg to submit for your consideration my report for the year ended 31st December, 1893:

Although the success of the past year is not equal to that of the preceding one, yet I think we can congratulate ourselves on making fair progress, despite the many adverse circumstances which have operated against almost every undertaking during the year.

There has been a gain of two Subordinate and one Rebekah Lodge, and an increase of 200 in membership.

The details of the work of the year are set forth in the following abstract of the reports of the Lodges, from which it will be seen that in many important points the results are satisfactory. There has been a reduction in the average amount of sick benefits paid per member, and, on the other hand, the average amount of available assets has materially increased. The amount disbursed for current expenses is, however, still high, being about 38 per cent. of the gross receipts. This is a matter which should receive the serious attention of the Lodges :

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges	24	2	
" of Rebekah Lodges	6	1	....
" of Members in good standing	2,154	200	....
" Initiated during the year	278	....	254
" Admitted by card	39	....	48
" " as A. O	3	....	....
" Reinstated	4	....	....
" Withdrawn	15	....	26
" Expelled	3	....	1
" Deceased	13	....	....
" Resigned	1	1	....
" Ceased membership by N. P. D.	92	49	....
" Rejected	14	....	14
" Degrees conferred	733	....	500
" Past Grands	276	36	....
Total Revenue Subordinate Lodges	$ 42,480 02	$ 1,333 10	....
No. of Brothers relieved	247	42	....
" of Widowed families relieved	6	1	....
" of Weeks' benefits paid	1,279	115	....
Amount paid for relief of Brothers	$ 10,450 60	$ 774 70	....
" " Widowed families	397 00	97 00	....
" " Orphans	145 00	145 00	....
" " Burying the dead	1,116 00	10 00	....
" " Special relief	774 00	774 00	....
Total amount paid for relief	12,882 60	1,478 90	....
" " " Current expenses	16,111 97	....	$2,548 44
" " of Assets	177,666 68	$37,522 12	....
Average amount of benefits paid for each sick member	42 31	....	4 89
Average amount expended for relief per member	5 98	....	14
Average duration of sickness per member	4 1-6 dys	....	....
Average duration of sickness per sick member	5wks 1¼dys	....	3¾dys
Average amount of assets per member	82 48	10 75	
Total amount paid for relief since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874.	122,562 00	....	....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash Received and Paid to Grand Treasurer.

From Whom Received.	Tax Term ending 30th June, 1893.	Tax Term ending 31st Dec. 1893.	Supplies.	Charter Fees.	Total.
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$ 64 40	$ 64 80	$ 19 25	$	$ 148 45
Columbia " " 2	72 80	71 20	8 25	.....	152 25
N. Westminster " " 3	56 40	60 00	8 25	.....	124 65
Dominion " " 4	53 20	49 60	4 50	.....	107 30
Black Diamond " " 5	56 80	60 00	3 00	.....	119 80
Harmony " " 6	61 60	63 20	3 00	.....	127 80
Excelsior " " 7	18 00	16 80	1 50	.....	36 30
Vancouver " " 8	62 40	62 80	11 50	.....	136 70
Tatnai " " 9	29 20	26 80	9 62	.....	65 62
Western Star " " 10	65 60	65 60	7 00	.....	138 20
Union " " 11	24 40	23 60	6 75	.....	54 75
Selkirk " " 12	24 40	25 60	4 50	.....	54 50
Royal City " " 13	34 80	36 00	10 55	.....	81 35
Acme " " 14	38 80	40 40	12 40	.....	91 60
Cloverdale " " 15	22 40	28 95	24 20	.....	75 55
Kootenay " " 16	13 20	14 80	1 00	.....	29 00
Duncan " " 17	13 20	17 20	9 50	.....	39 90
Vernon Valley " " 18	19 20	20 00	4 36	.....	43 56
Mount Pleasant " " 19	19 20	19 60	31 35	.....	70 15
Centennial " " 20	44 00	45 20	3 00	.....	92 20
Delta " " 21	22 00	19 20	0 00	.....	41 20
Gold Range " " 22	14 00	15 20	37 30	.....	66 50
Ashcroft " " 23	9 20	11 20	29 15	30 00	79 55
Island " " 24	.....	.....	28 00	30 00	58 00
Colfax Rebekah " " 1	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Mizpah " " " 2	.....	.....	9 25	.....	9 25
Miriam " " " 3	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Beulah " " " 5	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Alpine " " " 6	.....	.....	13 60	10 00	23 60
Sundry persons.....	.....	.....	6 75	.....	6 75
	$ 839 20	$ 857 75	$ 316 03	$70 00	$2082 98

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE GRAND TREASURER.

DATE.	No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount.
1893.				
Feb. 10	1	Grand Treasurer....	Mileage and Per Diem, Session 1893.....	$ 526 00
" 10	2	Sovereign Grand Lge	Representative Tax.....	150 00
" 10	3	J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.	Typewriting, Postage, &c.	9 00
" 10	4	R. Wilson	Services as Janitor.....	15 00
" 10	5	W. H. Huxtable	Janitor Gd. Secty's office.	20 00
Mar. 16	6	Grand Secretary....	Supplies Sov'n Gd. Lodge	49 00
May 17	7	Colonist P. & P. Co.	Printing Proceedings 1893	153 60
" 17	8	Grand Secretary....	Salary, three months.....	150 00
" 17	9	" "	Expressage, duty, post.,&c	44 05
" 17	10	J. A. Cohen.....	Printing.....	5 25
" 24	11	Grand Master.....	Moiety Trav. Allowance..	50 00
" 27	12	Grand Secretary....	Sov'n Gd. Lodge Supplies	3 00
June 7	13	McLennan & McFeely	Box for Regalia.....	6 00
" 7	14	J. A. Cohen.....	Printing.....	9 50
July 8	15	Robertson & Co.....	Guarantee Bond G. Treas.	12 50
" 15	16	Colonist P. & P. Co.	Printing	8 00
" 15	17	Grand Secretary....	Supplies Sov'n Gd. Lodge	30 50
Aug. 10	18	" "	Salary, three months.....	150 00
" 10	19	" "	Postage and Sundries	6 60
Oct. 4	20	" "	Supplies Sov'n Gd. Lodge	69 50
Nov. 10	21	" "	Salary, three months.....	150 00
" 10	22	" "	Postage, Duty & Express.	23 22
1894.				
Jan. 17	23	" "	Supplies Sov'n Gd. Lodge	10 00
" 17	24	J. A. Cohen.....	Printing	12 00
Feb. 5	25	Grand Master.....	Balance, Trav. Allowance.	50 00
" 5	26	M. Miller.....	Printing.....	11 00
" 5	27	Grand Secretary....	Salary, three months.....	150 00
" 5	28	" "	Postage and Sundries....	8 55
" 5	29	Odd Fellows' Union.	Rent Grand Secty's office.	100 00
				$1982 27

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report.....	$1026 88
Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer.....	2082 98
	$3109 86
Less orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.....	1982 27
Leaving balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	$1127 59

STOCK ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand per last Report		$119 23	
Purchased during the Year :			
300 Visiting Cards @ 20c	$ 60 00		
50 Withdrawal Cards @ 20c	10 00		
20 Rebekah Visiting Cards @ 20c	4 00		
30 " Withdrawal Cards @ 20c	6 00		
8 " Rituals @ $2	16 00		
5 Subordinate Lodge Charts @ $2	10 00		
12 " Rituals @ $2	24 00		
10 " Floor Work @ 30c	3 00		
100 " Odes @ 3c	3 00		
3 Books of Odes with Music @ 50c	1 50		
8 White Digests @ $2 50	20 00		
1000 Petitions for Membership	6 00		
5 Diplomas @ 50c	2 50		
4 Books of Forms @ 75c	3 00		
60 Funeral Ceremonies @ 20c	12 00		
4 Question Books @ $1	4 00		
6 Insurance Certificates @ 50c	3 00		
Expressage, Duty and Postage on above	41 72		
		229 72	
Gain during the year		22 99	
Sold during the Year :			
4 Digests @ $3 50	14 00		
6 Books of Forms @ $1 25	7 50		
4 Subordinate Lodge Floor Work @ 50c	2 00		
126 Subordinate Lodge Odes @ 5c	6 30		
324 Petitions for Membership @ 1½c	4 86		
28 3Visiting Cards @ 25c	70 75		
18 Rebekah Withdrawal Cards @ 25c	4 50		
195 Orders for P. W. @ 1c	1 95		
11 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ $3	33 00		
3 Question Books @ $1 50	4 50		
3 Officers' Roll Books @ $1 25	3 75		
7 Order Books on Treasurer @ $1 50	10 50		
3 Black Books @ $2	6 00		
46 Withdrawal Cards @ 25c	11 50		
2 Anniversary Ceremonies @ 30c	60		
52 Funeral " @ 30c	15 60		
15 " Hymns @ 5c	75		
3 Subordinate Lodge Charts @ $3	9 00		
2 Books of Odes with Music @ $1	2 00		
Forward	$209 06	$371 94	

STOCK ACCOUNT—*Continued.*

		Dr.	Cr.
Forward	$209 06	$371 94	
2 Rebekah Floor Work @ 50c	1 00		
4 " Rituals @ $3	12 00		
12 " Visiting Cards @ 25c	3 00		
12 " Odes @ 5c	60		
3 Whites' Digests transferred to Expense account	7 50		
			$233 16
Stock Still on Hand:			
4 Subordinate Lodge Rituals @ $2 50	10 00		
9 " Floor Work @ 40c	3 60		
13 " Visiting Cards @ 22c	2 86		
39 " Withdrawal Cards @ 22c	8 58		
19 " Dismissal Certificates @ 22c	4 18		
2 " Charts @ $2 50	5 00		
9 " Charters @ 60c	5 40		
36 " Odes @ 4c	1 44		
7 Anniversary Ceremonies @ 22c	1 54		
11 Funeral " @ 22c	2 42		
5 " Ceremonies D. of R. @ 12c	60		
2 Books of Odes with Music @ 65c	1 30		
3 " Forms @ $1	3 00		
3 Question Books @ $1 25	3 75		
2 Whites' Digests @ $3	6 00		
5 Black Books @ $1 60	8 00		
14 Order Books on Treasurer @ $1	14 00		
8 Officers' Roll Books @ 70c	5 60		
14 Rebekah Floor Work @ 40c	5 60		
4 " Rituals @ $2 50	10 00		
22 " Visiting Cards @ 22c	4 84		
20 " Withdrawal Cards @ 22c	4 40		
1 " Certificate wife or widow @ 20c	20		
1 " Certificate @ 20c	20		
63 " Odes @ 4c	2 52		
7 G. Lodge Proceedings, bound @$1 25	8 75		
5 Diplomas of Membership @ 60c	3 00		
6 Insurance Certificates @ 50c	3 00		
Petitions for Membership	5 00		
Orders for Pass Words	4 00		
Being balance Dr. of said account per Balance Sheet			$138 78
		$371 94	$371 94

BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F. FEBRUARY, 1894.

FOLIO.	ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
44	Furniture and Regalia	$ 476 40	
54	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8		40
67	Tatnai Lodge, No. 9		20
84	Union Lodge, No. 11		40
88	Royal City Lodge, No. 13		50
114	Delta Lodge, No. 21		$ 4 40
121	Stock	138 78	
142	Sovereign Grand Lodge		05
150	Grand Treasurer	1,127 59	
162	Profit and Loss		1,736 82
		$ 1,742 77	$ 1,742 77

The sum of $90 deposited with P. G. M. Phillips by Dominion Lodge, No. 4, pending its appeal against his decision in the case of the General Relief Committee, Seattle, Wash., has been remitted to the said committee and its receipt obtained.

The instructions of last session respecting bond of Grand Treasurer have been complied with, and the agreement of the London Guarantee & Accident Co. for $1,000 for the past year is on file.

An appeal has been received from Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., against the decision of the Grand Master on his claim for sick benefits from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and handed to the Committee on Appeals.

I am in receipt of an appeal from Bro. George Fraser against the action of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, in expelling him from membership in that Lodge for contempt, but as the papers bearing on the case have not yet been received from the Lodge I have been unable to forward it to the Committee on Appeals.

The annual report from "Ruth" Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, Chilliwack, has not yet come to hand, and as Bro. Peers, D. D. G. M., District No. 5, informed me in July last that this Lodge had not held a meeting during the preceding term, and might be regarded as defunct, I would suggest that the Grand Lodge take such action as it may deem proper to recover the Charter and other property of the Lodge if there is no prospect of its working in regular order again.

An application was received from the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada in May last addressed to the Executive Officers, asking for

recognition in order to carry on its work in this jurisdiction, but as a similar application was refused by the Grand Lodge at its session of 1891 your officers were unable to concede the request, and the Association was advised to renew its application to this session. I beg to present a communication from Bro. Meek, the Secretary, on this matter.

I beg to point out that by the legislation of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge it will be necessary for this Grand Lodge to appoint a Standing Committee of three members for the purpose of collecting statistics from the records of this jurisdiction on matters relating to dues and benefits.

Acting under instructions from the Grand Master, circulars were issued to all Lodges in the Province soliciting assistance on behalf of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, whose hall and contents were totally destroyed by fire on 7th November last, and in response thereto the following amounts have been received and remitted to the Lodge in question :

Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$ 25 00
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	150 00
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	50 00
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	100 00
Harmony Lodge, No. 6	25 00
Excelsior Lodge, No. 7	20 00
Vancouver Lodge, No. 8	25 00
Tatnai Lodge, No. 9	25 00
Western Star Lodge, No. 10	25 00
Selkirk Lodge, No. 11	50 00
Acme Lodge, No. 14	10 00
Duncan Lodge, No. 17	15 00
Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18	15 00
Centennial Lodge, No. 20	25 00
Delta Lodge, No. 21	20 00
Gold Range Lodge, No. 22	26 00
Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23	13 50
	$619 50
Royal City Lodge, No. 13, forwarded direct to Cloverdale Lodge	50 00
	$669 50

The liberality thus displayed by our Lodges is very creditable indeed, and is fully appreciated by the Lodge in whose aid it was invoked.

The Charter of "Cloverdale" Lodge, No. 15, having been destroyed in the fire, a dispensation was issued by the Grand Master to enable it

to continue operations until this meeting, and a petition for a duplicate Charter has been received and will be presented to this Session.

The advent of a paper devoted to the interests of Odd Fellowship in this Province, should be hailed by all true Odd Fellows with delight, and "The Warden" deserves all the help and encouragement it is possible for us to give. Such a publication cannot fail to be a valuable auxiliary to the work of our Order, its tone is healthy and elevating, it supplies a medium for the interchange of ideas, it furnishes reliable information as to the work of the Order in general and of our own jurisdiction in particular and should act as a stimulant to our Lodges to emulate and excel each other in the good work in which they are engaged. I would suggest that it be made the "Official Organ" of this Grand Lodge, and that it be recommended to the Lodges and members as deserving of their patronage and assistance.

Whilst on the subject of the "Fraternal Press," I desire to acknowledge with thanks, the regular receipt of the "Dominion Odd Fellow," "North Western Odd Fellow Review," and "The Companion," all valuable contributions to the literature of our Order.

Again, thanking you for your invarable kindness and consideration during the ten years I have had the honor to hold this office, and wishing the Order as a whole, and the Lodges in this jurisdiction especially, continued and increasing prosperity.

I remain, dear Sirs and Brothers, yours fraternally,

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

ODD FELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

GRAND SECRETARY' OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 13th February, 1894.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I have the honor to present you with a Report of this Association for the past year.

Membership.

No. of Members per last Report		210
" " Admitted during the year		28
		238
" " Died	1	
" " Suspendeed for nonpaymen of Assessments	47	
		48
" " at date		190

This reduction in membership is no doubt largely attributable to the hard times we have been experiencing during the past twelve months, and also to the absence of active canvassing for new members which is absolutely necessary to the existence of all such organizations as this. There is no doubt that a great many of the members at present under suspension will pay up their arrears and be reinstated to membership.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance per last report	$ 146 30
Received for assessments	1209 60
	$1355 90

Payments.

Insurance on death of Bro. W. Steele, P. G., member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$1000 00
Balance	$ 355 90

MANAGEMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance per last report	$164 42
Entrance fees	56 00
Dues	375 89
	$596 31

Payments.

Agents' commission	$ 91 07	
Secretary's salary	100 00	
D. Welsh, expenses voted last session	75 00	
Registration of Rules	15 00	
Sovereign Grand Lodge, certificate	10 00	
Seal	11 00	
Printing	66 00	
Postage, stationery, &c	22 75	
		$390 82
Balance		$205 49

RESERVE FUND.

Balance as per last report	$33 55

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

Endowment Fund	$355 90
Management Fund	205 49
Reserve Fund	33 55
Total in hands of Grand Treasurer	$594 94

The rules adopted last session for this Association were duly revised by the committee appointed for this purpose, registered and distributed; a form of policy was also adopted and brought into force, as per copy attached, at as early a date as possible after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

Agents were also appointed in almost every Lodge of the jurisdiction, but many of them, I regret to say, appear to have taken but little interest in the work, it will be necessary, I think, to appoint a suitable person as special agent to supplement the efforts of the local agents.

The required report was furnished the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the necessary fee of $10 paid, and a certificate obtained to permit the Association to work under the law respecting insurance societies passed at the session of 1892. By an approved decision of the Grand Sire last session associations such as this are exempt from the provisions of the before-mentioned legislation, and do not now require to be licensed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The first assessment under the new Rules was levied on 1st July last, since which date they have been regularly levied bi-monthly.

Only one death has occurred doing the year. Bro. Wm. Steele, P. G., of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, who died on the 1st September last, and the maximum amount of insurance, viz.: $1000 being on hand, an order was drawn for this sum and duly paid to the beneficiaries of the deceased at the time specified in the Rules. Bro. Steele was a member of the association from the date of its formation and had paid 13 assessments aggregating $23.25. We have thus been able to realize on the first occasion, after the reorganization of the association the object for which the change was made, viz.: to be able to pay an Insurance of $1000, and it rests entirely with the membership of this jurisdiction whether this desirable feature shall be perpetuated or not. The members of the Association, who are the most interested parties, should not forget that it is a mutual organization, that each must do his part, and that very much of its success depends on their individual efforts, they should, therefore, introduce and recommend it to their friends, endeavor to bring in new members, encourage those who are wavering and not expect the officers of the Association to do all the work.

Yours fraternally,

FRED'K. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was presented and read and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I beg leave to submit my report as Grand Treasurer for the year 1893, which is hereto attached.

Yours fraternally,

P. J. FOULDS,
Grand Treasurer.

New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 14th, 1894.

GRAND TREASURER'S CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1893.

Dr.

1893.		
Feb. 8,	To Balance from Grand Treasurer	$1026 88
July 24, "	Cash, New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.	56 40
" " "	Royal City Lodge, No. 13	34 80
" " "	Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15	22 40
" " "	Delta Lodge, No. 21	22 00
" 26, " "	Gold Range Lodge, No. 22	14 00
Aug. 8, " "	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8	62 40
" " "	Western Star Lodge, No. 10	65 60
" " "	Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19	19 20
Nov. 17, " "	Grand Secretary	704 62
1894.		
Jan. 17, " "	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.	60 00
" " "	Royal City Lodge, No. 13	36 00
" " "	Delta Lodge, No. 21	19 20
" " "	Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15	21 20
Feb. 14, " "	Grand Secretary	945 16
		$3109 86

Cr.

Feb. 5, By Orders, Nos. 1 to 29	$1982 27
" " Balance	1127 59
	$3109 86

February 14th, To Balance, $1127 59.

ODD FELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
1893—Feb. 8, To Balance from Grand Treasurer	$ 146 30	Dec. 16, By Order No. 15	$1000 00
1894—Jan. 4, " Cash from Grand Secretary	960 00	" " Balance	355 90
Feb. 14, " " " " "	249 60		
	$1355 90		$1355 90
February 14th, To Balance, $355 90.			

MANAGEMENT FUND.

1893—Feb. 8, To Balance from Grand Treasurer	$164 42	Feb. 5, By Orders, Nos. 1 to 17	$299 75
Nov. 17, " Cash from Grand Secretary	194 95	" " Balance	205 49
1894—Jan. 4, " " " " "	40 00		
Feb. 14, " " " " "	105 87		
	$505 24		$505 24
February 14th, To Balance, $205 49.			

RESERVE FUND.

1893—Feb. 8, To Balance from Grand Treasurer ... $33 55

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

Grand Lodge	$1127 59
Odd Fellows' Insurance Endowment Fund	355 90
Management Fund	205 49
Reserve	33 55
Total	$1722 53

P. J. FOULDS, Grand Treasurer.

H. Waller, P. G. M., presented and read the Report of the Grand Representatives, which was ordered to be received and printed with the proceedings of this Session.

VANCOUVER, B. C., February 14th, 1894.

To the Grand Master and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, ask leave to submit, for your approval, their report as follows :

The Sixty-ninth Annual Session was held in the City of Milwaukee Wisconsin, opening on Monday, September 18th and closing on Saturday, September 23rd.

The Grand Marshal, having declared all the Representatives present duly qualified, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. Venable, offered prayer, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was declared duly opened for business by Deputy Grand Sire J. W. Stebbins.

The Grand Sire, Cl. T. Campbell, as usual, was courteous, affable and kind to all, and his ability for that honerable position, was fully demonstrated by the able manner in which he gave his decisions on all points of law submitted to him, and the quick dispatch of the business of the Session.

We submit, for your perusal, the most interesting portions of the Grand Sire's Report :

REPRESENTATIVES—I welcome you to the Sixty-ninth Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in this beautiful city by the inland seas of America. After a year of labor in your own jurisdictions, you have re-assembled for mutual counsel; to review the work of the Order; to overlook its situation; to regulate its operations; to meet the requirements of its future.

Never before have you met under happier auspices; never before have you been greeted by brighter prospects. Only a short distance from this city, the nations of the earth are engaged in friendly rivalry, as they display the choicest products of their energy and enterprise. The labor of the husbandman; the skill of the artisan; the genius of the artist; the patient industry of the student, have combined to show the highest mental and manual development of the human race. With less ostentatious parade you are here uncovering to public gaze a grander exhibition of man's moral and social development through the educative influence and practical operations of Odd Fellowship. As the representative parliament of this great Order your annual assembling emphasizes the vast extent and beneficent power of this association, organized for mutual helpfulness, and for the cultivation of those virtues that alone can raise humanity out of barbarism, and lift it nearer to its most holy Pattern. And while the magnificent exposition in Chicago reveals the intellectual capabilities of our race, the work of the Order whose destinies you direct illustrates the grand possibilities that lay dormant in

the human heart until the Spirit of Altruism breathed into it the breath of a diviner life, and awakened its sublimest aspirations. Humanity may well be proud of the revelations of the fairy palaces of the White City on the Lake ; but no less cause for pride have they whose labors have erected the stately temple of Odd Fellowship, wherein the noblest works of Friendship, Love and Truth stand radiant with beauty and with blessing.

The report of your officers presented to day, with their accompanying statistics, show that

THE STATE OF THE ORDER

is eminently satisfactory. A net increase in our numbers during 1892 of over 50,000—unprecedented in our history—has given a membership at the close of that year, in the jurisdictions reporting directly to you, of 747,295 ; making, with the estimated number under the independent Grand Lodges of 26,136, and the 96,312 Sisters in the Rebekah branch, a grand total of 869,743. So far as can be learned, the increase this year is still greater than in 1892 ; but even at the same rate our total membership to-day, male and female, will be over 900,000. An association that has attained such vast proportions ; with an annual revenue of eight and one-half millions of dollars ; increasing rapidly each year in wealth and numbers, may well be proud—not of the rank and position these elements of strength may bring—but of the opportunities that are thus brought within its reach of accomplishing the great objects of its existence—the relief of human suffering and the advancement of the human race. Scarcely can the magnitude of its work be estimated. To say that the subordinate branches of our Order expended last year nearly three and one-half millions of dollars for the assistance of those in need ; to point to the many towns on this continent where comfortable homes are maintained as refuges for the young and for the old, who might else be homeless ; to enumerate all the educational and charitable institutions conducted under our auspices might give some tangible evidence of the beneficent work of Odd Fellowship. But a still greater work remains untabulated in the silent and unobtrusive influence exerted on society through the operations of our 15,000 subordinate branches, wherein, week after week through all the year, are taught those lessons of morality, charity and fraternity which our members carry into practical effect in their intercourse with each other and the world at large.

While Odd Fellowship has become so widespread, carrying on its operations in Europe, Asia and America under the flags of not less than fifteen nations, and almost encircling the civilized world with its chain of Lodges, it is in the United States and Canada that it has attained its greatest power, and has become a recognized factor in the development of civilization. Exceeding all other secular societies on this continent in numbers, so far as can be ascertained, it acknowledges no superior among them all in the vast extent of its benevolence. Yet, though its prosperous condition in North America is more familiar to us, and its career more noticeable, the fact must not be overlooked that

IN FOREIGN LANDS

its work is no less satisfactory, when surrounding circumstances are considered. While its growth may not be as marked as with us, yet it has been sufficient to be encouraging. In Australasia depression in trade and financial disturbances may affect our Order as it does all other organizations ; but there is no reason to be alarmed for the future of Odd Fellowship, which is too firmly planted in those distant lands, and well able to battle successfully with adverse circumstances.

From the continent of Europe we have most cheering reports through our Special Deputy, Grand Representative BLOCK. (Off. Doc. C.) The appointment of our esteemed brother to the position he now occupies was the outcome of a wise policy, as is evidenced not only by the steady progress the Order has been making in the jurisdictions which he has been visiting, but also in the letters which I have received from leading Odd Fellows in Europe, who all speak in the highest terms of our Deputy, and gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance they have received from him. At first some doubt was felt in Germany lest the appointment of a Special Deputy for Europe might have been prompted by a fear on our part that irregularities existed in that jurisdiction in the management of Odd Fellowship, which required correction. Of course this was a mistaken idea. The appointment was not intended as a reflection on the zealous and enthusiastic brethren who have been so successful in carrying on the work of the Order in Germany for the past twenty years. But, with a number of jurisdictions in Europe, it would have been an invidious distinction to have selected some as the special objects of our Deputy's attention, and to have excluded others. And while some parts of the continent might have needed a supervision from which others could have been relieved, yet all would be benefited by having near at hand an experienced brother with whom they might take counsel, and who would serve as a vital connecting link between the S. G. L. and the various bodies to whom we have given a *quasi* independence. I have reason to believe, however, that our brethren now thoroughly understand the situation, as the cordial reception they have tendered Bro. BLOCK amply testifies.

THE REBEKAH DEPARTMENT.

No branch of the Order has made more gratifying progress than this. The enthusiasm which woman has shown and the energy she has brought to bear on her work have made her department an unqualified success; and justifies her claim to the fullest recognition as an essential element in Odd Fellowship. The special committee appointed at your last session will doubtless submit a codification of the laws governing Rebekah Lodges, which is referred for your sanction.

OUR RELATIONS WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

During the year I was informed that the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church had appointed a committee of Bishops to inquire into the character of benevolent and other organizations, with a view to deciding whether Catholics might be allowed to apply for admission therein. And a letter was written by one of the committee, in which he asked permission to examine our books and Rituals. The letter and my reply are submitted. (Off. Doc. E.) While advising that all possible information be given the committee, I, of course, declined to allow them a perusal of our Rituals—a privilege belonging solely to those who have taken the obligations of the Order.

I have heard nothing further on this subject, and have made no inquiry. The matter is one which does not materially concern us. Our doors are open to Catholics as well as Protestants, if they are properly qualified. With disputed questions of creed we have nothing to do. If the authorities of the Catholic Church forbid their adherents seeking admission to our Order, the loss is theirs. The position Odd Fellowship occupies renders it unnecessary for us to seek the recognition of any particular sect or party, though we will be pleased, at all times, to have the support of all good men, of whatever race, or creed, who reverence God and seek the advancement of humanity.

IN CONCLUSION,

Representatives, I invite your serious attention to the duties of the high offices you fill. Grave, indeed, are the responsibilities resting on those who occupy seats in the Supreme Legislature and Court of Last Resort for Odd Fellowship. It is for you to redress personal grievances, to harmonize divergent views, to devise sound laws. From all over this broad continent, and from many distant lands, 800,000 men look to you for judgment and for direction. Unmeasured is the power you may exert to make or mar the association, whose interests you have in charge. May Divine Wisdom so inspire and guide you that your work may be a blessing, and be blessed.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE'S DECISIONS.

1. In any conflict between the "Floor Work" and Ritual or law, the latter must govern.

2. The obligation to a candidate must be administered by a V. G. or P. V. G. Where the instructions in "Floor Work" say that "positions on a staff are to be governed by the question of fitness," it means fitness within the limitations of law.

3. Where a Lodge (Subordinate or Rebekah) has organized a competent staff, all the members being legally qualified for their positions, the officers of the Lodge must vacate their chairs to the *pro tem.* officers of the staff, when degrees are being conferred.

No. 3 disapproved.

4. A. P. G. should wear a P. G.'s collar in Lodge (if obtainable), and should neither enter, leave nor remain in a Lodge when open without it.

5. It is optional with a P. G. M. when visiting a Lodge to announce himself as P. G. M. or P. G.

6. During the absence of a N. G. the V. G. shall perform all the duties devolving upon the N. G. which require to be performed at that time. The immediate filling of a vacancy in an appointed office during a temporary absence of the N. G. might not be necessary, and would not, therefore, devolve upon the V. G. unless the Lodge so instructed him.

7. When the officers of a Lodge or Encampment under the S. G. L., being duly elected and properly qualified, are installed by the D. D. G. Sire, or other person authorized by the Grand Sire, and have taken the obligations of office, such installation is valid, although there may have been certain irregularities connected with it.

8. A member of a lodge acting as counsel for a Brother under trial has the same right to vote on the penalty that he would have were he not counsel.

9. When charges against a Brother has been referred to a Committee on Trial the committee cannot allow the accuser to amend the charges by introducing new specifications, not contained in the original charge. Supplemental charges might be preferred in the Lodge and referred to the committee.

10. The Minimum Benefit Law of 1892 being practically a repeal of the law of 1891, revives the powers of Grand Bodies, which were abrogated by the latter. On and after January 1st, 1893, the powers that were withdrawn from subordinates in the matter of benefits by the legislation of 1891 may be exercised by them to the same extent as prior to January 1892, except in so far as they may conflict with the requirements of the Minimum Benefit Law—that is to say, the payment of not less than $2 per week for the first year of continuous sickness, and not less than $1 per week during the further continuance of the same sickness.

11. The requirement of the Minimum Benefit Law that not less than one year's benefits shall be paid before the amount can be reduced below $2 per week, is substantially fulfilled by the payment of benefits for fifty-two weeks.

No. 11 amended thus: "Fifty two consecutive weeks."

12. If a Lodge does not pay benefits for the first week of sickness, the reduction in the amount of weekly benefits does not take place at the end of a year's disability, but only after a year's benefits have been paid.

13. When a Lodge has been paying a sick member continuous benefits for several years, it will now be required to pay him not less than $1 per week, commencing with the 1st of January, 1892.

14. Whether or not a Lodge may provide by its by-laws for the payment of a larger weekly benefit to sick Brothers who are confined to the house than it does to those not so confined, is a matter for local legislation, provided that under no circumstances it pays less than the minimum benefit required by general law.

15. Where a Lodge provides for "night watchers" for sick members, this is to be considered as a form of "attentive benefits," and any expense incurred in payment of such watchers is altogether apart from the sick benefits due under the general or local law. But when provision is made for hiring a nurse, the local law may also provide for a reduction of sick benefits during the time such nurse is engaged, on condition that the aggregate amount paid for nurse hire and benefits shall not be less than the sum to which the sick Brother is entitled under the Minimum Benefit Law.

No. 15 amended, by striking out all after "local law" in fourth line.

16. It is not legal for a Lodge, with or without the consent of its Grand Lodge, to have a by-law providing for the initiation of persons over 55 years of age as, "non-beneficial members;" or changing the status of one already a member of such Lodge from a beneficial to a non-beneficial member on reaching a certain age. Members in good standing are entitled to benefits irrespective of age—the only exception permitted by general law being in the case of aged Odd Fellows readmitted to membership.

17. A Lodge having knowingly admitted a non-resident member to membership in violation of its Constitution, and having received his fees and dues, cannot, when he becomes ill, refuse him benefits, and declare his membership void, on account of its illegality. The Lodge cannot take advantage of its own violation of law to escape payment of its debts.

18. A lady elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, but marrying a person not an Odd Fellow before she has received the degree, is not entitled to admission, and ceased to be eligible on the date of her marriage.

19. In a jurisdiction where Rebekah Lodges have yearly terms, the T. P. W. may be for the year, or there may be a P. W. for each half year, at the option of the Grand Lodge.

20. A Brother who has received the Rebekah Degree in a Grand Lodge or in a Rebekah Lodge, is eligible to be an applicant for a Charter for a Rebekah Lodge, or to be admitted to membership in such Lodge after its institution, on a favorable ballot, provided he is in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, and is not a suspended or expelled member of a Rebekah Lodge.

21. A State or Provincial Rebekah Convention has no power to impose a tax on the Rebekah Lodges of the Jurisdiction for any purpose. But the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction may impose a tax on its

Rebekah Lodges, collect the same, and pay the amount over to the Rebekah Convention, for its maintenance.

22. When a Grand Master, in the exercise of his supervisory powers, suspends a Lodge for violation of law, he has power to restore it without waiting for action by his Grand Lodge, unless the Constitution or instructions of his Grand Lodge limit his authority in this respect.

23. A Grand Master has the right to appoint a P. G. in good standing, who is in possession of the Rebekah Degree, as his Deputy, to institute a Rebekah Lodge.

No. 23 amended thus: A Grand Master has the right to appoint a Past Grand who is also a member in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge as his Deputy to institute a Rebekah Lodge.

24. The interpretation of the Constitution of a Grand Body during its recess, is vested in its principal officer, subject to a review by such Grand Body at its session following; and it is the duty of such officer to administer the local law according to his conscientious interpretation thereof. He may seek the Grand Sire's opinion thereon; but such opinion, if given, is not necessarily mandatory. The responsibility of interpreting and executing the local law rests on the Grand Master and and Grand Patriarch.

25. Subordinates have a right to make By-Laws for their internal government. A Grand Body cannot make By-Laws for its Subordinates, but has the right of supervision, and may approve or disapprove. It may frame a model code of By-Laws, and recommend the same to its Subordinates, but cannot compel its adoption. It can, however, enact a uniform Constitution, and may therein regulate the matter of benefits so far as the general law allows; and the By-Laws of Subordinates must conform to such Constitution.

26. A committee of a Grand Body appointed to supervise the By-Laws of its Subordinates has no right to make new laws for them, or to disapprove By-Laws which are not in conflict with law; and it can only amend a by-law in so far as may be necessary to make it conform to the general or local law.

27. In petitioning for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, there is no limit to the number of members who may sign the petition, provided they are Past Grands in good standing who have been authorized to act by vote of the Subordinates in which they hold membership. As soon as instituted, the Grand Lodge can proceed to adopt a Constitution, and fix its basis of representation.

28. When a Grand Lodge is instituted, all Past Grands in good standing in the jurisdiction become entitled to the exercise of their rights, which are, voting for Grand Officers and eligibility to office; but all legislative work in the newly-instituted Body is confined to the Charter members, that is, to those who have been chosen by the several Lodges to apply for the Charter, and who have been present and have taken the obligation at the institution of the Grand Lodge.

No. 28 amended thus: The Charter members have power to admit all Past Grands in good standing to participate in the legislative work.

29. The only qualification necessary for a P. G. to be a candidate for election as Representative of his Lodge in its Grand Lodge, is that he should be a member of his Lodge in good standing.

30. Executive officers of Grand Lodges have no option, but must grant licenses to Odd Fellows' Insurance Associations making application therefor, who have complied with the requirements of law, except in a jurisdiction where the Grand Lodge has decided not to license such Bodies.

31. An insurance organization, to be permitted to use the name of

the Order, or to receive the certificate of the S. G. L., must be one that confines its operations to Odd Fellows exclusively.

32. The right of a State Grand Body to organize and operate through its officers an endowment association has not been withdrawn; and such an association does not require any certificate from the S. G. L., or other license, so long as it does not go out of its own jurisdiction.

33. Voluntary associations of members of the Order in a town or city for purposes of mutual aid, whose operations are confined to their own locality, having no paid canvassers, and not doing a general business, do not require to take out an insurance certificate.

The Grand Secretary, as usual, submitted a very lengthy, able, and elaborate report, covering 107 closely printed pages of the proceedings, a perfect history of Odd Fellowship, for one year.

We simply reproduce for your perusal a small portion of his Report:

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1891 AND 1892.

	Dec. 31st, 1891.	Dec. 31st, 1892.	Increase.
Grand Lodges	53	55	2
Grand Encampments	49	50	1
Subordinate Lodges	9,524	9,936	412
Subordinate Encampments	2,346	2,483	137
Rebekah Degree Lodges	2,564	2,905	341
Lodge Initiations	80,119	85,509	5,390
Encampment Initiations	15,640	16,732	1,090
Lodge Members	*696,189	747,295	51,106
Encampment Members	124,076	132,542	8,466
Rebekah Lodge Members	†154,851	180,869	26,018
Relief by Lodges	$2,755,630 73	$3,015,979 93	$260,349 20
Relief by Encampments	274,839 89	301,801 88	26,961 99
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	34,250 18	32,675 03	‡1,575 15
Total Relief	3,064,720 80	3,350,456 84	285,736 04
Revenue of Lodges	6,882,697 94	7,594,828 58	712,130 64
Revenue of Encampments	656,373 84	657,781 99	1,408 15
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	229,822 24	356,520 36	126,698 12
Total Revenue	7,768,894 02	8,609,130 93	840,236 91

*Excluding Denmark and Switzerland, independent. †Excluding Switzerland, independent. ‡Decrease.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1892,

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	1,872,869
Members relieved	1,716,945
Widowed families relieved	203,341
Members deceased	167,547
Total relief	$ 60,921,287 05
Total receipts	159,197,674 43

CONDITION ON THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1892.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark and Switzerland)	4
Subordinate Grand Encampments	53
Subordinate Grand Lodges	65
Subordinate Encampments	2,503
Subordinate Lodges	10,274
Encampment members	133,349
Lodge members	773,431
Rebekah Lodges	2,916
Sisters members of Rebekah Lodges	96,312
Brothers members of Rebekah Lodges	84,721
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant (estimated)	630
Chevaliers, rank and file (estimated)	26,400

Generally, from the year 1873, when the present occupant of the position of Grand Secretary came into the office as Assistant Grand Secretary, it has pleased him to submit gratifying statements of the work of the several years. In a few instances a diminution of members was noted, but the depression was of a temporary character. He points with pride to the grand total of 747,295 members December 31st, 1892, contrasted with the 385,097 December 31st, 1872, showing that the membership has been nearly doubled in twenty years. The benefactions of the Order have, of course, been greatly increased, and a large amount has been added to the treasuries of subordinates, the revenue of the year 1892 amounting to nearly nine million dollars.

The numerous tables, which have been compiled with great care, and are herewith presented, state the situation so clearly that any elaboration seems useless. Words cannot add anything to, or emphasize in any respect, the brilliant array of figures showing the magnificent work performed in 1892. Under the circumstances now existing in financial circles we cannot reasonably expect to submit as favorable an exhibit for the year 1893; but we hope that if our gain in membership does not prove as great as in 1892 we may, at least, show that there has been no diminution in our present membership.

The Grand Sire in his report suggested that the S. G. L. should supply sufficient clerical assistance to the Grand Secretary, and not expect its officials to do more than would be demanded from the employes of any respectable firm.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That in addition to the salaries of Grand Secretary, and Assistant Grand Secretary, as now provided by law, there be allowed to the Grand Secretary for clerk hire, etc., in his office, per annum, the following amounts:

For additional work made necessary by devolving upon the Grand Secretary, the duties of Adjutant General, the sum of	$1,000 00
For Stenographer and Typewriter	800 00
For Janitor, including duties of Porter	600 00
For Reading Clerk at Annual Session	30 00

2nd. *Resolved*, That the resolution found on page 5,482, Revised Journal of 1872, which authorizes the Grand Secretary, from time to time, as he may deem it necessary to do so, to appoint and remove such temporary assistants as may be required by him, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby directed to visit the office of the Grand Secretary once in each quarter, approve and countersign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer for the payment of bills necessary to be paid during recess, or when this Grand Lodge is not in session.

LEGISLATION, ETC.

One half of the sessions were taken up with framing a new Code of Laws for the Patriarchs Militant, this no doubt effects a very great saving in the expense of managing that branch of the Order compared with the old system, but it is a very radical change indeed, and let us hope it will work well.

After finishing the work of the P. M., the Representatives became very conservative, the various committees reporting adversely upon almost everything involving change referred to them and the S. G. L. adopting the same without comment, with few exceptions.

The special committee on Dues and Benefits, rendered a very lengthy and able report, accompanied with a suggestion that the Representatives copy the same in their reports. But this report covers 20 pages of the Proceedings, and we did not deem it necessary especially as the Grand Secretary is directed to have the report printed, and mail a copy to each Subordinate Lodge in Canada and the United States, so that the S. G. L. can obtain an expression of opinion from all the jurisdictions on this important question. We submit the concluding remarks in their report:

1st. That as a man grows older, his yearly average of sickness increases, and as a Lodge grows older, its proportion of old men increases and its payments for benefits increases.

2nd. That the average expectation of sickness and mortality must form the basis of any estimate of the proper relation of dues to benefits.

3rd. That a lodge should calculate what it is likely to be called on to pay in benefits when it has attained to full maturity, say the age of thirty-five, and not what it is paying during the early years of its existence.

4th. That a system of dues and benefits, to be perfectly fair and equitable, must recognize the comparative liability on account of the different ages of its members, and must charge them dues according to age when admitted.

5th. That no other form of benefit except sick and funeral should be provided without a proportionate increase in dues; and that all additional aid to members should take the form of a special relief to an extent dependent upon the circumstances of the case and the ability of the Lodge.

Your committee believe that the amended form of returns from Grand Bodies, provided for by change of the by-law on that subject at the last session, will furnish this committee and all members seeking information on the subject of dues and benefits, the cost of maintenance of Lodges, etc., great assistance in the study of the question. As yet it is not in practical operation.

LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED.

In view of the conditions hereinbefore fully set forth; realizing the

importance of our Order maintaining its position of systematic benevolence; absolutely certain from the experience of the older Lodges, and many jurisdictions that some action is necessary to secure to the membership the benefits required by this Grand Body to be paid to all members in good standing, your committee present the following and recommend their adoption:

1st. *Resolved,* That the minimum rate of dues in all Lodges immediately subordinate to this Grand Body, shall be ten cents per week, or $5.20 per annum.

2nd. *Resolved,* That the sick benefits to be allowed in such Lodges per week, shall not exceed one-half of one year's dues—and the funeral benefits shall not exceed five times one year's dues.

3rd. *Resolved,* That Subordinate Grand Lodges be, and they are hereby directed, to so legislate as to provide a minimum of ten cents per week dues, or $5.20 per annum, from all members.

4th. *Resolved,* That Subordinate Grand Lodges be, and they are hereby directed, to so legislate as to provide that not more than one-half year's dues shall be allowed for one week's sick benefits, and that a funeral benefit shall not exceed five times one year's dues.

Provided, However, That Grand Lodges may make such provision as they deem expedient for considering as dues, receipts of Lodges from safe, permanent investments.

5th. *Resolved,* That this committee be continued, and that the Grand Sire fill any vacancies therein.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted the first and second resolutions, to govern all Lodges under their immediate jurisdiction, and referred the further consideration of the report to the next session.

The following Report from the same committee was adopted, and which we submit in full under instructions:

Your Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, believing that the membership generally of the Order should have information regarding sickness, deaths, expense of management, receipts from all sources, and all expenditures by subordinates, to the end that necessary legislation may be ultimately enacted, either by Subordinate Grand Lodges, or by this Graud Lodge, so regulating dues and benefits as to secure the permanency of the fundamental principle, that substantial benefits must be paid, we submit the following, and recommend its adoption:

1st. *Resolved,* That all Grand Lodges be, and they are hereby requested, to select a committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to consider the subject of dues and benefits in their respective jurisdictions, and, for the purpose of securing uniformity in the information to be collected and disseminated, we recommend that said committees examine the returns from Subordinate Lodges for the past ten years, and report to their several Grand Lodges the following, for each of said years:

1st. Members.
2nd. Number sick.
3rd. Weeks benefits paid.
4th. Deaths.
5th. Amount paid for sick benefits.
6th. Amount paid for funeral benefits and funeral expenses.
7th. Amount paid for widowed families.
8th. Amount paid for relief and education of orphans.
9th. Amount paid for special relief.

10th. Amount paid for total relief.
11th. Average sickness per member.
12th. Average cost per member for total relief.
13th. Average cost per member for current or working expenses of Lodges.
14th. Current, or working expenses of Lodges.
15th. Total cost per member for all Lodge expenditures.
16th. Receipts for dues.
17th. Receipts from initiations and degrees.
18th. Receipts from rent of property, and other investments.
19th. Total receipts of Lodges.
20th. Net increase, or decrease in value of real estate, at fair cash value, and of good securities and cash.

2nd. *Resolved,* That Grand Lodges be further requested to maintain such Committee on Dues and Benefits, and to the facts suggested to be collated for the past ten years, said committee likewise tabulate like facts for succeeding years.

3rd. *Resolved,* That Representatives report this action to their several Grand Lodges.

4th *Resolved,* That this committee be continued, and the Grand Sire fill any vacancies.

Sec. 672 White's Digest, amended so as to apply to Rebekah Lodges, as well as Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

That members can apply for affiliation on a visiting card.

That Section 91 of White's Digest (1889) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphans under the age of twenty-one years, or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. Dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death.

APPEALS.

There were twenty-five appeal cases altogether, and we submit for your perusal two of the most important:

Your Committee on Appeals having fully examined and considered the record on appeal in the case of Franklin Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F. vs. the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts, respectfully report:

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

W. T. Plaisted, P. G., a member of Franklin Lodge, residing in Somerville, Mass., was sick and under the care of Oasis Lodge, of that place, during the entire year 1892.

Oasis Lodge, deeming it necessary, employed watchers to attend Bro. Plaisted until September 10, 1892, at which time, on the report of a committee from Franklin Lodge which visited Bro. Plaisted, and at the request of Franklin Lodge, Oasis Lodge withdrew the watcher. Bro. Plaisted's son (Mr. H. F. Plaisted) protested to Oasis Lodge, on behalf of his father, against the withdrawal of the watcher.

On October 5th, Mr. H. F. Plaisted (who is not a member of the Order) finding that he could not give proper attention to his father and attend to his daily employment in the city, "decided to employ a nurse himself."

It does not appear from the record that a nurse was *in fact* employed by Mr. Plaisted, unless it may be inferred from the subsequent presentation of a bill for "furnishing watchers for his father, for fifty, nights, at $2.00, $100.00.

It does not appear that Mr. Plaisted consulted either Oasis Lodge or Franklin Lodge about his decision of October 5th to employ a nurse, prior to November 18th, on which date Franklin Lodge ordered Oasis Lodge to again employ watchers for Bro. Plaisted. This Oasis Lodge did on November 23rd.

Mr. H. F. Plaisted then presented a bill to Franklin Lodge for $100.00 "for furnishing watchers for his father from October 5, 1892, to November 23, 1892, inclusive, fifty nights, at $2.00."

Franklin Lodge refused to pay the bill, claiming that it was not correct, as it covered the time when the watcher was withdrawn by their order.

From this action of the Lodge, Bro. W. T. Plaisted appealed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Grand Lodge ordered Franklin Lodge to pay the entire amount of Mr. Plaisted's claim.

From this action of the Grand Lodge, Franklin Lodge appeals.

DECISION.

We are of the opinion that Franklin Lodge is not legally liable for any expenditure made by Mr. H. F. Plaisted, for nurse hire for Bro. W. T. Plaisted between the 5th of October and the 18th of November, 1892.

The necessity of employing a nurse for a sick brother must, in the first instance, be determined by the Subordinate Lodge to which the sick brother belongs, or by the Lodge in whose care he is at the time. The determination of that question can never be left to the judgment or caprice of a person who is not thereto authorized by the proper Lodge, whether he be, or be not, a member of the Order.

"The matter of benefits, pecuniary and attentive, is delegated by this body to subordinates." White's Digest, 1889, 117.

Under the circumstances, the expenditure, if any, made by Mr. H. F. Plaisted in the premises, from October 5th to November 18th, 1892, must be regarded as voluntary.

For the six days, from November 18th to November 23rd, both inclusive, the expenditure, amounting to $12.00, being authorized by Franklin Lodge, should be paid.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Franklin Lodge, No. 23, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, requiring said Franklin Lodge to pay the claim of H. F. Plaisted, for the sum of $100.00, be sustained, and that said decision of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts be and is hereby modified by striking therefrom the following words: "The full amount of his bill $100.00," and inserting in lieu of said words the following: "The sum of twelve (12) dollars."

Your Committee on Appeals submit the following report on the appeal of Myerstown Lodge, No. 358, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The history of the case is as follows, viz.:

Bro. Daniel Diehl, a member of said Lodge, died in June, 1890. For six years prior to his death he boarded with his son-in-law, Isaac S. Lehman, and paid his board regularly. Bro. Diehl was sick sixteen weeks prior to his death, and his daughter, Mrs. Lehman, gave him attention and necessary nursing. He left surviving him three daughters, including Mrs. Lehman, and also two sons, none of whom were dependent upon him, neither was he dependent on either of them. The

funeral of Bro. Diehl was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Lehman and the Lodge paid the expenses of the funeral, amounting to $102.61 and Lehman then claimed the balance of the funeral benefit provided by the laws of the Lodge, and amounting to $197.39, as attorney for the heirs of the deceased brother, and this balance of funeral benefit the Lodge refused to pay, and Mrs. Tillie S. Lehman, wife of said Lehman, took an appeal to the Lodge and a Commissioner was appointed to take testimony. The report of the Commissioner embodying the evidence taken was filed, and the Lodge considered the same, and by resolution refused to pay the claim of Mrs. Lehman, "for the reason that she had failed to prove that she was dependent on Bro. Daniel Diehl, deceased, or that he was dependent upon her at the time of his decease." From this action Mrs. Lehman appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and this appeal was referred to the Committee on Appeals for benefits of that body.

This committee reported in favor of sustaining the appeal of Mrs. Lehman on the ground "that the appellant is a relative upon whom the brother (meaning the deceased Bro. Diehl) was dependent." This was approved by the Grand Master, whereupon Myerstown Lodge, as provided by the law of Pennsylvania, appealed to the Grand Lodge on the ground "that Mrs. Lehman was not a dependent relative of Bro. Daniel Diehl, deceased, and it was a misapplication of law on the part of the Committee on Appeals to apply that term to her, nor was Bro. Daniel Diehl dependent on his daughter, Mrs. Lehman." The Lodge assigned this finding by the Committee and its approval by the Grand Master as error. See printed appeal, page 4.

This appeal of the Lodge was then regularly referred to the Committee on the State of the Order who reported that "the appeal does not raise a question of law, and therefore the grounds of the appeal are not proper and legal, and the same cannot be considered by the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on the State of the Order as above, and permission was given the Lodge to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your committee have carefully considered the questions raised by the foregoing appeal and conclude that the appeal of the Lodge did raise a question of law, to wit: Whether under the undisputed evidence in the case Mrs. Lehman was, under the law of the Order and of that jurisdiction, a relative on whom the deceased brother was dependent so as to entitle her to the funeral benefit. We regard it as a safe rule and good practice not to interfere with or disturb findings on evidence where there is either a substantial conflict in evidence or in cases in which the finding is not strongly and decidedly against the weight of evidence, but it is quite a different thing to construe the application of law to a case in which there is no material conflict in the evidence, as in the case before us.

The evidence in this case will be found on printed appeal, pages 7 to 16 inclusive, from which it appears that Mrs. Lehman herself did not testify that her father was dependent on her and her husband testified in effect that he was not thus dependent. (See printed appeal, page 10.) Indeed it is inferable from Lehman's evidence, on page 9 of printed appeal, that the deceased had an estate, the extent or nature of which was not gone into by the evidence. Your committee further conclude not only that the case should have been considered, but that the appeal of the Lodge should have been sustained. As it appears to us there was an entire failure of proof going to show either that Mrs. Lehman was dependent on the deceased or that deceased was dependent upon her

and the latter was the only basis of her claim. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Myerstown Lodge, No. 358 be sustained and the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be reversed.

The question of admitting members into the Order at 18 years of age was again defeated by 96 nays to 80 yeas.

REBEKAH LODGES.

At the session of 1892, a special committee of five Representatives was appointed to frame a Code of Laws, for the government of the Rebekah branch of the Order, but a mistake was made in selecting them. One was selected from New Hampshire, one from Salt Lake City, one from Minnesota, one from Pennsylvania, and one from Ohio, and without great trouble and expense to themselves it was impossible to meet in recess. The following was therefore adopted:

Resolved, That a new committee be appointed under the above named resolution, with instructions to meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., one week prior to the stated session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that the committee be allowed the usual per diem.

The report of the Committee on the Petition of David Green, was adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition and papers accompanying the same of David Green, formerly a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, of Victoria, B. C., beg leave to report that, after a careful examination of said petition we find a serious discrepancy in the statements there presented, and your committee, having no opportunity to ascertain the facts, would respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward said petition and papers connected therewith to the Grand Lodge of B. C. with instructions to look into the case, so that all parties connected therewith may have a proper hearing, and the case determined accordingly.

The question of modifying the Regalia of the Order was referred to the next session of the S. G. L.

Under instructions from this Grand Body, we submitted a resolution which was referred to the Legislative Committee, and their report on the same was adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Waller, of British Columbia, to wit:

"That a brother taken sick remote from his Lodge, and failing to report himself within a reasonable time (after he is taken sick) to the Relief Committee or Lodge of the place where he then resides, said Relief Committee or Lodge shall not pay him any benefits without first referring the case to his own Lodge for instructions,"—would report that the law on the subject is now substantially in accord with the resolution offered, and therefore we ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bro. Rev. J. W. Venable was presented with a veteran's jewel by the

Kentucky Representatives as a small token of their appreciation of his valuable services as Grand Chaplain of the S. G. L. for twenty-five years.

The Odd Fellows of Milwaukee and Wisconsin presented P. G. Sire James G. Sanders with a magnificent jewel on the jubilee of his initiation into the Order.

Representative Macguire, of California, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That upon the retirement of General John C. Underwood from the command of the Patriarchs Militant, this Sovereign Grand Lodge desires to place upon record its grateful appreciation of the ability and untiring energy displayed by General Underwood in the organization and command of the Patriarchs Militant and of the personal sacrifices in connection with his services.

Resolved, That the flag, desk and chair of the Commander-in-Chief, heretofore used by General Underwood in connection with his office, be presented to him as souvenirs of his official connection with the Patriarchs Militant.

HEAD QUARTERS OF THE S. G. L.

The special committee appointed last session to select a proper and suitable office for the Grand Secretary, were authorized to purchase the premises now occupied by him, for the sum of $25,000.

The amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was approved.

The Representatives from British Columbia were honored by being placed on the following committees:

Rep. Quennell, on Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

Rep. Scoullar, on Grand Bodies, not represented.

Rep. Waller, Chairman on Correspondence.

CONCLUSION.

We cannot close this report without referring to the admirable arrangements made by the Brothers and Sisters of Milwaukee and Wisconsin, for the reception and entertainment of the Officers and Representatives of the S. G. L., and their lady friends, they were untiring in their efforts to make their visitors feel at home, and more then verified the promises made by their Representatives last session.

On Saturday, we were taken by train to White Fish Bay, accompanied with a brass band, where a sumptuous Banquet was provided.

On Monday, we were escorted from the Pfister Hotel, to the Davidson Theatre, where Bro. Silber delivered the Address of Welcome. Mayor Koch, tendered the freedom of the city; the Governor of the State extended a cordial welcome. The Grand Patriarch, Grand Master,

and Sister Hutchinson, the President of the Rebekah Convention, gave cordial addresses of welcome.

The Grand Sire made a general response in his usual, able and eloquent manner.

The Officers and Representatives then marched to their place of meeting, and proceeded to business.

On Tuesday afternoon there was quite a large parade of Odd Fellows, with the Representatives and Ladies in carriages. After the parade, we were driven to the Soldiers' Home, a beautiful place situated in a park of four hundred acres. And all through the week our lady friends were handsomely entertained by the Brothers and Sisters of Milwaukee.

In Chicago, the Parades, Banquets, Steamboat Rides on the Lake, and coach rides were continued, only on a more elaborate scale, and will no doubt be ever remembered by those who had the extreme pleasure of participating in them, as being one of the most enjoyable pleasure trips in their lives. Finishing up with a couple of weeks at the White City, one of the grandest (if not the grandest) sight in the world.

Such an opportunity for entertainment and delightful pleasure, for the Grand Representatives, may never again be presented, and as it was through your votes we were enabled to enjoy all this pleasure,

We return our sincere thanks for the honor conferred.

H. WALLER,

Grand Representative.

A. W. SCOULLAR,

Grand Representative.

Petitions for Charters were read from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23 ; Island Lodge, No. 24 ; Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25 ; and Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6 ; also from Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, for a Duplicate Charter to replace the original one destroyed by fire; and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge. Moved, seconded and carried, that the communication be received and filed.

Representative H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, gave the following notice of motion, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

I hereby give notice that to-morrow, the 15th instant, I will move the following amendment to Article IV., Section I., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges: Add the following words at the end of the section: "Provided that for a period of four weeks from the date of the institution of a Subordinate Lodge the fees for initiation and degrees may be as follows: For initiation, $5; for first and second degrees, $2 each; and for third degree, $1."

H. B. GILMOUR,
J. E. PHILLIPS.

Moved by Representative D. Welsh, No. 13, and seconded by Representative Henderson, No. 2, that the officers of this Grand Lodge be instructed to send a telegram of fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba now in session. Carried.

(This instruction was complied with, and the following reply received after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, having been sent in error to Victoria :

WINNIPEG, MAN., 16th February.

Frederick Davey, Grand Secretary Odd Fellows, Vancouver, B. C.:

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba is pleased to receive greeting and wishes you prosperity.

R. SHANKS,
Grand Secretary.)

Report read from Committee on Distribution, which was adopted.

VANCOUVER, B. C., 14th February, 1894.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend the following disposal of the subjects presented in the Grand Master's report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

Pages 1 to 3 relating to general progress of the Order.
Pages 12 and 13 relating to visitations.
Page 18 relating to special permissions.
Pages 20 and 21 relating to closing remarks.
Page 13 relating to installations.

D. D. G. MASTER'S REPORT.

Page 3 respecting Installation.
Page 6 respecting Installations.
Page 9 respecting Installations.
Page 15 respecting Installations.
Page, ½ of 17 respecting Installations.
Page 18 respecting Reports.
Page 19 respecting Reports.
Page 20 respecting Reports.
Page 21 respecting Reports.
Page 22 respecting Reports.
Page 23 respecting Reports.
Page 24 respecting Reports.
Pages 25 and 26 respecting Reports.
Page 27 respecting Reports.
Pages 29 and 30 respecting Reports.
Page 31 respecting Reports.
Pages 32 respecting Reports.
Page, ½ of 33 respecting Installation.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Pages 4 to 6 relating to Proclamations.
Pages 15 and 18 relating to Dispensations.
Pages 11 and 19 relating to Questions.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORTS.

Pages 1 to 5 relating to Questions.
Page 4 relating to Dispensations.
Pages 7, 5, 10 relating to Questions.
Pages, ½ of 17, 36, 37, 38, ½ of 39 relating to Questions.
Page, ½ of 33 relating to Questions.
Pages 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 relating to Dispensations.
Page 34 relating to Dispensations.
Page, ½ of 35 relating to Dispensations.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Pages 8 to 11.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ED. PHILLIPS,
E. QUENNELL,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
} *Committee on Distribution.*

It was on motion resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 7.30 p. m.

The Grand Marshal, after examination, reported all present duly qualified, the Grand Secretary reported a quorum present and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced Past Grands Hurliman, No. 10, and N. Strople, No. 13, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred.

The following report from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates was read and adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that we have examined and approved the following by-laws and amendments thereto of Lodges in this jurisdiction during the past year :

Complete codes—Columbia Lodge, No. 2 ; Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5 ; Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

Amendments as follows :

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.—Article XV., mode of payment of initiation and degree fees.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.—Article XX., amount of sick benefits.

Western Star Lodge, No. 10.—Amendments rendered necessary in connection with the incorporation of the Lodge.

Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.—Article XX., amount of sick benefits.

Delta Lodge, No. 21.—Article V., terms of Admission.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 22.—Changing night of meeting.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.—Requiring medical certificate from sick members.

Island Lodge, No. 24.—Submitted a new code of By-Laws for consideration, which require altering in the following particulars :

The last portion of paragraph two, Section I., Article XVIII., commencing with the words "In all cases," should be struck out, and the wording of the last paragraph of Section II., Article IV., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, governing benefits in cases of continuous sickness, should be substituted therefor. The present wording of the section in question disqualifying a member from receiving full benefits until after he has recovered from any sickness (no matter however short in duration) for six months.

Section V., of Article XVII., is incomplete (evidently a typographical error) and we recommend that the Lodge be called on to furnish the missing portion for the consideration of the committee, the date of the meeting of the Grand Lodge not allowing us time to communicate with the Lodge and obtain an answer.

Your committee would recommend that a standing resolution be passed requiring Lodges to submit all by-laws and amendments thereto in duplicate, so that one copy could be kept on file in the Grand Secretary's office and the other returned to the Lodge when approved.

We are informed by the Grand Secretary that Lodges invariably require the return of the manuscript copies submitted for the printer's use, and that they are rarely returned, so that there is nothing to show what this Grand Lodge has approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
J. H. MELDRAM.
} *Committee on Laws of Subordinates.*

Report read from Committee on Distribution, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report, beg leave to suggest that it be assigned to the following committees:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Page 1 and part of 2.
Paragraphs 5 and 8 on page 10.
Paragraph 11 on pages 11 and 12.
Paragraph 12 on pages 12 and 13.
Paragraph 13 on page 13.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

From second part of page 2 to page 9, inclusive; also paragraph on page 10.
Page 15 and first part of page 16.
Pages 19, 20, 21, 22.

TO THE CONMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Paragraphs 6 and 7 on page 10.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Paragraphs 9 and 10 on Page 11.

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Part page 14.
Part Page 16 and all of pages 17 and 18.
Page 23 on blank form of Insurance Policy.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

Paragraph 11 on page 12.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ED. PHILLIPS,
E. QUENNELL,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
Committee of Distribution.

Report read from Committee on Appeals which was on motion laid on the table until 11 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 13th 1894.

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., from the decision of the Grand Master, J. Crossan, in sustaining the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., in refusing him benefits on two separate occasions.

Beg to submit our report as follows:

Having carefully examined all the documents and evidence in the case of the first sickness, we are satisfied that the decision of the Grand Master thereon is correct, and we, therefore, fully confirm the same.

In the matter of the claim for the second sickness, the Grand Master appears to have touched on all the points bearing on the case before him, and then gives the following decision :

"The General Law, not making it incumbent on any particular "officer to report a Brother well, and the By-Laws of Dominion Lodge, "No. 4, being silent on the matter, I am of the opinion that the duty "fairly devolves on the convalesent Brother."

"Taking into consideration the evidence adduced, the surrounding "circumstances and the absence of any law on the subject, I feel that "the neglect of Bro. Wriglesworth to report himself well is fatal to his "demands for benefits for what he contends to be the second portion of "his illness."

"The action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, is therefore sustained."

Your committee take exception to this decision, on the following grounds :

First—That there is nothing in the laws making it compulsory on a sick brother to report himself well.

Second—That there is a By-Law in Dominion Lodge, No. 4, clearly defining the duties of the Visiting Committee (one officer to visit each day) from the time that a brother is reported sick to his Lodge until reported well again, immaterial whether a brother is entitled to pecuniary benefits or not.

Third—That Bro. J. Wriglesworth did report himself to one of the Visiting Committee as attending to his business.

The following is an extract from the written statement of Bro. H. W. Green, one of the Visiting Committee of that time:

"I remember calling upon him (meaning Bro. Wriglesworth) and "inquiring as to his health (it being Lodge night I wished to make a "report) when the brother told me in substance, that he was feeling "much better, but if his work was laborious he would not be able to be "around."

The above statement shows most conclusively that Bro. J. Wriglesworth was attending to some kind of work, and also, that he did so report himself to Bro. H. W. Green.

There is nothing, however, in the evidence before us to show that Bro. Wriglesworth did report himself or was reported sick to Dominion Lodge after recovering from his first sickness.

We find it an impossibility to arrive at an intelligent decision with such discrepancies in the dates and such contradictory statements by the brothers of the same Lodge, in regard to the second sickness.

Bro. J. Wriglesworth, in his appeal from the decision of the Grand Master, claims that most of the above mentioned statements were made without giving him an opportunity to defend himself against them, and that he is prepared to refute them.

As it is the duty of this Grand Body to mete out impartial justice to all, whether individual members or Lodges, we offer the following:

Resolved,—1st. That the decision of the Grand Master in regard to Bro. J. Wriglesworth's first sickness be confirmed, but the decision on the second sickness be not sustained.

Resolved, 2nd. That the appeal committee be empowered to call before them all persons connected with this case, and also (in conjunction with the Secretary of Dominion Lodge, No. 4), to examine the minutes of the Lodge, to elicit all the facts in the case, and submit them at the next regular session of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

A. HENDERSON,
G. FOWLIE,
H. WALLER,
H. B. GILMOUR,
D. WELSH,
} *Committee on Appeals.*

Report read from Committee on Petitions, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petitions for Subordinate Lodges to be instituted, viz.:

Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, at Ashcroft, B. C.;

Island Lodge, No. 24, at Eburne, B. C.;

Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, at Revelstoke, B. C.;

Also for Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, B. C., beg to report that we find the law has been complied with in each instance and recommend that Charters be issued accordingly.

We also recommend that a Duplicate Charter be granted to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, in lieu of the original one destroyed by fire.

W. H. GARDINER,
GEORGE GLOVER,
J. F. STAINTON.
} *Committee on Petitions.*

Report read from Special Committee appointed last session to prepare and submit form of policy for Odd Fellows' Insurance Association, &c.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

We, the undersigned, a special committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Body to prepare and submit to this session of the Grand Lodge a form of policy to be substituted for the certificate of membership then in use by the Insurance Association of this jurisdiction, beg leave to present for your approval the form of policy as hereto attached.

Your committee were also empowered to make any necessary corrections that, in their opinion, might be required to remove any inconsistencies occurring in the new rules prior to their being reprinted.

We concluded that the power vested in us under the resolution only warranted "a correction" where necessary, and not an alteration of the substance of any rule or rules. And while we deem the present by-laws of the Association contain serious defects and require extensive remodelling to make them workable, we have refrained from altering them to any extent, simply inserting a few words in order to have the different sections harmonize.

In presenting this form of policy for approval we desire to call your attention to the fact that we have endeavored to so word this policy that it is a contract of an Odd Fellows Insurance Association and not a contract of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, but we are strongly of the opinion that the by-laws as they now stand might, in case of an epidemic throughout the Province and a heavy death rate among the members of the Association, seriously jeopardize the funds of this Grand Lodge.

The management of this Association is at present vested in the Officers of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master is required to sign the certificates, the Grand Treasurer has charge of the funds, and the Grand Secretary is therein stated to be entitled to receive such remuneration as this Grand Lodge may vote, thus making him an employe of this Grand Lodge, all of which might legally constitute the Insurance Association and the Grand Lodge identical, and the funds of this Grand Lodge liable for claims.

While therefore the form of policy which we submit carefully avoids any reference to this Grand Lodge or its Officers, yet if taken in conjunction with the present By-laws it might possibly be construed to form part and parcel thereof, and commit the Grand Lodge to serious loss.

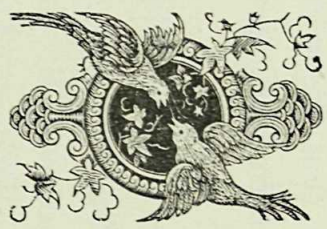
We therefore recommend a change in the wording of the present rules of this Association by which the Association may be regulated on an independent basis, and all reference to Grand Officers as such excluded.

Several minor changes are also recommended, such as providing the levying of extraordinary assessments monthly, instead of bi-monthly, when there is not $1,000 on hand, so as to remove any cause for complaint that that sum is not at present guaranteed.

The present rule respecting reinstatement is, in our opinion, altogether too arbitrary, and unless changed will work detrimentally to the Association's interests.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

C. F. YATES,
FRED'K. DAVEY. } *Committee.*



Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia.

Certificate No.....

THIS CERTIFICATE is issued to Brother.....of....., a member in good standing at the date hereof of.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F., located at.....of..... ; and entitles the said Brother.....to all the rights, privileges and benefits of membership in the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia.

IN CONSIDERATION of the representations, agreements and warranties made in the application for membership' and upon the express condition that the said Brother.....shall pay all premiums or assessments and comply with all the laws, rules and requirements which are now or may be hereafter enacted for governing this Association, the said Brother.....is entitled to nominate as Beneficiar(ies) (y)..... .....bearing the relation to him of.....and to such nominee (s) (unless otherwise endorsed hereon) there shall be paid out of the Endowment Fund of this Association, within ninety days after satisfactory proof of the death of said Brother.....shall have been filed with the Secretary of this Association such sum as the Beneficiar(ies) (y) of the said Brother.....may be entitled to receive under the laws of this Association, not exceeding in all the sum of

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia has caused this Certificate to be signed by two of its duly authorized Officers and its Seal attached hereto this .....day of.....189..

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(Endorsed as over.)

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I.....the within named member of the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia, do hereby revoke and alter the Beneficiar(ies) (y) within named, and do now nominate..... bearing the relation to me of .....as Beneficiar(ies) (y) under this Certificate.

Witness my hand and Seal this.....day of .....189..

Witness..... .....(Seal)

Entered in the records of this Association and approved this..... day of.....189..

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Secretary.

Certificate No.....

THE ODD FELLOWS
INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Brother.....

Residence.....

Lodge No.....

Date of Certificate.....

$..... RECEIVED from the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia the sum of.....dollars which sum is in full satisfaction of all claims and demands existing under the within Certificate, and this Certificate is hereby cancelled and surrendered to the Association.

Witness....hand and Seal this.....day of.....189..

.....L. S.

....L. S.

Witness.....

.....L. S.

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Moved and seconded, that the report be received and referred to a special committee on insurance.

Moved as an amendment, that the report be received and its consideration be deferred until 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday next.

Moved as an amendment to the amendment, that the report be received and that it be laid over until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The amendment to the amendment was declared carried on being submitted to the vote.

Bro. A. W. Scoullar, Grand Representative, on behalf of the members of the Vancouver Lodges, extended an invitation to the visiting Officers and Representatives to a concert in the Market Hall, to-morrow evening, and a Banquet in the Imperial Opera House, on Friday evening.

The hour fixed by law for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master called for nominations.

T. C. Gray, No. 10, was nominated by H. Waller, P G. M., as Grand Master, and there being no other nominee was declared duly elected by acclamation.

W. E. Holmes, No. 1, was nominated as Deputy Grand Master, by Rep. Gilmour, No. 10, and there being no other nominee was declared duly elected by acclamation.

P. J. Foulds, No. 3, was nominated as Grand Warden by Rep. Rivers, No. 5, and there being no other nominee, was declared duly elected by acclamation.

F. Davey, No. 1, was nominated as Grand Secretary by Rep. T. F. Neelands, No. 8, and there being no other nominee, was declared duly elected by acclamation.

For Grand Treasurer, the following nominations were offered :

L. Mounce, No. 6.....	Nominated by	E. Quennell, P.G.M.
D. Welsh, No. 3.....	"	W. McDonagh, No. 15
W. E. Johnstone, No. 8.	"	G. W. Aldous, No. 16
A. Henderson, No. 2...	"	G. Fowlie, No. 4.

The Chair appointed W. McColl, P. G. M., H. Waller, P. G. M., and J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, as tellers, and the ballot was spread with the following result :

Number of votes cast, 77.

Bro. Mounce, received 25 votes ; Bro. Welsh, received 28 votes ; Bro. Johnstone, received 10 votes ; Bro. Henderson, received 13 votes ; spoiled, 1 vote.

Neither nominee receiving a majority of votes cast, a second ballot was spread, the name of Bro. Johnstone omitted, and the following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 77.

Bro. Mounce, received 26 votes ; Bro. Welsh, received 35 votes ; Bro. Henderson, received 16 votes.

There still being no choice, a third ballot was spread, the name of Bro. Henderson being dropped, and the following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 77.

Bro. Mounce, received 33 votes ; Bro. Welsh, received 43 ; spoiled, 1.

Bro. Welsh having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected.

For Grand Representative, J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, was nominated by E. Quennell, P. G. M., and R. Roberts, P. G. M., No. 1, was nominated by R. Baker, No. 3,

The ballot was spread with the following result :

Number of votes cast, 77.

Bro. Phillips, received 36 votes; Bro. Roberts, received 40 votes; blank, 1.

Bro. R. Roberts, P. G. M., was therefore declared duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice of motion:

VANCOUVER, B. C., 14th February, 1894.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendments to the Rules of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia:

(1.) Page 2—Name and objects—Add the following words: "But it is "to be distinctly understood that the funds of the Grand Lodge of "British Columbia, I. O. O. F., nor of any of its subordinates shall be "held responsible in any way for the fulfilment of any contracts or "engagements of this Association"

(2.) Page 4—Membership—Line 3 after the word "certificate" insert the words "on the form provided for that purpose." Line 4, after the word "health" insert the words "the cost of which must be paid by the "applicant."

(3.) Page 4—Duties of Officers—Line 1, after the word "shall" add the words "act as President of the Association and"

(4.) Duties of Deputy Grand Master--Strike out the 4 lines referring thereto and insert the following: "The Deputy Grand Master shall act "as Vice-President of this Association and in the absence of the Presi-"dent shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and "perform all duties appertaining to the office of President."

(5.) Duties of Secretary—Line 1, after the word "Secretary," add the words "shall act as Secretary of this Association and"

(6.) Page 6—Duties of Treasurer—Lines 1 and 2, strike out all the

words to the word "Association" and insert the following: "The Grand "Treasurer shall act as Treasurer of this Association and shall have "charge of its funds."

(7.) Duties of Finance Committee—Line 4, strike out the words "Grand" where they occur. Line 5, strike out the words "with respect "to" and insert the word "of"

(8.) Pages 6 and 7—Fees, Dues and Assessments—Strike out the whole of this article and insert in lieu the following:

"Applications for admission to membership must be accompanied "by the sum of $2.50 as an entrance fee, which sum will be returned if "the applicant is not accepted. New members must pay the amount of "one assessment within sixty days from the date of the issuing of the "certificate of membership in accordance with the following scale for "the age of the member."

"Assessments in accordance with the scale provided herewith for the "age of the member at the time of his admission to membership shall be "levied on the members bi-monthly on the 1st day of January, March, "May, July, September and November, but in the event of there not "being $1000 in the Endowment Fund whenever proof of death of a mem-"ber is filed, the Executive Committee is empowered to levy an assess-"ment at the usual rate on the first day of each month succeeding until "the requisite $1000 is raised, after which the assessments shall be levied "bi-monthly as before provided. All assessments must be paid within "thirty days from the date of their being levied otherwise the delinquent "member will be suspended from benefit.

"Each member shall pay as dues the sum of one dollar and fifty cents "per annum.

"Any member owing 12 months dues and failing to pay the same "within three months thereafter shall be suspended from benefits.

"A member suspended from benefit for non-payment of assessments "or dues, may be reinstated within one month after the date of suspen-"sion by the payment of all assessments and dues owing by him but "when one month has expired he cannot be reinstated except by the "payment of all assessments and dues owing and the production "of a medical certificate of health on the form provided for that pur-"pose. After the expiration of three months from the date of suspension "from benefit if he fails to be reinstated the member shall be suspended "from membership and he cannot again be admitted to membership in "this Association, except in the same manner and by the payment of the "same rate of assessment as a new applicant of the same age."

(9.) Page 9—"Funds"—Line 1, strike out the words "Grand Mas-ter" and insert the word "President."

(10.) Line 2, strike out the word "Grand."

(11.) Page 9—Benefits—Strike out the word "Grand" where it occurs in this article.

(12.) Strike out lines 10, 11, 12 and 13; also the word "Fund" in line 14.

(13.) Page 9—Nominations—Strike out the word "Grand" where it occurs in this article.

FRED'K. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

It was resolved, that this Grand Lodge omit its meeting to morrow afternoon in order to allow the Grand Encampment to meet in this Hall.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9:30 a. m., to-morrow

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

VANCOUVER, B. C., 15th February, 1894.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

J. Crossan.....Grand Master,
T. C. Gray.....Deputy Grand Master,
W. E. Holmes.....Grand Warden,
F. Davey.....Grand Secretary,
P. J. Foulds.....Grand Treasurer,
H. Waller, P.G.M.....Grand Representative,
A. W. Scoullar.....Grand Representative,
D. Welsh.....Acting Grand Chaplain,
L. Cousins.....Grand Marshal,
L. Mounce.....Acting Grand Guardian,
F. S. Whiteside.....Acting Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported them duly qualified.

The Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The report of Special Committee on Rules, &c., of Odd Fellows' Insurance Association laid over from yesterday was taken from the table.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment, That the report be referred to a special committee to consider and report thereon, together with all matters referring to the Association.

The amendment was declared carried, and the Grand Master appointed the Grand Secretary, C. F. Yates, P. G., No. 19, and Rep. D. Welsh, No. 13, to form the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., from the decision of the Grand Master, was taken from the table, when it was resolved, that the report be laid over until the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that a special committee of three be appointed, to be selected as follows: One each from Victoria Lodge, No. 1; Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Acme Lodge, No. 14. The committee to be invested with all the powers recommended by the Committee on Appeals, and to report at next session of this Grand Lodge.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have examined those parts of the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary submitted to them, and would recommend their adoption.

We would urge upon this Grand Lodge the necessity of enforcing the more prompt forwarding of the annual reports from the D.D.G.M.'s.

We find that only three out of fourteen are to hand, and we would ask this Grand Lodge to take some action in the matter.

A. G. DAY,
GEO. HOLDNALL,
T. F. NEELANDS,
Committee on State of the Order.

Rep. Gilmour, No. 10, moved the amendment to Section I., Art. II. of the Grand Lodge Constitution, notice of which was given last Annual Session, altering the date of meeting to the Grand Lodge from the month of February to the month of June, which was seconded, and on a show of hands was declared duly carried. The ayes and nays were demanded and were taken as follows :

Ayes—Crossan, Gray, Waller, Scoullar, Cousins, Gardiner, Huxtable, Fawcett, McKinnon, Henderson, Wilson, Glover, Fowlie, Dailey, Holdnall, Rivers, Haggart, Robertson, Banks, Neelands, Johnstone, Clarke, Gilmour, Mather, Hogg, Mathie, Dickinson, Macmillan, Aldous, McKelvie, Johnson, Whiteside, Lowry, Stainton, Callin, Burr, Wrigleswort, Roberts, Quennell, J. E. Phillips, (No. 4), Shiles—41.

Nays—Holmes, Davey, Foulds, Day, Ross, Muir, Ferguson, Welsh, McDonagh, J. E. Phillips, (No. 3)—10.

Moved by W. E. Holmes, G. W., and seconded by Rep. Gilmour, No. 10, that the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be held at Victoria in June, 1895.

Moved by Rep. McKelvie, No. 18, and seconded by Rep. Burr, No. 23, as an amendment, to strike out the word "Victoria" and substitute "Kamloops" in the place thereof.

The resolution on being submitted to the vote was declared carried.

Report read from Committee on Legislation which was on motion, received and considered clause by clause.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

1. Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the notice of Rep. H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, to amend Sec 1, Art. IV. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, beg to report that we have duly considered the same and finding no legal objection thereto, recommend that it be adopted.

2. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Grand Secretary's report, calling attention to the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requiring the appointment by the Grand Lodge of a committee to collect statistics respecting the question of Dues and Benefits. We beg to recommend that the requirements of said legislation be complied with.

A. W. SCOULLAR,
W. HOGG,
L. MOUNCE,
} *Committee on Legislation.*

Clause 1 was considered and adopted.

Clause 2 was considered and adopted.

Rep. A. Henderson, No. 2, gave the following notice, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move to amend Section I., Article V., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges as follows:—Strike out the words "four weeks" in the first line and insert in lieu thereof the words "one week." Strike out all the words after the word "emergency" in the eleventh line and insert in lieu thereof the following, "when by a two-third vote of the members present the three degrees may be conferred at the same meeting."

The following notice was given to amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge, which was laid over under the rule.

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that at the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge we will move the following amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution, Article VI., Section 3, where the word "three" is used in the first line, the word "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read:

Section 3. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the chair at the time of opening of the session, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge on the credentials and certificates of members.

Section 4. Where the word "three" is used in the first line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read:

Section 4. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, annually, and report the result of their examination, and the condition of the finances immediately thereafter to the Grand Lodge; to ascertain and report at the commencement of each annual session the amount required for the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Section 7. Where the word "three" is used in the first line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read:

Section 7. The Committee on Petitions shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine all applications for charters referred to them, and report to the Grand Lodge such action thereon as may be proper.

Section 8. Where the word "three" is used in the second line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read:

Section 8. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of five members, who shall examine the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and reports of Subordinate Lodges and such other matters as may be referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge, and they shall annually present to the Grand Lodge an exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order under this jurisdiction, and recommend such measures for the good of the Order as from time to time they shall judge proper.

Section 9. Where the word "three" is used in the first line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read:

Section 9. The Committee on Legislation shall consist of five members, who shall examine and report on all proposed amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order and Resolutions governing this Grand Lodge, and such other matters as may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master.

Section 10. Where the word "three" is used in the first line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read:

Section 10. The Committee on Printing shall consist of five members, of which the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be one, and shall be chairman thereof They shall decide all matters of Printing, and none of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge shall be given to the public press without having first received the sanction of a majority of said Committee.

Section 11. Where the word "three" is used in the first line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read :

Section 11. The Committee on Judiciary shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to consider all questions in relation to the construction of the Laws of the Order and the decisions of the Grand Master upon questions of law.

Section 12. Where the word "three" is used in the second line, "five" be substituted in lieu thereof, so as to read :

Section 12. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report the amount each Officer and Representative is entitled to receive for attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Also Article IV., Section 5, be amended by inserting after the word bonds in the eleventh (11) line, "in some security company to the amount of three thousand dollars (3,000), the Grand Lodge paying premium for same," and strike out all the words after "British Columbia" in the thirteenth (13) line, so as to read as follows :

Section 5. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge ; make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct ; keep his accounts in such a manner as will exhibit the resources and amount of receipts, and by whom paid, the purposes and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid ; have his accounts closed up on the Saturday preceding the second Monday in June, annually, and submit them to the Finance Committee, and transmit by the Grand Secretary, annually, to the Subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts. He shall attend all regular sessions of the Grand Lodge ; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds in some security company to the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000), (the Grand Lodge paying premium for same to) the Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia.

A. W. SCOULLAR, No. 8,
J. JOHNSON, No. 19,
W. HOGG, No. 10.

Rep. Dickinson, No. 14, gave the following notice, which was on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation :

I hereby give notice that to-morrnw I will move the following amendment to Section 4, Article IV. of the Constitution for Rebekah

Lodges: Strike out the word "shall" in the first line and insert in lieu thereof, the word "may;" also insert after the word "months" in the second line the words "or one year" so as to make the section read as follows:

"All Officers may hold their offices for six months or one year except "the Financial Secretary and Trustees, who shall hold office as provided "in the By-Laws."

The following notice was given by Reps. Holdnall and Dailey, No. 5, but the consideration of same was ruled out of order by the Grand Master on the ground that it was of a religious character, and therefore not permissible under the laws of the Order.

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move that in consequence of the unsatisfactory and oft times disagreeable relations between the Catholic Church and this Order, that the Officers of this Grand Lodge communicate with the head of the Church in this Province and obtain information from him, defining the position of the Church to this Order, and to what extent a Subordinate Lodge may officiate at the grave of a deceased brother, whose funeral is conducted by their clergy.

GEO. HOLDNALL,
D. G. DAILEY.

Report read from Committee on Judiciary, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary having carefully examined all papers, &c., submitted to them, beg to report as follows:

That the action of the Grand Master on Proclamations from Grand Sire *re* Anniversary of Our Order and Memorial Day be approved.

Also those portions of the Grand Master's report relating to Dispensations be approved.

In respect to the special permissions granted by the Grand Master for soliciting aid to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, and the General Relief Committee of Fargo, Dakota, we wish to express our appreciation of the liberal spirit in which these appeals were responded to by the Lodges of of this jurisdiction.

DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTER.

No. 1. Question from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23. Can we pay the hotel bills of brothers who assisted at the institution of our Lodge from the funds of the Lodge? Answer—No.

No. 2. Question from Union Lodge, No. 11. Can an outsider play the organ at the public installation of officers ? Answer—Yes.

No. 3. Question from Vancouver Lodge, No. 8 Is it necessary to notify each and every Lodge in this jurisdiction of the suspension of brothers for N. P. D. ? Answer—Yes. (See Art. VII., Sec. VI. Con., governing subordinates.)

No. 4. Question from Kootenay Lodge, No. 16. Is it imperative for officers of the Lodge to wear jewels according to their respective rank and station in the Lodge ? Answer—Yes. (See page 333 Whites' Digest 1868, Journal 4431.)

No. 5. Question from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23. If it was constitutional for us to hold an election of officers for the July term, our Lodge being instituted on the 30th of March ? Answer—Yes. (See page 239, No. 983 Whites' Digest.)

We recommend that the above quoted decisions be approved. We would further recommend that the action of our Grand Master and his deputies in granting or refusing dispensations and in the interpretation of by-laws referred to in their reports be approved.

We take this opportunity of complimenting our Grand Master on his able and complete report.

B. W. SHILES,
JAS. MATHER,
JNO. MACMILLAN, } *Committee.*

Moved by Rep. Johnstone, No. 8, and seconded by Rep, Dickinson, No. 14 :

That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to vote against any motion to compel State Grand Lodges to adopt the scale of benefits and dues set forth in Section IV. of the report of Committee on Dues and Benefits. Also, that they be instructed to vote for the substitution of badges for collars in Lodges, and for the admission of members to this order at the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be considered seriatam.

Moved as an amendment and seconded, that the consideration of this resolution be the first business to-morrow.

The amendment was adopted.

T. C. Gray, D. G. M., gave the following notice, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move : That Section VI., Article VII., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended to read as follows :

Notice of the expulsion, rejection and suspension of a member, with the cause thereof (except for non-payment of dues), shall be given by the Secretary forthwith to all Lodges in this jurisdiction.

It was on motion resolved that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, 16th February, 1894.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

J. Crossan ..... Grand Master.
T. C. Gray ..... Deputy Grand Master.
W. E. Holmes ..... Grand Warden.
Fred'k. Davey ..... Grand Secretary.
P. J. Foulds ..... Grand Treasurer.
H. Waller, P. G. M. ..... Grand Representative.
D. Welsh ..... Acting Grand Chaplain.
L. Cousins ..... Grand Marshal.
L. Mounce ..... Acting Grand Guardian.
W. H. Gardner ..... Grand Conductor.
S. A. Cawley ..... Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, and the Grand Marshal having reported all present duly qualified, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The roll of Grand Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced P. Ladner, P. G. of Delta Lodge, No. 21, on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred.

The motion of instructions to the Grand Representatives introduced by Bros. Johnstone and Dickinson yesterday was taken from the table, and, on motion, considered clause by clause.

Clause I., to vote against the compulsory adoption of the Scale of Dues and Benefits recommended by the Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was adopted.

Clause II., to vote for the substitution of Badges for Collars in Lodges, was negatived on being submitted to the vote. The ayes and nays having been called for were taken with the following result:

Ayes—Gray, Scoullar, Ross, Banks, Neelands, W. E. Johnstone, Clarke, Dickinson, Macmillan—9.

Nays—Holmes, Davey, Foulds, Waller, Cousins, Gardiner, Huxtable, Day, Fawcett, McKinnon, Henderson, Muir, Ferguson, Wilson, Glover, Fowlie, Dailey, Holdnall, Rivers, Mounce, Haggart, Robertson, Gilmour, Mather, Hogg, Mathie, Welsh, McDonagh, Aldous, McKelvie, J. Johnson, Whiteside, Lowry, Stainton, Callin, Burr, Wriglesworth, Quennell, Phillips (No. 3), Phillips (No. 4), Shiles—41.

Clause III., to vote for the admission of members at eighteen years of age, was adopted.

A bill was presented by the Grand Master for postage, printing and stationery, &c., during the past year, amounting to $14, and was referred to the Committee on Finance to be paid if found correct.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

We would recommend that the Grand Treasurer be required to give bonds in the sum of $2000 in some Guarantee Co.

We recommend that this Grand Lodge take such action as it may deem proper to recover the Charter and other property of Ruth Rebekah Lodge if there is no prospect of its working in regular order.

We would suggest that this Grand Lodge extend a hearty vote of thanks to all the Lodges in the jurisdiction for the generous response to the Grand Master's call for the assistance of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.

We would also recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt that part of the Secretary's report in relation to making "The Warden" the official organ for this Grand Lodge.

A. G. DAY,
T. J. NEELANDS,
GEO. HOLDNALL, } *Committee on State of the Order.*

Report read from Committee on Legislation, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the notice of Rep. Dickinson, No. 14, to amend Section IV., Art. IV., of the Constitution of Rebekah Lodges, beg to report that we have considered the same and recommend its adoption.

A. W. SCOULLAR,
WM. HOGG,
L. MOUNCE, } *Committee on Legislation.*

Report read from Special Committee on Insurance Association.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your Special Committee on Insurance Association have had under consideration the alterations proposed by the Grand Secretary to the Rules of the Association, and also the alterations submitted by Bro. C. F. Yates to remove the Association from the management of the officers of this Grand Lodge, and the constitution of a Board of Management consisting only of members of the Association elected annually by the members at the annual meeting of the Association, but retaining the G. M., D. G. M., and G. W. as *ex officio* members of the Board.

The main question involved in the above named documents for the Grand Lodge to decide, is, whether the alteration in the management before mentioned shall take plnce or not. If the Grand Lodge decide this question in the negative we recommend that the amendments to the Rules proposed by the Grand Secretary be adopted; but in the event of the question being decided in the affirmative then we recommend the adoption of Bro. Yates' suggestions attached hereto with the addition of the alterations proposed by the Grand Secretary, numbered 2, 8 and 12.

If the Grand Lodge agree to the proposed change in management we would suggest that an hour be set aside during the present session so that the members of the Association could meet and elect the first officers and directors for the ensuing year and any other business that may be necessary to start the Association on its new basis.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED'K. DAVEY,
C. F. YATES,
D. WELSH,
} *Special Committee.*

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ODD FELLOWS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Paragraph 1. Name and objects.

Insert after the word "Columbia," in the second line, the words "and its principal office shall be in the city of Victoria."

Strike out all of page four from the word "thereof," in line ten; all of page five and all of page six, except that portion that relates to fees, dues and assessments, and insert the following:

MANAGEMENT.

The management of this Association shall be vested in a Board to be known as the "Board of Management," which shall consist of a

President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and four Directors, who shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members of this Association, and the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, who shall be members of the Board of Management *ex officio* ; and no one shall be eligible for any office unless he be a contributing member and in good standing in the Association, except the *ex officio* members before mentioned. The Officers and three of the Directors must be residents of the city in which the principal office is located.

Six members of the Board of Management shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall have a general supervision of the workings of this association, preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Management when present, and in case of the votes being equal shall give the casting vote ; sign all certificates of membership and all orders on the Secretary-Treasurer for the payment of monies. He shall have power to call special meetings of the Managing Board when in his opinion requisite, and shall also call special meetings of the Board on the written request of two of the Directors. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings, and transact such business as the President is herein empowered to do.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Association, keep accurate minutes thereof, write all communications, keep correct accounts of all monies received and disbursed, in the manner prescribed in these rules and furnish the Association at its annual meetings with a statement of the same, a copy of which shall be sent to every member of the Association and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. He shall deposit all monies belonging to the Endowment Fund at interest in a Chartered Bank as soon as possible after his receipt of the same. He shall prepare, sign and issue certificates of membership on the form provided to all members on their admission to membership. He shall keep a register of all certificates issued, and suspensions or renewals as they occur. On receipt of the proof of the death of a member of this association, he shall at once inform the President, or in that officer's absence the Vice-President, and shall without delay call a meeting of the Board of Management. He shall prepare and dispatch notices to members when required calling for the payment of assessments, and shall notify members in arrears for dues, and promptly inform them of their suspension from benefits or membership from any cause. He shall receive for his services such sum as the members of this Association may at their annual meeting vote for that purpose. Before entering upon his duties in connection with this Association, he shall furnish a bond of a Chartered Guarantee

Company in the sum of $—— for the faithful performance of his duties, and the cost of such bond shall be provided for out of the Management Fund of this Association.

At each annual meeting of this Association there shall be elected a Finance Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, and on other matters connected with the fiscal concerns of the Association that may be referred to them.

The Managing Board shall have power to appoint solicitors throughout the Province to obtain applications from members of the I. O. O. F. desirous of becoming members of this Association, and such solicitors shall be paid out of the Management Fund, such sum as the Board of Management shall from time to time decide.

The annual meetings of this Association shall be held on the *second* day of the annual session of the Grand Lodge of B. C., and at the same place as the Grand Lodge assembles, at which all members of the Association in good standing at the time are entitled to vote. Members unable to attend can be represented by proxy, but notice of such proxy must be given to the Secretary-Treasurer on such forms as shall be provided for that purpose. Thirty members, either in person or by proxy, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. No one member, however, shall hold the proxy of more than five absent members. If no quorum be present the annual meeting can be adjourned from day to day at the discretion of the President.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to send a notice convening the annual meeting of the Association to each member two weeks prior to the date of meeting, which shall contain the business to be brought before the meeting.

Strike out the words "Executive Committee" where they occur on pages 3 and 9, and insert the words "Board of Management."

Strike out the titles "Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer" where they occur on pages 8 and 9, and insert the titles "President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Strike out the word "Treasurer" on page 8, and insert the title "Secretary-Treasurer."

Strike out the first three lines on page 9 after the word "bank" and insert the following: "In the name of the Association, and no moneys shall be withdrawn therefrom, except by an order or cheque signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer, or in the absence of the President by the Vice-President."

Strike out all of the paragraph headed "Alterations" on page 10, and insert the following:

"These rules shall not be altered, added to or annulled except by a two-thirds vote of the members at an annual meeting, and any alteration, addition or correction shall not come into force or effect until submitted to and approved of by the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of B. C."

"No alteration shall, however, be made except notice of same be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer three weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting, and it shall be the duty of that officer to notify the members of such proposed alteration by printed slips, on which the member may vote aye or nay to such proposed amendment."

Strike out the word "adopted" on page 12, and insert the word "approved."

It was moved, seconded and carried, that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is advisable that the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association should be managed and operated by its own members on the lines suggested by Bro. Yates, P.G.

It was on motion resolved, that the alterations to the Rules of the Association proposed by the special committee be considered seriatem.

Clause I., respecting Office of the Society was adopted.
Clause II., respecting Management, adopted.
Clause III., respecting Duties of Officers, adopted.
Clause IV., respecting Meetings, adopted.
Clause V., respecting Titles, Investment of Funds and mode of amending Rules, adopted.

Grand Secretary's proposed amendments:

Clause II., respecting Medical Certificate, adopted.
Clause VIII., respecting Fees, Dues and Benefits, adopted.
Clause XII., respecting payment of $1000, adopted.

Resolved, That the Rules as amended be adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on Insurance Association be adopted.

E. Quennell, P. G. M., and Rep. L. Mounce, No. 6, were excused from further attendance at this session.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn till 1:30 p. m. to-day.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 1:30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

J. Crossan.....Grand Master.
T, C. Gray .....Deputy Grand Master.
W. E. Holmes.....Grand Warden.
Fred'k. Davey.....Grand Secretary.
P. J. Foulds .....Grand Treasurer.
H. Waller, P. G. M.,.....Grand Representative.
A. W. Scoullar.....Grand Representative.
D. Welsh.....Acting Grand Chaplain.
L. Cousins.....Grand Marshal.
W. H. Gardiner .....Grand Conductor.
F. S. Whiteside.....Acting Grand Guardian.
S. A. Cawley.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, the Grand Marshal examined all present and announced them duly qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared opened for business.

The roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Rep. Hogg, No. 10, presented report from majority of Committee on Legislation :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

The majority of your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the notice of Rep. Henderson, No. 2, to amend Sec. I., Art. V., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges respecting time to elapse before conferring degrees on members after initiation, have duly considered the same and recommend its adoption.

W. HOGG,
L. MOUNCE.

A. W. Scoullar, Grand Representative, presented a report from minority of Committee on Legislation.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a minority of your Committee on Legislation, beg to recommend that the amendment to Sec I., Art. V., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges proposed by Representative Henderson, No. 2, be not adopted.

A. W. SCOULLAR.

The question being the adoption of the majority report it was declared carried. The Ayes and Nays having been demanded, were taken, with the following result :

Ayes—Gray, Holmes, Davey, Waller, Cousins, Gardiner, Cawley, Huxtable, Ross, Fawcett, McKinnon, Henderson, Glover, Fowlie, Dailey, Rivers, Haggart, Robertson, Banks, Clarke, Gilmour, Mather, Hogg, Mathie, Welsh, Dickinson, Macmillan, McDonagh, McKelvie, Johnson, Whiteside, Stainton, Callin, Burr, Wriglesworth, Roberts, J. E. Phillips (No. 4).—37.

Nays—Foulds, Scoullar, Day, Muir, Ferguson, Wilson, Holdnall, Neelands, Johnstone, Aldous, Lowry, J. E. Phillips (No. 3), Shiles.—13.

Report read from Committee on Legislation, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the motion

of T. C. Gray, D. G. M., to amend Section VI., Article VII., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, respecting notification of Lodges of the rejection, expulsion and suspension of members, beg to report that after due examination of the same we recommend its adoption.

A. W. SCOULLAR,
WM. HOGG,
L. MOUNCE.
} *Committee on Legislation.*

A communication was read from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of B. C., returning thanks for courtesy shown yesterday by the Grand Lodge in adjourning to allow the Grand Encampment to meet in the afternoon, and was on motion ordered to be received and filed.

Resolved, That "The Warden" be appointed the official organ of this Grand Lodge ; that it is entitled to the encouragement and help of the membership of this jurisdiction, and that the Representatives be requested to bring its claims to the attention of their respective Lodges with the view of obtaining that patronage which this publication deserves.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Finance be instructed to provide in the estimate of expenditure for the current year the sum of $25 for the purpose of enabling the Grand Representatives to obtain suitable badges to return to Representatives of other jurisdictions, who present them with badges. This motion was declared lost on being submitted to a vote.

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns it be to 8:30 o'clock this evening, and that the installation of Officers take place in the Third Degree.

Rep. H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, moved, seconded by W. E. Holmes, G. W., the amendment to Art. XIII. of the Grand Lodge Constitution, notice of which was given last year, respecting the notice to be given to amend the said Constitution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the amount paid by "Cloverdale" Lodge, No. 15, to this Grand Lodge for supplies of Rituals, &c., to replace those destroyed by fire, be remitted, and that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the same.

In answer to a question from the Representatives of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, the Grand Master decided that in balloting, the ballot box should be placed in full view of the Noble Grand, and that Brothers when voting by ballot should face that officer so as not to obstruct his view of the box.

Resolved, That a written vote of thanks be forwarded to "Vancouver Lodge," No. 8, for the use of the Hall, &c., during the present Session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Lodges in this city for courtesies shown the visiting members at this Session, especially for tickets presented for the Concert last evening and the Banquet this evening.

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to ascertain the names of the Past Grand Masters in attendance at this Session and that they be paid Mileage and Per Diem at the same rate as Representatives.

Report read from Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the certificates presented by the Officers and Representatives present at this session of the Grand Lodge, and find them entitled to the amounts set against their respective names:

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Total.
Officers:							
J. Crossan, G. M..	5	Nanaimo.....	3	$ 6 00	36	$ 3 60	$ 9 60
T. C. Gray, D.G.M.	10	Vancouver	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
W. E. Holmes, G.W	1	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
F. Davey, G.S.....	1	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
P. J. Foulds, G.T..	3	N. Westminster	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
H. Waller, P.G.M., G Rep.....	2	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
A. W. Scoullar, G. Rep.....	8	Vancouver	3	6 00	..	.....	6 00
L. Cousins, G.Mar.	4	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
W. H. Gardiner, G. Con.....	13	N.Westminster	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
S. A. Cawley, G.H.	7	Chilliwack	3	6 00	65	6 50	12 50
Representatives:							
W. H. Huxtable ..	1	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
A. G. Day	1	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
C. W. Ross	1	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
R. W. Fawcett....	2	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
M. McKinnon	2	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
A. Henderson	2	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
T. A. Muir.....	3	N.Westminster	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
A. H. Ferguson...	3	" "	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
R. Wilson.....	3	" "	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
G. Glover	4	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
G. Fowlie	4	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
D. G. Dailey.....	5	Nanaimo.....	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
G. Holdnall	5	"	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
R. Rivers.....	5	"	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
L. Mounce	6	Wellington ...	3	6 00	42	4 20	10 20
D. Haggart.....	6	"	3	6 00	42	4 20	10 20
A. Robertson.....	6	"	3	6 00	42	4 20	10 20
J. Banks	7	Chilliwack	3	6 00	65	6 50	12 50
T. F. Neelands....	8	Vancouver	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
W. E. Johnstone..	8	"	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
S. F. Hollander...	8	"	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
S. Clarke, M.D....	9	Kamloops.....	3	6 00	251	25 10	31 10
H. B. Gilmour....	10	Vancouver....	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
J. Mather	10	" ...	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
		Forward....	....	$204 00	....	$171 90	$375 90

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—*Continued.*

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Total
		Bt. Forward.	....	$204 00	....	$171 90	$375 90
Representatives:							
W. Hogg	10	Vancouver	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
J. Mathie.....	12	Donald	3	6 00	458	45 80	51 80
D. Welsh	13	N. Westminster	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
E. Dickinson	14	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
J. Macmillan	14	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
W. McDonagh....	15	Cloverdale	3	6 00	28	2 80	8 80
G. W. Aldous.....	16	Nelson.....	3	6 00	818	81 80	87 80
J. A. McKelvie....	18	Vernon	3	6 00	381	38 10	44 10
J. Johnson	19	Mt. Pleasant..	3	6 00	....	.....	6 00
F. S. Whiteside...	20	Nanaimo.....	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. Lowry.....	20	"	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. F. Stainton.....	21	Ladner's Ldg.	3	6 00	24	2 40	8 40
J. Callin.....	22	North Bend...	3	6 00	129	12 90	18 90
J. W. Burr.....	23	Ashcroft	3	6 00	204	20 40	26 40
J. Wriglesworth, P. G.M.....	....	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
R. Roberts, P.G.M.	....	"	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
E. Quennell, P. G. M.....	....	Nanaimo.....	3	6 00	36	3 60	9 60
J. E. Phillips, P.G. M.....	....	N.Westminster	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
J. E. Phillips, P.G. M.....	....	Victoria	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.....	....	N.Westminster	3	6 00	12	1 20	7 20
Total	....	.....	....	$324 00	....	$432 50	$756 50

JOS. LOWRY,
C. W. ROSS,
J. JOHNSON.
} *Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.*

Report read from Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, and are pleased to note the clean and able manner in which the books are kept.

We recommend that the per capita tax on Subordinate Lodges be 75 cents for the ensuing year, forty cents payable on the 30th of June and thirty-five cents payable on the 31st December.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Cash balance in Treasurer's hands	$1,127 59
Per capita tax on 2,154 Members @ 75cts	1,615 50
Total	$2,743 09

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary's Salary	$ 600 00
Grand Master's Expenses	150 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax	150 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office	100 00
Printing	200 00
Janitor	15 00
Premium on Grand Treasurer's Bond	25 00
Postage	30 00
Caretaker Grand Secretary's Office	20 00
Mileage and Per Diem (this Session)	756 50
Postage, &c., of Grand Master, Jas. Crossan	14 00
Refund to Cloverdale Lodge	30 00
	$2090 50
Balance	$652 59

Fraternally submitted,

H. WALLER,
W. E. JOHNSTONE, } *Committee on Finance.*

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8:15 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

J. Crossan.....Grand Master,
T. C. Gray.....Deputy Grand Master,
W. E. Holmes.....Grand Warden,
Fred. Davey.....Grand Secretary,
P. J. Foulds..... .....Grand Treasurer,
H. Waller, P. G. M.....Grrnd Representative,
A. W. Scoullar.....Grand Representative,
D. Welsh.....Acting Grand Chaplain,
L. Cousins.....Grand Marshal,
W. H. Gardiner.....Grand Conductor,
F. S. Whiteside.....Acting Grand Guardian,
S. A. Cawley.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum. All present having been reported by the Grand Marshal, duly qualified, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Grand Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of the first meeting of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia, held this afternoon, for organization under the new Rules, were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to hand over to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia, the amount of money in his hands belonging to that Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due

and are hereby tendered to Bro. C. F. Yates, P. G., for services rendered to the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association during recess and throughout this Session.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Third Degree.

The Third Degree members in attendance having been admitted, the Grand Master requested H. Waller, P. G. M., and B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., to present the officers elect for installation.

T. C. Gray, No. 10, was presented, obligated and duly installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following officers :

W. E. Holmes, No. 1, as.....Deputy Grand Master.
P. J. Foulds, No. 3, as.....Grand Warden.
Fred. Davey, No. 1, as.....Grand Secretary.
D. Welsh, No. 13, as.....Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master then appointed the following to fill the subordinate offices, and they were duly installed in their respective chairs.

D. Haggart, No. 6, as.....Grand Chaplain.
T. F. Neelands, " 8, as.....Grand Marshal.
G. Glover, " 4, as.....Grand Guardian.
J. Lowry, " 20, as.....Grand Conductor.
J. F. Stainton, " 21, as.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Master also appointed the following as his District Deputies:

A. Henderson, No. 2, for District No. 1, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 14.

J. McArthur, No. 13, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 3 and 13.

R. Gourlay, No. 5, for District No. 3, comprising Lodges Nos. 5 and 20.

L. Mounce, No. 6, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 6.

J. Banks, No. 7, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 7.

J. Mathers, No. 10, for District No. 6, comprising Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19 and 24.

M. J. McIver, No. 9, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 9.

A. McKnight, No. 11, for District No. 8, comprising Lodge No. 11.

J. H. Stirrett, No. 12, for District No. 9, comprising Lodges Nos. 12 and 25.

Wm. McDonagh, No. 15, for District No. 10, comprising Lodge No. 15.

G. W. Aldous, No. 16, for District No. 11, comprising Lodge No. 16

C. H. Dickie, No. 17, for District No. 12, comprising Lodge No. 17.
J. A. McKelvie, No. 18, for District No. 13, comprising Lodge No. 18
P. Ladner, No. 21, for District No. 14, comprising Lodge No. 21.
J. Callin, No. 22, for District No. 15, comprising Lodge No. 22.
J. W. Burr, No. 23, for District No. 16, comprising Lodge No. 23.

Also the following as District Deputy Grand Masters for Rebekah Lodges:

Sister McCahill, No. 1, for District No. 1, comprising Lodge No 1.
Sister C. Barnes, No. 2, for District No. 2, comprising Lodge No. 2,
Sister Whiteside, No. 3, for District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 3.
Sister McCutcheon, No. 4, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 4,
Sister Ferguson, No. 5, for District No. 5, comprising Lodges Nos. 5 and 6.

Also the following to form the Standing Committees:

FINANCE.—W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; A. H. Ferguson, No. 3; J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4.

APPEALS.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; W. Hogg, No. 10; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3; W. McColl, P. G.M., No. 3; C. F. Yates, No. 19.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; J. E. Phillips. P. G. M., No. 4; J. Macmillan, No. 14; G. Fowlie, No. 4; C. W. Ross. No. 1.

PETITIONS.—J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5; E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5; L. Mounce, No. 6; F. S. Whiteside, No. 20; A. McKnight, No. 11.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—A. Parker, No. 10; A. W. Scoullar, No. 8; J. Johnson, No. 19; J. Banks, No. 7; J. F. Stainton, No. 21.

LEGISLATION.—W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; W. McDonagh, No. 15; G. W. Aldous, No. 16; J. Callin, No.22; J. W. Burr, No. 23.

JUDICIARY.—J. H. Meldram, P. G. M., No. 2; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; A. G. Day, No. 1; S. Clarke, M. D., No. 9; J. A. McKelvie, No. 18.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—H. B. Gilmour, No. 10; R. Rivers, No. 5; A. Penzer, No. 12; T. A. Muir, No. 3; W. H. Gardiner, No. 13

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary; Deputy Grand Master; R. Roberts, P. G. M.

STATISTICS, *re* DUES AND BENEFITS.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; Grand Secretary.

The ceremony of installation being complete, the Third Degree members retired, the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third and re-opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the Special Committee in the matter of the appeal of J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., against Dominion Lodge, No. 4: C. W. Ross, No. 1; J. Sears, No. 2, and J. Macmillan, No. 4.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring Grand Officers for the able and efficient manner in which they have conducted the business of this Grand Lodge during the past year.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the day's session, which were adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

FRED'K. DAVEY,
Grand Secretary

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM A. STEELE, P. G.

Initiated in "Victoria" Lodge, No. 1,
24th August, 1868,

Died 1st September, 1893.

ROBERT WILSON, P. G.

Initiated in Nelson Lodge, No. 9,
Manitoba, 1st August, 1884.

Joined Western Star Lodge, No. 10,
by Deposit of Card
13th April, 1893.

Died 24th May, 1893.

WILLIAM J. YOUNG, P. G.

Joined Union Lodge, No. 11,
by Deposit of Card
16th October, 1889.

Died 6th December, 1893.

Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

"In future all orders for supplies from Subordinate "Lodges of the Grand Lodge on the Grand Secretary, must "be accompanied by the requsite amount to pay for the "same, and the Grand Secretary is hereby forbidden to for-"ward such supplies unless the terms of this Resolution are "complied with."—*Proceedings 1893.*

"Lodges submitting By-Laws or amendments thereto "must furnish same in duplicate, so that one copy may be "kept on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and the other "returned to the Lodge when approved by the Committee "on Laws of Subordinates."—*Proceedings 1894*

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1893.

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as A. O.	Reinstated.	Error Last Report.	Withdrawn.	Resigned.	Deceased.	Ceased Members by N. P. D.	Total Number of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	Number of Past Grands.	RECEIPTS. Dues.	Admission and Degrees.	Rents and invested F'ds.	Total.
Victoria, No. 1	Victoria	Monday	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	6	161	..	16	36	$ 980 25	$ 187 00	$ 650 50	$ 2124 50
Columbia, No. 2	Victoria	Wed'y	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	182	..	27	34	1039 00	332 00	627 43	1982 18
New Westminster, No. 3	New Westminster	Friday	5	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	....	141	..	19	26	637 50	215 00	680 05	1532 55
Dominion, No. 4	Victoria	Thursday	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	133	..	16	27	660 00	114 00	130 00	904 00
Black Diamond, No. 5	Nanaimo	Wed'y	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	....	142	1	12	22	676 50	142 50	1218 50	2037 50
Harmony, No. 6	Wellington	Monday	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	154	1	37	15	852 00	364 00	532 15	2036 25
Excelsior, No. 7	Chilliwack	Tuesday	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	45	..	....	13	192 00	.....	128 00	3 0 00
Vancouver, No. 8	Vancouver	Friday	11	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	156	..	35	12	680 50	255 00	324 10	1435 35
Tatnai, No. 9	Kamloops	Monday	5	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	....	73	1	14	7	354 50	177 00	276 65	909 15
Western Star, No. 10	Vancouver	Thursday	9	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	164	..	34	14	961 50	232 00	.....	1271 70
Union, No. 11	Union	Friday	2	1	..	..	1		..	1	2	60	1	6	9	392 00	91 00	177 25	661 75
Selkirk, No. 12	Donald	Thursday	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	61	..	9	6	408 25	94 00	.....	508 10
Royal City, No. 13	New Westminster	Thursday	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	87	..	9	6	443 75	78 00	7 00	553 25
Acme, No. 14	Victoria	Monday	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	97	..	40	10	430 75	278 50	.....	712 75
Cloverdale, No. 15	Cloverdale	Friday	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	56	..	6	2	280 75	60 00	55 85	396 60
Kootenay, No. 16	Nelson	Monday	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	33	..	24	5	200 25	284 00	4 00	510 25
Duncan, No. 17	Duncan	Saturday	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	33	..	12	2	174 00	145 25	.....	319 25
Vernon Valley, No. 18	Vernon	Tuesday	6	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	....	48	1	18	2	204 00	210 00	.....	414 50
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	Mt. Pleasant (Van)	Friday	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	48	..	22	3	214 00	136 00	185 00	535 75
Centennial, No. 20	Nanaimo	Monday	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	....	110	2	14	6	627 00	80 00	17 00	724 00
Delta, No. 21	Ladner's Landing	Monday	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	44	..	....	2	291 70	110 00	80 55	482 25
Gold Range, No. 22	North Bend	Saturday	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	35	1	42	1	243 00	120 00	.....	364 00
Ashcroft, No. 23	Ashcroft	Saturday	17	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	....	23	1	45	....	30 00	669 00	.....	752 00
			156	27	2	2	2	7	1	8	41	2086	9	457	260	$10973 20	$4374 25	$5094 03	$21487 63

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F

For the Half Year ending 31st December, 1893.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card	Admitted as A. O.	Reinstated	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Deceased.	Ceased membership by N. P. D.	Error last Report.	Total Number of members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	Number of Past Grands	RECEIPTS. Dues.	Admissions and Degrees.	Rents and invested F'ds.	Total.
Victoria, No. 1	Victoria	Monday	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	....	..	162	..	8	36	$ 745 50	$ 83 00	$ 705 50	$ 1771 25
Columbia, No. 2	Victoria	Wed'y	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	178	..	15	34	758 00	130 00	758 49	1846 49
New Westminster, No. 3	New Westminster	Friday	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	150	..	....	27	703 25	175 00	269 50	1147 75
Dominion, No. 4	Victoria	Thursday	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	12	..	124	..	9	27	707 00	50 00	155 00	912 00
Black Diamond, No. 5	Nanaimo	Wed'y	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	150	..	13	23	822 50	142 50	1353 00	2318 00
Harmony, No. 6	Wellington	Monday	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	158	..	25	16	773 00	180 00	736 90	1889 90
Excelsior, No. 7	Chilliwack	Tuesday	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	42	..	2	14	173 40	10 00	48 00	231 40
Vancouver, No. 8	Vancouver	Friday	16	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	10	..	157	..	34	11	679 00	287 00	1417 70	2383 70
Tatnai, No. 9	Kamloops	Monday	....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	67	..	6	8	362 25	30 00	374 60	766 85
Western Star, No. 10	Vancouver	Thursday	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	164	1	29	15	756 50	159 00	39 55	955 05
Union, No. 11	Union	Friday	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	....	1	59	1	4	9	337 00	37 00	136 00	510 00
Selkirk, No. 12	Donald	Thursday	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	64	..	13	7	464 80	205 00	.....	673 05
Royal City, No. 13	New Westminster	Thursday	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	....	..	90	..	12	7	481 50	135 00	101 75	745 35
Acme, No. 14	Victoria	Monday	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	101	..	15	11	493 00	106 00	10 00	789 90
Cloverdale, No. 15	Cloverdale	Friday	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	53	..	....	4	138 50	.....	8 05	148 75
Kootenay, No. 16	Nelson	Monday	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	37	..	10	6	178 00	137 00	15 00	330 00
Duncan, No. 17	Duncan	Saturday	9	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	....	..	43	..	....	3	236 75	277 00	64 60	578 35
Vernon Valley, No, 18	Vernon	Tuesday	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	50	.	10	3	179 00	95 00	59 00	333 00
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	Mt. Pleasant (Van)	Friday	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	49	..	11	4	251 00	57 75	232 50	541 25
Centennial, No. 20	Nanaimo	Monday	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	....	..	113	1	9	7	631 25	86 00	.....	7 7 25
Delta, No. 21	Ladner's Landing	Monday	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	48	..	6	2	234 00	82 00	42 85	358 85
Gold Range, No. 22	North Bend	Saturday	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	....	..	38	..	10	1	337 00	1 0 00	.....	478 00
Ashcroft, No. 23	Ashcroft	Saturday	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	28	..	3	1	108 00	105 00	7 25	220 25
Island, No. 24	Eburne	Tuesday	24	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	29	2	63	....	16 00	340 00	.....	356 00
			122	12	1	2	8	3	1	5	51	2	2154	5	307	276	$10766 20	$3019 25	$6735 24	$21002 39

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS

Of Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., to 31st December, 1893.

Name and No. of Lodge	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of weeks Sick Benefits paid.	Amounts paid for Relief.						Amount of Current Expenses.	Total Assets.
					Relief of Brothers.	Widowed Families.	Orphans.	Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total amount expended for Relief.		
Victoria, No. 1	28	1	4	338	$ 2382 50	$110 00	$.....	$ 335 00	$ 32 00	$ 2859 50	$ 853 75	$ 47907 28
Columbia, No. 2	21	..	..	116	1250 00	.....	.....	.....	160 00	1410 00	1078 70	35000 00
New Westminster, No. 3	10	..	..	46	346 00	.....	95 00	.....	12 50	453 50	825 72	19960 35
Dominion, No. 4	16	1	..	63	626 00	10 00	.....	.....	50 00	686 00	503 55	10000 00
Black Diamond, No. 5	23	3	1	68	435 00	150 00	50 00	145 00	.....	780 00	1600 00	25000 00
Harmony, No. 6	30	..	1	175	1281 10	.....	.....	214 00	72 00	1567 10	2044 10	6950 00
Excelsior, No. 7	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	35 00	50 00	4500 00
Vancouver, No. 8	13	..	..	54	376 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	376 00	1527 88	4532 92
Tatnai, No. 9	4	..	..	17	170 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	210 00	856 60	4278 28
Western Star, No. 10	22	1	2	84	736 00	127 00	.....	134 00	.....	997 00	604 55	2770 30
Union, No. 11	8	..	2	36	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00	563 26	2594 88
Selkirk, No. 12	9	..	..	72	648 00	.....	.....	35 00	60 00	743 00	348 45	2323 50
Royal City, No. 13	16	..	..	33	330 00	.....	.....	.....	159 00	489 00	429 93	2043 09
Acme, No. 14	9	..	..	35½	315 00	.....	.....	30 00	10 00	355 00	746 66	1765 39
Cloverdale, No. 15	9	..	..	18½	185 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	215 00	.....	100 00
Kootenay, No. 16	3	..	..	15	135 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00	750 00	727 00
Duncan, No. 17	3	..	..	4	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	224 01	1064 09
Vernon Valley, No. 18	2	..	..	8	80 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	100 00	350 00	900 00
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	3	..	..	8	72 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	97 00	350 75	1057 50
Centennial, No. 20	11	..	2	64	517 50	.....	.....	148 00	35 00	700 50	1199 52	1510 82
Delta, No. 21	4	..	..	5	50 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	70 00	288 96	679 66
Gold Range, No. 22	2	..	1	6	41 00	.....	.....	75 00	.....	116 00	425 30	898 54
Ashcroft, No. 23	1	..	..	13	74 50	.....	.....	.....	13 50	88 00	332 08	747 08
Island, No. 24	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	158 20	356 00
	247	6	13	1279	$10450 60	$397 00	$145 00	$1116 00	$774 00	$12882 60	$16111 97	$177666 68

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF REBEKAH LODGES, GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1893.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Members Admitted During the Year.		Total Number of Members.		Receipts.	Lodge Expenses.	Assets.
			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.			
Colfax, No. 1	Victoria	2nd and 4th Tuesday.	9	7	59	30	$ 234 50	$ 102 10	$ 378 40
Mizpah, No. 2	Vancouver	1st and 3rd Tuesday	8	10	28	23	135 30	112 05	109 25
Miriam, No. 3	Nanaimo	Every Alternate Tues.	4	13	46	45	232 25	287 90	172 60
Ruth, No. 4	Chilliwack	.....	.....	.....	25	15	.....	.....	.....
Beulah, No. 5	New Westminster	2nd and 4th Tuesday	22	10	59	35	397 40	540 35	12 91
Alpine, No. 6	New Westminster	2nd and 4th Wednesday	5	19	5	19	48 00	40 00	8 00
			48	59	222	167	$1047 45	$1082 40	$ 681 16

LIST OF OFFICERS OF REBEKAH LODGES, GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

TERM COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, 1894.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Financial Secretary.
Colfax, No. 1	Mrs. F. A. Walker	Miss C. M. Phillips	Mrs. Alice Myers	Mrs. M. E. Glover	Miss Eliza Beam.
Mizpah, No. 2	Mrs. Elizabeth Flett	Mrs. Mary Horribin	Miss C. A. Barnes	Mrs. C. Armstrong	Mrs. Janet Pollay.
Miriam, No. 3	Mrs Amanda Norris	Miss Ellen Nord	Miss Margary Hardy	Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsay.	Miss Fanny Norris.
Buth, No 4.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reulah, No. 5	Mrs. Eliza Cunningham.	Mrs Ida Mary Pearce	Miss Ella A. Grant	Miss Eleanor Mann	Bro.P. J. Foulds, P.G.
Alpine, No. 6	Olive Murchie	Jennie McF. McLean.	Christine Nelson	Mary E. Murchie	Ella Fulton.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.,

FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, 1894.

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.	Location.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Permanent Secret'y.
Victoria, No. 1	Victoria	W. M. Dean	J. E. Day	Fred'k. Davey, P. G	R. Roberts, P. G. M.	Fred'k, Davey, P. G.
Columbia, No 2	Victoria	A B. McNeill	D. H. Anderson	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	A. Henderson, P. G.	W. Jackson.
N. Westminster No. 3	New Westminster.	A. J. Holmes	Geo. H. Grant	R. L. Reid	P. J. Foulds, P. G	J. L. Caldwell.
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Alexander Phillips	1883	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
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